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Fuel Storage Facility Inaugurated



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On 19 August, NSA Souda Bay played host to RADM Jonathan A. Yuen, Commander NAVSUP Global Logistics Support during a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the P-411 DLA MIL-CON fuels storage facility. After nearly three years of construction and over \$21,004,144.00 later, Souda Bay has increased the capacity to flow fuel to NSA five times the previous flow rate based on the new pipe size changing from 4" to 6" and the fuel storage facility going from 160,000 gallons to an additional 1,000,000 gallons according to

Souda Bay NAVFAC, Fuel Storage Facility Project Construction Manager, Mr. Anton Dattilo.

As part of NSA Souda Bay's mission, 'to provide operating and sustaining superior facilities and services dedicated to combat readiness and security of ships, aircraft, detachments and personnel', the additional fuel capacity has only strengthened the mission by providing more rapid and efficient refueling of large body aircraft and thus increasing the operational reach of the Allied Forces throughout the Mediterranean, Africa, and Middle East regions.

As the keynote speaker for the ribbon cutting ceremony, RADM Jonathan Yuen emphasized the importance of NSA Souda Bay's mission and how the addition of the new fuel storage facility will enhance mission capabilities. RADM Yuen addressed the crowd by stating Souda has "strategic implications of the support we provide to NATO, 6th Fleet forces and those in the AfriCom and EuCom areas. It gives us new capabilities to our forces, to sustain them out here. The capability that the building brings is an amazing asset for our forces, not just Navy but others as well".

Quote of the Month

"Whatever the job you are asked to do at whatever level, do a good job because your reputation is your resume".

~Madeline Albright
Secretary of State (1997-2001)

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VIP Visit

Major General Raymond C. Fox, Commanding General, II MEF and Brigadier General James S. O'Meara, Commander, USMARFOREUR visit Souda Bay



MG Raymond Fox addresses Marines from FAST team based out of Rota, Spain, during a brief stop at Souda Bay.



NSA Souda Bay Commanding Officer, CAPT James Gibson, speaks with MG Fox outside the Air Terminal. (BG O'Meara is pictured third from the left)

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Noteworthy Events

Marines train at NATO Maritime Interdiction Operational Training Center (NMIOTC)



Marines from Marine Security Force Europe Fleet Antiterrorism Security Team (FAST), Platoon Alpha Three, participate in a joint training exercise at NATO Maritime Interdiction Operational Training Center (NMIOTC).

Media Embark to USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75)



NSA Souda Bay hosted a media embark out to the aircraft carrier Harry S. Truman (CVN 75) on 15 August. The media group are pictured with NSA Souda Bay Executive Officer, CDR Demetries Grimes returning to Souda from the embark

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THREE WELCOMED INTO CHIEF'S MESS

NSA Souda Bay hosts Chief Petty Officer Pinning Ceremony



DCC(SW) Brian Crusoe, AOC(AW) Rudoff Liverpool and BMC(SW) Jason Ballay, NSA Souda Bay's newest Chiefs, sing 'Anchors Aweigh' during the 2013 Chiefs pinning ceremony.

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The goal of a career Sailor is, to one day, attain the rank of Chief Petty Officer where donning the khakis and combination cover means you have accepted greater responsibility from your superiors and have been welcomed with open arms, into the 'Mess', the 'Chiefs Mess'.

On 13 September, the 120th class of Chief selectees was pinned with their coveted anchors in a time honored U.S. Navy tradition and BMC Jason Ballay, AOC Rudoff Liverpool and DCC Brian Crusoe were welcomed into the Chiefs Mess at NSA Souda Bay.

New to this year's selectees was the CPO 365 program that trains and develops first class petty officers throughout the year to step into the shoes of a Chief Petty Officer. For Souda Bay's newest Chiefs, the CPO 365 program

gave them great tools year round for becoming a Chief Petty Officer vice waiting to get those same tools six weeks prior to the pinning ceremony. BMC Ballay, Port Operations Department, stated the CPO 365 initiative "teaches you and gives insight on things like heritage that plays a vital role in becoming a chief."

Steeped in tradition, the pinning ceremony, among other things, consisted of the reading of "The Anchors of the Chief" by LSCS(SW/AW) Quinn Kelly and the "CPO Creed" read by NCC (SW/AW) Alex Roque. When asked what the pinning ceremony meant to him, DCC Crusoe stated "It was a culmination of 17 years of hard work achieved with the help and support from my subordinates and superiors, from the junior Sailors below me to the people who helped train me to reach this goal."

As part of the CPO 365 program, Phase

II began when the Sailors were announced as selectees, thus beginning the six week training period prior to pinning. As part of the training, the selectees were assigned sponsors who were their lifelines throughout the process. According to DCC Crusoe, the sponsor was "someone you lean heavily on and basically find yourself mimicking them as chiefs. Your sponsor is the one person you can go to when all other options are exhausted." One such sponsor was BMC Antonio Young, the co-sponsor of DCC Crusoe, who stated that "pinning a new Chief is an honor to me, it means that there was something that the new chief saw in me to give me that honor."

Alternately, BMC Ballay didn't want his sponsor involved at first; he wanted to do it alone. However, he acknowledged that "once I realized they were there to help, my sponsor seemed more like a big brother who was there to help and guide me".

THREE WELCOMED INTO CHIEF'S MESS (cont.)

According to BMC Young, the entire CPO 365 Phase II was “a complete success due to the cohesive planning and execution by the entire NSA Chiefs Mess.”

As guest speaker at the ceremony, NSA Souda Bay's Executive Officer, CDR Demetries Grimes, congratulated the newest Chiefs stating as the son of a Navy Chief, it was an honor to participate in this special event. He also quoted from the CPO Creed before stating that as Executive Officer, he can now “confidently look upon a Chief and know they are *Tested, Tried and Accepted.*” CDR Grimes stated that “for all new Chiefs, a long road of accomplishments has led to this day; accomplishments that were not achieved alone.

You're all wearing khakis today because, somewhere along the way, a Chief Petty Officer took you aside and put you on the right path, whether with encouraging words, or a well-placed boot somewhere.”

Both DCC Crusoe and BMC Ballay were overwhelmed with the complete and total support from the NSA Souda Bay family. BMC Ballay acknowledged that with this being a ‘family restrictive tour,’ he was extremely ‘happy and gracious for everyone coming out to support us especially since my family couldn't be there.’ DCC Crusoe was appreciative of the fact that everyone was supportive, from the cake cutting at the NEX to NFCU and the gym and even to those that opened up their office spaces for them to work on

projects.

In closing out his remarks, CDR Grimes went on to state that the new Chiefs have a heavy responsibility on their shoulders to maintain. He said “Those who cannot or will not meet those standards will challenge you at times. It is your job to develop those Sailors into assets and guide them through the ranks as you were guided at one point. Earn their faith. Lead them. Demand their best. The duties and responsibilities of a Chief Petty Officer are for true leaders only. All others need not apply.”

Congratulations to the newest members of the NSA Souda Bay Chiefs Mess, we look forward to noting your accomplishments. Remember this “Navy Chief, Navy Pride.”



DCC(SW) Brian Crusoe is welcomed into the NSA Souda Bay Chiefs Mess.



MACS Paul Parrish places the combination cover on newly pinned AOC(AW) Rudoff Liverpool.



NSA Souda Bay's Chiefs Mess sings 'Anchors Aweigh' at the conclusion of the pinning ceremony on 13 September.

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FLIGHTLINE ACTIVITY

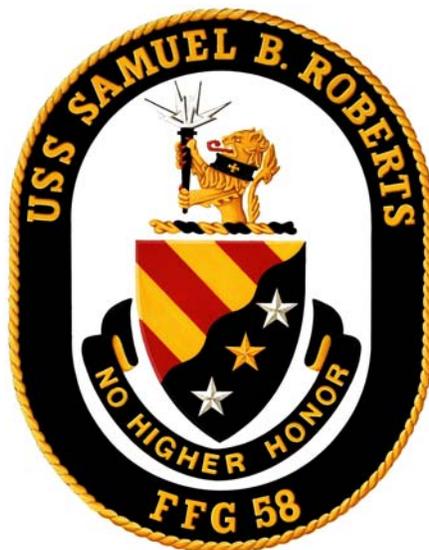
The Sailors, Airmen, US, and Local National civilians assigned to "Team Souda" have a long history and a stellar reputation of providing 24/7 sustained superior support to the fleet, NATO and partner nations.



On any given day, NSA Souda Bay can play host to numerous aircraft. One such day was 14 August 2013.

SERVING THE FLEET

On any given day, at NSA Souda Bay, our team of more than 900 professional Sailors, Airmen and Civilians are working 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 and services dedicated to combat readiness and security of ships, aircraft, detachments and personnel. With the imagery on these pages we intend to offer you a glimpse of the recent activity both on the airfield and at the nearby NATO pier facility.



19 August 2013 - The guided-missile frigate USS Samuel B. Roberts (FFG 58) arrives for a port visit. Roberts, homeported in Mayport, Fla., is deployed to the U.S. SIXTH Fleet AOR supporting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts.



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NSA Souda Bay Sailors of the Quarter-3rd Quarter



Sailor of the Quarter - EN1 John Dunham, Port Operations



Junior Sailor of the Quarter - MA2 Jalyn McMurray, NSA Security



Blue Jacket of the Quarter - MASN Matthew Patrick, NSA Security

August Reenlistments



MA2 Vernon Colbert, pictured with Security Officer, LT Jason Lofton, reenlists for 4 years.



MA3 Dylan Donahoo, pictured with Security Officer, LT Jason Lofton, reenlists for 4 years.

Thank you for Staying Navy



MA2 Ashley Pownall, pictured with Harbor Patrol Unit LCPO, BMC Young, reenlists for 3 years.



HM3 Jenei Estrada, shown with reenlisting officer, CDR Scott Pusateri, OIC Branch Health Clinic, reenlists for 4 years.

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August 2013 Awards Quarters



Pictured above are the awardees from the 8 August Awards Quarters. MA2 English, MA2 McMurray, RP3 Hughes, MA2 Santucci, MC3 Pyfrom, MA3 Neary, MA1 Joshua, MASN Patrick, NSA Commanding Officer, CAPT James Gibson, NSA Command Master Chief, CMDCM Todd Prayner, NSA Executive Officer, CDR Demetries Grimes, LS1 Moses, MA3 Nordeen, MA2 Blom, MAC Clayton, MA2 Fuller, Mr. Teddy Gale, MA2 Pownall, EN1 Dunham.

Congratulations to the following Sailors for their outstanding achievements. Bravo Zulu on a job well done!

Navy Commendation Medal:

MA2 Andrew English

Joint Service Achievement Medal:

MC3 Brent Pyfrom

Navy Achievement Medal (NAM):

MA1 Frederick Joshua
LS1 Tammaron Moses
MA2 Kara Blom

Navy Achievement Medal (cont):

MA2 Amanda Fuller
MA2 Ashley Pownall
MA2 Christopher Santucci
RP3 Dennis Hughes
MA3 Britlyn Neary
MASN Matthew Patrick

Letter of Commendation (LOC):

MA3 Joshua Nordeen

Certificate of Appreciation:

MAC Timothy Clayton

Letter of Appreciation:

Mr. Teddy Gale

Sailor/Junior Sailor and Blue Jacket of Quarter for FY13 2nd Quarter:

EN1 John Dunham
MA2 Jalyn McMurray
MASN Matthew Patrick

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Welcome Aboard



INDOC GROUP WEEK OF 12 AUGUST 2013



INDOC GROUP WEEK OF 26 AUGUST 2013

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Souda Sailors Prepare for Civilian Life

NSA Souda Bay hosts Transition Goals, Plans, Success (T-GPS) Class



NSA Souda Bay Sailors that attended the August T-GPS class are pictured with their instructor, Mrs. Sarah Conlan from NAS Sigonella, Italy.

Story by Peggy Bebb
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Transition Goals, Plans, Success (T-GPS) formerly the US Navy's 'TAP' class, is a program that is designed to strengthen, standardize and expand counseling and guidance for Active and Reserve Sailors separating from the Navy after serving 180 or more days of active duty. As part of the Veterans Opportunity to Work (VOM) to Hire Heroes Act, T-GPS took effect in November 2012.

Offered by the NSA Career Counselor's Office and FFSC, the course was instructed onsite by Mrs. Sarah Conlan, Transition Assistance/ Family Employment Program Manager, NAS Sigonella, Italy. The T-GPS class comprised of 9 NSA Souda Bay Sailors that are within months of transitioning out of military life and into the civilian workforce.

As her first trip to Souda Bay to instruct the class, Mrs. Conlan stated she is certain the class is 'better prepared to leave military service and be more comfortable during their transition to civilian life as a result of having attended the class.'

During the weeklong training, service members were educated on the following:

- Translating military skills and experience into civilian workforce terms

- Financial planning
- Certification and training resources
- Employment workshop
- Federal and civilian job search techniques
- Resume writing
- VA Benefits and e-benefits.

There is additional information provided for those seeking higher education, technical training and entrepreneurship as well.

IT1 Edward Blevins, course student and upcoming retiree, hoped to gain knowledge of benefits upon retirement and skills to help him pursue a career in the future. He stated the class exceeded his expectations as he gained some great info about the post 9-11 GI Bill that he was unaware of.

LTJG Dan Fowler, NSA Souda Bay Food Services Officer, stated "while we are serving in the military, although we may be far from home, we are always taken care of by Uncle Sam via assistance in our moves, compensation with travel claims, TLA, BHA/OHA, BAS, bi-weekly paychecks, healthcare coverage, and low tax bracket. T-GPS is a great way to show

that that safety net will eventually disappear and you will need to land on your two feet when it does and in order to do so it requires the individual to show some initiative and make a plan then execute that plan."

IT1 Blevins gained valuable knowledge and stated that he wanted to give both instructors a "big BZ." They were both very knowledgeable and were willing to spend time after the slated course hours to assist with any additional questions. They both went so far as to provide their contact information for those attending the class in case we had additional questions down the road." (Ms. Jen Dammer, VTC instructor, assisted in the benefits portion of the class) He even suggests that Sailors consider taking the course two times to better grasp all of the information that is handed out during the weeklong course.



Students listen participate in a VTC on veterans benefits with course instructor Jen Dammer.

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Financial Stability Equals Mission Readiness

NSA Souda Bay hosts Command Financial Specialist Class.

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It is the goal of Naval installations worldwide to have every Sailor under their command to be mission ready on any given day at any given time and minimizing distractions helps everyone achieve that goal. One huge distraction to junior, and some senior Sailors, is not having financial stability. If a Sailor is continually worrying about putting food on the table, having enough gas to get to work or how to keep the lights on in his home, it will definitely affect mission readiness as the focus is not on the 'mission' instead the focus is on their financial troubles.

The Navy understands that financial instability affects mission readiness and with OPNAVINST 1740.5B, has mandated that every installation provide a Personal Financial Management (PFM) education, training and counseling program that provides Sailors with the basic principles and practices of money management, counseling tools and referral services. The Command Financial Specialist (CFS) is the core of the PFM program and the training for the CFS class is tiered into three categories: financial education and training, financial information and referral, and financial counseling.

After a full week of training, NSA Souda Bay CFS Sailors are ready to educate their fellow shipmates on everything from saving and investing, credit management, and car buying strategies to retirement planning, budget and financial management and planning for deployment.

Xavier Smith, Work and Family Life Specialist and CFS Instructor from Fleet and Family Services, Rota, Spain, explained that teaching the CFS course "arms Sailors with information and tools that 1) help them get and remain financially healthy, 2) shows them the consequences of financial irresponsibility and benefits of financial stability and 3) illuminates paths towards eventual financial independence." Mr. Smith went on to say that the Sailors that attend the CFS class are financially stable themselves and are typically E-6 and above (to include Officers) however, with proper approval, financially stable E-5s are accepted as well.

In his decision to attend the course, IT2 Matthew Brown hoped to gain confidence to reach out and address financial concerns of those around him as he knows that finances are a very private matter. IT2 Brown stated that after attending the week long course, in regards to helping a financially struggling shipmate, he feels "well-prepared and fully

comfortable that not only could I provide great advice, but direct them to the proper resources for more professional help if necessary."

MA1 Rex Boblett said he hoped to "get a closer look at how to better handle my money and in return to pass that on to other Sailors." MA1 Boblett recommends any Sailor that has the opportunity to take the class should do so as it gives a lot of information to better improve your finances and help your fellow shipmates as well.

After seeing how poor financial choices have caused many Sailors "unnecessary heartache through the years", ITC Chanh Nguyen decided to attend the CFS course to better help his Sailors because "as a Chief, we only want the best for our Sailors. Chiefs come up through the ranks typically after tackling the same struggles that our junior personnel deal with on a daily basis. It's through those difficult experiences that make us care so much and want to help."

With 20 new financial specialists onboard NSA Souda Bay, the command can be sure that these Sailors are ready to assist any shipmate that may need some help and guidance in gaining financial independence, in turn making NSA Souda Bay 'Mission Ready.'



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KEEP WHAT YOU'VE EARNED

THINK BEFORE YOU DRINK

You've worked hard for your career as a Sailor. Only one-fourth of 17- to 24-year-olds in the United States are even eligible for Navy service, and even fewer are capable of enduring the physical and emotional challenges of being a Sailor.¹ From boot camp to advancement exams, job training and deployments, you have met these challenges with hard work, sacrifice and dedication.

Making responsible drinking choices is an extension of that dedication. Just one bad decision while drinking alcohol can jeopardize everything you've earned. Sailors involved in alcohol incidents face serious consequences, including:

- Loss of rate or pay
- Separation from the Navy
- Civilian consequences, such as fines and jail time

Irresponsible drinking not only threatens your health and career, it threatens the Navy's ability to be mission-ready.



YOU'VE EARNED IT.

DON'T WASTE IT.

1. Gilroy, C. (March 3, 2009). Prepared statement of Dr. Curtis Gilroy, Director for Accessions Policy, Office of the Undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness before the House Armed Services Subcommittee "Recruiting, retention, and end strength overview."

SIGNS THAT YOU MAY BE DRINKING TOO MUCH:

- Not having control over the amount of alcohol you consume
- Alcohol negatively affecting your work and/or relationships with others
- Poor judgment and risk-taking
- Confused thinking
- Difficulty remembering details or events
- Slow reaction time and reflexes
- Distorted vision and blackouts
- Angry and/or depressed mood

DRINK RESPONSIBLY, EVERY TIME:

- Plan ahead for a safe ride home.
- Don't try to "keep up" with others.
- Know your limit, before you get there.



For more information, speak with your command Drug and Alcohol Program Advisor (DAPA), visit www.nadap.navy.mil, or call 1-800-U-ASK-NPC.

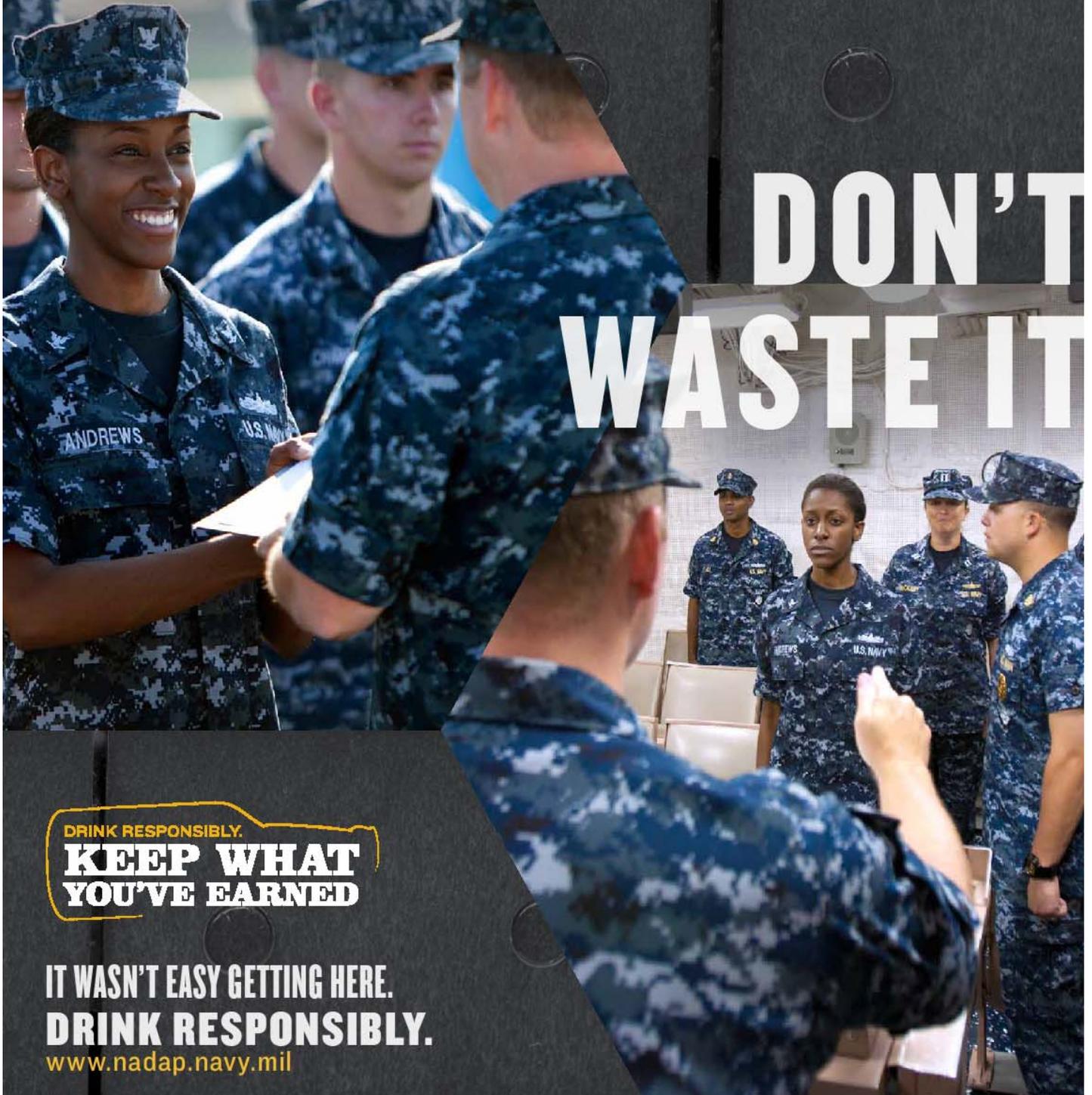
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