

Petty Officer 1st Class

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Petty Officer 1st Class Nicholas R. Lingo was born in Toledo, Ohio, and graduated from Brevard Christian School in Melbourne, Florida, before enlisting in the Navy in December of 1998.

MC1 Lingo completed Basic Training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. He then attended the Defense Information School for Journalism "A" School. Upon graduation, he was stationed at Naval Media Center Diego Garcia serving as the Radio director. He was responsible for ensuring local live radio shows were anchored as well as serving as anchor for the local newscast providing command information to the 6000+ joint personnel on island. Lingo transferred to AFN La Maddalena where he continued his work as the morning radio show host, anchored newscasts and served as an electronic news gatherer. MC1 Lingo followed on to Naval Reserve Readiness Command Mid-Atlantic, Washington, D.C., as the Assistant Public Affairs Officer for 10,000 reservists and 250 Full Time Support Navy personnel. Lingo was selected to participate as videographer and editor for JTF-AFIC to document the inauguration of President George W. Bush's second term. MC1 Lingo followed on his successful tour in Washington with a follow-up tour to Diego Garcia serving as the station LPO. MC1 Lingo went on to work with the Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion's 133 and 11 as well as the 25th Naval Construction Regiment deploying to Kuwait, Afghanistan, Iraq, HOA, Spain and Okinawa.



MC1 Lingo has been involved in several nationally significant events and responses as a Navy Journalist, including JTF-AFIC, Operation Unified Response - Haiti, OIF and OEF.

In December of 2010, MC1 Lingo reported to the Defense Information School to be an instructor in the Basic Public Affairs Specialist Course. He also teaches Navy service unique and assisted in Mobile Training Team assistance for 314 Reserve PAD, Birmingham, Ala. MC1 also assisted in training several Egyptian officers in support of CENTCOM at DINFOS and trained essential Defense Logistics Agency PA assets in on-camera techniques in Philadelphia, PA.

As the Navy's Command Career Counselor for DINFOS, PO Lingo is responsible for ensuring Sailors attached to DINFOS are provided with the proper guidance when applying for re-enlistment and in other matters that pertain to career retention.

His military decorations include the Joint Service Achievement Medal (2 awards), Navy Achievement Medal (2 awards), Army Achievement Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal (3 awards), and the Navy Pistol and Rifle Medals.

MC1 Lingo also participates in the Joint Color Guard at DINFOS, and volunteers his time assisting Annapolis' South River High School's development of their Global Communications and Public Affairs Signature Program.

Military Education

1999 Basic Journalist Course and Basic Broadcaster Course, DINFOS

2004 Avid Editing Certification, Stetson University, Orlando, Fla.

2010 Basic Instructor Course, DINFOS

2012 B.A. Journalism Thomas Edison State College, Trenton, N.J.