

U.S. Navy Chiefs In Bahrain Celebrate 117th Birthday

By MC1(SW) Eric Brown
NAVCENT

MANAMA, Bahrain — One hundred and seventeen years ago, the U.S. Navy implemented the rank of Chief Petty Officer.

To commemorate this significant date, the chiefs assigned to the Southwest Asia Chief Petty Officer Association hosted a “fun run” and barbeque that boasted nearly a thousand participants and spectators April 1, 2010.

“The Navy’s Chief Petty Officers are totally dedicated to mission success in times of peace and during times of war,” said U.S. Naval Forces Central Command / U.S. 5th Fleet Command Master Chief Jeffrey Covington to the service members and civilians who gathered near the base’s Freedom Souq to celebrate the event. “We will continue to set the example and live the Navy’s core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment,” he said.

According to the Naval History and Heritage Command, the rank of Chief Petty Officer followed from Navy General Order 409 on April 1, 1893. The Navy later expanded the enlisted ranks to include Senior Chief Petty Officer and Master Chief Petty Officer on June 1, 1958. The Navy named the first Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy in 1967.



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Runners begin a 3k run prior to the Southwest Asia Chief Petty Officers Association picnic, celebrating the 117th birthday of the U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer rank on board Naval Support Activity, Bahrain, Apr. 1

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Easter Bunny visits NSA Bahrain

By MC2(AW) Jason T. Poplin
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Children scramble to collect multi-colored eggs during an egg hunt on board Naval Support Activity, Bahrain, Apr 3. Hosted by Morale, Welfare, and Recreation’s Child Youth Programs and the base library, the egg hunt was just one facet of an event which offered parents an opportunity to come together and celebrate Easter with their children.

MANAMA, Bahrain — Families enjoyed hot dogs, dancing, face painting, game playing, meeting the Easter bunny, and an Easter egg hunt during Easter Holiday events hosted by Morale, Welfare, and Recreation’s (MWR) Child Youth Programs (CYP) and the base library on board Naval Support Activity (NSA), Bahrain, Apr 3.

“It’s nice that they have events like this for families,” said Rey Herrera, who brought his two year old daughter, Nina, to the event. “Whenever they have functions, we always make it a point to come out. It gives

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Olympic Gold Medalist



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Olympic Gold Medalist Bill Demong (center) talks to service and family members during the Armed Forces Entertainment Heavy Metal Tour on board Naval Support Activity, Bahrain, Apr. 5. The United States Team ended an 86-year U.S. Olympic medal drought in the sport of Nordic Combined (a sport combining ski jumping and cross-country skiing) at the 2010 Vancouver Olympic Games when they captured medals in each of the Nordic combined events contested at the games. Bill Demong, Johnny Spillane, Brett Camerota, and Todd Lodwick, the first reigning Olympic medalists to visit troops this season placed their combined seven Olympic gold and silver medals around the necks of U.S. service members during the tour.

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Nina a chance to hang out with some of her friends from the Child Development Center, which is great."

Herrera added that functions such as these help alleviate some of the difficulties faced when trying to find activities for children to do off base.

"These events are very important because families are just returning and we're here to support the family," said CYP Director, Beatrice Broadnax. "We're providing opportunities for families to come together, network and meet other families. We do this by ensuring that they have similar activities and experiences as they would have stateside."

During a recent visit to NSA, Bahrain, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead offered his viewpoint on families transiting back to NSA, Bahrain.

"We're on the path of families returning to Bahrain, and I'm encouraged with the progress that we've made. I think it's going to make a huge difference," said Roughead.

CYP, the base library, and MWR will continue to schedule events for families and service members throughout the year.



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Children show off their golden eggs at the conclusion of an Easter egg hunt on board Naval Support Activity, Bahrain, Apr 3.

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Gavin Flusche touches the Easter bunny during an Easter celebration hosted by Morale, Welfare, and Recreation's Child Youth Programs and the base library on board Naval Support Activity, Bahrain, Apr 3. Parents and their children enjoyed a variety of activities including an Easter egg hunt, face painting, dancing, and meeting the Easter bunny.

Women's History Month



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The Naval Support Activity (NSA) Chapel's Gospel Choir performs a musical selection during the Women's History Month celebration in building P911's Multi-Purpose room on board NSA, Bahrain, Apr. 1.

Memorial Service Honors Fallen Sailors, Coast Guardsman



A memorial service will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Freedom Souq on April 22, 2010 at 2 pm. All are welcome to attend.

Earth Day 2010 at NSA Bahrain

By Awni Almasri



MANAMA, Bahrain — Naval Support Activity (NSA), Bahrain, has declared the week of April 18 as Earth Week, supporting and strengthening our efforts to protect and restore our natural resources. The United States and many other nations around the world will celebrate Earth Day 2010 on April 22.

NSA is a small community representing our nation abroad. It is committed to protecting the environment and safeguarding the earth for our Host Nation, our children and future generations.

Each day during Earth Week, the Environmental Department will distribute articles that provide information about Earth Day and easy ways to implement measures that will help protect the environment. Additionally, an environmental booth will be located on the facility and manned by personnel from the Environmental Department who will be available to provide passersby with energy conservation tips and explain informational posters that will be on display.

The main event is scheduled for April 22 consisting of a cleanup and trash removal effort throughout NSA, the Aviation Unit, and water front areas.

Four recyclable bins will be provided in the parking lot for plastic bags and two in the Navy Exchange. A used clothes bin will also be located in the parking lot. Other bins located throughout the base are available for collection of cardboard, scrap metals, used clothes hangers, aluminum cans, plastic bottles, and mixed paper.

If you are interested in participating, meet at the Freedom Souq Mall at 9am, April 22. Water, gloves and plastic bags will be provided. If you are unable to participate, please take the time to go through your office spaces and around your buildings to collect recyclables and pick up trash.

If you have any questions about recycling, please call NSA Bahrain Environmental Office at 439-4602.

Chaplain's Corner Distracted

By Chaplain (Cmdr.) Michael Hall
NSA Bahrain Chaplain



I was sitting in traffic waiting for a light to turn red. I was in one lane and there was a second lane next to me. When the light turned green a noticed that one of the cars in the lane next to me was not paying attention and so he did not move when he was free to holding up the cars behind him. As I passed him in my lane I noticed that he was reading a box for a new electronic toy he must have just purchased. He was not paying attention, he was distracted. When he did realize that the cars in front of him had moved he did begin to slowly move forward but his attention was still on the box and not on his driving. His interest in his new toy was not only an annoyance to the drivers behind him but it also could have been very dangerous. I was moving along on my way so I can only assume that he eventually moved his attention back to the task at hand, driving, and made his way to his destination.

So many times in our own lives we get distracted from the task at hand letting our attention wander to other things that delay our progress or even put us in dangerous situations. We need to

finish a project for work or class but instead we let a movie catch our attention and we procrastinate falling behind schedule and causing to have to cram later. Or more importantly we are focused and disciplined on our life journey with a clear plan and goal in mind when we let our "friends" or "pleasures" take us off course. Or we have made life-long commitments that we let slip. Many times these can be just annoying delays but other times they can take us severely off course leading us on a path to self-destruction. In Bahrain it could be being separated from a spouse causes you to find other ways to fill that need. Unfortunately that will lead to much hurt and pain later. The Saudi's say that "Allah can't see them in Bahrain." We all know better. Let's keep our focus so that we don't get distracted.



First Joint Employment Job Fair



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Sailors and family members browse various Department of Defense and civilian job catalogs during the first Joint Employment Job Fair sponsored by the Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain Fleet and Family Support Center in partnership with the base's Human Resource Office and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. The Job Fair was held in the Multi-Purpose Room located in building P911 on board NSA, Bahrain, Apr. 6.

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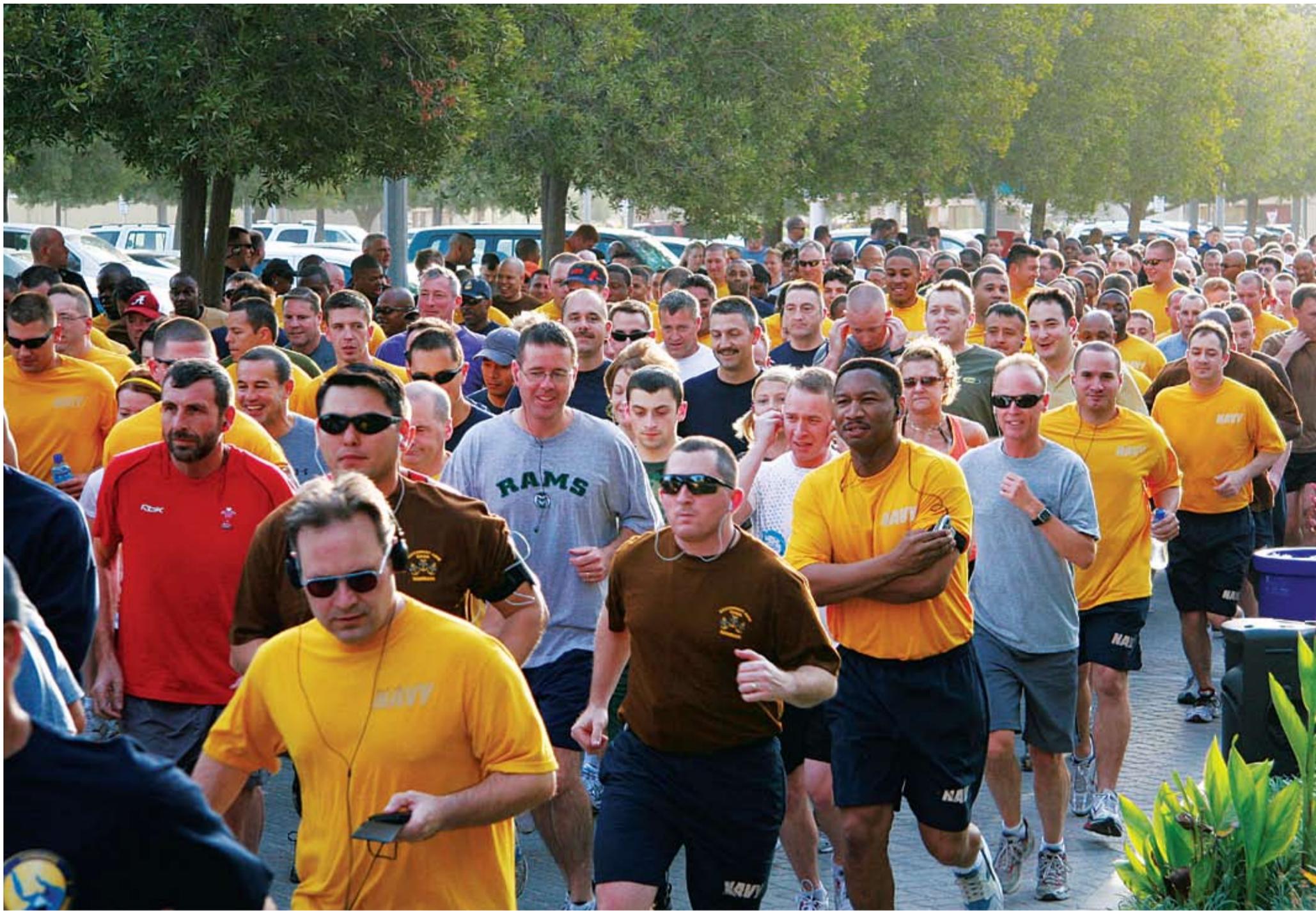


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Runners participate in a 3k run prior to the Southwest Asia Chief Petty Officers Association picnic, celebrating the 117th birthday of the U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer rank on board Naval Support Activity, Bahrain, Apr. 1.

CMC's Point of View Season of Pride "365"

By NSA's Command Master Chief James Key

First of all, I want to again say "Happy 117th Birthday" Chiefs and to thank everyone who came out in support of our "Run with the Chiefs" Fun Run, hosted by MWR on April 1st. Following the run we set up the P-911 courtyard for a guidon presentation, birthday cake cutting, some CPO trivia and an all hands BBQ hosted by Chiefs from across the installation to kick off the Season of Pride "365" way of life here at NSA Bahrain. Since that day I have had many different folks ask me, what does this mean? Well, initially it was just an idea in a salty old FLTCM's head, but by employing the minds of the CMC's and the MESS we were able to bring his idea to life during our 117th CPO Birthday celebration. Season of Pride "365" is really nothing new for a Chief but we wanted to encourage this way of life to the masses. As you know, every year a chosen few are selected to put on the Anchors of a Chief Petty Officer. I am certain that many of you have seen some part of this process between the months of July and September some where during your time spent on Navy bases around the world. This is a time of great challenge for the newly selected Chiefs. Our hope with the Season of Pride "365" is to challenge every one of the older Chiefs and you future Chiefs to step up, take a hard look at yourselves first, and then take ownership of your people, your spaces and this overall installation. Keep an eye out for things that are wrong and take action to correct whatever the problems may be. If you see a piece of trash blowing across the base, take a split second, pick it up and deposit it into the appropriate receptacle. Handle the issues as they arise with your own tact and style; just handle the issues. Being a part of today's Armed Forces is something to be very proud of and just so you know, "It is truly an honor for me to have this opportunity to serve as your CMC here in Bahrain and I am Damn Proud to be a part of Team NSA." We all have a tremendous amount of daily "Stuff" that we have to take care of to make the pieces of this Naval Support Activity puzzle fit together and effectively work. So take pride in everything you do from the time your feet hit the deck in the morning until they lift back up for a few hours of rest at night. Positive attitudes are contagious so let's spread the disease. Be looking for more events in the future, such as a weekly "Run with the Chiefs" coming soon. Season of Pride 365 "Catch the Fever." Now y'all know just a small piece of the CMC's Point of View...Until next time, CMC OUT!



Photo by MC1 (AW) Felix Garza

Senior Chief Petty Officer Donovan Dressel runs with the new "Season of Pride 365" Chief guidon during the Southwest Asia Chief Petty Officers Association 3k run and picnic celebrating the 117th birthday of the U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer rank on board Naval Support Activity, Bahrain, Apr. 1.



Chief Master-at-Arms Charles Hammons talks with kids during the Southwest Asia Chief Petty Officers Association picnic, celebrating the 117th birthday of the U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer rank on board Naval Support Activity, Bahrain, Apr. 1.



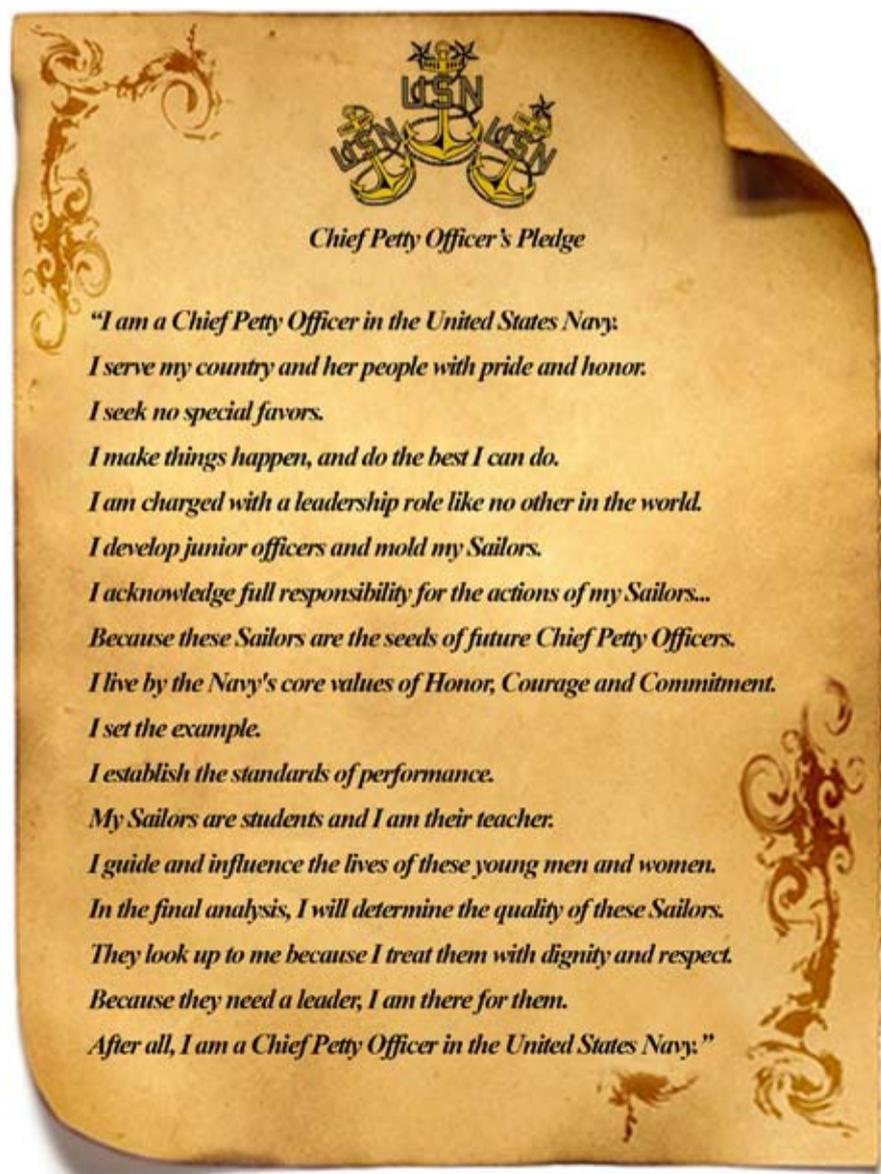
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Senior Chief Master at Arms Kevin Velente and Michael Oviatt cook burgers and hotdogs during the Southwest Asia Chief Petty Officers Association picnic, celebrating the 117th birthday of the U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer rank on board Naval Support Activity, Bahrain, Apr. 1.



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Nicholas Jones enjoys a hot dog during the Southwest Asia Chief Petty Officers Association picnic, celebrating the 117th birthday of the U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer rank on board Naval Support Activity, Bahrain, Apr. 1



Chief Petty Officer's Pledge

"I am a Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy: I serve my country and her people with pride and honor. I seek no special favors. I make things happen, and do the best I can do. I am charged with a leadership role like no other in the world. I develop junior officers and mold my Sailors. I acknowledge full responsibility for the actions of my Sailors... Because these Sailors are the seeds of future Chief Petty Officers. I live by the Navy's core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. I set the example. I establish the standards of performance. My Sailors are students and I am their teacher. I guide and influence the lives of these young men and women. In the final analysis, I will determine the quality of these Sailors. They look up to me because I treat them with dignity and respect. Because they need a leader, I am there for them. After all, I am a Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy."



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Top: Command Master Chief, Naval Support Activity (NSA), Bahrain, James Key hands out event T-shirts to participants of a 3k run during the Southwest Asia Chief Petty Officers Association picnic, celebrating the 117th birthday of the U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer rank on board Naval Support Activity, Bahrain, Apr.1. Bottom: Hospital Corpsman Chief Petty Officer Sanket Sadalge, left, the youngest Chief Petty Officer, and Logistics Specialist Senior Chief Petty Officer Chester A. Hurshman, the oldest Chief Petty Officer, cut the birthday cake during the Southwest Asia Chief Petty Officers Association picnic.

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Position: HUMAN RESOURCES SPECIALIST, GS-0201-11

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Position: Management Analyst, GS-0343-12

Department: Business Office, NSA Bahrain

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Announcement: NSA-10-037

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Department: HRO, NSA Bahrain

Opening Date: 04 April 2010 **Closing Date:** 17 April 2010

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Who May Apply: Bahraini Citizens (1st Priority consideration), Non-US Citizen Spouses (2nd Priority Consideration) GCC Nationals, Local Foreign Nationals, or Current BG employees.

Announcement: NSA-10-034

Position: Food Outlet Duty Manager, BG-1101-07

Department: MWR

Opening Date: 13 April 2010 **Closing Date:** 03 May 2010

Who May Apply: Bahraini Citizens (1st Priority consideration), Non-US Citizen Spouses (2nd Priority Consideration) GCC Nationals, Local Foreign Nationals, or Current BG employees.



There will be a PARADE
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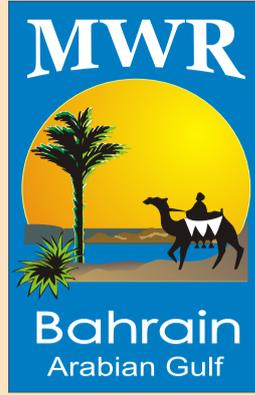
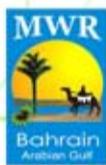
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Thursday, April 15

Cooking Demonstration Of Arabic Food & Dinner

- Time: 1700
- Min 5 people, April 13 cut-off
- ITT Price: \$23.00

Friday, April 16

Camel Farm & Saudi Causeway

- Time: 1100 - 1400
- Min 5 people
- April 13 cut-off
- Cost: \$5.00

Saturday, April 17

Wahoo Water Park Trip

- Adult \$25, Children under 1.2M \$16, Children under 3yrs \$8
- ITT Price: Adult \$20, Children under 1.2M \$12, Children under 3yrs \$6

Thursday, April 22

Belly Dancing Dinner Show

- Time: 2000
- Min 8 people
- Gate Price: \$37.00,
- ITT Price: \$30.00

Friday, April 23

Swim With The Dolphins

- Time: 1000 - 1300
- April 21 cut-off day
- Min 5 people
- Gate Price (only 45 mins.): \$40.00
- ITT Price (2.5 hr program): \$37.00

****Please arrive 15 minutes prior****
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Movie Schedule

Friday, April 16

Theater A

- 10 a.m. - EVERYBODY'S FINE (PG)
- 12 p.m. - DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE MORAGANS (PG-13)
- 2 p.m. - EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES (PG)
- 4 p.m. - ARMORED (PG13)
- 7 p.m. - PRECIOUS (R)
- 9 p.m. - IT'S COMPLICATED (R)

Theater B

- 11 a.m. - LEAP YEAR (9PG)
- 1 p.m. - PLANET 51 (PG)
- 3 p.m. - ALIENS VS PREDATOR (PG13)
- 5 p.m. - FOURTH KIND (PG13)
- 7 p.m. - NINJA ASSASSIN (R)
- 9 p.m. - UP IN THE AIR (R)

Saturday, April 17

Theater A

- 10 a.m. - PRINCESS AND THE FROG (G)
- 12 p.m. - DIARY OF A WIMPY KID (PG)
- 2 p.m. - THE BOX (PG13)
- 4 p.m. - CIRQUE DE FREAK (PG13)
- 7 p.m. - PARANORMAL ACTIVITY (R)
- 9 p.m. - THE FIGHT CLUB (R)

Theater B

- 11 a.m. - TOOTH FAIRY (PG)
- 1 p.m. - EVERYBODY'S FINE (PG13)
- 3 p.m. - TRANSPORTER (PG13)
- 5 p.m. - Fourth Kind (PG13)
- 7 p.m. - DAREDEVIL (PG 13)
- 9 p.m. - ONCE UPON A TIME IN THE WEST (PG13)

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1230-1530 - E6 and below

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Thursday, April 15

Gold city & Arabic dinner:

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Bahrain Museum & Arab Dinner

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Saturday, April 17

Tree of Life Clean

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Thursday, April 22

Earth Day: Texas Hold'em

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Friday, April 23

Tree of Life, Pottery & Saudi

- 0930
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- E6 & Below: \$3, E7 & Above \$5

Special Birthday:

- Were you born on this day? If so, come get a prize from our grab bag.

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- Departs 0800
- E6 & Below \$25, Others \$27.50.

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