

LCDR NATALIA LUCHETTI | USN

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Lieutenant Commander Natalia Luchetti is a native of Mayagüez, Puerto Rico. She graduated from Dr. Pedro Perea Fajardo Vocational High School in May 2001. She enlisted under the Delayed Entry Program in February 2001 and departed for basic training on 6 August 2001. After completing basic training at Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Illinois, she attended Seaman Apprenticeship Training School. She graduated from Thomas Edison State University in 2023 with a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership and a minor in Military Studies.

In October 2001, she was assigned to the USS KITTY HAWK (CV63), Yokosuka, Japan. While on board, she qualified as Underway Boatswain's Mate of the Watch, Master Helmsman, and Underway Replenishment Rig Captain. During her 3-year tour she was advanced to the rank of Petty Officer Second Class, earned her Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist (ESWS) and Enlisted Aviation Warfare Specialist (EAWS) designations, and was re-designated as an Aviation Maintenance Administrationman. While assigned to the Battle Cat, she completed six combat deployments to the Arabian Gulf and Persian Sea in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM, SOUTHERN WATCH, IRAQI FREEDOM, and the GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM.

In December 2004, she reported to Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Detachment Jacksonville, FL. During her 10-month tour she served as Power Plants Logs and Records Leading Petty Officer.

In October 2005, she transferred to the USS JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV67), Mayport, FL where she qualified as Damage Control Training Team and completed one underway weapons training proficiency exercise along the coast of Florida.

In September 2006, she was assigned to Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron Light THIRTY-SEVEN (HSL37), Kaneohe Bay, HI. During her 3-year tour, she served as Quality Assurance Representative, Maintenance Administration/Training Division Leading Petty Officer, completed multiple mid-deployment aircraft Material Condition Inspections onboard the USS CHOSIN (CG65), and advanced to the rank of Petty Officer First Class.

In December 2009, she reported to Patrol Squadron SIX-TEEN (VP16), Jacksonville, FL in direct support and execution of the Littoral Surveillance RADAR system (LSRS) program. While assigned, she advanced to the rank of Chief Petty Officer, served as Maintenance Control CPO, and completed Senior Enlisted Aviation Maintenance/Production Chief. Her tour included two combat deployments to EUCOM, PACOM, and SOUTHCOM Areas of Responsibility (AOR) in support of Operations ENDURING FREEDOM - HORN OF AFRICA, ACTIVE ENDEAVOR, CAPER FOCUS, CARIB SHIELD, MARTILLO, and GLOBAL WAR ON TERRORISM. She was also part of the first Maritime Patrol Squadron transitioning from the P-3C Orion to the P-8A Poseidon Type Model Series.

In December 2012, she reported to Patrol Squadron TEN (VP10), Jacksonville, FL where she served as Maintenance Control CPO, Maintenance Administration/Training LCPO, and completed one combat deployment to PACOM and SOUTHCOM AOR in support of Operation MARTILLO.

On October 1st, 2014, she was commissioned as an Ensign under the FY15 Aviation Maintenance Limited Duty Officer Program.

In December 2014, she reported to Patrol Squadron FOUR SEVEN (VP47), Kaneohe Bay, HI. While assigned, she served as the Material Control Officer, Maintenance Material Control Officer, and completed two combat deployments to EUCOM, PACOM, and SOUTHCOM AOR in support of Operation MARTILLO and several multilateral exercises.

In September 2017, she reported to Fleet Readiness Center SouthEast (FRCSE) Detachment Jacksonville, FL where she served as Power Plants Division Officer, Production Control Officer, AIRSpeed Director, Assistant Officer in Charge, earned her Professional Aviation Maintenance Officer (PAMO) Warfare designation, and was recognized as FRCSE Region Maintenance Officer of the Year for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019.

In December 2020, she reported to Special Projects Patrol Squadron TWO (VPU2) onboard Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Florida, where she served as the Assistant Maintenance Officer and Weapons Officer supporting multiple Quick Reaction Capability OCONUS detachments. In 2022 she was recognized as the Navy's 2021 CAPT Joy Bright Hancock Leadership Awardee for inspirational leadership.

Natalia joined the Blue Angels in September 2023. Her personal decorations include the Navy Commendation Medal (four awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (nine awards), Good Conduct Medal (five awards), Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, and various unit, campaign, and service decorations