



Chief Mass Communications Specialist Brandon L. Raile
Commander, Naval Air Forces

Chief Petty Officer Raile began his military service when he entered the United States Marine Corps on September 2, 1993. He completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Paris Island, South Carolina and, upon graduation, attended Marine Combat Training in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and the Small Arms Technician course at the U.S. Army Ordinance School at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Maryland in January 1994.

In April 1994, Raile reported to Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 24th Marines, where he served as the Company Armorer. While there, he attended and graduated Jungle Warfare School at Fort Sherman, Panama and Primary Marksmanship Instructor school at Marine Corps Base Quantico.

From 1997-1998, he attended the University of Virginia's College at Wise where he created the first ever web sites for the Business department and the Student Government Association. He also tested and developed protocols for the use of the first commonly available digital cameras.

Raile entered the United States Navy in December 1999 and upon completion of the Basic Journalist and Basic Broadcasting courses at the Defense Information School, he was assigned to the USS RUSHMORE (LSD 47), home-ported in San Diego. While aboard RUSHMORE, he completed two deployments, including one in 2003 supporting the opening days of Operation Iraqi Freedom. During this assignment he was promoted to Petty Officer 2nd Class and was recognized as the single most award winning Navy Journalist during the 2003 CHINFO Awards competition.

In January 2004, he transferred to the newly created Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) where he served as the Leading Petty Officer (LPO) of the Public Affairs office and the Assistant LPO of the Navy Element. During this tour he directed the command's national community relations efforts and produced all visual media products representing the command. While at JPAC he was promoted to Petty Officer 1st Class and was recognized as Sailor of the Quarter.

Chief Raile arrived at Fleet Combat Camera Group Pacific in February 2007 after completing Survive, Evade, Resist, Escape (SERE) training. During his tour, he deployed to CJTF-HOA, CJSOTF-AP, and Task Force 56.1, as well as supported RIMPAC 2008 and 2010, Talisman Sabre 2008, RSO&I 2008 and numerous local exercises and events. Notable accomplishments at this command included transitioning the command's video acquisition and production work-flow from standard to high-definition and building a modern digital asset management and archive system.

Chief Raile is currently stationed at Commander, Naval Air Forces where he serves as the Leading Chief Petty Officer for Public Affairs.

Chief Petty Officer Raile's personal awards include the Joint Service Commendation Medal (2), Joint Service Achievement Medal (2), and the Naval Achievement Medal (4), Iraq Campaign Medal (2 stars), Good Conduct Award (4) and National Defense Service Medal (2).