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Since events such as the USS Cole attack and the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, force protection has become a much more important buzzword among the armed forces at home and at overseas stations such as Naval Air Station Signonella (NASSIG).

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Signonella remembers POWs, MIAs

By JO1 Craig Coleman
Staff Writer

In a speech commemorating Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day, Capt. Joe Stuyvesant, Naval Air Station (NAS) Signonella commanding officer told an assembly of NAS Signonella personnel that the courage provided by America's POWs and MIAs in past conflicts provides an example for the military during today's conflicts.

Stuyvesant made the comments outside the NAS Signonella air terminal Sept. 14, flanked by Col. Giorgio Russo, commanding officer of the Italian 41st Stormo and Capt. Ken Bitar, NAS Signonella executive officer.

"This commemoration is set aside to honor the commitment and the sacrifices made by this nation's prisoners of war and those who are still missing in action, as well as their families," Stuyvesant said.

Stuyvesant recounted the story of Lt. j.g. Everett Alvarez whose aircraft was shot down over the Gulf of Tonkin in 1964. Alvarez, the first naval aviator captured in Vietnam, spent more than eight years in captivity.

Seaman Apprentice Doug Hegdahl was remembered as the Vietnam POW who, when released after two years of captivity, provided authorities the names of more than 200 fellow prisoners.

Another naval aviator captured in combat, Lt. Cdr. Scott Speicher, the first pilot shot down during Operation Desert Storm, is still unaccounted for and is officially listed as Missing in Action.

Today, Stuyvesant said, America faces a different kind of war. "Yet in this global war on terror, as in past conflicts, we will never forget the sacrifices of those who fall in battle and we will never stop searching until those who are missing are accounted for."

Stuyvesant pledged to remember the victims of the USS Cole bombing and the Sept. 11th attacks, as well as the more than 1000 killed in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. "We will remember the men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the War on Terror in the battlefields of Afghanistan and Iraq - some of whom passed through this very terminal."

Stuyvesant said that service members should look within themselves for the courage shown by the POW/MIAs when they volunteered to go into harm's way. "We will remember the commitment of those who have suffered and bled for our country and we will never forget our POWs and MIAs."



Capt. Joe Stuyvesant salutes during the POW-MIA recognition day ceremony on NAS II.

Taking the test to wear the crow

Story and Photos by JO2 Steve Weaver
Staff Writer

The September Navy-wide advancement exams have come and gone, with the most recent held this Tuesday at the NAS I Fitness Center.

E-3s from commands around Naval Air Station Signonella woke up early and put on their thinking caps to answer the 200 rate-specific and general military knowledge questions which could transform them into petty officers.

About 238 hopeful future petty officers listened to the instructions doled out, broke open their test booklets and started filling in those tiny circles we know so well.

Those taking the exams should know the results in about three months.

For more information on the advancement exams, to check out profile sheets, bibliographies, exam statistics and more, check out <https://www.advancement.cnet.navy.mil>.



Left: ATAN Carmino Camerota focuses on his exam questions in the NAS I Fitness Center. Above: Sailors take the Navy-wide advancement exam on Tuesday.



Direct Line

Capt. Joe Stuyvesant
NASSIG
Commanding Officer

Some of you may have heard that I made the decision (in conjunction with other base leadership and the Housing staff), to re-locate families currently residing in the Gli Ulivi (205 Housing) complex to the Marinai residence area. This is a major quality of life improvement for these residents that we are able to do now due to the more than 100 newly available units at Marinai coming into the housing inventory. I'm glad we are able to work it out for their good. With this move, it gives us the opportunity to begin the recapitalization process of the Gli Ulivi area, which plans are currently in progress.

Beginning in September until the first week of December, we will be moving those Gli Ulivi families whose planned rotation dates are after October 2005. Those with rotation dates before October 2005 will remain in the housing area. Now, some residents told us that they wanted to stay there and we are making those decisions on a case-by-case basis.

For new Sigonella service members, mandatory housing assignment is being made. We will assign you quarters based on rank and family member status (the number of dependents you have). Requests for exception to policy will be considered case-by-case based on the stated issues and needs.

I want everyone's Sicilian experience to be a memorable one, from housing to all of the travel opportunities. Your quality of life is important to this command and me so we will need to work hard together in order to make the appropriate changes. I welcome your thoughts or comments on this issue (or any other issue) via your chain of command or on the CO's Suggestion Box.

**Be safe Sigonella...
drive to arrive.**



Traffic tickets issued from Sept. 7 through Sept. 13.

Number of tickets in parenthesis.

- (0) Violation 1: Driving or being in actual physical control of a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor (0.07 percent or greater on or off base)
- (0) Violation 19: Speeding over 10 but less than 15 miles per hour above the posted speed limit
- (0) Violation 20: Speeding one to 10 miles per hour above the posted speed limit
- (0) Violation 21: Improper passing
- (0) Violation 26: Failure to obey traffic signals or traffic instruction of an enforcement officer or traffic warden; or any official regulatory traffic sign or device requiring full stop or yield right of way, denying entry, or requiring direction of traffic.
- (0) Violation 27: Operating a vehicle with no driver's license in possession
- (0) Violation 31: Improper overtaking
- (0) Violation 32: Other moving violation
- (0) Violation 34: Using a cellular phone while operating a motor vehicle
- (10) Violation 37: Failure of operator or occupants to use available restraint system devices while moving (operator penalized)

Traffic Statistics

Sept. 7 - Sept. 13

Traffic accidents with injuries: 2
Traffic accidents without injuries: 5
Car break-ins: 2
DUI/DWI: 0
DUI/DWI's 2004: 22
DUI/DWI's 2003: 58

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HEALTHWATCH

Spotlight on the Provider



HM1 Michael Flint goes about his duties in the NAS II Flight Line Clinic.

Courtesy USNH Sigonella

HM1 Michael Flint has worked as an Independent Duty Corpsman (IDC) for five years and is known most for his contribution to mission readiness and willingness to volunteer his medical skills. He has traveled on Temporary Active Duty (TAD) trips to volunteer his medical skills toward helping ship personnel, finding remains of U.S. serviceman in Laos and helping in medical care of athletes participating in local sporting events.

Flint was named Naval Hospital Sigonella Sailor of the Year for 2003. Currently, Flint works at the Flight Line Clinic on NAS II. He states what he enjoys most about his job is the

independence he is allowed while working as an IDC.

He volunteered for TAD to Branch Medical Clinic Bahrain and assisted in the clinic's standardization. His work afforded an increase in base operational readiness by 48 percent through immunizations, blood draws and medical record administration. In addition, he supported Operation Noble Eagle through supervision in the administration of over 2,500 vaccinations for deploying troops.

From March to April 2003, Flint assisted USS Grasp in completing mission requirements with three-week IDC coverage for 320 ships' crew, which included two dental emergencies and a medical evacuation. He was the only IDC of six health care members who provided sports injury treatment at the Sigonella hosted World Military Games in Catania, Sicily, where the U.S. Team won the Basketball Championship.

From July to October 2003, Flint traveled to Laos and provided medical assistance in the search for remains of four unaccounted for U.S. servicemen. A DNA Lab in Hawaii was used to analyze and identify the remains. Flint reported that the jungles of Laos

were hot and humid and while searching for the remains he stayed in a guest house that did not always have electricity and running water. Through his work, Flint was able to help bring closure for the military and servicemembers' families.

Earlier this year, Flint was TAD to Souda Bay, Crete, where he provided medical support to Military Sealift Command and was IDC for Exercise Optic Wind VIII. In October, Flint will transfer to a Special Boat Unit at Naval Amphibious Base Coronado, Calif., and will provide medical care for SEAL Teams and deploy as necessary with this team.

While stationed at the Flight Line Clinic at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Flint has found it to be a great place to learn with a variety of outpatients from the active duty population. He has enjoyed his tour at NASSIG and looks forward to his next duty station working with Navy SEALs.

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 (Mingo)

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

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

Can one vote make a difference?



By Joseph Carlos
Command Chaplain

In an age of technology and despersonalization one can get the impression that one person's single vote really doesn't make much difference. The Navy has certainly been emphasizing the importance of getting your absentee ballot so you can vote in the upcoming elections. One person's vote, whether in the ballot box or by absentee ballot, makes a significant difference. There is an historical record for this statement.

In 1960 John F. Kennedy won the presidency by just one vote per precinct in Illinois. I'm from the Chicago area, and there was the joke about the Democratic party in Chicago, one of the last big city "machines." The joke was that the slogan in Chicago was: "Vote early, and vote often."

Women won the right to vote by passage of the 19th amendment to the Constitution in 1920. The last state needed to pass the amendment was Tennessee. This state ratified the amendment by - you guessed it - only one vote.

Two hundred years ago, in 1800, one vote kept Aaron Burr from becoming president. Thomas Jefferson was elected instead.

One vote saved the presidency for Andrew Johnson. In 1868 he faced impeachment, and you can read all about it in "Profiles of Courage."

If you are from Texas (1845), California (1850), Oregon (1859), Washington (1889), or Idaho (1890), it was only one vote that gave each of these states statehood!

There are many more examples, but a classic is this one. Rutherford B. Hayes was elected to the presidency by one vote in 1876, and the man in the Electoral College, who cast that deciding vote, was an Indiana congressman, who was elected by one vote!

Men and women are facing death daily on foreign soil so that people can be free and have the possibility to vote for their country's leaders. 60 miles to our south is the island of Malta, where 96 percent of the eligible people to vote actually turn out! We see statistics on how tyrants and dictators are "elected" by 90% of the electorate! There isn't much competition.

Your vote does matter. Your vote does make a difference. Maybe if one candidate for presidency said he would increase the pay scale for military people by 20 percent, and the other candidate said he was going to decrease the military pay scale by 20 percent, some of us would be better motivated to speak up. It's an interesting thought. What does it take for us to study the candidates, the issues, and to get out and vote?

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NAVY NEWS

CNO praises partnership between sea services

By JOC Walter T. Ham IV, Chief of Naval Operations Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. (NNS) — The Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard are working together more closely today than they ever have before to confront the myriad threats America and its allies face around the world, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Vern Clark said during a Sept. 7 panel of sea service leaders.

Appearing together with Marine Corps Commandant Gen. Michael Hagee and Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Thomas Collins, the CNO told the Marine Corps Association and U.S. Naval Institute Forum that the current global threat environment is blurring the lines between the services, and the roles they play in the defense of the nation at home and abroad.

"People want to draw the world up in perfect, finite pieces. My view is the world doesn't exist that way today and will exist less that way in the future," Clark said. "We speak to this principle throughout our joint discussions, that we need to blur all of those lines because the world does not exist with great clarity to where I can say what's on this side of the line is mine and what's on this side of the line is (Coast Guard Commandant Adm. Thomas Collins) Tom's. It just isn't that kind of globe anymore."

To more effectively employ the combined defense capabilities of the Navy and the Coast Guard, Clark said the two services are working on Maritime Domain Awareness to protect the nation's shores.

"That's a big part of what our domain awareness is all about," the CNO said. "Tom and I are now working on this effort (Maritime Domain Awareness) that has now grown to the interagency level."

Clark said the Navy is also operating more closely with its number one joint partner, the Marine Corps, to go on



Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Vern Clark, right, addresses a discussion panel on the war on terror along with Commandant of the Coast Guard, Adm. Thomas H. Collins and Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Michael Hagee. Moderated by Lt. Gen. Bernard Trainor, the sea service chiefs were on hand to answer all questions during Forum 2004, hosted by the Marine Corps Association and the U.S. Naval Institute.

offense in the littorals - the transition area between the sea and land. Clark added that the Maritime Pre-Positioning Force (Future) will play a key role in the Navy/Marine Corps team's ability to base forces at sea.

"A key issue for us is what's going on across that key transition zone between sea and land," Clark said.

The CNO said the Navy/Marine Corps team must better exploit the maritime domain - the world's oceans and the airspace above them - to bring joint capabilities to bear that are capable of deterring or defeating current and future threats.

"My view of the future is, we've got to be out and about," Clark said. "We are and will continue to be able to bring the capability from the domain that allows us freedom to maneuver. We are fundamentally a maneuver force. For this nation to have the kind of capability that it needs, it must be able to exploit the maneuver space that we own."

Task Force Uniform announces changes in uniform regulations

From Task Force Uniform Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Task Force Uniform (TFU) has announced some significant changes to the Navy Uniform Regulations, which were recently approved by Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Vern Clark.

These changes are among the first initiatives being rolled out as a result of Task Force Uniform. The Uniform Regulations were based on fleet input from interviews with Sailors, command site visits, comprehensive research and data collected from a Navywide uniform survey. The survey collected feedback from more than 40,000 Sailors throughout the fleet.

The approved changes include women's skirts, identification badges, civilian bags, women's handbags, communication devices and breast insignia.

One of the changes effective immediately will be the authorized wear of civilian bags while in uniform. This includes briefcases, gym bags, backpacks, suitcases and garment bags. The specific guidance on wear and appearance for each is outlined in NAVADMIN 209/04.

Another revision that is effective immediately is the wear of a wireless communication device, such as a cell phone, PDA or pager for official business while in uniform. The device cannot be visible from the front, and must be worn on the belt, aft of the right or left elbow. Specific guidance and further details on the proper wearing and use of these devices is contained in NAVADMIN 209/04.

Female Sailors may now wear civilian handbags while in uniform, but must meet the specific criteria and be worn in the manner prescribed in NAVADMIN 209/04. Women's uniform handbags are now an optional uniform item, and will no longer be a prescribed seabag item or issued at recruit training as of Oct. 1, 2004.

In addition to the handbag, women's skirts will also be an optional uniform component as of Oct. 1, 2004. This applies to both service and dress uniforms, and may no longer be prescribed. Female Sailors who desire to wear a skirt will still be able to purchase them through the Navy Uniform shop.

There is also new guidance regarding silver breast insignia and identification badges. Specifications are outlined in the NAVADMIN. "In the fleetwide survey, we asked a lot of detailed questions and received some very detailed responses in return," said Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (SS/AW) Terry Scott, who oversaw the massive effort. "We were very pleased with the level of participation in the survey and the focus groups."

These changes to the Uniform Regulations are just the first in a number of initiatives being produced by TFU. In addition to streamlining and simplifying the Uniform Regs, TFU is developing concept uniforms for a working uniform for E-1 through O-10, as well as a year-round service uniform for E-6 and below. TFU plans to announce the uniform concepts in the coming weeks, and an announcement about specifics of the wear testing dates and areas to follow.

NAVADMIN 209/04 serves as the interim change to the Navy Uniform Regulations.

The Energy Block

Energy Sources both present and future is really a unique and interesting topic to read about. In fact, with over 4 million hits generated on the World Wide Web it could become an almost endless adventure.

What I have discovered, though somewhat bleak is that there is no magic cure-all to solve our energy crises and our best resource right now is still fossil fuel, mainly petroleum. Coal, which is highly available in the U.S. that controls more than 20 percent of the world's supply, has a very large content of sulfur dioxide emissions. Over twice the amount of pollutants entering the atmosphere.

Nuclear energy has a very good source reliability and availability, has ability to meet base load demands, very high efficiency, and no emissions to environment outside of steam. Sounds perfect but for the fact that secured storage facilities will have to be constructed that will hold the 4 milligrams of radioactive spent fuel per 1 kilowatt hour. This is the same fuel that is used to make nuclear weapons. And lets not forget what happens when one of these plants has a nuclear meltdown. Tens of millions were affected in the case of Chernobyl in the Soviet Union and Three Mile Island reactor two in the United States.

Solar Power, which is approx. four times the price of gas is showing a lot of promise but also has major drawbacks. Price, toxic waste from production of solar panels, batteries, needed back up power, weather dependent, and no ability to meet base load demand are just some. Personally I still like the idea of exploring the possibility of mining the resources of the moon for helium.

Let's use, not abuse

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.

What is Sexual Assault Victim Intervention (SAVI)?

By Lilach Harris, NASSIG FFSC

The 1990 Navy Women's Study Group: *An Update Report on the Progress of Women in the Navy* found that despite the existence of individual command education and victim assistance programs, incidents of sexual assault continue to be the most under-reported crimes. Reports of sexual assault and rape in the Navy are increasing and local assistance for victims of sexual assault is often poorly coordinated, making credible, comprehensive statistics difficult to obtain. With this in mind, the Navy's goal is to maintain a "zero-tolerance" sexual assault policy as stated in the SECNAVINST 1752.4 and OPNAVINST 1752.1A. Sexual assault, which includes rape, is a crime and is incompatible with the Navy's high standards of professionalism and personal discipline. Navy installations and commands have an obligation to ensure that all members of the Navy community are aware of the potential for rape/sexual assault, are provided physical safety on the installation, and are provided with both Navy and community support in dealing with rape/sexual assault.

The SAVI Program was implemented in 1994 to work with key personnel involved in handling sexual assault cases. The purpose of the SAVI Program is to provide Navy standards for addressing rape/sexual assault prevention, rape/sexual assault victim assistance and reporting of sexual assault cases. The SAVI Program was established to ensure the Navy's policy regarding sexual assault of adults is implemented.

Every victim of sexual assault has the following rights:

- To be given as much credibility as a victim of any other crime.
- To be considered a "victim" of sexual assault when any unwanted act of sex is forced on them through any type of coercion, violence or otherwise.
- To be considered a victim of sexual assault regardless of the assailant's relationship to the survivor, such as the survivor's spouse.
- To be asked only those questions that are relevant to a court case or to medical treatment.
- Not to be asked questions about prior sexual experience.
- Not to report the rape to the police, if they chose not to.
- To receive medical and mental health treatment, or participate in legal procedures only after giving his/her informed consent.
- To be treated fairly and without prejudice against race, age, class, gender, lifestyle or occupation.
- To be treated in a manner that does not take control from the victim but enables them to determine their own needs and how to meet them.
- To have access to support persons outside of the Navy, such as community victim advocates.
- To have their name kept from the news media.
- To have access to peer or professional counseling.

If you are a victim of sexual assault, you are not alone. The SAVI Program is here to help you. The SAVI Hotline number is 335-642-8312. Our volunteers are here to assist you 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You may also call the SAVI Coordinator at the Fleet and Family Support Center at 624-4291 or 095-56-4291. Remember, everyone is a potential victim and the SAVI Program is here to help.

Navy honors Sept. 11 by naming new ships for Arlington, Somerset

Special release from the U.S. Department of Defense

WASHINGTON (NNS) — Secretary of the Navy Gordon England named the eighth and ninth ships of the San Antonio-class of Amphibious Transport Dock ships as Arlington and Somerset.

The future USS Arlington and USS Somerset will join USS New York as living tributes to those who suffered in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and to the nation.

Arlington was chosen to honor the city and county in northern Virginia, and especially, the 184 victims, aboard American Airlines Flight 77 and on the ground, who died during the Sept. 11 attack on the Pentagon.

Somerset honors the county in Pennsylvania where United Airlines Flight 93 crashed after courageous passengers stormed the cockpit in an attempt to regain control from the terrorists aboard. Their actions prevented the airplane from reaching its destination and inflicting further casualties and damage, and the heroic sacrifice of these 40 passengers and crew rallied and inspired the nation.

In naming these ships, England noted the impact these vessels will have on the terrorist infrastructure that led to their naming.

"USS Arlington and USS Somerset will help America project power to the far reaches of the earth and will support the cause of

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News Briefs

Expired Fuel Coupon Refund Procedures

Sept. 30, 2004 will be the last day current fuel coupons dated Oct. 1, 2003 - September 30, 2004 can be used.

New coupons will be available for purchase Sept. 20, 2004 at the NEX Cash Office at NAS 1 and Personalized Services/NAS II. The purchase of the new coupons will be taken from the October ration allowance and will not be accepted for fuel purchases until October 2004.

New POL coupons can only be used from Oct. 1, 2004 through Sept. 30, 2005 at AGIP or ESSO Stations.

Old coupons can not be exchanged for new coupons. Refunds will be given for the dollar amount of remaining liters.

Refunds will be given beginning Oct. 11, 2004. Refunds will continue to be given until June 30, 2005 for fuel coupons dated Oct. 1, 2003 - September 30, 2004.

For further information or questions, please contact the NEX Fuel Office at 624-4541.

Home school support group

H.I.S. Home School Support Group will be having a family potluck on Sept. 17 at 5 p.m. at the old teen center on NASI. Anyone interested in Home schooling in Sicily is welcome.

Call Kellie Zach 624-0158 for more information.

Girl scout registration

Are you interested in joining Girl Scouts?

We offer troops for girls of all ages: Daisy Girl Scouts: Kindergarten Girls; Brownie Girl Scouts: 1st, 2nd, 3rd Grade Girls; Juniors Girl Scouts: 4th, 5th Grade Girls; Cadette Girl Scouts: 6th, 7th, 8th Grade Girls; Senior Girl Scouts: High School Girls.

Come by our table at Sig On Display this coming Saturday, Sept. 18 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. located in the Commissary/NEX parking lot area. You can register your girl for the first time or re-register if she participated last year.

We are also looking for Adults to Volunteer! Some needed positions are as follows: Troop Leader, Overseas Committee Secretary, Troop Co-Leader, Overseas Committee Publicity, Cookie Moms, Overseas Committee Registrar, Troop Aides, and more.

If you miss us at Sig On Display, you can still join! Call Sheri Curry at 624-1225 and leave a message with your name and number. You can also stop by Stephen Decatur Elementary to pick up/turn in registration forms.

Hospital closures

NAVHOSP clinic and the Flight Line Clinic will be closed Sept. 20 for a change-of-command ceremony.



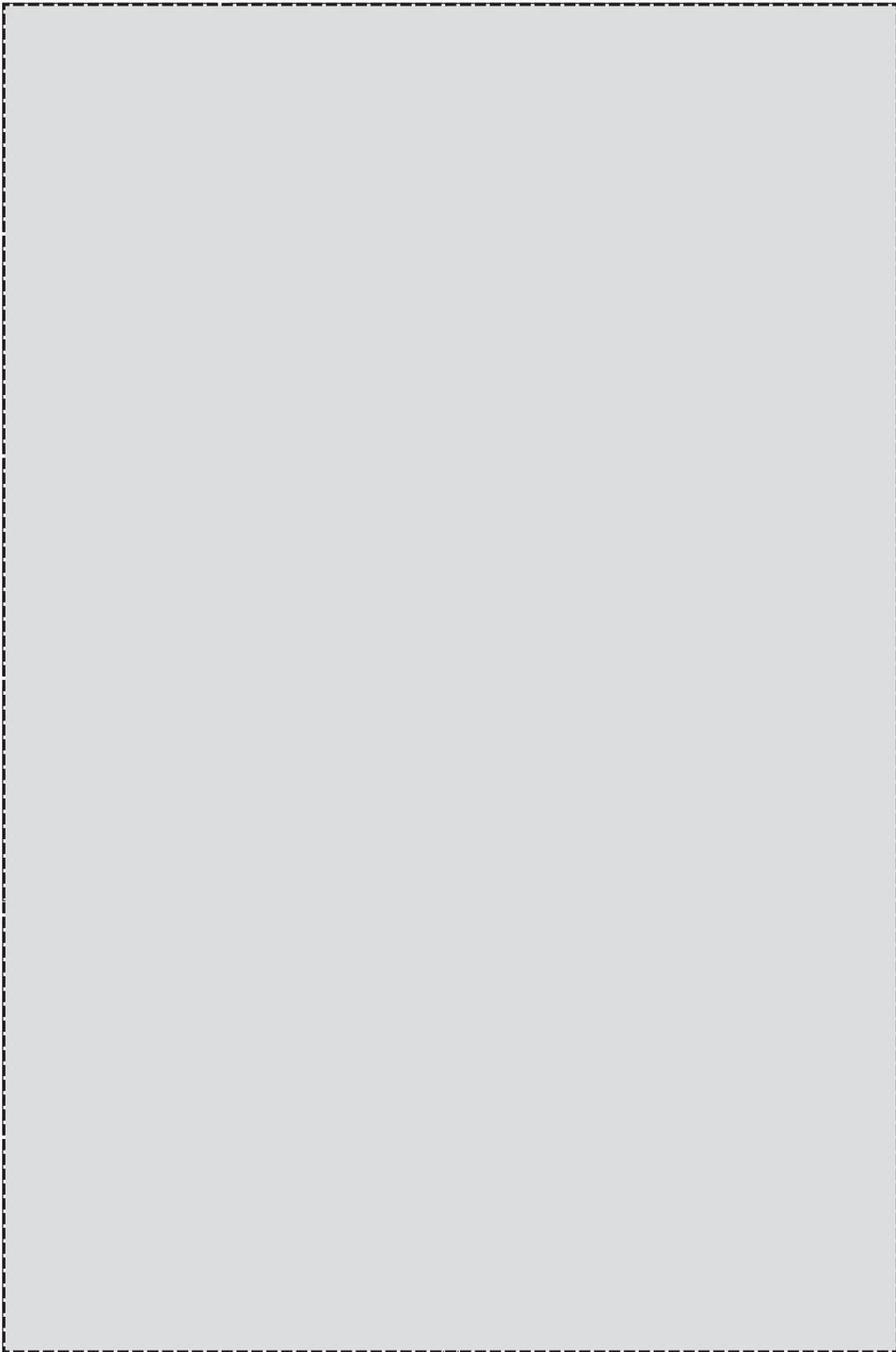
SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

						17 Sept.	18 Rosh Hashanah Celebration NAS I Chapel 5 p.m. Call Lilach Harris at 624-4291 for more.
19 Single Sailor Free Dinners Every Sunday 5:30 p.m. NAS I Chapel	20 PTO Meeting Elementary School 2:45 p.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 Babysitter Training Red Cross Call 624-4900	
26 Lipari Express ITT Call 624-4777	27 Intramural Fall Volleyball Games start NAS I Gym Call 624-5238	28 Navy Fitness Training For CFLs and ACFLs Call 624-4301	29	30	1 Oct.	2 Etna Off-Road ITT Call 624-4777	
3 Cefalu & Castelbuono ITT Call 624-4777	4	5	6	7	8	9 Wine Harvest & BBQ ITT Call 624-4777	

Community Call	Sat., Sept. 18	Sun., Sept. 19	Mon., Sept. 20	Tues., Sept. 21	Fri., Sept. 24
Fri., Sept. 17 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.	It's grape harvest time. Witness the grape harvest underway at the Bonajuto vineyards. Then, dig into a delicious barbecue with the wine tasting. You will see several WWII bunkers on this trip. Call ITT at 624-4777 for more information.	Witness the beauty of Lipari, one of the seven Aeolian Islands. Board a tour bus to explore the island. Stops include a Malvasia wine tasting and lunch at a typical restaurant. You'll also visit the archeological museum and see the castle. Call ITT at 624-4777 for more information.		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.	Visit the Imperial Villa del Casale and admire the magnificent mosaic pavements dating back to the 3rd century A.D. Bring a camera. Call ITT at 624-4777 for more information.







By Alberto Lunetta
Signature Staff

Italian News

Sicilian culture and lifestyle

Couscous Festival in San Vito lo Capo pays tribute to Mediterranean flavors and fragrances

If you just love Couscous, you really have to attend this international festival that is annually held in San Vito Lo Capo celebrating this traditional dish that all regions of the Mediterranean basin have been sharing for centuries. Sigonella's gourmets can taste this multicolored delicacy that has been around for over 1,000 years, ever since the Arabs introduced it in "sunny" Sicily.

San Vito Lo Capo is a beautiful coastal town, located about 25 miles from Trapani, whose amazing crystal-clear sea and pure white shores were awarded the international recognition "Blue Flag of Europe," in 2002 for high standard of water quality, excellent beach facilities, management and litter control. The festival takes place in the lively streets of the city's historic center where ethnic music concerts and numerous display stands create an amazing Mediterranean atmosphere.

The fest runs from Sept. 21 through Sept. 27 featuring a contest spotlighting talented and imaginative chefs from Algeria, Israel, Ivory Coast, Italy, Morocco, Palestine, Senegal and Tunisia who will compete to create the best couscous preparing it according to their countries' variations. A jury of journalists and experts in the tourism, food and wine industries will judge them.

History of Couscous

Couscous is a staple dish in North Africa's Maghreb region (Morocco, Algeria, and Tunisia) referring to the grain as well as to the finished dish. It is composed of meat and/or vegetable stew flavored with cumin and served over the cooked semolina. According to historians, the French term couscous stems from the Arabic word *kuskusa*, which in turn evolved from another Arabic word, *kaskasa*, meaning "to pound or to make small." Couscous is traditionally steamed in a *couscoussier* or couscous pot, which consists of a double boiler. The lower part is a cooking pot while the upper part is a second pot (with a lid) that fits on top of the bottom pot. The top pot is a sieve with holes in its bottom that admit steam from the lower pot. The stew of lamb, beef or chicken, the broth and fresh vegetables cook in the bottom pot while the wheat semolina couscous is steamed on top.



Photo by Paul Perry of San Vito lo Capo Couscous Festival Press Office

Enjoy a true gourmet experience by attending the annual Couscous Festival in San Vito lo Capo running from Sept. 21 through 26 and featuring Mediterranean food and wine tasting as well as seminars and live music.

Sicilian Couscous

Festival goers will also have the unique chance to sample the traditional *siciliano* couscous that will be prepared daily by the women and fishermen of San Vito lo Capo. This dish, of Arabic origin, is very common in the West coast of Sicily spanning from Trapani to Marsala. It is prepared with fish (prawns, groupers, amberjacks, scorpion fish and other local fish) instead of vegetables or meat. There are two Sicilian couscous variations: one with toasted almonds and chilies that is typical from San Vito Lo Capo and the other, which is prepared in the Agrigento area and is actually a sweet couscous dish, with pistachios, almonds, candied pumpkin, chocolate cinnamon and icing sugar. It takes skillful hands to *n'cucciare* (mixing the semolina grains) in the *mafardda*, a large terracotta container that is handed down from mother to daughter.

Festival highlights

If you are curious which Couscous will be crowned as "the best," don't miss to see the award ceremony that will take place in piazza Santuario on Sept. 24 at 9:30 p.m. Last year, Morocco got a first place.

During the entire festival, every day, from noon to 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m., festival visitors can sample a 10-menu consisting of a Couscous course (you can choose between the Sicilian or the traditional kind), a glass of Sicilian wine, a portion of local sweets (*cassatelle*, *canoli*, *cassate* and almond desserts) and some exquisite dessert wine.

Festival also features seminars (which will be presented in Italian), wine, olive oil and traditional pastries tasting as well as fusion and world music concerts and shows.

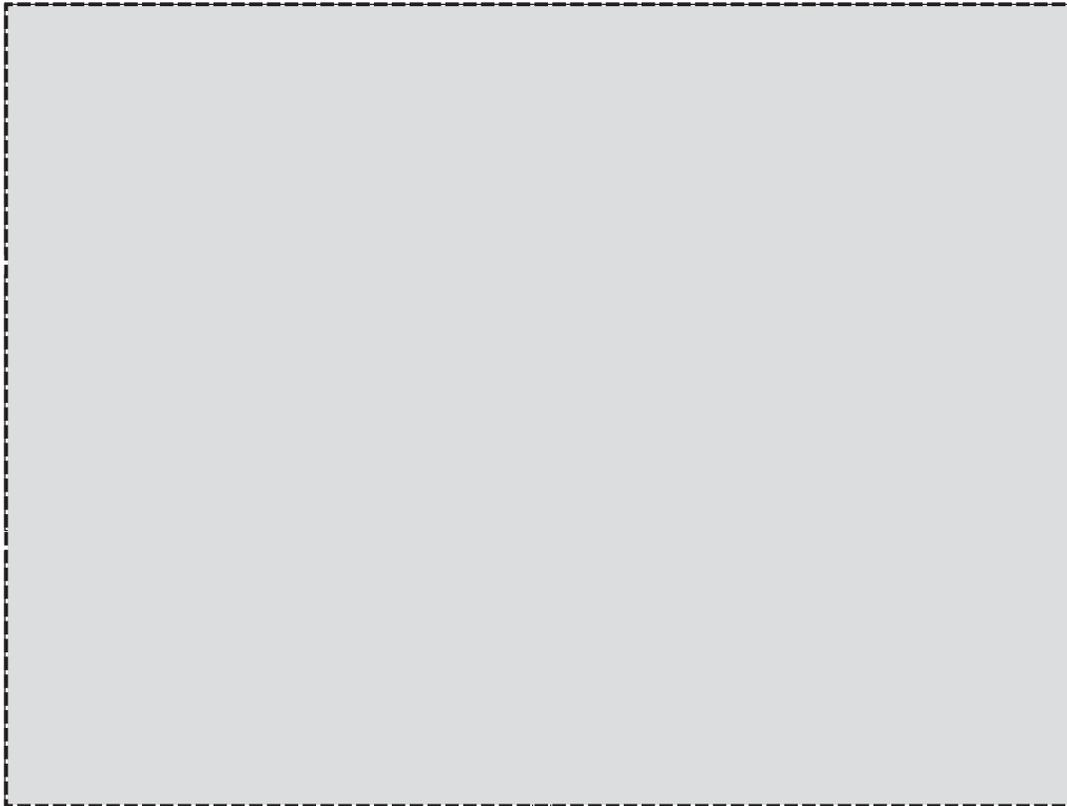
How to get there

Reaching San Vito lo Capo is fairly easy. Take the Catania-Palermo highway (A19). Once you arrive in Palermo take the Palermo-Mazara del Vallo highway (A29) and exit Castellammare del Golfo.

For detailed schedule check the official festival website (also available in English): <http://www.sanvitocouscous.com/> or call the local tourist office at 0923-974300/972464 or 0923/974428.

Fall festival in Santa Venerina

On Sept. 18 (5 p.m. to late night) and 19 (9 a.m. to late night), step out and celebrate by having a great time the *Eno Etna* 2004, an amazing fall festival with music, food, *vino*, Sicilian carts exhibitions, arts and crafts and visits to the local wine cellars. Don't miss the Ricotta cheese and the *mostarda* (made from grape must) tasting that will be held on both festival days at 5 p.m. Before you leave the festival don't forget to visit the *Chiesa Madre* (main church) dedicated to *Santa Venera*, that houses paintings by Alessandro (1720-1793) and Pietro Paolo (1697-1760) Vasta. For more information and detailed schedules call the Santa Venerina Tourist Office at 095-7001111 or 095-954450.



SCHOOL NEWS

SDS teachers 'get on the bus'

Story and Photos by Nicole Hamaker
Staff Writer

Tuesday Sept. 7 was the first day of school for Stephen Decatur students but when school let out, it was the teachers who got on the bus.

In an amusing bit of role-reversal and taking a break from teaching in order to learn more about Naval Air Station (NAS) Sigonella, Stephen Decatur teachers and staff hopped on buses for a fun-filled field trip to NAS II.

The first stop on the tour was the Fire Department where the group of over 100 teachers and staff members crowded around one of the fire trucks while Lt. Sean Black talked about the role of the Fire Department before the group witnessed some exciting demonstrations.

At the next stop, Helicopter Combat Support Squadron FOUR (HC-4), the teachers learned about the helicopters and were allowed to climb aboard a MH-53E Sea Dragon. The curiosity of the group became apparent when the opportunity to ask questions arose.

At Patrol Squadron SIXTEEN (VP-16), the teachers took turns climbing aboard a P-3. Once inside, AW2 (AW) Mindy Koehn showed the



Teachers from the Stephen Decatur School get an up-close view of an MH-53E Sea Dragon in the Helicopter Combat Support Squadron FOUR (HC-4) hangar.



Members of Patrol Squadron SIXTEEN (VP-16) show the SDS teachers survival gear.

teachers around the plane and a few lucky teachers even got to sit in the cockpit next to Lt. j.g. Erik Price who answered questions about flying.

The last stop on the tour was to see a thrilling demonstration of the Military Working Dogs and handlers in action. Always a favorite with the kids, the canines found a captive audience in the teachers as well.

There are 34 new Stephen Decatur teachers this year and the tour was a chance for them to get a firsthand look at what the parents of their students do.

"One purpose of the tour was to give a chance for the new teachers who just got on board here at Sigonella to understand the mission of the base from an operational point of view," Alberto Lunetta, Deputy Public Affairs Officer, said.

But it is not only the new teachers who benefited from the tour. Michael Minning, a Stephen Decatur Secondary School teacher who is here for his seventh year and has taken the tour before, said he enjoyed it. "It's excellent," he said.

"I'm in my seventh year now, they've done it twice. I don't know if they did it before I got here but if they didn't, they should have," Minning said. "This is an excellent thing because normally new people coming in don't know what's going on over here so it's very good."

SDS New Teacher Profile



Megan Ekiert

New to the DoDEA system, Ekiert moved to Sigonella from West Palm Beach, Fla., where she was an elementary science lab instructor. Ekiert is a fourth-grade teacher at Stephen Decatur Elementary School. Her first impression of Sicily: "The countryside is breath-taking and the people are very friendly."

MWR Mark Your Calendar

Sig on Display

Saturday, Sept. 18
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
NEX Parking Area and Walkway
From car and motorcycle clubs, to moms' clubs, learn what Sigonella's clubs and organizations have to offer. Browse the information tables, check out the Sicilian flag throwers and dancers, enjoy a free BBQ lunch provided by DECA and awesome sales at the NEX. Don't miss this great chance to see what our community has to offer! There is something for everyone.

Intramural Flag Football

Captain's Cup Event
Season starts Monday, Sept 20 5 pm
Marinai Field
Gear up for a serious challenge on the gridiron! Awards will be given for regular and postseason.
Men's and Women's Leagues.

**Check out
<https://infosig/mwr> for the latest
MWR info!**

Biathlon/Triathlon Captain's Cup Event

Saturday, Sept. 18
8 am NAS II Pool
Preregistration \$12
Event day registration \$15
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. Register on race day at NAS II Pool from 7:30 - 8 am.

Biathlon: 500-meter swim and 5K run
Individuals Only

Triathlon: 500-meter swim, bike 11.5 miles and 5K run
Individuals/Teams

2-on-2 Sand Volleyball Tournament

Saturday, Sept. 25 10 am
NAS II Sand Volleyball Court
Entry fee \$10
Slap on your sun block for a high-paced game in the sand. Sign up at the NAS II Gym by Thursday, September 23. T-shirts and awards will be given.

Crater Pub Opens Sundays 5 pm

Enjoy NFL games on the big screen with free popcorn and hotdogs starting at 6 pm.

Adventures Unlimited Marzamemi Fishing Trip

Saturday, Sept 18
\$75, includes a seafood lunch
We'll head out from the small port of Marzamemi until we find a good spot to anchor and bottom fish. Fishing poles, tackle and bait are included in the price but feel free to bring your own equipment. Don't forget your sun block, a towel and your camera.

Out 'n' About - Agrigento

Saturday, Sept 25
\$30/adults; \$15/ages 4-12; free/ages 0-3
Explore the Valley of Temples! Pack your camera because unforgettable photo opportunities will abound. Bring money for

lunch and entrance fees (about •35). This trip does not include a tour guide.

Teens Elephant Square & Catania Shopping

Saturday, Sept 25 9 am - 2 pm
Explore one of the most beautiful areas of Catania. Bring euro to spend. Transportation will be provided. Permission slips due Thursday, September 23.

Mineo Preteens

McDonald's in Misterbianco

Saturday, Sept 25 4 - 7pm
Enjoy this American favorite! Free transportation. Bring euro for food. Permission slips due Thursday, September 23.

Movie Schedule
Friday, Sept. 17 through Thursday, Sept. 23

Friday, September 17	Tuesday, September 21
3 pm Thunderbirds (PG) 95 min-SP	THEATER IS CLOSED ON TUESDAYS
6 pm The Village (PG-13) 108 min	
8 pm Bourne Supremacy (PG13) 109 min	Wednesday, September 22
11pm Harold and Kumar go to White Castle (R) 87 min	3 pm Around World 80 Days (PG) 120 min-LS
	6 pm Anchorman (PG13) 91 min-LS
Saturday, September 18	8:30 pm Manchurian Candidate (R) 130 min
1 pm A Cinderella Story (PG) 96 min	
3 pm King Arthur (PG13) 126 min	Thursday, September 23
6 pm Catwoman (PG13) 105 min	6 pm Alien VS Predator (PG13) 101 min-FS
8:30 pm Alien VS. Predator (PG13) 101 min	8:30 pm King Arthur (PG13) 126 min-LS
11 pm Manchurian Candidate (R) 130 min	<i>Cinema hours have changed. New hours:</i>
	Mon: 5 - 9 pm
Sunday, September 19	Tue: Closed
1 pm Thunderbirds (PG) 95 min	Wed: 11 am to 9 pm
3:30 pm Anchorman (PG13) 91 min	Thur: 5 - 9 pm
6 pm I, Robot (PG13) 114 min	Fri: 11 am - 11:30 pm
	Sat: 12 pm - 11:30 pm
Monday, September 20	Sun & Hol: 12 - 7 pm
6 pm Catwoman (PG13) 105 min	
8:30 pm Bourne Supremacy (PG13) 109 min	Note: Concession closes 30 minutes after the last movie begins.

The Crater Pub will close at 8:30 p.m. today due to scheduled power outage.



The Secretary of the Navy Gordon England, and the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard Myers, joined by his wife Mary Jo Myers, pose next to a model of a San Antonio-class amphibious dock landing ship (LPD), following the official naming ceremony for USS Arlington (LPD 24), and USS Somerset (LPD 25).

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freedom as we engage in the current war on terrorism," England said. "The courage and heroism of the people aboard those flights, and in the Pentagon, will never be forgotten by the American people, and as these ships engage in combating terrorism, they will leave a legacy that will never be forgotten by those wishing to do harm to this country."

Two previous vessels have been named Arlington. The first was a steel-hulled C1B type cargo ship operating during World War II. The second USS Arlington was a 14,500-ton major communications relay ship, originally commissioned in July 1946, which saw heavy use during the Vietnam War, including helping with communications during a June 1969 conference between U.S. President Richard Nixon and Republic of Vietnam President Thieu.

Two previous Navy ships have carried the Somerset name, as well. The first Somerset, a wooden-hulled, side-wheel ferryboat, performed blockade duty and made reconnaissance expeditions for the Union, until she was sold at public auction July 12, 1865.

The Navy acquired the second Somerset, a wooden motorboat built in 1917, April 10, 1918, under free lease from the Conservation Commission of Maryland. Designated Id. No. 2162, Somerset served on section patrol duty in the Chesapeake Bay area during World War I. After the armistice was signed, she was returned to her owner Nov. 26, 1918.

The 684-foot-long amphibious transport dock ships will be built by Northrop Grumman Ship Systems in New Orleans and will each carry a Navy crew of 363 and 699 Marines. The ships will be used to transport and land Marines, their equipment and supplies by embarked air cushions or conventional landing craft or amphibious vehicles,

augmented by helicopters or vertical take off and landing aircraft in amphibious assault, special operations or expeditionary warfare missions.

The ships will also incorporate the latest quality of life standards for the embarked Sailors and Marines, including the sit-up berth, ship services mall, a fitness center and learning resource center and electronic classroom with the flexibility to accommodate mixed gender Sailors and Marines as part of the crew and embarked troops. The design team also incorporated hundreds of suggestions and recommendations from more than 1,000 Sailors and Marines in the design for ownership process, to ensure that these ships will meet their needs throughout the first half of the 21st century.

USS Chung-Hoon Arrives in Pearl Harbor

By Lt. Jg. James McLeod,
USS Chung-Hoon Public Affairs

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (NNS) — The Navy's newest ship, the guided-missile destroyer USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), arrived Sept. 10 at her new homeport of Naval Station Pearl Harbor.

During the last week, since departing San Diego, the crew and contractors charged with bringing Chung-Hoon to life have been busy wrapping up a number of testing batteries and certifications. All of these were necessary steps along the way in ensuring the Navy's newest warfighter is fit and ready to do the job for which she was built.

Among the many trials she underwent were a battery of acoustic measurements.

According to Lt. Jg. Mike Ward, Chung-Hoon's antisubmarine warfare officer, these measurements done in conjunction with the engineering team amounted to 24 hours of continuous running back and forth in front of a hydrophone.

"Several different configurations with various combinations of equipment running were tried," Ward said. Each of these combinations were assessed at various speeds to ensure that there were no unexpected sounds coming from the ship. Ward was pleased to add, "All the measures conducted were equal or better than the average for this class of DDG."

The crew's naval surface fire support (NSFS) skills were tested to determine the accuracy of the 5-inch 62-caliber main gun aboard Chung-Hoon. During the NSFS test, more than 95 percent accuracy was achieved.

In addition, the ship had the opportunity to be introduced to the rest of the U.S. Pacific Fleet for the first time in an operational environment. Combat system links were established with other ships operating in the testing range to allow the flow of real-time data between ships.

Overall, Cmdr. Kenneth Williams, Chung-Hoon's commanding officer, was pleased with the performance of the ship and her crew.

"I was very impressed with how well-built the ship is, and how knowledgeable and well-trained the crew has become," he said. "With acoustic workups completed off San Diego," he added, "we're off to a great start to our Pacific Fleet experience."

Chung-Hoon is named in honor of Navy Cross and Silver Star for Gallantry awardee Rear Adm. Gordon Paiea Chung-Hoon.



SPORTS

Security clashes with Public Works

Story and Photos by
JOC Linda Brinkley
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The Security and the Public Works A teams collided in the Captain's Cup Intramural Softball Championship double header on Sept. 9, in front of their cheering, devoted fans.

In the first game, the Public Works team stepped to the plate with a no nonsense attitude, making the sticks and balls come together in resounding cracks, sending balls all over the field.

The first inning ended with Public Works leading 2-0. The second inning found undefeated Security coming back scoring two runs, ending the inning with 2-2.

With lots of fly ball hitting, the remaining five innings found Security making only two runs in the fifth and seventh innings. "We are making connections with the ball," said

Security Coach Sean Ozlins, "We just can't seem to get past the fly balls."

Public Works' determination not to go down without a fight continued with them scoring three runs in the fifth and four in the sixth innings. With a rally that brought another six runs home in the seventh inning the game ended with a stomp score of 16-6, guaranteeing them another chance at the championship title.

"We knew this was our last chance," said Brian Kaizer, Public Works coach. "We had no choice; we had to win the first game to get a chance at the championship title."

The play off appeared at the start to be a repeat of the first game, with Public Works scoring five runs in the first inning. Security came back in the second inning, scoring three runs. With the sixth inning ending and Public Works in the lead nine to six, Security found themselves facing the

possibility of losing the Captain's Cup Championship. "We've got to get the sticks on the balls," said Will Leach.

Going into the seventh inning of what appeared to be a lost cause, Ozolins told each batter, "Just give me a base hit."

"There's no trophy for second place," said Brad Long. "Let's win this game!"

With resounding cracks, Security responded by finally making the connections between bats and balls, dropping the ball into open spots on the field giving each batter the base they needed to swing

the game back in their favor. By batting around the order in the seventh inning Security scored seven runs, leaving the bases loaded with the third out and going into the bottom half of the inning leading by four runs.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, Public Works, with one out and the bases loaded appeared to still have a chance. A double play by Security ended the seventh inning when a hit to shortstop Ozolins was lobbed to Nau on second base, who fired it down the line to Long on first. Public Works simply didn't stand a chance; the game was over.

Security, maintaining their number one status with a 13-9 victory, walked away titled Captain's Cup Intramural Softball Champions.



Security's pitcher, Milton Connery, deep in concentration as he prepares to let the ball go for a strike in the Captain's Cup championship playoffs against Public Works.



Security second baseman Mike Nau makes the out as Robert Gibbs, tries to outrun the ball during the championship game of Captain's Cup Intramural Softball.

The Lane

2-on-2 sand volleyball

Slap on your sunblock for a high-paced game in the sand. Sign up at the NAS II Gym by Sept. 23. T-shirts and awards given. The action starts at 10 a.m. on Sept. 25 at the NAS II Sand Volleyball court. Call 624-5238 for more information.

Winter Softball League

The season starts Oct. 2 at the NAS II Ballfield. There will be a players draft today at 4 p.m. at the NAS II Gym. Step up to the plate this season. Co-ed league. Call 624-5238 for more information.

Raquetball Challenge

Play starts Oct. 18 at 11 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Sign up at either Fitness Center by Oct. 13. Heat up your game with fun. Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each league.

Call 624-5238 for more information.

Signonella Fear Factor

Date and Time TBA. You've watched the show, now try it yourself. There will be prizes. This is an Autumn Fest event. Sign up at either Fitness Center prior to the event. Call 624-5243 for more information.





Master-at-Arms: Protecting the force

Story and Photo by JO2 Steve Weaver
Staff Writer



Since events such as the USS Cole attack and the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, force protection has become a much more important buzzword among the armed forces at home and at overseas stations such as Naval Air Station Sigonella (NASSIG).

When one thinks of the term force protection, they might think of the identification checks, random car searches, building searches, fencing checks or the myriad of other things personnel in the Security Department do everyday to keep the base safe.

Most of the Sailors who perform these duties work in the Master-at-Arms (MA) rate. Since the need for more force protection measures arose, the MA rate has increased in manpower numbers and undergone a change in its area of responsibility.

"Sept. 11 came around and it shifted our whole rate," said MAC (SW) Derek Martin. It went from a law enforcement rate to a Force Protection (FP), Anti-Terrorism (AT) rate. With the influx of MA personnel that we've had, we're actually at our 10,500 limit (for the numbers of MA's). We came from 1,200 to 10,000 in a matter of two or three years. That is a huge push."

The MAs became an important part of the Navy-wide FP scheme. "We got tasked by the Department of the Navy to be the primary force for protecting ourselves, either the assets or the

personnel themselves to include family members, civilians and etc.," said MA1 (SW) Jose Santos, NASSIG Anti-Terrorism Training Officer.

"The whole reason why they wanted to bring in more MAs is because they want it emphasized that we are the ones," said Santos, "Right now we are the biggest rate in the Navy as far as manning. Because of the tasking that we have, we are the ones who are to basically protect everybody."

"Our main job right now being overseas is to protect the bases and to protect the force," said MA3 (SW) Samuel Armah. "Every installation on this base that is U.S. property is our responsibility to protect. Sept. 11 actually highlighted the main goal of our mission. We don't want it to happen to us again, so instead of being reactive we actually [want to be] proactive. We all know no matter how protected your base is, if the terrorists want to attack they will get you. Our goal is to make sure that we're taking the proactive measures to not let it happen."

"That was a big thing before Sept. 11, we were more of a reactive security force and after Sept. 11 we went more proactive," said MAC Stephen Pakola. "Our Sailors are out there all night, 24 a day being proactive to deter [harmful activity]. Instead of being reactive and sitting back waiting for things to happen then responding, we're out there being proactive sitting out, watching and always being vigilant making sure things don't happen."



One of the most visible part of a Master-at-Arm's job is the gate standing duties.

The new MA is becoming more versed in these proactive force protections measures. The Security Department at NAS Sigonella conducts main gate checks, an armed "over watch," which backs up the gate standers, physical security checks of fences, building searches, roving patrols, random AT measures and more. "Our main goal right now is surveillance," Armah said. "We make sure anything that seems suspicious is reported and the action is taken right away. We're not taking anything for granted anymore."

The MAs old realm of responsibilities focused more on the law enforcement side of the house, but things have changed. "We're focusing more on FP and less on law enforcement and unfortunately when we do that the manpower shifts," said Martin. "Seven years ago it was 80 percent law enforcement (DUIs, larcenies, gate watch, etc.) and 20 percent FP. Now times have changed. I don't think we'll go back with more terrorist organizations coming around every day and more threats against the





U.S. and its allies. On the opposite side of the coin, we can't forget about [law enforcement].

The security realm for the MAs have also become more specialized with duties such as the Military Working Dogs (MWD), Customs, Disaster Preparation, protective services, and investigators. "One good thing I would say when we went to more of a Force Protection-minded force is that we came up with a Mobile Security Force (MSF), which is totally unique," Santos said. "It's a group of MA and support people who actually deploy out to and provide security for the ships and any other places that require them that normally wouldn't have security forces."

All these programs take Sailors to make them work and places like NASSIG need every one they can get. "It seems like we have all these Master-at-Arms, but it also seems that we are continuously undermanned just for the simple fact that we have all these different FP [measures] and other missions in the Area of Responsibility that require bodies. Plus we have other things local wise in Sigonella such as different post standings, an over watch, roving patrols, and random anti-terrorism measures. All these other things that we implement take bodies and even though we have a lot of people, we have a lot of programs we have to deal with. It's kind of weird, we have all these people, but still we're tasked with doing more and more with less and less."

In an overseas environment such as NASSIG, the MA's role is even more complicated due to the rules of the host nation "We have to abide by their rules and regulations, so sometimes things

don't mesh well," Martin said. "However, we are guests here and they are our host nation so we have to follow their rules and regulations."

Things have gotten better here at Sigonella. "The American forces and Italian forces were on two different pages back then (before Sept. 11)," Pakola said. "Now we've gotten together to become one team with one fight and we're all on the same page now. We do our joint training and the Italians are always involved. Same thing, they involve us in their trainings. That way we're going to be able to better respond to any type of real world incident."

"As far as FP, Sigonella is rated one of the best as far as anti-terrorism programs go," Santos said.

FP is not just the MAs or the security community's job; it's everyone's responsibility. "Unfortunately some people forget that if I see somebody suspicious, I need to report," Martin said. "It's not security's job to go out and find this person. That's why we push our level 1 AT briefs, that's why we put out our daily readers every day, I know sometimes people get sick of hearing it, but definitely it's everybody's job."

Helping augment the security community when needed is the Auxiliary Security Force (ASF), which is comprised of Sailors from commands all over the base. "We have volunteers from almost all the tenant commands," said Armah. "They go through a 14-day training called the ASF Academy." When needed, such as an FP condition increase, the ASF will stand alongside the MAs and security forces. This illustrates that FP can be anyone's job.

With the very real terrorist threats that exist today, FP has become very important not only for the MA and security communities, but for everyone as well.



Designated driver reaps reward

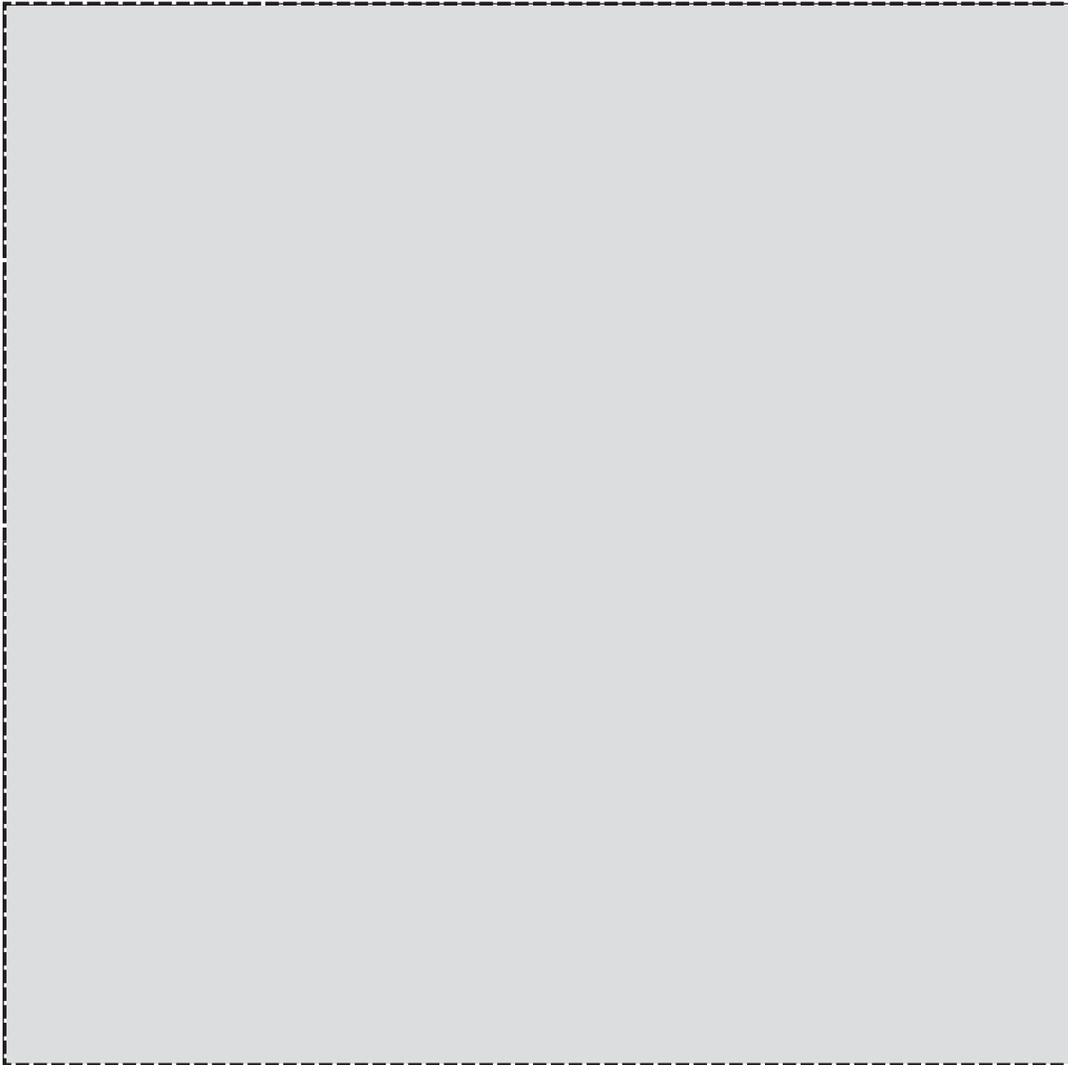


Nino Zappala (Crater Pub Assistant Manager) presents Scarlett Blackwood (AIMD) with a \$100 gift certificate to the Navy Exchange. Blackwood is the winner of the September Designated Driver drawing. Enjoy the benefits of becoming a Designated Driver yourself. Just sign up with the bar manager each night. Drawings are held on the first Friday of every month at 9 p.m. at the Crater Pub. You'll receive free non-alcoholic beverages all night, you and your friends will get home safely and you could be the next winner of a \$100 NEX gift certificate.

Sig on Display Organizations

The following organizations are scheduled for MWR's Sig on Display tomorrow from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.:

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| Boy Scouts Troop 53 | PTO | Home School Support Group |
| Single Parents Group | PTSA | Teen Center/Mineo Rec Center |
| Girl Scouts | The Base Chapel | MWR Sports and Recreation |
| Rubber Side Down (motorcycle Club) | Paint Ball Club | WICK Program |
| Mom's Club from Mineo | Red Cross | Officer Spouses Club |
| Free Masons | U. Maryland | SAW's |
| Rising Stars | U. Phoenix | CFC |
| Phil Am | U. Central Texas | Navy Ball |
| CAU | Emery Riddle | |





Off the beaten path

Off roading and hiking the largest active volcano in Europe

Story and Photos by
JOC Linda Brinkley
Staff Writer

Mount Etna (Etna) was the hiking site recently for personnel from Naval Air Station Sigonella. A group of 11 military and DOD civilians took the chance to sign up for the tour.

The Etna Off-Road Slam tour, sponsored by Information, Tours and Travel (ITT), is where you can get up close and personal, so to speak, with Etna and its lava. Listed as "moderate to strenuous hiking, I strongly recommend that you do not try the tour in sandals.

With a Sicilian tour guide and drivers, who have been taking daily tours up Etna for at least eight years, we left the Sigonella Inn, near NAS I at 8:00 a.m. The group began to wonder just what we had signed up for when the advertised "off-road tour bus" turned out to be two British Land Rovers that, when opened, revealed hard hats and climbing ropes.

At approximately 3,350 meters (nearly 11,000 ft) above sea level Etna is Europe's highest active volcano. Approximately 25 miles from NAS II, the volcano covers an area of 1,190 kilometers - approximately 460 square miles.

The volcano's name, Etna, comes from the Greek Aitne, from *aitno*, meaning "I burn". The Roman name for her was Actna.

In Greek mythology, Etna was identified as the location of the forge of Vulcan, home of the Cyclopes, where the giant Enceladus slumbered. The earthquakes are said to be his motions and the eruptions his fiery breath. There have been about 90 eruptions since recordkeeping began in the 18th century. The 1993 eruption was the largest in 300 years. The frequency and long recorded history of eruptions make Etna one of the most studied volcanoes in the world. The last eruption from Etna was in 2002.

Heading up the north side of the volcano, our first stop was a peak where only a wee-bit of climbing up an ash-covered hill was required. The reward was a spectacular view of the valley below and Etna in front of us. What awaited us after the first little trek was a very tasty breakfast treat and nice Etna wine or water if you preferred.

At our second stop, the Land Rovers were opened, hard hats, ropes and flashlights were handed to us as we glanced nervously at each



Top: The lead off-road vehicle traverses the countryside. Above left: Lead by their Adventures Unlimited tour guide, 11 military and DOD personnel hike up a trail on one of the northern slopes of Mount Etna. Above Right: ATCS (AW) Tom Coleridge, HC-4, sits on the edge of a lava vent created by the 2002 Mount Etna eruption to get just the right angle for his photograph of the 75 ft. deep crater. Left: Carrie Strick (left) and Laura Taylor from VP-16 take a moment to look down into a 75 ft. vent. Right: A view from inside one of the off-road vehicles.





other, not knowing for sure just what we were in for. After a short walk, we were treated to our first lava cave and with the help of ropes descended down into the cavern. There we quickly learned what the hard hats were for. After moving from the initial entrance, you had to almost crawl on your hands and knees or duck walk because the ceiling was so low. I can only say that I was glad they made us wear hard hats because I knocked my head several times. The flashlights our escorts carried were the only light in the cave.

Our next stop was the hiking part of the tour. Leaving the Land Rovers, we started up Etna, hiking nearly two miles to a point approximately 1800 meters or six thousand feet where we saw splotches of green shrubbery growing in otherwise black barren stone. Looking like a soft cushion, the shrub was as sharp and had the feeling of lying on a bed of straight pins. While some of the group hiked about another mile or so up to the top of the hill and around a summit before coming back down, I personally didn't feel the need to go any further.

We were taken next to a lava bed from the 2002 eruption, which had taken out many of the roads going up Etna. This is where the true off-roading began. As our driver geared down, putting the Land Rover into four-wheel mode, he laughingly told us to hold on and hit the gas sending us climbing up the lava bed. There were places where we couldn't tell if we were on a road or not. We left the vehicles at one point and were able to get a closer look at the lava bed.

After moving only a couple of stones off the top, we picked up pieces of lava that were still so hot, you couldn't hold them for more than a couple of minutes before getting yourself a very nice burn. Deciding to see how hot the lava actually was, a bottle of water was poured onto the lava. The water immediately began to boil and steam could be seen rising like it was coming from of a steam engine.

What was amazing about the area was that you'd be standing next to a dead tree and less than a foot away there would this beautiful greenery, seemingly growing out of rock and surrounded by lava. We saw churches that had been in the lava path and one could see where the lava bed ran up the sides and back of the church, forming almost a wrap going around it,

yet never damaging the church itself. We also saw houses that had been in the lava path with the lava bed actually running through the windows.

Next stop...lunch. We stopped at Rifugio Ristorante for a fantastic Sicilian lunch and a bit of relaxation, all included in the price of the tour. Then we left Etna for what was listed as off roading in the hills of Bove Valley, but where I'm from, it was simply old-fashioned four-wheeling at its best.

We took to old railroad beds climbing around the hills where some of the tracks were so narrow the Land Rovers barely fit the path. Traveling across the mountain, going through tunnels where water reached midpoint of the wheels we went through some of the most remote areas and breath-taking views that I have ever seen. At points, when you looked down all you saw was a vast drop. At one of the highest points, we were overlooking the picturesque city of Castiglione di Sicilia.

AZ1 (AW) Daniel Rodriguez, VP16, described the tour as, "A bumpy, breathtaking ride off the paved roads around Mt. Etna that takes one to caves, calderas, gorges, volcanic vents, damaged villages and still-warm lava flows. At times, it almost seemed to become a roller-coaster ride as the Land Rover bounded over basaltic rocks, scooted through former railroad track tunnels, and raced along narrow escarpments."

Our last stop before heading home was the Alcantara Gorge. While some of us were content to pull off our shoes and simply soak our very tired and aching feet, others were not. ATCS



The city of Castiglione di Sicilia can be seen from the a hill during the Siam Tour's Etna Off-Road adventure sponsored by ITT.

(AW) Tom Coleridge, HC-4, just couldn't get enough by soaking his feet and decided to go swimming, jeans and all. "The water was breath-taking," said Coleridge. Tom was prepared though, he had brought extra clothing with him.... just in case.

The ride back to Sigonella Inn was a quite one with everyone reflecting back over the day, storing memories to tell their friends. When asked if they would recommend the tour to their friends, all 11 answered with a resounding yes.

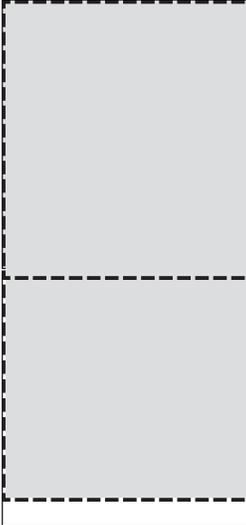
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1987 VW Golf, 5-speed, 2 door hatchback. Current safety inspection, AM/FM CD, new brakes, new clutch, clean interior, all right body. Reliable transportation, maintenance receipts in glove-box. Good island car. \$1,350 O.B.O. Call Kyle at x3642.

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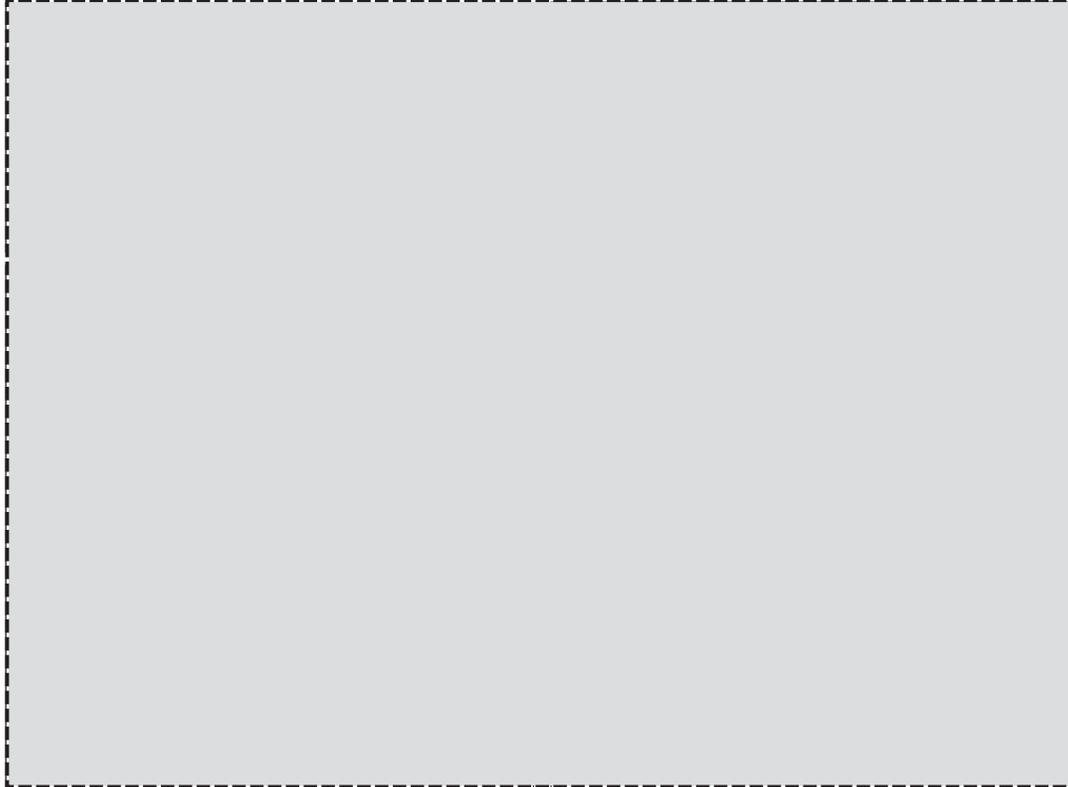
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1990 Opel Corsa, good condition, a good basic commuter car. Asking \$850. Call Mr. Shaw at x3810.

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Pets

Free to good home: Female Pit bull, 2 yrs old and sweet as can be. Good with kids and other animals. Comes with kennel, brushes, nail clippers, 2 collars, and 2 leashes. Landlord doesn't like dogs so I have to let her go. Don't judge a dog by its breed, judge a dog by the dog. Call Jonathan Cell: 348-8567778 Home: 095-463002.

Free to a good home: black and white kitten around 10 weeks old. Friendly, VERY playful, and loves to cuddle. All shots are up to date and has chip. He is on the list to be declawed and neutered, but you do not have to have it done. Comes with toys, litter box and food accessories, but no animal carrying

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Free orange and white male kitten born June 27. If interested please call Virginia 340-599562.

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Two systems for the price of one! A Pentax Optio 230 digital camera (2.0 megapixel) with color LCD screen and a JVC digital signal processing compact VHS Pro-cision 5-head camcorder with a 2.5 inch color LCD monitor for \$300.00. Complete with all accessories and boxes. Call 624-2821 or 624-1207.

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Yard Sale

Mineo yard sale Saturday Sept 18th, 8 a.m. - 11:30 a.m., 1060-A Continuation. Lots of toddler toys, Little tykes picnic table, slide, boys clothes (size 2-3T), girls clothes (size 8-10), VHS tapes, CD's, Playstation stuff. Just cleaning out and making room for winter. Lots of misc. stuff.

Yard Sale at 1028 C Enterprise in Mineo, Saturday, September 18. Books, baby items and clothing, clothing for women and children in assorted sizes, Playstation 1 w/ games and Super Nintendo w/ games and more.

Multi-family yard sale Saturday, September 25 from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. Numerous items ranging from kids clothes and toys to TV's, 2305 - C and 2305 - D, Via Etna, Marinai Housing.

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