

MCC(SW/AW) Christopher E. Tucker

Chief Petty Officer Christopher E. Tucker, a native of Annapolis, Md., enlisted in the U.S. Navy April 19, 1993, and attended recruit training at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Ill. He then attended Journalist "A-School" at the Defense Information School at Fort Benjamin Harrison at Indianapolis, Ind.

His first duty station was the American Forces Network broadcasting detachment in La Maddalena, Sardinia, where he was selected as Bluejacket of the Year in 1996 and won three Navy Chief of Information Merit Awards for radio and television news production. He subsequently received orders to the Naval Media Center's broadcasting detachment in Keflavik, Iceland, where he served as news director from 1997-1999.

Chief Tucker's next duty station was at the public affairs office of the Iceland Defense Force in Keflavik where he served as leading petty officer and editor of the base's newspaper, "The White Falcon." Under his leadership, the paper won a first place Navy CHINFO Merit Award in 2000.

In 2001, he transferred to the public affairs office at Naval Station Mayport, Fla. During this tour he was selected as Sailor of the Year. In 2004, Chief Tucker received orders to USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67), homeported at Naval Station Mayport, where he deployed support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. He was also promoted to the rank of chief petty officer in 2005.

In 2007, Chief Tucker reported to the Defense Information School at Fort Meade, Md., where he served as the lead video instructor for the Basic Combat Correspondent Course. He earned the Navy Master Training Specialist qualification and completed his Bachelor's Degree in Communication Studies with the University of Maryland University College.

MCC Tucker then completed the public affairs qualification course at DINFOS and was assigned as the public affairs officer of USS Essex (LHD 2), forward-deployed to Sasebo, Japan, where he completed four three-month patrols of the Western Pacific Ocean and provided relief efforts to the people of Japan during Operation Tomadachi.

In 2012, he was assigned to the Defense Media Activity at Fort Meade, Md., where he currently serves as the publishing division's leading chief petty officer within the Navy production directorate.

Chief Tucker's awards include the Joint Service Commendation Medal (one oak leaf cluster), Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2 gold stars), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2 gold stars), Navy Good Conduct Medal (1 silver star), Presidential Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal (1 bronze star), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (1 bronze star), Navy/Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon (one silver star and two bronze stars), and the Pistol Marksmanship Ribbon.