

**MASS COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST 1st CLASS  
(SURFACE WARFARE/AIR WARFARE/MASTER TRAINING SPECIALIST)  
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UNITED STATES NAVY**

A native of North Pole, Alaska, Petty Officer Stilipec entered the U.S. Navy in May 1995 and graduated from DINFOS in March 1996. Petty Officer Stilipec reported to the Defense Media Activity on April 1, 2011. He recently returned from a six-month deployment to Afghanistan in support of AFN operations.

Petty Officer Stilipec's previous duty assignments include: USS NASSAU (LHA-4), including humanitarian aid after the earthquake in Haiti and overseeing the ship's decommissioning; AFN Misawa, Japan; Recruit Division Commander duty at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill., training eight recruit divisions; AFN Keflavik, Iceland; USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70), participating in RIMPAC '98 and Operations DESERT FOX and SOUTHERN WATCH; and Naval Media Center Broadcast Detachment Rota, Spain.

Petty Officer Stilipec is pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from Thomas Edison State College. He is authorized to wear the Enlisted Surface Warfare Insignia, the Enlisted Air Warfare Insignia, the Joint Service Achievement Medal, the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3), the Navy Good Conduct Medal (6), the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the NATO ISAF Medal, and various service awards.

Petty Officer Stilipec is married to Michelle Stilipec.