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NAS Sigonella Bluejacket of the Year

Story and photos by JO3 Steve Weaver
Staff Writer



MASN Natasha Hughes, who was named Naval Air Station Sigonella's Blue Jacket of the Year for 2003, motions for a vehicle to stop on the NAS II main gate on April 15. Hughes is a patrolman assigned to NASSIG's Security Alpha Section.

It's about 5:30 p.m. and the sun is beginning to hang low in the Sicilian sky. A semi-steady stream of vehicles transit in and out of the Naval Air Station Sigonella NAS II main gate. A female Sailor stands confidently in camouflage as she motions to the line of cars trying to get off the base to stop, and motions those waiting outside to approach her gate.

It's the beginning of a long night for this Sailor, who is assigned to NASSIG Security's Alpha Section. This is just one of her duties. On other shifts she can be heard over the radio dispatching security units where they need to go or securing the flight line in a mobile unit.

For all of her hard work during the past year, MASN Natasha Hughes of Security earned the title of Naval Air Station Sigonella Blue Jacket of the Year for 2003.

Hughes, a Lancaster, Ohio, native, admits her job isn't that glamorous. "It's physically and emotionally challenging," she said. "There's long hours and many people to deal with." Her duties as a patrolman include responding to calls such as traffic accidents and the myriad of other things within the security realm.

Her favorite duty within Security is dispatch. "She's the only seaman who is dispatch qualified that I know of," said MA2 Joshua Gooch, senior field training officer for Security's Alpha section. "They deal with all the calls. They dispatch the patrolmen where they need to go."

Hughes describes herself as happy-go-lucky, but doesn't consider herself very intriguing. "I'm not a very interesting person," Hughes. "I just got puppies, that's interesting to me." Hughes admitted that if she were an animal, she'd be an iguana. "They're cool."

She takes her love of animals to some of her volunteer endeavors. "I volunteer at the kennels, I help out at the MWD (Military Working Dogs) and military animal control sometimes," Hughes said.

Hughes considers herself goal oriented and just wants "to see what I can do next... to see what I can get done. I like to accomplish things," she said. "I'm very education oriented. I'm in college right now taking a couple classes working toward my bachelors." When she gets out of the Navy, she would like to become a paralegal.

She said what set her apart from the rest was the training she's received. "I'm constantly on CNET courses and college courses and I volunteer for all kinds of things," said Hughes. She was shocked when she found out she was named Blue Jacket of the Year. "I was like 'what, why me?' It's the biggest thing that's ever happened to me."

"She works hard for us," Gooch said. "She does what she's told when she needs to do it. She was a good choice for Blue Jacket. You have to have a good head on your shoulders and use some common sense to get the job done, especially in this line of work. She's pretty good about that."

In her first year and a half in the Navy, MASN Hughes has started her Navy career off on the right foot.

ETD bids farewell to propellor Catbird, ushers in new jet aircraft

Story and photos by
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Naval Air Station Sigonella's Executive Transport Department (ETD) held a ceremony on April 13 to retire the fifth "Catbird" used at the department in over 50 years.

The ceremony, held in the ETD hangar, was held to bid farewell to the department's VP-3A "Catbird" (BUNO 150496). This is the last of three VP-3s the department has used to support Commander, Naval Forces Europe (COMNAVEUR) since 1982. Adm. Gregory Johnson, Commander, Naval Forces Europe attended the ceremony.

The department will be stepping up to a C-20A Gulfstream III aircraft, which will be used to transport COMNAVEUR and perform the mission of ETD, which is to provide airborne command and control communications services and VIP transportation.

"It's more of a corporate jet so it's faster and newer," said Cmdr. George Salitsky, former OIC of ETD who transferred in February.

Salitsky said this will be just another step in the ETD history. "As we say farewell to 150496, we finish another

chapter in the history of Catbird. Many a different aircraft have filled the role of Executive transportation for COMUSNAVEUR and each one of the chapters is better than the previous. I will like to guarantee that the following ones will measure up."

The VP-3 generated interest wherever it went. "Sometimes we'll get a question from an air traffic controller 'what's a VP-3?' and we say 'imagine a Winniebaggo in the sky,'" said Salitsky. "It has all the amenities of home."

"The last [VP-3], 150496, was actually a weather reconnaissance aircraft, a WP-3A," said Johnson during the



Sailors stand at parade rest while Adm. Gregory Johnson, Commander, Naval Forces Europe, gives a speech during an awards and retirement ceremony in the ETD Hangar.

ceremony. "It's taken a lot of abuse over the years and I think it has done very well."

Even with the abuse, the ETD crew

has kept it in the air and ready to go. The plane is usually gone between 150 to 200

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Direct Line

Capt. T.L. Davison
NASSIG
Commanding Officer

I remember watching the old TV commercial back in the '70s and '80s of the Indian looking at the trash that had been dumped in the river. At the end, he shed tears for what he saw. We live on a beautiful island in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea. Sicily has many seasons but I would say that we are in the midst of it's best right now. The oranges, grapes and artichokes are all in season and have a wonderful flavor. We are quite fortunate to be here, so why ruin it?

As stewards of this base, we are responsible for keeping it clean. We have a Sig Pride Day every four to six weeks and I am very thankful for the support that this program has received. However, I still see several of our families, especially in the housing areas I visit, showing disrespect to their neighbors by not disposing of their trash responsibly and not helping to recycle.

I see people dumping their grass clippings, used furniture, grills, baby strollers and more in and near the dumpsters. If a dumpster is full, please take your trash to another container. There are several in your area. Unsightly trash that is built up in the bins can lead to other things such as bugs, rodents and diseases that we don't want to have living around our houses. Be courteous and be a good neighbor.

I also see families taking their pets out for walks and not picking up after them. Disposal of pet waste is the responsibility of the owner. Also, pet waste should be cleaned up in the backyards of your government quarters as well. We have a lot of children playing in these areas and they shouldn't have to worry about playing in a mess! Please take care of your pets and their waste!

Recycling turns materials that would otherwise become waste into valuable resources and also generates a host of environmental, financial and social benefits. After collection, materials such as glass, metal, plastics and paper are separated and sent to facilities that can process them into new materials or products. There are several recycling bins in the housing areas. Please take advantage of using these clearly marked containers.

Tomorrow, I encourage everyone to come out and join us for the 2004 Motta Road Earth Day Clean Up. We will provide everything you will need to help us. This event is a combined effort coordinated by the PWD Environmental Section in cooperation with MWR, PAO and Security. Just like last year, the appreciation BBQ will be held at the NAS 1 Skytrain Community Park. The event should start at approximately 8 a.m. and end no later than 1 p.m. Everyone who wishes to participate should meet at the park at 8 a.m. on Saturday. For more information, please contact Myrna Martinez at 624-2722.

HEALTHWATCH

Dental prevention

Courtesy NASSIG Dental Dept.

Dental prevention is not simply avoiding the dentist, although some people seem to believe this. Rather, dental prevention consists of several measures that, when incorporated into your daily life, will help to prevent significant dental problems. These measures include proper brushing and flossing, regular dental visits, sealants, fluoride supplements, proper diet and trauma prevention.

Before looking at the factors involved in dental prevention, let's take a quick look at the average tooth. Since a significant portion of dental prevention is aimed at preventing cavities, it is important to know what a tooth is made up of and how a cavity is formed. All teeth are made up of three parts: enamel, dentin and the neurovasculature. Enamel is the outside portion of the tooth that is visible. Enamel is hard and consists of many closely packed rods made of mineral. When you eat, acid forms on the outside of the tooth and seeps into the enamel rods. This demineralization process can produce a weak spot on the tooth's surface and, if left unchecked, the enamel can decay and create a cavity. A cavity can then extend into the dentin, which is the hard layer of mineral beneath the enamel. Next it can actually make it all the way to the nerve and blood vessels in the very center of the tooth—that is when the inflamed root canal comes into play.

Certain measures can be implemented to help prevent

cavities. First and foremost, proper brushing with a fluoridated toothpaste and flossing are a must. The easiest way to prevent cavities is to brush and floss on a daily basis. This should take only five minutes out of your day, but can save you endless hours in the dental chair. Next, it is very important to have regular dental checkups. During a regular checkup, your dentist will check for cavities, check your gums, examine your mouth and throat for indications of cancer, check for irregularities in facial structure, check your bite and evaluate your temporomandibular joint (TMJ). The dentist or hygienist will also clean your teeth and provide instructions on how to properly brush and floss your teeth.

Sometimes your dentist may feel that you need a fluoride supplement. These supplements come in various shapes and sizes. In communities that do not have a fluoridated water supply, such as ours, fluoride drops or tablets are routinely prescribed for children. Also, for those individuals with a systemic disease such as diabetes or someone with a high caries (cavity) rate, a fluoride gel may be prescribed. Also, over-the-counter fluoride rinses are available and can be used on a daily basis. Just make sure that they are a fluoride rinse and not just a tasty mouth rinse.

Another method used to help prevent cavities is the use of sealants. Sealants are primarily used in children around the age of 7, but can be used in any age patient when necessary. Sealants are a very thin plastic coating applied to the chewing surface of molars and sometimes premolars. They help the surface of the tooth to become smooth so that it is difficult for food to stick to the tooth. This will in turn help to prevent cavities.

The final area of dental prevention is trauma prevention. There is absolutely no way to prevent trauma to the face or mouth. Whether you try to eat a softball or someone elbows your mouth during a heated basketball game, accidents do happen. However, if you are participating in a potential contact activity, it is very important to wear a mouth guard. You don't have to have a \$200 custom-made mouth guard to protect your teeth from injury. There are several over-the-counter mouth guards available that will stabilize your teeth and jaws and help prevent any serious injuries.

Lastly, if you have any questions regarding your dental health, please contact your dentist office. They will be happy to answer any questions you have.



CRIMESTOPPER'S HOTLINE

624-6389

April 12 — April 18

The following incidents were reported and categorized as follows:

Traffic accidents without injuries - 4

Traffic accident with injuries - 3

Car break-ins - 0

DUI - 1

DUI's 2004 - 6

DUI's 2003 - 58

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Since arriving on the Island last August, I have noticed a lack in military bearing and pride in our military uniforms. Being assigned to the Trial Service Office Detachment, we interact with many people on a daily basis. People have called to make appointments and asked if they need to be in uniform, the answer, as always, is yes.

The guidelines for wearing a proper uniform, which is clearly stated in the Uniform Regulations, should be clean and neat in appearance along with proper grooming. With the lack of adherence to the uniform, customer service fails us in recognizing subordinates.

Bad customer service can be understood as disrespectful and to the wrong person you can, believe it or not, be charged with Violation of the UCMJ, Article 89 (Disrespect toward a superior commissioned officer) and/or Article 91 (Insubordinate conduct toward warrant officer, noncommissioned officer, or petty officer).

Let me define disrespect for you. In the Manual for Courts-Martial it reads as "behavior that which distracts from the respect due to the authority and person of a superior commissioned officer. It may consist of acts or language, however expressed, and it is immaterial whether they refer to the superior as an officer or as a private individual." It also states "Disrespect by acts including neglecting the customary salute, or showing a marked disdain, indifference, insolence, impertinence, undue familiarity, or other rudeness in the presence of the superior officer." Or "within the sight or hearing of the warrant officer, noncommissioned, or petty officer concerned."

That does say a lot. But it is well stated. I have seen individuals not render a salute to an officer because they feel they don't have to because of their working relationship. It does not matter how good a working relationship is or is not, we respect the uniform. And with that respect we salute the uniform. You may not like the person inside it, but you have to respect the uniform by rendering a hand salute or if it is your peer, you have to address that person.

Unfortunately, we live in a world where perception becomes our first impression of someone instead of actually understanding the circumstances. So when you see a person with a "disorganized" uniform or they are not thrilled to be where they are, we automatically get defensive and offer bad attitudes. In return the person gives a bad attitude to those that need our help and our seeking guidance. This is known as the "trickle affect."

I am not saying that I am the perfect military idol. I will be the first to say I am not, but I was taught to respect my elders and authority. You are saluting the uniform out of respect for the military. I may not be in agreement with some of the individuals in the uniform, but rendering a salute shows the proper respect.

The one thing I can say is to just be respectful to the uniform. Remember you are in the military and as a military member you have high standards to live by.

LN2 K. Christy

Everything I needed to know in life, I learned from my baseball coach



By Chaplain
Tim Moore
Commanding
Chaplain

Recently, I spoke with some children of the base, their parents and friends during the Baseball Opening Ceremony. I explained to them that there will be some lessons or phrases you will hear during this baseball season from your coach. He may say some of these things to you or others. These statements help you learn baseball. But you can take these lessons, learn them and transfer them to basic life lessons.

1. "Keep your eye on the ball."
Focus on what really matters in life as well as in baseball. Too many times in life, we spin our wheels trying to accomplish a multitude of tasks. Focus on the really important issues that come your way.

2. "3 out of 10 gets you in the Hall of Fame."
You don't have to be perfect at everything all the time. Just do your best all the time. Many of the greatest baseball heroes were successful about 30 percent of the time. Perfect your strengths and work on your weaknesses as they arise. Trying to do the opposite exasperates many of us.

3. "Touch all the bases!"
You have to touch all the bases "in the right order" to make a Home Run. There's a process to everything in life - figure out the process and follow all the rules. Don't try to take the many shortcuts that arise.

4. "You guys play like a team out there."
Learn to rely on your teammates and be the kind of teammate that can be counted on. This applies to being on a baseball team, work, school or even family. Play like a team!

5. "Pek your pitch."
Sometimes you get a curve ball - sometimes a fastball - be ready for anything... Life has a way of throwing many things at you sometimes all at

once. Always be ready, all the time.

6. "Let's hear a little chatter from the dug-out."
Encouragement goes a long way in leading your team to victory - whether you are on the field or on the bench. We can be one of the best teammates even while sitting on the bench and encouraging each other. When you fail or make a mistake one of the best things to hear from a teammate is, "you'll get 'em next time!" Take the time to encourage each other in all areas of your life.

7. "Play your position!"
Do your best at your assigned position. Everyone can't be the shortstop or the pitcher. Everyone can't be the CO or CMC. Find out what your role is and stick to it. In our jobs, if we are support personnel, do it the best you can. If it's leadership, be the best leader. Play your position in the family or school the best you can.

8. "Stay in front of the ball!"... (even if you're scared)
Regardless of what comes at you in life - stay in front of it - don't let it pass you by. It's hard to stay in front of the ball when it's speeding at you on the ground. It could bounce up at any moment and hit you. Life gets really tough sometimes and often you are tempted to bail out - DON'T - stay in front of the ball and do your best.

9. "Call the ball..."
Take responsibility for what belongs to you. We can easily point out the failures in others, but it gets tough acknowledging ours.

10. "I ain't over til it's over..."
Don't give up... Never stop giving your best at everything you do - regardless of the score or how many strikes you may have against you...!

While these lessons are not exhaustive enough to be "Everything I needed to know..." they are a good start on becoming a pretty decent baseball player. The lessons, if applied to life can also get you on good footing to become a better sailor, husband, wife, son, daughter, or any other role in life that you aspire. Now, "Let's play ball!"

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 411
Stormo Chapel (NAS II)
Sunday 11 a.m. Community Center (Mineo)

Protestant Traditional Service
Sunday 8:15 a.m. Chapel (NAS II)
Sunday 11 a.m. Fellowship Hall (NAS I)

Protestant Worship
Sunday 9 a.m. Community Center (Mineo)
Sunday 10:45 a.m. Chapel (NAS I)

United Pentecostal Church, International
Sunday Noon Chapel, (NAS II)

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
Catholic Mass 4:30 p.m. Monday & Tuesday 11:30 a.m. Thursday & Friday (NAS I)
Monday thru Thursday at 11:30 a.m. (NAS II)
Wednesday Protestant Bible Study 4:45 p.m. (NAS II Chapel) 5 p.m. (NAS I Chapel)
For more details, call 624-4295 or 624-9049.

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NAVY NEWS

USS George Washington's Hornets support Vigilant Resolve

From Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander, U.S. 5th Fleet Public Affairs

MANAMA, Bahrain (NNS) — F/A-18 Hornets from Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 7, flying from the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS George Washington (CVN 73) in the Arabian Gulf, participated in Operation Vigilant Resolve in April.

April 8, one of the Naval Air Station Oceana-based "Wildcats" from Strike Fighter Squadron (VFA) 131 conducted a 20mm strafing run against an enemy position. Another VFA-131 Hornet dropped two 500-pound GBU-12 laser-guided bombs on another enemy position in Fallujah, Iraq, April 9.

Both Hornets were recovered safely aboard the Norfolk, Va.-based carrier. An assessment of their missions is being conducted.

This was the first live ordnance dropped by CVW-7 aircraft since George Washington deployed in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom Jan. 20. George Washington is currently the only U.S. aircraft carrier on station in the Arabian Gulf.



An F/A-18C Hornet assigned to the Wildcats of Strike Fighter Squadron One Three One (VFA-131) launches off the deck of USS George Washington (CVN 73) during late afternoon flight operations. The Norfolk, Va.-based nuclear powered aircraft carrier is on a regularly scheduled deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

For related news, visit the Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander, U.S. 5th Fleet Navy NewsStand page at www.news.navy.mil/local/cuscnc.

Reservists play key role in European exercise

By Capt. Charles McCleskey, Commander, U.S. 6th Fleet Det. 802 Public Affairs

STUTTGART, Germany (NNS) — Dozens of Naval Reservists played key roles in a joint military exercise in April that stretched across Europe.

About 90 members of five Naval Reserve units participated in Exercise Agile Response 2004, staffing positions alongside their active-duty counterparts at five sites in Italy, Germany, Greece and at sea. These Reservists joined nearly 500 U.S. and 1,500 Greek military personnel in training for the international cooperative effort to support a safe and secure Olympic Games in 2004.

"We could not have done this without the Naval Reservists," said Marine Col. Dave Beydler, Joint Training Readiness and Exercises director of Headquarters, U.S. European Command (EUCOM). "Their contribution was disproportionate to the number of personnel provided, and they integrated seamlessly with their active-duty counterparts."

The annual, joint staff-directed exercise was designed both to assist the Greek government in their Olympic security preparations, and also to enable forces assigned to EUCOM to meet annual exercise training objectives.

The Naval Reservists represented 36 percent of the Joint Exercise Control Group (JECG), led one-third of all JECG Cells, and provided 1,250 man-days of operational support for the exercise.

The Reserve units involved were Commander, U.S. 6th Fleet (COMSIXTHFLT) Det. 802 from Atlanta; Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe (CNE) Joint Task

Force Control Unit (JTFCU) Det. 413 from Detroit; CNE JTFCU Det. 513 from Chicago; CNE JTFCU Det. 330 from London; and CNE JTFCU Det. 118 from Denver.

The Naval Reservists performed duties both in the JECG as exercise controllers, and in the Joint Task Force training audience ashore and afloat.

Operations Specialist 2nd Class Angela Jones, an Atlanta Reservist, performed duties maintaining the Current Operational Picture in the Naval Forces Cell, which simulated the task force's naval ships.

"It was a very different view working as Exercise Control," Jones said. "I'm used to being a member of the training audience. I got to work with some of the latest collaborative planning and operational tools."

The Joint Warfighting Center from U.S. Joint Forces Command led the training events and introduced a Collaborative Information Environment, which facilitated the coordination among the JECG members and among the training audiences.

"These Reservists came in trained, ready and knowledgeable of their active counterparts in the training audience," said Capt. Paul Schmitt, an Atlanta Reservist who served as assistant JECG director. "As a result, they were able to realistically portray subordinate Navy commands and stimulate the staff with realistic role-playing that facilitated achievement of all the learning objectives."

The COMSIXTHFLT and CNE Reserve units provided more than 6,000 days of annual training and an additional 3,000 days of additional duty for training and active duty for special work operational support in Fiscal Year 2003, in addition to many mobilizations for Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Navy is Leader in Health Excellence Collaborative

By Rod Duren, Naval Hospital Pensacola and Darlene Goodwin, Naval Education and Training Command Public Affairs

PENSACOLA, Fla. (NNS) — Naval Hospital (NH) Pensacola participated in one of the nation's only community-wide collaborative health excellence symposium ventures March 31 and April 1 in Pensacola.

The event, chaired by NH Pensacola and 14 other Navy and civilian-sector health organizations and colleges, brought together a thematic approach to this year's event on obesity.

Focused on the subject of eating, the thematic approach brought home some specific points. "People get in trouble when they miss meals...and try to starve themselves," explained Lt. Cmdr. Connie Todd, a registered dietician at NH Pensacola. "When you do that, the body saves up fat in areas in which you don't want it to settle."

Dr. Thomas McKnight, a private practice physician and author of an upcoming book on treating obesity in primary care, focused his symposium address on long-term control of obesity.

The Framingham Heart Study, as reported in the Annals of Internal Medicine, shows that a non-smoking, overweight person at age 40 is going to live three years less than they would have lived otherwise. If a person smokes and is obese at age 40, they are going to lose 13 years of their life, McKnight said.

The math is simple, according to McKnight. "When you get down to the patho-physiology of obesity, it's 'calories in' versus 'calories out.'"

"Physical activity is critical to keep weight under control," McKnight continued. "If you're not physically active, especially once you lose weight, you are not likely to keep it off long-term."

Other Navy command sponsors included Naval Aviation Schools Command, Naval Education and Training Command, and Fleet and Family Support Center.

Sexual Assault Victim Intervention

SAVI offers a Sexual Assault Hotline staffed with trained Advocates who man the SAVI Hotlines 24/7. The number is 335-642-8312 or 335-606-6146.

NMCB 1 Returns From Historic Worldwide Deployment

By J01 (SW) Dennis J. Harring, Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Public Affairs

GULFPORT, Miss. (NNS) — "The First and The Finest" Seabees returned to Construction Battalion Command, Gulfport, Miss., April 16 after a deployment that spread around the world, making a mark in history and demonstrating once again the Seabees' "Can Do" spirit.

Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 1's main body of Seabees returned from Camp Covington, Guam, after completing a deployment that began in August 2003 and spread numerous details and detachments across 22 time zones at 19 locations around the world.

After active-duty battalions deployed in the spring of 2003 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Naval Reserve battalions were called in to operate two of the three forward-deployed Seabee camps. When it was decided the Reserve battalions would return home in September, First Naval Construction Division divided NMCB 1's deployment between Camp Covington, Guam, and Camp Mitchell, Rota, Spain.

This was the first time since the establishment of Seabee battalions in 1941 that a battalion was tasked with splitting its main body between where they were, they made this deployment happen."

"The logistics of maintaining both camps was a tremendous task," said Cmdr. John Heinzel, NMCB 1's commanding officer. "We maintained over 600 pieces of equipment plus the full allowance of supplies, weapons and communications gear normally allotted to two battalions."

"These Seabees made it happen," he added. "No matter what their job or where they were, they made this deployment happen."

From the two forward camps, NMCB 1 deployed details to Andros Island, Sigonella, Italy; Souda Bay, Greece; and Bahrain. The battalion also deployed Deployments-For-Training to Grenada, Senegal, Jordan (twice), and The Philippines. Personnel were also deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Exercise Palah and Exercise Fusion Torch, and a Civic Action Team was deployed to the Republic of Palau. The battalion also deployed units in support of five unified commands: U.S. European Command, U.S. Central Command, U.S. Pacific Command, U.S. Southern Command and U.S. Northern Command.

Suggestions to make your life easier

Courtesy of PSD

This is a very important time of year for all families. This is also the time of year that PSD's workload picks up due to summer transfers, reenlistments, children out of school, receipts, TAD assignments, etc. ...

So for planning purposes for yourself and family members please remember these few helpful hints that could expedite your service at PSD.

Each command has a Command Sailors Advocate (CSA) assigned. These personnel are the chain of commands and your representative at PSD. They have been given training, education, and guidance concerning your pay and personnel needs. If you do not know whom yours is, contact your Administrative Office for their name. These are sailors attached to your command or department who can provide you assistance and information, which would make the processes smoother for you. It benefits you to contact them first for information.

Helpful hints:

- Request procedure information from your CSA first. This will save you several back and fourth trips to various commands prior to receiving assistance at PSD.

- Read over all instructions and information on the documentation presented to you from PSD and your CSAs. This will notify you of the requirements needing to be completed prior to reporting to PSD to receive assistance with life altering events.

- Allow CSAs to submit documentation for you to PSD during their daily runs. This will save you a needless trip to PSD to drop off a document.

- Make appointments through your CSAs with your technicians to discuss important pay and personnel matters. This will minimize you showing up when your technician may have a scheduled appointment.

- Plan ahead!!! Notify CSAs well in advance of any life altering events that are coming up in the future. This will allow the CSA to explain what is required to properly take care of life altering events and minimize over payments, under payments, and lack of entitlements.

- Make individual appointments for family members who need ID card assistance. Appointments are normally booked 2-3 weeks in advance, plan ahead for these family needs. Each card takes an average of 15-20 minutes to process. CSAs can assist you with the requirements needed for ID card issues prior to reporting to PSD. Saving you frustration due to lack of proper documentation resulting in no ID card being issued. This allows the member and family to pre-arrange any documentation that may be required to receive an ID card.

- During pregnancy, gather very important information from your CSA concerning correct documentation needed at the time of birth. They can also provide you with the information needed in order to complete the required command sponsorship that may be needed prior to your receiving entitlements for the new family member. Upon the birth of a child arrange an appointment with your technician through your CSA within a week of the birth to update your Record of Emergency Data. This will ensure correct documentation of the birth in DEERS (child's military benefits) and the correction of entitlements for COLA to add the child.

These are items that should be practiced all year, but during the summer months it is extremely important to plan ahead and gain important information prior to reporting to PSD for assistance.

News Briefs

Earth Day

10th Annual Motta Road cleanup will take place April 24. Meet at 8:30 a.m. to register at NASI Community Park. Board buses starting at 8:45 a.m. for litter pick-up along front and back Motta Road. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. Appreciation lunch will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the park.

The first 100 volunteers will receive an Earth Day t-shirt. Call PW-Environmental at 624-2722 or 624-6931 for more information.

Sicilian

Cooking Class

Learn new recipes from a famous chef. Join ITT on April 24 from 10:30 to 2 p.m. at Da Michele's. Call 624-4396 for more info.

Library

Moving

The library will be moving to the new Community Building #318. To prepare for the move, it will be closed April 25 to May 4. All books checked out between April 4 to 15 will not be due until May 5 when it will be in the new location.

Sigonella Idol

Sigonella Idol 2 tickets for the May 15th show at Jox will be on sale in the Commissary during select days beginning April 16th. Ticket prices are \$15 for E7 and above; \$10 for E6 and below. Price includes hors d'oeuvres. A cash bar will be available. Tickets are limited so you had better hurry! Proceeds to fund the Stephen Desautel Scholarship fund as well as a generous grant to spouses seeking higher education.

PSD Closure

On Friday, May 21, Personnel Support Detachment will be closed for customer service to attend a command function. NAVPTO will be open until 10 a.m. for customer service. The PSD Cash Cage will remain open with normal hours of operation. PSD Team Operations, ID Cards, Travel, and Administrative services will resume normal business on May 24. In the event of an emergency the PSD CDO can be reached via cell phone at 335-6428274.

School

Registration

Its registration time for all returning and new students. Grades first to 12th must register this Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the school library.

Camp

Adventure

Registration

All children currently enrolled in full time before and/or after school care in the SAC Program and those enrolled in before and after kindergarten care at the CDC can be registered for Camp Adventure from May 16 to May 21. Active duty or DoD civilian single parents or dual military on the waiting list and Active duty personnel with a spouse working full time or attending school part time and on the waiting list register children from May 24 to 28. Open registration begins June 1 based on space available. Call 624-3736 or 624-3712.

The Energy Block

KILL-A-WATT — It is your Job. While walking through a hallway in a Public Works Department space, I came across this slogan posted on a billboard. How many times had I walked by and not even thought about the message? Too many. To reiterate a previous article, for every kilowatt-hour of electricity you save, you avoid pumping over two pounds of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. KILL-A-WATT — It is everyone's job because carbon dioxide is the number one contributor to global warming.

When not at home, turn it off. Open the windows for a breeze. If you prefer a cool house before going to sleep, turn on the air conditioner an hour prior to going to bed. Porch lights can be installed with motion sensors if security is an issue, saving possibly hundreds of dollars a year on electricity costs. Leaving the area? Please turn off all gas lines and ask a neighbor to check on your house from time to time. Lets try to plan ahead and avoid accidents.

It is going to be getting hot soon, so lets pay special attention to our pets. Keep them out of the direct sun and supply them with plenty of food and water. Also, too much sun can affect children. Always carry sun block in the car. The rays being reflected off that passenger window can be brutal.

*DID YOU KNOW: The amount of solar radiation that reaches the Earth's surface in approximately three days roughly equals the energy content of all known supplies of fossil fuels.

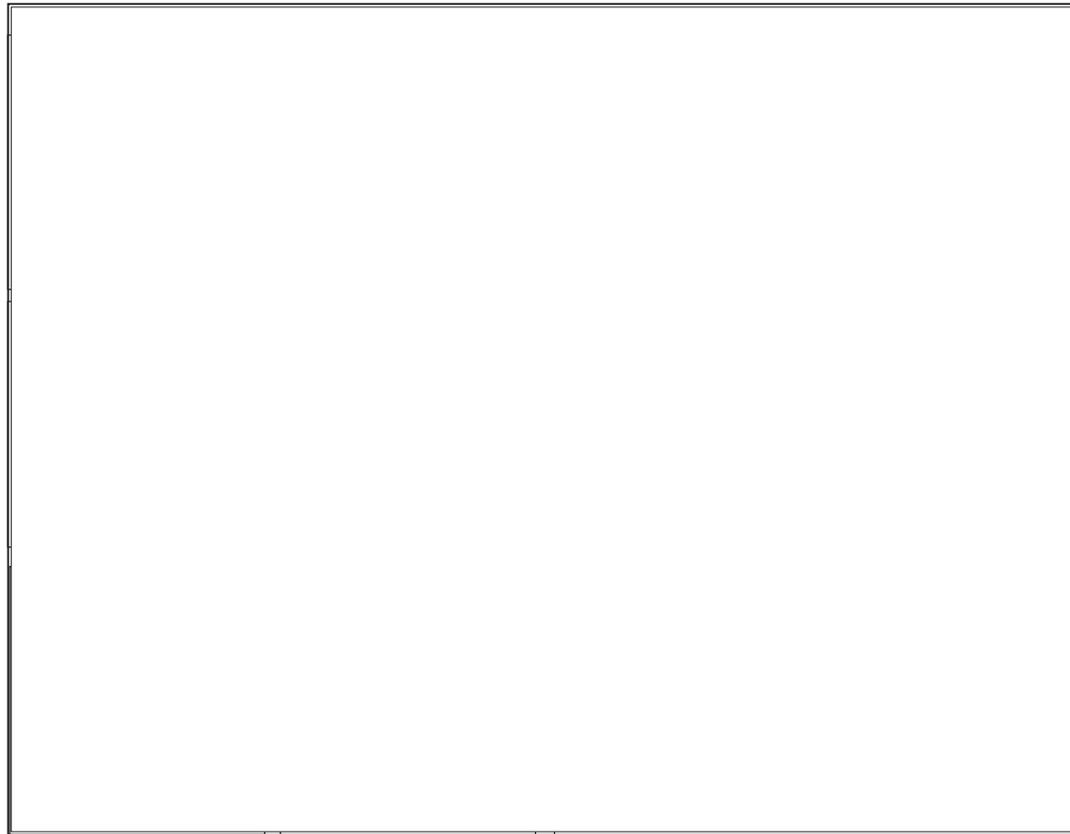
Let's use, not abuse

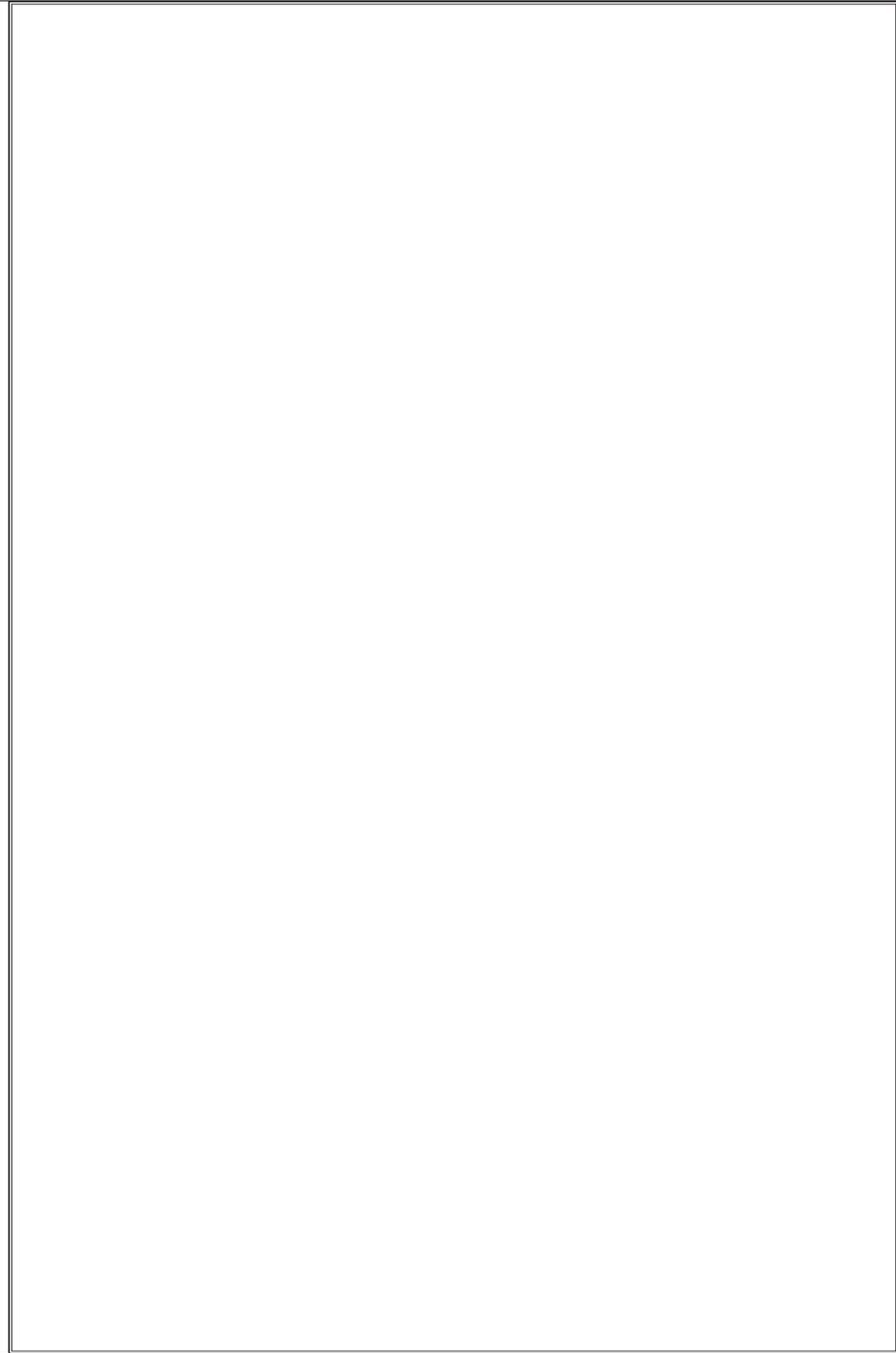
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

						23 April Taormina by Night & Limoncello Factory ITT Call 624-4396	24 Marzamemi Fishing trip AU 624-4271
25 Vizzini Ricotta Cheese Festival MWR Call 624-5271	26 XBOX Unreal Championship Tourney signups start at 5:45 p.m. Take 5	27 Red Cross Volunteer Orientation 10 to 11:30 a.m. Red Cross Call 624-5446	28 Spades and Pizza Night sign ups start at 5:45 p.m. Win prizes for the most points only at Take 5. Call 624-5602.	29 Marriage Prep Workshop until April 30 8:30 to 4 p.m. NAS 1 Chapel Call 624-9049	30 CDC Awesome Aloha Day 3 to 5:30 p.m.	1 May MWR Kite Festival Call 624-5271 for more information	
2 Cefalu & Castelbouno Agrituristic Farm ITT Call 624-4396	3 8th Grade Track Meet 1 to 2:25 p.m. school track	4 Navy's first official seal was adopted in 1780	5 CDR Alan B. Sheppard Jr. became the first American in space	6	7	8 Anniversary of Naval Aviation, Navy ordered first airplane, A-1, 1911	
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13 Navy Nurse Corps established, 1908	14	15	

	Sat., April 24	Sun., April 25	Mon., April 26	Tue., April 27	Thurs., April 29
Community Call Fri., April 23	Fish in Marzamemi near Siracusa with AU. Fishing poles, tackle and bait are included in the price. Feel free to bring your own equipment. Don't forget your sunblock, a towel and your camera. Trip requires a maximum of eight. Call 624-4271.	Say che-e-se. Enjoy the festivities of the Vizzini Ricotta Cheese Festival. Call ITT at 624-4396. Visit the Artichoke Festival in Cerda. You will even have the chance to assist in the Sicilian Cart Parade and many other folk events. Call 624-4396.	Join in all the fun and competition of the XBOX Unreal Championship Tourney at Take 5. Sign ups starts at 5:45 p.m. Prove your the baddest and win a prize.	Go to horse riding school. Learn horseback riding techniques. Price includes transportation and guarantees you a horse. Call AU at 624-4271.	Join AU in the first camping trip of the season. Enjoy the white sandy beaches and crystal clear water. A short 70-step climb puts you in the heart of town. Get one free BBQ. Call 624-4271.







By Alberto Lunetta
Signature Staff

Italian News

Sicilian culture and lifestyle

Kite Festivals in the Catania province

Here is your chance to enjoy fantastic kite demonstrations along with food booths, children's rides and arts craft fairs. Kite flyers should contact the local tourist offices for specific arrangements regarding this year's festivals. Schedule is as follows: Viagrande - Apr. 25, 9 a.m. (095-7890753), San Gregorio - May 2, 9 a.m. (338-5878492), Motta - May 16, 4 p.m. (333-4555508), Belpasso - May 23, 9 a.m. (095-912812) and Giarre - June 6, 9 a.m. (336-885062).

Trecastagni celebrates Three Saints Festival

"It's almost impossible to describe the surging crowds of devotees attending the festival. Singing, dancing, playing and laughing they sway like waves in a stormy sea." This is how Sicilian anthropologist Giuseppe Pitrè describes what happens during the *fiesta* (festival) celebrating Trecastagni's devotion for the "Martyr Brothers Alfio, Filadelfo and Cirino," the three Trecastagni's patrons saints. At this picturesque town located in the southeastern side of Etna, those celebrations go back to a very ancient origin (3rd century BC). Some regard this festival as the most important religious celebrations honoring Saint Alfio that take place in springtime in Sicily.

Fests of the Three Saints are also held in other parts of Sicily (St. Alfio, St. Fratello and Lentini), Italy (Vaste near Lecce) and the world (Lawrence, Massachusetts (USA) and Sidney (Australia)).

Celebrations actually begin on May 1 with hundreds of pilgrims performing under all weather conditions the *Viaggio di Sant'Alfio* (St. Alfio's journey). It is a visit to the sanctuary that is paid daily from May 1 through 10, to fulfill the vows they have made to the saint for granting a wish or bringing themselves or their beloved relatives and friends safely through an accident or an illness.

Although, this pilgrimage might seem less "picturesque" than the ones performed by the *Nudi* in the night between May 9 and 10, (during which devotees wearing white shorts and a red band on the chest also walk barefoot from Catania and other Etna towns to the Sanctuary of St. Alfio) the St. Alfio's journeys are still a genuine and low-profiled display of true devotion.

Historic chronicles tell us that, in the year 1516, "The Three Saints" began to be venerated with a particular fervor in Trecastagni after the finding of their relics in a monastery near Messina.

Throughout the centuries the festival was enriched with more elements like the representation of the life of the Three Saints.

Life of the Three Saints

Accounts of the life and the martyrdom of the three saints can be found in a manuscript by a monk who lived in the 11th century and in a book, dating back to 1691, written by priest Filadelfo Mauro. Both lived in Lentini. The Three Saints were born in Vaste (Lecce) in the 3rd century. During the persecutions made by the Romans against the Christians, they were arrested and forced to leave Sicily for Rome, where they were convicted and tortured. Historic chronicles tell of miracles worked by the saints like for instance the fact that every place they visited became a Catholic community. Since they belonged to a noble family, Romans feared that they could influence other aristocrats therefore they used them as scapegoats to convince the others to stay away from the Catholic religion.

After being tortured in Pozzuoli and then back in Sicily, they were eventually martyred in Lentini on May 10, 253 AD. Although the festival was meant to celebrate all three saints, the devotion of St. Alfio somehow darkened the memory of the other two saints. This is probably due to the fact that Alfio was the elder brother and consequently was the one who always spoke on behalf of his family.

During the centuries, people tended to ask St. Alfio rather than to his brothers intercession for healing

from serious illnesses and injuries. Once the miracle is granted, devotees feel obligated to thank the saint. That is why today the *Nudi* still perform with spectacular processions carrying heavy wax candles that can weigh up to 220 pounds. Around the candle a red ribbon with a picture of the saints is tied.

Yet, throughout the centuries, the desire to give thanks to the saints has also been driving pilgrims, who were healed after praying the saints, to paint or commission *Ex-votos* that are pictures on wood, cardboard or canvas describing their healing.

Festival Schedule Highlights

The festival starts on May 7 with the procession of the two *candelore*, (heavy wooden floats, about six meters in height, with a big main wax candle surrounded by sculptures representing the martyrdom of the three saints) leaving from the Saint Alfio's sanctuary. At 5 p.m., these beautiful decorated floats are carried in procession from throughout the city. The *Sagra delle Musiche*, a music show is performed at 6 p.m. by the local bands in piazza Saint Alfio.

In the evening, at 9 p.m. a religious play telling the story of the saints' lives is staged in piazza Aldo Moro.

On May 8, at 8 p.m. the relics of the Saints are brought in procession from the cathedral to the Saint Alfio sanctuary. Procession lasts until late evening. On May 9, a spectacular fireworks show is performed at 9 p.m. in Piazza Marconi (the main square) and later in the area surrounding the town's stadium.

The climax of the celebrations takes place on May 10 with the unveiling of the Three Saints' Statues at 9 a.m. The ceremony takes place at the Saint Alfio's Sanctuary, located in piazza St. Alfio, where the statues are usually kept. At 10 a.m., a parade of typical Sicilian Carts tours the streets of the city.

Later on, the solemn procession during which the statues will be carried in procession until late evening begins at 1 p.m. A concert of a local city band, beginning at 8 p.m. in the main square ends the festival.

As the schedule might be subject to changes, call the St. Alfio Sanctuary at 095-7806502 or the Trecastagni City Hall at 095-7020011 before you decide to attend the *Festa*. You can also check the updated schedule on the following website: www.santuariotrecastagni.it



The Trecastagni "Three Saints Festival" honoring Sts. Alfio, Cirino and Filadelfo is a special must-see religious celebration. Every year, during the first two weeks of May, pilgrims from all over Sicily show their devotion and gratitude to their beloved patron saints.





Word Find

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SCHOOL NEWS

Italian and Americans learn about NASSIG together

Story by Alexis James
Staff Writer

Hundreds of local Italian school children come through Naval Air Station (NAS) Sigonella each month—they tour such facilities as HC-4, the fire station and other locations on NAS II. The student groups that arrive on base can have as many as one hundred-plus children. But the most recent tour was a little different.

This tour was a little bit smaller—only 40 children—and it brought together Italian students from Istituto Maria Ausiliatrice Elementary in Caltagirone and American students from Stephen

Decatur Elementary, all third graders. The teacher who coordinated the bi-cultural tour, Larry Robertshaw of Stephen Decatur says, "The school looks for opportunities to be in contact with Italian kids, to share cultures." However, these specific exchanges are usually limited to only two such tours per year.

Robertshaw believes these interactions are crucial for the kids; to help Americans and Italians alike understand their varying backgrounds. He says the American kids are, "skilled enough where they can carry on a basic conversation," and they've

Tour, page 13



(Top) A SDES student gets behind the wheel. (Bottom) ABH3 (AW/SW) Terriol McLennan shows SDES students a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) mask.

TRIVIA

- 1) What is the birthstone for April?
- 2) From which Greek philosopher did Pythagoras and his brotherhood obtain the ideas associated with dialectics of opposing force?
- 3) Which U.S. president was shot and killed by Leon Czolgosz?
- 4) In 1979, Mother Teresa won the Nobel Prize in what category?
- 5) True or False: Yuri Gagarin, the Russian Cosmonaut, received so much fan mail the Russian Government gave him his own zip code.

(Answers on page 8)

Movie Connection

NET's Theater Schedule

<p>Friday, April 23</p> <p>6 p.m. Twisted (R) **</p> <p>8:30 p.m. Hidalgo (PG-13)**</p>	<p>Monday, April 26</p> <p>6 p.m. You Got Served (PG-13)*</p> <p>8 p.m. The Passion of The Christ (R)</p>
Theater Closed Tuesdays	
<p>Saturday, April 24</p> <p>1 p.m. Scoby Doo 2: Monsters Unleashed (PG)</p> <p>3:30 p.m. Welcome to Mooseport (PG-13)</p> <p>6 p.m. Calendar Girls (PG-13)**</p>	<p>Wednesday, April 28</p> <p>6 p.m. Calendar Girls (PG-13)</p> <p>8 p.m. Hidalgo (PG-13)</p>
<p>Sunday, April 25</p> <p>1 p.m. Confession of a Teenage Drama Queen (PG)</p> <p>3:30 p.m. You Got Served (PG-13)</p> <p>6 p.m. Twisted (R)</p>	<p>Thursday, April 29</p> <p>6 p.m. Barbershop 2: Back in Business (PG-13)*</p> <p>8 p.m. Eurotrip (R)</p> <p>Friday, April 30</p> <p>6 p.m. Secret Window (PG-13)**</p> <p>9 p.m. The Alamo (PG-13)**</p>

** 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 x4248)

National Teacher Appreciation Week

From National PTA

National Teacher Appreciation Week is scheduled for May 2-8. Since 1984, National PTA has encouraged all citizens to show their appreciation to teachers during the annual National PTA Teacher Appreciation Week. Each May, Teacher Appreciation Week offers the opportunity for citizens to reaffirm their commitment to parent-teacher partnerships.

DoDDS-Europe and scores of local Parent Teacher Associations (PTA) across Europe will be joining thousands of others throughout the scheduled week in celebrating National PTA Teacher Appreciation Week. Schools are now planning local celebrations and events to honor the dedication of teachers.

Commenting on the upcoming national celebration, DoDDS-Europe Director, Diana J. Ohman said, "It is essential that communities at large give teachers the status, support, and recognition they genuinely deserve. I join parents, community members, commanders, and PTAs in taking this opportunity to say "thank you" to the many dedicated teachers of our military communities. Their contributions are valued by many and are the foundation of our efforts to educate all children."

Don Armell, President of the European Congress of American Parents, Teachers, and Students (ECAPTS) of American Parents, Teachers, and Students (ECAPTS) said that the group wants to focus national attention on "the outstanding contributions teachers

make to us individually and as a community." He pointed out how experts have concluded that giving teachers the status and recognition they deserve as professionals is one of the best ways to improve education in this country. "We should take a moment to recognize that we all know of exceptional teachers in our military communities, and that there are examples of great accomplishments in schools throughout DoDDS-Europe," Armell noted.

Schools and PTA locals across Europe will hold activities to honor teachers. Anyone interested in more information about Teacher Appreciation Week should contact local DoDDS-E principals or PTA presidents. For additional information or interviews about this PTA/ECAPTS sponsored celebration, contact:

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More information about Teacher Appreciation Week can be found on the National PTA website at <http://www.pta.org/>.

Other websites with information about this celebration include The National Education Association <http://www.nea.org/teachday/> and Education World <http://www.education-world.com>.

Sexual activities discussion

Stephen Decatur Secondary School in conjunction with Naval Hospital Sigonella will be presenting a discussion of student sexual activities at NAS Sigonella. This will be held on Tuesday, April 27, in the Secondary School's information center/library beginning at 4:30 p.m. All parents of students in

grades 6th-12th are encouraged to attend. There will be a short presentation by Dr. Eichenmuller, Pediatrician, as well as remarks from the school nurse and guidance counselors. This will be followed by a question and answer period. Parents please come prepared with questions!



Transcar helping Sailors ship vehicles the military way

Story by AN Michelle Hartgraves
Staff Writer

So your time is up on the Island, and you are getting ready to leave. Thinking about shipping your vehicle, but not sure what to do? There are a few things you need to know, unless you decide to just sell it.

If you choose to ship it, there are a few things to do first. First, know who to talk to.

Take two copies of the vehicle registration along with six copies of your orders to Personnel Property. If your vehicle has never been registered in the states, you will be asked to provide a copy of the Bill of Sale and Certificate of Origin.

There they counsel you about the requirements in shipping your vehicle back to the states. Before your vehicle can ever be considered for export, it must be free from all leaks and in safe operating conditions. All brakes and lights must be in a safe operating condition. Alarm devices must be disengaged if possible and the owner must provide the proper key to remove security lug nuts on the tires. Also there must be no more than one-fourth tank of gas.

Once the counseling is complete you will immediately proceed to Transcar Vehicle Processing Center (VPC) to schedule an inspection appointment.

Thirty minutes prior to inspection, a police check from MVRO must be completed. Transcar will then inspect the vehicle. Under the Clean Air Act of 1968, all U.S. vehicles are manufactured in conformity with Federal emission requirements. The manufacturer attaches a label in the engine compartment that states that the vehicle conforms to U.S. EPA regulations. According to Vince Giuffrida, Transcar inspector, a vehicle lacking the EPA sticker cannot be shipped.

Motor vehicles less than 25 years old must have a DOT label present on the drivers doorjamb, front or rear.

If the DOT and/or the EPA label is missing, a letter from the manufacturer or from the DOT/EPA can be obtained and can be faxed to

the owner. Personnel Property or Transcar can supply you with the appropriate contact phone or fax numbers and website.

"Common problems faced when trying to ship a vehicle are emergency breaks not holding, too much gas and missing EPA/DOT stickers," Adesa Morris, Contracting Officer Representative stated.

Lastly, the cleanliness of the vehicle will be inspected. Exterior of the vehicle must be clean. Interior must be vacuumed and free of soil, dirt, leaves, grass, seeds, insects, food items and all other trash. It includes the carpet, under the seats, glove compartments, ashtrays, consoles, dashboards and storage areas.

Trunks and spare tire areas should be vacuumed and must be washed and free of dirt, soil, insects and all plant life.

Engine compartments must also be must be washed and free of dirt, soil, insects and plant life.

According to Transcar Manager Davide Rizzoti, vehicles cannot be shipped for shipment if they are considered unclean.

"Under the spare tire, is one of the many areas many forget to clean as well as the engine," said Morris. "Lots of bacteria is collected in pine needles, leaves, dirt...our job is to keep the home front clean. We don't want to take the items back to the states," added Morris.

All vehicle's undercarriage, wheel wells and inside of bumpers will be washed by the Transcar crew.

Personal items cannot be left in the car. Air fresheners, flammable or hazardous substances such as flares, oils, waxes, solvents and polishes are prohibited. Stereo equipment not factory or permanently mounted must be removed prior to shipment.

Normal vehicle items such as vehicle tools can be left. Small items like thermos bottles and car cushions for your convenience and comfort during road trips may be shipped only if they fit securely within a carton 24X16X12 inches. Seat covers must be packaged. One spare tire and two snow tires with wheel may remain in the vehicle.

Vehicle transport time depends on where the vehicle is being shipped. Maximum transport time to the east



MA2 Jose Delossantos looks on as Vince Giuffrida inspects his car prior to shipment to the United States.

coast is 50 to 55 days. Cars going to the west coast take approximately 55 to 57 days. Vehicles being exported to the islands range anywhere from 90 to 100 days. Vehicles staying in the European theater take up to 15 days to reach their destination.

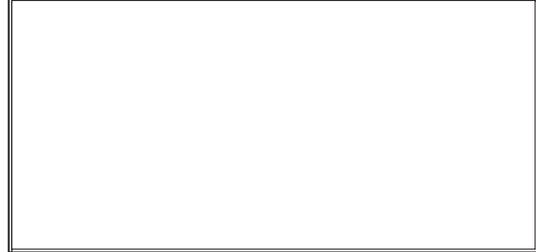
Once stateside, you need to change license plates and start an American policy with an insurance company. Owners can drive their cars with AFI plates for 30 days before it's registered in the states. Cars with cover plates must exchange them for AFI plates at the NASSIG Motor Vehicle Office, after the police check, to be shipped out with the vehicle. Be sure to keep your old registration with you to take to the stateside Motor Vehicle Office. Old stateside registrations are void and cannot be used.

Once everything is taken care of, you are now registered to drive in the states.



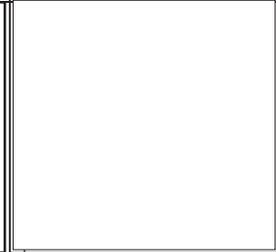
Vince Giuffrida, TRANSCAR inspector, inspects one of the cars that will be shipped to the United States.

Don't be a statistic
... slow down!



Trivia Answers

- 1) Diamond
- 2) Atmaeon of Croton
- 3) William McKinley
- 4) Peace
- 5) True. It was Moscow 705



It's your vision: get it checked

Story by Alexis James
Staff Writer

Ian Knowles is worried. The ten-year-old sitting in the optometrist's office says he's, "A little nervous because I don't want glasses—" perhaps a common sentiment among young and old alike, dependants and Sailors. But don't let this, or the potentially long wait for an appointment deter you from seeing the eye doctor.

Lt. Andrew Archila, Doctor of Optometry at Naval Hospital Sigonella is the only optometrist at the hospital, and the wait to see him can be anywhere from four to six weeks, unless it's an emergency. This will change in September when a second optometrist will be stationed at Naval Air Station Sigonella, allowing one to be permanently at the Flight Line Clinic and one at the hospital. Archila is excited not only because it will mean less wasted time for patients, but also because it's the first time ever in Sigonella history that there will be two optometrists.

But you still shouldn't put off getting your eyes checked if you haven't done so recently. According to Archila, people ages six through 40 should get their eyes checked at least every three years, and visits should get more frequent with age—though he concedes, "Many doctors would say one year check ups are best," no matter what the age.

Whether it's due to nerves, the wait, or other factors, Archila doubts that many people come in on a basis this regular unless they have a specific need or

there's something wrong. "Contact lens wearers are more likely to come in than any other type of person. Other than that it's hit or miss," he says. "Younger military guys and girls, they'll come in when they fail their physical. That's really it."

Even as the hospital's only optometrist, the eye doctor will see just about everyone, from active duty to approved civilians, those stationed anywhere from Sigonella, to ships in the Mediterranean, to Souda Bay. They admit children younger than six, if referred by their pediatrician, and perform laser eye procedures for active duty.

But if you're looking to get eye surgery, which is performed by an ophthalmologist, or contacts, it can't be done here. The difference between optometry and ophthalmology, Archila explains is that optometrists conduct exams, and diagnose and treat eye disorders. An ophthalmologist steps in when eye surgery is needed. "There's no ophthalmologist here," Archila states. "If someone needs to be referred for a major eye problem that can't be handled by myself, I would refer them to the TRICARE office."



Lt. Andrew Archila gives 10-year-old Ian Knowles an eye exam.



Lt. Andrew Archila tries to find a proper prescription for Ian Knowles.

From there, the patients usually are referred to one of two doctors in Catania. As for contacts, technically "TRICARE doesn't usually cover contact lenses," he says. Except: "There are certain military programs we can administer contact lenses for ... Aviation, Special Warfare." Other exceptions are done case-by-case.

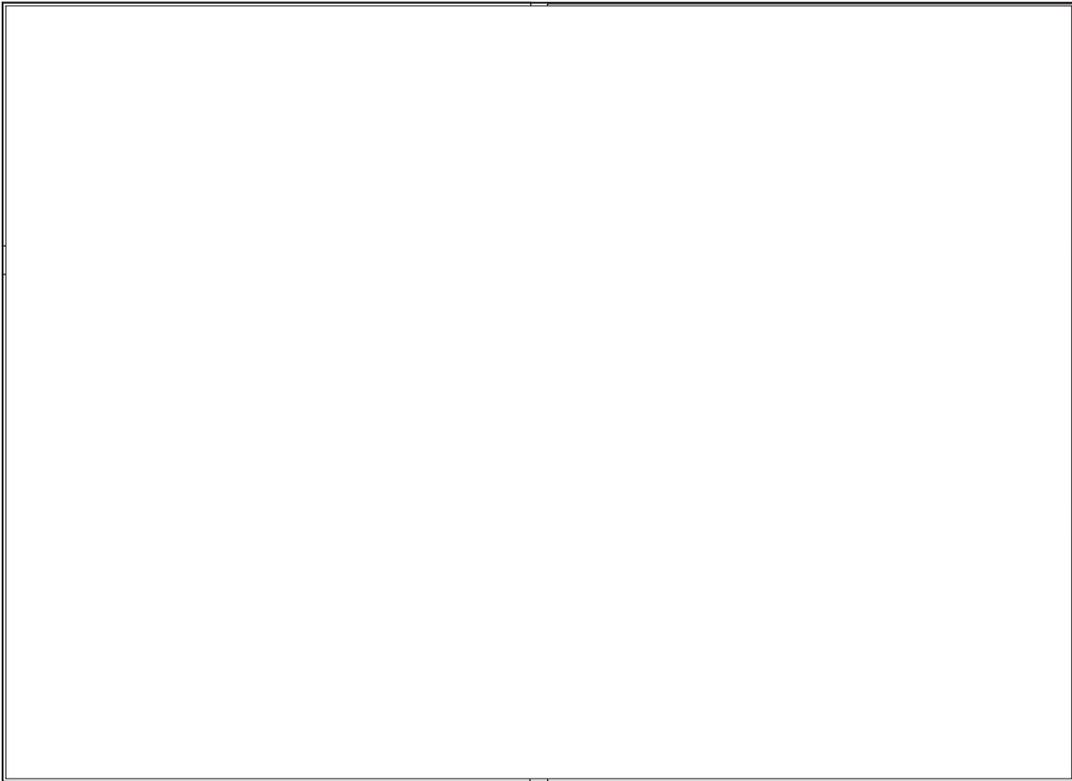
If you're worried you won't know if "one" or "two" is "better" or "worse," or that you won't be able to see the smallest line on the chart, don't wait till something goes wrong. Plan ahead now for an appointment. Call the clinic at: 624-4646.

As for Ian: he was happy to hear he won't be needing glasses anytime soon.



Lt. Andrew Archila looks at Ian Knowles retina during a recent eye exam.

Conserve energy ... if you don't need it turn it off.





NCTSI Detachment FOUR gets new Officer-in-Charge

Courtesy NCTSI

Navy Center for Tactical Systems Interoperability (NCTSI) Detachment FOUR, bids farewell to Lt. Cmdr. Anthony J. Marinelli as Officer in Charge during a Change of Charge ceremony held on the grounds of NCTSI Detachment FOUR, NAS II, April 16. Lt. Cmdr. Marinelli was relieved by Lt. John F. Troyanos.

Capt. Scot A. Miller, Commanding Officer, Navy Center for Tactical Systems Interoperability, San Diego, was guest speaker.

During Lt. Cmdr. Marinelli's tenure as Officer in Charge, NCTSI Detachment FOUR has undergone great improvements in implementing the Joint Interface Control Officer (JICO) Support Systems (JSS) tool set at DET FOUR. The JSS will be manned with a self-

contained data link team of JICO's, making NCTSI DET Four a Full Expeditionary Capability (FEC). Marinelli also made great improvements in the readiness and capabilities of Mobile Universal LINK Translator System (MULTS). These units provide joint and combined commanders a tactical data link allowing sea and airborne warfare units to directly interface with their shore-based counterparts combining the overland and oversea theater air defense picture. Additionally, his operational detachment deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), providing instrumental mission support as the lead JICO against hostile theater ballistic missile (TBM) attacks.

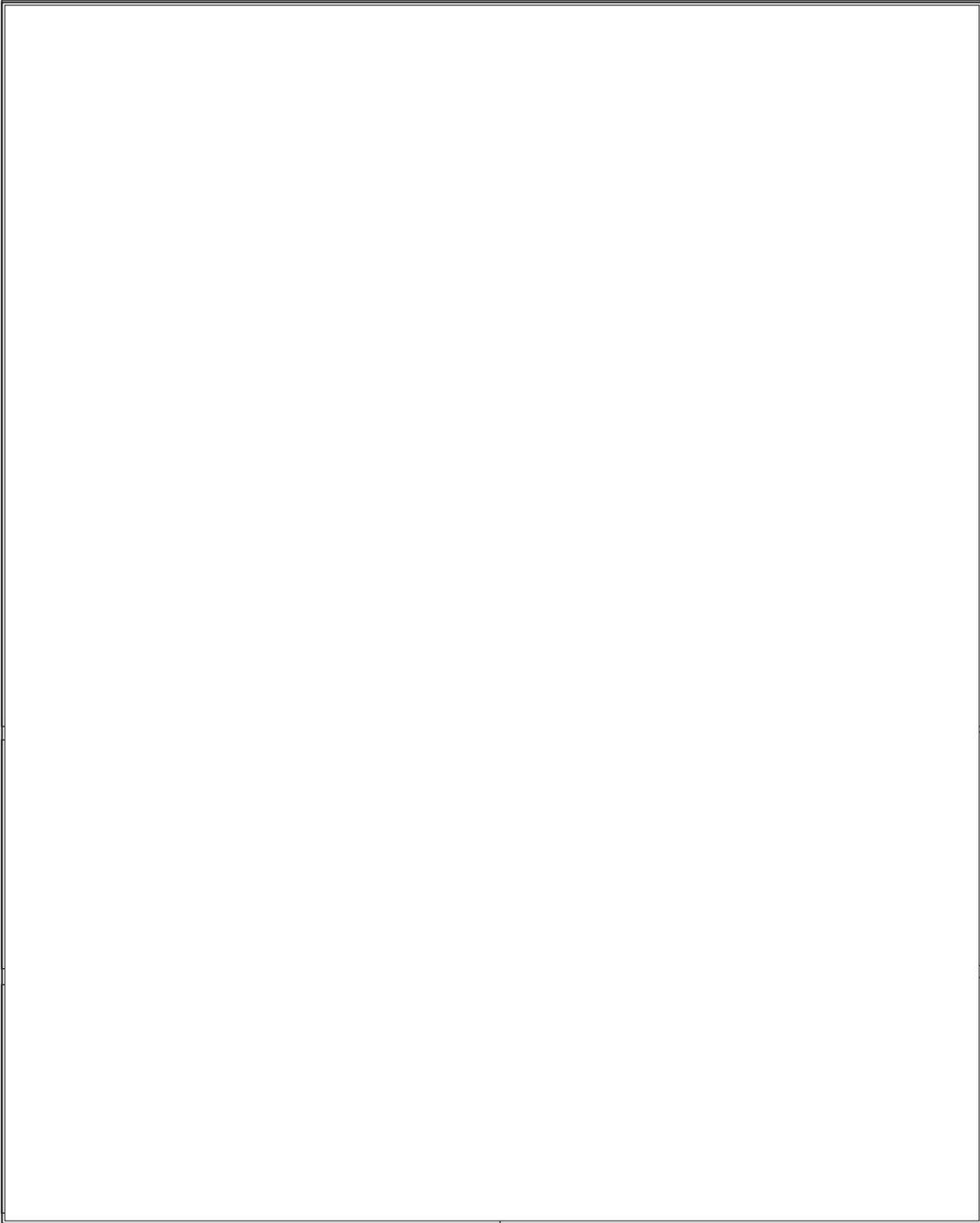
Marinelli, along with Lt. Mike Simpkins

(Assistant Officer-in-Charge), has led sixteen operators, technicians, and support staff at Detachment FOUR through a dynamic operational schedule. NCTSI DET FOUR, under the Operational Command of COMUSNAVEUR, is tasked with supporting numerous datalink requirements in the European Theater.

A 30 year veteran from Jacksonville, N. C., Lt. Cmdr. Marinelli is retiring from the Navy on Aug. 1 2004.

Lt. John F. Troyanos, a native of Brooklyn, N. Y. was commissioned under the Active Duty Limited Duty Officer Program in 1987. He is reporting from the Commander, U.S. Second Fleet in Norfolk, VA where he was assigned as the ADC/IWC/C4I Officer.

You Drink,
You Drive,
You Lose.





VP-26 responds to stranded refugees

By Lt. Jeff Blankenship
VP-26

A major part of being a search and rescue aircrewman on a ready alert status is waiting. On the night of April 8th, 2004, Combat Air Crew Four (CAC-4) of Patrol Squadron 26 did just that. The call to launch can come at any moment; CAC-4 prepared and rested, secured to their rooms at NAS Sigonella awaiting the events that were about to unfold.

As fate would have it, the call to action came in the middle of night, jarring Lt. j.g. Adam Schantz from his sleep. "Who calls at such an hour? Is my family OK, a thousand different thoughts ran through my mind as the phone rang out." Finally, the haze of sleep wore off and he picked up the phone to hear, "Report for duty - Sir!" Every crewmember on CAC-4 had similar stories, reporting to the flight line within minutes, ready for takeoff.

As the crew was briefed of the developing situation, they were directed to search for a black rubber boat that was reported to be packed full of refugees approximately sixty-five miles off the southern coast of Malta in the central Mediterranean Sea. Surprisingly, a person aboard the boat had successfully called with a cell phone for assistance and was in communication with the Rescue Coordination Center in Malta. The crew was also briefed that an AT13 Atlantique, assigned to the Italian Air Force 41st Stormo, would aid in the search for the missing vessel. With a rough position in

hand, the crew prepared for takeoff.

Within minutes, CAC-4 was established in the search area coordinating efforts with the Italian aircrew. "After takeoff, we divided the area with the Italian aircraft," said Lt. Cmdr. Chip Barnes, the mission commander assigned to this event. "Someone from the boat used their cell phone and frequently would call the coordination center on Malta to relay information to us and the Italian aircrew."

Eight and a half hours into the flight, with the search area expanded yet again, CAC-4 finally located the vessel. "The small craft was packed full of refugees and appeared to be taking on water as evidenced by the continuous bailing by the passengers aboard the raft," said Airframes Structural Mechanic First Class William Crispino, a CAC-4 flight engineer. After locating and verifying the position of the vessel, the crew acted as on scene commander, directing the search efforts of a multinational force. "From the time the crew identified the vessel adrift, we passed locating data to the rescue center, attempting to vector in a Maltese Coast Guard vessel to aid in the recovery." The refugees appeared happy see the patrol aircraft circling overhead. Lt. Colby Morgan, the plane commander noted, "They were waving their arms and appeared very excited. The passengers on that little raft were almost piled on top of one another and we weren't certain they could keep up with rate of bailing required to remain afloat."

The Maltese rescue craft was 45 minutes away at this point, and the P-3C was getting

low on fuel. "We had one more fly-by left, so we decided to deploy the search-and-rescue kit based on the uncertainty of the seaworthiness of the refugees' raft," said Barnes. The search-and-rescue kit consists of two life rafts and a survival kit. This was the first time in a few years a VP-26 crew had dropped a rescue kit. It proved to be a perfect release, safely landing in close proximity to the vessel adrift, affording the refugees a safe craft and greatly needed provisions.

"The Rescue Coordination Center contacted CAC-4 during our return transit to Sigonella, informing us that their rescue craft had recovered the refugees," said Lt. Jason Romero, a pilot on board. "Thank you's were exchanged and they wished us a safe trip home."

Combat Air Crew Four returned to Naval Air Station Sigonella a short time later to receive a warm welcome from the squadron and to get some well-deserved rest. Members aboard during mission included: Lt. Cmdr. Chip Barnes, Lt. Colby Morgan, Lt. Jason Romero, Lt. j.g. Dante Jackson, Lt. j.g. Adam Schantz, AE1 Randy Draves, AM1 William Crispino, AW2 Nicholas Berryman, AW2 David Beirne, AW3 Steve Jurgensen, and AT3 Brian Shank. The crew slept easy that evening knowing that their persistence potentially helped save the lives of forty people. The readiness level at Patrol Squadron 26 remains high. Tonight another Combat Air Crew awaits the call, ready to assist in any situation and prepared to accomplish the mission.

Senators visit NASSIG



Above: AW2 Justin Donohue, assigned to VP-26, shows Alabama Senator Jeff Sessions a sensor station inside one of the squadron's P-3C Orion aircraft. Bottom: Georgia Senator Saxby Chambliss talks to a Sailor in the VP-26.



COMSTA hosts Casa Famiglia orphanage Easter celebration

Lt. Pat Sutton
NCTS Sicily

NCTS Sicily continued its long-standing relationship with the Casa Famiglia Orphanage by sponsoring an Easter Party for 35 Casa Famiglia children on Saturday, April 10. Event coordinator ITI Melendez once again enjoyed high levels of support from COMSTA Sailors who took time out to volunteer on Easter weekend.

COMSTA personnel donated several traditional Italian Easter Eggs

and American Easter baskets to bring cheer to the Casa Famiglia kids. ITI Melendez also collected donations to purchase some convenient appliances such as hair dryers, irons and ironing boards, and a new microwave to help make life a little easier at the orphanage.

Pietro Iucalano and the staff of Pietro's TLA continued their partnership of support by providing the party venue and a traditional Sicilian meal for participants. The children took turns trying to crack

open the Easter Piñata and had a great time visiting with their American and Italian hosts. ETI Canell, a COMSTA volunteer summed the experience up nicely, saying "the most wonderful thing about spending time with these children is seeing the smiles and joy they so willingly share."

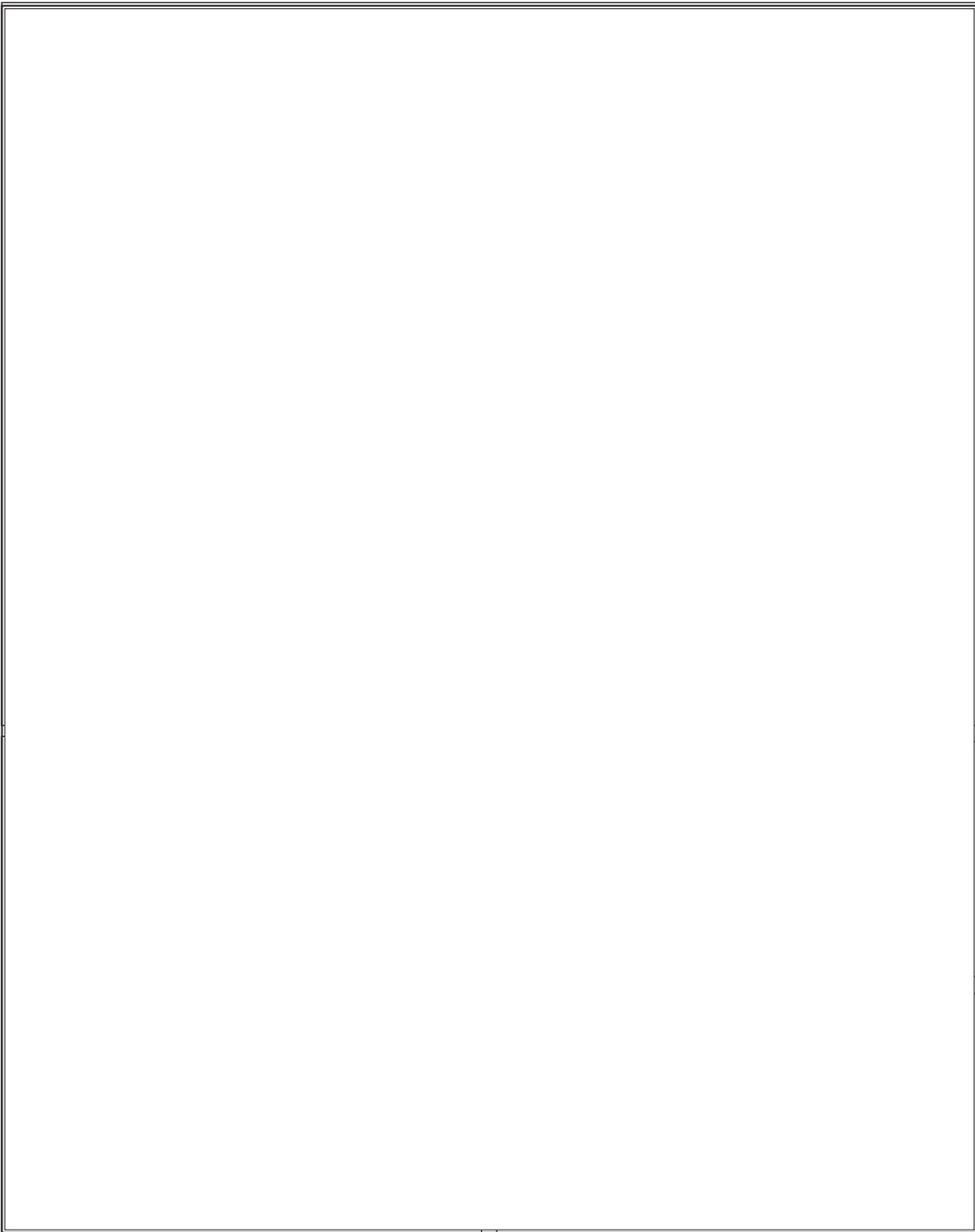
This holiday party is one of several events planned throughout the year by COMSTA Sailors to share the holiday spirit with the children of the Casa Famiglia Orphanage and the local community.

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days a year. "This maintenance department has hit a home run," Johnson said. "They've had, in the time I've been here, 100 percent mission availability. They've never had the plane not ready for a mission."

Change to the new plane was inevitable, said Johnson as he compared ETDs change to the jet with the Navy's switch from sails to steam. "If there was not change, there wouldn't be progress," he said. "Change is inevitable, change is good. It's what makes us better."

Johnson stated that the size of the ETD will be able to decrease by one half, the crew size will be decreased by one half and the cost per flight hours decreased by two thirds. "This is something we have to do," Johnson said. "As small as this might be, this is part of the whole process that began with our current CNO three and half years ago. We're doing our part and I think we all ought to be proud of what you've done to make our Navy better."

Salitsky was honored to return to Sigonella to take part in retiring the old aircraft. "Everybody knows Catbird. It's kind of funny ... when we fly back to the U.S., sometimes you talk to an air traffic controller and he says 'I haven't heard that call sign since I was over in Sigonella in 1980.' Throughout Europe, everybody knows Catbird. It's a very special aircraft and a very special detachment."

"I think of the Catbird, the Catbird crew, the ETD, as a family," Johnson said. "We spend a lot of time on it, we travel a lot. Of all the people who have executive transportation in the Navy, I travel more than anybody. The Catbird the crew, and the family has served us well. A detachment this small depends on the contribution of everybody and everyone in this department does make that contribution."

Johnson also took part in an awards ceremony honoring the Sailors at the department for a job well done.

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been, "practicing Italian on each other, this is a chance to try it out."

Anna Schillaci, English teacher for Istituto Maria Ausiliatrice says her students have similar feelings. "The children study English of course. They wanted to meet English children, wanted to compare their cultures with other children." These third graders start studying English in first grade, but, explains Schillaci, they practice so little each week (only one hour per week as a first grader, two in second grade, and three in third), that they don't speak English very well—yet.

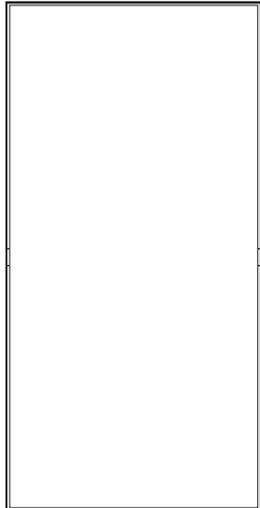
However, this hasn't squelched the anticipation surrounding the partial immersion program. "The children are very excited," notes Schillaci. They may speak different languages, but the Italian and American students alike are eager to interact with each other.

Students and teachers at both schools prepared and sorted through the logistics of the tour a month before-hand, and Francesco Branciforti from Caltagirone says he was, "excited even before they came here."

Mikayla Kuchenbecker, a Stephen Decatur student, started learning Italian three years ago, but confesses she's, "a little nervous" about talking to the Italian students.

"It's a good age to be getting acquainted with the cultures," says Robertshaw. As part of this "acquaintance" procedure, American children will travel to the school in Caltagirone as well, to experience classes and the ceramics town from the Italian perspective.

Looking at the two groups of children it's easy to see the obvious differences: style of clothing, language, behavior. But according to Istituto Maria Ausiliatrice student Bianca Maria Mastrandrea: "They're quite similar to Italian children." Perhaps there aren't that many discrepancies after all.





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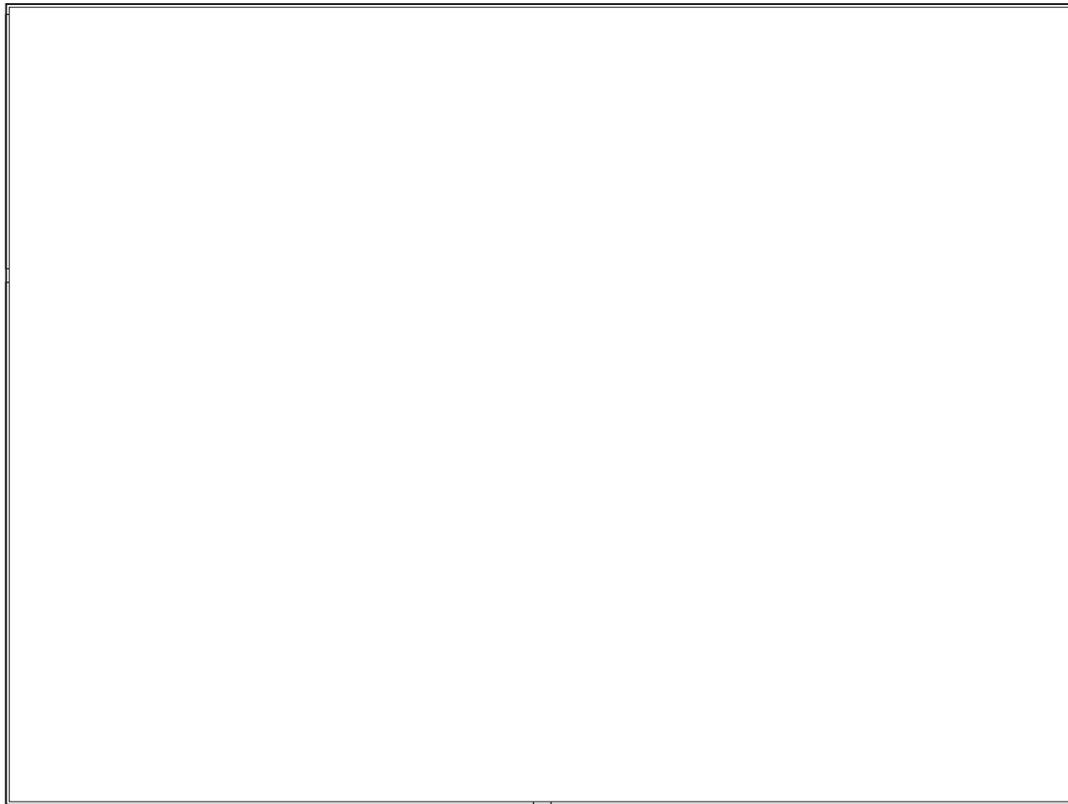
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Public Notice of Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) Survey

The Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) and the Navy Medical Inspector General (MEDINSGEN) will conduct a joint accreditation survey of Naval Hospital Sigonella, to include Branch Medical Clinics Souda Bay and Bahrain, from 28 April 04 to 5 May 04.

The purpose of the survey will be to evaluate the organization's compliance with nationally established Joint Commission and United States Navy standards. The survey results will be used to determine whether, and the conditions under which, accreditation should be awarded the organization.

Joint Commission standards deal with organizational quality of care issues and the safety of the environment in which care is provided. Anyone believing that he or she has pertinent and valid information about such matters may request a public information interview with the Joint Commission's field representatives. Information presented at the interview will be carefully evaluated for relevance to the accreditation process. Requests for a public information interview with JCAHO must be made in writing and should be sent to the Joint Commission no later than five working days before the survey begins. The request must also indicate the nature of the information to be provided at the interview. Such requests should be addressed to:

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