

MCC(AW) DANIEL A. TAYLOR

MCC(A W) Daniel Taylor was born on December 22, 1970 in Lexington, Kentucky. He graduated from Atlantic High School in Delray Beach, Florida in 1989. Shortly after graduation, he left for Basic Training at Recruit Training Command (RTC) Orlando.

Upon completion of boot camp, he reported to Photographic "A" School located on Naval Air Station Pensacola. In May 1990, Chief Taylor reported to his first duty station, Fighter Squadron ONE FIVE FOUR (VF-154) home-based in Miramar, California. He served as a Tactical Aerial Reconnaissance Pod System (TARPS) technician. During his five-year tour, VF-154 was attached to USS Independence (CV-62) and conducted more than three Western Pacific (WEST PAC) deployments and took part in Operations Desert Shield and Southern Watch.

In the summer of 1991, USS Independence and her Airwing, cross-decked with USS Midway (CV-41) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii and took Midway's place of the world's only forward deployed carrier home-ported in Japan. When not deployed on the Independence, VF-154s new home was Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan. While attached to VF-154, Chief Taylor advanced from Airman Recruit up to Photographer's Mate Second Class.

In March of 1995, Chief Taylor reported to Fleet Imaging Facility Pacific in Yokosuka, Japan for shore duty. There he served as a portrait, and ceremonial photographer for over 90 tenant commands as well as a crime scene and autopsy photographer for Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS).

In March of 1998, he transferred to the Naval Media Center, located on Naval Station Anacostia, Washington, DC. There he served as a ceremonial photographer for the Chief of Naval Operations, as well as other Pentagon staffs and tenant commands attached to Naval District Washington area. In August 2001, Chief Taylor departed the Naval Media Center and attended Photographic Maintenance "C" School at Defense Information School (DINFOS) in Fort Meade, Maryland.

Chief Taylor then reported onboard USS Kitty Hawk (CV-63) in December 2001. Upon checking into his new command, he was promoted to Petty Officer First Class and was assigned as Leading Petty Officer (LPO) for the Carrier Vessel Intelligence Center (CVIC) Photo Lab, overseeing the processing and printing of TARPS film and other intelligence photographic missions. He then became LPO for the entire Operations Photographic Division and oversaw the daily accomplishments of 25 junior sailors. In January 2005, Petty Officer Taylor reported to Naval Air Reserve Point Mugu, California and served as staff photographer for two Navy Operational Support Centers and their Reserve Units and LPO of Public Affairs Office.

In November 2007, he transferred to Navy Public Affairs Support Element East in Norfolk, Virginia. There he deployed as part of Amphibious Squadron FOUR and in 2009 advanced to the rank of Chief Petty Officer.

October 2010 Chief Taylor transferred back to Japan to take over as the Station Manager for American Forces Network Yokosuka detachment.

Chief Taylor has been married to his wife, Kaori, for 15 years and aspires to remain in Japan following his retirement in 2013.