

**MCC(SW/EXW/AW) JEREMY WOOD
N00P/PUBLIC AFFAIRS**



Chief Mass Communication Specialist Jeremy Wood enlisted in the Navy in 1994 at 18. Upon completion of basic training at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, Fla., he attended Aviation Electronics Technician 'A' school at NAS Millington, Tenn. He followed on to AT Calibration "C" school in NAS North Island, Calif.

He served as an aviation electronics technician aboard Wasp-class multi-purpose amphibious assault ship USS Essex (LHD 2) from 1995 to 1998 completing his first RIMPAC and Western Pacific-Indian Ocean Persian Gulf deployment. During this deployment, he earned his Golden Shellback certificate and led work centers 610/640/690.

Parting active-duty in 1998, and after a short term as a wildlife park ranger in Idyllwild Pines Camp, Calif., he affiliated with the Navy Reserve, converting from AT to Journalist through the Reserve Selected Conversion for Reenlistment (RESCORE) program. He reported to Naval Reserve Center Dubuque, Iowa, as part of Naval Reserve Fleet Hospital detachment. His expeditionary experiences began with establishing camps throughout the Midwest region, cold weather training at the Army's Fort McCoy, Wis. While assigned, he worked as staff of Naval Air Station Jacksonville Hospital, Fla.

In 2000, he reported to Naval Information Bureau 813, Naval Reserve Center Selfridge, Mich., where he served as served as journalist. Upon a highly successful two-year tour, traveling several times to Unites States Pacific Command in Honolulu and helping create the Michigan center's computer LAN.

In 2002, he was recalled back to active duty, reporting to Navy Support Facility, Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territory. While attached to Diego Garcia, he served as lead Public Affairs Officer and managing editor of *Tropical Times*.

In 2003, he reported to Fleet Command Combat - Atlantic, in Norfolk, Va. As assigned to FCCA, he deployed in support of *Operation Iraqi Freedom* combat twice, as part of the Multi-National Corps - Iraq, including the Battle of Fallujah with Marine Corps I MEF in 2003 and Army 101st Airborne and 10th Mountain Divisions in 2004 to 2005. During his tour, he finished training at Defense Information School, Fort Meade, Md., for Intermediate Photojournalism Course, SERE school in Maine, and Desert Survivability course in El Centro, Calif.

In 2006, he reported to Japan to board USS Essex (LHD 2), again. He was selected for chief petty officer and served as the Operation Media Division Production Chief Petty Officer. While stationed aboard Essex, he qualified as an enlisted surface warfare specialist and lead Officer of the Deck (In-port) trainer. During his assignment, he served in Korea for *Foal Eagle* and Australia's *Talisman Saber*.

In December 2007, he reported to Naval Special Warfare Group one as the command's first Media Leading Chief Petty Officer. While assigned to NSWG-1, he helped create the Combat Visual Media Cell, an organic asset to Naval Special Warfare to provide documentation and public affairs support. Chief Wood trained at the Defense Information School, Fort Meade, Md., to receive his qualification as Enlisted Public Affairs Officer. Selected to use his skills downrange, he deployed with SEAL Team Three to a combat-tour in southeast Afghanistan. He also served as sole public affairs trainer to Afghanistan governors and staffs and helped develop a media training cell with NATO leaders.

In December 2010, he reported aboard amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu (LHA-5) as the Media Division Leading Chief Petty Officer. While aboard, he deployed on an extended deployment to the Indian Ocean, Red Sea and Arabian Gulf in support of *Crocodilo 2012*, *Eager Mace 13-1* and *Operations New Dawn* and *Enduring Freedom*. This deployment also included the ship stop to Oman and pier side in Hong Kong.

He currently serves as Navy Region Southwest Public Affairs Leading Chief Petty Officer and environmental military public affairs assistant.

He has been awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Navy/Marine Achievement Medal (3 awards), Army Achievement Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Navy Battle "E" (7 awards) and various unit and campaign awards.