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Riot Control Training held at NAS II



Photo by JO3 Michael Douglas

Recently, Riot Control Training was held at NAS II. Real life scenarios were enacted to better train and prepare Sigonella's security force to act with efficiency and skill in the event of a riot, or violent mob threatening the lives of Sigonellans. With a Marine Corps Fast Team conducting the training, the Security members learned how to control an angry, violent mob, with various nonlethal weapons, such as chemical sprays, sensory depriving flash grenades, as well as projectile grenades, designed to put a mob down and take away their will to fight, without causing serious injury. According to Marine Capt. Geoff Hall, the training has been successful and he pointed out that Naval Security Forces and Marines will need to work together in the future when "things go down" and that this was a good opportunity for Sailors and Marines to work together.

Patrol Squadron 10 "Red Lancers" arrive in Sigonella

By Lt j.g. Victor Dyson

VP 10 PAO

The first VP 10 Red Lancer crew arrived at NAS Sigonella on Feb. 1 and 9. The last crew traveled from the cold and ice at NAS Brunswick, Maine and arrived the morning of Feb. 8. The official turnover from VP 5 occurred on Feb. 5. The Red Lancers had been training diligently for the past year during their inter-deployment training cycle in preparation for their deployment as PATRON SIG. The Red Lancers are conducting a split site deployment with aircraft and crews in Souda Bay, Crete as well.

The squadron has already begun flying missions in support of Operation DELIBERATE FORGE over Bosnia-Herzegovina and Operation JOINT GUARDIAN over Kosovo to support NATO peace-keeping efforts in the former Republic of Yugoslavia. Crews flying out of Souda Bay have concentrated their missions to support Operation ENDURING FREEDOM as well as conducting a bilateral exercise with Greece.

Patrol Squadron Ten also anticipates many opportunities to showcase their ASW (anti-submarine warfare) and Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) and Anti-Surface Warfare (AsuW) skills while participating in international exercises such as DOGFISH, NOBIL ANVIL and SHARKHUNT while aboard NAS Sigonella. The squadron looks forward to making this deployment at PATRON SIG their best ever, and also being a proud part of the Sigonella team.

Recognition for military volunteer organizations

Public Affairs Director
Fisher House Foundation, Inc.

Are you part of a group striving to improve the quality of life for military personnel and their families? Does your group have an idea or plan that needs support? If the answer to either of these questions is yes, read on!

For the third consecutive year, Newman's Own, Fisher House, and the Military Times Media Group join in announcing the Newman's Own Award for Military Community Excellence.

Volunteer organizations are invited to compete for a share of \$50,000 in grants. Just provide information on your innovative plan that improves the quality of life for military families and their communities, and your organization could be awarded funding for implementing the plan.

Judges will rank all the submissions, and the one deemed most outstanding will receive a \$10,000 grant. The remaining \$40,000 will be allocated to other organizations by the judges.

Keep in mind that the judges are looking for those good ideas that capture the spirit of volunteerism.

Organizations should primarily be those with volunteers rather than paid professional staff. PTA's, student classes, boy scouts/girl scouts, spouses' clubs, etc. are invited to enter if they have projects supporting the military community that need financial support.

There are specific rules of eligibility.

You can visit www.fisherhouse.org or call (888) 294-8560. All entries must be received by April 30, 2002.

The award is jointly funded through the sale of Newman's Own products at military commissaries worldwide, Fisher House Foundation and Military Times Media Group.

World War II veteran and actor Paul Newman donates all profits from the sale of Newman's Own products to charitable and educational causes. Since 1982, he has donated over \$125 million to thousands of charities.

Every purchase of these products at your local commissary benefits programs like the volunteer award. Use your commissary benefit. Not only will you save money, but you will also help support these types of programs.

Military communities are blessed by volunteers and volunteer organizations.

Their contributions are making a difference in the quality of life of America's military and their families. All it takes to become one of these special people is a commitment to an idea and the dedication to see it through. To all those who undertake this endeavor, we salute you! America's military strength is its people – the men and women who selflessly sacrifice to ensure our freedom.

No investment pays a higher rate of return than improving the quality of life of service members and their families.

Stallions test the limits



Photo by JO3 Michael Douglas

Helicopter Combat Squadron Four demonstrates its lifting capabilities by carrying an MH-53J Pave Low helicopter. The Pave Low, weighing nearly ten tons, allowed HC 4 to demonstrate its extraordinary external lift capacity, which maxes out at about 12 tons. The transport took approximately 90 minutes. The helicopter was moved from Augusta Bay to Sigonella.

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Italian phrase of the week...

"Parli più
lentamente
per favore."



(Speak more slowly please.)