

Navy Medicine Oral History Project
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Synopsis

Ms. Scott was born and grew up in Los Angeles, California. Her parents, Saul and Gloria Gutierrez, had emigrated from Mexico, and she has a brother, Saul G. Gutierrez. She graduated Downtown Business Magnet High School, Los Angeles in 1996, and is married to Stephen Scott, They have three children.

While in high school, Ms. Scott signed up for the Navy's delayed entrance program, and following graduation, enlisted in February 1997 at the age of eighteen. She had no particular specialty in mind, but her ASVAB scores qualified her for medical training, which she thought would suit her, and she completed boot camp and the Hospital Corpsman "C" School at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois. She was assigned as a Hospital Corpsman at the Naval Hospital Portsmouth, Virginia, where she initially worked for two years in the newborn nursery, and was then assigned to occupational therapy. There she was encouraged to attend the Psychiatric Technician "C" school at Portsmouth, which she completed in February 2003. She was reassigned to the Naval Medical Center, San Diego, California (NMCS), where her husband, who was also in the Navy, was a student at the in the Laboratory Technician Course at the Naval School of Health Science.

From 2003 to 2010, then HM2 Scott worked as a psychiatric technician in the inpatient ward of the NMCS. During that time, she attended the Navy Individual Augmentee Combat Training course at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, and deployed to the Expeditionary Medical Facility in Kuwait as an Individual Augmentee (IA) from June 2009 to January 2010. There she served in a Warrior Transition Program for IAs who had been deployed to Afghanistan. She found the most difficult aspect of the deployment was separation from her children, and, not desiring further separations, separated from the Navy in 2010. Since then she has worked at NCCOSC as a civilian under a Navy contract.

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