

## **Brandie L. Wills**

**MC1(SW/AW), U.S. Navy**

**Broadcast Productions Leading Petty Officer, DMA**

Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class Brandie Wills, a native of Painesville, Oh., is a single mother to one daughter, Sophia, who is three years old. She attended boot camp at Great Lakes, Ill., in December 2013. After graduating from boot camp in February 2004, she proceeded to Fort George G. Meade, Md., for Journalist "A" School.

Following a 9-month stay at DINFOS, JOSN Wills reported to American Forces Network in Yokosuka, Japan for two years and was advanced to 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Petty Officer.

Upon completion of her tour, Wills was assigned to USS Ronald Reagan in 2007, where she served as the Graphics Media Department LPO and the Managing Editor of the ship's newspaper, The Great Communicator. While there, Petty Officer Wills attended Command Career Counselor School and earned the 9508 NEC, and her Enlisted Surface and Air Warfare Pins. She was also selected as the USS Ronald Reagan Petty Officer of the Quarter.

Petty Officer Wills was selected for Recruit Division Commander upon completion of her tour aboard Reagan, but relinquished the orders when she learned she was pregnant. Instead, she reported to Navy Public Affairs Support Element West in July 2010, where she worked as the Training Petty Officer and Command Career Counselor. Her work rebuilding the CCC program and creating a training program that became the standard for NPASEs globally, earned her NPASE West's Sailor of the Year, NPASE Sailor of the Year and CHINFO Junior Sailor of the Year (Shore).

Petty Officer Wills is now serving at the Defense Media Activity as the Broadcast Productions Leading Petty Officer. She was promoted to 1<sup>st</sup> Class Petty Officer and manages 12 Sailors in the daily production of All Hands Update and All Hands Radio News, as well as the gathering of broadcast-quality video content for use on Navy.mil, Direct to Sailor and the Pentagon Channel.

Petty Officer Wills is put herself through makeup school , and is now a certified makeup artist, which is a talent she uses to improve the appearance of her broadcasters.

She is currently working on her BA in Communication Studies through the University of Maryland University College. Her personnel awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (4) and the Good Conduct Medal (3).