

## **Sara Taylor Biography**

Sara Taylor, a native of Nelson County, Va., enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on Nov. 26, 2001 and attended recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. She then attended the Basic Journalist Course at the Defense Information School at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland in 2002, and returned in 2005 to attend Editors Course.

Her first duty station as a combat correspondent was Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., where she served as a photojournalist for the *Quantico Sentry* newspaper. She subsequently received orders to Marine Corps Base Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, where she served as a combat correspondent, press chief and editor of the *Hawaii Marine Newspaper*.

In 2008, while assigned to Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Taylor was deployed to Kuwait in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. There she traveled to multiple countries in the Army Central Command's area of operations to cover high-profile events with foreign dignitaries to be used in the 50<sup>th</sup> Public Affairs Detachment's publication *The Desert Voice*.

On Dec. 7, 2009, Taylor was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a minor in Art in May 2012, and will earn her Master of Science degree in Public Relations in August 2014.

In 2012, Taylor became a writer/editor for Joint Hometown News Service, a component under the Defense Media Activity and Department of Defense.

Taylor's awards include the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal (1 gold star), Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal (second award), National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal.