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NETPDC celebrates cultures with diversity day

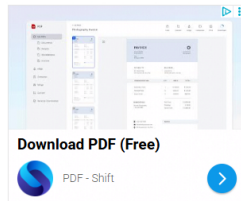
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Staff of the Naval Education and Training Professional Development Center (NETPDC) held a Diversity Day celebration at Saufley Field Nov. 3.

The event offered multicultural training with presentations, speakers, displays of artifacts and samples of food from around the world.



Bonnie Crosby, NETPDC Equal Opportunity Committee Chairman coordinated the event. Crosby, originally from Guam, grew up a military brat, living around the world enjoying varied cultures.

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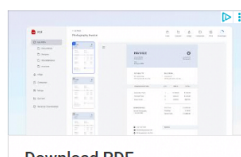
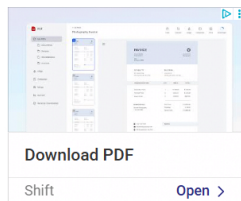
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Capt. Kertreck Brooks, NETPDC commanding officer, said that he was gratified to see the strong turnout in support of Diversity and impressed by the learning opportunities.

"A lot of conflict in the world today is due to a lack of understanding between different cultures," Brooks said. "Events like our Diversity Day celebration help bridge the gap of understanding and create unity by helping our staff learn something new about diverse backgrounds. Each of us is unique, but also part of this rich and diverse American culture. Embracing diversity is vital to both our present and future as a military organization and as a nation."

NETPDC's mission is to provide products and services that enable and enhance education, training, career development and personnel advancement throughout the Navy. Primary elements of the command include the Navy Advancement Center (NAC), Voluntary Education (VOLED) Department, and the Resources Management Department.

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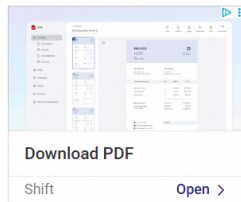
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