

## **MC2 Jen Lobao**

Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jen Lobao was born and raised in California. She graduated from Terra Nova High School in 2000 and graduated cum laude from St. John's University (New York) in 2004, with a Bachelor of Science in Communication Arts and a minor in Business Administration.

Petty Officer Lobao held broadcast media jobs in New York and San Francisco before joining the U.S. Navy in September 2009. She attended basic training in Great Lakes, Ill., where she earned the Military Officers Association of America Award.

She attended Defense Information School at Fort Meade, Md., where she completed the Basic Mass Communication Specialist Course and was the Navy detachment's student leader. She reported to AFN Naples in Italy in September 2010. She has worked in the television department, where she was hand-selected to provide news coverage of Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa Admiral Samuel J. Locklear, III at the KFOR Change of Command in Kosovo. She is currently the NCOIC of the radio department, where she oversees two live radio shows and is responsible for all radio training for station personnel. As the Social Media NCOIC, she established a command-level SOP for all active platforms and invigorated social media efforts by merging them with those of the radio department work. Since her arrival in 2010, she has earned several awards, including AFN Europe's Junior Sailor of the Year 2012 and CHINFO Merit Award for Outstanding New Broadcaster 2011.

Petty Officer Lobao's personal awards include the Navy Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, the Navy/Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon and the Pistol Marksmanship Medal. She also won 1<sup>st</sup> Place CHINFO Merit Awards for her radio news reports "Happy Thanksgiving Kosovo" and "Vice Presidential Visit" and an Honorable Mention CHINFO Merit Award for her radio spot production "Loaner Locker."