

Lieutenant Miranda V. (Parker) Williams Biography

Lieutenant Miranda Williams reported to Navy recruit training in Orlando, Florida July 5, 1994. She then attended the Defense Information School in Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, graduating the Navy's six-month Journalism 'A' school in March 1995.

After completing 'A' school, she reported to her first command, Naval Media Center Fleet Support Detachment Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. During her tour at NMC, she rose to the rank of Petty Officer Second Class in less than three years. It was during her tour in Pearl Harbor that she married her husband, Steven, and gave birth to their first daughter, Victoria. By the conclusion of her tour, Williams won six Chief of Naval Information awards as a broadcaster for "Navy/ Marine Corps News." She departed NMC FSD Pearl Harbor and reported to NMC FSD San Diego in March 1999.

During her tour at NMC FSD San Diego, Williams became a First Class Petty Officer and her shop's Leading Petty Officer, in charge of six other Navy broadcasters who worked for "Navy/ Marine Corps News." She continued to win various broadcasting awards, including five Chief of Naval Information awards, two DoD Military Photographer of the Year awards, and two DoD Thomas Jefferson awards, to include DoD Broadcast Journalist of the Year for 1999.

In June 2002, Williams was selected to attend the Military Motion Media Studies Program at Syracuse University in New York. She was the first Navy Journalist chosen for the program, which was initially designed for Navy Photographer's Mates. After graduating MMMSP in June 2003, she reported to the White House Communications Agency.

Williams was the first Navy Journalist to be stationed at WHCA. She was attached to the White House Television Unit and, along with eight other joint service personnel, documented Presidential and White House events. During her time at WHCA, she was awarded one Chief of Naval Information award and one Telly Finalist award. She was also named the WHCA Sailor of the Year for 2004 and a WHCA All Star for 2006. It was during her tour at WHCA that Williams gave birth to her second daughter, Alexandria. It was also during her tour at WHCA that she was selected as a Photo Officer under the Limited Duty Officer program. She departed WHCA in November 2008 to attend Limited Duty Officer and Chief Warrant Officer Indoctrination Training in Newport, Rhode Island and reported to USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) in December 2008.

As the Graphics Media Photo Officer, Williams successfully led the department through a deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and through a seven-month-long, five million dollar space habitability and systems overhaul. She was also hand-picked as FOURTH Fleet's Visual Information/Media Officer in support of Haiti relief operations and as the Public Affairs lead for a high-profile, one-week notice visit by the Vice President.

After her first successful tour as an officer, Williams reported to Fleet Combat Camera Pacific in December 2010, where she currently serves as the Operations, Training and Weapons Officer. She was redesignated a Public Affairs Officer in 2012, as part of the disestablishment of the Photo Officer designator.

Her military awards include the Presidential Service Badge, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal (2nd Award), Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2nd Award), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2nd Award), Joint Meritorious Unit Award (2nd Award), Navy Battle 'E' (2nd Award), Good Conduct Award (4th Award), National Defense Service Medal (2nd Award), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Rifle Marksmanship Medal (Sharpshooter), and Pistol Marksmanship Medal (Sharpshooter).

Lieutenant Williams' family includes her husband, Marine Master Sergeant Steven Williams, and two daughters, Victoria, 17, and Alexandria, 4.