



Chief Mass Communication Specialist(SW/EXW/AW)
Matthew B. Bash was born in St. Charles, Illinois and graduated from Purchase Line High School in Commodore, Pennsylvania in 1997.

After four years spent working in the civilian sector in food service and at Eastman Kodak in Rochester, New York he entered the Navy in August of 2001. He attended the Defense Information School in Ft. Meade, Maryland and graduated at the top of the Navy Photographer's Mate 'A' school students in his class.

After completing 'A' school, Chief Bash went on to his first duty assignment aboard USS Theodore Roosevelt in March 2002. He was promoted to Photographer's Mate Third Class in November 2002 and later to Photographer's Mate Second Class in November 2003. During his time on board Roosevelt Chief Bash completed two cruises in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM.

In 2006 MCC Bash was one of six Navy Students accepted to the Military Photojournalism program at Syracuse University. He graduated on the school's dean's list in 2007 and was awarded NEC 8148, Navy Photojournalist.

In June 2007 he reported to Expeditionary Combat Camera in Norfolk, Virginia. During a 2007 deployment working with U.S. Army Special Operations forces in Iraq he was promoted to Mass Communication Specialist First Class. During the summer of 2008 he deployed in response to hurricanes Gustav, Hanna and Ike before deploying for a second tour in Iraq with Naval Special Warfare. In 2009 he deployed to Bahrain as part of Combined Task Group 56.1 completing missions in Iraq, Afghanistan, and throughout the Middle East. In 2010 he was selected as the Expeditionary Combat Camera Sailor of the year for calendar year 2009.

Following his tour at Combat Camera MCC Bash accepted orders to USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77) where he completed the ship's first combat deployment, was selected for anchors and promoted to Chief Petty Officer in 2011. In January of 2012 he became the ship's Media Department Leading Chief Petty Officer. He lead the department to 20 Navy Media Awards selections and 2 Thompson-Ravitz Awards in public affairs from 2011-2012 before transferring in June of 2013.

He is currently serving as the Senior Enlisted Leader for Center for Service Support Detachment, Defense Information School in Ft. Meade, MD.

In 2012 Chief Bash married his wife Ashley. The two enjoy a small family of pets with three cats and two dogs. His personal awards include the Navy Commendation Medal (2 awards) and Navy Achievement Medal (4 awards).