



Lars Raabe

Master Chief Petty Officer (OR-9)

Command Senior Enlisted Leader of the German Navy

Master Chief Petty Officer Lars Raabe was born in Halle/Saale, Germany and enrolled into the German Navy in 1998 as a conscript at the Navy Logistics School in List/Sylt. Prior to his enrollment, he completed a three-year vocational training as Social Security Case Manager followed by a one-year employment. He is national and international educated and trained as an advanced leader and expert in Human Resources and Finance.

Master Chief Petty Officer Raabe assumed the duties as the first Command Senior Enlisted Leader of the German Navy on 1 July 2022. He serves as the principal advisor to the Chief German Navy on all matters affecting non-commissioned members of the German Navy. Prior to this position, he served as the Command Senior Enlisted Leader of NATO Joint Warfare Centre in Stavanger, Norway.

Master Chief Petty Officer Raabe has had the following assignments in his area of expertise:

1998	Naval Weapon School, Eckernförde, Germany
1999	Fregatte (FGS) "Rheinland-Pfalz", Wilhelmshaven, Germany
2000 – 2002	Einsatzgruppenversorger (FGS) "Berlin", Wilhelmshaven, Germany
2002 – 2004	Logistikamt der Bundeswehr, Tle. Wilhelmshaven, Germany
2004 – 2008	Joint Force Command Naples, J8 OPS & Internal Review, Naples, Italy
2008 – 2010	Navy Career and Recruitment Centre, Wilhelmshaven, Germany
2010 – 2014	Joint Warfare Centre, Human Resources Branch, Stavanger, Norway
2014 – 2017	2 nd Frigate Squadron, Wilhelmshaven, Germany
2017 – 2019	Joint Warfare Centre, Human Resources Branch, Stavanger, Norway
2019 – 2022	Joint Warfare Centre, Command Group, Stavanger, Norway
2022 – present	Navy Command, Rostock, Germany

Master Chief Petty Officer Raabe has completed several deployments during his career, including sea deployments STANAVFORLANT and STANAVFORMED. He has served as First Sergeant, DEU Support Unit in Cyprus and Lebanon as well as First Sergeant, DEU Support and Coordination Group in Djibouti.

His awards and decoration include NATO Service Medal "KOSOVO", UN Service Medal "UNIFIL", German Armed Forces Deployment Medals "ALLIED FORCE", "UNIFIL", "ATALANTA" and the Golden German Armed Forces Badge for Military Proficiency.

Master Chief Petty Officer Raabe is married to his lovely wife Katja and together they have three sons Erik (22), Finn (18) and Espen (8).