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#### FIND THE NENE!

Did you know that it is still Nene nesting season? Please keep your eye out for little goslings on the road and if you need to train your eye, find the hidden Nene in this issue of "Within Range."

### PMRF TRIAD



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Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands (PMRF) is the world's largest instrumented multi-environment range capable of supporting surface, subsurface, air, and space operations simultaneously. There are more than 1,100 square miles of instrumented underwater range, 42,000 square miles of controlled airspace and 21 million square miles of extended range when needed.





# MY PERSONAL KEYS TO SUCCESS ARE...

#### Earn my paycheck.

What am I being paid to do? Whatever the requirements are of my paygrade, are not a choice. I HAVE to because the Navy is paying me to. This extends from qualifications, GMT, Training requirements, medical readiness, etc.

# If I'm eligible for the next paygrade, then I need to be qualified to that next paygrade.

If I'm ready to test, then I'm also ready to be qualified. This has saved me time, because when I got promoted, I already had the requirements of that paygrade.

#### I am my biggest and only competition.

Everyone's goals are different. Everyone's care/concern and intentions are different.

#### Take care of those around.

Take care of peers up and down the Chain. Those around us are sometimes all we have.

Do everything to the best of my abilities.

#### Be flexible.

Be prepared for change because in the Navy, it is a part of our lives.

#### Trust but verify.

Information changes constantly. Trust, but it is ultimately my responsibility to verify.

#### In anything, there are always 3 sides:

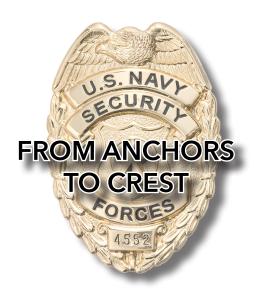
What I think, what he/she thinks, and the reality. I think this has made my time in the Navy easier. From having to do something that doesn't make sense to having to do conflict resolution with Sailors.

#### Be consistent in these things, no matter how small they seem:

- -Do something for the team. Have a collateral, join a committee, or anything that helps and benefits all.
- -Do something for the community. It doesn't have to be big. Volunteer one hour every 2 months.
- -Do something for MY development. One college class, one online course, one NKO outside the required, anything!

Share all knowledge. We're all being replaced.

*Enjoy and embrace where I am.* Don't live chasing the next paygrade. Our system is complicated and promotion is not guaranteed. Tomorrow is not guaranteed. Grow where planted.



#### Story and Photos by MC1 Erickson B. Magno

"Women and men are different, and that is what makes the Navy stronger and more diverse. We contribute different perspectives and different leadership styles."

At the Pacific Missile Range Facility, Chief Masterat-Arms Julia Esquivel is a part of a few different groups such as being a chief, being a woman and being hispanic.

Recently, she's been chosen to join the ranks of mustangs--officers who were previously enlisted personnel.

Originally from Mexico, Esquivel moved to the United States at the age of 8.

"When I was 8 we moved to Warner Robins, Georgia," said Esquivel. "I didn't know english, so I remember having to learn it and trying to communicate using hand signals and drawings."

Just four years after moving, Esquivel started working at the age of 12 after school as a hostess at a restaurant. In her last two years in high school she began a work-study program where she would

spend half the day at school and the rest at the restaurant.

"I would finish work at 11 p.m. then do it all over again, with working full days on Saturdays and Sundays all day," said Esquivel. "For years, I got to see the employees and the customers do the same routine. I just knew I wanted something different. I knew I wanted to travel, further my education, and leave Georgia."

As Esquivel was about to finish high school, she knew she did not want to become another "statistic" so she went to a

recruiter to enlist in the United States Navy.

"I just wanted to leave as soon as possible and didn't negotiate any specific rate," said Esquivel. "I wanted whatever would ship me out the soonest, which was being undesignated. My recruiter talked me out of it and three months later Masterat-Arms came up."

Coming up through the ranks, Esquivel used her diversity as a way to separate herself from others and a way to stand up.

"Working in a predominantly male rate, I've had to stand my ground," said Esquivel. "I'm not a screamer nor do I have an 'alpha' type of personality, so it confuses people into believing that I'm a pushover. Therefore, it causes this element of surprise when I've had to respond, or push back when I don't agree with something and voice it."

Esquivel was promoted to the rank of chief petty officer in 2019. After 7 months of being a chief, she was selected to be a limited duty officer.

"We received the news almost 2 months ago," said Esquivel. "I won't be commissioning for another year so I'm saving my excitement until that day. I feel beyond blessed and extremely grateful for everyone who made this possible."

While Esquivel was going through Chief season, she first did not apply. It wasn't until the submission dates shifted when

she decided to take the chance.

"Everyone kept messaging me about my application and encouraging me to apply, but I kept coming up with the excuse working on my qualifications on some of them. He was so package. Lt. Lambrix set up my my package. I had zero hope of

of not having enough time," said Esquivel. "It wasn't until I was and had Lt. Gonsalves sign off persistent and gave me a speech about my future, my goals, and about trying. It was what he said and the way he said it that inspired me to do it. That night, my husband and I stayed up all night putting together my appraisal boards then I submitted getting selected because I had nothing new on my application but I knew I had to try because it was the last time I would be eligible."

Esquivel's career has been fueled by the time and effort that she has put into it. As a chief and next year an Ensign, she will be looked at as a role model for other female Sailors.

"There are a lot less women than there are men so there might be pressure at times but never forget that we are needed and wanted in the Navy." said Esquivel. "If there are two who don't support you, right next to them are 200 that do support you. You are the only one who can limit yourself."



# **COVID-19 Prevention Tips**

## **Wash Hands Regularly**

Wash with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds before and after handling food, using the restroom, caring for someone who is sick, handling pet food, disposing of garbage, blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.

## Avoid Touching Eyes, Nose and Mouth

These parts of the body are highly susceptible to the spread of bacteria due to the accessability germs have to take up residence in the mucous membranes.



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## **Practice "Social Distancing"**

Maintain a distance
of at least 6 feet
between you and
other people. Avoid
public
transportation
whenever possible,
limit nonessential
travel, avoid
gatherings of more
than 10 people.
Avoid eating and
drinking at bars,
restaurants and
food courts.

### Cover Coughs and Sneezes

Cover coughs
and sneezes
with a tissue,
so as not to
spread the
bacteria to
others. If you
don't have a
tissue, cough
or sneeze into
your upper
sleeve, not
your hands.





applied a sterile pad and bandage gauze to wrap it. I could tell he was going into shock from the moment I got there so I made sure to keep talking to him letting him know he was okay and help was on the way. I just wanted him to try and stay calm and relax."

Naval Aircrewman are constantly in the air ready to take action in any emergency. There is no room for hesitation and Aircrewman must maintain their composure in a high stress situation such as the one that faced Giraldo.

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"My adrenaline was definitely pumping through my body," said Giraldo. "I was amazed as well because looking at the crash and at the drivers injuries, I could see it was a miracle. All I thought about during this situation is that if anything like this happened to me, I would want someone there to help me and comfort me in any way possible. This is how I was able to keep my emotions in check."

After a moment, emergency rescue services arrived and relieved Giraldo. The victims of the accident were attended to and were taken to the nearest healthcare facility.

"After emergency medical showed up and took over, I felt like I had done exactly what I was expected to do as a person, Sailor, and American," said Giraldo. "We help those in need no matter what. That's why I joined, to help those in need, protect those who I love and those who can't protect themselves. I was happy to help, and I wish that if something like this happens to me or someone I love, there will be someone who will do what

I did and help in any way possible."

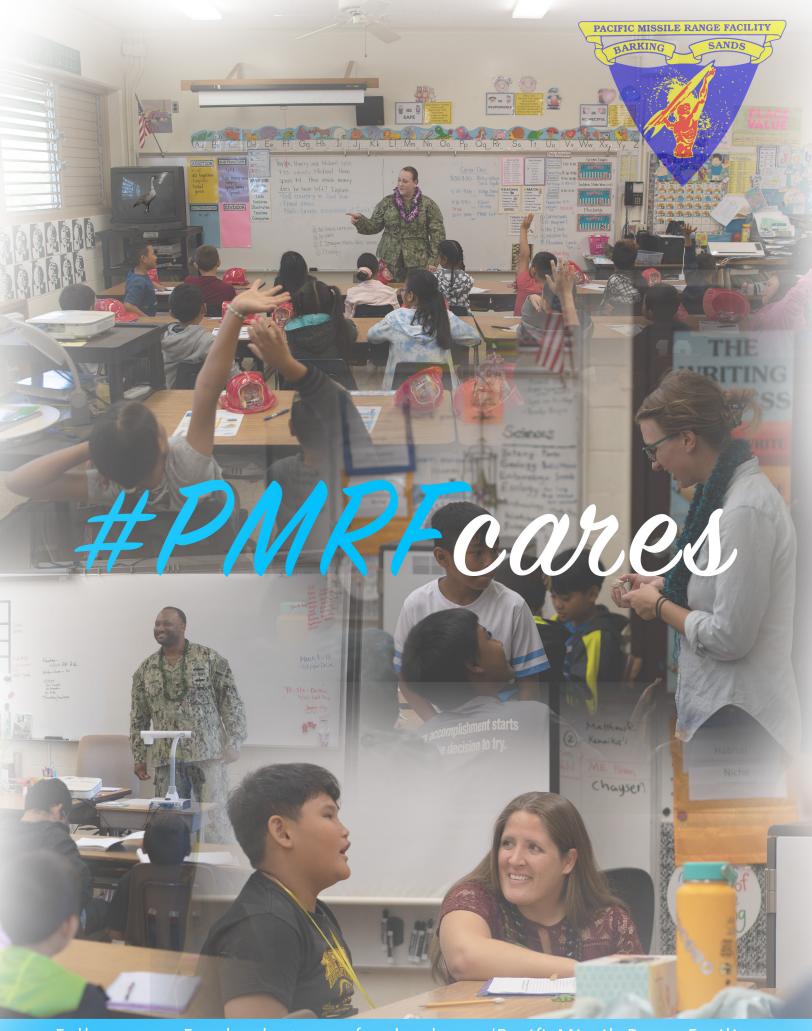
On March 18th, 2020, Giraldo was acknowledged by the families of those who were affected by the accident.

"Our family feels that AWF2 Giraldo's professional response and

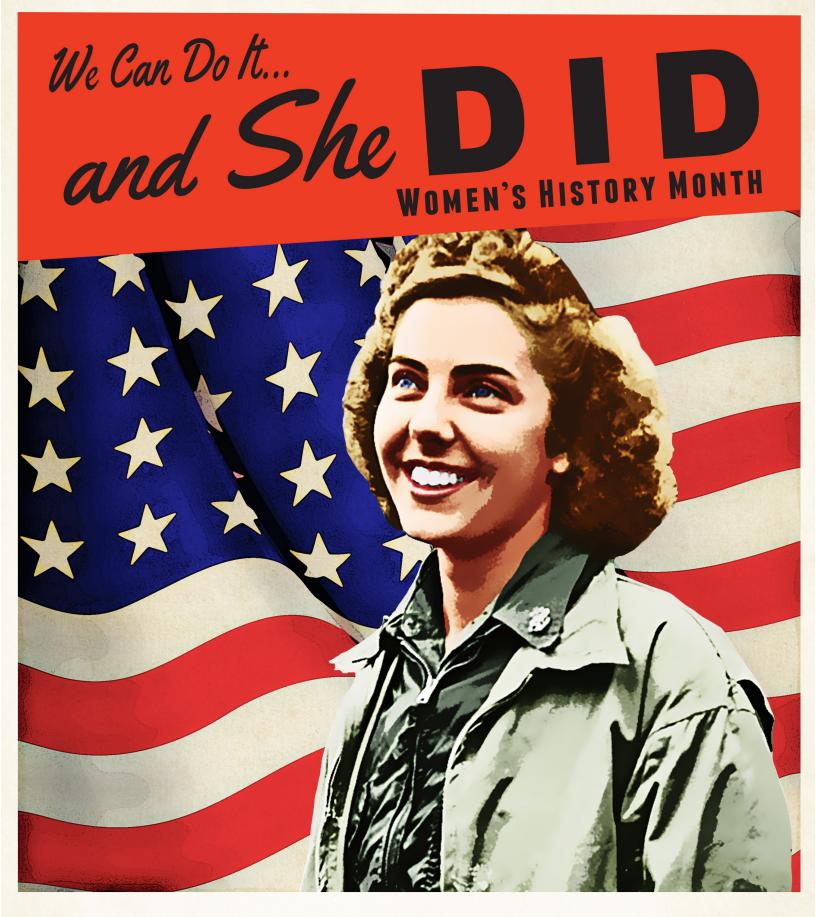
actions above and beyond the call of duty are deserving of commendation," said the Martin and Courtney families. "He is an apparent sterling example of the Navy's finest, and an exemplary human being."

Giraldo's actions were a reflection of his integrity and honor.

"I am extremely proud of Petty Officer Giraldo and his actions," said Capt. Tim Young, commanding officer of PMRF. "He showed tremendous courage by reacting expeditiously and professionally. Petty Officer Giraldo embodies the spirit of PMRF by helping those in need, and his selfless actions set the example for all of us."



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