

Chief Mass Communication Specialist (SW/AW)
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Chief Anastasia “Stacey” Puscian is a third generation Sailor. Originally from Escondido, Calif., she moved 11 times before her family settled down in Moorpark, Calif., in 1993. She graduated from Moorpark High School in 1999 and within 12 days of graduating she was off to boot camp as a undesignated seaman.

She completed recruit training and seaman training in Great Lakes, Ill., from June to September 1999. Her first duty assignment was aboard the USS Eisenhower (CVN 69). She completed eight months aboard Eisenhower before she was transferred to Naval Air Station Oceana in April 2000. In July 2001, she was assigned to the USS Peterson (DD 969).

While assigned to the Peterson, she completed her first deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. It was the Peterson where she discovered her passion for photography and became the ship’s photographer during the 2001-2002 deployment. After returning home from deployment in March 2002, she received orders for Photographer’s Mate “A” school. After completing “A” school in October 2002, then re-designated as Airman Puscian was selected to fill an E-6 billet at the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), Joint Staff Support Center (JSSC) where she provided photo, video and graphic support for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from October 2002 to January 2006. While serving assigned she was selected as 2003’s JSSC Junior Enlisted Person of the Year and 2003’s DISA Junior Enlisted Outstanding Military Member Person of the Year.

Before her next assignment to the USS Enterprise (CVN 65) she attended the Digital Multimedia Course at the Defense Information School in Fort George Meade Md., from January to February 2006. She served on board Enterprise from April 2006 until April 2009 where she completed two back-to-back deployments. While assigned to the Enterprise she was selected to be the Enterprise’s SITE TV Newscaster, where she earned the 2006 SITE TV Broadcaster CHINFO Merit award, as well as promoted to Petty Officer First Class.

In May 2009, she was assigned to Naval Medical Center San Diego’s Public Affairs Office as the Leading Petty Officer. There she expanded the department’s capabilities to include video documentation. Additionally, in June 2011 she assisted in the merger of the hospital’s public affairs department, medical photography department, TV media services department and medical graphics department without any mission disruption. In 2013 she was selected to the rank of Chief Petty Officer (CPO). During CPO induction season she was chosen to participate in the first CPO Legacy Academy held aboard the USS Midway (CV 41) museum where selectees increased their naval history knowledge, learned CPO heritage and enhanced their leadership ability.

Puscian’s personal awards include, Joint Staff Badge, Joint Commendation Medal (two awards), Navy Achievement Medal (three awards), Joint Meritorious Unit award (two awards), Good Conduct (three awards), Enlisted Surface Warfare Insignia, and Enlisted Air Warfare Insignia.