

MCC (SW/AW) Barry R. Hirayama

Chief Mass Communication Specialist Barry R. Hirayama was born and raised in Tulare, Calif. He graduated from Tulare Western High School in June 2001. Following two years of junior college, Hirayama joined the Navy and attended basic training in Great Lakes, Ill in late 2003.

He attended Basic Public Affairs Writer's and Broadcaster's Courses on Fort George G. Meade, Md., and his first duty station was at Naval Media Center Fleet Support Detachment Yokosuka, Japan.

In 2010, Hirayama was assigned to joint POW/MIA Accounting Command on the Island of Oahu as a forensic photographer in search of missing Americans from our nation's past conflicts. He supported recovery and investigative operations in Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Federal Republic of Germany, Kingdom of Cambodia, and Republic of Vanuatu.

Hirayama is currently stationed at Fleet Combat Camera Pacific in San Diego, Calif.

His academic achievements include a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from Thomas Edison State College. His personal awards include a Joint Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards), Enlisted Surface and Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist Insignia.

Hirayama has been married to his wife, Noriko Hirayama, for six years.

