

FRANCISCA M. RUIZ, SrA, FR [REDACTED] 19 December 1948

SrA Ruiz is currently stationed at the 763rd Radar Squadron, Lockport Air Force Station, New York, where she is assigned as a squadron power production specialist. Her permanent home address is 540 San Perdo Avenue, Hayden, Arizona. She is nominated for this award based on her demonstrated military image and outstanding achievements in 1978.

SrA Ruiz constantly displays outstanding performance and sincere professionalism in all her duties. Her excellent knowledge of the General Motors 1000KW, the Caterpillar 300KW and MB-18 30KW generators allow her to help maintain this equipment in its high operational status. With excellent administrative abilities, she volunteered to act as a member and recorder for the squadron's sports and unit welfare councils. These abilities were also invaluable in Civil Engineers administrative preparation for the ADCOM Management Effectiveness Inspection (MEI). During the MEI, she was required to explain and perform a power transfer. She accomplished this in an exceptional manner for which the power plant received very favorable comments. Airman Ruiz has also performed outstandingly as the workcenter's technical order monitor and on the squadron's Disaster Preparedness team.


In 1978, SrA Ruiz completed college courses in English Literature and Composition II, Business Communications and the course for Emergency Medical Technicians. She is currently enrolled in a college Physical Science course. She is also voluntarily enrolled in the seven level Career Development Course for her Air Force Specialty. All six volumes have been completed with a 95% average.

Airman Ruiz is actively involved with the civilian community as a Cub Scout den mother, an assistant Webelo leader, and third grade homeroom mother in a local school. She is also a member of the Women of the Church at Niagara Falls AFB, NY.

In competition with other Airmen, SrA Ruiz was selected as Airman of the Quarter, third quarter 1978; selected to compete at division level for Below the Zone (BLZ) promotion; selected at 21st Air Division for a BLZ promotion; and selected as the squadron's representative in the Outstanding Airman of the Year Program.

SrA Ruiz received two certificates of recognition in 1978. One certificate was presented by the squadron commander for organizing an extensive display of paintings, poems, masks, and other artifacts for the Hispanic Week celebration. The second certificate was received from a Civil Engineer Maintenance Inspection and Repair Team (CEMIRT) for her assistance in the major overhaul of the Caterpillar 300KW diesel generator.

Airman Ruiz has demonstrated her ability as an articulate and positive spokesman for the Air Force by conducting briefings for tours and visiting dignitaries on the responsibilities of the power plant.


MELVIN P. EDWARDS, Lt Col, USAF
Commander

BIOGRAPHY

Senior Airman Francisca M. Ruiz, FF [REDACTED], was born 19 December 1948 at Florence, Arizona. She graduated from Florence Union High School in 1966 and entered Northern Arizona University at Flagstaff, majoring in nursing. In 1968 she interrupted her education to begin raising a family. After the birth of her three sons, Jose born in 1968, Henry in 1970 and Charles in 1972; she continued her higher education by entering Pima Community College at Tuscon, Arizona in 1975. There she majored in Bilingual Administration until her acceptance into the United States Air Force in May 1976.

After completion of basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, she entered electrical power production training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas. After graduation from this course, she was assigned to her first and current permanent duty station at the 763 Radar Squadron, Lockport Air Force Station, New York. There she obtained the five skill level of her Air Force Specialty, 542X2, Squadron Power Production Specialist. In this career field, she operates electrical power generators and accomplishes maintenance on diesel engines, transformers and other related power production equipment.

In 1977 SrA Ruiz entered Niagara County Community College at Sanborn, New York, to acquire credits for an associate degree in electrical power production technology through the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF). She resides with her family at 4A Blank Road, Niagara Falls, New York and has been selected for a remote assignment to King Salmon, Alaska with a reporting date of May 1979.

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I intend to remain on active duty for at least two years.

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