

MCC(SW/AW) Christopher E. Tucker Biography

Chief Petty Officer Christopher E. Tucker, a native of Annapolis, Maryland, enlisted in the United States Navy on April 20, 1993 and attended recruit training at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Illinois. He then attended Journalist "A-School" at the Defense Information School at Fort Benjamin Harrison at Indianapolis, Indiana.

His first duty station was the American Forces Network broadcasting detachment in La Maddalena, Sardinia, Italy where he was selected as the Naval Media Center's Bluejacket of the Year in 1996 and won three Navy Chief of Information merit awards for radio and television news production. He subsequently received orders to the Naval Media Center's broadcasting detachment in Keflavik, Iceland, where he served as news director from 1997-1999.

Chief Tucker's next duty station was with the public affairs office at the Iceland Defense Force in Keflavik. He served two-and-a-half years as leading petty officer and editor of the base's newspaper, "The White Falcon." Under his leadership, the paper won a first place Navy Chief of Information merit award in 2000. In 2001, he was transferred to the public affairs office at Naval Station Mayport, Florida. During this tour he was selected as the naval station's Sailor of the Year. In 2004, Chief Tucker received orders to USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67), homeported at Naval Station Mayport, where he deployed to the Persian Gulf in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. During this tour he earned his enlisted surface warfare specialist and enlisted aviation warfare specialist qualifications.

In 2007, Chief Tucker reported to the Defense Information School at Fort Meade, Maryland, where he served as a video instructor for the Basic Combat Correspondent Course. During this tour he earned his Navy Master Training Specialist qualification and completed his Bachelor's Degree in Communication Studies with the University of Maryland University College.

In 2010, Chief Tucker reported to USS Essex (LHD 2), forward deployed to Sasebo, Japan, as the ship's public affairs officer. Essex participated in Operation Tomodachi, a U.S. Armed Forces assistance operation to support Japan in disaster relief following the 2011 earthquake and tsunami.

In 2012, Chief Tucker received orders to Defense Media Activity at Fort Meade, Maryland, where he currently serves as the Navy Production Directorate's publishing leading chief petty officer. In February 2013, he was instrumental in bringing All Hands Magazine back as an online publication for Sailors and their families.

Chief Tucker's awards include the Joint Service Commendation Medal (one oak leaf cluster), Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2 gold stars), Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2 gold stars), Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Navy Good Conduct Medal (1 silver star), National Defense

Service Medal (1 bronze star), Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Navy/Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon (one silver star and two bronze stars), and the Pistol Marksmanship Ribbon.