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On Sept 5, Acitrezza will celebrate the *Festa della Madonna della Buona Nuova* or "Virgin Mary bringer of the good news" festival." The origin of this festa is unknown although historic chronicles tell us that the first festival was held in 1923.

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The U.S. Army's first "Operation Blue to Green" recruit took the oath of enlistment Aug. 12 at the New Orleans Recruiting Battalion headquarters.

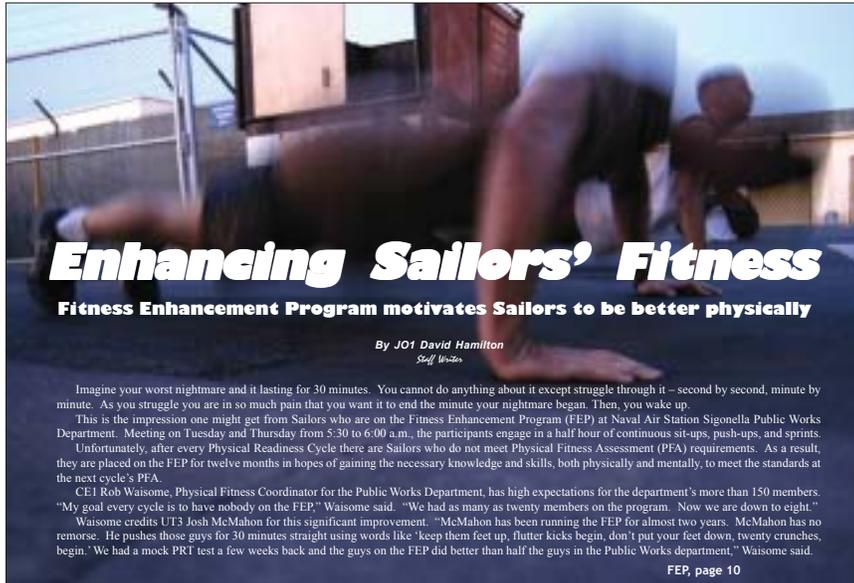
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It's three o'clock and as with any usual Sicilian Summer day, it's hot, but not too hot for 27 student/football players from Naval Air Station Sigonella's Stephen Decatur High School.

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Enhancing Sailors' Fitness

Fitness Enhancement Program motivates Sailors to be better physically

By JO1 David Hamilton
Staff Writer

Imagine your worst nightmare and it lasting for 30 minutes. You cannot do anything about it except struggle through it – second by second, minute by minute. As you struggle you are in so much pain that you want it to end the minute your nightmare began. Then, you wake up. This is the impression one might get from Sailors who are on the Fitness Enhancement Program (FEP) at Naval Air Station Sigonella Public Works Department. Meeting on Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30 to 6:00 a.m., the participants engage in a half hour of continuous sit-ups, push-ups, and sprints. Unfortunately, after every Physical Readiness Cycle there are Sailors who do not meet Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA) requirements. As a result, they are placed on the FEP for twelve months in hopes of gaining the necessary knowledge and skills, both physically and mentally, to meet the standards at the next cycle's PFA.

CEI Rob Waisome, Physical Fitness Coordinator for the Public Works Department, has high expectations for the department's more than 150 members. "My goal every cycle is to have nobody on the FEP," Waisome said. "We had as many as twenty members on the program. Now we are down to eight."

Waisome credits UT3 Josh McMahon for this significant improvement. "McMahon has been running the FEP for almost two years. McMahon has no remorse. He pushes those guys for 30 minutes straight using words like 'keep them feet up, flutter kicks begin, don't put your feet down, twenty crunches, begin.' We had a mock PRT test a few weeks back and the guys on the FEP did better than half the guys in the Public Works department," Waisome said.

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A trek through Taormina and the Alcantara Gorge

Story and Photos by JO1 David Hamilton
Staff Writer

Information Tours and Travel (ITT), offers hard to resist, exceptional trips on an almost daily basis for Naval Air Station Sigonella (NASSIG) personnel. The trip to Taormina and the Alcantara Gorge on Aug. 20 was no different.

Having been on several of these trips in the past, I knew when I pulled up in my Polo to get on the bus that I was in good

hands for two reasons. One, our tour guide was Miss Alina Rapisarda. You cannot get lost with Alina's umbrella projected high above her head, but you better keep up with her during a tour because she sets one heck of a pace taking groups from site to site. Second, bus drivers in Sicily are amazing! They are capable of driving in situations and areas we think impossible.



A path in Taormina leads to an area to rest. The beautiful town is one of the most visited areas in Sicily.

First stop Taormina. Things were running smoothly on the autostrada until I heard from Alina, "Oh my!" When I looked up, I realized it was going to be a long day due to a traffic jam. But what did I say about Sicilian bus drivers? They can work miracles. We were soon on our way to Taormina, arriving within thirty minutes.

If you have never been to Taormina before, you are in for a treat. When you exit the autostrada, you think you are there, then you realize you have a two and a half-mile ride up a mountain that winds around and around. That is a trip in itself. If you are afraid of heights, you may not want to look down.

You reach the parking garage about three quarters of the way up. There you exit your nice large, comfortable bus to get on a smaller one, taking you the remainder of the way up. You should get on immediately because just when you think there is plenty of room, people swarm the bus like a flock of birds. It's amazing we made it with so many people. We arrived safely, ready to take in the sites of Taormina.

In the 18th century, travelers from the north drew Taormina from its provincial isolation.

It lives up to its fame, positioned on a small terrace high above the Ionian coast. With its delicate climate, varied views over the coves of the coast, the indigo sea and the largely mediaeval architecture, Taormina is hard to resist.

One of the must-see places in Taormina is

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Kids have fun while learning at Vacation Bible School

Story and Photos by JOC Linda Brinkley
Staff Writer

Naval Air Station Sigonella (NASSIG) Religious Ministries recently hosted 132 kids in its Vacation Bible School (VBS). The kids, ranging in ages from three to 11, spent the week reading Bible stories, making crafts and singing.

Other activities offered during VBS included team-building games, exercising, taking daily challenges, collecting Bible memory buddies to remind them of what the Bible says and creating Bible point crafts to take home to play with.

Normally held in June, VBS was moved to August because many of the church's teachers and volunteers were on vacation. Lt. Tim Moore, a member of the Chaplain staff, said, "We had a lapse in our Director of Religious Education for both Protestant and Catholic so we decided to postpone the program to right before school starts back. To help gear them (the kids) up to getting ready for school instead of being exhausted at the end of school."

Lisa Gaspora, NASSIG Chapel's Protestant Director, said one of the reasons

for starting VBS in August was waiting for the materials to arrive. "In Sicily the mail seems to be a little slower. Also, starting VBS in August is good because we have new kids coming to Sicily during the summer months and this gives them the opportunity to meet their schoolmates. It helps them make friends so the first day in a new school is not so scary."

Moore said he sees cohesiveness across the NASSIG community that was very evident in the VBS program. "The community seems to come together and do things just like this, together," he said. "Though our faiths are somewhat different, Catholic, Protestant, and other faith groups; that doesn't mean we have to be separated. I think God wants unity, not uniformity and that's what you've got here."

VBS had many positive outcomes said Moore. "A real plus is that the kids are exposed to the Christian faith in a very fun way, a way they can relate to, a way they can understand."

The kids were separated into four School, page 5



Jessica Lee, Alexis Camuso, Elle Berger, Vacation Bible School teen volunteer, and David Sanchez work on their study guides and photo cards during Vacation Bible School held by NASSIG Religious Ministries.



Direct Line

Capt. Joe Stuyvesant
NASSIG
Commanding Officer

Teachers, faculty, students and parents...welcome back to school! Next Tuesday, school begins and the summer vacation season will be over. I encourage everyone to keep a watchful eye out for the children at the bus stops and near the school. We will have plenty of kids walking around NAS I (either from 205, the NEX or commissary parking lot, or the bus loop) on their way to their classes. So, remember, pedestrians have the right of way. Keep your speed down and watch out for the kids...some are smaller than your driver's side window.

We have a lot of returning teachers and some new ones checking in. Welcome to NAS Sigonella to the following new teachers and staff at Stephen Decatur Secondary School: Constance Ennix, Philip Andre, Margie Asciero, Bernadine Camuso, David Brown, Jennifer Bunyan, Kathy Campbell, Mike Chisari, Roger Corey, Amy Driscoll, Jeffrey Hagenmeier, Raymond Hartz, Tina Lara, Karla Magyar, Hope Matthews, Mary Ellen Penta, Amanda Schwendt, and Janet Smith. The new Stephen Decatur Elementary School teachers and staff include: Diana Wright, Anna Bors, Megan Ekiert, Ruth Callahan, Jane Cary, Mary Jo Curley, Julie Curtis, Aaron Ekiert, Maria Flevotomas, Amy Franz, Michael Hart, Kathy Hahn, Erika Knubben, Missy McMillan, Elsie Price, and Margaret Russo.

I hope that you all have a great year here and that you will have fun living in Sicily. You will have a great deal of support not only from me, but also from the entire base. If you need anything, just let us know. I know you are busily getting your classrooms ready! Students in advance for what you will do here for our children.

Students...study hard. Apply yourself. There are a lot of fun things out there to learn about. Listen to your teachers, mentors, and parents. They are there to help you receive the best educational experience you can here at NAS Sigonella. If you find that you are having problems with your studies, tell someone! Your teachers and counselors are ready to help. School can be fun...keep an open mind and it will be!

The school looks great. We had a lot of commands take advantage of the summer break to come in and clean, paint and do some repairs in the hallways and other places in the school. Thanks to everyone who went over and painted, taped and moved things around.

Last but not least, parents...take an active part in your children's education. Check in with the teachers about their progress and see how you can help. They have a big job and could use your help.

Again, welcome back to school. Go Knights and Jaguars! Have a great year.

HEALTHWATCH

Health benefits for military families aren't 'automatic'

By Mary Kate Zabroske, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Department of Defense TRICARE officials are working to inform military families that non-active-duty beneficiaries must enroll in the health care system before they see a doctor.

Active-duty service members are automatically registered in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). However, this isn't the case with family members, who must personally ensure they are properly enrolled in DEERS to be eligible for TRICARE benefits. This is a step many families forget each time they transfer or travel. Not keeping DEERS information

current, though, can create extra time in the waiting room or incur costly out-of-pocket expenses.

"It is extremely important to keep DEERS records up-to-date, because that is the key to receiving timely, effective TRICARE benefits. Prior to rendering services to beneficiaries, network providers and pharmacies will verify DEERS eligibility," said Floyd (Skip) Katon, Navy DEERS medical project officer.

There are several instances where a military family must update its DEERS enrollment information. These times include marriage, the birth or adoption of a child, divorce or retirement. Children over 21 years old who have a student status must also be registered in DEERS. Active-duty service members can make these changes by completing a DD Form 1172 (Application for Uniformed Services Identification Card and DEERS Enrollment).

While completing the DD Form 1172, the service member will be required to have certain important pieces of documentation, such as a marriage, birth or death certificate, divorce decree, and family members' Social Security numbers.

Sponsors and their families should contact the nearest uniformed services identification card facility to learn what documents are needed to register or update DEERS information. To find the closest facility, search by ZIP Code at www.dmdc.osd.mil.

For family members who do not reside with their sponsors, the sponsors must get the DD 1172 notarized.

Beneficiaries may update information on DEERS in one of the following ways: visit a local uniformed services ID card facility; call the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office at 1-800-538-9552; fax changes to DEERS at 1-831-655-8317; mail the address change to the Defense Manpower Data Center Office, ATTN: COA, 400 Gilling Road, Seaside, Calif. 93955-6771; or update addresses electronically at www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERS.



CRIME STOPPER'S HOTLINE

624-6389

Aug. 23 — Aug. 29

The following incidents were reported and categorized as follows:
Traffic accidents without injuries - 0
Traffic accidents with injuries - 6
Car break-ins - 1
DUI - 1
DUI's 2004 - 20
DUI's 2003 - 58

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Co-signing a loan

Courtesy NLSO Det. Sigonella

What would you do if a friend or relative asked you to co-sign a loan? Your signature means a lot more than a vote of confidence. By law, co-signing a loan means you personally guarantee the debt will be paid. If the borrower fails to pay, the lender doesn't have to go after the borrower first he may choose to go directly to you. If the loan agreement authorizes late charges and attorneys' fees, you may be liable for those, too.

Most states provide that a co-signer is entitled to notice if the borrower defaults or becomes delinquent. The co-signer then has a certain number of days to make arrangements to pay. If the cosigner does not take action in time, adverse credit reports may be issued against him/her.

If you, the co-signer, fail to pay, the lender may sue you. If the court does award a judgement against you, your property may

be sold and your pay may be garnished to satisfy the judgement. Then, your only recourse is trying to collect reimbursement from the borrower.

Despite these risks, there may be times when you want to co-sign a loan. Perhaps your son or daughter needs a first loan, or a close friend is facing repossession, court action, or just needs help. Here are a few things to consider before you co-sign:

1. Be sure you can afford to pay the loan if the borrower defaults.

2. Before you pledge any property (for example, a car or house) to secure a loan, remember that if the borrower defaults, you could lose the property.

3. Ask the lender to set a ceiling on the amount of money you might owe - the lender does not have to do this, but some will if asked. You may also be able to renegotiate terms of cosigner

repayment, for example, to pay principal plus interest, but not late charges, court costs, or attorney's fees.

4. Ask the lender to agree, in writing, to notify you if the borrower misses a payment, before any late charges are added or before the loan is "accelerated" (repayment in full demanded because of failure to pay installments.)

5. Obtain copies of all important papers signed by the borrower: the loan contract, the Truth-in-Lending Disclosure Statement, and any warranties for products purchased on a credit sale. This documentation will be important if there is a dispute between the borrower and the seller.

If you have any questions or experience any problems with a loan you cosigned, please make an appointment to see an attorney at the Naval Legal Service Office at 624-5258.

Traffic Safety

For the week of: Aug. 21 through Aug. 28.

Number of Tickets	Violation
2	Violation 26: Failure to obey traffic signals or traffic instruction of an enforcement officer or traffic warden; or any regulatory traffic sign or device requiring a full stop or yield right of way, denying entry, or requiring direction of traffic.
1	Violation 31: Improper overtaking.
14	Violation 32: Other moving violation.

I'm not a fireman



By Tim Moore
Command Chaplain

My wife's last words to me on that fateful night was, "I don't think you should do it, it could be dangerous." About 30 minutes later, my next words to her were, "Pam, help, come here and help me!"

About a year ago, I had just grown completely tired of all the bribes that kept growing over into the patio of our country villa near Paterno. I wanted to get rid of them, so I cut them all down. It was still rather unsightly so I decided to burn them. I should have listened to my wife. The weeds were much thicker than I had anticipated and as they began to burn off I suddenly realized an oversight of Operational Risk Management. Basically, the fire got completely out of hand. With water hose in hand, I felt about as useful as being equipped with a water pistol while invading the gates of hell. The flames were raging about 30 feet in the air. My wife, donned in pajamas, and my son, valiantly assisted me in containing the fire and keeping it from spreading to the orchard. My daughters were in the fetal position in the back seat of our car on the other side of the house. Honestly, I felt like joining them.

Two days later one of my best

friends, Lt. Curry, greeted me with, "Here comes the Fireman", right in front of the NASSIG XGO Hospital CO and my boss, Fr. Dansak. Lt. Curry went on to relate the above story to these distinguished gentlemen and senior officers. How embarrassing!

Since these men did not find a reason to "relieve me of my duties for cause", I felt I should use this now amusing story to share a fundamental element of life choices. Things can get out of hand before you realize it. Ask any wino on the streets if he or she ever intended to make this a life-long career choice. They will emphatically say "no." Ask any drug addict. Ask anyone who caused the death of an innocent victim because of alcohol or reckless driving. Ask any employee caught stealing from their company. More often than not, they will admit, "things got out of hand."

The best way to counter difficult situations in our life is to count the cost of our actions before we act. Often, we act without considering the potential consequences simply because it is what we selfishly want at the moment. Operation Risk Management is something we do every time we face a risky or potentially dangerous situation in the Navy. It is pretty good advice to apply the same principle for our personal lives as well.

Perhaps we can learn from other's mistakes, therefore I hope you learn from my lapse of judgment. By the way, my name is Chaplain Moore, not "Fireman"!

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+ Stormo Chapel (NAS II)
Sunday 11 a.m. Community Center (Mimeo)

Protestant Traditional Service
Sunday 11 a.m. Fellowship Hall (NAS I)

Protestant Worship
Sunday 9 a.m. Community Center (Mimeo)
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)

Muslim Jumuah
Friday 12:30 p.m. Chapel (NAS I) Classroom

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

Corpsman saves platoon leader, earns Purple Heart

By JOSH DUSTIN O. DIAZ, Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton Public Affairs
 CAMP PENDLETON, Calif. (NNS) - Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class Sergio Villegas was awarded the Purple Heart Medal Aug. 6 for wounds suffered in Fallujah, Iraq, while in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Villegas, assigned to Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton, Calif., was injured April 13 during a rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) attack while serving with Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division.

"I was with my Marines and my platoon commander in our amphibious assault vehicle when we were pinned down by enemy fire," Villegas said. "An RPG struck our lieutenant and also hit our fuel tank."

Villegas, an Anaheim, Calif., native continued, "I went to help our lieutenant and the fuel tank exploded. I got second-degree burns on my face and some shrapnel in my leg."

Villegas said he doesn't remember the events of that day too well. A Marine told him that he continued working through the flames to try and save the lieutenant. Villegas and the Marines got out of harm's way to a safe

house, where he continued to attend to the lieutenant, saving his leg and his life. When reinforcements arrived, Villegas was medically evacuated, and eventually, he and the lieutenant returned safely to the States.

"I won't lie. I was scared before I left for Iraq," Villegas said. "But I got my head on straight. I don't think I would have been able to do what I did if I hadn't."

Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton Commanding Officer Capt. Richard R. Jeffries praised Villegas for his quick thinking and selflessness in the heat of battle when presenting the Purple Heart.

"His first concern was not for himself, but the lieutenant he was with," Jeffries said. "And that's what being a corpsman is all about. That's the way you have to be, and Petty Officer Villegas lived up to it."

Villegas' family attended the ceremony and is very proud of his contributions to the global war on terrorism while serving with the Marines.

While he said he is very proud to receive the award, Villegas insists he did not do anything out of the ordinary.

"I didn't do what I did to receive anything in return," Villegas said. "I did it because it's my job. That's what I'm supposed to do."

Registration deadline for November General Election approaching

By Journalist 1st Class Teresa Frith, Navy Personnel Command Communications

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) - With the Nov. 2 general election just weeks away, Navy voting officials are working hard to ensure every Sailor, Navy family member and civilian employee is contacted, given the opportunity to register to vote, and can cast a ballot by Election Day.

Sept. 3-10 is Armed Forces Voter Week, and is the last big push to get all Sailors registered to vote in their home states.

It is recommended that absentee voters be registered at least 45 days prior to an election so that ballots reach voters quickly, enabling them to complete their ballot and mail it back in time to be counted. However, sooner is better than later when mailing in the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA).

An online version of the FPCA is available at www.fvap.gov/pubs/onlinefPCA.html. The Web site also offers a link to the rules and regulations unique to each state or U.S. territory, and the form must be filled out according to the rules of each state. Some states allow residents to fax in the form to expedite the ordering of an absentee ballot, but one must still mail in the hard copy so that they will have a signature copy on file.

Under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act, any Sailor or their family member can vote absentee through their home of record, even if they are not stationed there. While it is not necessary to be physically present in the

state that one votes in, one must be a resident of that state to vote.

Military members can choose to vote absentee in their current state of residency, or they can also decide to register to vote in whatever state they are stationed in. However, the decision on where to register to vote may affect state of residency.

"Sailors can by virtue of their PCS [permanent change of station] orders choose to vote in whatever state they are stationed in," explained Lt. Cmdr Mark Lofton, Navy Voting Assistance Program officer, Navy Personnel Command. "But be careful, as once you choose to vote in a state, that makes it your new state of legal residence. For example, if your legal residence was previously in California and you are now stationed in Florida, you could choose to register and vote in Florida, but you would lose your residency in California if you did so."

Overseas voters can also use the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot (SF 186) if the regular state ballot is not received in time. In some circumstances, the SF 186 can also serve as a last minute back-up for a state absentee ballot.

More information can be found by checking each state's rules and regulations, or by speaking with a voting assistance officer.

Military voters can find a wealth of information and forms at the DoD voting Web site located at www.fvap.gov, as well as the Navy voting Web site at www.bupers.navy.mil/napv. For additional questions, contact any VAO or Lofton at (901) 874-4606 or DSN 882-4606.



Shiny new sub
 The nation's newest and most advanced nuclear-powered attack submarine PCU Virginia (SSN 774) passes the skyline of Portsmouth, Va., on its way to Norfolk Naval Shipyard upon completion of Bravo sea trials. Virginia is the Navy's only major combatant ready to join the fleet that was designed with the post-Cold War security environment in mind and embodies the war fighting and operational capabilities required to dominate the littorals while maintaining undersea dominance in the open ocean. U.S. Navy photo by Journalist 2nd Class Christina M. Shaw.

Officer scholarship program accepting applications

From Naval Education and Training Command Public Affairs

PENSACOLA, Fla. (NNS) - The Navy is now accepting applications for the 2005 Officer Scholarship Program.

Under the program, officers enroll in graduate school on a full-time basis, receive full pay and allowances, and are reimbursed for permanent change-of-station costs.

"This can be an excellent way to pursue a graduate degree," said Billie Colonna, Officer Special Education Programs manager. "Many of the top universities actually recruit scholars, and there are scholarships available for those who search. We currently have program participants at M.I.T., Oxford, Johns Hopkins and Purdue, to name a few schools."

Tuition must be paid by a non-Navy funded scholarship obtained by the service member. The scholarship must be equal to or greater than 50 percent of tuition costs, and Veteran's Administration benefits, such as the Montgomery GI Bill, can be used in conjunction with the scholarship. Officers must be available to start studies before Sept.

30, 2005, and have 24 months or less to complete their coursework. Candidates will be selected based on performance records, needs of the Navy, promotion potential, academic qualifications and field of study. Designator and subspecialty of individual applicants will determine areas of study available through the program.

Applicants must receive approval from their commanding officer. Officers receiving command endorsement should forward application packages to the Commanding Officer, Naval Education and Training Professional Development and Technology Center (NETPDTC), Code N2A2, 6490 Saufley Field Road, Pensacola, Fla., 32509-5204. Deadline to apply for the Officer Scholarship Program is Sept. 10, 2004.

Selected applicants will incur an additional obligated service equal to three times the length they were in the program, served concurrently with any other obligated service they may have.

Specific guidelines, additional requirements and detailed program information can be found in NAVADMINS 192/04 and OPNAV Instruction 1520.24B.

The Center Corner

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.

SITES: Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service

Adapted for NAS Sigonella from an article written By Research Staff for LIFELINES

Are you planning an upcoming move? SITES may be just the support you are looking for. SITES - Standard Installation Topic Exchange Service SITES is a worldwide relocation information website with detailed information on the major military installations for use by service members, their families and Department of Defense (DOD) civilian employees during a permanent change of station (PCS) move. That's the official line put out by the Department of Defense (DOD), but SITES has many other uses too. Let's take a look at some that might appeal to you. We'll start with the official view. When you get orders or accept a job at a new duty station, you generally have lots of questions you'd like answered and SITES has many answers for you with links to a wealth of information. But this is after the fact. You can use SITES prior to going in to your detailee or monitor and check out places you think you might want to go for your next assignment. If you are married, you can log on at home and you and your family can all explore various installations in many locations worldwide. Obviously, you will want to do this with plenty of lead time so that when you call your detailee or monitor, you can give them a heads up about places that appeal to you. You want to be able to give them plenty of time to scan all the up-coming openings that they have to fill.

Most of the installations within SITES have photos of the base showing the barracks and military housing for families. Usually some areas off base are shown too, but not always. But you will always find information about services available on the installation, the local community, education, employment, medical & dental, Morale Welfare and Recreation (MWR) events and doings, relocation services, support services, child and teen services, survival tips for those new to the military, special events that happen on the station or in the community, and all the nuts and bolts of operations. It can be a fun time for the family to explore various places in the United States that they might want to consider as well as overseas.

It's best to select two or three potential installations and rank order them as to where you would prefer to go first. Having the ability to investigate a potential assignment can make the actual going there much more pleasant. Granted, your detailee or monitor will not always be able to accommodate your choices but if you work together with enough lead-time, chances definitely improve that you will get one of your choices.

If you do not have access to the Internet in your home, your installation Fleet & Family Support Center (FFSC), Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS), Army Community Services (ACS), or the Air Force Military Family Resource Center (MFR)

has computers you may use that do connect to SITES (<https://www.dndc.osd.mil/app/sites/index.jsp>).

If you would like help accessing sites, please contact us at the Fleet and Family Support Center (624-4291) or stop by our office. Our relocation specialist is here to assist you.

Navy commissions destroyer Momen

Special release from the U.S. Department of Defense

WASHINGTON (NNS) - The newest Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile Destroyer, Momen, was commissioned Aug. 28 during an 11 a.m. CST ceremony in Panama City, Fla.

The ship honors Vice Adm. Charles Bowers "Swede" Momen (1896-1967), a 1919 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, who is considered the father of the U.S. Navy's diving programs. In recognition of his many accomplishments, the Naval Diving and Salvage Training Center in Panama City, Fla., was named in his honor and the commissioning ceremony location was selected because of this reason.

Although he had many noteworthy achievements during his naval career, Momen is best known for inventing the Momen Lung, an escape mechanism for submarines that the Navy still uses today, and the Momen-McCann Diving Bell. This invention is best remembered from when Momen used it during the rescue/salvage operation following the sinking of USS Squalus (SS 192) after she sank in 243 feet of water in May 1939. Momen led the successful effort, which resulted in the rescue of 33 crew members trapped aboard the submarine and remains to this day the greatest undersea rescue in history. Momen received a commendation from President Franklin D. Roosevelt for these actions.

Florida Gov. Jeb Bush delivered the ceremony's principal address. Evelyn Momen Hailey, daughter of the ship's namesake, served as ship's sponsor. In the time-honored Navy tradition of commissioning U.S. naval ships, Hailey gave the order to "man our ship and bring her to life!"

Momen is the 42nd ship of 62 Arleigh Burke-class destroyers currently authorized by Congress and the 23rd destroyer built by Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine.

News Briefs

SDS bus passes

School bus passes and the School Bus Newsletter may be picked up from the school Transportation Office from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Previously issued passes are obsolete and should be returned to the school transportation office.

Traffic Pattern Change NAS I

Beginning on the first day of school (Sept. 7), Security will be implementing new traffic patterns at the NAS I Main Gate, in an attempt to reduce traffic congestion on SS192, and at the NAS I Main Gate.

The new procedures are in effect Mon-Fri (excluding holidays/non-schools days) from 6:30 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. During these time periods, Security will only permit inbound traffic at the NAS I Main Gate. All outbound traffic will exit the base through the Annex gate.

Note of warning to drivers: Motorist exiting the Annex gate are only permitted to make right turns onto SS-192. Security will ticket any vehicle making a left turn onto SS-192 when exiting the Annex gate.

New fuel/oil price increase

Due to the increase of the Tax-free Petroleum Products (POL) NATO Forces coupon contract prices and the U.S. Dollar fluctuation, the following new prices apply effective September 1, 2004:

- Unleaded/Diesel Gas-\$57.00/100 Liters
- Unleaded/Diesel Gas-\$114.00/200 Liters
- Multi Oil-\$42.00/10 Liters
- Sint Oil-\$47.00/10 Liters
- LPG Bombola-\$52.00/50 KG
- LPG Bombola-\$104.00/100 KG
- LPG Bombola-\$208.00/200 KG
- LPG Bulk-\$172.00/400 Liters
- Tax-free POL coupons are to be used at Agip and Esso Gas stations only.

Navy Ball Fundraiser

The Navy Ball will hold an Ultimate Frisbee Tournament on Sept. 11 at the Land Annex on NAS I at 7 a.m. There is a fee for each seven to 10-player team. Winner will receive prizes. There will be a captains meeting in the Public Works training room at 4 p.m. on Sept. 7. Call 624-6815 for more information.

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

						3 Sept. AFCM (SW/NAC) Nick Mellos Retiring after 31 years. Fair winds and following seas.	4 Hurricane Charley Disaster Relief 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Base Commissary Call 624-4900
5 Hurricane Charley Disaster Relief 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Base Commissary Call 624-4900	6 Labor Day Observed	7 First day of School for Stephen Decatur School	8 Mistretta & the Festival of Giants ITT Call 624-4777	9 E-5 Exam 6:45 a.m. NAS I Gym Call 624-6397 for more information	10	11 Adult, Infant, Child & First Aid Red Cross 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 624-4900	
12 Community Flea Market 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. NAS I Gym Call 624-5271	13	14 E-4 Exam 6:45 a.m. NAS I Gym Call 624-6397 for more information	15	16 Photo Safari Meeting 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Old Teen Center behind NAS I gym Call 624-4396	17 Acireale & Shopping ITT Call 624-4777	18 Sig on Display NEX Parking Area 11 a.m. 5 p.m. Call 624-5271	
19 Single Sailor Free Dinners Every Sunday 5:30 p.m. NAS I Chapel	20 NAVHOSP Change of Command 9:30 a.m.	21 Volunteer Orientation Red Cross Office NAS I Comm. Bldg. 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Call 624-4900	22 Hometown Holiday Greetings Send taped, holiday greeting to your family Sept. 22 - 24 PAO Call 624-5440	23	24 Dental Assistant Training Program Deadline for applications Red Cross Office Call 624-4900	25 Palermo I & Mondello Beach ITT Call 624-4777	

THURSDAY Call Fri., Sept. 3 Stop singing in the shower. Show your friends what you've got. Stop by Jox Sports Bar at 8 p.m. for their Karaoke night.		Sat., Sept. 4 Tour historical castles on the southwestern slope of Mt. Etna with visits to Paterno, Bronte and Adrano. Also stop for lunch at a Sicilian restaurant. Call ITT at 624-4777 for more information.	Sun., Sept. 5 Spend the evening on both sides of Etna. Stop at Rifugio Sapienza to purchase souvenirs and then head off to Milo for the wine festival. Call ITT at 624-4777 for more information.	Mon., Sept. 6 San Vito lo Capo weekend. Enjoy one of the most beautiful areas in Sicily with white sandy beaches and clear blue water. A ten-minute walk will put you in the heart of town, where you'll find fresh seafood restaurants and shops. Call Adventures Unlimited at 624-4271 for more information. Runs from Sept. 4 through Sept. 6.	Tues., Sept. 7 Stop by Take 5 for their Tournament Tuesdays. The fun begins at 6 p.m., sign up at 5:45 p.m. Xbox, spades, poker, dominoes, foosball... Take 5 has it all. The weekly winner will have their picture posted on the "Wall of Fame" board in Take 5. Free pizza and sodas for all players and prizes awarded to tournament champs.	Wed., Sept. 8 Experience a unique slice of Sicilian culture in Mistretta. Witness the famous Feast of the Madonna, in which folklore and religious tradition come together. You'll also get a chance to explore this old medieval town in the heart of the Nebrodi Park. Call ITT at 624-4777 for more information.
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Vacation Bible School kids play "May I" in NASSIG Chapel's courtyard recently.

School from page 1 divisions using a group program. The children were placed on teams of five and each team had one crew leader from the teen volunteers as well as adult leaders. Six teams then made up each division. "This way kids of all ages get to know each other," said Gaspora. "The kids are able to pass each other in the hall and say hi. I think it helps the younger kids look up to the older ones and the older kids feel special."

Seven-year-old David Sanchez said, "I love it. I want to go again. God gives us courage."

Emma Mason, four-year-old daughter of ABHC Edward 'Deuce' Mason, said she enjoyed VBS for lots of reasons. "I play with my friends and eat with my friends and sleep with my friends." Emma said she learned about Jesus too. "He likes kids and wants to make friends with me. Jesus loves me."

In addition to the kids participating in VBS, there were 37 teen volunteers ranging in age between 12 and 16. Moore said, "We have a phenomenal teen following here. I'm not sure of the numbers in the Catholic teen program, but we have about 30 teenagers who attend the Protestant programs and you see the majority of these kids here."

Twelve-year-old Zachary Zimmerman, and friend Christian Lader, age 12, were responsible for setting up the tables with food and drink for the VBS participants. Zachary and Christian's responsibilities not only included preparing the drinks and putting out munchies but cleaning up after each group as well, including moping the floor.

Christian said, "Sometimes when they are in here eating, there's another line waiting outside to come in."

Zachary said his mom signed him up because she wanted him to help and to keep him from getting bored. Zachary said his job kept him constantly busy. "There's not much down time," he said. Zachary, who said he only had one brother, added, "It's like having a bunch of brothers and sisters."



A group of pre-school youngsters participating in NASSIG's Vacation Bible School read and discuss a Bible story with the program's volunteers. The students did team-building games, exercised and took daily challenges.





By Alberto Lunetta
Signature Staff

Italian News

Sicilian culture and lifestyle

Acitrezza hosts religious festivals

On Sept. 5, Acitrezza will celebrate the *Festa della Madonna della Buona Nuova* or "Virgin Mary bringer of the good news" festival. The origin of this *festa* is unknown although historic chronicles tell us that the first festival was held in 1923. The Acitrezza fishing community has adopted this Madonna as its secondary patron saint. The devotion that this tiny seaside town has for the Virgin Mary is linked to the traditional protection that she has been granting to the fishermen's community. Fishermen lead a wearing and dangerous life. Often, while at sea, they invoke the Madonna for intercession for both the success of their catch or whenever they are in danger.

The statue depicting the Virgin Mary, which is honored during the festival, is preserved in the right nave of the church of *San Giovanni Battista*. Angelo Musumeci, who according to tradition took his daughter as model, made it in 1911. The *stana* or statue portrays the Madonna holding in one hand an anchor and in the other baby Jesus who is clutching a small vessel.

"The anchor, which is a symbol of the firmness of the faith, symbolizes the hope of salvation while the vessel represents the dangers of the sea," Davide Bonaccorso, the Saint John the Baptist Deanery spokesman, explained.

This statue replicates a painting located inside a small chapel, also named *Buona Nuova*, that is situated on via Provinciale (the main road). Local fishermen erected this church in 1871. Another outdoor church built in 1971 and dedicated to the same Virgin Mary is located in via Scalazza.

Festival Schedule

The highlight of the festival is Sept. 5. Holy mass is celebrated at 8 and 11.30 a.m. and in the evening at 7 p.m. At the end of first Holy Mass, the chapel hosting the statue of the Virgin Mary is opened at 9.45 a.m.

A solemn High Mass also featuring chants is celebrated at the *Buona Nuova* Church at 10 a.m.

In the afternoon at 6 p.m., the carriage with the statue depicting the Madonna is carried in procession throughout



During the Acitrezza "Virgin Mary bringer of the good news" festival, the statue of the Madonna is paraded through the city historic center and the waterfront, where the blessing of the waters, a ritual intended to help fishermen reap a bountiful catch, is performed. The *festa* also features Holy Masses and spectacular fireworks.

the city's historic center and the seaside. The procession leaves from piazza Verga and continues until late night. During the procession, the blessing of fishing boats and fishermen is also performed. The *festa* ends at midnight with a spectacular fireworks show. Other minor religious celebrations honoring the Madonna are also held on Sept. 8, 11, 12 and 15.

For more information and detailed schedule, please click the following website: <http://www.parcocchiaacitrezza.it> or contact the Acitrezza's Saint John the Baptist Deanery at 095-276003.

Outdoor festival continues in Motta

This fun summer festival featuring art, food, live music, dance, arts and crafts and activities kicking off every evening at 6 p.m. continues this weekend in Motta. It runs from

Sept. 3 through 5.

The *festa* is still held in both piazza Umberto and via Vittorio Emanuele.

Music festival in Noto Valley

"This group of towns in southeastern Sicily (Caltagirone, Milinello in Val di Catania, Catania, Modica, Noto, Palazzolo, Ragusa and Scicli) provides outstanding testimony to the exuberant genius of late Baroque art and architecture. The towns of the *Val di Noto* represent the culmination and final flowering of Baroque art in Europe.

The exceptional quality of the late Baroque art and architecture in the Val di Noto lies in its geographical and chronological homogeneity, as well as its quantity, the result of the 1693 earthquake in this region."

These are the criteria used by UNESCO for the inscription in its World Heritage List (a listing of places considered unique in the world) of these amazing art cities located in this area called *Val di Noto* or Noto Valley. So if you'd like to enjoy good music under these breathtaking backdrops featuring churches, theatres and palaces, make sure you don't miss this exciting music festival running through Sept. 29 in several towns of the Catania, Siracusa and Ragusa province. Here are some of the highlights:

Catania

Norma, an opera by Vincenzo Bellini - Sept. 23, 26 and 29 - 9 p.m. - Bellini Opera House;

Milietello in Val di Catania

Traviata, an opera by Giuseppe Verdi - Sept. 6 - 9 p.m. - piazza S. Maria La Stella;

Placrum Orchestra and Opera music - Sept. 9 - 9 p.m. piazza S. Maria La Stella;

Living Chess Match - Sept. 11 - 7 p.m. - piazza S. Agata;

Dance show - Sept. 12 - 9 p.m. piazza S. Maria La Stella;

Palazzolo Acreide

Placrum Orchestra and Opera music - Sept. 17 - 9 p.m. piazza del Popolo;

Modica

Jazz concert featuring vocalist Cheryl Nicholson and saxophonist Eric Daniels - Sept. 4 - 9 p.m. - Castello dei Conti (Conti's Castle);

Musical inspired by the life of Steven Biko - Sept. 14 - 9 p.m. - piazza Matteotti;

Caltagirone

Placrum Orchestra and Opera music - Sept. 7 - 9 p.m. piazzale Giardino Pubbico;

Noto

Jazz and soul concert featuring vocalist Cheryl Nicholson and saxophonist Eric Daniels - Sept. 3 - 9 p.m. - piazza Municipio;

Jazz concert featuring saxophone quartet - Sept. 7 - 9:30 p.m. - Loggia del Mercato;

Harp, clarinet and bassoon concert - Sept. 8 - 9:30 p.m. - Loggia del Mercato;

Dance show - Sept. 8 - 9 p.m. piazza Municipio;

Musical inspired by the life of Steven Biko - Sept. 16 - 9 p.m. - piazza Municipio;

Ragusa

Jazz and soul concert featuring vocalist Cheryl Nicholson and saxophonist Eric Daniels - Sept. 5 - 9 p.m. - piazza S. Giovanni.

For more information, directions to the concert's venues and to confirm site and times please contact one of the following tourist offices: Catania Province Tourist Office: 095-7306222/279 (main office, via Cimarosa n.10); 095-7306233, 095-311768 (via Enea n.63); 095 7306255 (Train station); 095-7306266/277 (Fontanarossa Airport); 095-7306209 (Port). Noto Tourist Office: 0931-573779. Ragusa Tourist Office: 0932-244473. Siracusa Tourist Office: 0931-481200. Caltagirone Tourist Office: 0933-351073.

SCHOOL NEWS

Registration for the new school year

Stephen Decatur Elementary School will be welcoming students back to school on Tuesday, September 7th. Please be sure that you have registered your children, Kindergarten through Fifth, to attend. The school doesn't automatically register your children. You must fill out an application prior to enrollment. If you are not sure that you have completed the registration process please call the registrar at 624-4406.

New faces at SDS

The following are new teachers for Stephen Decatur Secondary School:

- Philip Andre
- Bernadine Camuso
- David Brown
- Jennifer Bunyan
- Kathy Campbell
- Mike Chisari
- Roger Corey
- Amy Driscoll
- Jeffrey Hagenmeier
- Raymond Hartz
- Tina Lara
- Karla Magyar
- Hope Matthews
- MaryEllen Pienta
- Amanda Schwerdt
- Janet Smith
- Margie Ascierito
- Constance Ennix

The following are new teachers and staff for Stephen Decatur Elementary School:

- Diana Wright
- Anna Bors
- Megan Ekiert
- Ruth Callahan
- Jane Cary
- Mary Jo Curley
- Julie Curtis
- Aaron Ekiert
- Maria Plevotomas
- Amy Franz
- Michael Hart
- Kathy Hahn
- Erika Knubben
- Missy McMillan
- Elsie Price
- Margaret Russo

School Lunch Ticket Increase

The cost of a "full-priced meal" served in the NEX overseas school meal program will increase by \$1.00 for the 2004/2005 school year; this is the first increase in nine years.

This year's price adjustment is necessary to cover recent increases in food, labor, and transportation costs. The reduced price (\$4.00) and breakfast meals, which constitute 40 percent of meals served in the cafeterias, will not be impacted. Elementary school student meals will be \$2.05 and Middle/High school meals will be \$2.20.

The NEX will continue to review the pricing policy annually to ensure the program is running on a break-even basis.

Army enlists first Sailor through 'Operation Blue to Green'

By Joe Burtas, Army News Service

NEWORLEANS — The U.S. Army's first "Operation Blue to Green" recruit took the oath of enlistment Aug. 12 at the New Orleans Recruiting Battalion headquarters.

Navy Intelligence Specialist 3 George D.L. Banks, 27, was sworn in by Lt. Col. Samuel Clear, New Orleans Recruiting Battalion commander, in front of Banks' wife, Veronica, and sons, George D.L. Jr. and George L.

Under Operation Blue to Green, officially approved in July, the Army is now offering the opportunity for service members from the Navy and Air Force to transfer into the Army and retain their rank.

The Navy is planning a force reduction of 8,000 in FY-05, and Air Force, more than 20,000, in the near future to better shape each services' manning structure for current and future operations, according to officials. Airmen and Sailors electing to transfer to the active Army may be afforded the opportunity to leave their current service early in order to meet Army training requirements.

Banks, a Naval intelligence specialist at Belle Chasse Naval Air Station, will maintain the equivalent of his Navy rank, entering the Army as a specialist with the military occupational specialty of imagery analyst. Currently on terminal leave from the Navy, Banks will depart for the Warrior Transition Course at Fort Knox, Ky., the day after his Navy enlistment expires Aug. 17.

WTC is a new four-week course in basic combat skills training. Operation Blue to Green recruits will go through Air Force/Navy to Army Orientation (organization, rank, uniform wear, career progression), Army Values, Physical Training (to include confidence and obstacle courses and foot marches), drill and ceremony / manual of arms, basic map reading/land navigation course, combatives, rifle bayonet training, basic rifle marksmanship, a range of other weapons (M249, M203, AT4, M18 Claymore), hand grenades, individual tactical training, urban operators and a 72-hour field training exercise.

Banks said he is excited to join the Army and was surprised that the transition from Navy to the Army went so smoothly. His Navy unit was very supportive and did everything to ensure Banks would have an easy transition,

according to his recruiter, Sgt. Terry D. Casto.

"The way everything happened has been a big help to me and my family," Banks said. "I get to keep my job that I basically had from the Navy and I'm receiving an enlistment bonus and additional college funding."

"But what I really think is great is that I won't miss a paycheck and my family will be able to remain in our base housing without having to move [while he attends the Warrior Transition Course]. All in all, it was a no brainer for me."

Clear called Banks' enlistment "history in the making," since he is the first Sailor to enlist through the Blue to Green program.

"This program provides great opportunities to airmen and sailors as both the Air Force and Navy are currently engaged in force-shaping," Clear said.

The program was a win-win situation for everyone, according to Clear.

Once Banks completes the Warrior Training Course, he already has the credentials to go directly to his new unit without attending further Army job training, Clear said.

"It would take several years to train a Soldier to get to the level that Specialist Banks is currently at," he said. "This program provides an enormous cost savings in training dollars."

Casto said Banks is excited about his new Army family and he looks forward to making his contribution.

"He's very bright and very eager to get started," Casto said. "I think he will be a fine Soldier."

The Air Force currently has about 20,000 more Airmen than its authorized endstrength. The Navy, while not overstrength, is shaping a smaller workforce. Both are primarily using voluntary separations and retirements from overmanned specialties to reduce their endstrengths.

It is important to note that those Airmen and Sailors who opt to enter the Blue to Green program must qualify for an honorable discharge, officials said.

"Recruiting quality people and retaining exceptional Soldiers is essential in having a well-balanced force," said Charles Trench, policy and systems integrator for Enlisted Accessions, GI.

To find out more about Operation Blue to Green, visit www.goarmy.com/bg.



Lt. Col. Samuel Clear stands with the first "Operation Blue to Green" recruit George D.L. Banks and his family.

Sports officials needed!

Join the Sigonella Athletic Officials Association and earn extra cash. No experience required. We will train you. Basketball, softball, volleyball or another sport, MWR always needs referees. Training is done on base and it's free. To referee for the upcoming fall and high school basketball season contact Chris Payne @ 624-6253 (wk), 624-1328 (hm) or email: paynec@ncts.sicily.navy.mil

Seasons starts in November; so don't wait. For other sports, call the Sports Coordinator at x3785.

MWR is hiring!

Get the insider information on great MWR jobs at the library. Find out what positions are available for immediate hire. We'll even help you fill out an application on the spot. MWR urgently needs:

- Auto Skills Ctr Manager
- Auto Skills Ctr Assist Manager
- Auto Skills Ctr Recreation Aids
- Warehouse Materials Handlers



Friday, September 3
 1 pm A Cinderella Story (PG) 96 min-SP
 6 pm The Notebook (PG13) 124 min
 8 pm Alien vs. Predator (PG13) 101 min-SP
 10:30 pm I, Robot (PG13) 114 min

Saturday, September 4
 1 pm Sleepover (PG) 90 min
 3 pm Spiderman 2 (PG13) 128 min
 6 pm The Village (PG13) 108 min
 8:30 pm Anchorman (PG13) 91 min
 11 pm Collateral (R) 120 min

Sunday, September 5
 1 pm A Cinderella Story (PG) 96 min
 3 pm I, Robot (PG13) 114 min
 6 pm Alien vs. Predator (PG-13) 101 min

Monday, September 6
 1 pm Two Brothers (PG) 105 min-LS
 3 pm White Chicks (PG13) 108 min-LS
 6 pm King Arthur (PG13) 126 min

Tuesday, September 7
THEATER IS CLOSED ON TUESDAYS

Wednesday, September 8
 3 pm A Cinderella Story (PG) 96 min
 6 pm The Notebook (PG13) 124 min-LS
 9 pm Manchurian Candidate (R) 130 min-FS

Thursday, September 9
 6 pm The Village (PG13) 108 min-FS
 8 pm Collateral (R) 120 min

Cinema hours have changed. New hours:
 Mon: 5 - 9 pm
 Tue: Closed
 Wed: 11 am to 9 pm
 Thur: 5 - 9 pm
 Fri: 11 am - 11:30 pm
 Sat: 12 pm - 11:30 pm
 Sun & Hol: 12 - 7 pm

Note: Concession closes 30 minutes after the last movie begins

MWR Mark Your Calendar

"Tedesco & Rogers" comedy duo Crater Pub Monday, Sept. 6 8 pm

A hilarious new comedy duo Tedesco and Rogers that will leave you in stitches. Tracy Tedesco won five different comedy contests in 2003 and has become a master of corporate humor. Her wit and humor will hold your attention! Leon Rogers' clever approach at poking fun at high-profile celebrities and stories in the news is incredibly unique. He has opened for prominent world-renowned musicians such as Aretha Franklin, Gladys Knight and the Isley Brothers and appeared in "From Evil" and both installments of "Barbershop".

Family extravaganza Mineo Housing Friday, Sept. 10 6-10 pm

Free food, games, a DJ, t-shirt painting, dunk tank, human bowling and an inflatable sea creature. Over \$250.00 dollars in prizes. Parent and child teams participating in competitive events will receive a raffle ticket and be entered into a drawing. Competitive events include:

- Tug-of-war
- Sac races
- Tricycle races
- Flag football
- Kickball

September 9th: Photo Safari is back Old Teen Center behind NAS 1 gym 4:30 pm
September 10th: Youth Soccer registration ends 205 Youth Center

SPORTS



Signonella Jaguars 2004 Football Season Schedule

- Sept. 18 NAPLES
 - Sept. 25 •BRUSSELS
 - Oct. 2 @ VICENZA
 - Oct. 9 @ ALCONBURY
 - Oct. 16 •AFNORTH
 - Oct. 22 1st ROUND PLAYOFFS
(TOP 2 TEAMS IN EACH REGION)
 - Oct. 29 2nd ROUND PLAYOFFS
(WINNERS OF ROUND #1)
 - Nov. 6 Division III Championships
- Region B opponents. Games count in determining region winner.

Sports Trivia

Which quarterback has never thrown for over 4,000 yards in a single season: Dan Fouts, Rich Gannon, Jim Kelly or Warren Moon?

In what year was the first Kentucky Derby run: 1875, 1882, 1871 or 1873?

The week that saw the opening of Fenway Park, also saw which of the following take place: The D-Day invasion, the birth of Ted Williams, The opening of Yankee stadium or The Titanic Sinking?

Answers:

Jim Kelly
1875
The Titanic Sinking

Jags look forward to another season



Head Coach Fred Wilmot looks on as the players perform conditioning drills during preseason practices.

By JO2 Steve Weaver and
JO1 David Hamilton
Staff Writers

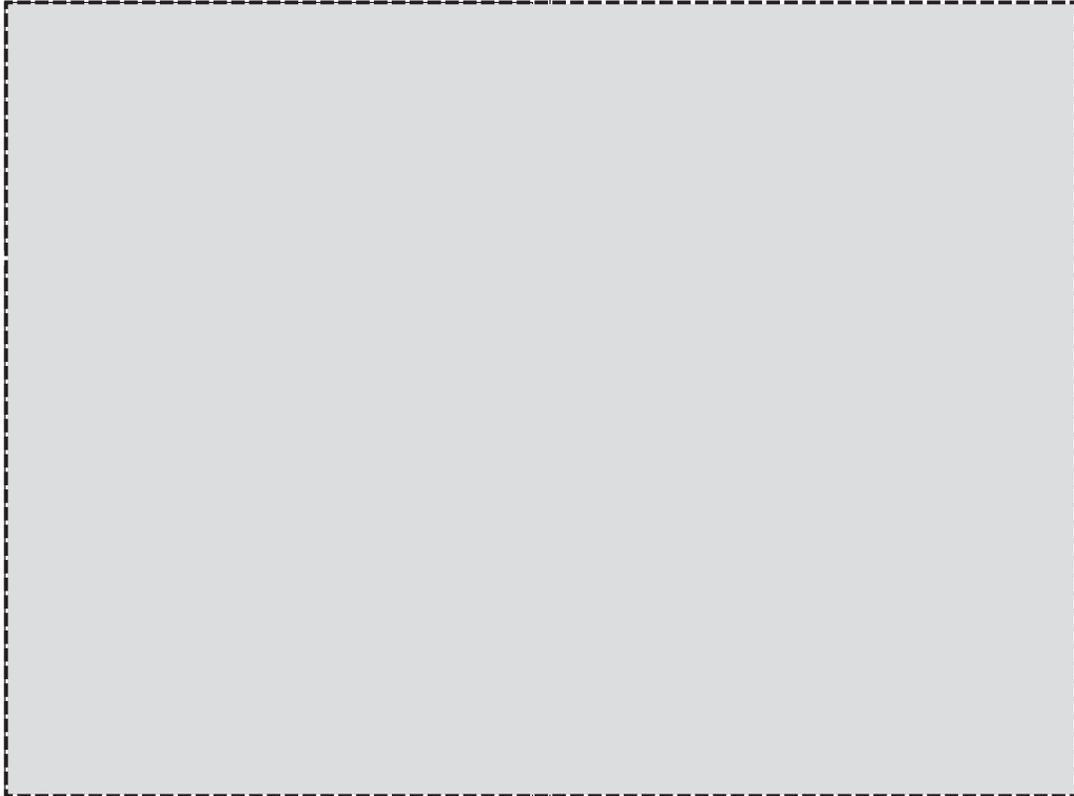
It's three o'clock and as with any usual Sicilian Summer day, it's hot, but not too hot for 27 student/football players from Naval Air Station Signonella's Stephen Decatur Secondary School.

The group of football players gathered on the

land annex field behind Building 170 last week to begin conditioning for a new season of football. The 11 seniors, six juniors, six sophomores and four freshmen worked on conditioning drills such as "high knees," agility drills and all those fun drills you may have done if you played high school football.

The group is sweating it out to reach for some

of the success they enjoyed last year with a 4-2 record. They will try to reach further this year by aiming for a shot at the league title. Last year the Jags fell short and were shut out, 44-0, by Bamberg in the playoffs after a great regular season. The team will compete this year in Division-III North, Region B, with the likes of teams from Brussels and AFNORTH. Although they lost some key





players, the team has many returning players who contributed much to last season's success.

Players such as 300-pound Jade Garth, a converted lineman who you may have seen running the ball 68 yards for a touchdown last year; Kelyb Lamb, who played well on the defensive side of the ball; quarterback Keenan Jones, who showed signs of Michael Vickness, and a receiver corps/defensive backfield featuring players like slotback/safety Dustin Sampson. But everyone knows it all starts with the offensive line.

There will also be some new faces, such as freshman Jared Naderana, who will be trying for tight end and middle linebacker position. For a freshman, Naderana definitely has the size to compete at the high school level. He knows the team did well last year and would like to see them go further. "I want to be able to contribute so we can do better," said Naderana. "It's a big step for me, but I'm up for the challenge."

Quarterback Keenan Jones feels good about this year's team and their chance for a championship. "Last year we had a few bumps in the road," said Jones. "This year we want to grow on our mistakes. I think this year we have a better team."

Sampson hopes to help his defense bolster their interception total from last year and pick off a few more balls and cause a few more turnovers.

Head Coach Fred Wilmot, who is going into his eighth year helming the Jaguars, is counting on a strong running game this year. But Wilmot is now focusing on the fundamentals of hard work, sportsmanship and academics. Last year, the penalties against the team were a hindrance and Wilmot would like to see more focus from his players.

"I would like to see us cut down on the number of penalties," said Wilmot. "Especially offsides and illegal motion." Wilmot added the team did well with respect to personal fouls such as clipping and hold.

Of course, not much more could be said of teams who leave it all out on the field. "I want us to give 110 percent in every game we play," said Wilmot.

The team believes they have the experience to get them wins. "There is good leadership on the team," said Jones. "That will help contribute to the success of the team."

The practices the players are enduring under the hot Sicilian sun now will hopefully get the team ready for the games under the lights. But for now, as Naderana said, he is going to "go out there and work hard."

The first game versus Naples is scheduled for Sept. 18, so come out because "It's football time."



Above: The players perform a "high knees" drill as part of their first week of conditioning for the upcoming football season.



Right: Jaguars players "hit the deck" during a hot summer afternoon to get ready for their first game against Naples.

The Lane

Free Volleyball Clinic

Pick up fundamental skills and strategies and gear up for MWR Intramural Fall Volleyball. Starts Sept. 13 and runs through Sept. 17, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each day at the NAS I Gym. Call 624-3785 for more information.

Intramural Flag Football

The season starts Sept. 20 at the Maranal Field. There will be a coaches meeting on Sept. 8 at 5 p.m. at the NAS II Gym. Rosters will be due at the meeting. Gear up for a serious challenge on the gridiron. Call 624-3785 for more information.

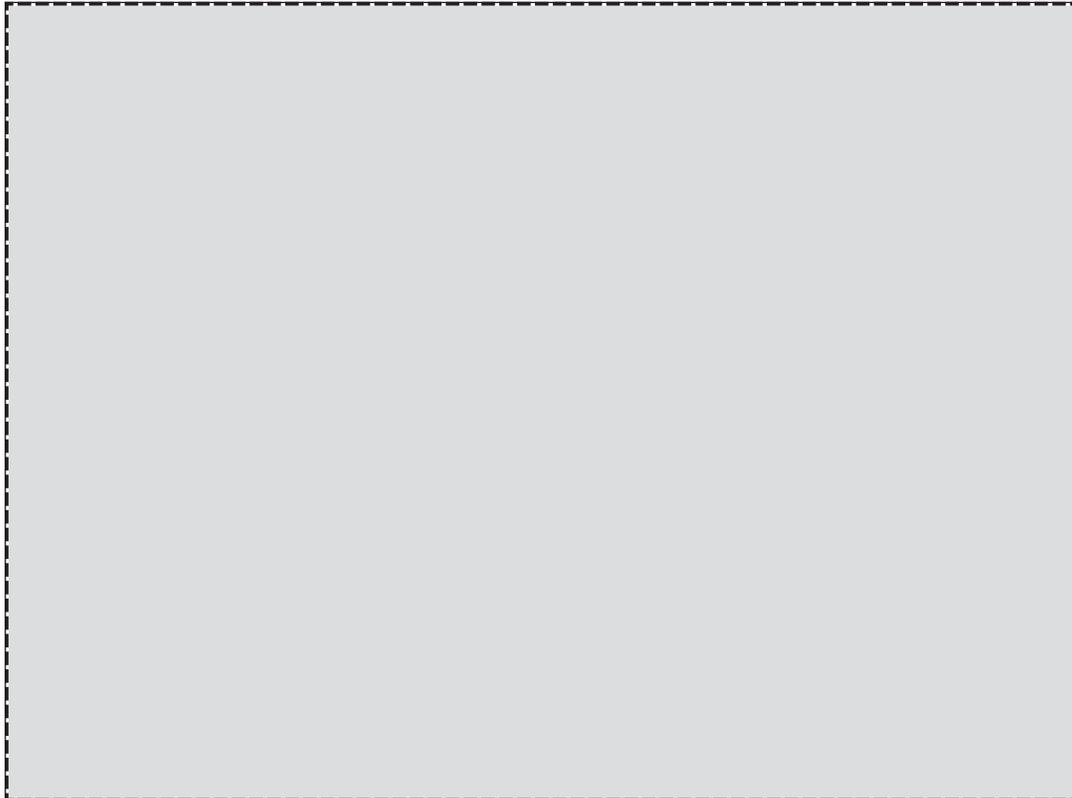
Football referees needed

Referees are needed for the upcoming high school/flag football season.

High school begins on Sept. 17, if interested please contact AZI Pickens at 624-5699/6564 or 624-1303 and at pickensm@nassig.sicily.navy.mil.

Biathlon/Triathlon

Sept. 18 at the NAS II Pool. Get ready to sweat as you compete with some of Sig's fittest. T-shirts and awards will be given. Sign up at NAS I Fitness Center or Take 5.





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We all deal with pain from exercising in different ways. From the FEP Sailors cries of, 'I don't know if you really care or not, but my left shin is starting to act up,' and 'I'm hurting man,' can be heard during his 30-minute workout. Realizing the pain they are going through, McMahon replies, "It feels fine from here, you will be alright."

McMahon needs no assistance when it comes to motivating guys in his program. Waisome explains that McMahon is a very proactive person, one whom he can rely on to get the job done. "There is no magic to motivating these guys," McMahon said. "You have got to want it. It is like anything. It is all about what you put into it."

McMahon has seen a great deal of improvement with the guys in the FEP. "I have noticed not only a change with curl-ups, push-ups, and the run, but a change in attitude," McMahon said. "Their attitudes have changed in a positive way. Just coming out here two days a week at 5:30 in the morning says something about their character."

One member of the FEP Program who has shown a significant amount of improvement is UT2 (SCW) Chase Smith. He states his self-discipline has changed a great deal. "This program has taught me to eat right," said Smith. "The program has taught me how to push my self more. Petty Officer McMahon has helped me with my confidence."

Smith looks forward to September's PFA. He is considering staying on the FEP to maintain the improvements he has made and to push his fellow shipmates as well.

NASSIG Command Assistant Fitness Leader SK1 Alex Jean-Gilles suggests that individuals should be making final preparations for September's PFA. "Leading up to the PFA, individuals should stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water. In addition, it is not recommended to PT, but stretch the day prior. If a member must go to the gym, do a light exercise. On the day of the PFA, do not eat or drink any dairy products and have a light breakfast for energy and drink plenty of water."

As extra motivation, Jean-Gilles states that if personnel fails any portion of the PFA, for example, body composition assessment (BCA), sit-ups, push-ups, run, swim or for scoring a satisfactory low on the PFA, that member will remain on FEP until they pass two consecutive Physical Fitness Assessments.

Please note the schedule of dates and times. Any stragglers or members going on leave need to adhere to the instructions given.



Public Works members perform flutter kicks during a recent FEP training session.

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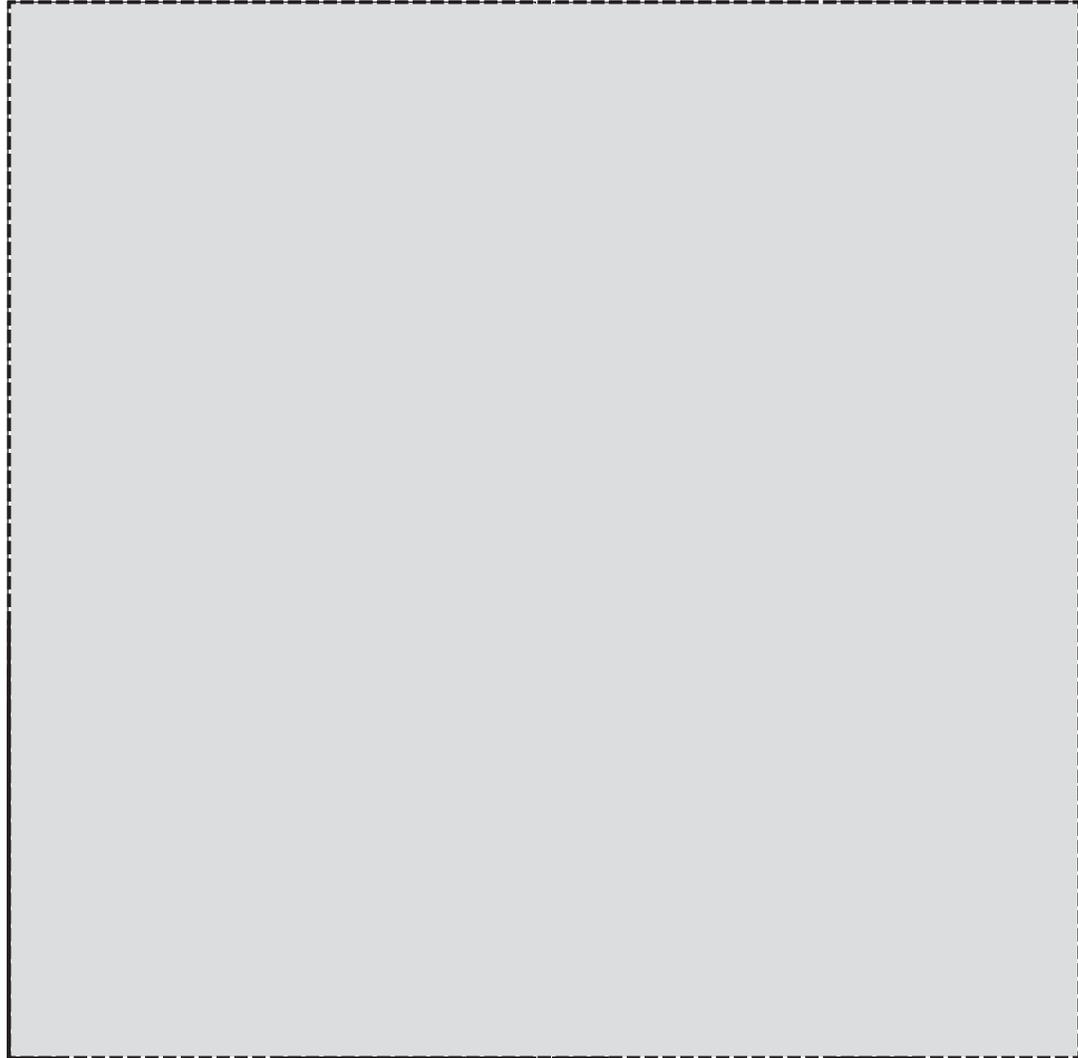
NASSIG Fall 2004 Physical Fitness Assessment Schedule

SECURITY
Weigh in scheduled for September 13, 14, 15, 16, 17 @ 0600-0800
PRT scheduled for September 20, 21, 22, 23 @ 0700 & 0800
WEAPONS
Weigh in scheduled for September 13 & 14 @ 0800-1000
PRT scheduled for September 20 & 21 @ 0800
PWD
Weigh in scheduled for September 15 @ 0800-1000, Sept 16 @ 1000-1200, 1330-1530
PRT scheduled for September 20 @ 0900 & 1000, September 21 @ 0900

ADMIN, SIA, PAO, CHAPTER, MWR, PHOTO, & TRAINING
Weigh in scheduled for September 13 & 14 @ 1000-1200
PRT scheduled for September 21 & 22 @ 1000
ETD
Weigh in scheduled for September 17 @ 1000-1200
PRT scheduled for September 24 @ 0700 & 0800
OPERATIONS
Weigh in scheduled for September 13 & 14 @ 1330-1530
PRT scheduled for September 24 @ 0900 & 1000
CFR
Weigh in scheduled for September 17 @ 0800-1000
PRT scheduled for September 24 @ 0700 & 0800

SUPPLY
Weigh in September 15 @ 1000-1200 & 1330-1530, September 16 @ 0800-1000
PRT scheduled for September 22 @ 0800 & 0900, September 23 @ 0900 & 1000
SWIMMERS
Weigh in scheduled for September 1st & 2nd @ 1000-1200 & 1300-1500 (BCA for Sept 9th PRT)
Weigh in scheduled for September 27 @ 1000-1200 & 1300-1500 (BCA for Sept 30th PRT)
Swim PRT scheduled for September 9th & 30th @ 0800 beginning at the NAS II Fitness Center then the NAS II Pool

ALL STRAGGLERS
Weigh in scheduled for September 27 @ 1000-1200 & 1300-1500
PRT scheduled for September 29th @ 0700 & 0800
Straggler dates are reserved for personnel TAD, EMERGENCY LEAVE, and SIQ the day of PRT.
All personnel planning to go on leave during the PRT, must plan to take an early PRT.





Hey Sparky!



A community Fun Day on Aug. 28 (hosted by the Order of the Eastern Stars, Rising Star Chapter #71, the Masons Sigonella Military Lodge #160 and Roger E. Brooks Chapter #44) saw Sparky the Fire Dog entertain a group of children at Marinal Housing. The event also included a basketball tournament, free food, a demonstration by the NASSIG military working dogs, a tug of war, a jumping castle for the kids, a dunking booth and more.





Taormina from page 1

the Greek-Roman Theatre. Is it Greek or Roman? Evidence points to Greeks because of the well-cut blocks of Taormina stone (similar to marble) below the scene of the theatre – a typical example of the ancient Greek building technique. The Romans, for their part, expanded the theater beyond its original small dimensions. The question of who gets credit for the theater's current form will continue to be debated among experts and critics alike.

Regardless, the theatre in Taormina is the second largest in Sicily after the one in Siracusa. The Theatre stands fifty meters wide, one hundred and twenty meters long and twenty meters high and is thought to have been able to seat more than 5,400 spectators. No one is sure when the theatre was actually built. Those who believe the Greeks built it say it must have been around the middle of the third century B.C., when Hiero was the tyrant of Siracusa. The theatre is still one of Taormina's main attractions.

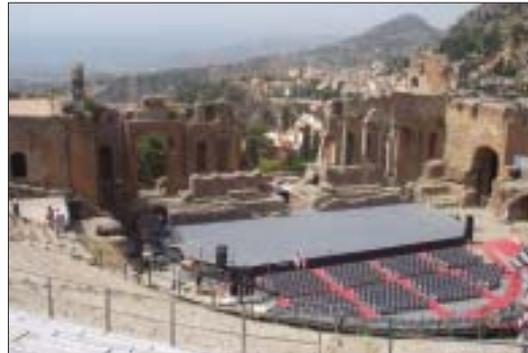
In June the theatre plays host to the Taormina Film Festival. After the International Film Festival in Venice, this is the oldest film festival in Italy. World famous guests, film directors, scriptwriters and composers from Hollywood all come to the festival.

Furthermore, during the months of June, July, and August, famous artists come from all over the world to perform in the beautiful setting of the ancient theatre. This festival is dedicated to music, — symphonies to rock to dance to theatre. Past performers include James Taylor, Elton John, and jazz artist Diana Krall.

If you would like to stretch your legs further, take a stroll down Main Street. You can find a huge range of cafes, shops, and bars, while admiring the views.

If you are looking for a pretty and peaceful spot in Taormina, go to the Travelyan Gardens. It is known by various names, including the Villa Comunale, the Giardino Trevelyan and the Para Duchi di Cesaro. A walkway lined with benches and white flowerbeds, manicured lawns, hedges, trees and bushes spread over the large terrace, faces the sea and Mount Etna. In addition, there are cottages and towers, a collection of caged birds, some old artillery, a children's play area and a bar.

If you like museums, Taormina has a small, free archaeological museum, which is worth seeking out. The Museo Archeologico is located in the fourteenth-century Badia Vecchia tower, up on Via



Left: Hundreds of sun worshipers gather at the Alcantara Gorge to bath in the cool waters and enjoy a day in the Sun.

Above: The ancient Teatro Greco, or Greek Theater, is a must see tourist spot while visiting Taormina. The theater plays host to movies during the Taormina Film Fest held in June.





An attendant stands ready at a local hotel.

Circonvallazione. Exhibits include a rather exciting sword, probably dating to the Byzantine era. Also on exhibit are several fragmentary statues, a carved sarcophagus, and attractive Roman vases.

Visit Duomo Santa Catarina if you like churches. A temple of Zeus was converted to this church with the introduction of Christianity.

If you have time, another adventurous must to do is the cable car from Taormina to Mazzano's Bay, the site of one of the major seaside nature preserves. Tours and activities such as snorkeling can be arranged there. It is about a five-minute ride with spectacular views.

After spending several hours in Taormina with the sun beating down on you, it is time to cool off. Next stop, the Alcantara Gorge. The river's name is derived from Arabic Al



A statue of two angels in a park in Taormina.

Qantarah, which dates back to the Arab's domination of the area and refers to the arched bridge built by the Romans which was capable of withstanding the force of the river in a sudden outburst.

Many years ago, a small volcano north of Mount Etna poured an enormous quantity of lava, flowing down to the sea and beyond, to form Capo Schiso. A flood of water, creating a channel, followed the lava. Towards the end of its journey, the water encountered softer ground and sweeping onwards, exposed two sheer cliffs of very hard basalt that had cooled and hardened into fascinating prism-like shapes. This is Alcantara gorge, only part of which is now accessible.

The gorge is accessible for a stretch between 50 meters and 200 meters only when the water level is low. At the entrance to the gorge, due to the cold waters of the river, you can rent wet suits or you can brave it like I did. I felt like I was part of the polar bear club. The water literally takes your breath away. If you do not wish to tackle the 224 steps down into the gorge, you may prefer to take the elevator.

After a very long, enjoyable day with ITT, I had a few minutes to relax and unwind. During that time I asked Alfina if this was one of her favorite trips. "I like them all," Alfina said. "I love learning about the history and art and sharing it with people that come on these tours."

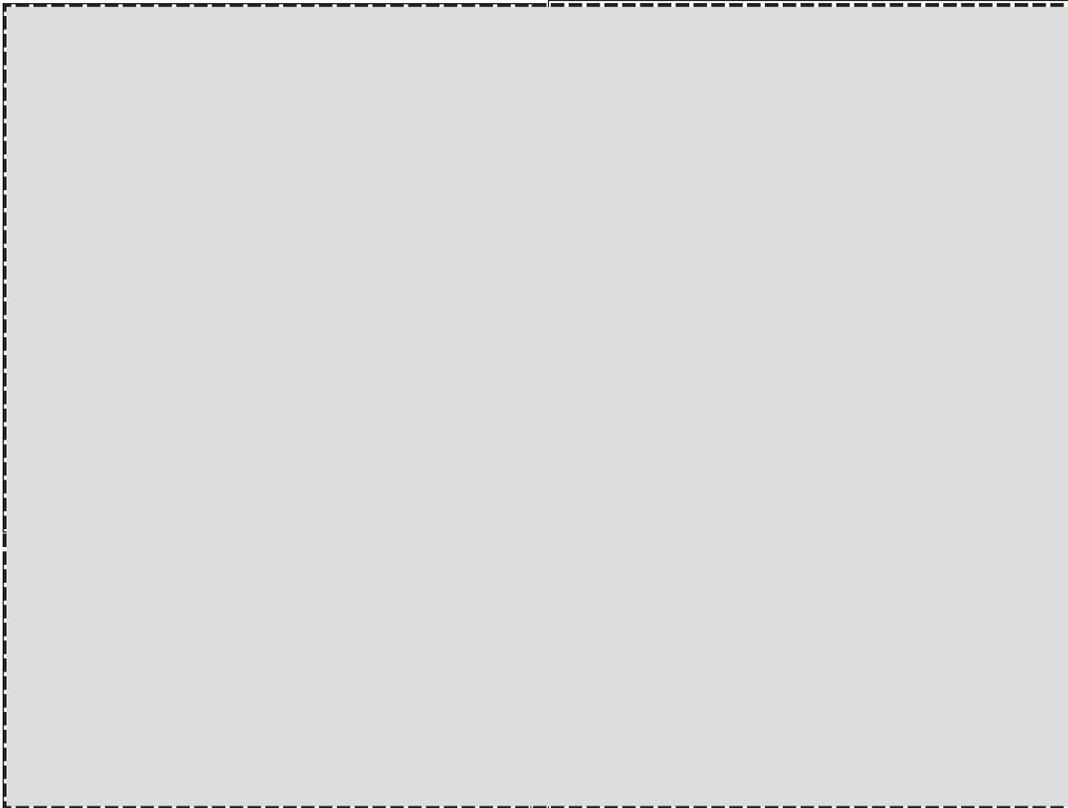
You can see why Rapisarda has been giving tours for ITT since 1982. "I really enjoy what I do," said Alfina. "I enjoy the interaction with Americans and making people feel comfortable when they take a tour with me. I also like the fact that I see many people return for other trips." Alfina also mentioned it gives her a chance to show off her country.

Another highlight Alfina enjoys is seeing her students on the tours. Alfina has been teaching Italian classes at NASSIG since 1984. "I like it when my students come on trips because I get a chance to interact with them in Italian of course and see how far they have progressed," said Alfina.

If you are interested in learning Italian, classes are on Tuesdays and Thursdays. You can sign up at ITT or call 624-4396 for more information.



Taormina features many restaurants, shops, and scenic locations which will impress even the most traveled world travelers.





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Automotive

1997 Honda Civic 1.4 IS 90HP Manual transmission, A.C., AM/FM stereo. For sale \$6000 O.B.O. Call Sergio DSN: 624-4700 int.13 (0730 - 1600) / cell 329-1628645 (after 1600).

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1989 BMW 318i white, four doors, A.C, power locks and windows, very good condition. Asking Euro 3500. For more info call Dante at 624-6041 or 347-7252937.

1999 Ford Escort, 4 door, 80k miles, US specs, cover plated, automatic transmission, good air conditioner, nearly new tires, new brakes, large trunk, gets 300 liters in gas coupons. Runs great! Must sell, PCSing early September. Please call 333-8565070 or 335-5788157 after Aug 30th. Asking \$4500 O.B.O. Available immediately.

1995 Lancia K, in great shape, metallic green, fully loaded 2000cc engine. Asking \$2550. Call me on my cell 338-2185499 ask for Joseph.

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1990 Volvo 460, grey, will be available 2nd week of September. 2 new tires, 1-year-old alternator, 3-month-old transmission and clutch. New speakers. A few dents and dings, but doesn't affect the car's performance. Asking \$1050. Call Bailey @ X6308 or 338-6241072.

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1995 Opel Cadet SW, White, 1.7 fuel injection, comes with: Pioneer radio, alarm system, electric windows, excellent condition. Asking -2500.00 Call Alfio 624-6894.

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1970 Fiat 500 with 650 engine runs great, \$2500 obo, call Doug x0342 eve.

2001 Ford KA, White, 2dr, 5 speed, power windows, A.C, dual airbags, AM/FM/CD player, new tires. Excellent condition, great gas mileage. Purchased new, dealer maintained. Asking \$6500 (negotiable). See at NEPMU-7 on NAS II. Call Kim at 348-7485241/340-7766101 or 624-9251 (leave a message).

1990 Alfa Romeo Turbo, Blue, 5 speed, CD player, very nice interior/exterior. Great island car, asking \$2200, available now. Call 624-0107 or 339-7081674.

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1995 Chevrolet Lumina, automatic, A/C, new brakes, tires, struts, battery, alternator, AM/FM, CD, original owner. Asking \$3500 O.B.O. Contact Wayne at x6905 or 624-1286 (leave a message).

1972 Mini Minor, red, all original, motor is in good condition. Asking \$2,200. Call 624-3762 or 339-4019799.

1997 VW Jetta 4DR Red. Orig. Owner/AFI tagged Auto Trans. 3.0 6cyl=3000hrs Re-Painted 03. Loaded, cold A/C, moonroof, dual ABS. Runs great. \$4,500. Avail 5-10 Sept. Call BMC Deal 0031-2810-323722 / 0031-6945054816 After 5 Sept. 349-8721682.

Pets

Free: 3 cute kittens. One is a black and white female and the other two are orange and white, one male and one female. They are about 2 months of age. For more info call Virginia at 340-5999562.

Free to a good home. Trained 11-month-old female dog. Needs more attention and guidance than I can give. Great with kids. Call 624-0246

Guinea Pigs for sale. Ma and Pa, two little ones, cage and litter tray. All for only \$25.00. Please call 338-2735683.

Free to good home: 9-month-old black Labrador with white on chest and paws. Well cared for, playful, affectionate, loves children and not aggressive. All shots are up to date. Comes with kennel. Unable to take with me during transfer. Call 335-6817831 or 095-306527.

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Bicycle trailer that can fit 2 children and/or up to 100 lbs. and attaches easily to your bike. It's a Wike brand trailer - known for their safety and durability - trailer will not roll if your bike tips. Selling for \$200. Please call 624-1396.

Weber gas BBQ grill with cover, \$100. Only a few years old. All you need is a bombola/gas tank. Please call 624-1396.

Light beige-colored recliner. Only a few years old. Leather-like material is a little worn, but the chair itself is great. For \$20, it's yours! Please call 624-1396.

AFN decoder for sale, \$425. Please contact Mary at 095-601443.

Men's BDU's, new and used, size medium, half price of new, \$10.00 used. Also, Air Force Blues and Stripes. Call 335-8314765.

Window A/C unit, 120V, 7000 BTU, like new, \$70.00; 220V dehumidifier, used few times for baby's room, cost 300 euro but will sell for 100 euro; glass and oak dining table with 4 chairs and lamp, like new, \$400. Call Joe at x5290 or 095-7275387 (home).

Two solid wood toddler beds and mattresses, \$50 apiece O.B.O.; Fisher Price comfort lite double stroller, \$70 (purchased at the exchange for \$100 1 month ago); bassinet, \$30; baby swing, needs new motor, 3 years old, paid \$100 new, would like \$20 O.B.O. Call 624-1227 if interested.

29" Sony Trinitron multi-system TV, \$400; entertainment center, \$50 (\$400.00 for both); AFN decoder, \$400; 2 (1000VA) voltage converters, gold, \$40 each; 2 (1000VA) voltage converters, blue, \$45 each. Call 335-6817831.

AFN decoder w/remote, \$400.00; Italian washer/dryer, \$380.00; 2500 watt transformer, \$50.00. Call x6595 daytime or 320-0973637 after 4:00 p.m. Ask for Freddie.

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Computer desk, \$35.00; comfortable king chair, \$10.00; modern entertainment center that fits up to a 35 inch TV with glass cabinet, \$40.00 (paid \$300.00); single bed frame with mattress, \$10.00; small transformer, \$10.00; BBQ grill (round/no gas) \$10.00. Please call extension x0277 or 095-860277 anytime.

PCS sale: small round plastic table with 4 chairs, umbrella holder, plastic chaise lounge, gas grill with Italian bombola—all for \$40. Call 095-802305.

Wood kitchen island with granite top, rack for wine and one drawer. Purchased from the exchange, \$150 firm. Call 095-802305.

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For Sale: Multiple Transformers, \$45.00 Ea, Italian

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Wanted

Seeking a nanny/babysitter to come to my housing unit in Marina to take care of my 18-month-old boy and eventually a baby that is due to arrive two months from now. Services will be required 15 days out of the month including some weekends. Care would be required for approximately 13 hours each day. Only serious inquiries should respond. Call Dora 624-1505 (home) or 624-5915 (work).

Seeking a babysitter/nanny to care for my child in Mineo. Baby will be born in September, care will be needed starting end of October, or early November. Care will be for 2 or 3 days during the week, and only occasionally on weekends when my husband and I both work. Pay is negotiable. Only serious inquiries please. Contact Hannah at 624-0321 or 347-681-2167.

Live and work in Marsala and I am looking for a used automatic car with AFI cover plates as soon as possible. Please contact Deika at 335-481395.

Seeking Weber charcoal grill or gas, any one type in good condition. Please call cell 348-5116588 or e-mail eliquin@tiscali.it

Yard Sale

Garage sale September 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Lots of clothes, transformers, electric/oil heater, kero heater, outdoor furniture, etc. 2144-B Marina. Phone 095-861400.

Lost: women's ironman watch and heart shaped diamond ring at the NAS II ball field on Wednesday, August 11th. Both have sentimental value only. Please call x6559, 095-309173, or 335-8271258.

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Be part of a team committed to supporting the USN and your family! Navy Exchange Sigonella is currently looking for prospective associates to fill the following positions: Sales Clerk, Personalized Service Clerk, Sales Clerk/Cashier. For more information, visit the Personnel Office on the second floor of the Main Navy Exchange, or contact Enzo Curcuruto at 624-4276/4275.

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Lead Recreation Assistant GS-0189-04/05, MWR Department, Community Activities Branch, Take 5 Recreation Center, NAS Sigonella. Announcement number SIG04-032228. Closes 31 August 2004.

Housing Manager, GS-1173-13, Housing Department, Sigonella. Announcement number SIG04-033052. Closes 09 September 2004.

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