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Ron Inman brings 25 years of experience as a U.S. Navy photographer, award-winning journalist, editor, webmaster, public affairs specialist and U.S. Army writer and public affairs officer to the NAVFAC family.

He began his military career in Yokosuka, Japan aboard USS Midway (CV-41) in 1988, serving as a staff photographer in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. He then reported to Fleet Imaging Facility Pacific, where he continued to hone his skills as a photographer, specializing in medical, forensics and portrait photography. In 1994 he headed back to sea aboard the San Diego, Calif., -based USS Constellation (CV-64), where he made a critical decision - to change his career field from photography to journalism. Serving as staff journalist during the historic Western Pacific cruise in which Constellation became the first U.S. carrier to enter the Chinese port of Hong Kong in 1997, he was recognized with a First Place Navy Chief of Information Merit Award for his news writing.

His next assignment to Naval Security Group Activity Misawa, Japan in 1998 was his first in a joint environment. He served as Public Affairs Officer, the only journalist in a command of 450 cryptologic technicians, on Misawa Air Force Base. During this tour, he traveled to the former Iwo Jima (now Iwo To) with the Company E Marine Support Battalion, where he was frocked to First Class Petty Officer atop Mount Suribaehi.

Next, Ron reported to USS Carter Hall (LSD-50) as Public Affairs Officer in 2001, earning his Surface Warfare Designation, making two Mediterranean cruises with the ship and participating in peacekeeping operations off the coast of Liberia in 2003 that saw U.S. Marines go ashore to maintain stability during that conflict.

His next assignment with the Navy was as Assistant Public Affairs Officer, Fleet Activities Sasebo, Japan. He won another CHINFO Award (Second Place, Commentary category), was responsible for creating and launching the first online military publication in Japan (Soundings Online) - which won a CHINFO Honorable mention in 2007 - and conducted public tours for Japanese guests in support of four carrier battle group visits to Sasebo before his retirement from active duty in July, 2007.

In August, Ron began his federal civilian career as Writer/Editor for United States Army Garrison Daegu, Korea. Two months into the assignment, he volunteered to take on the duties of Supervisory Public Affairs Officer, and led a diverse staff of U.S. and Korean civilians, soldiers and interns in the conduct of a highly successful, comprehensive public affairs program until he was hired as NAVFAC Far East's Public Affairs Specialist in February, 2009.