

Lieutenant Commander Frank Magallon

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LCDR Magallon hails from Laredo, Texas. He was accepted into the United States Naval Academy as a member of the Class of 2001. He received a B.S. in Political Science and an M.A. in Mass Communications (specializing in Public Relations) from San Diego State University (SDSU) in 2009.

Originally commissioned as a Surface Warfare Officer, he reported aboard USS MILIUS (DDG) in 2002 as the Communications Officer (COMMO). During this tour, MILIUS conducted twenty-eight Tomahawk strikes in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM.

In 2004, LCDR Magallon was asked to fleet up as MILIUS' AEGIS Fire Control Officer (FCO). He also served as the MILIUS' Liaison Officer to Expeditionary Strike Group FIVE (ESG-5) and Destroyer Squadron SEVEN (DESRON-7) where he completed a second WESTPAC deployment and supported disaster relief efforts during the 2005 Indonesian Tsunami. LCDR Magallon transferred to Naval Surface Forces (COMNAVSURFOR) N-7 Training Department in 2006.

LCDR Magallon laterally transferred into the Public Affairs community in 2008 where he was immediately deployed as the USS TARAWA Expeditionary Strike Group PAO. Upon return from this third WESTPAC deployment, he was selected for the SDSU graduate education program where he received his civilian accreditation in public relations (APR).

In 2009, LCDR Magallon reported to Naval Special Warfare Group ONE (NSWG-1) where he became the first PAO to deploy as part of a SEAL team. He operationalized his men into the Combat Visual Media Cell (CVMC) and became a lead member in each team's N-39 Non-Lethal Effects and Indigenous Engagement Cell. The CVMC provided NSW with a unique irregular warfare capability and its combat photographers supported every West Coast SEAL team. LCDR Magallon completed three combat deployments (to include a national mission set) with SEAL Teams ONE and SEVEN in Al Anbar, IZ; Mosul, IZ; and Zabul Province, Afghanistan. When not deployed, he spearheaded West Coast NSW crisis communication efforts for deaths, injuries, and major incidents and directly supported filming efforts for the nationally released SEAL recruiting film, 'ACT OF VALOR'.

In July of 2012, LCDR Magallon reported aboard USS RONALD REAGAN (CVN 76) where he desires to support and communicate the efforts of 10 years of REAGAN warriors.