

## **MCC (SW) SAM (TERRY) SPAIN JR. BIO**

Chief Petty Officer Sam (Terry) Spain Jr., a native of Conway, S.C., joined the Navy in February 1997. He attended boot camp at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Ill. After graduation he went to Seaman ATD (now Boatswain's Mate "A" School) May 1997.

Upon completion of SN ATD, he reported aboard USS Inchon (MCS12) stationed in Ingleside, Texas, in June 1997.

Chief Spain spent two years in deck division and struck to become a Photographer's Mate (PH) in which he was Command Advanced (CAP) to PH3. In January 1999 he transferred to the Defense Information School (DINFOS) Fort Meade, Md., for "A" school. After completion of school, he received orders to Naval Air Maintenance Training Group (NAMTRAGRU HQ) in Pensacola, Fla.

In August 2001, he left Florida and transferred to Sigonella, Sicily, where he was advanced to PH2. While stationed in Sicily, he was the Leading Petty Officer (LPO) of the photo lab.

In June 2004, Chief Spain decided to do another overseas assignment and received orders to Commander, U.S. Seventh Fleet (C7F), forward-deployed aboard USS Blue Ridge (LCC19) in Yokosuka, Japan, where he served as LPO and acting LCPO of the Public affairs Office. While aboard he was selected for Sailor of the Quarter twice and was Command Advanced to PH1.

In June 2007, Chief Spain reported to Naval Construction Battalion Center (NCBC), Gulfport, Miss., as the PAO LPO and LCPO. He was selected as Sailor of the Year in 2009 and 2010. He completed a high visibility deployment aboard USS Samuel B. Roberts (FFG58) in support of AFRICOM Partnership Station West (December 09-April 10) as the Public affairs Officer and he also completed an Individual Augmentee assignment, where he served as the Non Commissioned Officer In Charge (NCOIC) of Joint Special Operation Task Force, Philippines (August 11-March 12). In 2010, he was selected for Chief Petty Officer.

In June 2012, Chief Spain departed NCBC and reported to Defense Equal Opportunity Manager Institute (DEOMI), Patrick Air Force Base, as a student.

He is currently assigned to Naval District Washington as the Regional Equal Opportunity Advisor.

Chief Spain's decorations include the Joint Service Commendation Medal (1), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (1), Navy Achievement Medal (7) Army Achievement Medal (1) and numerous other awards.