

PHC(AW/SW) Kevin H. Tierney I

Biography



PHC(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, where he was assigned as a photographer. During this time, he earned his Aviation Warfare Specialist designator.

In September 1992, he transferred to Fleet Imaging Facility Pacific, Naval Air Station Alameda, where he was assigned as a photographer. In February 1994, he transferred to Fleet Imaging Command Pacific Guam, Naval Air Station Agana. During his tour he was awarded Shore Sailor of the Year 1994 and earned his associates degree from University of Maryland. He also received the Ancient Order of the Chamorro award from Gov. Madeline Bordallo, 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 was 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 was awarded 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 as class leader, he transferred to Combat Camera Group Pacific where he worked as the photojournalist dept. supervisor, deploying in support of numerous exercises and operations, including Enduring and Iraqi Freedom, Southeast Asia and the Middle East. While at Combat Camera, he completed the United States Military Apprenticeship Program in still photography and 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.

In 2005, Petty Officer Tierney was selected as Chief Petty Officer, one of the last three photo mates to do so before the rating merger to Mass Communication Specialist. He then returned to Combat Camera Pacific, San Diego. In December 2006, Chief Tierney graduated Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree from National University in general studies, with an emphasis in history and literature. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in management.

In July 2007, he reported to Fort Jackson, South Carolina, for Navy Individual Augmentee Combat Training. Upon graduation, he reported to United States Central Command, Tampa, Florida, working in J/5 Strategic Effects Division as Senior Non-Commissioned Officer.

Chief Tierney's awards include the Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2 awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (6 awards), Army Achievement Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal (6 awards), National Defense Service Medal (2 awards), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and numerous other unit and campaign awards. He and his wife Anjali reside in Phoenix, Ariz., they have two children, Kendra and Kevin II.