

**Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Luis R. Chavez Jr
Navy Public Affairs Support Element-East Detachment Europe**

Petty Officer Luis R. Chavez is a native of Dallas, TX, and enlisted in the Navy in May 2012.

He graduated from Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Ill., in June 2012 and reported directly to Rescue Swimmer School on Naval Air Station (NAS) Pensacola. After suffering an injury he was reclassified and sent to the Defense Information School (DINFOS) on Fort George G. Meade, Md., to attend the Basic Mass Communication Specialist Course.

Following graduation from MC "A" School, he reported to Navy Public Affairs Support Element-East Detachment Europe in Naples, Italy. While at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples, he worked as a photojournalist for the base's newspaper, *The Panorama*. He was advanced to Petty Officer Third Class in November 2013.

He has served temporary duty aboard the amphibious command ship USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20) for the Liberation of France ceremony in Theoule-Sur-Mer, France and was deployed to Victoria, Seychelles to support Exercise Cutlass Express 2013 during his tour at NPASE.

His awards include the National Defense Service Medal, and Navy/Marine Corps Overseas Service Ribbon.