



MAY 2014

Souda Bay Remembers the Battle of Crete



NSA Souda Bay’s Commanding Officer, CAPT Michael Moore, right, and Executive Officer, CDR Demetries Grimes, render a salute during a flag raising ceremony at Firka Fortress in Chania as part of a week-long remembrance for the World War II conflict, The Battle of Crete.

(May 20-23 2014) During the 73rd anniversary of the World War II conflict, the Battle of Crete, NSA Souda Bay’s Commanding Officer, CAPT Michael Moore and Executive Officer, CDR Demetries Grimes participated in various ceremonies throughout the week to pay respects to the lives that were lost during the historic campaign.

To kick off the week, CAPT Moore and CDR Grimes attended a flag raising ceremony at Firka Fortress in Chania’s Harbor. Both attended an airshow over the beach and airfield in Maleme

that showcased an F-16 aerial display as well as a reenactment of the invasion on May 20, 1941 when German paratroopers made an airborne attack to begin the 10 day conflict. CAPT Moore wrapped up the Battle of Crete memorials by laying wreaths at the German War Cemetery in Maleme and the Allied War Cemetery in Souda.

The Battle of Crete, “Luftlandeschlacht um Kreta” in German or “Machi tis Kritis” in Greek, began with an early morning airborne invasion by German paratroopers onto the airfield

at Maleme, Crete. The ten day campaign saw the Allies overwhelm the Germans on the first day where they anticipated a victory. However, due to much miscommunication and calculation, the battle shifted and the Germans took back the airfield on the second day.

The Battle of Crete was the first massive aerial invasion in history and was the first time that German forces met such strong resistance by a civilian population, Cretan villagers took up arms and fought alongside their Allied counterparts throughout the campaign.

Quote of the Month

“There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, learning from failure.”

— Gen. Colin Powell

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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.

(May 5, 2014) USS Donald Cook (DDG-75) arrives for a scheduled port visit at Souda Bay.



(May 14, 2014) USS Taylor (FFG-50) visits 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

The month of May found a variety of aircraft touch down at NSA Souda Bay. Below are photos of just a few aircraft (clockwise from top left) first photo: a Russian made/ U.S. contracted, cargo configured - IL76 plane. Second photo: an Air Force C-17. Bottom row: a carrier based U.S. Navy E-2C Hawkeye from VAW-123.



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VIP Visit

(May 22, 2014) NSA Souda Bay's Commanding Officer, CAPT Michael Moore (center) and Executive Officer, CDR Demetries Grimes host an office call with Rear Adm. John "Chris" Sadler, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa Sixth Fleet, in the Commanding Officer's cabin.



(May 6, 2014) NSA Souda Bay's Commanding Officer, CAPT Michael Moore and Executive Officer, CDR Demetries Grimes greet Major General Raymond C. Fox, Commandant of U.S. Marine Forces Africa during a short stop in Souda Bay to get an update on the renovation project of the Marine Corps barracks in building 84.



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Noteworthy Events

(May 9, 2014) U.S. Fleet Forces Command's CAPT Edward Lizak, Fleet Operations Support Officer, Ms. Marie Parker, SAPR program manager, and Chaplain Brian Stamm bring annual sexual assault awareness and suicide prevention training to NSA Souda Bay.



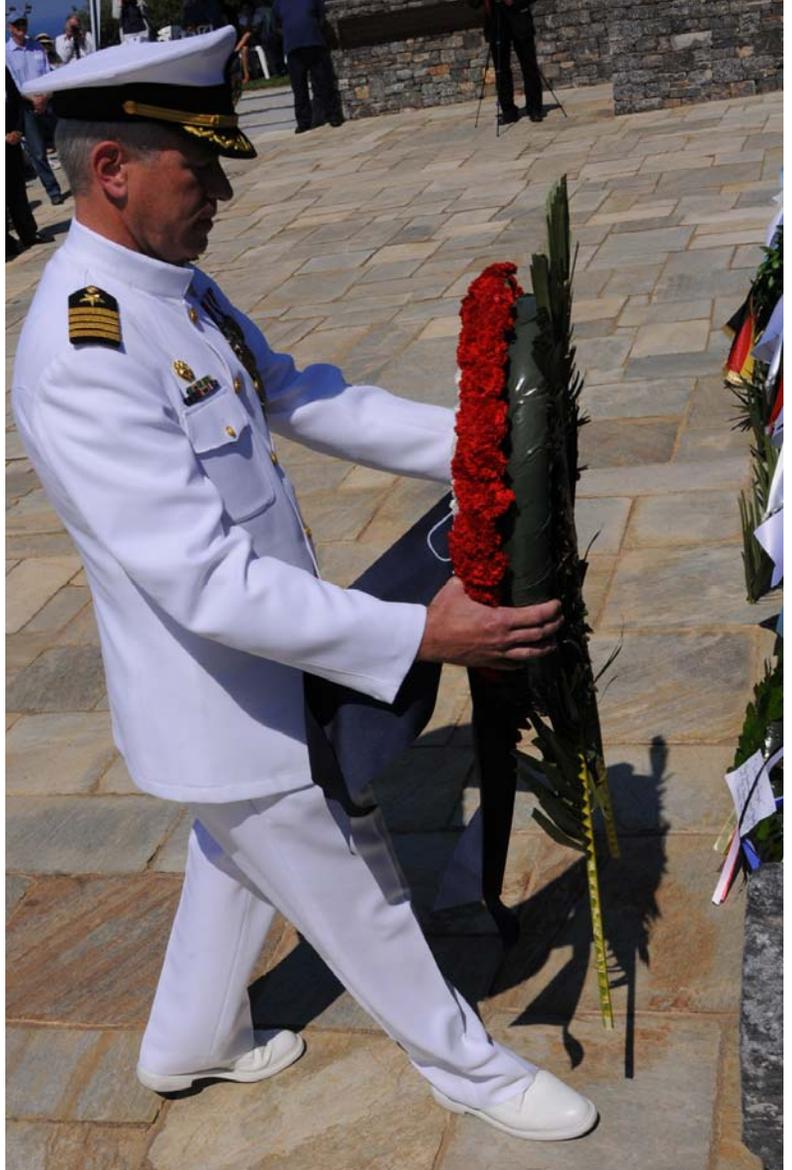
(May 9, 2014) As part of the sexual assault awareness training by Fleet Forces Command, NSA Souda Bay hosted Mr. Mike Domitrz, healthy dating and sexual assault expert, author and speaker. The "Can I Kiss You" presentation offered alternative dating advice for the 21st century Sailor.



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Noteworthy Events

(May 20-23, 2014) NSA Souda Bay's Commanding Officer, CAPT Michael Moore, and Executive Officer, CDR Demetrios Grimes, attend remembrance ceremonies in honor of those that lost their lives during the historic World War II conflict, The Battle of Crete.



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Noteworthy Events

Indoc classes for the weeks of 05 May and 19 May 2014



(May 22, 2014) NSA Souda Bay's Commanding Officer, CAPT Michael Moore is given a familiarization tour by LT Christopher White of the Marathi NATO pier complex and Minoan Basin that houses the boats from the Port Operations department.



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Noteworthy Events

(May 27, 2014) IT3 Jayson Alvarez is congratulated by NSA Souda Bay's Commanding Officer, CAPT Michael Moore, after his reenlistment ceremony.



(May 2, 2014) Souda Bay's Commanding Officer, CAPT Michael Moore and Executive Officer, CDR Demetries Grimes, pin LT bars on the newly promoted LT Jessica Arabatta.



(May 15, 2014) NSA Souda Bay Commanding Officer, CAPT Michael Moore, congratulates MACS Michelle Coronado on her reenlistment.



(May 16, 2014) UMUC teams with retired RAF Regiment Corporal Sean Johnstone to present a history lesson on "The Battle of Crete" for NSA Souda Bay personnel.



(May 2, 2014) NSA Souda Bay's Executive Officer, CDR Demetries Grimes hosts a luncheon with the latest indoc group.



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Noteworthy Events

(May 23, 2014) NSA Souda Bay's Command Triad, Commanding Officer, CAPT Michael Moore, Executive Officer, CDR Demetries Grimes and Command Master Chief, CMDCM Todd Prayner held an impromptu gathering at the coffee shop where they shared congratulations to Souda Bay Sailors that made rank during the latest rating cycle. Congratulations to all on their accomplishments. Bravo Zulu on a job well done.



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Noteworthy Events

(May 5-30, 2014) Souda Bay Fire Department teamed up with F.I.R.S.T. Training to complete a month long in-depth course that consisted of: trench rescue, vehicle extrication and stabilization, high and low angle rope rescue, machinery extrication as well as confined space. This training was conducted over four weeks of 10 hr. days and upon completion, 16 members are now Rescue Technician I & II certified, with PRO-Board Certifications from Alabama Fire College. Congratulations.



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Noteworthy Events

(May 29, 2014) Sailors assigned to Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron One (VQ-1) assist in cleaning and food preparation at the Chania Senior Citizens Home as part of a departmental community relations project.



(May 30, 2014) Airmen, from Det 1 of 95 RS, volunteer their time at Stavros Beach during a community relations project.



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May Awards Quarters



<p>Navy Commendation Medal (NCM)</p> <p>AC1 Julio Lamar CS1 Rafael Martinez</p>	<p>Navy Achievement Medal (NAM)</p> <p>MA1 Robert Kelly MA1 David Smith MA2 Dustin Rankin MA3 Kara Thompson</p>	<p>Flag Letter of Commendation (FLOC)</p> <p>MA3 Lawrence Green MA3 Tamika High-Alforque MA2 Jasmine Jones</p>	<p>Letter of Commendation (LOC)</p> <p>MA3 Martin Flores MASN Britanni Campbell</p>
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<p>Sailors of the Quarter</p> <p>SOQ: YN1 Charles Harmon JSOQ ABH2 Landon Jamison BJOQ MA3 Sharon Covary</p>	<p>U.S. Civilian of the Quarter</p> <p>Ms. Donna Dew</p>	<p>Local National Civilian of the Quarter</p> <p>Mr. Nikos Fragos</p>
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Air Traffic Controllers: First in Line in Supporting the Mission



Story by: Peggy Bebb
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As in the civilian sector, Navy Air Traffic Controllers (AC) work in a very demanding yet highly rewarding field of expertise. With around the clock manning, ACs play a vital role within the Navy, supporting air operations worldwide. Here at Naval Support Activity Souda Bay, the Air Traffic Controllers are no different. By filing flight plans for all departing aircraft, coordinating with inbound aircrew to take prior permission required (ppr) info, requests for fuels and other services needed and gaining base access for the crews, our ACs work around the clock to keep aircraft and crews moving in and out of Souda Bay.

As part of the front line of Souda Bay's mission of "extending the joint and fleet warfighting capability," Air Traffic Controller 2nd Class Christen Wright, flight

planning and training chief, notes that his department supports the mission "by ensuring safe and expeditious movement of all aircraft." Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class Malkeisha Allen adds, in addition, they extend the warfighting effort "by supporting aircraft and personnel who are deployed or stationed at Souda Bay by ensuring the air crews have everything they need."

Around the world, Navy Air Traffic Controllers work in a multitude of environments. From air traffic control towers and air operations offices ashore and afloat, to operating radio communication systems and light signals, as well as directing aircraft aboard air craft carriers, ACs are a very diverse and highly qualified group of Sailors, as indicated during a recent emergency landing by a C-130 aircraft after an airborne bird strike. The Souda Bay ACs "safely and effectively assisted the aircrew during

the ordeal," stated Air Traffic Controller 1st Class Matt Bass.

Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class Yer Xiong, flight planning supervisor, stated that one highlight of his job is that he is "constantly being challenged" however, the downside is "the 24 hour/ 7 day a week manning." Likewise, Air Traffic Controller 3rd Class Malkeisha Allen responded that she enjoys "meeting interesting aircrew personnel from around the world as well as having the opportunity to learn out of rate tasks while here at Souda Bay."

Thank you, Souda Bay Air Traffic Controllers, for your steadfast dedication and being the first in line supporting the mission of "Fleet Warfighting capability through Operational Support to U.S., Allied and Coalition Forces deployed." Bravo Zulu on a job well done.

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Energy Efficiency is the Way Forward at NSA Souda Bay



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The Secretary of the Navy's (SECNAV) aggressive energy efficiency goal, part of which includes supplying 50% of the Navy's energy demand with alternative sources (utilizing solar, wind bio fuels and geothermal energy) by 2020, has U.S. Naval Support Activity Souda Bay making unique changes to be on target and meeting the high set standards.

In the October 2009 energy message to the Fleet, the SECNAV issued five energy goals, two of which were to increase alternative energy ashore and increase alternative energy use Department of Navy-wide, in support of the President's energy agenda. NSA Souda Bay set forth in fiscal year 2010 to strive for these goals by reducing energy consumption, to put the base on track to meet, if not exceed, the SECNAV's agenda.

By installing LED lighting in the base outdoor fixtures, Souda Bay was able to kick start the aggressive energy savings campaign by "tackling the easiest areas first," stated Mr. Kostas Kavasis, NSA Souda Bay's Installation Energy Manager and NAVFAC employee. Mr. Kavasis went on to say that at the end of FY'10, Souda Bay saw a significant amount of savings in energy usage, which helped seal the deal allowing Souda Bay to win a SECNAV energy award for small shore installations.

In 2013, Souda Bay commissioned the first solar photovoltaic carport of 200 kilowatts power capacity and 280 Mwh annual electricity production. Since the installation of the carports, Souda Bay has "produced almost half of a gigawatt of renewable energy to date," noted Mr. Kavasis.

To take advantage of nearly 300 days of sun here in Crete, NAVFAC's energy department installed new solar hot water systems on multiple facilities here at Souda Bay. This energy conservation step "takes advantage of free energy with very low costs," remarked Mr. Kavasis.

In FY'15-16, plans are in place to further reduce energy consumption and integrate more renewable energy technologies into the base infrastructure by upgrading the three Navy Gateway Inns and Suites (NGIS) buildings on base; bldgs. 48, 49 and 56. NAVFAC will be installing solar hot water systems, replacing HVAC units with more high efficiency systems as well as decommissioning old boilers and installing high efficiency heat pumps. All rooms will have card readers installed that will monitor presence inside the suites by inserting a card provided by NGIS. In case of absence, the card reader will turn off lighting and HVAC with a time delay option. The upgrade will also include internal lighting being switched over to LED lighting, all in the name of energy conservation.

At around the same time, they will be initiating a pilot project that will install LED lighting in office spaces and other larger areas such as the galley, the NEXmart, the gym and the CROF. The expected savings, per Mr. Kavasis, should be significant and is slated to provide these facilities with 30-40% energy savings, keeping Souda Bay in line with reaching the SECNAV's energy savings goal.

As part of the U.S. Navy's "One Gigawatt Initiative," which requires one gigawatt of renewable energy technologies to be installed Navy-wide, NSA Souda Bay is slated to add more solar photovoltaic systems on rooftops and possibly in-

stalling more carports.

While eyeing and implementing energy efficient technologies, we must remain focused on NSA Souda Bay's mission of extending the warfighting mission. NAVFAC has begun installing these energy efficient technologies in the renovation of building 84, the Marine Corps barracks by installing a high-efficiency heat pump and boiler. In the near future, further energy conservation measure will include solar hot water operations, internal LED lighting upgrades and a central HVAC management system with Digital Direct Control

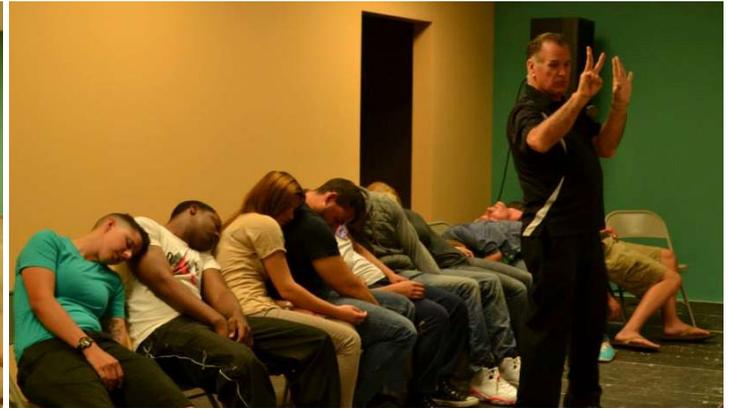
Since last April, a Navy wide initiative was installed at Souda Bay. The AMI, Advanced Metering Infrastructure, allows Mr. Kavasis to monitor 87% of energy consumption on board Souda Bay in real-time data. By having a dedicated workstation in his office, Mr. Kavasis can track and identify unnecessary energy usage and immediately have someone to take a look at that facility to see what is causing the spike in consumption and handle each incident accordingly by fixing the problem, replacing equipment or just reminding building personnel to be more energy efficient.

According to Mr. Kavasis, "we not only strive to achieve what is mandated by the SECNAV but we expect to exceed the expectations."

By focusing on supporting the warfighter, while maintaining the SECNAV's energy conservation goals, Souda Bay is well on its way to becoming a more green and energy efficient forward operating -shore installation.

MWR Entertainment

Chuck Milligan, Hypnotist (May 10, 2014)



Left: Members of "Team Souda" enjoy a portion of the hilarious hypnotist show put on by Chuck Milligan. Sponsored by Souda Bay's Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) department, audience members, right, had the opportunity to participate in this comedic, world-class show. Bravo Zulu MWR for bringing fun-filled entertainment to Souda Bay.

MWR Happenings

Kayak Trip Marathi (May 4, 2014) and Cinco De Mayo 5K (May 7, 2014)



Strongman Competition (May 16, 2014) and Dodgeball (May 8, 2014)



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MWR Happenings

Plakias to Agia Galini Kayaking (May 24-26, 2014) and **Library Book Frenzy** (Apr. 30, 2014)



Parking Lot Movie Night (May 27, 2014) and **Phoenix Express Sports Day** (May 23, 2014)



Greek Night at the MWR Pavillion (May 28, 2014)



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MC&FP FACT SHEET

Morale, Welfare and Recreation Customer Satisfaction Survey

Data

- ✓ *The 2011 survey was sent electronically to randomly selected service members; more than 17,000 members responded to the survey invitation.*
- ✓ *The 2011 survey showed that the top areas for improvement were fitness centers, outdoor recreation and single service member programs.*

Additional information

Morale, Welfare and Recreation
www.militaryonesource.mil/mwr

Family Readiness System
www.militaryonesource.mil/search?content_id=266979

Background

As part of the Family Readiness System, Morale, Welfare and Recreation provides service members and families with a large number of leisure time activities that enhance the readiness and quality of life in the military community. The Department of Defense conducted two military-wide surveys to assess customer satisfaction with Morale, Welfare and Recreation services, activities and facilities, one in 2009 and another in 2011. Feedback collected from National Guard and Reserve Component members and active-duty service members helped to determine satisfaction with programs, areas in need of improvement and where to allocate more or less funding. The next customer satisfaction survey will take place in 2014 and will include questions about Morale, Welfare and Recreation-run sports and athletics in addition to eight other programs.

Highlights

Survey results will help determine whether or not Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs are meeting the needs of service members and families and where improvements can be made to better serve the military community. The 2014 survey:

- Will be sent out in May
- Is voluntary, anonymous and confidential
- Will rate the following Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs: fitness, libraries, outdoor recreation, recreation centers, auto service centers, single service member programs, leisure travel, swimming pools, sports and athletics
- Will measure changes in customer satisfaction over time and evaluate the effectiveness of strategic program improvements



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