

Senior Chief Mass Communication Specialist (SW/AW) Cheryl A. Elliott
Senior Enlisted Advisor, Navy Public Affairs Support Element East

A native of Charleston, S.C., Senior Chief Mass Communication Specialist Cheryl Elliott joined the Navy in July 1989. Upon graduation from the Defense Information School's Basic Journalist Course in 1990, she reported to Fleet Home Town News Center in Norfolk, Va., in March 1990. While assigned to Fleet Home Town News Center, Senior Chief Elliott was selected as the Chief of Information Military Person of the Quarter and nominated as the Chief of Information Military Person of the Year. She was also promoted to Journalist 3rd Class during this tour.

Her next assignment was aboard the submarine tender *USS Emory S. Land* (AS 39) in April 1993, where she served as the Media Division Leading Petty Officer. During this assignment, she was promoted to Journalist 2nd Class. In May 1995, she reported to Commander, Navy Region Southeast in Jacksonville, Fla., as the Public Affairs Leading Petty Officer.

In January 1999, Senior Chief Elliott reported aboard the aircraft carrier *USS John F. Kennedy* (CV 67) as the Public Affairs Leading Petty Officer. While assigned to JFK, she earned the Enlisted Surface Warfare and the Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist qualifications and was promoted to Journalist 1st Class.

Senior Chief Elliott reported to the Defense Information School in Fort Meade, Md., as a Basic Public Affairs Specialist – Writer Course Instructor in January 2002, and was promoted to Chief Petty Officer during this assignment. In April 2004, she was selected to become the Department Head for the Standards and Evaluations Section, where she conducted audits of courses and consulted with Department of Defense Judge Advocate General and service JAGs to create an encompassing Policy and Procedures Manual chapter outlining the responsibilities of staff/faculty and students while assigned to DINFOS. She also earned her Master Training Specialist qualification while assigned to DINFOS.

In May 2006, Senior Chief Elliott reported as the Public Affairs Officer aboard the amphibious assault ship *USS Kearsarge* (LHD 3) in Norfolk, Va., where she deployed in support of *Operation Sea Angel II* in Bangladesh and the Caribbean phase of *Operation Continuing Promise 2008*. Her next assignment was the Senior Enlisted Leader at NATO's Headquarters, Supreme Allied Commander Transformation in Norfolk, Va. During this assignment, she was promoted to her current rank.

Senior Chief Elliott currently serves as the Senior Enlisted Advisor at Navy Public Affairs Support Element East.

Her personal awards include two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, five Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and various other service medals and unit awards.