

Bahrain Sailors remember historic Battle of Midway



Photo by MC2(AW) Jason T. Poplin

Commander, U.S. 5th Fleet, Vice Adm. Mark Fox, and mine countermeasures ship USS Ardent (MCM 12) Commanding Officer, Lt. Cmdr. Courtney Minetree, conduct a wreath laying ceremony in honor of service members who lost their lives during the 1942 Battle of Midway. Fought near the Central Pacific island of Midway, the Battle of Midway is considered the decisive battle of the war in the Pacific, marking a change in American and Allied Forces' strategy to offensive naval operations.

By MC2(AW) Jason T. Poplin
Staff Writer

MANAMA, Bahrain — Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain, mine countermeasures ship USS Ardent (MCM 12) and U.S. Fifth Fleet held a Battle of Midway commemoration ceremony aboard Ardent, June 7.

NSA Bahrain Executive Officer, Cmdr. Kevin Boykin, the commemoration's master-of-ceremonies,

read a brief history of the 1942 battle and its importance to naval operations during World War II.

"Midway was an important battle because it marked a significant change in the tide of events between the U.S. Navy and the Japanese, who up until that point had free reign to advance their fleet across the Pacific since the bombing of Pearl Harbor," Boykin said.

Surrounded by Ardent's crew and special guests,
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Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, Vice Adm. Mark Fox, and Chairman, Kingdom of Bahrain Sea Ports, Sheikh Daij bin Salman Al Khalifa, stand with the Bahrain School Class of 2011 graduates, June 12.

Bahrain School Class of 2011 graduates

By MC2 Daron Street
Staff Writer

MANAMA, Bahrain — Bahrain School held a graduation ceremony for its class of 2011 at the Gulf Convention Center, June 12.

The Department of Defense

Education Activity (DoDEA) school is host to students from over 40 countries from around the world.

Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, Vice Adm. Mark Fox, was one of the guest speakers for the event.

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NSA and NBHC receive Navy Surgeon General Award

By MC2(AW) Jason T. Poplin
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MANAMA, Bahrain — Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain and Naval Branch Health Clinic (NBHC) Bahrain hosted a presenta-

tion ceremony in recognition of the Blue H Navy Surgeon General's Health Promotion and Wellness Award for their respective commands, June 2.

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Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain Commanding Officer, Capt. Rick Sadsad, left, and Naval Branch Health Clinic (NBHC) Bahrain Officer in Charge, Capt. Rachel Haltner, second from right, accept the Navy Surgeon General's Health Promotion and Wellness Blue H Award for their respective commands during a presentation ceremony held at NSA Bahrain, June 2. Left to right: Sadsad, NBHC's Health Promotions Coordinator Lt. Michelle Sanabia, Haltner and NSA Executive Officer, Cmdr. Kevin Boykin.

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Bahrain School presents student awards



Photos by Heather Furlong

More than 80 students received recognition for high honors in multiple classes at Bahrain School's High School Awards Ceremony, June 2. Some of the awards included the Presidential Award of Excellence from President Barack Obama, Leadership Awards, an appointment to the Air Force Academy and the top award for character called the International Understanding Award. Kent Worford, Assistant Superintendent of the Mediterranean School District and Dr. Eldrige Grooms, Bahrain School Assistant Principal presented the awards.



Bahrain School held its annual Middle School Awards Day ceremony, June 2. Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, Vice Adm. Mark Fox, spoke at the event. Under the theme, "Reaching for the Stars," students walked the red carpet to receive their awards. Students who evacuated in March were also recognized. Kent Worford, Assistant Superintendent of the Mediterranean School District and Dr. Eldrige Grooms, Bahrain School Assistant Principal also attended the ceremony.



There were a variety of acts including singing, dancing and violin playing at Bahrain School's Middle School Talent Show, June 9. Danique Hoekstra singing "HALLELUJAH" took first place, Joel Neukowi's "Hip Hop Dancing" took second and Katie Allen with a piano solo took third.

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FFSC recognizes volunteers



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(From the left) Beverly Fields, Jacquell Detwiler, Natasha Brown and Yumi Neese display their certificates of appreciation from Fleet Family Support Center's Work and Family Life Specialist Bonnie Linscott in recognition of their contribution towards the Naval Support Activity Bahrain community.

Chaplain's Corner

Treat others with god's grace



By Cmdr. Chin Van Dang
Supervisory Chaplain

"Cash, check or charge?" the sale clerk asked, after folding items the woman wished to purchase.

As she fumbled for her wallet, the clerk noticed a remote control for a television set in her purse.

"So, do you always carry your TV remote?" asked the clerk.

"No," she replied, "but my husband refused to come shopping with me, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally."

If someone insults you or tries to take

advantage of you, how do you respond? Do you repay in kind? The question of just retribution was answered with a surprising revelation of God's intention for how we should treat others, especially those who mistreat us. God gave a new standard based not just on the requirements of justice – giving each their due – but based on the law of grace and love. He transforms the law of mercy with grace and loving-kindness and also makes clear that there is no room for retaliation. We must not only avoid returning evil for evil, but we must seek the good of those who wish us ill. Do you accept insults with no resentment or malice? When you are compelled by others to do more than you think you deserve, do you insist on your rights, or do you respond with grace and cheerfulness?

Husband to wife: When I get mad at you, you never fight back. How do you control your anger?

Wife: I clean the toilet bowl.

Husband: How does that help?

Wife: I use your toothbrush.

With God's grace – treat others, not as they deserve, but as God wishes them to be treated – with loving kindness and mercy. God's grace can free us from the tyranny of malice, hatred, revenge and resentment and give us the courage to return evil with good.

From the Desk of the Command Master Chief



By CMDCM Ed Lambert
NSA Bahrain Command Master Chief

Shipmates,

Here at NSA Bahrain, we work with a melting pot of nations, cultures and services. More than 80 tenant commands call NSA home and with that comes a sense of teamwork not found on many

military bases. Members of all the armed services walk the spine and with that comes a variety of traditions. One of the oldest services, the U.S.

Army celebrated its 236th birthday this week on June 14. In a birthday message from the Secretary of the Army, John M. McHugh, U.S. Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, and Sergeant Major of the Army, Sergeant Major Raymond F. Chandler III, it states, "Throughout our history, our mission has remained constant - to preserve America's peace and security, and to provide for the defense of the United States.

Today we continue to do this at home and abroad by fielding the most disciplined, competent and fit force in the world and maintaining the bonds of trust that unite us both as Soldiers and as Americans." The U.S. Army has been there to protect our great nation since the Revolutionary War and will continue to do so into the future. Happy Birthday, U.S. Army! Hooah!



Photo by MC2(AW) Jason T. Poplin

U.S. Army Lt. Col. Karen Fleming gives a remarks after assuming command of the 831st Transportation Battalion during a change of command ceremony held at Naval Support Activity Bahrain, June 9.

831st changes leadership

By MC2(AW) Jason T. Poplin
Staff Writer

MANAMA, Bahrain — The U.S. Army's 831st Transportation Battalion, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, held a change of command at Naval Support Activity Bahrain, June 9.

Lt. Col. Karen Fleming relieved Lt. Col. John Kaylor during a special ceremony conducted at the installation's chapel.

"I can't believe it's been a year already, it's been a great ride," Kaylor said. "I am so proud of having been associated with this battalion, this wonderful team, and I thank you all what you've done and what you continue to do."

After the symbolized gesture of passing

the battalion flag between the two commanders, Fleming pledged to provide the leadership required for the completion of ongoing initiatives and new challenges on the horizon.

"It is a privilege to be appointed the enormous task of carrying forward the mission of the 831st Transportation Battalion in our service to our nation and to the war fighters," Fleming said.

Hailing from Louisville, Miss., Fleming joins the 831st Transportation after serving as Executive Officer for 1st Group and 1st Battle Command Training Brigade Deputy Commander.

Kaylor, of Winter Haven, Fla., is transferring to Tampa to join the U.S. Central Command staff.

Ramadan Briefs



Ramadan is expected to begin on or about the 1st of August. It is important that personnel understand and respect the importance of the Holy month here in our host country and throughout the Islamic World. In preparation for these Holy days, 30 minute briefs will be conducted during the months of June and July by FFSC.

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Wednesday, 6 July	1500 / 1600	Base Chapel	All Hands
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Joint leadership inducts NCOs



Photo by MC1(SW) Sonja M. Chambers

Sgt. Myrlande Francois (right) and Sgt. Christopher Lacroix (second from right) of the 831st U.S. Army Transportation Battalion, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, stand while being inducted into the Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) ranks during the first NCO Induction Ceremony held at Naval Support Activity Bahrain, May 30.

By MC1(SW) Sonja M. Chambers
Staff Writer

MANAMA, Bahrain — The 831st U.S. Army Transportation Battalion, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, held a Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO) Induction Ceremony for two of its Soldiers at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain, May 30.

Senior leadership of the Army, Marine Corps and Navy welcomed Sgt. Myrlande Francois and Sgt. Christopher Lacroix into the NCO ranks during the first NCO Induction Ceremony to be held at NSA Bahrain.

831st Transportation Battalion Sgt. Maj. Claudette Williams said the ceremony was also the first joint service induction ceremony. Soldiers, Sailors and Marines participated in and gave remarks during the ceremony, including a recital of NCO accomplishments throughout history.

The ceremony also contained Army

traditions dating back to the Civil War. After reciting the NCO Creed, Francois and Lacroix signed the creed and placed their thumbprint over their signatures.

"In the Civil War, Soldiers used to cut themselves and form a blood bond," Williams said. "Their thumbprints signify and honor that bond."

The ceremony concluded with the joint leadership "wetting the stripes" of the new NCOs. Traditionally, the new rank would be driven into a Solider, wetting the stripes with blood. Each senior enlisted advisor symbolized this by wetting the stripes with red wine and welcoming them into the NCO ranks.

Francois, who is a Transportation Management Coordinator or 88N, said the ceremony empowered her.

"I was very surprised that it had such an affect on me," she said. "I feel like I want to take on more responsibility just because of that ceremony."

Lacroix, a cargo specialist or 88H, said being a new NCO will bring it's challenges, but he's looking forward

to more responsibilities.

"The main thing I'm looking forward to is getting back home to my new unit and being able to train other Soldiers, newer Soldiers and give them my experience and be able to help them in their future."

Sgt. 1st Class Minerva Dunn, Lacroix's sponsor, said the ceremony gives those Soldiers over to the NCO corps, so they can lead.

"It always gives me chills because it's so powerful to see the crossover," she said. "It reminds you of when you became a new NCO."

Williams said the most important thing leaders can do is take care of their troops and publically recognize their efforts and accomplishments.

"You're saying to them that you are what we're looking for. You are who's going to lead our troops," she said. "So by giving them that respect and giving them that honor, we're also saying that you are ready to advance to the next level."

FASTCENT, NSF partner in training

By MC2(AW) Jason T. Poplin
Staff Writer

MANAMA, Bahrain — Eight Sailors assigned to Naval Security Force Bahrain completed a five-week Advanced Urban Combat (ACU) training course hosted by U.S. Marines assigned to Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team Central Command (FASTCENT) Bahrain, June 2.

FASTCENT Executive Officer, U.S. Marine Capt. Aaron Beard, said the training afforded an opportunity to transfer a special skill set, common of FAST Marines, to their force protection counterparts at Naval Support Activity Bahrain.

"FAST Marines have a specific mission; our bread and butter training specialties are expeditionary side security and AUC, which we are directed by the Marine Corps and by CENTCOM to specialize in, and that entails embassy security, naval facility security, and we have a limited recapture capability," Beard said. "Recapture, the ability to take back space from the enemy, is done through ACU."

"Seeking out our fellow force protection experts, we saw an opportunity to build upon their capabilities as well as increase our ability to work together in a crisis situa-

tion," he said. "So taking a small group of NSF folks, we made them into students and taught them the Marine Corps system for clearing areas and making them safe in close-quarter combat scenarios."

Beard said the eight Sailors were chosen by their commander for possessing the right combination of positive attitude, physical capabilities and the drive to learn.

Among those selected to receive the rigorous training, Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Veronica Colin said the training was challenging and she felt compelled to push herself to excel past her own perceived personal limitations.

"The most challenging part was the physical aspect," she said. "It was a little intimidating, because some of these Marines were doing squats with another guy on their shoulders in a fireman's carry during PT. It made me feel like I really needed to push myself to be able to keep up with them."

Beard said that all class members did an outstanding job in the course.

"Everyone met the standard, which is the same whether that person is male, female, a Sailor, a Marine, black, white or purple," he said.

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Boykin added that from a numbers standpoint, the operation was a bold move.

"Typically, the U.S. military will not go into battle unless they have the ability to bring overwhelming numbers to provide redundancy," Boykin said. "But looking at what we were stacked up against, it was almost a 3-to-1 ratio of Japanese to U.S. ships."

Marking the end of the ceremony, U.S. 5th Fleet Commander, Vice Adm. Mark Fox, and Ardent Commanding Officer, Lt. Cmdr. Courtney Minetree, took positions on either side of the commemoration wreath and, in remembrance of the service members who lost their lives during the three-day conflict, ceremoniously committed it to the sea.

After the ceremony, Minetree said that being asked to perform the ceremony onboard the Ardent was very important to the ship's crew.

"Anytime the crew has an opportunity to remember and honor something of such great historical importance as this, it is an honor for us to do so," she said.

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"This is an important milestone in your lives," he said. "As you begin this next chapter, it's very important to remember who you are, where you've come from and where you're going. These students have gone to school together and are now graduating together. They know how to treat each other with dignity and respect. They are the example for the future."

Also on hand for the ceremony was Chairman, Kingdom of Bahrain Sea Ports, Sheikh Daij bin Salman Al Khalifa, who graduated from Bahrain School in 1989.

"I have no doubt that the knowledge and skills you have acquired at this very reputable institution will help you excel in all aspects of your life," he said. "You've all worked hard with determination and commitment to reach this point. It is a pleasure for me to be present today and to congratulate all of you warmly on this happy occasion."

Also honored at the ceremony was Arabic teacher Fayeze Al Sadiq in recognition of 29 years of Arabic Instruction at Bahrain School.

This year's class of 77 graduates included students receiving International Baccalaureate diplomas, American Honors Diplomas, Dual Diplomas and National Honor Society recognitions going to universities and colleges around the world.

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Officer, Capt. Rick Sadsad, and NBHC Bahrain Officer in Charge, Capt. Rachel Haltner, accepted the awards.

Managed by the Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center on behalf of the Navy Surgeon General, the Blue H recognizes command excellence in the development and implementation of installation health, fitness and wellness programs.

NBHC Health Promotions Coordinator, Lt. Michelle Sanabia, said there are three versions of the award including categories to honor the achievements of medical installations, fleet commands and USMC Semper Fit Centers.

"The awards for NSA and NBHC are significant because they recognize more than just the accomplishments of the individual commands; they celebrate the collaborative efforts of all program owners such the safety office, Fleet and Family Support Center, Navy Drug and Alcohol Programs Advisor, Morale, Welfare and Recreation and many others" she said. "It recognizes a year's worth of activities, events, awareness education and promotion of everything that affects and enhances the quality of life of the base population as a whole."

The award presented to NSA Bahrain represents the first time the installation has received recognition for the health and wellness services it provides.

NSA Bahrain Morale, Welfare and Recreation Fitness Coordinator Erica Realmuto said that although the installation doesn't maintain a formal health and wellness center, the base offers multiple health and wellness-oriented services that include Ship Shape, Command Fitness Leader instructor course, Navy Operational Fitness and Fueling Series and Mission Nutrition.

"Here at NSA Bahrain, we focus on more than just the physical well-being of the community and instead try to offer services that contribute to their overall spiritual and emotional well-being," she said.

Girl Scouts earn Silver with science



Caroline Cox (middle) and other scouts look on as UV Yonis from Mad Science demonstrates how polymers work by sticking a pencil through a plastic bag filled with water during a science day at Bahrain School, May 28. Four Cadette Girl Scouts earned their Silver Award by hosting the science day for local Girl Scouts.



Lightning Laura from Mad Science shows Shawna Norbury, a Daisy Girl Scout, how she can conduct electricity.

Story and Photos by MC1(SW) Sonja M. Chambers
Staff Writer

MANAMA, Bahrain — Four girls from USA Girl Scouts Overseas (USAGSO) Bahrain held a science day for local scouts at Bahrain School, May 28.

The girls, from Cadette Troop 904, earned their Silver Awards by planning and executing the day for Girl Scouts ages 5-14.

Cathi Cox, leader of Troop 904, said the girls had to complete prerequisites and a

40-hour service project for the award.

"The biggest thing that distinguishes a Silver Award project from a service project is that each girl has to have a leadership role," she said. "That's why they chose to lead individual troops for the day, including going to troop meetings to introduce themselves as well as tailor the event to the scouts."

The girls had to plan all aspects of the day including the location, additional troop activities and contracting Mad Science.

Mad Science is an educational group that brings science to schools and groups like USAGSO Bahrain. The team from Mad Science showed the girls a variety of science-related activities including experiments with polymers, electricity and acids.

Lightning Laura from Mad Science said this was the first time the group had worked with Girl Scouts in Bahrain.

"They really reacted to the science," she said. "The way we see Mad Science is that they're doing science without knowing it. If they remember one [science concept] one day from something we did here that was fun, I think that's great."

The girls who attended the science day earned science-related patches for their particular age level with the additional activities run by the Cadettes.

Brownie Troop Liaison Samantha Koester conducted an experiment with lemon juice and pennies with her girls. She said that working with younger girls can be challenging at times, but part of Girl Scouts is working together.

"I like working with the younger girls," she said. "They can say the funniest things. Sometimes it is hard to get them to all do the same thing at the same time."

Emily Jones, Junior Troop liaison, showed her girls about the bearings in a car

motor and said it felt great leading the girls through the activities because she got to teach them something.

"These types of events are important because we can educate younger girls about our world and they can have some fun as well," she said.

Caroline Cox, who led the Daisy Troop for the day, is the youngest of the girls earning their Silver Award, and she said it felt good to be in charge of younger girls because they looked up to her.

"When I told them I was 12, they said, 'Oh, my gosh! What does it feel like to be a big kid?'" she said.

Cox led her girls through recycling-related activities to earn a Daisy petal. She said the event was very important due the recent unrest and limitation on activities.

"Events like this help bring a community back together and it even helps bond the younger and older kids."

Junior Troop Liaison, Alyssa Hofman, said she felt very confident in leading the girls through the activities.

"They were very easy to keep focused and attentive to the Mad Science group," she said. "They boosted my confidence in my leadership skills."

To register or volunteer for Girl Scouts, email Bahraingirlscouts@gmail.com.



Samantha Koester pours milk into vinegar for an experiment with Brownie Girl Scouts.



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 2 p.m. - Mr. And Mrs. Smith (PG13)
 4 p.m. - Big Mommas House 3 (PG13)
 7 p.m. - Cedar Rapids (R)
 9 p.m. - The Punisher (R)

- Theater B**
 11 a.m. - Gnomeo And Juliet (G)
 1 p.m. - Little Fockers (PG13)
 3 p.m. - The Rite (PG13)
 5 p.m. - The Eagle (PG13)
 7 p.m. - Unknown (PG13)
 9 p.m. - Water For Elephants (PG13)

Saturday, June 18

- Theater A**
 10 a.m. - Gnomeo And Juliet (G)
 1 p.m. - Diary Of A Wimpy Kid: Roderick Rules (PG)
 3 p.m. - Unknown (PG13)
 5 p.m. - I Am Number Four (PG13)
 7 p.m. - Hallpass (R)
 9 p.m. - Black Swan (R)

- Theater B**
 11 a.m. - Bad News Bears (PG)
 1 p.m. - The Incredibles (PG)
 3 p.m. - Beasty (PG13)
 5 p.m. - The Dilemma (PG13)
 7 p.m. - The Fighter (R)
 9 p.m. - Wedding Crashers (R)

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- Thursday, June 23**
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- Saturday, June 18**
Swim with the Dolphins
 • Time: 10 a.m.
 • Active Duty: 18-25 yrs \$23; Others: \$30

- Sunday, June 19**
8 Ball Pool Team Tournament
 • Time: Noon

- Monday, June 20**
Indian Lunch
 • Time: 11:30 a.m.
 • Active Duty: 18-25 yrs \$3; Others: \$5; Cut-off Date: June 16

- Tuesday, June 21**
Chess Tournament
 • Time: 5 p.m.

- Thursday, June 23**
Texas Hold'em Tournament
 • Time: 5:30 p.m.

- Friday, June 24**
Video Game Friday
 • Time: Noon

- Saturday, June 25**
Grand Mosque Trip and Lunch
 • Time: 10 a.m.
 • Active Duty: 18-25 yrs \$23; Others: \$30; Cut-off Date: June 22

- Sunday, June 26**
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- Wednesday, June 29**
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