

THE MOSAIC

"We have become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic. Different people, different beliefs, different yearnings, different hopes, different dreams."

-Jimmy Carter

"Diversity United, Building America's Future Today": Hispanic Heritage Month

Each month, we reflect on the achievements that different cultures and groups have made to benefit our society. From September 15th to October 15th, we celebrate the contributions, history, and culture of Hispanic and Latino Americans. This diverse group traces their roots to Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America. The initial observation started in 1968 as a week-long celebration, but was expanded to 30 days on August 17, 1988 under President Ronald Reagan. Today, according to U.S. Census Bureau, Hispanic Americans comprise 16.3% of the total United States population. Today's Navy workforce has more than 73,000 Hispanic active duty and reserve sailors, officers, and DON civilians. We have four Hispanic Flag Officers and 172 Hispanic Master Chiefs representing our Navy. For more information from the Chief of Naval Personnel - Office of Diversity and Inclusion, please visit www.navy.mil/local/cnp-diversity/.

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15 Sep – 15 Oct

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Command Diversity Team:

LCDR Burns: Diversity Officer

LT Wong-Lopez

HM1 Lopez: Diversity LPO

HM1 Sprouse

HM2 Ozurumba: Outreach/STEM

HM2 Lee: Outreach/STEM

HM2 Farissi

From the Military Leadership Diversity Commission

The Armed Forces became a deliberately inclusive organization in 1948 when President Harry S. Truman issued his historic Executive Order 9981 that called for "equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed services." Since then, the U.S. military has led the nation in its quest for equality for all Americans, regardless of their background. This dedication to equal opportunity has resulted in increased representation of minorities and women among the top military leaders in recent decades.

Profiles Of Diversity

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

Name: HM1 Omer Chavez

Ethnic Background: Asian

Age: 43

Gender: Male

My current job is: Laboratory technician, DCSS LPO

I was born in: I was born and grew up in the Philippines but immigrated to the US when I was 29 years old.

Are you married? Yes.

Do you have any children? Yes.

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

How long have you been in/worked for the Navy? 15 years.

Name: HM2 Hem Panta

Ethnic Background: Asian

Age: 35

Gender: Male

My current job is: Pharmacy Technician

I was born in: Nepal, India. **Where did you grown up?** Nepal.

Are you married? Yes.

Do you have any children? Yes, 3.

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

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

Dashain, Festival of Lamp (Tihar), Teej and many other Hindu festivals.

How long have you been in the Navy? 5 Years.

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

We (Hindu) celebrate many festivals throughout the year but among them, 'Dashain' is the greatest festival which falls between October & November and it's celebrated for 15 days. "Dewali" is the second greatest as it is celebrated for 5 days. In the Hindu religion, we call "God" in many different names: Shiva, Krishna, Bishnu, etc and call "Pujari" priest, who wears yellow or orange custom clothing and has very long hair and a long beard. Our particular dishes are called "Dal bhat" (lentils and rice) and spicy curry. We don't eat 'beef' because we worship 'cow' as a goddess.

Learn this Language!

Throughout history, language has been the factor that made different cultures distinct from one another. As we speak different tongues, our capacity to learn increases. New to "The Mosaic", this section will feature a new language each month. Who knows? Maybe the next time you meet someone or are in a foreign country, you will 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 Spanish phrases.

¡Buenos días!
bway-nohs dee-ahs
Hello! / Good morning!

¡Buenas tardes!
bway-nahs tard-ays
Good afternoon!

¡Buenas noches!
bway-nahs noh-chays
Good evening! / Good night!

¡Hola! / ¡Chao!
oh-lah / chow
Hi! / Bye!

Adiós.
ah-dee-ohs
Good bye.

Por favor.
por fah-bor
Please.

Hasta la vista / Hasta luego.
ah-stah lah vees-tah / ah-stah loo-ay-go
See you / See you later.

Hasta pronto.
ah-stah prohn-toh
See you soon.

Hasta mañana.
ah-stah mahn-yahn-ah
See you tomorrow.

(Muchas) Gracias.
(moo-chahs) grah-see-ahs
Thank you (very much).

De nada.
day nah-dah
You're welcome.

Bienvenidos
byen-veh-nee-dohs
Welcome

¿Cómo está usted?
koh-moh ay-stah oo-sted
How are you? (formal)

¿Cómo estás?
koh-moh ay-stahs
How are you? (informal)

Bien / Muy bien
bee-ehn / moy bee-ehn
Good / Very good

¿Cómo se llama usted?
koh-moh say yah-mah oo-sted
What is your name? (formal)

¿Cómo te llamas?
koh-moh tay yah-mahs
What is your name?
(informal)

Me llamo... / Mi nombre es...
may yah-moh / mee nohm-breh ess
My name is...

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

Lockwood-Heaton
1200, 28 September 2012

Hispanic Heritage Events on the Yard

15 September 0900-1500– Kids Day; Dahlgren Hall
19 September 1240-1320 – Dance Performance by Latino Studies Group; Smoke Hall
29 September 1830-2400 – Hispanic Heritage Month Social; Dahlgren Hall

For more information, contact MIDN Fernandez at m132148@usna.edu or MIDN Rey at m135724@email.usna.edu

Hispanic Heritage Month Family Day:

Central American Traditions
15 September 2012; Washington, DC

http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/heritage_month/event_calendar.html/?i=1

Prince George's County 31st Hispanic Festival

16 September 2012; Adelphi, MD
<http://www.pgparcs.com/page45076.aspx>

Hispanic, Engineering, Science & Technology (HESTEC)

23-29 September 2012; Edinburgh, TX
<http://www.utpa.edu/hestec/>

The Society of Mexican American Engineers and Scientists, Inc. (MAES)

13-23 October 2012; Las Vegas, NV
<http://mymaes.org/>

The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU)

20-22 October 2012; Washington, DC
<http://www.hacu.net/hacu/default.asp>

Important Historical Events in September

City of Los Angeles founded by Spanish Governor Felipe de Neve
04 September 1781

The U.S.A. came into existence as the Continental Congress changed the name of the new American nation from the United Colonies to the United States
09 September 1776

Patriot Day
Remembering September 11, 2001.

Mexican Independence Day
16 September 1810

Chilean Independence Day
18 September 1810

New Zealand became the first country to grant women the right to vote.
19 September 1893

Famous Hispanics in History

Admiral David Glasgow Farragut, US Navy.
Admiral Farragut's father was a native of Minorca, Spain. He served an amazing 59 years and was the first officer in the U.S. Navy to be commissioned to the rank of Admiral. Famous quote: "Damn the torpedoes, Full speed ahead!"

Juan Ponce De Leon, Spanish Conquistador. He became the first Governor of Puerto Rico by appointment of the Spanish Crown. He was notable for the first excursion to Florida and associated with the legend of the 'Fountain of Youth'.