

# THE MOSAIC

*"There were never were in the world two opinions alike, no more than two hairs or two grains; the most universal quality is diversity."*

*-Michel de Montaigne*

## "A Strong Workforce is an Inclusive Workforce: What Can YOU Do?"

Each October, National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) is a campaign that raises awareness about disability employment issues and celebrates the many varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. Dating back to 1945, "National Employ the Physically Handicapped week" was passed by President Truman to be celebrated the first week of each October. Then in 1962, the word "physically" was removed and in 1988, Congress expanded the event to a month. In 2003, President George W. Bush proclaimed October to be National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Let's come together as a whole to celebrate the many achievements of disabled individuals and veterans whom are vital to mission completion and valuable to our society. For more information, please visit:

[www.navy.mil/local/cnp-diversity/](http://www.navy.mil/local/cnp-diversity/) or  
<http://www.loc.gov/disabilityawareness/>.

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**Command Diversity Team:**  
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LT Wong-Lopez: Mentorship  
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HM1 Sprouse  
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HM2 Lee: Outreach/STEM  
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*During October We Salute Our  
Friends and Neighbors Celebrating*



A National Celebration of Polish History, Culture and Pride in Cooperation with the Polish American Congress and Polonia Across America



**Celebrate  
German-American Heritage  
Month**

*September 15 to October 15*

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## Profiles Of Diversity

*Every month, we will feature two members of our team!*

Name: HM3 Uvina, Javier

Ethnic Background: Mexican

Age: 23

Gender: Male

My current job is: Hospital Corpsman / Dental Technician

I was born in: I was born Los Angeles, California.

Where did you grow up? I lived in California until I was 5 years old then moved to Erie, Pennsylvania where I grew up.

Are you married? No.

Do you have any children? Not yet.

Other than English I am fluent/can understand the following language(s): Spanish.

Are there any other interesting facts about you, your family, or your background?

We mostly stick with the American traditions. We grew up in a city that didn't have many Hispanic people so we just celebrated the holidays that everyone else celebrated. We do celebrate, "Día de los Reyes" (Day of the Kings) which commemorates the arrival of the three Magi or Wise Men; Cinco de Mayo which commemorates the victory of the Mexican militia over the French army at The Battle Of Puebla in 1862. (It's not our independence day, that's on 16SEP); and Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) which focuses on gatherings of family and friends to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died, usually by making the deceased persons' favorite food and beverages and celebrating it at their graves. We generally celebrate this holiday in Mexico on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> of November.

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Name: Tangee Myers

Ethnic Background: Caucasian

Age: 27

Gender: Female

My current job is: Contractor Dental Assistant, Periodontal Department

I was born in: Baltimore, MD

Where did you grown up? Rockwood, PA and Glen Burnie, MD

Are you married? No, but will be next year on October 13, 2013.

Do you have any children? No.

Other than English I am fluent/can understand the following language(s): Only English

Does your family practice any specific cultural or ethnic events or celebrations within the home?

Just traditional American holidays.

How long have you been in/worked for the Navy? About 1 month.

Are there any other interesting facts about you, your family, or your background?

I have two younger siblings, one little sister who is 19 and one little brother who is 16.

# Learn this Language!

*Submit and teach your culture!*

Throughout history, Language has been the factor that made different cultures distinct from one another. As we speak different tongues, the knowledge to learn only continues to grow. New to 'The Mosaic', this section spotlights your culture's native language as us readers can join and learn. Who knows? Maybe the next time you meet someone or in a foreign country, you'll remember how to say 'hello!'

**Knowledge is Power!** Chishiki wa chikaranari! **Connaissance est le pouvoir!** Wissen ist Macht!

## This month we'll be learning basic Italian phrases.

### Buon giorno

Hello / Good day / Good morning

### Buona sera

Good evening

### Buona notte

Good night

### Ciao

Hi / Bye

### Arrivaderci

Goodbye

### Per favore

Please (formal / informal)

### Grazie mille

Thank you (very much)

### Prego

You're welcome.

### Quanto costa?

How much does it cost?

### Vorrei...

I would like...

### Mi dispiace.

I'm sorry

### A domani.

See you tomorrow

### Capisco.

I understand.

### Parla l'inglese?

Do you speak English?

### Mi scusi.

Excuse me! (getting someone's attention) / I'm sorry!

If you want to have your language or dialect posted in the Mosaic, contact any Diversity member. Happy learning!

## Reminders & Upcoming Events

Check out our electronic Diversity Binder on the P: Drive!

Check out:

<http://www.facebook.com/navydiversity>

NHC Annapolis Hispanic Heritage Month Ceremony  
26 October, 1200  
Lockwood-Heaton

Great Minds in STEM (HENAAC)  
11 – 13 October 2012  
<http://www.greatmindsinstem.org/>

STEM: Expanding Your Horizons Symposium for Middle School Girls  
13 October, 0900  
Rickover Hall, USNA

Italian Heritage Month  
<http://www.italianheritagemonth.com/>

Polish Heritage Month  
<http://www.polishamericancenter.org/heritmo.htm>

German Heritage Month  
<http://www.gmbookchest.com/pages/heritage.html>

Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities Annual Conference  
20 October 2012  
Washington DC

The Thurgood Marshall College Fund Annual Leadership Institute  
26 October 2012  
NY, NY

American Indian Science and Engineering Society National Conference  
1 November 2012  
Anchorage, Alaska

## Important Historical Diversity Events in October

Continental Navy established by Continental Congress. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!  
13 October 1775

First Distinguished Service Medal awarded to a woman.  
19 October 1919

Thurgood Marshall was sworn in as the first black man to serve as an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.  
2 October 1967

Benazir Bhutto returns to her homeland in Pakistan after 8 years in exile.  
18 October 2007

W.H. Felton was the first woman appointed to the U.S. Senate.  
3 October 1922

Blanche Scott was the first woman to solo an airplane.  
23 October 1910

## Famous People in History

Oscar Carl Pistorius is a South African Sprinter who competes in T44(single below knee amputees) and T43(double below knee amputees) events. He is a Paralympic world record holder for the 200 and 400 meter events. At the London Summer Olympic Games, he became the first double leg amputee to participate and entered in the men's 400 meter race and part of South Africa's 4 X 400 meter relay. He later won two gold medals and a silver medal in the 2012 Summer Paralympics.