

Luis Alonso Galvez Meraz
Personnel Specialist First Class Petty Officer
(Surface Warfare/Air Warfare)



Personnel Specialist First Class (PS1) Luis A. Galvez was born in Durango, Mexico and raised in Whittier, CA. He enlisted under the Navy's Delayed Entry Program in November 1996 and reported to Boot Camp in Great Lakes, IL in May 1997. Upon graduation from Basic Training, he was assigned as a Deck Seaman on board USS Santa Barbara (AE-28) in Goose Creek, SC from August 1997 until September 1998 where he deployed to the Persian Gulf for Operation Southern Watch.

He served onboard the USS John F. Kennedy (CV-67) in Mayport, FL from October 1998 until October 2000 where he assume the title of Third Class Petty Officer as Disbursing Clerk and made a second deployment to the Mediterranean and Persian Gulf for Operation Southern Watch and the 2000 Millennial Cruise. He later volunteered and transferred onboard USS O'Bannon (DD-987) located also in Mayport, FL from October 2000 to May 2001 to fulfill his 4 years of Sea Duty. He earned the Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialty qualification in six months, which usually takes 9-12 months to accomplish.

He transferred to Personnel Support Detachment Rota, Spain and worked as Travel, Fiscal and Military Personnel clerk. He was awarded the Junior Sailor of the Quarter, 2nd Quarter FY02 and Junior Sailor of the Year 2002. He assumed the title of Second Class Petty Officer on June of the same year. He earned an undergraduate certificate and Associates of Arts from University of Maryland University College (UMUC) and got married to Vanessa Colon Fernandez.

In August 2004, PS1 Galvez transfer to VAW 126 as Independent Duty Disbursing Clerk where he deployed onboard USS Harry S. Truman (CVN-75) for six-month cruise for Operations Iraq Freedom / Enduring Freedom from October 2004 to April 2005. He was awarded Sailor of the Quarter, 1st Quarter FY05, earned the Enlisted Air Warfare Specialty in May 2006 and assumed the title of First Class Petty Officer on December of the same year.

In October 2007, PS1 Galvez transfer to Naval Air Station Sigonella, he was the Leading Petty Officer for Training and Manpower Departments. He was awarded Executive Department Sailor of the Year 2008 and Senior Sailor of the Quarter, 3rd Quarter FY09. PS1 Galvez is a graduate from the Senior Enlisted Joint Professional Military Education (SE JPME) course from Joint Forces Staff College, Norfolk, VA in April 2008. Later that year he earned his second undergraduate certificate in August 2008 and Bachelors Degree in Information Systems Management from UMUC in May 2009.

PS1 Galvez is a member of the Board of Directors and USN Senior Enlisted Representative for the Association of Naval Services Officers (ANSO). His awards and decorations include four Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, four Good Conduct Medals, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary and Service Medals, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, Pistol Expert Medal along with various unit and campaign awards.

Petty Officer Galvez is currently station to Navy Recruiting District Richmond, physically working at Military Entrance Procession Station (MEPS) Fort Lee, VA as Interviewer Classifier. Luis and Vanessa have two boys, Carlos who is 5 y/o and Luis who is 4 y/o.