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# Distinguished Visitors at Souda Bay



NSA Souda Bay Commanding Officer, Capt. Mike R. Moore (left), greets Commander 6th Fleet, Vice Adm. James Foggo upon his arrival at Souda Bay. Foggo spoke at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual NATO Maritime Interdiction Operations Training Center (NMIOTC) Conference. (Photo by MC2 Jeffery Richardson)



NSA Souda Bay Commanding Officer, Capt. Mike R. Moore (left), greets Commander Navy Installations Command, Vice Adm. Dixon R. Smith upon his arrival at Souda Bay. Smith toured various construction project sites, Sailor support facilities and the Marathi NATO pier facilities. (Photo by MC2 Jeffery Richardson)



**Congratulations**  
**Chief Petty Officer Selectees!**  
BMC(Sel) Robert R. Roy  
MAC(Sel) Veronica D. Cartwright



# SERVING THE FLEET

On any given day, Team Souda, comprised of Sailors, Airmen and civilians works together in support of the mission:

**T**o 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 and services dedicated to combat readiness and security of ships, aircraft, detachments and personnel.

Here is a glimpse of the recent activity at the nearby NATO pier facility. All photos taken by MC2 Jeffrey Richardson.



USS Laboon (DDG-58) departs the Marathi NATO pier facilities after a scheduled port visit.



USS Helena (SSN-752) arrives at the Marathi NATO pier facilities for a scheduled port visit.



USS Laboon (DDG-58) arrives at the NATO Marathi Pier facility in Souda Bay for a scheduled port visit.



USNS John Lenthall (T-AO-189) departs the Marathi NATO pier facilities after a scheduled port visit.



Vice Adm. Dixon Smith, commander of Navy Installations Command, speaks with Lt. Billy Abbott, U.S. Naval Support Activity Souda Bay Port Operations Officer, during a water-side tour of the Marathi NATO pier facilities. During the visit, Smith toured various construction projects and Sailor support facilities.

# SOUDA BAY MEDICAL TEAM TRAINS FOR THE FIGHT



NSA Souda Bay Sailors participate in a multi-day training event focused on Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) preparedness and response at the medical center on base. Throughout the training, the Sailors gained expertise in detection and identification of CBRN, setting up the decontamination site as well as decontaminating personnel. (Photos by MC2 Jeffery Richardson)



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# FIT FOR DUTY!

Story and photos by Jacky Fisher, Public Affairs Officer

## Weezy is back on his feet... or rather, paws!



It is one thing to get injured in the fight or even while training for the fight. But Weezy was severely injured Oct. 30, 2013 when he jumped up to retrieve his reward, a tennis ball, for successfully completing a search training exercise in a warehouse on board Naval Support Activity (NSA) Souda Bay. Weezy, a 6-year-old chocolate Labrador Military Working Dog (MWD), landed incorrectly and sustained a tibia/fibula fracture; a clean break in back left leg.

"It was pretty serious," recalls Master at Arms 1<sup>st</sup> Class Kyle Stewart, NSA Souda Bay's Kennel Master. "Weezy was medivaced that same day to Naples for x-rays."

This reward-gone-bad accident put Weezy on a nineteen month long journey of three surgeries, rehabilitation, a light duty chit, and finally on May 1 of this year, a clean bill of health returning him to a 'fit for duty' status. Two weeks later, Weezy was command certified for explosive detection with his new MWD handler, Master at Arms Seaman Matthew Hollingsworth.

Weezy's surgeries were performed at Dog Center Europe in Kaiserslautern, Germany. Specialist Monique Owens was one of the lead technicians both times Weezy was a patient at the facility.

"Weezy came to us the first time on November 1st, 2013. We took him

into surgery for the first time on the 6th of November and placed 12 screws in his leg to stabilize the fracture," said Owens. The staples were removed two weeks after the surgery and Owens started physical therapy on Weezy using a water treadmill. (See Weezy during his rehab at Dog Center Europe on YouTube: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-RIAeyhGd4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r-RIAeyhGd4))

"We continued therapy for about a week and a half when he developed a sore, so we took him into surgery a second time to remove one screw that was too long," according to Owen. "This time we did not begin therapy again; instead Weezy went back home to finish his recovery process."



Weezy returned to Souda Bay early January 2014 and for a while was on a light duty chit working at his own pace. In December the same year, Weezy returned to Dog Center Europe. This time his stay was shorter; he had the screws removed from his leg. According to Owens, Weezy "was a wonderful patient!"

By May 1, Weezy was back at NSA Souda Bay, and back on full duty. On the 15<sup>th</sup> Weezy walked the certification course with Hollingsworth. A native of Lorain, Ohio, Hollingsworth joined the Navy in June 2014 and after completing Master at Arms "A" school, he followed up with Military Working Dog Handler's Course, both located at Naval Technical Training Center Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. The three-month long training has prepared Hollingsworth for his first

certification test with his MWD. And Weezy's road to recovery had done the same; this will be his second certification since the accident in 2013, but his first with his new handler, Hollingsworth.

"This is a pretty big deal for him (Hollingsworth). It's his first certification as a dog handler ever," said Ens. Eliot Fiaschi, NSA Souda Bay Security Officer. "And it's a big deal for Weezy, too."

Hollingsworth guided Weezy around the training course where several types of explosive training aides were hidden in and amongst vehicles and pallets. To pass the course, he must identify all 11 aides. Weezy was all business, successfully identifying every target, enjoying a little tennis ball action in between hits. NSA Souda Bay is Hollingsworth's first duty station and tours are typically one year long. "I finished in the top percentile of my class so I chose to be a dog handler," said Hollingsworth. "Applying yourself definitely has it payoffs; dog handler was my first pick."

As a MWD handler, Hollingsworth must complete four years as a handler before he's allowed to 'drop his leash' in pursuit of other aspects of security. It's too early in his career for Hollingsworth to think about branching out in the security field. "I like my job and working with the dogs. I can see myself being a handler for some time to come."

For now, Weezy and Hollingsworth will work together as a team over the course of the year. 🐾



# ▶ *Saved by the Belt!*

By Jerry Hollenback, Safety Director



Petty Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Brown slowed his van down for the checkpoint. His wife Lisa, who was seven months pregnant, and his 2 year old daughter Siena, were asleep in the van and he did not want to disturb them.

California has several immigration checkpoints; this one was about 25 miles east of San Diego on Highway 24. Brown was returning home to San Diego after a long weekend visit at his parent's house in Arizona. The checkpoint officer was about to wave Brown through the checkpoint when made a hand gesture toward Brown indicating to fasten his safety belt. Relieved that he did not need to stop and wake up his family, Brown fastened his safety belt and continued toward San Diego.

The smooth van ride suddenly, without warning, went from smooth to bumpy. Brown had fallen asleep for a brief moment, and was shocked awake by the violent movement of the van. He jerked

the wheel to the right which only made matters worse. Vans and other top heavy vehicles tend to flip over during erratic maneuvering. The van lurched to the right and flipped over twice before landing in an upright position.

Although the entire mishap was over in seconds, Brown later stated that it seemed to last forever. All of the windows were shattered. Everything inside that was not secured, including an ice chest and two suitcases, had been violently ejected from the van.

However, thanks to the checkpoint officer Brown, his wife and daughter had all been restrained by their safety belts.

to his forehead. His pregnant wife was unconscious. Help arrived within minutes. Lisa soon became responsive and seemed fine, but would be airlifted to a nearby hospital out of concern for the unborn baby.

Lisa gave birth to a healthy seven pound baby boy eight weeks after the rollover mishap. The entire family owes their lives to safety belts and to the child car seat. Brown remembers the mishap, but does not remember falling asleep. The van was completely totaled. The ice chest that was ejected with the suitcases was more than 100 feet from the van and completely destroyed.

Before safety belt laws became mandatory, more than 50,000 people in the U.S. were killed annually in motor vehicle mishaps. That number has been reduced to nearly half that due to safer cars and better occupant protection.

Now a Petty Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Brown never goes anywhere without his safety belt, and says he will not put the car in drive until every passenger has their safety belt on.

Driving in Crete is more hazardous than driving in the US. This summer will see more cars on the road. Drivers visiting from different countries will make any trip more challenging. BUCKLE UP ... EVERY TIME - not just in the busy summer months, but all year round.

For more safety tips and resources visit [safetycenter.navy.mil](http://safetycenter.navy.mil) 

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His daughter fared the best. Secured in her approved car seat, she was only startled awake by the violent movement and received no injuries. Brown was alert, but somehow received a small cut

## HOMETOWN 5-STAR DINING FACILITY



Congratulations to NSA Souda Bay's Galley Team! Exceeding CNIC's three-star baseline, the Galley Team achieved the equivalent of a FIVE STAR rating by scoring 1,193 out of a possible 1,261 points in a recent Regional inspection.

"It was definitely a team effort," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Juliusarturo Marzan, NSA Souda Bay Food Service Officer. "The cohesive teamwork of the entire Galley crew with special mention of the records keeper, bulk storeroom custodian and watch captains enabled the Galley to achieve this milestone."

"This is testament to your team's hard work and dedication," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Ernesto Garcia, Region Galley Program Manager, Command Navy Region Europe, Africa Southwest Asia. "BZ to everyone and keep up the great work."

# TEAM NAVY OUTREACH

## Supporting the local community!



June 19 - Sixteen Seabees from NAVFAC EURAFSWA at NSA Souda Bay, with the help of the 1st Class Petty Officer Association, provided volunteer work for a community outreach project at the beautiful village of Mouzouras. This project consisted of wood work repairs and painting at the Mouzouras community center, church and playground to compliment the great work done by locals and the authorities to preserve both the environment and traditional architecture. This is NSA Souda Bay's way of saying, "Thank you" to the local community for their kind hospitality.



June 11- Thirty Sailors from NSA's Second Class Association, VQ-1 and other departments successfully contributed to a three-day volunteer event in support of the St. Nektarios Girls Care Center summer facility located in Korakies. This is the third year in a row NSA Souda Bay volunteers were able to provide volunteer work for the Center.



June 26 - Sailors from NSA Souda Bay supported a group of turtle-loving environmentalists with a beach clean-up at the Stalos Beach in Chania. Archelon, an organization with the mission of saving sea turtles, provides protection for the little guys during their hatching seasons as well as when they try to make their way back to the sea once they are hatched. "Caretta Caretta" is a rare species of sea turtles facing the threat of extinction. Sea turtles visit Crete every year in order to nest. Man-made items such as beach umbrellas, sunbeds, artificial lights as well as vehicle use on the beach are only some of the problems that sea turtles face. Before the beach clean-up Sailors learned about Archelon's mission through a presentation given by the organization.