

Chief Mass Communication Specialist (SW/AW)

LaTonya C. Ellis

Chief LaTonya Ellis was born in Chicago, IL on October 18, 1979. She entered Naval Service on September 16, 1997, attending Recruit Training in Great Lakes, Illinois. She next completed Seaman Apprenticeship School, also in Great Lakes.

Chief Ellis's first sea tour was onboard USS Emory S. Land (AS 39) stationed in Norfolk, Virginia as a deck seaman. In 1998 she took the ship to La Maddalena, Italy for a homeport change, later cross-rating to Illustrator Draftsman and finishing up her four-year sea tour in 2001. Chief Ellis reported to Commander, Navy Recruiting Command in Millington, Tennessee where she served from 2001 to 2005. Chief Ellis reported to USS Kitty Hawk (CV 63) where she served from 2005 to 2008. Her next tour was Commander, Naval Forces Japan from 2009 to 2012.

Chief Ellis reported to her current command aboard USS George Washington (CVN 73) where she is leading chief petty officer of the ship's Training Department.

Chief Ellis's personal awards include, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (2 awards) and other campaign and unit awards. She has been designated an Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist, Enlisted Air Warfare Specialist and Afloat Master Training Specialist. She is a certified webmaster and holds the NEC 8151.

Chief Ellis is married to ITCM (IDW/SW/AW) Romere Ellis and they have a son, Romere Jr.