

Active Duty Navy Asian/Pacific Islander Demographics as of 31 Dec 00:

	Men	Women	Total
Officers	1601	431	2032
Enlisted	19,149	2164	21,313

May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month. The 2001 national theme is "Asian/Pacific Americans: Emerging Together." Originally declared in 1979 by Joint Resolution of the 95th Congress, it has been continued by Presidential Proclamation to the current day.

General Info:

One Navy member of Asian/Pacific American heritage has been awarded the Medal of Honor. Fireman Second Class Telesforo Trinidad, USN, received this prestigious award in 1915 for extraordinary heroism on board USS SAN DIEGO. Across all services, there have been ten Asian/Pacific Americans awarded the Medal of Honor.

Asian/Pacific American Navy Flag Officers currently on active duty (Aug 00):  
RDML Eleanor C. Mariano, MC (President's Physician)

There have been three Navy flag officers of Asian/Pacific American heritage: VADM Robert Kihune, USN (Retired), RADM Ming Chang, USN (Retired), and RADM Gordon P. Chung-Hoon, USN (Retired).

CAPT Tem Bugarin, USN (Retired), became the first Filipino American to command a surface line ship, USS SAGINAW, in 1985.

For research on Asian/Pacific Americans and the U.S. Navy, visit the Navy Historical Center Web site and the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute Research Web site. Additionally, DOD maintains Web pages dedicated to Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. These can be found at DefenseLink.