

MCC Daniel J. Calderón

Mass Communications Specialist Chief Daniel J. Calderón was born and raised in San Antonio, Texas. He graduated from East Central High School in 1990 and entered the U.S. Navy attending basic training in Great Lakes, Ill. in December 1993.

Calderón attended Journalist A school at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indiana and his first duty assignment was with the USS Constellation (CV 64) which was home ported in San Diego, CA. Calderón was later assigned to Navy Region Hawai'i where he was editor of the award-winning weekly newspaper – the Hawai'i Navy News.

Following this assignment, Calderón joined the Navy Reserve. During his time as a Reservist, he has been on tours in locations such as London, Estonia and Singapore.

In 2009, Calderón was inducted as a Chief Petty Officer. The following year, he deployed for a one-year assignment to Afghanistan. He was assigned as Leading Chief Petty Officer of a detachment assigned, by the International Security Assistance Force, to RC-West, which was under the command of an Italian Army General.

Calderón's academic achievements include a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Chaminade University and a Master's of Arts degree, with honors, in Education from Chaminade. He is a graduate of the Defense Information School's Editor's Course.

Calderón's personal awards include the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Naval Reserve Meritorious Service (two awards), and the Afghanistan Campaign Medal among others.

