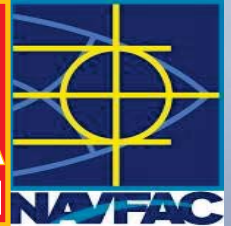


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# PAR AT WORK!



BU2(SCW/EXW) Shawnta Edwards, a performance assessment representative (PAR) assigned to PWD Rota FEAD, looks over the pilot boat lift activity on March 26th, 2021.

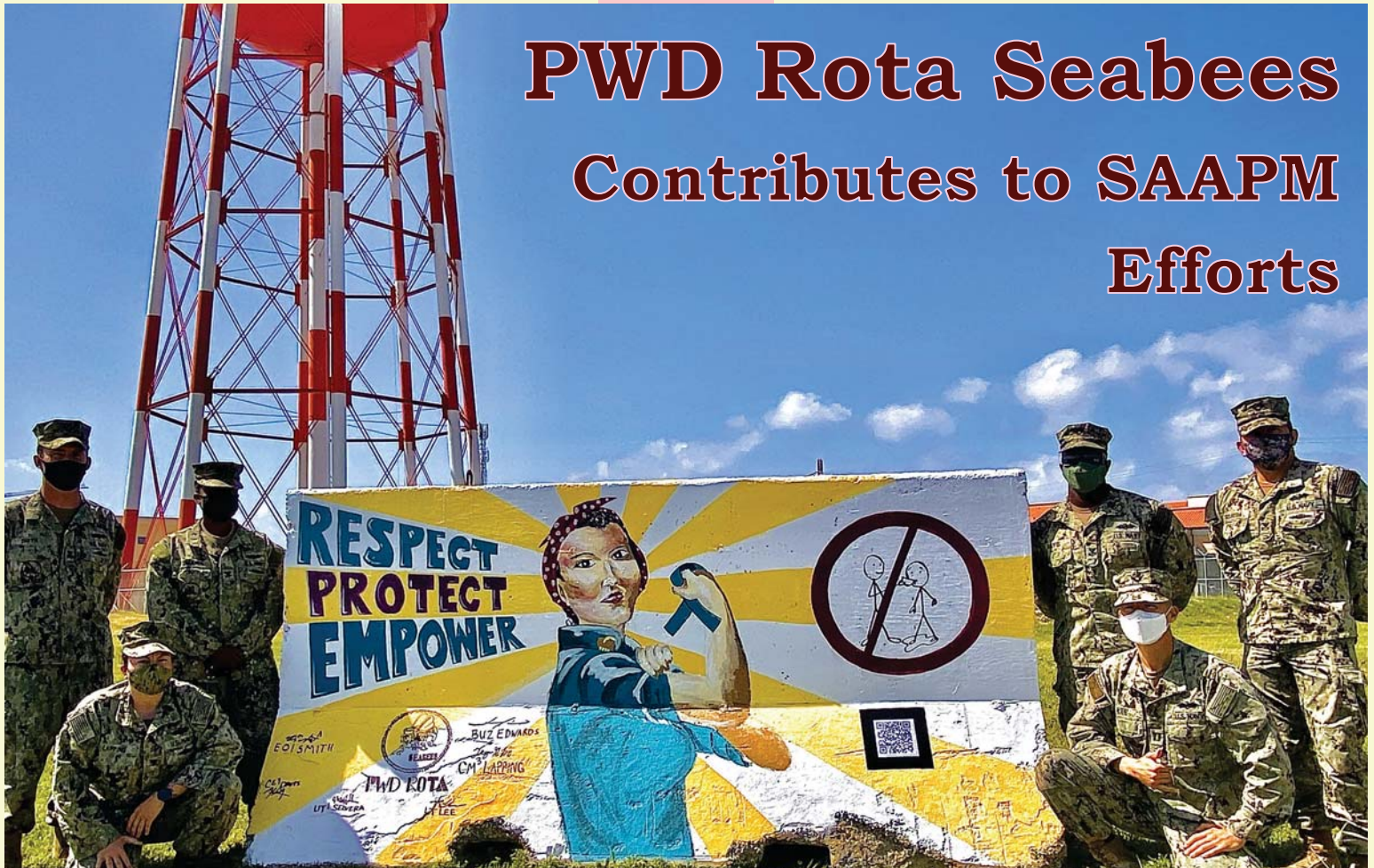
After conducting a pre-construction/coordination meeting for N33191-21-F-4111 (project to move and transport a pilot boat on Pier 1 to DRMO section of NAVSTA Rota) on March 15th, 2021, BU2(SCW/EXW) Shawnta Edwards successfully oversaw the project come to fruition on March 26th. Because of the immense size of the pilot boat, the project had to be contracted to

Newimar, the Base Operation Support Contractor (BOSC), which utilized a 160-ton crane on the day of the operation. Although this project may sound simple, it required thorough coordination among FEAD/FSC, Port Operations, Contractor (Newimar), and DRMO personnel in order to plan out the crane utilization on pier 1, the transport route, and the final resting place of the pilot boat in the DRMO in order to ensure support to the mission of all stakeholders. In the end, BU2 Edwards successfully closed out the project with zero mishaps or safety incidents. Great work BU2!

Photo and article by LT Chanhon (Andy) Lee



# PWD Rota Seabees Contributes to SAAPM Efforts



Pictured from left to right: EO1(SCW/EXW) Shawn Smith, CM3(SCW/EXW) Teagan Lapping, BU2(SCW/EXW) Shawnta Edwards, CE1(SCW) Floyd Davis, LT Chanhon (Andy) Lee, and UT1(SCW/EXW) Juan Selvera.

Our PWD Rota Seabees recently took part in NAVSTA Rota's installation-wide effort to raise awareness for Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month (SAAPM) by painting a barricade. Organized by EO1 Smith and CM3 Lapping, our Sexual Assault and Prevention Response Victim's Advocates (SAPR VAs), our Seabees put on quite a display. The PWD Rota's barricade is being displayed at the NEX Parking lot, so come check it out while it's there!

Photos by CE1(SCW) Floyd Davis



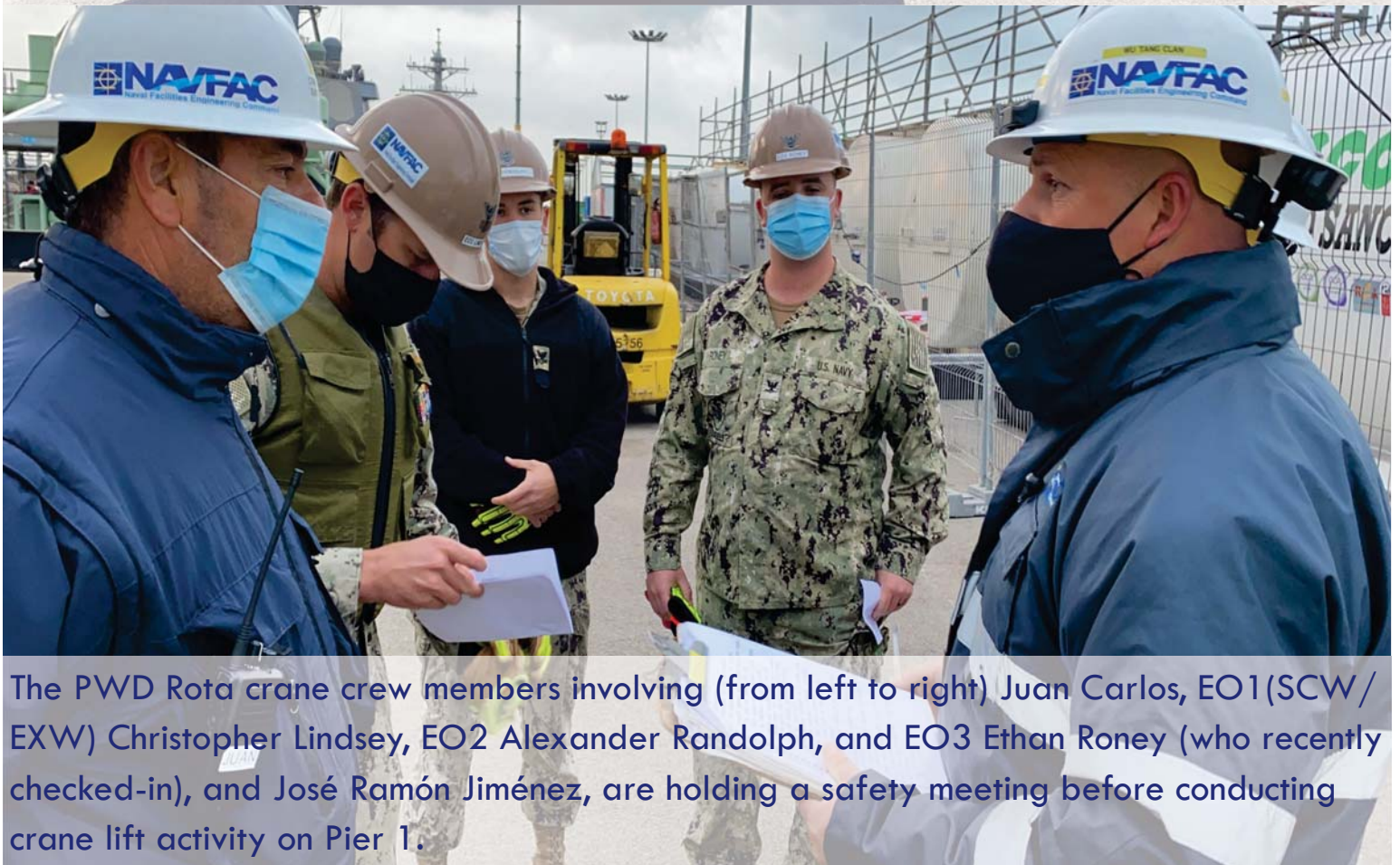
Left and Right: PWD Rota Seabees paint on a barricade in spirit of SAAPM.



# A DAY IN LIFE AT PWD ROTA



Paco Arroyo, assigned to the masonry division of PWD Rota, is seen here applying weather-resistant paint on the façade of BLDG 145, the building that houses the Facilities Sustainment Branch of PWD Rota.



The PWD Rota crane crew members involving (from left to right) Juan Carlos, EO1(SCW/ EXW) Christopher Lindsey, EO2 Alexander Randolph, and EO3 Ethan Roney (who recently checked-in), and José Ramón Jiménez, are holding a safety meeting before conducting crane lift activity on Pier 1.



# 115-TON CRANE CERTIFIED



Three different tests are performed every year on each crane in NAVSTA Rota; one for structural testing, one for unit structure stability, and one for superstructure lifting capability. The overall intent is to ensure equipment is technically adequate for the intended purpose and safe to operate. Alberto Vazquez and Manuel Caballero (pictured on bottom left), both crane test directors and crane inspectors at Public Works Rota, conduct these tests on an annual-basis. The crane operator for the April 15th's certification test for the 115-ton crane, the biggest one PWD Rota possesses, was Ramon "Power Jimenez (as seen on the top and bottom right pictures).

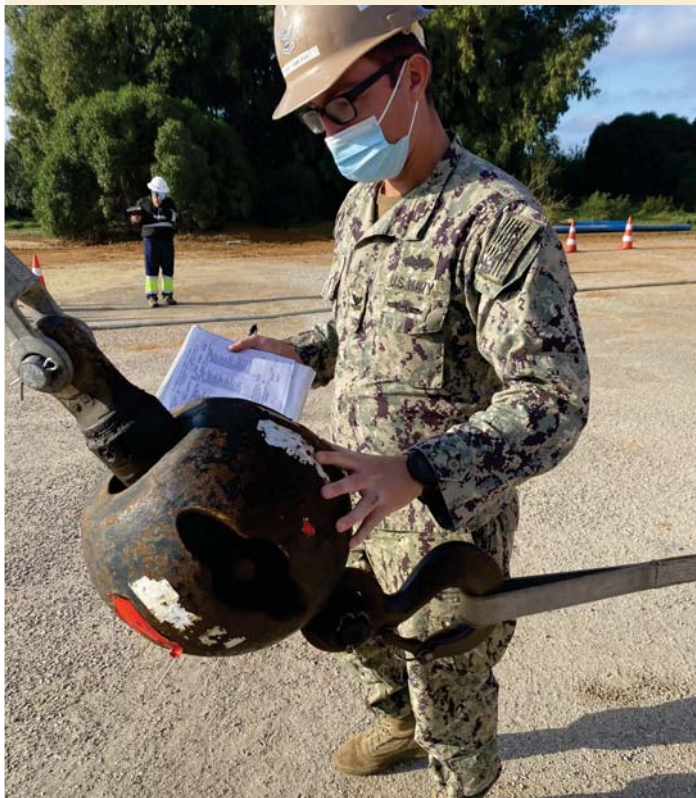
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# DMV ROTA... FOR CRANES!

Our crane crew have been busy trying to get the Seabees licensed in order to be able to operate on the cranes that are in PWD Rota. EO1(SCW/EXW) Christopher Lindsey, EO2(SCW/EXW) Christian Smith, and EO2 Alexander Randolph have been utilizing their available times to practice and undergo rigorous testing with the 50-ton cranes in order to demonstrate competency and skill in maneuvering these cranes. Their ability to become licensed and proficient as the operator will undeniably support our mission here in PWD Rota.



Pictured on this page: EO2 Alex Randolph and EO2(SCW/EXW) Christian Smith perform checks and crane maneuvers as a part of the licensing exam for the 50-ton crane during the month of April 2021.



# ... AND SEABEES TAKE THE WHEEL

April 19th, 2021 marked a significant day, as EO2 Smith (as lead operator) and EO2 Randolph as RIC (rigger-in-charge) utilized a 50-ton link belt crane in order to remove the brows and counterweights off of a CTF-69 asset and USCG Robert Goldman. This is a first time that an all-Seabee crane crew demonstrated ability to work independently following mentorship and licensing procedures from the Local National Spanish crew members.

Photos and Article by LT Chanhan (Andy) Lee and CE1(SCW) Floyd Davis



EO3 Ethan Roney and EO2 Alex Randolph un-hook the block



EO2(SCW/EXW) Christian Smith operates the 50-ton crane while being guided by EO2 Alex Randolph (left)



EO2 Randolph communicates with EO2 Smith during operation



EO1(SCW/EXW) Christopher Lindsey, LPO of crane crew, supervises EO2 Smith, EO2 Randolph, and EO3 Roney



# EARTH DAY 2021



A family participates in the coastal clean-up on the Admiral's Beach!



LT Scott Sobieralski (right) and his wife Jennifer (left) get into action at the Rio Salado Coastline!

On Saturday April 17th, the PWD Rota Environmental Division hosted a beach clean-up event at the Admiral's Beach and Rio Salado at NAVSTA Rota. The event saw over 170 volunteers remove more than 90 bags of garbage, a dozen tires, old fishing nets, debris, and even a suspicious package (check it out on page 9) from the base's coastline. The Environmental Branch would like to give a quick shout-out and thanks to those who participated and helped out!

Photos by LT Chanhon (Andy) Lee  
Article by CE2 Jake Jahnke



CE2 Jake Jahnke (left) and UT2(SCW/EXW) Josue OchoaSevilla (middle) pick up the garbage bags containing waste and debris from the Admiral's Beach while Christine Wallace (right), NAVSTA Rota Installation Environmental Program Director, looks over.



# COASTAL CLEAN-UP



CE2(SCW/EXW) Arthur Bernal and his family pose for a photo during the clean-up event.



Melanie Bengtson (left), CE2(SCW) Michael Mapanao, and his wife Emilee volunteer for the event



Christine Wallace (second from the left) and Tata Kealy (left), Tony Kealy's wife, at the check-in booth



Jill Sears (left) and LT Sobieralski gather up all the garbage bags from the Rio Salado coastline



CE2 Bernal's daughter Kylie (above middle) found a suspicious package! NAVSTA Rota security (below) eventually came to take custody of the package. Kylie did her part in cleaning up the beach and keeping drugs off the streets. Well done Kylie!



Volunteers from NMCB 11 and DESRON-60 also participated during the clean-up event.



# BRAVO ZULU!!



UT1(SCW/EXW) Scott Nullmeier was recently meritoriously promoted to First Class!

On the other hand, CE1(SCW/EXW) Christopher Arlen, who was formerly part of PWD Rota, was recently selected as 2020 **NAVFACSYSCOM Shore Sailor of the Year** for his accomplishments during his time here at PWD Rota, as announced by CAPT Jeffrey Kilian, our Commanding Officer, on April 11th! During our interview with him, CE1 Arlen expressed his appreciation and thanks to the hard work of the UEM shop and guidance from PWD Rota's supervisors and leaders. He really misses working with the Seabees and LNs of PWD Rota, especially the CE (Construction Electrician) crew. He also misses those 5-mile beach runs as well. His current goal is to finish his degree and take the Engineer-in-Training Exam, as well as pursue future endeavor as an instructor for a CE-rate "A" School or "C" School.

PWD Rota is pleased to share some great news. First of all, UT1(SCW/EXW) Scott Nullmeier was recently promoted through **meritorious advancement program (MAP)** to the rank of first class petty officer! He has demonstrated his capability through his role as leading petty officer in Facility and Sustainment (FS) Branch, leading eight Seabees in various construction and preventative maintenance projects within the installation. He attributes his promotion to his wife, Mayra, for supporting him at all times, all his previous mentors, the Seabees whom he's worked with, and his chain of command for giving him the opportunities.

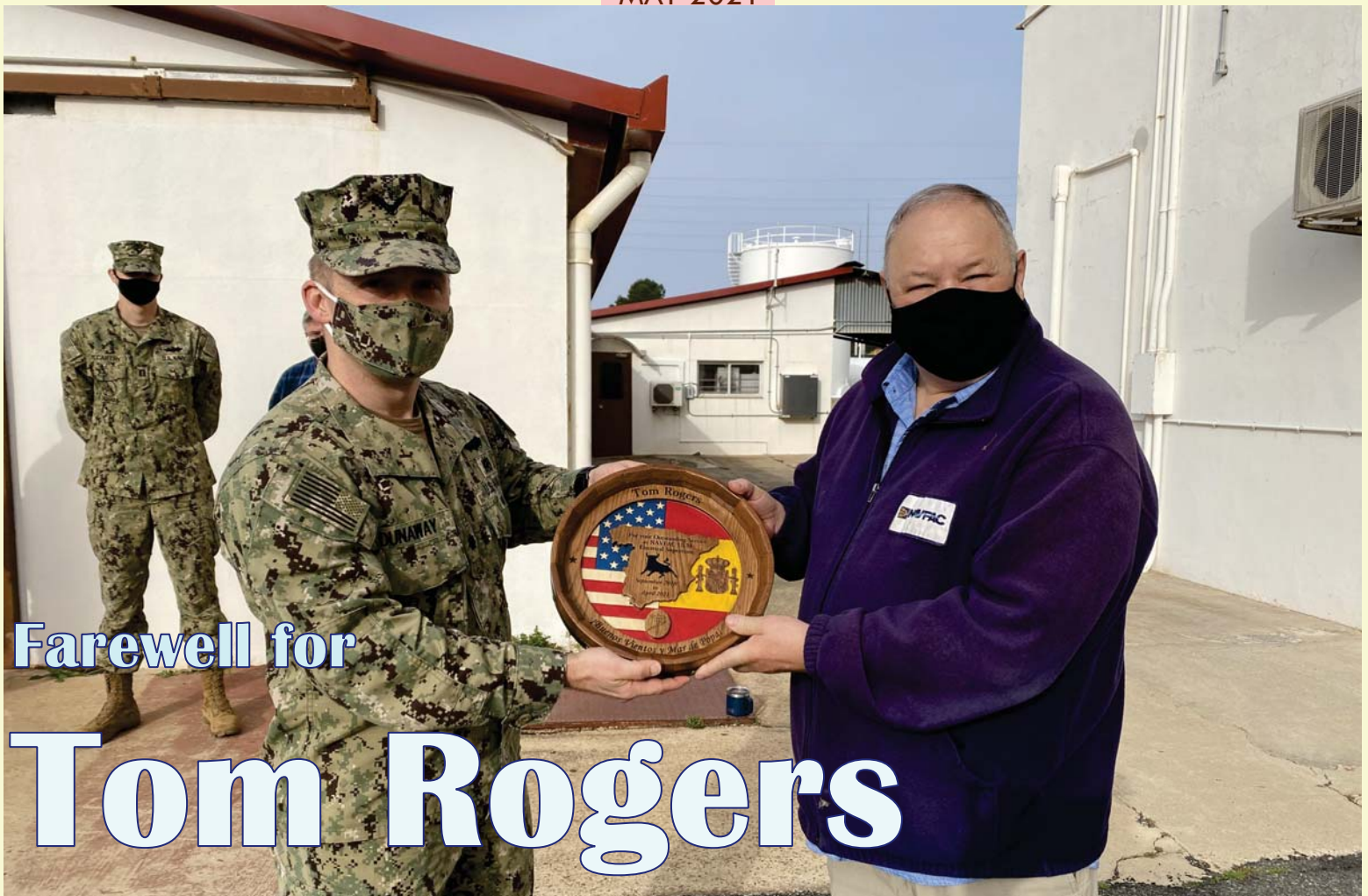


CE1(SCW/EXW) Christopher Arlen and CAPT Jeffrey Kilian on February 19th, 2020 during PWD Rota All Hands. Because this picture was taken pre-COVID, no masks were required.

"Take advantage of all the opportunities in the Navy. Sit down and write what you want to be better at and make a time line to accomplish your goals. Stay close to the people who challenge you and leave things better than the way you found them. Lastly, do not let failure stop you from trying to achieve something."

CE1 Arlen's advice to younger Seabees





# Farewell for Tom Rogers



PWD Rota recently held a farewell event for our very own Tom Rogers, who have been with PWD Rota for past three years as the Utility Electrical Supervisor. He was presented with a farewell plaque from CDR Joe Dunaway, PWO (as seen above), as well as many other gifts and memoirs from Bryan Long (UEM Branch Head) and Juan Marquez (as seen on the pictures on the left). Thank you for your service, and you will be missed, Tom!

“THIS IS AN EXCELLENT COMMAND TO BE AT... FULL OF EXCELLENT PEOPLE TO WORK WITH. [WORKING AT PWD ROTA] HAS BEEN A HIGHLIGHT OF MY CAREER WITH THE NAVY, WHICH I WORKED FOR SINCE WHEN I WAS A 17 YEAR-OLD.”

-Tom Rogers during his Farewell Ceremony





Since 1977, the month of May has been designated to recognize the achievements and contributions to the American military story by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPIs). We celebrate the cultural traditions, ancestry, native languages, and unique experiences represented among more than 56 ethnic groups (speaking over 100 languages) from Asia and Pacific Islands who live in the United States and currently serving the armed forces.

Why May? The month of May denotes several events in AAPI history, including the immigration of the first Japanese people to the United States on May 7th, 1843 and the finalization of the transcontinental railroad, which was predominantly accomplished by Chinese immigrants, on May 10th, 1869.

Generations of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have a long legacy of service in the US Navy, dating back to 19th century. AAPI service members have continued to leverage their skills, talents, perspectives, and ideas on behalf of the mission.



CE2(SCW) Michael Mapanao, BUC(SCW/EXW) Brian Wong, and I take pleasure in introducing some of the accomplishments that have been made in history by AAPI members in the US Navy.

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**Susan Ahn Cuddy** (above right), was the first ever Asian American Naval Officer in the history, serving as a first female gunnery officer and then for the U.S. Naval Intelligence Office. She is pictured with her siblings, who also joined the US armed forces.



**Gordon Pai'ea Chung-Hoon** (above), commander of USS Sigsbee during World War II, received the Navy Cross for his actions during during a April 14th, 1945 kamikaze attack. USS Chung-Hoon is named in his honor.

**Harry B. Haris Jr.** (below) was the first American of Japanese descent to lead US Pacific Command and was the highest-ranking American of Japanese descent in the US Navy during his time as commander of USIN-DOPACOM.



**Ming E. Chang** (above) became the first naturalized Asian Pacific American naval officer to reach flag rank when he was promoted to rear admiral in 1980. He is the recipient of the Legion of Merit (Combat V) and Bronze Start (Combat V) medals.

**Rear Admiral Darius Banaji** (below), a Civil Engineer Corps Officer, was promoted to the rank of rear admiral lower half on October 2016. He is currently serving as the Deputy Director for Operations for Defense Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Accounting Agency.



**CMDCM(SW/AW) Josephine Tauoa** (below) made history on February 26th, 2020 when she became the first Samoan Command Master Chief of USS Chung-Hoon.



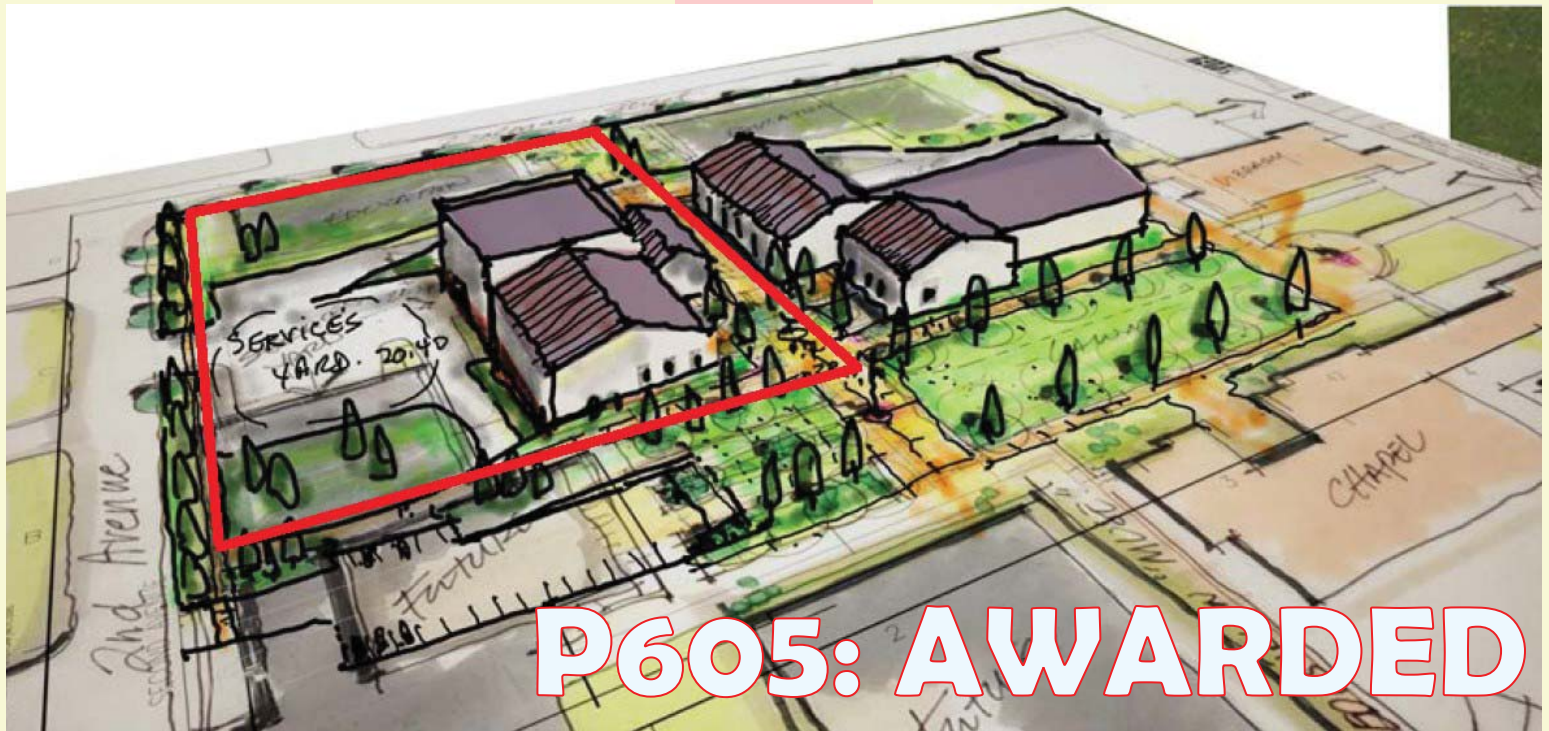
**Telesforo Trinidad** (above), as fireman second class, is the only Filipino in the US Navy to be awarded with the medal of honor for his heroic actions on January 21st, 1915 during the Spanish-American War aboard USS San Diego, rescuing two shipmates after a boiler explosion.

**Connie Mariano** (left) is not only the first Filipino-American to become a Rear Admiral in the US Navy, she was the first female director of the White House Medical Unit, as well as the first military woman to be appointed as the White House Physician.



**Sunita Lyn "Sunni" Williams** (above), was an American astronaut and US Navy officer of Indian-Slovenian descent when she broke records for total spacewalks by a woman (seven) and most spacewalk time for a woman (50 hours, 40 minutes).





## P605: AWARDED

PWD Rota FEAD team recently awarded P605 (iNSST Training Facility), valued at \$6.3M, on April 12th. This project will deliver a high-bay facility for integrated Navigation, Seamanship and Ship-handling Training, helping to address the navigation training deficiencies that contributed to the 2017 collisions. The award process required robust coordination amongst NAVFAC EURAFCENT, NAVFAC LANT, NAVFAC Headquarters, and PWD Rota staffs, with most of the heavy-lifting efforts for contracting side on this complex acquisition from Jodi VanSlyke, PWD Rota's contracting specialist. Thanks to her efforts and others involved, including Kristen Brennan (Project Manager at LANT) and Giovanni Ametrano (former Financial Manager at EURAFCENT), this project was awarded over one month ahead of revised schedule, with expected delivery in February 2023. Within NAVSTA Rota, this facility will be located across the street from the gas station and tennis courts, adjacent to the installation chapel buildings.



# THIRSTY?

## Our PWD Rota Water Crew Got You Covered!

UT2(SCW/EXW) Josue Ochoasevilla and UTCN Mario Duran, assigned to PWD Rota UEM Branch, are on the job providing the USS Vermont with necessary potable water.



Pictured: UTCN Mario Duran installing necessary components to complete a water connect.

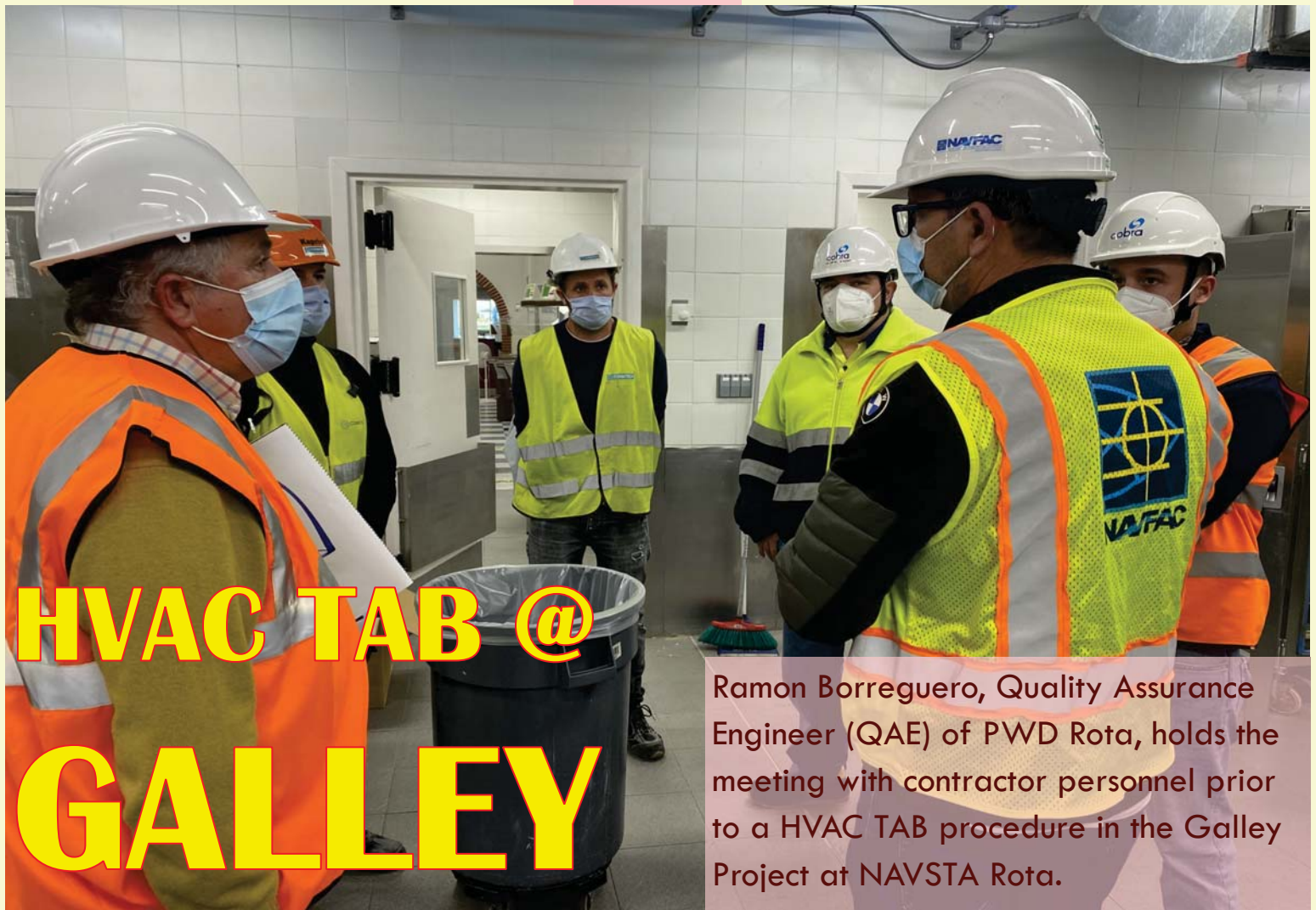
This is one of the many responsibilities that the PWD Rota's UEM Branch has to support the mission for the homeported and deployed vessels of NAVSTA Rota. A modern submarine uses up to 4,000 gallons of water per week so it is essential that a continual water support is provided whenever one of these vessels makes a port stop in our installation. Our Seabees are always there to make sure such necessities are taken care of!

Photos and article by CE3 Daniel Moreno



UT2(SCW/EXW) Josue OchoaSevilla and UTCN Mario Duran making sure you have water!





Ramon Borreguero, Quality Assurance Engineer (QAE) of PWD Rota, holds the meeting with contractor personnel prior to a HVAC TAB procedure in the Galley Project at NAVSTA Rota.

The Galley Utilities Upgrade project (N33191-15-D-0826, Task Order 18F4498) is about 99% done, and the HVAC TAB was underway last month prior to the pre-final and final walkthroughs. Ramon Borreguero, the QAE assigned to FEAD of PWD Rota, was on the scene after working-hours with the contractor personnel to record and certify all of the HVAC TAB (heating, ventilation, and air conditioning/testing, adjusting and balancing) results. In the end, the contractor passed with flying colors!



That right there is an anemometer, and it measures wind speed and direction from the ventilation units!

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# The Humans



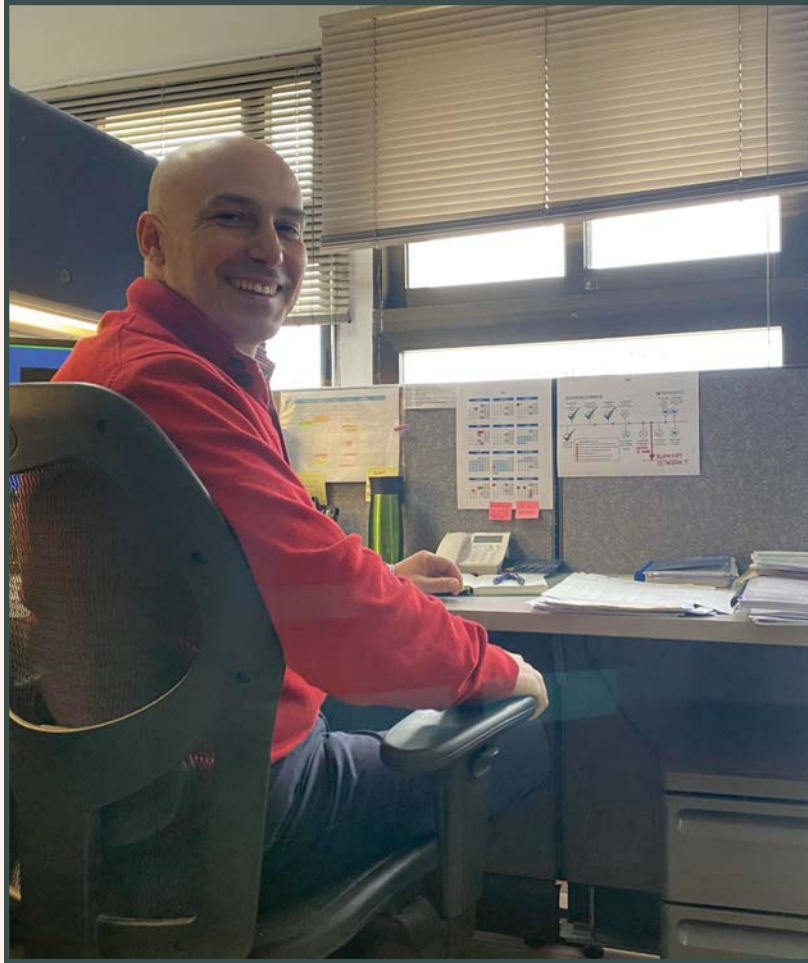
**UT2(SCW) Demetrius Conway (Left)** is from Kansas City, KS. He is an avid Kansas City sports fan, and cherishes his car, a Foxbody Mustang. He has been serving in the US Navy for 9 years, and his prior duty station before PWD Rota was NMCB 4, the command he has returned to upon detachment from our command on April 18th. His main goal career-wise is to promote to the rank of E-6 and retire after 20 years of service. He is seen here on the left being presented an end-of-tour award (NAM) from CDR Joe Dunaway (PWO) during his farewell award ceremony on April 16th.

**CE2(SCW/EXW) Thomas Bautz (Right)** is from Lake Mary, Florida. Florida Gators and the Orlando Magic is what gets him out of his seat! You got a "Subie" (Subaru)? Thomas does and it's his favorite car. CE2 Bautz is off to LOGSU Group 2 at Virginia, where he will serve another 3 years. He has been in the Navy since April 8th, 2014. His goal is to make E-7 and retire. (CE2 Bautz Mic Drop)





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**José María Delgado (left)**, or “Chema” has been with NAVFAC as the technical architect working as community planner in Asset Management Branch. During his first year, he actually worked in the FEAD as an assistant to many MILCON projects. Before working for NAVFAC, he’s held position in off-base private sectors, including Newimar as a quality assurance/technical architect. He then joined DoD workforce, working for housing department and DLA distribution warehouse as well. In terms of working for NAVFAC, he appreciates the stability of the job, yet opportunities to be exposed to many different branches within the Public Works Department that enables him to grow at his job. He really appreciates his boss, Jordan Kass (Asset Management Branch Head) for giving opportunities for him and other personnel to do cross-trainings so that any of the members can be prepared to fill-in for others if needed. His favorite hobby is to walk by the beaches of Rota and spend time with his family.

**Juan Lobato Santa María (right)** is a leader in the custodial labor workshop within PWD Rota. He has been working for approximately 32 years with NAVFAC. Before NAVFAC, he has worked in hostelry industry and also in the fields, working as “peón”. His favorite thing about working for NAVFAC is the personnel he works with, as well as the familiarity from being in the position for a long time. His advice for the younger personnel in the workforce is for them to continue to work hard and be open to new opportunities.





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**Pictured: CE2(SCW/EXW) Arthur Bernal, his wife Jodawn, and his daughter Kylie during the PWD Rota-hosted Coastal Clean-Up Event aboard NAVSTA Rota on April 17th, 2021**