

Keith R. Boydston American Forces Network, Rota, Spain

Keith Boydston was born in Waco, Texas, and graduated from Greenville Senior High School in Greenville, Texas, in 1977. He attended Eastfield Community College in Dallas, TX, and then North Texas State University where he majored in English and Journalism.

Boydston enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1984 and upon completion of Recruit Training in Great Lakes, IL, he attended the Basic Journalism and Broadcast schools at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, IN. Upon graduation, Boydston was assigned to USS DALE (CG-19) in Mayport, FL.

Subsequent tours in the Navy saw Boydston serve in a variety of print and broadcast billets at Naval Security Group Activity, Edzell, Scotland; Navy Broadcasting Detachment Diego Garcia; Fleet Support Detachment Norfolk, VA; Commander Naval Reserve Force Headquarters, New Orleans, LA; American Forces Information Service (Stars and Stripes), Naples, Italy; and American Forces Network South, Vicenza, Italy.

Chief Petty Officer (Journalist) Boydston retired from the Navy in June 2007 with almost 23 years of active duty service. In August 2007, Mr. Boydston accepted the job as the Chief of Network Production for the Defense Media Activity South in Vicenza, Italy, where he oversaw all major broadcast productions for the AFN Europe southern region. In May 2012, Boydston was selected for the position of Operations Manager at American Forces Network, Rota, Spain.

Mr. Boydston has more than 25-years of military print and broadcast experience and throughout his career, he and his teams have garnered multiple military and civilian print and broadcast awards for excellence. He is married to the former Ivy Sue Reiss of Richmond, VA, and they have one daughter, Jessica, who currently teaches elementary school in Texas.