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NAS Sigonella hosts National Night Out in Marinai



Photo by MC3 Jonathan Idle

Hospital Corpsman Master Chief James Perry prepares to get a pie thrown in his face by his son during the "Pie in the Eye" event at National Night Out Aug. 4 in the Marinai family housing complex.

By MC3 Jonathan Idle
The Signature Staff

The Naval Air Station (NAS) Sigonella community came out in force to support National Night Out Aug. 4 in the Marinai family housing complex.

National Night Out is an annual event to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, strengthen civilian and law enforcement partnerships, and generate support for local law enforcement.

The event has spread to 10,000 communities in 50 states and military bases around the world since it began 26 years ago.

The Sigonella community uses the event to not only showcase naval law-enforcement, but also local Italian law-enforcement agencies, fire and emergency services, explosive ordnance disposal, and several other entities which work to keep the community safe.

"National Night Out is an organization that revolves around the local community," said Master-at-Arms 1st Class Donald Colley, NAS Sigonella National Night Out President. "It's Security giving back

to the community by showing the community what we do - showing the local nationals what we do and displaying what they do."

National Night Out began with a parade through Marinai which featured Sigonella Security, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit EIGHT (EODMU8), Italian Guardia di Finanza and Carabinieri, Fire and Emergency Services, and several other entities from around the community.

Following the parade, community members in attendance were able to split their time between visiting various booths and enjoying family oriented activities like miniature golf, a moon bounce and bean bag toss.

"We have the Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, the Red Cross, EOD, Emergency Management, the Girls Scouts, different entities of local nationals, fire and rescue, and D.A.R.E. Pretty much, it's the entire community coming together to show off what we do," Colley said.

The event ended on a high note with the annual "Pie in the Eye"

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DDSI holds change of command ceremony



United States Navy Supply Corps Capt. Mark E. Semmler, Commander Defense Distribution Depot Sigonella (DDSI) speaks during a change of command ceremony where he relinquished his responsibilities to Cmdr. Preston L. Gill, Jr. Wednesday, Aug. 12.

By MCSN Whitfield Palmer

Navy Public Affairs Support Element East Detachment Sigonella

Personnel from the Defense Distribution Depot Sigonella (DDSI) gathered together to witness a change of command ceremony that saw Capt. Mark E. Semmler relinquishing his leadership responsibilities to Cmdr. Preston L. Gill Aug. 18.

The ceremony began at 10 a.m. with the arrival of the official party through the established sideboys and a parade of colors with the national anthems of Italy and the U.S. played after.

After Chaplain Hank Wilson gave the invocation, Cmdr. Defense Distribution Command United States Marine Corps Brig. Gen. Peter J. Talleri stressed the strategic importance of DDSI's mission and praised the work of Capt. Semmler.

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United States Navy Supply Corps Cmdr. Preston L. Gill Jr. accepts command of DDSI from outgoing Commanding Officer Capt. Mark E. Semmler, SC. Wed., Aug. 12. The ceremony was officiated by Commander, Defense Distribution Depot Brig. Gen. Peter J. Talleri. Located on NAS Sigonella, DDSI provides forward stock positioning support and enhanced physical distribution services in conjunction with an expanding regional customer base.

WEATHER UPDATE

August 14	August 15	August 16	August 17	August 18	August 19	August 20
H:89F L:69F	H:90F L:69F	H:90F L:71F	H:92F L:67F	H:91F L:70F	H:88F L:68F	H:89F L:68F

TOP STORIES

As we spend more time in the water, we have a greater risk of being exposed to a little germ that can cause a painful ear infection.

Defense Department officials are developing a new training program that will teach military members and civilians how to be culturally competent and aware when interacting with people from different lands, a senior official told reporters here today.

The Navy's Nurturing Parenting Home-Based Program sets the stage for watching your child grow. A good working knowledge of your child's current development can help you anticipate what your child can and cannot do.

Santa Anastasia (Saint Anastasia), the beloved and venerated patron Saint of Motta will be honored through a religious festival running from Aug. 23 through 25 and featuring holy masses fireworks, folklore and music shows that will be held in the city Rioni (districts).

Siracusa is a town in the southern region of Sicily which lies on the Gulf of Siracusa next to the Ionian Sea. The city is most notable for the Greek influence found in its architecture and heritage.

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TRAFFIC NUMBERS

Jan. 09- Jan. 08-
August 09 August 08

Accidents	146	201
Injuries	13	32
DUIs	1	5
Traffic Deaths	0	2

PLEASE,
DON'T BECOME
A STATISTIC!

DIRECT LINE NASSIG COMMANDING OFFICER, CAPT. THOMAS J. QUINN

It is back to school time again, and in a little over two weeks the 2009-10 school year will begin for all elementary, middle and high school students at NAS Sigonella. Classes start for Elementary, Middle and High school on 31 August, Kindergarten begins on 8 September and Sure Start kicks off 15 September. This year begins with not only new faces in the student body but also in the school staffs. Kim Bertola, who is coming to us from Japan, takes over as the Elementary School Principal and Alice Berard, coming to us from Bahrain, takes over as the Middle and High School Principal. I would like to extend a warm welcome to Kim and Alice and wish them the best of luck for an excellent school year.

The school leadership and teachers are only a small part of the equation that goes into our children's education. Additionally our parents, students, and community round out the equation and make a huge difference in the education of the youth here at Sigonella.

Parents – You are the single most important figure in the lives of your children. Their success, personally and educationally is dependent on you. To give children the

best possible chance to succeed, ensure they get a full night's sleep and a healthy breakfast to start the day. Additionally, you can help your children, and others, by volunteering at the school this year. The start of school also means the restart of the morning bus transits through housing. Please ensure your young students arrive at the bus stop safely.

Students – study hard. Apply yourself. There are a lot of fun things out there to learn. Listen to your teachers, mentors, and parents. They are here to help you get the best educational experience you can. If you find that you are having problems with your studies, tell someone! Your teachers and counselors are ready to help. School can be fun...keep an open mind and it will be!

Sigonella community – We can make a difference in the education of the young people stationed here. Become a volunteer! Throughout the year the school has many opportunities to get involved ranging from the annual community theater to helping out in the classroom. The more you give, the more you receive in return. As military members each one of us has a wealth of knowl-

edge and experience from around the world that can really make a difference in our children's lives. Get involved and apply that experience towards making a difference.

Finally, don't forget to SLOW DOWN while driving. This applies not only in the School area on NAS I, but at the Mineo and Marinai housing areas. We want our children to be safe while they are being transported to the school.

Again, welcome back to school and have a great year!



Health WATCH Swimmer's ear

By Lt. Skinner

Naval Hospital Sigonella
Public Affairs Officer

As we spend more time in the water, we have a greater risk of being exposed to a little germ that can cause a painful ear infection. The infection of the ear can also include the outer ear canal. The inflammation and redness often characterized by swimmer's ear is helpful in distinguishing between having a middle ear infection or swimmer's ear. If the affected ear can be touched or moved without pain, it is likely to be a middle ear infection and not swimmer's ear.

This microscopic germ is called *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* and is commonly found in soil and water. The infection can be cleared in a few days with antibiotic ear drops. Another symptom of swimmer's ear is drainage, which can be clear or contain pus and itching around the ear area. Anyone can suffer from swimmer's ear.

If you or your loved one has any of these symptoms please call your health care provider and get an eval-

uation.

Swimmer's ear cannot always be avoided but there are a few simple things you can do to protect yourself from it. First, always dry your ears after swimming with a soft towel and avoid putting anything that may scratch or irritate the ear, such as fingertips and cotton swabs, into the ear canal. If you use ear plugs, make sure they are flexible with a good fit and cleaned off with each use and stored to avoid contamination and damage.

Next, if you feel you have water trapped in the ear, you can apply alcohol-based ear drops found in the pharmacy aisle. Usually good chlorine management of pools, hot tubs and public swimming areas help prevent infections, but be aware of other situations for fresh, salt water or establishments that might not have strict testing or monitoring of pH balances. Do not swim in areas that have a lot of pollution or have been closed off to swimmers.

As always, your health care community in Sigonella cares about

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NASSIG WORSHIP SERVICES

Chapel Offices: NAS I 095-56-3975, NAS II 095-86-9049

ROMAN CATHOLIC

Sunday

0830 Catholic Mass (NAS I Chapel)
1100 Catholic Mass (Mineo Community Center)
1600 Catholic Mass (NAS II Chapel)

Monday - Thursday

1130 Catholic Mass (NAS II Chapel)

PROTESTANT

Sunday

0900 General Protestant (Mineo Community Center)
1000 Traditional Protestant (NAS I Chapel)
1130 Contemporary Protestant (NAS I Chapel)

CHURCH OF CHRIST LAY SERVICE

Sunday 1530 NAS I Chapel Rooms 3 & 4 (Call 624-5128 or 335-841-8069)

JEWISH SERVICES: Please call 095-86-1205

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Latter-day Saints: Please email ldssig@gmail.com or call 624-1314 or 349-1977-116
AA Meetings: Monday, Wednesday, Friday - 1900, NAS II Chapel, 346-840-7745



Semper always

The seventh in a series of articles on character.

By Chaplain Steve Coates

NAS Sigonella Chaplain

Semper fortis. Semper fidelis. Semper paratus. The Navy, Marines and Coast Guard – always courageous, always faithful, always prepared. Always.

Always. Always.

Many today scoff at the tired old adage, "Honesty is the best policy." Still, I think most people really appreciate a "person of their word" if you can find one. I have listened to too many individuals tell me, "Chaplain, I don't trust anyone anymore." Then they pause, look me in the eye and reiterate, "I mean anyone."

How sad. I understand that they have simply been burned too many times. But is there no one they can trust, no one worthy of their confidence?

Since we first learned to speak, we were told not to lie. What is a lie? Many think of it as saying words with the intent to deceive. Mark Twain connected lying to our actions when he said, "All lies are acts and speech has little or nothing to do with them."

As a chaplain, I am sometimes called upon to teach ethics in a formal brief. In reality, I teach ethics, whether good or bad, primarily through my life and actions. We all do. We can talk about honor, courage and commitment all day long but if our actions betray our words, such conversations are meaning-

less.

Is lying wrong? Result-based ethics concludes lying is only wrong if the bad consequences of the lie outweigh the good consequences. Rule-based ethics claims lying is wrong regardless of the consequences. Others might allow room for lying in order to protect their country, their service or their unit.

Our jobs depend on some level of trust. You can tell the truth a thousand times but once you lie, those thousand truths somehow disappear. Credibility is difficult to regain once lost because people do not like to be betrayed. Even people who are very comfortable with lying as their habit in life do not like to be betrayed.

We see leaders lie regularly. Sometimes they even stick a finger in my face and tell me they want me to

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NAVY NEWS

Pentagon Officials plan cultural awareness training

By Gerry J. Gilmore

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12, 2009 – Defense Department officials are developing a new training program that will teach military members and civilians how to be culturally competent and aware when interacting with people from different lands, a senior official told reporters here today.

Cross-cultural competence is "something that we want to bring to the department as a critical piece of training that we think needs to be incorporated into our overall training establishment," Gail H. McGinn, deputy undersecretary of defense for plans, said during an interview with Pentagon Channel and American Forces Press Service reporters.

Among her many responsibilities, which include performing the duties of the undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, McGinn also is the senior language authority for the Office of the Secretary of Defense. She is responsible for improving foreign language capability within the department and

also oversees policy development for the diversity and equal opportunity programs.

Since U.S. military forces conduct missions worldwide, McGinn said, they should "understand the cultural nuances of areas into which they are going to be deployed."

And as the U.S. population becomes increasingly diverse, it's also useful for military members to be culturally aware so they can better understand comrades in the ranks from different cultural backgrounds, she added.

Cross-cultural competence training "is basically equipping people with the skills to understand what culture is, how people use culture, how they interact with each other within their culture," McGinn explained, "so that wherever they are – deployed in the world or with host populations or with our allies – that we understand that people operate differently based upon the cultural background they come from."

Military and civilian personnel who've been cross-culturally trained should be more effective in different

cultural environments, McGinn pointed out. And that, she said, contributes toward mission success.

Though U.S. military forces today normally receive pre-deployment training, McGinn said, service-members may be deployed on short notice or can be quickly sent to perform humanitarian missions in foreign countries.

"So, what cross-cultural competence (training) tries to do," she said, "is provide foundational skills, to say 'Let's understand what a culture is. Let's understand what it means to people that grow up in a certain area in terms of how they interact, how they engage with the world, how they engage with you.'"

Cross-cultural competence training also involves lessons on specific cultures, McGinn said.

The department sponsored a symposium, "The Role of Cross-Cultural Competence in Organizational and Mission Success," June 30 and July 1 at the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla., McGinn said.

Participants discussed the best way to integrate cross-cultural competence curriculum into the military's existing training and education system.

The institute also serves as the coordinating agency for the Defense Language Office to ensure synchronicity among all services with respect to cross-cultural training.

Learning another language can become a window into the culture of a foreign people, Navy Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said during his Aug. 10 visit to the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif. And as U.S. service-members continue to conduct mis-

sions in Afghanistan and Iraq, the institute's language courses "are as important as any undertaking that we have in the United States military right now," he added.

"It is really important that we listen to other people, that we listen to other cultures, that we pay attention to how they see their problems," Mullen said. "I call that seeing it through their eyes – putting yourself in a position that actually focuses on what they are thinking about, as opposed to how we think of them, or how we think about, in our Western ways, we might solve their problems."

GW carrier strike group arrives in Manila

By MC2 John J. Mike

USS George Washington Public Affairs

MANILA, Republic of the Philippines (NNS) -- The George Washington Carrier Strike Group, along with its more than 5,000 Sailors, arrived in the capital city of the Republic of the Philippines Aug. 11 for a scheduled port visit.

USS George Washington (CVN 73) is making its first visit to the Republic of the Philippines and is currently anchored in Manila Bay. This marks the first U.S. aircraft carrier in more than 13 years to make a port visit here.

GW, commanded by Capt. David A. Lausman, is the flagship of the George Washington Carrier Strike Group, commanded by Rear Adm. Kevin M. Donegan. The George Washington Carrier Strike Group includes embarked Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 5 and the guided-missile cruiser USS Cowpens (CG 63) and the guided-missile destroyer USS Fitzgerald (DDG 62). The Cowpens and Fitzgerald are also anchored in Manila Bay.

More than 250 GW Strike Group Sailors plan to stay busy by spreading goodwill through a variety of scheduled community relations (COMREL) projects.

"COMREL activities help show our solidarity with our allies in the Republic of the Philippines and provide opportunities for our Sailors to return some of our blessings and share our cultural heritage with our neighbors," said GW's Command Chaplain Cmdr. Dennis Young.

Young said the Sailors will have a chance to participate in 12 different projects, which include the delivery of medical supplies, hospital visits, light construction work, painting, public health education as well as working in a number of schools.

"The U.S. and Philippines have enjoyed a long-standing relationship

that has endured many years and historical events," said Young. "That spirit of partnership will be displayed in all of our COMRELS as our two countries work together and learn from each other to help local beneficiaries."

Rear Adm. Donegan will lead a group of GW Carrier Strike Group personnel during a wreath-laying ceremony Aug. 13 at the Manila American Cemetery and Memorial, in honor of servicemembers who died while serving in World War II.

"The significance of our visit is huge," added Cmdr. Anthony Calandra, GW's operations officer. "The operational and social interaction is an enormous opportunity to strengthen our alliance, and we hope GW visiting the Republic of the Philippines becomes a normal occurrence."

Calandra said GW's visit, being the Navy's only permanently forward-deployed aircraft carrier, can serve to further strengthen the working relationship between the two nations, who work together to maintain stability throughout the region.

"The U.S. and the Republic of the Philippines have a long history of cooperation, and we hope our visit helps to foster that relationship," Calandra said. "We are two independent nations working together which ultimately leads to greater peace and stability in the Pacific region."

GW is making its inaugural summer deployment from Fleet Activities Yokosuka, Japan in support of stability and security in the Western Pacific region. The Nimitz-class aircraft carrier replaced USS Kitty Hawk last year as the Navy's forward-deployed carrier presence. The ship and crew departed Yokosuka June 10.

For more news from USS George Washington (CVN 73), visit www.navy.mil/local/cvn73/.

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 Michael C. Barton/Released

Sailors aboard the amphibious assault ship pre-commissioning unit Makin Island (LHD 8) render honors while manning the rails as the ship pulls into Rio De Janeiro. Makin Island departed Pascagoula, Miss. July 10 and is circumnavigating South America, via the Strait of Magellan, to its new homeport at San Diego. Makin Island is scheduled to also make port visits in Chile and Peru to support U.S. Southern Command objectives for enhanced maritime security and to share methods and training. Makin Island is scheduled to be commissioned in October.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

				FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				14 AUGUST	15	16
				Alcoholics Anonymous NAS II Chapel 7 p.m. 346-840-7745		
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Alcoholics Anonymous NAS II Chapel 7 p.m. 346-840-7745	Tobacco Cessation Flight Line Clinic 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. x4710	Alcoholics Anonymous NAS II Chapel 7 p.m. 346-840-7745 Budget for Baby Mineo NMCRS 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. x4212	10 Steps to a Federal Job FFSC 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. x4291 Weight Management Support Group Health Promotions NAS II Flight Line Clinic 3 p.m. - 4 p.m. x4950	Alcoholics Anonymous NAS II Chapel 7 p.m. 346-840-7745 Car Buying Strategies FFSC 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. x4291	Nearly New Shop Open NMCRS 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. x4212	
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Alcoholics Anonymous NAS II Chapel 7 p.m. 346-840-7745 Saving & Investing FFSC 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. x4291	Tobacco Cessation Flight Line Clinic 12 p.m. - 1 p.m. x4710	Motta Castle Tour FFSC 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. x4291 Men's Group FFSC 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. x4291	Thrift Savings Plan FFSC 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. x4291 Cooking Class FFSC 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. x4291 Daddy Boot Camp FFSC 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. x4291	Alcoholics Anonymous NAS II Chapel 7 p.m. 346-840-7745		

Cold Noses
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HEARTS



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

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



MORONI (above) is the ideal lap dog. He is calm and would be the perfect companion for a family that prefers an indoor dog. He also enjoys good walks and a hearty belly rub.

BIANCA (below) is a beautiful girl who would love a home to call her own. She wants someone to take her for walks and give her treats.



For more information, contact the Stray Animal Facility at 624-3936 or a SAWS representative at 345-502-2266.

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VICTIMS INTERVENTION

SAVI offers a Sexual Assault Hotline

staffed with trained advocates who man the SAVI Hotlines

24/7.

The number is 335-642-8312 or 335-606-6146.

Did you know that . . .

Spending Plan assistance is available at your local Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Office? Are you more comfortable with your computer software or operating a fire control system than you are balancing your checkbook? Can you afford the free advice of a Society caseworker? Can you afford not having it?

Call your local NMCRS Office today to schedule a free Spending Plan review session for you and your spouse. Not having this valuable information could be a costly mistake. Don't delay!

NMCRS: Your First Resource!
www.nmc.rs.org



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Ages and stages

Article adapted from Navy
Fleet and Family Support
Program

www.nffsp.org/skins/nffsp

Growth and Development

The Navy's Nurturing Parenting Home-Based Program® sets the stage for watching your child grow. A good working knowledge of your child's current development can help you anticipate what your child can and cannot do. Having appropriate expectations assist you with knowing what skills your child is ready to practice and learn. Being on target with your child's abilities leads to positive feelings of success and accomplishment. The Nurturing Program discusses four primary stages of development for infants, toddlers and preschoolers in the following areas:

- Physical
- Intellectual
- Language
- Social emotional
- Ages & Stages

Signonella's Fleet and Family Support Center's New Parent Support Home Visitation Program offers the Ages & Stages

Questionnaire® (ASQ). This questionnaire is a reliable way to screen infants and young children for developmental delays during the first crucial years of life.

Questionnaires have been developed at two to three month intervals for children two months and older. Each questionnaire contains 30 developmental items that are written in simple, straightforward language. The items are divided into the following five areas with an Overall section that asks about general parental concerns:

- Communication:** Addresses babbling, vocalizing, listening, and understanding.
- Gross motor:** Focuses on arm, body, and leg movements.
- Fine motor:** Pertains to hand and finger movements.
- Problem solving:** Addresses learning and playing with toys.
- Personal-social:** Focuses on solitary social play and playing with toys and other children

Parents utilizing this program are called to be partners in their child's assessment and intervention activities.

Activities on the questionnaires can be easily observed by parents in their own home. Activities have been carefully selected for cultural sensitivity and suggestions are made for adaptation wherever appropriate. Each questionnaire item is written in simple, straightforward language. To further enhance parents' understanding and involvement, The ASQ User's Guide provides intervention activities for parents to try at home with their children. Children whose score on the ASQ is below the cut-off point are referred to professionals for further evaluation.

For more information on the Ages & Stages Questionnaire and other Nurturing Parenting Programs, contact the New Parent Support staff at 624-4291.

Introducing Sigonella's newest Ombudsmen



Photo by MC3 Jonathan Idle, The Signature Staff

Naval Air Station (NAS) Sigonella's newest Ombudsmen (from left to right): Monika Fancher, Michelle Tamez, Rachel Barto and Sarah Kline stand with Sonya Bey, NAS Sigonella Ombudsmen Coordinator, after graduating the three-day Ombudsman training course Aug. 6 at the Fleet & Family Support Center on NAS I.



Galley Menu Hours

Monday-Friday
Breakfast 0600-0830
Lunch 1100-1300
Dinner 1630-1830

Saturday-Sunday-Holiday
Breakfast 0700-0900
Brunch 1000-1300
Dinner 1630-1830

14 **Breakfast:** Rolled Oats, Sausage Links, Oven Fried Bacon, Asstd Omelets, Eggs to Order, Roasted Potatoes, Waffles, Asstd Doughnuts, Apple Fritters.

Lunch: New England Clam Chowder, Lemon Pepper Catfish, Grilled Pork Chops, Steamed Rice, Garlic Roasted Potatoes, Asparagus, Creole Green Beans, Sugar Cookies, Cheese Cake, Vanilla Cream Pudding.

Speed line: Grilled Hamburger/Cheeseburger, French Fries, Baked Beans.

Dinner: Vegetable Supreme Soup, Italian Rice and Beef, Teriyaki Chicken Breast, Oven Browned Potatoes, Spinach, Stir Fry Vegetables, Sugar Cookies, Cheesecake, Vanilla Cream Pudding.

15 **Breakfast:** Farina, Grilled Ham Slices, Oven Fried Bacon, Asstd Omelets, Eggs to Order, Roasted Potatoes, Buttermilk Pancakes, Asstd Doughnuts, Butterhorns.

Brunch: Breakfast Items, Logging Soup, Baked Tuna and Noodles, Beef Stirfry, Pork Fried Rice, Cajun Oven Fries, Steamed Broccoli, Glazed Carrots, Almond Cookies, Blueberry Pie.

Dinner: Cream of Mushroom Soup, Grilled Steaks, Jamaican Rum Chicken, Steamed Rice, Fried Okra, Corn Whole Kernel, Almond Cookies, Blueberry Pie.

16 **Breakfast:** Rolled Oats, Grilled Minute Steak, Oven Fried Bacon, Asstd Omelets, Eggs to Order, Roasted Potatoes, French Toast, Asstd Doughnuts, Kolaches.

Brunch: Breakfast Items, Bean & Bacon Soup, Grilled Monte Cristo Sandwich, Cheddar & Chicken Broccoli, Rosemary Potato Wedges, Steamed Brussels Sprouts, Glazed Carrots, Hermits, Velvet Pound Cake.

Dinner: Pepper Pot Soup, Pasta Alla Siciliana, Jaegerschnitzel, Rice Pilaf, Cauliflower Polonaise, Seasoned Succotash, Garlic Bread, Hermits, Velvet Pound Cake.

17 **Breakfast:** Hominy Grits, Minced Beef w/ Toast, Oven Fried Bacon, Asstd Omelets, Eggs to Order, Roasted Potatoes, French Toast, Asstd Doughnuts, Butterfly Rolls.

Lunch: Beef Noodle Soup, Fish Florentine, Yankee Pot Roast, Penne Arrabiata, Southwestern Rice, Parsley Buttered Potatoes, Calico Cabbage, Sprouts Superba, Almond Cake, Peach Crunch, Butterscotch Pudding.

Speed line: Sub Sandwich, Pasta Primavera.

Dinner: Cream of Potato Soup, Salisbury Steak, Turkey Pot Pie, Brown Rice w/ Tomatoes, Collard Greens, Lyonaise Wax Beans, Almond Cake, Peach Crunch, Butterscotch Pudding.

18 **Breakfast:** Farina, Oven Fried Bacon, Baked Sausage Patties, Asstd Omelets, Eggs to Order, Roasted Potatoes, Waffles, Asstd Doughnuts, Butterfly Rolls.

Lunch: Arroz Caldo Soup, Chicken Adobo, Beef Caldereta, Steamed Rice, Cut Green Beans, Steamed Carrots, Fruit Cocktail Upside Down Cake, Chocolate Chip Cookies.

Speed line: Philly Cheese Steak, Hotdogs, Onion Rings.

Dinner: Manhattan Clam Chowder, Creole Shrimp, Stuffed Green Peppers, Boiled Pasta, Cream Style Corn, Baked Hubbard Squash, Fruit Cocktail Upside Down Cake, Chocolate Chip Cookies.

19 **Breakfast:** Rolled Oats, Creamed Ground Beef, Oven Fried Bacon, Asstd Omelets, Eggs to Order, Roasted Potatoes, Blueberry Pancakes, Asstd Doughnuts, Danish Diamonds.

Lunch: Mulligatawny Soup, Roast Turkey, Meatloaf, Spaghetti Carbonata, Steamed Rice, Mashed Potatoes, Chicken Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Steamed Cauliflower, Sweet Potato Pie, Shortbread Cookies, Peach Gelatin.

Speed line: Grilled Cheese/Hamburger, Turkey Burger, Pork & Beans, French Fried Potatoes.

Dinner: Shrimp Gumbo Soup, Mexican Pepper Steak, Fishwich, Steamed Rice, Lima Beans, Vegetable Stir Fry, Sweet Potato Pie, Shortbread Cookies.

20 **Breakfast:** Hominy Grits, Corned Beef Hash, Oven Fried Bacon, Asstd Omelets, Eggs to Order, Roasted Potatoes, French Toast, Asstd Doughnuts, Pineapple Carrot Muffin.

Lunch: Corn Chowder Soup, Pineapple Chicken, Beef Sauerbraten, Orange Rice, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Asparagus, Summer Squash, Devils Food Cake, Fruit Nut Bar.

Speed line: Assorted Pizza, Sautéed Mushroom, Baked Italian Sausage, Sautéed Pepper & Onions.

Dinner: Beef Noodle Soup, Mambo Roast Pork, Chicken Parmesan, Steamed Rice, Steamed Broccoli, Seasoned Carrots, Devils Food Cake, Fruit Nut Bar.

Italian NEWS



Sicilian Culture, Events and Lifestyle

Alberto Lunetta
The Signature Staff



St. Anastasia Festival in Motta

Santa Anastasia (Saint Anastasia), the beloved and venerated patron Saint of Motta will be honored through a religious festival running from Aug. 23 through 25 and featuring holy masses fireworks, folklore and music shows that will be held in the city Rioni (districts).

Life of Saint Anastasia

According to tradition, Anastasia was a Roman lady of noble descent. She was the daughter of Praetextatus, a noble pagan. Although she grew up as a pagan, she converted later in life, together with her mother, to Christianity thanks to the teachings of St. Chrysogonus, her spiritual advisor. When her mother died, Praetextatus forced her to marry a noble Roman, named Publius, who was also a pagan. As Publio realized she was a Christian and discovered her acts of piety, he confined her to the house. Later on, cruel Publius, who was appointed as the ambassador to the King of Persia, gave orders to an evil man to mistreat his wife so that he would find her dead upon his return. But Publius died during his journey. Therefore, Anastasia was freed, inherited all his properties and returned to her charity activities.

Meanwhile, Emperor Diocletian began a terrible persecution against Christians that also involved St. Chrysogonus who suffered martyrdom in 303 A.D. During one of her extraordinary mission of charity, Anastasia went to Thessalonica where many Christians were under arrest for their faith. Having found that all the prisoners had been butchered, she started weeping loudly. Hence she was brought before the prefect, Florus to whom she confessed she was a Christian.

After several attempts to convince her to give up Jesus' faith, Anastasia was sent to the terrible Emperor Diocletian who was also unsuccessful in exhorting her to abandon her religion.

Eventually, prefect Florus sent her to prison with the intention of starving her. But as the days passed, Anastasia looked healthier instead of getting sick. Florus then thought that the jailer had transgressed his orders to starve her and ordered her to be put on board a ship with 120 idolaters and thieves. The ship was bored with holes and was supposed to sink. The ship soon filled with water, but instead of sinking miraculously went ashore thanks to the intervention of Saint Theodota. This miracle worked the conversion of all the idolaters and thieves. Anastasia was then taken to the island of Palmarola where she was condemned to death and burned at the stake in December 304 A.D.

Her martyred body was first



Don't miss out on the opportunity to experience local historical culture and traditional religious celebrations! Motta will pay tribute to Sant'Anastasia, the town patron saint, through a festival to be held from Aug. 23 through 25 in the three town districts. Celebrations include holy masses fireworks, folklore and entertainment.

buried in Zara, in Dalmatia. But about the year 460 A.D. under the Emperor Leo, her relics were transferred Constantinople (Istanbul).

Festival schedule highlights

On Sunday, Aug. 23, celebrations open with an all-night service of prayer and meditation in the main church. The second day (Monday, Aug. 24), holy mass is held at 11 a.m. Festivalgoers can visit the church and admire the statue. The highlight of the festival is Aug. 25. In the morning at 11 a.m., a solemn Holy mass is held at the main church in piazza Castello. In the evening, flag throwers' shows from the prestigious town districts (Giovani, Maestri, Panzera and Vecchia Matrice) will be held at 9 p.m. The festival ends with fireworks' display at midnight.

Buccheri Medieval Festival: a step back in time



Photo by Buccheri Press Office

Travel back in time and celebrate Medieval Sicily in Buccheri. The 2009 edition of "Medfest," a must-see medieval festival, will be held on Saturday, Aug. 22 and Sunday, Aug. 23. This year, the festival theme will be "Fire and Dance," and it will be centered on the magic, the music and the dance of the Middle Ages.

The festival begins on Aug. 22 in the evening with a medieval parade, which will be accompanied by Assisi and Buccheri drummers, leaving from the San Antonio Steps

at 6:30 p.m. and ending in piazza Fratti.

Other festival highlights include the following shows: "Les Tambours D'Harmattan," tribal ethnic music, acrobatic dance and percussions' show (Aug. 22 and Aug. 23 - 10 p.m. - piazza Roma); "Oplax," stilt-walkers' show (Aug. 22 and Aug. 23 - 11 p.m. - piazza Toselli); "Materiaviva," fire shows, acrobatic dance, juggling (Aug. 22 and Aug. 23 - 11:30 p.m. - piazza Fratti); Spectacular firework show by Fratelli La Rosa from Bagheria

(Palermo), (Aug. 23 - 12:30 a.m. piazza Fratti). There will also be Sicilian folk music to be performed by Palermo-based group Alkaria and world-renowned Sicilian percussionist Carmelo Salemi. The festival will also feature dancing, games, storytelling, arts and crafts, medieval food etc.

For more information and detailed festival schedules visit www.medfest.it or call Buccheri Tourist Office at 0931-880359.

Bivona hosts Peach festival

Bring your entire family to the 24th edition of the Sagra della Pescabivona (Bivona Peach Festival) that will be held from Aug. 21 through Aug. 23 in the historic center of

Bivona is a picturesque town in the Agrigento province. The festival will feature free peach tasting, arts and crafts displays and entertainment. For more information, directions and detailed schedules call Bivona Tourist Office at 0922-986504.



Photo by Bivonaonline.it

Bolero and Cavalleria Rusticana to be staged in Taormina



On Wednesday, Aug. 19 and Friday, Aug. 21, two masterpieces of opera and ballet will be staged on the same night at the Taormina Greek Theater as part of the 2009 Taormina Arte Music Festival. The first one will be Pietro Mascagni's "Cavalleria Rusticana," an opera telling of jealousy, passion and vendetta with

soprano Chiara Taigi as "Santuzza" and the second one will be Ravel's Bolero featuring Italian internationally acclaimed dancer Raffaele Paganini. Tickets range from € 28 to € 60. For more information call Taormina Arte at 0942 -628730, for tickets visit <http://www.ticketone.it/>



A Stone's Throw

THE HUB OF THE MED IS ALSO THE HUB FOR TRAVEL

Siracusa, Fontane Bianche

By MC3 Jonathan Idle
 The Signature Staff

Siracusa is a town in the southern region of Sicily which lies on the Gulf of Siracusa next to the Ionian Sea. The city is most notable for the Greek influence found in its architecture and heritage. A unique feature of the city is the section known as Ortygia. Ortygia is a small island which separates the two harbors of Siracusa. Ortygia has always been the focal point of the town. It was the area that the Greeks first settled upon their arrival in the area. Between the island and the town, Siracusa offers one of the best examples of Greek influence and culture in Sicily.

ITT organized this specific trip and included a short trip down the coast to Fontane Bianche as part of the package. For more information on ITT trips call 624-4396.

Sites:

For things to see and do, Siracusa rates five stars out of five. A big attraction in the town is the Neapolis Archaeological Zone. The park has several attractions of historical significance including the second largest Greek theater in the world.

In even numbered years, the Greek theater puts on summer performances of classic theater. Above the theater are a series of caverns and functioning aqua ducts. Another attraction is the Roman amphitheater. The amphitheater is an outstanding representation of classic Roman construction. The area where the gladiators were kept is visible from a distance. The park also features a unique cavern known as the Ear of Dionysius. The cavern echoes and amplifies voices due to its unique shape.

Ortygia is of particular interest because of the Temple of Apollo. It's the first Greek temple in Sicily. It's

ruin's date back to the year 600 B.C. The small island also is home to the Cathedral of Syracuse which contains a number of interesting stained glass windows and frescos that have withstood the years very well preserved.

Fontane Bianche is a picturesque beach known for its white sand and clear turquoise water. The temperate water and scenery offer a great ending to a day of site seeing. There are small fees to access the beach and additional fees to rent an umbrella and beach chair. The beach fees, umbrella and chair rental are included in the cost of the ITT trip.

Family Friendly:

In this category the trip rates three out of five stars. The archaeological park has a lot of hills and steps which are difficult for strollers and wheel chairs. However, the park and the beach offer several entertaining options to keep families and children occupied. The caves are great

for kids to explore and the swimming area at the beach is roped off to allow for a safer swimming area.

Accessibility:

This trips rates five stars out of five for accessibility because it is an ITT trip. The bus picks up passengers on both bases and shuttles them to all the sites included on the trip. It's slightly more challenging for people to do in a privately owned vehicle because the town and the beach are approximately 30 minutes apart.

Travel Time: This trip rates two stars out of five for travel time. The total driving time from the base to Syracuse, Ortygia and Fontane Bianche is more than two hours. For those who wish to make the drive on their own you take A-19 toward Catania then head south on A-18 toward Syracuse. To get to Fontane Bianche take the 115 south out of Syracuse down the coastline.



(Above) The Cathedral on the island of Ortygia has many interesting frescos and stain glass windows that have been well preserved. (Below) The white sand beaches and clear water of Fontane Bianche make for a relaxing and enjoyable day.



The Roman amphitheater in the Neapolis Archaeological Zone.



Beautiful frescos painted on the ceiling of the cathedral in Ortygia.



NEWS BRIEFS

Military Education Benefit Seminar

Tired of deciphering NAVADMINS, PowerPoint's, and trickled information on education benefits available to you? Want to know all your education benefits available while on active duty, your G.I. Bill and Post 9/11 G.I. Bill benefits and transferability of benefits?

Come receive first hand information from our trusted Navy College Personnel and Veterans Affairs Representative.

Midtown Theater on August 26 at 12:30 p.m. Contact Petty Officer Antczak at 624-9407 for more information.

Veteran's Affairs Representative

There will be a benefits brief for the entire NAS Sigonella community on August 27 from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. at the Midtown Theater. One-on-one appointments will be held August 27 from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. and August 28 from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information at to sign up, contact the Fleet & Family Support Center at 624-4291.

Help Support the Navy Ball

If you are craving an American breakfast on a Saturday morning, the Navy Ball Committee is proud to provide this for you on the 29th of August from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the NAS I Chapel Fellowship Hall. You can buy tickets every Saturday in August, through August 15 at the Commissary during lunch time. The following is the breakfast menu:

1. Pancake breakfast: 3 pancakes, scrambled eggs, 2 sausage links (\$5)
2. Biscuits n Gravy: 2 biscuits n gravy, scrambled eggs, 2 sausage links (\$5)
3. Hungry Man's breakfast: 3 pancakes, 2 biscuits n gravy, scrambled eggs, 2 sausage links (\$7)
4. Drinks: Coffee, water, juice, milk

Buy your tickets and enjoy a wonderful weekend morning breakfast!

Camp E.D.G.E.: Experience+Discover God Everywhere

Vacation Bible School 2009 August 17-21 8:30-12noon NAS I Chapel For more information, please call 624-3975 (095-86-3975) or email charlotte.greeson@eu.navy.mil

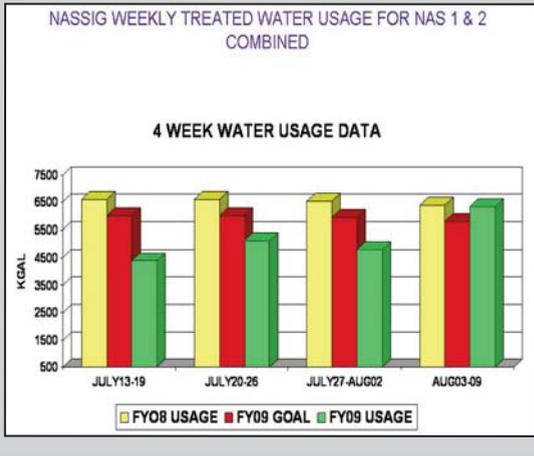
Sigonella Masonic 2nd Annual Back to School Backpack Giveaway

Please come out to receive a FREE backpack. Special backpacks with school supplies will also be given away. When: 21 August 2009 Time: 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. Where: In front of NAS I Commissary POC: SK1 J.M. Williams Sr.; 340-942-8932, 624-4123

Go Green Sigonella!

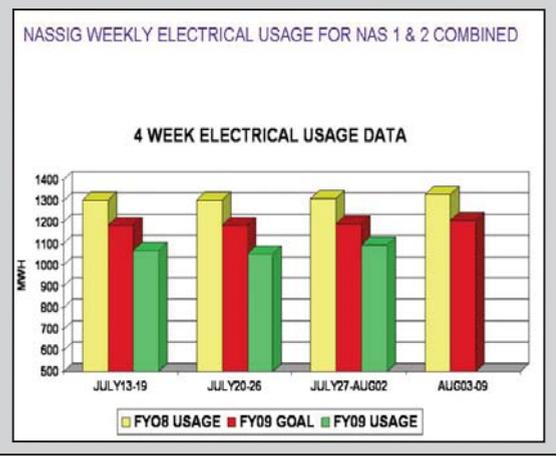
Water Consumption at NASSIG

The following graph charts the last four weeks of water consumption on both NAS I and NAS II in comparison to the same week last year, as well as our target usage for the week.



Electrical Consumption at NASSIG

The following graph charts the last four weeks of energy consumption on both NAS I and NAS II in comparison to the same week last year, as well as our target usage for the week.



THE SPORTS LINE

Hospital dethrones defending champions to win softball title

By MC3 Jonathan Idle

The Signature Staff

U.S. Naval Hospital Sigonella's softball team defeated the four time defending champions, the Booyah Tribe, to win the Captain's Cup softball championship Monday at the softball field on NAS II.

The Captain's Cup tournament began Aug. 3 and featured six teams, with the Booyah Tribe and the Rage, from the Air Operations Department, receiving first round byes as the top two seeds from the regular season.

The Hospital had the shortest route to the championship game as they won their first three games to avoid playing out of the loser's bracket.

After defeating Commander, Task Force - 67 (CTF-67) in the first round, the Hospital met the top seeded Booyah Tribe.

A solid defensive strategy stymied the prolific offense of the Booyah Tribe, who couldn't produce more than a few runs and suffered their first loss since the beginning of the intramural season.

Next up, the Hospital faced the Rage for the opportunity to play in the championship. Once again the Hospital's solid defense and consistent run-production delivered an impressive win, this time by double digits.

After the Booyah Tribe's defeat to the Hospital, they dropped down to the loser's bracket where they faced off against the Lady Crush in an elimination game. The Booyah Tribe was able to handily defeat the Lady Crush by double digits and move on to the next round.

In the next round, the Booyah Tribe met up with the team from Public Works (PW). The Booyah Tribe's offense turned stagnant once again and they found themselves down by one run in the seventh inning. It took two runs on a walk-off hit to pull out a 9-8 win and stave off elimination.

The Booyah Tribe needed one more victory to get them to the championship and earn a rematch against the Hospital. The only thing standing in their way was the Rage.

They were able to jump out to an early lead and put up six runs in the first inning, and the Rage could only answer with three of their own. The Booyah Tribe's offense looked to be back in form as they produced at least four runs in every inning. The Rage were never able to close the widening gap, and a rejuvenated Booyah Tribe walked away with a 21-9 victory.

The Hospital needed to win only one of two games against the Booyah Tribe due to the double elimination format.

The Booyah Tribe drew first blood and posted two runs to start the game. After being shut down in the second inning, the Hospital climbed back into it and tied the game at 2-2.

The Booyah Tribe opened up more of a lead in the third with a four run inning. The Hospital could only muster one run in the inning which proved to be their final run of the game making the score 6-3 after three innings. The Booyah Tribe posted four more runs over the next couple innings and cruised to a 10-3 victory, forcing a final game to decide the championship.

With their backs against a wall, the Hospital stiffened up their defense and refused to roll over for the charging Booyah Tribe.

The game stayed deadlocked through first two innings at a 3-3 tie with neither team willing to give an inch.

The solid pitching and defense of the Hospital eventually began to pay off. In the third inning, the Booyah Tribe scored a lone run, and the Hospital's offense was finally able to break through. They posted five runs in the inning to make the score 8-4 in their favor.

The fourth and fifth innings saw little change in the game as the Hospital was able to shut down the Booyah Tribe time and time again and add another run to give themselves a five run lead.

By the sixth inning, the Hospital was merely six outs away from capturing the championship. They needed a good defensive stand if they were going to pull out the vic-

tory. The Booyah Tribe was able to score two runs and looked to be on their way to a big inning before the Hospital stopped them dead in their tracks. In the bottom of the inning, the Hospital was able to get one of the runs back to extend the lead with a score of 10-6.

The Hospital needed only three more outs to cement a victory and dethrone the team that had dominated Sigonella softball for the last half-decade.

Once again, the solid defensive play paid off for the Hospital and the Booyah Tribe was shut down completely to end the game and the reign of dominance.

Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Simon Gutierrez credited solid strategy and execution as the main reasons for his team's victory.

"Our offense was good all season, but it was our defense that finally came together and really helped us pull out the big win," Gutierrez said.

Gutierrez had faith that his team would pull together when it came down to crunch time.

"We wanted to play Booyah Tribe in the championship game, and it looks like the better team won," said Gutierrez. "I also need to give a shout out to Public Works for cheering us on."

The Hospital received a championship trophy for taking first place



Members of U.S. Naval Hospital Sigonella's softball team celebrate after winning the Captain's Cup softball tournament Mon. at the softball field on NAS II. The Hospital defeated the four-time defending champions, the Booyah Tribe, 10-6 in the championship game.



Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Mike Leslie, from the Booyah Tribe softball team, swings for the fences during the championship game of the Captain's Cup softball tournament Mon. at the softball field on NAS II.

in the tournament. The Booyah Tribe was awarded a trophy for second place, and received an additional trophy for having the best record

through the intramural season. The Rage were also awarded a trophy for taking third place.

ON THE GO WITH MWR

Challenge yourself to Splash-n-Dash Transylvania trip now available



It's the adults' turn to Splash and Dash. Saturday, August 15 is Sigonella's annual Splash-n-Dash Personal Challenge. Race time is 9 a.m. at Splashers pool. Come participate in either a 250 meter swim and 2.5k run or a 500 meter swim and 5k run. Participation is free and pre-registration is encouraged. Sign up at either fitness center or call 624-4483 for more information.



Bran Castle in Brasov, Romania. This castle was supposedly the literary home of the titular Dracula in Bram Stoker's novel.

Explore the rich history of Romania with ITT Gear-n-Go. Romania is famous for its lush forests, vineyards, and picturesque towns. The primary destination is Transylvania, one of the most romantic and inspiring provinces in all of Europe, as well as the homeland of the legendary Vlad Tepes. Better known as Vlad the Impaler, 15th century Prince of Wallachia was the inspiration behind Count Dracula. During this 5-day extended trip, travelers will have the opportunity to tour Count Dracula's Bran Castle, visit Vlad the Impaler's birthplace, Sighisora, and even enjoy a traditional Romanian dinner in his childhood home.

Transylvania is more than just vampire legends, though: sightseers will tour many famous Romanian and Moldovian sights such as Peles Castle, Beirtan Fortified Church and historical Brasov. Travelers will also tour Romania's capital city of Bucharest and attractions such as the Palace of Parliament and Revolution Square. The trip is from Oct. 9- 14 and ITT is taking reservations now. Final payment is due by Oct. 1. Trip includes flight, bus transfers, three nights in Buchrest, two nights in Brasov, and much more. Sign up today at ITT Gear-n-Go or call 624-4777 for more details.

MIDTOWN MOVIE THEATERS SCHEDULE & DESCRIPTIONS



- Friday, August 14**
 1:00pm Hotel for Dogs PG FREE
 3:00pm Imagine That PG
 5:00pm Harry Potter Half Blood Prince PG
 5:30pm GI Joe: Rise of Cobra PG-13
 8:00pm Transformers: Revenge PG-13
- Saturday, August 15**
 2:00pm My Sister's Keeper PG-13
 2:30pm GI Joe: Rise of Cobra PG-13
 5:00pm Transformers: Revenge PG-13
 5:30pm Land of the Lost PG-13
 7:30pm The Taking of Pelham R
- Sunday, August 16**
 2:00pm Transformers: Revenge PG-13
 2:30pm GI Joe: Rise of Cobra PG-13
 5:00pm Imagine That PG
 5:30pm My Sister's Keeper PG-13
 7:00pm The Hangover R
- Monday, August 17**
 1:00pm Hannah Montana Movie G FREE
 3:00pm Imagine That PG
 5:00pm My Sister's Keeper PG-13
 5:30pm The Proposal PG-13
 7:00pm GI Joe: Rise of Cobra PG-13
 7:30pm The Hangover R
- Tuesday, August 18**
 5:00pm Land of the Lost PG-13
 5:30pm The Hangover R
 7:00pm My Life in Ruins PG-13
 7:30pm The Taking of Pelham 123 R
- Wednesday, August 19**
 5:00pm Harry Potter Half Blood Prince PG
 5:30pm GI Joe: Rise of Cobra PG-13
 7:00pm My Sister's Keeper PG-13
 8:00pm The Proposal PG-13
- Thursday, August 20**
 5:00pm Transformers: Revenge PG-13
 6:30pm Land of the Lost PG-13
 7:00pm GI Joe: Rise of Cobra PG-13
 7:30pm The Hangover R

GI Joe: Rise of Cobra (PG-13)

Dennis Quaid, Channing Tatum, Sienna Miller

From the Egyptian desert to deep below the polar ice caps, the elite GI Joe team uses the latest in next-generation spy and military equipment to fight the corrupt arms dealer Destro and the growing threat of the mysterious Cobra organization to prevent them from plunging the world into chaos. (118 min.)

Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince (PG)

Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Tom Felton

Voldemort is tightening his grip on both the Muggle and wizarding worlds and Hogwarts is no longer the safe haven it once was. Harry suspects that dangers may even lie within the castle, but Dumbledore is more intent upon preparing him for the final battle that he knows is fast approaching. Together they work to find the key to unlock Voldemort's defenses and, to this end, Dumbledore recruits his old friend and colleague, the well-connected and unsuspecting bon vivant Professor Horace Slughorn, whom he believes holds crucial information. Meanwhile, the students are under attack from a very different adversary as teenage hormones rage across the ramparts. Harry finds himself more and more drawn to Ginny, but so is Dean Thomas. And Lavender Brown has decided that Ron is the one for her, only she hadn't counted on Romilda Van's chocolates! And then there's Hermione, simmering with jealousy but determined not to show her feelings. As romance blossoms, one student remains aloof. He is determined to make his mark, albeit a dark one. Love is in the air, but tragedy lies ahead and Hogwarts may never be the same again. (153 min.)

Imagine That (PG)

Eddie Murphy, Thomas Haden Church, Martin Sheen

Evan Danielson is a successful financial executive who has more time for his blackberry than his seven year old daughter. When he has a crisis of confidence and his career starts going down the drain, however, he finds the solution to all his problems in his daughter's imaginary world. (107 min.)

Land of the Lost (PG)

Will Farrell, Anna Friel, Danny R. McBride, Jorma Taccone

On a routine expedition, Marshall, Will and Holly get sucked through a space-time vortex into an alternate universe. (101 min.)

My Sister's Keeper (PG-13)

Cameron Diaz, Abigail Breslin, Alec Baldwin, Jason Patric, Joan Cusack

After their daughter is stricken with leukemia, a couple conceives a younger sister who can provide a donor match, but the family is torn apart when after years of medical procedures, the healthy younger sibling sues her parents for the right to decide how her body is used. (110 min.)

Movie dates and times are subject to change.

SHOWING FRIDAY, AUGUST 21

- 1:00pm Horton Hears a Who G FREE
 3:00 pm Imagine That PG
 5:00pm Ice Age: Dawn of Dinosaurs PG
 5:30pm GI Joe: Rise of Cobra PG-13
 7:00pm Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen PG-13
 7:30pm Public Enemies R

COMING SOON

Away We Go; I Love You, Beth Cooper

MOVIE HOTLINE:
624-4248

Movies under the stars

Get ready to enjoy a great family film under the summer night sky: Movies in the Park returns to both Mineo and Marinai housing. Saturday, Aug. 15, "Ice Age 2: The Meltdown" is showing in Mineo and Saturday, Aug. 29, "Igor" will be showing in Marinai. Concessions are available for purchase. Both shows start at 8:30 p.m. Call 624-4216 for more information.



When you're off duty, MWR is on the job with more than 30 programs and services. MWR is your access point for fun, fitness and travel. For more about MWR's programs and services, hot jobs, and special events, call 624-3968.

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your daily wellness and hopes you and your family enjoy a healthy, safe and fun summer. Please do not hesitate to call on your provider or support staff for questions or concerns.

If you would like to look up more information about healthy swimming you can go to the CDC web site:
http://www.cdc.gov/healthyswimming/swimmers_car.htm

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listen. I do listen . . . and I learn quite a bit . . . like how to keep a straight face defending duplicity in your own life while condemning others.

What about you? How is your credibility in your home? In your workspace? What do others learn from you? Do they see a demonstration of the importance of honesty or do they clearly witness a disregard for truth?

Would you lie to protect a superior? A subordinate? Under what circumstances? Compliance with an audit or inspection? The tension here is between truth and loyalty. Sometimes the stakes can be high. Ask Major Knight.

While on the ground in Vietnam, he was instructed as a matter of course to falsify records that led to regularly bombing a country with whom we were not at war. He was simply an individual serving his country. He did not ask to make the choice of whether or not he wanted to participate in a political cover-up. He was forced to decide as an individual and he had to make his decision all alone.

Whether or not you chose to come to Sigonella, you will now be called upon to make choices. You and you alone are in charge of your credibility. As for me, the words of these mottos are worth living -- always.

REGISTER YOUR KIDS FOR THE '09-'10 SCHOOL YEAR NOW

If you have dependents who will be attending the DODDS school next year, don't forget to pre-register them for classes and apply for the "Student Reduced Lunch Program" as soon as possible.

This is an important step that helps the school plan for the upcoming year. For more information call 624-3001 for elementary and 624-4281 for middle and high school.

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fundraiser where members of the Sigonella community paid to watch fellow Sigonellans get a chocolate cream pie in the face. This year's "Pie in the Eye" raised \$1,600 dollars for the Security department.

The last two years, Sigonella has been named by the official National Night Out website as one of the three best National Night Outs on a Navy installation, and won the only OCONUS award for their event last year.

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"It's a great day to be in the Armed Forces on an island the size of Sicily that is so strategic to our presence in this theater." I want to thank DDSI for what you do everyday," said Talleri. "I've visited all of the Depots and this organization; DDSI gives me no headaches. Capt. Semmler has built a world class organization. He has demonstrated excessive leadership and vision and positioned DDSI as a distribution of choice for Southern Europe and Africa Command. He finds no challenge too difficult and meets all challenges head on."

Capt. Semmler then took time to offer his thanks to his command and to welcome Cmdr. Gill.

"Preston Gill is coming from the Joint Force Maritime Component Command Assistant and Assessment Team at the Naval War College in Newport, RI," said Capt. Semmler. "I have an enormous confidence in Cmdr. Gill's abilities. He understands leadership, hard training and believes in the Navy. I know that with his skill and broad experience, he will meet DDSI's mission and then some.

"I am very happy to be here with all of you to celebrate this change of command," said Gill. "I am proud and deeply humbled at becoming the newest member of the DDSI team and look forward to our continuing success together. I will cherish this opportunity to serve during these exciting and dynamic times, and as I look towards the future, I know that we are the right organization and the right team to have ready and poised to respond to any challenge and opportunity."

Cmdr. Gill concluded the ceremony with an offer of thanks to all who have come before him and all who welcomed his family, followed by the exit of the official party and a celebratory reception.



Attention all good standing Catholic gentlemen! Come join the ranks of Sigonella's newest Knights of Columbus Chapter! We meet the first Sunday of every month at 1000 a.m. (after Catholic Mass) at the NAS I Chapel. You may also contact a fellow Knight after the Sunday Mass service in the NAS I Fellowship Hall, or Mineo community Building. (Pizza and soft drinks provided at the meetings!) For more information visit - www.kofc.org/



Photo by MC3 Jonathan Idle

A military working dog (MWD) runs towards home plate during a "MWD baseball game" to demonstrate MWD discipline and tactics during National Night Out Aug. 4 at the Marinal housing complex.

Protestant Women of the Chapel



Join us for our fall kick-off! Tuesday, Sept. 1 9:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

NAS I Chapel Fellowship Hall Childcare provided For more info, www.pwocsig.com

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Do you have a passion for writing or are you looking for a little experience in journalism? Do you ever read the stories here and think you'd like to add to our growing archive of travel articles? Does your command have something special going on that you think deserves to be in the paper? If so, The Signature is looking for you! We are seeking volunteers to help cover base wide events as well as feature stories. If this sounds like an opportunity for you please call the Public Affairs Office at 624-5440.

Il Mercado

Due to military regulations, we are unable to post ads online. The Il Mercado section will be back up and running in the next issue of The Signature, which comes out on Aug. 28. Sorry for the inconvenience. If you wish to view last week's Il Mercado section, email us at thesig@eu.navy.mil from your .mil account to verify your affiliation with the U.S. Military.

NAS Sigonella Ombudsman Program Our Mission:
-Primary liaison between families and the command

-To be an advocate for families and single sailors
-To disseminate information regarding command policies, services available, deployments, and Individual Augmentee (IA) support

-To be the primary POC for families and single sailors and to refer them to the appropriate agency for questions, concerns, help, or intervention

Our Commitment:
- We are committed to representing and supporting the command as well as the families and single sailors

-We are committed to presenting accurate and up-to-date information for referrals

-We are committed to COMPASSIONATE and CONFIDENTIAL advocacy within the guidelines of OPNAVINST 1750.1F

-We are committed to being available 24/7. Please keep calls between 0900-2000 unless you are experiencing an emergency. Call us at 624-4291 or 24/7 at 335-580-1269 for more information.