

# The Signature

## Sigonella, Sicily

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### Back to school means end of summer for students

AN Michelle Hartgraves  
Staff Writer



Parents look over the school's agenda with their daughter Treacy during kindergarten orientation. The new kindergarten opened after the ribbon cutting held Aug. 29. Following the ceremony students had time to become familiar with their classrooms and parents had a chance to talk to the teachers.

It's that time of year again.

Sept. 3 marked the first day of school, as students became familiar with their classmates, teachers and new classrooms. For some it was their first time saying goodbye to parents; for others it was reunion with classmates from last year.

Empty hallways now fill up with a flutter of activity as School, page 11

### Officials discuss plans to rebalance reserve, guard, active forces

By K.L. Vantran, American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (NNS) — The days of the "weekend warrior" are gone, according to Thomas F. Hall, assistant secretary of defense for Reserve Affairs.

Guardsmen and Reservists are giving much more than a weekend a month and two weeks of annual training a year, Hall said. Many serve 60 to 120 days a year.

Although only about 2 percent of the 1.2 million Guardsmen and Reservists have been called up in eight mobilizations in the past 13 years, Hall said it's the same kinds of specialties — civil affairs, air traffic control, mortuary affairs and force protection — that always are needed.

"It's a new world and we need to transition," he said. This includes a plan to rebalance the force — active and Reserve components. The plan includes looking at specialties that reside primarily, if not 100 percent, in the Guard and Reserve, and perhaps moving them to the active side. Conversely, some active missions might be better suited for the Guard and Reserve.

Hiring contractors for some specialties is a third part of the plan. "Are there certain things done by troops today that are not necessarily core competencies that contractors can do?" Hall asked.

A key to rebalancing the force is developing a rotation plan for troops, he continued, a process set into motion by Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld.

"Secretary Rumsfeld has asked the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in conjunction with combatant and unified and specified command Reserves, page 11

### Today's Hometown Weather

Wisom, MI



Wisom ●

High 70° F - Low 49° F  
Partly Cloudy

### NASSIG dog and handler shine in spotlight

Lt. j.g. John Ferrari  
Staff Writer

Every dog has his day. For Military Working Dog (MWD) Fellow, that day was Friday, when a TV crew from the Animal Planet channel filmed him and his handler, Master at Arms 2nd Class Carlton Kornegay, during a typical day at NAS Sigonella.

It was the second time Kornegay, from Havelock, N.C., has been in front of the camera. Kornegay was one of the handlers spotlighted on MWD, page 12



A Sailor with military working dog Fellow are filmed by Hugh Hughes for use on the cable network Animal Planet Channel show "K-9 Boot Camp." The crew is following up on a previous show which included the Sailor while he was in training to work with military working dogs at Lackland Air Force Base. The eight-episode series will air beginning in October.



### Out for an early morning run



Naval Air Station Sigonella's chief petty officer selectees take part in an early morning PT session around the streets of NAS II. As part of their initiation, the 2004 chief selectees recently held a car wash and barbecue, and bagged groceries at the commissary and Seven-day stores. The selectees will put on their anchors Sept. 16.

### First e-learning training held in AEC

JOSN Steve Weaver  
Staff Writer

The new Advanced Electronic Classroom at Naval Air Station Sigonella's Base Education and Training Department was put through its first official training on Aug. 29.

Sailors from different departments learned about the Defense Messaging System (DMS) in the classroom by using distance e-learning. Space and Naval Warfare System Command (SPAWARS) Instructor George Spencer gave the training from a site in Houston via the Internet.

"This is the first distance e-learning class conducted in the Advanced Electronic Classroom," said Michael Sloane, Regional Training Authority (RTA) Director for the Mediterranean region.

"This specific class was about the SPAWARS provided Defense Messaging System. It's the Navy's newest DMS procedures." The training was coordinated with the help of Sloane, Base Education and Training, and Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station (NCTS).

The students each had their own workstation and listened to the instructor through headsets while they followed along with what he was doing on their screens. They also had the ability to speak with their instructor.



Sailors from base admin use workstations in the new Advanced Electronic Classroom (AEC) in NASSIG's Base Education and Training Department. The class learned about SPAWARS Defense Messaging System (DMS) in the first official e-learning class conducted in the AEC. A SPAWARS instructor from Houston taught the Navy's newest DMS procedures live via the Internet.



# Direct Line

**Capt. T.L. Davison**  
NASSIG  
Commanding Officer

Henry Ford is quoted as saying "I could use a hundred men who don't know there is such a word as impossible."

We need everyone here at NAS Sigonella to know that safety is possible. Safety is key when dealing with a large base population, in housing areas, construction areas and driving.

Several individuals have brought to the attention of the NASSIG Safety Office that many deviations from traffic safety regulations have been occurring aboard NAS Sigonella. The three major ones addressed recently are:

1) Vehicles on base are not allowing pedestrians to cross the streets at crosswalks. Reminder, pedestrians have the right of way. Security has been informed and they will be ticketing drivers they catch not stopping for pedestrians. Those points add up fast and before you know it, you'll be a pedestrian too.

2) We've also been told that individual joggers have been donning portable headphones and jogging in the middle of the road or jogging three or four abreast in a friendly group. They should be jogging single file and facing oncoming traffic and headphones are strictly prohibited. Paragraph 9b, Enclosure (1), of OPNAVINST 5100.12G specifically states that personnel are not to jog on main roads during peak traffic hours. Reminder, we should not be running in formation during the early morning peak hours.

3) A seat belt survey conducted last week revealed alarming statistics concerning the number of children not seated and secured in proper child restraint devices. The children were seen standing in the front seat, sitting on the floor of the van, and standing in the back leaning over the front seat. Not only are these violations, but are dangerous for these children who depend on us for their safety. Buckle up and save your child's life!

Want to know more of the regulations? Check out NASSIGINST 5114.1D and OPNAVINST 5100.12G. For more safety facts and information, please check out the Naval Safety Center's website [www.safetycenter.navy.mil](http://www.safetycenter.navy.mil)

Safety is everyone's responsibility. We should always look at ways to ensure that our Shipmates, families and civilian employees are safe at work and at home.

# Captain's Mast results

**E-5 Violation of UCMJ article 134, drunk and disorderly.** Awarded restriction to the limits of U.S. Naval Air Station Sigonella NAS II for 30 days 15 days suspended; forfeiture of \$875.00 per month for two months, one month suspended; reduction to next inferior pay grade six months suspended; and extra duty for 30 days 15 days suspended.

**E-4 Violation of UCMJ article 128, assault consummated by a battery.** Awarded restriction to the limits of U.S.

Naval Air Station Sigonella NAS II for 30 days; to forfeit \$764.00 pay per month for one month; reduction to next inferior pay grade six months suspended; and extra duties for 30 days.

**E-3 Violation of UCMJ article 86, unauthorized absence from 0700 to 0830; and article 134, drunkenness-incapacitation for performance of duties through prior wrongful indulgence in intoxicating liquor.** awarded restriction to the limits of U.S. Naval Air Station

Sigonella NAS II for 15 days; to forfeit \$645.00 pay per month for two months one month suspended; reduction to next inferior pay grade six months suspended; and extra duties for 15 days.

**E-3 Violation of UCMJ article 92, failure to obey a lawful written order.** Awarded restriction to the limits of U.S. Naval Air Station Sigonella NAS II for 60 days; to forfeit \$645.00 pay per month for 2 months; and reduction to the next inferior pay grade.

## Don't let identity theft happen to you

By Lt. Deidra Radel

New scam on the loose: In late July, the FBI and Federal Trade Commission reported the emergence of a new form of identity theft known as "phishing." It works like this: unsolicited e-mails are sent to consumers from seemingly-official internet service providers (ISPs) such as America Online, Earthlink, etc. These e-mails seem very real since they actually use the ISP official logo. The e-mails strongly encourage the recipient to click on a link provided in the e-mail—usually for some seemingly official purpose—for example, stating that there may be something wrong with the recipient's account and it is on the verge of being closed. While the links appear to be to valid ISP websites, they are actually false websites run by the scammer. These false websites then ask the user to supply personal information including name, address, generic billing information, and other personal data.

Get the word out: Servicemembers should never click on links in e-mails that ask for personal information or claim that accounts will be closed if they do not respond immediately; if they have a question about their account, they should call their ISP by phone to determine if a genuine issue exists regarding their account—obviously not using e-mail or phone contact information provided from the questionable e-mail itself; they should always look for the "lock" symbol on their internet browser that accompanies secure websites requesting personal, sensitive information—this is the industry standard indicating the presence of security procedures protecting the user; they should immediately report the receipt of such e-mail to law enforcement agencies in their area and to their local NLSO; and they should file a complaint with the Military Sentinel database at [www.consumer.gov/military](http://www.consumer.gov/military).

Battling identity theft in general: We are all

Identity theft, page 10

## Life's Liturgy

By Chaplain  
Richard Townes  
Command Chaplain

What do you think about when you hear the word "liturgy"? Do you think "boring"? Do you think "too formal"? Or do you think "man, I can't wait to bellow out the Introit using the Aeolian mode in A"?

The word liturgy brings out different thoughts and emotions in people. Many people will think back to a worship service that they didn't understand and consequently grew tired of. On the other hand, it may bring back very fond memories of singing a particular part of the service on Christmas Eve while worshipping with your whole family at the candlelight service.

Life is full of liturgies. Watch a football game, for example, and you will see a liturgy. The players go through a regular routine of stretching

and warming up, then there's the pre-game drills followed by the coin toss, kick-off and a series of plays. Even the plays run by the two teams are really liturgies. By that I mean they are done over and over again. Why? So that they are imbedded in the players minds enabling them to concentrate on unforeseen obstacles that stand between them and the goal line.

Individual families have liturgies as well. If a parent changes a small child's routine by buying Super Energy Wheat Bran Flakes instead of Double Sugar Coated Chocolate cereal "Oh's" for breakfast, the child throws a fit. What happens when dad wakes up and discovers that the coffee is gone? He is thrown out of his routine and becomes grouchy. If hubby doesn't walk through the door at 5:30 p.m. when mom has dinner ready, what's the outcome? You can see where I'm going. Liturgies help make life a bit easier and less rushed.

But what exactly is the Church's liturgy? Simply stated, liturgy is that which we do in church

on a regular basis to enhance our worship. It's the way we communicate with God, speaking back to him what he first spoke to us, while at the same time receiving from him his gracious gifts.

If you haven't found a church home here in Sicily yet, I hope you'll join us at 9 a.m. every Sunday for the Protestant Traditional Worship Service (NAS II Chapel). Please come and make our liturgy part of your life's liturgy.

### NAS Sigonella Worship Opportunities

**Catholic Mass**  
Saturday 5 p.m. Chapel (NAS II)  
Sunday 9 a.m. Chapel (NAS I)  
Sunday 9 a.m. in Italian 41<sup>st</sup> Stormo Chapel (NAS II)  
Sunday 11 a.m. Community Center (Mineo)

**Protestant Traditional Worship**  
Sunday 9 a.m. Chapel (NAS II)

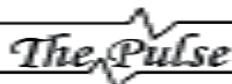
**Protestant Worship**  
Sunday 9 a.m. Community Center (Mineo)  
Sunday 11 a.m. Chapel (NAS I)

**Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
Sunday 1 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

**Church of Christ**  
Sunday 3:30 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

**Jewish Shabbat Service**  
Last Friday of the month 5 p.m. Chapel (NAS I)

**Weekdays**  
Daily Catholic Mass 11:30 a.m. (NAS I & II Chapels)  
Wednesday Protestant Bible Study 4:45 p.m. (NAS II Chapel)  
For more details, call 624-4295 or 624-2947.



### SECURITY BLOTTER

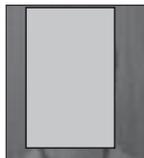


**CRIMESTOPPER'S HOTLINE**  
624-6389

Aug. 25 - Sept. 1

The following incidents were reported and categorized as follows:

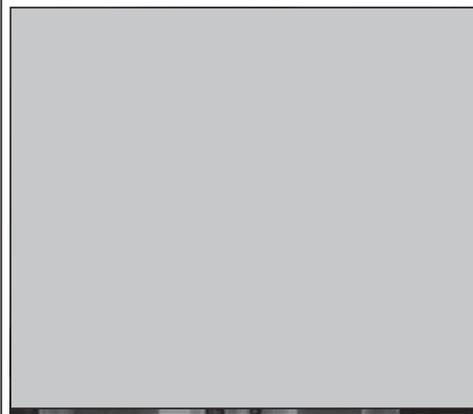
- Traffic accidents without injuries - 8
- Traffic accident with injuries - 1
- Car break-ins - 0
- DUI - 2
- DUI's 2003 - 37
- DUI's 2002 - 35



Cmdr. Ken Iverson is a captain-select and is a family physician who practices as part of the Family Practice Team in the Ambulatory Care Clinic (ACC). He joined us from Naval Hospital Pensacola. His educational credentials are impressive.

He earned a B.S. from both Bob Jones University and the University of Minnesota, then an M. Div. from Central Baptist Theology Seminary. He completed his medical education at the University of Minnesota, as well. Subsequently, he completed a Faculty Development Fellowship at Chapel Hill, N.C. Cmdr. Iverson's special interests include medical ethics and domestic violence. His goal is to provide quality, compassionate care to the Sigonella population.

Family Practice appointments can be made by calling 624-4530 from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The clinic is located on the second deck at the Naval Hospital.



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# NAVY NEWS

## Keel laid for fourth LPD 17 class ship

From Naval Sea Systems Command Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — With the ceremonial keel laying of the future USS Green Bay (LPD 20) Aug. 26, four of 12 ships of the LPD 17 class have passed their traditional start of construction milestone.

Like its sister ships, Green Bay will support amphibious assault, special operations or expeditionary warfare missions throughout the first half of the 21st century.

In 2000, then-Secretary of the Navy Richard Danzig named Green Bay to honor the nation's Midwest "city by the bay."

"Green Bay is well known for its commitment to team efforts. LPD 20 will be home to another team — the Navy-Marine Corps team — no stranger to hard work and sacrifice to be the best in the world."

This will be the second ship named Green Bay, following a patrol gunboat that saw service during the 1970s.

Green Bay and the other ships of the class will have a distinctive appearance characterized by the Advanced Enclosed Mast Sensor System.

Additionally, the ships' well deck and flight deck will support the Marine Corps "mobility triad" — the LCAC [Landing Craft Air Cushion vehicle], "Triple-A-V" [AAAV - Advanced Amphibious Assault Vehicle], and MV-22 [Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft]. This class will be a key element of 21st century amphibious ready and expeditionary strike groups.

Among the LPD 17 class innovations has been a focus on survivability.

The San Antonio-class will be the first ships to use



The amphibious transport dock ship Pre-Commissioning Unit San Antonio (LPD 17) floats along the Mississippi River at Northrop Grumman Ship Systems Avondale Operations in New Orleans.

water mist to protect machinery spaces, the first with an installed smoke ejection system and the first to install large quantities of Aqueous Film Forming Foam portable extinguishers. The LPD 17 class will also use heptafluoropropane for fire protection in flammable storerooms, making it an environmentally friendly, CFC-free ship.

Green Bay is the third ship in production at Northrop Grumman Ship Systems in Avondale, La., following the San Antonio (LPD 17), launched in July 2003 and New Orleans (LPD 18). The future USS Mesa Verde (LPD 19) is under construction at the shipyard in Pascagoula, Miss. Green Bay will be launched in 2005.

## U.S. and coalition forces bring global war on terrorism to the enemy at sea

By Lt. Cmdr. Lisa Brackenbury, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander, 5th Fleet Public Affairs

MANAMA, Bahrain (NNS) — While much of the public's attention remains focused on security and reconstruction operations in Iraq, the U.S. 5th Fleet continues to develop innovative strategies to fight terrorism as part of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF).

International maritime forces recently demonstrated this capability to reach out and touch the terrorist network with Sea Cutlass — a unique operation involving eight ships from five nations, Navy SEALs (Sea, Air, Land) and long-range maritime patrol aircraft.

Coordinated by a Royal Navy Commodore on land at 5th Fleet headquarters, and led by a German rear admiral at sea aboard the German frigate FGS Brandenburg (F 215), Sea Cutlass quickly surged a

broad maritime interception force designed to interrupt terrorist operations, by denying nefarious use of the seas in the Gulf of Oman and North Arabian Sea.

Maritime Interception Operations (MIO) has become an important mission for U.S. and coalition forces. Since more than 95 percent of the world's commerce moves by sea, it is likely that terrorists use merchant shipping venues to move cargo and passengers for their purposes, including escaping prosecution or even carrying out terrorist attacks. What makes Sea Cutlass unique is the focus of effort, intensity of operations, and the bringing to bear of enormous power inherent in naval forces.

"Sea Cutlass widens the net we use to capture terrorists, like al-Qaeda and the Taliban, should they attempt to escape by sea," said Royal Navy Commodore Richard Leaman. "This operation demonstrated that if we receive intelligence indicating that terror-

ists may be planning to escape from a certain area using merchant vessels, the coalition has the ability to quickly surge a variety of elements, including ships, special forces, and reconnaissance aircraft, in order to detain and arrest these individuals."

Alongside Brandenburg were the German supply and medical support ship FGS Frankfurt Am Main (A 1412), the Spanish frigate SPS Santa Maria (F 81), Italian frigate ITS Grecale (F 571), French destroyer FS Duplex (D 641), French frigate FS Nièvre (F 732), U.S. Navy cruiser USS Chosin (CG 65), and USNS Concord (T-AFS 5), employed as an afloat forward staging base. Complementing these ships were U.S. Navy SEALs and reconnaissance aircraft from the United States, United Kingdom, Germany and New Zealand. This impressive task force operated under the command of Rear Adm. Manfred Nielson of the Federal German Navy.

"In addition to demonstrating our flexible surge capability, Sea Cutlass proved that multiple navies can come together, formulate a plan, and execute it with great precision," said Nielson. "The OEF MIO maritime coalition's ability to deny and disrupt the plans of terrorists in the region is key to not only enhancing regional stability, but more importantly, to saving people's lives. The recent worldwide terrorist attacks demonstrated just how vital this capability is."

The range, mobility and endurance of coalition naval forces are a potent weapon against terrorists seeking to disrupt international efforts at peace and stability. While the war on terror will not be won overnight, operations like Sea Cutlass serve notice to terrorists that their days are numbered, as it vividly demonstrates that the coalition against terror remains vital, committed and capable.

## Notice to all hands

Please be advised that the installation will be involved in several Force Protection exercises from Sept. 14 to 17. These exercises may involve various initiatives from different Force Protection measures. Please plan in advance for such events and expect the possibility of minor delays at the gates during this period. We will strive to have the least impact on the public during the duration of these exercises. However, we need to train and evaluate our first responders as realistically as possible. Be patient and cooperate with the security measures as they are put into place during this training event.

Report all suspicious activity to your Security Department at 624-5225. It is better to report something that doesn't seem right to you and be wrong, than not to report it and your feelings be right.

## Navy Seabees open Iraqi irrigation facility

By Lt. j.g. Joshua A. Frey, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander, 5th Fleet Public Affairs

MANAMA, Bahrain (NNS) — U.S. Navy Seabees attached to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force (1 MEF), Marine Engineer Group (MEG) opened the Kish irrigation facility in Al Hillah, Iraq Aug. 24 with local Iraqi contractors who worked alongside them on the project.

The facility had been intentionally neglected for three years by the Hussein regime by not allocating funds to renovate the five massive electric pumps. The neglect is suspected to have been used as a way of controlling the predominantly Shiite south. With the new repairs completed, water can now be provided to 125,000 acres of land for 400 area farmers.

"The biggest need is drinking water," said project manager Lt.j.g. Dan Niec of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 15 attached to the MEG. The drinking water renovation will alleviate an hour and a half round trip to the next available potable water source. The facility also comes equipped with a back-up generator, should there be a problem with its electrical pumps.

The Seabees used funding seized from the Saddam Hussein regime to hire a local contractor familiar with the repair needs and 40 Iraqi workers, who did everything from painting to running electrical wire.

"The contractor who was hired for the project came forward, because he had worked at the facility in the past and was familiar with what needed to be fixed," said Niec. "Parts of the pumps were submerged and the water needed to be drained, but because he knew the condition, repairs were completed without draining the water. This project not only provided water to farmers, but it employed people," said Niec. Seabees have formed a unique bond with area farmers, plant operators and their families since deploying to Iraq, rapidly advancing the rebuilding and security of a free Iraq.

"Once the local people realize we are here to help and to rebuild, they often provide us with intelligence tips that we turn over to the Marines, and in many cases, those tips help to preempt terrorist strikes," said Rear Adm. Charles Kubic, commander of the 1 MEF/MEG Seabees and 1st Naval Construction Division. "I've been up here since the early days of the war, and every day, every week, the country gets closer Seabees, page 10

## Navy Ball flag football tournament

WHEN: Sept. 13-14

WHERE: NAS II football field

COST: \$150 Per team

Prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd

Sept. 13 from 4-10 p.m.

Sept. 14 starting at 10 a.m.

Come out and play in the first football tournament of the season and support your Navy Ball! Get a preview of this years competition. Must enter by Sept. 11. Contact AC1 Weems at 624-2729 for more information.

## Community flea market

SEPTEMBER 13, 2003

Accepting donations (furniture, clothing, knick-knacks, etc) for the NAVY BALL FUNDRAISER

Drop off points for donations are located at

MARANAI: LT Menke,

Phone: 624-1468 home: 2303A

MINEO: ACC Kleinschmidt,

Phone: 335-758-9709 home: 1053A

205 HOUSING: AC3 Kubic,

Phone: 349-823-0744 home: 321A

ATC Building 50(control tower)

CHIEF BALL: phone 624-5903

Ending date for donations is Sept. 12.

## News Briefs

### Volunteers Needed

Volunteers who are currently Life Guard Certified are needed to help monitor middle school physical education classes at the NAS I Pool. Classes are held Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 2:14 p.m. for the month of Sept. only. The program will be cancelled without volunteers. Call 624-4281/4282 or 624-3272 to find out more.

### Training available

There is training available for storage tank management. The class will be conducted by EFDLANT on Oct. 1, 2003, at building 545B from noon to 4 p.m. This training provides storage tank management personnel with the knowledge and skills necessary for petroleum, oil and lubricant (POL) storage tank systems design, operation and maintenance, FGS regulatory requirements, spill prevention, tank gauging and inventory control procedures. This course fulfills the training requirements established by regulations delineated in Jan. 29, 2002, Environmental Final Governing Standards for Italy and OPNAV 5090.1B, Chapter 16. Personnel involved in design, construction, installation, management and operation of storage tanks should attend. For registration call Susan Holliday at 624-2721 or e-mail HollidayS@nassic.navy.mil NLT Sept. 18.

### Exam time

Navy wide advancements are now upon us. E-5 exams will be Sept. 11., and E-4 exams will be held on Sept. 18. All eligible personnel must report to the NAS II gym at 6:45 a.m. to identify assigned seating. The test starts at 7 a.m.

### Girl Scout end-of-summer party

There will be a Girl Scout End of Summer and Registration Party at the Mineo Commissary on Sept. 7. The party will start at 12:30 p.m. There will be snacks and a jumping jungle for the girls and information for the parents. If your daughter is a returning Mineo Girl Scout you will be able to pick up information on meetings. If you are looking to register your daughter in Girl Scouts you will be able to fill out the paperwork and meet some of the leaders. All girls K-12 are welcome to join. There will be another registration held at NAS I on Sept. 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in front of the NEX/Commissary.

## THE ENERGY BLOCK

Global warming is one of our toughest environmental challenges. It threatens the health of people, wildlife, and economies around the world. What causes global warming? Carbon dioxide and other heat trapping pollutants from cars, power plants, and industrial sources that burn gasoline, coal and other fossil fuels are the culprits. These pollutants collect in the atmosphere like a blanket, leading to more air pollution and problems with water supplies as precipitation patterns change. This is a huge threat to the world ecosystem because global warming brings hotter, longer heat waves and more intense storm systems. As a result, our farms, forests and cities will face new pests and more mosquito-borne diseases. The United States is the leading contributor to global warming, with only four percent of the world's population.

How can we fight global warming? Acknowledging the problem and its causes is the first step. Taking action to reduce global warming is the next step. Relying more on renewable energy sources, such as wind, solar power and hydrogen fuel cells would reduce global warming dramatically. We can make our homes, offices, and industries more energy efficient by changing the type of light bulbs we use, buying energy efficient appliances, and weatherizing. We can help emit less carbon dioxide by driving fuel-efficient vehicles, driving less, and keeping tires properly inflated and engines tuned. Lastly, but also very important, is our vote. Stiffer laws that hold big industries accountable for air pollution will make a huge contribution toward reducing global warming. Big industries will be forced to replace their polluting power plants with more environmental friendly power plants. We have a responsibility, as individuals and as a nation, to lead the world toward slashing emissions of carbon dioxide and other heat-trapping gases. We have the solutions to this problem—let's begin using them!

\*DID YOU KNOW: Cars emit 20 pounds of carbon dioxide for every gallon of gas consumed.

\*DID YOU KNOW: Replacing an incandescent bulb with a compact fluorescent will save the energy equivalent of 46 gallons of oil as well as one-half ton of carbon dioxide emissions over the lifetime of the bulb.

\*DID YOU KNOW: If the energy used to power office equipment were cut in half using available technologies, the resulting reduction in carbon dioxide emissions would be equivalent to removing 6,750,000 automobiles from U.S. streets.

LET'S USE, NOT ABUSE



By Alberto Lunetta  
Signature Staff

# Italian News

Sicilian culture and lifestyle



## Acitrezza hosts religious festivals

On Sept. 7, Acitrezza will celebrate the *Festa della Madonna della Buona Nuova* which literally translates into English as "The Virgin Mary Who Brings the Good News Festival." The origin of this celebration is unknown although the historic chronicles tell us that the first festival was held in 1923. The Acitrezza fishing community has adopted this Madonna as its secondary patron saint. The life of a fisherman is exhaustive and dangerous, and often success at sea is tied to luck or the intercession of supernatural assistance.

The statue depicting the Virgin Mary is preserved at the church of *San Giovanni Battista* and was made in 1911 by Angelo Musumeci, who according to tradition took his daughter as model. It portrays the Madonna holding in one hand an anchor, the symbol of the firmness of the faith, and in the other baby Jesus who is clutching a small vessel. This statue replicates a painting located inside a small chapel, also named *Buona Nuova*, that is situated on via Provinciale (the main road). Local fishermen erected this church in 1871.

Another outdoor church built in 1971 and dedicated to the same Virgin Mary is located in via Scalazza.

The highlight of the festival is Sept. 7. Holy mass is celebrated at 11:30 a.m. Later, at 6 p.m., the carriage with the statue depicting the Madonna will be carried in procession throughout the port area until midnight. This event also includes the blessing of fishing boats and fishermen, and the *Calata dell' Angelo*, a show during which an angel made of chalk is lowered to the ground. The *fiesta* ends at midnight with a spectacular fireworks show. For more information and detailed schedule contact the Acitrezza's Saint John the Baptist Deanery at 095-276003.

## Portuguese music festival in Catania

From Sept. 13 through Oct. 3, Catania will celebrate Portuguese culture and its heritage with a series of concerts featuring famous Portuguese singers and musicians who will play *fado*, the national folk music of Portugal. The origins of *fado* are obscure, but it seems to have originated in 19th-century Lisbon among African and Brazilian laborers. *Fado* is derived from the Latin *fatum* or fate.

All concerts will start at 9:15 p.m. and will be performed at the cloister of the *Istituto Statale d'Arte* (an artistic high school located in via Crociferi n.17 that is the most representative Baroque street of



The Festival in honor of the *Madonna della Buona Nuova* or "Virgin Mary Who Brings the Good News," whose statue dating back to 1911 is depicted in the picture, is a traditional religious festivity that takes place at the beautiful fishing village of Acitrezza on Sept. 7. The event includes religious processions, music, performances, fireworks and the traditional blessing of fishing boats.

Catania) and at the Zo music hall (located in piazzale Asia n. 6, near the train station).

### Sept. 13 - Los Gaiteros de Lisboa - Istituto Statale d'Arte.

A prestigious band featuring a wide array of traditional instruments, including some fabricated by the band members themselves, such as guitar, bagpipe, drums, reeds, accordion, percussions and some brilliant electronics supports.

### Sept. 20 - Amelia Muge Ensemble - Istituto Statale d'Arte.

Muge is a world-renowned Portuguese singer composer and arranger. Born in Mozambique, she studied fine arts and history and has since worked as a teacher, artist, photojournalist and team leader for musical and theatre groups. She has coordinated community programs for women and is actively engaged in the struggle to improve the status of all women in post-colonial Mozambique. An accomplished poet, she has also published a book of children's stories.

### Sept. 27 - Rafael Toral, Manuel Mota and Margarida Garcia - Zo Music Hall.

Rafael Toral is a composer, artist, guitarist, producer and sound engineer. Born in Lisbon in 1967, he has been performing live since 1984. Margarida Garcia, a talented double bass player was born in 1977 and lives in Lisbon. She has been collaborating regularly with Manuel Mota, a skilled guitarist, since 1998.

### Sept. 29 - Carlos Zingaro and Paulo Raposo - Zo Music Hall.

Carlos Zingaro (violin, electronics) was born 1948 in Lisbon, Portugal. During his career he has developed a new musical approach based on contemporary music, improvisation and rock.

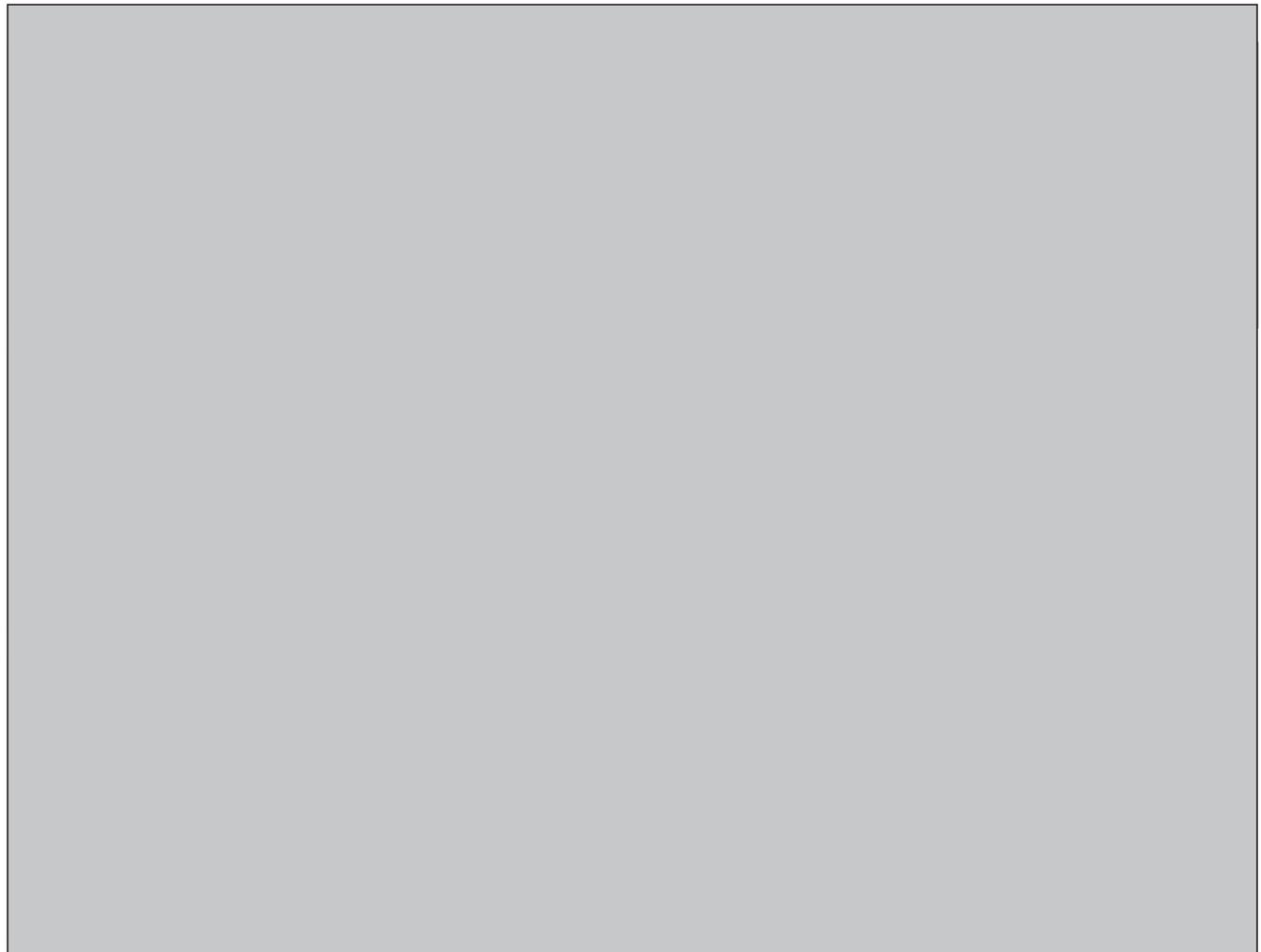
Paulo Raposo is a composer and digital media artist living in Lisbon. He has composed for and collaborated on many projects involving music, video and dance, with performances in several venues in the U.S. and Europe.

### Oct. 1 - David Maranhna and Osso Exótico - Zo Music Hall.

Osso Exótico is a Portuguese group formed in 1989 around André and David Maranhna. The band plays with acoustic instruments and features unusual sound and odd structural arrangements influenced by minimalism, drone music and American avant-garde.

### Oct. 3 - A Mao Rumidrosa - Zo Music Hall.

This Portuguese avant-garde jazz group features Vera Mantero (voice and dance) Nuno Rebelo (guitar) Gianni Gebbia (saxophone) and Marco Franco (drums). For more information and tickets call *Associazione Musicale Etna* at 095-321252.





SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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7	<b>Mineo Girl Scout End of Summer &amp; Registration</b> at Mineo Commissary 12:30	8	<b>Free Volleyball Clinic</b> until Sept. 12 5 to 6:30 p.m. NAS II Gym Call 624-2710	9	<b>National Hotdog Day</b>	10	<b>Intramural Bowling League</b> 6 p.m. TENPINS Call 624-3870	11	<b>E-5 Exam</b> 6:45 a.m. NAS II Gym	12	<b>Catania History</b> ITT Call 624-4396	13	<b>3rd Annual Open Golf Championships</b> tee off 9 a.m. Il Picciolo Golf Club Individual golf Call 624-2710
14	<b>Petralia Soprana &amp; Agrituristic Farm</b> ITT Call 624-4396	15	<b>Youth Soccer Practice Begins</b>  <b>PTO Meeting</b> 2:30 p.m. room B25	16	<b>205 State Contest</b> 4 p.m. prizes awarded 205 Youth Center	17		18	<b>E-4 Exam</b> 6:45 a.m. NAS II Gym	19	<b>COMSTA Change of Command</b>	20	<b>Mt. Etna Horse Trek</b> AU Call 624-4271
21	<b>Lipari Express</b> ITT Call 624-4396	22	<b>Ice Cream Cone Day</b> free ice cream cone BLAST	23	<b>Intermural Fall Volleyball</b> NAS II Gym Captains Cup Event Call 624-2710	24	<b>National Buy Nothing Day</b> 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. free soda Take 5	25	<b>University of the Philippines Concert Chorus</b> 4 and 7 p.m. theatre Call 624-5271	26	<b>PMOC Men's Retreat</b> Call the Chapel for more information	27	<b>2-on-2 Sand Volleyball</b> double elimination Caption Cups Event Call 624-2710
28		29	<b>NAS I Pool Closed</b>	30		1	October	2	<b>Catania History</b> ITT Call 624-4396	3		4	<b>Honey Tasting in St. Alfio</b> ITT Call 624-4396



# Word Find

## Aircraft nicknames

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DoDDs students talk about what's happening in the community

## PTSA

### membership drive

The Stephen Decatur Middle/High School is having a membership drive the month of September. An ice cream party will be awarded to the classroom(s) with full participation. Please help them reach this goal by becoming a member with your student. We have a great year planned and we need your help in making this year a success! Please check your mail for an enrollment form or stop by the SAO office and pick one up today! The first PTSA meeting is being held on Tuesday, September 9 at 2:45 pm in the Odeum (school library) and is open to all.

### Join the Jaguar Booster Club

The Jaguar Booster Club is a non-profit organization which supports the sports program of Stephen Decatur Department of Defense School. The Club assists in purchasing team uniforms, award memorabilia and some athletic equipment. It also finances sports award banquets and contributes to annual scholarship funds. Membership is open to all adult members of the Sigonella community.

The Jaguar Booster Club meets the first Tuesday of each month in the Stephen Decatur DoDD School Library at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting will be 2 September.

Please join us in supporting our student athletes!

### Back to school for SDS students



Students from the Stephen Decatur Elementary School at Naval Air Station Sigonella enjoy a recess period during their first day of school on Sept. 2. The students met their new teachers, got settled into their new classrooms, started making new friends and met with old ones.

**Fri. Sept. 5**

Winner takes all eight-ball tournament at JOX Sports bar at 8 p.m. All participants will automatically be entered in a drawing at the end of the month for a pool cue.

**Sat. Sept. 6**

Hike Europe's largest active volcano with Adventures Unlimited. Bring comfortable hiking shoes and euro for souvenirs. The hike includes a steak barbecue with sodas and water. Bring munchies and extra drinks. The hikes difficulty rating is a 4 on a scale of 1-5. Call AU at x4271/x3718 for more information.

**Sun. Sept. 7**

Explore the waters around the coast of Sicily with Liberty as they go on a snorkeling trip. Sign up and pay by 4 p.m. on Sept. 5. Call x5187 for more information on Liberty events.

Visit Troina with ITT. Set between Nicosia and Cesaro deep in the province of Enna, Troina sits on a hill looking towards Mt. Etna to the west. Troina has been inhabited since prehistoric times and is full of traditions that come to life at the procession of Madonna Di Cerami. You'll stop for lunch at the agrituristic farm Querce di Cota. Call ITT at x4396/x4777 for more information.

**Mon. Sept. 8**

It's Bingo night at Live Wire at 6:30 p.m. Cards go on sale at 5:30 p.m. Come early for a good seat. Cash prizes every week.

**Tues. Sept. 9**

It's National Hotdog Day. Celebrate the almighty hotdog with a two-for-one special at Take 5 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

It's Tournament Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at Take 5. Compete in the pool tournament for big prizes. Free to play and win.

**Weds. Sept. 10**

Tired of singing in the shower? DJ demon can help. Come by JOX Sports Bar at 6:30 p.m. for Karaoke and All Request Night. Check out the songbook for the hottest tunes to sing along with.

# TRIVIA

Who makes Minute Maid beverages?  
 What is alektrophobia a fear of?  
 What serial killer was known as Pogo the Clown?  
 In which country is there an imaginary tooth mouse?  
 Which state is the largest natural producer of ginko biloba?

(Answers on page 10)

## Movie Connection

MW's Theater Schedule

### Friday, Sept. 5



5:30 p.m.  
*How to Deal (PG-13) \*\**



8:30 p.m.  
*LXG: League of Extraordinary Gentlemen (PG-13)*

### Saturday, Sept. 6



1 p.m.  
*Charlie's Angels 2: Full Throttle (PG-13)*



3:30 p.m.  
*Legally Blonde 2: Red, White and Blonde (PG-13)*



6 p.m.  
*T3: Rise of the Machines (R)*

### Sunday, Sept. 7



1 p.m.  
*Alex & Emma (PG-13)*



3:30 p.m.  
*How to Deal (PG-13)*



6 p.m.  
*American Pie 3: American Wedding (R)*

### Monday, Sept. 8



5:30 p.m.  
*The Hulk (PG-13) \**



8:30 p.m.  
*LXG: League of Extraordinary Gentlemen (PG-13)*

### Theater Closed Tuesdays

### Wednesday, Sept. 10



5:30 p.m.  
*Alex & Emma (PG-13) \**



8:30 p.m.  
*T3: Rise of the Machines (R)*

### Thursday, Sept. 11



5:30 p.m.  
*How to Deal (PG-13)*



8:30 p.m.  
*American Pie 3: American Wedding (R)*

### Friday, Sept. 12



5:30 p.m.  
*Johnny English (PG-13) \*\**



8 p.m.  
*Bad Boys 2 (R)*

\*\* Future Re-release \*\*Sneak Preview \*Last Showing  
 (All times and movies are subject to change. For more information on the schedule, call the movie hotline at

## This Week on

**Mon. Sep 8 - C.S.I. Miami**  
**Tue. Sep 9 - Movie: Almost Famous**  
**Wed. Sep 10 - Boston Public**  
**Thu. Sep 11 - Will & Grace**  
**Fri. Sep 12 - Last Comic Standing**

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**TUNE YOUR RADIO TO 106.0 ZFM 3 - 6 PM FOR THE ROCK SHOW**

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AEC from page 1

"You can listen and speak, but you can't see the instructor," said Sloane. "Each individual workstation can see what he's doing and interact along with him. He also sees what they're doing, [in case] they have a problem."

"We could communicate with him verbally and we could also send text messages," said ITSA Celeste Hudson of NCTS. "The visuals were like a Power Point presentation over the computer. You could actually request to speak with him and he can give you the microphone so to speak...give you the means to talk to him."

"He had an example in the background we'd follow along with," said STG1 Scott Harstad from Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit Eight (EODMU 8). "It's just like if you were chatting online. If everyone else was following along and someone had a question, so the class didn't get interrupted, the person could type in a question real quick and he would send back an email."

The training didn't go off without a hitch. "We had some trouble with connectivity, but with the help of Base Communications Office, we were able to identify and open the correct ports to allow this training to be delivered here," Sloane said.

During the training, technical problems were easily overcome. "If you had computer problems, there was a tech support person in North Carolina," said Harstad. "You could email him and he would fix your problem. Nobody would get bothered by it, they didn't even know it was happening."

The AEC represents the "Revolution in Training" initiative well. The reactions to the first training in the class were very positive. "I thought it was pretty good, it was all futuristic and stuff," Hudson said, "but you're still able to get the knowledge without the person actually being here. It's kind of convenient. It's cheaper for them doing it this way than to actually fly them over here."

Harstad agreed with the assessment. "I thought it was outstanding. They definitely need to keep using it."

The AEC is sure to see many more trainings come through its state-of-the-art walls. "We anticipate that this will be a recurring opportunity to receive training for this area," Sloane said. "We want to ask the community if they have a distance e-learning need or requirement to contact the training offices."

Some upcoming things or things that might be coming soon in



Photo by JCSN Steve Weaver

**A Sailor from COMSTA uses a workstation in the new Advanced Electronic Classroom (AEC) in NASSIG's Base Education and Training Department. The class learned about SPAWARS Defense Messaging System (DMS) in the first official class conducted in the AEC.**

the way of training includes bringing a Microsoft certified systems instructor to teach two classes to the Med. Region, Microsoft certification prep training and test taking, Internet Protocol Television, and even a gaming system for Anti-Terrorism Force Protection training.

The concept of the RTA and the installation of an AEC supports the concept of providing facilities and capabilities to this region that eventually allows the tailored training needs of Sailors to be met. It also provides an environment conducive to learning.

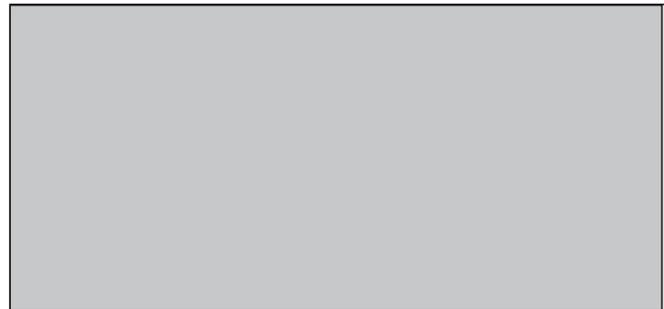
## Let your voice be heard on AFN Radio's 'A Sailor's View'



Photo by JCSN Steve Weaver

The host of "A Sailor's View" and "The Void" morning show, cross talks with a coworker in the AFN Sigonella radio studio.

Tune in to AFN Radio on 106.0 FM Sept. 16 from 7 to 7:30 a.m. for A Sailor's View, a live call-in radio program with the Naval Air Station Sigonella Command Master Chief, CMDCM(AW/SW/FMF) Anthony Evangelista. This show gives the local community an opportunity to hear information and answers to questions affecting Sailors and their families. Call in or e-mail with your questions and hear from Sigonella's top enlisted Sailor. Call 624-4266 and pre-record your question, or call during the show to talk live with Master Chief Evangelista. AFN has also set up an email account for the show. Send your questions with your name and command to: [sailorsview@afn.sicily.army.mil](mailto:sailorsview@afn.sicily.army.mil). Show's are aired every other Tuesday, and past shows have included a variety of questions on topics such as Perform to Serve and advancement to Marina's lawn-devouring worms and parking.



# SPORTS

## Navy baseball blessed with strong support from San Diego Padres

By JOC(SW/FMF) S.A. Thornbloom  
Public Affairs Center, San Diego

SAN DIEGO (NNS) — Navy baseball, which is nearly into its 10th season here, has become comparable to college or semi-pro baseball and is blessed with strong support from the local Major League Baseball Team.

"We are enjoying a lot of success and hope to continue. It would be nice to have the backing and budget of Navy Sports, like the All-Navy programs, but so far we are getting great support from area and Navywide commands getting players assigned to us TAD [temporary assigned duty]. It's gotten even better getting the support of the Padres [Major League Baseball's San Diego Padres]," said Lt. Cmdr. Terry Allvord, of Tactical Air Control Squadron (TACRON) 12, and the founder of the current San Diego Navy baseball team.

Recently, Qualcomm Stadium was a "field of dreams" for Navy and Marine players, as more than 600 people came out to watch a close and exciting game during the 14th annual Baseball Challenge at Qualcomm Stadium.

Thanks to a near-perfect pitching performance by Navy's Johnathan Kuetz, the Sailors sunk the Leathernecks 5-3.

"This was really overwhelming, and kind of a dream come true, being able to play here at Qualcomm," said the Marines' Coach William Miller, a sergeant assigned to the Weapons Field Training Battalion at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

"I think both teams can feel how special it is to be able to play on the same field that so many Major League

stars, like Tony Gwynn, have played on. It's a great opportunity for all of us and hard to put into words how much it means for those of us who really love the game of baseball."

The Padres got involved in 1996, when retired Navy Capt. Jack Ensch, the present director of military relations for the Padres, found out that the Navy and Marines didn't have a venue to play the annual all-star game.

"I heard about the game and the team needing a place to play, so I proposed to the new Padres owners (John and Becky Moores) and management that the Padres adopt the game and it be played after a regular season Padres game," said the last commanding officer of the Naval Training Center here.

Since 1995, the Padres and the Navy and Marine Corps baseball squads have struck up a very nice working relationship.

"This has been a wonderful relationship, and we can't say or thank the Padres, Capt. Ensch and his staff enough for the support," Allvord said.

The players on both sides echoed Allvord's praise, and many of them expressed reverence and overwhelming feelings being allowed to play on a real Major League field.

"It's such a big thing for us to play the Navy and to be able to play here on this field (Qualcomm) is just awesome and something a lot of us really look forward to," said Sgt. David Sandoval, assigned to 1st Field Service Support Group at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

For other players, who had just returned from Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), it was a significant statement to make regarding the freedoms that all Americans share on a daily basis.

"I really wasn't sure if I was going to get a chance to come back and play

in this game," said Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) 3rd Class Ray Judy, Navy's second baseman.

"This game should be used as an example of how much the freedoms we are afforded should mean to all Americans. It's been an honor to be involved in Iraqi Freedom and then be able to be here tonight, playing in a baseball game, is the award of our fight for freedom," Judy said.

Judy worked on the flight deck aboard USS Constellation (CV 64) during OIF.

Allvord, Marine Coach Sgt. William Miller and Ensch all agreed the relationship between the Padres and the

military can and should continue to grow and strengthen in the future, as it has over the past eight years with the present ownership.

"The relationship is important, because both the military and the Padres have a long history in San Diego," Ensch said.

"The military makes up a large portion of the population and represents a significant potential fan base for the Padres. It's important that, if the Padres want the support of the military, then the Padres should in turn support the military for all the sacrifices that they make to ensure our freedoms - such as the

privilege of coming out to watch a baseball game."

Navy Baseball is the brainchild of Allvord, who was asked to put together a team in 1990, while attending flight school at the Naval Air Station in Pensacola, Fla. He started the Southwestern Baseball League in Pensacola, and it quickly grew to more than 10 teams consisting of civilians and military from all services. Midway through the first season, an all-star game was played, which just happened to feature a majority of Navy and Marine Corps players on opposite sides of the diamond.

### Go Navy!



Navy quarterback, Aaron Polanco throws an interception during the second quarter while being tackled by Virginia Military Institute's (VMI) freshman defensive end Charlie Liesfield. The Midshipmen recorded a 37-10 victory over the VMI and snapped a 14-game home losing streak for the Academy, dating back to the 1999 season.

## The Lane

### Captain's Cup triathlon / triathlon

Sept. 13 at 8:30 a.m. at the NAS II swimming pool. Pre-register at either fitness center. Register from 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. at the NAS II pool. There will be T-shirts and awards. Biathlon - swim 500 meters and run 5K (individual only.) Triathlon - swim 500 meters, bike 11.5 miles, and run 5K (individual or team.) Call either fitness center at x4483/x5243 for more information.

### Intramural fall volleyball

Season begins Sept. 23. There will be a coaches meeting on Sept. 9 at 4 p.m. in the NAS II gym. Rosters are due at the meeting. All matches will be held at the NAS II gym. For more information, call x2710. This is a Captain's Cup event.

### 2-on-2 sand volleyball tourney

Sept 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Open division, double elimination. Sign up at NAS II gym. Call x2710 for more.

**Identity theft from page 2**

at risk for identity theft. Whether our personal information is gained through methods like "phishing," taken out of our trash or mailbox, taken off a credit card receipt we leave at a restaurant, stolen from a credit card company's computer database by illegal hacking, or gained by losing our wallet/purse—the risk is real. What should you do?

Some general guidance: Make a photocopy of the contents of your wallet—all credit cards, driver's license, etc., and store this information in a safe place like a locked safe or safe deposit box. If a credit card, your wallet, or your purse is lost or stolen, use this photocopied information to contact all the necessary credit card companies, state departments of motor vehicles, and any other agencies immediately. Contact local law enforcement if you believe these items were stolen or as soon as you think identity theft has occurred.

Contact the three main credit bureaus—let them know that your wallet, purse, or credit card was stolen or misplaced, or alert them if you believe identity theft has occurred. Request that they not respond to any credit inquiries until further notice and that they contact you personally when an inquiry has been made for your credit information. Also request a copy of your credit report—you can obtain one free copy of your credit report each year, otherwise, there may be a minimal charge. The credit bureaus can be contacted as follows: Equifax at [www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com); Transunion at [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com); and Experian at [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com).

If you are tracking an identity theft situation, obtain a copy of your credit report every two or three months, notifying all unfamiliar companies named in the report of the fraud that has occurred in your name. If you believe identity theft has occurred, contact your bank and any other financial institutions with which you do business immediately—alert them to your situation and work with their security departments to protect existing accounts. Obtain a copy of your credit report annually even when you haven't lost a card or fear your identity has been stolen—it's a good way to check on the accuracy of your credit report and to stay on top of any issues that may develop (some people aren't aware that their identity has been stolen until they review their credit report). Do it the same time every year—perhaps after the New Year, or around your birthday for consistency and so it's easy to remember.

Stay vigilant to battle identity theft—don't think that it can't happen to you. Remember, even if you are extremely careful with your own affairs and personal information, including shredding all bills or receipts before throwing them away, etc., that doesn't mean that a financial institution that has your information can't be hacked or broken into!

If you have questions or need assistance concerning identity theft, contact Lt. Deidra Radel at [radeldm@jag.navy.mil](mailto:radeldm@jag.navy.mil) or call (202) 685-4641, DSN 325-4641.

**Seabees from page 3**

to what we think of as normal."

Seabees have been conducting reconstruction efforts since the opening hours of Operation Iraqi Freedom, advancing forward from Kuwait with the Marines, first doing all the building and renovations, then hiring local Iraqi craftsmen and contractors to help restart the Iraqi construction industry with Seabees overseeing and supervising the work.

The Kish irrigation facility repairs are one of many reconstruction efforts the Seabees have completed within the past week, including the opening of 13 bridges across the Tigris and Euphrates rivers linking commerce between several Iraqi communities. They have also repaired 72 local schools, rebuilt police and fire stations, banks and post offices, and assisted archaeologists in the repair and security of the Babylonian museum.

Seabees also constructed a dignified cemetery for reburial of the remains of 860 unidentified Iraqis from a mass grave containing an estimated 14,000 people murdered by the Hussein regime during the 1991 Shiite uprising. Thanks to the incredible efforts of these Seabees, the Tigris-Euphrates river valley will again have rich crops and lush farm lands with the opening of the new water facility.

"We all feel a huge sense of accomplishment," said Capt. Albert Garcia, deputy commander of the I MEF/MEG "We see Iraqi kids happy to have a future, who not so long ago were digging in a field where people were killed just for being Shia."

**Trivia Answers**

- 1) Coca-Cola
- 2) Chickens
- 3) John Wayne Gacy
- 4) Mexico
- 5) South Carolina



**A new kindergartener concentrates on playing teatime in her new classroom. The new kindergarten opened up after the ribbon cutting held Aug. 29. Following the ceremony, students had a time to become familiar with their classrooms and parents a chance to talk to the teachers.**

students are herded in. Backpacks filled with school supplies and lunches are hoisted on backs accompanied by sighs of dread or smiles of anticipation. Summer has officially ended.

For many students, they will be starting the school year in a new building. While kindergarteners will not start school until Sept. 8, students and parents had a chance to visit their classrooms and teachers during kindergarten orientation.

After the ribbon cutting of the new kinder-

garten, people filed in eagerly to see what was in store for young students. Parents bought school T-shirts and talked with teachers while their children hungrily munched on snacks that were provided for them and looked around wide-eyed. Many had no problem coloring with others and some played with the toys unaware of what lay ahead of them in the next week.

"The teachers are looking forward to the larger more convenient classrooms," Fran Austin, Stephen Decatur Elementary School Prin-

cipal said.

Now teachers can take advantage of everything they need at their fingertips from large restrooms in each classroom to kitchens in-between classrooms where they can prepare snacks at their convenience. Tile floors even make cleaning up messes easier; however, there are area rugs in the play areas.

"The rooms were designed with the kindergarteners in mind...they even have furniture for children," Austin commented.

they deal with is multiple mobilizations of the same people.

"This is particularly true in small business and for self-employed people," Hall said.

If the same Guardsmen and Reservists are called up repeatedly, Hall said it could affect recruitment and retention.

"This is one reason it's so important to do rebalancing. We're finding that we're taking the same people away (in deployments), and we've got to spread the opportunity to more people."

Hall said he believes rebalancing is an appropriate change.

"I think it's transformational," he added, "and I think it will make our forces more agile, more re-

sponsive, more integrated and have the ability to meet the demands of the nation in both peace and war."

In addition to a rebalanced force, Hall said he believes the future holds a more flexible drilling schedule for guardsmen and Reservists. Instead of the traditional weekend drill, there could be two two-week training periods, he added.

Reservists or Guardsmen might only go to the drill center once a year for administrative duty. Some might do all their training at the same time. Virtual drilling – a lawyer doing legal briefs remotely, for example – may also be a possibility, Hall noted.

he needs of the service and best fits the needs of the individual, we think a new way of drilling is what we'll see in the future."



**Students color while the teacher introduces herself to their parents during kindergarten orientation.**



**Captain Tim Davison and Stephen Decatur kindergarten teachers cut the ceremonial ribbon for the new kindergarten. After the ceremony, students and teachers were given a chance to become familiar with new classrooms and teachers.**

According to Austin the bigger school can hold up to 150 students and hosts three separate playgrounds. The new kindergarten is the first phase in construction planned for the school in the years to come. "I am very excited with the dedication of the new building. I am looking forward to more changes this year. This is just the beginning... in four years we will have a complete and brand new school," said Austin.

The next phase of construction is slated for the summer of 2004.

**NAS I Pool**

STARTING WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 3

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	2 - 6pm
Wednesday	Closed
Thursday	2 - 6pm
Friday	Closed
Saturday	11am - 6pm
Sunday	11am - 6pm

NAS I Pool closes for the season on Monday, September 29.

**NAS II Pool**

STARTING WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 3

Monday - Friday	6 - 8:30am Lap Swim
Saturday - Sunday	Closed

WINTER HOURS START MONDAY, SEPT. 29

Monday - Friday	6-8:30am Lap Swim
11am - 1:30pm	Lap Swim

PARTY REQUESTS

Due to reduced staffing, all pool party requests must go through Rich McKeown, Aquatics Manager.

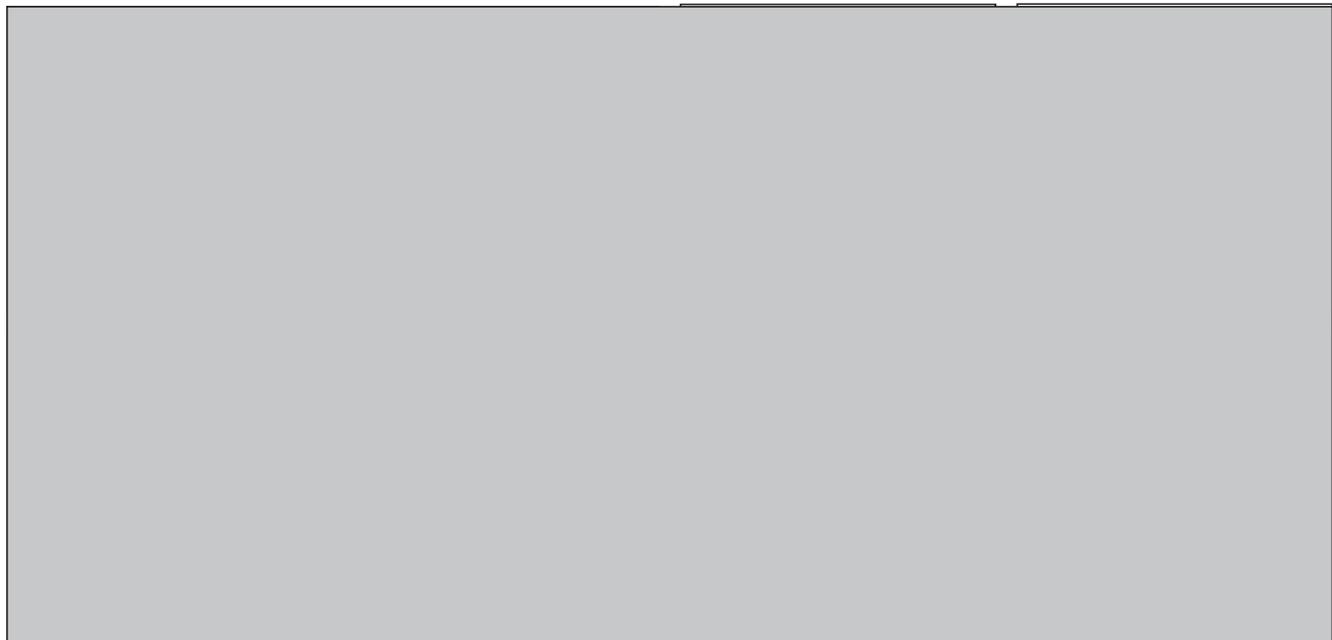
Parties will be permitted on a case by case basis. For more pool information, call X5335 or X4334.

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manders, and (Office of the Secretary of Defense) staff, to develop a rotational policy that says in the next six years, we will need these kinds of units – active, Guard and Reserve – to meet the worldwide deployments," said Hall. "Once we accomplish that, we'll be able to tell you as a guardsman or Reservist, for example, that three years from now, you need to do six months of duty in the Sinai."

With a rotation policy comes predictability – something Reservists, Guardsmen, families and employers want, said Hall.

In his travels throughout the country, Hall said, employers tell him one of the most difficult things



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A Sailor and military working dog Fellow inspect trucks for explosives while the Animal Planet crew films at the truck inspection point near NAS I.

Animal Planet's "K-9 Boot Camp" last year. The 90-minute special followed him and other handler trainees through the six-week Military Working Dog Handler course at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. "I'm talkative and outgoing," said Kornegay. "I didn't mind talking to [the TV crew]."

"He was really comfortable in front of the camera," added Claire Fisher, series producer for the show. The special was so popular that Animal Planet is filming eight more episodes highlighting MWDs and their handlers at work throughout the world.

NAS Sigonella is home to the largest MWD unit in Europe. The base's MWDs include German Shepherds and Belgian Malinois trained in patrol, explosives detection or narcotics detection; some are certified in both patrol and detection. "It's not every day people realize what K9 does for them," said Master at Arms Chief Mildred Canipe, Sigonella's kennel master. The MWD-handler teams are on duty around the clock, helping ensure the safety of the base. They are also charged with inspecting ships at Augusta Bay.

Sigonella's ambassadors for the day, Kornegay and Fellow demonstrated how MWDs and their handlers work as teams to protect the base. A German shepherd trained in explosives detection, Fellow spends a lot of his time inspecting vehicles, a never-ending task. Kornegay and Fellow perform truck inspections five days a week – sometimes on more than 30 trucks a day, Kornegay said.

"One of our biggest missions here is truck control," said Canipe. For the handlers, vehicle inspections are serious business, but not for their dogs. "It's all play to them," Canipe said. "Pretty much everything they do is play."



A sailor and military working dog Fellow are filmed by Hugh Hughes and Michael O'Donoghue for use on the Animal Planet show "K-9 Boot Camp."

"The dogs love this," Canipe added as the TV crew filmed Fellow nosing around a truck. "It's a big game for them."

The Animal Planet TV crew filmed Fellow during obedience training and a routine check-up at the base veterinary clinic. They also admired Sigonella's new air-conditioned kennel, which opened July 16. "The dogs are well taken care of," noted Canipe.

Trained at Lackland, MWDs are paired with a handler as soon as they arrive at Sigonella to begin building a rapport. Dogs usually start working three to five days after they arrive, Canipe said. Once they're in the field, "dogs pretty much stay in the same command," she said. Handlers, however, typically transfer every three years.

Each handler is paired with one MWD and spends at least eight to 10 hours each day grooming, training and working with the dog. "We call it a marriage," Canipe said. MWDs usually serve 10 to 12 years before retirement. When handlers transfer, they are assigned an MWD partner at their new command and begin the team-building process all over again. It's a big commitment, but one MWD handlers love. "I love the dogs," Kornegay said. "Getting into this program was the only way I'd stay in the Navy ... Now I'll stay in 30 years if I can."

The first two new episodes of "K-9 Boot Camp" will air Oct. 6 on the Animal Planet channel; the following six episodes will air weekly on Mondays. The series is being produced by England's Granada Television for Washington, D.C.-based Discovery Communications Inc., Animal Planet's parent company.

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# SHIPMAIN initiative, maintenance teams improving ship maintenance

By JOC David Nagle, Naval Sea Systems Command Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — It is said that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line.

In the world of ship maintenance, many Sailors would tell you that the distance between identifying that something needs to be fixed, and that something actually getting fixed, is anything but.

However, a new set of maintenance practices is being introduced on the waterfront that shortens the distance between those two points, and gives Sailors more say in what and when things get fixed.

These practices are part of SHIPMAIN, a Navywide maintenance initiative that builds a more effective and efficient maintenance system as the Chief of Naval Operations lays out the Fleet Response Plan, the Navy's roadmap to a surge-capable force.

SHIPMAIN specifically examines the planning processes for surface ship maintenance, from the point where ship's force first identifies the work through the point when Sailors begin turning the wrenches.

"As we look ahead to the Navy of the 21st century, a fleet of ships ready to surge and respond at a moment's notice, operated by opti-

mally manned crews of highly skilled and trained Sailors, we need an improved maintenance system to support that fleet," said Vice Adm. Phillip Balisle, commander, Naval Sea Systems Command. "SHIPMAIN is the kind of process change we need that addresses today's problems and lays the foundation for tomorrow's Navy."

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**Cmdr. Mike Gilday.**

One of these changes is the introduction of maintenance teams for ships, which creates a

Presently, when a Sailor discovers a piece of equipment that needs repair, he or she fills out and submits a 2-kilo (OPNAV Form 4790/2K). The 2-kilo goes to the port engineer, who screens the request and then sends it to the regional support group (RSG). The RSG will pass the 2-kilo to the fleet technical support center (FTSC) for an opinion, and the center may send someone to

the ship to make an assessment. FTSC will then return the 2-kilo to the RSG, who determines where the job should actually go, whether to the supervisor of shipbuilding (SUPSHIP) or the shore intermediate maintenance activity (SIMA).

"A typical 2-kilo could take a week or two to process before someone actually turns a wrench to repair the equipment," said Capt. Bob Butler of Naval Surface Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, who is involved in the SHIPMAIN initiative. "If the ship is up against an operational schedule, a commanding officer might submit a casualty report to get the equipment repaired before the ship gets underway, increasing the cost of the work being performed.

"This is both wasted time and extra money the Navy can no longer afford," Butler added.

The maintenance teams are made up of the ship's port engineer, representatives from SIMA, SUPSHIP, FTSC and most significantly, representatives from the ship.

USS Benfold (DDG 65), a San Diego-based destroyer, is the first ship to receive a maintenance team. According to the ship's commanding officer, the maintenance team brings a new synergy to ship maintenance by creating a cadre of ship maintenance experts that meets regularly.

"The turnaround is incredible," said Cmdr. Mike Gilday. "Jobs that used to take one to two weeks to get screened are now screened in 48-72 hours.

"The ship rep is involved in prioritizing jobs, whereas it used to be that unless the CO [commanding officer] picked up the phone, that wouldn't happen," Gilday said. "Now, the ship rep, as the customer advocate, is meeting with the maintainers and representing the needs of the ship and crew."

**A**s a result, the maintenance team identifies and prioritizes the work, then determines when and where the work gets done. This prioritizing of work saves the Navy money in the long run, by identifying the best time to do routine maintenance.

So far, maintenance teams have been implemented for 11 Norfolk-based ships. Teams will be established for ships in San Diego, Mayport, Fla., and Ingleside, Texas, in September and October.

"We are changing a culture that ultimately affects every Sailor on the waterfront," said Vice Adm. Timothy LaFleur, commander, Naval Surface Forces. "What will make SHIPMAIN really work is Sailors understanding this change and making it a part of their daily routine."