

# Asian-Pacific observance features Philippine officer

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Retired Philippine navy Capt. Armando B. Heredia of Middletown will speak at Naval Station Newport's observance of Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month on **Heredia** May 17 at 10 a.m. in Ney Hall galley. The observance is open to anyone with routine base access.

A special Asian and Pacific Islander lunch will be on the menu immediately after the observance, served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This meal is open to retired military personnel, DoD civilian employees, and civilian contractors



that work on base and their guests, as authorized by the Commanding Officer, Naval Station Newport. The charge is \$4.55.

Naval Station Newport's Diversity Committee is sponsoring the event.

Asian and Pacific Ameri-

can Heritage Month began in May 1992 as an expansion of the previously celebrated Asian and Pacific Heritage Week.

The 2012 national theme, "Striving for Excel-

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lence in Leadership, Diversity, and Inclusion," focuses on increasing appreciation and understanding of the contributions of Asian and Pacific Americans to our nation.

Heredia is president of the Filipino-American Association of Newport County and a board member of the Newport Council for International Visitors. He is a member of the local Linkod Timog organization that sponsors medical relief missions to southern Philippines poor.

Heredia is a 1967 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy. He graduated from the Naval Command College at the Naval War College in 1986 and was a member of the Strategy and Policy Department there from 1987 to 1990.

While in the Philippine navy from 1967-1988 he served as director, plans and programs office, personnel division, Armed Forces of the Philippines; director, Naval Officers School Center; and director, Navy Computer Center.

He holds a certificate of advanced studies in the humanities, Salve Regina University, 1997, and a master's degree in business and computer systems management.

Heredia is a recipient of the first John M. Olin Foundation Senior Fellow, Strategic Studies Project, awarded by the Naval War College Foundation, Newport, 1987-1990.

The lunch menu consists of Asian stir-fry soup; roasted pork loin, chicken adobo, mushroom and pepper griddle rice (meatless entrée), steamed jasmine rice, angel hair Filipino style with shrimp, oriental stir-fry vegetables, green beans Lyonnais, and Asian shrimp salad.