

MC1(SW/AW) Michael Wagoner

Leading Petty Officer
NPASE West, Det. NW

MC1 Wagoner hails from Compton, Calif. He joined the Navy in 1997. Upon graduation from boot camp he went on to Airman Apprenticeship Training in Great Lakes, Ill. He was then assigned to Helicopter Anti-submarine Squadron (HS-15) located in Jacksonville, Fla. After his tour there he transferred to the USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) in Yokosuka, Japan. He then went on to shore duty at Fleet Aviation Specialized Operational Training Group (FASOTRAGRU) detachment far-east in Atsugi, Japan.



After completion of shore duty he then served two years on board the USS Emory S. Land (AS 39) in La Maddalena, Italy. From there he returned to the states to be stationed on board the USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) in Bremerton, Washington. While attached to the Stennis he served a six-month Individual Augmentee (IA) tour as a member of International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in Kabul, Afghanistan. From there he attended and graduated from Digital Multimedia Course (DMC) "C" school at Defense Information School (DINFOS) in Fort Meade, Maryland.

He is currently assigned to Navy Public Affairs Support Element West Detachment Northwest (NPASE West Det NW) located in Silverdale, Wash. His awards include the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal (3 awards). He is currently under orders to return to "C" school to attend Intermediate Photojournalist Course (IPC) and follow on to his next sea duty command the USS Makin Island (LHD 8) in San Diego, Calif. He lives with his wife, Yasuko, and their son, Kai.