

Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Jay M. Chu
USPACOM Flag Photographer

Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Jay M. Chu was born in Taiwan and relocated to the U.S. and became a citizen of the United States in 2000. She attends Marshall University where she received a Bachelor of Fine Art degree in Graphic Design. In 2003 she enlisted the Navy and completed Recruit Training in Great Lake, Ill., she headed to her first duty station USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN 69) homeported in Norfolk, Va.

Upon reporting to IKE, she struck and was chosen by a selection board to become an Illustrator Draftsman (DM). Her duties entailed using various computer platforms and graphic programs to create graphic design and layout for the command. She advanced to the pay grade of Petty Officer 3rd Class in 2004, and supervised the drafting production, quality control and trained five non DM rated personnel.

In 2005, she advanced to Petty Officer 2nd Class and was assigned as Media Department Supply Petty Officer. She managed the purchase in consumable items and repair parts before—and during—the ship's deployment to assist the command operations. During deployment, Petty Officer Chu was the project manager for the 2006-2007 IKE cruise book, coordinating and directing the imagery, illustration, layout, design, and editing. Upon returning from deployment, her time serving aboard IKE came to the end in September 2007.

MC1 Chu reenlisted and transferred to the U.S. Navy Chief of Information. She was assigned to take on the Maritime Strategy, Great White Fleet, Medal of Honor, and Navy PA/VI Training Symposium graphic support. The products she produced included large format posters, hallway display, DVD disc and case design, brochures, graphic charts, and photo albums. She also assisted editing the selected imagery for upload to navy.mil and managed photo assignments and provided support to Flag level and DV visit photo requests.

In 2011, she checked aboard the USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) homeport at Yokosuka, Japan. From Print Work Center Supervisor to LPO, she led 15 personnel to document command level evolutions, awards and ceremony events, port visits and COMSERVs with photos, press release and visual products.

MC1 Chu is currently stationed at U.S. Pacific Command as Admiral Locklear's photographer.