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Farewell cake for Operator Rosendo Reyes was purchased and enhanced by his friends at the Metro Gold Line.

### Metro Gold Line Employees Salute Operator Rosendo Reyes

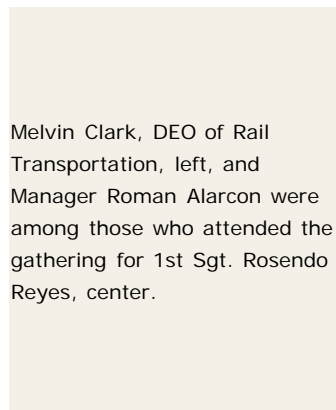
- 1st Sgt. Reyes leaves for National Guard duty in November

By SHANTAY IOSIA

(Oct. 21, 2004) After 19 years in the Marine Corps, Metro's Rosendo Reyes sought another challenge and transferred to the Army National Guard. Less than two months after he enlisted, he received orders to report to Kuwait.

"Anyone who signs up will be deployed," says Reyes, 45, who joined Metro as a bus operator in April 1984.

His colleagues and friends from the Metro Gold Line held a farewell party, Oct. 15, marking the occasion with food, drinks, music and cake. Many expressed their appreciation for his service and wished him a safe return.



Melvin Clark, DEO of Rail Transportation, left, and Manager Roman Alarcon were among those who attended the gathering for 1st Sgt. Rosendo Reyes, center.



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Reyes leaves for Operation Enduring Freedom in November, but his active duty begins well before take off.

### **Responsible for his men**

1st Sgt. Reyes is responsible for the men in his 160th Infantry company. He has to ensure that all of their legal entanglements and obligations here in the U.S. are resolved before the troops report to duty.

"Some of them have issues with child support that have to be taken care of and blessed by the judge before they are deployed," says Reyes.

The Desert Storm veteran says he is comfortable with the job but is very concerned about the welfare of his family while he is away. His wife, Sandra, whose father is a former Marine, understands the demands of the military.

Reyes says his youngest child, Jonathon, 7, will not fully understand until he is gone. However it is his daughter, Isabella, 9, who concerns him the most.

### **'Really close relationship'**

"We have a really close relationship," says Reyes. "We do karate together. I taught her how to boogie board and even how to navigate with a hand compass. "

Sandra Reyes admires her husband's dedication to everything he does, but especially to his family.

As the summer came to an end, Reyes pitched a tent in the back yard and decorated the trees with Christmas lights. He provided snacks for the children and he and his wife read scary stories to them.

"This is what they will remember as they grow up, quality time as a family unit," says Mrs. Reyes.

Reyes says that, although Isabella understands her father has to leave for war, she does not comprehend the amount of time he will be away.

With the transition, training, travel time and active duty, Reyes expects to be deployed for about 18 months.