

COMMANDER MERY-ANGELA S. KATSON
COMMANDING OFFICER
NAVY RECRUITING DISTRICT, SAN ANTONIO



Commander Mery-Angela S. Katson was born in Colombia, South America and raised in New Rochelle, NY. She enlisted under the Navy's Delayed Entry Program in November 1981 and reported for Boot Camp in Orlando, FL, in July 1982. Upon graduation from Basic Training, she was assigned as a Deck Seaman on board the USS Point Loma (AGDS-2) in San Diego, CA, where she earned the Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialty qualification. She was designated as a Disbursing Clerk and reported as the Leading Petty Officer, Disbursing Division, 32nd Street Naval Station Personnel Services Division, also in San Diego, CA.

Commander Katson was selected into the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training (BOOST) Program in September 1987. Upon her successful BOOST Programs completion in September 1988, she applied and was accepted to the Navy ROTC Program at the University of San Diego (USD), where she earned the Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. She graduated from USD and was commissioned an Ensign in May 1991. She reported to Surface Warfare Officer Basic Course in Coronado, CA for training. After completing training, she was assigned as a Communications Officer aboard the USS Acadia (AD-42). Commander Katson was selected to serve as a Company Officer at the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD in August 1994. During her tenure, she was an adjunct instructor in Naval Leadership & Ethics and Basic Shipboard Tactics and Maneuvering.

In May 1998, she went to the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) in Monterey, CA and earned her Master's Degree in Manpower Systems Analysis. Upon graduation from NPS in June 2000, she reported to U.S. Naval Support Activity, Naples, Italy as the Administrative and Manpower Officer for the base. Commander Katson was assigned an additional overseas tour and served as the Flag Secretary for the Commander, Fleet Air Mediterranean and Commander Navy Region Europe from May 2003 to October 2004. She reported as the Commander, San Antonio Military Entrance Processing Station, San Antonio, TX in December 2004.

In August of 2007, Commander Katson reported aboard Navy Recruiting District, San Antonio, TX as Executive Officer and became the Commanding Officer on July 7, 2008. In May 2009, she assumed additional duties as National President of the Association of Naval Services Officers.

Commander Katson's awards and decorations include Defense Meritorious Service Medal, three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, two Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, Navy Good Conduct Medal, Expert Rifleman Ribbon, Sharp Shooter Pistol Ribbon, and various unit awards. Her professional military education includes the Surface Warfare Officer Course, Shipboard Communications Officer Course, and Joint Professional Military Education, Phase 1.