

Biography

MC1(SW/AW) Sandra M. Palumbo

United States Navy

Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Sandra M. Palumbo was born in Ansonia, Ct. She graduated with honors from Ansonia High School in 2000 and shortly thereafter entered the U.S. Navy.

She completed recruit basic training at Recruit Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., followed by Basic Still Photography Course "A" school at Ft. Meade, Md.

Presently, Petty Officer Palumbo is stationed at 32nd St Naval Base, San Diego aboard USS Essex (LHD 2).

Her previous afloat duty assignments were USS Nimitz (CVN 68) and Fleet Combat Camera Group Pacific and her previous shore duty assignments include Fleet Imaging Command Pacific and Navy Public Affairs Support Element West.

Additionally, Petty Officer Palumbo is a graduating member of the 2009 Military Photojournalism Program at Syracuse University's S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communication and holds a Bachelors of Arts degree in Humanities from Thomas Edison State College.

Petty Officer Palumbo is a recipient of various personal and campaign awards including the Joint Service Commendation Medal (2 awards), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (5 awards), 2010 Senior Shore Chief of Information Sailor of the Year and 2010 Senior Shore Mass Communication Specialist of the Year.