

**MCC (SW/AW) Mary Popejoy**  
*Public Affairs Current Operations LCPO, USFF*

MCC Popejoy, a native of Myrtle Beach, S.C., joined the Navy July 7, 1998. She attended boot camp at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill. Upon completion of boot camp, she went to the undesignated Seaman two-week training also in Great Lakes.

Following her initial training, she transferred to her first assignment in November 1998 to Naval Station Norfolk Port Operations for tugboat duty. During that time, she began the process of striking into the journalist rating.

In March 2000, she was selected to attend the Journalist "A" School at the Defense Information School in Fort Mead, Md. Upon graduation in December 2000, she transferred to the American Forces Network in Sigonella, Sicily. During her tour at AFN Sigonella, she was advanced to both JO3 and JO2. In December 2002, she transferred to the Naval Submarine Base Bangor Public Affairs Office, where she advanced to JO1 and was hand-picked to deploy to Djibouti, Africa, as an Individual Augmentee from February 2007-2008.

Following her IA assignment, she transferred from Bangor, Wash., to reunite with her family in Norfolk Va. After attending the Public Affairs Qualification Course, she checked aboard USS Nassau (LHA 4). In 2009, she was selected to the rank of chief petty officer and was selected for temporary duty aboard USS Iwo Jima (LHD 1) to fill a gapped billet. From July 2010 to September 2011, she worked on the staff of Commander, U.S. Second Fleet. When Second Fleet decommissioned in September of 2011, the Second Fleet PA team merged with the staff of U.S. Fleet Forces. In June 2013, she will transfer to Expeditionary Combat Readiness Command in Norfolk, where she'll serve as the command's public affairs officer.