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## Tipsy Taxi helps curb drunk driving

By MCI(SW) Edward Vasquez, Navy Public Affairs Support Element-East Det. Europe



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In an effort to help curb drinking and driving, the Naples Area Chief Petty Officer Association (CPOA) helps area service members who have consumed too much alcohol make it back to base safely via Topsy Taxi.

When area military members have been out drinking and can't pay for a cab ride back to base—whether they can't find an ATM or don't have

enough money—they can call (or ask the establishment to call) a taxi. Through the Topsy Taxi program, the CPOA will pay the cab fare to safely get service members back to the main gate at either Capodichino or the Support Site. Prior to arriving on base via cab—with the meter running—service members should first call 335-640-6597 so that a representative can meet the taxi at the gate and pay the fare.

Although service members won't initially be charged for the ride, they are responsible to repay the CPOA within 30 days (two consecutive pay periods).

"Sailors should always have a plan in place when the chance of alcohol consumption is possible, but area leadership knows that sometimes those plans fall through. That is where we hope Topsy Taxi steps in to provide a safe ride," said Chief Operations Specialist (SW) Jason A. Wood, vice president of the Naples Area CPOA.

"The Topsy Taxi program gives our sailors a lifeline and another reason not to drive after drinking," said Chief Logistics Specialist (SW/AW) Jonizel Sioson, treasurer for the Naples Area CPOA.

The program is not designed to get sailors in trouble, and fares will not be reported back to the member's command.

"The Topsy Taxi program was not created to catch people who are drunk," said Capt. Scott Gray, NSA Naples commanding officer. "It is there so you do not make a mistake that could cost you your career or much more. Have a plan before you go out; if that plan does not work out and you need help, then do the right thing and use Topsy Taxi."

For wallet-size Topsy Taxi cards, contact the NSA Naples Quarterdeck at 081-568-5547. And don't forget to add Topsy Taxi at 335-640-6597 to your cell phone address book.

## School's back in session

Right: Ms. Bryant leads her new third grade class through the doors of Naples Elementary School Aug. 29. It was all smiles as students followed teachers to their classrooms on the first day of the 2011-12 school year!

Below: Fifth graders from Ms. Devezin's class listen closely as she covers all of the things these students need to know to have a great year!

Photos by MCI(NAO) John Parker NSA Deputy PAO



### SEPTEMBER EVENTS

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### NSA Naples Community Weekly Crime Statistics for August 22-28, 2011

- Traffic Accident . . . . . 2 off base
- Vehicle Break-in . . . . . 2 off base
- Suspicious Activity . . . . . 1 on base
- DUI . . . . . 2 on base
- Burglary . . . . . 1 off base

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The NSA Naples community generously donated 2,516 pounds of non-perishable food items in support of the Feeds Feed Families food drive. The contributions will be delivered to Naples-area orphanages and shelters.

### Naples' weekend forecast

<b>FRIDAY</b> High 90 Low 70 PARTLY CLOUDY	<b>SATURDAY</b> High 93 Low 73 MOSTLY CLOUDY	<b>SUNDAY</b> High 88 Low 73 MOSTLY CLOUDY	<b>MONDAY</b> High 86 Low 72 SUNNY
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### Events around town this weekend

- 3-11 - Positano, a place where Ulysses heard the siren, revisits the myths of past with music, dance and art during the Positano Myth Festival. Check out [www.positanomythfestival.com/](http://www.positanomythfestival.com/).
- Thru Sept. 4 - Tango under the stars...or just watch the masters. The Tano Tango Festival brings famous dancers to some of Naples' most unique locations. The program is posted at [www.tanotango.it/](http://www.tanotango.it/).
- Thru Sept. 16 - The history and beauty of Caserta's Royal Palace is illuminated as part of a romantic double-decker bus tour of the gardens, complete with an aperitif, music and a light show. Visits start at 9 p.m. Visit [www.reggiadicaserta.beniculturali.it](http://www.reggiadicaserta.beniculturali.it).

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

# Captain's Corner

By Capt. Scott Gray  
NSA Commanding Officer



I would like to give a special thanks to MWR and all the volunteers and participants for their time and effort with this past Saturday's Family Fun and Fitness Day at Carney Park.

Please be careful and patient at the school drop-off and pick-up areas. Wait that extra few seconds vice maneuvering around another drop-off. Children are moving between cars, sometimes very quickly, sometimes not looking, and many are shorter than the vehicle you are driving which makes them hard to spot. If your children walk to school, please remind them to use the cross-walks. Security is there to help stop traffic so kids can get to school safely and on time.

Please remember that pets are not allowed on the school complex property at any time. If you bring your pet to school to pick up your child, please wait across the street. These rules are for the safety of all students. Please visit the Pet Policy link on the NSA website, [www.cnic.navy.mil/Naples](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/Naples), for more information.

Calling all coaches! Our MWR works hard to provide opportunities for our kids via the fall soccer and flag football programs. In order to make these happen, we need volunteer coaches. We rely heavily on volunteers to make the sports program run, and we can't do it without them! If you're interested in being a volunteer coach, call 081-811-4722 for more information.

Safety over the coming weekend is a major concern. The NSA Naples community has had a recent spike in alcohol related incidents. Apply the tenants of Operational Risk Management in both your on- and off-duty lives. Before you undertake any activity, ask yourself, "What are the potential consequences of my actions? Are the costs worth the perceived benefits?" During my time as a commanding officer, I have never once had an individual stand before me at NJP who hadn't wished they had made the decision to pay \$20 for a cab ride or used the "Topsy Taxi" instead of getting behind the wheel of a vehicle after drinking. I have included an article on Page 11 entitled "Soft Courage and Doing the Right Thing." I encourage each of you to read this article and employ your own soft courage to do the right thing this weekend.

This weekend is Labor Day weekend and, for many, that's the season's "last hurrah" and the end of our 101 Critical Days of Summer. I encourage all of you to take advantage of the weekend by spending time with friends and family, but please continue to use common sense as you plan your weekend vacations. If you choose to drink, do it responsibly and have a plan. If you have had too much to drink and your plans have not worked out the way you had hoped, remember the Topsy Taxi is always an option. There are no repercussions for using the service, and it is there for your benefit.

"Panorama" has been putting out plenty of suggested destinations and travel tips all summer, and you can always check with the professionals at ITT and USO to help you get out and see some amazing things. Being stationed in Naples affords you the wonderful opportunity to take short trips over any three-day weekend, so please get out there and enjoy yourself safely.

# Base Notes

From Panorama staff reports

## Price increases for DODDS school meals delayed

The Navy will delay previously announced price increases for the Department of Defense Student Meal Program.

Implementation of a three-year plan to raise meal prices began days ago in Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia. However, to allow families more time to prepare for the scheduled cost increases, all military services have decided to delay implementation until Jan. 2012.

Rates for full-priced meal tickets have now returned to \$2.05 for elementary students and \$2.20 for secondary students.

Families who purchased pre-paid meal tickets at increased prices should contact the Navy Exchange customer service for refunds.

## USS Mount Whitney change of command Sept. 7

The USS Mount Whitney will hold a change of command Sept. 7 at 10 a.m. onboard the ship. Capt. Jeffrey S. Ruth will be relieved by Capt. Ted R. Williams. The uniform for participants is service dress whites with medals; appropriate civilian equivalent for civilians and summer whites for all other military.

## PREP marriage enrichment workshop Sept. 16

PREP is a workshop for couples, married or engaged, that helps develop communication skills within a relationship and that provides valuable marriage enrichment information. The next workshop will be offered Friday, Sept. 16, and registration ends Tuesday, Sept. 13. For more information or to register, contact the Chaplains' Office at 081-568-3539.

## NOSC Welcome Coffee Sept. 15

Are you a new member of the Naples community? The Naples Overseas Spouses' Club (NOSC)

would like to invite you to the annual Welcome Coffee on Sept. 15 at Hotel Gli Dei in Pozzuoli. Complimentary bus transportation from the Support Site will be provided. To receive an invitation, RSVP to [noscmembership@gmail.com](mailto:noscmembership@gmail.com).

## Spouses' Open House Sept. 21

The USO will be hosting an open house for new community spouses and families at the Support Site Community Center. The purpose behind this free event is for spouses and/or families to learn more about the opportunities available for them in the Naples community. Base organizations, private clubs and individuals interested in participating in this event can call the USO at 081-568-5713 to register for a spot.

## 'Kids Talk' Sept. 16

Kids, do your parents make you journal when you go on family trips? Do you have an opinion about living in Italy or growing up as a military child that you want to share? Are you trying to express an idea, but feel like no one is listening?

Try "Panorama." You can talk to other kids and adults (and see your name in print!). Please send articles written by you and photos shot by you to "Panorama" at [naples.panorama@eu.navy.mil](mailto:naples.panorama@eu.navy.mil) or ask your parents or teachers to e-mail them to us by Friday, Sept. 9 for inclusion in the Sept. 16th issue. And don't forget to include your name, age and a title. (We want to make sure the author/photographer receives credit for his or her hard work!)

## Carney Park Pool season to end

The Carney Park Pool will close for the season after Labor Day weekend. Come on in and make a splash! This weekend, the pool will be open from Noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

## Vet hosts wellness clinic Sept. 10

The NSA Naples Veterinary Treatment Facility will host a wellness clinic on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 8 a.m. to Noon. Walk-in only, no appointment necessary. Only routine services will be available. For more information, call 081-811-7916.

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## In memory of Luigi 'Gino' Cefalo

Mr. Luigi "Gino" Cefalo, a 10-year employee of the Public Works Department, passed away Aug. 13.

Born June 6, 1951 and having grown up in Naples, Gino had a love for learning, languages and people. He obtained his Master's Degree in Foreign Languages and English Literature and taught French at a local school.

Gino began working for the U.S. Navy in 1992 in the Supply Department. He then worked for Housing as a budget analyst for eight years before joining the Public Works family in 2001. Gino's depth and breadth of knowledge was invaluable as the Navy negotiated many significant real estate transactions over the years. His appreciation and understanding of culture and history was evident in all of his work through his careful planning and attention to detail. His warm, approachable personality, sense of humor and loyalty made him a pleasure to work alongside.

A service was held Aug. 15 at Chiesa di Madonna del Carmine Maggiore and was well attended by members of the Navy community including local national colleagues and friends, American civilians, Civil Engineer Corps officers and contractors/lessors with whom Gino worked over the years.

He is survived by his wife Rosaria and two daughters, Giorgia and Anna.



## Remembering 9/11

From "Panorama" staff

On Sept. 11, 2001, the world changed. Ten years later, we still feel the impact of those jets hitting the Twin Towers and the Pentagon, and we still mourn the loss of innocent life suffered on that day.

Many of the service members in this community joined the Armed Forces because of 9/11, and all of our junior personnel joined the service with this event etched sharply in their recent memory. Others were near the blast in the Pentagon or have personal ties to victims of this tragedy. It has been a decade since then; time enough for a chief petty officer selectee to have joined the service in a post-9/11 world.

We will never forget the events of that day. This was a highly personal event for all Americans, and everyone should mourn and remember in their own way. On Sunday, September the 11th, NSA Naples church services will pay homage to those who perished during the attacks. Each regularly scheduled religious service on Sept. 11 will commemorate the tragedy in some way. Call the chapel at 081-811-4600 for service times and locations. All are encouraged to take time for reflection in a way that is most meaningful to you and your family.

WE WILL NEVER FORGET



On the 10th anniversary of Sept. 11, everyone is urged to remember the tragedy in their own way. Each regularly scheduled religious service that day will remember and honor the lives lost in the terrorist attacks. Contact the Chaplain's Office at 081-811-4600 for service times and locations. (Photo by MC2 Kristopher Regan)

## Manage your off-duty risks during Labor Day weekend

From Naval Safety Center Public Affairs

Labor Day weekend, the unofficial end of summer, also marks the end of the Naval Safety Center's (NAVSAFECEN) annual summer safety campaign, "Live to Play, Play to Live."

Statistically, during the last five years, the Labor Day holiday weekend has not been any more dangerous than any other Friday to Monday period. Nonetheless, one sailor and one marine were killed in off-duty mishaps last Labor Day weekend. This is a tragedy for their families and friends, and also for the Fleet as a whole.

Rear Adm. Brian C. Prindle, commander, NAVSAFECEN, said he, unfortunately, understands this better than most. In his recent Labor Day message to the Fleet, he tells the true story of a

car wreck that took the lives of two teenage girls and caused significant injuries to the 15-year-old boy in the back seat. While the injuries were extensive, the reason the boy survived was because he was wearing his seatbelt; the girls were unrestrained. That boy was Prindle's youngest son, now 18.

"Life gets hectic, and we have days where we're not as focused on driving as we should be. At these times, we need every 'good habit' risk management tool available," Prindle wrote in his message. He went on to say that habits such as buckling seatbelts and planning a designated driver must be so ingrained that sailors, marines and their families do them automatically.

"They will go a long way toward protecting us from our own momentary inattention, and from

bad decisions we or other drivers make at a time we can never predict. The results can be life-changing in a very positive way," he said.

While many may use the long weekend to drive long distances to visit family and friends, the road is not the only risk sailors and marines will face. In addition to the two fatalities, last Labor Day weekend there were also 52 reportable injuries. Some of these were the result of motor vehicle mishaps, but many others were caused by sporting activities, misuse of alcohol, and other off-duty activities. While most of the mishaps were minor, some were serious and nearly all could have been prevented with solid risk management practices.

Prindle said the goal for this Labor Day—and every day—is zero preventable mishaps.

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### UPCOMING FFSC EVENTS

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

- 6, 20, 27 **EASY ITALIAN** (9 a.m.-12 p.m.) This is an introduction to basic Italian language and conversation.
- 6, 13, 20, 27 **AL-ANON SUPPORT GROUP** (11 a.m.-12 p.m.) Strength and hope for families and friends of problem drinkers.
- 7 **FAMILIES & SOCIAL MEDIA** (9-11 a.m.) This class will teach parents about the social media being utilized by today's teenagers.
- 7 **SPONSORSHIP TRAINING** (9-11:30 a.m.) To be a sponsor is a duty; to be a great one is to make a difference!
- 8 **SHOPPING ON THE ECONOMY** (8 a.m.-3 p.m.) Learn how to travel from the Support Site to Vomero using the local bus and the subway from Aversa. Meet at the Support Site front gate and wear comfortable walking shoes.
- 12 **CATHEDRAL OF NAPLES & THE MIRACLE OF ST. GENNARO** (8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Departs from JFC.) Visit the beautiful cathedral dedicated to St. Gennaro, patron saint of Naples.

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- 2 **CONNECT THE TOTS CLUB'S LABOR DAY PARADE** steps off from the Commissary parking lot. Meet at 9:30 a.m. to decorate strollers, bikes, trikes and wagons (some supplies provided) in the parking lot. The parade starts at 10:15 a.m. For more information on the club, visit [www.meetup.com/Connect-the-Tots-Club/](http://www.meetup.com/Connect-the-Tots-Club/).
- 6, 9, 13, 16, 19, 23 **CLEP/DSST TESTS** Make an appointment to take these tests at the National Test Center at Capo. Free for military. Call 081-568-6673/6675.
- 6 **FORGOTTEN TREASURES THRIFT STORE** grand re-opening celebration begins at 9 a.m. What a difference more than 600 hours of volunteer time has made!
- 7, 13, 20, 27 **DLPT LANGUAGE TEST** Contact the Navy College Office at 081-568-6684/6683/6678 for information on how to sign up for the DLPT test. Open to all military services.
- 8, 15, 22 **WEB TUITION ASSISTANCE BRIEF** at Capo, Admin II, Room G-014. Sailors need to attend a WEB TA brief prior to using WEB Tuition Assistance. Contact the Navy College Office for times.
- 13 **SWOCC FALL KICK-OFF** from 9-11:30 a.m. in the Support Site Community Center. Free child care is provided. For questions about Protestant Women of the Chapel, call Audrey de Rivera at 345-872-9947.
- 14 **CONNECT THE TOTS CLUB COFFEE TALK** at 10 a.m. at the Support Site Navy Lodge coffee shop. Prospective members welcome! Find out what Connect the Tots is all about. Please bring a ball and/or toys to share so children can play in the grassy area. For more information on the club, visit [www.meetup.com/Connect-the-Tots-Club/](http://www.meetup.com/Connect-the-Tots-Club/).
- 15 **NAPLES OVERSEAS SPOUSES CLUB** invites everyone to their annual Welcome Coffee at Hotel Gli Dei in Pozzuoli. Complimentary bus transportation from Support Site is offered. To receive an invitation, send your name, e-mail and phone number to [noscmembership@gmail.com](mailto:noscmembership@gmail.com).
- 16 **PREP MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WORKSHOP** Never fight with your spouse again! PREP is a workshop for couples, married or engaged, that helps develop communication skills within a relationship and that provides valuable marriage enrichment information. Registration for the Sept. 16th workshop ends Tuesday, Sept. 13. To register, contact the Chaplains' Office at 081-568-3539.
- 20 **CONNECT THE TOTS CLUB MOMS' NIGHT OUT** begins at 7 p.m. at Bambusa. Visit [www.meetup.com/Connect-the-Tots-Club/](http://www.meetup.com/Connect-the-Tots-Club/) for info.
- 21 **SPOUSES' OPEN HOUSE** Community spouses and families are invited to learn about the volunteer and employment opportunities available to them in the Naples community during the USO open house at the Support Site Community Center from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Base organizations, private clubs and individuals interested in participating in this event, can call the USO at 081-568-5713.
- 26 **LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR THE PRAXIS TEST.** Register with the Navy College Office for the Nov. 15th test date. Visit the NCO at Capo, in Admin II or call 081-568-6683/6684/6678.
- 29 **MONTHLY BABY BASICS CLASS** (9 a.m.-12 p.m.) offered by the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society visiting nurses. The course is in the NMCRS office at Capo, Admin II, Room G-016. Topics include newborn care (i.e. bundling, diapering & bathing); feeding, crying & comforting; health & safety; etc. Contact NMCRS at 081-568-3913 for registration and information.
- 30 **ACT TEST** Sign up for the test at the Navy College Office or send an e-mail to [nco.naples@eu.navy.mil](mailto:nco.naples@eu.navy.mil).

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**ATTENTION PHOTOGRAPHERS!** Are you interested in taking photos of Naples Elementary School students during 2011-2012? Contact Dr. Johnson at 081-811-4159 or [donita.johnson@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:donita.johnson@eu.dodea.edu).

**THE ALLIED SPOUSES CLUB (ASC) IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS.** For more information on ASC, e-mail the ASC president Antonietta Alfieri Ciccone at [ascpresidentjfc@gmail.com](mailto:ascpresidentjfc@gmail.com).

**NAPLES AMERICAN RED CROSS (ARC) NEEDS VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTORS.** ARC needs volunteer instructors for various courses. Those interested in becoming instructors can contact the ARC office at 081-568-4788.

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# A muddy good time



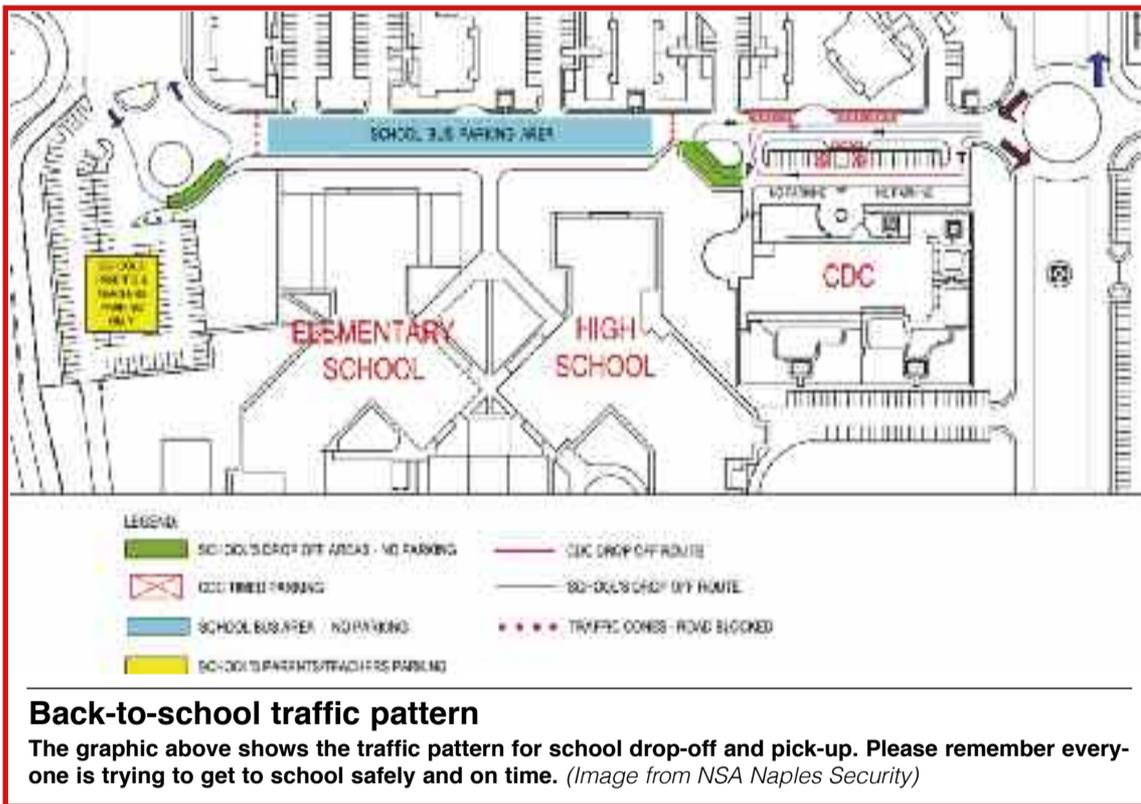
(Photos by Enid Derricott, MWR Fitness Director)

Children and adults aren't afraid to plunge into the muddy waters during MWR's fourth annual Mud Run at Carney Park, Aug. 27.



A dip in the mud pit is no obstacle for these dirty runners.

And they're off! Naples-area service members and their families race to cool off in the mud pit on a hot and humid Saturday morning.



# Pet registration helps NSA Naples enjoy animal companionship

Story and photo by MC2(SW) Jeff Troutman  
Navy Public Affairs Support Element-East Detachment Europe

Pets are a welcome and enjoyable aspect of the military community at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples, and verifying their ownership within the community helps ensure our four-legged friends have a safe and happy life with their families.

According to base policy, all military personnel and their dependants are required to have their dogs and cats registered and micro-chipped with the Support Site's U.S. Army Veterinary Services Branch Clinic.

Having your pets registered and micro-chipped verifies their ownership and also entitles them to receive on-base medical treatment.

Army 1st Sgt. Manuel Taveras, a veterinary technician at the clinic, said the process is a quick, easy and relatively painless procedure for both pets and their owners.

"Pet registration is an assurance to the owner that if their pet becomes lost or misplaced, we can track the pet locally and then verify who the pets are registered with," said Taveras. "It also verifies the pet can be seen and treated by an OCONUS [Outside the Continental United States] veterinarian."

"Registration enables Veterinary Services to ensure that each animal is micro-chipped and has a valid rabies vaccine," added Army Capt. Karin Bilyard, the officer in charge of the veterinary clinic. "Once registration is complete, the pet will be issued a Pet Pass tag which allows the pet access to the base installations. This Pet Pass tag is valid proof that the pet has been registered at the veterinary treatment facility and is allowed on the installations."

All members of the NSA Naples community who are arriving in Naples with pets or plan on adopting a new pet here are required to register their animals within 30 days. The registration process requires the pet to be brought into the veterinary clinic anytime during normal hours, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

An appointment is not necessary for the registration process, and if a pet is coming from a previous command and has already been micro-chipped, a service member or dependant should bring proof that the pet's vaccines are up-to-date.

"Basically, when you acquire a pet here, the first thing you need to do is register them with our office," said Taveras. "Approximately 95 percent of the pets we see are already micro-chipped from a previous



**Community members prepare to have their pets registered at the Naval Support Activity Naples U.S. Army Veterinary Services Branch Clinic. The registration process is a mandatory requirement for all military members and their families who bring pets or adopt a new pet into their family. The registration helps the veterinary clinic verify the owners of the animals and also ensures pets can receive medical treatment from the clinic.**

command, but a lot of situations can arise if you don't register your pet and you lose them. If we can't verify that it's your pet and if it doesn't have a microchip, it's likely you could lose ownership of your pet to somebody else who finds them."

Taveras said if the pet is micro-chipped and found by security, they can be scanned for the microchip, verified and then have their owner promptly notified. It also plays an important part when the animal and his owner are traveling or switching commands.

"In order to register a pet in the Veterinary Services' database, the owner can walk into the veterinary treatment facility anytime with their pet's record. Once registered, it is required that each pet must wear three tags at all times: a valid rabies tag, a Pet Pass tag and an identification tag," said Bilyard. "We will verify the pet's identification, microchip number, vaccine history and owner's contact information. As long as the pet is up-to-date and current on all the requirements, this process is complete and the pet will be issued a Pet Pass tag for base entry."

For details about pet registration and micro-chipping, visit <http://www.cnic.navy.mil/Naples/FleetAndFamilyReadiness/SupportServices/Families/PetCare/index.htm>.

Appointments or additional inquiries can be made with the veterinary clinic at 081-811-7913.

# Partners in Education gears up for new school year

By MC2 (SW/AW) Felicito Rustique  
Navy Public Affairs Support Element-East Detachment Europe

A new school year begins at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples, and so begins a new season of community volunteerism through Partners in Education (PIE).

PIE, a volunteer outreach program, matches community members with volunteer opportunities in Naples' installation schools.

"PIE connects military personnel with their community schools throughout the world," said Pamela O'Connor, school liaison officer for NSA Naples and lead facilitator for the PIE program here. "In Naples, the program is also supported by a great partnership with the Red Cross for volunteer training and orientation."

PIE volunteers have recently helped with large-scale events such as the high school's Partnership Day and the elementary school's Napolympics. Because of the location and size of NSA Naples, O'Connor stressed the importance of the PIE program, for helping to realize school events.

"Thankfully, we have had very successful turnouts for event volunteerism. Without a great number of volunteers, these large events wouldn't be able to happen," said O'Connor. "We are a small community and, as such, need to use all the resources that are available to us."

"Volunteerism in the schools also sends very important messages," O'Connor explained. "It tells our students that education is important, and the community is committed to their success in the classroom; and to our teachers, it says we value them and want to support their efforts."

"There are many ways to be a part of PIE," O'Connor stressed. "Folks can participate in whatever amount of free time they have. It can be for a single event or on a weekly or monthly basis."

In coordination with her Red Cross partners, O'Connor would like to expand the PIE program to offer diverse opportunities that suit individual volunteers' strengths as well as the time they have available to commit.

"We would like to develop more individual opportunities for our volunteers to establish relationships with a classroom or grade," explained O'Connor. "One person can really make a difference by helping a teacher proactively with activities or providing a window for them to do some training or plan collaboratively with their fellow teachers."

O'Connor said she'd also like to establish a speakers' bureau for the schools.

"I'd like to continue the effort one teacher started last year," said O'Connor. "If a community member would be willing to do a presentation about an area in which they have an expertise in, we are working to develop a database. So, for instance, if your hobby is archaeology, French cooking, movie-making, or you once scaled Mt. Everest, I would love to know about it."

For more information on how you can partner in education and volunteer at the Naples Elementary and High Schools, contact Pamela O'Connor at 081-811-6549 or NaplesSLO@eu.navy.mil.

## GradeSpeed connects students, teachers and parents

By MC3 Caitlin Conroy, Navy Public Affairs Support Element-East Detachment Europe

Naples Elementary, Middle and High Schools use GradeSpeed, a web-based grade book that grants students and teachers access to educational tools, and encourages teachers and parents to become more involved in their student's education.

"GradeSpeed is an electronic grading system that offers teachers an array of tools for managing their classrooms," said Mona Morgan, principal of Naples Elementary School. "Teachers are able to record student grades, assign work and communicate with parents from any internet-connected computer or wireless PDA. Additionally, students benefit by having parents log-on to see their grades and view assignments. If work is due and has not been turned in, parents can hold their child accountable to get his or her work done. The parents benefit by having a tool that allows them to communicate with teachers about specific assignments or grades."

The use of GradeSpeed began in 2008 here and has been a success in other Department of Defense (DOD) schools.

"Ultimately, the implementation of GradeSpeed has resulted in improved student learning," said Morgan. "It connects the school and home in a way to ensure that students, teachers and parents are all accountable to each other."

Jackie Washington, mother of a fifth grader, says she uses ParentConnection, the parent access site for GradeSpeed, often and really likes it.

"It helps me keep track of what's going on with my daughter and how she's doing during the school year," said Washington.

GradeSpeed was developed by Schoolnet, Inc., a company that provides data-driven education software for student educational success.

"GradeSpeed is an essential piece to 21st-century schools," said Pamela O'Connor, school liaison officer and mother of three. "It provides vital information to the student and parent so they know how their child is doing and know where they stand every step of the way, with just the click of a button."

O'Connor, whose daughter recently graduated Naples High School and will be attending college this year, says that GradeSpeed gives students the opportunity to take control of their education.

"Especially at the high school level where it becomes even more important to keep on track, this tool gives students a real opportunity to take the reins."

The use of GradeSpeed as an educational tool in Naples begins in fourth grade and every child has an account with the school.

"All children enrolled already have an account. It's whether or not the student and parent want to utilize the tools it offers," said O'Connor. This system really creates accountability for everyone. If a student misses a day of school and needs to get an assignment, all they have to do is log into their student account and retrieve the information. Same goes for parents; if they want to see how many days their child missed or how they did on a particular assignment. It's a very valuable tool."

For more information about GradeSpeed, visit <http://www.schoolnet.com/corporate/Products/Products.aspx?product=siandg>.

# San Gennaro, Phlegrean Fields' "Malazè" archeo-enogastronomical events and Solopaca's grape fest top September events

Story by Lou Freed  
Photos by J. Freed

With high temps subsiding, Neapolitans are now wrapping up their summer holidays and looking ahead to honoring their patron saint, San Gennaro, this month. Musicians are returning to the stage while some dancers are saying "arrivederci" to summer with a Latin beat. In the countryside, town celebrations of grapes and other agricultural products herald upcoming autumn harvests, food and folk festivals.

## San Gennaro

*Beloved Naples patron saint honored this month*

Neapolitans may overlook some aspects of everyday life, but honoring their protector on Sept. 19 is a serious matter. Why? Tradition holds the miraculous liquefaction of the saint's blood (vials of which are preserved in the Naples Cathedral) is tied to the residents' peace of mind and a calamity-immune Naples. Due to their belief, annually Neapolitans religiously celebrate the saint and attentively watch the miracle's recurrence.

A celebratory Mass begins the day in the Duomo as well as in the saint's cozy namesake church in Pozzuoli. The hill above the Campi Flegrei church is believed to be the site where the Romans decapitated the Benevento-born bishop in 305 A.D. The bloodied stone, kept in the Pozzuoli church, is said to have been where the saint's head rested on his martyrdom. It had rolled down to where the church is now located.

Announcing the Pozzuoli festivities are brightly colored light arches adorning a stretch of the Domitiana Road that lead to the church. On the 19th, a musical show, highlighted by a fireworks display, is usually scheduled. Ultimately ending celebrations is the procession of the saint's bust led by the church's Franciscan fathers and a band.

## Enogastronomy

*Tasty Campi Flegrei "Malazè" events to enrich palates Sept. 10-20*

Although the Phlegrean Fields ("Campi Flegrei")—so called for its fumaroles and hot springs—is older than the city of Naples and is as geographically panoramic and archaeologically rich, the area and its renowned seafood cuisine are often missed by tourists who fly or cruise to Naples.

Thus, to promote and share the cultural, food and wine heritage of Bacoli, Monte di Procida and Pozzuoli, organizations such as "Campi Flegrei a Tavola" passionately plan intriguing, entertaining and flavorful September events like "Malazè-Crater of Taste" patronized by the Campania Region's agricultural office and Campi Flegrei municipalities.

This year, organization president, Rosario Mattera, has once again successfully combined efforts with Phlegrean partners (hotels, restaurants, wine cellars) and collaborators (Pozzuoli's tourist office and Proloco, Naples' Confcomercio as well as the Association of Italian Sommeliers, the Campi Flegrei Slow Food and more) to bring the initiative on dates preceding and coinciding with the San Gennaro festivities in Pozzuoli and its Phlegrean neighbors.

The 2011 calendar of events includes (besides others) archaeological tours, walks or visits, cycling tours, a talk on Piediroso wines at Pozzuoli's lovely Villa Elvira, a wine cruise, wine tastings, lunches at private kitchens, dinners in the Cuma forest and also in a vineyard. Furthermore, Campi Flegrei's Slow Food group is hosting a geothermal cooking demonstration at the Solfatara, plus a number of junior programs are meant to delight kids. Rounding off the event is the charity "Galeotta" dinner prepared by Pozzuoli female prisoners, who will be cooking with local chefs. See more at "calendario" at <http://www.malazè.org/>.

Something innovative this year offered through the Pozzuoli's Proloco is the free "Malacard" providing 15 percent reduction at restaurants, on Campi Flegrei typical product purchases as well as on Malazè-related excursions and tour participation fees. For

information, contact [proloco Pozzuoli@alice.it](mailto:proloco Pozzuoli@alice.it) or call 081-303-2275.

*Solopaca's "Festa dell'uva" parade of floats returns next Sunday*

Some Americans may have seen striking theme floats covered with flowers and Disney characters, but with grapes, maybe not. To see such creations, check out Solopaca Sept. 11, when the town in Benevento province swells with wine lovers filling the narrow streets for the entertaining parade. It will be interesting to discover what this year's 150th Unification anniversary theme will bring. Previous parades have featured Italian tourist attractions, political and religious figures, film celebrities and cartoon characters.

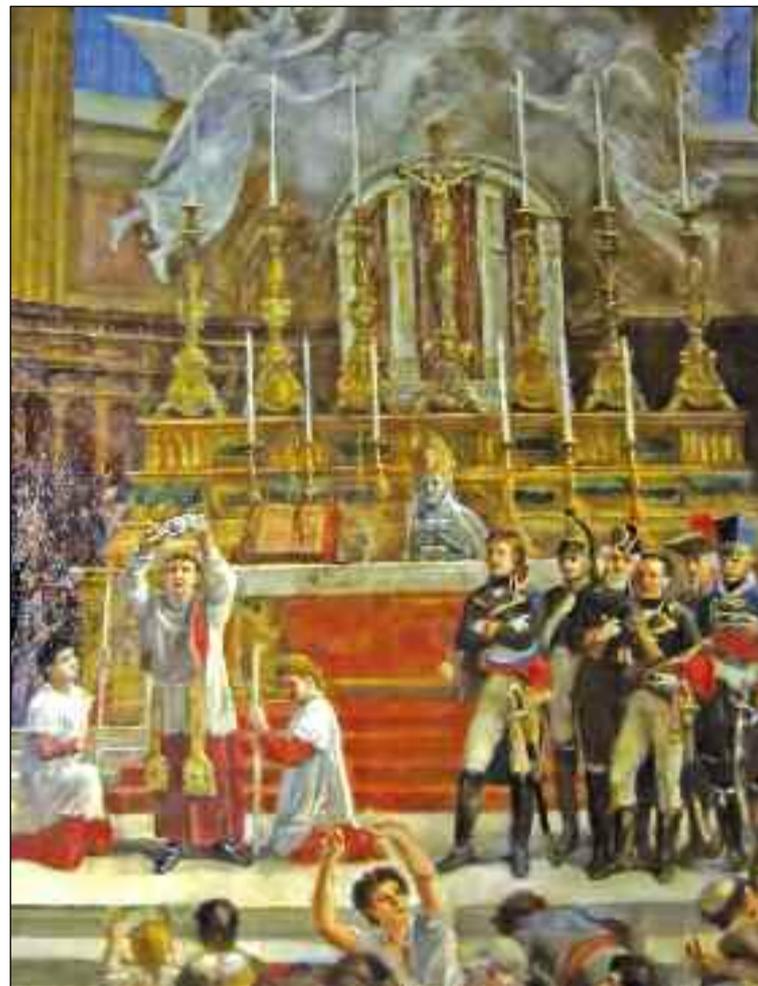
Situated at the foot of Mount Camposauro along the Taburno river, the town interestingly grows Tuscan grape varieties (Sangiovese and Trebbiano) besides the Campanian native varieties (Aglanico, Falanghina, Coda di Volpe and Malvasia di Candia a.k.a. Cerreto) Sample the town's DOC (Denominazione Origine Controllata or origin-controlled) red and white wines, blending Tuscan and Campanian grapes that pair well with roast meats and pasta dishes.

The parade is scheduled 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and by 3 p.m., the floats can be viewed up close on the town's main street. See the Proloco's complete Sept. 8 through 15 "Grape Fest" program at <http://www.festadelluvasolopaca.it/>.

## Concerts

*San Carlo Theater summer concerts draw to a close*

The billing early this month includes the theater orchestra rendering Arutiunian and Brahms pieces with conductor Stefano Ranzani and trumpet soloist Fabrizio Fabrizi Sept. 9 and 10. The same group, led by conductor Alessandro Pinzauti and violoncellist Luca Signorini, brings to stage Giammusso, Haydn and Mendelssohn Sept. 17 and 18. And, on Sept. 23, Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana," that is celebrated for its bombastic musical segments,



"The Miracle," an 18th-century painting in Naples' Cathedral, depicts its occurrence in the presence of French General Championnet and soldiers. On Sept. 19, Neapolitans will honor their patron saint and city protector, whose blood liquefaction ensures a calamity-free Naples.

will regale through the San Carlo chorus and musical ensemble under the direction of conductor Salvatore Caputo. All concerts begin at 9 p.m. in the Naples Royal Palace courtyard. Formally ending the summer program is the symphony season's inauguration on Sept. 30. For booking details, see <http://www.teatrosancarlo.it> or call 081-797-2331/2412.

## Dance

*Tango Argentino through Sept. 4*

If this type of dance fascinates you, head towards Circolo Iva by the sea in Bagnoli tonight. There, musician Horacio Godoy and dancers Natalia Gomes, Gabriel Angio and the Los Hermanos Macana will combine talents to showcase the dance with complicated footwork and swirls. If you miss that, check out the Orchestra Tango Leike concert at the Sala Galatea in Naples' Maritime Station of Molo Beverello, across from the Angevin castle. Following the concert, musician Guglielmo della Corte and all Milolonga

dance instructors will be on the spotlight for an amazing show of graceful dancing. The team of Lorena Pastor Gustavo Guarnieri and musician Valeria Norcia will cap off the fest on Sunday at the Milonga Portena in via Gennaro Capuozzo in Naples. Booking details at [http://www.tamotango.it/festival\\_11/programma.asp](http://www.tamotango.it/festival_11/programma.asp).

## Walking Tour

*Evening visit of Pompeii*

A day visit of Pompeii can be hot, so the weekend-evenings-only "Moons of Pompeii" option can be inviting. It offers magical mystery with narrations on the ancient city's eight "moons" or attractions. Highlights are the Perfumers' House, via Abbondanza and the arena or amphitheater. The tour is entertaining; however, for the early evening tour, comfortable, non-slippery shoes and a flashlight are highly recommended. Details are posted at <http://www.lunedipompei.net/>. These tours end at the end of October.

*Buon divertimento!*



A grape festival float from a previous "Sagra dell'uva" celebration at Solopaca in the Benevento province. The town is known for DOC wines blending Campanian and Tuscan grape varieties. Solopaca's Proloco invites you to the town's 2011 edition of the parade on Sept. 11. See the complete program at <http://www.festadelluvasolopaca.it/>.



The talk on Campi Flegrei's Piediroso wines, as part of the Sept. 10-20 archeo-enogastronomical "Malazè-Crater of Taste" initiative, is scheduled at Pozzuoli's lovely Villa Elvira (near Carney Park) on Sept. 13 at 5 p.m. Included among the numerous Malazè events are archeological walks, cycling tours, dinner in the Cuma forest and in a vineyard, a wine cruise and tastings. Programs for kids are also featured. See "calendario" at <http://www.malazè.org/>.

# USO Naples serves USS Mesa Verde in Taranto

Story by Luisa Mazzella  
USO Naples Ops Manager

USS Mesa Verde sailors received a special “touch of home” from USO Naples personnel during a scheduled port visit in Taranto, Italy, from Aug. 22 through 25. For three consecutive days, USO representatives took care of the Navy sailors, delivered “goodness” and ensured that service members fully enjoyed their time in southern Italy, 400 Km away from Naples.

In order to guarantee on-site assistance and impeccable service, an on-site USO info point was set up on the ship’s mess deck, from which USO Naples Information Specialist Edna Wood provided area information, complimentary USAA promotional merchandise and sweet treats.

Thanks to the USO, sailors were able to get in touch with their families by using complimentary Verizon phone cards and sending free greeting cards with USO Operation Mail Cards. Along with freebies and promotional merchandise, USO travel personnel also assisted with and coordinated logistical support



Service members onboard USS Mesa Verde enjoyed their port call in Taranto, Italy thanks to the USO Naples staff, who provided onboard assistance and area information for three consecutive days. (Photo by Edna Wood, USO Naples)

for area tours and leisure programs, giving service members opportunities to explore sights like Alberobello and the ZooSafari in Fasano.

USO Naples has been supporting the Navy since 1944. Today, the Naples chapter is the only USO in Europe serving the Fleet.

# Medical Home Port arrives at US Naval Hospital Naples



A daily Medical Home “team huddle” allows Lt. Dominic Romanowski (right), Lt. j.g. Elizabeth Fidler (center) and HM3 Jason Holyoak (left) to prepare as a team and provide comprehensive medical care to their patients before the start of each day. (Photo by HM3 Jeremy King)

Story by Lt. Dominic J. Romanowski, Physician Assistant

Medical Home Port is here! U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Naples recently implemented this healthcare delivery system focused on preventative medicine and getting patients in to see their assigned primary care manager (PCM) when needed.

As part of Medical Home Port, each patient now has a dedicated team of professionals (PCM, nurse and corpsman) who know you and your unique needs. Your team’s goal is to help keep you as healthy as possible by providing you the care you need when you need it.

Before you arrive at a scheduled medical appointment, your Medical Home team is busy preparing for your visit by documenting your individual overdue screenings such as cholesterol, well woman exams, child wellness exams or missing immunizations.

Naples has one large Medical Home team to cover each other’s patients when a PCM is not available due to leave, training or sickness. The team meets regularly throughout the day to discuss individual patient needs, which creates personalized care plans and keeps the team informed to better serve you.

Medical Home Port also features a secure electronic messaging system, called RelayHealth, to provide private online access to your health care team. All you need to use the system is the internet and a browser. Through RelayHealth, you will be able to create your own health record, request test results, medication refills and appointments. RelayHealth has an extensive library from which to learn about a multitude of conditions, diseases and diagnoses from the comfort of your own home.

To help the patient and team relationship be successful, ensure your contact information is up-to-date in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System and arrive on time for appointments (Calling ahead to cancel an appointment allows it to be rebooked. Patients who do not show prevent others from using a very valuable time slot.) and participate in maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Implementation of Medical Home Port is a journey the patient and healthcare team will take together. As with any new process, it will not be perfect at the onset. USNH Naples wants to see patients embrace Medical Home and be active participants in this journey to improved healthcare.

Medical Home Port began at the National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland about two years ago as a healthcare reform initiative, and now the program exists throughout the entire military healthcare system.

For more information regarding Medical Home, contact Lt. Cmdr. Johanna Brenner [Johanna.brenner@med.navy.mil](mailto:Johanna.brenner@med.navy.mil) or Capt. Kim LeBel [kim.lebel@med.navy.mil](mailto:kim.lebel@med.navy.mil).

# NSA Naples volunteers help renovate thrift shop

By MC3 Caitlin Conroy  
Navy Public Affairs Support Element-East Detachment Europe

After extensive renovations, the Naples Overseas Spouses’ Club’s (NOSC) Forgotten Treasures Thrift Store, located next to the veterinary clinic at the Support Site, will once again welcome bargain hunters through its doors during a grand re-opening sale Sept. 6.

The community is invited to celebrate the completion of this project with the NOSC members and volunteers who played a large role in transforming the store into a better organized and laid out space. As a result of their efforts, thrift store volunteers will have an even more fulfilling place to volunteer and patrons will enjoy a more pleasant shopping experience.

“It’s much roomier now. The shopping space has been enlarged, so it’s easier to navigate,” said Sandy Adams, NOSC 2nd vice president in charge of charitable distributions. “I’m really excited about how spacious, organized and pleasant it is now. It’s going to make the shopping experience a whole lot easier for customers.”

A team of community volunteers, including spouses, service members and children, rolled up their sleeves to assist with the renovation. Together, they completed over 600 hours of hard, manual labor—everything from moving furniture out of the store to staining all the wooden shelving units—and showed NOSC just how vital its generosity is to the NSA Naples community.

The Forgotten Treasures Thrift Store, run entirely by NOSC volunteers, funnels virtually every dollar spent at the store back into the Naples military community to fund family, community and youth needs. In 2010 alone, NOSC returned more than \$135,000 in the form \$45,000 in scholarships and \$90,000 in direct financial support to base-recognized organizations.

“Everyone we’ve helped through our contributions

lent us a hand. It didn’t matter if they were a general’s wife or a seaman, the moment they walked through the door, they became a volunteer,” said Adams. “I really liked that everyone seemed to enjoy working together. They were having a blast.”

The thrift store is not only a place for the local community to shop, but it’s also a great way to make friends.

“Many of our volunteers say they were drawn to volunteering as a means of making new friends in the community,” said Celeste Diaz, NOSC president. “The thrift store has a roster of more than 65 regular volunteers from all parts of the base community who put in more than 10,000 hours of volunteer time a year.”

With that kind of purpose and dedication, the camaraderie at the thrift store has grown—not only between the regular volunteers, but the customers and the community organizations who bag at the thrift store to raise money for their cause.

In addition to the physical renovation, NOSC has appointed a new store manager and two assistant managers, reviewed and strengthened its standard operating procedures and financial controls, implemented a new training program for all volunteers and instituted many new customer service measures—including a simpler, lower-cost pricing structure.

“One way we’ve organized everything is by implementing a universal pricing structure,” said Adams. “Now everything that is in the same category is the same price, regardless of quality. It’s a thrift store after all; we want to sell more items for less so people can get what they need.”

The Forgotten Treasures Thrift Store is open every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and again from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursdays 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the first Saturday of every month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If you are interested in volunteering or have any additional questions, call 081-811-4200 or e-mail [NOSCTSHOP@gmail.com](mailto:NOSCTSHOP@gmail.com).

# SEAMAN LEON BY ABEL AGUIRRE



# FFSC tip of the week: Al-Anon

From FFSC

Al-Anon is a fellowship of friends and relatives of problem drinkers.

Al-Anon is separate from Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) which is for the alcoholic. Al-Anon is based on the “Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions” adapted from AA. Participants share their experiences, strength and hope in order to solve problems common among the group.

Parents, spouses, partners, adult children of alcoholics, co-workers and friends can find support in the Al-Anon meetings, whether the alcoholic is still drinking or not. Al-Anon is non-professional, self-supporting, welcomes all cultures and faiths, and is available almost everywhere in the world.

The Naples English language Al-Anon meeting is held every Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Support Site in the FFSC “CAP Library” on the first floor of the Navy Lodge/TLA building. All members of the community are welcome. Meetings are anonymous; only first names are used.

For more information, call Liz at 345-416-5435. If there is no answer, leave a voice message or send a text and your call will be returned anonymously.

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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED continued

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

**NAPLES HIGH SCHOOL MUSIC BOOSTERS** needs volunteers. If you're looking for a way to make a positive impact in our community, then this is your opportunity. You don't need any special musical talent; just the desire to help! Contact Matt Ukleja at matthewukleja@gmail.com.

**THE PTSA (PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ASSOCIATION) BOARD** is seeking new officers for the 2011-12 school year. Positions open include president, vice president, treasurer, teacher representative, membership, publicity and secretary. Monthly meetings determine activity and funding requests, event sponsorships, event planning, fundraising and other important topics vital to our middle and high school! For more info. or to apply, e-mail nhptsa@gmail.com.

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

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

**GAETA/NAPLES AREA GIRL SCOUTS** Now accepting registrations for the 2011-12 school year. We are still in need of leaders and co-leaders. Training and support provided. FMI, contact naplesgs@yahoo.com.

### ONGOING/ON THE HORIZON

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** hosts English-speaking AA meetings on and off base in the Naples area. For more information, call 347-544-0254 or visit <http://www.aa-europe.net/countries/italy.htm>.

**SURE START** is a unique program committed to providing the highest quality of education for command-sponsored children of enlisted personnel (priority to E1-E4) who are 4-years-old by Sept. 1. FMI, call Karen Rodrigues at 081-811-4682 or the school at 081-811-4037.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**NAPLES AMERICAN RED CROSS** holds orientation the first Wednesday of every month at their Capo office from 8:30-10 a.m. and the first Tuesday of every month at the hospital from 9:30-11 a.m. Call 081-568-4788 for info.

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

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

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

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

**NSA CHAPEL/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 Laura Hitchcock at laura.poodle@gmail.com.



**Friday, September 2**  
4:30 p.m. Harry Potter and Deathly Hallows Part 2, PG-13  
5:30 p.m. Winnie the Pooh, G  
*Premiere Showing*  
7:30 p.m. Larry Crowne, PG-13  
9 p.m. Green Lantern, PG-13  
*21 Plus Movie*

**Saturday, September 3**  
Noon Winnie the Pooh, G  
2:45 p.m. Harry Potter and Deathly Hallows Part 2, PG-13  
6 p.m. Winnie the Pooh, G  
7:30 p.m. Monte Carlo, PG  
8:30 p.m. Horrible Bosses, R

**Sunday, September 4**  
Noon Winnie the Pooh, G  
2:45 p.m. Transformers: Dark of the Moon, PG-13  
5:30 p.m. Cars 2, G  
7:30 p.m. Harry Potter and Deathly Hallows Part 2, PG-13  
8:30 p.m. Bad Teacher, R

**Monday, September 5**  
Noon Harry Potter and Deathly Hallows Part 2, PG-13  
2:45 p.m. Winnie the Pooh, G  
5:30 p.m. Larry Crowne, PG-13  
7:30 p.m. Winnie the Pooh, G  
8:30 p.m. Horrible Bosses, R

**Tuesday, September 6**  
4:30 p.m. Monte Carlo, PG  
5:30 p.m. Winnie the Pooh, G  
7 p.m. Transformers: Dark of the Moon, PG-13  
8:30 p.m. Green Lantern, PG-13

**Wednesday, September 7**  
Noon Transformers: Dark of the Moon, PG-13  
2:45 p.m. Larry Crowne, PG-13  
5:30 p.m. Green Lantern, PG-13  
*Last Showing*  
6 p.m. Harry Potter and Deathly Hallows Part 2, PG-13  
8:30 p.m. Bad Teacher, R  
*Last Showing*

**Thursday, September 8**  
Noon Cars 2, G, *Last Showing*  
2:45 p.m. Larry Crowne, PG-13  
5 p.m. Winnie the Pooh, G  
7 p.m. Transformers: Dark of the Moon, PG-13  
8:30 p.m. Horrible Bosses, R

**Friday, September 9**  
4:30 p.m. Larry Crowne, PG-13  
5:30 p.m. Captain America, PG-13  
7:30 p.m. Monte Carlo, PG  
9 p.m. Friends with Benefits, R  
*21 Plus Movie & Premiere Showing*



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### USO DAILY TOURS

Sept. 3 Island of Capri with lunch . . . €75  
Sept. 4 Mini cruise of Amalfi Coast . . . €60  
Sept. 5 A day at Rainbow Magicland in Rome . . . €45  
Sept. 10 "Eat, Pray, Love" Naples Tour . . . €32

### WEEKEND TOURS

Sept. 10-11 Florence and Pisa weekend . . . €165  
Oct. 7-10 Columbus Day in Paris "The City of Lights" . . . €645  
Oct. 7-10 Columbus Day in Venice . . . €215  
Oct. 15-16 Perugia Euro Chocolate Festival . . . €187  
Nov. 24-27 Thanksgiving in Prague . . . €509  
Dec. 15-19 Christmas Markets in Northern Italy . . . €329  
Feb. 17-20 Carnevale in Venice . . . €228

## Slow courage and doing the right thing

From Bill and Wendi's Blog  
at <http://www.elg.net/slow-courage/>

Why do some bureaucracies succeed while many others fail? There are endless explanations for this, and we will add one more: slow courage.

We're not talking about the kind of heroism displayed in 1987 by U.S. sailor Wayne Weaver who escaped a fierce on-board fire only to turn around and go back for his buddies—three times. On his fourth descent into the hellish flames he did not return.

That's raw, gritty courage, the kind that brings tears to our eyes.

But there is a different kind of courage, and it's what keeps the wheels of the world moving, even if its practitioners don't get written up in their hometown newspapers.

People with slow courage do the right thing in organizations that reward the wrong thing, rising above the systems they inhabit. Rather than single acts of brazen bravery, it's heroic habits over time.

You see, here is the problem with most bureaucracies, public or private: they say they are out to achieve some Right Thing ("help the kids," "defend the country," "delight customers," whatever) but what they reward is realism.

Realism is about leaders who defer maintenance on critical equipment to make their numbers look great (and let the next guy clean up). Realism is about transferring bad employees, instead of firing them, because firing them is so damned hard. Realism is about cutting everyone's budget the same percentage—the salami slice—because intelligent, surgical cuts require thought, work and a thick hide.

But people with slow courage are patient

idealists. They say, "The hell with 'reality'; I joined to do the right thing." They are the purchasing agent who buys what her company needs, not what her boss's buddies are selling; the safety inspector who digs deep enough to actually protect people, even if it annoys them; or the Pentagon cost estimator who delivers real costs rather than the "right answers" her superiors are looking for.

These moral choices occur repeatedly over time and there are no medals for making the right choice, again and again. People with slow courage are not always happy people, but every morning they can look at themselves in the mirror and know that they will do the right thing. It is their integrity that drives the organization actually to deliver on its promised results, if only a little.

If the person with slow courage happens to be a leader, then here is what they do: they act as the crap umbrella for their people. They shield their people, saying, "We claim to be here to do the right thing. As long as you work for me, that's what you really do. I'll protect you from the idiots; now go and do the right thing." And then they create a culture where the right thing is rewarded and the dumb thing is not, and they take the flak. They create an island of sanity in a sea of silliness.

Anyway, this brief post is a paean to the many, MANY anonymous people with slow courage. Whether you fulfill orders in a warehouse, deliver mail or defend the country, we thank you. You don't face one great moment of truth; you face many small moments of truth. Thank you. And you do the right thing. Thank you.

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### TRICARE Advice Line

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

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



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



## ARC coloring contest winner announced

By Lewis Heuermann  
 Disaster Chair for  
 Naples American Red Cross

The Naples chapter of the American Red Cross (ARC) awarded the winner of a recent coloring contest several prizes for her picture of Captain Reddy, the Naples American Red Cross mascot.

During National Night Out, Aug. 2, over 40 artists tried for the chance to win a free ARC T-shirt and ball cap for the best colored picture of the cardinal.

Arial Gelb, a 12-year-old student, colored the cardinal red wearing a green shirt and pants and added a final touch to his tail with a rainbow of colors. A series of voting sessions by ARC officials revealed Gelb a winner by an almost unanimous vote.

"I am very excited to present these gifts to such a talented artist," said Jacquie Mack, Naples ARC station manager.

The winning picture is on display at Capodichino in Admin II.



Jacquie Mack (right), Naples American Red Cross station manager, awards an American Red Cross hat and T-shirt to Ariel Gelb (left) for winning the American Red Cross mascot coloring contest. (Photo by Stuart Gelb)

## VolunTEENS rocked the summer

By Virginie Silva  
 Naples American Red Cross

Volunteerism makes a difference. This summer Naples' VolunTEENS did a great job serving the community!

Fourteen teens volunteered their time and talents at the library, AFN, "Panorama," elementary and high schools, Auto Hobby Shop, Teen Center, MWR and the Support Site Fitness Forum as part of the Naples American Red Cross VolunTeen program. This participating teens gained work experience and demonstrated their community support.

This year's program was so



During a celebration at the bowling center Aug. 28, VolunTEENS receive awards from the Naples American Red Cross in recognition of their selfless service this summer. From left to right: Virginie Silva, Tirzah Jackson, J'stice Skinner, Sadie Skinner, Nickolaus Mack, Alexandra Mack, Juliya Key, Brittaney Key, Savannah Horrell. (Photo courtesy of Naples American Red Cross)

successful that many of the Red Cross VolunTEENS are willing to continue volunteering throughout the school year.

Their contributions and dedication show that they truly know how to support our military life around base.

## A summer of scouting

By Lt. Cmdr. L.G. Mack

If you and your son have ever thought about participating in fun-packed, community building adventures, then the scouting program of Troop 007 may be for you.

Take a look at the collage of summer camping pictures. All in all, a summer of scouting possessed the components of a total fitness program—body, mind and spirit.

Check out Troop 007 by contacting Scoutmaster Dennis Smith at 081-811-5585 or dennis@sulfur-creek.com. Troop meetings are held every Monday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Support Site Community Center.



Troop 007 Boy Scouts Gavin Moulton, John Moulton, Andrew Arreguin, Connor McClure and Doug McClure teamed up with Troop 236 in Rome to attend Bayern High Adventure Camp. The camp was located near the foot of Zugspitze, Germany's tallest mountain. The views of the Alps were spectacular, and so was the weather. Scouts participated in adventurous activities including white water rafting, cable water skiing and a 44-km bicycle ride through the Alps, and completed merit badges ranging from canoeing and wilderness survival to photography and soil/water conservation. (Photo by Scott McClure)



At Baden Powell High Adventure Camp in Nottingham's Sherwood Forrest, 11 Troop 007 Boy Scouts made friends with scouts from across Europe and participated in high adventure activities. Scouts also earned merit badges—47 in all. Leaving a legacy, Boy Scout Carter Lassen and Assistant Scoutmaster Bruce Martin took first place in a Robin Hood archery competition. (Photo by Dennis Smith)



Perched high in the Swiss Alps, the Kandersteg International Scout Center offered a complete program of activities. Six scouts from Troop 007 attended the week-long at Camp Alpine and participated in a host of outdoor challenges including trail and summit hikes, rock climbing, rappelling, and river rafting. They also earned many merit badges. (Photo by L.G. Mack)

# Jobs

## HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE (HRO)

**NEW LINK:** <http://cnic.navy.mil/Europe/About/Jobs/index.htm>. The Human Resources Office is located at Capo Admin I, first floor. Customer service hours are **Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.** Applications are accepted at the Security Pass and ID Office at Capodichino and Gricignano, or at HRO, located in Admin 1, Capodichino, or by mailing to HRO, PSC 817 Box 29, FPO, AE 09622, or at the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) located on the TLA first floor at Support Site. HRO must receive mailed applications by the closing date of the vacancy announcement.

### U.S. POSITIONS

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

#### CLOSING SEPT. 8

**Security Guard**, GS-0085-05, ANN#EUR11-039033-AG-R1, Full-time permanent  
**IT Specialist (SYSADMIN/CUSTSUPT)**, GS-2210-11 KPP 12 or GS-2210-12, ANN#EUR11-113523-AV, Full-time permanent  
**Supervisory Facilities Management Specialist**, GS-1601-13, ANN#EUR11-105140-AV, Full-time permanent  
**Engineering Technician (Mechanical)**, GS-0802-12, ANN#EUR11-106503-AV, Full-time permanent  
**Interdisciplinary**, GS-08XX/0020-13, ANN#EUR11-099669-AV, Full-time permanent

#### CLOSING SEPT. 15

**Lead Educational Tech (CYP)**, GS-1702-05, ANN#EUR11-133638-AG, Full-time permanent  
**Education and Training Tech (CYP)**, GS-1702-07, ANN#EUR11-870955-AG, Full-time permanent  
**Supv. Financial Management Analyst**, GS-0501-12, ANN#EUR11-139509-JC, Full-time permanent  
**IT Specialist (NETWORK)**, GS-2210-11, ANN#EUR11-118622-JC, Full-time permanent  
**Financial Management Analyst**, GS-0501-07/09/11/12, ANN#EUR11-099465-SC-R1  
**Financial Technician**, GS-0503-07, ANN#EUR11-079464-SC-R1  
**Financial Management Analyst**, GS-0501-11, ANN#EUR11-135405-SC  
**Financial Management Analyst**, GS-0501-12, ANN#EUR11-124215-SC

### COURTESY US VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

The USO Naples is currently seeking an Information Specialist for its Capodichino Center. The Information Specialist will deliver customer service and support to sailors and passengers at the USO Capodichino Air Terminal Center as well as provide assistance with USO Naples programs, services and fleet support. For more info. and to apply, please log on to <http://www.uso.org/careers/>.

**Percussion instructor(s)** needed for marching band percussion line. Experience in marching a plus. If interested contact Gary Marvel, director of Naples High School's bands, at 340-681-3432 or [gary.marvel@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:gary.marvel@eu.dodea.edu).

**Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University** seeks an Assistant Director of Academic Support at Capodichino. Position is open immediately. Associate's degree required, bachelor's degree preferred. For more information, contact Silvia Hughes at [rota@erau.edu](mailto:rota@erau.edu).

### LOCAL NATIONAL (LN) POSITIONS

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

#### CLOSING SEPT. 8

**General Assistant**, UA-0303-05 KPP 04/03, ANN#HE5509-125867-JC, Full-time permanent

If you have any questions/comments with regard to HRO Naples' services, contact the front desk at 081-568-5409. You can also contact the HRO Naples helpdesk at: <http://cnic.navy.mil/Europe/About/Jobs/AboutWorkingHere/index.htm>. You will be contacted within 24 hours, so be sure to provide your contact information. Thank you and we appreciate your input, whether negative or positive, so that we can find ways to improve the HRO services, or continue to provide excellent service. As a reminder, an HRO Representative is available for the bi-weekly "Meet & Greet" at the NSA Support Site, Navy Exchange food court area 8 to 9 a.m. Please feel free to come by, pick up a copy of a vacancy announcement that you may be interested in applying for or ask questions. If the HRO representative is unable to provide you a response, he/she will bring the question back to the HRO office and you will be provided an answer or a call back the same day. The next "Meet & Greet" is Sept. 12.

### 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](https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Naples/Recreation/CNICD_A059280). The necessary application forms are also available online. For any questions, call 081-568-5612/4164.

### NSA NAPLES POSITIONS, MWR OPEN CONTINUOUS POSITIONS

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

**Youth Program Assistant**, CY-1702-I/II, ANN#10-069, (multiple positions) flexible/regular, Youth Programs, Support Site and Carney Park. As-

sembles materials and equipment necessary to execute School Age Care for children ranging from 6 to 9 years old; School Age Care Pre-Teen for children ranging from 10 to 12 years old; Teen Center Program for children ranging from 13 to 18 years old. Receives and releases children to/from authorized parents and guardians.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Recreation Aid**, NF-0189-01, ANN#11-086, flexible, Fit Zone, Capodichino. Performs maintenance on various types of recreation and athletic equipment to ensure that all equipment is in good condition and safe for patron use. Open until filled.

### CNREURAFSWA NRBO NAF U.S. POSITIONS

**Accounting Technician**, NF-525-03, ANN#11-094, flexible full-time, NRBO, Capodichino. Maintains and reconciles budget and accounting records by implementing principles of accounting and double entry bookkeeping. Open until filled.

**Management Analyst**, NF-0343-04, ANN#11-099, regular full-time, NRBO, Capodichino. Assists in providing on-site

managers and operational managers guidance and assistance in any and all financial matters. Works with all levels of operational managers to ensure they meet or surpass pre established budget goals and objectives. Open until filled.

### NAF LOCAL NATIONAL POSITION

**General Assistant**, Ua-0303-04, ANN#11-124, temporary part-time, Marketing division, Capodichino. Area of Consideration: Italian citizens and citizens of other European Union (EU) countries. Closing date is Sept. 9.

### NEX EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

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

### U.S. NAF POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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

#### GRICIGNANO MAIN STORE

**Ann#057-11** Store Worker/CC/NA-02/RFT- Closes: 09/02/11. Pay Rate: \$10.23. Performs various duties in connection with loading, unloading and verifying merchandise in an Exchange store, storeroom and/or location, or moving/stacking layaway merchandise in assigned locations.

**Ann#057-11** Store Worker/CC/NA-02/RPT- Closes: 09/02/11. Pay Rate: \$10.23. Performs various duties in connection with loading, unloading and verifying merchandise in an Exchange store, storeroom and/or location, or moving/stacking layaway merchandise in assigned locations.

**Ann#023-11** Lead Cashier

Checker/CC/NF-01/RFT- Closes: 09/02/11. Pay Rate: \$8-11. Responsible for leading a minimum of three associates engaged in the operation of cash registers to record sales in retail check-out areas.

**Ann#058-11** Sales Clerk/CL/NF-01/RFT- Closes: 09/02/11. Pay Rate: \$8-11. Responsible for displaying and selling general merchandise to customers exercising professional selling techniques.

**Ann#055-11** Sales Clerk/CL/NF-01/RFT- Closes: 09/02/11. Pay Rate: \$8-11. Responsible for displaying and selling general merchandise to customers while exercising professional selling techniques.

**Ann#034-11** Sales Clerk/SL-Ladies/NF-01/Flex- Closes: 09/02/11. Pay Rate: \$8-10. Responsible for displaying and selling women's apparel and accessories to customers exercising professional selling techniques.

**Ann#051-11** Security Guard/52/NF-01/Flex- Closes: 09/02/11. Pay Rate: \$8-10. Performs assignments on a patrol basis or at a fixed post with responsibility for enforcing security measures.

#### DISTRIBUTION CENTER GRICIGNANO

**Ann#028-11** Warehouse Worker/72/NA-05/Flex- Closes: 09/09/11. Pay Rate: \$12.75. Responsible for one or more functions (receiving, storing, issuing and shipping, etc.) within a warehouse area. May be assisted by several lower grade associates.

#### CAPODICHINO NEX MART

**Ann#050-11** Lead Cashier Checker/CC/NF-01/RFT- Closes: 09/02/11. Pay Rate: \$8-11. Responsible for leading a minimum of three associates engaged in the operation of cash registers to record sales in retail check-out areas.

**Ann#014-11** Sales Clerk/MM/NF-01/Flex- Closes: 09/02/11. Pay Rate: \$8-10. Responsible for selling general merchandise to customers exercising professional selling techniques.

### LOCAL NATIONAL POSITIONS

No Vacancies