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Souda Bay Remembers the Battle of Midway



NSA Souda Bay's Executive Officer, CDR Demetrios Grimes (left) and Command Master Chief, CMDCM Kurtis Szyszka lay a wreath in the Minoan Basin at Marathi NATO Pier Complex in remembrance of the lives lost at the Battle of Midway.

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(June 05, 2014) In one of the most decisive battles coming out of World War II, the Battle of Midway proved to be a very important turning point in the Pacific campaign.

The battle, coming a mere six months after the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, saw the U.S. and its Allies turn the tide to an offensive position. Guided by Pacific Fleet commander, Admiral

Chester Nimitz, intelligence breakthroughs allowed the U.S. to surprise the Japanese that were positioning themselves to attack Midway Island.

The Japanese hoped to lure the rest of the U.S. Navy's Pacific Fleet which survived the Pearl Harbor attack, into an ambush. However, after breaking the Japanese codes, Admiral Nimitz was given the plans which Admiral Yamamoto Isoroku, Japanese Fleet Commander, had set into

place. This gave the Pacific Fleet time to get their air and sea assets into place and take an offensive stance.

Annually, NSA Souda Bay, like the rest of the U.S. Navy, holds a remembrance ceremony and lays a wreath at the Minoan Basin of the Marathi NATO Pier Complex to honor the more than 300 Sailors who lost their lives during this historic World War II campaign.

Quote of the Month

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

-John Quincy Adams

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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.

(June 13, 2014) USS Vella Gulf (CG-72) arrives for a scheduled port visit at Souda Bay.



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, Executive Officer

(June 2, 2014) Two C-17 cargo planes sit idle on the flight line at NSA Souda Bay.



(June 2, 2014) An E-2 Hawkeye arrives at NSA Souda Bay.



(June 10, 2014) A C-17 Cargo plane makes a stop at NSA Souda Bay.



(June 18, 2014) A C-130 cargo plane arrives at NSA Souda Bay.



(June 02, 2014) A C-2 Greyhound aircraft arrives at NSA Souda Bay.



(June 19, 2014) NSA Souda Bay continues to support the mission by providing ramp space for two C-17s and an RC-135 aircraft.



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VIP Visit

(June 10, 2014) CAPT Robert H. Palm, Defense Attaché, U.S. Embassy, Athens, Greece is escorted by NSA Souda Bay's Commanding Officer, CAPT Michael Moore and Executive Officer, CDR Demetries Grimes, during a small boat tour of the Minoan Basin and Marathi NATO Pier Complex



(June 30, 2014) American Idol Semi-Finalist Ayla Brown, along with her band members, meet with NSA Souda Bay's Commanding Officer, CAPT Michael Moore, and Executive Officer, CDR Demetries Grimes, prior to performing for Souda Bay's Sailors.



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Noteworthy Events

(June 16, 2014) The U.S. Air Force's Detachment 1, 95th Reconnaissance Squadron held a change of command where LT COL Ross M. Bullock, Deputy Commander, 55th Operations Group, relieved LT COL Shawn M. Gunter, outgoing Det 1 Commander, of his duties as the Squadron leader and turned them over to LT COL Gyorgy Laczko, incoming Commander. NSA Souda Bay says "Farewell" to LT COL Gunter and "Welcome Aboard" to LT COL Laczko.



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Noteworthy Events

Indoc classes for the weeks of 02 June and 16 June 2014



(June 5, 2014) NSA Souda Bay congratulates MACS William Worthen for advancing to the rank of Senior Chief.



(June 25, 2014) BMC Jason Ballay reenlists during a ceremony held in the Operations conference room. LT Chris White, left, presents BMC Ballay with his Discharge Certificate and NSA Souda Bay's Commanding Officer, CAPT Michael Moore, presents BMC Ballay with his Reenlistment Certificate.



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Noteworthy Events

(June 12, 2014) NSA Souda Bay's Fleet and Family Service Center hosted a Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Class where five new Advocates joined the fight against sexual assault.



(June 12, 2014) The latest team of trained Victim Advocates gather for a group photo prior to commencing training. From left to right: Mr. Kevin Mulligan, NCIS agent, Victim Advocate training instructor, Ms. Carol Amorosi, FFSC office, MM3 Rochelle Unangst, Navy Munitions Command, Ms. Lisa O'Connor, FFSC Director, LSSA Viviana Toro, NAVSUP, Ms. Mary Tipp, NEX Manager, Mrs. Carli Alam, Security, and Mr. Kip Lee, NCIS Agent .



(June 12, 2014) Mr. Kevin Mulligan, a NCIS agent, briefs the recent Victim Advocate class on the role that NCIS plays when there is a sexual assault case and how the Advocates interact with the agents.

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Noteworthy Events

(June 02, 2014) NSA Souda Bay's Executive Officer, CDR Demetries Grimes, center, greets the flight crew of a VAW-124 E-2C Hawkeye upon arrival at Souda Bay.



(June 5, 2014) NSA Souda Bay Executive Officer, CDR Demetries Grimes, center, takes a boat tour of Marathi Harbor with Port Operations Officer, LT William Abbott, right, and Port Ops spills Specialist, LT Jessica Alabata.



(June 4, 2014) Two NSA Souda Bay Sailors congratulate each other on making rank after the command frocking ceremony.



(June 23, 2014) NSA Souda Bay hosted the USS Vella Gulf (CG-72) for a friendly softball match. Pictured below are the participants from both teams.



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Noteworthy Events

(June 2014) (clockwise from top left) A day in the life of an NSA Souda Bay Sailor has Executive Officer, CDR Demetries Grimes and Command Master Chief, CMDCM Kurtis Szyszka addressing Sailors prior to the wreath laying for the Battle of Midway memorial. Port Operations line handlers moor a patrol boat at the Minoan Basin. Harbor Security personnel stand vigilant while on patrol around the Marathi NATO pier complex.



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Noteworthy Events

(June 12, 13 and 20, 2014) 84 Sailors and Airmen from NSA Souda Bay, along with various squadron and detachment personnel, helped with yard work, painting and refurbishing sports equipment at St. Nektarios Girl's Care Center Summer Facility.



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Noteworthy Events

(June 20, 2014) NSA Souda Bay's Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) department teamed with NATO Maritime Interdiction Operations Training Center (NMIOTC) to offer Sailors the opportunity to participate in a host nation sponsored fun run which finished at NMIOTC's headquarters near Marathi NATO pier complex. This event improves on the already stellar U.S. and host nation relations.



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Noteworthy Events

(June 18, 2014) The base Chapel sponsored their annual Vacation Bible School for the children of NSA Souda Bay. Forty children participated in the week long event featuring singing and dancing, crafts and bible study, among other things. Lead by a team of volunteers, this years Vacation Bible School was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's event memorable for the children of Souda Bay.



(June 12, 2014) NSA Souda Bay's Branch Medical Clinic participated in First Receiver Operation Training (FROT) where Corpsmen were taught how to set up decontamination shelters and how to decontaminate patients who have been exposed.



(June 12, 2014) NSA Souda Bay held a safety fair where personnel were encouraged to stop by various booths to get their blood pressure checked, try out "Fatal Vision" goggles and answer some safety trivia questions.



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June Awards Quarters



Navy Commendation Medal (NCM)

CSC Sipla Jones
YN1 Charles Harmon

Navy Achievement Medal (NAM)

LT Jessica Alabata
MA2 Darrin Campbell
MA3 Timothy Shirley

Letter of Commendation (LOC)

MA2 Jackie Lansing
MA2 Shawn Bradley
MA3 Travis Hartman
ABH3 Heriberto RomanVazquez
MASA Vanessa Williamson

Letter of Appreciation (LOA)

MM3 Nicole Sherwood

NAVSUP FLSC Sigonella

Sailor of the Quarter
ABF2 Zachary DeVinney

Blue Jacket of the Quarter
LSSA Viviana Toro



Command Frocking Ceremony

(June 4, 2014) NSA Souda Bay introduces new 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class Petty Officers during a frocking ceremony held during the monthly awards quarters. Congratulations to all of the Sailors that advanced.



Congratulations to NSA Souda Bay's newest First Class Petty Officers. Bravo Zulu on a job well done!

PS1 Carl Blanchard
MA1 Justin Kovach



Congratulations to NSA Souda Bay's newest Second Class Petty Officers. Bravo Zulu on a job well done!

RP2 Caleb Allison
AC2 Joseph Barba
MA2 Bill Bohnas
MA2 Lawrence Green
MA2 Brandon Harrison
MA2 Jesse Kock
MA2 Arlicia Litt
MA2 Jerry Mackinder
LS2 Linda Marquette
MA2 Karen Montelongo
AC2 Yer Xiong



Congratulations to NSA Souda Bay's newest Third Class Petty Officers. Bravo Zulu on a job well done!



AC3 Malkeisha Allen
MA3 Joseph Daly
MA3 Haile Daniels
MA3 Benjamin Hale
MA3 Christopher Hodnicki
MA3 Timothy Ippel
MA3 Christopher Kappeler
MA3 Stephanie Laubert
MA3 Stefan Lowry
MA3 Daniel Maloy
MA3 Mark Nguyen
LS3 Rosangelica Reyes
MA3 Lindsey Thompson
MM3 Rochelle Unangst
MA3 Patrick Wojtala

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Mission Readiness Starts with a Healthy Fleet: Branch Medical Clinic Leads the Way



Hospitalman Matthew Hundahl checks the vital signs on Master-at-Arms 2nd Class, Jessica Luera



Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Ariel Calderon performs a patient assessment on Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Jessica Luera.

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A "healthy fleet" is a "ready fleet" and here at Naval Support Activity Souda Bay, the Hospital Corpsmen (HM) of the Branch Medical Clinic makes it their daily mission to minimize downtime of our sick or injured Sailors.

At this forward operating site, it is essential to the mission of supporting the fleet, to maintain a healthy workforce. The clinic stands at the ready to accept one of their Shipmates who happens to be feeling a little under the weather.

With each Sailor who enters the clinic, the corpsmen assess and evaluate each patient's needs and prescribe treatment accordingly, whether that may be medication, handing out a "sick in quarters" chit or physical therapy for an injury.

The end goal for the medical team is to properly and effectively treat each Sailor with dignity and respect at the same time minimizing their time away from their duty sections, which, in turn, keeps the Souda Bay team strong, fit and ready to handle the mission at hand.

One misconception which hits close to home with the corpsmen is when Sailors say "we are just doing our job," expressed HM1 Harris, "The HMs that work here really do care about our Sailors."

In addition to caring for their Shipmates, the medical team also performs "various screenings" needed to maintain mission ready status, according to HN Letief Roberts.

From performing occupational screening physicals and annual health assessments to screening each Sailor prior to their biannual physical fitness test, it is imperative to the base mission of supporting the fleet at this forward operating site, to have all personnel of NSA Souda Bay fit for duty, healthy and up to the challenge of supporting all operations which the base is called upon to handle. "We're Awesome! Motivated! Dedicated," added HM2 Katelyn Conrad. "Our mission to support base medical readiness" means medically managing "Ship-Shipmate-Self."

"We track and update the medical readiness of the base population ensuring the Commanding Officer," CAPT Michael Moore, "has a fit force," noted HM1 Dinsley Harris,

Branch Medical Clinic Leading Petty Officer. A fit force equals a ready force and a ready force equals mission capable.

"Ensuring maximum operational readiness by providing high quality, safe patient and family centered care to maximize force health protection for 7,422 enrolled beneficiaries as well as NATO and transient Department of Defense forces in the U.S. Fifth and Sixth Fleet Areas of Operations is our mission," stated HM1 Harris. In supporting NSA Souda Bay's day to day operation, we strive for "medical readiness and keeping our Sailors operational," added Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Ariel Calderon.

Thank you to the Corpsmen and staff at our Branch Medical Clinic for making it YOUR mission to ensure our Sailors at Souda Bay are healthy, fit and ready to support the fleet, the warfighter and NSA Souda Bay operations.



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Souda Bay Hosts Safety Fair: Sailors Learn Valuable Information on Summer Safety



(June 24, 2014) Souda Bay Sailors sign in at the Safety table during the Safety Fair kicking off the Summer Safety campaign. Right, AO1 Richard Virto, tries his hand at the “Fatal Vision” goggles. The goggles give the user the sensation of your vision impairment at varying stages of intoxication.

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Summer is upon us here at NSA Souda Bay, which allows Sailors and Civilians to engage in more outdoor physical activity. The Safety Department took this opportunity to hold a Safety Fair in lieu of the typical summer safety stand down. By offering “A more fun and informal way of getting information out. We decided to try something different,” noted Stella Harissi, base safety inspector.

As with the stand down, the safety office invited other departments so they, too, could have the opportunity to set up an information booth and share their tips as well.

Emergency Management provided attendees with knowledge on “how to prepare themselves and their families for extreme heat conditions, earthquakes, power outages and active shooters, as well as information on how to make a personal and/or family emergency plan,” according to Dave Amorosi, Emergency Management

Officer.

The Fitness Center had trainers standing by to answer questions in regards to personal fitness and how to “work out safely,” stated Byron Gale, Fitness Center Manager. “Injuries due to lack of safety education costs the U.S. Government millions of dollars per year. With the safety fair, it gave Sailors the opportunity to gain important information on safety in the gym. Less injuries means Sailors and Team Souda are strong to support the mission.”

Souda Bay’s medical team offered up a multitude of information in regards to safe sexual practices, proper nutrition and tobacco cessation, to name a few. According to Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Katelyn Conrad, “the safety fair gives many avenues and resources to our personnel to ensure they are fully aware of taking safe measures in everything they do. With that being said, our mission is easier to accomplish due to the knowledge we obtain from events like this.”

The base Fire Department rounded out

the day’s topics by offering free blood pressure screenings as well as allowing Sailors the opportunity to complete their annual fire extinguisher training.

Fire Chief John Bebb stated “doing a safety fair such as this will remind all personnel of the importance of summer safety that, in turn, will help to ensure that everyone is here to support the mission in whatever capacity they are needed. NSA Souda Bay is One Team and together we make the mission happen. If any member is injured, it just makes it that much tougher on the rest of the team to accomplish the mission.”

At the end of the day, the safety fair was a huge success with tons of invaluable information handed out to our Sailors. Souda Bay is “One Team, One Fight” with safety always as the top priority.

Thank you to the safety department for organizing this event and to those that volunteered their time to educate our base population on the importance of Safety First and Being Prepared.

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MWR Happenings

Latin Night (June 10, 2014) and **Welcome Summer Party** (June 5, 2014)



Damnoni Bay Rock Climbing (June 4, 2014) and **Triathlon** (June 13, 2014)



Kayak Skills Class (June 14, 2014) and **Overnight Hiking Trip** (June 7, 2014)



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MWR Happenings

Corn Dog Eating Contest (June 25, 2014) and



Sougia to Agia Roumeli Overnight Kayak Trip (June 28, 2014)



Summer Begins 5K (June 19, 2014) and Liberty Bowling (June 24, 2014)



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