



**MCC(SW/AW) Ahron Arendes, USN**  
**Assistant Public Affairs Officer,**  
**Commander, Submarine Group 9**

Chief Ahron Arendes is a native of St. Louis, MO. He joined the Navy in August 2000 and attended recruit training in Great Lakes, IL, with follow up training at the Defense Information School, Fort Meade, MD, earning his Journalist designation.

His first assignment was to USS NIMITZ (CVN 68), San Diego, where he completed an eight-month deployment in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. During his tour he was advanced to 3rd and 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Petty Officer and earned his Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist warfare device.

His follow on shore tour was to Commander, Naval Air Forces in October 2004, where he served as DV Tour Coordinator and Staff Journalist and was advanced to 1<sup>st</sup> Class Petty Officer.

Chief Arendes returned to sea aboard USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72) in May 2008 after earning his 8143 NEC. During his tour he served as Media Department Leading Petty Officer completing two deployments in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and New Dawn. He earned his Enlisted Air Warfare Specialist device in 2010 and in 2011 was selected as Abraham Lincoln Senior Sailor of the Quarter (2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter), Carrier Strike Group 9 Senior Sailor of the Quarter (2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter) and Abraham Lincoln Senior Sailor of the Year.

He reported to his second shore tour in March 2012 after earning his 8147 NEC and was selected for Chief Petty Officer that year.

Chief Arendes' personal awards include two Navy Commendation Medals, three Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals and various unit awards. He wears the Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist and Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist insignias.

Chief Arendes is married to Jamie L. Arendes and has two children, Elaine and Miles Arendes.