



CAPTAIN MYLES ESMELE Jr.

CAPT Myles Esmele freshly out of the University of the Philippines enlisted in the US Navy in 1976 in Subic Bay Naval Station, Republic of the Philippines. He aced the Nuclear Power Qualification exam and entered the Navy's Nuclear Power Program as an Electrician's Mate. After a tour as an instructor at Nuclear Prototype in Idaho Falls, Idaho he was assigned to the Ballistic Missile submarine, the USS VON STEUBEN (SSBN 632). After completing his Baccalaureate of Science in Liberal Science was commissioned an Ensign at Officer Candidate School in 1982 into the Surface Warfare Line Community.

CAPT Myles Esmele served onboard the USS STERETT (CG 31), the first warship to be home-ported in the Philippines as the Electrical Officer, Boilers Officer, Main Propulsion Assistant and Training Officer from 1982-1986. After his ship tour, he was assigned as the Combatant Type desk officer at Commander Task Force 73/75, Command Naval Surface Warfare Group Western Pacific in Naval Air Station Cubi Point, Philippines. CAPT Vern L Edwards and LCDR Ernie DeCastro (both retired) became his mentors.

In 1988 he became the Engineer Officer, "Cheng" onboard the USS OLDENDORF (DD 972) home ported in Naval Facilities, Yokosuka, Japan and followed on another sea tour as the N4 Material Officer for Commander Destroyer Squadron 15. Under his guidance, all his ships never failed a material inspection that included 9 highly successful OPPEs (Operation Propulsion Plant Examinations). Retired Navy Captain Hugh Butt served as his inspiration.

In 1992, CAPT Esmele lateral transferred into the Engineering Duty Community and served as the Production Officer at Shore Intermediate Maintenance Activity (SIMA) San Diego. In 1997, he completed a Masters in Mechanical Engineering at Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, CA and came back to San Diego as a Project Manager at Supervisor of Shipbuilding (SUPSHIP) Conversion and Repair. A couple years later, he returned as the Repair Officer at SIMA San Diego and was tasked to a critical overseas billet as the Officer-In-Charge (OIC) of Ship repair Unit Bahrain just weeks before the deadly terrorist attacks on 9/11. CAPT Esmele took the most demanding job in the Southwest waterfront in SUPSHIP San Diego as the Repair Officer and then fleeted up to the Deputy Commander and Executive Officer. In the newly merged maintenance community, he became the 1st Waterfront Operations Officer at Southwest Regional Maintenance Center. CAPT Esmele completed a 2nd master's degree, this time in Quality Systems Management, National Graduate School, Falmouth, MA, in the summer of 2005. He is currently working on a Doctorate in Leadership from Capella University.

RDML Will Rodriguez handpicked him after his promotion to CAPTAIN in October 2005 to be his Chief of Staff at the Office of the Chief Engineer at Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command in Old Town San Diego. He is also the Diversity Captain and Action Officer for the entire Engineering Duty Community working alongside RDML Tim Flynn, the Diversity Flag.

CAPT Esmele is a plank-owner and the Chief Executive Officer of the Federal Asian Pacific American Council (FAPAC) Southwest and the Navy's recipient for the 2007 FAPAC Meritorious Award, the Vice-President of the Filipino-American Military Officers' Association, a Lean-Six Sigma advocate, a member of the San Diego Dr. Deming Users Group, California Team Excellence Award judge (commended by California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, March 2008), and a plank owner of the SPAWAR Aikido Club. He is passionate about Diversity in the Uniformed Services, Government Agencies and in all walks of life.

CAPT Esmele is the son of Army S/Sgt Myles Esmele Sr., a Bataan Death March survivor. He is a veteran of Operation Desert Shield, the Kosovo conflict, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. His personal decorations include: the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards), the Navy Commendation Award (five awards), the Navy Achievement Medal (two awards), and the Navy Good Conduct Medal and various service and campaign awards.