



Petty Officer 2nd Class Nicholas Brown was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and raised in Waco, Texas. He graduated from Waco High School in 2001 and attended McLennan Community College for Commercial Music Audio Technology.

Brown enlisted in the Navy in May 2010, and attended basic training in Great Lakes, Il. Following graduation, Brown reported to Fort George G. Meade, Md. for the Basic Mass Communication Specialist Course and the Basic Combat Correspondent Course at the Defense Information School (DINFOS) where he graduated as the class Honor Grad and Distinguished Honor Grad (respectively.)

After completing his courses at DINFOS, Brown received orders to attend the Military Motion Media Program at Syracuse University where he honed his skills as a communicator and story teller. Brown excelled academically at Syracuse, making the Dean's List both semesters and finished the course second in his class.

Upon completing his studies at Syracuse University, Brown received orders and reported to Navy Public Affairs Support Element (NPASE) West in San Diego, June 2012. Soon after checking aboard NPASE West, Brown received temporary assigned duty orders to the amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu (LHA 5) and deployed with the ship during her 2012-2013 eight-month deployment to the U.S. Fifth and Seventh Fleet areas of operation. While underway on the ship, Brown earned his Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist qualification, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Good Conduct Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and finished the deployment as the SEAOPDET LPO. After returning with the ship to San Diego, Brown reintegrated himself into the NPASE West team where he was quickly promoted to Operations Work Center Supervisor, and shortly thereafter, Operations Leading Petty Officer.

Petty Officer Brown plans to continue his college studies in Mass Communications with a focus in Broadcast Journalism through San Diego State University and matriculate through Syracuse University while continuing his hard work and dedication with the NPASE West team.