



MC1 (SW/AW) John R. Scorza Jr.
Commander, Naval Special Warfare Command
Force Public Affairs Leading Petty Officer

Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW/AW) entered the Navy in Stone Mountain, Ga., in July 2004. After completing Recruit Training at Great Lakes, he attended "A" school at Defense Information School in Fort Meade, Md., where he received 5 months of rate training as a Photographer's Mate Seaman Recruit.

In February 2005, Scorza reported to the "Black Aces" of Strike Fighter Squadron (41) in Lemoore, Calif. He quickly qualified as a Plane Captain (PC) and in early 2006 became the shop's "Lead PC." Later that year he was named PC of the Quarter (second quarter).

In the summer of 2006 the Mass Communication Specialist rate was established and he then became a Mass Communication Specialist Seaman. With the title change also came a change of orders. In December of 2006, Scorza reported to USS Nimitz (CVN 68), homeported in San Diego.

As a member of ship's company, Nimitz would be MCSN Scorza's first opportunity to work in rate. Embracing the opportunity, he began learning the job and as a Seaman, qualified as an Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist and later Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist as a petty officer 3rd class.

By late 2007, Scorza became the editor of the ship's newsletter "Nimitz News," where he found his niche. "Nimitz News" won the Thomas Jefferson Award for Excellence in 2007 and in subsequent years, placed third and second in the CHINFO Merit Awards Newsletter category.

In November of 2009, MC2 Scorza was assigned to Naval Special Warfare Command. In January 2010, he was named leading petty officer in a shop of five MC2s, while editing and managing the production of the force magazine "Ethos." That year, Scorza individually won a first place CHINFO Merit Award in the press release category and third place in photojournalism category. Under his leadership, the command magazine placed second overall in the magazine style format publication. During his time as editor at Naval Special Warfare, his team has won seven individual CHINFO merit awards for stories.

Currently, Scorza is the LPO of Naval Special Warfare Public Affairs and has received orders to PCU America (LHA 6).

Scorza's personal awards include the Navy Achievement Medal (4), Good Conduct Medal (2), Flag letters of Commendation (3) and various unit and campaign awards.