

**MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 1ST CLASS
(SW/AW)
DONALD WALTON
UNITED STATES NAVY**

Petty Officer 1st Class Donald Walton received his GED while studying mechanical drafting at Job Corps in Guthrie, Okla.

Following completion of his drafting course, he enlisted in the United States Navy as an undesignated Seaman Recruit in May 1994. After basic training at Great Lakes, Ill., he attended Seaman Apprenticeship Training at the same station. His first duty assignment was to the Small Craft Division in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

After his tour in Cuba, he attended Air Traffic Control "A" school. He then transferred to Naval Station Rota, Spain. He was promoted to 3rd Class Petty Officer in 1997.

He returned to the U.S. in 1999, when he was stationed at Naval Air Station (NAS) North Island. He advanced to 2nd Class Petty Officer in May 2000.

In July 2003 he reported Ft. Belvoir, Va., for basic lithography training where he also attended the Reproduction Equipment Repair "C" school.

Upon his completion of this training he then reported to the amphibious transport dock ship USS Denver (LPD 9) in November 2003 as an independent duty Lithographer 2nd Class. He attained the rank of 1st Class Petty Officer in May, 2004. He qualified as enlisted surface warfare specialist in August 2004, while on deployment to the western Pacific.

In September 2006, Walton attended the Enlisted Navy Recruiting Orientation, in Pensacola, Fla. He then was stationed at Naval Recruiting Station Greenville, Texas, a part of Naval Recruiting District Dallas. While there he earned his recruiting excellence award multiple times,

He attended the Digital Multimedia Course at the Defense Information School at Ft. George G. Meade, Md. He was recognized as the Distinguished Honor Graduate for his class, only having one point deducted during the entire class.

He reported in February, 2010 to his next duty station, Navy Public Affairs Support Element West, on Naval Base Coronado, NAS North Island, where he deployed aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Boxer (LHD 4) earning his enlisted aviation warfare specialist qualification. Upon his return he was the Production Leading Petty Officer and then assumed the role of Command Leading Petty Officer, Leading more than 58 Sailors in production of thousands of PA/VI products. While there he was recognized twice as Senior Sailor of the Quarter.

In October 2012, Walton reported to Commander, Naval Beach Group One, and where he was temporarily assigned to Expeditionary Strike Group Three Public Affairs while recovering from a knee injury.

His awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (four awards), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation (two awards), Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Award, Navy Good Conduct Medal (five awards), National Defense Medal (two awards), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon (two awards), Overseas Service Ribbon (five awards), Navy Recruiting Ribbon, Coast Guard Special Operation Service Ribbon, Expert Pistol Medal and the Sharpshooter Rifle ribbon

He earned an Associate of Arts (AA) in Communications in August 2012, from Coastline Community College.

