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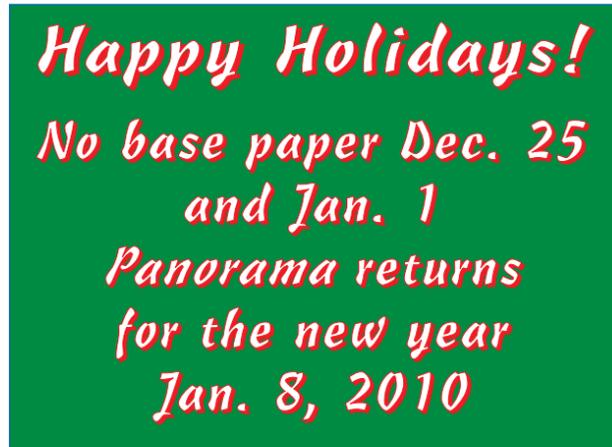
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SECNAV Sends out Holiday message

Released by Ray Mabus,
Secretary of the Navy

The holiday season is normally thought of as a time for celebration with friends and family, but for many in the navy and marine corps? It is another week or month on duty, protecting the country far away from home.

The Navy and Marine Corps are an expeditionary force; we are the countries away team. As a result, many of you are serving far away from your loved ones in the cause of the country. It is your selfless service that allows the rest of America to enjoy the holidays; less than 1 percent of Americans wear the uniform, you guarantee freedom for the other 99 percent.

In this holiday season, I want every sailor and marine to know that the navy, Marine Corps, and the nation are thinking of you and support you. We thank the sailors on station in the Arabian Gulf, Gulf of Aden, and Sea of Japan. We thank the Marines forward deployed to Okinawa. We thank those sailors and marines fighting in Afghanistan and Iraq. We thank those of you serving at home and the thousands of you deployed worldwide as well as the wonderful families that support you. And we remember the hundreds of thousands of proud Americans that have gone before us to establish the navy and marine corps as the finest fighting force the world has ever known.

Thank you for standing on the walls and defending our nation.

Godspeed, and best wishes to you and your families.

NSA Naples Kicks Off the Holidays with Tree Lighting



Three, two, one...

Above: Children from the Naples community help Capt. Robert Rabuse, Naval Support Activity Naples commanding officer with lighting NSA's Christmas Tree during the Tree Lighting Ceremony held at the Support Site Dec. 11.

Left: Everyone watches in enjoyment as the 2009 NSA Christmas Tree lights up. (Photos by MC1(NAO) John Parker, NSA Public Affairs Office)

By MC2 (SW) Michael Campbell, NPASE-E Det Europe



U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Commander, U.S. 6th Fleet band plays Christmas music during the 2009 Tree Lighting Ceremony. (Photo by MC1(NAO) John Parker, NSA Public Affairs Office)

Dozens of active duty service members and families enjoyed the annual tree lighting ceremony at the Support Site, Dec. 11.

The ceremony kicked off with hot chocolate and other refreshments, while members of the U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Commander, U.S. 6th Fleet band played Holiday music. Moments before the lighting, members of the NSA community gathered around the Christmas tree and began to count down for the tree lighting, led by Capt. Robert Rabuse, commanding officer of NSA Naples. This is Rabuse's second year participating in the ceremony and says he is looking forward to it next year.

"This year's Tree Lighting Ceremony was a joyous event, and the participation from the community was incredible," said Rabuse. "MWR worked hard and did a wonderful job putting this together. This was a great way to kick off the holiday season here in Naples."

After the tree lighting, Santa Claus made a surprise appearance as he came down the street in a fire truck. The ceremony helped many military families celebrate Christmas while they are away from home.

"The Christmas Tree Lighting was a very fun event; it was a chance for our kids to see their friends it was also a chance to for everyone to get that 'Christmas Feeling,'" said Maquiling Parkerson.

The tree lighting ceremony was sponsored by NSA Naples in conjunction with Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR).

"This is a family-style event and we enjoy spreading some holiday cheer," said Musician Chief (SW) Guy Gregg. "It's just a nice positive happy vibe here at Support Site."

Captain's Corner

By Capt. Robert Rabuse
NSA Naples Commanding Officer

The holiday season is in full swing, and it was great to see so many of you at the Support Site last week when XO and I, along with our families, lit the NSA Christmas tree. The MWR Holiday Social at Ciao Hall was a huge success. Both of these events took a lot of planning and special thanks to everyone involved with getting everything in order for each of these community gatherings. As always, you out did yourselves and everyone had a great time.



Congratulations to our new Petty Officers! All that work and studying paid off for them to advance in rank. Be sure to pass a Bravo Zulu.

With many of you taking leave this Holiday season or just taking a weekend trip here in Europe, let's not forget safety. Please see the story on page 10 about wet weather driving in Europe. We had a great 2009, and I want to finish it off as safe as possible.

As the temperatures drop here in Naples, we are starting to use the heat more. Please ensure that we are keeping windows closed in areas that the heat is on. We must conserve energy. If you walk by a window that is open please be sure to close it. If you are having any heating issues, please contact Public Works at 081-568-4981.

Lastly, please take time out of your busy holidays to remember those Sailors who may not have families in the area or just may not have any plans over the holidays. Maybe set something up and invite them. Nobody should be left alone over the holidays. Please check the *Panorama* for information on local events, trips and other things to do.

I would like to wish all of you and your families a happy and safe holiday season.

Replenishment at sea

During an underway replenishment USS Stephen W. Groves (FFG 29) takes on fuel and cargo from the Military Sealift Command's Replenishment Oiler USNS John Lenthall (T-AO 189). Stephen W. Groves, a Oliver Hazard Perry class Guided Missile Frigate, is home ported out of Mayport, Fla. and is currently operating in the U.S. Sixth fleet area of operations on a regularly scheduled deployment. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of USS Stephen W Groves (FFG 29))



Base Notes

From Panorama staff reports

H1N1 Influenza Vaccination Update

H1N1 influenza immunizations are now available for the beneficiaries in the following categories:

- Category 1 and 2 personnel including:
- All US Military Service Members
 - Civilian health care employees in direct patient care
 - Civilian employees designated mission critical personnel by their command
 - DoD/DoDEA/DoDDS beneficiaries over the age of 9 years old with higher risk medical conditions including:
 - Pregnancy
 - Blood disorders
 - Chronic pulmonary, including asthma
 - Cardiovascular, except for hypertension
 - Renal, cognitive, hepatic, neurologic/neuromuscular conditions
 - Diabetes
 - Immuno-suppression disorders, including those caused by medications or by human immunodeficiency virus
 - Parents and CDC workers taking care of children 6 months old and younger

Partial Category 3: only group in this category is all 4-9 year olds Military service members and mission critical civilian employees may receive their H1N1 immunization at the Capodichino Branch Health Clinic from 0800-1600. Other beneficiaries listed above can receive their H1N1 immunization at the Naval Hospital Naples immunization clinic from 0800-1600.

For questions, contact Lt. John Gardner at john.gardner@med.navy.mil or DSN: 629-6299/ Commercial: 081-811-6299.

NEX Notes

NEX customers have until Dec. 31, 2009 to return for a refund all gas and GPL coupons with an expiration date of Sept. 30, 2009. Coupons will not be accepted after Dec. 31.

The NEX is now offering Culligan Home Water Delivery Service to on-and-off base residents. Stop by the NEX Residential Services Office at the Support Site Main Store to sign your delivery service contract today. For more information call 081-813-5319, 5320 or 5321.

School transition classes

Classes will be held the first Thursday of each month from 9-10 a.m. beginning Jan. 7 in the Support Site FFSC classroom. The class is designed to give parents the necessary tools needed to make their child's transition from school to school as seamless as possible and will cover topics such as (but not limited to): different types of schools, navigating state requirements, researching good schools based on individual needs, organizing your move (assisting parents in developing an educational portfolio) and communicating with educators. For more information and to register for the classes, please contact Mr. Dewayne Baldwin, School Liaison Officer, at dewayne.baldwin@eu.navy.mil, dewayne.baldwin@eu.dodea.edu, or 629-4521.

All PCSing parents with school-age children are encouraged to contact the School Liaison Officer at 629-4521 or dewayne.baldwin@eu.dodea.edu for assistance and planning regarding their child's educational transition.

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PSD will be open from 7:30 a.m. - noon, Dec. 24 and 31 and closed Dec. 25 and Jan 1. PSD Customer Service hours are normally from 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

COMMISSARY NOTE

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Italian News Briefs

Compiled by Teresa Merola

Italian Prime Minister Attacked

The Italian prime minister Silvio Berlusconi was attacked at the end of a political rally in Milan on Sunday. He was hit in the face by a small marble souvenir of the Duomo of Milan by a man with no criminal record who had been treated for mental health problems for 10 years at a local hospital. Berlusconi had two teeth broken, a broken nose, and other facial injuries. Berlusconi received messages of sympathy from the Italian political leaders and world leaders. The man who attacked Berlusconi was immediately arrested and he apologized for the "cowardly and inconsiderate act". He added that he acted alone with no military or political affiliation. Berlusconi had to cancel a trip to the Copenhagen Climate Conference but promised he will give his official end-of-year press conference on Dec. 23 and pay a visit to the Abruzzi earthquake area on Christmas Day.

The Vatican Christmas Eve midnight mass held earlier

The Vatican announced that this year's Christmas Eve midnight mass at St Peter's basilica will be held two hours earlier in order not to tire the Pope. This is the first time that the Christmas midnight mass is being brought forward. The service will begin

at 10 p.m. and be finished by midnight. The Vatican stated that the 82-year-old pontiff has some circulation and age-related problems but he is in good health. He will deliver his traditional "Urbi et Orbi" message in St Peter's Square on Christmas Day.

Two Italian products receive Protected Domination of Origin (PDO) certificate

Two other Italian products received the European Union most prestigious seal protection, the Protected Domination of Origin (PDO) certificate. The chestnut from the Tuscan village of Caprese Michelangelo and the Piennolo tomato from the Mt. Vesuvius. Last week the Neapolitan pizza received the same EU quality-food rankings.

Tomb raiders arrested

Italian police arrested 19 people throughout Italy, who raided tombs for ancient artifacts in the areas around Naples and Venice exporting the illegally to countries, including the United States. Investigators took more than one year to recover almost 1,700 statues, vases and other artifacts from pre-and-after Roman times. Part of the artifacts were smuggled to the United States and sold to collectors and museums, investigators said.

BASE NOTES

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Capodichino and Support Site back gate closure

The Capodichino and Support Site back Gates will be closed for Holiday routine from Dec. 14 thru Jan. 11. For more information contact MACM Brian Clements at 626-6485.

Hollywood Handshake Tour Dec. 22

Armed Forces Entertainment will be bringing the Hollywood Handshake Tour to Naples Dec. 22 at Capodichino Landing from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and at the Support Site NEX Food Court from 4-6 p.m. Come and meet Wanda Colon from TLC's "Home Made Simple"; Bill Brochtrup from NYPD Blue; Tim Reid from WKRP in Cincinnati; Daphne Reid from Fresh Prince of Bel Air; James Reynolds from Days of Our Lives; Lissa Layng from movies "Say Yes" and "Night of the Comet." Contact MWR at 626-4880 for questions.

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THIS WEEKEND

- 18 NOSC AWAG CONFERENCE GRANT APPLICATION DEADLINE. The Naples Overseas Spouses Club (NOSC) will award four AWAG charitable grants to community volunteers to attend the May 9-13, 2010 54th annual conference at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmish, Germany. NOSC applications are available online at <http://www.noscitaly.com> and should be mailed by Dec. 18, 2009. FMI, contact Maria Eberlin at nosc2ndvp@gmail.com.
- 18 BLACK TIE NIGHT, 6-8 p.m. and Late Night Shopping until 9 p.m. at the NEX.
- 18 SANTA PHOTOS, 6 p.m.-9 p.m., at the NEX.
- 18 LIMONCELLO, 10 a.m. to noon, at the FFSC. FMI, contact the FFSC at 081-811-6372.

DECEMBER

- 21 ITALIAN COOKING CLASS, 9:45 a.m. to 2 p.m. A trip to a restaurant to learn how to cook a variety of Italian dishes cost: approximately €15. Participants meet outside the Support Site Main Gate at 9:45 a.m. and take local bus to Aversa, bus tickets available at ITT. FMI or to register, call 081-811-6372.
- 21 NEAPOLITAN XMAS TRADITIONS, 10 a.m. to noon, at the FFSC. FMI, contact the FFSC at 081-811-6372.
- 22 RESUME WRITING, 9 a.m. to noon, at the FFSC. FMI or to register, call 081-811-6372.
- 22 TO XMAS ALLEY FROM THE SUPPORT SITE, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. FMI, contact the FFSC at 081-811-6372.
- 29 SAVI TRAINING, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the FFSC. FMI or to register, call 081-811-6372.
- 31 SAFETY AWARD NOMINATIONS DEADLINE. U.S. Naval Safety Center is accepting nominations for the FY09 SECNAV/CNO Individual Award for Achievement in Safety Ashore. Award package submissions are to highlight achievements and must be endorsed by the activity commander, CO or OIC. FMI, contact the NSA Naples Safety Office at 081-568-4790 or refer to ALSAFE Message 057/09 at <http://safetycenter.navy.mil/Messages/alsafe/files/2009/ALSAFE09->

JANUARY

- 14 4-6 p.m. Quilters Around the World in the Food Court-Come and see what you can create. 6-8 p.m. Fellowship Hall monthly meeting. FMI qatw.napoli@yahoo.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- TAX ASSISTANCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED The U.S. Region Legal Service Office (RLSO) is seeking active duty and civilian volunteers for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program for tax year 2009. Hands-on training is given by an IRS expert which will be conducted Jan. 11-15. Interested persons can either sign up at the RLSO in the Admin II building at Capodichino on the 1st floor or call the RLSO at 081-568-4576. If desired, the RLSO will assist active duty members in seeking permission from their chain of command to participate in the VITA program.
- NAPLES AMERICAN RED CROSS (ARC) NEEDS VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTORS. The Fundamentals of Instructor Training (F.I.T.) is a pre-requisite course to the Instructor Training course, which will be held in January 2010. FMI or to sign up, contact the office at 081-568-4788.
- 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.
- TEEN BABYSITTERS CAN EARN MONEY for the holidays. All American Red Cross Certified babysitters interested in occasional babysitting can post a personal business card at the Fleet and Family Support Center, first floor of the Navy Lodge. FMI, contact the FFSC at 081-811-6551/6552/6555.
- NAPLES COMMUNITY GIRL SCOUTS NEED LEADERS AND CO-LEADERS. FMI or to volunteer, contact Shannon Matthews at 081-811-5599 or by e-mail to naplesgs@yahoo.com.
- NAPLES FRIENDS OF ANIMALS is currently seeking volunteers for board member positions, fundraiser events, and to foster animals and transport them to and from the off-base vet. FMI, visit <http://www.naplesfriendsofanimals.org> or e-mail Kimmie at nfoa.publicaffairs@gmail.com. They also need a volunteer to update, maintain, and occasionally redesign the NFOA Web site. FMI, please contact nfoa.publicaffairs@gmail.com.
- NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOC. OPERATION CLIP & SAVE (COUPONS): 081-568-3913.
- USO NAPLES NEEDS VOLUNTEERS at the Support Site Office one or two days a week on Wednesdays and Fridays for tours, programs and projects. To get involved and make a difference in the NSA Naples community, call 081-568-5713 or send an e-mail to sabrina.pullido@uso.it

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Christmas Comes Early to USS Mount Whitney

By MC2 (SW) Sylvia Nealy

USS Mount Whitney (LCC/JCC 20) First Class Petty Officer Association (FCPOA) hosted their annual children's holiday party aboard the ship Dec. 4.

FCPOA members spent many hours fundraising, preparing, planning, and shopping to provide an early start to the holiday season for the crew and their children.

"It was a great feeling to see all the children smiling and happy to be here," said Information Systems Technician 1st Class (SW) Crystal King, a member of FCPOA. "Especially hearing the sound of laughter which brought the holiday spirit throughout the ship."

The highlight of the party was a visit from Santa Claus. Each child had a chance to sit on Santa's lap and have their photo taken. FCPOA generously purchased a gift with association funds for each and every one of the 26 children at the party.

The children also watched "The Muppet Christmas" movie, played holiday themed games, and ate dinner with their military member. They were also treated to wonderful Christmas goodies provided by the members of the Gaeta Spouses Club.

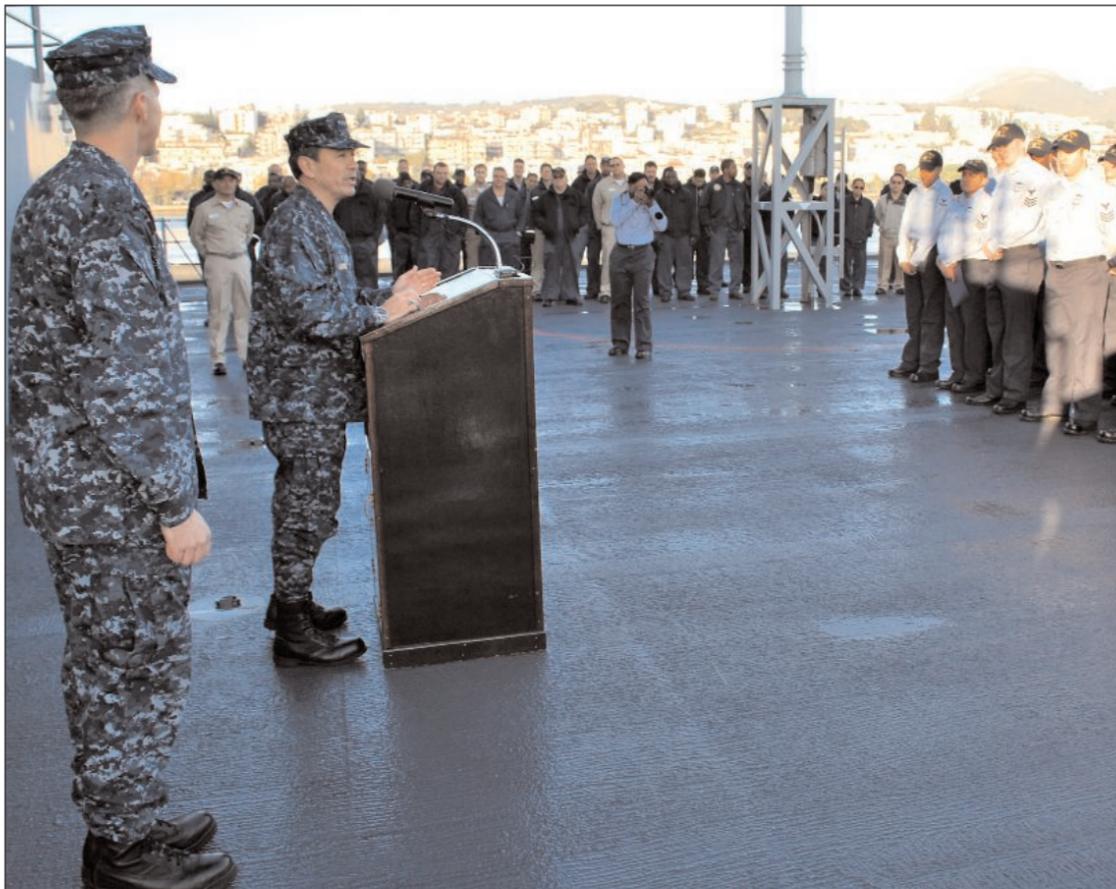
"I enjoyed the variety of entertainment provided and the food was good too," said Yeoman 1st Class (SW/AW) Daniel Krum, who attended the event along with his wife and two children. "Seeing the children interact with Santa was the most memorable moment."

"How can you not love when Santa comes around," said Mount Whitney's Commanding Officer, Capt. Karl O. Thomas, who attended the event with his wife and three children. "The children had a blast. It was good food and definitely an enjoyable event that is never forgotten. The FCPOA did an outstanding job in coordinating this event, I thank each member for their hard work and it's well appreciated."

Mount Whitney is the U.S. 6th Fleet flagship and is homeported in Gaeta, Italy.



Say Cheese A child sits on Santa's lap and poses for a photo during the First Class Petty Officer Association Christmas party onboard the USS Mount Whitney (LCC/JCC 20).



All hands call

Vice Adm. Harry B. Harris, commander, U.S. 6th Fleet, addresses the crew during an all hands call aboard his flagship USS Mount Whitney (LCC/JCC 20). (U.S. Navy photo by MCCS (SW/AW) Jason Morris)



A child hurries to open his gift that he received during the First Class Petty Officer Association Christmas Party aboard USS Mount Whitney (LCC/JCC 20). (U.S. Navy photos by MCCS (SW/AW) Jason Morris)

MCPON Pushing Social Media to Sailors and Navy Families

By MCCS Bill Houlihan,
Office of the Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy

One week after his Facebook page, www.facebook.com/mcpn, surpassed ten thousand "fans", Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy (MCPON) (SS/SW) Rick D. West used the Web site to announce his intent to further leverage social media as a significant communications device.

West, in a note he posted to Facebook Dec. 7, said he anticipates another thousand fans by Christmas, and that the response he's received from Sailors and Navy families has been surprising and encouraging. He also said that the real value of social media is the opportunity to share ideas.

"We started out tentatively and that's fine. But, now that we have momentum, I believe we should push it even further. I want to start putting your best ideas on our page," West wrote. "Is your command doing something like that? If so, let us know. We want to introduce that idea to the fleet and leverage it for the good of all Sailors."

West unveiled his public Facebook page June 25 and has been aggressive in tackling subjects Sailors around the Navy tell him they are most concerned with.

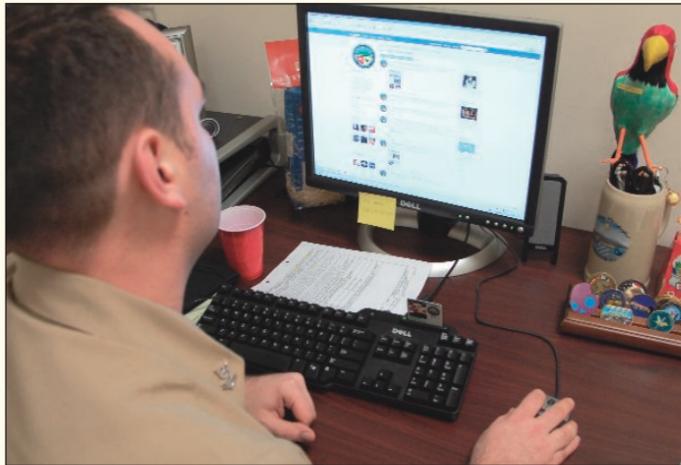
"We've discussed the wear policy for the NWU and your feedback made its way to our CNO. We've discussed women aboard submarines and the debates on that subject have been enlightening and well-spoken. Almost every decision or new policy released or considered in the last half-year has been brought up here and discussed. I find that is immensely gratifying, and I hope it continues."

MCPON wrote that he hopes for even more interaction in the coming months, but pointed that it has never been his intent to use Facebook, or any form of social media, to subvert a Sailor's standard chain of command. West said that many times the responses he provides to Sailors' questions are short and to the point.

"Many times the answer I give you will boil down to, 'Ask your CMC' because we have to ensure your command is aware and engaged at their level for the issue. Other times, we'll do the research and provide a response because we know your question is something that falls outside the normal lane of your local leadership."

In the six months since the MCPON Facebook page was created, the site has averaged approximately two thousand page views per day with an average of 500 new "fans" per week. Since then, West has branched out to other areas of social media, as well. Accounts with Twitter (<http://twitter.com/MCPONPAO>), Flickr (<http://www.flickr.com/photos/43070230@N03/>) and Slideshare (<http://www.slideshare.net/mcpnopa0>) all host archives of various communications products West has pushed to the Navy's Chief Petty Officer's Mess.

"I believe we are on the cutting edge of military communication," said West. "We are all breaking new ground, and I appreciate your role in that."



MC2 Mike Campbell takes a second to check the NSA Naples Facebook page. To become a fan of the NSA Naples' Facebook page, search for U.S. Naval Support Activity Naples. (Photo by MC1(NAO)John Parker, NSA Public Affairs Office)

Santa visits holiday social

MWR held this year's Holiday Social on Friday, December 11 at the Capodichino Ciao Hall. The event was open to all commands and offered free food, drink, and entertainment to all who attended. The U.S. Naval Forces Europe Band, Flagship, rocked the house with their renditions of today's contemporary hits as approximately 250 folks from the base gathered to celebrate the holiday season.



Naples area Sailors get free Wi-Fi connection just in time for holidays

By MCI(EXW/AW) Terry Vick, NPASE-E Det Europe

The Naval Support Activity Naples Moral Welfare and Recreation office in coordination with the Navy Exchange, is offering the Naples community an opportunity to stay in touch with loved ones over the holiday season via free access to Internet Wireless Fidelity (Wi-Fi) at the Support Site NEX food court.

All U.S. active-duty service members and their dependents over the age of 18 can sign up for the service at the NEX bookstore.

"MWR is here to improve everybody's quality of life," stated MWR Community Events Coordinator Kelly Berger. "These programs are designed specifically with Sailors needs in mind."

Once the member presents their I.D. at the bookstore it is entered into the computer system and a username and password is issued.

"I think it's a huge success," said Michelle Wolf, a clerk at the NEX bookstore who has witnessed first hand the popularity of the program. "People are constantly signing up."

The username and password for the free internet can last anywhere from 24 hours to 15 days.

"This is a really great program and it will supply those who do not usually have easy internet access to internet service that can help them stay in touch with their loved ones during the holiday season," said Electronics Technician 1st Class (SW) Ethan Gurney, a free Wi-Fi customer.

MWR officials expect the program to last indefinitely.



Navy Exchange bookstore clerk Francesca Golisamo assists Navy spouse Amy Collins with signing up for the free wireless internet access offered at the NEX Support Site food court.

(Photo by MCI(EXW/AW) Terry Vick, NPASE-E Det Europe)



Admiral Mark Fitzgerald with Miss Lucia Azzi and Master Antonioenrico Gentile congratulating them both on their scholarship to Seven Oaks School founded in 1432.

Scholarship Examination winners meet with Admiral Fitzgerald

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Karla Bustamante, USA AF, JFC Naples PAO

Two outstanding students from the Bagnoli-based Montessori School met with the Admiral Mark Fitzgerald, Commander Joint Force Command Naples on Dec 10.

Admiral Fitzgerald presented coins the students Lucia Azzi and Antonioenrico Gentile for gaining scholarships to Seven Oaks in England - a notable academic achievement. The students spoke with Admiral Fitzgerald of their dreams of becoming a doctor or a lawyer in the future and about their enthusiasm to go to a this historic school.

The Scholarship Examination was based on papers in English, math, French and science. According to the examiners, the young students of Montessorri school showed great self-confidence, creativity and ambition. They approached the interviews without anxiety and demonstrating confidence and independence of spirit and maturity to explore new ideas and strategies said Mrs. Arabella Stuart School Director of Admission from Seven Oaks. Miss Lucia Azzi has been awarded a Major Academic Scholarship which is worth 20 percent of the day fee.

Seven Oaks is an English coeducational independent school located in Kent. It is the oldest secular school in the United Kingdom, dating back to 1432. Almost 1,000 day pupils and boarders attend, ranging in age from 11 to 18 years. There are approximately equal numbers of boys and girls.

The school encourages pupils to be involved in all the opportunities it offers. Despite its emphasis on internationalism and innovation the school maintains strong roots with the local community and maintains some of its historical traditions such as the Sevenoaks Festival and the lunchtime music recitals.



Allied Spouses Club Christmas brunch

A brass quartet from the Joint Force Command band performed a selection of popular Christmas music through the Allied Spouses Club Christmas brunch and market. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Hillary Stonemetz USA AF Joint Force Command Public Affairs)



The Allied Spouses Club held a Christmas brunch and market Dec. 9 at Joint Force Command, Naples. The brunch featured finger foods from around the world as well as handmade crafts for sale. A silent auction was also held throughout the brunch for guests to bid on several items including a serving bowl, DVD player and holiday table centerpiece. Donations of men's clothing were accepted throughout the event to benefit the Sister's of Calcutta homeless shelter. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Hillary Stonemetz USA AF Joint Force Command Public Affairs)



Marines give toys to tots

U.S. Marine Staff Sgt. Denis Licona (left), a member of the Command U.S. Naval Forces Europe/Africa, U.S. Sixth Fleet staff, stacks presents donated by the Naples American community during a community relations event, Dec. 16, at Istituto Piccola Casetta di Nazareth, a school for underprivileged children ages 1-6. U.S. Marines and Navy donated gifts to 60 children as part of the Marine Corps Toys for Tots 2009 Christmas Drive. (Photo by Daniela Muto)



U.S. Marine Staff Sgt. Denis Licona (left), a member of the Command U.S. Naval Forces Europe/Africa, U.S. Sixth Fleet staff, and Gunnery Sgt. Jarod Duke, a member of the Commander, Strike Force NATO staff, help open a gift for a boy during a community relations event, Dec. 16, at Istituto Piccola Casetta di Nazareth, a school for underprivileged children ages 1-6. U.S. Marines and Navy donated gifts to 60 children as part of the Marine Corps Toys for Tots 2009 Christmas Drive. (Photo by Daniela Muto)

Who's Who in the PHE

Pioneer Technologies: Understanding Health Risk Assessment

By CNREURAFSWA Public Affairs

This week, we continue our look at the people and organizations that comprise the Naples Public Health Evaluation (PHE). Pioneer Technologies Corporation, based in Olympia, Washington, is a risk assessment firm with projects throughout the world, including the Naples PHE.

What is Risk Assessment?

In essence, Pioneer puts PHE scientific sampling and lab results into context. It helps answer the question, "What does all this mean to my health?" In a human health risk assessment, scientists conduct an evaluation to determine whether there are potential health risks to people from chemicals found at the site under investigation. Risk assessments focus on the chemicals, the places they are found, and the way in which people are exposed to them. Concentrations of chemicals found at a site are then compared to screening levels that regulators consider safe to determine whether there is a potential risk to people.

Risk assessment results do not determine actions or decisions. Those are determined by risk managers – in this case, Navy leadership – who base their decisions on a wide variety of factors such as economic considerations, the technical feasibility of a cleanup and results of the risk assessment.

Over the past 15 years, the U.S. Navy and Pioneer have been partners on various projects. Pioneer played a key role in drafting the Navy's Risk Assessment Guidance documents and the Department of Defense's Vapor Intrusion Guidance. Pioneer has also conducted risk assessments on many large and complex sites for clients such as DuPont, Philip Services Corporation, and Weyerhaeuser.

Risk Assessment vs. sampling

Chris Waldron, Pioneer Technologies' co-founder, explains that his firm works in tandem with PHE prime

contractor Tetra Tech.

"Our primary responsibilities lie in evaluating the potential human health risks that may exist in Naples and communicating these risks to U.S. Navy leaders, personnel, and their families," Waldron said. "We evaluate the sampling data we receive from Tetra Tech to determine if there are potential health risks for USN personnel and their families."

Challenges with the Naples PHE

Every project presents its own unique challenges. The Naples PHE differs from other Pioneer projects in that its risk assessors are not able to collect samples from all of the selected locations. The Navy does not have jurisdiction to collect samples in Italy, other than at locations where its personnel lease property.

Waldron said, "There are locations where it would make sense to sample, but it is not possible because we cannot gain access to the residence. The Navy can only collect samples at locations where the tenant and landowner agree to grant access for sampling."

There are other challenges associated with the Naples PHE for which Pioneer risk assessors have had to adjust. The large size of the site, sampling in a foreign country, cultural differences, language barriers, and lack of site-specific data have all proven difficult.

"These factors present challenges when conducting a risk assessment," Waldron said, "but they are not insurmountable. We have been able to adjust for these challenges and conduct a risk assessment that Pioneer and the U.S. Navy can stand behind."

For info. about the environment and your health, drop by the Environmental Health Information Center at Naval Hospital Naples at the Support Site in Gricignano or give them a call at 081-811-6071. 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 Web site at <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Naples/CommandInformation/HealthAwareness/index.htm>

European roads, weather pose seasonal driving challenges

By MC2 (SW/AW) Marc Rockwell-Pate

Throughout Europe, the weather has turned colder and many personnel and their families are planning short retreats to their favorite winter destinations. Although many Americans are accustomed to taking such trips, factors associated with European road and weather conditions can create unique and dangerous traveling hazards, especially during the winter months.

"Risks associated with road and weather conditions can vary considerably throughout Europe," said Steven Kalnasy, the Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia (EURAFSWA) deputy safety director. "Each country has its own hazards, and if people are going to travel they need to make themselves aware of those conditions."

One major risk factor that all personnel traveling in Europe will encounter is road conditions that can be much different than those in the United States. Roads in Europe tend to be much older and constructed of different materials, such as marble.

"60 percent of the roads in Italy have been repaved so water drains better, but the 40 percent that haven't are located here in the south," said Jim Dickinson, the Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy, traffic safety manager. "So people this area are still driving on roads that are made mostly of marble. Marble roads increase the risk of traction loss and require much different driving style than roads in the U.S."

People also use excessive speeds on roads that are unfamiliar, have become dangerous because of the weather, or are not well maintained and in bad condition, added Dickerson. This only increases their chances of being involved in a vehicle incident.

Although all travelers face a variety of hazards while driving, personnel making day or weekend trips tend to put themselves in more dangerous situations, said Kalnasy. Because it requires more planning, those making longer trips are usually better prepared for the driving and weather conditions – weekend travelers have a different intent. Due to time restraints and other factors, day or weekend travelers usually drive faster and make fewer preparations – ultimately causing them to experience more risk factors.

According to Stella Harisi, a safety specialist at NSA Souda Bay, Crete, it's not marble that causes personnel in that area to face some of the most hazardous road conditions in all of Europe.

"Roads in Greece tend to be narrow, don't drain well and lack maintenance," said Harisi. "Also, drivers are much more aggressive here than in the U.S. and often speed."

These conditions coupled with the consistent winter rains pose significant safety risks for people going on weekend trips throughout the island, added Harisi. But Souda Bay is not the only installation that faces hazardous conditions due to the weather.

Holiday Safety

As the holidays draw near, decorative lighting and special effects become important components of the festive season. Christmas trees, in particular, are a traditional part of the season. And although they are special, trees pose a definite safety risk.

If you're using a natural tree this year reduce the risk of a tree fire by taking the following precautions.

- Choose a freshly cut green tree, not one that has dried out through weeks of storage. If you are buying one from a tree lot, tap the trunk on the ground; if several needles fall off, it's too dry. Needles that bend and are not easily pulled off indicate a fresh tree. Consider a potted Christmas tree so you can plant it in your yard once the holidays are over.
- Before setting it up, cut two inches diagonally off the butt. The tree will draw water more easily from a fresh cut.
- Stand the tree in a tub or bucket of water and keep the tree trunk immersed to prevent the tree from drying out.
- Select a safe location for the tree, away from drapes and curtains and from drying and heating sources such as registers, radiators, and television sets. Don't block doors or windows which might be used to escape in an emergency and never put a tree near a fireplace!
- Use a tree-stand with widespread legs for better balance and a large water reserve in which to immerse the tree butt. Check the water level every day and add more as required.
- Check your Christmas lights for defects. Spread them out on a non-flammable surface before installing them. Make sure there are no broken bulbs, all electrical cords are free of cuts or frays and the plugs are in good condition.
- Extension cords should never be placed under carpets or where they could be a tripping hazard.
- Don't leave the Christmas tree lights on if there is no one in the room.
- If the tree begins to lose an excessive amount of needles, remove it immediately.
- Never burn your tree in the fireplace!

Holiday lights and decorations brighten the darkest days of winter, but they also present hazards, especially to young children.

Help keep youngsters safe by following these reminders:

- Inspect your home after decorating to locate any hazards of fire, electric shock or falls.
- When visiting relatives or attending community events, check the surroundings for hazards and help correct them to protect your children and others.
- Put candles, cords, and breakable ornaments out of reach.
- Instruct children that lights and decorations are for viewing, not touching. Above all, supervise children closely. Don't let the distractions of company keep you from watching them.

These safety tips will help keep your Christmas a joyous occasion for everyone!

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED continued

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

ONGOING/ON THE HORIZON

SECURITY NOTE: All DoD military or civilian personnel hosting an event must complete a Special Event Force Protection Plan (SEFPP) 45 days in advance, regardless of organization, if held off base and involving 50 or more personnel or a gathering where distinguished visitors are involved. FMI, contact the AT/FP Division at 081-568-6300, or visit their office in Bldg. 447, behind BEQ II, at Capodichino.

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 their Web site at <http://www.wraitalia.it/>.

EXTENDED POSTAL SERVICE HOLIDAY HOURS, through Dec. 24: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Support Site, and Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Capodichino. For more information, please e-mail postoffice@eu.navy.mil.

NAPLES OVERSEAS SPOUSES CLUB OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS to high school seniors, undergraduate and graduate students. For more information and to apply, visit their Web site at <http://www.nosctaly.com>.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, San Gennaro council 14853, meets at 6 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of every month at the Capodichino Chapel Fellowship Hall. E-mail Jaime Gonzalez at kofcnaples@gmail.com or visit <http://sites.google.com/site/kofcnaples/home> for schedule of events and more information.

NAPLES AMERICAN RED CROSS holds orientation from 8:30-10 a.m. the first Wednesday of every month. Contact the American Red Cross Office for more info at 081-568-4788.

AMERICAN SOCCER CLUB (ASC) NAPOLI ONGOING PRACTICES WEEKLY. Winter Soccer Training for players age 13+ is taking place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at the South (lighted) Support Site fields. FMI, visit <http://www.ascnapoli.com> or email ASCPrez4@yahoo.com.

ULTIMATE FRISBEE CLUB HOLDS PICK-UP GAMES, 2 p.m., every Sunday at the Support Site Central Park (field by the pool) and 6 p.m. Thursdays at the Support Site South Park (softball field behind the school). FMI, contact Edward.Butzirus@dla.mil.

PROTESTANT WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL (PWOC) holds Fall Bible Study every Tuesday at 9 a.m. (childcare provided) or 6 p.m. (no childcare) at the Support Site Fellowship Hall. FMI, contact Sheryl Sandros at 333-648-9503.

MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION IN SEARCH OF A DJ. MWR invites proposals for their DJ entertainment schedule of events. FMI, contact Mariella D'Amico CNREURAFSWA NAF Business Office at 081-5684836 or by e-mail to Mariella.D'amico.it@eu.navy.mil. Deadline for submissions is noon Dec. 1.

2009 COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN RUNS THROUGH DEC. 4. Show support by signing a pledge card. FMI, see your command's CFC unit coordinator/key personnel.

TOUCH OF HEALING PRAYER WORSHIP, noon to 12:30 p.m., every Thursday in the U.S. Naval Hospital Naples Chapel. This is a "Healing/Anointing Prayer" worship service for patients, staff and family members; provided by Chaplain Phillip Clark.

'NEW BEGINNINGS BIBLE STUDY,' noon to 12:30 p.m., every Tuesday at the USNH Naples Chapel. Those hungering for spiritual food are invited to bring a bag lunch, sodas will be provided.

HARRY S. TRUMAN LODGE NO. 649 MEETS, every Friday at 7:30 p.m. FMI, contact Francis Villareal at 334-645-9978 or Francis.villareal@eu.navy.mil. Visit <http://www.hst649.org>.

NAPLES HIGH SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SAC) meets at 4:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of every month in the high school's Media Center. The meetings are open to the public. E-mail issues, questions or comments, to be addressed by the committee, to naphessac@yahoo.com.

NEW PARENT SUPPORT OFFERS WEEKLY STROLLER WALK. Meet every Tuesday at 8 a.m. in front of Naples Elementary or Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Village Forum circular drive (next to Navy Lodge/across from library). For more info., call FFSC at 081-811-6372.

NAVY COLLEGE LEARNING CENTER offers self-paced computer coursework for the ASVAB, SAT, ACT, CLEP or GED exams. FMI, contact NCLC at CAPO, Admin II, Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to noon, or call 081-568-4006.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY "THE EDGE" from 12:30-1:30 p.m., every Wednesday at JFC Naples, in the NCCC, room 223. FMI, contact Ben Shevchuk, 347-971-8416.

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

PRAYER LUNCH HELD, noon to 12:30 p.m., Monday and Tuesday at the U.S. Naval Hospital Chapel. FMI, contact Chaplain Phillip Clark at 081-811-6451 or by e-mail to phillip.clark@med.navy.mil.

TEENS INTERESTED IN BABYSITTING bring Red Cross Certified Babysitting Course card along with a personal business card to the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC). FMI, call FFSC at 629081-811-6372.

MAINSTAGE ENTERTAINMENT FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS. For more information, visit <http://www.naplesmainstage.org> or call 331-570-2879.

QUILTERS AROUND THE WORLD MEETS the second Thursday of every month to share ideas and inspire one another. Quilters of all levels are welcome. FMI, e-mail qatw.napoli@yahoo.com or call 348-430-934.

NAPLES-AREA GIRL SCOUTS: naplesgs@yahoo.com.

RED CROSS DISASTER ACTION TEAM: 081-568-4788.

NSA CHAPEL/USNH 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 bzzaragoza@yahoo.com.

COMPASS NAPLES NAVY SPOUSE TEAM MENTORING PROGRAM: for information call 081-811-4606 (leave a message) or e-mail COMPASSNaples@nsfamilyline.org.

WOMEN, INFANTS, CHILDREN (WIC) OVERSEAS PROGRAM OFFERED at NSA Naples. Women who are pregnant, postpartum or have an infant or child under the age of five may qualify for the WIC Overseas program - a nutritional education program which provides supplemental foods. For more info., contact the WIC Overseas office at 081-811-4962/60.

FILIPINO-AMERICAN ASSN MEETS EVERY SECOND WEDNESDAY, 6 p.m., the Support Site BEQ recreation room. FMI, contact William Ratcliffe at 335-182-9669 or by e-mail to william.ratcliffe@med.navy.mil; Manny Manlogon at 346-079-6293 or by e-mail to mmanuel.manlogon@med.navy.mil; or Michael Dela Cruz at 346-582-3298 or by e-mail to michael.delaacruz@med.navy.mil.

NAPLES BOY SCOUTS SIGN-UPS, Mondays 7-8:30 p.m. at the Community Center or contact Larry Office at 081-892-8612, or visit <http://www.scoutingnaples.org>. Learn survival skills, and experience adventures, challenges, responsibility, friendship and the great outdoors.

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 081-811-4044 for an appointment.

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.

SPOT A STRAY OR LOST PET? Contact Emergency Dispatch Center, 081-568-5638/39.

NAPLES CHRISTIAN HOMESCHOOL ASSOCIATION provides support and activities throughout the school year. FMI, contact Mindy Doyle at mindydoyle@yahoo.com.

NAPLES-AREA USAF RETIREES, get information or an invitation to upcoming events and social activities by contacting Wylie Miller, USAF Retiree Affairs representative, 329-208-7315 or wkmiller@tin.it.

SAIL WITH THE NAPLES NATO YACHT CLUB (NNYC) AMERICAN TEAM. We are looking for Americans interested in participating in dinghy races sailed at the NNYC facilities on the island of Nisida. Experience not required. FMI, contact Bill Carty at wccarty@yahoo.com.

CARNEY PARK LADIES GOLF ASSN meets 9 a.m. Mondays. All skill levels welcome. Discounted play with membership. FMI, Carol Borkowski, 081-804-3345, or Carney Park Golf Course at 081-526-4296.

TOBACCO CESSATION, USNH Health Promotions Classroom and Capodichino. A four-week Freedom from Smoking class. To register, call 081-811-6313/6311.

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.

LATINOS UNIDOS WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS. Meetings are at 2 p.m. the first Sunday of every month at the Support Site park. For more info, contact Michael Cortez, Michael.cortez@eu.navy.mil, 334-6771-0327, or Gabriel Sermeno, Gabriel.sermeno@eu.navy.mil, 081-811-5554

Reel 2 Times cinema

Friday, December 18
HOLIDAY SEASON MATINEES
Noon Astro Boy, PG
2:45 p.m. The Princess and the Frog, G
4:15 p.m. Amelia, PG
5:45 p.m. Invictus, PG-13
Premiere Showing
6:45 p.m. Whip It, PG-13
8:45 p.m. Invictus, PG-13
9 p.m. Paranormal Activity, R, 21 Plus
Movie & Premiere Show

Saturday, December 19
Noon The Princess and the Frog, G
1:30 p.m. Amelia, PG
4:15 p.m. Planet 51, PG
5 p.m. Cirque Du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant, PG-13
6:45 p.m. Astro Boy, PG
8:15 p.m. The Box, PG-13
Premiere Showing
9 p.m. Paranormal Activity, R

Sunday, December 20
Noon Amelia, PG
1:30 p.m. Planet 51, PG
3 p.m. The Princess and the Frog, G
5:45 p.m. Twilight Saga: New Moon, PG-13
6:30 p.m. Cirque Du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant, PG-13
8:45 p.m. Invictus, PG-13
9 p.m. Law Abiding Citizen, R

Monday, December 21
HOLIDAY SEASON MATINEES
Noon The Princess and the Frog, G
2:15 p.m. A Christmas Story, PG, FREE ADMISSION
4:30 p.m. Whip It, PG-13, *Last Showing*
6 p.m. Amelia, PG
7 p.m. The Blind Side, PG-13
9 p.m. The Box, PG-13

Tuesday, December 22
HOLIDAY SEASON MATINEES
Noon Planet 51, PG
2:15 p.m. Astro Boy, PG
4:30 p.m. The Santa Clause 3, G, FREE ADMISSION
5 p.m. Couples Retreat, PG-13
Last Showing
7 p.m. Twilight Saga: New Moon, PG-13
8:45 p.m. Invictus, PG-13

Wednesday, December 23
HOLIDAY SEASON MATINEES
Noon Home Alone, PG, Free Admission
2 p.m. The Princess and the Frog, G
4:30 p.m. Twilight Saga: New Moon, PG-13
6:30 p.m. The Box, PG-13
7:30 p.m. The Stepfather, PG-13
9:15 p.m. Paranormal Activity, R

Thursday, December 24
HOLIDAY SEASON MATINEES
Noon Amelia, PG
2:30 p.m. The Grinch, PG, Free Admission
4:00 p.m. The Princess and the Frog, G
5:00 p.m. Invictus, PG-13
6:00 p.m. Planet 51, PG, *Last Showing*

Friday, December 25
MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM YOUR THEATER STAFF!
Noon Astro Boy, PG
1:30 p.m. Planet 51, PG
2:45 p.m. Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel, PG, *Premiere Show*
4 p.m. Invictus, PG-13,
5:45 p.m. Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel, PG
6:45 p.m. Amelia, PG
8:15 p.m. Avatar, PG13
Premiere Showing
9 p.m. The Men Who Stare at Goats, R
21 Plus Movie & *Premiere Show*

Reel Time
CAPODICHINO

Friday, December 18
7 p.m. Cirque Du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant, PG-13

Sunday, December 20
2:30 p.m. Whip It, PG-13

Friday, December 25 closed
Single Sailors enjoy Free Admission at Ssite Reel Times2 Theater (*Just Show your Single Sailor Liberty Card*) Merry Christmas from your theater staff!

Sunday, December 27
2:30 p.m. Invictus, PG-13

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USO DAILY TOURS
Dec. 18 Sorrento, Vietri and Emerald Grotto €34
Dec. 20 Imperial Rome City Tour €55

EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT: Wine Tasting €45

WEEKENDED TOURS
Dec. 24-25 Christmas in Rome €139
Jan. 16-17 MLK's weekend in Perugia, Assisi & Deruta €147
Feb. 12-15 President's Day in London €539
Feb. 12-15 Carnival in Venice €199
March 11-14 French Riviera €339

Movie descriptions

No Children Under 10
Admitted to R-Rated Movies

ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: The Squeakquel, PG. For some mild rude humor, Comedy, Kids/Family and Sequel 89 min. Cast: Jason Lee, Zachary Levi, Anjelah Johnson, Wendi Malick, Justin Long, irst Run Over Seas in Theaters (FROST). Alvin, Simon, and Theodore meet heir musical match after returning to school and entering into a battle of the bands competition in hopes of saving the school's troubled music program. Sent to live with Dave Seville's younger nephew Toby (Zachary Levi), the three lovable marmots decide that getting an education is more important than belting out pop tunes. But the school's music program is about to go belly up, and the only way to save it is to win the 25,000-dollar prize in the upcoming battle of the bands. Though the Chipmunks are confident they have the songwriting skills to steamroll the competition, a newly formed singing trio dubbed the Chippettes promises to give them some stiff competition on-stage. Brittany, Eleanor, and Jeanette are indeed the real deal, and the closer the competition gets, the more Alvin, Simon, and Theodore realize that in order to win, they'll have to give it everything they've got.

AVATAR, PG13, For intense epic battle sequences and warfare, language and smoking. Cast: Sam Worthington, Zoe Saldana, Sigourney Weaver, Lola Herrera, Joel David Moore. First Run Over Seas in Theaters (FROST). Action Adventure and Science. Fiction/Fantasy 156 min. A paraplegic ex-marine war veteran is unwillingly sent to establish a human settlement on the distant planet of Pandora, only to find himself battling humankind alongside the planet's indigenous Na'vi race in this ambitious digital 3-D sci-fi epic from Academy Award-winning Titanic director James Cameron. The film, which marks Cameron's first dramatic feature since 1997's Titanic, will be shot on the proprietary FUSION digital 3-D cameras developed by Cameron in collaboration with Vince Pace, and will offer a groundbreaking mix of live-action dramatic performances and computer-generated effects. Australian actor Sam Worthington stars as the reluctant human settler, Jake Sully, with actress Zoe Saldana signing on to portray the local woman who enters into a romantic affair with the hero. The revolutionary motion-capture system created for the film allows the facial expressions of actors to be captured as a virtual camera system enables them to see what their computer-generated counterparts will be seeing in the film, and Peter Jackson's Oscar-winning Weta Digital visual-effects house has been hired to supervise Avatar's complex visual effects. Joel Moore, Sigourney Weaver, Stephen Lang, and Michelle Rodriguez round out the cast.

THE FOURTH KIND, PG-13, For violent/disturbing images, some terror, thematic elements and brief sexuality, Thriller 98 min. Cast: Milla Jovovich, Elias Koteas, Will Patton, Corey Johnson. Synopsis: In 1972, a scale of measurement was established for alien encounters. When a UFO is sighted, it is called an encounter of the first kind. When evidence is collected, it is known as an encounter of the second kind. When contact is made with extraterrestrials, it is the third kind. The next level, abduction, is the fourth kind. This encounter has been the most difficult to document-until now. Set in modern-day Nome, Alaska, where--mysteriously since the 1960s--a disproportionate number of the population has been reported missing every year. Despite multiple FBI investigations of the region, the truth has never been discovered. Here in this remote region, psychologist Dr. Abigail Tyler began videotaping sessions with traumatized patients and unwittingly discovered some of the most disturbing evidence of alien

abduction ever documented.

THE MEN WHO STARE AT GOATS, R, For language, some drug content and brief nudity, Cast: George Clooney, Ewan McGregor, Kevin Spacey, Jeff Bridges, Rebecca Mader. Comedy, War and Adaptation 95 min. A reporter (Ewan McGregor) delves into the world of experimental psychic U.S. military units during the Iraq War in this adaptation of the Jon Ronson book The Men Who Stare at Goats. George Clooney, Kevin Spacey, and Jeff Bridges star in the Smoke House/BBC Films production.

DISNEY'S A CHRISTMAS CAROL, PG, For scary sequences and images, Action/Adventure, Drama, Science Fiction/Fantasy, Animation, Adaptation, Holiday and Remake 76 min. Cast: Jim Carrey, Gary Oldman, Bob Hoskins, Colin Firth, Robin Wright Penn. Ebenezer Scrooge begins the Christmas holiday with his usual miserly contempt, barking at his faithful clerk and his cheery nephew. But when the ghosts of Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come take him on an eye-opening journey revealing truths Old Scrooge is reluctant to face, he must open his heart to undo years of ill will before it's too late.

INVICTUS, PG-13, For brief strong language, Cast: Matt Damon, Morgan Freeman, Bonnie Henna. Drama, Adaptation, Biopic and Sports 133 min. First Run Over Seas in Theaters (FROST). The true story of how Nelson Mandela joined forces with the captain of South Africa's rugby team, Francois Pienaar, to help unite their country. Newly elected President Mandela knows his nation remains racially and economically divided in the wake of apartheid. Believing he can bring his people together through the universal language of sport, Mandela rallies South Africa's underdog rugby team as they make an unlikely run to the 1995 World Cup Championship match.

THE BOX, PG-13, For thematic elements, some violence and disturbing images, Suspense/Horror, Thriller and Remake, 116 min. Cast: Cameron Diaz, James Marsden, Frank Langella, James Rebhorn, Holmes Osborne. An unhappily married couple receive a small wooden box on their doorstep. At the push of a button, the box brings its bearer instant wealth but also instantly kills someone the bearer doesn't know.

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY, R, For language, Science Fiction/Fantasy and Thriller 99 min. Cast: Katie Featherston, Micah Sloat, Michael Bayouth. After a young, middle class couple moves into what seems like a typical suburban "starter" tract house, they become increasingly disturbed by a presence that may or may not be demonic, but is certainly most active in the middle of the night. Especially when they sleep. Or try to.

A CHRISTMAS STORY, PG, Action/Adventure/Comedy 94 min. When he asks his mother for the BB gun for Christmas, she says, "No, you'll shoot your eye out". When he writes an essay about it at school his teacher gives him a C+ with a note saying "You'll shoot your eye out." Next he asks Santa for the gun, Santa's response is familiar, he says, "You'll shoot your eye out, kid." Ralph fears that he'll never get the BB gun for Christmas. But there may be a surprise in store for him.

THE GRINCH, PG Comedy 105 min Jim Carrey Anthony Hopkins Annoyed by the happy residents of Whoville, the Grinch decides to deprive them of their favorite holiday Christmas. Only to find that the spirit of the season goes much, much deeper than feasting, tinsel and toys. Live action version of the Dr. Zeus cartoon classic.

NSA holiday religious events schedule

CATHOLIC

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Mass
5 p.m. - Support Site Chapel
9 p.m. - Support Site Chapel

Dec. 25 Christmas Day Mass
8:30 a.m. - Capo Chapel
11 a.m. - Support Site Chapel

Dec. 31 Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass
5 p.m. - Support Site Chapel

Jan. 1 Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of

God Solemnity Mass
8:30 a.m. - Capo Chapel
11 a.m. - Support Site Chapel

PROTESTANT

Dec. 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
7 p.m. - Support Site
7 p.m. - Capo Chapel

Dec. 31 Hallelujah Full Gospel Watchnight Service
10 p.m. - Support Site Chapel



Performs seen from "High School Musical" (Photo by Aung Khaing)

2009, Great Year for Performing Arts; more to come in 2010

The greater Naples area was treated to several fantastic community theater events over the 2009 calendar year. MWR Naples' sponsored programs were responsible for the successful productions of "Aida", "High School Musical", "Carn-Evil" and "A Walk On Broadway".

Kelly Berger, the MWR Naples Community Events Coordinator said, "this was a banner year for the performing arts program here in Naples. To think that all of the people involved in this program are all volunteer service members, dependants, or colleagues is amazing. I would have never had guessed that some of the people on stage are people that I work with; people that seem like normal folks you see at the NEX or coffee shop but shine like stars when they are doing extraordinary things on stage."

2009 marked the merger of all community theater organizations in Naples under a single MWR sponsored special interest group, MainStage Entertainment.

"This is definitely a labor of love" said MainStage Director of Operation Z. Kekuewa. "To put on a theatrical event is quite an undertaking. Producers and Directors of shows must contend with regular work schedules, school schedules, deployments, duty, holidays, facility reservations, logistical support, legal issues, and even the occasional personality conflicts that can occur during the production journey. We are not just proud of our performers for making magic on stage, but applaud people like Debbie Matahen, Patrick Becker, and Leslie Kekuewa for everything they have done this year in making the performance arts program in Naples the benchmark for all CNIC commands in Europe."

MainStage Entertainment and MWR Naples look forward to launching the 2010 calendar year with "Jungle Book Kids" as the first production of the year.

"Our teen MainStagers are taking this on as a special project with the Naples Elementary School. From Producing to Directing to vocal and acting coaching to choreography, our teens will be managing every aspect of the show, welcoming the newest "mini-MainStagers" (grade 1-6) to the community theater performing arts program. The adults will just have to watch from the sidelines on this project as our teens take this from concept to production and turn these budding actors and actresses into stars! We are very excited for all of them and can't wait to see the show," added Kekuewa.

For more information about your local community theater, visit www.naplesmainstage.org.



Kira Hall performs during "A Walk on Broadway". (Photo by Aung Khaing)



The cast performs Mummified during "Carn-Evil" at Spooktacular (Photo by Will Grayson)

NHS Sports

Submitted by the NHS Booster Club, <http://www.napleshsboosterclub.org>



Kevin Navarro, a senior, explodes toward the basket during a fast break against the International School of Florence at the Naples high school gym Dec. 12. Navarro, the team captain, led the team in scoring during the game. (Photo courtesy of the Naples Booster Club)

Wildcats Basketball Rolls Over Florence by 40

By Naples High School Booster Club

The Naples Wildcats basketball team held nothing back this weekend against the International School of Florence, routing the Northern Italy team by 40 points in both games. The Wildcats leading scorer for both games was there senior captain Kevin Navarro, scoring 23 on Friday and 18 on Saturday. Although Navarro had a majority of the points, it was a total team effort that ensured the team's dominating victories. Constantly swarming the Florence with full-court defense and aggressive play, the Wildcats demonstrated its ability to run-and-gun as well as play tough defense. The Wildcats are now 2-2 overall, and 1-1 in Region IV. The team looks to continue their winning ways January 15-16 against a 3-1 Sigonella team.



Shepherd Sterling, a senior, extends for a layup after slicing through the International School of Florence defense during a game Dec. 12 at the Naples high school gym. Sterling played an aggressive game, racking up steals, rebounds and assists while contributing with timely scores. (Photo courtesy of the Naples Booster Club)

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Student Athletes of the Month

• Volleyball

Rachael Richardson, a sophomore, has been selected as the November women's volleyball Student Athlete of the Month. Rachael is originally from Fairfax, Va., and is new to the Naples volleyball team, but has proven herself as a real asset since joining the team. Her height, 5'9", and her agility on the court make her an excellent blocker at the net. In the last eight sets alone, Rachel has racked up 15 solo blocks and at least half as many assists. Rachel also has a strong serve and a powerful return which has earned the team many points. Aside from her outstanding play, Rachael is a great example of sportsmanship. Rachael also participates in other sports, band, and is part of the NJROTC.

Regan Campbell, a junior, has been selected as the November men's volleyball Student Athlete of the Month. Regan is from Seaside, Ore., and has been a big piece of the team's undefeated conference season. Regan earned an All-Conference vote from the league coaches and played 17 consecutive games, including the Europe league tournament. Aside from his strong serve, Regan showed excellent leadership on the court throughout the whole season.

• Swimming

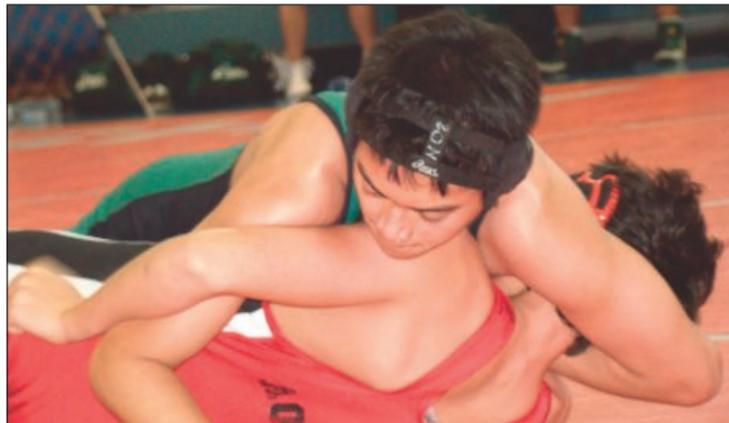
Hannah Donohue, a senior, has been selected as the November women's swimming Student Athlete of the Month. Hannah, the team captain of the Tiger Sharks, is from Norfolk, Va., and is a strong competitor in the water. At the home meet on Nov. 8, Hannah took 1st place in her four individual events, scoring huge points for the team and qualifying for European Championships in the 100 Freestyle. At the Long Distance Championship meet Hannah medaled in all three of her events, placing 3rd in the 800FR, 2nd in the 400IM and 3rd in the 1500 Freestyle. Hannah's hard work, superior sportsmanship, team leadership and consistent effort make her an easy choice for this award. Hannah, a honor roll student, is also the Naples Marching Band drum major and is actively involved in Thespians, Italian Club, and Future Educators of America

Jonathan Higgins, a sophomore, has been selected as the November men's swimming Student Athlete of the Month. Higgins, the Tiger Sharks team captain, demonstrates agility and perfection in the water. After participating in the European Volleyball Championships and with less than three hours of sleep, Higgins was helping his swim team secure a victory in a meet, placing in three different individual events and swimming as part of two relay teams. Higgins also competed against 18 other European Forces League teams in the Sprint and Long Distance meet, taking one 1st and two 2nd place medals. To date Jonathan has qualified in 5 of his 8 individual events, and will be swimming in the European Championships held in Eindhoven Netherlands. Higgins is also an honor roll student and was selected as

Wildcat Wrestlers Perform Well in Aviano despite being shorthanded

The Wildcat Wrestlers made the trip to Aviano, Saturday to participate in the Aviano Wrestling Tournament. Though the team was shorthanded with many wrestlers unable to make the trip due to American College Test (ACT) requirements, the team performed extremely well and finished in 3rd place with 74 points.

Leading the way for the Wildcats was Charles "Tiny" Cuthbert at 119, Tyler Williams at 119(B), Neil "The Punisher" Navarra at 125, and Bradley Smith at 145 – all taking home individual champion honors. Charles McGarrigle at 103 took home a 2nd, and Luis Rivas at 135 and Ricky Sizemore at 152 both took third place. Fourth place finishers included Josh Hood at 130, Christian Tanaquin at 145, James Cheek at 152, Grayson Haynes at 160, and Chris Scott at 171.



Neil Navarra, a Naples Wildcats wrestler, drives his opponent to the mat during a 125-pound match at the Aviano Wrestling Tournament Dec. 12. Navarra took home individual champion honors during the match. (Photo by Coach Vito Vitulli)

Middle school wrestlers Jacob Wahlin and Jalin "The Destroyer" Powell also had great performances. Powell destroyed all of his opponents, going 5-0 with five pins to take first place in the middle school bracket. Jacob Wahlin took third place in the same bracket.

The final match scores were Sigonella 137, Aviano 121, Naples 74, Rome 49, and Vicenza 42. Coach Vito Vitulli said he was more than happy with his team's performance.

"Wrestling is a tough sport unlike all others," said Vitulli. "The experienced wrestlers did very well and our new wrestlers have shown a great deal of improvement. The team is constantly improving and when we are at full strength, we are tough to beat."

The Wildcat wrestler of week is Bradley Smith of the 145-pound division. Smith went 3-0 in the tournament and wrestled extremely well in all of his matches. "I was proud that the time and effort that I put into wrestling is starting to pay off," said Smith. "The team is doing well, but there is always room for improvement."

The wrestling team continues to recruit new wrestlers. If any student is interested in participating with the team, please see Coach Vitulli in room 234. The Wildcat Wrestlers would like to thank our volunteer coaches, Sale Lily, Garth Gimmetstad, Douglas Cuthbert, Dennis Smith, Rusty Nyland, and Steve Williams for their dedication, time, and effort. We would also like to thank the parents for their constant support throughout the season thus far.

Army beats Navy



Players from the Army get together for a group photo with their first place trophy. Army celebrated their first win since 2005 with a score a 13-12.



Left: Players from the Army and Navy compete for the first place trophy during the ninth annual MWR sponsored Army vs. Navy flag football game. (Photos by YN1 (SW) Robert Ludwick)

Page 1: Damien Sutherland blocks a pass by Kendre Fletcher during the third quarter of the Army vs. Navy game.

Calvin Malone reaches the ball out while trying to gain a 1st down in the first quarter.



Albert Finch rolls out to make a pass during the fourth quarter of this year's Army vs. Navy flag football game held at Carney Park Saturday. (Photo by MC1 (SW/AW) Jennifer Rivera, NPASE-E Det Europe)

Jobs

HRO

NEW LINK: <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Naples/Programs/Departments/HumanResourcesOffice/Jobs/index.htm>

The Human Resources Office, located at Capo Admin I first floor, customer service hours: 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 the HRO, located in Admin 1, Capodichino, or by mailing to: HRO, PSC 817 Box 29, FPO AE 09622, or at Fleet and Family Service Center (FFSC) located on the TLA first floor, at Support Site. HRO must receive mailed applications by closing date of the vacancy announcement. Local national applicants can request status of their application through the HRO website "Online Contact Form" at http://www.nsa.naples.navy.mil/hro/tell_us.htm.

U.S. POSITIONS

For a current list of U.S. vacancies and application process information visit our NEW website at: <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Naples/Programs/Departments/HumanResourcesOffice/Jobs/index.htm>

CLOSING 24 DEC 09

Transportation Tech (OA), YB-2102-01, ANN# EUR10-538-476-EG, Full Time Permanent
Business Manager, YA-1101-02, ANN# EUR10-513153-AG, Full Time Permanent
Protocol Specialist, YA-0301-02, ANN# EUR10-545309-AG, Full Time Permanent

CLOSING 31 DEC 09

Program Analyst, YA-0343-03, ANN# EUR10-522001-EG, Full Time Permanent
Administrative Technician (OA), YB-0303-02, ANN#EUR

10-551518-SC, Full Time Permanent

OPEN CONTINUOUS

Education and Training Tech (CDC), (Multiple Positions), YB-1702-01, ANN# EUR10-535409-SC-A, Full-Time Permanent

COURTESY US VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

Tessada Associates, Inc. is seeking a Facility Management Database Specialist (Database Sustainment Specialist) to work in Naples, Italy. To apply online visit: www.tessada.com Community Bank, Banking Center Service Supervisor, Capodichino U.S. Navy Base, Naples, Italy. To apply online, please use the "Careers" link at: www.dod-communitybank.com, or submit your resume at HR Europe: pia.krucker@dodcommunitybank.com Member Service Representative, Naples Italy. Apply online at www.navyfederal.org

LOCAL NATIONALS (LN) POSITIONS

For a current list of LN vacancies and application process info. visit our NEW website at: <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Naples/Programs/Departments/HumanResourcesOffice/Jobs/index.htm>

CLOSING 24 DEC 09

Surveillance Detection Operator (Multiple Positions), UA-0303-07, ANN# 62588-T54760-SC, Full Time Permanent

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 on line. For any questions you have you may reach us at 081-568-5612/4164.

NSA NAPLES POSITIONS, MWR OPEN CONTINUOUS POSITIONS

Recreation Aid, NF-0189-01, ANN# 08-007, flexible, Reel Time Theater II, Support Site. Job Summary: This position transacts the sale of refreshments at the theater snack bar.

Recreation Aid, NF-0189-01, ANN# 08-099, MULTIPLE POSITIONS, flexible, Fitness Forum, Support Site. Job Summary: Assist in the operations of the fitness program.

Recreation Aid, NF-0189-01, ANN# 09-102, flexible, NOR Center, Carney Park. Job Summary: Provides and maintain recreation and athletic equipment issue.

Recreation Aid, NF-0189-01, ANN# 08-164, flexible, Community Services, Capodichino Job Summary: Provides information concerning facility, operation and regulations.

Recreation Aid (Intramural Sports), NF-0189-01, ANN# 09-091, flexible full time, Fitness Forum, Support Site. Job Summary: Assists the Sport Coordinator to plan the fitness activities

Recreation Aid, NF-0189-01, ANN# 09-104, flexible, Auto/Skills Center, Support Site Job Summary: Provides information concerning facility, operation and regulations. Ensures adherence to regulations and safety procedures.

Recreation Aid, NF-0189-01, ANN# 09-129R, flexible, Reel Time Theater II, Support Site. Job Summary: This position transacts the sale of refreshments at the theater snack bar.
Recreation Assistant, NF-0189-02, ANN# 08-006, flexible, Fitness Forum, Support site. Job Summary: Provides instructions to patrons in a variety of physical fitness classes.

Child & Youth Program Assistant, CY-1702-1/II, ANN# 09-

101, regular part time, Child Development Centers, School Age Care, Youth Programs, Support Site/Capodichino/Carney Park. Job Summary: Care and instruction for children and youth from 6 wks to 18 yrs.

Cook, NA-7404-05, ANN # 09-138, regular full time, Child Development Center, Capodichino. Job Summary: Prepares two meals and two snacks daily for children 0 - 6 years of age.

NEX

Gricignano, Building 2091-B
Call 081-813-5252/5253/5254
DSN: 629-4774

Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
NEX Job opportunities are now posted on the Web at <http://www.navy-nex.com>

Submit completed applications to NEX Human Resources Office located above the Main Exchange.

If you have questions please call the above numbers.

U.S. NAF POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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

GRICIGNANO MAIN STORE

Ann# 001-09 Cashier Checker/NF-2091-01/FLEX - Closes: 01/08/10

Ann# 002-09 Sales Clerk/NF-

2091-01/FLEX - Closes: 01/08/10

Ann# 004-09 Security Guard/NF-2091-01/RFT-Closes: 01/08/10

Ann# 005-09 Store Worker/NA-6914-02/FLEX - Closes: 01/08/10

GRICIGNANO MINI MART

Ann# 010-09 Sales Clerk/NF-2091-01/FLEX - Closes: 01/08/10

DISTRIBUTION CENTER, GRICIGNANO

No Vacancies

CAPODICHINO

Ann# 014-09 Sales Clerk/NF-2091-01/FLEX - Closes: 01/08/10

Ann# 036-09 Customer Service Clerk/NF-2091-01/RFT-Closes: 12/28/09

EUROPE DISTRICT OFFICE

(Gricignano Main Store)
No Vacancies

GRICIGNANO NAVY LODGE

No Vacancies

JFC-NATO MINI MART

No Vacancies

LOCAL POSITION

No Vacancies