

Orientation for women enlisted personnel held

An orientation for women enlisted personnel of NAMRIA was held last 08 March at the Coast and Geodetic Surveys Department (CGSD) in Binondo, Manila. The orientation was part of NAMRIA's celebration of Women's Month. It was the first time that this kind of seminar was conducted after women were allowed to join the ranks of the enlisted personnel in 1994.

The orientation started with the formation of the participants and drills conducted by Lcdr. Sheilon Cadaoas and 2nd Lt. Cesar Alipis. Commodore Rodolfo Agaton welcomed the participants while Director Linda SD. Papa, NAMRIA Gender and Development focal person, delivered the inspirational message. Commander Romeo Ho was the resource speaker during the morning session which covered topics on CGSD mandates and functions, ship organization, customs and traditions, courtesy, watch duty and other duties and responsibilities, and disciplinary actions.

During the afternoon session, Lcdr. Herbert Catapang talked about the laws governing the uniformed service, uniform regulations, enlistment, reenlistment, promotion, shipping articles, and other related topics. Map and chart reading, care and maintenance of small arms, and instruments were also discussed by Lt. Alberto Sta Ana, Ltjg. Antonio Valenzuela, and 2nd Lt. Alipis, respectively.

The participants had actual demonstrations on the conduct of second-order leveling. They were divided into two teams with Ens. Marvi Gale Dayan and P/Ens. Cherrylene Nuñez as team leaders. The participants included SN1 Raquel Hiponia; SN2 Joanna Calda and Erlinda Abon; and SN3 Marilou Cinco, Joanna Lequin, Corazon Gines, Jureta Javier, Lilia Cabatay, Paz Iguis, Clarita Amolo, Rowena Bongalos, and Florenia Gilpa.

Assistant Director Enrique Macaspac closed the day's event through a message thanking the participants and the organizers.

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The enlisted women during the drills



Nautical chart reading



Second-order leveling demonstration

