

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## BLACK HISTORY MONTH & WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Check out some of our personnel's reflections on these two months of remembrance. (Page 5)

## NEW FEAD ONBOARD

LCDR Christina Milone takes over as the new FEAD (Page 7)

## FROCKING, RE-ENLISTMENT, AND FAREWELLS

JP advances to PO3, Roney Re-enlists, and EO1 Lindsey/LCDR Overtree bid farewell. (Page 10-11)

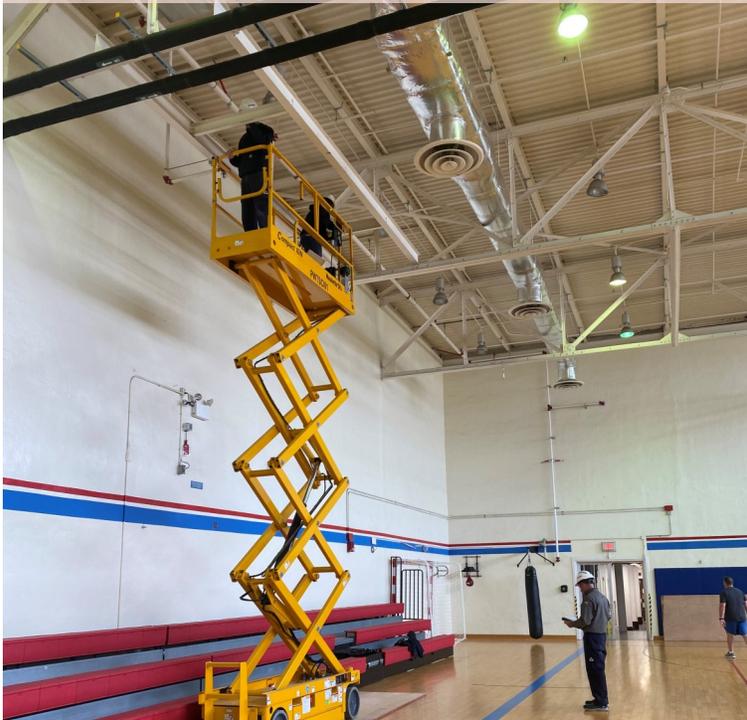
*On the Cover*

*PWD Rota's Facilities & Sustainment Team conduct HVAC work at the NMCB Military Working Dog Kennel Project*

# FS @ WORK



**Above and Right:** Manuel Herrera Ramirez, Jose Luis Valor Chaves, Jesus Santamaria Moron, and Jose Ramon Gallero Caballero, are seen here installing HVAC units at the dog kennel project site.



Wherever you go on-base here at NAVSTA Rota, you'll see our local national workforce from PWD Rota's Facilities & Sustainment Branch providing their services and expertise, whether it be in masonry, carpentry, janitorial, or mechanical services. At the Military Working Dog Seabee project site, Our F&S personnel aided the efforts by providing HVAC installation work. The electrical crew also recently replaced basketball lights

**Above:** Felix Jesus Ramos Bernal, Juan Antonio Morillo, and Julio Rodrigues Patino are seen here conducting an in-house work order to replace basketball lights at the base gymnasium.

at the base gymnasium. Some were seen on streets repainting the street lanes and parking lot lines too. Next time you come across these personnel with NAVFAC logo vests/shirts, make sure to thank them for their services!

Article by LT Chanhon Lee/Photos by LT Chanhon Lee and Maria Vanesa Pedroza Martin-Arroyo

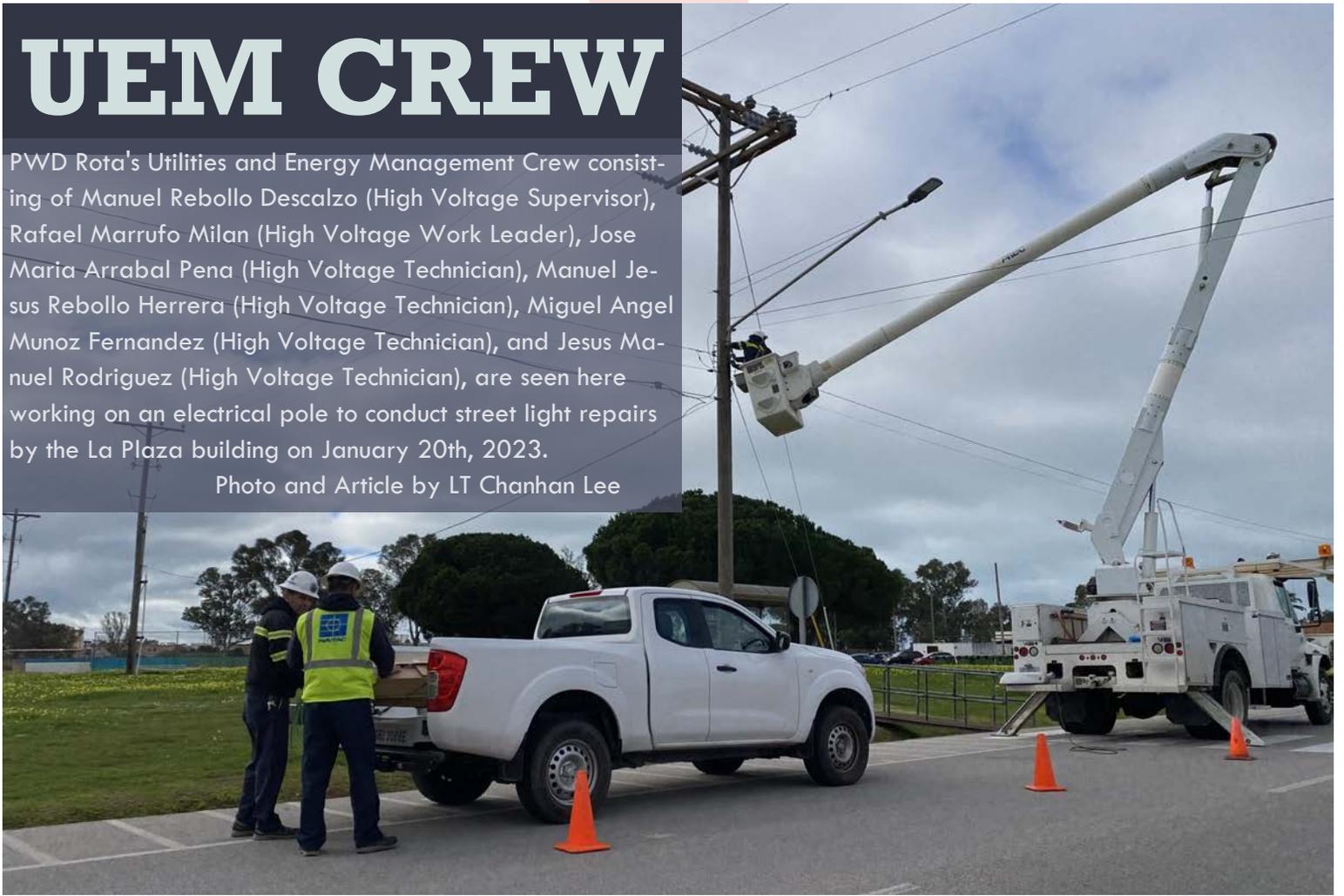


**Above:** Manuel Nino Margarito and Francisco Javier Herrera Bolaños are seen here putting on a fresh coat of paint on the parking lot of base post center on February 1st, 2023.

# UEM CREW

PWD Rota's Utilities and Energy Management Crew consisting of Manuel Rebollo Descalzo (High Voltage Supervisor), Rafael Marrufo Milan (High Voltage Work Leader), Jose Maria Arrabal Pena (High Voltage Technician), Manuel Jesus Rebollo Herrera (High Voltage Technician), Miguel Angel Munoz Fernandez (High Voltage Technician), and Jesus Manuel Rodriguez (High Voltage Technician), are seen here working on an electrical pole to conduct street light repairs by the La Plaza building on January 20th, 2023.

Photo and Article by LT Chanhon Lee



# WHE CREW



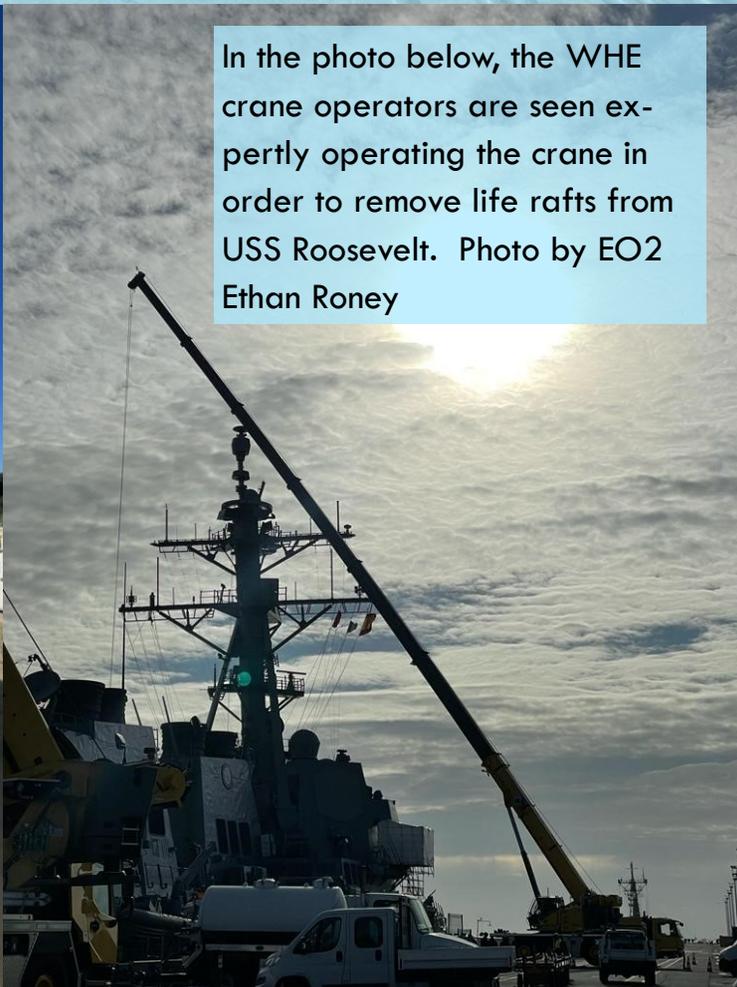
PWD Rota's WHE Crewman: EO2 Jackson (Left) & EO2 Roney (Middle) directed and supervised a crucial water lift. The crew successfully lifted USS Beaver Boat onto a tractor trailer to transport USS Beaver Boat to Port Ops Maintenance Division to repair critically damaged systems onboard USS Beaver Boat. Photo and Article by CM3(SCW/EXW) Chris King; taken on 19Jan2023

# WHE Crew Cont.

On February 9th, USS Roosevelt needed a scissor lift to perform maintenance in the hanger bay. The PWD Crane Crew answered the call of duty. With EO1 Smith as the crane Operator, Fernando Viana (Palmera) as the Rigger in Charge, and Bellota Guerrero/EO2 Jackson as riggers, this team got the job done safely and incident free. Everyone onboard the USS Roosevelt slept easy on that night. Knowing that PWDs Crane Crew would always be there. Always Ready!



For most of the month of January, PWD Crane Crew was spread throughout the entire base, utilizing not only all of its personnel, but also all the Cranes. One of the larger scale lifts was the offload and staging of over one hundred 40ft long containers in support of 22 NCR. These heroes of NAVFAC completed each lift like clockwork. Brave Zulu Y'all! Keep it up! Photos by EO2(SCW/EXW) Alex Jackson



In the photo below, the WHE crane operators are seen expertly operating the crane in order to remove life rafts from USS Roosevelt. Photo by EO2 Ethan Roney

# Women's History Month



ENGLISH VERSION

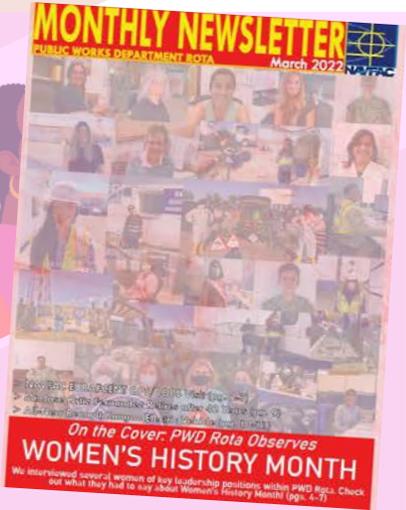


SPANISH VERSION

The month of March, PWD Rota celebrates the Women's History Month and we join the world yet again in commemorating and encourage the study, observance, and celebration of the vital role women in the history around the world.

Last year (2022), PWD Rota's Public Affairs Representatives interviewed several women of leadership within PWD Rota to see what they feel about Women's History and its importance.

Check out the QR Codes on the left to see last year's article!



## ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHRISTINE WALLACE:

The PWD Women's Group will be starting up again soon! Our next meeting will be held on April 20th 2023 from 1430 to 1530 in the PWD Transportation Conference Room, BLDG 149. Be on the lookout for a survey that will be e-mailed to you ahead of the meeting!



# Black History Month

On February 2023, PWD Rota's Black American military servicemembers reflected on the Black American History Month (February). CE2(SCW/EXW) Dominique Wilkinson stated that Black History Month "is special to [me] because it gives us an opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of our history, struggles, and accomplishments within the African American community." To his fellow military members, he says that it is important to "listen, learn, and embrace the history because it is vital to our society. We all belong here; be comfortable in expressing yourself [as well as] embracing other cultures and upbringings."

CE3 Bryan Cachola added that this month "brings a lot of context on how far we've come as a society and highlights specific contributions from African Americans." Last year (2022) PWD Rota celebrated Black History Month by interviewing all of the Black American service members. Use the QR Codes on the right to see last year's article!



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# BOSC Kick-Off



On February 1st, 2023, PWD Rota hosted a kick-off meeting for the new base operation support contractor (BOSC), J&J World Wide Services. The NAVSTA Rota's BOSC recently held a transition of contractor from NEWIMAR, which served the base for past 30+ years, to JJWWS on January 1st, 2023. This \$132M Indefinite-Delivery Indefinite-Quantity (IDIQ) contract was awarded through NAVFAC Atlantic (LANT), our Echelon III command, on 2021 to JJWWS, which has been working with the DoD since 1970s, and currently has experience in working in 8 OCONUS military locations in UK, Germany, and Italy.

The BOSC touches many aspects of the base, servicing many areas within the properties of NAVSTA Rota with both recurring and non-recurring work items, including custodial, pest control, grounds maintenance, solid waste management, HAZWASTE/oily waste/CHT, and occasional crane lift activities (just to list few examples), supporting at the airfield, piers, family and unaccompanied housing, hospital, and other tenant commands. This ~\$10M per year contract is very much so interwoven into how the base is maintained for the most part.

The meeting was attended by 42 personnel, including personnel from JJWWS, PWD Rota, and base clients that utilize BOSC. During the kick-off meeting, Jorge Diaz, the project manager of JJWWS, introduced himself and his team members to the base, following in-troduction of everyone in attendance. Jorge introduced JJWWS team organizational structure and contact info, as well as the work order processes for recurring and non-recurring work.

Photos and Article by LT Chanhon Lee

# New FEAD Director Onboard!



LT Shane Thames, Construction Manager at PWD Rota's FEAD, is shown here providing project site tour of nearly-finished N33191-16-C-1002, Rota Navy Lodge Expansion project, to LCDR Christina Milone, new FEAD Director of PWD Rota, on February 1st, 2023.



**Above:** LT Shane Thames and Maria Angeles Granado Garcia is shown here providing site tour of P-313, New Hangar for MH-60R Helicopter Maritime Strike Wing Operations.

LCDR Christina Milone, who recently checked-into PWD Rota, is seen here conducting project site tours during the first week of February 2023 as a part of her goals to understand current on-going military construction (MILCON) projects on-base. She is taking over LCDR Nathanel Overtree, and will be in charge of \$183 Million in on-going construction aboard NAVSTA Rota.

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**Below:** Leo Tancreti, Engineering Technician, is providing site tour of N33191-22-F-4001, CDC Playground Repair Project



**Above:** Ramon Borreguero, Quality Assurance Engineer of PWD Rota's FEAD, is shown here providing site tour of Las Palmeras Housing Revitalization Phase IV and V projects to LCDR Milone.

# WELCOME ABOARD!



**Greg Wood** (left) comes back to us from Virginia Beach, VA! He was previously at PWD Rota for 6.5 years from 2014 to 2020, serving as civil/structural engineer and providing his expertise in many critical projects such as HSM-79 Hangars and emergency air-field pavement projects. Now, he is back as the Senior Construction Manager at FEAD, and ready to do more great things here in Spain. Greg is joined by his wife, Reme, and their twin sons. Welcome back Greg!

**Ken Gould** (right) comes from Texas, where he was working for the US Army Corps of Engineers at Lackland Air Force Base. He previously served as an office engineer, negotiating and processing modifications and requests of equitable adjustments (REAs) for important contracts ranging \$110-150M, including construction of Airmen training center and dining facilities. He was born and raised most of his early life in California, and went to the Oregon State University for a degree in Civil Engineering. He is accompanied by his wife Niina (who's from Finland) here in Spain.



**Reisaac Colon** (left) is from Puerto Rico. He recently checked-in from his previous job with the US Army Corps of Engineers at Jacksonville, where he was a real estate specialist for the Caribbean region. He has worked with the Department of Defense for past 8 years, and has a background in civil engineering and music from Universidad Politecnica de Puerto Rico in San Juan. He is now settled in Chipiona with his wife and two kids and a pet dog, and is happy to be in Spain!



**LCDR Christina Milone** (left) has taken over as the new Facilities Engineering & Acquisition Director (FEAD) here in PWD Rota. She checked in from NAVFAC Headquarters, where she served as the Deputy Executive Assistant under RADM John Korke, the former Chief of Civil Engineers. Her previous duty station includes PWD Great Lakes, PWD Patuxent River, and NMCB 5. She is a native of Staten Island, and received Bachelor's degree at Cooper Union and Master's at University of Colorado.

**Mike Bianchi** (right) takes over a position previously filled by Jill Sears in Environmental Division. He grew up in fishing family in Northwest Washington, working as a deckhand and then skippering fishing vessels. He has worked for National Marine Fisheries Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, and as a private consultant. His proudest accomplishment in this field has been a wholesale rethinking of water crossings and bridge construction, permitting the repair and/or replaced of 365 bridges in the state of Oregon in 7 years. Mike is here with his two dogs and one cat. His wife, and two elementary-aged children will be following once their school years is complete.



**CE3 Zuhair Ali** (left) comes to us from Dhaka, Bangladesh by way of Michigan. CE3 is 28 years old and just recently became a Seabee after a few years of sea service on board the USS Stethem in San Diego, CA. Ali says he is looking forward to traveling throughout Europe while he is stationed here. CE3 will be working down at UEM with his fellow CE's.

**UTCR Dennis Stephan** (right) hails from San Francisco, California. He enjoys snowboarding, hiking, biking, and American football. He aspires to obtain a college degree, and run his own plumbing business after his military career. UTCR will be found sharpening his trade skills among the water crew at UEM.



# JP Frocking!

On February 3rd, UTCN Kaden Johnson-Powers was frocked to Petty Officer Third Class by CECS Matt Markowski, Senior Enlisted Officer, at Building 149 in front of his peers. His wife, Cassandra had the honor of "pinning" her husband to the next paygrade! Photo and Article by CE2(AW) Warreck Neubauer



# RON-YE's Re-Enlistment

On January 20th EO2 Ethan Roney re-enlisted for 6 more years to serve the US Navy. LT Jessica Hatfield, APWO, was given the honor of kicking him out and then bringing him back in for 6 more. He was joined by his wife Angie and daughter Ellie.



EO2 Roney then took this re-enlistment opportunity to present a certificate of appreciation to his Lead Petty Officer, EO1 (SCW/EXW) Christian Smith for "saving his life" during an evolution on the Pier. This honor is normally presented to re-enlisting service members' family members, but EO2 certainly took such opportunity to make sure EO1 was appreciated for his action and clearly looking out for his troops!

Photo and Article by CE2(AW) Warreck Neubauer

# Farewell for LCDR Overtree



Khaki members of PWD Rota recently held a farewell dinner for LCDR Nathanael Overtree and his wife Michelle, as he retires after 20 years of active duty service with the US Navy and moves to his home in Arlington, Texas. LCDR Overtree checked-into PWD Rota back in the summer of 2020, when COVID-19 was at its height, and tackled some of the most challenging aspects of his job including management of difficult situations with contractors on several high-visibility MILCONs, navigating through delays due to the pandemic, protests, and other factors, the transition of Base Operation Support Contract, and Operation Allies Welcome of 2021.

Photo and Article by LT Chanhan Lee



# Farewell EO1 Lindsey

EO1 Lindsey, Operator Extraordinaire has come to the conclusion of his 4 year tour here at PWD ROTA. We wish him Good fortune, as he and his family move on to the green machine of NMCB 3 in Port Hueneme California. Keep on, keeping on EO1! You will always be loved and missed here at PWD.

CRANE CREW ROCKS !!

EO2 (SCW/EXW) Jackson, Alex



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