

MC1 (SW) Daniel Barker

Petty Officer Barker was born in Greenville, North Carolina on Aug. 2, 1973. He grew up in Harpers Ferry, West Virginia and attended Jefferson High School. He moved to New York City to attend art school and studied at Parsons School of Design, Art Students League, and PRATT Institute. He worked at the Metropolitan Museum of Art for five years, as an English teacher in Japan for two years, and as a freelance designer for seven years. Prior to military service he worked as a stylist on photo shoots for various magazines including Time Out NY, Cosmopolitan, Better Homes & Gardens, Oprah, and Victoria's Secret Catalogue. Television appearances included NBC Today Show, CBS News, Gordon Elliot Fine Living, NY1 News, and Sheila Bridges Designer Living.

He started basic training on November 1, 2005. After basic training he attended Photographer's Mate "A" School at the Defense Information School (DINFOS), Ft. Meade, Maryland, and graduated as an honor graduate in 2006, after which he served four months as the school photographer documenting events and graduations for the DINFOS website and digital news.

In July 2006, he reported to NPASE San Diego. Petty Officer Barker served aboard USS Tarawa (LHA 1), USS Boxer (LHD 4), USS New Orleans (LPD 18), USS Lake Champlain (CG 57) and USS Carl Vinson (CVN 70).

Prominent events covered included assignments in Bangladesh- covered relief efforts following Tropical Cyclone Sidr; Pakistan- covered the land and sea multi-national naval exercise AMAN; Somalia- extensively covered a rescue-at-sea of 57 Somali refugees off the coast; Iraq- covered operational turnover of the Khawr Al Ambra Oil Terminal to Iraqi control; Haiti- covered humanitarian disaster relief efforts following the 2010 earthquake.

MC2 Barker's images have been on the cover of All Hands Magazine, on the walls of the Pentagon and featured on CNN, Wall Street Journal, Agence-France Presse and Getty Images in addition to numerous print and online media globally. His images have won many recognitions including by the Walter L. Richardson Navy Photographer of the Year competition and multiple awards in the Military Photographer of the Year and Military Graphic Artist of the Year competitions.

Barker was selected for Military Photojournalism at S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University for the 2010-2011 program.

Following Syracuse University he received his current orders to Navy Public Affairs (NPASE) West Detachment Hawaii in June 2010. He has participated in two under ways for Koa-Kai and traveled to Bangladesh in support of CARAT 2011.

Barker's personal awards include (2) Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medals, (2) Good Conducts, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary, Global War on Terrorism Service, Humanitarian Service Medal, and Sharpshooter 9mm Pistol Awards. He recently received his Small Boat Operators License, is working on a Scuba Diver Certification and a Bachelor's of Arts Degree.