

PH1(AW /SW) KEVIN H. TIERNEY

PH1(AW/SW) Kevin H. Tierney was born in Portland, Maine in July 1967. He grew up in Saco, Maine and graduated from Thornton Academy in 1986. He entered the Navy's Delayed Entry Program in 1985 and reported for basic training at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Ill. in August 1986.

Upon graduation in October 1986, he was assigned as an undesignated Seaman to the Battleship USS New Jersey (BB 62), home ported in Long Beach, Calif. where he struck into the Photographer's Mate rating. His 4-year tour aboard New Jersey included two Western Pacific (WESTPAC) deployments during which time he earned his Surface Warfare designator.

In July 1990, he transferred to Fleet Imaging Command Pacific Philippines, Naval Air Station Cubi Point, earning his Aviation Warfare Specialist designator.

In September 1992 he transferred to Fleet Imaging Facility Pacific, Naval Air Station Alameda. In February 1994, he transferred to Fleet Imaging Command Pacific Guam, Naval Air Station Agana. During this tour he was awarded Shore Sailor of the Year 1994 and received his Associates in Arts degree from the University of Maryland. He also received the Ancient Order of the Chamorri, the highest civilian award given by the commonwealth of the Marianas Islands for outstanding volunteer service to the people of Guam.

In February 1997 he transferred to Enlisted Navy Recruiting Orientation School, Pensacola, Fla., earning the field recruiter NEC 9585. Upon graduation, he reported to Navy Recruiting District Albuquerque, which decommissioned and changed to NRD Phoenix where he worked as a field recruiter in Tucson, Ariz. During this tour he completed the United States Military Apprenticeship Program in counseling and received the Captain Donaho Newsletter Award, First Place, for best NRD publication in the nation. After a successful tour of recruiting duty he transferred to Defense Information School, Fort Meade, Md., earning the photojournalist NEC 8147.

After graduating from DINFOS, he transferred to Combat Camera Group Pacific where he worked as the photojournalism dept. supervisor, deploying in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, and numerous other deployments. While at Combat Camera he completed the United States Military Apprenticeship Program in still photography and also won Military Photographer of the Year (MILPHOG) Director's Award 2001 for Operation Enduring Freedom. In November 2002 he reported to Fleet Imaging Command Pacific Det. San Diego as Leading Petty Officer.

Petty Officer Tierney's awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (5 awards), Army Achievement Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal (5 awards), and numerous other unit and campaign awards. He and his wife Anjali reside in Phoenix, Ariz., he has one daughter, Kendra.