

## PETTY OFFICER SECOND (PO2) CLASS KANTI DEROSES



OIL QUEEN  
USS STOCKDALE (DDG 106)

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### Q: WHY DID YOU JOIN THE NAVY?

I joined the Navy because of the equal opportunity it provides me. I'm not from the United States but I knew that the Navy is relatively diverse organization which made it easier for me to enlist. I wanted to be a part of this great military fleet. It was an easy decision for me. Growing up, I always knew I wanted to be a part of making the world a better place. So when I was applying for my green card and they asked me, "What will you do when you get to the U.S.?" I answered, "I'll join the U.S. military." I arrived in the U.S. on December 27 and by January 2 I had already signed up for the Navy. I've never regretted that decision.

I love the Navy. It's like a big family. And being in the Navy has done great things for me. The experience working with different people of different cultures and different personalities has helped me develop as an individual.

### Q: ARE YOU PROUD OF THE WORK YOU DO?

Being an Oil Queen is definitely one of the coolest things I've ever done. Without fuel, the ship cannot go anywhere. Being part of a team where I can actually participate in decisions about the way the ship moves—the way we use our engines and our fuel—is one of the reasons I like what I do. The Oil Kings (and Oil Queens) move the ship. We play a huge role in helping the ship achieve its mission and getting it where it has to be. I feel like I'm essential. That in itself makes me proud.





MC3 Emiline L. M. Senn



MC2 James R. Evans

**Q: WHAT KIND OF WORK DOES YOUR TEAM DO AND WHY DO YOU BELIEVE TEAMWORK SO IMPORTANT?**

As Oil Kings (and Queens), our job is pretty versatile. We usually prepare logs, work on fuel transfers, as well as test fuels and lubricating oil. Each morning, my team spends time reviewing a list of action items that need to be accomplished that day and determining who does what. And if by the end of the day, one person is done before the other, we go and help that other person.

I think it takes more than one person to produce quality work. This is why teamwork is so important—it helps us get things accomplished more efficiently. Teamwork makes us better communicators and forces us to take time to understand each other. In this environment, working together really makes a difference.

**Q: HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO COMPLETE A REPLENISHMENT AT SEA?**

The duration of an underway replenishment (UNREP) is dependent on how much fuel is needed on that particular day. It can take anywhere from one and a half hours to two hours, sometimes even more. It is a dangerous maneuver but after doing it so many times, we know what to expect. The day before a fuel transfer, we spend time getting ready. This preparation makes the UNREP easier on our Sailors. (For more information about UNREPs, see our “Refueling at Sea” infographic on the next page.)

**Q: WHAT MOTIVATES YOU WHEN TIMES GET TOUGH AND DAYS SEEM LONG?**

Knowing that my chain of command trusts me and appreciates the work I do is a huge motivator especially when times get tough. It makes me feel good and builds my confidence too. And it drives me to do even better. Even if no one is watching, I always try to give it my all—to work efficiently and do the right thing.

**Q: WHAT DOES BEING AN ENERGY WARRIOR MEAN TO YOU?**

An Energy Warrior is someone who is concerned about the amount of energy that is being expended throughout the day, someone who tries to consume less energy and is efficient in their daily operations—both ashore and afloat. If we consumed less fuel, it would make my job easier and less time consuming—freeing me up to help shipmates on other projects in other spaces onboard the ship. I wouldn’t have to be in the oil laboratory all the time.

**Q: WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO ANOTHER SAILOR?**

Regardless of how you feel, always look at the bigger picture. Don’t look at what’s before you, but look at what’s ahead. If you keep working at it, you will eventually achieve your goals—even if it’s not right away. People will see all of the good you’re doing, all the hard work you’re putting in and you’ll get rewarded for it in the end. So keep pressing on.

