

Christopher M. McCoin
Chief Mass Communication Specialist (SW/AW), Retired

Chief Mass Communications Specialist Christopher McCoin is a native of Yukon, Oklahoma. He enlisted in the Navy in August 1988. Upon graduation from boot camp, reported to U.S. Naval Schools of Photography "A" School in October 1988. He was selected as honor graduate and reported for duty to the USS Constellation (CV 64) as a Photographer's Mate Airman Recruit.

He completed a Westpac deployment and an Around the Horn cruise and detached in 1990 to report to the USS Nimitz (CVN 68) where he worked in the Photo Lab's Intelligence work Center (CVIC).

In 1993 PH2 McCoin was assigned to Naval Imaging Facility, Lemoore Ca. He was responsible to running all production services for the Photo Lab.

His next assignment was the USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) from 1995 to 1999, where he was the CVIC LPO and Operations Dept. Asst Training Officer. In the summer of 1999, PH1 McCoin reported for duty at Naval Construction Battalion Center in Gulfport, Mississippi's Public Affairs Office, where he was the Leading Petty Officer (LPO) in the Public Affairs office and was responsible for all Photo lab support and base newspaper operations.

In March 2003, PH1 McCoin reported to Fighter Squadron Thirty One (VF 31), where he was the Tactical Air Reconnaissance Pod System (TARPS) LPO. PH1 McCoin was the Assistant Enlisted Surface Warfare coordinator and when the TARPS system was decommissioned he was selected as the LPO of the Line Division where he was responsible for 10 F-14 Tomcat aircraft and 55 Sailors.

After serving three years in the Fighter community, PH1 McCoin transferred in 2005 to the Navy Public Affairs Center. While there he saw the command change its name to Fleet Public Affairs Center (FLTPACEN) and Navy Public Affairs Support Element (NPASE). It is at FLTPACEN that he was promoted to Chief Mass Communication Specialist while deployed with the first full SEAOPDET on the USS Kearsarge (LHD 4).

Chief McCoin served as the Operations Officer for NPASE East where he managed all the SEAOPDET deployment teams. Before his retirement in 2012, Chief McCoin served as the NPASE East Senior Enlisted Advisor. Currently, Christopher is a contractor that works for NPASE HQ as the Table Allowance Manager and is responsible for all equipment for NPASE units worldwide.

Chief McCoin served over 23 years and was awarded five Sea Service deployment ribbons, six Good Conduct Medals, nine Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal.