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## Moore Takes Helm as Gibson Says Farewell



### Quote of the Month

*“You can do things  
One or two ways,  
The right way,  
Or again.”*

*~ A U.S. Navy  
Master Chief*

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U.S. Naval Support Activity (NSA) Souda Bay held a change of command ceremony onboard the installation, April 11.

Capt. Michael R. Moore relieved Capt. James F. Gibson Jr. as Commanding Officer.

Rear Adm. John C. ‘Jack’ Scorby, Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia, was the guest speaker at the event.

“It’s a great honor for me to be here to recognize the outstanding achievements of Captain James ‘Hoot’ Gibson and his team, and to look ahead with Captain Michael ‘Droopy’ Moore to what no doubt promises to be a challenging and

exciting future here at Naval Support Activity Souda Bay.” Rear Adm. Scorby presented the Legion of Merit medal to Capt. Gibson for a job well done, since he took command in May, 2012.

“I believe that our cooperation has enhanced our ability to support U.S., Greek, and NATO forces and in turn supports stability in this area.” Capt. Gibson said. “I am proud of the Sailors here. I look forward to watching your continued success.”

Capt. Gibson will be reporting to Student Attaché Training (DIA), Washington, D.C.

Capt. Moore, a Hot Springs, Arkansas native, has over 4,000 fixed and rotary wing flight hours and has previously served as the Commanding Officer of Helicopter Squadron Three (HS-

3), based out of Jacksonville, Florida.

“As per the CNO’s Sailing Directions, our Navy key tenants are: Warfighting First, Operate Forward, and Be Ready. The Sailors, and civilian men and women of Souda Bay are integral to this.” Capt. Moore said. “I have been singularly impressed by the professionalism and pride of every member of Team Souda and again I look forward to leading this consummate team of professionals.”

With over 800 military, DoD civilian/contractor, and local national personnel assigned to the base, Souda Bay plays a vital role in supporting both U.S. and NATO forward operations throughout EUCOM, CENTCOM, and AFRICOM theaters of operation.

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## SERVING THE FLEET

On any given day NSA Souda Bay's team of more than 800 professional Sailors, Airmen, and Civilians work together to perform our mission: To extend Joint and Fleet war fighting capability through operational support to U.S., Allied and Coalition Forces deployed within the EUCOM/CENTCOM/AFRICOM AOR by providing, operating and sustaining superior facilities dedicated to forward operations of ships, aircraft, detachments, and personnel. The imagery on these pages provides a glimpse of NSA Souda Bay's professionals supporting air and maritime operations.

# USS San Juan (SSN 751) visits Souda Bay



(April 18, 2014) – The Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS San Juan (SSN 751) arrives at Marathi NATO pier facility for a port visit. San Juan is on a scheduled deployment supporting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. Sixth Fleet area of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jeffrey M. Richardson/Released)

(April 18, 2014) – Sailors on the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS San Juan (SSN 751) moor the boat at Marathi NATO pier facility for a port visit. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jeffrey M. Richardson/Released)

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## AIR OPERATIONS

“The Sailors, Airmen, US and Local National civilians assigned to “Team Souda” have a long history and a stellar reputation of providing 24/7 sustained superior support to the fleet, NATO, and partner nations.” CDR Demetries Grimes, Ececutive Officer



(April 2, 2014) Three Air Force C140s sit along side each other on a cloudless day at Souda Bay.



(April 3, 2014) A SH-60B Sea Hawk from Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 46 “The Grandmasters” prepares to take off from NSA Souda Bay.



(April 3, 2014) The two pictures above and the two below depict a full flight line, an image that on this day, NSA Souda Bay was continuing her mission by providing operational support to deployed U.S. forces in the EUCOM/CENTCOM/AFRICOM Area of Responsibility.



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# Noteworthy Events

(April 11, 2014) NSA Souda Bay held a Change of Command where CAPT Michael Moore relieved CAPT James Gibson as Commanding Officer. (Photos by MC2 Jeffrey Richardson)



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(April 28, 2014) U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. David E. Jones, Assistant Chief of Staff Marine Forces Europe and Africa, visits Souda Bay.



(April 28, 2014) LT Andres Espinosa (Right), Facilities Engineering and Acquisition Division, briefs Marine Lt. Col. David E. Jones, Assistant Chief of Staff Marine Forces Europe and Africa, and U.S. Naval Support Activity (NSA) Souda Bay Executive Officer Cmdr. Demetries A. Grimes on the on-going renovations of Marine Corps Barracks onboard NSA Souda Bay. (Photo by MC2 Jeffrey Richardson)



(April 28, 2014) Marine Lt. Col. David E. Jones, Assistant Chief of Staff Marine Forces Europe and Africa, and U.S. Naval Support Activity Souda Bay Executive Officer Cmdr. Demetries A. Grimes discuss landmarks while on a boat tour of Souda Bay. (Photo by MC2 Jeffrey Richardson)

(April 8-10, 2014) NSA Souda Bay hosted a Hazardous Substance Incident Response Management Course, a course designed to provide personnel with the knowledge and skills necessary to respond safely and effectively to release of, or substantial threats of releases of, hazardous substances.



(April 9, 2014) BUCN Matthew Hurley assists CMCN Daniel Mullen in applying his Tychem Level B suit as part of hands on instruction during the 3 day training session.



Charles Watts, instructor from HazTrain, explains the next step in suiting up in a Tychem Level B suit during the training course.

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(April 1, 2014) NSA Souda Bay Chiefs Mess celebrates the 121st birthday of the ranking of the Navy Chief Petty Officer. Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy, MCPON (AW/NAC) Mike D. Stevens issued the following statement:

"My fellow Chief Petty Officers, April 1st marks the 121st birthday of the Chief Petty Officer. Throughout the fleet, we will celebrate the leadership, mentorship, and your steadfast determination to lead our Sailors and take care of our Navy families.

Since 1893, our Navy has placed a great charge on Chief Petty Officers. We've been asked to lead and serve our Sailors, no matter the circumstance or situation, and these are surely challenging times. There are many things beyond our control that have the potential to distract us from the tasks at hand. Fortunately, it's in our DNA to embrace these challenges, seek opportunities, and find solutions.

Make no mistake about it, being an effective Chief Petty Officer requires a level of effort that is uncommon. Being a Chief Petty Officer is not for amateurs. I believe with all my heart that your ability to lead and influence our Sailors is absolutely critical to our success; we could even say that it is absolutely critical to our survival. We have the responsibility to walk the walk - lead by example, and take control of what we own. Let us make this, "The Year of Solutions."

As stated in my "Zeroing in on Excellence" letter - I ask all Chief Petty Officers to continue pulling on the rope. Collectively, it's that steady strain that makes the difference. The foundation we build today is what will help us face the challenges of tomorrow.

Thank you so much for all that you do to enhance our excellence. Happy Birthday, we don't look a day over 100!"



NSA Souda Bay's Chiefs Mess stands at parade rest prior to rendering colors on the morning of the 121st birthday of the ranking of the U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer.



After rendering morning colors, Souda Bay's Chiefs Mess gathers for a group photo in front of the command building.



NSA Souda Bay's Chiefs Mess participates in a 5K run in recognition of the 121st birthday of the ranking of the U.S. Navy Chief.

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(April 4, 2014) After command quarters, NSA Souda Bay's Security Department gathers behind building 58 for a group photo. (photo by MA1 James Bryant)



(April 7-11, 2014) COMMAND FITNESS LEADER Class (CFL) Class

MWR at NSA Souda Bay completed its fifth CFL Course on 7-11 April. Nine sailors took the course and finished with outstanding and excellent ratings which makes them certified to run the command Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA) program at NSA Souda Bay and at their commands. Two out of nine students were from other bases in EURAFSWA (Naples and Stuttgart) and one sailor was a reservist from New York. A representative from OPNAV N170 to evaluate the course and answer any questions in regards to the policy was also present. Congratulations to all the new CFLs and STAY HEALTHY, STAY FIT AND STAY NAVY! (story and photos provided by NSA Souda Bay MWR Dept.)



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(April 3, 2014) MA1 Kevin Merritt reenlists aboard a SH-60B Sea Hawk helicopter assigned to the HSM-46 Grandmasters. MACS(SW) Paul Parrish administered the oath at 1,000ft .25 miles off Old Town Chania. (photos by MA1 James Bryant)



(April 2, 2014) MA2 Stephanie Ferrara's father, Vincent, administers the Oath of Enlistment to her during the reenlistment ceremony while LT Chris White, Port Ops Spill Specialist, presents MA2 Ferrara with her Certificate of Reenlistment.



(April 18, 2014) MA2 Brittany Mistler is presented a 96-hour liberty chit by NSA Souda Bay's Commanding Officer, CAPT Michael Moore, during her reenlistment ceremony while ENS Bates, right, presents her with her discharge certificate.

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# Noteworthy Events

Designated as Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), April found Naval Support Activity's Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) kicking off the "Hurts One, Affects All. Prevention of Sexual Assault is Everyone's Duty" campaign by recognizing Victim Advocates during Awards Quarters. Souda Bay's Executive Officer, CDR Demetries Grimes, top right, goes on air in the Armed Forces Network (AFN) studio with Mass Communications Specialist Seaman Logan Fister to discuss the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) program. FFSC continued the month by hosting Victim Advocate training classes as well as setting up a static display table, teamed up with the Coalition of Sailors Against Destructive Decisions (CSADD), all to maintain focus on awareness and prevention of sexual violence.



Above, Mr. Kevin Mulligan, Special Investigator, advises potential Victim Advocates what NCIS's role is during a Sexual Assault case. Pictured below, left, "Team Souda's newest Victim Advocates are with FFSC Director, Ms. Lisa O'Connor. Below right, CSADD and Victim Advocates team up for a static display during Sexual Assault Awareness Month.



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(April 25, 2014) NSA Souda Bay says goodbye to a familiar face. Paul Farley, the Public Affairs Officer since 1992, has been a stable force for those at Souda Bay. His vast knowledge of "all things Souda" and his well-respected relationship with leaders in the local community has been paramount to a smooth working relationship between the base and locals. His departure will definitely be felt in the Public Affairs office as well as around the base. We wish Paul "Fair Winds and Following Seas" as he moves on to his new assignment at Ft. Meade, Maryland.



NSA Souda Bay Executive Officer, CDR Demetries Grimes, presents Paul Farley with a plaque for his hard work and devotion to duty while at Souda Bay.



Coworkers and friends join Paul and Anna Farley for a farewell luncheon held at Graffiti's.



CDR Grimes presents Paul with a poster-sized card with photos Paul has taken on the cover and signed with well-wishes.



Paul Farley is shown praising all of the people he has worked with over the years here at NSA Souda Bay.

# April Awards Quarters



All awardees gather for a group photo along with Command leadership. From left to right: MAC Jeremy Centeno, YN2 Patricia Palmer, MASN Kyle Adkins, LS1 Ozric Martinez, MA3 Brian Carter, MASN Mitchell Neira, MA3 Brandon Hastings, MA3 Jerell Ordonio, CAPT James Gibson, NSA Souda Bay's Command Master Chief Todd Prayner, NSA Souda Bay's Executive Officer, CDR Demetries Grimes, MA2 Stephanie Ferrara, MA2 David Ferris, LN2 Jacqueline Witty, AC1 Julio Lamar, MASN Ariel Ruting and MACS Paul Parrish. Congratulations to all of our awardees. Bravo Zulu on a job well done.

**Navy Commendation Medal  
(NCM)**

**MAC Jeremy Centeno**

**Navy Achievement Medal  
(NAM)**

**LS1 Ozric Martinez  
MA2 David Ferris  
LN2 Jacqueline Witty**

**Military Outstanding  
Volunteer Service Medal  
(MOVSM)**

**AC1 Julio Lamar**

**Flag Letter of  
Commendation  
(FLOC)**

**YN2 Patricia Palmer**

**Letter of Commendation  
(LOC)**

**MA2 Stephanie Ferrara  
MA3 Brian Carter  
MA3 Brandon Hastings  
MA3 Jerell Ordonio**

**Letter of Commendation  
(LOC)**

**MASN Kyle Adkins  
MASN Mitchell Neira  
MASN Ariel Ruting**

**Combined Federal  
Campaign  
(CFC)**

**MACS Paul Parrish  
MAC Jeremy Centeno**



# Welcome Aboard

**Indoc class for the week of 07 April 2014**



**Indoc class for the week of 21 April 2014**



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# MWR Entertainment

## World Class Illusionist Entertains Souda Bay (April 07, 2014)



Left: World Class Illusionist, Rob Lake, warms up the crowd with an “exercise” while, he invites HM3 Katelyn Conrad (pictured right) on stage as part of a ‘dream vacation’ act where he correctly pre-guessed various audience members answers to where he and Katelyn would go on their “dream vacation.”

Photos and Story by Peggy Bebb  
NSA Souda Bay Public Affairs

(April 7, 2014) The Department of Defense’s Armed Forces Entertainment brought world renowned, award winning Illusionist, Rob Lake to Naval Support Activity Souda Bay to bring a bit of stage magic to the Sailors and Civilians in attendance.

Running onto the stage to kick things off, Rob Lake got the eager audience to

participate in a show-opening exercise that left everyone’s arms locked which in turn, quickly and effectively grabbed the audience’s attention. From that moment on, Lake wowed even the smallest fans with his mind-reading, card tricks and incredible illusions.

Lake’s performance, a mixture of magic, illusion and humor was highlighted by the never-ending audience participation where children, Sailors and civilians were brought on stage to participate in

various acts. From pulling dry sand from a bowl full of water to creating a “perfect date” with an audience member and the old stand-by, broken wand trick, the audience was captivated from beginning to end.

Named as the “Top Illusionist in the World” by Caesars Entertainment, Lake is the youngest magician in history to receive the prestigious Merlin Award – the industry equivalent of the Oscar, Emmy, Grammy, and Tony.

## Adam’s Attic Rock Band (April 17, 2014)



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# The Liberty Center, a Home Away from Home for Sailors



The recreation aides of NSA Souda Bay's MWR Liberty Center are from left: Eva Koumandraki, Soula Perakis, Roxanne Frudakis, Eleni Papadaki and Eleni Trahalaki.

Photos and story by Peggy Bebb  
NSA Souda Bay Public Affairs

One of the most difficult issues to solve at a forward operating site made up of a majority of unaccompanied Sailors is how to fill their time off with activities to keep them busy and entertained. Here at Naval Support Activity Souda Bay, Morale Welfare and Recreation's (MWR) Liberty Center is on track keeping Sailors engaged in after hours activities and offering a space for them to unwind after duty.

Geared toward active duty military E1-E6, single or unaccompanied service members, the Liberty Center likes to be thought of as a "home away from home" according to Eleni Papadakis, recreational aide. "To serve our patrons and provide them with an environment they can relax and enjoy themselves in" explains Papadakis, "is part of our department's mission."



Soula Perakis, MWR recreation Aide, assists MASN Melody McCarrell in renewing her barracks room wifi subscription.

Liberty is a worldwide MWR program that "positively impacts the quality of life of our service members by providing superior entertainment experiences, high energy recreational programs as well as the ability to experience these activities in an alcohol and tobacco free environment" states Anastasia Perakis, recreational aide.



Sailors utilize the free gaming systems offered at MWR's Liberty Center.

At Souda Bay's Liberty center, the ladies do their best to make each and every service member feel welcomed while providing the highest level of customer service, as noted in a recent survey where Souda Bay had the best customer service in the Region.

Free-wifi for the ability to connect with friends and family back home, free movies on and off base, the latest games and gaming systems to challenge their friends as well as other events and indoor/outdoor activities, the Liberty cent

er has something to offer every Sailor.

"By keeping the junior Sailors energized and relaxed and their spirits up helps the Sailors endure the hardships" of an unaccompanied tour "while completing their mission" here at Souda Bay, notes Eleni Trahalaki, recreational aide. "Our goal is to consistently provide great customer service, overwhelm customers with awareness about what we offer, develop effective ways to listen and provide what our customers ask for, when and where they want it by planning and offering new and more programs with a MWR-wide perspective."



Sailors enjoy a movie at the Liberty Center while others play gaming systems.

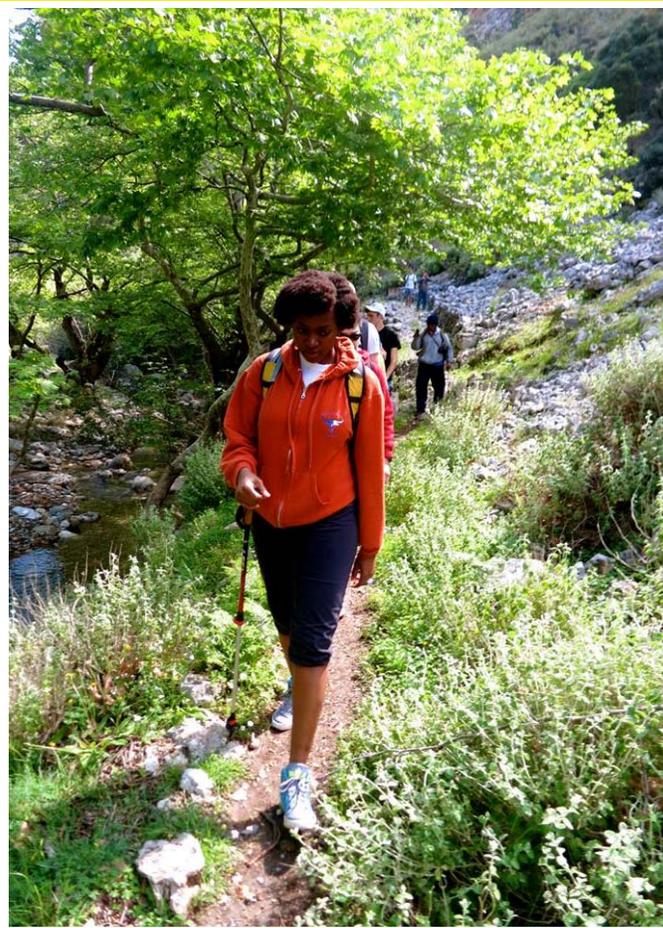
Thank you to the ladies of NSA Souda Bay's MWR Liberty Center for your outstanding customer service, your continued support of our junior Sailors and providing a "release" from the day-to-day grind of working at an unaccompanied Forward Operating Site. "Bravo Zulu" on a job well done!

# MWR Happenings

## Liberty Pie Eating Contest (April 9, 2014)



## Polirinia to Milia Hiking Trip (April 19, 2014)



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## Change of Command Reception (April 11, 2014)



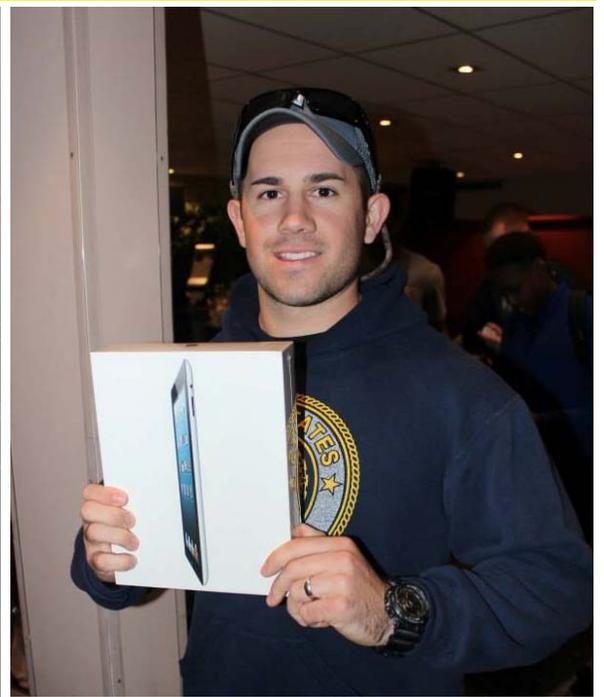
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# MWR Happenings

## NSA Souda Bay 1st Class Assoc. Barracks Bash (April 25, 2014)



## Easter Egg Hunt and Party (April 14, 2014)



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