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### **SOUTH GATE NATIVE RECEIVES NAVY COMMENDATION MEDAL**

Lt. Cmdr. Juan R. Garcia, a South Gate, Calif., native and career Navy officer was recently awarded the Navy Commendation Medal for work at Navy Air and Missile Defense Command in Dahlgren, Va.

Garcia served in the operations directorate as the fleet support officer for 3rd, 7th, and Pacific Fleet Operations at the command. Of note was his work in the Pacific region.

"With the multiple threats, the dynamic training environment and the added emphasis on the Pacific, Juan did superb work that made a difference not only at NAMDC, but for the entire Navy," said Capt. Frank Olmo, NAMDC chief of staff.

Garcia enlisted in the Navy in 1991 and was commissioned in 1997. He served aboard the USS Valley Forge (CG50), USS Peleliu (LHA5) and USS Cowpens (CG63). In total, he completed five Pacific cruise deployments.

Ashore he served on the multinational staff in Korea and served as a shipboard project officer for Navy sea trails and ballistic missile defense tests in Port Hueneme, Calif. He is a distinguished graduate of Naval Command and Staff College, a surface warfare officer and has specialized integrated air and missile defense training. His next assignment is range operations officer at the Pacific Missile Range in Kauai, Hawaii.

He is married to the former Rachel Anne Gray from Federal Way, Washington. They have two children.