



Biography

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Capt. Reann Mommsen is a native of Maple Grove, Minn. She is a 2003 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering. She holds a Master of Arts in Mass Communication and Media Studies from San Diego State University and a Master of Business Administration from the University of South Florida St. Petersburg. She is accredited in public relations and military communication and has earned a certificate in transformational leadership. She reported to U.S. European Command in September 2023 as the chief of public affairs.

Mommsen previously worked at the State Department as a Senior Advisor in the Global Communications Strategy department, where she was a key planner for the AUKUS roll-out, the planning for the 1 year mark of the Russian full-scale invasion of Ukraine, and NATO messaging and events.

Her previous assignment included Assistant Chief of Information, Media Operations and Plans and Executive Assistant to the Chief of Information. She has served as the Public Affairs Officer for U.S. 7th Fleet, U.S. Naval Forces Japan, Carrier Strike Group 12, and as the Public Affairs Officer and Media Department Head onboard USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71). Prior to that, Mommsen served as the Media Officer, Aide to the Commander, and Future Operations Branch Head at United States Fleet Forces Command in Norfolk, Va. Mommsen's first public affairs assignment was at the Navy Public Affairs Support Element West in San Diego, Calif. where she deployed in support of Pacific Partnership 2009 and served on USS George Washington and USS Essex, both forward deployed to Japan.

Prior to becoming a public affairs officer, she completed flight training at NAS Corpus Christi, Texas, and was designated a Naval Aviator in July of 2005. She reported to Patrol Squadron 30 at NAS Jacksonville, Fla. for training in the P-3 Orion. In 2006, she joined the "Red Lancers" of Patrol Squadron 10 (VP 10) in Brunswick, Maine, and deployed to Kadena, Japan, in support of operations in the Western Pacific area of responsibility.

Mommsen's personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, and other campaign, unit, and personal awards.