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NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY

SPRING 2012

From the Director's Desk by Annee Imle

So much has happened since the last newsletter -- in staffing, thrift store hours, training and casework!

It has been a busy quarter, but many have stepped up to meet the challenges over the past few months. I would like to thank all the volunteers who have taken part in the different we have offered. We will be offering more the first week of May, so keep your calendar open.

The past few months have also brought a bump in casework, in thrift store sales and tendees. This has

been a great learning opportunity for many new volunteers and goes to show Sigonella has a demand for the services we provide.

As CAPT Butler said in starting 2012, it is time to “Refresh”, “Reset” and “Renew” our commitments to each other and the base. I would like set that as NMCRS primary goal over the next few months.

We should take this opportunity to step back and concentrate on our mission and vision and ensure our key programs are being carried out in an effective yet efficient manner. Our key focus will be on

casework, thrift store and budget for baby. We will be looking at ways to improve our services and train additional volunteer to carry out these key programs.

In closing I would like to thank you for allowing me to join your team!

I appreciate the hospitality and look forward to working with each of you in the future. I'm inspired by you, the volunteer, who are dedicated and deeply committed to helping others within the Sigonella community!

Volunteer of the Quarter

Carla Reaves

Carla has tirelessly dedicated herself to managing the Nearly New Shop. She always has a positive attitude and goes above and beyond to provide a much needed service to the community. Due in part to her dedication and service, the Society is able to continue to fund the Budget for Baby program and volunteer services. She is a delight to serve with and is a good example to other volunteers as well as the community about what a volunteer should be.



Carla Reaves & Joy Hardin

NMCRS Active Duty Fund Drive

March is always a busy month as the Sigonella community runs the Active Duty Fund Drive on behalf of NMCRS. This year is no exception—with plans for several special fund raisers in addition to the normal personal contacts. This year's special events include several car washes, NEX coupon sales and the month ends with the AFN Radiothon on March 30th. As a non-profit organization, NMCRS relies on the Active Duty Fund Drive to provide the funding for our programs throughout the year.

Let's do what we can to support our Fund Drive team and to help them reach their goal of 100% contact as we anticipate another successful year.



Naval Air Station (NAS) Sigonella Commanding Officer, Capt. Scott Butler (fourth from left) and Command Master Chief David Graham (far left) joined NAS Sigonella's Navy Marine Corps Relief Society's (NMCRS) Director, Annee Imle (third from left) and NMCRS volunteers at Ristorante Bella Etna March 1 to kick-off the NMCRS Active Duty Fund Drive.
(U.S. Navy photo by MR2 Gary Spence)

SIGONELLA OFFICE STAFF:

Annee Imle
Director

Allison Smith
Visiting Nurse

Martina Butler
Honorary Chairman of Volunteers

Joy Hardin
Chairman of Volunteers

UPCOMING EVENTS

Nearly New Shop Regular Hours:
Tuesday-Thursday, and Saturdays
(after payday)
10:00AM-2:00PM

NMCRS Volunteer Orientation
2nd Tuesday of the Month
10:00AM-11:30AM
Location: NMCRS office

Budget for Baby
4th Wednesday of the month
11:30 AM - 1:00PM
Location: Library Classroom

Nurse's Corner - Germs in the Gym

Spring is a time of new beginnings so if you are planning to hit the gym, remember to practice good hygiene and protect yourself while working out.

Here are some simple tips to keep in mind:

- Shower immediately after exercising.
- Wear shower shoes.
- Keep wounds well covered.
- Protect feet with shoes or sandals.
- Wash and dry gym clothes at a high temperature after wearing.
- Don't share towels, mats, clothes or personal hygiene items.
- Wipe equipment handles or dumbbells with sanitizing wipes.



While MRSA in the community is less deadly than that found in hospitals, it can still give you nasty boils or a painful rash. See your doctor right away if you experience these symptoms.

Director Spotlight

In December, Annee Imle joined the staff of Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society Sigonella as the new director. She brings with her more than 10 years of management experience at nonprofit social service organizations. Previously, she served as program director at Habitat for Humanity of Island County and development director at Girls Inc. of Jacksonville.



"I'm excited to join the NMCRS Sigonella team and honored to have been selected to lead this dedicated group of volunteers. By working closely with our military partners, NMCRS Sigonella is providing crucial financial, educational, and other assistance to members of the Naval Service of the United States, eligible family members, and survivors when in need," says Imle.

When asked about her vision for the future of NMCRS Sigonella, Imle indicated that her top priority is expanding our volunteer corps and offering consistent programming to the Sigonella community. She added that she hope to expand the budget for baby program and offer additional financial education programs to cater to the different segments of the community.

Imle received a bachelor's degree in political science from Texas A&M University. Upon graduating, she married Barclay Imle and moved to Pensacola, FL for him to start flight school. Several moves later the Imle's arrived to NAS Sigonella in September and will calling Motta home for the next three years.

COV Corner:

By Joy Hardin



This has been a busy year so far. In January, June, Rota's director, came to Sig and trained several of our volunteers in CSA and Casework. Her knowledge was invaluable to our team. Immediately after June left, Annee headed to the states for 3 weeks of director training. I am so grateful for the volunteers that stepped up and helped cover the office in her absence. It is so wonderful to work with such a great group of dedicated volunteers!



Looking Ahead:

Please make plans to attend Our Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event in your honor on Saturday, April 21. We will be going to Emilio and Mariska's Farm in Mineo for a Make-Your-Own-Pizza lunch.

Our area trainer, Evelyn Liberty-Topliff, will be here April 30-May 5 for CSA, Casework, and Leadership training.

"A volunteer is a person who can see what others cannot see; who can feel what most do not feel. Often, such gifted persons do not think of themselves as volunteers, but as citizens - citizens in the fullest sense: partners in civilization."

Service Awards were given out to the following volunteers during the February & March Potluck. Thank you for your dedication!

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| * Miryam Costales, 4000 Hours | * Nicoletta Redman, 100 & 300 Hours |
| * Al Hamilton, 50 Hours | * Carla Reaves, 500 & 600 Hours |
| * Elizabeth Hamilton, 50 & 100 Hours | * Justin Rodriguez, 50 & 100 Hours |
| * Danny Redman, 100 & 300 Hours | * Jeremy Thatcher, 50 Hours |



- Justin Rodriguez, 18th March
- Leandro Arcega, 22nd March
- Retna Shaw, 28th March
- Elizabeth Hamilton, 8th April
- William Hamilton, 13th April
- Laura Hodges, 27th April
- Purcell Tabron, 12th May
- Mark Longacre, 16th May

Come serve with us!

We have volunteer opportunities for the following positions :



#CSA - Tuesday, Thursdays & Fridays

Thrift Store Workers

Publicity - to write articles, newsletters, design fliers etc...