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Honoring our veterans



Soldiers fold the American flag during a memorial ceremony in Iraq. (U.S. Navy photo by MCC Joe Kane)

Iraq veterans share stories of wartime

By Melissa Kabukuru, Panorama editor

As we celebrate Veterans Day today, U.S. troops are preparing to leave Iraq, signaling the end of a war that began nearly nine years ago.

Since the war began, thousands have sacrificed their lives, while others have come home irreparably changed. Still others have lost friends and loved ones.

As the last U.S. troops prepare to come home by the end of December, six Naples-area veterans of the Iraq war agreed to share memories of their experiences. While each person's story is different, together they spoke of camaraderie, lost friends, leadership, and of the pride they felt

at helping the Iraqi people. Here is what they had to say.

Staff Sgt. Matthew Maldonado
2nd NATO Signal Battalion, Allied Joint Force Command Naples

Maldonado deployed twice to Iraq while attached to the 1st Cavalry Division out of Ft. Hood, Texas.

Going into his first deployment as a maintenance technician in 2004, he was 18 years old, and had been in the Army for only a few months.

He remembers clearly the two-day convoy ride he took between Kuwait and Baghdad in 2004.

"Everyone was pretty scared, even the higher chain of com-



Soldiers patrol the hills in Northern Iraq. (U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Todd Frantom)

mand," he recalled. "I think it was because not many people had done that kind of thing before."

When his group arrived at the Forward Operating Base, most people figured they were safe, he said.

"The first night we were there

was the first time we were actually attacked," Maldonado said. "We heard a mortar come in and explode, and we were all shaken up about it. The next day we heard somebody died."

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Visit U.S. heroes at cemeteries in Italy

By MCSA Erik Luebke,
Navy Public Affairs Support Element-East Detachment Europe

For service members and their families, two American cemeteries in Italy will be open today on Veteran's Day.

The World War II Sicily-Rome Cemetery and Memorial and the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial are two American cemeteries that are operated by the American Battle Monument Commission (ABMC).

The World War II Sicily-Rome Cemetery and Memorial is located on a 77-acre plot along the northern edge of the Italian town of Nettuno, approximately 40 miles south of Rome.

According to the ABMC, the Sicily-Rome cemetery was first opened to the public in 1956, almost 30 years after the founding of the ABMC, and was created to honor service members who died in the Sicily region during the Second World War. The headstones of the 7,861 service members interred at the cemetery are arranged in a circular pattern on the hills behind the main building.

The second cemetery, the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial, is located approximately seven miles south of Florence, along the Rome-Milan A1 autostrada.

According to the ABMC, the Florence cemetery is a tribute to those service members who died in the Northern Italian Campaign, said Filippo Farruggia, a cemetery associate at the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial.

The cemetery contains 4,402 men and women buried and 1,409 memorialized on the Tablets of the Missing.

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FRIDAY

High 66 / Low 55
Sunny



SATURDAY

High 64 / Low 50
Sunny



SUNDAY

High 63 / Low 46
Sunny



Captain's Corner

By Capt. Scott Gray
NSA Commanding Officer



Happy Veteran's Day to all. Today is a day we pause to honor those who have served our nation in uniform. For the NSA Naples community, nearly everyone has at least one immediate family member who is a veteran. Every single one of us has close friends who have served or are serving. As many of us take the day to rest, enjoy our families and the joys of living abroad, let us always remember those who are serving downrange and those families who cannot spend this long weekend with their loved ones.

Thank you to all the veterans in our community for your service. Your service honors our country and we will always remember the sacrifices you have made.

This holiday season can be lonely for people away from their families and friends, especially newcomers and our single service members. There are lots of opportunities to give back to the community by participating in any number of events sponsored by the USO, including the upcoming "Taste of Home" dinner. Please consider donating a dish or volunteering to serve and spend time with our single sailors serving far from home. I encourage the single service members to check out our Liberty program and for all the newcomers to take advantage of the activities here. The best way to beat the culture shock is to get involved, enjoy some of the wonderful opportunities such as ITT trips, take a cooking class, and start to make the most of this amazing opportunity we have here in Italy. For those of you who are sponsoring incoming personnel, PLEASE ensure you are going to the sponsorship course at FFSC and that you take your responsibility seriously. Nothing impacts someone's impression of a command and an overseas duty station like those first few days onboard, and you, the sponsor, are the one who makes that a positive experience for them.

I'm thankful this month that there are so many events and activities to help us celebrate the holiday season. The USO and MWR have our calendars chocked full of Bingo, day trips, concerts, and so much more. It's going to be hard to get to all of them. Please see the pages of this week's *Panorama* for details on upcoming events, or you can check them out online at uso.it or mwr.it, or on our page, www.cnic.navy.mil/naples (click the "things to do" tab).

Next week there are a bevy of safety stand downs around the base for most of the tenant commands. Thanks to the safety department for helping to facilitate those events. I encourage all of you to embrace the safety message throughout the holiday season. Take care of your friends and neighbors here in Naples and use good risk management to weigh the potential consequences of your actions before you act. The holidays are a time when alcohol, parties, stress, weather, and many other factors converge to potentially create difficult situations if we're not careful. Unfortunately, I recently took several sailors to NJP for alcohol-related issues and I am aware of several other cases of sailors from other commands who have been involved in alcohol-related incidents. These are all warning signs that the holidays may not be starting off on the right foot, and we as leaders need to get the word out. Please look after one another and help keep the community safe through the holiday season.

I'm still hearing complaints about pets being left on balconies all day and all night, about people neglecting to clean up after their pets, about people keeping their pets off a leash in the enclosed playground area, etc. I need the assistance of the community to ensure enforcement of the pet policy. If a gentle approach to your neighbor is not effective, my security personnel are able to enforce compliance with the policy that every resident acknowledged upon moving on base. We have recently issued a number of warnings and citations in our efforts to better enforce the rules, but it must be a community effort to be effective. If your dog weighs more than your child, please don't allow your child to take him out for a walk. If you know your child refuses to pick up after your animal, it is irresponsible and inconsiderate to your neighbors and friends to have them walk the dog. Be a good steward of the community and respect your neighbors.

There have recently been disruptions to our garbage pickup at the Support Site due to a strike of the garbage collectors. The strike has ended and things should start getting back to normal. However, as we have seen in the past, it generally takes some time to pickup the backlog that has collected in the trash collection areas. Additionally, there is a scheduled strike of the Mirabella workers on the Support Site this week. Hopefully it will only last a few days, as Mirabella management is working diligently to resolve some ongoing issues. In the meantime, maintenance will be limited to emergency calls only during the strike. Again, we will work to mitigate the impact to residents but inevitably maintenance will be delayed. Continue to log trouble calls through the housing trouble call desk and we will prioritize the maintenance based on severity.

Lastly I'd like to remind you about the major projects going on around the base this month. We have the substation maintenance on the Support Site starting next week, which will result in power outages all around the Support Site at various times. I know the loss of power is a big inconvenience. Unfortunately, the scheduled outages are longer this year because the contractor was not previously afforded the opportunity to properly conduct the maintenance in previous years. With this maintenance, we will get back on track, minimize disruptions next year and improve reliability of the system for the benefit of all. Please check the schedule on page 9 for details and plan accordingly. Likewise, we have the paving project going on at Capo. Look out for traffic signs and please slow down when workers are present. Allow a few extra minutes during peak hours.

I must say that I am thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to serve the Naples community. It is very rewarding helping to improve the conditions and lives of our personnel in Naples. If you have ideas on how we can continue to improve, please continue to send them our way.
Have a great long weekend!

Base Notes

From *Panorama* staff reports

Dates set for NSA Naples Safety Stand Down

All Naples area personnel must attend one of this month's Safety Stand Down presentations. Here is the Safety Stand Down schedule for the various commands.

- **Nov. 14**
Italian employees: 9 to 10 a.m. (Support Site Theater)
NCTS: 1 to 2:15 p.m. (Capo Theater)
- **Nov. 15**
Italian employees: 9 to 10 a.m. (Capo Theater)
JFC Navy Element: 10 to 11:40 a.m. (JFC)
NAVFAC-PWD/FISC: 1:30 to 2:45 p.m. (Capo Theater)
- **Nov. 16**
NSA: 9 to 11 a.m. (Capo Theater)
CNREURAFSWA: 1 to 2:15 p.m. (Capo Theater)
- **Nov. 17**
USNH/ NSA/ Tenant Commands: 9 to 11 a.m. (Support Site Theater)
Makeup session: 1 to 2 p.m. (Capo Theater)
- **Nov. 18**
Gaeta: 10 to 11:40 a.m.

Send applications for FSYP funds to Master Chief Collins

Family Support and Youth Programs (FSYP) is soliciting organizations that would be interested in the funds raised via the Combined Federal Campaign. These funds are to improve the quality of life at overseas military installations. Organizations may solicit the FSYP committee for funds using the application enclosed in

NAVSUPPACT NAPLES INST 7280.1, which can be found by going to www.cnic.navy.mil/Naples and entering 'NAVSUPPACT NAPLES INST 7280.1' in the search bar at the top right corner of the page.

Applications for the funds must be forwarded to NSA Naples Command Master Chief Charles Collins at charles.collins@eu.navy.mil no later than 4 p.m. Dec. 5 for consideration. Requirements for consideration include, but are not limited to, validity of need, what will have the widest impact on the community, and whether or not other funding sources are available. Funds cannot be used for items that may appear to be extravagant, such as travel, seasonal functions, gifts or facility construction.

USO sponsors Thanks-Filled Bingo Sunday

Spend a fun Sunday afternoon with the USO Naples volunteer committee at the Naples High School Cafeteria playing everyone's favorite game: Bingo! This free event (suited for both families and unaccompanied service members) is scheduled from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 13.

Take home prizes such as electronics, home appliances, gift baskets and more. The event will include tasty foods, sweets and door prizes for children and adults. Admission is free. Doors open at 3 p.m.

Deadline for ordering fresh turkeys Nov. 15

You still have a chance to special order a fresh turkey for Thanksgiving from the Commissary. Visit the meat counter at the Naples Commissary to place your order by Nov. 15. Frozen turkeys will be available without placing a special order.

CNE-CNA-C6F/CNREURAFSWA IG HOTLINE

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Office of the Inspector General, Naples, Italy

Leave a recorded message 24/7:.....081-568-2983

Speak to the CNREURAFSWA Investigator:.....081-568-2600

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Bicycle Round-up

Support Site residents: The removal of all bulky items in internal and external common areas is ongoing. Items being removed include, but are not limited to, strollers and bicycles left in bike racks and storage areas. To avoid removal of your items, it is important that you tag or mark them with your building and apartment number. If you believe your bicycle was taken in error, please contact Housing at 081-811-4466.

Thanksgiving Food Donations

If you are looking for a way for your family to share your thankfulness with others this Thanksgiving, consider donating pies to the seminarians and deacons at the Pontifical North American College in Rome. The Catholic Women of the Chapel will be collecting pie donations the week before Thanksgiving for the college. If you are interested and able to donate, please contact pnacapostolate@gmail.com.

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Tips to be a good sponsor

By MC2 (SW/AW) Felicito Rustique,
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When a service member receives permanent change of station orders (PCS), someone from their receiving command becomes their sponsor.

The roll of the sponsor is to help sailors and their families transition to a new working and living environment, to minimize the anxiety associated with a PCS move, and to give sailors and families the greatest opportunity for a successful tour.

The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC), the Navy Lodge, and the Child Development Center (CDC) at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples are three organizations on base that work closely with sponsors to assist new arrivals.

The FFSC helps sponsors by conducting monthly sponsorship training classes. The classes last two-and-a-half hours each and cover a wide range of PCS concerns, such as housing, vehicles, child daycare, school and pets.

"People leave the class with training on what the Navy expects from sponsors and tools to achieve those goals," said Bethany Franz, lead

instructor for the FFSC sponsorship training classes. "We talk about the details of living in Italy and the differences in lifestyle. Sponsors inherently know these things because they've lived in Naples, but they forget to explain some of these differences to a person who has not lived here."

Franz also offered some advice to sponsors and stressed the importance of being proactive.

"If a sponsor is honest about living abroad without imprinting their own bias, the newcomer can make their own opinion," said Franz. "Start communication early, assess the sailor and family's needs, and provide as much information and assistance as you can. If the sponsor does a great job supporting the sailor, they receive a relaxed coworker who is ready to start his job."

When it comes to housing, Navy Lodge Manager Kathy Olow said sponsors can ensure their sponsoree and family members have a place to stay by contacting her offices well before an arrival date.

"As soon as a sponsor finds out they've been assigned someone, they should contact the Navy Lodge, either in person or by phone," said

Olow. "Doing so gives us a person to contact if there are issues." Olow also said the Navy Lodge has lodging available for families to bring a maximum of two pets.

"For families with dogs, we do have villas available at the Support Site, but it's best to let us know as early as possible," said Olow. "Also, the sponsor or sponsoree has to call at least one week prior to arriving to confirm again."

Another issue sponsors need to be aware of is child daycare.

"As soon as you know your sponsoree has children and wants daycare, contact us to register them," said Kris Kasperek, director for child and youth programs at NSA Naples. "There's a waiting list for full-time care, and the Child Development Center has a Request for Care (RFC) form that has to be filled out, so the sooner a family gets on our list, the better."

The next two FFSC sponsorship training classes will be Nov. 16 and Dec. 7, each from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Sponsors can sign up for a sponsorship training class or get more information by calling the FFSC's main line at 081-811-6372.

Sponsors can contact the NSA Naples Navy Lodge at 081-813-3443 and the Child Development Center at 081-811-4989.

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UPCOMING FFSC NAPLES EVENTS

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

NOVEMBER

- 11 SHOPPING ON THE ECONOMY** (8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Departs from JFC.) Practice how to shop for clothes, shoes, local food and more. Topics include how to ask for size, quantity, etc.
- 16 SPONSORSHIP TRAINING** (9 - 11:30 a.m.) To be a sponsor is a duty; to be a great one is to make a difference!
- 16 PARENTS OF SPECIAL NEEDS CHILDREN SUPPORT GROUP** (5 - 6 p.m.) Parents can share information and provide mutual support during this group meeting.
- 17 LIMONCELLO CLASS** (10 a.m. - 12 p.m.) Learn how to make your own limoncello.
- 18 SHOE ALLEY TOUR** (8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Departs from JFC.) Visit the famous market for shoes and Naples Central Station.

UPCOMING GAETA EVENTS

Call FFSC Gaeta at 081-568-8354/7 to sign up for a class.

- 14 AREA ORIENTATION/ICR SEMINAR** (5 days) Learn everything you need to know about setting up your home on the economy. Learn to use the phone, settle into your new home, deal with emergencies and more. Seminar requires at least 5 confirmed participants or it will be cancelled.
- 15 ON-SITE ITALIAN CULTURE AND LANGUAGE WORKSHOP** (10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.) Learn how to pay your bills, charge your phone and buy bus and train tickets during this workshop, which will teach you all the step by step Italian you need to get these things done. Bring along some of your bills so you can learn how to pay at the tabacchi store.
- 15, 16, 17 THE HISTORY OF ROME TRACK:** "From the Rise to the Fall of the Roman Empire." Classes meet from 2 to 3:30 p.m. each day, and cover the history, facts and information about the Roman Empire. We will cover early history and kings of the Kingdom of Rome, its history as the Roman Republic and the rise and the fall of the Roman Empire, which was ruled by the all-powerful emperors.
- 17 SHOPPING AT THE FORMIA MARKET** (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.) During this lesson at the Formia Market, attendees will learn how a typical Italian market is organized while learning how to shop and bargain in Italian. Bring cash and small bills for better bargaining. Carpool.

NOVEMBER

- 11, 14, 18, 21, 25 CLEP/DSST TESTS** Make an appointment to take these tests at the National Test Center at Capo. Tests are free for military. Call 081-568-6673/6675.
- 13 USO THANKS-FILLED BINGO** This free event is scheduled from 3:30 to 6 p.m. in the Naples High School Cafeteria. Doors open at 3 p.m.
- 13 SURE FOUNDATION MINISTRIES** invites the community to a graduation ceremony at 1 p.m., where 18 members of the church will receive their associate's degrees from the International School of Ministry. Address: Via Santa Maria, 37, Lago Patria.
- 15, 22, 29 DLPT LANGUAGE TEST** Contact the Navy College Office at nco.naples@eu.navy.mil or 081-568-6683/6684/6678 for information on how to sign up for the DLPT tests. Open to all military services.
- 16-17 SUICIDE PREVENTION WORKSHOP** Explore your experiences with and your attitudes about suicide. Better understand the needs of a person at risk of suicide and learn how to use suicide first-aid. Call the CREDO office at 081-568-5255 to attend.
- 16 TEDDY BEAR TEA PARTY** Join members of the Connect the Tots Club at 10 a.m. at the Support Site Fellowship Hall. Grab your favorite bear and come to our tea party! Sandwiches, snacks and drinks will be served! FMI, visit www.meetup.com/Connect-the-Tots-Club/
- 17 CONNECT THE TOTS CLUB COFFEE TALK** Join members of the Connect the Tots Club at 10 a.m. at the NEX café in the food court (new location). Kids can play on the rides and games.
- 17 MONTHLY BABY BASICS CLASS** offered by Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society visiting nurses from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The course is in the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Office at Capo, Admin II, Room G-016. Topics include newborn care (i.e. bundling, diapering & bathing); feeding, crying and comforting; health and safety, etc. Contact NCMRS at 081-568-3913 to register.
- 17, 24 TUITION ASSISTANCE BRIEF** All Sailors using WEB Tuition Assistance for the first time are required to attend a WEB TA brief. The Nov. 3 and Nov. 17 briefings will be at 1 p.m.; the briefings on Nov. 10 and Nov. 24 will be at 9 a.m. Briefings are held at Capo in Admin II, room G-014. FMI, contact the Navy College Office at 081-568-6683/6684/6678.
- 18 ACT TEST.** Call or visit the Navy College Office at Capo (Admin II, main floor) for an appointment. DSN: 626-6683/6684/6678 or nco.naples@eu.navy.mil.
- 18 SAT TEST** Plan ahead. Sailors, if you are looking at the Fiscal Year 2012 STA-21 program, take the SAT test now. Test scores arrive Naples 6 to 8 weeks after the test date. Testing starts at 7:45 a.m. Make an appointment with the Navy College Office by calling 626-6683/6684/6678.
- 18 PRAXIS TEST REGISTRATION** The last day to register for the Jan. 28, 2012, PRAXIS test session is Nov. 18. Call or visit the Navy College Office for more information on how to register.

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Italian News Briefs

Compiled by Teresa Merola

Former soccer execs sent to prison for fixing matches

The Naples court Tuesday sentenced former soccer executive Luciano Moggi to five years and four months in prison for his role in the biggest corruption case in Italian soccer. The Juventus team was stripped of the 2005 and 2006 Serie A titles and relegated to Serie B by a sports court. Another former executive, Antonio Giraudo, received a three-year sentence. Moggi and Giraudo were banned from soccer for life for influencing the outcome of matches. They created a network of contacts with federation officials to influence refereeing assignments and arrange for key players on other teams to be given yellow cards ahead of matches with Juventus. In total, 16 people were found guilty and eight were cleared in the scandal.

Designer Capucci opens show inspired by ancient statue

At the Santa Giulia Museum in Brescia in northern Italy, Italian designer Roberto Capucci, who is considered the "Givenchy of Rome", will open a show on clothing of the ancient world from Nov. 19 until March 18. The show, called, "Robert Capucci and the Ancient World — An Homage to Winged Victory," references the Winged Victory statue that is the symbol of Brescia and considered a historic treasure. The sculptured draping of the statue served as inspiration for the designer, whose creations are world-famous. He opened a couture salon in Paris in 1962 and then returned to Rome. As well as 31 creations by Capucci, the exhibit will also feature the celebrated bronze statue, which dates back to the 1st century AD.

Archaeologists find ancient skeletons holding hands

Italian archaeologists made an astonishing discovery in Modena last month. They found a tomb containing skeletal remains of a couple from the Roman era who had been holding hands for the past 1,500 years. The two skeletons were originally buried with their faces staring into each other's, said the scientists. Due to the couple's simple tombs, the archaeol-

ogists believe the couple was not rich and that they may have lived on a farm. The two skeletons, which are poorly preserved, will be studied to establish the couple's age, their relationship and the possible cause of death.

Napoli soccer ticket sales go online

On Tuesday, the Napoli soccer team started selling tickets on line, reducing the many inconveniences associated with purchasing tickets through the box office sales points. The only limit for now is that only fans with the Blue Card Club are able to purchase tickets online. This will avoid the phenomenon of ticket scalping, which has caused frequent brawls during the selling of tickets. The official website is www.sscnapoli.it to get information regarding prices and matches. By putting ticket sales online, Napoli joins other big soccer clubs in Europe and other teams in Serie A such as Inter, Milan and Rome, who already sell their tickets online. Fans can still buy tickets at the stadium or at Lottomatica ticket points if they prefer.

Devil found in frescoes of Assisi basilica

Art historian Chiara Frugoni has spent almost 30 years studying the cycle of frescoes in the upper level of Assisi's famed Basilica of St. Francis, but only recently spotted a detail that went unnoticed by scholars for centuries. Frugoni discovered a portrait of a devil with two dark horns hidden in the swirling clouds near an angel. A friar with the order of St. Francis of Assisi, Rev. Enzo Fortunato, said that in the medieval times it was commonly believed that at death two figures go into action — an angel to accompany the just into heaven, and a devil to bring the damned into hell. Fortunato said that by hiding the devil in the clouds, the artist Giotto appears to have beaten by nearly two centuries a technique attributed to Andrea Mantegna, who in one painting shows a knight emerging from a cloud. The discovery was reported in the online edition of this month's issue of the Franciscan religious order publication San Francesco Patrono d'Italia.



Six-year-old James VanKirk adds the finishing touch to his hand turkey project. The kids from the Connect the Tots Club came together to work on Thanksgiving projects and have some fun Monday. Other Thanksgiving-themed events continue this month. (Photo by MC1 (NAO) John Parker)

Naples events celebrate Thanksgiving

By Panorama staff

Naples sailors won't go hungry this Thanksgiving, even if they're far from family.

The USO Naples volunteer committee and Morale, Welfare and Recreation are sponsoring events that provide single sailors at Naval Support Activity Naples with home-cooked Thanksgiving meals, while other MWR athletic events this month will contribute to the fall fun.

TASTE OF HOME NIGHT

6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17
At the Liberty Center

The USO Naples volunteer committee, community members and MWR will team up to provide a free Thanksgiving dinner for all unaccompanied sailors.

To help provide food for the event, the USO Naples volunteer committee is asking community members to prepare their favorite Thanksgiving-style dish Nov. 17 and drop it off at any USO center. Donated

dishes should be dropped off in disposable pans or containers. For more information, call the USO at 081-568-5713 or 081-811-4903.

TURKEY SHOOT

11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 18
Carney Park Golf Course

This four-person scramble golf tournament costs \$25 plus daily green fees. Twenty-four turkeys will be awarded, with 100 percent of entry fees being returned in prizes. Registration deadline is Nov. 17. For more information, call 081-526-4296.

THANKSGIVING DINNER

Noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 24
At the Liberty Center

On Thanksgiving Day, MWR and the Liberty Center will serve up a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixings. A shuttle bus from Support Site to Capodichino will depart the Support Site at 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. the day of the event. The bus service is for Liberty card holders only. For

more information, call the Liberty Center at 081-568-4896.

TURKEY TROT

Saturday, Nov. 19
Support Site

This race consists of an adult 5K and a 1-mile youth and family run. Participants should register the day of the event at the Support Site Fitness Forum. Check in is at 9 a.m., and registration costs \$5.

The youth and family 1-mile run will begin at 10 a.m., with the adult 5K to follow. Registered participants will receive T-shirts.

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT FAIRWAYS

Thursday, Nov. 24

Don't feel like cooking? Enjoy a Thanksgiving Dinner at Fairways! Includes turkey, ham and all the trimmings. 3 seatings: 12 p.m. to 1 p.m., 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Reservations required. To reserve, call 081-526-5418

Reserve your seat now for ASC Thanksgiving luncheon

By Courtney Stroman, Allied Spouses Club

If you're a Naples-area spouse dreaming of a traditional Thanksgiving meal without all of the cooking and cleanup, then mark your calendar for the Allied Spouses Club (ASC) Thanksgiving luncheon from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Nov. 22 at the Holiday Inn in Castel Volturno. This annual luncheon is sponsored by the Americans of the ASC and kicks off the local holiday season by sharing American Thanksgiving foods, customs and traditions with the NATO spouses in the area. As with other ASC luncheons, this event will include great food, fun raffles and, this year, entertainment by the Naples High School Rhythm and Blues Band.

"We're always excited to share this very 'American' holiday with the international community here in Naples," says Kristy Christen, chair-

person for the 2011 Thanksgiving luncheon. "My hope is that U.S. spouses who are not yet involved with the ASC will come out and take advantage of this opportunity to meet some of our wonderful NATO neighbors."

This year's Thanksgiving menu is sure to please with a carved turkey and all of the traditional "fixins." A dessert buffet and delicious Italian wines are also included with the meal.

For more information regarding the Thanksgiving luncheon or the Allied Spouses Club, please email alliedspousesus@gmail.com. Lunch reservations are 20€ for ASC members and 25€ for non members and are available by leaving payment in drop boxes at the NSA Fleet & Family Support Center or Tony's Hardware at JFC. Please include your name and country on payment envelope. Reservation deadline is November 14.

AGIP gas stations to become Eni

By MCSA Erik Luebke, Navy Public Affairs Support Element-East Detachment Europe

Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples service members and their families will soon see a change at local gas stations.

According to Bartolomeo Di Muccio, the NSA Naples tax-free products administrator, Azienda Generale Italiana Petroli (AGIP), a sub-company of Eni, has decided to change the name of its gas stations to Eni to reflect ownership and establish uniformity. Though the signs are changing, service members can use their gas coupons at Eni stations just as they have been using them at stations labeled Agip.

"What you'll see is that where there used to be an AGIP gas station, there will be an Eni gas station," said Di Muccio. "The owner will stay the same the only thing that will change is the name and the sign." Di Muccio said this will not change the availability of gas coupons, nor will it change the amount of gas stations available for gas coupon service.

"After Dec. 31, when the contract with these com-

panies expires, there may be a change in the gas coupons," said Di Muccio. "But for now, it's a very straight-forward, name-only transition."

Currently, gas coupons are honored at Eni, Esso, and AGIP gas stations throughout Italy.

Electronics Technician Senior Chief Darin Vazquez, a sailor stationed in Naples, said he didn't think Agip's name change would cause much confusion for people who use gas coupons in the area. "I don't think the change will have a positive or negative effect," he said.

For more information, contact the tax-free office at (081) 568-5439.



Gas stations that currently bear the name of AGIP will soon change their name to Eni. Service members can still use their gas coupons at the Eni stations. (Logo from www.eni.it)

VETERANS

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About six months into his first deployment, the base was getting hit by fire twice a day, he said.

"Something I'll never forget is the morning wakeups," Maldonado said. "I would wake up a few minutes each morning before the attacks would happen, and put on my flip flops and my body armor and grab my weapon and head to the bunker. Pretty much everyone would already be in there waiting for the morning attack. By that point, it was pretty routine."

Maldonado later deployed for 15 months to Qatar in 2006 and again to Iraq in January 2009.

He said wearing heavy body armor during deployments took a physical toll. But if he hadn't deployed, he would have never met his wife, who was part of a National Guard unit attached to his division's signal unit in 2004.

"The deployments affected me in some ways bad, some ways good," Maldonado said. "But they definitely shaped me into who I am now."

MC1 John Parker

Naval Support Activity Naples

Parker deployed three times to Iraq between 2006 and 2008 as a combat cameraman, staying about seven months each time.

More than anything, he said, he remembers the camaraderie shared between sailors and soldiers there, and how grateful the Iraqi people were for their help.

"We weren't just fighting a war, we were helping them rebuild their nation and their pride," Parker said. "Every time I went on a humanitarian mission to help hand out food and supplies, the people were very thankful. The kids were always smiling and just wanted to shake our hands."

He said being there and interacting with Iraqis firsthand made him feel that his presence was worthwhile.

"For a kid to be able to walk down the street and not step on a landmine was a big deal," he said. "At the end of each day in Iraq, I felt I was making a difference."

Parker made a difference, too, in the lives of members of the Special Forces unit he was attached to in 2007, earning a Bronze Star for his actions.

While deployed in Baghdad on Oct. 10, 2007, he stepped on a pressure-plate improvised explosive device, which exploded backward and hit the people behind him.

He immediately began securing the area

and helping provide medical aid.

In a letter to his wife after the incident, he wrote: "That was the day I walked past death," he recalled.

Still, he sees his time in Iraq as the greatest part of his Navy career.

"I wouldn't have traded those three deployments for anything else I have done," he said.

Lt. Johnathan Oakes

U.S. Navy Medical Service Corps, U.S. Naval Hospital Naples

When Lt. Johnathan Oakes deployed with the 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines, 2nd Division in 2007, he was a second-class petty officer working as a corpsman. During his eight-month deployment in Ramadi, he remembers most vividly the relationships he developed with the marines he treated.

"You get to know them as people — where they're from, their likes and dislikes — not just as a highly trained infantry machines," he said.

Meanwhile, the marines grew to truly appreciate the corpsmen — affectionately known as "docs"— in a combat environment, Oakes said.

"They know they don't have to worry about getting injured. They know doc's got 'em," Oakes said.

Those relationships, forged under the threat of hostile fire, make losses in the unit especially hard, he said.

Two weeks before his marine unit was scheduled to return home, two of its marines, Cpl. Jonathan T. Yale and Cpl. Jordan Haerter, died in an explosion.

"The hardest part was we had two weeks left in-country," he said. "The fact that their families know that they're coming home, and then something like that happens...It was very hard for a lot of people."

The experience helped motivate Oakes to complete his graduate degree and achieve his goal of becoming an officer when he came home, he said.

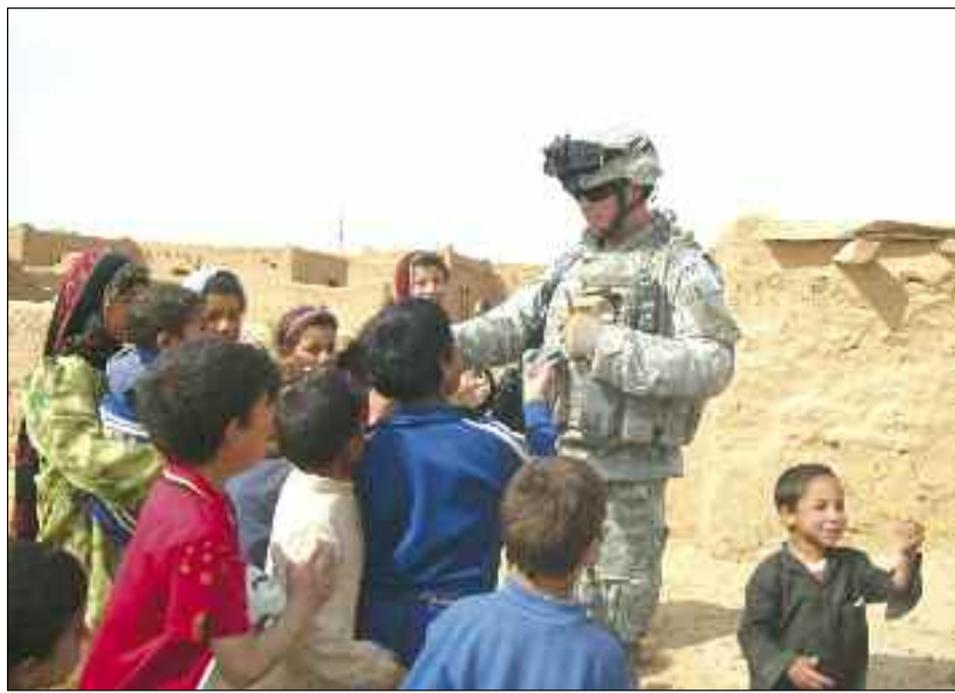
"I was so driven because of that experience," Oakes said. "I said, 'I need to get this done.' You can always go back to the people that are not here anymore, and they don't have the opportunity. They're gone. You think about that, and every day you are graced with having a good day on this earth, you give 110 percent."

Master Sgt. Terrance Brooks

2nd NATO Signal Battalion, Allied Joint Force Command Naples

Brooks was twice deployed to Iraq as part of a J6 signal unit supporting a Special Forces group.

At the Joint Operations Center where he



Capt. Patrick VanKirk, shown here when he was a lieutenant deployed in Iraq between 2006 and 2007, gives pencils to Iraqi children. (Photo courtesy of Patrick VanKirk)

worked, every day he walked past a wall with pictures of all the special operations soldiers or sailors who died in the war.

Two of the people on the wall were members of his unit.

"What goes through your mind is, 'Why?'" Brooks said. "Why this person? How many more? Am I going to be the next one?"

He said he turned to his Christian faith to find answers.

"I rely on my faith for everything, whether it's being in a combat zone or how to deal with a situation in regular everyday life," Brooks said. "It always comes back to my faith. And I did rely on my faith to answer those questions."

Brooks didn't suffer any injuries during the war, but some of that was due to luck. He remembered an incident when a rocket landed at his base, but failed to detonate.

"The rocket went over the wall and it hit the ground right next to our gymnasium, but it didn't explode," Brooks said. "That situation did scare me, and it did let me know I was not immune."

He said his time in Iraq gave him a new appreciation for the importance of communications during war.

"We're providing real-time information to combat commanders and senior commanders, so everybody knows what's happening on the battlefield in real time," Brooks said. "I think that's a real accomplishment, and it makes me proud I was able to contribute."

Capt. Patrick VanKirk

2nd NATO Signal Battalion, Allied Joint Force Command Naples

VanKirk deployed to Iraq between Jan. 2006 and Feb. 2007 as a lieutenant with the 1st Brigade, 1st Armored Division.

As part of the brigade reconnaissance troop, he would go out and meet with the local people in the Tal Afar region of Northern Iraq.

One of the things he remembers the most was the impact his unit had on the lives of Iraqis, he said.

"We would go out to the different schools and see what kind of stuff they needed," VanKirk said. "It was nice to be able to bring those things to their community."

Often he would take part of his casual pay and exchange it into Iraqi dinars to give to local children, he said.

"A thousand dinars is only about \$1.25," VanKirk said. "I'd get dinars and I'd give them to the little kids, and they were happy."

In return, the locals helped his unit stay aware of nearby threats, he said.

"The kids came up to our vehicles and would say, 'there's a bomb over there,'" he recalled. "And sure enough, we'd go over there, and there was."

He'll never forget how much of a difference those small acts of friendship made, he said.

"We gave the kids 1,000 dinar, and they saved our lives," VanKirk said. "That's a success story, I think."

MC1 Jack Georges

Commander Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia

Georges deployed twice to Iraq as a combat photographer attached to the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force Arabian Peninsula. Working mostly at night during his deployments in 2008 and 2010, he recalls rarely seeing the sun.

"I was pretty much a vampire," Georges said. "I didn't see much daylight, except coming back in the morning from a mission."

The danger associated with being attached to a special operations unit quickly began to change his perspective on everyday life, he said.

"Every day there was that element of uncertainty," Georges said. "I think it brings you an appreciation for all the safety you experience at home."

Seeing the living conditions of the Iraqi people also gave him renewed appreciation for American comforts, he said.

"You see these kids who basically live with nothing," he said. "I saw this girl who had an empty tin can, and it had wire wrapped around it so she could drag it would roll. That was her toy. You really get an appreciation for the fact that life as it is back in America doesn't exist in the rest of the world."

He, too, views deploying to Iraq as one of the best things he has ever done.

"To see the sheer magnitude of the operation, it was mindboggling," Georges said. "To fathom that it's over, that everyone's coming home, it's strange. But it's a good thing."



U.S. Special Forces soldiers train in Iraq. (U.S. Navy photo by MC1 (NAO) John Parker)

The meaning of sacrifice

By Lt. Jonathan F. Oakes
Medical Service Corps, United States Navy

Sacrifice. What does that word mean to you? To American veterans, that word contains much more meaning than many can imagine. The men and women of the American Armed Forces who have served and are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan know the word sacrifice well.

Lives, limbs, and the innocence of youth have all been sacrificed during these conflicts. To veterans of the armed services, both past and present, this word holds meaning throughout their service —

whether on deployments, training missions, or just during their day-to-day jobs.

Families of military members also know this word better than most. A military spouse knows the meaning of sacrifice by taking on the responsibilities once shared by two in regards to raising children, paying bills, and handling the everyday tasks that hold a family together. And the parent who has watched a son or daughter grow up and decide to serve their country and willingly enter into harm's way knows the meaning of sacrifice as well.

One poignant story of ulti-

mate sacrifice is that of Cpl. Jonathan T. Yale and Cpl. Jordan Haerter. Both Yale and Haerter were infantrymen assigned to the 2nd Marine Division and were serving with 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines and 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment respectively when this story takes place. These two brave corporals were killed in action while deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Ramadi, Iraq.

On the morning of April 22, 2008, both Cpl. Yale and Cpl. Haerter were standing their post at the assigned control-entry point just outside the forward operating base. At about 7 a.m., a truck laden with approximately 2,000 pounds of explosives maneuvered quickly around the forward obstacles and headed

straight for the compound, which was holding 33 Marines and 21 members of the Iraqi police. Both Cpl. Yale and Cpl. Haerter reacted without hesitation — just as their Marine Corps training had taught them to. They stood their ground and with accurate firepower were able to bring the charging vehicle to a stop before it exploded — well before the main compound, saving many lives.

On February 20th, 2009, both Cpl. Yale and Cpl. Haerter were posthumously awarded the Navy Cross for their selfless actions that day.

Their sacrifice on that day allowed many Marines to go home to their families and loved ones. This Veterans Day, those Marines who were in that compound in Ramadi will

remember and be forever grateful for Cpl. Jonathan T. Yale and Cpl. Jordan Haerter's sacrifice.

This particular story holds special meaning to me, because I was a member of 2nd Battalion 8th Marines in Ramadi as a corpsman on that fateful day. I remember that day vividly.

It is appropriate to speak about sacrifice on Veterans Day and to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country and to ensure those veterans from the past and present are honored and never forgotten.

Lt. Jonathan Oakes served in Iraq from Oct. 2007 to June 2008 as a corpsman assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine Division.

"Vino Novello," "Semiramide," "Musical Autumn" and harvest fests top November events

By Lou Freed

This is a beautiful time of year in Campania to view Mother Nature's palette in burgundy, red and gold as well as to rejoice in her bounty through harvest fests. Nature's change of color also marks the beginning of dramatic operas in Naples. What's more, as we honor our veterans today, Italians and French vintners pay homage and offer a toast to their favorite Samaritan soldier saint. Look into these events, along with other artistic and musical offerings below, to help enhance your upcoming Thanksgiving celebrations.

St. Martin and "Vino Novello"

While Campanians believe San Gennaro protects Naples from adversities, San Martino is said to bring back the sunny days of summer in November. Tradition holds that as a Roman soldier, the saint embraced Christianity and lived according to its principles. He once saw a poor, cold beggar with whom he shared his cloak, a gesture that miraculously brought sunshine to a cloudy day in Amiens, France, where the Samaritan was serving at the time.

The miracle has since been linked to the fermentation of "Vino Novello" (New Wine) said to end on Nov 11, the day when wine growers uncork and fete the "nectar".

"L'estate di San Martino" at Marcianise

Tomorrow and Sunday, the medieval town will throb with tarantella music, energetic dancing, craft displays and people infected by the fun, while the Novello fills the senses. Visitors will be tempted by culinary specialties, which in the past included bean and gnocchi dishes plus grilled mozzarella. Event details are posted at <http://www.majeutica.it>

-At Mignano Monte Lungo, "Vino Novello" spells music

A year ago, Cicuta of Mignano

in Caserta province welcomed visitors with an "Ode to Novello"; this year, the residents will entertain guests with a "Hymn to Novello". Whether or not the town is a breeding ground or a hangout for poets and musicians is unknown. Why not investigate by joining the local festivities tomorrow starting at 7 p.m.? Ancient culinary flavors such as "ciceri," "tagliarielli," sausage and broccoli stew along with accordion and barrel organ music are usually part of the lively scene. For details, log onto http://www.prolocomignano.it/prossimo_evento.html.

- "Sagra della pizzette e vino cotto" reigns this weekend at Scisciano

Celebrations begin tonight through Sunday with lots of New Wine complemented by "tagliatelle alle boscaiola," fried "baccala" (codfish) and roast pork. Don't miss the arts and crafts displays, especially the unique "pizzetta" (pie) made with a grape skin-flavored crust. Festivities begin at 7 p.m. View the poster and details at <http://www.circolosanmartino.it/>

Opera

San Carlo Theater unwraps lyrical season on Nov. 18 with Rossini's "Semiramide"

The first of the 2011-2012 San Carlo Theater operas underscores November's theme of remembering the departed. Gaetano Rossi based his libretto for the two-act opera on Voltaire's tragedy, "Semiramis," which in turn recalls the legend of the Babylon Queen Semiramis. Historians note Rossini's overture in the opera is among the composer's "finest contributions to the genre and deservedly one of the most popular."

In the work, Queen Semiramide conspires with her ex-lover, Assur, who successfully assassinates her husband, King Nino. Her son Arsace escapes death and later surfaces in

Babylon as a military commander, whom the Queen does not recognize. She falls in love with Arsace, proclaiming him as consort and monarch. Then King Nino's ghost appears, an occurrence pivotal to the suspenseful and tragic turn of events for the Queen.

Performances are scheduled for Nov 18, 20, 22, 24, 25, 27, 28 and 30. Book through the San Carlo Theater at 081-797-2331 or visit www.teatrosancarlo.it.

Music

Grammy Award-winning pianist at San Carlo Theater Nov. 24

Experience the regal surroundings of the theater on Thanksgiving Day during the performance of the Hungarian maestro, András Schiff. On the program is a series of variations by great European composers: Zwölf Variationen B-Dur über ein Allegretto KV 500 (Mozart), Variations sérieuses op. 54 (Mendelssohn-Bartholdy), Variationen F-Moll Hob. XVII: 6 (Haydn), Thema mit Variationen Es-Dur (Schumann), 33 Veränderungen über einen Walzer von Diabelli op. 120 (Beethoven) and Variationen (Diabelli). Concert begins at 8:30 p.m. Book through the San Carlo Theater at 081-797-2331 or visit <http://www.teatrosancarlo.it>

Catch classical "Musical Autumn" tunes in various Caserta towns

With several venues available to musicians, the Caserta province buzzes with concerts this time of year. Check out the morning or evening programs organized by the Anna Iervolino Association in Casola di Caserta Nov. 12 to 13, then in Capua's Palazzo Fazio on Nov. 13. The music moves to Pietravairano Nov. 25, then to Vaccheria di Caserta Nov 26 and 27. Ultimately, Caiazzo holds a concert on Nov. 27. Visit <http://www.suonieluoghidarte.com/> for details.

Art

"Young Ribera: Early Years in Rome, Parma and Naples 1608-1624" continues at Capodimonte Museum

Forty works from public and private collections have been assembled for the exhibit on the Spanish artist, Jusepe de Ribera, one of the greatest exponents of Caravaggio's art style ("naturalism" and "tenebrism") in Italy and Europe.

Located in the Raffaello Causa Gallery of the Capodimonte



The community of Acerno in the Salerno province invites everyone to its chestnut festival activities this weekend, which include a parade of horses and free horse-drawn cart rides. (Photo by J. Freed)

Museum, the display traces the artist's early career development in Italy, from the time he arrived in Rome in 1609 to his later move to Naples in 1616, where he worked until 1624. The show focuses mainly on religious works produced on the "boot", many of which demonstrate Caravaggio's dramatic influence on Ribera. View the brochure at http://www.polomusealenapoli.be.niculturali.it/mostre_cp.asp Exhibit ends Jan 8.

Harvest Fests

-Chestnut

Mugello, near Florence, is Italy's main chestnut growing area, but Campanian towns are blessed with them as well. This weekend, Acerno in the Salerno province celebrates chestnuts with lots of entertainment, including a parade of horses and free rides on horse-drawn carts. See the list of event activities at <http://www.prolocoacerno.it>.

-Olive Oil

Situated in Piedimonte di Matese of Caserta province, Sant'Angelo di Alife honors the

"liquid gold" on Nov 26. More event details will soon be posted at the town's Proloco website.

-Fest of Fests: "La sagra delle sagre" returns to Sant'Angelo dei Lombardi Nov 12-13

This medieval town's 10th century Lombard Castle will be the setting for the two day "mother of all food fests" this weekend.

The castle will be filled with wood, wrought iron and ceramic creations from local artists, while the streets leading to the structure will be lined with a variety of foods, including mushrooms, truffles, cheese, chestnuts, honey and jams.

Since Avellino is known for fine, robust wines, visitors can bring home Taurasi, Aglianico and Greco di Tufo from the prestigious cellars of Barrasso, Caggiano, Mastroberardino, Struzziero and Terredora. As in other festivals, music and performers will combine to entertain visitors. For queries, contact Sant'Angelo dei Lombardi's Pro Loco at 0827-24-123 or info@prolocoaltairpinia.it.

Buon divertimento!

Explore the Christmas Markets of Northern Italy with the USO

From the USO

Escape to a magic world of gluhwein, exclusive Christmas ornaments, tasty treats and unique gift ideas! Every year the picturesque cities of Bolzano, Merano, Bressanone and Trento come to life with hundreds of holiday inspired stands; attracting thousands of excited visitors every year.

Originating in Germany centuries ago, the Christmas markets traditionally began at the beginning of Advent, giving villagers an opportunity to get together and celebrate the festive season during the long winter nights. The same applies today – nothing gets you in the festive mood quite like a trip to a Christmas market!

This part-Italian, part-Austrian land will captivate you with its medieval streets, gothic facades, churches, museums and glittering shops. Here you'll find pizzerias and bier-kellers side by side, where hearty food is accompanied by local wine and where dessert is as likely to be apfel strudel topped with tasty ice cream...Italian style. Your kids will be fascinated by the children's attractions and the horse-drawn coach rides, and you will fall in love with the secluded niches to savor aperitifs and the local specialties, all while the authentic aura of an Alpine Christmas pervades the medieval streets.

Each town lights up with a magical atmosphere, where a variety of stallholders in their delightful little huts will be offering tasteful seasonal gifts such as handmade wooden, glass and ceramics, charming Christmas tree decorations, and many other exclusive items.

The USO is hosting its annual "Christmas Markets of Northern Italy" tour from December 15 to 19. If you want to start off your holidays in a festive spirit, take advantage of this unique opportunity.

Tour includes overnight bus transportation, two nights at a four-star hotel in Bolzano, three breakfasts, daily excursions to Merano, Bressanone and Trento, and USO group leader assistance.

For more information on these and other USO holiday tours and events, log on to www.uso.it or call 081-568-5713 or 081-811-4903.



A sculpture of St. Martin sharing his cloak with a beggar. Today, Italians pay homage and offer a toast of "Vino Novello" to the Samaritan soldier saint, who was believed to bring the sunny days of summer in November.

How to travel Space Available on government flights



A passenger services representative at the Naval Support Activity Naples Capodichino Air Terminal assists Quartermaster Chief Neil Parker by answering questions about traveling Space Available. Flying Space A can be a good way to save money, but it is important to be patient and prepared when going through the process.

Story and photos by MC3 Caitlin Conroy, Navy Public Affairs Support Element-East Detachment Europe

Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples offers Space Available, or Space "A", travel at the Capodichino Air Terminal for qualifying government employees and their families.

The Space A travel program is a travel benefit that allows eligible government employees and their dependents to occupy Department of Defense (DoD) aircraft seats that are surplus after all space-required passengers and cargo have been accommodated.

Here are just some things to know before deciding to travel Space A.

For starters, flight information only

becomes available about three days in advance for non-scheduled flights. Regularly scheduled flights, called rotators, operate approximately every other week. Anyone can call to check flight schedules, but only those eligible can sign up.

"Signing up for a flight in person or via email is best," said Luigi Sciascia, supervisor for passenger services at the Naples Air Terminal. "Since we only receive information about three days prior, being registered on a Space A list is a crucial step because names are put in order of when a person signed up. You have a better chance of being the first person called if you sign up in advance."

Registering for a flight means that you

are placed on a roster that includes the date you signed up and your eligibility category.

Eligibility is broken up into six different categories. For the purpose of vacationing, categories II and III are generally applicable to government employees and their dependents. Category II covers eligibility for sponsors and their dependents on environmental morale leave, or EML, as well as DoD Dependent School (DoDDS) teachers and their accompanying family members in EML status during the school year holiday or vacation periods.

Category III covers government employees in a leave status as well as those on Permissive Temporary Duty (TDY) orders for the purposes of house hunting. It's important to know your eligibility category, as that helps give you a better idea of when you may get a flight after you sign up.

"Signing up is crucial because you can't travel if you're not signed up," said Kenneth Moore, air terminal director of operations for NSA Naples. "Also, roll call is one of the most important phases of the program. It's used to signify the beginning of the space available seats on a flight."

In order to be able to travel you have to be signed up and at the terminal prior to the start of roll call.

"If you arrive to the terminal late or if you aren't signed up already, then you have to wait until that complete process is done to see if there are any available seats left," said Moore. "Even then, though, there is no guarantee of you getting on that particular flight."

Once registration is complete, travelers can remain in the registry for up to 60 days, or for the duration of their leave or authorization orders, whichever comes

first. During that time you may show up for your flight of choice, and if there's room aboard the aircraft after all active duty personnel have boarded, an air terminal staff member will begin the roll call process. If your name is called you will begin the check-in process immediately.

While this seems like a simple process, it is important to remember to arrive at the terminal roughly two hours ahead of a projected flight and be ready to board the aircraft.

Packing carefully is also important, as flights allow passengers a maximum of two checked bags per person, weighing no more than 70 pounds each. Two carry-on bags are allowed, but they must fit in either the overhead bin or under the seat. This is the maximum allowed, and can be subject to change if the aircraft you will be flying on has other weight restrictions in place.

One other important thing to remember about Space A travel is that seats on flights go to those on official business first. This can include service members in a permanent change of duty station status, those on emergency leave and even distinguished visitors. Check what your eligibility is beforehand so you have a better idea of your chances of getting on a flight.

"One important thing people need to remember is that flying Space Available is not a guarantee," said Moore. "It's important to remain patient throughout the entire process. Plan your leave accordingly and make sure you know the rules of the air terminals you may be transiting through. Most importantly, arrive early and ready to go when you show up for a flight."

To find out more information about how to travel Space Available, visit <http://www.amc.af.mil/> or call the NSA Naples Capodichino Air Terminal at 081-568-5283 or 081-568-5369.

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- 23 CISSP Test.** The Navy College Office will administer the CISSP test on Nov. 21. You must have a government issued ID to take the test. Candidates must register for the test on-line.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- THE MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL PTSA** is seeking an Asian Auction Coordinator. This is a very important position and critical to the school's fundraising success. The PTSA is also seeking a Treasurer—no experience necessary. For more information, contact NHTPTSA@gmail.com.
- THE ALLIED SPOUSES CLUB (ASC) IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS.** We need a webmaster, a publicity coordinator, a volunteer coordinator, a bazaar chair, a historian and a parliamentary authority. No experience necessary! For more information, please email club president Antonietta Alfieri Ciccone at ascpresidentjfc@gmail.com.
- 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.
- 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.
- NAVY LEAGUE OF THE U.S./NAPLES COUNCIL** is seeking board members. Contact Betty Reese at 081-526-8051 or breeese@cybernet.it.
- NAPLES OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION NEEDS REFEREES.** Anyone interested should contact Nigel Alexander at 081-721-5413 or 346-680-3282 or by e-mail to nalexander@afsouth.nato.int.
- NAPLES 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.
- NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY OPERATION CLIP & SAVE (coupons):** 081-568-3913.
- GAETA/NAPLES AREA GIRL SCOUTS** Now accepting registration 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

- SECURITY NOTE:** All DoD military or civilian personnel hosting an event off base must complete a Special Event Force Protection Plan (SEFP) 45 days in advance, regardless of organization, if the event will involve 50 or more personnel, include distinguished visitors or involve personnel wearing uniforms. FMI, contact the AT/FP Division at 081-568-5525 or visit their office in the Capodichino Security Precinct, 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.
- CATHOLIC WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL** invites community members to join the Rosary Prayer Group that meets every Wednesday at 10:30 in the Support Site Chapel. For more information, e-mail CWOCA Naples@gmail.com.
- PROTESTANT WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL** PWOC Woman's Bible Study meets every Tuesday from 9-11:30am in the Support Site Fellowship Hall. Free child care provided. For questions, contact Audrey de Rivera at 345-872-9947.
- 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.
- TOASTMASTERS** meets the first and third Tuesdays of every month. Meetings are held at the Support Site Community Center. FMI, contact Toastmasters President Leonard Augustine at 346-771-7506.
- PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS WELCOME AT ALL CONNECT THE TOTS CLUB ACTIVITIES!** The CTT Club hosts events, crafts and outings designed for you and your child (infancy through preschool). For more information on the club, visit www.meetup.com/Connect-the-Tots-Club/.
- RELIGIOUS SERVICES AT U.S. NAVAL HOSPITAL NAPLES** Tuesday Meditation & Prayer (7:15-7:45 a.m.) in the hospital chapel. Traditional hymn and praise and worship music will be provided during this time. Wednesday Roman Catholic Mass (11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.) in the hospital chapel. Call 081-811-6451 to confirm that Mass is being held. Thursday Men's Fellowship and Bible Study (6-7 a.m.) in the hospital galley.
- FILIPINO-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF NAPLES, ITALY** meets every 1st Sunday of the month at the SS Fellowship Hall at 12 p.m. FMI, contact 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 cwcnaples@gmail.com.
- THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**, San Gennaro council 14853, meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the Support Site Fleet and Family Support Center. E-mail Jaime Gonzalez at kofcnaples@gmail.com or visit <http://sites.google.com/site/kofcnaples/home>.
- 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>.
- NAPLES CHRISTIAN HOMESCHOOL ASSOCIATION** meets regularly to support families on their homeschooling journey. FMI, contact Susan Van Cleave at sdwvancleave@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.
- SAIL WITH THE NAPLES NATO YACHT CLUB (NNYC) AMERICAN TEAM.** We are looking for Americans interested in participating in dinghy races sailed at the NYC facilities on the island of Nisida. Experience not required. FMI, contact Kate Royal at kathryn.royal@gmail.com.
- 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.
- 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.
- CARNEY PARK LADIES GOLF ASSN** meets at 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.
- 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.wraithalia.it/>.



- Friday, Nov. 11 VETERANS DAY**
- 3 p.m. I Don't Know How She Does It, PG-13
- 5:30 p.m. Puss in Boots, PG
- 8 p.m. Killer Elite, R
Premiere Showing
- Saturday, Nov. 12**
- 12 p.m. Contagion, PG-13
- 3 p.m. Puss in Boots, PG
- 4 p.m. Abduction, PG-13
Premiere Showing
- 5 p.m. Warrior, PG-13
- 7 p.m. Tower Heist, PG-13
Premiere Showing
- 8 p.m. Killer Elite, R
- Sunday, Nov. 13**
- 3 p.m. Puss in Boots, PG
- 5:30 p.m. Moneyball, PG-13
Premiere Showing
- 8 p.m. The Debt, R
- Monday, Nov. 14**
- 4:30 p.m. Apollo 18, PG-13
Last Showing
- 5:30 p.m. Bedtime Stories, PG
Free Admission
- 7 p.m. Tower Heist, PG-13
- Tuesday, Nov. 15**
- 4:30 p.m. Moneyball, PG-13
- 5:30 p.m. Kung Fu Panda, PG
Free Admission
- 7 p.m. Shark Night, PG-13
Last Showing
- Wednesday, Nov. 16**
- 4:30 p.m. Abduction, PG-13
- 7 p.m. The Debt, R
Last Showing
- Thursday, 17 November**
- 4:30 p.m. Footloose, PG-13
Last Showing
- 7 p.m. Killer Elite, R
- Friday, Nov. 18**
- 3 p.m. Puss in Boots, PG
- 5:30 p.m. Tower Heist, PG-13
- 8 p.m. What's Your Number R, *Premiere Showing*



Upcoming USO Tours
Capodichino Office 081-568-5713
Support Site Office 081-811-4903
www.uso.it

USO DAILY TOURS

- Nov. 18** Wine and Dine — Downtown Naples €59
- Nov. 19** Naples Underground and Pizza Lunch €40
- Nov. 25** Make your own Neapolitan Pizza €30
- Nov. 26** Beer Factory Tour with Lunch €48
- Nov. 27** A Day in Rome... Christmas Markets Special €20

WEEKEND TOURS

- Dec. 2-3**
Motor show in Bologna €205
- Dec. 15-19**
Christmas markets in Northern Italy €329
- Jan. 12-16**
M. L. K. long weekend ski trip €565
- Jan. 14-15**
Florence and Pisa Weekend .. €165

Movie descriptions

No Children Under 10
Admitted to R-Rated Movies

TOWER HEIST, PG-13, for language and sexual content. Action/Adventure, Comedy, Crime/Gangster and Drama, 105 min. Cast: Ben Stiller, Eddie Murphy, Casey Affleck, Alan Alda, Mathew Broderick. Queens native Josh Kovacs has managed one of the most luxurious and well-secured residences in New York City for more than a decade. Under his watchful eye, nothing goes undetected. In the swankiest unit atop Josh's building, Wall Street titan Arthur Shaw is under house arrest after being caught stealing two billion from his investors. The hardest-hit among those he defrauded? The tower staffers whose pensions he was entrusted to manage. With only days before Arthur gets away with the perfect crime, Josh's crew turns to petty crook Slide to plan the nearly impossible to steal what they are sure is hidden in Arthur's guarded condo. Though amateurs, these rookie thieves know the building better than anyone. Turns out they have been casing the place for years; they just didn't know it.

ABDUCTION, PG-13, for sequences of intense violence and action, brief language, some sexual content and teen partying. Action /Adventure, Thriller and Drama, 106 min. Cast: Taylor Lautner, Lilly Collins, Alfred Molina, Sigourney Weaver, Jason Isaacs. A teen finds himself in mortal danger after realizing that his entire childhood has been built on lies. Realizing that the peo-

ple who raised him aren't his real parents after stumbling across a childhood photo of himself on a website devoted to missing children, the frightened teen flees for his life as FBI agents Frank Burton and Sandra Burns race to protect him and uncover the truth about his mysterious past.

MONEYBALL, PG-13 for some strong language. Biopic, Drama and Sports, 134 min. Cast: Brad Pitt, Jonah Hill, Robin Wright, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Chris Pratt. Billy Beane was once a would-be baseball superstar who, stung by the failure to live up to expectations on the field, turned his fiercely competitive nature to management. Heading into the 2002 season, Billy faces a dismal situation: his small-market Oakland A's have lost their star players (again) to big market clubs, and he is left to rebuild his team and compete with a third of their payroll. Driven to win, Billy takes on the system by challenging the fundamental tenets of the game.

KILLER ELITE, R for strong violence, language and some sexuality/nudity. Action/Adventure and Thriller, 116 min. Cast: Jason Statham, Clive Owen, Robert De Niro, Dominic Purcell, Aden Young. An ex-special ops agent is lured out of retirement to rescue his mentor. To make the rescue, he must complete a near-impossible mission of killing three tough-as-nails assassins with a cunning leader.

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.

Power outages at the Support Site

By Panorama staff

• Blackouts coming to Support Site

Support Site residents will experience two separate power outages in the coming weeks due to annual preventative maintenance on electrical substation transformers.

All residents will lose power on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Each building will also experience another outage sometime between Nov. 14 and Dec. 20, with the specific date varying from building to building. Public Works will hand-distribute notices to customers informing them of when their outage will occur. The full schedule of outages is also available at www.cnrc.navy.mil/Naples/CNICP_A278690.

Residents should note that they may experience short fluctuations in power (approximately 10 minutes in length) on days that their building is not scheduled for maintenance. Due to battery back-up capability, all facility and housing life safety systems will function under normal operating conditions.

Here is a schedule of which buildings are affected by power outages between Nov. 14 and Nov. 30. Note: The Navy Exchange, Commissary, food court, post office and hospital will lose power from 6 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Nov. 28.

• Monday, Nov. 14 (8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.)

Loop 2.6: Fitness Center/Pool; Villa Capri; Villa Ischia.; Villa Procida; Villa Ventotene; Villa Ponzia; Central Park/Amphitheater; Tennis Courts/Skateboard Park.

• Wednesday, Nov. 16, (8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.)

Loops 2.2 and 2.1: Village Forum Central and East, including the Chapel, Community Center, Library and

Youth Centers; Fire Station and nearby Sewer Pump; Main Gate Complex; Village Forum West, including Bambusa Restaurant, EDIS, Espresso Bar, FFSC, Laundromat, MVRO, Mini-Mart, Navy Lodge, PPSO, Navy Lodge, etc.; B2088 (Thrift Shop Only).

• Friday, Nov. 18, (8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.)

Loops 2.3 and 2.5: Bachelor Lodge; Housing Welcome Center; Bowling Alley; NEX Autoport; B2076 (MWR Hobby Shop); B2078 (MWR Warehouse and Annex); B2081 (POV); B2077 (AFRTV Studio); B2080 (Security Training Center); B2093 (Back Gate Complex); B2074 (Housing Maintenance Facility); B2075 (Public Works).

• Saturday, Nov. 19 (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

Loops 1.0, 1.6 and 1.7: All Housing Units; B2057 (Elementary School); B2058 (High School); B2059 (School Cafeteria, School LAN); School Bleachers (including Fire Pump Station); 2065 Child Development Center; 2070 Telephone Switch Facility.

• Monday, Nov. 28, 2011 (6 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

Loops 2.0 and RCEB: All buildings previously listed as part of Loop 2; Hospital; Retail Center, including the Commissary, Exchange, ITT, NFCU, NEX Vendors, Food Court, Theater, Post Office, etc.; B2086 (Hospital Energy Bldg); and B2091B (NEX Energy Bldg).

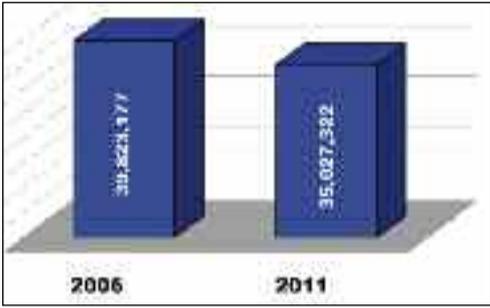
• Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011 (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

Loops 1.4 and 1.11: Housing Units B2001; B2002; B2003; B2004; B2005; B2006; B2007; B2008; B2009; B2010 and B2011; B2150; B2151; B2152; B2153; B2154; B2155; B2156; B2157; B2158; B2159; B2160; B2161; B2162 and B2163.

Energy conservation

Electric Consumption for Capodichino

From NSA Naples Energy Management



From 2006 to present day NSA Capodichino's low-cost electricity conservation efforts have saved us over 4,795,855 kilowatt hours; securing a better future for our families through reducing waste of our planet's resources. Our diligent effort in shutting computers down when not in use and using natural light instead of wasting electricity may have gone unnoticed to the untrained eye, but the results of our work is easily observed in this chart.

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CEMETERIES

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The World War II Sicily-Rome Cemetery and Memorial is located on a 77-acre plot along the northern edge of the Italian town of Nettuno, approximately 40 miles south of Rome. (Photo by MCC Jason Morris)

The Tablets of the Missing are a series of stone tablets engraved with the names of those service members whose bodies were never found. These numbers represent approximately 39 percent of the burials pertaining to the Northern Italian Campaign, according to the ABMC website.

Both cemeteries are open 363 days a year, including Italian holidays. The only two days they are closed are Dec. 25 and Jan 1.

The ABMC, created by Congress in 1923, is a part of the executive branch of the federal government. Its mission is to design, construct, operate and maintain permanent American cemeteries in foreign countries.

More information, including driving directions and GPS coordinates, can be found at <http://www.abmc.gov/cemeteries/cemeteries.php>.



Individual Force Protection Plans (IFPP)

All Department of Defense personnel and their adult family members on official or unofficial travel outside of Italy must complete an Individual Force Protection Plan (IFPP). IFPPs are mandatory if one of the following criteria is met:

- If the destination country or region has a State Department Public Announcement or Travel Warning in effect.
- A U.S. Mission (Embassy/Consulate) is not present and the State Department or responsible Chief of Mission cannot extend normal consular protection services to U.S. Citizens.
- Travel includes any of the following countries: Russia, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Turkey, Israel, Lebanon, Albania, Kosovo, Serbia, and all Africa Nations.
- Travel is out of Area of Responsibility (AOR) as required by AOR Commander. (CONUS, Alaska, Hawaii, and U.S. Territories are exempt).

For more information, please contact the Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Division at 081-568-5525 or 081-568-5595, or visit the office in the Capodichino Security Precinct in Bldg. 403, open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

EFMP helps those with special needs find care

By MC2 (SW) Jeff Troutman
Navy Public Affairs Support Element-East Detachment Europe

Service members in the U.S. military with dependents are continually reminded throughout their career about their obligations and responsibilities to take care of and provide for their family.

However, there are times family members may require additional care that is beyond the kind normally available at our command duty stations.

Thankfully, the military has a program that helps provide loved ones with the care they may require, while ensuring service members can continue to pursue career success.

The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is a mandatory Department of Defense-wide program to coordinate service members' assignments with support for military family members with special needs. To be eligible for EFMP a family member must be enrolled in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS), have a chronic medical, mental health or educational condition that requires specialized support for longer than six months, and reside with the sponsor (or in some cases, the custodial parent).

"Every family has unique needs and EFMP enables us to create a plan that meets those needs," said Celeste Diaz Ferraro, the EFMP lead for the Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia (EURAFSWA) region. "The goal of this program is to make sure service members end up in places where their family's needs can be supported and their career goals can be met."

Because specialized care for specific needs may not be available at certain duty stations, the EFMP acts as an assignment tool. The program interfaces with other military and civilian agencies to provide comprehensive and coordinated medical, educational, community and personnel support to military families with special needs.

Because enrollment in the EFMP is a mandatory process for special needs families, it is the responsibility of the service member to find out whether they are eligible for the EFMP. In addition to being a violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice, failure to enroll in the program can result in unnecessary unaccompanied tours and separations, as well as unnecessary expenses for service members and their commands.

"A lot of people are unaware of the EMFP program, and that's hurting their chances of receiving the proper care," said Hospital Corpsman Third Class (EXW) Jason Newbold, a Military Treatment Facility (MTF) coordinator with the Fleet Medical Liaison Services Office. "It's important for families with special needs to know about and enroll in this program, not just because it's mandatory, but because it's in place to ensure their family members get the best care possible."

Due to the sometimes complicated process by which the program determines which special needs require special treatment in a specific location, Diaz Ferraro said that families with special needs sometimes view the EFMP as more of a hindrance than a help. That's not the case, she said.

"People have been afraid of this program because of myths and misconceptions they hear. Enrolling in EFMP can actually help your career development because you plan ahead for the assignments you need and get priority in assignments," said Diaz Ferraro. "You're able to focus on your mission knowing that your family is well taken care of and you have access to extra services – such as respite care or autism services – at low or no cost. It's when service members fail to be proactive that problems such as unanticipated early returns, reassignments, added expenses and other unexpected consequences crop up."

The EFMP will not decrease service members' chances of being promoted or keep them from their billet of choice, Diaz Ferraro said. Service members always have the option of taking billets unaccompanied, and also receive priority in obtaining sea and shore duty assignments in locations that support their family needs.

By proactively enrolling in the EFMP, families with special needs can avoid unexpected and unnecessary family separation and stress.

The EFMP estimates approximately 385 active duty Navy families (not including other service branches) are enrolled in the program across the EURAFSWA region, but it is likely that 1,100 families in the region are eligible to enroll. Commander, Navy Installations Command estimates that Navy-wide, 30 to 50 percent of eligible families are not enrolled.

Not sure if you're eligible for EFMP? Learn more about enrollment and benefits online at http://www.bit.ly/Navy_EFMP, or by calling 081-568-6951.

Local contacts for the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP)

EFMP Coordinator

(manages program enrollment, status updates, program information)

HM2 Maria-Charisse Floto, HM2 Adriana Taizan, HM3 Jason Newbold.

Patient Administration, U.S. Naval Hospital Naples, Ground Floor
Email: fleetliaison@med.navy.mil Phone: 081-811-6325.

Fleet and Family Support Center EFMP Liaison

(provides information and resources to assist families with special needs)

Tammy Metcalf, Fleet & Family Support 1st Floor, Village Forum (Navy Lodge), Support Site.

Email: tammatha.metcalf@eu.navy.mil Phone: 081-811-6559.

EFMP Regional Lead & Case Manager

(provides case management for families and training for commands)

Celeste Diaz Ferraro, CNREURAFSWA Region Fleet & Family Support Capodichino, Admin III Bldg., Rm. 229

Email: celeste.diazferraro@serco-na.com Phone: 081-568-6951.



What to do during an Earthquake

From the NSA Naples Emergency Management Office

The Naples area has a long history of seismic events. The sudden and violent shaking experienced during an earthquake is caused by the shifting of plates and breaking of subterranean rocks. Earthquakes can happen without warning almost anywhere and at anytime, so you and your family should be prepared.



How Can I Prepare for an Earthquake?

- Minimize hazards in your home and workplace by bolting shelves, bookcases, china cabinets, and other tall furniture and strapping the water heater to studs in the walls.
- Identify a safe place in every room of your home where nothing can fall on you, such as under a sturdy table, against a wall, or in a doorway.
- Practice earthquake drills as a family so everyone knows what to do, such as conducting "Drop, Cover and Hold-On" drills.
- Ensure you have a fully-stocked disaster kit (visit links below).

What Do I Do If There Is an Earthquake?

If you are indoors:

- Do not run outside, as you could be injured by falling debris.
- If possible, DROP to the ground, take COVER under a sturdy table or piece of furniture, and HOLD ON until the shaking stops.
- The electricity may go out, so don't use elevators.

If you are outdoors:

- Move away from buildings, street lights, and utility wires or anything that could fall into somewhere open.
- Sit or lie down in a safe place until the shaking stops.

If you are in a moving vehicle:

- Stop as soon as you can, away from buildings or anything that could fall. Stay in the vehicle until shaking stops and watch for hazards when exiting.

What Do I Do When the Shaking Stops?

- Check yourself and others for injuries. Provide aid to those needing help.
- Stay tuned to AFN Radio on 106 & 107 FM and TV for information and instructions.
- Expect aftershocks, which can come minutes, hours, or days after an earthquake.
- Report your status using the Navy Family Accountability and Assessment System (NFAAS).
- Check NSA Naples' social media sites for updates.

Where Can I Find Additional Information?

- US Department of Homeland Security: <http://www.ready.gov/earthquakes>
- NFAAS: <https://navyfamily.navy.mil>
- U.S. Geological Survey: <http://www.usgs.gov/>

VOLCANIC AWARENESS

Present level of alert on Vesuvius: BASIC LEVEL (Green)

Present level of alert on the Phlegraean Fields: BASIC LEVEL (Green)

— Information compiled by PO2 Miguel Huerta

NSA Naples Weekly Crime Report for Oct. 31-Nov. 6

- **Traffic Accidents**2 (1 off base, 1 on base)
- **Vehicle Break-In**3 (3 off base)
- **Underage Drinking**1 (1 on base)
- **Communicating a Threat** 1 (1 on base)
- **Stolen Vehicle**1 (1 off base)
- **Shoplifting**2 (2 on base)
- **Pick-Pocketing**1 (1 off base)

Pick Pocketing (off base). On Oct. 31 at approximately 2:40 p.m., DEPENDENT reported pick-pocketing that occurred earlier that day in Naples, Italy. Victim reported that while she was shopping, she realized her wallet was missing from her purse.

Stolen Vehicle (off base). On Nov. 1 at approximately 7 a.m., E-4/USN reported a vehicle theft that occurred earlier that day in Gricignano, Italy. Victim reported he parked his vehicle outside of his residence and upon returning the next morning, he noticed it missing.

Vehicle Break-In (off base). On Nov. 1 at approximately 8:45 a.m., E-6/USMC reported a vehicle break-in that occurred Oct. 31 in Pinatemale, Italy. Victim reported he parked his vehicle and upon returning noticed his passenger side window broken and multiple items missing.

Vehicle Break-In (off base). On Nov. 2 at approximately 10:28 a.m., E-5/USN reported a vehicle break-in that occurred earlier that day in Naples, Italy. Victim reported he parked his vehicle and upon returning noticed his passenger side window broken and multiple items stolen.

Vehicle Break-In (off base). On Nov. 2 at approximately 2:15 p.m., E-4/USN reported a vehicle break-in, that had occurred Oct. 31 in Licola, Italy. Victim reported he parked his vehicle at a friend's residence and upon returning noticed his window and lock broken and multiple items stolen.

Shoplifting (on base). On Nov. 3 at approximately 12:25 p.m., NSA Security was notified by NEX Loss Prevention of a shoplifting incident that occurred that day. Loss Prevention reported that a DEPENDENT was caught on video surveillance shoplifting. Subject was detained and barred from the NEX.

Shoplifting (on base). On Nov. 3 at approximately 4 p.m., NSA Security was notified by NEX Loss Prevention of a shoplifting incident that occurred that day. Loss Prevention reported that a DEPENDENT was caught on video surveillance placing a shirt underneath her shirt and trying to leave the NEX. Subject was detained and barred from the NEX.

Underage Drinking (on base). On Nov. 3 at approximately 11:30 p.m., NSA Security was notified of an E-3/USN who provided alcohol to minors earlier that day. Subject was detained on the suspicion of providing alcohol to minors.

Communicating a Threat (on base). On Nov. 4 at approximately 5:05 p.m., E-3/USN reported someone communicating a threat on Facebook. Complainant reported she received a message from an E-4/USN that day stating that he was going to burn down the base. NSA Security detained the subject and contacted his Chain of Command.

FFSC TIP OF THE WEEK: ANGER MANAGEMENT

From the Fleet and Family Support Center

Anger is a natural emotion. It only becomes a problem when we let our anger control us. When anger is expressed in a healthy manner, there is no loss of control. Using effective communication is one way to control our anger. Effective communication allows you to state your position and needs without yelling. This way you are heard and the other person is not getting defensive.

1. A reaction is automatic, no thought is involved. Sometimes anger produces a reaction, such as "road rage," for example. Anger management requires making choices. You can choose how you respond to any situation. When you choose to respond you are taking responsibility for your actions. Responsible people respond, not react.
2. Unmanaged anger comes at a cost to you. These costs may include loss of a relationship, loss of a job, and involvement with law enforcement. Learning to manage your anger now will save you in the future.
3. Your body will let you know when your anger is nearing the "danger zone." Pay attention to what your body is telling you. Notice any physical signs such as increased heart rate, rapid breathing, clenched fists, muscle tension, headache or stomach ache. These are signs you need to take steps to reduce your anger.
4. Notice what triggers your anger. Is it certain situations, other people, or even yourself? You can choose to respond differently to a trigger by adjusting your attitude. Going into a situation with a negative attitude will often produce a negative result. Try to be positive and make that positive attitude a self-fulfilling prophecy.
5. Another component of anger management is changing your behavior. If you keep doing something in a manner that produces negative results, try a different approach. Change can be difficult and a little unsettling. However, once you discover you have a choice in your behavior, it can open up a world of positive change for you.
6. Anger management hint: When you feel so angry you can't think straight, give yourself a "time out". The first rule in a time out is to recognize the signs that you are losing control of your anger. Next, remove yourself from the situation before you say or do something you will regret. Once you are away from the situation, try to relax. Maybe you can take a walk, read a book, or meditate. Practice several relaxation techniques before you get angry so you know what works for you when you do get angry. Finally, be sure you return to the situation once you have calmed down. These will put you in a more effective problem-solving frame of mind.



The Naples Aquarium features 23 display tanks lined with volcanic rock, which are illuminated naturally from the skylights in the roof.

Another one of Naples hidden gems: Stazione Zoologica di Napoli

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Have you ever driven on Via Francesco Caracciolo along the Naples waterfront and seen the beautiful old building surrounded by a gated park, and wondered what it is? Believe it or not, it is the oldest aquarium in Europe. The Stazione Zoologica di Napoli, or Naples Aquarium, was founded in 1873 and opened on January 12, 1874. It was the first aquarium in Europe opened to the public.

This predominantly scientific aquarium's policy is to contribute to the preservation of the marine environment. In 1983, the Naples aquarium started a rehabilitation program whereby wounded loggerhead sea turtles from the gulf of Naples were recovered, rehabilitated and released. These turtles are commonly victims of maritime traffic, pollution, or are wounded by hooks or nets.

This aquarium is a unique example of a nineteenth-century research station that has continued to operate in its original form right up to the present day. The facility features 23 display tanks lined with volcanic rock, which are



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illuminated naturally from skylights in the roof.

It may not be the most visually stimulating or as large as its other European and American counterparts, but its somber, almost antique atmosphere embodies the age in which it was founded, making it a monument of extraordinary historical importance.

One very interesting fact about this aquarium is how it gets its water. The seawater is supplied by

a 'semi-closed' system, in which the water is pumped from two large underground cisterns into the tanks and then flows back down, during which time about one third of the water is replenished. The water is drawn from the sea in front of the aquarium, about 300 meters offshore.

The aquarium also collaborates with the local authorities, such as the Coast Guard, to provide temporary shelter for marine animals in emergency situations. These may include the stranding and incidental catching of dolphins, sharks and sea turtles.

During the past few years, the aquarium of the Naples Zoological Station has enhanced its status as a unique historical monument and collection of marine life by providing a full range of educational, ecological and research activities, which ensure its place among the world's most up-to-date aquariums. This is a wonderful place to bring the whole family, and a very inexpensive treat that the kids will love. The aquarium is open from November through February from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Adult tickets are €1.50 and kids' tickets are €1, so grab the family and take a trip downtown to enjoy true Neapolitan pizza and a visit to Europe's oldest aquarium.

Free bus transportation to the Mergellina area

Want to visit the aquarium? Morale, Welfare and Recreation is offering free transportation to the Naples waterfront area on Saturday, Nov. 26. Trip lasts from 8:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Register at least two days in advance by calling the Information, Tours and Travel office at 081-568-4471 or 081-811-7007.

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. The customer service hours are: Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Applications are accepted at the Security Pass and ID Office at Capodichino, 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.

NEW CUSTOMER SERVICE OPERATION HOURS: Starting Monday, Oct. 31, 2011, the Commander Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia (CNREURAFSWA) Human Resources Office (HRO) at Capodichino will begin new customer service hours for some services.

On Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, the following HRO services will be open only from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.:

- ID/CAC CARDS (DD1172-2)
- Requests for an Official Passport (DD1056)
- Logistical Support Letters
- Work Certificates

U.S. POSITIONS

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

CLOSING 17 NOVEMBER

Protocol Specialist, GS-0301-12, ANN#EUR12-171402-EG, Full Time Permanent

HR Assistant (O/A), GS-0203-05 KPP 06/07 OR GS-0203-06 KPP 07 OR GS-0203-07, ANN#EUR12-189399-JC, Full Time Permanent

IT Specialist (SYSADMIN/CUSTSPT), GS-2210-11 KPP 12 or GS-2210-12, ANN#EUR12-195457-AV, Full Time Permanent

Computer Assistant, GS-0335-07, ANN#EUR12-145643-JC-R1, Full Time Permanent

IT Specialist (INFOSEC/NETWORK), GS-2210-12, ANN#EUR12-193332-JC, Full Time Permanent

Safety & Occupational Health Specialist, GS-0018-11, ANN#EUR12-186630-AG, Full Time Permanent

Transportation Assistant, GS-2102-06, ANN#EUR12-195050-AG, Full Time Permanent

Supervisory Physical Security Specialist, GS-0080-12, ANN#EUR12-155467-AG, Full Time Permanent

Accountant, GS-0510-11 KPP 12 or GS-0510-12, ANN#EUR12-188327-EG, Full Time Permanent

CLOSING 24 NOVEMBER

Security Specialist (Multiple Positions), GS-0080-12, ANN#EUR12-180120-EG, Full Time Permanent

OPEN CONTINUOUS ANNOUNCEMENT

Educational Aid (CDC/CYP), GS-1702-02 KPP 03 KPP 04, ANN#EUR11-920861-AG, (Multiple Positions), Full Time Permanent, Next Cut Off-Date: 10 Nov 2011

CANCELLED

Financial Technician, GS-0503-06, ANN#EUR11-082255-SC, Full Time Permanent

General Marine Surveyor, GS-0873-12, ANN#EUR11-176079-SC, Full Time Permanent

Operations Specialist, GS-0301-09, ANN#EUR11-101196-JC, Full Time Permanent

Supervisory Training Instructor, GS-1712-11, ANN#

EUR11-159838-AG, Full Time Permanent

COURTESY U.S. VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Navy Federal Credit Union is hiring full-time branch management and supervisor and full- and part-time member service representatives. Apply at the branch or www.navyfederal.org, select "Careers" and "Employment Opportunities," or inquire at the branch.

Naples Religious Ministries is hiring. The paid service contract of Protestant Director of Religious Education will become available as of Dec. 15, 2011. A detailed statement of work is available at both the Support Site and Capodichino Chaplains' Offices. Resumes need to be turned in no later than Wednesday, Nov. 30. For more information, please contact the NSA Chaplains' Offices at 081-811-4600 or 081-568-3539.

LOCAL NATIONALS (LN) POSITIONS

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

CLOSING 17 NOVEMBER

Financial Technician, Ua-0503-06, ANN#LKUDJ0-191-628-AG, Part-Time Permanent

CLOSING 24 NOVEMBER

Engineering Technician, UA-0802-01, ANN#33191-1954-64-AV, Full Time Permanent

CANCELLED

Administrative Support Assistant (O/A), Ua-0326-05, ANN#62588-157004-AG, Full-Time Permanent

"If you have any questions, 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 please 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 Base, Navy Exchange Food Court area from 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 Nov. 21, 2011."

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/FleetAndFamilyReadiness/AboutFleetAndFamilyReadiness/Jobs/index.htm>

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

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 yrs old.

Youth Program Assistant, CY-1702-I/II, ANN#10-069, (Multiple Positions) flexible/ regular Youth Programs, Support Site/Carney Park. Assembles or gathers materials and equipment necessary to execute School Age Care for children ranging from 6 years old to 9 years old, School-Age Care Pre-Teen for children ranging from 10 years old to 12 years old, and Teen Center Program for children ranging from 13 years old to 18 years old. Receives and releases children to/from authorized parents or guardian.

Recreation Aid, NF-0189-01, ANN#10-022, flexible, NOR Center, Carney Park. Provides and maintain 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 the customers in the recreation center with recreational events.

Recreation Aid, NF-0189-01, ANN#12-002, flexible, Auto/Skills Center, Support Site. Provides information concerning facility, operation 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, operation 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.

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

Recreation Aid, NF-0189-01, ANN#11-082, flexible, Reel Time Theater II, 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.

Information Technology Specialist, NF-2210-04, ANN#11-118, regular full time, Administrative Division. Acts as the primary point of contact for the support of day-to-day operations of local servers and computer related systems plus hardware for MWR Division. Open until filled.

Food Service Worker, NA-7408-04, ANN#11-136, Flexible, Bowling Center, Support Site. Performs a variety of tasks such as grilling or frying pancakes, hamburgers, hot dogs, bacon, eggs, sausage, by watching while the items are cooking, turning as required; regulating temperature and removing when done. Open until filled.

CNREURAFSWA NRBO NAF U.S POSITION

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.

NAF LOCAL NATIONAL POSITION

Maintenance Worker, Uc-4649-07, ANN#12-021, permanent full time, Morale Welfare and Recreation Department, Gaeta. Closing date: 11/18/2011.

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 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#065-11 Store Worker/CC/NA-02/RFT Closes: 11/11/11. Pay Rate: \$10.23. Performs various duties in connection with loading, unloading, verifying of merchandise, in an Exchange store, store-room and /or location, or moving/stacking layaway merchandise in assigned locations.

Ann#034-11 Sales Clerk/SL-Ladies/NF-01/Flex. Closes: 11/11/11.

Pay Rate: \$8.00-\$10.00. Responsible for displaying and selling women's apparel and accessories to customers exercising professional selling techniques.

DIST. CTR, GRICIGNANO Ann#028-11 Warehouse Worker/72/NA-05/Flex. Closes: 11/18/11. 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.

GRICIGNANO MINI MART Ann#059-11 Sales Clerk/MM/NF-01/Flex. Closes: 11/18/11. Pay Rate: \$8.00-\$10.00. Responsible for selling general merchandise to customers exercising professional selling techniques.

CAPODICHINO NEX MART Ann#050-11 Lead Cashier Checker/CC/NF-01/RFT. Closes: 11/11/11. Pay Rate: \$8.00-\$11.00. Responsible for leading a minimum of three (3) 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: 11/18/11. Pay Rate: \$8.00-\$10.00. Responsible for selling general merchandise to customers exercising professional selling techniques.

Ann#061-11 Customer Service Clerk/NF-01/RFT (2) POSITIONS. Closes: 11/11/11. Pay Rate: \$8.00-\$10.00. Performs various customer service duties which involve inventory management control, taking special orders, assisting customers with special requests, providing layaway services and resolving customer complaints.

JFC-NATO MINI MART
No Vacancies

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