

MCC(SW/AW) Michael Wagoner

**Leading Chief Petty Officer
USS Peleliu (LHA 5)**



MCC Wagoner hails from Compton, Calif. He joined the Navy in 1997. Upon graduation from boot camp he went on to Airman Apprenticeship Training in Great Lakes, Ill. He was then assigned to Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron (HS-15) located in Jacksonville, Fla. After his tour there, he transferred to the USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) in Yokosuka, Japan, upon his selection to Illustrator-Draftsman (DM). He then went on to shore duty at Fleet Aviation Specialized Operational Training Group (FASOTRAGRU) detachment far-east in Atsugi, Japan.

After completion of shore duty, he then served two years on board the USS Emory S. Land (AS 39) in La Maddalena, Italy, where he then became a Mass Communication Specialist (MC). From there, he returned to the states to be stationed on board the USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) in Bremerton, Wash. While attached to the Stennis, he completed a six-month Individual Augmentee (IA) tour as a member of International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Multipurpose Public Affairs Team (MMPAT) in Kabul, Afghanistan. After his Stennis tour, he attended Digital Multimedia Course (DMC) "C" school at Defense Information School (DINFOS) in Fort Meade, Md., where he was then assigned to Navy Public Affairs Support Element West Detachment Northwest (NPASE West Det NW) located in Silverdale, Wash.

Upon completion of his NPASE West Det NW tour, he then returned to "C" school to complete the Intermediate Photojournalist Course (IPC). From there, he served for six months on board USS Makin Island (LHD 8) in San Diego, Calif., where he was then selected to the rank of Chief Petty Officer. He is currently assigned to Pre-commissioning Unit (PCU) America (LHA 6), and is serving as temporary assigned duty on board USS Peleliu (LHA 5) awaiting permanent duty orders.

His awards include the Joint Service Commendation Medal, the Navy Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3 awards) and numerous awards and citations. He lives with his wife, Yasuko, and their son, Kai.