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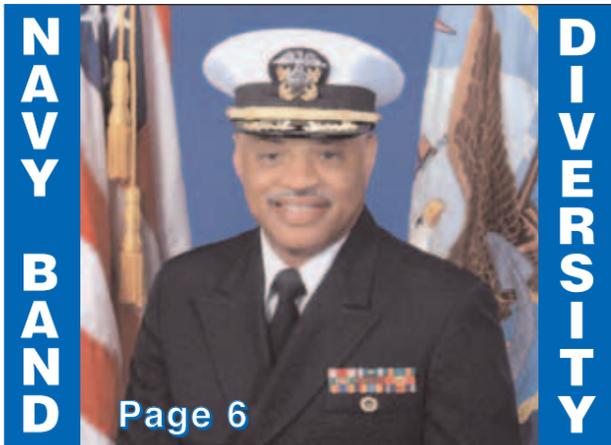
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USNH Naples wins customer service award

Story and photo submitted by
USNH Naples Public Affairs

The U.S. Naval Hospital Naples, Italy was named Outstanding Military Hospital of the Year for Customer Satisfaction by the Department of Defense (DoD), having competed among all U.S. Army, Navy and Air Force overseas military treatment facilities worldwide.

USNH Naples Commanding Officer Capt. Dale Molé was on hand to receive the award during the 2007 Military Health System National Conference Jan. 31 in Washington, DC.

"This award recognizes sustained superior effort by our great staff to meet the needs of all beneficiaries from Naples, Italy to St. Mawgan, U.K., and from Landstuhl, Germany to La Maddalena (Sardinia), Italy," Molé said on accepting the award. "To put this into perspective, this is similar to a Navy Battle 'E' award, but one that is competed for among all military services. Our patients should share in the pride of this award, since it is the constructive feedback they provide about their experiences in our hospital and clinics that enhance our ability to provide the quality of care and service they expect and deserve."

The award was presented during opening-day plenary ceremonies, a day during which the first military Iraqi Surgeon General addressed the over 3,000 attendees on the development of a military health system for the Iraqi Army.

"Many of our staff have served in the Horn of Africa, Afghanistan and Iraq," Molé said. "Their efforts helped support the Iraqi military medical system now being established and operated by that new nation. We also provided direct medical support for the evacuation of Lebanon by supplying essential medical equipment and personnel both in Cyprus and at sea. Equally skilled at providing care in a brick-and-mortar medical facility or in the austere environments on the frontiers of the global war on terrorism, my staff epitomizes the Navy medicine motto: 'World Class Care, Anytime, Anywhere.'"

This is the first time the USNH Naples facility has



Dr. Steven Jones, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), left, and Vice Adm. Donald Arthur (Surgeon General of the Navy), right, present Capt. Dale Mole, commanding officer, U.S. Naval Hospital Naples, with an award for Outstanding Military Hospital of the Year for Customer Service, which includes a \$25,000 cash award to the hospital, at the TRICARE conference in Washington, D.C. Jan. 31.

been named the top overseas hospital by DoD, although it ranked rated third-runner-up for customer satisfaction in 2003.

The customer service award program is contracted by DoD to the Picker Institute, a leader in the scientific measurement and improvement of patients' experiences and promotion of patient-centered care. USNH Naples received the international Institutional Achievement Award for patient-centered initiatives, programs, leadership and service-oriented staff.

Over the past few years, the DoD has been making sure military treatment facilities optimize their resources and provide the best production and access for the health-care dollar.

"Naval Hospital Naples has right-sized with efficiency activities underway within Navy medicine, as well as aligning ourselves with Adm. [Harry G.] Ulrich's vision for Navy transformation throughout Europe and Africa," Molé said. "Despite some reduction in personnel, I am committed to the goal of having our patients, at the end of their military service, reflect upon their experiences and be able to say the best care they ever received in their entire career was at USNH Naples ... An award like this is nice, but the most important award we win daily is the trust and confidence of each person who seeks our help," Molé said, also noting the support of the Italian medical community.

"That is our true measure and our best reward."

Last chance to get set for NSA's base-wide NR07 emergency drill

By MC2 Glenn S. Robertson, Panorama staff

With only a few days left to prepare for Neptune Response 07 (NR07), this is a good time to ensure your family is prepared for both the drill and the possibility of a real emergency.

NR07 is a three-day drill — Wednesday through Friday of next week — that will take volunteers through the process of being evacuated from Naval Support Activity Naples. During those three days, work and school schedules will be interrupted as Commander, Naval Forces Europe (CNE), Commander, 6th Fleet (C6F), and Commander, Navy Region Europe (CNRE) simulate the occurrence of a Mount Vesuvius eruption in Naples. A simultaneous exercise simulates an eruption of Mount Etna, near U.S. Naval Air Station Sigonella, in Sicily.

Participants in the drill include CNRE and CNE-C6F staff, emergency responders from NSA Naples and NAS Sigonella, Italian civil defense personnel, and the prefectures of Caserta, Naples and Catania, as well as volunteer personnel attached to U.S. military commands in the area and their families.

Volunteer personnel and their families have been chosen to go through the motions of an evacuation, up to the point of actually leaving the country, while some of those volunteers will be taken to either Gaeta or the Italian airfield at Grazzanise, according to NSA Naples Emergency Management Director Timothy Eckert.

Ultimately, though, the purpose of the drill is to ensure that all personnel are prepared for an eruption or other disaster situation.

There are several Web sites devoted to disaster preparedness, one of which can be accessed directly from NSA Naples' home page, <http://www.nsa.naples.navy.mil>, by clicking on the top banner.

Also, the American Red Cross has a Web site, <http://www.redcross.org/services/prepare>.

Navy-Marine Corps Relief raising funds for Navy families

By MCI (AW/SG) William J. Kipp Jr.,
Commander Navy Region Europe Public Affairs

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) fund drive for 2007 kicks off next week, raising money to provide a safety net for hundreds of U.S. military families in the Naples area over the coming year. The drive opens officially at 10:30 a.m. Feb. 20 at the Fellowship Hall, Capodichino.

The NMCRS, in existence since 1904, provides a wide variety of services to

members of the naval services and their families.

Programs include interest-free loans and grants to help with emergency expenses; budget counseling; educational loans and grants for spouses and for children of active duty, retired and deceased service members; and the provision of layettes ("baby seabags") for new parents. Additionally, NMCRS has expanded its Visiting Nurse Program, which provides registered nurses at no cost to assist combat casualties and their families.

"When determining if you qualify for services, there is one question that should be asked: 'Is this a need or a want?'" said Margaret Copson, director of the NMCRS in Naples, Italy. "For example, I need to have electricity, or I need to have a safe car to get back and forth to work. Not, 'I want a vacation or I want a boat.'"

Copson emphasizes that NMCRS should be considered as a resource for help, not as a last resort.

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XO's Corner

By **Cmdr. Jeff Jackson**
NSA Naples Executive Officer



Would you be ready if a natural disaster happened today, such as an earthquake or the eruption of Mount Vesuvius? Disaster preparedness drill Neptune Response 07 kicks off next week to test our ability to notify and evacuate personnel in the Naples American military community.

The focus of this exercise is personal preparedness, community awareness and the evacuation processes in the wake of an "eruption" of Vesuvius. Volunteers, representing a cross-section of our community, will help prepare and test our system of identifying, locating and transporting people to areas of departure. This processing will start Thursday at the NEX Food Court. There will be no disruption of services at any NEX facility.

Whether you are a volunteer or spectator, this is an excellent time to review your emergency supplies and get your kit together.

A well-stocked emergency readiness kit should contain, at a minimum:

- Water for each person for three days
- Food
- Important documents, such as birth certificates, passports, visa, and marriage certificates
- Flashlight and batteries
- Battery operated radio
- Prescribed medications

These items should be easily accessible at a moment's notice, and the kit should contain enough supplies to sustain you and your family for 72 hours. Take this opportunity to prepare for your own or your family's survival if and when a natural disaster strikes. As a reminder, this weekend, Naples-area Boy Scouts will be going door-to-door at support site housing and off-base government parks asking whether you have an emergency preparedness kit ready to go.

We are getting closer to PCS season, a time for sponsors to make a good first impression of your command and our base. It is not one person's responsibility to be a good sponsor, but one that falls on us all. It is time-consuming but rewarding when newly arriving Sailors, civilians and their families are properly prepared and know what to expect. The first step is an introduction and a "welcome aboard" letter weeks or even months before PCSing folks arrive. Learn about the family situation — single or married, with or without children, or those with special needs — and link that Sailor or family with a sponsor with similar backgrounds. Remember to contact them early and stay in contact for a smooth transition and successful tour.

"Bravo Zulu" to all those who volunteered for the Naples-area schools' Career Fair. You help make NSA Naples a better community by investing in our future leaders.

VITA center now open for free income tax filing

Submitted by the U.S. Region
Legal Services Office (RLSO)
Europe and Southwest Asia

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) center is open and ready to file your 2006 income taxes. W-2s are now available at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>. VITA staff, volunteers who participated in special tax training, have been certified by the IRS and are ready to assist you.

The VITA center at NSA Capodichino is located in the basement of BEQ 1 (Bldg. 443). The entrance is directly behind the wooden gazebo adjacent to the NEX mini-bar. The center is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and taxes are prepared by appointment only. VITA volunteers are also placed strategically within NSA Naples commands to help service members directly from their work sites.

To make an appointment or find the VITA volunteer nearest you, call the NSA VITA center, 081-568-1323. Note that due to volunteer staffing, hours at all centers are subject to change.

This year, VITA has set up satellite tax centers at the U.S. Naval Hospital Naples and Allied Joint Force Command.

For an appointment at the hospital, contact HM1 Roberto Ferrer, Roberto.Ferrer@med.navy.mil; for JFC, call the NSA center.

To ensure that VITA can assist you with your taxes as quickly as possible, here are a few pointers:

- Bring your identification card with you to the appointment. Only U.S. military active duty members, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and dependents are eligible for VITA assistance.
- Wait for all of your tax information to arrive. If you have a mortgage, bank accounts or investment accounts, those financial institutions will send you tax statements. If



NSA Naples, Italy Executive Officer Cmdr. Jeff Jackson cuts a cake while event organizer and program manager Lt. Gretchen Sosbee looks on during the grand opening of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA) at Capodichino. (Photo by MC2 (AW) Shaun Knittel, Panorama staff)

you have a spouse or children who worked, bring their W-2s as well. If you had a child in daycare, you will need a statement from the childcare provider to be eligible for a credit.

- Bring correct Social Security cards and birth dates for your spouse and children.
- If you are entitled to a refund and would like it deposited into an account, have the correct routing number and account number.
- If you are filing jointly and your spouse cannot attend your appointment with you, bring a current power of attorney.

Without the above information, VITA volunteers may not be able to prepare your return, or it could be rejected by the IRS.

For more information, call SK1 Jose Caruso, the VITA center's manager, 081-568-1323, or RLSO, 081-568-4576.

Hep-A vaccine arrives in Naples

Although an area-wide shortage of the Hepatitis-A vaccine continues, a limited supply (200 doses) is now available at the U.S. Naval Hospital Naples Immunization Clinic, and more is expected shortly. The vaccine is available on a walk-in basis, and is one of the new immunizations required by DoD schools. The Hepatitis-A vaccine is series of two immunizations, given at least six months apart. The Immunization Clinic would also like to remind people that flu vaccine continues to be available for all eligible beneficiaries as well.

The immunization clinic is open 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 8:45 a.m. to noon Thursday. Contact your school nurse or the Immunization Clinic for more information.

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a budget without having a financial problem," Copson said. "Our caseworkers can help service members and their families review and understand their monthly budget and possibly make recommendations for improvements."

NMCRS Active Duty Fund Drive Coordinator Lt. Joshua Awad said that the services the society provides are easy to use and a valuable resource for those who need help in an emergency.

"Think of it as a community savings account or an emergency fund for the Navy-Marine Corps family," Awad said.

In 2006, the NMCRS Naples' 35 volunteers worked more than 3,900 hours to help service members and their families, and provided more than \$218,000 in interest-free loans and grants, living expenses and other programs, as well as \$109,440 in spouse tuition assistance. The Naples Visiting Nurses Program had 417 referrals, 476 patient visits and 867 patient contacts. In addition, 47 layettes were given to families with newborns.

The 2007 NMCRS fund drive will run through March 31. Your donations allow the society to continue to provide valuable assistance to Navy families. Check with your command's NMCRS representative or the NMCRS Web site for more information.

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Chaplain's Corner

Chapel offerings include Sacramental Service

Introduction by Chaplain Lt. Cmdr. Seth Phillips

Judging from the excitement and publicity about the new Hallelujah Full Gospel Service and the arrival of Pastor Philip Park to lead the 9 a.m. Contemporary Christian Service, I feel confident that folks know about these two services. Recently, I have been asked repeatedly, "I'm not Catholic, but I want to take Communion whenever I attend worship. Do you have a service for me?"

While as a rabbi, I don't have to know the answer, but as the Command Chaplain, I DO. The Bella Napoli Religious Ministry Team includes Chaplain Ernie Worman, who does know the answer. He serves as the co-pastor of the 6 p.m. Sacramental Service at the support site, and shares the following information with our Naples community.

Q & A by Chaplain Ernie Worman

1. Are you accustomed to being asked to stand and sit, stand and sit, multiple times while you attend worship? If so, you might enjoy the Sacramental Service at the support site chapel at 6 p.m. on Sunday nights.
2. Does your Protestant pastor dress in a white robe with stole and cincture? If so, you might enjoy the 6 p.m. Sunday evening Sacramental Worship Service at the support site chapel.
3. Have you ever been at work, or the market, with dark ashes on your forehead, once a year between mid-February and mid-March, and had everyone ask you why your head is dirty, only to reply, "Because it is Ash Wednesday." If so, you might enjoy the 6 p.m. Sacramental Service on Sunday nights at the support site chapel.

4. Have you ever been through catechism or first Communion, celebrated Advent and Lent, sung hymns set to music by Bach and other classic composers, enjoyed Jell-O during a church pot luck, or recognize the tune to the hymn, "A Mighty Fortress" from the first few notes? If so, you might enjoy the 6 p.m. Sacramental Worship Service at the support site chapel on Sunday nights.

The Sacramental Service is a Christian Protestant service that uses a Lutheran/Episcopal rite of liturgy, and celebrates with Holy Communion each week.

We meet in the side chapel at the support site chapel from 6-7 p.m. each week. If you have any questions about this service or would like to know a little more about us, please call Chaplain Ernie Worman at the U.S. Naval Hospital Naples, 081-811-6450 /6451.

Full Gospel celebrates Black history Sunday

In observance of Black History Month, the Hallelujah Full Gospel Service will host "Celebrating Black History through Expression" at 2:30 p.m. Feb. 18 at the support site chapel.

Utilizing song, poetry and dance, the program will recognize the achievements and contributions of African-Americans in the history of the United States. All are welcome to attend the observance.

Italian News Briefs

Compiled by Teresa Merola from local media reports

Americans say 'We never felt in danger here'

According to a story released this week by ANSA, an Italian wire service, Americans in Naples say they feel at home and have never felt in danger just because they are Americans, and have not experienced any tension or anti-American sentiment due to issues with the U.S. Army base in Vicenza. The story quoted Stacie F., a U.S. Air Force captain, and John P., a staff sergeant, who both work at the NATO base in Bagnoli. John and Mike, with the U.S. Navy, said they felt the same way.

"I have been living in Naples for more than a year [and] once, during my absence I had my car 'visited,'" said Stacie F., 28. "I do not believe it had anything to do with me being an American. I have never felt any hostility; on the contrary everybody has been very kind."

John P., 35, has been working at the Naples NATO base for six months, and describes Naples as a cosmopolitan city.

"I have never felt that people look at me differently from any other foreign national," said John. "Do I feel in danger in Naples because I am an American? I am surprised by your question."

John M., a U.S. Navy chief said he is enjoying working and living in Naples.

Mike C., a U.S. Navy petty officer 2nd class, said he and his family are "crazy for the pizza."

"I would love to continue to work here if I had the possibility," he told ANSA. "My family and I are very happy living here."

Terrorists planned attack on Berlusconi, media

Italian police on Monday arrested 15 suspected Red Brigade terrorists as they prepared to attack one of Berlusconi's homes in Milan, as well as transmitters owned by Mediaset and Sky TV. The investigation started in August 2004, when police discov-

ered documents and materials which could be used for illegal activities, such as ski masks, timers and electronic components. The investigation was coordinated by police in all Northern Italian cities.

One of their first planned targets was likely the conservative daily newspaper *Libero*. All the suspects arrested consider themselves "at war with the state," said Milan prosecutor Ilda Boccassini. Charges include subversion, association with terrorist organizations and illegal weapons possession.

Italian marriage patterns changing

According to the national statistics office Istat reports, Italians are marrying less and separating and divorcing more, and the number of couples forming families without marriage has doubled in the past 10 years. Italians are marrying later in life, at the average age of 34 for men and 30 for women.

There is also a reported decline in church weddings, with an increase in civil ceremonies, due to the rising number of marriages between Italians and foreigners. There is also a difference in regional marriage patterns, with civil weddings making up 43 percent of ceremonies in the north, 35 percent in central Italy, and just 18 percent in the south.

Drugs confiscated at major Italian airports

Last Thursday, 29 people were arrested and 60 kilograms of drugs were confiscated at airports in Rome, Milan, Naples and Florence. All those arrested were foreign nationals from Ghana, Poland, Romania and Nigeria. The drugs were imported in Italy through France, through methods ranging from swallowing ovules to placing drugs in false bottoms of suitcases or in cosmetic products.

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THIS WEEKEND

- 16 ALLIED FORCES BAND/CONSERVATORIO DI MUSICA SAN PIETRO A MAJELLA CONCERT, 6 p.m., at the conservatory, which is located in downtown Naples. FMI 081-721-2315.
- 16 NAPLES ELEMENTARY/ HIGH SCHOOL CAREER FAIR. The annual fair provides students with access to information in career areas appropriate to their age. To participate as a presenter or demonstrator, contact Harold Crawford, 081-568-6895 or Harold.Crawford@nsa.naples.navy.mil (military careers); or Coleen Byrnes, 081-811-4058 or coleen.byrnes@eu.dodea.edu (all other careers).
- 16 NAPLES ICR'S LASAGNE, MASKS, & MARDI GRAS, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., FFSC. Cost.
- 17 DIBA CARNIVAL PARTY, 4-9 p.m., support site retail mall. Refreshments and snacks, activities for children, dance demonstrations, magic and a performance by the musical group "900Band." Live show at 7 p.m. with judging and award presentations, including "Best Mask 2007." American, Italian and NATO community members are welcome.
- 17 MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT CONFERENCE, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., support site Chapel Fellowship Hall. Lunch and babysitting will be provided. Presented by the Hallelujah Full Gospel Service.

FEBRUARY

- 19 NAPLES ICR'S EASY ITALIAN II, 10 a.m. to noon, FFSC.
- 19 NAPLES ICR'S TIPS ON ITALIAN HOUSECLEANING, 10 a.m. to noon, FFSC.
- 20-22 PREVENT TRAINING, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Room G-014, Admin II, Capodichino. Enroll personnel by return e-mail (margret.arriola@eu.navy.mil) or by calling the Naples SARP, 081-568-5500; or NSA DAPA, 081-568-5490. Provide student name, rate, UIC, SSN, command and POC.
- 20 NAPLES FFSC'S DEPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP, 2-4 p.m. Open to spouses of active duty service members on deployment. Learn tools and techniques to help manage the challenges deployment can bring. FMI 081-811-6547/6372.
- 20 NAPLES FFSC'S EMPLOYMENT & CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN NAPLES, 9 a.m. to noon. Learn how to apply for work with the federal government, NEX, MWR and others.
- 21 ASH WEDNESDAY ROMAN CATHOLIC MASS, 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the support site chapel; 9 a.m. U.S. Naval Hospital; and noon at the Capodichino chapel.
- 22 NAPLES FFSC'S DEBT/CREDIT MANAGEMENT, 9 a.m. to noon. Insight on the wise use of credit, maintaining a good credit rating and avoiding excessive debt.
- 22 NAPLES FFSC'S TEN STEPS TO FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT, (two-day course), 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Improve your chances of landing a federal position by preparing the right resume format, applying correctly and targeting the correct job title and grade.
- 23 NAPLES ICR'S NEAPOLITAN BURIAL CUSTOMS, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., FFSC.
- 23 STATIONS OF THE CROSS, today and every Friday during Lent, 5:30 p.m., support site chapel. A community "Soup Supper" hosted by the Military Council of Catholic Women and parishioners follows the devotion.
- 24 IAS (INTERNATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY) ANNUAL ITALIAN WAR MEMORIAL TOUR, departs 7:30 a.m. from the JFC gate. Tour also includes the restored Abbey at Montecassino, lunch, visiting the site of the 36th Texas Division's battle at St. Angelo, the British War Cemetery and the deserted remains of the town of San Pietro. Pre-trip payment required in advance; briefing held by guide Hamish Robertson 5:30 to 7 p.m. Feb. 22, Agrippa Arms, JFC. Cost: €48/€58 members/non-members. FMI/reservations: iasnaples@yahoo.com.
- 24 NOSC FASHION BENEFIT, 7 p.m., Forgotten Treasures Thrift Store, support site. NOSC's second fun-filled "Have-A-Heart" benefit fashion show. To attend you must reserve by Feb. 19. Event is for adults only. There is no cost for tickets, but you can bid on silent and live auctions. FMI/reservations: Forgotten Treasures, 081-811-4200 or Maria at RosPE@aol.com or 081-804-9369.
- 26 TRAFFIC SAFETY COUNCIL MTG, 10 a.m., NSA Safety Training Room, Admin II. E-mail input to james.dickinson@eu.navy.mil or call 081-568-6342.
- 26-MARCH 9 BEARINGS COURSE, NSA NAPLES. Course is designed to provide life skills to Sailors. Quotas will be accepted until Feb. 12. To obtain a quota, e-mail frank.deehan@eu.navy.mil with the following information: Rate/rank, full name, SSN, command, command POC (with e-mail and phone number) and specific enrollment reasons.
- 27-MARCH 1 MOTORCYCLE SAFETY COURSE, 1 p.m., Carney Park recreation building. FMI call Jim or Fabio, 081-568-6342/5594.
- 28 NAPLES ICR'S PLAY SCOPA, 9-11 a.m. FFSC.
- 28 CATHOLIC SCRIPTURE STUDY, today and every Wednesday at 1 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. (for eight weeks), support site Chaplain's Office. FMI Fr. Deeley, 081-811-4610.

MARCH

- 1 NAPLES FFSC'S COLLEGE PLANNING, 9 a.m. to noon.
- 2 NAPLES ICR'S UNIFICATION OF ITALY, 9-11 a.m., FFSC.
- 3 NAPLES AMERICAN RED CROSS CPR SATURDAY, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fit Forum (support site). Offered at no cost; donations welcome. Participants who pass a written and practical exam at the end of training will become CPR certified. No registration is required, except for large groups.

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Above: NJROTC members from Naples and Sigonella participate in the rifle competition, prone, during last weekend's mini-drill and rifle match at Naples. Sigonella bested Naples by just five points in shooting events.

Left: Naples NJROTC Armed Drill Team members put on a powerful performance during the last week's drill competition against Sigonella, taking four of the five top spots. (Photos by Robin Blair)



Naples hosts mini-drill meet, rifle competition

By Cadet Chief Petty Officer Cara Pullen
Naples NJROTC

A mini-drill meet and rifle match Saturday saw Naples NJROTC playing host to Sigonella. Starting with inspection, Cadets Kevin Pullen, Brian Michel and Tom Mastroianni took top honors with exemplary personal appearance ribbons being awarded.

Naples cadets put in powerful performances in the exhibition-drill phase, led by Lieutenant Junior Grade Mike Lavoie. Next, in the solo and duet portion, Lavoie again showed his prowess with a first-place medal in solo and a first place in duet, shared with Cadet Petty Officer First Class Allan Hooker. Finally, in the knock-out drills, Naples took four of the five top spots: Cadet Seaman Apprentice Charles Creller, fifth; Cadet Seaman Apprentice Sabrina Davis, fourth; Cadet Lt. Cmdr. Kaitlin Bibeau, second; and Cadet Seaman Apprentice Brad Norton, first. Completing the drill phase, the teams moved indoors to the rifle range.

Sigonella beat out Naples by a mere five points, 686 to 681, taking first place in the shooting phase of the meet. Naples cadets out-shot the Jaguars for high series with Cadet Chief Petty Officer Andrew Smith turning in a score of 219 for the first-place medal, and Cadet Seaman Apprentice Michael Chizek followed with 182 to take third. Other Wildcats shooters were Cadet Petty Officer Second Class Kodi Blair, Cadet Seaman Apprentice Justin Cave, Chizek, Creller, Cadet Seaman Cory Farrington, Cadet Seaman Chris Marshall, Cadet Seaman Michel, Cadet Chief Petty Officer Cara Murphy, Cadet Seaman Julie Pullen, Cadet Seaman Kevin Pullin and Cadet Seaman Jack Selle.

"This was a great chance to get ready for the March meets in Vicenza [Italy] and Lakenheath [England]," said Lavoie, the Armed Drill Team commander. "Now we know what comps feel like, and can polish our routines. It was a lot of fun to have Sigonella here as well."



NHS student spells her way to Europeans

Emma Murray, (above) a seventh-grader at Naples High School, was the winner of the PTSA Spelling Bee held Jan. 30 at NHS. Jacqueline Lund was the runner up in the competition. The event was organized by PTSA President Susan Crosby, Robert Patulak served as the "pronouncer," and Carole Russell was the teacher-sponsor. Emma has the opportunity to represent Naples at the PTSA European Spelling Bee in Ramstein on March 17. (Photo by Cynthia Fuerst)



Covering our troops

Lori Brito, wife of a Sailor assigned to the U.S. Naval Hospital in Naples, Italy came up with the idea to make and send blankets to injured troops at the Balad Hospital in Iraq, as a way to give them some comfort. The hospital spouses made 50 blankets on Monday at the support site Fellowship Hall, which were later mailed to the hospital in Balad.

Above: Kylie Miertschin, center, supervises while Suzanne Zielinski, and Vicki Miertschin work together to complete another no-sew blanket.

Right: No-sew fleece blankets that will be sent to wounded service members are made by laying one blanket on top of another, cutting one-inch strips around the sides, and tying them together.

Page 1: Vicki Miertschin works with daughter Kylie to begin cutting the strips that will be tied to make a no-sew blanket.





Sweethearts of Fil-Am

The King and Queen of the Filipino American Association of Naples' annual "Sweetheart's Ball," HM2 Mailon Dayao and Gladys Dayao, dance the night away to the delight of other guests in attendance. The ball was held at Il Castello Arco Felice last Friday. The Naples Fil-Am Club is a command-sponsored organization that welcomes members from the local military community. The group holds the annual event as a way to get the members and their friends together near Valentine's Day. (Photo by Bill Kipp)

USNH Naples Stands Up for Safety Part II: Patient identification

By Suzanne Berrong, Patient Safety Specialist, USNH Naples

And you are?

One of the National Patient Safety goals requires the healthcare team to have a process to ensure that they have identified the correct patient before starting care.

To help reduce medical errors, the medical and dental staff may ask you several times during your stay or visit to the U.S. Naval Hospital Naples to confirm your identity. This is not because they can't remember or aren't paying attention. This is one of the hospital's methods to make sure the medical staff has the correct patient for that particular appointment or treatment.

The two primary patient identifiers for USNH Naples are (1) your name and (2) your date of birth. Hospital staff may also ask for your "family member prefix" and the "last four" of your Social Security number. However, one Social Security number can be shared by many people in your family with the potential for error when identifying patients.

Your name and date of birth are uniquely yours, and you should be asked about these at specific points of your care, such as when checking in for an appointment, prior to any invasive procedures, prior to medication administration or when receiving medications from the pharmacy. When you present your ID card, staff may still ask you to say your name and date of birth to confirm your identity.

Our staff is instructed to follow what are known as the "5 Rights" of medication administration: (1) right medication, (2) right dose, (3) right route, (4) right time and (5) right patient.

In a typical scenario, a staff member will check your wristband ID (if you are admitted) for your name and date of birth before giving you medication. This allows the staff member to compare your personal information to the information listed on the medication administration record or physician's order.

The "Universal Protocol" is a national effort to eliminate wrong site, wrong patient and wrong procedure events. Prior to a procedure, you will be asked to point to your procedure site, and medical staff will also ask you describe what is going to be done today.

They aren't asking you because they don't know; it is part of USNH Naples' process to make sure that the patient and the staff are in agreement. This is done by reviewing and confirming that the staff has identified the correct patient, correct site and correct procedure. This occurs before you receive any sedation or anesthesia. While you are sedated, the staff uses your wristband ID to verify your identity before any procedures are undertaken.

Your active participation in your care is important to USNH Naples. For more information, call the Patient Safety Office, 081-811-6321.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second in a series of USNH Naples articles about ongoing and new patient safety initiatives, leading up to Patient Safety Week March 5. Future installments will focus on specific methods of improving patient safety.]

Local-hire civilian job application process changes for Naples

Submitted by HRSC Europe

The Human Resources Service Center-Europe (HRSC Europe) introduced a pilot program on June 16 to utilize the Navy's CHART system in an effort to improve and streamline the application procedures for local Naples and Gaeta recruitment.

Based on the pilot project results, starting Feb. 23, HRSC Europe will discontinue the use of the CHART system for local applicants.

The intention of the pilot was to analyze the use of CHART for the unique application processes for overseas recruitment and to assess improvements on turn-around time on candidate referrals to managers. The results of the pilot were mixed, both positive and negative.

While use of the CHART resumé builder improved the information and substance of resumes submitted by applicants, we encountered numerous other problems that made the system problematic for our recruitment efforts.

HRSC Europe intends to reshape the application process for the Naples community.

Applicants will again be required to submit a hard-copy resumé to HRSC for current vacancies. In addition, appli-

cants must complete and submit two questionnaires which will provide the necessary information to determine civilian component eligibility as well as spousal hiring preference.

Each vacancy announcement listed on the HRO Web site will include links to these mandatory questionnaires.

Although the new announcements will be posted in Feb. 23 *Panorama*, job seekers should check the HRO Web site weekly for a complete list of available vacancies, because this may include openings not posted in *Panorama*.

Detailed information on the application process is posted HRO's Web site, <http://www.nsa.naples.navy.mil/hro>.

Applicants are encouraged to develop their resumé in the Navy's CHART system, which allows you to print your completed resumé (go to <https://chart.donhr.navy.mil/>).

Using the CHART resumé builder ensures that you are providing important information about your experience and education and will optimize your consideration for vacancies.

HRSC will continue to partner with the NSA Fleet and Family Support Center to make sure that potential applicants understand the process.

Washington D.C. Navy Band gets first African-American commander

By MCSN Ken Ingram, Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

Commander George Thompson said he feels “extremely proud” and “blessed” to be selected as the first African-American commanding officer of the Navy Band in Washington.

“It’s amazing that in the 21st century, year 2007, we still are able to achieve some type of first as African-Americans,” said Thompson, head of the Navy Music Program at Navy Personnel Command.

According to Lt. Cmdr. David Hodge, who coordinates Navy bands nationwide for the Navy Office of Community Outreach (NAVCO), Thompson’s career and achievements makes him the right person for the job.

“The Navy couldn’t have made a better pick to lead the Navy Band in Washington, D.C.,” said Hodge. “Commander Thompson started out as one of the best pianists in the Navy, rose through the ranks and became known as one of its finest musicians. His entire career as a bandmaster has focused him toward this milestone.”

Both of Thompson’s parents had musical talent and sang in the choir at the church they attended in Philadelphia. One day after Sunday school, Thompson, to his parent’s amazement, sat down at the church’s piano and started playing simple melodies he had heard in church. They saved and budgeted to get him a piano and private lessons.

Thompson enlisted in the Navy in the aviation field. At basic training, he was placed in a special company, which consisted of a choir, band and flag details. He was a member of the choir.

“On one rare occasion when we received free time, I went to the choir room to play the piano,” Thompson said. “Another recruit overheard me playing, and asked what my rate was going to be, mentioning that he was going to the Naval Academy Band as a French horn player and that I should try out for the music program,” said Thompson. “I passed my audition and was accepted to the Navy School of Music in Little Creek, Va., thus beginning my Navy music career.”

After “A” school, Thompson reported to the Navy Band in Orlando, Fla., where he performed with the contemporary ensemble Flagship. In 1980, he transferred to Navy Band Newport, R.I., as keyboardist and vocalist with the Northeastern Navy Show Band.

He was commissioned in 1990 and reported to the U.S. Navy Band in Washington as the officer in charge of the ceremonial unit, giving him his first taste of playing national-level events. In June 1994, he became the 7th Fleet bandmaster, U.S. Fleet Band on board the USS Blue Ridge (LCC 19) in Japan, and then went to Jacksonville, Fla., as director, Navy Band Southeast. He later became the executive officer of the School of Music.

“One of my most memorable times in my career was when I was the director of the 7th Fleet Band and I performed for former President William Clinton during his visit to the USS Independence (CV 62) in Japan,” said Thompson. “It was an honor to have him come over and shake my hand after the performance.”

Thompson is also the first African-American to be commissioned bandmaster through the Navy Limited Duty Officer Selection Program.

“I would encourage all young Sailors — regardless of their ethnicity — to take advantage of the education provided by the Navy,” said Thompson. “The only person who can hold you back is you.”



U.S. Navy, Senegalese train hand-to-hand

QM2 Scott Coulson, *right*, from Brunswick, Georgia, and other Sailors from USS Kauffman (FFG 59) practice hand-to-hand combat techniques with Senegalese military commandos in Dakar Jan. 29. In conjunction with Kauffman’s Jan. 27-31 port visit to Dakar, the training was part of a U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa initiative to improve maritime security by helping African partners build core competencies and capability. A task group comprised of Kauffman, USCGC Legare (WMEC 912) and elements of Destroyer Squadron 60 is currently deployed to the Gulf of Guinea. (Photo by Ship’s Serviceman 3rd Class (SW) Shawn Simmons)

Europe-wide advocates training to be held in Naples

Submitted by CNRE Public Affairs

Commander Navy Region Europe (CNRE) Fleet and Family Support Program will hold its annual training event, “Coming Home – Supporting our Service Members & Families in Today’s Military,” April 9-12 at the Capodichino base in Naples, Italy.

Nationally recognized speakers, trainers and clinicians, including Scott D. Miller, Ph.D. and Bridget C. Cantrell, Ph.D., will address how to support loved ones in today’s military environment. Training topics include combat stress and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and its

effects on the family, family reintegration and therapeutic change. Forty-plus years of research will be reviewed and distilled into practical strategies to improve the outcome of even the most challenging clinical issues.

The program is offered at no charge to family sexual assault victim advocates, therapists, school counselors and principals, and representatives of drug and alcohol programs, medical and behavioral health providers, substance abuse rehabilitation programs and anyone directly involved with clinical counseling services.

Contact the CNRE Fleet and Family Support Center to sign up by calling 081-568-2976 no later than March 15.

Reel 2 Times cinema

Friday, February 16
4 p.m. Eragon, PG
5:15 p.m. Rocky Balboa, PG
6 p.m. The Good Shepherd, R
7:45 p.m. Night at the Museum
PG
8:45 p.m. Children of Men, R
Premiere Showing

Saturday, February 17
2 p.m. Night at the Museum, PG
3 p.m. Rocky Balboa, PG
4:30 p.m. The Pursuit of Happyness
PG13
5:45 p.m. Black Christmas, R
Premiere Showing
7:30 p.m. Rocky Balboa, PG
8:30 p.m. Apocalypto, R

Sunday, February 18
3 p.m. Night at the Museum, PG
4:30 p.m. Charlotte's Web, G
5:30 p.m. Rocky Balboa, PG
7:45 p.m. The Good Shepherd, R
8 p.m. Children of Men, R

Monday, February 19
3 p.m. Charlotte's Web, G
4 p.m. The Pursuit of Happyness, PG13
5:15 p.m. Night at the Museum, PG
7 p.m. Rocky Balboa, PG
8:15 p.m. Blood Diamond, R

Tuesday, February 20
4 p.m. We are Marshall, PG
5:15 p.m. Eragon, PG
7 p.m. Children of Men, R
8:15 p.m. Black Christmas, R

Wednesday, February 21
4 p.m. Night at the Museum, PG
5:15 p.m. Rocky Balboa, PG
7 p.m. The Good Shepherd, R
8:15 p.m. Children of Men, R

Thursday, February 22
11 a.m. Charlotte's Web, G
4 p.m. Eragon, PG, *Last Showing*
5:15 p.m. The Holiday, PG13
Last Showing
7 p.m. Blood Diamond, R
Last Showing
8:15 p.m. Black Christmas, R



Friday, February 16
7 p.m. Black Christmas, R
Naples Premiere Showing
Admission: adults, \$3 (12 and older); children, \$1.50 (ages 6-11)

Saturday, February 17
2 p.m. Deck the Halls (PG, 95 min)
4 p.m. A Good Year (PG13, 118 min)
6 p.m. Borat (R, 84 min)

Sunday, February 18
2 p.m. The Santa Clause 3 (G, 92 min)
4 p.m. Shadows in the Sun (PG13, 100 min)
6 p.m. Idiocracy (R, 84 min)

Wednesday, February 21
5 p.m. Flags of Our Fathers (R, 132 min)
8 p.m. Little Miss Sunshine (R, 101 min)

Thursday, February 22
5 p.m. The Prestige (PG13, 130 min)
8 p.m. Crank (R, 83 min)

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Capodichino 081-568-5713
Support Site 081-811-4903

DAILY TOURS	
Mon	Naples After Work €19
Tues	Herculaneum and Mt. Vesuvius €49
Wed	Christian Rome €55
Thurs	Sorrento and Amalfi Coast €35
Fri	Pompeii & Mt. Vesuvius €49
Fri	Wine Tasting After Work €45
Sat	Sorrento and Amalfi II (Features Ravello) €55
Sun	Rome of the Caesars €55

EXTENDED TOURS	
Feb 24-25	Special 99 Euro Ski Weekend €99
March 3-4	Fairytales Weekend in Rome €179
March 10-11	Delights of Umbria €179
March 14-18	Ireland Over St. Patrick's Day €636
March 24-25	Weekend in a Tuscan Castle €179
May 24-28	Memorial Day in Corfu (5 star resort) €399

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- 5 NAPLES ICR'S NEAPOLITAN PROVERBS, 10 a.m. to noon, FFSC.
 - 5-8 MOBILE TRAINING TEAM-FACILITATED COMMAND MANAGED EQUAL OPPORTUNITY MANAGER TRAINING, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Capodichino Fellowship Hall. FMI or to register contact RPC Stephanie Johnson, 081-568-4787 or stephanie.johnson@eu.navy.mil.
 - 6, 20 NAPLES FFSC'S DEPLOYMENT SUPPORT GROUP, 2-4 p.m. For spouses of deployed active duty service members. Learn tools and techniques to help you manage the challenges deployment can bring. FMI 081-811-6547/6372.
 - 9 NAPLES ICR'S NEAPOLITAN COOKING, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., FFSC. Cost: €8. Sign-ups start Feb. 16.
 - 9 NAPLES FFSC'S INSURANCE, 9 a.m. to noon. Information on various types of insurance: homeowners, life, renters.
 - 10 NAPLES HIGH JUNIOR CLASS SPRING FLING BASKET AUCTION, high school cafeteria. Fund-raiser for the class and the Junior/Senior Prom. Each command enters its own unique, creative basket to be auctioned off to the community. Dinner includes taco salad, water or soda and dessert and coffee. Winning command basket (highest bid) wins that command a pancake and sausage breakfast served by the Junior Class. Notify the class of the basket entry by Feb. 15. For basket ideas and registration, contact susan.ward@eu.dodea.edu or claudia.scherillo@eu.dodea.edu.
 - 12-15 COMMAND TRAINING TEAM INDOCTRINATION COURSE, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Capodichino Fellowship Hall. FMI or to register contact RPC Stephanie Johnson, 081-568-4787 or stephanie.johnson@eu.navy.mil.
 - 14-16 COMPASS NAPLES, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., support site. Navy spouses, learn how to successfully navigate the Navy maze. Free child care available. FMI or reservations call 081-811-4606 and a COMPASS volunteer will call you back, or e-mail COMPASSNaples@nsfamilyline.org.
 - 13 NAPLES FFSC'S DEVELOPING YOUR SPENDING PLAN, 12:30-3 p.m. Establish an adaptive budget to suit your circumstances.
 - 15 NAPLES ICR'S CHEESE, ITALIAN, PLEASE, 10 a.m. to noon, FFSC. Cost: €8.
 - 16 NAPLES ICR'S NEAPOLITAN ESPRESSO, noon to 2 p.m., FFSC. Cost: €3.
 - 16 NAPLES FFSC'S HOME BUYING, 9 a.m. to noon. How to buy a home that will best suit your family needs and finances.
 - 21 NAPLES ICR'S NEAPOLITAN COOKING, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., FFSC. Cost: €8. Sign-ups start Feb. 28.
 - 22 NAPLES ICR'S EASY ITALIAN REVIEW, 10 a.m. to noon, FFSC.
 - 22-25 SCI MARCO SKI TRIP TO ST. VEIT. In the beautiful Austrian Alps, 60 kilometers south of Salzburg. Stay at a three-star hotel with breakfast and dinner, three-day ski pass and one day of instruction for ski, snowboard or cross-country or a mountain guide. Cost: €275 per person; €129 for non-skiers. Ski-school babysitting available for children. FMI Alex Oviedo, oviedoag@eu.navfac.navy.mil, oviedos4@hotmail.com or 081-568-7708 or Tony at Tony's Hardware at JFC, 081-721-2633.
 - 22 NAPLES FFSC'S THRIFT SAVINGS PLAN (TSP), 12:30-3:30 p.m.
 - 22 NAPLES FFSC'S DEBT/CREDIT MANAGEMENT, 9 a.m. to noon. Insight on the wise use of credit, maintaining a good credit rating and how to avoid excessive debt.
 - 23 NAPLES FFSC'S SAVINGS AND INVESTING, 9 a.m. to noon.
 - 23 NAPLES ICR'S NEAPOLITAN BURIAL CUSTOMS, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., FFSC.
 - 30 NAPLES ICR'S MOZZARELLA DI BUFALA, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., FFSC. Cost: €8.
- ONGOING ON THE HORIZON**
FFSC-SPONSORED COMBAT STRESS SUPPORT GROUP, 3-5 p.m. Tuesdays, support site. For people returning from "down range," group is confidential. FMI Jupie Hamilton, 081-811-6542.
- NOSC'S FORGOTTEN TREASURES THRIFT STORE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS.** Benefits: friendship, fun and fashion. Store is adjacent to the vet office, behind the support site fire station. FMI Maria at RosPE@aol.com or 081-804-9369.
- PROTESTANT WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL BIBLE STUDIES,** 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, support site Fellowship Hall.
- LATINOS UNIDOS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS.** Meetings are at 2 p.m. the first Sunday of every month at the support site park. FMI Michael Cortez, Michael.cortez@eu.navy.mil, 334-6771-0327, or Gabriel Sermeno, Gabriel.sermeno@eu.navy.mil, 081-811-5554.
- UNIV OF OKLAHOMA OFFERS A GRADUATE DEGREE IN HUMAN RELATIONS,** in as little as 16 months. Enrollment is ongoing. FMI 081-568-6672.
- CHILD FIND SCREENINGS HELD AT NAPLES ELEMENTARY ON THE THIRD WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH.** If you are concerned about your child's physical, cognitive or speech-language development, contact the NES special education team at 081-811-4047 for an appointment.
- FILIPINO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION MEETS EVERY SECOND SATURDAY,** 6 p.m., support site Fellowship Hall. FMI Philip Pregusa, 335-109-0442, 081-811-5092 prejusap@med.naples.navy.mil or Anna Cruz annakathrinacruz@gmail.com.
- NAPLES OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION NEEDS OFFICIALS AND SCOREKEEPERS** for the adult, youth and high school basketball season. Experience not required. Contact Tim Huff, 338-720-2742 or timhuff2@yahoo.com.
- CNE-C6F SPOUSES CLUB MEETS THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH,** support site Community Center or Fellowship Hall. FMI Theresa Acosta, 348-680-8840.
- EDUCATIONAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL INTERVENTION SERVICES (EDIS) SCREENINGS NOW AVAILABLE,** Room W09, support site Village Forum. For eligible children who have not reached their 3rd birthday. If you are concerned about your child's development, contact EDIS at 081-811-4676.
- TOBACCO CESSATION,** 8-9 a.m., USNH Health Promotion Classroom Room 2108. A four-week Freedom from Smoking Class that starts the first Wed. of each month and continues every Wed. for four weeks. Registration: 081-811-6311.
- UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA OFFERS FREE PUBLIC SERVICE SEMINARS BY OUR PROFESSORS.** Teachers are flown in from OU stateside to offer their expertise to your unit or agency, on topics such as conflict resolution and team building. FMI 081-568-6672 or apnaples@ou.edu.

Jobs

HRO

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U.S. POSITIONS

For a current list of U.S. vacancies and application process information visit our website at: <http://www.nsa.naples.navy.mil/hro/jobs/jobsus.htm>.

CLOSING 16 FEB 2007

Management and Program Assistant (O/A), GS-0344-05, ANN#EUR7-0344-05-N6558017-1, full-time permanent
Management and Program Assistant (O/A), GS-0344-06, ANN#EUR7-0344-06-N6558016-1, full-time permanent
Operations Clerk (Youth Activities), GS-0303-04/05, ANN# EUR7-0303-05-N6577759-1, full time permanent

CLOSING 21 FEB 2007

Lead Education Technician (CDC), GS-1702-05, ANN#EUR7-1702-05 N6576459-1

OPEN UNTIL FILLED

Human Resources Clerk/Assistant YB-0203-01/02 ANN# EUR0203-N650767-OS-I

Educational Aid/Technician (CDC) GS-1702-03/04 ANN# EUR6-1702-04-N6479660-I

Recreation Aid (SAC) or (Teen), GS-0189-03/04, ANN# EUR6-0189-04-N6442420-I

Recreation Assistant, GS-0189-05 ANN# EUR6-0189-05-N64144430-I, Duty Location: GAETA

Recreation Specialist (Liberty), GS-0188-07 ANN# EUR6-0188-07-N6444339-I, Duty Location: GAETA

Library Technician (O/A), GS-1411-04/05, ANN#EUR6-1411-05-N6542770-I, Duty Location: GAETA

Supv Recreation Specialist, GS-0188-07, ANN#EUR6-0188-07-N6542769-I, Duty Location: GAETA

Recreation Aid, GS-0189-03/04, ANN# EUR6-0189-04-N6542767-I, Duty Location: GAETA

FIRST CUT OFF: 2/26/07

CLOSING: 9 MARCH 2007

Clinical Nurse, GS-0610-09, ANN# EUR7-GS-0610-09-N6570384-I, full time-permanent

LOCAL NATIONAL

Applications are accepted at the Security Pass and ID Office at Capodichino and Gricignano, OR at the HRO, located in Admin 1, Capodichino, OR by mailing to: HRO, PSC 817 Box 29, FPO AE 09622. HRO must receive mailed applications by closing date of the vacancy announcement. Local national applicants can request status of their application through the HRO website

"Online Contact Form" at http://www.nsa.naples.navy.mil/hro/tell_us.htm.

For a current list of Local National announcements be sure to check our website on the LN vacancy page <http://www.nsa.naples.navy.mil/hro/jobs/jobsln.htm>

CLOSING 16 FEB 2007

General Foreman I, Ua-4701-02, ANN# 44308-534276-EI, full-time permanent, AOC: Current NAVFAC / Public Works permanent employees only

CLOSING 23 FEB 2007

Computer Assistant, Ua-0335-04, ANN#66096-586678-BJ, full-time permanent AOC: Current US Naval Hospital permanent employees only

Recreation Aid (Lifeguard), Ua-0189-06, ANN#662588-582488-CS, part-time permanent.

MWR

NON-APPROPRIATED FUND (NAF) POSITIONS

PERSONNEL OFFICE: CAPODICHINO, ADMIN I, GROUND FLOOR
MON-FRI, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Job announcements with MWR may be picked up at the Personnel Office, Room 048. The necessary application forms are available there as well. To find out how to locate the forms online please call. For any questions you have you may reach us at 081-568-6082/ 5612.

U.S. NAF MWR NAPLES

Education Aid/Technician, GSE-1702-03/04, ANN# 07-010, regular part time and flexible (multiple positions), Child Development Center, closing date: Open until filled.

Recreation Aid, NF-0819-01/02, ANN# 06-108, regular part time and flexible, Teen Center/School Age Care, Youth Activities, closing date: Open until filled.

Recreation Aid, NF-0189-01, ANN# 06-163, MULTIPLE POSITIONS, flexible, NOR Center, closing date: open until filled.

Recreation Aid - Concessionaire, NF-0189-01, ANN# 06-174, flexible, Reel Time Theater Capo, closing date: Open until filled.

Recreation Aid - Concessionaire, NF-0189-01, ANN# 06-0188, flexible, REEL TIME II support site, closing date: Open until filled.

Recreation Assistant (Bowling Center), NF-0189-02, ANN# 07-005, flexible, Bowling Center, support site, closing date: Open until filled.

Recreation Aid (Bowling Center), NF-0189-01, ANN# 07-006, flexible, Bowling Center, support site, closing date: Open until filled.

Recreation Aid, NF-0189-01, ANN# 07-014, flexible, Auto/Wood Skills Center, support site, closing date: Open until filled

U.S. NAF POSITION GAETA

Recreation Aid/Assistant, NF-0189-01/02, ANN #06-184, flexible, Youth

Activities, Gaeta, closing date: Open until filled.

Customer Service Clerk (Kiosk), NF-0189-01, ANN #07-008, flexible, Gaeta, closing date: Open until filled

NEX

Gricignano, Building 2091-B

Call 081-813-5252/5253/5254

DSN: 629-4774

Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

NEX Job opportunities are now posted on the Web at <http://www.navy-nex.com>.

Submit completed applications to NEX Human Resources Office located above the Main Exchange. If you have questions please call the above numbers.

U.S. NAF POSITIONS

GRICIGNANO MAIN STORE

Ann# 003-07 Cashier/Checker, NF-2091-1, FLX, RFT

Ann# 004-07 Sales Clerk, NF-2091-1, FLX, RFT

Ann# 005-07 Customer Service Clerk, NF-2091-2 RFT, RPT

Ann# 006-07 Security Guard, NF-0085-1, FLX, RFT

Ann# 007-07 Storeworker, NA-6914-2, FLX

GRICIGNANO MINI MART

Ann# 010-07 Cashier/Checker, NF-2091-1, FLX, RFT

Ann# 011-07 Sales Clerk, NF-2091-1, FLX, RFT

Ann# 012-07 Security Guard, NF-0085-1, RFT,RPT,FLX

Ann# 013-07 Storeworker, NA-6914-2, FLX

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Ann# 008-07 Quality Assurance Inspector, NF-0303-2,RFT

Ann# 009-07 Warehouse Worker, NA-6907-5, RFT

CAPODICHINO

Ann# 014-07 Sales Clerk, NF-2091-1, FLX, RFT

Ann# 015-07 Storeworker, NA-6914-2, FLX, RFT

Ann# 016-07 Customer Service Clerk, NF_2091-2, FLX, RFT

GAETA

Ann# 017-07 Sales Clerk, NF-2091-1, FLX

Ann# 018-07 Cashier/Checker, NF-2091-1, FLX

Ann# 019-07 Customer Service Clerk, NF-2091-1, FLX

Ann# 020-07 Storeworker, NA-6914-2, FLX

Ann# 002-07 Supervisory Sales Clerk, NF-2091-2, RFT

Ann# 021-07 Supervisory Cashier/Checker, NF-0530-2, RFT

Ann# 022-07 Supply Technician, NF-0303-2, RFT

LOCAL NATIONAL

No Vacancies.

Commissary's scholarship deadline coming up Feb. 21

From information provided by Carrie Williams, DeCA

Applications for Scholarships for Military Children, which provides \$1,500 in education funds for unmarried children under the age of 21 (23 if enrolled in school) of military active-duty, Reserve, Guard and retired personnel, must be turned in at a commissary by close of business Feb. 21.

Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID card. An applicant must be planning to attend an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2007, or be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

Scholarship applications are available at 263 commissaries worldwide, or can be downloaded through links at <http://www.commissaries.com>, <http://www.militaryscholar.org> or <http://www.dodea.edu>.

Along with their application, applicants must include an essay on "how and why" they would change an historical event. At least one \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

Most of the funds are donated by manufacturers, brokers and suppliers that sell groceries in commissaries, and every dollar donated to the program by industry or the general public goes to fund the scholarships. The program is administered by the Fisher House Foundation.

A significant number of scholarships, about 10 percent every year, go to high school students at DoD schools overseas.

"Every cent that community organizations can mobilize to support college-bound students is an investment in the future," said Joseph Tafoya, director of the Department of Defense Education Activity.

"With college costs soaring, our DoD students and their parents appreciate every available scholarship to help defray the cost, and the scholarships enable many of our families to better afford the tuition and provide an incentive for students to work hard," said Tafoya. "They also demonstrate that military communities are committed to education and increased opportunities for all students."



Above: Lindsey Reid is all smiles after a race when she gets the word that she qualified for champs.

Page 1: Micah Saspa is one of three Naples Tiger Sharks who qualified in all eight individual events, and is also a pentathlon winner.

Naples Tiger Sharks compete in this week's EFSL 'Super Bowl'

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The Naples Tiger Sharks end their season this weekend with the final championship meet in Munich, Germany where the best swimmers from 18 teams throughout Europe will compete.

Only swimmers who have qualified, were close to qualifying or have been called up to compete will make the trip to Munich. This meet is what every Tiger Shark has been working hard all season for — "champs" — considered the "Super Bowl of the swim season" by European Forces Swim League (EFSL) competitors.

"Championships are one of the driving forces of the swimmers' training efforts throughout the swim season," said Tiger Sharks head coach Jane Higgins. "The Tiger Sharks stayed mentally tough, always remained positive, and their physical abilities carried them through to a successful [season] finish."

Even though all swimmers compete during the season, not everyone makes it to champs. The opportunity to qualify for champs and compete against the best swimmers in Europe is the pinnacle of these swimmers' season, and it is what they swim for at each meet. Throughout the season, Sharks swim at meets in Europe trying to qualify for champs, including 12 meets in Italy, Germany, Spain, Brussels and the United Kingdom.

Every swimmer will let you know that the road to champs is not easy, and the older the swimmer, the faster he or she has to swim in order to qualify for an event. A swimmer can qualify in eight events, but can only compete in six at Munich — three events

each on Saturday and Sunday. Each swimmer is also allowed to swim two relays with their teammates.

This year, three Sharks have qualified in all eight individual events: Nicole Hoot, Jessica Mazzeo and Micah Saspa. This is an accomplishment every swimmer aims for from the Tiger Sharks' kickoff party in August. Another goal that swimmers shoot for is to make the pentathlon, in which individual times in the 100-meter, 50-meter freestyle, 50-meter back stroke, 50-meter butterfly and 50-meter breast stroke are added together. Swimmers with the lowest combined times in each age group are pentathlon winners.

Swimmers from the four divisions in the league compete against each other for this honor, and seven Tiger Sharks are pentathlon qualifiers this year: Nicole Hoot (4:47:07) and Jessica Mazzeo (4:59:91) placed first and second in the eight-year-old girls category; Natalia Veray (5:02:76) placed fifth for the nine-year-old girls; Kenzle Saspa (4:09:92) placed first for the 11-year-old girls; and Micah Saspa (3:46:03) placed second in the 12-year-old girls category.

For the boys, two Sharks placed fifth in their categories: nine-year-old Saejin Mahlau-Heinert (5:19:17) and 10-year-old Brendan Dolan (4:43:71).

This year, 32 of the 65 Sharks team members will swim at champs. The team hopes to place high in a meet where the competition is tough, but will not be disappointed, whatever the results. The Sharks have competed hard all season as a team and won the EFSL Southern Division title two weeks ago, and will proudly display their Southern Division trophy in the Championship's opening parade.

Clock is ticking for turning in MOAA Scholarship Program applications

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The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is awarding 25 individual scholarships of \$1,000 each to eligible dependents of active duty personnel who apply online before noon Eastern Standard Time on March 1. Essays, SAT scores, GPA minimums, and membership in the MOAA are not required for the scholarship.

The scholarships are open to dependent children of service members from all services. To be eligible, applicants must be a dependent child of an active duty service member in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Public Health Service or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Dependent children of drilling Reserve or National Guard members are also eligible.

Applicants must be a high school senior or college student under the age of 24, working on their first undergraduate degree, and planning to attend an accredited college or university as a full-time student in the fall of 2007.

Applicants should go to <http://www.moaa.org> and click on "Services," then "Educational Assistance," where the multi-purpose scholarship application is located.

The awardees will be selected randomly, with equal numbers of scholarships going to each of the uniformed services. Semi-finalists will be notified by e-mail by mid-March, and winners will be notified in May.