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Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Julie Matyascik is a photographer and graphic designer who has been working professionally for more than 20 years. Her passion for photography started at a very young age, while watching her Dad take sports photos for the local newspaper.

A native of Jim Thorpe, Pa., she graduated from the Art Institute of Philadelphia in 1995, receiving an Associate's Degree in Visual Communication. She worked as a freelance graphic designer before joining the Navy as a Photographer's Mate in 2000.

During her early assignments, she served aboard USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In 2005, she received her bachelor's degree in graphic design from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh. She also honed her skills in photography, writing, illustration and design by attending the advanced photojournalism and electronic imaging system courses at The Defense Information School (DINFOS) in Fort Meade, Md.

Her next assignment was Joint Combat Camera Center, Pentagon; supporting the communication and operational missions of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), Joint Staff, Combatant Commands, Joint Task Forces, Services and other U.S. Government departments and agencies. Her following assignment at Commander, Surface Force Atlantic, Norfolk, Va., where she gained valuable creative and supervisory skills as the leading petty officer at Commander, Surface Force Atlantic public affairs, Norfolk, Va.

In April, 2010, Matyascik assumed the role as Deputy Webmaster and Fleet Social Media Coordinator at U.S. Fleet Forces Command, Norfolk, Va.

She currently lives in Norfolk, Va., with her husband and two children.