



**Petty Officer Emily K. Klinefelter
United States Navy**



Petty Officer Emily Klinefelter is a nine year veteran of the United States Navy and is currently serving as part of the *Why We Serve* speakers program. She has recently returned from an assignment in Iraq and is speaking to groups around the country about her personal experiences serving in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In October 2007 Klinefelter returned from a ten-month deployment to Iraq, after volunteering for an Individual Augmentation (IA). Upon arrival to Iraq in January, PO1 Klinefelter was assigned to Transportation Battalion Seven, Camp Adder in Talil, Iraq. In February 2007, the battalion supported Operation Safe Haven, providing long haul escort and security to supply convoys with armed gun trucks.

Klinefelter is currently stationed at the Navy Information Operations Command, Whidbey Island, where she serves as the Electronic Warfare Analyst. PO1 Klinefelter embodies the Navy Core Values of Honor, Courage, and Commitment and demonstrates a high degree of pride and professionalism in her service and herself.

Raised in Ft. Myers Beach, Florida, Klinefelter graduated from Cypress Lake Fine and Performing Arts High School in June 1998. She enlisted in the United States Navy in December 1998 and reported to Recruit Training Command (RTC) Great Lakes for Basic Training. She is married to Luther Klinefelter, formally of Baltimore, MD and together they have a daughter named Tempyst.

Klinefelter's decorations include the Army Commendation Medal; Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (gold star); Good Conduct Medal (bronze star); and various service and campaign medals.