



U.S. Navy Lt. Judith L. Lemley

Lt. Judith L. Lemley is a 14-year veteran of the United States Navy and is currently serving as part of the Why We Serve speakers program. She recently returned from assignment in Afghanistan and is speaking to groups around the country about her personal experiences serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

In September 2006, Lemley volunteered to serve in Afghanistan as the Tactical Communications Chief for the Afghan National Army. Lemley was responsible for building an economical tactical communication program and quickly familiarized herself with business rules and multinational relationships. Her other responsibilities included procuring, fielding, training, and maintaining all tactical communications equipment. This included developing communications budgetary and plans for the transition of 50,000 to 70,000 Afghan National Army Soldiers.

In 2002, Lemley was assigned to the USS Ponce where she served as Electronics Material Officer, Debark Control Officer, and assistant Operations Officer. Lemley joined the Navy in 1992 after graduating from the University of South Alabama. One of her earlier assignments was to the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center where she was responsible for the installation and upgrading of Naval Tactical Command Support System on super-carriers and assault ships.

A native to Mobile, Ala., Lemley currently resides in Norfolk, Va. and is assigned as the Computer Security Manager with the Combat Direction Systems Activity. Lemley is married, has a seven year old son and is pursuing her second master's degree from the Touro University International in Information Technology Management.

Lemley's decorations include a Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, four Navy Achievement Medals, four Navy Good Conducts, and the Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.