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Medal of Honor recipients visit Naples



Medal of Honor recipients, Allen James Lynch, Don Jenkins and Bruce Crandall, meet with Adm. Samuel J. Locklear III, commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa, during a visit to speak to U.S. military personnel stationed at Allied Joint Force Command Naples.

Story and photos by
MC1 (EXW/AW) Terry Vick
NPASE-East Detachment Europe

Three Medal of Honor (MOH) recipients spent a day, May 13, visiting U.S. service members as part of the Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples Navy Exchange Customer Appreciation Weekend.

Retired Lt. Col. Bruce Crandall, retired Sgt. Allen James Lynch and retired Staff Sgt. Don Jenkins each received the nation's highest award for their service in the Vietnam War.

The three MOH recipients spoke at length with troops and toured various military facilities, such as Allied Joint Force Command (JFC) Naples and the NSA Naples Support Site. "We still feel a connection to all the troops," said Jenkins. "That's why we wear our medals and try to see all of the troops. We don't care if they're Army, Navy, Marines or Air Force, we enjoy giving some of them a little bit more trouble than the others, but we like them all."

Not only did service members enjoy joking with the MOH recipients, they also felt honored to simply be in such distinguished company. "I thought it was an incredible honor to have to have them here to speak to us," said Capt. Dave Fleming, battalion officer with the U.S. Army element at JFC Naples. "I think these three gentlemen are great Americans and an inspiration not only to other soldiers, but all Americans."

The three men talked about how serving in the military has changed since they were actively serving. "It is really interesting to me how the people who are serving today are so different from the military we served in," said Lynch. "Today's American Armed Forces have people who are more educated and professional than when we were active duty."

This was very apparent in the way combat veterans are treated during homecoming. "My return home from Vietnam was nothing like what service members get these days. You hear stories of veterans being spit upon and being called terrible names, and I feel fortunate that nothing like that happened to me," said Lynch. "I got the most terrible stares from people as I walked through the airport in my U.S. Army uniform on my way home, but that was the worst of it."

The MOH recipients also stressed their thoughts on post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and the way it is affecting today's troops. "In my thinking, we need to stop referring to PTS as a disorder, because over half the deaths and suicides in the reserve and the guard have not seen combat," said Crandall. "That's a very unusual figure for me to find out, and I think that the best person to help deal with these issues is your buddy, but you also can go to your chain of command and your chaplain."

Excitement jumps into Naples

Photos by MC1 (NAO) John Parker
NSA Naples Deputy PAO

Scotty Cranmer pulls an ice-pick grinder in front of the huge crowd gathered in the NEX parking lot during Customer Appreciation Weekend at Naval Support Activity Naples Support Site, May 14.



(Left) Alistair Whitton rips a sick back flip while catching massive air and making the crowd go wild.

(Below) Chief petty officers, Jojo Caballero (left) and Jonathan Galino (right), take a break from the grill to grab a photo with Mike "Boss Man" Hardin, owner of Hodad's, the famous burger joint in San Diego.

(Below) DECA, NEX and MWR associates gather for a group photo prior to the start of the fabulous Customer Appreciation Weekend events. Thanks to the help of volunteers and staff, the event was a success.



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Events around town this weekend

- **21-22** - The town of Camposano hosts its annual "palio." Banquets, music and games involve the inhabitants of 15 neighborhoods who compete in a donkey race Sunday beginning at 10 a.m. A parade follows at 5 p.m. For details, go to www.paliodeicasale.it.
- **22** - Lace up your running shoes for Naples'

Park to Park 10K run along via Caracciolo. Visit www.napoliroadrunners.it.

- **Throughout May** - Take advantage of free admission to Naples' best cultural sites during "Maggio dei Monumenti." Check out www.comune.napoli.it.

Check out <http://wikinapoli.com/events> for more information.

Naples' weekend forecast

FRIDAY
High 80
Low 55
PARTLY CLOUDY

SATURDAY
High 80
Low 61
MOSTLY CLOUDY

SUNDAY
High 79
Low 61
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FFSC's Corner

By **Cecellia L. Kitson**
Naples Ombudsman Coordinator,
Relocation Specialist and IA Deployment Specialist



Greetings to all military, civilians, families and community members served by the Naples Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC). My name is Cecellia L. Kitson and I am excited to introduce myself as the newest member of the Fleet and Family Support Team. I will serve as the Naples Ombudsman Coordinator, Relocation Specialist and IA Deployment Specialist.

For the past ten years I've served Navy families and communities in many roles to include Director of Naval Child Development Centers, Program Supervisor of Child Development Homes, Manpower Management Analyst and as a military spouse. I am looking forward to providing support to all Fleet and Family Support customers by meeting the program needs of deploying commands, sailors and their families. Providing deployment program services and assisting command ombudsmen is critical to enhancing the quality of life for service members and their families. I am excited to bring my experience to better serve all of you in my new role.

Our monthly calendar of events for May and June has several training classes and workshops, including pre-deployment briefs, Smooth Move workshops and sponsorship training. Summer is peak PCS season, so FFSC is offering two Smooth Move workshops a month to accommodate increased demand. By offering Smooth Move more often, we hope to reduce the stress of moving, both for folks who are inexperienced with transitioning and those who are experienced with transitioning back to States.

When planning your PCS move, it is advisable to start planning three to six months prior to your expected rotation date. PCS orders are not needed to attend Smooth Move, so even those who do not yet have orders in hand can attend to begin planning their move. Registration is required prior to attending, so make sure to reserve your seat as soon as possible!

As the Ombudsman Coordinator, it is my goal to ensure responsive and accurate communication between commands and command ombudsmen. The ombudsmen play an important role in their local community, acting as a link between command and families. Ombudsmen disseminate information on a variety of issues, including command-specific information, quality of life improvement opportunities and quality of life community concerns. Ombudsmen are also a link to resources that can assist in resolving family issues.

Currently all command ombudsmen have started their summer break. Ombudsmen are command-appointed volunteers, and pending their reappointment in June, they will resume their responsibilities in September. If you're interested in learning more about the Ombudsman program, please contact me for a one-on-one appointment. For command ombudsmen contact information, please call the FFSC office at 081-811-6372.

I look forward to meeting you and serving your needs and the needs of our Naples community. For any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please contact me here at the Fleet and Family Support Center.

Base Notes

From *Panorama* staff reports

Filipino-Am dancers perform May 25-26

Dancers with the Filipino-American Association will be performing a cultural folk dance May 25 at the Capo theater and May 26 at U.S. Naval Hospital Naples. They will have two dance numbers that portray the life of the Filipino people and another cultural dance that will use bamboo materials and costumes. May is Asian Pacific Heritage Month. For more information, e-mail Catherine Katimbang at Catherine.katimbang@eu.dodea.edu or check out the Facebook page "FILAMNAPLES."

Summer term on-site college classes

Enjoy your summer in air-conditioned classrooms. Enroll now for on-site summer term classes. Undergraduate classes start the week of June 6 and run through July for Central Texas College (CTC) and the University of Maryland University College (UMUC). Embry-Riddle offers a summer term class—WEAX 201: Meteorology I—in a condensed format meeting from July 11-17 with registration through June 21. Looking for a lunchtime class? Take Elementary Italian 111 from 12p.m.-1:15 p.m. four days per week with UMUC. CTC offers hospitality management classes at the Support Site two nights per week and criminal justice classes at Capo. Call the Navy College Office for more information at 081-568-6678 or visit the college offices at Capo.

Naples Girl Scout registration

Naples Girl Scout Early Bird registration for the 2011-12 year ends May 27 for both current scouts and new girls. Early Bird ensures your daughter has a spot in a troop next fall, and she'll receive a fun patch for her vest. Contact Jeannie Mills at jeannie.mills07@gmail.com.

Normal Capo gate hours resume

The Capo West (Front) Gate is now open for two lane operations. The hours of operation are as follows:
West (Front) Gate - Inbound only 5:45-8 a.m.
Inbound/Outbound traffic both lanes all day and night until 5:45 a.m.
East (Back) Gate - Inbound/Outbound Traffic: 5:45-9 a.m.
Outbound Traffic: 3:30-6 p.m.

Hallelujah Full Gospel Service welcomes you

The next men's fellowship meeting will be held Saturday, May 21, at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Minister Willie Lester at willie_lester@yahoo.com for further information.

Capo power outage May 28

Public Works will perform a base-wide power outage Saturday, May 28, from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. at Capo. For more info call 334-3823-105 or 335-8329-487.

Taste of Home "Memorial Day Lunch"

The USO Volunteer Committee is organizing a Taste of Home "Memorial Day Lunch" at the Support Site Bachelor Quarters on May 30 for unaccompanied service members. Contact the USO if you are interested in donating a dish for this event. For more info, contact Luisa Mazzella at 081-568-5713.

Join the Naples Tiger Sharks

Tour Europe from pool-to-pool with the Naples Tiger Sharks Swim Team. Evaluations for the Summer Swim program and Naples Tiger Sharks Swim Team will be held May 31 through June 10 at the Support Site pool. Swimmers must be able to demonstrate 50-100 meters of at least two of the four competitive strokes. This is open to all U.S. and NATO ID card holders between the ages of six and 19. Contact Coach Jane Higgins at Higginsx5@yahoo.com to set up an evaluation.

236th Army Birthday Ball June 3

On behalf of Maj. Gen. William Wade II, deputy chief of staff operations and senior Army officer, Joint Force Command Naples, Italy, the USANATO AFSOUTH Battalion would like to extend an invitation to the Naples community for this year's 236th Army Birthday Ball on June 3 at the Sandeste Park Hotel Ristorante in Varcaturu. Contact Mr. Mark Guillama or Maj. John Owens at 081-721-2855. Please RSVP no later than June 2 with your choice of a meat, seafood or vegetarian meal. The cost is 20 Euro per person. Uniform for military is mess uniform, Army blue or service equivalent; black tie for civilians.

Women's retreat June 4

Join the Protestant Women of the Chapel at Il Faro International Baptist Church for a women's conference featuring Jennifer Sands, a widow from 9/11 who will be sharing her heart and testimony. The conference is Sat. June 4 from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. and is free of charge. Il Faro is in Varcaturu (GPS 40°53'57N, 14°02'05E). For more information, call Marcia at 340-344-7093.

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Website: www.cnice.navy.mil/europe/index.htm

FYI POSSIBLE STRIKES

May 21-22 - TRENITALIA personnel will strike from 9 p.m. May 21 to 9 p.m. May 22.

June 12 - MERIDIANA pilots will strike for 24 hours.

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Memorial Day ceremony in Nettuno

NSA Naples is participating in the Memorial Day ceremony at the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Memorial May 30 at 11 a.m. All are welcome. For more information, directions, GPS coordinates, etc., visit <http://www.abmc.gov/cemeteries/cemeteries/sr.php>. (Photo by MC1 (NAO) John Parker, NSA Naples Deputy PAO)

Italian News Briefs

Compiled by Teresa Merola

Runoff election in Italy

The local administrative elections held across Italy May 15 and 16 still require runoffs in the key cities of Milan and Naples to determine a winner. In Milan, Berlusconi's the People of Freedom Party (Pdl) center-right candidate Letizia Moratti will run off against the Democratic Party (PD) center-left candidate Giuliano Pisapia. In Naples—which has been controlled for almost two decades by the center-left—a runoff will be required between Pdl center-right's Gianni Lettieri and the smaller Italy of Values Party's (IdV) candidate Luigi De Magistris, a former anti-mafia prosecutor who defeated the main PD center-left's Mario Morcone. The PD won in Turin with mayor, ex-minister Piero Fassino, who swept into office in the first round, and its Bologna candidate, Virginio Merola. The runoffs will be held May 29 and 30. Berlusconi's coalition partners the Northern League lost support in 14 of 15 major contests.

Statue of John Paul II unveiled near Termini Station

A four-meter bronze statue of Pope John Paul II was unveiled in Piazza dei Cinquecento, which is located near Rome's Termini Station, during a ceremony attended by Mayor Gianni Alemanno and Cardinal Agostino Vallini. The work of art portrays the Pope with his arms open to welcome tourists, pilgrims and Romans to the city. Termini Station is now named after the blessed Pope.

Judge releases mobster to care for his children

A judge in Partinico, a town near Palermo, released a 37-year-old mafia mobster from prison and placed him under house arrest so he could look after his three children, who are all under the age of three. His attorney highlighted the family's economic conditions since the wife works to support the family and nobody could look after their children.

Napoli qualifies for Champions League but coach could quit

Napoli soccer fans are looking forward to taking part in the European Champions League for the first time since Diego Armando Maradona's days over 20 years ago. The team will need reinforcing during the transfer market to compete in the Champions League, but it has a strong core led by strikers like Uruguayan Edinson Cavani, Argentine Ezequiel Lavezzi and Slovak Marek Hamsik. Chairman De Laurentiis steered Napoli up from the third tier of Italian football after bankruptcy in 2004 and put up the necessary investments. He hired the right people, such as coach Mazzari, and up to today it is uncertain if he will remain in Naples beyond the summer after a spat between him and De Laurentiis. The Napoli team can continue to perform at a high level, even under a different coach, said De Laurentiis.

Everything's coming up roses at garden museum

In the little town of Serramazzone, located 15 miles from Modena, there is a museum with 3,500 flowers, including 750 varieties of roses. The "Museo Giardino della Rosa Antica" (Garden Museum of the Ancient Rose) was opened by Roberto Viti and his son, Riccardo, who wanted to change their lives and moved to the countryside. Every year, there are about 500,000 tourists who choose various types of gardens and botanical visits as a vacation in Italy. The museum runs creative cooking classes, too. Many recipes date back centuries and include rose-infused dishes, such as pastas with rose-flavored sauces, risotto using the classic York and Lancaster rose, rose-flavored chicken and salmon and rose ice cream. The museum also teaches botany lessons and organizes conferences. The museum is open from the beginning of April to the end of October.

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Call FFSC at 081-811-6372 to reserve your spot for events and classes.

- 23 **CULTURAL TIPS & INFO** (10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. At the Support Site TLA coffee bar.) Learn about food, holidays, trips, etiquette, transportation, Italian language and more!
- 23 **BECOMING A LOVE & LOGIC PARENT** (11 a.m.-1 p.m.) Learn parenting techniques with "Love and Logic" principles.
- 24 **STRESS MANAGEMENT** (8 a.m.-9:30 a.m. At the Support Site Fit Forum.) The class is followed by a Yoga session.
- 24 **EASY ITALIAN** (9 a.m.-12 p.m.) An introduction to basic Italian language and conversation.
- 24 **TRANSPORTATION FROM SUPPORT SITE** (9:45 a.m.-12 p.m.) Learn about public transportation from Support Site as you take the bus from Gricignano to Aversa. Visit train and metro stations.
- 25 **FAMILIES AND SOCIAL MEDIA** (9-11 a.m.) Parents learn about social media.
- 25 **STRESS MANAGEMENT: LIVING OVERSEAS** (10 a.m.-12 p.m.) Learn how to recognize and deal with it!
- 26 **ST. ELMO CASTLE & VOMERO AREA** (8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Departs from JFC.) Explore the beautiful Vomero area, a local market and St. Elmo Castel.
- 26 **TODDLER TIME** (10-11 a.m.) Join this interactive playgroup for 0-3 year olds. Parents will learn about the ages and stages of development through play techniques. The class will provide structured activities and requires parent participation.

MAY

- 20-31 **REGISTRATION SUMMER TERM** Register for summer term on-site classes. Most classes start the week of 06 June and run through July. Call the Navy College Office for more information at 626-6683/6681/6678.
- 21 **HALLELUJAH FULL GOSPEL SERVICE** invites you to Man-to-Man Fellowship at the Support Site Fellowship Hall at 10 a.m. Contact Minister Willie Lester at willie_lester@yahoo.com for further information.
- 23 **CONVERSATIONAL ITALIAN CLASSES** with Central Texas College start May and run through 15 July. Visit the CTC offices at Capo or JFC or call Capo: 081-568-6761, JFC: 081-721-2564.
- 26 **ACT TEST** Testing starts at 7:45 a.m. Make an appointment with the Navy College. Score reports arrive in Naples up to eight weeks after the test date.
- 26 **MUSICAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**, hosted by the Connect the Tots Club, begins at 10:30 a.m. at the Commissary parking lot. Prospective members welcome! Dress in red, white and blue and bring a musical instrument (or anything that makes noise). The parade will pass along the sidewalk in front of the Commissary and NEX. For more information on the club, visit www.meetup.com/Connect-the-Tots-Club/.
- 27 **AEV PACKAGE** This is the last day for E7/E8 sailors to submit an application package for the AEV program. AEV is a fully-funded program to earn a bachelors' degree or a graduate degree through off-duty education. Visit the Navy College Office FMI.
- Through 31 REGISTER FOR SUMMER TERM** Register now for summer term on-site classes. Most classes start the week of June 6 and run through July. Call the Navy College Office 081-568-6683/6681/6678.

JUNE

- 15-16 **APPLIED SUICIDE INTERVENTION SKILLS TRAINING** In this workshop you will have an opportunity to explore your experiences with and your attitudes about suicide. You will also have an opportunity to better understand the needs of a person at risk of suicide and learn how to use suicide first-aid to meet those needs. If these activities concern you, contact one of your trainers in the CREDO Office at 081-568-5255.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- THE ALLIED SPOUSES CLUB (ASC) IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS.** For more information on ASC, e-mail el_karniati@hotmail.com or visit <http://www.alliedspousesclub.50webs.com/>.
- DEFY NEEDS ADULT/JUNIOR MENTORS!** Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) is seeking active duty personnel and/or DoD civilians to fill volunteer positions. Participants must be committed for a year (five-day summer leadership camp and a school-year mentoring program). All applicants must be at least 13 years old and complete a volunteer application no later than May 29. For more info., e-mail yolanda.daniel@eu.navy.mil or sylbert.daniel@eu.navy.mil.
- THE PTSA (PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION) BOARD** is seeking new officers for the 2011-12 school year. Positions open include president, vice president, treasurer, teacher representative, membership, publicity and secretary. Monthly meetings determine activity and funding requests, event sponsorships, event planning, fundraising and other important topics vital to our middle and high school! For more info. or to apply, e-mail nhptsa@gmail.com.
- FORGOTTEN TREASURES THRIFT STORE** needs the right person(s) to fill the important role of manager/co-manager. This is a fulfilling and rewarding role that makes such a difference in our community. The store's profits are what make NOSC's charitable donations possible. The volunteer should be organized, able to motivate others and must possess a strong work ethic. For information contact noscpresident4@gmail.com or tstoreschedule@gmail.com.
- GIRL SCOUTS NEED YOUR HELP!** PCS season is coming and the new Girl Scout fiscal year is approaching. Two vital roles must be filled in the Overseas Committee Member Team in order to keep Girl Scouts in the Naples area. If you would be interested in becoming the Overseas Committee Chairperson or Secretary, e-mail naplesgs@yahoo.com with a brief description of yourself. Come help build girls of "courage, character, and confidence!"

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Naples golfers support Army Birthday Ball

Story by MC1 (SW/AW) Jennifer Rivera
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Seventy-two soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines and civilians participated in the Army golf tournament at Carney Park, May 13, to support the Army Birthday Ball.

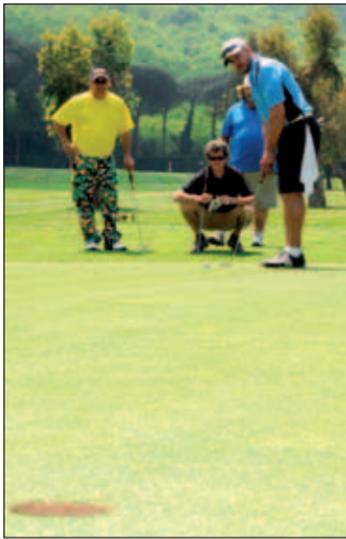
The 72 participants were broken down into 18 teams of four and played a total of 18 holes.

"I think this tournament is important for a number of reasons," said Maj. Gen. William Wade II, deputy chief of staff for operations, Joint Force Command Naples. "For one, this is an opportunity for soldiers to decompress and connect with other military members and their families. Another reason is that events like this keep soldiers mentally and physically healthy, which is important."

Golf tournament participant Cmdr. Jon Carriglito said he has participated three years in a row because events like this one are good teambuilding events. "Not only does the overall goal of the golf tournament help soldiers get out, relax, and raise money for the Army ball, it's a great way to get out and enjoy the community as a whole," said Carriglito.

More than \$1,000 was raised from tournament entry fees and prize drawings. These profits will go to the Army Birthday Ball.

According to Wade, enlisted soldiers are invited to attend this year's Army Birthday Ball free of charge. "To extend our support and appreciation for what our enlisted members do for us, we would like to invite them and their guests to attend the ball for free. Officers will only be charged 20 Euro per person, and the



Depriest Daniels of Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe Security department prepares to putt during the Army's annual golf tournament, held at Carney Park, May 13. Eighteen teams participated in the tournament to help raise money for the Army Birthday Ball. (Photo by MCSN Caitlyn Conroy)

money raised from this year's ball will be saved to help fund next year's Army Birthday Ball," said Wade.

The Army is celebrating 236 years of service June 14. The Naples community is invited to celebrate during the annual Army Birthday Ball June 3 at the Sandeste Park Hotel Ristorante in Varcaturro. For more information, contact Mr. Mark Guillama or Maj. John Owens at 081-721-2855.



Soldiers who participated in this year's Army Strong golf tournament present the monies they raised to support the annual Army Birthday Ball. More than \$1,000 was raised from entry fees and prize drawings. (Photo by MC1 Jennifer Rivera)



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Sideswipe shows off their high-flying martial arts skills as part of the entertainment during the NEX Customer Appreciation Weekend.

Stretch, the owner of Grinders in Kansas City, Mo., teaches some Navy volunteers how to make delicious ribs.



Armed Forces Olympics at Carney Park today

Story and photo by
MC2 (SW/AW) Felicito Rustique
NPASE-East Detachment Europe

Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples will host its 17th annual Armed Forces Olympics (AFO) today, May 20, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Carney Park.

Teams comprised of active-duty service members representing different commands from NSA Naples, as well as a team from USS Mount Whitney (LCC/JCC 20), will compete against each other in eight to 12 events ranging from a 10K relay-race to a tug-of-war.

NSA Naples Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) sponsors the AFO. This year's theme is "Spirit of Sportsmanship."

"This is a competition, but in the end, we're still all on the same team," said Maleka Walters, MWR's intramural sports coordinator responsible for setting up this year's AFO.

Walters also said that along with the popular tug-of-war, which takes place over a mud pit and is the final event of the competition, the 100-meter dash and arm-wrestling for men and women have been crowd favorites in the past.

A chance to show people a different side of themselves is one reason why Walters encourages military personnel to compete. "Most people don't see the play-side of their co-workers," said Walters. "They only see the work-side, but in fact there are a lot of service members out there who are skilled basketball players or swimmers, and so on. So get out there and show your skills."

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Juan Sandoval is competing in this year's AFO and said he's looking forward to the event. "The AFO allows the participating members a chance to represent our commands and service branch," said Sandoval. "I am looking forward to a day that promotes fitness and allows us time to interact with the different branches of the Armed Forces in some friendly competition."

Walters explained that teams will participate in eight to 12 events and earn points per event based on placing. At the end of the competition, a team's total points will be tallied and trophies given out to the top three teams with the most points. Also, each of the top three teams' members will receive individual gold, silver or bronze medals.

"I'm looking forward to seeing everyone compete, and I'm espe-



Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples hosts the 17th annual Armed Forces Olympics today at Carney Park. Teams will participate in eight to 12 sporting events and earn points per event based on placing. At the end of the competition, three trophies and individual medals will be awarded to the top three teams and their members.

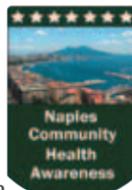
cially excited to know that this year there will be a team from Mount Whitney coming out," said Walters. "We also want people not competing to come out and watch as well. It's important for families and everyone else to show their support."

Walters also said she wanted to thank the staff at Carney Park

and the NSA Naples' Chief's Mess for helping to set up this year's AFO, as well as enlisted volunteers who will be on hand throughout the day to help run the events.

For more information about the annual Armed Forces Olympics, contact Maleka Walters at 081-811-6482.

Naples Public Health Evaluation



The final Phase II report will be ready for public release in 2011. Enduring processes will continue after the PHE is complete. Personnel who have questions about their health or the Naples Public Health Evaluation should contact the Environmental Health Information Center at the U.S. Naval Hospital at Gracignano. The phone number is 081-811-6321.

To learn more about the Naples PHE, watch for All Hands e-mail messages, look for this weekly column in "Panorama" and visit the Naples Community Health Awareness website at <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Naples/CommandInformation/HealthAwareness/index.htm>.

Participate in 2011 March for Babies

By MCSN Caitlin Conroy
Navy Public Affairs Support Element-East Detachment Europe

The Naples, Italy C4I First Class Petty Officer Association (FCPOA) is scheduled to host their first March for Babies 5K Run/Walk at the Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples Support Site, May 28, in an effort to raise money for the March of Dimes and help bring awareness to health issues affecting babies.

The 5K will begin at 9 a.m. and will be followed by an awareness festival, which will include information booths, live music, games and food provided by various community organizations who have volunteered to show their support.

March of Dimes was founded in 1938 and is a volunteer-based organization dedicated to improving the health of babies through research and the funding of programs geared toward preventing birth defects and premature birth. The C4I FCPOA is also hosting this event to show support not only for the foundation's cause, but for a shipmate who lost his twins to premature birth.

"We were personally affected by our shipmate's loss of his twins late last year due to premature birth," said Intelligence Specialist (EXW) 1st Class Brandon Aube. "That is what inspired us to want to support this foundation and to help give future babies a chance to survive."

According to Aube, roughly 130 people have registered for the event so far, and he anticipates more people will come out and support the cause.

"We still need volunteers for the event," said Aube. "We need people to help with set up and clean up, timing racers, handing out medals and water to participants and assisting those who want to register the day of the event."

People can visit the event's Facebook page by searching "First Annual March for Babies 5K Run/Walk and Awareness Festival" to get more information about the event and volunteer opportunities.

Summer Hire program offers work opportunities for dependents

From Human Resources Office
CNREURAFSWA

The Summer Hire program is an opportunity that allows Naples' youth valuable exposure to a professional work environment and provides a helping hand to organizations throughout the Naval Support Activity Naples and Gaeta communities.

There are limited positions this year, mostly of a clerical nature, and application packages will be processed as they are received and in consideration of the applicants' skills. The application packages will be available online at the CNIC HRO website (see link on Page 14).

The deadline to submit application packages will be

June 2. The program begins June 20 and continues through August 19.

Applicants must be between the ages of 14 and 23 and be U.S. citizens. First consideration will be given to those students between 16 and 21. Fourteen to 15-year-olds will only be employed after other eligible dependent family members are placed.

Interested applicants must submit a résumé/application (OF-612) and dependent youth employment program applicant information, as well as several other forms to the Human Resources Office or to the Fleet and Family Support Center.

For additional information, contact Sue Carbone at 081-568-5746/5409 or Josie Ciccarelli at 081-568-4350/5409.

If you are the victim of a crime, report the incident to Security Dispatch at 081-568-5638.

march of dimes

March for Babies 5k Run/Walk Awareness Festival
28 May 2011

- 5k starts at 0900 - Trophies for top three in each age group
- Day of, registration begins at 0800 - Medals to the first 350 finishers
- Race starts and finishes at the Fitness Forum on Support Site
- Sponsored by: The C4I First Class Petty Officer Association†
- All proceeds go to the March of Dimes Foundation
- Live Music, Food & Games for Kids
- Information booths by Red Cross and Navy & Marine Corps Relief Society
- Find us on Facebook or Contact Brandon Aube (626-3082) or Tommy Parker (626-3171) for more information

†The C4I FCPOA has no formal connection or affiliation with the March of Dimes Foundation

The Becker Family: Community members in the spotlight

The Becker family has been synonymous with Naples theater since their arrival in this community. The Beckers have not only held board positions, but have also contributed their prodigious talents to the actual productions. Cmdr. Patrick Becker often lends his fine tenor to a number of musical productions and his daughter, Emily, also graces the stage with her singing and acting

talents. Wife Kathryn and son Michael are also ever-present in the wings to support in the numerous other roles (hair and makeup, usher, sets) needed in such productions.

Patrick and Kathryn Becker have provided unprecedented support for Boy Scout Troop 007, of which their son Michael is a member. As advancement coordinator, Patrick tracks scout rank advancement requi-

rements, merit badges and awards for nearly 60 boys in the troop. His efforts ensure the timely advancement of all scouts and have raised the average number of merit badges earned each quarter from 10 to 15 to nearly 60 this quarter. As committee secretary, Kathryn helps administer the planning, coordination and delivery of numerous scouting events and projects each month. Together, their tireless and selfless commitment to the troop is a primary factor in its overwhelming success in developing skilled young men.

Finally, Patrick and Kathryn, who show compassion and sensitivity to parent needs, also founded the Special Needs Parent Support Group for families who have children with special needs. This group has allowed families with special needs children to discuss concerns and resources and to share experiences.

Every month a different community member will be featured in the spotlight. We invite you to submit nominations to "Panorama" at naplespanorama@eu.navy.mil. Nominees can be anyone in the community (active duty, civilians or family members) who volunteer to better the NSA Naples community.



The Beckers have shown tremendous support of the NSA Naples community. From school programs and family advocacy to theater and Boy Scouts, their dedication to the community has been unwavering. (Photo courtesy of the Becker family)

Naples American Red Cross conducts disaster training

Story and photos by MC2 (SW/AW) Felicito Rustique
Navy Public Affairs Support Element-East Detachment Europe

The Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples chapter of the American Red Cross conducted a three-day disaster training course at Capodichino, May 10 through 12.

Sailors along with staff from the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) and volunteers from the NSA Naples community attended the course, which focused on the mission of the Red Cross, and how to deal with a mass casualty disaster and successfully set up a shelter for displaced people. Natural disasters such as fires, earthquakes, volcanoes, floods and hurricanes, or man-made disasters, such as factory explosions and terrorist attacks, were some course examples of what can create mass casualties and cause a need to provide shelter for people.

"With this course, we wanted to inform the community of the types of emergencies out there and how they can help themselves and others in time when an emergency occurs," said Jacqueline Mack, the course instructor and director of operations for the Red Cross chapter here. "The class went well, and we had a lot of enthusiastic people show up eager to learn."

Engineman 2nd Class (SW/EXW) Miguel Huerta, the operational preparedness program manager from NSA Naples Emergency Management Division (EMD), was one of those enthusi-

astic people who attended the course. "This was a great opportunity," said Huerta. "It helped me realize that there are more resources available for dealing with a disaster here, not just us at the EMD."

Huerta also offered some advice regarding disaster preparedness. "Everybody should be prepared ahead of time," he explained. "Have emergency disaster kits and self-documentation ready, and in the event that the NSA Naples community would have to seek shelter, the food court at the Navy Exchange is our safe-haven for everyone."

During the training, workbooks accompanied by video clips and lectures were combined with a simulated exercise, where course participants split up into two teams to set up shelters.

"The books such as 'Mass Care Overview' and 'Mass Casualty Disasters' are excellent," said Lynn Marie Smith Martin, the director of NSA Naples FFSC and a course attendee. "They were very helpful, and now I plan to use them to better prepare my staff and refine my operating procedures for disaster preparedness."

The disaster training course usually occurs three times a year, but in preparation for an upcoming disaster preparedness exercise for NSA Naples this summer, Mack said the course would take place in June three more times.

To sign up for the course or to learn more about the American Red Cross chapter here and other courses offered, call 081-568-4788.



A class of sailors, staff and volunteers listen to a mock TV news brief during a disaster training course conducted by the Naples chapter of the American Red Cross. The course gave participants an overview of the American Red Cross and explained key steps and procedures on how to deal with major disasters that result in mass casualties and the need to provide shelter for displaced people.

Winner of the MWR Libraries' poetry contest

The Capo and Support Site libraries hosted a poetry contest for Poetry Month in April. This year's winner is Chief Petty Officer Dean Tunberg, who also won the adult poetry contest last year. Here are his winning entries.

Saint D' Angelo

Prayers to Venus and Hercules
Subdue explosive powers of Jupiter
Loitering high above the coast
From her summit to Sorrentum
Stone pines mark her path
Whispering Oscan in the night
Cobblestone Roads of old
Echo with life from the day
As crowds gaze over wares
Music floats in and out
Children giggle, play, and run
Candles light up dark tables
Saint D' Angelo ease worries
Time is replaced with laughter
Hand in hand the ancient couple
Kiss and murmur "Che Sara Sara"

Old Country

Night pours over Pozzuoli
Cold nibbles at the bone.
An angry wind claws and rips
over ancient cobblestones
Footsteps outline shadows.
Words are spoken in syllables
unfamiliar to foreign ears.
Men guard families as visions
of the outcast cross their path.
The white sign stands alone
flickering in dead space.
Walking closer shadows scurry.
The father aged in white sits
outside waiting to deliver again.
The mother laughs at the bar
pouring another shot of meloncello.
"Antoniooo" cry the two cooks
shoving pizzas toward their brother.
Sweat beads up as arms grow hot
feeding the forno bravo once more.
Antoniooo weaves around bent heads
shuffling food and drink to the patio.
Men and women gaze in content
as lawless children derail the scene.
Unlabeled bottles of wine pour
into glasses shoulder to shoulder.
Soft lights filter a yellow tinge
over scattered tables and smoke.
The white sign flickers "Panda Pizza"
to life inviting family back home.
Smells of burnt cedar and bread crust
stir empty bellies with warmth.
Here the smiles are free and often.
Such is the way of the old Country.



This is the second year Dean Tunberg has won the poetry contest. (Photo by Alessandra Borelli)

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Wildcats winning 'on and off the field'

Article by Lt. Cmdr. L.G. Mack, CHC

The Naples High School girls' soccer team, coached by "D" Melinda Durham and Assistant Coach Enzo, finished the season with a 6-1 victory over the American Overseas School of Rome (AOSR) team. The Wildcats played with steely eyes set on a vision toward victory. Their approach was balanced in their team spirit as they lept toward dominance as the American Schools in Italy League (ASIL) champions with a record of 6-1-0. At the start of the game, the Wildcats struck first within the first few minutes of the game scoring the first goal. The tenacity of the team soared within the first half with a "hat trick" by Alexandra Mack. The girls did not relent but continued the attack offensively and defensively. Sofia Cianciaruso scored another goal keeping the Wildcat lead, and the defensive team, led by Ashley Willey, Kelsey Ortwein and goalie Emily Cannon, kept the



Sofia Cianciaruso goes for the goal. (Photo courtesy of Chad Lucy)

pressure on. Amidst the fierce competitive spirit of the Wildcats to be the undeniable champs for the season, AOSR got two "own goals," which seriously wounded their chances for a comeback.

Furthermore, the Wildcats' team captain, Sofia, received a physical injury that took her out of the game. Yet from the sidelines, she encouraged her teammates to continue their stride toward victory, while handing off her captain bars to Chantal White to lead the team. Many parents agreed that Sofia's gesture was a great example of leadership. It was during this pivotal moment that exemplified the team had learned more than technical soccer skills during their five-day-per-week practices.

The Wildcats' climb to the top as soccer queens is not yet complete—until they roar, "Victory!" at the European tournament in Germany May 18 through 21. Nevertheless, the Naples High School girls' soccer team has already proven they are a world-class team and do their very best "on and off the field."



The Lady Wildcats have roared to victory all season. This weekend, they are clawing the competition at the European tournament in Germany. (Photo courtesy of Chaplain Mack)

Boys' soccer hands AOSR first loss this season

By Cynthia Fuerst

The Wildcats prevailed against the American Overseas School of Rome (AOSR) Falcons, who were undefeated and the 2010 Division II champs in a 3-0 victory Saturday. Juniors Nigel Alexander, Jasper Bergwerff and senior Regan Campbell all recorded goals with Alexander assisting on these other goals.

Despite the hands-down loss, the Falcons will become the Region IV champs due to their overall record. Coach Craig Lord is optimistic about the Wildcats' chances in Division II, "We are picking up momentum as we

head into the European championships. We are playing the best soccer of our season right now. Hopefully we will continue to rise until the championship."

Presently, the teams are in the greater Kaiserslautern area competing at the DoDDS European Soccer Championships.

Baseball and softball

The Wildcat baseball and softball teams had a bye this past weekend but are playing at home (Carney Park) this weekend in the last games before they head off to Europeans.

Wildcat track teams trek north again

By Cynthia Fuerst

The track team made a third trip to northern Italy in as many weeks. This time the bus ride was only eight hours as the meet was in Vicenza last weekend. The team was significantly reduced since most of the athletes attended the prom May 14. Though the boys tied for second place, their point total was greatly reduced.

The host school Vicenza, dominated with 82 points and Naples tied Aviano with 46. Sigonella accumulated 16 points. This is impressive as the Naples team could not form a relay team and most of their points came from senior Brennan Goodnature, who placed first in shot put and discus. Sophomore Darnell Dothard also added significantly to the score with a first place in the 100-meter and third place in the 200-meter. Freshman Jamal Williams took first in the triple jump and fellow freshman Matthew Collins contributed to the overall score with his performances in the 1500- and 800-

meter events. Freshman Luca Melendez took second in the 3000-meter run and sophomores Tyler Williams (triple jump and 800-meter) and John Migyenko (400-meter) also brought points in individual events along with freshman Carson Owens (3000-meter) and sophomore Richard Boles (discus).

The Lady Wildcats took third with 40 points after closely matched Vicenza (75) and Aviano (73) teams. Top scorers included sophomore Maria Beard, who took first in shot put and second in discus, and freshman Kelsey Lynch, who took first in the high jump and second in the 800-meter. Freshman Kiera Spiller took second in the 200-meter and fourth in the 100. Freshman Shanice Alexander took fourth in both discus and shot put, and freshman Amber Sheline took first in the 3000. Freshman Carrie Welch placed fourth in the 400 and in the long jump.

While this is the first loss for the Wildcats, it is clear that this reduced team had many good events. Most of these athletes



Sophomore Darnell Dothard took first and third places in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, respectively, at the track meet hosted by Vicenza last weekend. (Photo by Joy Bork)

will be seasoned meet participants when they return next year.

The team travels to Wiesbaden, Germany this week to participate in the DoDDS European Track and Field Championships. The team will compete with athletes from DoDDS schools across Europe.

ASIAN-PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH



MAY 23,
AT 5:00

Support Site
Theater

FREE TO THE
PUBLIC

In honor of Asian-Pacific Island Heritage month, the Japanese and American Heritage Association will present a program to highlight the Japanese-American experience.

There will be musical performances and an academic program focusing on the immigration of Japanese to the United States, the internment of Japanese to the World War II, and the famed 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the most decorated unit American military history.

Cadettes celebrate 100 years of scouting in London



Story and photos by
Lacey Davis, Cadette Troop 97

London, England... a beautiful place. Girl Scout Cadette Troop 97 went to London last weekend to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of the international Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting programs.

For months, we had been doing countless fundraisers and bagging for hours at the Navy Exchange to raise enough money to reach our goal. If it wasn't for everyone in the Naples community, we wouldn't have even had the opportunity to go.

We stayed at Pax Lodge, a hotel run by resident volunteers from all around the world. We did the Pax Lodge

Challenge, where we ran around the lodge and through the streets and tubes of London looking for clues to Girl Scout trivia and learning about other cultures and international Girl Scouting. It was like playing the "Amazing Race."

We met other girls our own age from the U.K. and participated in a variety of international activities, such as games from different countries and songs in other languages. Finally, we had to do the hardest thing I could ever imagine—leave London. But we did it, and did it without one single tear. And so, we have to wait around 'til the next time we're off to somewhere amazing.



Girl Scout Cadettes from Troop 97 visit London not only to see the sites, but also to build "courage, character and confidence" during 100th anniversary of the birth of the international Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting programs.

TIPSY TAXI AVAILABLE

Service members in the Naples area who have had too much to drink or whose driving ability is otherwise impaired, don't get behind the wheel. Instead, call:

NSA CDO at 335-640-6597,
NSA QUARTERDECK at 081-568-5547, or
RADIO TAXI NAPOLI at 081-570-7070.



Back to work... Sailors clean up around Gaeta's fortress

Story and photos by Angelo D'Arienzo
Fleet and Family Support Center

The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) took the lead and successfully assisted the crew aboard the USS Mount Whitney with developing community relations (COMREL) projects in Gaeta, the ship's homeport.

Following a tradition that goes back to the 1970s, the U.S. Navy

in Gaeta is fully involved with helping the local community. Mount Whitney sailors are participating in a joint effort with local city and volunteer organizations to remove weeds, cut grass and clean up the area surrounding the antique fortress of Gaeta.

Less than a year ago, sailors started this major intervention, which also included a deep-cleaning of the Gaeta walls to allow the local city authorities to install illumination. Thanks to the hard work and cooperation between the Americans and the Italians, for the first time in over a century, people can now see what old Gaeta originally looked like.

This year's COMREL plan encompasses the completion of another two projects: the pick up and removal of trash from the Bay of Gaeta, and later on this summer, the clean up, landscaping and painting of Piazza Capodanno in anticipation of a special event to be hosted by Sixth Fleet. This square in Gaeta is dedicated to Father Vincent Capodanno, an American national hero who was born in 1929 in Staten Island, N.Y. and whose ances-



Mount Whitney sailors team up with local Italians to clean and revive Gaeta's historic walls.

tors emigrated from Gaeta to New York at the end of 19th century.

This initiative has been coordinated by the Gaeta FFSC, which acted as the liaison between the U.S. Navy in Gaeta and the local city authorities. Visible projects like these enhance the good relationship between the Navy and Gaeta. It is exemplary how teamwork between the American sailors and the local Italians is continuing to make a difference.



A Mount Whitney sailor pulls weeds during a recent COMREL in Gaeta. Following a tradition that goes back to the 1970s, the U.S. Navy in Gaeta is involved with helping the local community.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED continued

NAPLES HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC BOOSTERS is looking for volunteers to fill board member positions. If you're looking for a way to make a positive impact in our community, then this is your opportunity. You don't need any special musical talent; just the desire to help! Contact Mike Maschmeier at crash-masch@gmail.com.

NAPLES AMERICAN RED CROSS (ARC) NEEDS VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTORS. The Fundamentals of Instructor Training (F.I.T.) is a prerequisite course to the Instructor Training course. FMI or to sign up, contact the office at 081-568-4788.

NAVY LEAGUE OF THE U.S./NAPLES COUNCIL is seeking board members. Those interested, contact Betty Reese at 081-526-8051 or breese@cybernet.it.

NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY OPERATION CLIP & SAVE (coupons): 081-568-3913.

NAPLES OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION NEEDS REFEREES. Anyone interested should contact Nigel Alexander at 081-721-5413 or 346-680-3282 or by e-mail to nalexander@afsouth.nato.int.

NAPLES OVERSEAS SPOUSES CLUB (NOSC). Volunteer opportunities with mileage and child care reimbursement. NOSC needs volunteers to work at their Forgotten Treasures Thrift Store. FMI, e-mail nosctshop@gmail.com or call 081-811-4200.

ONGOING/ON THE HORIZON

SURE START APPLICATIONS for the 2011-12 school year can be picked up at the Naples Elementary School front office. Sure Start is a unique program committed to providing the highest quality of education for command-sponsored children of enlisted personnel (priority to E1-E4) who are 4-years-old by Sept. 1. FMI, call Karen Rodrigues at 081-811-4682 or the school at 081-811-4037.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS WELCOME AT ALL CONNECT THE TOTS CLUB ACTIVITIES! The CTT Club hosts events, crafts and outings designed for you and your child (infancy through preschool). For more information on the club, visit www.meetup.com/Connect-the-Tots-Club/.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL NAPLES Tuesday Meditation & Prayer (7:15-7:45 a.m.) in the hospital chapel. Traditional hymn and praise and worship music will be provided during this time. Wednesday Roman Catholic Mass (11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.) in the hospital chapel. Call 081-811-6451 to confirm that Mass is being held. Thursday Men's Fellowship and Bible Study (6-7 a.m.) in the hospital galley.

FILIPINO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NAPLES, ITALY meets every 1st Sunday of the month at the SS Fellowship Hall at 12 p.m. FMI, contact Catherine Katimbang at catherine.katimbang@eu.dodea.edu or visit their Facebook page: Fil-Am Naples.

CATHOLIC WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL meets monthly in the Support Site Fellowship Hall for prayer and fellowship. Child care provided. For information, contact Eileen Mayette at cwcnaples@gmail.com.

AMERICAN RED CROSS IS LOOKING FOR INTERNS to fill leadership positions. Opportunities include publicity, volunteer administration, youth volunteer administration, marketing/fundraising, and they will also work with people looking for experience in a specific field. Interns must be at least 18 years old. Apply at their office at Capo, Admin II, Room G028.1 or contact them at 081-568-4788 or lambertg@usa.redcross.org.

CUB SCOUT PACK 007 Want to camp in Nettuno, hike in Cuma, go bowling or participate in swimming and archery? Then Cub Scouts is the place for you! Boys in first through fifth grade meet three times per month to learn skills that they apply on hiking, camping and service outings. FMI, contact naples-cubmaster@gmail.com or visit www.cubscoutingnaples.org.

THE FFSC CAPO OFFICE, located on the first floor of Admin II, is open Thursdays and Fridays from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. A licensed clinician and an Information & Referral/Intercultural & Relations Specialist are available to service the needs of the Capo community. Please call for further details, questions or to schedule an appointment at 081-568-3761.

NAPLES COMMUNITY GIRL SCOUTS: To join Girl Scouts or to get more information, e-mail naplesgs@yahoo.com.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, San Gennaro council 14853, meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the Support Site Fleet and Family Support Center. E-mail Jaime Gonzalez at kofcnaples@gmail.com or visit <http://sites.google.com/site/kofcnaples/home>.

NAPLES CHRISTIAN HOMESCHOOL ASSOCIATION meets regularly to support families on their homeschooling journey. FMI, contact Susan Van Cleave at sdwvancleave@msn.com.

GAETA GIRLS Interested in Girl Scouts? A multi-age troop meets in Gaeta for the 2010-2011 year. If you are interested in joining or have any questions, e-mail naplesgs@yahoo.com.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 007 holds troop meetings every Monday from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Support Site Community Center. FMI, contact Scoutmaster Dennis Smith at 081-811-5585 or dennis@sulfurcreek.com.

HARRY S. TRUMAN LODGE No. 649 meets every Friday at 7:30 p.m. FMI, contact Kevin Baker at 338-479-7023 or hst649sec@yahoo.com. Visit <http://www.hst649.org>.

WOMEN, INFANTS, CHILDREN (WIC) OVERSEAS PROGRAM is offered at NSA Naples. Women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, postpartum or have an infant or child under the age of five may qualify for the program. WIC Overseas is a nutrition education program that provides nutritious supplemental foods. For more information, contact the WIC Overseas Office at 081-811-4962.

EDIS SCREENINGS NOW AVAILABLE Room W09, Support Site Village Forum. For eligible children who have not reached their third birthday. If you are concerned about your child's development, contact EDIS at 081-811-4676.

MONTHLY CHILD FIND SCREENINGS AT NES. Ongoing identification of children with special needs as part of Naples Child Find, which identifies children between the ages of three and five who may have developmental delays and may need special education and related services. If you are concerned about your child's motor, cognitive, speech, language and/or social-emotional development, call 081-811-4037 for an appointment.

NAPLES AMERICAN RED CROSS holds orientation from 8:30-10 a.m. the first Wednesday of every month. For more info., call 081-568-4788.

THE WELFARE & RECREATION ASSOCIATION is available to meet associates every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at their location on the first floor of Building 450 upstairs from Capo Landing. FMI, visit <http://www.wraitalia.it/>.

ATTN MILITARY RETIREES AND SURVIVORS: Connect to the retired community through membership in the U.S. Military Retiree Association of Southern Italy (USMRA-SI). For info. and an application, visit <http://usmra-si.tripod.com> or call 329-208-7315.

PROTESTANT WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL (PWOC) holds Bible Study every Tuesday at 9 a.m. (child care provided) at the Support Site Fellowship Hall. FMI, contact Tammy Owens at 081-811-5056.

SECURITY NOTE All DoD military and civilian personnel hosting an event must complete a Special Event Force Protection Plan (SEFP) 45 days in advance, regardless of organization, if held off base and involving 50 or more personnel, distinguished visitors, or where military uniforms will be worn. For more information, contact Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection at 081-568-5525 or 081-568-5595, or visit their office in the Capodichino Security Precinct in Bldg. 403.

RECEIVE DAILY REFLECTION an inspirational thought-for-the-day e-mailed throughout the work week. To receive Daily Reflection, e-mail Chaplain Charles Luff at charles.luff@eu.navy.mil.

NSA CHAPEL/USN NAPLES MEDITATION GROUP, 7 p.m., Mondays (first-timers arrive at 6:30 p.m.) Support Site side chapel (use side door under the clock tower). FMI, send an e-mail to Laura Hitchcock at laura.poodle@gmail.com.

Reel 2 Times cinema

Friday, May 20
5 p.m. Sucker Punch, PG-13, *Premiere Showing*
6 p.m. Limitless, PG-13
8 p.m. Sucker Punch, PG-13
9 p.m. The Lincoln Lawyer, R, *21 Plus Movie & Premiere Showing*

Saturday, May 21
12 p.m. Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules, PG
2:45 p.m. Rango, PG
5:45 p.m. Fast Five, PG-13
6 p.m. Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules, PG
8:30 p.m. Sucker Punch, PG-13
9 p.m. Paul, R

Sunday, May 22
12 p.m. Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules, PG
2:45 p.m. Red Riding Hood, PG-13
5:30 p.m. Limitless, PG-13
6:30 p.m. Thor, PG-13
8:30 p.m. Sucker Punch, PG-13
9 p.m. The Lincoln Lawyer, R

Monday, May 23
4:30 p.m. Limitless, PG-13
5 p.m. Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month
8:30 p.m. Fast Five, PG-13
9 p.m. Thor, PG-13

Tuesday, May 24
4:30 p.m. Fast Five, PG-13
6 p.m. Sucker Punch, PG-13
8:30 p.m. Red Riding Hood, PG-13
9 p.m. The Lincoln Lawyer, R

Wednesday, May 25
12 p.m. Thor, PG-13
2:45 p.m. Red Riding Hood, PG-13
5 p.m. Mars Needs Moms, PG, *Last Showing*
6 p.m. Sucker Punch, PG-13
8:30 p.m. Fast Five, PG-13
9 p.m. Paul, R

Thursday, May 26
12 p.m. Rango, PG, *Last Showing*
2:45 p.m. Limitless, PG-13
4:30 p.m. Thor, PG-13
6 p.m. Sucker Punch, PG-13
8:30 p.m. Thor, PG-13
9 p.m. The Lincoln Lawyer, R

Friday, May 27
5 p.m. Pirates of the Caribbean: Stranger Tides, PG-13, *Premiere Showing*
6 p.m. Thor, PG-13
8:30 p.m. Pirates of the Caribbean: Stranger Tides, PG-13
9 p.m. Source Code, PG-13, *21 Plus Movie & Premiere Showing*

Movie descriptions

No Children Under 10
Admitted to R-Rated Movies

Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides, PG-13. Action/Adventure, Comedy and Sequel, 137 min. Cast: Johnny Depp, Penelope Cruz, Ian McShane, Geoffrey Rush, Stephen Graham. When Captain Jack Sparrow crosses paths with the enigmatic Angelica, he's not sure if it's love—or if she's a ruthless con artist who's using him to find the fabled Fountain of Youth. When she forces him aboard the "Queen Anne's Revenge," the ship of the legendary pirate Blackbeard, Jack finds himself on an unexpected adventure in which he doesn't know who to fear more: Blackbeard or Angelica, with whom he shares a mysterious past.

Source Code, PG-13 for some violence including disturbing images, and for language. Action/Adventure, Drama, Science Fiction/Fantasy and Thriller, 93 min. Cast: Jake Gyllenhaal, Michelle Monaghan, Vera Faemiga, Jeffery Wright, Michael Arden. When decorated soldier Capt. Colter Stevens wakes up in the body of an unknown man, he discovers he's part of a mission to find the bomber of a Chicago commuter train. In an assignment unlike any he's ever known, he learns he's part of a government experiment called the Source Code, a program that enables him to cross over into another man's identity in the last eight minutes of his life. With a second, much larger target threatening to kill millions in downtown Chicago, Colter re-lives the incident over and over again, gathering clues each time, until he can solve the mystery of who is behind the bombs and prevent the next attack.

Sucker Punch, PG-13 for thematic material involving sexuality, violence and combat sequences, and for language. Action Adventure and Science Fiction/Fantasy, 110 min. Cast: Emily Browning, Vanessa Hudgens, Abbie Cornish, Jena Malone, Jamie Chung. Close your eyes. Open your mind. You will be unprepared. A young girl's dream world provides the ultimate escape from her darker reality. Unrestrained by the boundaries of time and place, she is free to go where her mind takes her, and her incredible adventures blur the lines between what's real and what is imaginary. She has been locked away against her will, but Babydoll has not lost her will to survive. Determined to fight for her freedom, she urges four other young girls—the outspoken Rocket, the street-smart Blondie, the fiercely loyal Amber and the reluctant Sweet Pea—to band together and try to escape their terrible fate at the hands of their captors, Blue, Madam Gorski and the High Roller. Led by Babydoll, the girls engage in fantastical warfare against everything from samurais to serpents, with a virtual arsenal at their disposal. Together, they must decide what they are willing to sacrifice in order to stay alive. But with the help of a wise man, their unbelievable journey—if they succeed—will set them free.

The Lincoln Lawyer, R for some violence, sexual content and language. Thriller, Crime/Gangster and Adaptation, 119 min. Cast: Matthew McConaughey, Marisa Tomei, Ryan Phillippe, William H. Macy, Josh Lucas. Mickey Haller is a Los Angeles criminal defense attorney who operates out of the back of his Lincoln sedan. Haller has spent most of his career defending garden-variety criminals, until he lands the case of his career: defending Louis Roulet, a Beverly Hills playboy accused of rape and attempted murder. But the seemingly straightforward case suddenly develops into a deadly game of survival for Haller.

Thor, PG-13 for sequences of intense sci-fi action and violence. Action/Adventure, Science Fiction/ Fantasy

and Adaptation, 115 min. First Run Over Seas in Theaters (FROST). Cast: Chris Hemsworth, Anthony Hopkins, Natalie Portman, Tom Hiddleston, Idris Elba. Thor, a powerful but arrogant warrior, is sent down to Earth as punishment for reigniting a reckless war. But after a dangerous villain from his world sends the darkest forces of Asgard to invade Earth, the hammer-wielding Thor will learn what it takes to be a true hero in order to save mankind.

Paul, R for language including sexual references and some drug use. Comedy and Science Fiction/Fantasy, 104 min. Cast: Simon Pegg, Nick Frost, Jason Bateman, Kristen Wiig, Bill Hader. For the past 60 years, an alien named Paul has been hanging out at a top-secret military base. For reasons unknown, the space-traveling smart alec decides to escape the compound and hop on the first vehicle out of town—a rented RV containing Earthlings Graeme Willy and Clive Gollings. Chased by federal agents and the fanatical father of a young woman who they accidentally kidnap, Graeme and Clive hatch a fumbling escape plan to return Paul to his mother ship. And as two nerds struggle to help, one little green man might just take his fellow outcasts from misfits to intergalactic heroes.

Limitless, PG-13 for thematic material involving drugs, violence, sexuality and language. Drama, Thriller and Adaptation, 105 min. Cast: Bradley Cooper, Robert De Niro, Abbie Cornish, Anna Friel, Johnny Whitworth. Aspiring author Eddie Morra is suffering from chronic writer's block, but his life changes instantly when an old friend introduces him to NZT, a revolutionary new pharmaceutical that allows him to tap his full potential. With every synapse crackling, Eddie can recall everything he has ever read, seen or heard, learn any language in a day, comprehend complex equations and beguile anyone he meets—as long as he keeps taking the untested drug. Soon Eddie takes Wall Street by storm, parlaying a small stake into millions. His accomplishments catch the eye of mega-mogul Carl Van Loon, who invites him to help broker the largest merger in corporate history. But they also bring Eddie to the attention of people willing to do anything to get their hands on his stash of NZT. With his life in jeopardy and the drug's brutal side effects taking their toll, Eddie dodges mysterious stalkers, a vicious gangster and an intense police investigation as he attempts to hang on to his dwindling supply long enough to outwit his enemies.

Fast Five, PG-13. Action/Adventure and Sequel, 130 min. Cast: Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Jordana Brewster, Tyrese Gibson, Ludacris. First Run Over Seas in Theaters (FROST). Since Brian O'Conner and Mia Toretto broke Dom Toretto out of custody, they've blown across many borders to elude authorities. Now backed into a corner in Rio de Janeiro, they must pull one last job in order to gain their freedom. As they assemble their elite team of top racers, the unlikely allies know their only shot of getting out for good means confronting the corrupt businessman who wants them dead. But he's not the only one on their tail. Hard-nosed federal agent Luke Hobbs never misses his target. When he is assigned to track down Dom and Brian, he and his strike team launch an all-out assault to capture them. But as his men tear through Brazil, Hobbs learns he can't separate the good guys from the bad. Now, he must rely on his instincts to corner his prey... before someone else runs them down first.

If you have been sexually assaulted or need to speak with a S.A.P.R. victim advocate, call 335-640-6621 24/7 for information and support.



Friday, May 20
7 p.m.: Red Riding Hood, PG-13
Sunday, May 22
2:30 p.m.: Sucker Punch, PG-13



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USO DAILY TOURS

May 21 Day in Rome€25
May 22 Naples Underground with
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May 27 Herculaneum and Cameo Factory...€33
May 28 Shopping in Deruta€65
May 29 Legends of wine in Avellino.€65

WEEKEND TOURS

May 25-30 Memorial Day in Corfu.....€564
June 4-5 Florence & Pisa Weekend.....€165
Jun 18-19 Father's Day weekend in
Maranello.....€230
June 30-July 4 4th of July in Switzerland.€543
Sept. 1-5 Labor Day at Cinque Terre.....€429
Sept. 21-26 Oktoberfest 2011€385
Oct. 15-16 Perugia Euro
Chocolate Festival.....€187

Gaeta CSO retires after 20 years of service

Story and photo by Lisa Julian, MWR

Lt. Cmdr. Joseph P. Mooney retired from the U.S. Navy after 20 years of service at the pierside Fleet Landing base in the Bay of Gaeta, May 13.

Mooney, a native of Southampton, Pa., arrived to Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples Gaeta in June 2007 as the chief staff officer (CSO), where his main duty entailed the transformation of the Gaeta base.

Capt. Robert Rabuse, NSA Naples commanding officer and guest speaker at the retirement ceremony, spoke highly of Mooney's achievements in Gaeta "during the process of transforming the former Sixth Fleet Headquarters on Monte Orlando, its associated support services and nearly 2,000 personnel into a consolidated Fleet Landing on the Italian Naval logistica."

The consolidation of services and programs upon the NATO Fuel Pier still hosts Quality of Life programs and is a satellite service of Naples with logistical



Capt. Robert Rabuse (left) presents Lt. Cmdr. Joseph Mooney (right) with an award for his service in the Navy as Italian Commandante Rocco Mesiano looks on.

support for the homeported Sixth Fleet Flagship, USS Mount Whitney (LCC-20), and her sailors, civilians and family members.

In the presence of over 100 guests, including his family and friends, staff and Italian personnel, Mooney thanked the Deposito

POL-NATO Italian commander, Commandante Rocco Mesiano, and the Gaeta site managers for their continuous team efforts during his duty in Gaeta.

Mooney, his wife Terry and their three sons, Sean, 15, Ryan, 10, and Patrick, 8, will head to Texas to their "future life and adventures."

Jobs

HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE (HRO)

NEW LINK:

<http://cnic.navy.mil/Europe/About/About/Working/About/Working/index.htm>

The Human Resources Office is located at Capo Admin I, first floor. The customer service hours are **Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Applications are accepted at the Security Pass and ID Office at Capodichino and Gricignano, OR at HRO, located in Admin 1, Capodichino, OR by mailing to HRO, PSC 817 Box 29, FPO, AE 09622, OR at Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) located on the TLA first floor at Support Site. HRO must receive mailed applications by the closing date of the vacancy announcement.

U.S. POSITIONS

For a current list of U.S. vacancies and application process information, visit <http://cnic.navy.mil/Europe/About/About/Working/About/Working/index.htm>.

CLOSING 26 MAY

Supervisory Interdisciplinary, GS-08XX-14, ANN#EUR11-028090-AV, Full-time permanent
Supervisory Interdisciplinary, GS-08XX-14, ANN#EUR11-027987-AV, Full-time permanent
IT Specialist (Customer Support), GS-2210-07 KPP 09, ANN#EUR11-028909-AV, Full-time permanent

Human Resources Specialist (Staffing), GS-0201-11, ANN#EUR11-030032-SC, Full-time permanent

Occupational Therapist, YH-0631-02, ANN#EUR11-024113-EG, Part-time temporary
Occupational Therapist, YH-0631-02, ANN#EUR11-024048-EG, Full-time permanent

Management & Program Analyst, GS-0343-13, ANN#EUR11-030073-SC, Full-time permanent

Supv Financial Management Analyst, GS-0501-13, ANN#EUR11-027982-SC, Full-time permanent

Continuity of Operations Plans Specialist, GS-0301-12, ANN#EUR11-030098-EG, Full-time permanent

Accounting Officer, GS-0510-14, ANN#EUR11-032754-EG, Full-time permanent

IT Specialist, GS-2210-12, ANN#EUR11-013948-AG, (multiple positions) Full-time permanent

Supv Contract Specialist, GS-1102-15, ANN#EUR11-037801-EG, Full-time permanent

CLOSING 02 JUN

Working Aid (Summer Hire), AD-3502-02, ANN#NAP11-DYEP-SC, Full-time temporary/Part-time temporary
Supervisory Interdisciplinary Engineer, GS-08XX-13, ANN#EUR11-036593-AV, Full-time permanent

Security Specialist, GS-0080-12, ANN#EUR11-040338-SC, Full-time permanent

OPEN CONTINUOUS ANNOUNCEMENT

Education and Training Tech (CDC/CYP), GS-1702-02 KPP 03 KPP 04, ANN#EUR11-920861-AG, (multiple positions), Full-time permanent. Next cut-off date is May 26.

COURTESY US VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Field Representative, University of Maryland University College This full-time position assists in the administration of UMUC-Europe programs. Applicants should have completed at least 30 semester hours of university-level course work. Contact Mitzia Williams at 081-

568-6675 for more information.

Marketing Plus is seeking an independent contractor to call on the NEX. They are looking for a person to merchandise as well as demonstrate lines (SHARP LED and LCD panels, CONAIR, CUISINART, HASBRO and more) carried in the Exchange. Weekends are mandatory. Pay: \$14/hour, 15 hours/week. Contact Peter Grasser at pgrasser@marketingplus.cc.

Member Service Representative at Navy Federal Credit Union Naples, Italy, Job: ID 218. Apply at www.navyfederal.org.

LOCAL NATIONALS (LN) POSITIONS

CLOSING 26 MAY

Financial Management Specialist, UA-0501-01, ANN#000143-AG, Full-time permanent

Financial Management Analyst, UA-0501-01, ANN#000146-AG, Full-time permanent

CLOSING 2 JUNE

Grocery Department Support Manager, UA-1144-04 KPP 03, ANN#038086-AG, Full-time permanent

For a current list of LN vacancies and application process information, visit our NEW website <http://cnic.navy.mil/Europe/About/About/Working/About/Working/index.htm>.

If you have any questions/comments with regard to HRO Naples' services, contact the director's office at 081-568-5770. You can also contact the HRO Naples helpdesk at <http://cnic.navy.mil/Europe/About/About/Working/About/Working/index.htm>. You will be contacted within 24 hours, so be sure to provide your contact information. Thank you and we appreciate your input, whether negative or positive, so that we can find ways to improve the HRO services, or continue to provide excellent service. As a reminder, an HRO Representative is available for the bi-weekly "Meet & Greet" at the NSA Support Site, Navy Exchange food court area 8 to 9 a.m. Please feel free to come by, pick up a copy of a vacancy announcement that you may be interested in applying for or ask questions. If the HRO representative is unable to provide you a response, he/she will bring the question back to the HRO office and you will be provided an answer or a call back the same day. The next "Meet & Greet" is May 23.

NON-APPROPRIATED FUND (NAF) POSITIONS

Fleet & Family Readiness NAF Local Naples job announcements within CNREURAFSWA may be viewed at https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Naples/Recreation/CNICD_A059280.

The necessary application forms are also available online. For any questions, call 081-568-5612/4164.

NSA NAPLES POSITIONS, MWR OPEN CONTINUOUS POSITIONS

Child Program Assistant, CY-1702-I/II, ANN#11-024, (multiple positions) flexible, Child Development Centers, School Age Care, Capodichino/Support Site. **Job Summary:** Performs routine, day-to-day care of infants and children ranging from 6 weeks to 5 years old.

Youth Program Assistant, CY-1702-I/II, ANN#10-069, (multiple positions) flexible/regular, Youth Programs, Support Site and Carney Park. **Job Summary:** Assembles materials and equipment necessary to execute School Age Care for children ranging from 6 to 9 years old; School Age Care Pre-Teen for children ranging from 10 to

12 years old; Teen Center Program for children ranging from 13 to 18 years old. Receives and releases children to/from authorized parents and guardians.

Recreation Aid, NF-0189-01, ANN#10-022, flexible, NOR Center, Carney Park. **Job Summary:** Provides and maintains recreation and athletic equipment issue.

Recreation Aid, NF-0189-01 ANN#10-064, flexible part-time, Bowling Center, Support Site. **Job Summary:** Provides oversight of activities and necessary services to authorized patrons.

Recreation Aid, NF-0189-01 ANN#10-065, flexible part-time, Liberty Division, Capodichino. **Job Summary:** Helps customers in the recreation center with recreational events.

Recreation Aid, NF-0189-01, ANN#10-091, flexible, Auto/Wood Skills Center, Support Site. **Job Summary:** Provides information concerning facility operations and regulations. Ensures adherence to regulations and safety procedures.

Recreation Aid, NF-0189-01, ANN#10-113, flexible, Community Services, Capodichino. **Job Summary:** Provides information concerning facility operations and regulations.

Recreation Aid, NF-0189-01, ANN#10-119, flexible, Golf Course, Carney Park. **Job Summary:** Collects green fees (monthly and daily), locker fees and fees for electric cart rentals. Employee will act as starter when needed on weekdays and assist when needed as cashier.

Recreation Aid, NF-0189-01, ANN#10-127, flexible, Fitness Forum, Support Site. **Job Summary:** Assists in the operations of the fitness program.

Recreation Assistant (Travel Agent), NF-0189-02 KPP 03, ANN#10-137, flexible full-time, ITT division, Support Site and Capodichino. **Job Summary:** Quotes prices, makes reservations, places orders and issues airline tickets. Open until filled.

Motion Picture Projectionist, NA-3910-07, ANN#10-084, flexible part-time, Reel Times II Theater, Support Site. **Job Summary:** Operates permanently installed 35 mm motion picture projectors, ensuring a standard quality of sound and picture projection.

Recreation Aid, NF-0189-01, ANN#11-048, flexible part-time, Aquatics, Support Site/Carney Park (seasonal employment).

Job Summary: Oversees activities and necessary services to authorized patrons, including general information on the use of equipment. Open until filled.

Recreation Aid (Lifeguard), NF-0189-01, ANN#11-040, flexible part-time, Aquatics, Support Site/Carney Park (seasonal employment).

Job Summary: Safeguards and supervises swimmers and bathers in pool areas and enforces swimming and bathing regulations. Continuously observes patrons, warns swimmers of unsafe conditions and actions, rescues those in trouble and administers emergency first aid if necessary. Open until filled.

Recreation Aid, NF-0189-01, ANN#11-082, flexible, Reel Times II Theater, Support Site. **Job Summary:** This position transacts the sale of refreshments at the theater snack bar. Open until filled.

Recreation Aid, NF-0189-01, ANN# 11-086, flexible, Fit Zone, Capodichino. **Job Summary:** Performs maintenance on various types of recreation and athletic equipment to ensure that all equipment is in good condition and safe for patron use. First cut-off date is May 20.

NAF LOCAL NATIONAL POSITIONS

Recreation Aid (Lifeguard), Ua-0189-07, ANN#11-037, multiple positions, temporary part-time, Aquatics Division, Support Site/Carney Park (seasonal employment). **Area of Consideration:** Italian citizens and citizens of other European Union (EU) countries. Open until filled.

Recreation Aid, Ua-0189-07, ANN#11-053, multiple positions, temporary part-time, Aquatics Division, Support Site/Carney Park (seasonal employment). **Area of Consideration:** Italian citizens and citizens of other European Union (EU) countries. Open until filled.

Recreation Assistant (Lead Lifeguard), Ua-0189-06, ANN# 11-032, multiple positions, temporary part-time, Aquatics Division, Support Site/Carney Park (seasonal employment). **Area of Consideration:** Italian citizens and citizens of other European Union (EU) countries. Open until filled.

NEX EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Gricignano, Building 2091-B
Call 081-813-5252/5253/5254
Monday through Friday
8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

NEX job opportunities are 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 AVAILABLE

CURRENT U.S. FLEXIBLE POSITIONS MAY BE NON-COMPETITIVELY CHANGED TO REGULAR POSITIONS

GRICIGNANO MAIN STORE
Ann#038-11 Security Guard/52-Loss Prevention/NF-01/Flex- Closes: 05/27/11

Ann#023-11 Lead Cashier Checker/CC/NF-01/RFT- Closes: 05/27/11

Ann#006-11 Sales Clerk/A6A/NF-01/Flex- Closes: 05/20/11

Ann#034-11 Sales Clerk/SL-Children's/NF-01/Flex- Closes: 05/20/11

Ann#002-11 Sales Clerk/SL-Watches/Sunglasses/NF-01/Flex- Closes: 05/20/11

GRICIGNANO MINI MART
Ann#011-11 Sales Clerk/MM/NF-01/Flex- Closes: 05/27/11

DISTRIBUTION CENTER, GRICIGNANO

No Vacancies
CAPODICHINO NEX MART
Ann#016-11 Customer Service Clerk/MM/NF-01/Flex- Closes: 05/27/11

Ann#014-11 Sales Clerk/MM/NF-01/Flex- Closes: 05/27/11

JFC-NATO MINI MART
Ann#018-11 Sales Clerk/MM/NF-01/Flex- Closes: 05/27/11

LOCAL NATIONAL POSITIONS
No Vacancies

Soccer club gives kids once-in-a-lifetime opportunities!

By John Parker, ASC Napoli
Photos by Masae Parker

As the end of the season approaches, the kids from the American Soccer Club of Napoli (ASC) have enjoyed one of the best seasons in the club's history.

The kids from ASC have been very impressive this year and have made quite a name for themselves outside the gate. Their under-11 girls were the first to bring home the "silverware," with a first-place finish in the St. George International Invitational in Rome. Then it was the under-11 mixed team who finished third in the first annual Youth Torneo of Casal di Principe. Finally, the under-15 girls' team finished off their season with a very strong first-place finish in Rome at the St. George International Super Cup.

Whether it's a trip to Rome or simply going to downtown Naples to play against local "calcio" (soccer) schools, the kids at ASC have unique opportunities when it comes to playing soccer. It's not just local soccer schools they play against, they have been invited to play all over the Campania region. The older kids have even played developmental teams from some of the major professional clubs in Italy, such as Lecce, Napoli and Siena.

While soccer is the main focus of ASC, it's the amazing experience these kids get while being stationed in Naples that makes this team unlike any other.

"When my son Scott talks with family members or friends back in the States, he doesn't ever seem to mention visiting Pompeii, skiing in Germany, or swimming on the beach in Corfu. Every conversation revolves

around ASC—new moves he's learned, new teams he's played against, or just a recap of his team's most recent accomplishments," said De Ann Shaffer, a parent of an under-11 player.

ASC Napoli helps youth in the U.S. military and NATO communities in Naples to advance their existing soccer skills through intense training, competition and access to high quality coaches. But what really sets them apart from other soccer schools and stateside clubs are the opportunities the kids have here in Naples.

"Our family has had many years of club soccer in the U.S. However since becoming affiliated with ASC, our children have had a once-in-a-lifetime international soccer experience. ASC works very hard to integrate its teams into the Italian soccer community, and we have been everywhere from Benevento to Rome and many other soccer schools in between. It's wonderful to be a part of an organization that

understands how to build great players, develop confidence and is constantly working hard to increase the players' work ethic and knowledge of the game," explained Cydney Dixon, whose two daughters play for ASC.

If you are interested in ASC, check them out on the Web at www.ascnapoli.com or find them on Facebook at ASC-American Soccer Club of Napoli. ASC is always looking for licensed coaches or people who

would like to get quality coaching instruction. The club will host a summer coaching clinic and summer skills camp for players, so keep an eye out for more information about these exciting events.



ASC players and coaches stand side-by-side with their Italian opponents.



One of ASC's stars, Ryo Elliot (red shirt), beats a defender of a local Italian team.



ASC girls from the under-11 and under-15 teams stand proudly as champions after a recent soccer tournament at St. George's School in Rome, Italy.