

A native of Pittsburgh, Fire Controlman 1st Class (SW) Kyle J. Schoenthal joined the Navy in March of 2008 and proceeded to train in Great Lakes Illinois, where he attended bootcamp and Fire Controlman "A" school. Upon "A" school completion, he received follow-on "C" school training in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

His first tour was aboard USS Ramage (DDG 61), where he served as a Close In Weapons System technician. From there, he cross-decked to USS Truxtun (DDG 103), where he served as leading petty officer of Weapons Department and continued to build proficiency and knowledge of shipboard weapon and combat systems.

His first shore duty tour was at Mid-Atlantic Regional Maintenance Center's (MARMC) in Norfolk, Virginia where he was lead technician for the Gun Maintenance Assistance Team.

After 10 years in Norfolk, he made the jump to San Diego where he was introduced to the LCS program, accepting orders to USS Kansas City (LCS 22), where he serves as the ship's SeaRam technician and subject matter expert.