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Crystal Raner is a retired U.S. Navy Chief Mass Communication Specialist and a two-time CHINFO Merit Award winner.

Currently serving as a DoD civilian employee training instructor for the U.S. Navy's Basic Mass Communication Specialist Course, Raner is a key provider of journalism and public affairs instructional material to be included in the new course due to launch October 2013. Prior to this position, she served as a DoD civilian contractor training instructor for the Basic Public Affairs Specialist Course.

Raner is a 1989 graduate of the Basic Journalism Course formerly taught at the Defense Information School, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind. Her 20-year naval career includes serving on three U.S. Navy ships and five shore duty assignments. Raner retired from active duty Dec. 31, 2008.

She has served as a writer, editor, photographer, production chief, community relations action officer, assistant public affairs officer and webmaster.

Raner holds an Associate of Science degree in Mathematics and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature. She was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (three awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards), Good Conduct Service Medal (six awards) and various other medals, ribbons and unit awards.