

## Sailor of the Week Introduced

Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Vivian Blakely

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### RECOGNITION

NAVAL AIR FACILITY, Japan – Sailor of the week is a title granted to a different Sailor on board Naval Air Facility (NAF) Atsugi once a week who has shown exemplary skill and work ethic within their shop and rate.

This week's Sailor of the Week is Master-At-Arms 3rd Class (MA3) Joshua Barall who hails from Simsbury, Connecticut. He is currently attached to the Naval Security Force (NSF), Atsugi.

Barall holds the title of Duty Armorer. He is responsible for the day to day operations of the "ready for issue" locker ensuring full accountability of ammunition, small arms and machine guns. Barall also stands guard duty at the entry gates and responds as a patrolman for calls of service.

"As a Master-At-Arms, we patrol the base and stand the gates to make sure no unauthorized person gets through," said Barall.

“As for my job, the armorer, I issue out weapons and equipment to the patrolmen who need them to perform their duties as security forces,” he added.

Barall has been in the military for only a year and a half. Within that time, he was selected for the Military Officer’s Association of America Leadership award and for meritorious advancement to pay grade E-2. He graduated Master-At-Arms “A” school in April of 2011.

“I joined the Navy because I felt a sense of patriotism,” said Barall. “I felt I needed to serve my country and give back to it. I also wanted to gain maturity and experience before starting any sort of higher education.”

Barall received orders to NAF Atsugi and arrived in July of 2011. He was designated as the class leader of his NSF Academy class and went on to complete most of his operations qualifications within eight months of reporting to the command.

For the month of March 2012, Barall was named Patrolman of the Month.

In June, he was promoted from a Seaman to Petty Officer 3rd Class, having scored within the top five percent on the advancement exam of all Master-At-Arms in the Navy.

“MA3 Barall has been outstanding in his performance of duties at NAF Atsugi Security,” said Master-At-Arms Senior Chief Nick Francis, Barall’s Senior Enlisted Advisor. “He is always demonstrating

stellar military bearing. He accomplishes his job and command mission flawlessly and is consummate professional with a positive attitude.”

Barall hopes to someday receive orders to Basic Underwater Demolition/SEAL School in pursuit of his ultimate goal of becoming a Special Warfare Operator Master Chief.

To unwind from security duties, Barall enjoys playing various sports and learning Japanese as well as other languages.

Barall is being honored as Sailor of the Week by being the guest host of the base’s weekly show of Captain’s Call with the Commanding Officer Capt. Steven Wieman and Command Master Chief Carlton Duncan.