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Senior Army enlisted advisor retires after 30 years

PRESIDIO OF MONTEREY, Calif. – Presidio of Monterey will honor retiring Command Sgt. Major Olga Martinez at 4 p.m. on June 6 at Soldier Field. Martinez was the senior enlisted leader for the Army Garrison for more than 3 and a half years since arriving in September of 2009.

While mostly an administrative specialist, Martinez enjoyed her time with Army recruits, stating, “My proudest military achievement was to be selected to serve as a drill instructor for basic training.”

Locally she served as the military conscience to two garrison commanders and over 500 employees of the Garrison, supporting the efforts of the Defense Language Institute Foreign Language Center every step of the way.

Martinez was a tireless volunteer for many military events and causes; she also found time to volunteer nearly 1,000 hours as a volunteer at CHOMP.

From an earlier interview, Col. Joel J. Clark, garrison commander, said about her, “Command Sergeant Major Martinez’s greatest attribute was her strong work ethic.” He said it would help her when she enters her next career.

To prepare for that second career, Martinez recently completed her master’s degree in human resources. She said she got the strong desire to excel in education from her grandmother, who told her she would need a good education to succeed in life.

As she prepares to return to Texas for the next phase of her life, Martinez seems to have faithfully followed her grandmother’s advice and is well prepared for another successful career.

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