

Commander Laurie M. Porter United States Navy



Commander Porter graduated magna cum laude in 1991 from the University of San Diego, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology and received her commission via the NROTC program. As an ensign, she reported to the Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare Training Center, Pacific for her division officer tour. She first served as the Manpower Officer, and later as the Assistant Legal Officer.

In 1994, Lieutenant Junior Grade Porter transferred to the Naval Amphibious School, Coronado, where she was the Assistant Curriculum Instructional Standards Officer. Shortly thereafter, the Naval Amphibious School, Coronado consolidated with the Landing Force Training Center, Pacific into the Expeditionary Warfare Training Group, Pacific, and she became the Instructor Evaluation Branch Head. While at EWTGPAC, she was recognized as a Master Training Specialist and was the command's nominee for the Navy League's Military Woman of the Year award.

In 1996, Lieutenant Porter next reported as the Administrative Officer at the Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity, San Diego. SIMA San Diego was a 1,800-person command with 100 personnel in the Administrative Department alone. While at SIMA, she was again chosen as her command's nominee for the Navy League's Military Woman of the Year award. During her off-duty time, she attended classes at night at the University of Redlands and earned her Master of Arts Degree in Management with an emphasis in Human Resources. She was also selected for membership into the University of Redlands' Whitehead Leadership Society.

Following completion of her Department Head tour at SIMA, she transferred to Monterey where she attended the Navy Postgraduate School. She earned her Master of Science Degree in Manpower Systems Analysis in 2001.

Lieutenant Commander Porter then transferred to Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet, where she served as the Assistant Fleet Personnel Officer. During her tour there, she received certification as a Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR).

In 2005, Lieutenant Commander Porter began her tour onboard USS HARRY S. TRUMAN as the Training Officer. After she was onboard for one year, the command received its third consecutive Battle E for battle efficiency/readiness.

In 2007, Commander Porter reported to the Defense Language Office, part of the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness. From late 2008 to 2010, she served as the Military Assistant to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Plans in OUSD(P&R).

In Sep 2010, she assumed the duties as Commanding Officer of Transient Personnel Unit, Norfolk.

Commander Porter's personal decorations include a Defense Meritorious Service Medal, two Meritorious Service Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, and a Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.