

## **PRESS ENTERPRISE**

### **Firing on All Cylinders**

She worked on missile-defense systems, plans to stay active

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With her retirement at in early January, the civil service lost a distinguished veteran of 25 years, but Aban Daruwalla won't stop giving back to her country.

Daruwalla, a Riverside resident, started working with the Army at Fort Lee, Va., in 1981 before transferring to the Naval Weapons Station, Seal Beach, in 1988, ultimately settling down at the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Corona Division, in 1989.

"Working with the weapons systems was a very challenging aspect," Daruwalla said.

During a career that saw her garner awards, including "Honest Broker," Navy terminology for "a job well done," Daruwalla worked with a team for the Patriot Missile, which was made popular in the Gulf War.

"The type of responsibility is stressful," Daruwalla said. "But other than that, I was very fond of the work I was assigned."

While serving the Navy, she never neglected the youth in her community, giving 15 years of community service through a variety of outreach programs. Daruwalla was the recipient of the 2003 Community Service Award from Riverside Community College and the Women of Achievement Award from the YWCA in Riverside.



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Aban N. Daruwalla retired from the Naval Surface Warfare Center Corona Division after 17 years.

"(You) have to be very conscientious about your work," Daruwalla said. "It's got to be the best quality -- you can't take shortcuts."

She will continue to work with young women in the Inland Empire, focusing on science and technology.

"It's for women, by women, with women," Daruwalla said

Daruwalla, the Inland Empire representative for the Planetary Society, will also work with youth through the Mission to Mars program that looks at planetary explorations to the red planet.

She said the freedom and flexibility to create her own schedule and hours is a perk of retirement that she looks forward to.

"I can make it as busy as I want it; that's how I want it," Daruwalla said.

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**Civil Service History:** 21 Military Operation Specialties, Empirical Studies for Redeye, Vulcan, Chaparral and Stinger missiles, worked with a team for the Patriot Missile

**Material Readiness Department:** Gun Group team leader responsible for Mk 15 CIWS, Phalanx Gun, Mk 45 Gun Mount, Mk 86 Fire Control System, Mk 75 Gun Mount, Mk 92 Fire Control System, Mk 34 Gun Control System and SPG60 radar director