

Lieutenant Timothy Hawkins
Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy

LT Timothy Hawkins received his naval officer commission in 2006, upon graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy. He joined the Navy Public Affairs community in 2007 and completed Defense Information School in Ft. Meade, Md., shortly thereafter.

His initial tour as an action officer for Navy Public Affairs Support Element West included brief stints at Naval Medical Center San Diego/Naval Medicine West; Commander, Naval Surface Forces; Commander, Navy Region Southwest; and Commander, Naval Air Forces.

In 2008, Lt. Hawkins served as the deputy public affairs officer aboard USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76). He completed a deployment to the Western Pacific and Middle East, which included humanitarian assistance and disaster response support after Typhoon Fengshen in the Philippines. He also provided public affairs services to the Ronald Reagan Strike Group during Exercise Malabar 2008 and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Following his carrier deployment, LT Hawkins reported to Commander, Amphibious Squadron SEVEN in 2009 and served as public affairs officer for the Bonhomme Richard Amphibious Ready Group. He supervised communication efforts for USS Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6), USS Cleveland (LPD 7), and USS Rushmore (LSD 47) during a Western Pacific and Middle East deployment, which included the completion of a multinational exercise in Timor-Leste and Indonesia. LT Hawkins led public affairs efforts for the ready group's role in Global War on Terrorism operations, Exercise Iron Magic 2010 and Exercise Eager Mace.

In June 2010, he reported to Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia headquarters in Naples, Italy, where he assumed duties as the regional assistant public affairs officer. LT Hawkins currently serves as the acting public affairs officer for U.S. Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy. He is scheduled to depart Naples in June 2013, report to Groton, Connecticut and assume duties as the Submarine Group TWO public affairs officer.

LT Hawkins has a bachelor's degree in International Relations from the U.S. Naval Academy. His personal decorations include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.