

# **Chief Mass Communication Specialist (Surface Warfare/Aviation Warfare) AnTuan D. Guerry**

Chief Petty Officer AnTuan D. Guerry, a native of Cleveland, enlisted in the United States Navy on May 25, 1992 and attended recruit training at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Ill. He attended a two-week Airman Apprenticeship Training Detachment at Great Lakes immediately following graduation from recruit training. In September 1992, he reported to his first duty station USS John F. Kennedy (CV 67).

After less than one month onboard “Big John,” he departed on his first six-month Mediterranean deployment. Upon the ship’s return to homeport in April 1993, he was selected to attend Journalist “A-School” at the Defense Information School (DINFOS) at Fort Benjamin Harrison at Indianapolis, Ind. In September, he returned to Big John, now homeported at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard for a two-year, \$491 Complex Overhaul. Upon completion of the overhaul, the shipyard closed and the ship switched homeports to Mayport, Fla. He subsequently received orders to the Naval Security Station in Washington D.C., where he served as an independent duty journalist.

His next duty station was with the public affairs office at Naval Security Station (NSS). During this time, the first of two Defense Department base-alignment and closure (BRAC) orders sent him to dual duty at NSS and the Washington Navy Yard (WNY), where he served two years as leading petty officer and editor of the *Waterline* newspaper. He led a staff responsible for coordinating all Navy media coverage and participation at the national Air Show at Andrews Air Force Base which was seen by more than 800,000 people. Simultaneously, his staff was responsible for preparation and coordination of the Navy Yard’s bicentennial celebration in 1999. Because of this work, he was selected as Washington Navy Yard’s Jr. Sailor of the Year and earned a spot Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

In 2000, Chief Guerry accepted orders to the Navy’s first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Enterprise (CVN 65). Aboard Wasp, he served as leading petty officer and completed another deployment to the 5th and 6th Fleet areas of operation. The “Big E” departed its Norfolk, Va., homeport for deployment in April 2001. As the deployment was winding down, on Sept. 11, 2001, the ship was preparing to head north to transit the Suez Canal when the terrorist attacks of 9/11 occurred. Without hesitation, the commanding officer, then Capt. James Winnefeld, immediately turned the ship around to take Big E and her crew to “the fight” becoming one of the first patriots to respond to the attacks on the United States of America.

Chief Guerry returned to the Washington D.C. area in 2003, this time as leading petty officer of the public affairs office for the “president’s hospital” at National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. Here, he served as assistant editor and editor of, *The*

*Journal*. Under his guidance, *The Journal* was awarded one third place finish and an honorable mention in the Navy Chief of Information media awards program in the commercial enterprise news publication category. His staff also earned Newcomer of the Year, and placed in several other categories. Personally, he earned second place in the news story category and honorable mention in sports story. As part of USNS Comfort's Full Operating Status of military personnel, he participated in the 2004 relief efforts during Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans.

In 2007, Chief Guerry reported to USS Wasp (LHD 1), in Norfolk, as the ship's leading petty officer. After being selected to chief petty officer in 2008, he subsequently became the ship's public affairs officer. Under his leadership, the ship provided media coverage for many high-profile events in which it participated including Wasp's participation in humanitarian assistance and disaster relief efforts in Nicaragua during Hurricane Felix, and Wasp's delivery of the first Marine Osprey (MV-22) detachment to their first operational assignment in Afghanistan. During his time aboard, Wasp also was selected as the test platform for the Navy's Joint Strike Fighter (F-35) and participated in counter illicit drug trafficking in 4th Fleet during Southern Partnership Station 2009. The ship served as forward operating base in a joint environment for multiple national and international agencies. Chief Guerry earned both his Enlisted Surface Warfare and Enlisted Aviation Warfare pins aboard Wasp.

In 2010, Chief Guerry received orders to Naval Media Center in Washington, D.C. There he served as leading chief petty officer, assistant editor and editor for the Navy's Flagship and multiple award-winning publication, All Hands magazine. The command, subsequently, was decommissioned in 2011 due to Base Realignment and Closure and transitioned under the Defense Department's newly established Defense Media Activity at Fort George G. Meade, Md. Chief Guerry currently serves as the Navy Production Directorate's broadcasting leading chief petty officer. As a plankowner for the new command, he was instrumental in developing Sailors and providing counsel on a myriad of Navy Flagship products delivered globally to the fleet and their families via broadcast and the web.

Chief Guerry has earned two Navy Enlisted Codes (specialties) as a digital multimedia specialist and an intermediate photojournalist. He has also attended the Joint Senior enlisted Course for public affairs at DINFOS.

Chief Guerry's awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (1 gold star), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3 gold stars), Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, 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 (4 bronze stars), and the Pistol Marksmanship Ribbon.