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CJCS Visits Souda Bay



Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Martin Dempsey meets General Mikhail Kostarakos, the Hellenic Chief of Defense after arriving at NSA Souda Bay on Saturday, 7 December.

The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Martin Dempsey, kicked off his 2013 Annual USO Holiday Tour at NSA Souda Bay on the weekend of 7-8 December. Gen. Dempsey and entourage arrived on Saturday and was met plane-side by Gen. Mikhail Kostarakos of the Hellenic Army, the Greek Chief of Defense, U.S. Embassy Athens officials and NSA leadership.

During his visit, Gen. Dempsey carried out numerous official duties as part of his busy schedule prior to the USO show on Sunday evening.

While in Souda Bay Gen. Dempsey, accompanied by Gen

Kostarakos, visited the NATO Maritime Interdiction Operations Training Center (NMIOTC) where they were given a tour of the facilities and held a troop engagement with U.S. Marines from the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) who were participating in training at the center.

At the Marathi NATO pier facility Gen. Dempsey and his delegation went aboard the USS Stout (DDG 55), in port for a scheduled visit. Onboard Stout, Gen. Dempsey spoke with the Sailors and thanked them for the important job they do being forward deployed this holiday season.

As part of his official schedule in Greece, Gen. Dempsey, along

with his delegation, flew to Athens on Sunday where he met with the Prime Minister of Greece, Mr. Antonis Samaras, Hellenic Minister of National Defense, Mr. Dimitris Avramopoulos, as well as the U.S. Ambassador to Greece, the Honorable David Pearce.

While in Athens, the USO show entertainers and other members of the delegation were given a guided cultural tour of the city that included the Acropolis archaeological site.

Back into Souda Bay, Gen. Dempsey reenlisted nine Sailors as part of an all hands call and kicked off his 2013 Annual USO holiday tour.

Quote of the Month

“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn’t do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.”

~Mark Twain

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CJCS USO Holiday Tour Kicks Off in Souda Bay



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On the evening of Sunday, 8 December NSA Souda Bay's Sailors, Airmen and civilians crowded into the base gymnasium to enjoy the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff (CJCS), Gen. Martin Dempsey's annual USO Holiday Tour entertainment show. Following his opening remarks and thanking everyone for their dedication to the mission while being deployed away from friends and family during the holiday season, Gen. Dempsey introduced the all-star line-up for the night's entertainment.

Enthusiastically running on stage to kick off the show, Actor, comedian and USO tour veteran, Thomas "Nephew Tommy" Miles gave thanks and praise to the troops for all they do after performing his ten minute comedy routine. After introducing his co-emcee for the evening, Ms. Alison Haislip, former host of G4's "Attack of the Show", the two provided some comedy relief in between the next few acts.

Following "Nephew Tommy", Washington Nationals infielder, Adam La-

Roche and former New England Patriots player, Matt Light thanked the Sailors and Airmen for their sacrifices and were humbled by the fact that they were on stage talking to "the brave men and women of the Armed Forces." The athletic duo pumped up the crowd when they announced that the Under Armor Company had sent gifts for the military members and promptly started handing out various shirts and jackets to random audience members.

Grammy Award winning singer/ songwriter Bridget Kelly raised the roof with her rendition of Jay Z and Alicia Keys' song "Empire State of Mind". Kelly stated she had a "profound respect for the servicemen and women" and that "their dedication and courage make me proud to be an American."

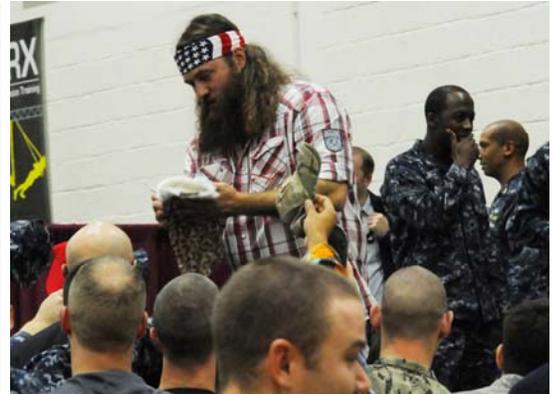
Rounding out the entertainment line-up was the most anticipated duo of the night, reality TV personalities, Willie and Jep Robertson from the hit TV series "Duck Dynasty." Willie gave thanks to the troops for allowing them to be a part of this entertainment line-up while they both spoke about how their reality show came to be as well as the rise to fame of

his family, especially their athletic father, Phil, who, while at Louisiana Tech University, was starting quarterback over the former Pittsburgh Steelers signal caller and NFL Hall of Famer, Terry Bradshaw.

The show closed with the all-star line-up and Gen. Dempsey singing along with the Robertsons and their newly released song "Hairy Christmas" off of their Christmas cd, "Duck the Halls." Immediately following the show, the entertainers treated the audience to a photo op meet and greet.

"Nephew Tommy" stated it best when he said "there are few times in life where you can actually say that someone made a difference in your life or that, if you're lucky and privileged enough, you made a difference in someone else's life. Volunteering with the USO fulfills both of those statements."

NSA Souda Bay thanks Gen Dempsey, his staff, the USO and their entertainment line-up for bringing a bit of laughter and music to our Souda Bay community.



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Souda Bay hosts SECNAV



U.S. Secretary of the Navy, the Honorable Ray Mabus, addresses NSA Souda Bay Sailors and Civilians during an all-hands call held in the base gymnasium on 15 November.

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Secretary of the Navy, Ray Mabus, visited Sailors and civilians at the U.S. Naval Support Activity Souda Bay, Greece on Nov. 15.

During his visit, Mabus held an all-

hands call, where he emphasized the importance of having the right platforms in the fleet, the people who serve aboard those platforms and the value of building lasting partnerships.

While in Souda Bay, Mabus also visited Sailors aboard the Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Ramage

(DDG 61), moored at the nearby Marathi NATO pier facility. Mabus' visit to Souda Bay is part of a multi-nation visit to the U.S. European, Africa and Central Command areas of responsibility focused on reinforcing existing partnerships and visiting Sailors and Marines providing forward presence.



Left: Secretary of the Navy, Ray Mabus meets with Sailors and provides photographic opportunities after an all-hands call on 15 Nov. Right: Secretary Mabus greets T-Line personnel upon his arrival to NSA Souda Bay.

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SERVING THE FLEET

On any given day, at NSA Souda Bay, our team of more than 1000 professional Sailors, Airmen and Civilians are working together to perform our mission: To extend Joint and Fleet war fighting capability through operational support to U.S., Allied and Coalition Forces deployed within the EUCOM/CENTCOM/AFRICOM AOR by providing, operating and sustaining superior facilities and services dedicated to combat readiness and security of ships, aircraft, detachments and personnel. The imagery on these pages provides a glimpse of the recent activity both on the airfield and at the nearby Marathi NATO pier facility.



Guided missile destroyer USS Ramage (DDG 61) is sitting pier side at Marathi Nato Pier Complex while NSA Souda Bay Military Postal Clerks, LSSN Rosangelica Reyes and LSSN Bradley Spurlock discuss the mail delivery schedule with Ramage Sailors.



Fleet Replenishment Oiler, USNS Leroy Grumman (TAO-195) sits pier side at Marathi NATO Pier Complex as LSSN Bradley Spurlock, assigned to NAVSUP FLC Souda Bay's postal service department, helps load mail marked for units operating within the 6th Fleet AOR onto a cargo net to be craned onboard the ship.

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FLIGHTLINE ACTIVITY

The Sailors, Airmen, US and Local National civilians assigned to "Team Souda" have a long history and a stellar reputation of providing 24/7 sustained superior support to the fleet, NATO and partner nations.



ABH2 Dwayne Thomas, assigned to NSA Souda Bay's Air Operations T-Line directs a C-37 Gulfstream aircraft following its arrival. The aircraft is carrying Secretary of the Navy Ray Mabus. Secretary Mabus is in the region as part of a multi-nation visit to the U.S. European, Africa and Central Command areas of responsibility.



NSA Souda Bay Air Terminal personnel work hard offloading and transporting oversized cargo from a C-17 Globemaster aircraft.

U.S. Air Force C-17 cargo plane arrives at Souda Bay and is led off the runway by Air Operations T-Line personnel.



A NASA WB-57 aircraft arrives at NSA Souda Bay and is led off the runway by Souda Bay Air Operations T-Line personnel.

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In the Spotlight

Postal Clerks Keep Mail Moving



Left to right: Mr. Del Bumgarner (USN retiree, volunteer), LS1 Savioa Powell, Post Office Leading Petty Officer, Mr. Ken Harmon (USN retiree, volunteer), LS1 Vincent Laygo, Mr. Harry Webster (USAF retiree, volunteer), LTJG Dan Fowler, Postal Officer, LSSN Rosangelica Reyes, LSSN Bradley Spurlock, Ms. Stavroula Korgitakou and BMC Tony Young.

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The NAVSUP Fleet Logistics Center (NAVSUP FLC) Site Souda postal team wears multiple hats when it comes to moving mail in and out of Souda Bay.

The department mission is to “support the population of NSA Souda Bay and the Fleet operating in our Area of Responsibility (AOR) with excellent postal service” explained LTJG Dan Fowler, NSA Souda Bay Postal Officer.



Military Postal Clerks (MPCs) LSSN Rosangelica Reyes and LSSN Bradley Spurlock deliver mail to LSC Collins, LS1 Bullis and LS2 Smith from the USS Ramage.

According to LSCS Lakesha Jones, NAVSUP FLC Souda Bay LCPO, the Logistics Specialists here at NSA “process

up to 50 metric tons of mail monthly to support NSA Souda Bay and units operating in the AOR.”

On any given day, with ships in port, the LS's from the post office can be found making multiple round trips to Marathi delivering letters and packages from home, all the while, still maintaining customer service support at the post office on board NSA Souda Bay.

LS1 Savioa Powell, Postal clerk Leading Petty Officer, states “the importance of the mission and the highlight of the day is seeing a Sailor's face when receiving a package. We've done our job once we've seen a smile.”

Souda Bay's postal service is a seven day a week operation. Even though the post office may not be open, the postal clerks are steady working every day to support the mission, those assigned to Souda Bay and those that transit our AOR.

LTJG Fowler remarked that he would love to clear up the misconception that if people see a sign saying the post office is closed that “they incorrectly assume we are not working.” He goes on to say that “every single

day, regardless of weekends or holidays, we have at least two military members working, either picking up mail from the airport or air cargo, sorting the mail and delivering it to the fleet.”

During fiscal year 2013, the Postal department earned an ‘Excellent’ during the Postal Assessment Visit (PAV) as well as the Combined Federal Campaign's Platinum Award for donations.

With their hard work ethic and dedication, the Logistics Specialists at NSA Souda Bay's post office bring smiles to the faces of base personnel and visiting ship by providing the best customer service in a demanding environment on a daily basis.



LS1 Vincent Laygo sorts a package into departmental mail bags.

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Chaplain Corps Celebrates 238 Years of Service

Chaplain Cameron Offers Thoughts on the Anniversary



NSA Souda Bay Command Chaplain, LCDR Alan Cameron

The Navy Chaplain Corps celebrates 238 years of service on 28 NOV 2013.

The Chaplain Corps of the United States Navy consists of ordained clergy who are commissioned naval officers. The principal purpose is to "promote the spiritual, religious, moral, and personal well-being of the members of the Department of the Navy," which includes the Navy and the United States Marine Corps. Additionally, the Chaplain Corps provides chaplains to its sister sea service, the United States Coast Guard.

Its history traces back to 1775 following the establishment of our Continental Navy and Continental Marines. The Second Article of Navy Regulations adopted on 28 NOV 1775 indicated that "Commanders of the ships of the thirteen United Colonies, are to take care that divine service be performed twice a day on board, and a sermon preached on Sundays, unless bad weather or other extraordinary accidents prevent."

Today, the Navy Chaplain Corps represents more than 100 faith groups. We provide, facilitate, and care for all Sailors, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and Merchant Mariners during war and peacetime operations. From New Providence to Afghanistan, Chaplains have tended to the mortally wounded, inspired thousands, and have been a faithful spiritual and moral compass for Marines and Sailors alike. Our Chaplains have proven their dedication alongside our Sailors and Marines by being the spiritual fortitude in the right place at the right time throughout our noble history.

As we continue to embrace the challenges of the future, the Chaplain Corps will continue to execute The Command Religious Program OP-NAVINST 1730.1D. Chaplains will use all proper means to develop and strengthen the spiritual well-being and operational readiness to command personnel by providing for the religious ministry requirements of service members, their families, and other authorized personnel.

The mission of the Chaplain Corps is:

- * PROVIDE religious ministry and support to those of our own faith.
- * FACILITATE for all religious beliefs.
- * CARE for all Sailors, Marines and their family.
- * ADVISE commanders to ensure the free exercise of religion and matters of faith.

Chief of Chaplains Priorities:

- * Strengthen the Force
- * Engage with Leadership
- * Build the Community

The guiding principles are:

- * We are faithful to our individual religious traditions and practices.
- * We respect the right of others to hold spiritual beliefs and religious practices different from our own
- * We cooperate and collaborate in ministry.
- * We are committed to the highest standards of morality and personal integrity.
- * We are committed to professionalism in the performance of duty.

I'm honored and grateful for the opportunity to serve alongside you and be part of the Souda Bay Team! This Thursday, as we celebrate Thanksgiving, join me in wishing a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY to our NAVY CHAPLAIN CORPS as well.

PS> United States Ships - named after Navy Chaplains.

USS Rentz (FFG-46)
 USS Kirkpatrick (DE 318)
 USS O'Callahan (FF-1051)
 USS Capodanno (FF-1093)
 USS Schmitt (DE-676)
 USS Laboon (DDG-58)

Cheers!
 Very respectfully,
 Chaplain Cameron



VIP Visit

The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General Martin Dempsey, reenlists nine Souda Bay Sailors in the base gymnasium prior to kicking off his Annual USO Holiday Tour. Congratulations to ABH1 Gregory Cunningham, ABH1 Yuriy Amromin, ABH2 Justin Clonan, MA2 Tristan Boris, MA2 William Osortocastro, MA2 Jonathan Rosario, MA2 Jeremy Banks, MA3 Dana Yusten and MA3 Alexander Tamarak. Thank you for Staying Navy.



Souda Bay's Commanding Officer, CAPT James Gibson speaks with the Chief of the Hellenic Navy, Vice Admiral Evangelos Apostolakis and the U.S. Ambassador to Greece, the Honorable David Pearce, while on a small boat tour of the Marathi NATO Pier Complex during a base familiarization visit to Souda Bay.



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Noteworthy Events

NSA Souda Bay FFSC Director, Ms. Lisa O'Connor, hosts a Sexual Assault Prevention and Response class for NAVSUP FLC Detachment Souda Bay on 22 Nov.

NSA Souda Bay hosts an Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) class to better prepare base personnel to offer assistance to an at-risk shipmate on 15 Nov.



CWO3 Wayne Slack delivers the oath of enlistment to GM2 Cory Tucker during his reenlistment ceremony on 27 Nov. Thank you GM2 for giving the Navy 2 more years.

SSgt Shawna Rivera, YN2 Patricia Palmer and MA1(SW) Curtis White deliver donated goods to Agios Nektarios Girl's Care Center in Chania on 18 Nov.



Security held departmental quarters on 22 November where they recognized three of their Sailors for being selected as NSA Souda Bay's Senior/ Junior/ and Blue Jacket of the Year for 2013. (below right MA1 Rex Boblett, MA3 Krystal Yagovane and MA2 Jalyn McMurray (centered front row) are pictured with Security Dept chiefs and officers.



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November Awards Quarters



Pictured above, with the Command leadership, are the awardees from the November Awards Quarters. (left to right) front row: ACAN Malkeisha Allen, LS2 Gemeniano Portillo, MA3 Krystal Yagovane, MASA Brittany Keech, MA2 Cedrick Ike, MA3 Gabriel Pimentel and NSA Souda Bay Command Master Chief, CMDCM Todd Prayner. Back row: MASN Rockit Henderson, MA2 Timothy Bolton, MA1 Rex Boblett, NSA Souda Bay Commanding Officer, CAPT James Gibson, NSA Souda Bay Executive Officer, CDR Demetries Grimes, MA2 Drew Johnson and MA1 Robert Kelly.

<p>Navy Achievement Medal (NAM)</p> <p>MA2 Timothy Bolton MA2 Cedrick Ike MA3 Krystal Yagovane</p>	<p>Letter of Commendation (LOC)</p> <p>MA2 Drew Johnson MA3 Gabriel Pimentel MASN Rockit Henderson MASA Brittany Keech</p>	<p>SSOQ, JSOQ, BJOQ</p> <p>MA1 Robert Kelly LS2 Gemeniano Portillo ACAN Malkeisha Allen</p>	<p>NSA Souda Bay Sailor of the Year</p> <p>MA1 Rex Boblett</p>
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November Security Quarters



NSA Souda Bay's Commanding Officer, CAPT James Gibson, presents MA2 Jalyn McMurray (left) and MA3 Krystal Yagovane (right) with a Navy Achievement Medal (NAM) while recognizing them as NSA Souda Bay's Junior Sailor and Blue Jacket of the Year for 2013 during Security Departments quarters on Friday, 22 November.

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Welcome Aboard

Indoc class for the week of 4 November 2013



Indoc class for the week of 17 November 2013



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Athens Classic Marathon Attracts Souda Runners



2013 Athens Classic Marathon Runners: front row: MA1 Claudia Burnett, MA2 Brittany Mistler, MMFA Meghan Ambrose, AOAA Laura Steinbacher, MA2 Rachel Arp and PS2 Giebenson Perturbos. Second row: CS1 Rafael Martinez, LS1 Claudia Loza, CWO2 Howard Wilburn and MA1 Rex Boblett. Back row: RP3 Caleb Allison and MC2 Chris Krucke. (not pictured: CM2 Emily Dunigan, CE2 Rose Sweet, MA2 Mari Hassett, MA3 Colton Jones and MA2 David Ferris)

Story by: Peggy Bebb
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Labeled as “The Authentic Course”, the 31st Athens Classic Marathon lured 17 enthusiastic Souda Bay Sailors to partake in the grueling 26.2 mile course on 10 November.

Attracting competitors from around the world, over 30,000 runners took to the streets to run the original route ran by a soldier in 490 BC from the city of Marathon to the ancient Athens only to spread the news that the Greeks were victorious over the Persians in the Battle of Marathon. Today the course is labeled as one of the most grueling marathon routes due to the extremely long uphill portion. This in and of itself is what sets the Athens Classic apart from other international marathons.

After running his first marathon ever, MA1 Rex Boblett had the opportunity to cross off a bucket list item. MA1 Boblett stated that the feeling of

“accomplishment at the end of the race made all of the training worth it.”

After running eight previous marathons, CS1 Rafael Martinez was inspired to participate in the Athens Classic Marathon as it was “the one that started it all.” Finishing right at five hours, his pre-race goal, CS1 Martinez said that not only is the marathon “a physical challenge but a mental one as well.”

After running for a few years and finally getting bored with the same old thing, MA2 Brittany Mistler decided to challenge herself and ran her first marathon at the Athens Classic. Although very challenging, MA2 Mistler felt that a big portion of the race was “mostly mental” and that she had to stay motivated to push through. One thing stood out in her mind was how amazed she was from the “support from the local people in the area that took the time out of their day to cheer us on.” MA2 Mistler went on to say that the “hills”

stood out the most as they “at times, were never ending.”

Echoing MA2 Mistler’s response about the local support, CS1 Martinez stated that after finishing the race, he was amazed at the amount of support given to the competitors by the volunteers and onlookers.

CS1, MA1 and MA2 all three would highly recommend that anyone that has the opportunity, should take advantage of being in Greece and run the Athens Classic Marathon. With proper training, nutrition and hydration, you can finish the race.

CS1 Martinez stated it best when he said “a marathon is not only a physical challenge but a mental one as well. You will never know what you are made of until you push yourself to your limit and push through. It takes countless early morning runs and dedication to stick to a plan. When you cross that finish line, there is no greater feeling knowing all of your hard work paid off.”

MWR Happenings

Halloween 5k Fun Run (photo provided by MWR)



NSA Souda Bay's MWR program held a Halloween 5K fun run where participants were encouraged to dress in costume for the run itself. The MWR staff was pleased with the turnout of both costumed and non-costumed runners.

MWR hosts NFL Tailgate Party (photo provided by MWR)



NSA Souda Bay Sailors proudly present their Corn Hole T-shirts they received during the MWR sponsored parking lot NFL tailgate party and barbeque on 10 November.

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MWR Happenings

MWR and USS Ramage Sponsor 10K Turkey Trot

MWR NSA Souda Bay co-operated with the USS Ramage to host a very successful 10K Turkey Trot Run at Marathi Pier on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 28, 2013. 74 runners participated: 22 were from NSA Souda Bay, 48 from the USS Ramage and 4 from the Greek Military NMIOTC.

The teamwork displayed between the three parties produced an outstanding event which boosted the morale of both our sailors and those of our host nation, while at the same time meeting NSA Souda Bay's primary mission: to take care of our Sixth Fleet visitors.

The XO of the USS Ramage took first place honors with a time of 42:55 and was given the USS Ramage flag to run with towards the finish line. In the end, MWR dazzled all the participants with some delicious fruit, nutrition bars and Gatorade for everyone who participated. (photos and story provided by MWR)



Winners of the CSADD Pool Tournament in November.

Winners of the Thanksgiving Softball Tournament held Nov. 22-24.



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