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Lt. Jesus A. Uranga Jr, a native of Pico Rivera, Calif., graduated from Biola University in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science in Art, with an emphasis in graphic design.

Uranga began his naval career when he enlisted in 2004. Upon completion of recruit training he attended Basic Public Affairs Writer and Basic Public Affairs Broadcasting course at the Defense Information School at Fort George G. Meade, Md., where he was designated a Navy journalist.

His first assignment was as an independent journalist at Naval Security Group Activity (NSGA), Norfolk. After the disestablishment of NSGA Norfolk, Uranga was reassigned to the Public Affairs Office, Naval Network Warfare Command, at Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, Va.

In 2007 Uranga reported to the submarine tender USS Emory S. Land (AS 39), in La Maddalena, Italy. Serving as the leading petty officer of the media department, he earned his enlisted surface warfare qualification and deployed on a five-month individual augmentee assignment with the Joint Task Force Guantanamo, working media relations during the 2008 military commissions. While at Guantanamo, Uranga completed his Master of Arts degree in International Relations from Troy University.

Upon his return from Guantanamo, Uranga was selected to Officer Candidate School in Newport, R.I. Uranga was commissioned in 2009 as a public affairs officer and returned to the Defense Information School to attend the Basic Public Affairs Qualification Course.

In October 2009, Uranga reported to the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) to serve as the deputy public affairs officer and the Media Department division officer. During this tour he completed a seven-month deployment to the 5th and 7th fleet areas of operation, experienced a Board of Inspection and Survey, and assisted in the coordination and hosting of several distinguished visitors groups.

He reported to his current assignment as an action officer with Navy Public Affairs Support Element West in November of 2012.

