

**MCC(SW/AW) Hendrick Dickson**  
*NATO Supreme Allied Command Transformation*

A native of Greenwood, Ms., Chief Mass Communication Specialist Hendrick Dickson joined the Navy in 1991. Upon completion of Navy recruit training in Great Lakes, Ill., Chief Dickson attended Boiler Technician “A” school also in Great Lakes. He reported to USS America (CV 66) in Norfolk, Va., in 1992. While aboard America Chief Dickson was deployed three times to Mediterranean and Persian Gulf where he participated in several combat operations including Operations Desert Storm/Desert Shield. He was promoted to Boiler Technician 3rd Class in 1994.

In 1996, Chief Dickson was selected for staff duty at the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk. There he worked as a member of the Security Staff providing security for more than 400 international students and local base families. In 1999, he was selected for rate conversion to Journalist. He attended Journalist “A” school at the Defense Information School in Fort Meade, Md. In 2000, he reported to the amphibious dock landing ship USS Ashland (LSD 48) as the assistant public affairs officer. While aboard Ashland he completed a Mediterranean Deployment participating in exercises Atlas Hinge and Destined Glory. He was promoted to Journalist 2<sup>nd</sup> Class in 2000.

Chief Dickson transferred to the Navy Media Center (NMC) in Washington, D.C., in 2003. At NMC he served as assistant editor for the Navy’s Flagship Website, Navy NewsStand. He was also a staff writer for the Navy’s Flagship magazine, All Hands. During his time at NMC, he also earned his Associate’s Degree in Communications. He was promoted to Journalist 1st Class in 2004

In 2006, he returned to Norfolk reporting aboard the Navy’s first nuclear aircraft carrier, USS Enterprise (CVN 65) where he served as Media Department Public Affairs Division Leading Petty Officer and later Departmental Leading Petty Officer. He completed two deployments aboard Big E in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

Chief Dickson transferred to the Navy Public Affairs Support Element (NPASE) East in 2009 where he served as Assistant Leading Petty Officer, Training Division Leader and Assistant Operations Officer. He deployed in support of Southern Partnership Station 2009 aboard USS Oak Hill (LHD 50) in 2009 and aboard USS Carter Hall (LSD 51) in support of Operation Unified Response to provide humanitarian assistance in Haiti after the earthquakes. Chief Dickson was promoted to Chief Petty Officer in September 2010 then served Fleet Hometown News Leading Chief Petty Officer.

In 2011, Chief Dickson reported aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) as the ship’s Public Affairs Officer. There he participated in several high visibility events including Bold Alligator 2012 and the 2012 Senate Field Hearing on Energy, which was the first Senate hearing aboard a Navy ship in more than 60 years.

Chief Dickson is currently stationed at NATO Supreme Allied Command Transformation, in Norfolk.

Chief Dickson's personal decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards) Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (eight awards) and various other personal and unit awards.