



**Petty Officer 1st Class Sivenson Guerrier
United States Navy**



Petty Officer 1st Class Sivenson Guerrier is an 11-year veteran of the United States Navy and is currently serving as part of the *Why We Serve* speakers program. He recently returned from assignment in Afghanistan in February 2007 and is speaking to groups around the country about his personal experiences serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Guerrier returned from Afghanistan in April 2007 after volunteering for a one-year Individual Augmentation (IA) deployment. After leaving in April 2006, the petty officer reported to Forward Operational Base Wright in Asadabad, Afghanistan, where he served as maintenance officer for the Asadabad Provisional Reconstruction Team (PRT).

Guerrier was born in Port-au-Prince, Haiti and raised in Boston, MA. After graduating from John D. O'Bryant High School, he attended the Franklin Institute of Boston where he acquired his Associate's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. After obtaining his degree, Guerrier enlisted in the United States Naval Reserve and is currently stationed at the Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. At his current assignment, Guerrier was selected to manage the Yard Patrol Operations Supply with an annual budget of \$400,000.

Guerrier said he joined the US Military because, "I wanted to defend this great nation, travel around world, and interact with people from different countries."

His decorations include the Army Commendation Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with two stars, the Good Conduct Medal with three stars, and expert qualifications for the 9mm pistol and the M-16 rifle.