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PH CONSUL GENERAL SPOKE AT THE TRAINING SUPPORT CENTER, US NAVAL STATION, GREAT LAKES

PH Consul General Gina Jamoralin spoke before students and staff of the Training Support Center (TSC), Naval Station, Great Lakes, Illinois on May 23, 2018 as guest speaker during a ceremony commemorating Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month with the theme, "Unite Our Vision by Working Together".

Capt. Mark Meskimen, commanding officer at TSC invited Consul General Jamoralin, the first foreign diplomat invited as guest speaker at the annual ceremony in honor of the Asian American and Pacific Islanders in the US Navy and in the armed services.

Consul General Jamoralin opened her remarks with, "I am proud to be a Filipino, an Asian and a Pacific Islander". "Filipino-Americans have built a bridge that connects our two countries and supports, if not forms an integral part of, the very foundation of our longstanding friendship", said Consul General Jamoralin. Consul General also met with some Filipino-American staff and students at the TSC.

Naval Station Great Lakes is the largest military installation in Illinois and home of the United States Navy's only boot camp, located near North Chicago, in Lake County, Illinois. It has the Recruit Training Command, Training Support Center and Navy Recruiting District Chicago. It is the US Navy's largest training facility.



Consul General Jamoralin speaking before students and staff at the TSC, Naval Station, Great Lakes

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Capt. Mark Meskimen, TSC Great Lakes commanding officer and Consul General Gina Jamoralin.



Filipino-American students and staff welcomed Consul General Jamoralin upon her arrival at the training facility.