

MC1 (SW/AW) Dominique M. Canales

Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW/AW) Dominique Canales entered the Navy in Kansas City, Mo., in June 2003. After completing Recruit Training at Great Lakes, she attended "A" school at Defense Information School in Fort Meade, Md., where she received 5 months of rate training as a Photographer's Mate Airman Recruit

In January 2004, PHAR Canales reported to the newly commissioned USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) in Norfolk, Va., where she established herself as the example for other young Sailors in the Division. During her tour on the Reagan, she completed the homeport change to San Diego, the inaugural 2006 deployment and the 2007 surge deployment. She established herself as the "go-to" production petty officer of the division and excelled at being a photographer, earning herself a CHINFO Merit award for her photographic documentation. She was named Blue Jacket of the Quarter for the first quarter of 2005, earned both the enlisted surface warfare and aviation warfare devices and advanced through the ranks to 2nd class petty officer.

In the summer of 2008 MC2 Canales was assigned to Naval Special Warfare Command where she advanced to MC1. She continues to serve with distinction as the production petty officer.

Canales's personal awards include the Navy Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal (3), Flag letters of Commendation (4) and various unit and campaign awards.

MC1 Canales is married to CTT1 Michael Canales and currently resides in San Diego.