



United States Navy Biography

Lieutenant Maribel “Benny” Benitez United States Navy

Lieutenant Benitez is a native of Houston, Texas. She reported to RTC Great Lakes in 2007 as an undesignated Recruit and earned the Yeoman rate through Navy-Wide Advancement Exam in 2010. She joined the Mustang ranks in 2018 as an Administration Limited Duty Officer.

Lieutenant Benitez’ enlisted assignments include:
USS Enterprise (CVN 65), Norfolk, VA.,
Director, Navy Staff in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OPNAV), Arlington, VA., and
USS Decatur (DDG 73), San Diego, CA.



Upon commissioning, she reported to USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) in Bremerton, WA. While serving as the Personnel Officer and later as the Ship’s Secretary, she completed a seven month “Around-the-World” homeport shift deployment from Bremerton to Norfolk. She is most proud of earning the CVN Officer of the Deck (Underway) qualification and the John C. Stennis 2020 Statesman Junior Officer Leadership Award.

Most recently, she served as the Admin Officer to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Personnel, Manpower, and Training/Chief of Naval Personnel (OPNAV N1).

Lieutenant Benitez currently serves as the Flag Secretary to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Information Warfare/Director, Naval Intelligence (OPNAV N2N6).

Personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (three awards), Good Conduct Medal (three awards), as well as several other personal unit and campaign awards.

Lieutenant Benitez holds a Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Management and currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Organizational Leadership from the University of Massachusetts Global.