

# The Signature

## Sigonella, Sicily

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### NCTS Sicily changes command

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Photo by IT2(SW) Alex Pena

U.S. Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station (NCTS) Sicily will mark the day by bidding a fond farewell to Cmdr. Nancy King-Williams and her husband Mr. Thomas Williams and wish them a traditional fair winds and following seas. Today, Cmdr. Pamela Wynfield COC, page 8

### Sigonella hospital opens new child friendly ward

By JO2(SW) Sarah Bohanon  
Staff Writer

U.S. Naval Hospital Sigonella opened their new child-friendly ward during a ribbon cutting ceremony September 12th at the hospital. The new ward was designed by the Mom's Club to be a less clinical, more fun environment for child patients. "We wanted to make a room that was more comfortable for kids," said Melodie E. Lopez, Mom's Club member and mural designer. "Being in the hospital can be a scary time for them (children), and we wanted to provide a safe, fun, more comfortable enjoyable stay," she said. Sigonella's command chaplains, provided the funding for the project. EDIS (Educational and Developmental Education Service) chose the toys for the ward, and the hospital approved the project. "We all worked together as a community to complete the project, and to make certain that all of the toys and paint were safe," said Lopez. The mural within the ward depicts a colorful seascape. Lopez designed the mural to show children interacting with several sea creatures, both real and fanciful. The mural features a child-like mermaid as well as a smiling octopus wearing slippers. She said she designed the mural to be cheerful, child-like and fun. "We wanted it to be very colorful," she said. "We went with an animal scene with lots of sea animals and children within the scene." Lopez designed the scene, and the active members of the Mom's club painted it. "I sketched the scene out on paper first," she said. "Then I drew it on the wall." "The Mom's club painted it and made it come alive," she said. Capt. Denzel Garner, commanding officer of U.S. Navy Hospital Sigonella, said he's very proud of the way the community worked together to make the project happen. He said he is proud of the service provided to patients by Hospital, page 10

### Today's Hometown Weather

Seoul, South Korea



High 73° F - Low 61° F  
Partly Cloudy

## Patriot Day remembered in Sigonella

Photos by JOSN Steve Weaver  
Staff Writer



Above left: Capt. Tim Davison, NAS Sigonella commanding officer, salutes the U.S. flag presented by NAS Sigonella's Stephen Decatur School NJROTC color guard. Above right: Members of NAS Sigonella's security department stand at parade rest while NAS Sigonella's color guard awaits the start of the ceremony. Lower left: NAS Sigonella's color guard stand at attention at a Patriot's Day ceremony remembering the events of Sept. 11, 2001. Lower right: Students from NAS Sigonella's Stephen Decatur Elementary School and Capt. Tim Davison, NAS Sigonella commanding officer, bow their heads in prayer while Lt. Richard Townes, NAS Sigonella chaplain, delivers the invocation during the Patriot's Day ceremony.

## Sigonella Fire Department trains for emergency

By JO2(SW) Sarah Bohanon  
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The Sigonella Fire Department participated in a training exercise in Agrigento Saturday with seven Italian departments.

The Agrigento fire department, police department and Italian Croce Rosso (Red Cross) joined the Palermo regional fire department, the Masculucia civil protection, the Catania regional fire department, and members from the medical staff of Vitore Manuale hospital in Catania to train for a hazardous material emergency with the Sigonella Fire Department.

The scenario included the mock contamination of several victims and the process involved in decontaminating them.

"It was a multinational integrated response with the Italians and the Americans," said John Cupell, assistant chief in charge of training for the Sigonella Fire Department.

The Sigonella team worked with the Sicilians to train for an emergency. They decontaminated the mock victims of the traffic accident involving a van transporting hazardous material.

Cupell said the exercise was both challenging and rewarding. "It creates its own challenges," he said.

"Obviously there's the language challenge, and the way they do business is a little different from the way we do business," he explained.

According to Cupell, it is vital to train with the professionals before an emergency happens.

"Since we are in Italy we have to learn to coordinate and integrate better with everybody, so we can all do a better job for the customers we serve," said Cupell.

He said training with the Italians is an important way to be prepared.

"In the age of heightened security and awareness and in light of recent terrorist attacks, it's very important that we all learn to work together, because it's not isolated to any one particular group," said Cupell. "Terrorist activities can happen anywhere."

"Our role is very important here," said ABHC Edward Mason, leading chief petty officer of the fire department.

Exercise, page 13

An Italian firefighter sets up boundaries for the simulated contaminated area at the recent exercise in Agrigento.



# Direct Line

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

What makes a group of men and women decide to run in the cold, in formation, from NAS I to NAS II? What makes a group of men and women strive to excel and become a different person both professionally and personally? What makes a group of men and women struggle with their own individualities into ultimately becoming a "mess"?

I'll tell you...they all want to be CHIEFS!  
Last Monday, the XO, Command Master Chief, and I were part of that formation run from NAS I to NAS II. The "selectees" all took turns providing us with some chants, do-diddys, songs and cadences to keep us all motivated. These "selectees" have been training for weeks now to complete this milestone or more like "seven-mile"—stones.

As their new career starts in khaki, they will be called upon to answer every question thrown at them by their junior enlisted and department heads. They will be expected to know the answer. They will have to know how to get things done. Once those anchors are on their collars, they will be challenged, tested, and pushed to the limits. They will be called upon to lead their shipmates, delegate them to do the unbelievable and motivate them to accomplish the mission no matter what!

Through all of their challenges and adversities, they all came out shining. They put on their anchors September 16. The ceremony brought them from the blueshirt world to the Goat Locker! These new chiefs are here to help you, advise you and counsel you. They continue down the professional road in a new uniform that will make them become a better leader, mentor and guide.

Wal-Mart founder, the late Sam Walton summed it up by saying, "outstanding leaders go out of the way to boost the self-esteem of their personnel. If people believe in themselves, it's amazing what they can accomplish." How true that is!

Don't forget...you can always ask the Chief!

Congrats to the new 2004 Chiefs! Welcome to the Mess!

EOC Aracola	HMC Chung	AMC Crutcher	AOC Duchan
ITC Ellis	SKC Gallardo	ADC Guerrero	ADC Harding
ITC Harris	SKC Kirk	MAC Martin	BMC McAlister
OSC McCreary	MAC Misiak	AMC Outman	AEC Payne
MNC Pierce	YNC Pitts	ITC Prelep	AOC Pressley
ADC Thompson	ATC Sehel	AMC Vasquez	JOC Wells
MAC Zingraf			

## Healthwatch: September is Gynecologic Cancer Awareness Month

By **Aveline V. Allen, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Public Affairs**

WASHINGTON (NNS) — A woman will be diagnosed with gynecologic cancer every seven minutes, according to the Gynecologic Cancer Foundation (GCF). September is gynecologic cancer awareness month, a time for women to become more knowledgeable about this disease.

To evaluate your potential risk for a gynecologic cancer, the GCF recommends knowing your family history, asking questions during your annual gynecologic exam, and getting an annual Pap smear.

Women need to know about prevention, early diagnosis, and treatment of all gynecologic cancers, which includes ovarian cancer.

According to Lt. Cmdr. Michael T. McHale, division head of Gynecologic Oncology, Naval Medical Center San Diego, "Women need to be aware of some of the more common risk factors and clinical symptoms associated with ovarian cancer. Risk factors include a family history of breast or ovarian cancer, no children and age greater than 60. Symptoms include loss of appetite, nausea or vomiting, abdominal bloating and a change in usual bowel habits. Although ovarian cancer is not the most common gynecologic malignancy, it is responsible for the

deaths since it is identified so late in its course. Early detection is essential."

Risk factors for cervical cancer include unprotected sex, multiple sexual partners and smoking. If you experience bleeding after intercourse or a longer duration of menstrual bleeding, you should notify your physician. Screening tests for cervical cancer are the Pap smear and a pelvic examination.

According to McHale, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recently recommended some changes in cervical cancer screening.



### Provider spotlight: Lt. Cmdr. Ben Lee



Naval Hospital Sigonella Ambulatory Care Clinic, Family Practice staff wishes to welcome Benjamin Lee, MD. Lt. Cmdr. Lee comes here from Naval Hospital Lemoore, California, after a three-year tour. He practiced at Branch Medical Clinic Iwakuni and Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton prior to this. He is a graduate of Albany Medical College, New York and is a board certified Family Practice Physician. Lt. Cmdr. Lee's goal in practice is to assure compassionate, quality medical care.

Family Practice appointments can be made by calling 624-4530 from 0730 until 1530. The clinic is located on the second deck of the Naval Hospital.

## Acting SECNAV, SECDEF dedicate Pentagon chapel

From **SECNAV Public Affairs**

WASHINGTON (NNS) — On the second anniversary of the terror attacks of Sept. 11, four stained-glass windows were dedicated to the memory of those who died in vicious attacks.

U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Dennis Hastert and Secretary Donald Rumsfeld joined Acting Secretary of the Navy Hansford T. Johnson and defense employees at the Pentagon Chapel for the standing room only ceremony.

One window was dedicated to the naval services and featured rays shining down on an anchor resting at the bottom of the sea.

Johnson described the dedication as moving. "Early religions adopted the anchor as a symbol for hope. The anchor resting in the Navy's memorial window serves as a symbol of hope for us," Johnson said afterwards.

"We will never forget the images of planes flying into the World Trade Center or the smoke rising out of the Pentagon and a Pennsylvania field. We will also never forget how the world united, first in grief, then in resolve to support the forces of freedom."

He added, "The chapel memorial pays tribute to all those who were taken from us."

The Chapel is located in the Pentagon at Room 1-E-438 and can be visited by Pentagon employees and their visitors during business hours.



Guests at the dedication ceremony on Sept. 11, 2003 for stained glass windows built for the new Pentagon Chapel, touch pieces of the glass that they and their friends put into the art work.

## Balboa to host trauma symposium - lessons learned from Operation Iraqi Freedom

By **Doug Sayers, Naval Medical Center San Diego Public Affairs**

SAN DIEGO (NNS) — Naval Medical Center, San Diego will host the Sixth Annual Navy Trauma Symposium Sept. 30, and Oct. 1. This year, the focus is lessons learned from Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

The two-day symposium will provide a unique opportunity for the entire trauma team — physicians, nurses, corpsmen and healthcare administrators — to

gather and be a part of team trauma training for the military.

"Each combat evolution confirms and expands our knowledge base and how we will practice in future conflicts," said Cdr. Joseph F. Rappold, Medical Corps, trauma symposium director. "Lessons learned from OIF will help save lives at home and abroad. This symposium will provide a tremendous tool for the dissemination of vital information."

Keynote speakers include the Sur-

geon General of the Navy, Vice Adm. Michael L. Cowan, Medical Corps; and Vice Adm. Albert H. Konetzni, Deputy Commander, and Chief of Staff, U.S. Atlantic Fleet.

Featured speakers and panel discussions will cover topics such as far forward resuscitative surgery, psychiatry, emergency medicine, orthopedics, resuscitative fluids and blood substitutes, mobilized reservists and a perspective from a "Grunt Corpsman."

## A trip down memory lane

By **Chaplain Thom Danks, Command Chaplain**

Between the months of July and September I had the opportunity to attend several events that recalled the Allied amphibious landing in Sicily during World War II at Gela and Ponte Dirlillo and the signing of the peace treaty between the Allies and Italy at the town of Casibile. I was not alive in World War II. I have no personal memory of it. I have heard stories, though, from people who fought in or lived through that war. It was very different from today's wars.

Hard to believe that many fought that war in distant lands for several years away from their homes and loved ones. There were no "smart bombs", "surgical air strikes", "laser guided weapons" and the like. No phone service back home, no e-mail or instant messaging, no "quick trips back home on leave", no instant reporting of events...certainly the times and wars were different. And, unlike today, many of the casualties of that war (and there were thousands not hundreds) never made it back home. Thousands of Allied troops, (Americans, British, Canadians, etc) killed during that war were buried in France and in Italy away from their families. It was a different kind of event; it was far different than what most of us know of war today.

Tom Brokaw wrote a book recently about America's involvement in that World War. He called it

"America's Greatest Generation" to emphasize the distance people were willing to go and the price they were willing to pay because they believed that Hitler's Nazism and Japan's imperialism was wrong and had to be stopped. This group, this generation seemed to be so highly motivated by something greater than self interest that they were willing to change the way they lived at home to support those who volunteered to leave for battle, and many did volunteer to go.

While all the World War II remembrance events I attended were meaningful, I want to tell you of a simple thing I did that touched my heart and encourage all of you to do while you are in Sicily. Visit one of the World War II cemeteries; the closest to us is in Catania. There are 3,500 young Brits buried there (American casualties were all taken and buried at a cemetery near Rome). When you visit, spend some time walking through the rows and rows of heroes and read the tombstones.

Take special note of the little remarks inscribed on the base of the tombstones, the remarks that the families of these young men asked to be placed there since their sons would not be brought home for burial. There is a lot of love in those remarks. But for me, those remarks swelled into respect for these families who lost their sons, and respect for their sons who are buried here. Self interest gave way to a bigger cause: a hope for the world.

Cemeteries are not often seen as places of learning, but, my little trip down memory lane taught me some things and gave me much to think about as an American Sailor. The

foremost thing I learned at that cemetery is: For any generation to be great, it must be willing to serve a cause bigger than itself.

### 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



#### CRIME STOPPER'S HOTLINE

624-6389

Sept. 8 - Sept. 14

The following incidents were reported and categorized as follows:

- Traffic accidents without injuries - 13
- Traffic accident with injuries - 0
- Car break-ins - 0
- DUI - 1
- DUI's 2003 - 38
- DUI's 2002 - 35

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# NAVY NEWS

## MCMDIV 31 ships receive praise, awards

By JO1(SW) Dennis J. Herring, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander, 5th Fleet Public Affairs

MANAMA, Bahrain (NNS) -- Commanding officers of the four mine-hunting vessels stationed in the 5th Fleet area of responsibility were presented the Bronze Star Medal at an awards ceremony here recently.

Vice Adm. Timothy J. Keating, Commander U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander 5th Fleet presented the medals recognizing the effort of the crews during Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

Crews from USS Ardent (MCM 12), USS Dextrous (MCM 13), USS Cardinal (MHC 60) and USS Raven (MHC 61) were present to receive awards ranging from the Bronze Star to Letters of Commendation signed by Keating.

"The crews did a fantastic job in a riverine environment, a mission they aren't normally trained for," said Cmdr. Ian Hall, commander, Mine Countermeasures Division 31. "These ships are designed for open-ocean, mine countermeasures. Going into Iraq's Khawr Abd Allah waterway was very challenging, but the crews did a magnificent job."

"We presented many awards for their work during OIF, but most of all we recognized the commanding officers for exceptional leadership while taking their crews into harm's way. More important, they brought their crews home safely," Hall added.

"We were engaged in a mission we were not trained for," said Lt. Tracey Green, Dextrous' executive officer. "We had to train ourselves for the job by joining with British ships and creating a practice area before OIF to prepare."

"The waterways had not been surveyed since 1992, so there were no accurate charts. There were also a lot of damaged and sunken vessels in the waterway."

One Navy Marine Corps Achievement Medal was presented to Chief (sel.) Mineman Jerry L. Gerhardt from Dextrous. While the Dextrous crew transited the KAA waterway hunting for mines, Gerhardt spotted a small boat along the river's bank.

"The boat appeared to be rigged for a suicide attack," said Gerhardt. He was standing watch at the topside 50-

caliber machine gun just after sunrise when the ship passed the small boat the first time.

"We couldn't clearly identify the target as we passed by in the morning, but when we returned later, I could easily tell it was a small boat," said Gerhardt. "I called the officer of the deck and reported what I saw. We pulled in closer, and there were ammo cans all over the area. Explosive ordnance technicians investigated and informed us of the explosives."

During OIF, 10 coalition mine countermeasures ships transited the Khawr Abd Allah waterway clearing over 900 miles of water space. More than 230 mine-like objects were investigated and 90 mines were recovered. Eleven of those were destroyed. Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 6 (Detachments 2, 6, and 8) and U.S. Naval Special Clearance Team 1 (with an Unmanned Underwater Vehicle detachment) helped to classify and destroy these mines.

"These Sailors deserve praise for their dedication," Hall said. "The quick effort of these crews created a swept channel in the KAA, allowing the British ship, RFA Sir Galahad (L 3005) access to transport humanitarian aid into Iraq in late March."

The Secretary of the Navy has authorized awarding the Combat Action Ribbon to each of the crews of the four ships.



The mine countermeasure ship USS Dextrous (MCM 13) takes part in mine counter measure operations in the Arabian Gulf along with coalition forces.

## High-speed vessel breaks record for speed

From Mine Warfare Command Public Affairs

HOBART, Tasmania (NNS) — High Speed Vessel (HSV) 2 Swift completed the fastest-ever transit of the northern Great Barrier Reef from Cairns to Booby Island Aug. 31.

Swift traveled 488 nautical miles in 12.5 hours at an average speed of 39.04 knots. The speed takes into account the period required to slow down to embark and disembark the pilot. Once underway, the transit was made at an actual speed of over 40 knots.

Swift currently serves operationally as the interim Mine Warfare Command and Support Ship. It also supports transformational mine warfare modular mission payload initiatives. In addition, it will be used to explore concepts, capabilities

and military utility associated with the advanced hull and propulsion technology integrated with advanced communications in support of the Littoral Combat Ship program.

For the Marine Corps, the HSV will conduct a series of limited-objective experiments, exercises, demonstrations and training events that develop interoperability potential of high-speed vessels with causeways, watercraft, amphibious ships and other shipping. Experimentation data will be used to access the military utility of HSVs, and future joint and naval military operations or applications.

The HSV is capable of maintaining an average speed of 35 knots or greater, loaded with 500 short tons, consisting of 350 personnel and military equipment. A minimum operating range of 1,100 nau-

tical miles at 35 knots is required by the contract, as is a minimum transit range of 4,000 nautical miles at an average speed of 20 knots. Furthermore, she must be capable of 24-hour operations at slow speeds (3-10 knots) for experimentation with unmanned autonomous vehicles, and to support dedicated and emerging organic mine warfare missions.

A stern ramp capable of on/off loading directly astern or to the starboard quarter is fitted. The ramp is capable of loading/unloading a multitude of military vehicles up to and including M1A1 main battle tanks of up to 141,000 pounds. SWIFT is also fitted with a load-compensating crane capable of launch and recovery of small boats and unmanned vehicles up to 26,000 pounds while underway. The crane is capable of lifting up to 22,000 pounds

and from the flight deck.

Perhaps one of the most impressive features of the ship is the Naval Air Systems Command-certified helicopter flight deck for operation of MH-60S Knighthawk, CH-46 Sea Knight, UH-1 Huey and AH-1 Cobra helicopters. An area protected from the weather for storage and maintenance of two MH-60S helicopters has also been provided, to enhance aviation operations in day, night and instrument meteorological conditions.

The vessel will operate with crews stationed at Naval Station Ingleside, Texas, and Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek, Va. Currently, the ship is manned by the Ingleside crew. A crew change is scheduled for October.

Swift is the fourth Incat wave piercing catamaran to enter U.S. military service.

## Seabees bring safety, structure to Iraqi town

By JO1 Lisa Keding, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 7 Public Affairs

DIWANIYAH, Iraq (NNS) — Hundreds of Seabees from Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 7, deployed from Gulfport, Miss., started working in An Nasiriyah in March. For three months, they helped build a variety of structures, established security and instilled a new source of hope for the people in the southern Iraqi city.

"An Nasiriyah is a city that endured some pretty hard fighting," said Lt. Cmdr. Dean Vanderley, the battalion's operation officer. "This is also the part of Iraq that rebelled against Saddam Hussein after the first war, and these are the people he punished."

Investing money in the city was one way to instill hope. More than \$600 million U.S. dollars were found in Baghdad alone during inspections by U.S. forces, and some of those seized funds were used to rebuild the Iraqi city, and pay Iraqi workers and contractors who assisted with rebuilding.

After helping Marine forces establish law and order, the Seabees dove into assisting with the rebuilding. The first building repaired by the Bees, with the help of Iraqi contractors, was the city's courthouse. They repaired more than \$85,000 worth of damage to the building.

"This structure proved to be a key meeting place in establishing the new city council, which helped to establish law and order in the city," Vanderley said.

In the city of An Nasiriyah alone, the Seabees logged

more than 6,000 work-hours helping repair, or administering Iraqi contracts to repair, more than \$500,000 worth of structural damage to buildings there.

Much of the damage came from fires set by members of the old regime in order to destroy documents within the buildings. Iraqi militants also used many of the schools as fighting positions during firefights in March.

On the list of repairs finished by the Seabees in An Nasiriyah are nine schools, a courthouse and three water treatment plants. However, one of the most important repairs occurred when one of the Seabees used his technical expertise to help literally jump-start the city.



An Iraqi boy greets SW2 Christopher Gray assigned to the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Seven (NMCB-7) security team, upon his arrival at a school in Nasiriyah.

## Improved Cash Access

To improve access to check cashing and foreign currency exchange, PSD Sigonella is implementing the following changes based on the need for reliable cash access services for the NAS Sigonella community.

### Cash Cages

Cash Cage hours of operation are Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Except holidays.

Point of contact for questions regarding cash cages or cambios is LT Arriaga, OIC, PSD Sigonella. He can be reached at DSN 624-5584.

### CAMBIOS

The CAMBIO at NAS I will be replaced by an Italian ATM. The machines will be more reliable and ensure 24-hour access to Euros.

CAMBIO services at NAS I and NAS II will be terminated on Sept. 30.

The Point of Contact for all Italian Banking issues is the NAS Sigonella Comptroller/Banking Liaison Officer.

### Other Currency Exchange Options

NEX - NAS I Monday thru Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday 10 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Banca Monte Dei Paschi di Siena - NAS I and NAS II, Monday thru Friday 8:35 a.m. to 12:55 p.m. and 2:05 p.m. to 4:15 p.m. (maximum euro exchange per day is 1,000).

## Community relations project

On the Sept. 25 and 26 NASSIG will be working with a local orphanage in the town of Brucoli. For the month of September we are going to paint and prepare classrooms for their upcoming school year. We are also planning on coordinating projects on a monthly basis and can use as much assistance from all activities on the base as possible. If the timing of this month's project conflicts with your dept/cmnds schedule please look at helping out in the upcoming months. This volunteer work has great community relations potential and will be personally rewarding in many respects. Please help us build momentum. Interested members can contact Lt. Puglia at BETD at ext 9201. Thanks in advance

## World Trade Center steel is shaped into PCU New York

From JOC Grover Hardman, Commander Naval Reserve Force Public Affairs



Workers from the Amite foundry pour molten steel recycled from the World Trade Center, into the mold of the bow stem of the Amphibious Transport Dock ship USS New York (LPD 21). About 24-tons of steel was salvaged from the World Trade Center, which was destroyed in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

AMITE, La. (NNS) — Hot, molten steel splattered in a colorful display of natural fireworks, as the bow stem was recently formed for PCU New York (LPD 21) at a Louisiana foundry.

Twenty tons of steel salvaged from the remains of the World Trade Center in the aftermath of terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, was melted and poured into a mold to form the first component for the amphibious transport dock named in honor of the Empire State.

"A piece of our city will travel the world in democracy and freedom," former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani wrote in a letter read at the ceremony.

Doty England, wife of former Secretary of the Navy Gordon England, was given the honor of pulling the lever to pour the molten steel. She is the ship's sponsor.

"For all who will serve on USS New York, and for all who suffered from the attacks of 9-11, let us never forget," she said as the steel was poured into the mold.

Among those attending the ceremony were several Sailors from New York City. Yeoman 2nd Class Richard Torrens lives in the Bronx and lost a niece when the Twin Towers collapsed.

"This means a lot to New York," Torrens said. "To some it is closure. This is an excellent symbol to let the terrorists know we're not giving up."

When New York is commissioned in four years, it will be the fifth ship of the new San Antonio-class amphibious transport dock ships. The ships will replace the older LPD-4 class with increased vehicle and substantial cargo carrying capacity. It will be a key element of 21st Century Amphibious Ready Groups, Expeditionary Strike Groups or Joint Task Forces.

The ships integrate the latest shipbuilding and war-fighting technologies to support current and future Marine Corps aircraft, the Advanced Amphibious Assault Vehicles (AAAVs) and air cushion or conventional landing craft.

The design incorporates state-of-the-art self-defense capabilities; Command and Control, Communications, Computers, and Intelligence (C4I); and reduced radar cross-section signature technologies. Reduced operational costs and an improved capability to incorporate technological advances over its 40-year service life, are also essential design objectives.

## News Briefs

### Donations Needed

Donations of gently used area rug(s), couch and coffee table for the faculty lounge in the secondary school. Please contact PTSA V.P. Michelle at 624-1248.

### SAVI Volunteer and Command Training

Fleet and Family Support Center, SAVI program will be hosting the next SAVI Advocate Volunteer and Command Representative Training for newly appointed volunteers and representatives from Sept. 23 to 25 at the NEPMU 7 training conference room from 8:30 to 4 p.m. Prospective SAVI advocates must be at least 21 years of age and have an endorsement letter by their command. Command representatives will be admitted on a space available basis. Final cut off application is Sept. 22. Call Ms. Lilah Harris at 624-4291.

### Mandatory Meeting

Anyone interested in attending the Italian school in Mineo, there will be a mandatory meeting at the Mineo Rec Center on Sept. 21 at 4 p.m. Application for registration and cost of transportation will be addressed. Call Kathy at 624-0696.

### Volunteers Wanted

Adult volunteers that have current Life Guard Certification 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. This swimming program will be cancelled without enough volunteers. Call 624-4281 for more information.

### CPR and First Aid Courses

There will be a first aid and CPR course from Oct. 3 to 5, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. To find out more information contact the Red Cross at 624-5446.

### Volunteer Orientation

Calling all Red Cross volunteers. There will be a mandatory orientation on Sept. 23 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Volunteers will become familiar with the organization, volunteer opportunities, local policies/procedures, programs and services. Call 624-5446.

### Volunteer Opportunity

Are you a person who wants to help your military community while working in a professional environment? Do you have problem solving, pattern identification and interpersonal communication skills? The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society caseworkers work intensively to assist military families plan for the future, manage their expenses, and handle unexpected emergencies. For information on how you can attend the upcoming Casework Training and become a volunteer caseworker, give FFSC a call at 624-4212.



By Alberto Lunetta  
Signature Staff

# Italian News

Sicilian culture and lifestyle

## Agro industrial fair in Caltagirone

The agricultural and industrial potentials of Caltagirone and Sicily will be highlighted through *Kalat Expo*, the annual Agro-Industrial Trade Fair, which will run through Sept. 21.

The fair program includes agro industrial and food exhibitions, peasant market stalls, seminars, fashion shows, folklore concerts and entertainment.

The collective exposition, which will be held at the *Villa Comunale*, or public gardens, will showcase local produce, gardening tools and equipment, watering systems, nursery gardening, farm holidays information, agricultural and forestry products and machinery.

Tonight, a food tasting seminar on various kinds of cold meats and salami is held at 6 p.m. Later in the evening, a theatre show is performed at 9 p.m.

On Sept. 20, a wine tasting kicks off at 6 p.m. A fashion show follows at 9 p.m.

The last day of the fair begins with a food seminar and an extra virgin olive oil tasting. The three-day fair ends with a multi-ethnic music concert at 8:30 p.m.

For more information call 0933-41809.

## Antique fair in Catania

A fun-to-browse antique fair featuring precious furnishings, bric-a-brac, arts and crafts, ceramics, deco objects and more, will be held from Sept. 19 through 21 at the Nettuno Hotel located in viale Ruggero di Lauria n. 121, on the Catania seafont. Hours: 3 to 9 p.m. (Sept. 19), 9:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Sept. 20 and 21). For more information call 0942-50050.

## Philippine folklore show in Catania

Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about the richness and diversity of the Philippine culture through dance and music. The University of the Philippines Concert Chorus (UPCC), the official

State University choir, will perform in Catania on Sept. 27 at 6 p.m.

Composed of 40 selected students from the University's different colleges, the UPCC has gained critical and popular acclaim. They have received numerous awards distinguishing themselves in international competitions with victories in Austria, Germany, Italy, Wales and Spain. Today the UPCC is recognized as one of the ten best university choirs in the world.

As the University's premier ambassadors to the world, the UPCC holds the singular honor of being the only choir in the world to be invited a record ten times to the prestigious Aberdeen International Youth Festival in Scotland, four times alone for command performances for Queen Elizabeth II. The UPCC also holds the distinction of being chosen as one of the world's best choirs at the 4th Lincoln Center International Choral Festival in New York City.

John Hearne, a Welsh critic, wrote about the choir: "They have no equal as a virtuoso ensemble."

The cost of a ticket is • 10 or \$ 12. The concert will be held at the *Chiesa Cristiana Evangelica*, a church that is located in via Susanna n. 72 (approximately 20 kilometers from NAS 1).

For more information, directions and tickets call Angelica Garcia at 340-9725353, Isidoro at 347-6236156 or contact ITT.

## Mascalucia Lions Club and NASSIG join together to remember Sept. 11

Last Thursday, a NASSIG delegation and the members of the Mascalucia Lions Club remembered together the tragedy of Sept. 11. The NASSIG delegation was composed of Capt. Thomas Dansak, Command Chaplain, Capt. Denzel Garner, the Naval Hospital Sigonella Commanding Officer and Lt. Steve Curry, the Public Affairs Officer.

Attendees watched a tribute video featuring various artists including Hollywood stars, comedians, singers and political heavyweights who joined forces performing at Madison Square



The University of the Philippines Concert Chorus (UPCC), the official State University choir, will perform at 6 p.m. on Sept. 27 at the *Chiesa Cristiana Evangelica*, a church that is located in Catania. The UPCC is recognized as one of the ten best university choirs in the world. Over the years, the 40 selected students from the University's different colleges, who belong to the choir, received numerous awards distinguishing themselves in international competitions.

Garden six weeks after Sept. 11, 2001, to raise money for the victims.

Following the video, participants joined in a moment of silence in tribute to the heroes and to those who lost their lives and their loved ones. At the end of the commemoration, the NASSIG delegation received the traditional Lions Club banners by Lieutenant Colonel Enzo Strosco, Head of the Italian Army Medical Center in Catania and the current president of the Mascalucia Lions Club. In, NASSIG delegates gave Strosco the command coins.

"Last year on Sept. 11, the Mascalucia Lions Club planted a memorial pomegranate tree on the grounds of the Mascalucia public gardens. Tonight we are honored to host a delegation of NAS Sigonella to whom we express and renew our friendship and sympathy," Strosco said.





SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
<b>COMMUNITY CALENDAR</b>						19 September	20 <b>COMSTA Change of Command</b>	20 <b>Stephen Decatur Football</b> home game 7 p.m. v.s. Rota
21 <b>Lipari Express</b> ITT Call 624-4396	22 <b>Ice Cream Cone Day</b> free ice cream cone BLAST	23 <b>Intramural 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 <b>Agrigento &amp; the Turkish Steps</b> ITT Call 624-4396	29 <b>NAS I Pool Closed</b>	30	1 <b>October</b>	2 <b>Catania History</b> ITT Call 624-4396	3 <b>Catania Shopping</b> ITT Call 624-4396	4 <b>Honey Tasting in St. Alfio</b> ITT Call 624-4396		
5 <b>Patti Shopping &amp; Capo D'Orlando</b> ITT Call 624-4396	6 <b>Torch Club Meeting</b> 4 to 5 p.m. 205 Youth Center	7 <b>CFC Kickoff</b>	8 <b>Ballet with Esther Scott</b> five to six year olds 2:45 10 to 12 year olds 3:45 p.m. Call 624-3712	9	10 <b>Tunisa Trip</b> until Oct. 13 ITT Call 624-4396	11 <b>SDS Football vs. Brussels</b> home game homecoming 2 p.m.		
12 <b>Second Annual Volleyball Tourney</b> last day of tourney Call 624-2710	13 <b>Columbus Day</b>	14 <b>Circuit Training Club</b> every Tuesday until Nov 21 see either Fitness Center	15 <b>National Apple Jack Month</b> free Apple Jacks while supplies last Take 5	16 <b>Acireale City &amp; Shopping</b> ITT Call 624-4396	17 <b>Movie Day at BLAST</b> free movie and popcorn 1 to 3 p.m.	18 <b>Base to Base Geep Run</b> Captain Cups event registration 7:30 to 8 a.m. NAS II fitness Center Call 624-4483		



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DoDDs students talk about what's happening in the community

## PTO

### I see money everywhere

Have you ever wanted to help the school but could not find the time or way to do it? This is your opportunity. General Mills "Box Tops for Education" and Tyson "Project A+" are here to help you.

If you shop at the commissary like most of us here you will find that among the items you regularly purchase for your use are General Mills and Tyson products. Each time you collect one of the box tops from General Mills and Tyson the school could earn \$0.10 cents from box tops and \$0.24 cents from Tyson - each time!!!

All you have to do is cut it and send it to the school, via mail or student, or drop it at any of the boxes located at the Commissary or your school. You may think a penny or \$0.24 cents does not make a difference, well I am here to tell you that it does. If each one of the elementary students, 650 children total, brings to school 10 box tops a month, at \$0.10 cents a top, the school could earn up to \$650 a month and \$5,200 a year. If you send five Tyson labels a month it could earn us up to \$780 a month and \$6,240 a year! These dollars could bring your school new books that we desperately need or they could fund your children's field trips...all the while making a huge difference in your child's education. So no more excuses! You already buy these products at your commissary - so why not cut the label and send it to school. Your child will thank you!

Fri. Sept. 19

It's Frozen Friday at Take 5. Beat the heat with a free Popsicle all day while supplies last.

Sat. Sept. 20

It's the End of Summer Dive-In Movie. Bring your swimmies and cool off during the hottest part of summer while watching a movie at the NAS II pool. Watch "Darkness Falls" and eat some free barbecue.

Drop by Adventures Unlimited for their kayaking class on the beach. After the class, enjoy a short paddling experience in the ocean. The class is required to participate in any AU kayaking trip or kayak rental. Call AU at x4271/x3718 for more information.

Sun. Sept. 21

All aboard the Lipari Express. Tour Lipari, one of the seven Aeolian Islands, with ITT. Take the ferry from Milazzo and disembark at the Port of Lipari, where we will board a tour bus and explore the island with a stop for wine tasting and lunch at an agriturismo farm. Also, visit the archeological museum and the castle with its wonderful view of the sea and the old town. Don't forget your bathing suits. Call ITT at x4396/x4777 for more information.

Mon. Sept. 22

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. 23

Talk about travel with other interested singles while putting together a puzzle map of the world. Free pizza for all participants. Come by Take 5 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Weds. Sept. 24

Come in to Take 5 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., buy nothing, and receive a free can of pop!

For more information on Take 5 events, call x5602.

Thurs. Sept. 25

It's National One-Hit-Wonder day. Celebrate from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Take 5 by testing your knowledge of the 80s and 90s one hit wonders. Win prizes! For more information on Take 5 events, call x5602.

# TRIVIA

- In 1912, as a result of the war between Italy and Turkey, what group of Mediterranean islands became an Italian possession?
  - What phenomena occurred when Jason, of Greek Mythology, sowed the dragon's teeth?
  - What was the real name of the founder of Buddhism?
  - Which Stephen King novel was made into a musical?
  - What was the capacity of the first invented hard disk drive?
- (Answers on page 10)

## Movie Connection

AWI's Theater Schedule

### Friday, Sept. 19



5:30 p.m.  
Lara Croft Tomb Raider: Cradle of Life (PG-13) \*\*



8 p.m.  
Gigli (R) \*\*

### Monday, Sept. 22



5:30 p.m.  
Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde (PG-13)\*



8 p.m.  
Bad Boys 2 (R)

### Saturday, Sept. 20



1 p.m.  
Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde (PG-13)



3:30 p.m.  
Johnny English (PG)



6 p.m.  
LXG: League of Extraordinary Gentlemen (PG-13)

### Theater Closed Tuesdays

### Wednesday, Sept. 24



5:30 p.m.  
T3: Rise of the Machines (R)\*



8 p.m.  
Gigli (R)

### Thursday, Sept. 25

4 to 7 p.m.

University of the Philippines Concert Chorus. Classical music, contemporary, and traditional songs.

### Sunday, Sept. 21



1 p.m.  
Lara Croft Tomb Raider: Cradle of Life (PG-13)



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



6 p.m.  
Gigli (R)

### Friday, Sept. 26



5:30 p.m.  
American Wedding (R)



8 p.m.  
Pirates of the Caribbean (PG-13)

\*\* 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

## Volunteers needed

**WE NEED: MENTORS & TUTORS**  
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 For more information, please contact  
 Shiloh Cooper at 624-3212 or via email  
 at [shiloh\\_cooper@eu.odedodea.edu](mailto:shiloh_cooper@eu.odedodea.edu)

## Carwash Saturday

Come support your middle/high school PTSA by getting your car washed on September 20th. The carwash will be held in the overflow parking lot next to the CDC.

**This Week on...**

Mon. Sep 22 - 55th Annual Emmy Awards  
 AFN Atlantic 7:00 PM

Tue. Sep 23 - Movie: What Women Want  
 AFN Atlantic 8:00 PM

Wed. Sep 24 - Cedric The Entertainer

Thu. Sep 25 - The Bachelor  
 Atlantic 7:30 PM

Fri. Sep 26 - Alias  
 Atlantic 8:00 PM

Sat. Sep 27 - The Bachelor  
 Atlantic 9:00 PM

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will relieve King-Williams as Commanding Officer, NCTS Sicily.

**K**ing-Williams assumed command of NCTS Sicily on 15 June 2001. Since that time, she has led her crew through a multitude of station awards, a natural disaster and a close call with a tornado.

During her tenure, NCTS Sicily earned: Commander, Naval Network and Space Operations Command (CNNSOC) RED "E" for excellence in electronic maintenance for fiscal years 2001 and 2002. CNNSOC's RED "E" for excellence in maintenance, GREEN "C" excellence in communications and GOLD "IT" for excellence in information technology, FY02. "Best Site" for Secret Internet Protocol Network (SIPRNET) Compliance Visits for fiscal years 2001 and 2002. Navy IG "Best Practice" in Anti-terrorism/Force Protection FY02.

Top performer Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) Performance Evaluation for fiscal year 2002.

Outstanding performer in Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station Europe Central (NCTAMS EURCENT) Base Communications Office Quality Assurance Program.

- Commander, Navy Europe (CNE) Leadership Award Runner Up FY02.
- Nomination by CNNSOC for SECDEF Maintenance Award (Small Category) FY02.
- Defense Message System (DMS) Pioneer of the Year Awards FY02 and FY03.
- Defense Message System Local Control Center of the Year FY03 and many, many others.

• She earned a personal nomination for the Capt. Joy Bright Hancock Award recognizing superb leadership, FY03.

King-Williams' next assignment will be at Commander, Carrier Group (COMCARGRU) EIGHT in Norfolk, Virginia, which will be embarked on CVN 73 George Washington. She will serve as the N6 for the Carrier Strike Group. "This tour has been a rich and rewarding experience," remarked King-Williams on her departure from NCTS Sicily. "I have been extremely blessed to have served with such well-trained and inspired professionals in the accomplishment of the vital, continuous and rapidly expanding mission." Of equal importance, King-Williams added that her, "NCTS Sicily Officers, Sailors, all the Civilians, U.S. and Italian, have earned themselves an enviable reputation because of their positive attitude, teamwork and self-sacrifice for the sake of their many customers. I am tremendously saddened to be leaving, but I know that I am turning over the command and the accomplishment of its mission to an exceptional leader and information professional. Fond memories of NCTS Sicily and the NAS Sigonella community will always be close to my heart."

**O**ur incoming Commanding Officer, Cmdr. Wynfield, hails from Leesburg, Georgia, and is reporting to us from the USS Constellation, home port San Diego, California. While aboard the Constellation, Wynfield served as the Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence (C4I) Officer to Commander Destroyer Group (COMDESGRU) One.

Wynfield is a graduate of Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia with a Bachelor of Science in Biology, and a Master of Science in Biochemistry. From there she was commissioned as an ensign after completing training at Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island. Her first assignment as a Naval Officer was as the assistant operations administration office for Fighter Squadron One Seven One (VF-171) out of Oceana Naval Air Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Wynfield has served in a wide array of positions ranging from Wing Special Projects Officer, for Commander Fighter Wing One to the Chief Staff Officer, of the Mediterranean regional command, which soon after became NCTAMS EURCENT. She earned her third Masters Degree in National Security Strategy while holding a joint assignment as the Manager for the National Security/Emergency Preparedness Program for the Office of Priority Telecommunications in Washington, DC. Her second Masters degree is in Information Technology Management from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California.

**W**e would like to wish a grand "Benvenuti in Sicilia" to Cmdr. Pamela and Scott Wynfield and a fond "Arrivederci e Buona Fortuna" to Cmdr. Nancy King-Williams and Mr. Thomas Williams and may they visit us once again in Sicily, "Isola del Sole" (Island of the Sun).

# SPORTS

## Jaguars shine in 38-0 Saturday night blowout



Jose Peralta takes a punt return 32 yards for six of the Jaguars 38 points Friday night against the Alconbury High School Dragons.

By **JOSN Steve Weaver**  
Staff Writer

Naval Air Station Sigonella's Stephen Decatur High School Jaguars football team squared off against the Alconbury High School Dragons, from England, on Saturday night and brought home a decisive win.

The game started off with a bang as the kickoff from the Jaguars return man on their own 30 yard line, giving the Jaguars the ball in great field position. On their second play, running back Dustin Sampson took the ball 25 yards for six. Running back Anthony Turner added another two with a run for the two point conversion.

In the following series for the Dragons, the first play was marred by linebacker Jose Peralta's sack of quarterback David Schiller. This

was to set the tone for the defense's performance the rest of the night.

After a turnover on downs caused by a Dragons botched snap on the punt, Jaguars quarterback Keenan Jones took the ball near the one yard line, where Turner ran it on for the touchdown. The subsequent two-point conversion attempt failed.

The Jags recovered another fumble after the ensuing kickoff, but were unable to score as they turned the ball over on downs. The score after the first quarter remained 14-0.

The beginning of the second highlighted the defense, as they backed the Dragons up near the goal line. Cornerback Danny Vazquez then took down the Dragons quarter back in the end zone for a safety.

Special teams were also elec-

tric during the game. On the kickoff after the safety, the Dragons could not bring down returner Anthony Turner as he took the ball 55 yards for the touchdown. Jose Peralta's point after attempt was blocked, but Peralta scooped up the ball and took it in for two.

Did I say special teams? After the Jags forced the Dragons to punt on the next series, Peralta scampered 32 yards for the punt return touchdown. The do-it-all Peralta then kicked in the extra point.

In the following series, a deep ball thrown by Schiller was intercepted by Sampson, setting up a sweep to the right for 35 yards by Peralta. After the Peralta kick, the score was 38-0 at the end of the first half.

A second half plagued by penalties and defensive struggles produced no points for either team. The Dragons, noticing the futility if the struggle, conceded the victory with 14 seconds left in the third quarter. Jaguars win 38-0.

The electric offense and stifling defense of the Jaguars didn't develop overnight. Practice makes perfect in this case. "We worked really hard out in the heat," Anthony Turner said about the sunny Sigonella summer workouts. "Those summer days when it was 100 degrees plus, we were out there practicing hard."

Head coach Fred Wilmot

agreed that the practices are paying off. "We pointed it out to them tonight that it's payed off," said Wilmot. "The fact that we've worked them hard. They are getting to appreciate that there was a method to our madness."

Peralta, who was definitely all over the field during the game, says the team came out with something to prove. "Just trying to show everybody out here the hard work that we've been doing after school everyday in practice," said Peralta.

The energy exuded by the team right before the game showed that they were ready to play. This could be seen on the first play of the game. "The kids were up for the game," said Wilmot. "They played with a lot of enthusiasm. We got the momentum going early in the game, right from the kickoff where we made them fumble and recovered the fumble and then ran it in for a touchdown. We've got the talent and it gelled tonight."

Starting the game off with a turnover was starting off on the right foot for offensive tackle / linebacker Kelby Lamb. "When we got

that ball and scored the touchdown, that pumped everybody up," Lamb said.

The Jaguars look forward to the clash Saturday at 7 p.m. against the Rota Admirals. Turner believes they will come out victorious. "We think it's going to end up the same way," Turner said.

Peralta agrees, but knows the team will have to stay on top of their game. "This is the first game, and certainly isn't the last," Peralta said. "We'll have to continue to play like this. Hard work does not stop today with this victory."

Wilmot looks to the next game with Rota, and beyond. "I don't know what they have got this year, but I think we have a good chance to beat anybody if we keep it together," said Wilmot. "We've got the momentum now with a win like this, I can see us being number one in our conference."

The players and coaches were happy to see Sigonella come out and support them in their first game and would like to see the same on Saturday.

### Game stats

**Total Yards:** 144 yards (131 yds rushing and 13 yds passing)

**Rushing:** QB Keenan Jones 25 yards, RB Anthony Turner 23 yards, FB Danny Vazquez 7 yards, RB Dustin Sampson 25 yards, WR Jose Peralta 35 yards, WR Paul Nicholson 16 yards

**Receiving:** WR Paul Nicholson 13 yards

**Defense:** LB Jose Peralta 10 tackles, LB Danny Vazquez 8 tackles, LB Kelby Lamb 9 tackles

**DT Jade Garth** 8 tackles

**Dragons:** LB/WR Abraham Mendez 10 tackles / 25 yards rushing / 18 yards receiving QB/SS David Schiller 6 tackles / 4-10, 60 yards passing / 5 yards rushing

## The Lane

### Second annual Columbus Day Volleyball Tournament

Three days of heated action starting Friday Oct. 10. Cheer on Team Sigonella as they take on the rest of Europe in this six-on-six indoor, double elimination tournament. The times are not set yet so keep your eyes open for upcoming matches or call 624-2710 for information.

### Intramural fall volleyball

Fall volleyball action kicks off Sept. 23. All games will be played in the NAS II gym. Stop by and cheer on your shipmates as they try to earn points for the Captain's Cup. Call 624-2710.

### 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 information.

# Births

## August 29, 2001

Tina and Victor Mendez  
Maria Cristina Mendez  
19 ½ inches, 7 pounds 14 ounces

## September 3, 2003

Christine and Anthony Pienkowski  
Sierra Annaleece Pienkowski  
19 ½ inches, 7 pounds 11 ounces

## September 5, 2003

Barbara and David McLaughlin  
Karys Lynne McLaughlin  
19 ¾ inches, 6 pounds 14 ounces

## September 5, 2003

Kelli and Timothy Harris  
Eliauna Lowell Harris  
20 inches, 8 pounds 10 ounces

## September 6, 2003

Amalia and Randall Wolma  
Elaine Beatrice Donata Wolma  
19 ½ inches, 6 pounds 2 ounces

## September 7, 2003

Lilian and Ernesto Lilagan  
Jayson Ernesto M. Liligan III  
21 inches, 8 pounds 14 ounces

## September 9, 2003

Elena and Brian Smarr  
Elvis Garon Smarr  
18 ½ inches, 7 pounds 2 ounces



Left: Anthony Turner stiff arms his competition on his way to a big gain. Above: Keenan Jones keeps the ball on a quarterback draw for a first down near the goal line.

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Melodie E. Lopez, designer of the new mural painted by the Sigonella Mom's Club, displays the project in Naval Hospital Sigonella's Pediatric ward. The NAS Sigonella Religious Ministries Department funded the mural.

the hospital, and he is interested in continuing to improve patient care.

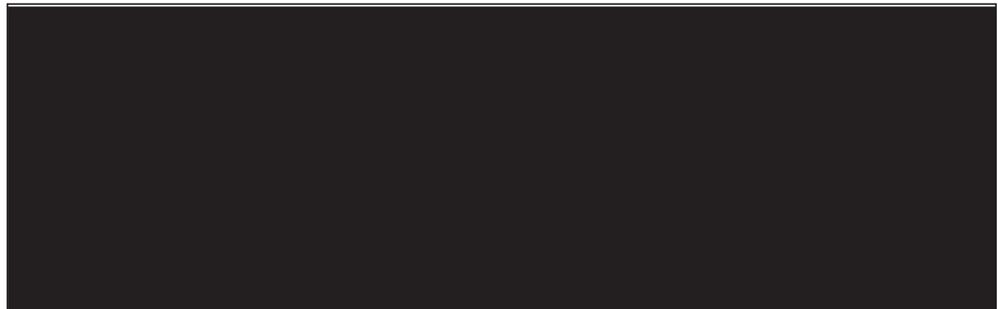
"It's about making the health care experience one we can all be proud of," he said

There are 37 active members of the Mom's Club. The new ward is one of several community service projects the club is currently working on. The club plans to continue the mural to encompass the entire room.



## Trivia Answers

- 1) The Dodecanese
- 2) Armed soldiers sprang up
- 3) Siddharta Gautama
- 4) Carrie
- 5) 5 megabytes



## USS Stump Scores Again, Intercepts Smuggling Vessel in the Caribbean

By STG1(SW) David Vail, USS Stump Public Affairs

CARIBBEAN SEA (NNS) — Acting in concert with Maritime Patrol aircraft and the U.S. Coast Guard cutter Decisive (WMEC 629), USS Stump (DD 978) intercepted and destroyed a narcotics smuggling vessel while conducting counter-drug operations in the Caribbean Sea.

After receiving intelligence information provided by the Joint Interagency Task Force-South, in Key West, Fla., Stump was directed to intercept a vessel suspected of smuggling illegal narcotics south of Jamaica.

After being detected by Maritime Patrol aircraft, the suspect vessel immediately jettisoned its illicit cargo and attempted to escape. While Decisive recovered the discarded contraband, Stump pursued the suspect vessel at speeds exceeding 30 knots. As the vessel failed to comply with boarding instructions, a Coast Guard MH-68A Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron helicopter, operating from Stump's flight deck, stopped the fleeing vessel by disabling its engines with gunfire.

Stump's embarked Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment 107, led by Lt. j.g. Dave Yadrick, boarded the stricken drug-runner and detained the four-man crew. The disabled smuggling vessel was declared a hazard to navigation and sunk by small caliber gunfire from Stump. Decisive subsequently recovered 82 bales of cocaine from the sea, weighing more than 4,000 lbs., worth an estimated street value of \$50 million.

"The success of these counter-drug operations helps to disrupt flow of drug money to terrorists," said Gunner's Mate Seaman Brent Hughson, a member of Stump's .50-caliber machine-gun crew.

This was Stump's second successful counter-drug action of this deployment. While patrolling the eastern Pacific in July, Stump intercepted a fishing vessel carrying 3,500 pounds of cocaine, and detained eight suspected smugglers.

Stump departed her homeport of Norfolk, Va., June 2, for a routine six-month deployment to the U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command area of responsibility, which includes the Caribbean Sea, eastern Pacific and southern Atlantic. Stump is a Commander, Naval Surface Group 2 ship assigned to Destroyer Squadron 6.

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**Above:** a member of the NAS Sigonella Fire Department scans a victim for contamination during the hazardous material training exercise recently in Agrigento. **At right:** NASSIG Fire Department Leading Chief Petty Officer Edward Mason reassures a victim during the exercise in Agrigento. Sigonella's fire Department participated with seven Italian groups during the training, which simulated a vehicle accident that caused a hazardous material release.

It's important for all communities in the area to work together, he said. "We are a part of this community, so we will help them if we are able to help them," said Mason.

Cooperation is vital for the survival of both communities, he said. "Our expertise and their expertise works together to accomplish the mission: to keep everyone alive," he said.

As members of a community, it is imperative to train with the community to improve emergency response, according to Mason.

"We're living here in Sicily. We have a footprint here because of our base," he said. "If there's a chemical or biological release in the area, we could also be affected," he explained.

Training with the Italians improves response time as well as the efficiency of emergency procedures, Mason said.

"The more you train with other groups, the more you understand how to work with those groups, and the better it will be," he said.

According to Mason, the Sigonella Fire Department plans to train more with local groups in the future. He said this exercise is only the beginning.

Training allows both communities to find problems with emergency procedures and solve them before a mistake could be fatal, he said. "We're ironing out all of the mistakes right now," said Mason.

He said training with the Sicilians is beneficial for both communities. Training together helps eliminate communication issues as well as differences in methods. "Working with the local nationals will help us," he said.

"Practice makes perfect," Mason explained. "The more training we have the better off we are as a whole."

The seven departments worked together, each contributing their own expertise to completion of the mission, preparation for the protection of all Sicily residents.

