

# **MONTHLY NEWSLETTER**

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## **Scared of Heights?**

Felipe Herrera, and Juan A. Morillo are seen here climbing the famous NAVSTA Water tower.

# PWD ROTA IN ACTION!



Seen here is CE2 (AW) Neubauer with CE2 Bullen (off camera) onboard the USS Roosevelt. They are cutting into a Class 5 ISP Container to retrieve high value, assets needed for the ship to maintain combat readiness. CE2 Neubauer will now be the new locksmith, taking over for CE2 Bullen. CE2 Neubauer is back from locksmith school and ready to work!

(Article by UT1 Nullmeier)



UT2(SCW) Wilson from UEM Water distribution branch is down at Pier 1 hooking up one of the DDGs with potable fresh water. Just like shore power connections, the water directly allows the ship to run normally and with less watch standers once NAVFAC hooks them up! UEM's water crew is responsible for the water connections for each individual ship down Pier 1, along with monitoring water and waste water usage.

(Article by UT1 Nullmeier, Photo by LT Lee)

Miguel Muñoz, and Manuel Jesus Rebollo from Utilities and Energy Management High voltage crew, along with Juan Moreno Pérez de la Lastra from Facilities and Sustainment branch, responded to a emergency trouble call after a vehicle ran into a light pole right in front of the Commissary round about. Both branches did a excellent job securing the power and removing the pole that potentially could do more damage. Good work PWD Rota!

(Article by UT1 Nullmeier, Photo by LT Lee)



Juan Moreno Pérez de la Lastra (Left Photo) is seen here removing the bolts from the damaged pole to begin to removing the light pole from the ground.

(Article by UT1 Nullmeier, Photo by LT Lee)



PWD Rota Seabee's are pictured here participating in the 246 mile running challenge for the NAVY's 246 Birthday. All 26 Seabee's completed a 5k run totaling 78 miles to the NAVFAC total of 246 miles! RDML Aguayo posed a challenge to all FECs and OICCs in the LANT AOR to run 246 collective miles, in honor of the 246th birthday, between October 5th and the Navy's actual birthday October 13th. Good Job PWD ROTA!

(Photo and article by UT1 Nullmeier)

# JSOQ FY 21 3RD QUARTER WINNER

## CE2(SCW/EXW) ARTHUR BERNAL



**CE2(SCW/EXW) Arthur Bernal** was named the Junior Sailor Of The quarter for 3rd quarter due to his hard work serving at NAVFAC Port Operations managing 34 Port Visits from PVST, FDNF, MSC, and SURFLANT. He also directly supported three NATO joint force operations and 6th fleet operations. CE2 now serves as the assistant career counselor providing extraordinary mentorship and guidance to all PWD Rota Military members. Furthermore CE2 Bernal is the Seabee Ball President who organizes fundraising and events to raise money for the Annual Seabee Ball that we all love to attend. **BRAZO ZULU CE2!!**

(Article by UT1 Nullmeier Photo: LT Lee)

# UT1 SELVERA STAYS NAVY!



Seen here is UT1(SCW/EXW) Selvera being re-enlisted by LT Frazer. The Vietnam memorial provided a excellent venue for his last re-enlistment of 6 years. He has served 14 years in the Navy at NMCB 4, PWD Sigonella, NMCB 1, and at PWD Rota. He was accompanied by his wife Janell who also received a Letter of Appreciation. Congratulations on staying Navy UT1!

(Article by UT1 Nullmeier, photo CE2 Washington)

# GOOD LUCK CE2 MAPANAO!



CE2(SCW/EXW) Michael Mapanao is seen here with the rest of the PWD Rota Seabee's at his going away party. CE2 Mapanao first started at PWD Rota at UEM Branch on the electrical side doing ship connects. Then he was given the opportunity to become a PAR and served as one for the remainder of his tour. CE2 Mapanao has decided to separate from the Navy and attend College at the University of Washington, where he will be joined by his Wife Emily. Thanks for all his hard work and years of service, good luck Map!

(Article by UT1 Nullmeier Photo by LT Lee)

**NAVFAC EURAFCENT CIVILIAN ENGINEER OF THE YEAR****BRYAN P. LONG**

Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command, Europe, Africa and Central Commands (NAVFAC EURAFCENT) proudly announced Bryan Long, Utilities and Energy Management (UEM) Branch Head, Public Works Department (PWD), Rota, Spain as the NAVFAC EURAFCENT Civilian Engineer of the Year for 2022 in an email sent by Capt. Joseph D. Harder III, Commanding Officer, on Oct 13.

Long, a NAVFAC employee since 2003, is a 2018 Naval Post Graduate School graduate with a Master of Science in Systems Engineering and 2003 Washington University graduate with a Master of Science in Environmental Engineering

"Brian came to Rota with a strong reputation and high expectations. He has lived up to both by getting his hands wrapped around a very complex and dynamic utilities program with many large scale projects in planning and in execution. He continues to build on the success of the program and we are fortunate to have him at the helm of a talented team of professionals," said Cmdr. Joe Dunaway, Public Works Officer, PWD Rota.

Mr. Long reported to PWD Rota in Aug. 2020. He manages a staff of 59 military; U.S. government civilians and Spanish host national employees responsible for operating one of the Navy's few electric power conversion plants.

He supervised major upgrades to the plant that increased the capacity of a 35-70 year-old power system and directly improved mission support across Naval Station Rota. Long managed the commissioning of a large-scale 6 megawatt photovoltaic farm ensuring that the contractor delivered a system capable of synchronizing with the existing distribution grid and enabling the installation to leverage the abundant solar energy in southern Spain.

Manuel Rebollo Descalzo, UEM High Voltage Crew Leader and thirty-year NAVFAC Spanish national employee, applauds Long's selection.

"Bryan's presence has been huge in UEM workplace. He is very kind and sympathetic person, as well as the most intellectual guy that I've ever met; he makes everyone around him smarter, and people just want to be around him," said Rebollo Descalzo. Long impressively managed his team throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, providing electrical power and water to over 6,000 U.S. personnel while responding to 14 unplanned electrical and water outages throughout sporadic pandemic restrictions. "I've been playing competitive team sports since I was just over 4 years old - being from St. Louis, Mo, we start 'em young in baseball," Long said his feelings on receiving this award.

"Throughout my entire life, I've learned and re-learned that being a part of a team means we all have to do our part to make the team successful. I have been extremely blessed and fortunate to have this amazing team here at UEM Rota. I owe a huge "thank you" to them for helping me to get in the right place to receive such an award, and for continuing to do what they do best every day: come to work, put in a hard, rewarding effort, and ensure the utilities here in Rota, Spain for the most part go un-noticed. Clean water and clean electrons always flowing in and wastewater always flowing out," he said.

NAVFAC EURAFCENT executes approximately \$1 billion per year in construction, professional engineering and facilities services for the U.S. Navy, U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) and NATO commands in countries throughout Europe, Africa and Central Command where the Navy is the DoD lead agent for military construction.

(Photo and article by Lisa Woodbury Rama Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Europe Africa Central)

# The Humans



Ana Real Bolaños has been with PWD Rota for 26 years, serving as a custodial worker. We asked her for her favorite quote and she responded with “ I don’t have a specific quote that I go by; , my goal is to be happy and enjoy every given moment to maximum extent possible; there’s so many bad things going on in the world but there’s also goodness as well.” She’s very proud of her son and daughter, one of them recently completed university and the other is going on their fourth year. (Article and Photo by LT Lee)

Francisco (Paco) Real Ramos who is a custodial worker at PWD Rota, and has been working with PWD Rota for 30 years! When we asked about his quote he said "Same as Ana; my goal is to be as happy as possible; wishing everyone in PWD Rota good health" Before working at PWD Rota, he worked in a family cleaning business and also served mandatory time (12 months) in Spanish Army in Cartagena.

(Article and Photo by LT Lee)



# of PWD Rota



This is CE3 Holmes. He was raised O'Fallon, Illinois. His dad is a retired Air force veteran who served for 23 years, his mom is a clinical psychologist. He wants to dive deep into more knowledge such as learning generators and voltage. He wants to obtain his LOTO qualification, and he also wants to make 2<sup>nd</sup> on his PWD tour. Welcome aboard CE3! (Article and photo by CE2 Washington)

Meet CECN Shannon who is from Oregon. He enjoys fishing, golfing, basketball, and camping. He wants to travel to Italy, France, Germany, and Greece. He wants to learn as much as he can about his rate and obtain his LOTO qualification. His favorite quote "If you never know, you won't know until you know". Welcome aboard CECN!

(Article and photo by CE2 Washington)



Welcome aboard UTCR Vandenberg. She is born and raised in California. She wants attain knowledge on her rate and obtain licenses. She is hoping to become married to her partner while on tour with PWD. She also wants to visit Germany, Greece, Italy, and Amsterdam while traveling abroad. Welcome aboard UTCR!

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