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# THE DEFENSE INFORMATION SCHOOL



## FORT GEORGE G. MEADE MARYLAND

**Graduation Exercise  
Basic Public Affairs Specialist  
Broadcaster Course  
Class # 050-07**

**22 February 2007 - 11 May 2007**

11 May 2007  
1:30 p.m.

Invocation

Opening Remarks

Guest Speaker  
*Mr. Jon Sughroue*

Presentation of Diplomas and Awards

**Basic Public Affairs Specialist-Broadcaster Course**

The 11-week Basic Public Affairs Specialist-Broadcaster course trains enlisted and DoD civilian students for worldwide American Forces Radio and Television Service (AFRTS) assignments. BPAS-B course students experience and employ the latest techniques and state-of-the-art equipment in writing and announcing skills, radio and television studio operations, and field television production. They are also trained in policies, programming, and the use of AFRTS materials.

***BPAS-B Graduates  
And  
Duty Assignments***

SPC August Addington, USA.....Hurlburt Field, FL  
SSgt John Ayre, USAF.....Hill AFB, UT  
SPC Johnathan Bentley, USA.....Fort Campbell, KY  
LCpl Eric Carranza, USMC.....Marine Barracks Washington  
SPC Elizabeth Conley, USA.....115th MPAD, OR  
PV2 Lyndsey Farmer, USAR.....Fort Gillem, GA  
SrA Anthony Gomez, USAF.....Vandenberg AFB, CA  
SrA Amber Ketchum, USAF.....Vandenberg AFB, CA  
LCpl Katie Mathison, USMC.....Camp Lejeune, NC  
LCpl Charles Mckelvey, USMC.....Cherry Point, NC  
SSgt Samuel Padilla, USAF.....Hurlburt Field, FL  
SSgt Corey Parrish, USAF.....Dyess AFB, TX  
SSgt Alisha Rose, USAF.....Seymour Johnson AFB, NC  
A1C Lindsay Sanchez, USAF.....Langley AFB, VA  
SSgt Cory Smith, USAF.....Minot AFB, ND  
SGT Ralph Stevens, USA.....Fort Hood, TX  
SrA James Stewart, USAF.....Langley AFB, VA  
SrA Jennifer Wallen.....Grand Forks AFB, ND  
**Class Leader**  
SSgt Aaron Drobnack, USAF.....Nellis AFB, NV

### **Jon Michael Sughroue**

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Mr. Sughroue began his Air Force career as a Services Specialist. After serving at Luke AFB, Arizona for 5 years, he moved to Tinker AFB, Oklahoma. While serving at Tinker, he received a STEP (Stripes for Exceptional Performers) promotion. He was then offered the choice of any assignment to pursue his goals; Mr. Sughroue requested to cross train into air force broadcasting.

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