

AOCM (RET) Diane McQueen-Gipson's entered active duty in January 1988 and attended boot camp at RTC San Orlando, FL.

Her assignments were: Aviation Ordnance 'A' School, NATTC Memphis, TN; VA-128; NAF El Centro, CA; NAS Agana, Guam; Naval Air Station Sigonella, IT; VS-41; HS-10; VS-35; USS Ronald Reagan (CVN-76); Naval Operational Logistic Center / Ammunition Management Office Pacific; USS Peleliu (LHA-5) Navy Munitions Command CONUS West Division Detachment San Diego, CA; USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN-71).

Awards include: Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Nation Defense Service Medal (2); Meritorious Unit Commendation (3); Joint Meritorious Unit Award; Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (5); Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (6); and Meritorious Service Medal (2).

Some of her specific contributions, special achievements and superior performance include:

- Sailor of the Quarter 4 times
- Authorized to sign Safe for Flight in 3 different squadrons and 2 different Type Model Series Aircraft
- As CVN-76 G3 LCPO, she led 165 Sailors through 8 ordnance onloads totaling 2,571 tons of ordnance valued at \$284.3M during the 2005 Training and Fleet Readiness cycle
- As CVN-71 Weapons LCPO she provided the leadership that enabled the CVN-71/CVW-1 team to successfully complete 1,510 sortie delivering 1,109,259 pounds of conventional ordnance on-target to include 1,089 Precision Guided Munitions in support of Operation INHERIT RESOLVE.
- AOCM McQueen-Gipson was awarded Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal for:
  - 24 years of monetary support and sponsoring 7 children through Plan International as a foster parent
  - Countless hours of voluntary support to the Bonita Vista High School Debate Team
  - Over 100 hours of highway clean up with the Aviation Ordnanceman's Adopt a Highway program.
- Chapter 8 Annual Family Day Picnic Coordinator

At the forefront of the Aviation Ordnance community for the past 35 years, she is currently DoN Civilian Ordnance consultant with COMNAVSURFOR. Her contributions to the Aviation Ordnance community and are reflected in her awards, qualifications, and top ranking in each active-duty command.

She was the 5<sup>th</sup> female promoted to AOCM in Naval history. AOCM Diane McQueen-Gipson is Life Member #8826. For her many years of sustained superior performance, dedicated effort, continued accomplishments, and years of devoted service to the Association of Aviation Ordnance Association she has been inducted Aviation Ordnanceman Hall of Fame.