

SPECIAL GUESTS

METOC SAILORS OF THE YEAR

*These excellent sailors will attend our NWSA
Reunion #38 in Colorado Springs CO*

AG1 SCOTT DOUGLAS BELT

Aerographer's Mate First Class **Scott Douglas Belt** was born May 29, 1976 in Okinawa, Japan. He enlisted in the Navy on May 13, 1996 and attended Basic Recruit Training in Great Lakes, IL with follow-on orders to AG-A1 School located on Keesler AFB, MS.

Upon graduation from AG-A1 school in November 1996, his first duty assignment was to the Naval Training Meteorology Facility (NTMOF) Pensacola, Florida. During his tour from November 1996 to July 2000, he advanced from AGAR to AG2, qualified as a weather observer and recorded over 4,000 surface weather observations.

During his second tour of duty, from July 2000 to June 2003, he served as an assistant forecaster at the Mobile Environmental Team (MET) Rota, Spain where he advanced to AG1 and earned his Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS) onboard the USS Porter (DDG-78). He also deployed onboard the USS Arleigh Burke (DDG-51), supported 5 NASA STS Missions and supported NSWU-2 during SILENT WARRIOR in Antalya, Turkey.

After completing his MET Rota sea duty tour he reported to AG-C1 School located at Keesler AFB, MS in June of 2003. AG1 Belt graduated in February 2004, and then reported to the Naval European Meteorology and Oceanography Facility (NEMOF) Naples, Italy. While stationed at NEMOF, from February 2004 to April 2006, he qualified as a Theater Area Forecaster and Command Duty Officer while also performing the duties of Command Fitness Leader and Command Financial Specialist.

AG1 Belt accepted orders to stand up the new Naval Aviation Forecast Detachment (NAFD) in Sembach, Germany in May of 2006. While stationed there became the first Naval Forecaster to qualify as a Production Supervisor at the 21st Operational Weather Squadron and was the 2008 Naval Oceanography Operations Command Shore Sailor of the Year.

In May of 2009, he transferred to the Naval Oceanography Anti-Submarine Warfare Center, Stennis Space Center, MS. He immediately assumed the role of Leading Petty Officer of 20 Sailors and has deployed with 3 Strike Groups and has supported numerous DESRON and Theater Anti-Submarine Warfare Exercises.

Petty Officer Belt's personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (6 awards), Navy Good Conduct Medal (5 awards), and multiple service and campaign awards.

He is married to **Simona Strianese** of Naples, Italy and they currently reside in Diamondhead, Mississippi.

AG1 RICHARD ALBERT LEHMKUHL JR.

Aerographer's Mate First Class **Richard Albert Lehmkuhl Jr.** was born 26 Sep 1974 in Panama Canal Zone, Panama to a US soldier and his young bride. After many PCS moves due to his father's career in the US Army, he graduated from Lawton High School in Lawton, Oklahoma in May of 1992. On 29 May 1996, SR Lehmkuhl reported to Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, Illinois, for active duty in the United States Navy. In 2006 he earned a Bachelors of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies from Norfolk State University

After basic training he reported to Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS, in August of 1996 where he attended Aerographers Mate AG-A1 school. Upon graduation, he reported for duty to USS Enterprise (CVN-65) where he served as a Surface Weather Technician, Observation Quality Control Petty Officer, and Damage Control Petty Officer. While onboard he deployed to C6F and C5F AORs, advanced to Aerographers Mate Second Class in 1998, and earned designation as Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist (EAWS).

In July 2000, Petty Officer Lehmkuhl transferred to Commander Second Fleet in Norfolk, VA. While onboard C2F, Petty Officer Lehmkuhl participated in numerous multinational and joint exercises including JTFEX, SOCEX and BALTOPS. Additionally he was recognized as operations Sailor of the Quarter,

earned the Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS) qualification onboard USS Mount Whitney (LCC-20), and advanced to Aerographers Mate First Class in 2002.

In August 2003, he reported to Kessler Air Force Base for Aerographers Mate AG-C1 school. Upon graduation, he reported to NAVLANTMETOC Detachment, Keflavik for his first tour as a Forecast Duty Officer and Command Duty Officer. In 2005 he reported for sea duty once again at Strike Group Oceanography Team (SGOT) Norfolk, VA. While stationed there he deployed on USS Bataan (LHD-5), and was assigned TAD to USS Underwood (FFG-36) and USS Enterprise (CVN-65) to assist with METOC services on short notice trips. Additionally he was assigned as Leading Petty Officer of Admin Division.

In January 2009 Petty Officer Lehmkuhl reported to Naval Maritime Forecast Center (NMFC) Norfolk, VA. He immediately volunteered for a high visibility trip to the Arctic Ocean onboard the USCGC Healy (WAGB-20) for a joint science mission between the National Science Foundation and the Navy METOC community. In February 2011 Petty Officer Lehmkuhl volunteered for a short notice IA billet to Al Udeid, Qatar in support of Combined Forces Special Operations Central Command (CFSOCC).

AG1 (AW/SW) Lehmkuhl's awards include: Six Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, Coast Guard Meritorious Unit Commendation ribbon, five Flag Letters of Commendation, four Navy Good Conduct Medals, Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Medal, NATO Medal, National Defense Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Overseas Duty ribbon, two Sea Service Deployment ribbon, the Navy Arctic Service ribbon, and the Sharpshooter Rifle ribbon.

Petty Officer Lehmkuhl has a wife of five years, Heather Warne Lehmkuhl, a son, Richard Warne Lehmkuhl, and a daughter Taylor Kaylynn Lehmkuhl.

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