

Senior Chief Mass Communications Terrina Weatherspoon joined the Navy as an undesignated seaman in August of 1994 just weeks after graduating from high school. She was part of Integrated Company I-151, which was one of the last companies to attend boot camp in Orlando, Florida.

In 1997 Weatherspoon was given a golden opportunity to attend the Defense Information School in Fort Meade, Md., and become a Navy Journalist.

Upon graduation Weatherspoon was transferred to Diego Garcia where she worked as a radio DJ, a sports broadcaster and an anchor for the nightly news program. There Weatherspoon advanced to petty officer third class and took orders to the Emory S. Land home ported in Lamaddalena, Italy.

On the Land Weatherspoon ran the media department and was editor of the ship newsletter "LandMark." She earned her Surface Warfare pin and was advanced to petty officer second class before being transferred to the Naval Medical Center in San Diego California.

Weatherspoon served as the Deputy Public Affairs Officer for the hospital and was also part of the augmented staff for the USNS Mercy, one of only two hospital ships in the Navy. Weatherspoon advanced to petty officer first class and was transferred to the Defense Information School in 2004.

Weatherspoon served as an instructor of the Basic Public Affairs Specialist course and assisted in the development of what is now known as the Basic Mass Communication Specialist course. Weatherspoon earned her Master Instructor qualification and was advanced to chief petty officer. She was the first enlisted person to be granted the opportunity to attend the Public Affairs Officer Qualification Course. After successful completion of that course she transferred to the USS Nassau in Norfolk, Va., to be the public affairs officer.

After 13 years of active duty, Weatherspoon was honorably discharged from active duty in January of 2008 and enlisted in the Naval Reserves in March of 2009. She works as the leading chief petty officer for the Navy Visual News Service Reserve unit in the Pentagon and writes a monthly column for The Navy Reserve Magazine.

In 2010 she deployed to Kandahar, Afghanistan where she was the public affairs officer for Task Force Keystone, one of the largest engineering efforts in Afghanistan. There she earned her Seabee Combat Warfare pin.

In 2012 she served four months as the MCPONs public affairs chief.

As a civilian, Weatherspoon is the Editor for All Hands Online, the Navy's online magazine for Sailors, by Sailors.

Weatherspoon has a Joint Commendation Medal, two Navy Commendation Medals, a Joint Achievement Medal, three Navy Achievement Medals, and an Air Force Achievement Medal.

She lives in Crofton, Md., with her daughter Devin.

