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Participants in the Command Fitness Challenge compete in "Closest to the pinhead," a human bowling ball event.

The Best of the Best Come Out for Sigonella's Command Fitness Challenge

Article by Lt. J.g. Matt Knight
Sigonella Public Affairs Officer
Photos by Jenni James

The annual Command Fitness Challenge open to all NAS Sigonella commands was held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 16 May on the NAS II Softball Fields.

John Lenz, Morale Welfare and Recreation leisure activities director said that the challenge was designed to promote esprit de corps, build team unity, and give each command a chance to win MWR funds that would go directly into their commands recreation funds by competing in a series of challenging events.

Lenz mentioned that he and Michele "Miki" Gilbert planned the event and said, "In the past we did good events like kickball and dodge ball, but they have all been done before. So we wanted to throw in some new twists and turns and kind of wake the guys up here." He mentioned that this years events included: "Keep on Triking" a team tricycle race, "Skid Marks" a giant slip and slide for distance event, "Closest to the Pinhead" a bowling event with a human bowling ball, "Trinacria Relay" a three part relay race, "Life is Full of Ups and Downs" an obstacle course run through inflatable obsta-

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Motta Road Clean-up for Earth Day 2008

Article and photos by
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Sigonella Public Affairs Officer

The 2008 NAS Sigonella sponsored Earth Day cleanup event jointly participated in by NAS Sigonella volunteers and local Italians was conducted 17 May on Strada Policara between the town of Motta Sant'Anastasia and SS192 near NAS I.

The annual cleanup was designed to strengthen the bond between the Americans and Italians while making a positive impact on the environment in honor of Earth Day with a road cleanup which was followed immediately by a barbecue at the NAS Sigonella Land Annex.

According to EPA.gov April 22, 1970, 20 million people across America celebrated the first Earth

Day starting the tradition that is now celebrated across the world each year.

The 2008 NAS Sigonella command sponsored Earth Day events were postponed until May to uphold a longstanding partnership and better coordinate with the neighboring town of Motta Sant'Anastasia.

Dr. Antonino Santagati, Mayor of Motta Sant'Anastasia commented that the Earth Day cleanup with NAS Sigonella had been going on for 12 years but in the past four years the coordination between the Italians and Americans had really improved the efficiency of the event turning a five hour cleanup into a half hour. He said "this is a great achievement because of the coordination between the Italian and

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Volunteers pick up trash along the length of Motta Road for Earth Day 2008.

Driving Safe Outside the States

Article by MC2 Joshua Wink
Signature Staff

Driving in Europe is a completely different story than driving in the United States. Many people end up learning that the hard way, whether it's through a car accident, near collision or worse. In places, the speed limit is higher, the roads are narrower, the traffic is heavier and the locals drive differently.

Sometimes traffic signs are taken as a suggestion while other times they are respected and obeyed. The familiarity of the area is critical to knowing the difference and being prepared for the obstacles that are

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TOP STORIES

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You've spent 20 to 30 years serving your country, protecting the right of every American to choose where and how they want to live. Now you're approaching retirement and you have a chance to make life on your terms, rejoicing in the freedoms you've spent your adult life protecting. Find out how to make the most of it.

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Catania in the second century B.C. was a different world. Amphitheaters graced the grounds and gladiators fought tooth and nail for the entertainment of the crowd. One such amphitheater still lies below the city, partially excavated to view and get a glimpse of Catania's past.

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On any given day military members are asked to drive government vehicles that are quite different from the vehicles that they drive personally. So what should you know about the safe operations of such vehicles to prevent accidents and their possible consequences? Find out on ...

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The 2008 Active Duty Fund Drive, has, for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, been one of their best year in recent memory. Far surpassing the original goal of \$60,000 set by the NMCRS, the relief society raked in an impressive \$76,000 with a 48 percent base wide contribution.

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TRAFFIC NUMBERS

	Jan.- May, '08	Jan.- May, '07	Diff.
Accidents	130	113	+17
Injuries	22	11	+11
DUIs	5	2	+3
Traffic Deaths	2	0	+2

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DIRECT LINE

Monday, May 26th, we will pay tribute to America's sons and daughters who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our nation.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, began officially in 1868 and served as an occasion for relatives and citizens to decorate the graves of those who died in the service of their country. Memorial Day celebrates our heroes...past and present.

For some this is a difficult day. For others it's a day to revive memories of friends past. Regardless of the memory, the emotion is the same; grateful respect for the sacrifice those young men and women made, grief at the loss of their very special lives, and remembrance of their hopes, their dreams, their valor.

The Sailors, Marines, Airmen, and

NASSIG COMMANDING OFFICER CAPT. THOMAS J. QUINN

Soldiers whom we honor were each unique. They came from diverse backgrounds. They were Americans who chose service over self, principle over profit.

Memorial Day symbolizes a time for Americans to honor our past and commit to our future.

We acknowledge the debt we owe to the men and women warriors who took up arms for their families, their friends and their fellow citizens so we all could live in peace and freedom. Memorial Day reminds us that freedom is not free.

Today, Americans across the U.S. spend months away from the comforts of home and family so others may live in freedom.

Certainly those who gave their lives in Afghanistan and Iraq are most vivid in our minds. They were our neighbors, our friends,

and our family. Yet today's heroes only follow those who endured the hardships of forging a democratic nation and of securing our freedoms throughout our 232 years.

Our nation goes to war when our beliefs or our shores are threatened. We go to war because we believe in protecting the fundamental rights of people. And we fight and die for the prize of freedom not the glory of war.

To each American who died in our nation's wars, we give thanks. Thanks for making our country safer.

Thanks for sacrificing for a cause much greater than yourself. Thanks for the resounding victory of freedom over fear and hope over tyranny.

We will never forget you, and we will never relent in the cause for which you fought so bravely.

Each and every service member should take a moment this weekend to reflect on those that have gone before us, gave everything, and are recognized on this special day. Memorial Day honors those individuals' struggles and achievements. Don't disrespect their memory by making reckless, unsafe and unwise decisions this weekend; drive safe, plan ahead and don't become the next statistic.



Health WATCH

The Sicilian Sun and Your Eyes

Article by Lt. Cmdr. Jon Selbyg
 Optometrist, USNH Sigonella

If you have been on the island in August you know what I'm talking about. I stepped outside to find myself temporarily blinded and squinting my eyes behind my sunglasses while the heat radiating from the pavement started baking my skin. Two weeks later I bought some new sunglasses with a darker tint to help me feel comfortable driving and walking outside. These were the obvious effects the bright "Sicilian" sun had on me when I arrived- less obvious, but equally important, are the effects that non-visible light and more specifically Ultraviolet light can have on the long term health of our eyes and vision.

Ultraviolet light is high energy light that does not contribute to vision. In fact ultraviolet (UV) light is not considered part of the visible spectrum of light. The problem with ultraviolet light is that its high energy can cause damage to the tissues and structures in the eye as well as the skin. Some specific eye condi-

tions that have been linked to excessive UV light exposure include: eyelid cancers, cataracts, pterygium, and macular degeneration. Short term effects of UV exposure include corneal burns and irritation due to prolonged sun exposure. This may cause red, painful eyes that are sensitive to light. Over the long-term, exposure to high amounts of UV light can contribute to the development of a pterygium (growth of tissue onto the cornea), cataracts (clouding of the lens), macular degeneration (distortion and loss of the central vision,) as well as skin cancer of the eyelids.

How can you prevent the ill effects of UV light exposure? Use wide-brimmed hats to limit the light exposure to the eyes and wear sunglasses with appropriate UV filtering levels. "Wrap-around" style sunglasses will better filter light from the side, although use of a hat in conjunction with glasses will accomplish the

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NASSIG WORSHIP SERVICES

LDS Chapel in Catania
Sunday
 1 p.m. Church of Jesus Christ Latter-day Saints
 For information contact 624-1671

NAS II Chapel
Monday
 11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass
Tuesday
 11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass
Wednesday
 11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass
Friday
 11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass
Sunday
 4 p.m. Catholic Mass

NAS I Chapel
Sunday
 8:45 a.m. Catholic Mass
 10:45 a.m. Protestant Worship
 5 p.m. Fellowship Meal
 6 p.m. Bible Study

Mineo Community Center
Sunday
 9 a.m. Protestant Worship
 12 p.m. Catholic Mass

Maranai Community Center
 11 a.m. Protestant Traditional Service

Call 095-86-1205 for weekly Jewish services
Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings
 Monday, Wednesday and Fridays
 11:30 a.m.

Call 095-86-3801 for the Chaplains Office



God's Surprising Ways

Article by Fr. Ken Rodes

We all face times of great trouble at one time or other in our lives. When we do, it is so easy to forget the victories that God would work in our lives if we just call upon Him, sometimes in the most surprising ways, as this story illustrates

During the war, a U.S. Marine was separated from his unit. The fighting had been intense, and in the smoke and the crossfire he had lost touch with his comrades.

Alone in the hills, he could hear enemy soldiers coming in his direction. Scrambling for cover, he found his way up a high ridge to several small caves in the rock. Quickly he crawled inside one of the caves. Although safe for the

moment, he realized that once the enemy soldiers looking for him swept up the ridge, they would quickly search all the caves and he would be killed.

As he waited, he prayed, "Lord, if it be your will, please protect me. Whatever your will though, I love you and trust you. Amen."

After praying, he lay quietly listening to the enemy begin to draw close. He thought, "Well, I guess the Lord isn't going to help me out of this one..." Then he saw a spider begin to build a web over the front of his cave.

As he watched, listening to the enemy searching for him all the while, the spider layered strand after strand of web across the open-

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC/ SAFETY UPDATE

Traffic Court Results

E4 - Negligent backing. Member was awarded DIP.
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E4 - Other moving violations. Member was awarded DIP.
E5 - Fleeing the scene and failure to report an accident. Member was awarded 9 points, a 4 month license suspension and DIP.
E5 - Other moving violations. Member was awarded DIP.
E6 - Other moving violations. Member was awarded DIP.

NAVY News

Sailors Volunteer in Aftermath of Suffolk Tornado

Article by Lt. Penny Cockerell
Navy Expeditionary Logistics Support Group Public Affairs

As soon as the skies cleared, members of the Navy and other branches organized themselves into working crews to clean up after the April 28 tornado, in Suffolk, Va., that left \$29 million in damage in its wake.

Nearly 100 service members from the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard spent up to a week cutting downed trees, covering exposed roofs and sorting through personal belongings strewn across Suffolk neighborhoods.

Chief Warrant Officer Jeffrey Barone began mobilizing troops the day after the tornado hit. He said it was the least he could do for the com-

munity who sent shaving cream and other toiletries to the military while he was in Iraq.

Barone and teams from the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard in the Hampton Roads area took control of the cleanup efforts in Suffolk's Sadler Heights neighborhood.

Barone, a decorated Navy diver, said his crew also prevented thieves from stealing copper and stopped one opportunist from charging a homeowner \$600 for his labor.

"Being military, we knew people were going to trust us," said Barone, who is responsible for inventory and logistics support of specialized diving equipment for Naval Sea

Systems Command (NAVSEA) at Naval Weapons Station Yorktown-Cheatham Annex.

Barone and his crew also aided the Hillpoint Farms area, where the tornado hopped over some houses and flattened others. It soon became clear just whose homes they belonged to, Barone said. The Suffolk fire chief's home was condemned. Nearby, a retired Army major's personal effects were scattered.

On May 10, dubbed "Live United Community Care Day" by the United Way volunteer organization, 11 Sailors from the Navy

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NEWS BRIEFS

Asian Pacific Heritage Month

May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month—a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. A rather broad term, Asian/Pacific encompasses all of the Asian continent and the Pacific islands of Melanesia (New Guinea, New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiji and the Solomon Islands), Micronesia (Marianas, Guam, Wake Island, Palau, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Nauru and the Federated States of Micronesia) and Polynesia (New Zealand, Hawaiian Islands, Rotuma, Midway Islands, Samoa, American Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Easter Island).

The theme for Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month is selected annually by the Federal Asian Pacific American Council, a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization organized exclusively for educational purposes to promote equal opportunity and cultural diversity for Asian Pacific Americans within in the federal and D.C. governments. Marking this year's observance is the 31st anniversary of Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month.

The Filipino - American Association of Sigonella invites everyone to a Variety Show and Food Tasting on the 31st May 2008 at the NAS I DODDS Knights Hall.

All Hands E-mails

As of Monday May 12 All Hands email format has changed. The All Hands emails will be included on the bottom of the Plan of the day (POD) and attachments will only be allowed on a case by case basis. Each POD will go out at the end of the day and will only include All Hands messages received before 1600 each day. This shift is designed to streamline the current all hands system, lower the impact All Hands emails have on the email servers, and to con-

centrate the messages into 1 document.

NMCRS Looks for Volunteers

Are you looking for something to keep you busy this summer? The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is looking for volunteers to help out at the Nearly New Thrift Shop. Hours are flexible and NMCRS reimburses for child care and mileage. If interested please call 624-4212

Navy Ethos Statement as Directed by the CNO

The CNO has directed the development of a Navy ethos statement. Formally defined, ethos generally identifies the distinguishing character, culture, or guiding beliefs of a person, group, or institution. The purpose of the navy ethos statement is to communicate and emphasize the fundamental principles and values we would expect to be shared by all who serve within the navy team, military and civilian alike, no matter what community, command, specialty, or position each of us are associated with.

To enable development of an ethos statement that represents a shared view of our navy culture, your input is requested. A small team of personnel, representing a variety of warfare communities, ranks and professional experience, has prepared a draft navy ethos statement. The statement is available for review at the website: www.ethos.navy.mil, along with a brief online survey to contribute your thoughts and opinions.

The survey does require a CAC card/PKI certificate to access but does not collect any identifying information and is completely anonymous. Please visit www.ethos.navy.mil to assist in this process.

PHOTO FROM THE FLEET

Check in weekly to find out what our fellow shipmates are doing around the fleet.



U.S. Navy Photo by MC2 James R. Evans

Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) 3rd Class Aaron Austin works to replace a strike plate inside the No. 3 steam-powered catapult aboard the Nimitz-class aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72). Lincoln is deployed to the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility to support maritime security operations.

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Did you know?

Volunteering at your local Navy-Marine Corps Relief Office can be a rewarding experience? While helping clients solve their emergency needs, you can enhance your job skills and knowledge of oral and written communications, retail sales, customer service, public speaking, computer software programs, training, personnel management, and family budgeting. Opportunities for personal growth help you increase your self-confidence while you help clients achieve financial self-sufficiency. NMCRS: Service with a Smile! Contact your Sigonella NMCRS Office today! Call 624-4212 for more information. Office Hours: Monday - Friday 0900 - 1600. NMCRS: Seeking New Volunteers! **Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society**



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 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
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Finding Your Dream Place to Retire

Article by Perry Lockhart
 LIFELines

You've spent 20 to 30 years serving your country, protecting the right of every American to choose where and how they want to live. You've protected this right from the bowels of a ship in the Persian Gulf, from the E-ring at the Pentagon, and out of a recruiting office in Des Moines, Iowa. Wherever you've been asked to go, you've gone - willingly and loyally.

During your career, the detailers and monitors always worked closely with you to find the right duty station fit for you and your family. Only a couple of times did you face a needs of the service assignment, like the time your spouse said "East Coast" and the monitor said "Okinawa." Still, you and your family took those orders and made it work, because you all knew service life was like that.

Now you're approaching retirement and you have a chance to make life on your terms, rejoicing in the freedoms you've spent your adult life protecting: choosing what you want to do, when to do it, and where to do it.

Choosing the place you want to live after retirement from the military takes a great deal of thought and planning. You have to take many factors into consideration that you did

not have to consider while on active duty.

Since you are retiring in the prime of your work life, between 40 and 55 years old, you most likely will continue to work in a civilian position. Because of your age, you won't yet have to consider some of the factors that go into finding a traditional retirement community, including assisted-living, nursing homes, and senior communities. (If you want more information on these topics, check on LIFELines under Family Support and Veterans/Retiree Support sections, and visit the Military Officers Association website for information.)

Here are some of the factors to consider when choosing where to retire.

Cost of Living

It is a good idea to find out how much it costs to live in the areas you're considering. Look at housing costs, food costs, taxes - including sales, state income, property and inheritance - transportation costs, and health care. Consider whether the area is growing and may get costlier in the future. Check out Monstermoving.com for information on the areas you like.

Job Market

Because you still have many

years of employment ahead of you, take a look at the local economy where you are looking to move. Are there available jobs?

Is the job market tight? Are the kinds of jobs you are looking for available in that area, and do they pay what you want to make? Salary.com can give you a good picture of salaries in your profession by locality, so you can get an idea on what you might earn.

Locality

Get as much information as you can about the area where you might want to live. Spend as much time there as you can before you move. If you can, make a temporary move to see if it's what you're looking for. Visit the local library, chamber of commerce, and city hall for information. Go online and visit the city's websites. Also look for online local newspapers.

Climate

Determine if the climate is acceptable to you and your family. Find out how cold it gets, how hot it gets, and for how long. What kind of weather-related chores (snow shoveling, watering) will you have to do and how often? Weather.com contains weather-related information for the entire country.

Community Resources

Consider whether your prospective community has the cultural, historical, recreational, educational, and health care facilities you want. Are there any military bases nearby where you can use facilities, commissaries, medical clinics, etc? One of the greatest benefits of retirement is access to military installations for the rest of your life.

Doing your research before you move will help ensure you'll be happy in the place you choose to retire. Give the staff at Sigonella's Fleet & Family Support Center for Relocation assistance at DSN 624-4291.

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Cold
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A reminder to the community that feeding feral or wild animals on the installation is prohibited.

Sigonella's Stray Animal Facility (SAWS) has many cats and dogs just looking for a warm home and someone to love. Each week the Signature will feature animals in need of adoption.



Tulsa (Above) is a dog who loves to play fetch. His favorite toy is his orange ball and he needs a family who is willing to play with him. If you think you might be interested in him, stop by SAF and see him for yourself. Bianca (Below) is a wonderful dog who would love to come home and enjoy a nice walk. She has a great personality and would make an asset to any family.

For more information contact the Stray Animal Facility at 624-3936 or Rose Cummings at 334-383-8786.



Italian NEWS

Sicilian Culture, Events and Lifestyle

Alberto Lunetta
Signature Staff



Casteltermini Celebrates Tataratà and Holy Cross Festival



Photo courtesy of Fulvio Galione

Make sure you don't miss out on watching and enjoying the Tataratà performers battling one another in this spectacular and ancient sword dance taking place this weekend in Casteltermini during the Holy Cross Festival.



Troina, a characteristic Sicilian town nestled among the hills in the Enna province, will host a plethora of late spring and summer events for the entire family through June 8. The town is famous for being an historic military site. It was actually one of the main battlefields of WWII during the 1943 Allied Troops' liberation of Sicily.

This Sunday (May 25), Troina townspeople will begin preparation for their main religious festival by holding the traditional "La 'ddrarata," a pilgrimage which consists of riding in groups, composed of members from the local brotherhoods, on decorated horses to go to the local forests to pick laurel branches which will be later offered to San Silvestro or Saint Sylvester, the town patron saint. The parade, which begins on the evening of May 23 at 10 p.m., will cross Troina at the end of this "viaggio votivo" (votive journey) around 8 a.m. In the afternoon, the "Corpus Domini" procession including all the town religious clubs will start at 7 p.m. On Saturday, May 31, devotees will pay homage to Saint Sylvester through a not-to-miss religious procession, beginning at 5:30 p.m. In the historic heart of the town and featuring the saint's statue and relics.

Other festival highlights include: "Kubbaita" (traditional historic Arabic horse parade re-enacting the triumphal Emperor Carl V entry into town - 4 p.m. - June 1); St. Sylvester Relics Processions (5:30 p.m. / June 2); "Sagra della Vastedda cu Sannuciu," a mouth-watering food festival celebrating the most important Troina specialty, a delicious flat oven-baked bread filled with elder flowers, salami and tuna cheese. For more information, directions and detailed schedules call 0935-656981.

The Tataratà and Holy Cross Festival will once again bring the fascination of the past back to Casteltermini, a beautiful town in the Agrigento province. Amazing sword duels replicating the medieval lifestyle will be staged during a spectacular dance, whose origins are lost in time. "The festival is a unique combination of religious and pagan traditions," explains Dr. Fulvio Galione, the president of the association that annually organizes the celebrations and runs the school which trains the festival performers' folkloric group. "We have about 60 trainees who learn the sword art since they are children. They are highly motivated and put a lot of effort in becoming skilled in this discipline. They feel the Tataratà rhythm inside, just as it happens when people dance Tango! We pick the best students to stage this ancient dance on a rotation basis," said Galione.

This year, the festival will run through May 25. The word Tataratà describes the obsessive rhythm of beating drums and clanging swords which characterize this dance.

There are several theories about the origins of this festival. Some believe that it represents a fertility rite because it takes place in May during springtime. Historians maintain that the original ancestral fertility celebration gradually became a competition-like dance which symbolizes the fight between the greatest opposites in life, such as good and evil, life and death, and winter and summer.

Other historians claim that Tataratà represents a legacy of the Arab rule in medieval Sicily as it has handed down to the modern generations the traditions of the ancient Berber peasants and shepherds, who used to live peacefully in the area along with the local Christian settlers. The traditional Arabic costumes worn by the re-enactors during the dance seems to support this theory, as they indicate that the Moors have strongly influenced the local culture with their traditions.

Believing that Tataratà is the only attraction of the festival would actually mean diminishing its essence. Indeed, this elaborate folk dance complements the Santa Croce or Holy Cross Feast. A religious celebration, the Holy Cross Feast commemorates the accidental discovery, of a wooden cross which occurred before the town's foundation in the 17th century. Casteltermini became a town in 1629 and was founded by baron Gian Vincenzo Maria Termini.

According to legend, a local shepherd noticed that some cows would flee the herd to go to an area called Chiuddia where they would kneel down for hours. So, he decided to dig to see what was buried underground. Surprisingly, he discovered an ancient twelve foot-tall wooden cross. Legend has it that he tried to pull the cross out from the rock again and again, but he was unsuccessfully. The village elders then decided to erect a sanctuary on that holy site.

In 1984, a local historian decided to investigate the age of the cross and sent it International Institute for Geothermal Research in Pisa.

Based on the results of the Carbon 14 test, the analysis showed that the cross dates back to 12 AD, which means that it is probably one of the most ancient crosses of the Christianity.

In 1967, Casteltermini community decided to celebrate an official festa to honor this precious relic. However, a country fair festival used to be held since the 17th century. Tradition also holds that during these ancient celebrations, devotees carved Latin inscriptions on the cross.

Festivalgoers willing to see the original cross should pay a visit to the Eremo di Santa Croce (Hermitage of the Holy Cross), the sanctuary that is located about three kilometers from the city.

If you don't go to the sanctuary, you can see a copy of the cross that is taken in procession throughout the historic center during the festival.

Over the past four centuries, the four city confraternities, (Real Maestranza, Pecorai, Borghesi and Celibi) named Ceti, have been involved in organizing and participating through a spectacular horseback parade at this amazing three-day festival.

For those with a sweet tooth, Casteltermini offers some mouthwatering sweets. Try the delicious Cubbaita torrone (nougat with sesame seeds, honey and toasted almonds). Typical specialties also include ricotta cheese, lamb, pasta with fresh broad beans and "pitirri" (thick porridge made with rice, flour, cabbage, onion, cauliflower, prickly lettuce and fennel). Make sure you also bring home one of traditional weaved basket!

Take a tour of the town during the festival and enjoy the beautiful Baroque buildings and churches (Cathedral, Saint Joseph and Saint Anthony) architecture.

Festival Schedule

Today (Friday, May 23) the festa kicks off with the gathering of the four city confraternities in piazza Madonna del Rosario at 5:30 p.m.

Later, a procession leaving from via Verdi and heading towards piazza Duomo, (the main square) begins at 6:30 p.m.

This spectacular historic parade, which is accompanied by the town bands, features the Holy Cross that is carried on an ox-drawn cart and escorted by brotherhood members. It lasts through late evening and also includes a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

At the end of the parade, the first Tataratà dance is staged in piazza Duomo.

Tomorrow (Saturday, May 24), the festival opens at 9 a.m. with bands playing music throughout the city. In the afternoon at 4 p.m., the period costume parade of Termini and Ferreri Princes is held throughout the historic center.



Photo by Giuseppe Di Stefano

NASSIG and 41st Stormo Public Affairs Offices recently hosted the members from the FIDAPA (International Federation of Business and Professional Women) St. Agata Li Battiati club. PATRON SIG Executive Officer, CDR Sean Liedman and his courteous staff welcomed the Italian guests and offered them the traditional P3-Orion static display. The tour, which also included a small group of civil protection volunteers from Nissoria, continued with stops at the ITAF Weather and Radar Stations. PAO base tours are among the best enduring ways to promote stronger community relations between US Navy personnel and the host nation.

Later, the Real Maestranza Brotherhood's horse parade, which is accompanied by flag wavers, begins at 6 p.m.

Half an hour later, a 30-minute Tataratà dance is staged in piazza Duomo. The show is then replicated at 9:30 p.m.

In the evening, a second parade still featuring the Real Maestranza fraternity kicks off at 10:30 p.m. and continues through late night.

The last day of the festa (Sunday, May 25) begins with the early morning traditional cattle and local produce fair at 5 a.m. in piazza N. Bixio. Later, the historic and religious parades take place at 10:30 a.m. and are followed by a Holy Mass 11 a.m. during which the benediction of the brotherhood's banners is given. At the end of the Mass, Tataratà is held in the main square at 12:30 p.m. The show will be staged again at 6 p.m. Several horses and religious parades will continue to tour the town through late night.

Casteltermini is about two hours from Sigonella. It can be easily reached by exiting Caltanissetta on the Catania-Palermo highway. Follow directions for Agrigento, exit at the junction for Palermo/Aragona and then drive until you see the signs for Casteltermini.

For more info and detailed schedules, call the Casteltermini Tourist Office at 0922-929005.

Nature Walk in Motta

On Sunday, May 25, bring the family for an exciting nature walk through the Sieli hills in the Motta surroundings. At the end of this tour, you will get free scrumptious food in the historic center such as "pani cunzatu," freshly baked bread dressed with olive oil, chili pepper and sun dried tomatoes, and obviously great vino. Remember it's a free event, just show up in piazza Umberto at 9 a.m., wear comfortable shoes and bring all your friends.

Art Exhibit in Catania

Watercolor paintings on paper

and cloth by Anglo-Russian artist Irina Hale will be displayed in a solo exhibit called "Dreaming Frederick" through May 31 at the Ursino Castle in Catania. The exhibition, which has also become an illustrated book for kids, features a journey through the childhood of Emperor Frederick II of Swabia, who was nicknamed in Latin "Stupor Mundi" (Wonder of the World) for being a patron of literature and art.

Hale is an international renowned London-born author and illustrator of books for children.

Opening Hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. / 4 to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday, closed on Sundays.



Palermo-based band "Apple Scruffs" (picture above) featuring four fine Sicilian musicians, including three brothers, Alessandro Cirrone (vocals and guitar), Bruno Cirrone (vocals and bass), Mirko Cirrone (vocals and guitar) and Ferdinando Piccoli (drums), will perform tomorrow night (Saturday, May 24) at the Y's Jazz Club (located at the Duane Hotel, # 10B, viale Kennedy in the Catania playa beach area) at 10 p.m. Apple Scruffs is one of the world's most respected Beatles-tribute band. They have been successfully performing all sold out concerts across the globe and the UK including at the legendary "Cavern club" in Liverpool.

Tonight, (May 23) the "Rino Cirinnà Quartet" (Rino Cirinnà, saxophone and clarinet; Alberto Fidone, double bass; Giuseppe Tringali, drums and Claudio Quararone, guitar) will also be on the Y's Jazz Club stage at 10 p.m. Admission for both concerts is free.

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SPORTS & Fitness

“Triple S” *Be Like Mike?*

Article by CWO 4 Ronald Herb
Signature Volunteer

For more than 20 years the idea of "Being like Mike" was commercial gold. The option of being like Mike, that is Michael Jordan, was thought to be the highest praise that could be bestowed upon a young person. Jordan is widely considered [including by Triple S] as the greatest basketball player of all time. His on courts success 14 times an All-Star, five-time league MVP, and six-time World Champion clearly set the standard for basketball greatness.

Perhaps the only thing that tops his on court success is his endorsement success. Nike has used his Air Jordan line to maintain their spot at the top of the athletic apparel and supply market. Jordan also worked

extensively with Coca-Cola, Chevrolet, Gatorade, McDonald's, Ball Park Franks, Rayovac, Wheaties, Hanes, and MCI upon others.

During most of Jordan's playing career his good friend Charles Barkley was the opposite. While Barkley's playing career was top notch including 11 times an All-Star and a 2006 member of the Hall of Fame. He was seen as too much of a hot head to be considered as great as Jordan.

On and off court incidents clearly labeled Sir Charles as an outspoken player. The famous 1991 spitting incident [tried to spit on an opposing player during a game]

along with this declaration that he is "not a role model" forced many inside the NBA to handle Barkley with kid gloves.

Jordan's impact on America is clear. Rarely did he taste defeat, even with two returns from NBA retirement. As a club executive Jordan has not been very effective, the tour with the Washington Wizards was unfruitful and his current effort in Charlotte with the Bobcats has been middle of the road [the off-season hiring of new coach Larry Brown may help], but this has done little to diminish his standing in the basketball world.

During this period Barkley has found a role as a NBA TV personality and has released several books

[with the help of outside writers], and he has become a true favorite of many who take the time to listen to what he has to say. Thoughtful, clear, honest, and informed on topics that range outside of basketball, Barkley has created a niche for himself in the mainstream public.

While Jordan's impact upon the world is still mainly tied to basketball and endorsements, Barkley's impact has changed course. In 2007 Sir Charles bought a home in Alabama to establish the seven-years of residency necessary for a run at the state's Governor's Mansion in 2014. Social rights, immigration, and even the current war are all areas that Barkley has spoken out on. Shifting his party from Republican to Independent Barkley plan's to change his stance to that of a role model. Barkley still feels that parents should be the primary role models for their children,

but he has used his fame as a platform to carry that message and perhaps place himself in a position to effect even more change.

Some within the sporting elite have used their fame to deliver a social message; Jim Brown and Mohammed Ali quickly come to mind. For Michael Jordan and Tiger Woods to some degree this has been an area they have stayed away from. Clearly pursuing social change is a personal desire and no athlete or person should be looked down upon for not being an active as a role model, even though the potential of impact is great.

Triple S finds it intriguing that after all this time we might find Charles Barkley to be the basketball player who we would most like to be like. Sorry Michael, Charles has taken his game to a new level. Until next time.

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It's A Carnival!



**Friday, May 30th
4-7 P.M.**

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(Above) The entrance to the Catania Amphitheater was once decorated with elaborate marble statues.

(Below) The Cavea, the audience's seating area, which has been partially excavated from the square.



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Catania:

A World Underneath

Article and photos by [Redacted]
Signature Volunteer

Catania, second century B.C., the crowd is rushing into the newly built amphitheatre to witness the circus games. They cross the gorgeous marble and columns that decorate the entrance admiring the astonishing beauty surrounding them. They take their seats around the arena waiting for the show to begin.

Suddenly, silence, the consul appears giving the sign that the show is about to begin. "Ave Caesar morituri te salutant" or "Hail Caesar these men who are about to die salute you," this is the expression with which the gladiators greet the consul.

Gladiators fight with other men or with wild beasts imported from other Roman provinces such as Asia and Africa. Their name "gladiator" originates from the word

"gladius" which is the short sword they carry. However, not all of them have swords, which are offensive weapons; some of them have just helmets or metallic nets, which are defensive weapons. The goal here is to prove courage or cowardice by using their combat skills to tire the adversary out.

While the fight goes on, the crowd shouts inciting or deriding the protagonist. At the end of the battle, the spectators, based on the cowardice or the courage of the gladiator, shout "Mitte-Manda" to indicate "Save him" or "Jugula" to indicate "Cut his throat".

Furthermore, they use their thumb up in sense of approval, or down in sense of disapproval. The audience's decision is not final. The ultimate decision is the consul's. Sometimes, he chooses the opposite of the crowd to teach obedience. Outside the arena, a small group of folks affected by

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Underneath The City

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anemia wait for the end of the fights to go on the stage. Their role is to drink the corpse's blood to escape their illness; in other words a medieval transfusion from dead to living.

In addition to men fighting each other, there are men versus wild beasts. These animals came from exotic places of the Empire and were kept starving to improve their ferocity. Since the animals took much effort in terms of importing and maintenance, their life was usually spared unlike the gladiators.

The Romans always wanted to impress the public with performances, so they found a way to transform the arena into a small lake on which the gladiators floated on very unstable boats or rafts improvising a "Naumachia" or "Naval Battle". This show amused the spectators when these men lost balance and ended up in the water. At times, these comedies could turn into tragedies when Nile crocodiles were in the water and swallowed the

victims.

Being a province of the Empire, Catania had the amphitheatre. The structure expands underneath the city and it is visible in Stesicoro Square that opens up from Via Etnea, the main strip of Catania. The part of the amphitheatre that emerges is only less than a quarter of the original structure. The structure was unearthed by Ignazio Paterno' Castello prince of Biscari who began the excavation of the site in the 18th century. The project lasted until 1904, and only three years later in 1907 the city administration allowed visitors inside.

Access is only permitted in the area exposed to light, whereas the portion underground is off limits. The legends associated with the structure explain the reasons behind the administration choice.

The locals often tell stories of several classes of students with their teacher who



(Above) This hallway, off limits to the general public, continues on, underneath the main level of the city.

went exploring underground and never came out. Also, rumors say that underground the Amphitheatre is like a maze that tricks the visitor and swallows them. There is no record of anyone ever really disappearing. Sometimes people create stories to give a place a sort of mysterious essence. However, just looking at the site that appears in Stesicoro Square mysticism can originate from any individual imagination.

Visitors entering the amphitheater will notice arches and columns that once welcomed Roman citizens clearly appear when looking down before descending in the precinct. This part supported the "Cavea" or the audience seating area. Crossing the entrance a long hallway intersects with several others that once were used to give the public access to the Cavea. Part of the hallway that continues underground is gated because too dark

and too dangerous. Moving ahead square openings give access to a little portion of the arena. The word "arena" originates from the Latin term that means "sand material used for his property to absorb the victim's blood."

It seems that these openings were the doors from which the gladiators or the beasts came out.

The arena is suddenly blocked by a brick wall, maybe from the Prince of Biscari's era. There are some artifacts such as columns and big lava rocks with holes that were once placed on the very top of the building to hold the "Velarium" which was used to create shade and to protect from rain. On the brick wall there are still some frescos, one resembles the map of the lieu, the other seems to be a scenario of the city surrounding the amphitheatre before it was covered by the volcanic eruptions of Mount Etna.

Archeological studies determined the measurement of the site; at about 300 sq. meters, or 900 sq. feet ca.. The structure is slightly smaller than the Flavian Colosseum in Rome. Some of its remains are visible in side streets near Elephant Square. The Romans used lava rocks, bricks and marble to erect the site as well as the innovative opus caementicium (concrete). These materials together created a chromatic effect.

Beside the natural calamities that covered almost entirely the amphitheatre, historical events contributed to its abandon. When Christianity first started, the Romans persecuted its members, torturing and killing them in the amphitheatre; they were enemies of the Empire. Finally, the conversion of the Romans to the faith of Christ condemned violent shows that offended the meaning of life. It was the end of paganism and the end of the amphitheatres.



The entrance above is one of the openings from which the gladiators entered the arena.

Magnolia

Protestant Women of the Chapel

Bible study every Tuesday: 9:15 a.m. at NAS 1 Chapel
(With free child care and Home school study/gym class)
6 p.m. at NAS 2 Chapel, and 7 p.m. at the Mineo Community
Center - Find us at www.pwocsig.com or
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Wesley Holbrook of Explosive Ordnance Disposal slides his way to victory in the fitness challenge "Skid Marks" event.

COMMAND CHALLENGE
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cles, "Incoming" target practice with water bazookas and inflatable farm animals, and "Out of Gas" a timed Humvee pull.

One of the big changes to this year's challenge was switching from multiple trophies to a MWR sponsored cash prize that directly benefitted the winning team's command recreation fund, and the introduction of a travelling first place trophy, and a Spirit and Sportsmanship award, which encouraged each command to design their own uniform and bring as many people as possible to support the participants through team spirit. Lenz explained, "A command comes out here, represents their command and the overall winner gets \$500 towards their rec fund... Commands can also win an extra \$200 for the overall spirit and sportsmanship award

as well."

NAS Sigonella Public Works Department won the overall challenge as well as the Spirit and Sportsmanship award which netted them a total of \$700 towards their command fitness and recreation fund. Additionally, PWD received a travelling trophy engraved with their name that they can display in their spaces till next years competition.

The overall scores were PWD at first place with 46 points, the "Law Dawgs" at second place with 30 points, and AIMD coming in third with 26 points.

In reference to the strategy that lead to their resounding win Construction Mechanic Third Class Tydess Revilla of PWD said, "We have a can do attitude and a camaraderie with each other that follows us even in our off duty time. So it just came natural for us to do everything as one team and follow each other."

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American Side."

The event boasted an impressive turnout of volunteers from both the Americans and Italians with over 125 people helping with the cleanup effort. The Americans and Italians met at the base of the four km road for a group picture then were broken up into four mixed groups of Americans and Italians and each cleaned a one km stretch cutting down the time the cleanup took.

After the cleanup all of the volunteers were treated to barbeque provided by the Chief Petty Officers Association at the NAS I Land Annex while NAS Sigonella Commanding Officer Capt. Thomas J. Quinn pre-

sented awards to distinguished volunteers involved in the planning and execution.

Mike Scott, an environmental specialist for the NAS Sigonella Environmental Office and one of the lead planners of the 2008 NAS Sigonella Earth Day mentioned that the event was really a joint collaboration between the Italians and Americans, involving two busses from Motta Sant'Anastasia elementary school and two busses from NAS Sigonella. He pointed out that the collaboration didn't stop with the volunteers and said, "there is a lot of security that goes into it... in advance of the event our military working dogs swept the area, then around 9:30

a.m. the Carabinieri and the Polizia Municipale closed down the road."

Scott explained that the main groups responsible for making the event possible were the NAS Sigonella Environmental Office, Public Works, Carabinieri, Polizia Municipale, NASSIG Security, the CPO Association, First Class Petty Officer Association, NASSIG Chaplains and Public Affairs Office.

Petty Officer First Class Derrick Kpodo-klegeson, President of First Class Petty Officers Association and an active participant in the cleanup and barbeque said "I think it's great... It builds an alliance between us and the town of Motta. Ultimately I think it was a success."

GOV's: Handle with Care

Article by MC2 Joshua Wink
Signature Staff

On any given day military members are asked to drive government vehicles that are quite different than the vehicles that they drive personally.

Often times these vehicles are larger and handle differently than what they might be personally use to, increasing the chance of getting into an accident.

The precautions service members should take to safely operate government vehicles also varies from what they practice in their own vehicle. Blind spots tend to get bigger as the vehicle gets larger. Sometimes there isn't a rear view mirror. Perhaps the dimensions of the vehicle won't allow it through certain spaces. The handling could be different and it might take more room to make a sharp turn. These obstacles have to be overcome with a better understanding of the vehicle that is being driven.

There are, however, things that can be done to prevent accidents from occurring. In the absence of a rear view mirror the driver should use a backer, someone to guide them out of the space that they are in. If the vehicle has a wide turning radius it might need to make a three point turn and larger vehicle tend to have a higher center of gravity which can make turning at higher speeds more dangerous.

Since January 2008, there have been 27 reported accidents involving government vehicles, 8 of which had been accidents involving fixed objects according to base security. When these accidents occur it not only costs the Navy money to repair them, it could also cost the service member financially to repair it.

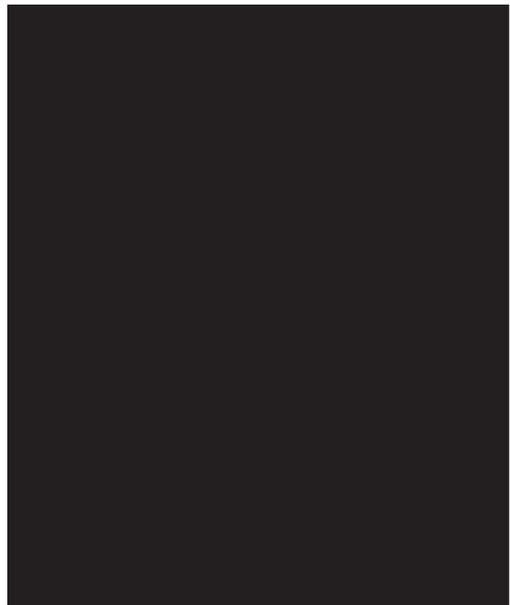
Inattentive driving seems to be the main cause for most of the accidents involving government vehicles,

but negligent driving could result in some undesirable consequences.

"If negligence or recklessness is proven, a service member could be held financially responsible for the charges of the damage, or disciplinary measures could be taken," said Master at Arms First Class Bryan Roelike. "If an accident is caused by inattentive driving, the member could receive a traffic citation, go to traffic court and have to attend a DIP class, which is a driver improvement program, reteaching the service member how to drive."

In addition to inattentive driving and negligence, people also follow the mindset that they will take better care of something that belongs to them rather than somebody else.

"I think that people tend to take better care of their own vehicles, but they need to realize that if they cause damage to the government vehicle and it's proven they could be held financially responsible for paying for it, just as if it were their own vehicle," said Roelike. "People should always be careful, whether they are driving a POV or a GOV," he added.



A bag of trash is ready to be collected as more is gathered on Motta road for Earth Day 2008.

Military Media

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NAS I Pool

Due to a failure of the boiler system for Splashers Pool on NAS I the anticipated target open date is July 17. The NAS II Pool hours will be adjusted.

Child and Youth Programs

Camp Adventure is Back!

Camp 'A' - Youth Center, grades 1 - 6

Camp 'A OK' - CDC, kindergarten

New! Camp 'Andiamo' - two days in Marinai and two days in Mineo, grades 1 - 8

Contact the CDC at 624-3736 or the Youth Center at 624-3711

Midtown 2 Theaters

Memorial Day: May 26

Free small popcorn with paid admission
Poster giveaways

SpareTime Bowling Center

Colorama Glow-in-the-Dark Bowling

NEW START TIME beginning May 31

Saturday nights at 8 p.m.!

Lane reservations begin at 7 p.m.

Take 5

Cure the Monday Blues:

May 26

Wii Tournament:

May 27

Liberty

Kartodromo Go-Karting: May 25

Pantalica Hike & Swim: May 28

Wood-Oven Pizza Dinner: May 30

Corleone & Winery Weekend: June 14 - 15

Scopin' Out Scotland: July 1 - 8

ITT Gear-n-Go

Siracusa II & Seafood Restaurant

May 24: Depart: NAS II 8 a.m., NAS I 8:30 a.m.,

Return: 5 p.m. - \$30 + bring euro for fees and food

Circumetnea Antique Train Adventure

May 24: Depart: NAS I 6:45 a.m., Return: 4:30 p.m.

\$30; includes fees + bring euro for food

Agrigento: Valley of the Temples & Tatarata Festival (Casteltermini)

May 25: Depart: NAS II 7 a.m., NAS I 7:30 a.m.,

Return: 8 p.m. - \$36, includes entrance fees + bring euro for food

Mussomeli Castle and Regaleali Winery

May 26: Depart: NAS II 6:30 a.m. NAS I 7 a.m.,

Return: 6:30 p.m. - \$112, includes fees, wine tasting and lunch

Acireale and McDonald's

May 30: Depart: NAS II 8 a.m., NAS I 8:30 a.m.,

Return: 3 p.m. - \$24 + bring euro for food and shopping

Bread Baking Class

May 31: Depart: NAS I 8:30 a.m., NAS II 9 a.m.,

Mineo 9:30 a.m. Return: 2 p.m. - \$5 for transportation + bring €20 for the class

Palermo I

May 31: Depart: NAS II 6:30 a.m., NAS I 7 a.m.,

Return: 7 p.m. - \$34 + euro for fees and food

Taormina and Alacantara Valley

June 1: Depart: NAS II 8:30 a.m., NAS I 9 a.m.,

Return: 6 p.m. - \$30, bring euro for food, shopping and entrance fees

Fitness

Family Rock Climbing Orientation Night

May 23: 5 - 6:30 p.m., 6:30 - 8 p.m. at The Cave

Sign your family up for an hour and a half of rock climbing fun! Sign up ahead of time at Fit District.

FREE

Sports

Pick-Up Basketball

Sundays: 2 p.m. at Fit District

Teen Center

Paintball: May 24 from 4 - 6 p.m.

Show us what you got! \$5 for equipment rental and \$10-\$20 for paint.

Bowling: May 30 from 6 - 8 p.m.

Come and have some fun!

Mineo Recreation Center

Ice Cream Sundaes: May 30 at 5 p.m.

National Blueberry Cheesecake Day: May 24

MAY 23 - MAY 29

MIDTOWN MOVIE THEATER

MOVIE HOTLINE: 624-4248

SCHEDULE

MOVIE DESCRIPTIONS

Friday, May 23

- 12:00pm Never Back Down PG-13 114 min.
- 3:00pm Superhero Movie PG-13 85 min.
- 5:00pm 21 PG-13 118 min.
- 5:30pm The Bank Job R110 min.
- 7:30pm Drillbit Taylor PG-13 100 min.
- 8:00pm Stop Loss R 113 min.
- 9:30pm Iron Man PG-13 126 min.

Saturday, May 24

- 2:00pm Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian PG 140 min.
- 2:30pm Shutter PG-13 85 min.
- 5:00pm Speed Racer PG 129 min.
- 5:30pm Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns PG-13 100 min.
- 7:30pm Superhero Movie PG-13 85 min.
- 8:00pm 21 PG-13 118 min.
- 9:30pm Doomsday R 109 min.

Sunday, May 25

- 2:00pm Horton Hears A Who! G 86 min.
- 2:30pm 21 PG-13 118 min.
- 4:30pm Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian PG 140 min.
- 5:00pm The Bank Job R110 min.
- 7:00pm Stop Loss R 113 min.

Monday, May 26

- 2:00pm Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian PG 140 min.
- 3:00pm Superhero Movie PG-13 85 min.
- 4:30pm Iron Man PG-13 126 min.
- 6:00pm Doomsday R 109 min.

Tuesday, May 27

- 5:00pm Horton Hears A Who! G 86 min.
- 5:30pm Penelope PG 89 min.
- 7:30pm Stop Loss R 113 min.
- 8:00pm 21 PG-13 118 min.

Wednesday, May 28

- 12:00pm Never Back Down PG-13 114 min.
- 3:00pm Speed Racer PG 129 min.
- 5:00pm 10,000 B.C. PG-13 109 min.
- 5:30pm Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns PG-13 100 min.
- 7:30pm The Bank Job R110 min.
- 8:00pm Shutter PG-13 85 min.

Thursday, May 29

- 3:00pm Penelope PG 89 min.
- 5:00pm 21 PG-13 118 min.
- 5:30pm Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian PG 140 min.
- 7:30pm FREE ADMISSION
THROWBACK THURSDAY
Indiana Jones Last Crusade PG-13 126 min.
- 8:00pm Drillbit Taylor PG-13 102 min.

Drillbit Taylor (PG-13)

Ryan, Wade and Ermit attend their first day at high school and they're pumped... until they meet up with Filkins, a school bully who comes off like a little Hannibal Lecter. Before they become completely engulfed in Filkins' reign of terror, they seek out some protection by placing an ad in Soldier of Fortune magazine. Their best response - and the cheapest - comes from Drillbit Taylor, a down-on-his-luck soldier of fortune who lives a homeless - he likes to say "home-free" - existence on the beach. He enrolls them in some physical and mental training.

21 (PG-13)

The true story of the very brightest young minds in the country - and how they took Vegas for millions. Ben Campbell is a shy, brilliant M.I.T. student who - needing to pay School tuition - finds the answers in the cards. He is recruited to join a group of the school's most gifted students that heads to Vegas every weekend armed with fake identities and the know-how to turn the odds at blackjack in their favor. With unorthodox math professor and stats genius Micky Rosa leading the way, they've cracked the code. By counting cards and employing an intricate system of signals, the team can beat the casinos big time. Seduced by the money, the Vegas lifestyle, and by his smart and sexy teammate, Jill Taylor, Ben begins to push the limits. Though counting cards isn't illegal, the stakes are high, and the challenge becomes not only keeping the numbers straight, but staying one step ahead of the casinos' menacing enforcer: Cole Williams.

The Bank Job (R)

A car dealer with a dodgy past and new family, Terry has always avoided major-league scams. But when Martine, a beautiful model from his old neighborhood, offers him a lead on a foolproof bank hit on London's Baker Street, Terry recognizes the opportunity of a lifetime. Martine targets a roomful of safe deposit boxes worth millions in cash and jewelry. But Terry and his crew don't realize the boxes also contain a treasure trove of dirty secrets - secrets that will thrust them into a deadly web of corruption and illicit scandal that spans London's criminal underworld, the highest echelons of the British government, and the Royal Family itself...the true story of a heist gone wrong... in all the right ways.

Chronicles Of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG)

One year later, the Kings and Queens of Narnia find themselves back in that faraway wondrous realm, only to discover that more than 1,300 years have passed in Narnian time. During their absence, the Golden Age of Narnia has become extinct and Narnia has been con-

quered by the Telmarines and is now under the control of the evil King Miraz, who rules the land without mercy. The four children will soon meet a curious new character: Narnia's rightful heir to the throne, the young Prince Caspian, who has been forced into hiding, as his uncle Miraz plots to kill him in order to place his own newborn son on the throne. With the help of the kindly dwarf, a courageous talking mouse named Reepicheep, a badger named Trufflehunter and a Black Dwarf, Nikabrik, the Narnians--led by the mighty knights Peter and Caspian--embark on a remarkable journey to find Aslan, rescue Narnia from Miraz's tyrannical hold, and restore magic and glory to the land.

Doomsday (R)

The year is 2008, and a pandemic threatens to wipe out the whole of the human race. For many in the United Kingdom--the epicenter of the outbreak--the end is nigh, so why bother to keep count? Within days of detection of the Reaper virus millions are infected in Scotland, the killer diseases home turf. Government has no choice but to declare the country a hot zone and quarantine the populace in hopes of containing the Reapers spread. What was once Scotland is now a forgotten No Mans Land, with the Reaper given free reign to annihilate the population sealed inside. A quarter of a century later, with a new outbreak of the Reaper resurfacing in London, it becomes apparent that the governments best laid plans have gone completely, bloody awry. Department of Domestic Security (DDS) Chief Bill Nelson is summoned to meet with the prime minister and the true power behind his office, Michael Canaris, who reveal satellite photos of Reaper survivors in the hot zone. And survivors must mean there's a cure. Nelson quickly assembles a crack team of specialists to venture into the forsaken land and retrieve the counteragent to the virus. For the tough and efficient commanding officer, Major Eden Sinclair, the assignment represents a disquieting homecoming. Twenty-five years earlier, she had been shoved into one of the last evacuating military choppers and flown to safety--forced to leave her mother behind. Once on the other side of the immediately re-secured border, the squadron is on its own, venturing into a ghoulish terrain of corpse-strewn, forlorn cities. All too soon, however, the crew meets up with a pack of feral survivors, and finds itself unwittingly standing in for the callous government that turned its back years before.

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Prom Night, Forgetting Sarah Marshall

EOD Trains with Special Operations Airlift at Sig

Article and photos by Master Sgt. Dennis Brewer
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Members of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit 8 jumped at the chance to stay current on their high altitude low opening parachute task requirement 8 May with the help of the 352nd Special Operations Group's 'Quiet Professionals' and the mighty MC-130M Combat Talon II.

The 352nd SOG is on temporary duty assignment to Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy, preparing for the unit's Operational Readiness Inspection which is slated for

early 2009. EOD jumped four times from the rear of the highly specialized aircraft, and the aircraft crew worked on landing and takeoff training between jumps.

"We take the opportunity to train with any aircraft passing through Sig," said Aircrew Survival Equipmentman Chief Nathaniel Spencer. "We've worked with the SOG before, and

today's sorties have been excellent."

Airmen also accomplished on load and off load of the highly trained specialized personnel from one of the Navy's premiere career fields, which helps keep their skills sharp in preparation to work with the many different types of special operators to include other countries as well as other services.



Airport Ground Handlers Apprehended for Stealing U.S. Mail

Article courtesy of Fleet & Industrial Supply Center Sigonella

The Joint Military Postal Activity Atlantic (JMPA-ATL), a division of the Military Postal Service Agency (MPSA), located at John F. Kennedy, New York and Newark, New Jersey airports, has reported the apprehension of seven Swissport workers who perform mail and cargo ground handling services for Delta Airlines.

The arrests were made as a result of ongoing training and investigations over the past year by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS), MPSA, JMPA-ATL, and Fleet and Industrial Supply Center Sigonella (FISCSI), the Navy command responsible for providing postal products and services to Navy activities throughout Europe, Southwest Asia, and Africa.

"The apprehension of these individuals can be credited to FISCSI's robust working relationship

with USPIS and JMPA-ATL and intensive postal offense/force protection training at each postal facility throughout the FISCSI AOR [area of responsibility]," said Jeffrey Gibbs, FISCSI's regional postal director.

In 2007, Gibbs met in Rome with USPIS inspectors and Rome Fiumicino Airport Italian Guardia di Finanza, Customs, and State Police officials to develop U.S. and Italian partnerships in prevention of mail thefts and incidents.

In February 2008, FISCSI asked USPIS inspectors to provide training in Sicily, Italy to its regional supply officers and program directors, which focused on Force Protection techniques pertaining to the U.S. mail system. The USPIS inspectors stressed the reporting all theft and tampering incidences of U.S. mail destined to personnel stationed in Europe, Southwest Asia, and Africa.

"Emphasis was placed on timely and thorough reporting to gather

the proper evidence to enable our USPIS partners and local Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) agents to gather the proper evidence to investigate suspected areas where trends indicate thefts may be occurring," said Gibbs.

While in Sicily, the USPIS inspectors provided the same training to FISCSI Fleet Mail Center personnel involved in the mail handling process, and met with local NCIS officials, Catania airport police, and the Naval Air Station Sigonella Security department.

In addition to the Swissport arrests, Italian officials also apprehended ground handling personnel involved with mail theft at the Rome Airport in 2007.

Swissport is a contracted ground handling company providing services for airlines at New York and New Jersey airports.

If you suspect that your mail has been tampered with, contact your local FISC postal representative for assistance.

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Active Duty Fund Drive Exceeds Expectations

Article by MC2 Joshua Wink
Signature Staff

For 2008, the Active Duty Fund Drive has been one of the best years in recent memory for the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.

Far surpassing the original goal of \$60,000 set by the NMCRS, the relief society raked in an impressive \$76,000 with a 48 percent base wide contribution, up from \$41,000 with a 37 percent turn out last year.

"I think that the enthusiasm of our key people this year, coming up with new and creative fund raising activities, is what helped us succeed," said Roni Nocon.

In addition, the NMCRS utilized a speakers bureau, which is a combination of staff and volunteers, to go out and talk with each command about what the NMCRS does for the community.

"When the community knows where their donations are going it makes a big difference in the amount of support that we receive," said Nocon.

The main mission of the NMCRS is to provide financial assistance to the Navy and Marine Corps for need-based emergencies. Such assistance comes in way of emergency travel, basic living expenses, spousal tuition assistance, disaster relief, combat casualty and funeral expenses.

In fact, 100 percent of all the contributions collected by the NMCRS goes right back to the Sailors and Marines that need it. Last year the NMCRS provided \$46 million worth of relief Navy wide with \$150,000 alone coming back to Sigonella.

Each command did their part this year to assist the NMCRS in reaching and exceeding the goal set for the Active Duty Fund Drive, which was held from March 1 to April 15.

From the AFN Radio-thon to Public Works Dino Dig, most commands found unique, fun and innova-

tive ways to raise money.

"This year we received a lot of community support. People came out very energetic and offered their time to make this fund drive work," said Nocon.

In charge of overseeing the fund drive this year was Lt. Brian Donovan, the volunteer regional coordinator, who was not only responsible for Sigonella, but responsible for Bahrain and Souda Bay as well.

The local coordinator of the fund drive, Lt. j.g. Alan Vaught, was responsible for the organization and volunteer planning for the commands here at Sigonella.

"I would like to send a sincere thank you to all of the commands, especially to our fund drive community here. Because of their enthusiasm and support of Navy Marine Corps Relief Society we can continue to offer all of the programs that we do," said Nocon.

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encountered. Recently there have been enough traffic accidents to cause concern for Sigonella and its population, most notably at the intersection of SS 192 and SP 106 and in the city of Catania.

"Our emphasis on traffic safety is just to get people to slow down, to be more conscious and just to protect themselves," said Captain Thomas J. Quinn, Commanding Officer of Naval Air Station Sigonella.

According to Master at Arms First Class Bryan Roelike, inattentiveness is the principle cause of accidents at the intersection of SS 192 and SP 106, two of the most traveled roads by American drivers and connecting NAS I to NAS II.

At this intersection, drivers trying to beat the oncoming traffic are paying more attention to the traffic on SP 106 and not the traffic that is in front of them. When this happens the car in front of them may come to a halt without the driver behind them aware of this, this causes the second car to rear end the first.

In Catania, the traffic can be quite heavy at times. There is a lot of shuffling of vehicles for position and right of way combined with a lot of stop and go traffic and narrow streets. This can be a dangerous situation for people lacking the patience of getting from point A to point B, or a lack of understanding of how the local residents drive.

"We have to do two things," said Capt. Quinn. "First, we have to

slow down. We're just driving too fast. The second thing that we have to do is drive more defensively. Because of the environment that we're in, and you see other drivers violating laws and driving aggressively, we begin to assume some of those characteristics and start taking risks in a car in Sicily that we would never take in America."

In all there have been a total of 130 accidents this year by American citizens, of which 22 resulted in injuries and one that resulted in two deaths.

"We've had two traffic deaths this year, which were fatal; we can never replace those people," said Capt. Quinn. "It was by far the worst day of my command tour here, January 26 at 1430 when Seaman [Mark] Gipson and Michael Dean Hancock died, and I don't want that to continue."

According to base Security, the SS 192 has alone resulted in 19 accidents followed closely by NAS II with 18, Catania with 16, the SS 417 with ten and Misterbianco with nine.

Statistics show that the majority of these accidents are occurring during the day between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. which means that the higher level of traffic is playing a greater role in accidents than not being able to see during the nighttime hours.

"Common sense in a car, that's what I'm looking for, and I think if people slowed down and drove more defensively, we would get our accidents down a lot," said Capt. Quinn.

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same thing. Extra care should be taken during the peak exposure times from 10:00 to 15:00 in the summer months and also at high altitudes (climbing Mount Etna for example.) Remember that the need for UV protection doesn't end on a cloudy day as UV light can easily penetrate through a cloud layer.

Sunglasses need not be expensive to be beneficial. Many "cheap" sunglasses filter appropriate amounts of UV light because they are often made of a polycarbonate material which is inherently UV absorbing. UV filtering ability is not dependent on the darkness of the lens, but on the chemical properties of the lens mate-

rials and coatings. In fact, clear plastic lenses can have a coating applied to them that filters out all harmful UV light. Also keep in mind that UV filtering is not guaranteed to be present in expensive sunglasses- when purchasing sunglasses, check with the optician or carefully read the labels to make sure the lenses filter 99-100% of UV light. Some contact lenses are made with special materials that filter UV light (check your contact lens packaging to find out.)

If you are unsure if your current glasses are protecting your eyes from ultraviolet light stop by the Optometry department at the naval hospital to have the UV absorption of your glasses or sunglasses measured by the Naval Hospital's Optician.

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ing of the cave. "Ha, he thought. "What I need is a brick wall and what the Lord has sent me is a spider web. God does have a sense of humor."

As the enemy drew closer he watched from the darkness of his hideout and could see them searching one cave after another. As they came to his, he got ready to make his last stand. To his amazement, however, after glancing in the direction of his cave, they moved on. Suddenly, he

realized that with the spider web over the entrance, his cave looked as if no one had entered for quite a while. "Lord, forgive me," prayed the young man. "I had forgotten that in you a spider's web is stronger than a brick wall."

Remember: Whatever is happening in your life, with God, a mere spider's web can become a brick wall of protection. Believe He is with you always. Just invoke His name and you will see His great power and love in your life, often in a surprising way.

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Expeditionary Logistics Support Group (NAVELSG) were among those who donned gloves and masks and went to work.

"I've seen what tornado victims have gone through in the past," said Information Systems Technician 1st Class Thomas Hogan, who survived a tornado in his teens in Xenia, Ohio.

Hogan said his crew found a senior chief's personnel records and children's birth certificates, along with a jewelry box. He said he plans to return to Suffolk for the next couple weekends to help out until the job is done.

"It's doing something produc-

tive in the community," Hogan said. "And I don't mind a bit."

Volunteers also included civilians who put forth time and effort to help in the aftermath. Still, former Suffolk Mayor Chris Jones said having military volunteers, with their discipline and gung-ho attitudes, made a big difference in his community.

"Watching the men and women of the military work, they're so organized. You can tell they know teamwork," said Jones, now a Virginia delegate. "They really took control and they're caring and compassionate in their approach. We just appreciate their service so much."

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