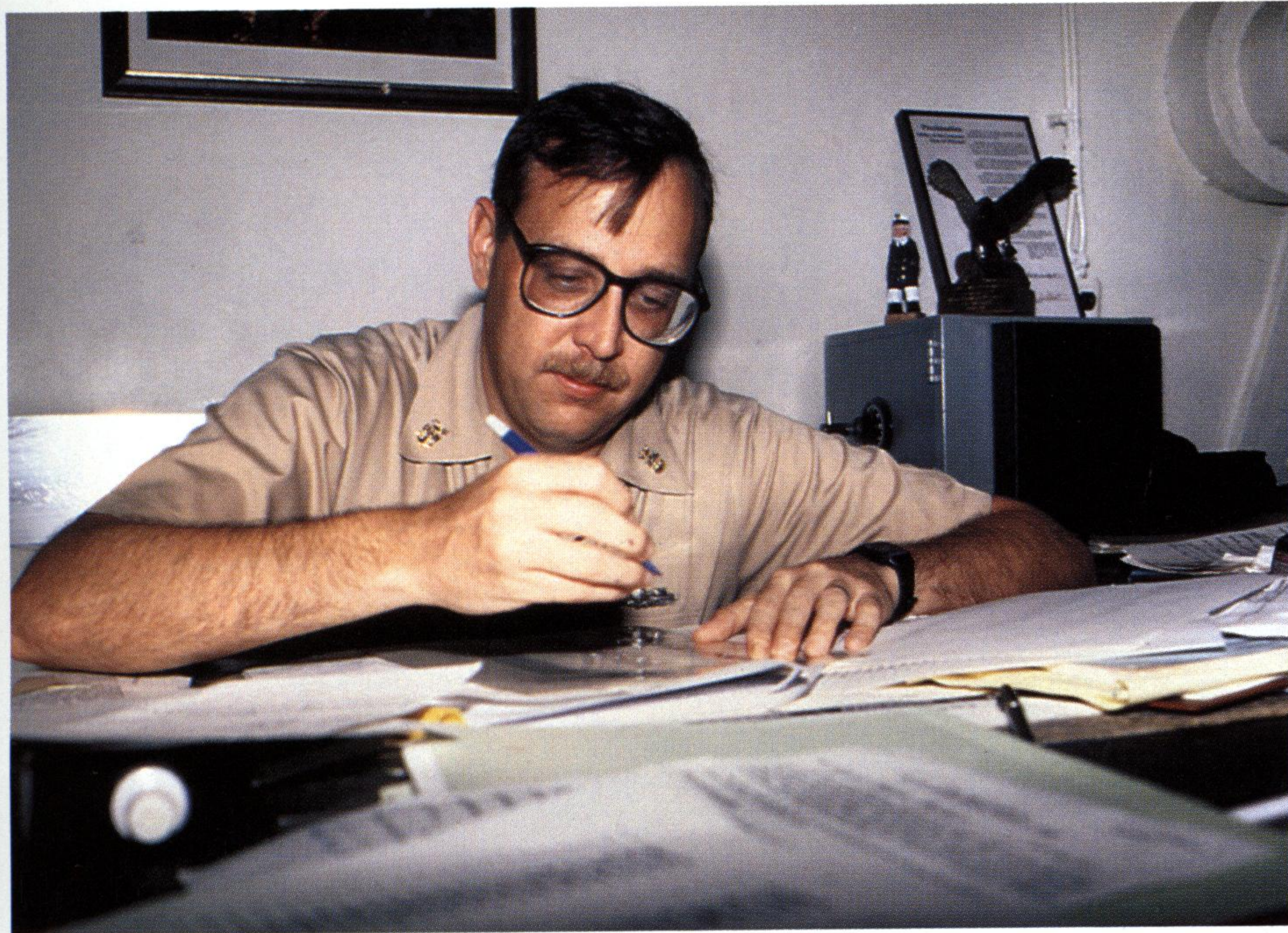




*(above) PNCM Hofman and RMC Harold Held "shake on it" in the Command Master Chief's office. (left) With a smile on his face and a song in his heart, Master Chief Hofman reviews ESWS qualifications.*



Master Chief Timothy C. Hofman was born in Denver, Colorado. As the son of a Navy Warrant Officer, his family travelled extensively, before settling in Urbana, Ohio in 1964. Master Chief Hofman joined the Navy in October, 1971, just four months after graduating from Urbana High School.

After recruit training at Great Lakes, Illinois, he was assigned to USS PLYMOUTH ROCK (LSD-29). Master Chief Hofman was then assigned to Naval Security Group Activity, Todendorf, Germany and was reassigned as a Navy Classifier/Recruiter at Frankfurt, Germany in 1976. While at Frankfurt, he was responsible for recruiting military family members

from all over Europe.

In 1981, Master Chief Hofman returned to sea as a Chief Petty Officer aboard USS LUCE (DDG-38), homeported in Mayport, Florida. While aboard LUCE, he made cruises to the North Atlantic, Persian Gulf and several in the Caribbean. While on board LUCE, he also completed a 12-month ship's overhaul in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Master Chief Hofman was then assigned as Senior Classifier, Navy Recruiting District, Kansas City, Missouri. He was instrumental in forming a special recruit company named in honor of the recommissioning of USS MISSOURI (BB-63).

Upon completion of the Navy's Senior Enlisted Academy in December, 1988, Master Chief Hofman was assigned to MISSOURI as Personnel Officer. In October, 1990, he assumed the role as Command Master Chief.

Among his personal decorations are the Navy Achievement Medal with Gold Star, the Battle Efficiency ribbon (sixth award), Meritorious Unit Commendation (third award) and the Navy Recruiting Ribbon (second award).

He has received superb support from his wife Judy, daughter Jessica and son Bill. The Hofmans reside in the Long Beach area.