

Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Phil Beaufort
U.S. Fleet Forces
Public Affairs LPO

MC1(SW/AW) Phil Beaufort grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area.

After boot camp and Journalism A-School he reported to USS Kitty Hawk (CV 64) in San Diego in 1995. During his tour he completed two GULFPAC's and a homeport change to Yokosuka, Japan. In 1999 he reported to Naval Media Center Det. Diego Garcia as LPO of the News Dept.

In 2000 he reported to AFN Sigonella, on the Italian island of Sicily. He promoted to 1st Class and took over as Operations LPO. Prior to detaching from Sigonella he was hand-picked to go TAD aboard USS Portland (LSD 34) on UNITAS-02, a four-month amphibious assault exercise circumnavigating the South American continent.

He then reported to Naval Media Center Fleet Support Det. Bahrain in Jan. 2003, just months prior to the invasion of Iraq. During that tour he covered real-world events from Djibouti to Baghdad.

After being order to return to the United States, MC1 reported to NAB Little Creek, Va. and stood up both Maritime Force Protection Command (MARFPCOM) which in less than a year, morphed in Navy Expeditionary Combat Command (NECC). Prior to departing NECC he deployed IA to AFN Baghdad where he embedded with operational units throughout the AOR.

Upon returning from Iraq he transferred to USS Kearsarge (LHD 3), whereupon he returned to the Gulf for the fifth time and participated in Operation Odyssey Dawn in Libya.

Currently MC1 Beaufort is assigned to U.S. Fleet Forces.

His awards include Joint, Navy and Army Commendation Medals and seven Navy Achievement Medals.