



Chief Mass Communication Specialist Christopher Fowler was born in Norfolk, Va. As the son of a naval officer, he was raised in Virginia, California, Pennsylvania and New Jersey where he graduated West Deptford High School in 1989.

Fowler attended Navy Journalist Apprentice School at the Defense Information School (DINFOS) on Fort Meade, Md. in 2000, and his first duty assignment was on the staff of Commander, U.S. Naval Air Forces in San Diego, Calif. He later served as a ship's journalist aboard USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) and a reporter for the Pacific Edition of Stars and Stripes stationed in Tokyo, Japan.

In September 2009, while on instructor duty at DINFOS, he was advanced to Chief Petty Officer and transferred to Navy Public Affairs Support Element West in 2011. Shortly thereafter he deployed as the Public Affairs Leading Chief Petty Officer for Pacific Partnership 2012 aboard USNS Mercy (TA-H 19) and again for PP13 aboard USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52).

Fowler's academic achievements include a Certificate in Strategic Communication from the University of Oklahoma, a Bachelor of Science in Sociology and Journalism from Excelsior College and he is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Communication and Leadership at Gonzaga University's School of Professional Studies where he is a member of the national communication arts honor society Lambda Pi Eta – Iota Rho.

Fowler's personal awards include a Defense Meritorious Service Medal, a Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (four awards), the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, the Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist Insignia (three platforms) and the Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist Insignia.