



Miriam Lopez

**Coast Guard Air Station
Borinquen, Puerto Rico**



Mrs. Miriam Lopez was hired in 2001 as the sole Procurement Clerk for Coast Guard Air Station Borinquen's MWR department. She started her Coast Guard career in the Coast Guard Exchange System in 1999. Mrs. Lopez received numerous On the Spot Cash Awards and was selected as the Coast Guard NAF Employee of the Year in 2010 and 2014.

Mrs. Lopez received a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Puerto Rico. She is married to Mr. Ricardo Negrón, a retired Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer.

Mrs. Lopez and Mr. Negrón have four children. Ryan is 22 years old and completed an internship with Disney in May. He is working on completing his degree in Business Management. Karlinette is 18 years old and graduated High School this year with High Honors. Karlinette was selected as the Puerto Rico Boys and Girls Club Military Youth of the Year in 2013 and 2014. She will represent the Coast Guard in the Northeast Regional Competition this August. Kaitlyn is 10 years old and is an avid volleyball player representing her club in many tournaments throughout Puerto Rico. Kailani is 7 years old and is very passionate about playing basketball. She represented her club in male and female leagues throughout the island.

Mrs. Lopez is an avid reader who loves to spend time with her family and attend her children's school and after school activities. Ms. Lopez is currently fulfilling the role of two full time positions, Procurement Clerk and Accounting Technician. Ms. Lopez manages and coordinates all procurement activities within Core Accounting System (CAS) for a 62 member department supporting IT activities and executing over \$200k annually. She provides oversight, management, and execution of the development of the annual NAF budget. In the absence of the Accounting Technician, she fulfills all roles and responsibilities of accounting within the department including financial reporting and auditing.

Ms. Miriam Lopez has been with us for over ten years and continues to serve as a critical member of Air Station Borinquen's MWR Department as well as the local community. She has clearly performed "above and beyond the normal responsibilities of a Procurement Clerk. It is an absolute privilege and honor to work alongside a dedicated member who continually exhibits exceptional professionalism, unyielding support, and the highest level of customer service on a daily basis.



John M. Sha

**Coast Guard Air Station
San Francisco, California**

Mr. John M. Sha is responsible for the repair, upkeep, and maintenance of Air Station San Francisco which consists of nine historic buildings spanning 21 acres. He performs maintenance on all base infrastructure and facilities. He is also responsible for various indoor and outdoor construction projects, such as the revitalization of landscaping and the construction and renovation of office and recreational spaces.



Mr. Sha has lived in Northern California his entire life and grew up an hour south of San Francisco in the town of Santa Cruz. He graduated high school in 1972 and joined the U.S. Army where he honorably served as a surveyor in Vietnam until 1976. After the Army he attended San Francisco State and was a star member of the wrestling team. It was in college that he met his wife, Becky. They have been married for 37 years and are the proud parents of four children. Mr. Sha worked in the union building trades for the next 30 years and was involved in many high-rise construction projects in downtown San Francisco. In 2009 he was hired as the Maintenance Worker at Air Station San Francisco and has made a tremendous positive impact on its people and facilities ever since.

Over the past year, Mr. Sha was instrumental to many successful projects. Most notably, he single-handedly undertook the monumental task of prepping and painting the Air Station's entire 20,000 square foot hangar. This was accomplished all by hand! In total more than 100 gallons of primer and paint was used to transform a soiled and faded hangar into a glistening modern professional aviation workspace. This three month project was completed in time for the Air Station to host the North Pacific Coast Guard Forum, an international event attended by the Commandant and 25 high-level foreign dignitaries. Several flag officers at the event specifically recognized Mr. Sha for what they described as one of the finest looking hangars in the Coast Guard. Mr. Sha's unbelievable work ethic and stamina in completion of this massive task embody his unblemished character and commitment to the Coast Guard mission.

In addition to the tremendous work Mr. Sha performs on a daily basis, he volunteers many hours at his local church. He has used his time and skill to help build three churches and has helped several families in need remodel their homes. In the very essence of taking care of his neighbor, Mr. Sha and his family have "adopted" the non-rates stationed at the Air Station and ensured that they always have a place to spend the holidays and special events. His generosity and team spirit are an inspiration to all. Mr. Sha's demonstrated technical skill, commitment to excellence, and untiring dedication to serve epitomizes our core values.