



# The Signature

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### TOP STORIES

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**F**all in Sicily means fun for everyone. Festivals in the Etna area let you enjoy chestnuts, wine, mushrooms, salicce (sausages), apples and more as well as arts and crafts booths and live music.

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**T**he Sigonella Swordfish Swim Team held their last home meet of the season last Sunday at the NAS II pool.

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**W**hen one hears the words 'Red Cross' most of us automatically think of blood drives and disaster relief. But when the American military person hears those same words, their first thoughts are of a resource haven.

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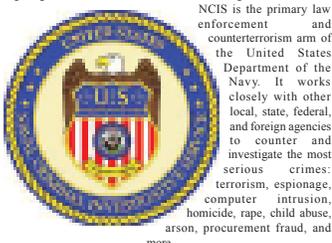
## NCIS Not just a TV show

By Lt. Steve Curry  
Public Affairs Officer

In a dangerous and complex world, threats against America and its military forces continue to proliferate and evolve.

Standing between these threats and the people, families, and assets of the Navy and Marine Corps is a unique, highly-trained, and effective team of special agents, investigators, forensic experts, security specialists, analysts, and support personnel: NCIS, the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

Sounds like a TV show doesn't it? Well, it is a TV show on CBS, but here at Naval Air Station Sigonella, it's real life crime-fighting for the men and women of the NCIS Sigonella office.



NCIS is the primary law enforcement and counterterrorism arm of the United States Department of the Navy. It works closely with other local, state, federal, and foreign agencies to counter and investigate the most serious crimes: terrorism, espionage, computer intrusion, homicide, rape, child abuse, arson, procurement fraud, and more.

NCIS is the Navy's primary source of security for the men, women, ships, planes, and resources of America's seagoing expeditionary forces worldwide. NCIS maintains a worldwide presence operating from 14 field offices, including one operational unit dedicated to counterespionage, and more than 140 individual locations around the globe.

The NCIS Europe Field Office is located in Naples, Italy, and provides support to approximately 16,500 military personnel, DoD civilians and their dependents. The field office's area of responsibility stretches through Europe and beyond, including the Balkans, the Mediterranean, Scandinavia, Iceland, the Russian North and Black Sea, North Africa (less Egypt) all African countries bordering the Atlantic Ocean, the Central African Republic, Mali, Chad, Niger, Zambia, Zaire, and Israel.

The Europe Field Office is a full-service field office, and agents stationed there work in a range of functional areas, including general crimes, economic crimes, protective services operations, counterterrorism investigations and operations, force protection operations, computer investigations and operations, Domestic Violence Units (DVU), and Major Case Response Teams (MCRT).

Supervisory Special Agent Dan D'Ambrosio pointed out that he came to NCIS from the Virginia Beach Police Department where he served as a Narcotics/Vice Detective for three and a half years. He said, "I am very passionate about my work and very



NCIS agents are frequently assigned protection details around the world.

honored that I get to work closely with and support the operational Navy. There is nothing I would rather do, and I am consistently impressed by the high level of professionalism and expertise of Navy personnel."

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## Changes in flight schedules PE

Alexis James  
Staff Writer

If you're thinking of going back to the States on an Air Mobility Command (AMC) flight (commonly called MAC flights), you may want to closely evaluate your travel plans before you make the trip. These flights, which used to run four times a month, are now flying only once every other week.

Says Lt. Cmdr. Tim McKenzie, Air Terminal Officer, "We're trying to maximize utilization, it was flying about 50 percent full." He says people who were making a permanent change of station (PCS) made up only half of the people on the planes—the other half were space available. And, he continues, "Space available flights are a privilege, but it's not what this aircraft is contracted to do."

So as of the first of October, the Patriot Express will only be coming into Sigonella two Tuesdays a month. McKenzie attributes this to a tighter budget: "Money's tight, they don't want to pay for an aircraft to fly twice as often. So they're going to fly it full twice a month rather than half full every week."

What about Sigonellans who want to take advantage of the space-available privilege and fly back home? Air terminal personnel don't seem too concerned about the cut-back. "There will be less space on the Patriot Express—a lot less," says McKenzie, "but there are other aircraft that are flying space-

available missions." According to McKenzie, AMC plans to increase C-17 missions through the area, and these planes are expected to pick up some of the people who don't get on a Patriot Express flight. "The waiting time (for a flight) is not too long, simply because we have those channel missions," says Grazia Nicosia, passenger service supervisor for A1gense.

Nicosia warns travelers not to get their hopes too high. "Category six, category five, that have the bottom priority, they may have some difficulty." And keep in mind everything is still space-available. Some of the additional flights are scheduled on a weekly basis, Nicosia explains, but others just happen to fly through, picking up lucky passengers who were in the right place at the right time. And of course, "The problem is when they schedule maintenance sometimes—and we have a lot of those cases—and they postpone the mission," she says. Or, "They could change the routing at the very last minute and that is not appreciated by passengers."

There's no denying the fact that even before the cut-back, many people didn't appreciate the days they had to wait to catch a flight. Now these cuts could further be seen as a traveling roadblock. Nicosia hints at the possibility that during the busiest seasons, AMC may add more flights. Like the upcoming holiday period: "We're expecting more space-

A traffic," says Nicosia, "Just for the month of December they may increase (flights). She says most space-A traffic occurs between the end of June and the beginning of August, but believes it's too early to say if there will be additional flights during these months next year.

As for the Patriot Express' intended use—fewer Patriot Express flights may mean fewer people will be able to PCS using this plane, and will have to take commercial flights. But McKenzie doesn't think this will become another budgeting issue, "Most of these people are going to get on these flights." He doesn't

anticipate that the Navy will have to pay for very many PCSers to fly commercial. "These are special cases where people... will have to go commercial."

Those that opt for the roughly twenty-dollar price tag as opposed to a commercial fare for their personal travel will inevitably have to deal with some set-backs, but, says Nicosia, "The main aim is... satisfying passenger requests." She continues, "Giving them the assurance that when they step out of the terminal they're satisfied with the service." Not a bad deal for 25.70.



A screen at the NASSIG Air Terminal shows incoming and outgoing flights.



## Direct Line

**Capt. Joe Stuyvesant  
NASSIG  
Commanding Officer**

Happy 229th Birthday Shipmates! Yes, it's our birthday and we're going to celebrate it in style at the Navy Ball tomorrow night in Catania.

The United States Navy traces its origins to the Continental Navy, which the Continental Congress established on Oct. 13, 1775. All together, the Continental Navy numbered some fifty ships over the course of the war, with approximately twenty warships active at its maximum strength.

Since 1972, each Chief of Naval Operations has encouraged a Navy-wide celebration to enhance a greater appreciation of our Navy heritage, and to provide a positive influence toward pride and professionalism in the naval service.

We currently have 299 ships, over 4,000 aircraft, over 380,000 men and women on active duty, over 150,000 in the reserve components and about 185,000 civilian employees. Right now, over 45 percent of our ships are deployed to various regions around the globe.

The Navy and Marine Corps Team provide the nation with a continuous, adaptable, and active instrument of security policy with which to promote stability and project maritime power. Forward-deployed, combat-credible expeditionary naval forces are important to shaping the global security environment; helping assure access to regions of vital interest; and permitting timely and frequently the initial crisis response, from the sea. The ability to reassure friends and allies, deter potential adversaries, and, when called upon, engage in combat at all levels of intensity makes the Navy-Marine Corps Team especially useful to the Nation in peace, crisis, and war.

We have a great relationship with our host nation, our base counterparts and friends. We will continue to work side-by-side doing our mission with the best resources we have...you! We must continue to be vigilant, committed and dedicated. We still have an important job to do! And we can't do it without you.

Thank you for everything you do for your department, this base, the Navy and our nation. Happy Birthday Shipmates and happy birthday to the Navy!

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

## Aviles Sworn in as 30th Under Secretary of the Navy

Department of the Navy

Secretary of the Navy Gordon England swore in Dionel M. Aviles as the 30th under secretary of the Navy in an informal ceremony held in the Pentagon last week. A formal ceremony will be scheduled at a later date. In this capacity Aviles serves as the deputy and principal assistant to the secretary of the Navy and acts with full authority of the secretary in the day-to-day management of the Department of the Navy.

"It is a great honor and privilege to continue to serve our outstanding sailors and Marines—they are truly the world's finest. I am grateful for this opportunity and look forward to continuing to work with the senior leadership of the Department of Defense, the Navy and Marine Corps, and the Congress to transform our maritime forces to better address the challenges we will face in the future," said Aviles.

Prior to his appointment, Aviles was assistant secretary of the Navy for financial management and comptroller. From 1995-2001, he was a professional staff member on the Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives. Aviles also served as a budget examiner in the National Security Division of the Office of Management and Budget in the Executive Office of the President. He is a Navy veteran and holds a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from the U.S. Naval Academy and a master's degree in business administration from George Washington University.



Traffic tickets issued from Sept. 20 though Sept. 26.  
Number of tickets in parenthesis.

### (2) Violation 32: Other moving violation

## Traffic Statistics

Oct. 4 - Oct. 11

Traffic accidents with injuries: 1  
Traffic accidents without injuries: 10  
Car break-ins: 2  
DUI/DWI: 0  
DUI/DWIs 2004: 24  
DUI/DWIs 2003: 58

<b>Commanding Officer</b> Capt. Joe Stuyvesant	<b>Deputy Public Affairs Officer</b> Alberto Lunetta	<b>Volunteers</b> Alexis James
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# HEALTH WATCH

## Spotlight on the provider

Courtesy USNH Sigonella

Cmdr. Alan Finley is the new Obstetrician and Gynecologist at U.S. Naval Hospital Sigonella. His father was career Air Force so Finley lived in England, Japan and Germany as a dependent. Finley enlisted in the U.S. Navy after high school and served on board the USS Hancock (CVA-19) and at Mare Island in California. He graduated from the University of California Berkeley with a degree in Civil Engineering and served both on active duty and in the ready reserve as a Civil Engineer Corps Officer. While on active duty he served at Naval Training Center Orlando and with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Five (NMCB 5).

He attended the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific and upon graduation entered active duty for

the third time. Finley completed an internship in internal medicine at the U.S. Naval Medical Center in San Diego followed by two years aboard the USS Cleveland (LPD-7) as a General Medical Officer. He then returned to the U.S. Naval Medical Center San Diego where he completed a four-year residency in obstetrics and gynecology. He is married to Capt. Teresa Brennan, a family practice physician also reporting for duty at U.S. Naval Hospital Sigonella at the Flight Line Clinic. Together they have three children Tory (age 10), Carson (age four) and Sierra (age two) who they adopted from Guatemala.

Finley has earned the respect and admiration of the many patients he has taken care in San Diego and looks forward to being another excellent physician for Sigonella's family. Lt. Carlos Quezada, an obstetrician and



**Cmdr. Alan Finley is the new obstetrician and Gynecologist at USNH Sigonella**

gynecologist at U.S. Naval Hospital Sigonella, reports that he admires Finley's patient skills and strong following of patients.

## NJP Results

E6: (Frooked): Violation of the UCMJ, Art. 92 (Violation of lawful written order.)

Awarded restriction to the limits of U.S. Naval Air Station Sigonella for 15 days; extra duties for 15 days; reduction to next inferior pay grade (suspended for six months); and forfeitures of \$945 pay per month for a period of one month (suspended for 6 months). Note! Commanding Officer withdrew member's recommendation for advancement to First Class Petty Officer until Dec. 31, 04.

E5: Violation of the UCMJ, Art. 92 (Violation of lawful written order.)

Awarded restriction to the limits of NASSIG for 30 days; extra duties for 30 days; reduction to next inferior pay grade (suspended for six months); and forfeitures of \$945 pay per month for a period of one month (suspended for six months).

E2: Violation of the UCMJ, Art. 92 (Violation of lawful order), Art. 121 (Larceny), and Art. 134 (Unauthorized pass offense).

Awarded restriction to the limits of NASSIG for 30 days; extra duties for 30 days; reduction to next inferior pay grade; forfeitures of \$596 pay per month for a period of two months (suspended for 6 months).

## The spiritual journey and reverse Bodhisattvas



**By Beth  
Stallinga  
Command  
Chaplain**

Have you ever dealt with someone in your life who is very hard to get along with? Dealing with difficult people is one of the toughest parts of trying to live a spiritual life. Jesus teaches us to love our enemies, but that's not so easy to do when we're face to face with someone who's spewing venom. Whether it's someone who's merely annoying or someone who's "toxic," the truest measure of our spiritual development may be the degree to which we can deal with these people skillfully and compassionately.

In the book "The Zen Teachings of Jesus," Kenneth S. Leong suggests that instead of seeing the difficult people in our lives as enemies or as people to avoid, we might begin to see them as "reverse bodhisattvas."

In Buddhism, an enduring religion followed by 350 million people worldwide and believed to be the fastest growing religion in the United States, bodhisattvas are people who have already found their own enlightenment. Rather than leaving earthly existence behind in favor of Nirvana, they choose to be reborn so they can lead others to enlightenment. According to Leong, the mission of "reverse bodhisattvas" is "to enlighten others through creating difficulties, challenges, and hardships."

In other words, the difficult people in our lives might actually turn out to be our most important teachers! What might happen in our lives if we were to start seeing difficult people this way? Whenever we find ourselves hating someone, we might see it as an

opportunity to look at what that person is teaching us about our own spiritual and emotional development — or lack thereof.

This might be a good season for trying this with some of the politicians — whether on the left or the right. Instead of intensifying our energy of hate, we might ask, "What can I learn from this person?" If we accept the idea that God's providence is at work in the unfolding of events in our lives and in the world, we might reflect on why God has put certain people in our lives. And we might be reminded of the Divine sense of humor!

Besides enjoying us to love our enemies, Jesus even goes so far as to urge us to pray for those who persecute us. This is much like the 12 Step process of praying for those toward whom we hold resentments — even if we don't mean it at first. The idea is that our continued prayers will eventually dissolve the hatred that's blocking our hearts and one day we may be surprised at the sincerity of our prayers. Maybe we can even offer prayers of thanksgiving for the important lessons these people are teaching us.

I know it's a bit of a stretch, and I can't claim that I'm always in that spiritual place, but whenever I am able to do this, a whole new world unfolds. It's like Paul said, "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new." (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Maybe we should give it a try? The difficult people in our lives won't go away. Even if they do, there are always others who'll take their place. Why not try seeing them as "reverse bodhisattvas" and use those challenges as a catalyst to jump-start our spiritual development?

Besides, aren't we all difficult people at least some of the time?

## 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 (Mines)

**Protestant Traditional Service**

Sunday 11 a.m. Fellowship Hall (NAS I)

**Protestant Worship**

Sunday 9 a.m. Community Center (Mines)

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

## Navy's Top Three Recognize Navy's 229th Birthday



Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) Terry Scott, right, looks on as Secretary of the Navy (SECNAV), the Honorable Gordon England, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO), Adm. Vern Clark, join Seaman Anthony J. Tobias as they commemorate the Navy's upcoming 229th Birthday, celebrated annually on Oct. 13, during a cake-cutting ceremony held in the Pentagon. Traditionally, the oldest and youngest Sailors assigned to a command cut the cake. The CNO took duties as the oldest Sailor present while Seaman Tobias participated as the youngest Sailor.

*From Chief of Naval Operations Public Affairs*

WASHINGTON (NNS) - Secretary of the Navy Gordon England, Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Vern Clark, and Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Terry Scott (SS/AW) joined more than 100 Sailors, Marines and Department of the Navy civilian employees to commemorate the Navy's upcoming 229th birthday during a cake-cutting ceremony in the Pentagon Oct. 4.

Traditionally, the oldest and youngest Sailors assigned to a command cut the cake. Clark took duties as the oldest Sailor present, while Seaman Anthony J. Tobias, an Intelligence Specialist assigned to Director, Naval Intelligence, participated as the youngest Sailor.

"What a privilege it is to be here with you today, alongside men and women who chose to live a life of service," Clark said. He also thanked the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. Michael Hagee, for attending the ceremony.

Secretary of the Navy Gordon England cut the first

slice of cake. "This is a wonderful time to be celebrating 229 years of people in our great Navy, who have protected and defended freedom and liberty for us and all nations around the world. Thank you for what you do for all of us."

The CNO said he was thrilled to be able to work alongside men and women who have made the decision to live the lifestyle of service, and that the fleet is ready to face the challenges ahead.

"I am absolutely convinced that as we work in this next year, the challenges are clear before us," Clark said. "We will continue to be engaged in this global war on terrorism; we will continue to commit ourselves to create options for the President of the United States; and we will continue to commit ourselves to be a great joint-team player alongside our number one joint partner, the United States Marine Corps."

"To everyone of you that's part of this team, Happy Birthday," Clark said.

## Navy UAV takes flight

Photo courtesy of Northrop Grumman

Designated N-1, the first Global Hawk unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) slated for the Navy's Global Hawk Maritime Demonstration (GHMD) program, took flight for the first time on Oct. 6, 2004. The vehicle flew for approximately four hours from the Northrop Grumman Palmdale, Calif., production facility to Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. GHMD will demonstrate the system's ability to support naval maritime surveillance missions and will operate from Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Md., beginning next summer.

### 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.

#### Family Subsistence Supplemental Allowance

*Courtesy NASSIG FFSC*

FSSA is designed to remove the member's household from eligibility for benefits under the food stamp program. The FSSA program is voluntary and members must apply and be certified to receive FSSA. FSSA is a non-taxable supplemental subsistence allowance not to exceed \$500. FSSA income may jeopardize a household's participation in certain programs where eligibility is based on income, such as: subsidized school lunch programs, WIC program, day care programs, and earned income tax credit. If the member participates in the food stamp program, FSSA income must be reported to the food stamp office.

Eligibility is based on the member's household size and income. If a member's gross income (including OHA, even if assigned to govt. quarters) of the entire household is within 130 percent of the poverty line, that member is entitled to FSSA. Review NAVADMIN 224/04 and visit [www.bupers.navy.mil/pers2/n130/n130.htm](http://www.bupers.navy.mil/pers2/n130/n130.htm) for the instructional guide, updates, and monthly gross income limits that apply.

Members must fill out an application, provide required documentation, submit to command FSSA Coordinator (each command must have a coordinator designated), sign a counseling page 13, have Commanding Officer certify, and submit to Chief of Naval Operations (N130) for approval.

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## Take charge of your checkbook!

**Attend a Personal Financial Management Class presented by the Fleet and Family Support Center and Navy Marine Corps Relief Society Money Management for Life Tuesday, Oct. 19 8:30-11:30 a.m. FFSC Classroom Bldg. 319, NAS I Military personnel and civilians are welcome! Call 624-4291 to sign up today!**

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## The Energy Block

Fall is now upon us and some are going to be kicking up those heaters soon. To get the best efficiency it is important to replace or clean the air filters from last year. Most can be taken outside and gently knocked on the side of the palm or sprayed with a water hose. What this does is allow contaminants to be knocked loose and put back out of the house. Providing a much cleaner and restrictive air flow, thus allowing the heater less of an operating strain. Base housing provides maintenance personnel who schedule this.

By reducing the temperature setting of the hot water heater from 140 degrees to 120 degrees F, one could save over 18 percent of the energy used at the higher setting. Even reducing the setting 10 degrees will save more than six percent in water-heating energy.

Not only do these 100 gallon tanks have ample storage but you are lessening the chances of burning the children. Remember: No individual raindrop ever considers itself responsible for the flood.

**Let's use, not abuse**

### News Briefs

#### Instructors needed

Central Texas College-Sigonella is seeking applications for classroom instructors in the following fields:

- Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Professions, Emergency Medical Technology, Food Services Management, Paralegal Studies, Fire Sciences, Automotive Technology and Applied Management.

If you have education and experience in one of these fields, please stop by the CTC office or contact your local representative at DSN 624-4306 or CIV 0039 (0)95-56-4306

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 Central Texas College is an equal opportunity employer.

#### Women's Enrichment Group

Sponsored by FFSC. A time limited, structured, process oriented approach to self-esteem, self-empowerment, and boundaries impacting social and work place functioning.

Criteria: Women, AD and FM that have experienced past abuse that interferes with their ability to function successfully in relationships, and current life situations. Time Frame: Oct. 29 to Dec. 3. Duration: Six weeks, meeting Friday afternoons.

For further information or to sign up please contact HMD, Saran at 624-4840 or Ms. Walker at 624-4291.

#### Commissary closures

Signonella and Mineo Commissaries will be closed all day, on Wednesday, Oct. 20 for a command function. We will re-open for regular operational hours on Thursday morning.

We apologize to all our customers for the inconvenience, and encourage them to plan accordingly for this closure.

#### AOSC donations

AOSC would like to help the community by donating money to different organizations on base. We will be accepting letters for donations. These letters should be mailed to the following address for consideration:

AOSC  
 PSC 824 NAS I  
 General Delivery  
 FPO, AE 09623  
 Attn: Budget and Welfare

The deadline for the letters for donations is October 31. We will be reviewing your letters at our Nov. 2, AOSC Board meeting. If you have any questions regarding the letter for donations, please e-mail [aoscigonella@yahoo.com](mailto:aoscigonella@yahoo.com).

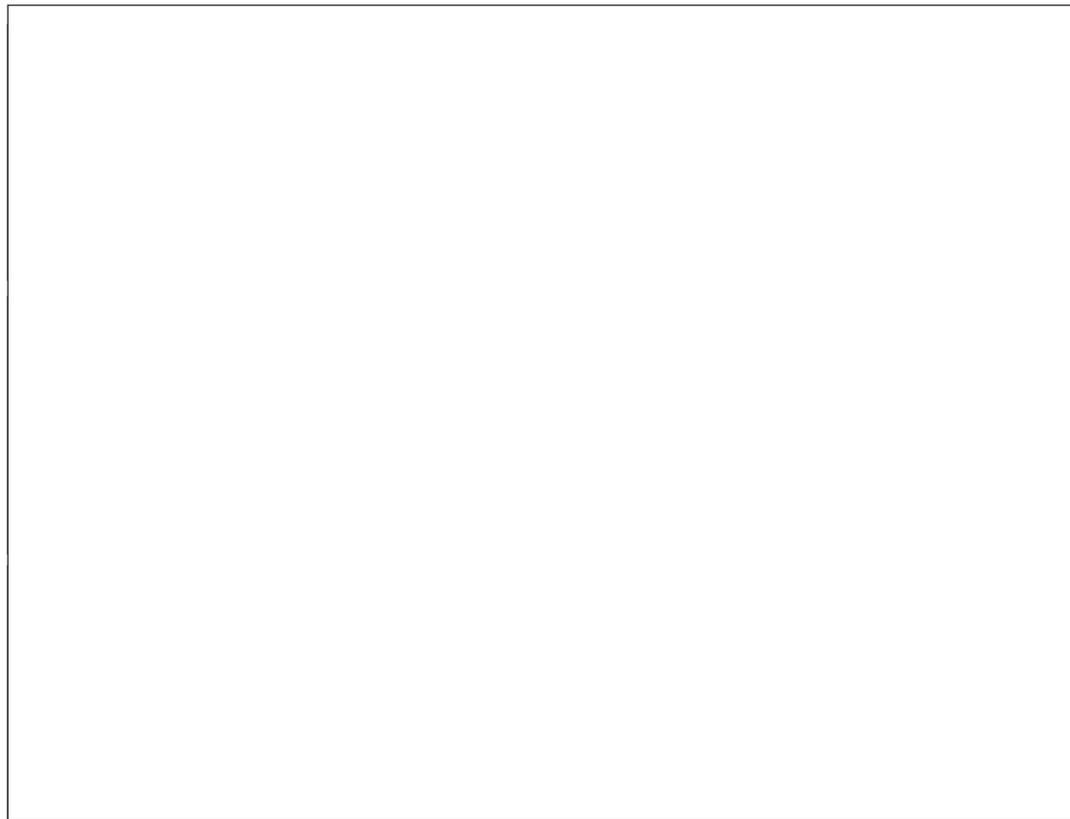
SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

October

15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Hispanic Heritage Month Fashion Show 5 p.m. DoDDs multipurpose room	Navy Ball See your Navy Ball command rep. for ticket information	Wine Tasting & Grape Harvest at Winery & Ottobrata Festival ITT Call 624-4777	PTO Meeting 2:45 p.m. Rm. 211 DARE program presentation	Healthy Pregnancy, Healthy Baby Course Red Cross 4:15-7:15 p.m. Call 624-4900	Babysitter Training Red Cross 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 624-4900	Photo Safari Meeting 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Old Teen Center Call 624-4396	Palermo Baroque & Shopping ITT Call 624-4777	Youth CPR Day Red Cross 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Call 624-4900
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
WWII Battle Tour & Carrubo Agrituristic Farm ITT Call 624-4777	BINGO 6:30 p.m. Crater Pub	Volunteer Orientation Red Cross Call 624-4900	9-Ball Pool Tournament Crater Pub 7 p.m.	Photo Safari Meeting 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Old Teen Center behind NAS I Gym	Autumn Fest 3 p.m. - Midnight Community Center parking area	Autumn Fest Noon - Midnight Community Center parking area	Halloween Daylight Savings Time Ends Turn clocks back one hour at 1 a.m.	Uniform change, switch to Navy blues
	1	2	3	4	5	6		
		Election Day	Sharks Pool Tournament Jox Sports Bar 7 p.m.	Golf Tourney Meeting 4 - 5 p.m. Jox Sports Bar Call 624-5238		2-Day Golf Tourney Tee time 9 a.m. Il Picciolo Club Call 624-5238		

	Sat., Oct. 16	Sun., Oct. 17	Tues., Oct. 19	Thurs., Oct. 21	Fri., Oct. 22
<b>Community Call</b> <b>Fri., Oct. 15</b> Enjoy Karaoke at Jox Sports Bar from 8 to 11 p.m. There is also a free Pizza Party at 9 p.m.	See the Grand Cathedral and explore the catacombs. Then visit Monreale, a majestic church in biblical themes. Call ITT at 624-4396 for more information.	Visit a winery where you'll enjoy a wine tasting and witness the grape harvesting underway. Then we're off to Zafferana for the Ottobrata Festival, Sicily's version of Oktoberfest. Be sure to bring euro for shopping and food. Call ITT 624-4396 for more information.	Xbox, spades, poker, dominoes, foosball... Take 5 has it all. Come to Take 5 at 6 p.m. for their Tournament Tuesdays. Free pizza and sodas for everyone. Call Take 5 at 624-2034 for more information.	Learn to cook Sicilian cuisine in the traditional setting of an agrituristic farm in Mascali. You will be welcomed into a home and garden and take a lesson in a large professional kitchen. You'll have a chance to lend a hand in the preparation of all dishes. Call 624-4396 for more information.	Discover the baroque side of Palermo: Palazzo Mirto and the Church of St. Salvatore (once desecrated and used as an auditorium). You'll also visit the Church of Gesu, the first church founded by the Jesuits. Call ITT at 624-4396 for more information.





Make a World of Difference



Support the charity of your choice.

4 October to 3 December

2004 Combined Federal Campaign



www.cfcoverseas.org

# CFC Charities and a Caring Community Give a Child a Future

*Courtesy CFC Overseas*

Kaiserslautern, Germany - In 1973, then Air Force Staff Sergeant Joseph Woodard and his wife Liesel welcomed their son Kevin into the world. Life was good for the young family until about a year later, when the Woodards discovered that Kevin had some disabilities. At the time, their military medical benefits were limited and it became clear that Kevin needed specialized services that were beyond the scope of their current health plan.

When Kevin was four years old, the Woodards found a facility that could help. Although they both had good-paying jobs at the time of the treatment, their son's medical care, special dietary needs, private school and transportation to and from the treatment facility cost more than half of their combined salaries. Most of their savings had already been spent just looking for the help their son needed, and the military was unable to provide adequate financial aid. The outlook was grim, the options limited and the stress and anxiety the couple felt were tremendous.

A friend suggested a CFC participating charity that could help. This organization found three more private organizations and one military organization that provided financial assistance. With all this support, the Woodards paid only 25 percent of the total treatment cost. "I can't tell you how much this meant to my family," Liesel Woodard said. "Knowing that others cared enough to help us was a huge boost for our family. We were able to concentrate on getting our son cared for and giving him a chance for the future."

In 1997, 24-year-old Kevin Woodard was married, and in the fall of 2002 welcomed his first child. "I don't know if this could have been possible without the years of specialized treatment that our son received," said Kevin's grateful mother. "Thanks to these special CFC charities and a caring community, we were able to give our child a future."

"I know firsthand how important charities are. Difficult situations can happen to anyone. First you are a contributor, then something happens and you become a recipient. My husband and I have contributed and will continue to contribute to the CFC."

## CFC Charity Offers Girls Leadership Program

*Courtesy CFC Overseas*

Camp Zama, Japan - Serving overseas can be a rewarding experience that comes with a unique set of challenges. Military and civilian personnel and their families enjoy the benefits of living abroad, but sometimes miss out on unique opportunities available to American children back home.

One CFC participating charity seeks to fill that need by offering a program designed to meet the developmental, educational and social needs and interests of young girls. The program's aim is to help the participants develop qualities of responsible leadership and citizenship.

Because of contributions donated through the 2003 CFC-O, 50 girls received summer camp scholarships in Okinawa and mainland Japan, and three teenage girls were awarded scholarships to attend a three-week-long educational trip to the Costa Rican rainforest.

In addition, the CFC charity paid a portion of the expenses for 150 adult volunteers from South Korea, Okinawa and Japan to attend an annual training conference last January to help them become better leaders and volunteer managers.



By Alberto Lunetta  
*Signature Staff*

# Italian News

Sicilian culture and lifestyle

## Fall festival in Trecastagni

Fall in Sicily means fun for everyone. Festivals in the Etna area let you enjoy chestnuts, wine, mushrooms, *salsicce* (sausages), apples and more as well as arts and crafts booths and live music. Do not miss the Trecastagni *Festa del Castagno* (Chestnut Festival) running for three weekends and taking place in the town's main square (piazza Marconi) on Oct. 16, 17, 23, 24, 31 and 31. This festival is filled with family fun, fine art and fabulous food. Highlights also include woodcarving demonstrations and musical entertainment. On Saturdays the festival kicks off at 5 p.m. and on Sundays at 9 a.m. For more information and detailed schedules call Catania Province Tourist Office at 095-7306211.

## 2004-2005 Classic Music Concert Season begins in Catania

The *Associazione Musicale Etna* (Etna Musical Association) has announced the beginning of its 2004-2005 thirtieth season. Throughout the season there will be prestigious artists and soloists of international and national acclaim. Here are some of the October and November's highlights. The concert season runs through April 2005.

**Oct. 15 - 9:15 p.m. - Keller Quartet - Biscari Palace Auditorium - via Museo Biscari n. 10.**

An international renowned Hungarian quartet, it was founded in 1987 at the Liszt Conservatoire of Music in Budapest. In 1990, the quartet was awarded first prize at the Evián and Borenciani Competitions.

This fine quartet has been acclaimed by critics worldwide for its exceptional recording of the complete string quartets of Bartók. The quartet features: Andrés Keller (violin) János Pilz (violin), Zoltán Gál (viola) and Ottó Kertész (cello). Music by J. S. Bach and G. Kurtág.

**Oct. 23 - 9:15 p.m. Yoko Kikuchi - Biscari Palace Auditorium.**

Born in Japan in 1977, Yoko Kikuchi began studying the piano when she was four years old. She graduated from the Toho Gakuen high school of music in 1996. Kikuchi was awarded first prize at "International Mozart Competition" in Salzburg in 2002. She has played with some among the most prestigious orchestras in the world such as the Tokyo Philharmonic, the New York Virtuosi Chamber Symphony and more. Music by A. Webern, P. Hindemith, G. Ligeti and F. Chopin.

**Nov. 8 - 9:15 p.m. - Rocco Filippini (cello) and Andrea Bacchetti (piano) - Biscari Palace Auditorium.**

Rocco Filippini is an extremely talented

cellist and longtime professor at Rome's Santa Cecilia Conservatoire who has been enjoying a prestigious career as soloist and chamber artist. His repertoire ranges from works from 17th century music to contemporary music. He has played all over the world for the most important musical institutions in Europe, America, Japan and Australia. Filippini plays on the "Gore Booth Cello" by Antonio Stradivari (1719), one of the most precious



The magnificent Biscari Palace in Catania, which is a Sicilian Baroque masterpiece, will host some of the concerts of the 2004-2005 AME concert season featuring internationally renowned musicians performing a diverse selection of fine classic music.

**Boris Petrushansky (piano) - Biscari Palace Auditorium.**

Russian pianist Boris Petrushansky has firmly established himself as one of the great virtuosos in the world. He began playing the piano at the age of five and graduated from the Moscow Conservatoire in 1975, after having been distinguished himself as a talented soloist at several major international competitions such

as Leeds (1969), Munich (1971) and Terni (1975).

During his prestigious career, he has been performing with all of the world's great orchestras including those of his native Russia as well as the Moscow and Leningrad Philharmonics. He is also a prestigious conservatoire professor. Petrushansky teaches master classes at the Royal Academy of Dublin, the Purcell School in London and other world's leading music institutions. He now lives in Italy where he teaches at the Imola's Piano Academy. Music by F. Chopin and A. Skrjabin.

**Nov. 17 - 9:15 p.m. - L'Offerta Musicale Ensemble - Zo Center Auditorium - piazzale Asia n. 6.**

This talented Sicilian chamber music group consists of a group of highly reputed conservatoire professors. The Ensemble has a long history of collaborating with composers, musicologists, actors, choreographers and directors, and has broadcasted several times for RAI (Italian national television and radio). The concert will present works by Sicilian contemporary composer Francesco Pennisi for soprano, piano, clarinet, violin, cello and viola.

**Nov. 22 - 9:15 p.m. - Altenberg Trio - Zo Center Auditorium**

This eminent Austrian chamber trio featuring Claus-Christian Schuster (piano), Amiram Ganz (violin), and Martin Hornstein (cello) debuted in 1994 at the "Salzburg Mozart Week." The trio, which boasts over 600 performances, has been awarded the "Robert Schumann Award" of the City of Zwickau in 1999 and the Edison Award in Amsterdam in 2000. Music by F. J. Haydn, A. Sangiorgi and A. Schönberg.

**Nov. 11 - 9:15 p.m. - Music by J. S. Bach, L. Van Beethoven, R. Wagner, F. Chopin, A. Webern and M. de Falla.**

**Nov. 11 - 9:15 p.m. - Tickets**

The cost of a ticket is • 12,00; season tickets are • 120. The reduced rate season tickets are • 100; individual tickets are • 10. For more information contact the Associazione Musicale Etna Press Office: e-mail: [musicaleetneastampa@tiscali.it](mailto:musicaleetneastampa@tiscali.it) or [assumusicaleetna@tiscali.net](mailto:assumusicaleetna@tiscali.net), you can also call 095-321252.

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# SCHOOL NEWS

## Upcoming PTO meeting

Come to the PTO meeting on Monday, Oct. 18 at 2:45 p.m. in room 111 to hear about the DARE program. DARE is an introductory program for grades K-4 and an in-depth 10 week program for 5th grade. Parents will want to hear this information!

## Stephen Decatur School new teacher profiles



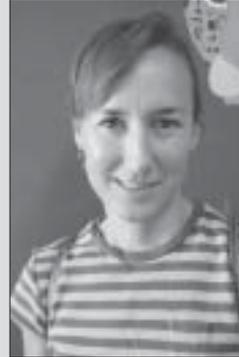
**Anna Bors**

Bors is a 12-year veteran to the DoDEA school system. Bors teaches second grade at the Stephen Decatur Elementary School. Her first impression of Sicily: "I love it! Such a refreshing change from Naples. Not only are the Sicilians kind and gentle but the Americans on base are more friendly and nice."



**Diana Wright**

Wright is a 21-year veteran with the DoDEA school system and moved to Sigonella from Naples, Italy. Wright teaches the gifted program for the kindergarten through sixth grades at the Stephen Decatur School System. Her first impression of Sicily: "Beautiful and much cleaner than Naples."



**Jennifer Bunyan**

A six-year veteran of the DoDEA system, Bunyan moved to Sigonella from Guantanamo Bay Cuba. Bunyan is ninth through twelfth grade AP Biology, Chemistry and Chemistry in the Community Center at Stephen Decatur High School. Her first impression of Sicily: "A beautiful island full of culture and hospitality."

## Upcoming SDS events

**October 13, 2004**  
PSAT will be held in the MPR. Exact times TBA

**October 9, 2004**  
SATs are being held in the SDS Information Center. Doors will close at 8:00 a.m. You will not be admitted in after this time.

**October 20, 2004**  
"Preparing for Your Future NOW!" Parents of 7th and 8th grade students are welcome to attend and learn about a "comprehensive resource designed to help students and their parents make the right choices for both transfers and post secondary success."

The meeting will be held in the SDS Information Center from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information please contact Evelyn Chisari at 624-3238 or Margie Asciero at 624-3249.

**October 26, 2004**  
Combined Open House and College Night for grades 9-12 in the SDS Information Center.

Program includes overview and hands on experience with MyRoad.com and Preparing for Your Future NOW, two web based tools for college and career planning.

## MWR Mark Your Calendar

### Fright Factor Date Changed

Sigonella's Fright Factor competition has been moved to Saturday, October 30th. There is no registration fee for this event. You can sign up your 2-person team at any Autumn Fest meeting or call Sandy at X4301.

### Sigonella Fright Factor Schedule of Events

3 pm Reduction round starts with the Sigonella Shake. *Not for the Faint Hearted!*  
4:30 pm Dunk Tank Transfer  
5:15 pm Combination Stunt  
8:30 pm Wine and Bruschetta stunt and Open wide stunt  
**All Sigonella Fright Factor events will be at the Main Stage**

### Sign up for Trunk or Treat

There are still plenty of spots open for the October 29th Trunk or Treat. Call or stop by the 205 Youth Center and sign up today. Fill your truck with goodies and help make this a happy and safe Halloween for all NAS Sigonella's children.

### Open Golf Championships Rescheduled

Due to a conflict with the Navy Ball the 4th Annual Sigonella Open Golf Championships

has been rescheduled to October 23rd. This is a Captain's Cup event and players **do not need** a PGA handicap to play. Lunch and awards are included. Come out, tee up and earn points for your command!

### Don't forget:

**Racquetball Challenge begins Wednesday, Oct 20 at the NAS I Gym.**  
**Autumn Fest will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct 29 and 30 at the NAS I Community Center Parking Area. AFN will be broadcasting live from the Fest beginning at 2 pm.**

### Win Big Bucks at Monday Night Bingo

Crater Pub bar and game room open at 11 am. Bingo cards go on sale at 5:30 pm and Bingo starts at 6:30 pm. We're giving away cash prizes, ranging from \$75 - \$4,000, and door prizes. Over \$1,400 in cash given away every week. Three Jackpots:  
Super jackpot \$ 1,500  
Stairs to success (up to \$ 4,000)  
Bonanza progressive

### Vet Clinic Closure

The Vet Clinic will be closed on Wednesdays for training and on Friday, October 29th for Inventory. Also, the Vet will not be available the last two weeks of October (18 through 22 and 25 through 29).

### MWR IMMEDIATE HIRES

**Stop by the Library (NAS I) or MWR Admin (NAS II) FMI**  
**Short Order Cook and Equipment Worker (Bowling Center)**  
**Youth Center Recreation Aids**  
**Child Development Center**  
**Caregivers**

### Customer Appreciation Night

**Free food, music and hourly door prizes**  
Stop by Jox Sports Bar on Thursday, October 28 and enjoy a Free Buffet on the house. It is our way of saying "Thanks" for supporting the Club. The Buffet starts at 7 pm and so does the DJ. We'll also be holding door prize drawings every hour beginning at 7 until 11 pm.

### Movie Schedule

**Oct. 15 through Oct. 21**

Movie Hotline X4242 Theater X4216  
*Due to the mail situation, some movie(s) may not be playing on their scheduled dates.*

**Friday, October 15**

3 pm Superbabies: Baby Geniuses 2 (PG) 89 min-SP  
6 pm Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid (PG13) 97 min-SP  
8:30 pm Suspect Zero (R) 100 min-SP  
11 pm Open Water (R) 79 min

**Saturday, October 16**

1 pm Shark Tale (PG) 91 min-SP  
3:30 pm Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow (PG) 107 min  
6 pm Without a Paddle (PG13) 99 min  
8:30 pm Ladder 49 (PG13) 115 min  
11 pm Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid (PG13) 97 min

**Sunday, October 17**

1 pm YU-GI-OH! (PG) 90 min  
3:30 pm Superbabies: Baby Geniuses 2 (PG) 89 min  
6 pm Suspect Zero (R) 100 min

**Monday, October 18**

6 pm Little Black Book (PG13) 107 min-LS  
8:30 pm Alien VS. Predator (PG13) 101 min-LS

**Tuesday, October 19**

**THEATER IS CLOSED ON TUESDAYS**

**Wednesday, October 20**

3 pm YU-GI-OH! (PG) 90 min-LS  
6 pm Without a Paddle (PG13) 99 min  
8:30 pm Anacondas: The Hunt for the Blood Orchid (PG13) 97 min

**Thursday, October 21**

6 pm Ladder 49 (PG13) 115 min  
8:30 pm Open Water (R) 79 min  
Note: Concession closes 30 minutes after the last movie begins.

**Halloween Party - Saturday, October 30. Free candy for all movie patrons. Prizes for best costumes (free movie passes, DVDs, and more)! Come ready for a spooky night.**

# SPORTS



## Sigonella Swordfish rock the blocks

Story and photos by JO2 Steve Weaver  
*Staff Writer*

The Sigonella Swordfish Swim Team held their last home meet of the season last Sunday at the NAS II pool. The Fishies played host in the European Southern Division meet to the Naples Wildcats, Vicenza Mako Sharks and the Aviano Sea Dragons.

Although the large Naples team pulled away from the pack to win the meet with 708 points, the Swordfish kept pace with 467 followed by Vicenza with 275 and Aviano with 42.

Sigonella is coming off a great season, which saw them take first place in the European Southern Division and third at the championships in Munich, Germany. The team is hopeful they can repeat some of the success they had last year in this year's championships in February.

"Sigonella was the team to beat last year," said Randy Baldwin, a coach with the Naples Wildcats. "They lost a lot of their best swimmers. We're kind of the team to beat this year."

Swordfish Head Coach Rich McKeown agrees. "They're pretty much the team to beat every year," he said. "They have lots of kids."

Numbers aren't everything though. "Last year we had a small team, but a really tough team," McKeown continued. "We did way better than expected for a small team. We were going against teams with 150 kids and we had 30. Last year was amazing. Twenty-two kids went to Munich last year, I have three left. This year we have a much bigger team, but everybody PCSed. We're holding our own with second [place finishes] in meets instead of firsts like last year, but everybody's improving really fast."

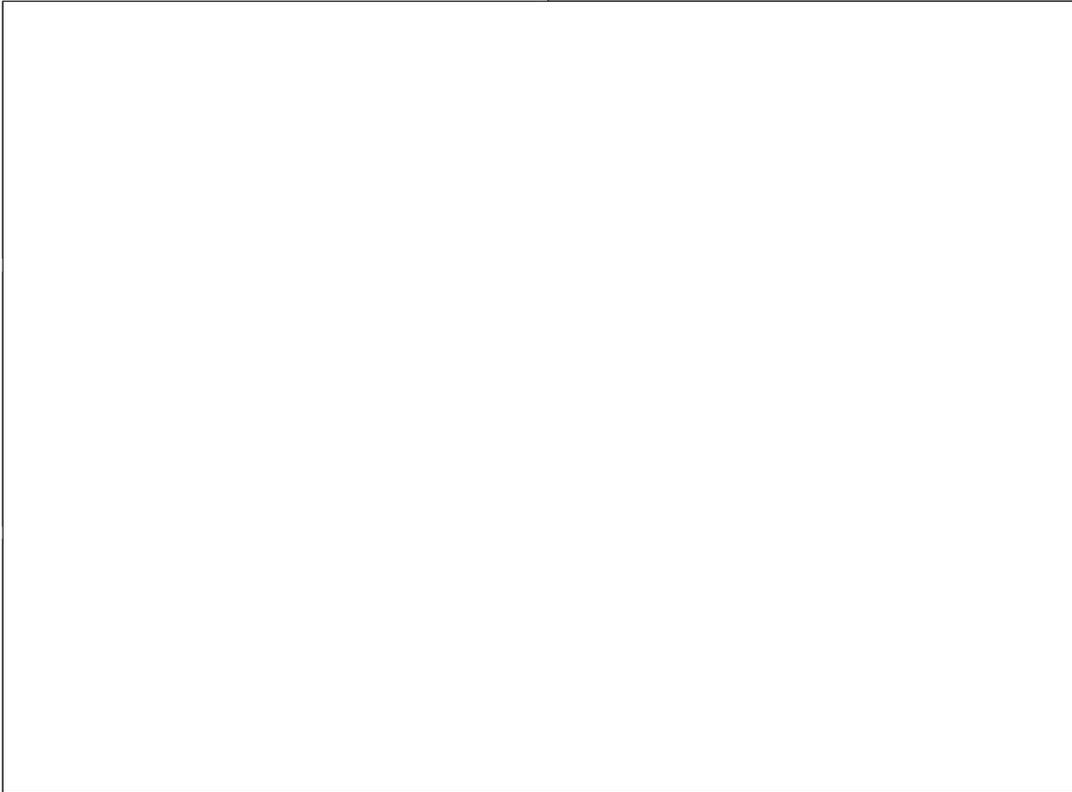
"We had 20 disqualifications last week and this week we're looking at three to five," McKeown continued. "Everybody's learning and they're learning fast. We've cut our disqualifications by two-thirds."

To get better, the Swordfish Gold and Silver groups practice five days a week, two hours a day. The bronze team practice three days a week, an hour at a time. "The attendance is really high, the kids never miss practice," McKeown said. "They're here all the time."



**Left:** A swimmer from the Naples Wildcats extends his arm at the meet on Sunday.

**Right:** A swimmer peeks over the side of the NAS II Pool after finishing a swim.





Signonella Swordfish Head Coach Rich McKeown urges on one of his swimmers during the meet.

To get the ready for the meets, McKeown "tells us what we need to do better or what we didn't do right," said Swordfish swimmer Bridgette Kendall. "When we get back to practice on Tuesdays, he tries to work on those things. He's a really good coach."

The swimmers are all working towards qualifying for the championships. "That is huge," Swordfish swimmer Diane Comstock said of getting to the championships. "It's our goal right now. I think we'll do good."

"[The individual swimmers] have to qualify to make [the championships]," McKeown said. "Even though we have quite a few numbers this year, on the European scale we're still a pretty small team. We'll do well."

The Swordfish have a few more meets left before the championships in February, but like their t-shirts state, they are expecting to "Rock your block."



A young Signonella Swordfish swimmer performs the breaststroke during the meet. The Swordfish finished second at the meet.



A young Signonella Swordfish swimmer readies for his heat during the meet. The words "Eat my bubbles" are written in marker across his back.

## The Lane

### 3-on-3 Tourney

Test your offense and defense on the court. The tournament takes place on Nov. 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the NAS II Gym. Awards to be given to top three finishers. A maximum of four players are allowed on each team. Sign up by Nov. 8 at either Fitness Center.

### Thanksgiving Swim-it-Off

Takes place Nov. 29 at the NAS II Swimming Pool. Swim off your turkey and the rest of your Thanksgiving dinner. Prizes for most laps in one hour. Call 624-5335 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 Fright Factor

Oct. 29 at 4 p.m. at Autumn Fest. Test your will and stomach for big prizes. Sign up your two-person team at either the Autumn Fest meeting or the main stage the day of the event. Call 624-4301 for more information.



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"My office is responsible for investigating felony criminal investigations. Those investigations include but are not limited to sexual assaults, aggravated assaults, narcotics investigations, child pornography, homicide, arson and larceny, as well as counter terrorism investigations and conducting force protection for all visiting USN ships in Augusta Bay," he added.

Working closely with foreign law enforcement officials is essential for the NCIS Sigonella team. Recently, in anticipation of the third year anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks, the Italian government decided to enhance its anti-terrorism patrols. Locally, the Italian Police requested NCIS Sigonella assistance in the form of Military Working Dog explosives detection support for civilian airline flights destined to allied countries.

On Sept. 10, Salvatore Lomonaco, Intelligence Operations Specialist (IOS), and two NAS Sigonella Military Working Dog Handlers and canines conducted explosive searches of passenger luggage at the Catania International Airport. The next day, Enzo Cianciaruso, IOS, and Frank Harman, Special Agent and two NAS Sigonella Military Working Dog units conducted searches. An explosive detection search of passenger luggage was conducted for flights destined to allied countries, (those nations providing support to Afghanistan and Iraq). All searches were conducted jointly with the Italian National Police (Polizia Di Stato) officers who identified all inbound and outbound luggage to be searched. Inspectors of the Italian Questura Division of General Investigation and Special Operations (DIGIOS) requested and coordinated the search efforts.

The following participated in this joint U.S.-Italian operation: Joseph Pizzino, Special Agent, NCIS Sigonella; Salvatore Lomonaco, IOS, NCIS Sigonella; Enzo Cianciaruso, IOS, NCIS Sigonella; Saro Favazza, Inspector, Italian National Police; Calogero Giacchetto, Inspector, Italian National Police; MA1 Matthew Malin, MA2 Carlton Kornegay, MA2 William Leach, and MA2 William Clark, from the NASSIG Security Department Military Working Dogs.

Special Agents Joe Pizzino, Sal Lomonaco, and Joe Micalizio have over 50 years of law enforcement experience and about the same amount of combined time served right here in Sicily. They have developed strong working relationships with the Italian authorities that extend across the island: Augusta Bay, Messina, Trapani, and Palermo.



NCIS Special Agent Cliff Everton watches the crowd around U.S. Olympian Softball Gold Medalist Jennie Finch at the 2004 Summer Olympics recently held in Athens, Greece. Agents were assigned to the Olympic Security Detail by the U.S. State Department.

Wherever a Navy ship might make a port of call or an aircraft asset may touch down, NCIS Sigonella is conducting port assessments, site surveys, and terrorist threat assessments.

"I work closely with all of the local antiterrorism divisions throughout the nine provinces in Sicily and in Reggio Calabria," Pizzino said. "I'm proud of the fact that I'm a colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve and I'm able to serve both the Navy and the Corps at the same time. I was in the unique position recently because I was able to go train young Marines at the Navy and Marine Corps Intelligence Training Center in

Dam Neck, Virginia about my counterterrorism work overseas from my perspective"

NCIS has three strategic priorities are to: prevent terrorism, protect secrets and reduce crime.

Prevent Terrorism - The Combating Terrorism Directorate directs NCIS support for efforts aimed at detecting, deterring, and disrupting terrorism against Department of Navy personnel and assets worldwide.

With the ongoing fighting in Iraq, NCIS supported U.S. ground forces with securing and debriefing captured Iraqis who provided information crucial to the safety of coalition forces.

These debriefs helped forces find mines in the Arabian Gulf and led to the prevention of planned suicide boats against allied shipping. Also in Iraq, NCIS had over 50 agents specifically there for protection of senior leadership throughout the region.

Protect secrets - Within the Department of the Navy, NCIS has exclusive investigative jurisdiction in non-combat matters involving actual, potential or suspected terrorism, sabotage, espionage, and subversive activities.

Special Agent Frank Harman, formerly from the Norfolk Police Department, noted that NCIS



is responsible for investigating all suspicious activity.

"My partner Joe Micalizio and I follow up on all reported incidents. Reports of personnel loitering near the bases or housing areas. Monitoring school bus routes. We investigate 100 percent of the reports of persons acting suspiciously such as making sketches, taking photographs, or multiple sightings along roadways or key intersections that are heavily traveled by Americans," Harman said. "Navy personnel are encouraged to vary their routines and travel routes. But here in Sicily there are only so many roads one can take. If you observe someone who appears to be conducting surveillance at a key intersection or control point. (An example of a control point would be the railroad tracks near the Tamoil gas station along route SS 192.)"

"If you see the person once, its probably nothing. But if you see the person six times over the course of two weeks, you need to report it. The key is multiple sightings over time. If it involves a vehicle its important to get the tag number. Suspected surveillance is reported directly to the NASSIG Security Department at 624-5225," added Harman.

Reduce crime - NCIS is the Department of the Navy's primary law enforcement arm. NCIS investigates all major criminal offenses (felonies)—that is, those crimes punishable under the Code of Military Justice by confinement of more than one year—within the Department of the Navy.

Crime poses a threat to every segment of today's society, including the Navy and Marine Corps. These criminal threats can include homicide,

arson, domestic violence, sexual assaults, drug trafficking, as well as white-collar offenses such as procurement fraud or embezzlement.

Last week, NASSIG Security reported that two thefts from vehicles, a home burglary and one count of personal property larceny. It's everyone's responsibility to report any criminal activity at home or at work. With the holidays coming, more petty crimes will occur. It has happened every year during the months before Christmas when everyone is out in town shopping. Local thieves look for opportunities and when they see one, they will act.

Some members of the NCIS Sigonella team have been called upon to go to other areas in the European theater to assist in investigation or protection efforts. Cliff Everton, special agent at NCIS Sigonella, recently returned from the Olympics in Athens, Greece.

"The Department of State specifically requested a team of NCIS agents to support the security operation in Athens. The United States Olympic Committee (USOC) was headquartered on a cruise ship in the port of Piraeus, just south of Athens, and DSS asked for NCIS assistance due to our extensive experience in securing Navy ships and ports," Everton said. "Our primary job was to ensure that the cruise ship (which housed USOC officials, athletes and federal law enforcement) was safeguarded 24 hours a day 7 days a week."

"We also were assigned to secure the surrounding port for the U.S. contingency in Athens. Much of our days were spent manning an emergency command post, conducting counter surveillance/surveillance detection, and liaison with

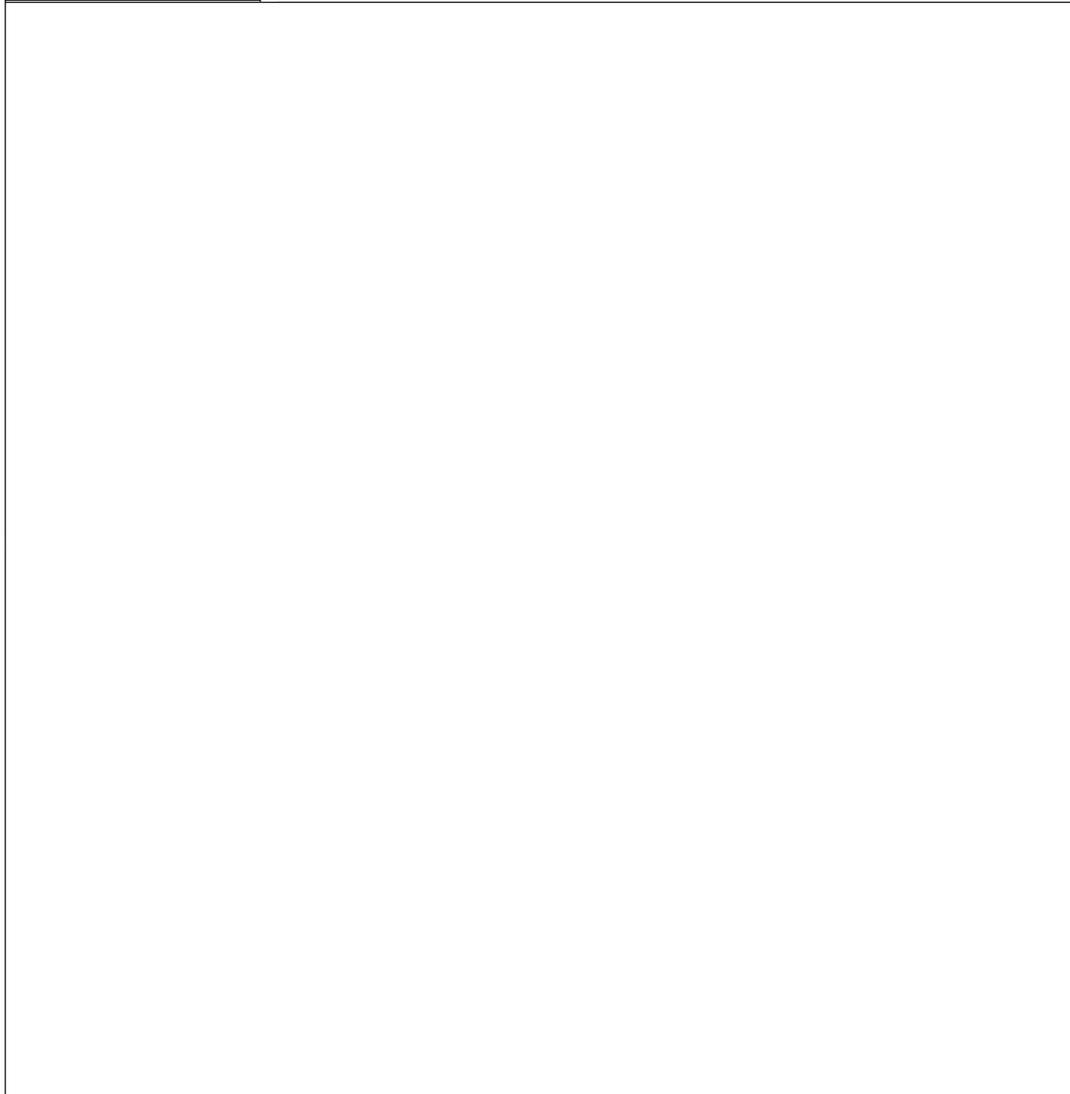


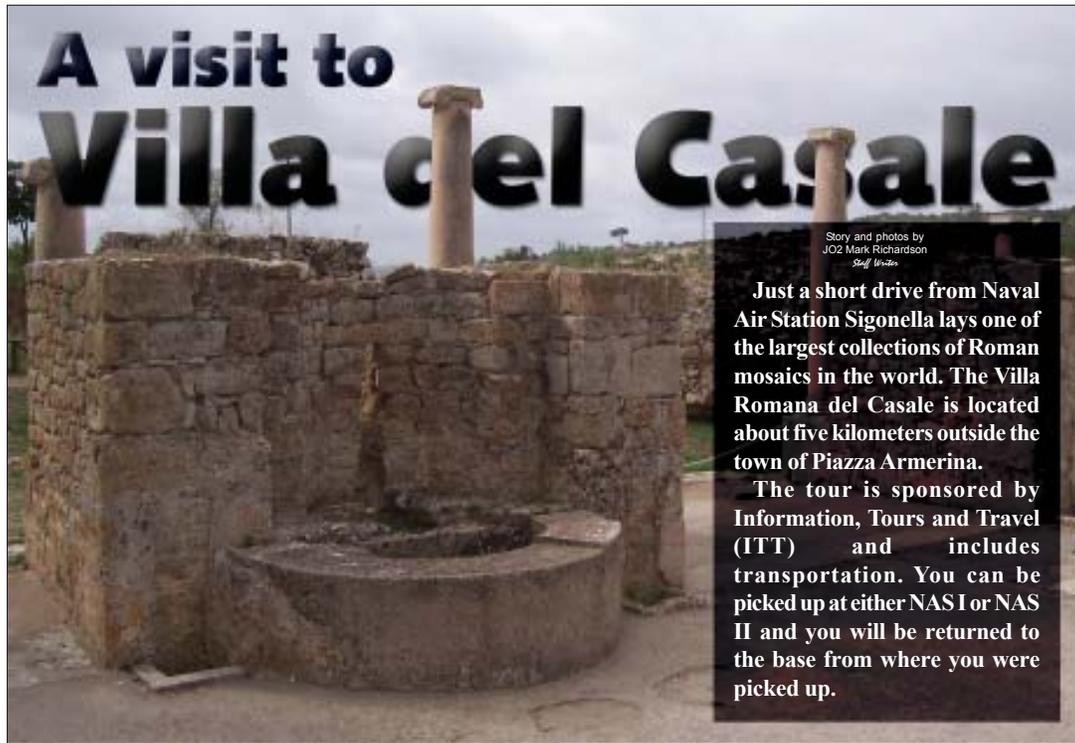
**NCIS Intelligence Operations Specialist Sal Lomonaco work closely with Italian Polizia at the Catania Airport during a recent joint operation.**

the Greek police. We also worked to make sure that the security measures put in place for the port were maintained and sufficient. We acted as "advisors" to DSS and the Greek authorities and notified them when additional security measures

were necessary," he added.

A bonus for Everton was meeting some athletes from the U.S. women's softball and synchronized **NCIS, page 14**





# A visit to Villa del Casale

Story and photos by  
JO2 Mark Richardson  
*Staff Writer*

Just a short drive from Naval Air Station Sigonella lays one of the largest collections of Roman mosaics in the world. The Villa Romana del Casale is located about five kilometers outside the town of Piazza Armerina.

The tour is sponsored by Information, Tours and Travel (ITT) and includes transportation. You can be picked up at either NAS I or NAS II and you will be returned to the base from where you were picked up.





The Villa, which was constructed in the first part of the fourth century, was Maximilian Hercules' hunting house. He was a colleague of Diocletian and together they managed the Roman Empire.

The Villa consists of four main groups: the main entrance and spa, dining room and a guest room, private rooms and basilica, and a courtyard.

Each of the rooms features mosaic floors, which archaeologists believe were made by African artists. They depict how Romans lived and feature scenes of everyday Roman life. A number of them are well preserved. The most famous room in the villa is the "Room with Girls in Bikinis" located near the corridor. The mosaic features ten young women clad in bikinis exercising. One is seen lifting weights, a second throwing a discus and two others running.

The Villa del Casale is considered a very important archaeological site in Sicily and excavations continue today. Paolo Orsi performed the first serious excavation of the site in 1929. In 1935 Giuseppe Cultrera started a four-year excavation and in 1950 Gino Vinicio Gentile began a decade-long excavation of the site.

Two aqueducts that were used to move water to the bathrooms and spa were discovered outside the villa. In some parts of the villa, numerous remnants of red brickworks, pottery, and terracotta have been unearthed further showing what life was like in the Roman era.

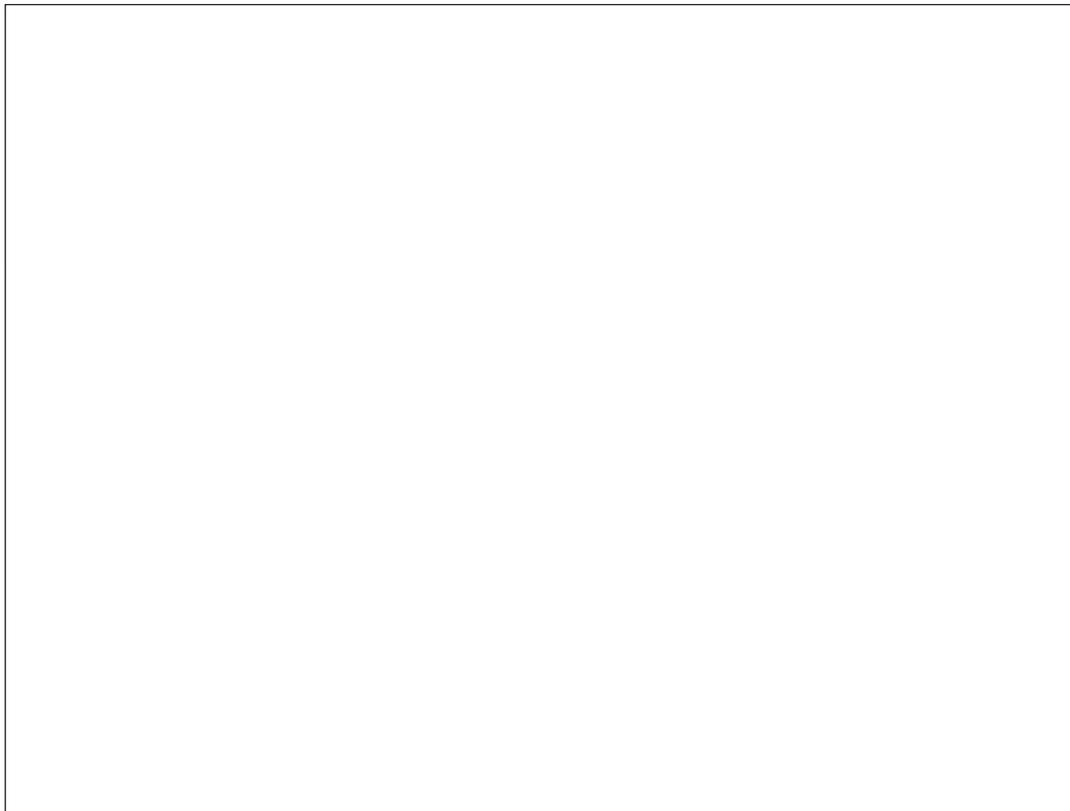
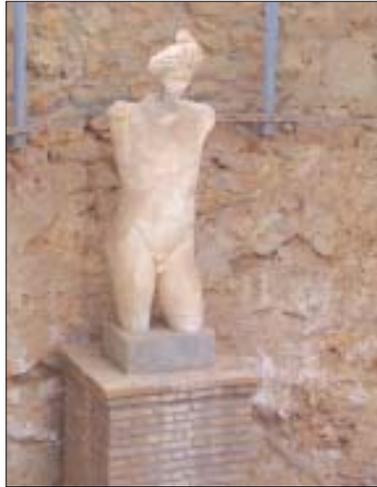
Two other smaller Roman villas adorned with mosaics have also been found in Sicily. The Villa Romana del Tellaro near Noto and the Villa Romana di Patti Marina near Messina are smaller, but similar in their designs.

Look in the "Preview" for the next trip offered to this wonderful location.

**Right: The Villa Romana del Casale is located outside the town of Piazza Armerina.**

**Bottom Left: This statue of Apollo greets visitors as they enter the dining room at the villa.**

**Bottom Right: "The Girls in Bikinis Room" is the most famous and one of the best-preserved rooms in the Villa.**





NCIS special agents use an alternate light source to examine evidence.



NCIS Agents Angelo Manginelli, Cliff Everton and Mark Franco pose with the Bronze Medal winning U.S. Olympic synchronized swim team.

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swimming teams.

Prior to working for NCIS, Everton graduated from the College of William & Mary and went to work for three years at the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) conducting security clearance background investigations in Washington, D.C. As a special agent here at NAS Sigonella, Everton's main role is to investigate sex crimes which includes include rape, indecent assault, child pornography, child sexual abuse, domestic violence, and more.

One recent event on base led the NCIS Sigonella team to create a Crimestoppers advertisement for The Signature. The NCIS team felt the need to ask the community for help and this was one way they were able to do it. However, it didn't produce the results they wanted. The case is still open.

NCIS also promotes the SafeKids program that is a computer awareness program for parents and children on ethics, personal responsibility and privacy. The program outlines ways for parents to minimize their children's exposure to the Internet chat rooms, viruses, personal information sharing, and more.



MA2 Carlton Kornegay and Military Working Dog Sellow inspect luggage in conjunction with NCIS/Italian Polizia joint airport operations.

I asked D'Ambrosio about how he assigns the cases his office gets from the community and from the European theater.

D'Ambrosio said, "I currently have four special agents, two intelligence specialists, and one criminal investigator. Depending on the level of experience and designated discipline that is how I assign cases. I have a very talented group of folks with different backgrounds and skill sets. As such, I look to leverage people's strengths and what they consider themselves good at. Supervising a group of skilled criminal investigators is similar to coaching a team. Everyone has the same basic skill sets, but some are better at doing certain things."

He stated, "I think my primary job is to engage the senior Navy commanders, educate them on what NCIS can do, understand what they would like my office to do, and match the right people in getting the job accomplished. Sigonella is a great place, and I am very fortunate and proud to be serving its community."

If you have seen any criminal activity or know of any matters that you believe NCIS Sigonella should know about, please contact any NCIS agent at 624-9210. For more information about NCIS, please check out their website at [www.ncis.navy.mil](http://www.ncis.navy.mil).



## Feedback addresses base issues

By JOT Craig Coleman  
Staff Writer

Capt. Joe Stuyvesant, Naval Air Station (NAS) Sigonella commanding officer, outlined the initial plans for the recapitalization of NAS II Oct. 13 during the American Forces Network (AFN) call-in show Feedback.

Feedback affords the Sigonella community an opportunity to ask question of the commanding officer and other community leaders. This episode featured a new format, with CMDM (SW/AW/FM) Anthony Evangelista, NAS Sigonella command master chief, acting as host, while Capt. Ken Bitar, NAS Sigonella executive officer manned the telephones. The new format provided nearly instant feedback to callers, with answers to every caller question aired during the show.

Stuyvesant, when commenting on the recapitalization process that is nearly complete on NAS I, said that work is continuing on NAS II. Work is underway to increase the parking options on the operational half of the base.

"The parking garage near [Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Detachment] will increase our parking significantly," Stuyvesant said. "A [parking] structure will also be built near the Flightline Clinic," he continued.

Stuyvesant explained that construction on the NAS II main gate will require changes in the base traffic pattern and some inconvenience, but encouraged people who drive on NAS II to be patient. "Please be flexible," Stuyvesant said. "We're working through the issues."

One caller asked the completion date the underpass from 417 to government housing in Mineo. Stuyvesant said that the entrance on 417 was scheduled for completion in November 2004, with the underpass opening scheduled for February 2005. He said that while he is eager for the project's completion, the construction effort is being made by the Italian government, so NAS Sigonella does not control the timetable. "Number one - it will cut down on the commute time by a few minutes. Number two - it will be much safer way to get on 417."

On NAS I, the latest change involves the traffic patterns of buses and large trucks. Heavy vehicles now take an alternate route past Halsey Rd., which caused the parking spaces in front of the DoDDS complex and the DECA/NEX parking lot to be closed. To balance the loss of those spaces, an additional 300 parking spaces were opened.

Capt. Stuyvesant encouraged the community to

attend this year's Navy Birthday Ball Oct. 16. "I think the Navy Birthday Ball is a great opportunity to get everybody together, to get dressed up, to have a little Navy tradition and to share it with all your friends," Stuyvesant said.

He noted that the guest speaker, Capt. Gregory Johnson, is a Naval Astronaut. "I think it would be interesting to meet this person and when the (space) shuttle starts flying again, watch this great American and naval aviator get into space and say, 'Hey, I met that guy. I talked to him.'"

Stuyvesant heartily endorsed the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), which raises money for charity on military bases and federal institutions.

"One thing I particularly like about the CFC is that in the booklet it lists all the charities and at the end of each listing is a number ranging from one to 25. What that tells you is the percentage of every dollar you contribute actually going to do charity work," Stuyvesant said.

NAS Sigonella raised more than \$250 thousand in 2003. The goal this year is to surpass that number.

When a caller asked if posted speed limits on base apply to local nationals Capt. Stuyvesant answered that speed limits apply to everyone.

"If you see a local national or anyone speeding on base you can take down their [license] number and call security dispatch," Stuyvesant said. "If the speeder is a local national they will call the carabinieri and the carabinieri will respond. We do not have jurisdiction over local nationals. That does not mean they have a free pass to speed - it just means we have to take an additional step."

Continuing with traffic issues, Stuyvesant noted that Sigonella's accident rate is improving, and that the newly enacted base traffic safety instruction is much tougher on traffic offenders, whom he believes cause the majority of accidents.

"I'm firmly convinced [most accidents] are caused by people who speed off-base, who come across an unexpected situation, which you are always going to have here in Sicily while driving on these country roads," Stuyvesant said. "You need to drive at a safe speed so that you have an opportunity to see the hazard, react to the hazard and stop safely."

Stuyvesant said that he has asked base security to step-up enforcement of the traffic safety instruction.

Between questions Evangelista highlighted upcoming community events, including the Stephen Decatur Homecoming Dance, MWR Autumnfest and youth sports activities.

## EP-3E Passes Operational Testing

From Maritime Surveillance Aircraft Program Public Affairs

PATUXENT RIVER, Md. (NNS) — The EP-3E Aries II Sensor System Improvement Program (SSIP) upgrade passed a review by the Commander, Operational Test and Evaluation Force in September.

A final report on the operational assessment of the fleet issue 4.0 upgrade was issued Sept. 7, and found the system operationally effective and operationally suitable, reporting that this system upgrade is a "significant improvement in capability over previous versions" and "is recommended for fleet introduction."

"This was a significant accomplishment," said Maritime Surveillance Aircraft Program Manager Capt. Steven R. Easburg. "The program is now poised to deliver a tremendous warfighting upgrade to the fleet. In fact, we've already received input from the fleet that this upgrade is delivering outstanding results."

Operational testing consisted of 16 missions

down in the Western Pacific area over a 32-day period. This resulted in the accumulation of 129 flight hours. During the combined Developmental/Operational Testing phase, ground and flight-testing hours were also factored into the overall assessment.

Critical operational issues (COIs) examined during the assessment ranged from basic surveillance functions through safety/airworthiness. All COIs were resolved with a grade of satisfactory, with one exception - the Joint Interoperability COI will remain partially resolved until Link-16 is fully implemented on the EP-3E, and completes Joint Interoperability Test Center certification.

Developmental testing on the SSIP occurred in fiscal year 2003, and the work was split between the software integration lab at the Raytheon Technical Service Company facility in Indianapolis, Ind., and here in Patuxent River, Md., at the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division. More than 1,200 hours of ground testing helped assess the functionality of the upgrades, that focus on enhanced signals intelligence collection, and an improved communication suite.

The SSIP is the current version of operationally deployed EP-3Es. Two squadrons, Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron (VQ) 1, based at Whidbey Island, Wash., and VQ-2, based at Naval Air Facility Rota, Spain, employ a total of 12 EP-3E aircraft.

Currently, five P-3C airframes are undergoing conversion to become EP-3Es. When completed, these additional aircraft will provide a sufficient inventory of primary allotment aircraft and backup allotment aircraft to sustain an inventory of 12 EP-3Es throughout the platform's remaining life.

The Joint Airborne Signals Intelligence Architecture Modification Common Configured EP-3E is the next generation of the Navy's premier airborne manned intelligence platform, due to reach the fleet in 2005. JCC upgrades will initially be installed on the five converted P-3C airframes. All other EP-3Es will receive modification in conjunction with phase depot maintenance or Special Structural Inspections.



Photo by J02 Steve Weaver

Plane Captain, AE3 Timothy Adams, stands by in front of an EP-3E "Aries II" assigned to the "World Watchers" assigned to the "World Watchers" of Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron One (VQ-1) while conducting shutdown procedures. VQ-1 is based in Whidbey Island, Wash., and is on a regularly scheduled six-month deployment to the Middle East conducting missions in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

## DEFY Phase II begins

The Drug Education For Youth (DEFY) Phase II began on Sept. 25 to kick off the mentoring phase of the 2004 Sigonella DEFY program.

After a very successful Phase I that ended in July, the program picked up again to reinforce the message that was delivered to our youth in Phase I, that you can say "NO" to the negative aspects of life and choose the fun and positive alternatives to the use of alcohol, tobacco or drugs. Our next meeting will be the Oct. 23 and we look forward to a fun and informative day with our youth members.



The program will meet one Saturday each month from September thru May at the Stephen Decatur school to do activities and to reinforce the lessons of Phase I. The program currently has 25 mentors, but due to transfers and military schedules more mentors are needed to keep the ratio of youths to mentors lower.

If you are interested in becoming part of the program, applications can be found on the InfoSig website under the "What's new" or the "Activities" section in "DEFY Program." Just download the application fill it out and return it to CE1 Sherri Bergeron at the Public Works Department.

With the total help of our community, as the program had in Phase I, Phase II will be a total success in helping the youth of our community grow into positive, productive youth of the Sigonella community. If you have any questions please contact CE1 Bergeron at 335-776-8351.

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# ARC....a guiding light for military personnel

By JOC Linda Brinkley

Staff Writer

When one hears the words 'Red Cross' most of us automatically think of blood drives and disaster relief. But when the American military person hears those same words, their first thoughts are of a resource haven.

Naval Air Station Sigonella (NASSIG), like most U.S. military bases located overseas, has an American Red Cross (ARC) office as one of its tenant commands. And most often, the ARC offices are within walking distance of the majority of the personnel stationed on the base. If not within walking distance, then it is certainly only a short ride from one side of the base to the other or from a sister base, as is the case with the ARC and NASSIG. Located on NAS I, the support facility of the two-facility base, the ARC here offers more than one would ever expect to find.

ARC Director, Cecil Goodman said things are different in today's ARC programs than in the

beginnings. "We have a lot more services now than they had back then. We are more professional."

The goals of the early ARC were to provide aide to the sick and wounded soldiers. Along with providing that aid, the early development of the emergency communication program came into being when ARC volunteers began writing letters and providing entertainment for the injured.

Goodman said the office here also offers the same type of assistance and services that the National Red Cross Chapter offers. "We do the same in the military installations that the national chapter does, whether it's providing assistance due to a fire in the family quarters or helping the military member get home due to a family crisis or even a major disaster, we are there for the military and their family members."

In addition, the NASSIG ARC office works hand in hand with members of the community who are sponsoring disaster relief fundraisers like the ones held recently that benefited victims of the



Children attend a Babysitters Training class held by the Naval Air Station Sigonella Red Cross. This is just one of the many ways Red Cross helps the community around base.



Red Cross Director, Cecil Goodman, and Suzanne Nadeau, secretary, work on their monthly planning calendar for October.

hurricanes in Florida. One of the major differences between the ARC offices and other tenant commands located on military bases is the volunteers. On military locations, the majority of ARC positions are filled with volunteers.

In order to become an ARC volunteer on a military facility, you must be at least 18 years old and be a military dependent.

Volunteers must also attend an orientation during

which they become familiar with the humanitarian organization and the Fundamental Principles of the International Red Cross Movement as well as their local military community.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) is one department at NASSIG that takes full advantage of the ARC volunteer program. "We get a lot of volunteers from the Red Cross," Stacy Baert, MWR fitness director, said. "For example, we had the Mineo family extravaganza and they had 17 volunteers show up from the Red Cross."

Baert said that because MWR was short staffed, the ARC was her first point of contact when she needed volunteers for any of the programs they were sponsoring. "We rely on the Red Cross to make our runs go. If they [ARC volunteers] don't show up then we would probably have to reduce our runs, our biathlons, our triathlons, our fun runs," Baert said. "That's a huge help. I don't know what we would have done without them."

"Cecil Goodman, the Red Cross Director, is the first person I call when we have an event," Baert said. "Because I know I can tell him how

many volunteers that we need and he can generate some, usually three or four more than what we requested. I know I can depend on him, absolutely. Every time."

Baert said that MWR has a staff member who is also an ARC volunteer. "He splits his time. For two hours of the day goes in early and volunteers time with the Red Cross and then he comes to work," said Baert. "They are a great resource."

Goodman said NASSIG currently has immediate needs for volunteers to work at the hospital, flight line clinic, post office, dental clinic, veterinary clinic, MWR Library, ARC Caseworker, office assistant, and instructors to teach CPR, first aid, aquatics and babysitting.

ARC Sigonella also needs volunteers to fill leadership positions in their health & safety, fundraising, public relations and working with the kindness projects and programs. "We have volunteers who simply go out and maybe give a Popsicle to the gate security guards," Goodman said.



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ARC also teaches the CPR/First Aid courses to the community as well. "We can teach CPR to professional rescuers, we can teach CPR/first aid geared specifically for the kids or designed for the single Sailor parent," Goodman said. "We can actually take our CPR/first aid course to the commands themselves to meet their CPR/first aid requirements they might have. We do have several commands that are authorized providers, which means we train the command instructors and they go back and teach it to their command."

"The Red Cross has a volunteer who happens to be our pool manager," said Baert. "He is a master trainer for First Aid and CPR. So he trained a bunch of our staff to be CPR instructors. So he is a Red Cross volunteer that goes out and we [MWR staff] volunteer our time as CPR Instructors."

The purpose of ARC programs is to help improve the quality of life for military families. "Programs like our health and safety services where we provide care giving courses such as the baby sitting training course or the expectant parent courses, our healthy pregnancy, health baby course, which is similar to a Lamaze class, are all for the families," said Goodman.

Founded by Clara Barton in the mid 1800s during the Civil War, the ARC and the U.S. military



In addition to babysitter training (shown here) Red Cross holds CPR, First Aid, Dental Assistance and Healthy Baby, Healthy Pregnancy classes.

have stood side by side for more than 200 years. The welfare of military personnel and their family members continue to be of the utmost importance to the ARC.

Goodman said ARC managers located on military installations are sent there on three-year assignments. Being actively involved with the ARC for more than 20 years, he has been a member of the ARC paid staff for the last eight years. Goodman, who is scheduled to leave NASSIG in November, said that Sigonella is a great place and there are a lot of advantages to being lucky enough to get this assignment.

The one thing Goodman will miss about NASSIG; "I will miss the people." And about the opportunities to help the military, Goodman said, "The young military family members who come here without any skills and learning that through the ARC they can learn a skill, they can learn a trade, it makes it all worth while."

## Force Protection: It's Everyone's Job

By JO2 Jennifer Franco  
Staff Writer

The attacks of 9/11 highlighted the importance for all Americans to take extra precautions to stay safe. Sailors and family members stationed at Naval Air Station Sigonella (NASSIG) are encouraged to work as a team to increase force protection.

There are simple habits and behaviors you can use to protect yourself when stationed overseas. "First and foremost," suggests Tony Reid, Regional Security Officer for Commander Navy Region Europe, "you need to research the country your transiting and traveling to and find out their force protection conditions, asking for any restrictions and what items not to bring."

The U.S. State Department has a wealth of information pertaining to threat levels, advisories and travel restrictions to other countries. While there are no travel restrictions to come into Sicily, there are certain items that are prohibited from being shipped into the area such as firearms, air pistols and knives with a blade exceeding two inches. For more information about travel restrictions and advisories, "people can go to [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov)," MA2 John Henkelmann said.

Know your surrounding areas. If you choose to live off base, visit the NASSIG Housing office. "The Housing Office completes vulnerability assessments of local housing, which identifies dwellings with sufficient lighting, and properly working locks and smoke detectors," MA3 Amanda Sutherland said. "When looking for off-base housing, it is also suggested to take notes of the hustle and bustle of your city or the calm quiet atmosphere in your neighborhood. Pay close attention to dark roads and routinely busy intersections that, without warning, clear of traffic and people. Get to know your neighbors and the people who live in your area."

While traveling between NAS I and NAS II, it is recommended that service members wear civilian clothes instead of their military uniform. And, don't put your uniform in the back of the car so that it is visible to others. "I can't tell you how many people I see driving from Motta who have their uniform hanging in the back of their car," MA1 Jose Santos said. "Varying your travel patterns is another simple way to protect yourself and your family. Knowing different paths to and from places and taking different routes to work, the market and school will always help you out in a bind."

Whether traffic is heavy or construction work is blocking your regular route, you'll likely experience a back up. Changing your driving routes will also

keep would-be threats guessing, if someone is watching. In the event you feel you have been followed or are being watched, "get a description and contact the security office," Santos said.

Even 'dressing down' can increase your personal safety when traveling overseas. Choose clothes that won't label you as a tourist or possible target. "Try to blend in with the European society," Sutherland suggested. If you are going to carry your passport with you, carry a photocopy instead of the actual passport. "There is a market to sell American identifications here. We've received reports of at least 18 passports that have been stolen, which probably get sold by pickpockets for about \$1,000 each," Sutherland said. Also, keep your credit cards and money (Euro) in separate pockets not all in your wallet. Should you become a victim of a pickpocket you won't be out of cards, money, and resources in one instant.

It's good to keep the contact phone numbers for your credit card companies, just in case your cards are stolen. "So you do not get penalized for misuse of your cards," Reid said.

Increase your awareness, be prepared, plan, be vigilant, and most of all be prepared to be unpredictable. Know that you could be watched by anyone anywhere, at anytime. Additionally, it is important for parents to talk to their children about force protection. "Parents need to teach their kids not just to know about strangers, but to know how to stay alert and aware of their surroundings," Sutherland said. Sailors should also avoid "sponsoring people they don't know to be on the base," Henkelmann said.

Don't talk about work or deployments of Sailors. Don't discuss assignments or deployments unless you are in the confines of a secured area. Remember all information regarding personal and military equipment is on a need-to-know basis.

If you hear someone talking about classified material contact your local security office. Don't participate in talk concerning such issues and if it starts, alert the persons that you should continue the discussion - but in a 'better' location (a classified space). Be sure to remind those discussing classified material that they should be careful because other people not having the need-to-know can piece together the information.

"Force protection is everyone's responsibility.... security cannot be everywhere at all times and so it takes a team effort," Santos said. Terrorism is a very large assembly of crime ranging from theft and assault to kidnapping, bombings, and murder. If you ever feel unsure of your surroundings or would like to report suspicious activities or crimes, contact the NASSIG Security Office at 095-86-5225.

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**1995 Mercedes c 180**, 1800 cc. Uses regular gasoline, 4 door, alarm, A/C, stereo system, great condition. Asking \$6500. Call 329-6094081 after 4 p.m.

**1994 Peugeot 306 XSI**, 5 speed manual trans, 4 door, very economical car. Draws 300 liters. Cold AC, AM/FM cassette with 6 CD player in trunk, new speakers. New tires. Asking \$2250, available the first week in November. Call cell: 328-743-9947.

**1998 Alfa Romeo 156**, 1.8 Twin Spark, 4-wheel disc brake, auto climate control, CD with 6 speaker system, removable front face, new tires and brakes, only 38,000 miles, power d/l/b/s and windows, very well maintained. Reduced to \$8,500. Call 340-6742549.

**Pets**

Free to good home: 2 one year old mix breed female dogs. Current shots, have chips and been spayed. Very lovable and playful. Would like to keep them together. Please call Sandra at 340-7613018 or 624-3601.

Two female cats need immediate home. Both indoor kept and spayed. Shots up to date. Will pay for chip. PCSing. Please call 308468 or 340-5370412.

Free to a good home: two adorable 9-week-old male kittens. One dark tiger print and one light tan tiger print. Both very friendly and tame. Please help, I have rescued too many animals! Call Tiffany at 335-7790443 or 624-5045.

Free to good home. Any one of three adorable kittens. 2 months old. Will deliver. They are on my last nerve! Please call Mike or Darla at x3686 or 333-5243244.

**For Sale**

PCS move. AFN decoder for sale, \$400. Call 095-866866.

New roll around air conditioner/heater 220V, \$500; Graco stroller + car seat, \$90; Chicco playpen, \$35; bicycle, \$30, never used Glitter ride-on, \$35; exercise bicycle, \$90; Sony 200 disk CD player, \$90; highchair

Fottapedretti, \$80; diaper genie, \$10; Shearling fur ram coat, \$400.00; Pioneer receiver, \$800; Klipsch KLF 30 home speakers, \$800. Call x1353.

Motorola hand held walkie talkies. Great to use on base, housing units, cars, camping, or out an about. Features: Recharge Batteries. Still in original sealed plastic packaging. Newer opened. Many features. Sold in pairs \$70.00 for set. Call 624 3231 cell 335-7739696.

Have one extra large animal kennel used one time to transport a dog via airlines. Asking \$45.00 for it. Please call Maria on cell phone 338-6579093.

Sofa with queen size hide-a-bed for sale, in good condition! Asking \$200. Also, selling a recliner for \$100 in okay condition. Call 624-1277.

Satellite dish for out in town, \$60; dining room table and 4 chairs, southwestern look, beige, \$40; matching sofa & loveseat, \$60; sofa & chair, black vinyl, \$50 for both. Call Isela 624-1268 or 340-6611626.

Queen size mattress for sale, 2 years old. Asking \$100 O.B.O. Call 095-398073 or 339-8322638.

Talbot's size 4 tea-length black short sleeve dress, \$25. May also fit a size 6. Motherhood Maternity size 6 navy blue short sleeve tea-length dress, \$20. Both have been dry-cleaned. Great for the Navy Ball. Ladies shoes: Size 8M black satin, \$10. Size 8-1/2M navy blue pumps, worn once, \$10. Please call Andrea at 624-1489.

Bosch chest freezer. Excellent condition. Asking \$200. Whirlpool full size refrigerator. One year old. Bought at NEX for \$579. Asking \$400.00 Please call Nancy at 339-5223166.

Computer desk/armoire with Cherry finish \$250. Original price \$550. Sauder.com item-2749. Daytime 624-5164. After 5pm 095-306145.

Extra large Italian dog crate/kennel on wheels, \$80. Call x6866

Little Tikes slide, 3-4 feet tall (toddler-small kid size). TripleRide rocker (babies-toddlers). \$15 for both (negotiable) Mineo, 624-0628.

Textbooks for sale: Phil140, The Elements of Moral Philosophy 4th ed w/ The right thing to do 3rd ed. \$35.00. IFSM 201, bundle: Understanding Computers Today & Tomorrow, 2004 edition Microsoft Office XP, \$35.00. Have been used for one term. Soft covers bent from wear and tear. Books are listed for half the price to buy them new. Please call 624-0343 and leave a message.

Italian hand painted tile top wine rack. Signed by artist. Can hold wine glasses and 12 bottles of wine. Small drawer for misc. Paid \$200 asking \$150 as is in perfect condition. Willing to e-mail pictures. If interested please call 624-0337.

Getting ready for winter uniform change, or just need a crisp pair of utilities? Excellent female enlisted seasonal, working, and maternity uniforms. Also, female uniform sweaters, coats, and all accessories for sale. Several pieces never worn. Call 624-0260, ask for Joann.

Two brown leather recliners, new condition, orig. \$599 ea, both for \$550. Two gliders w/matching footstools, excellent condition, \$100 ea. All purchased at NEX. Call 347-2419882.

Very large old wooden trunk, good condition, \$150; Graco baby saucer seat, \$12; baby jumper seat, \$15; Stair stepper, \$25; Ab roller w/video, \$20. Call 347-2419882.

PCS'ing?? Need a washer and dryer? New Sears Kenmore washer and dryer, only used for 6 months then was kept in storage until shipped here. Asking \$500 firm. Call x6421/6420 or after 4pm call 335-6485941 ask for Chris.

I have an IFSM304 UMUC book for sale in almost new condition. Pd \$66. Asking \$50. Also, new 5 pc luggage, never been used asking \$200 O.B.O. Call Regina 095-307947.

Coffee table with 2 end tables cherry wood \$70 sets. Little tikes children picnic table with bench chair \$13. One year old sofa, Kroehler brand, Paid \$550, will sell for \$400! Call 624-0230 or 340-4951774.

**Wanted**

Wanted: Jeep CJ or YJ, running or not. Or other older 4x4 like a Toyota Landcruiser or Land Rover. Have Cash for the right 4x4. Please call Gregg at 335-8279077.

Wanted: kayaks and patio furniture. Contact Janet at 624-3268.

Looking to buy an ARTH 100 textbook "ART: BRIEF HISTORY" (W/CD ROM) 2ND/04PAP. Please call 624-1277.

Looking for an American housekeeper to come once a week. Friendly, trusting, reliable. I live between NAS I and NAS II. Please call Jamie 340-4659498. Serious inquiries only.

Babysitter Needed - responsible, loving babysitter needed for

8-year-old boy. Friday or Saturday nights, some weekends. Should have great references and be able to drive. Call: 624-3212 or e-mail icompute@islc.net

**Yard Sale**

PCSing! Two family yard sale Oct.16th in Mineo. 7:30 a.m. til EVERYTHING is gone!!! Lots of great stuff. 1089 B&C Hull st.

Mineo housing, family yard sale, 1029-a enterprise, Oct. 16-17, huge sale 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Garage Sale at 2136-C Via Fiori Marani housing. Furniture, stereo Yamaha equipment, T.V. 27" Multi system, DVD and lots more. Saturday, Oct. 16 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**HRO Ads**

The HRO announcements and application forms are now on the internet <http://www.sicily.navy.mil/positions/hro>

**\* New 2004 Announcement\* Education Aid/Technician, GS-1702-03/04**, MWR Department, Child Development Center NAS Sigonella. Announcement number SIG04-EDTECH. Open Continuous.

**\* New 2004 Announcement\* Recreation Aid, GS-189-03**, MWR Department, Recreation Services Division, Youth Activities Branch, Various Locations, NAS Sigonella. Announcement number SIG04-RECAID. Open Continuous.

**Supervisory Recreation Specialist, GS-0188-07**, MWR Department, Recreation Division, Sports and Athletics Branch, NAS Sigonella. Announcement number SIG04-028531 (RR). Open Until Filled.

**Lead Recreation Assistant, GS-189-04/05**, MWR Department, Community Activities Branch, Take 5 Recreation Center, Sigonella. Announcement number SIG04-032228 (R ). Open Until Filled.

**Auto Hobby Shop Manager, GS-1101-07**, MWR Department, Recreation Services Division, Auto Skills Clinic Branch, Sigonella. Announcement number SIG04-032261 (R ). Open Until Filled.

**Recreation Assistant, GS-0189-04/05**, MWR Department, Recreation Division, Auto Skills Clinic Br., Sigonella. Announcement number SIG04-032262 (R ). Open Until Filled.

**IT Specialist, GS-2210-11**, Naval Computer & Telecom Station Sicily, Information Technology Department, Sigonella. Announcement number SIG04-032699. Closes 01 November 2004.

