



## CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES CHICAGO

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### CONSUL GENERAL OF CHICAGO ATTENDS US NAVY BOOT CAMP GRADUATION

The Consulate General of the Philippines in Chicago reports that Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge attended the recent graduation of sailors from the US Navy Recruit Training Command in Great Lakes, Illinois last 08 January 2016, at the invitation of a retired Filipino US Navy serviceman, Mr. Benny Aguado.

This was the first time that the Consul General of the Philippines was invited to witness the graduation ceremonies, where nearly 750 sailors finished the 8-week training of the US Navy's only "boot camp." Also present during the ceremonies were: Rear Admiral Thomas E. Ishee, Deputy Commander for the US Joint Functional Component Command for Global Strike; Rear Admiral Stephen C. Evans, Commander of the Naval Service Training Command; and Captain W. Douglas Pfeifle (USN), Commanding Officer of the Recruit Training Command. Accompanying Consul General Calonge were Consul Ricarte Abejuela III and Mr. Jose Erandio of the Consulate General of the Philippines in Chicago.

Among the highlights of the graduation ceremonies was the honoring of the top 5 graduates of the class where Sailor Jason Nuñez, a Filipino-American from San Francisco, California earned the coveted Navy League Award.

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From left: Consul Ricarte Abejuela III, Captain W. Douglas Pfeifle (USN), Rear Admiral Stephen V. Evans, Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge, Rear Admiral Thomas E. Ishee, and Mr. Jose Erandio.



Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge and Consul Abejuela with Sailor Jason Nuñez from San Francisco, who earned the Navy League Award for excellence while undergoing boot camp.



Consul General Generoso D.G. Calonge and Consul Ricarte Abejuela III with the other guests of honor at the graduation ceremonies of the US Navy Recruit Training Command at Great Lakes, IL last 08 January 2016.