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Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa visits Souda Bay



Quote of the Month

"The price of freedom is eternal vigilance."

~Thomas Jefferson

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SOUDA BAY, Greece (NNS) Adm. Mark Ferguson, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa, visited U.S. Naval Support Activity (NSA) Souda Bay, Oct. 23.

During the all hands call Ferguson imparted on Sailors the importance of their mission in Souda. This was Ferguson's first visit since taking command in July.

"You represent the United States Navy and the United States to the people of Crete and to Greece, I want to thank you for how you conduct yourselves and how you represent our country," said Ferguson during an all hands call. "Souda is an important logistics point to support the ballistic missile defense ships destined to defend Europe and our allies in

the region both from a logistics stand point as well as a maintenance and support stand point,"

He also spoke of the vital support Sailors receive from Hellenic forces that enable the U.S. Navy to operate forward.

"We rely on Souda Bay for supporting our forces forward and we rely on the support and hospitality of the Hellenic Navy, Air Force, the Army and Greek nation for our ability to operate from here, Ferguson said.

"They're vital NATO allies and their support is very important."

After speaking with Sailors about the role NSA Souda Bay has supporting the warfighter, Ferguson answered questions from Sailors.

"It was great to hear what our senior leadership's focus is because it helps each of us to look

forward toward the bigger picture in our day to day mission," said Master-At-Arms 1st Class James Bryant. "Maintaining readiness is everyone's responsibility from the CNO down to the Sailor who just graduated bootcamp. I think Adm. Ferguson's visit helped bring 'Operate Forward' and our support to [operations] to the front of everybody's mind."

During his visit, Ferguson also toured the NATO Maritime Interdiction Training Center and met with Vice Adm. Evangelos Apostolakis, chief of the Hellenic Navy General Staff.

U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa, headquartered in Naples, Italy, oversees joint and naval operations, often in concert with allied, joint, and interagency partners, in order to advance U.S. national interests and security and stability in Europe and Africa.

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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.



(Sept. 5, 2014) Top: USNS Leroy Grumman (T-AO 195) arrives at Marathi NATO pier complex. (Sept. 22, 2014) Bottom Right: USS Samuel B. Roberts (FFG-58) sits pier side at Marathi NATO pier complex.



(Sept. 3, 2014) USS Georgia (SSGN-729) performs a crew swap.



(Sept. 30, 2014) Major General Bryan Owens, J3 Director, Headquarters U.S. European Command, boards USS Ross (DDG-71) for an office call with the ship's Commander.



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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.



(Sept. 10, 2014) C-17s make a brief stop at Naval Support Activity Souda Bay.



(Oct. 6, 2014) Top Left: A Canadian aircraft sits on deck at NSA Souda Bay. Top right: A C-17 sits on deck while a C-130 takes flight. Bottom: A Sailor assigned to Operations Department’s T-Line directs a KC-135 on the flightline.



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Welcome Aboard Cdr. Clifford Allen, NSA Souda Bay's Executive Officer



Naval Support Activity Souda Bay welcomes aboard Cdr. Clifford Allen as interim Executive Officer. Raised on Long Island, NY, Allen earned an appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy and graduated in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science in Systems Engineering. After earning his Navy Pilot wings in 1998, he reported to Naval Air Station North Island, CA for SH-60B Seahawk flight training and sea duty.

While serving with the "Scorpions" of Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light FOUR NINE (HSL-49), Allen deployed aboard USS O'BRIEN (DD-975) in support of USS KITTY HAWK (CV-63) Battle Group operations in the Western Pacific, and aboard USS FIFE (DD-991) to conduct counter-narcotics operations off Central America for the Joint Interagency Task Force. As an SH-3 Sea King aircraft commander, he flew search and rescue missions at Naval Air Station Pensacola, FL, where he also served as Community Services Director and took a leading role in recovery efforts following the devastation of Hurricane Ivan in 2004. He deployed as Air and Safety Depart-

ment Head ("Air Boss") and Officer of the Deck (Underway) aboard USS OGDEN (LPD-5) in support of OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM (Persian Gulf).

Allen served in the U.S. Navy Reserve Second Fleet Joint Force Air Component Command (NR C2F JFACC) and as a Legislative Assistant with the Virginia General Assembly. He deployed to Iraq as Security Officer-in-Charge of Al Asad Air Base during OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM and OPERATION NEW DAWN. He deployed to the Persian Gulf as Air Boss of the Navy's first-ever Afloat Forward Staging Base, USS PONCE (AFSB(I)-15), in support of OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM. He served as Commanding Officer of the Naples Naval Reserve Security Force Command, and as Commanding Officer of the Souda Bay Naval Reserve Support Command. Allen assumed the duties as Executive Officer, U.S. Naval Support Activity Souda Bay on Oct. 8, 2014.

When asked how he feels about being assigned to NSA Souda Bay as the interim Executive Officer, Allen responded "for the past two years, I have served as the Commanding Officer of NSA Souda Bay's Reserve Support Unit, but the opportunity to serve as interim XO has been an unexpected privilege. Like most of the Sailors, my family is back in the U.S., so I consider this to be a deployment with Cretan perks. Thus far, the job has been a very rewarding experience."

Allen went on to state that in his short time here, he has the impression that "if anybody ever believed NSA Souda Bay was just a quiet base in Crete, they were sorely mistaken. From the perspective of the XO position, this is an incredibly dynamic and active support installation. My long active, reserve

and civilian Navy career has involved a highly diverse range of jobs from flying helicopters, driving ships or securing a base in Iraq to working in areas such as safety, contracts, emergency management, and public affairs.

Those experiences create a deep sense of appreciation for the hard-working military-civilian team that makes it all work, often behind the scenes, after-hours and without anybody knowing it but themselves."

"Dostoevsky said famously that his only dread was to not be worthy of his own suffering, but I want my time here to be worthy of the sacrifices other people have made," noted Allen, "That includes the sacrifices of my family and the many people who have established firmly the outstanding reputation and capabilities of NSA Souda Bay. My goal during my tenure is to give my all to supporting NSA Souda Bay's personnel in the combined goal of producing the best product possible; and as I see it, our primary 'product' is support - to both personnel and a diverse range of U.S. and Allied military missions. As a very distant second goal, I hope to hike the Samarian Gorge before I depart."

Allen earned a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College, a Master of Arts in Political Science from the University of West Florida, and a Juris Doctor from the College of William & Mary School of Law and is a proud Chaminade graduate. His awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (four awards), Army Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (two awards), Iraq Campaign Medal (three awards), Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, and multiple unit and service awards.

VIP Visits

(September 30, 2014) Major General Bryan Owens, J3, Headquarters U.S. European Command, is given a waterside tour of the Marathi NATO Pier Complex while on a familiarization visit to NSA Souda Bay. Below left, Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Bill Bonhas gives Owens an up-close look on the duties of boat coxswain during the harbor tour. Below right, Lt. Billy Abbott, center left, briefs Owens on various assets located at the Marathi NATO Pier Complex.



(September 18, 2014) Navy Munitions Command's Commanding Officer, Conus East Division, Capt. Roger Curry and Command Master Chief, AOCM(AW/SW) Sandra Dyal held an all-hands call with Det personnel where Curry presented Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class Cameron Hinton, Gunners Mate 1st Class Joshua Hale and Gunners Mate 2nd Class Nathan Taylor each a Navy Achievement Medal. Congratulations and Bravo Zulu on a job well done.



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VIP Visits

(Oct. 5 and 10, 2014) NSA Souda Bay had the opportunity to host two U.S. Congressional delegations, the first visit was lead by Representative Paul Cook (R-CA) while the second visit was lead by Congressman Gus Bilirakis (R-FL). Sailors from the respective states of the delegates had the opportunity to have a meet-and-greet to discuss various topics.



Rep. Paul Cook (R-CA), left, Rep. Loretta Sanchez (D-CA), right, enjoy a meal with their constituents during a luncheon at Fleet's Inn Galley.



Congressional Delegation Bilirakis brought their European Tour to Souda Bay where they met with Souda Bay personnel from their respective districts. From top left: Congressman Jack Kinston (R-GA) and Congressman Gregory Meeks (D-NY) meet with their constituents while, below, Congressman Meeks greets Aviation Ordnanceman 1st Class Amani Brown while Delegation lead, Congressman Gus Bilirakis (R-FL) takes time to answer questions brought to him by his fellow Floridians.



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VIP Visits

(September 18 and September 3, 2014) The Honorable Susan J. Rabern, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Financial Management and Comptroller, Department of Defense, visited NSA Souda Bay in mid-September for a brief overview of the base mission. Pictured below left: Ms. Rabern and NSA Souda Bay's Commanding Officer, Capt. Mike Moore, exit the air terminal upon her arrival. Below right: MWR Souda Bay presents the GIs of Comedy. The all-veteran stand-up team entertained the Souda Bay population with laughter and comedic relief during a show at MWR's newest facility, "Shipmates."



(Sept. 25, 2014) NSA Souda Bay held their Fall Host Nation Appreciation Reception at the NAMFI Officers Club to honor our host nation counterparts and show appreciation for their continued support of our mission here at Souda Bay.



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Noteworthy Events

(September 11, 2014) NSA Souda Bay held a remembrance ceremony, organized by the 2014 Chief Petty Officer Selectees, honoring those lives lost during the terror attacks on the morning of September 11, 2001.



(September 5 and 11, 2014) Left photo: Ms. Irimi Grilli, food service attendant at "Fleet's Inn" galley, is presented a certificate of appreciation in recognition of her selection as Employee of the Quarter during a brief ceremony in the galley. Pictured from left to right: Lt. Wilfredo Oteromatos, NSA Souda Bay Supply Officer, Mr. Dennis Farro, project manager with IAP, Ms. Grilli, and CWO4 Julius Marzan, Food Service Officer. Right photo: NSA Souda Bay Third Class Petty Officers prepare to take the E-5 exam.



(September 4 and 17, 2014) Left photo: NSA Souda Bay's Port Operations department gathers in front of building 5 for a group photo. Right photo: CWO2 Joseph Brown presents YNC Tatiana Torres a Navy Commendation Medal during a brief ceremony in the Admin office. YNC Torres departed Souda Bay shortly after. Fair Winds and following Seas, Chief.



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Noteworthy Events

Indoc class for September 2014



Reenlistments



Top left: MM3 Rochelle Unangst recites the Oath of Enlistment given to her by her reenlisting officer, Lt. Jessica Alabata. Top right: Ens. Alexander Bates congratulates MA3 Mark Nguyen on his reenlistment. Bottom left: CWO3 Jeffry Molnar presents ABH1 Jason Osbeck his Certificate of Discharge prior to reenlisting him. Bottom right: NSA Souda Bay's Commanding Officer, Capt. Mike Moore, presents LS2 David Altier a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his reenlistment.



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Noteworthy Events

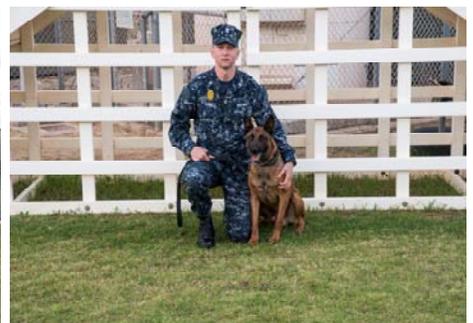
(September 11, 2014) NSA Souda Bay remembered those lives lost during the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001 by holding a ceremony in front of the command building shortly after morning colors. Thank you to the Chief's Mess and the Chief Selectees for organizing and emceeing the ceremony.



(September 18, 2014) Detachment 1 of the 95th Reconnaissance Squadron celebrated the U.S. Air Force's birthday with a cake cutting ceremony where NSA Souda Bay's Commanding Officer, Capt. Mike Moore, joined Det. Commander, Lt. Col. Gyorgy Laczko with the honors of slicing the first piece.



(August 2014) NSA Souda Bay's Military Working Dog Handlers are pictured with their working dogs. The handlers and working dogs stand vigilant watches to ensure the safety and security of NSA Souda Bay as well as transient and TDY personnel. Bravo Zulu to the handlers and their dogs on their continued vigilance in support of the base mission.



Noteworthy Events

(September 16, 2014) Sailors assigned to Fleet Logistics Support Site Souda's Post Office put in "another day at the office" by sorting the hundreds of pieces of mail which arrive weekly. Bravo Zulu to our Sailors and Civilians of the post office and thank you for supporting the fleet and the families at NSA Souda Bay by providing that one thing that brightens most days, a letter or package from home. (photos by Master-at-Arms 1st Class James Bryant)



(September 10, 2014) NSA Souda Bay participated in Exercise Spartan Challenge -14. The exercise was designed to improve the ability of Souda Bay to simultaneously maintain continuity of operations, meet operational support requirements and respond to numerous ATFP and CBRNE challenges. The drill was a huge success, Bravo Zulu Team Souda.



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Noteworthy Events

(September 12, 2014) Members of the NSA Souda Bay community participate in an outreach event by cleaning the beach in Stavros. This high visibility public relations event showcased the hard work and dedication of our military men and women in giving back to the local community.



(September 16, 2014) NSA Souda Bay's Security department held their 2nd annual Master-at-Arms Olympics where skills were tested in a variety of capacities to include an inflatable boot camp, 400m swim, volleyball, tug of war and, pictured below, a maneuver under fire course. At the end of the Olympics, "Team Swoll" took home the Gold Medal. Bravo Zulu Team Swoll and all of our Security department. (photos by Master-at-Arms 1st Class James Bryant)



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(October 17, 2014) Mr. Lavinti "Vinny" Hall, NSA Souda Bay's Navy Gateway Inns and Suites General Manager, had the opportunity to meet one of his idols, Ms. Oprah Winfrey, while stateside recently. Oprah's "The Life You Want" tour landed in Houston, Texas for a two-day event where Vinny saw her take to the stage in a "profound, moving and intimate one-woman show to help inspire, motivate and help everyone be the best that they can be." Hand-picked by Oprah herself, the team of trailblazers; Iyanla Vanzandt, Rob Bell, Elizabeth Gilbert and Deepak Chopra, MD, the group used their own techniques to dig deep and open the hearts and minds of the audience members. "This was a once in a lifetime opportunity," noted Vinny, "and I was fortunate enough to meet Ms. Winfrey and engage in conversation with her. I invited her to visit us here in Souda Bay, Greece but she graciously declined. I will be forever changed by this moment in time." (photo courtesy of Vinny Hall)



(October 9, 2014) Sailors, Airmen and Civilians assigned to NSA Souda Bay delivered donated food to Agios Haralambos and clothing to Agios Nektarios. Thank you to all who donated and delivered the goods.



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(Oct. 9, 2014) Members of Detachment 1, 95th Reconnaissance Squadron stand for a group photo in front of an RC-135V/W RIVET JOINT aircraft. Det. 1/ 95th RS is led by Lt. Col. Gyorgy Laczko, Det Commander.



(September 2 and October 29, 2014) Bottom left: NSA Souda Bay Executive Officer, Cdr. Demetries Grimes, presents Mr. John Taylor, NSA Business and Finance Manager, his 35 year pin for continued dedicated service to the Department of Defense. Congratulations Mr. Taylor. Bottom right: Lt. Cdr. Merrilyn Nelson, Officer in Charge of Branch Medical Clinic, briefs the newest class of Victim Advocates on the some of the medical issues involved in possible sexual assault cases.



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Noteworthy Events

(October 10, 2014) In recognition of 2014 Fire Prevention Week, NSA Souda Bay's Fire and Emergency Services Department hosted the children of the Theodoropoulos International School. Fire fighters gave the children a tour of the trucks and ambulance as well as taught them how to "stop, drop and roll" in the event their clothes ever catch fire. Emergency Management gave the children a tour of the dispatch center where Mr. Dave Amorosi answered a multitude of questions about the operation of his department. At the end of the tour, each child walked away with a goody bag from both the fire department and dispatch. The children and staff of the school were very appreciative of the hospitality the fire fighters and dispatchers showed during their trip to the base. Below left: During a demonstration, fire fighter Michael Tyburski dons the personal protective equipment fire fighters wear during a fire. Center: Sparky greets the children from Theodoropoulos International School upon arrival to the fire station. Right: The children and staff gather for a group photo prior to beginning their tour of the fire station on their visit during fire prevention week.



(Oct. 9, 2014) NSA Souda Bay fire fighters conduct training with their new Class "A" live fire trainer. With the recent addition of the CNIC funded piece of equipment, the fire department now has the capability to not only do live fire training, but also train in rappelling, search and rescue, confined space, ventilation as well as, Mayday! fire fighter down.



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September Awards Quarters



Navy Achievement Medal (NAM)
 MA1 Foster Jackson
 MA2 John Anderson
 MASN Aaron Ash

Flag Letter of Commendation (FLOC)
 MA3 Carlos Marroquin

Letter of Commendation (LOC)
 MA2 Brandon Harrison
 MA2 Blake Iverson
 ABH3 Juan Gonzalez

Letter of Commendation (LOC)
 MA3 Timmothy Ippel
 MM3 Rochelle Unangst
 ABHAA Kimberly Melendez

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October Awards Quarters



Joint Service Achievement Medal (JSAM)

MA3 Cristian Ary

Navy Achievement Medal (NAM)

**MA1 Kenneth Smith
ABH2 Jacquelyn Booker
ABH2 Landon Jamison
MA2 Danalyn Kimball
MA3 Monique Chachere**

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal (MOVSM)

MAC Dionne Robinson

Flag Letter of Commendation (FLOC)

LS2 Brenda Mensah

Letter of Commendation (LOC)

**ABF2 Matthew Fuchs
MASA Tony Reid Swaney**

Local National of the Third Quarter

Mr. Mihalis Hadzidakis

U.S. Civilian of the Third Quarter

Mr. Dennie Bourbeau

Noteworthy Events

(October 17, 2014) Sailors assigned to Navy Munitions Command perform yardwork around the Boys Care Center of Chania in a Command organized community outreach program. Bravo Zulu NMC and thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to donate time and energy in an effort to build community relations.



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A Sailor's Story: Entering the Chief's Mess



Boatswain's Mate Chief Matthew Ventura, center right, stands at attention alongside Master-at-Arms Chief Christopher Voge during the singing of the National Anthem at the chief pinning ceremony.

Story by Peggy Bebb
NSA Souda Bay Public Affairs

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 newest class of Chief selectees was pinned with their coveted anchors in a time honored U.S. Navy tradition as Boatswain's Mate Chief Matthew Ventura, along with Master-at-Arms Chief Christopher Voge, was welcomed into the Chiefs Mess at NSA Souda Bay.

In it's second year of implementation, the CPO 365 program 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 Chief, the CPO 365 program gave him great tools year round for becoming a Chief Petty Officer vice waiting to get those same tools six weeks prior to the pinning ceremony.

When asked what the pinning ceremony meant to him, Ventura stated "In the end, it was all worth it and was very rewarding."

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. Ventura started participating in the CPO 365 program in 2012 and stated that "it has changed from then until it's current form but CPO 365, at its core, is a great program that helps prepare each First Class Petty Officer to make the change from blue shirt to khakis."

Ventura went on to say that "it gave me an understanding of the foundation of what it would take to make this HUGE transition. It taught the value of the Navy, the rank on CPO, myself and things that I need to work on. I continued to ask myself what I wanted to get out of CPO 365. To me, you have to want to get something out of it. Then you GET IT."

To those junior Sailors, Ventura encourages them to have "patience,

continue to work hard and keep honor, courage and commitment as your top priorities."

At the end of the day, Ventura fulfilled a career goal. In reaching that goal, he noted, "I have so many people to thank for where I am today. First I would like to thank my family. Without them I would not be where I am today. BMCM Walter Robertson is my #1 fan and gave me the core of what it takes to assume the weight of the anchors. BMC Jimi Partyka is my true mentor, best friend and is the reason I am still in the Navy today. MAC Dionne Robinson, without her by my side I would not of known what time is it, How high is up, or how long I have been in the Navy. ABHC Charles Branch, without this man pushing me and giving me what I needed, not what I wanted, I would not have been as successful in the transition process. Without the support of our current CMDCM Kurt Szyzka and the NSA Souda Bay Chiefs mess, I would have not received training and guidance I need to become "The Chief."

Congratulations Chief, and welcome to the "Mess."

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2014 Chiefs Pinning Ceremony

(September 16, 2014) NSA Souda Bay welcomes Boatswains Mate Chief Matthew Ventura and Master-at-Arms Chief Christopher Voge into the "Chief's Mess" during the annual Chief's pinning ceremony held in the base gymnasium.



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Builders Shop Epitomize SeaBee “Can Do” Spirit



Story by: Peggy Bebb
NSA Souda Bay Public Affairs

Established in 1948, an off-shoot of the original Carpenter’s rating, the U.S. Navy Builders have become the largest segment of the Naval Construction Force, the SeaBees. Amongst the Builders, you can find carpenters, plasterers, roofers, concrete finishers, masons, painters and bricklayers that make up the over 2,300 men and women who serve in the rating today.

Here at Souda Bay, our Builder shop’s primary mission is to “provide construction and facilities maintenance services for the base,” said Utilitiesman Chief Jose Quiros, Facilities, Maintenance and Sustainment (FM&S) Branch Head.

As part of the Public Works Department, the Builders support Souda Bay’s day to day operations through their trouble call desk. According to Steelworker 2nd Class Siamac Moghaddam, “The shop completes trouble calls, preventive maintenance, and quality construction projects in a timely, efficient manner.

Some of our recent projects include the painting and scaling of the floor at the pump house, restriping the crosswalks and parking lots, the renovation of building 58 and the recently completed TRX shade structure located beside the gym.” Moghaddam went on to say that “by offering effective and quality public works services that enhance the living and working environment aboard the installation and its satellites, the Builder Shop directly supports the base and in turn, enables the base to support the warfighter.”

Although a satisfied customer is always a priority, when things get hectic in the shop and customers get frustrated, Builder 3rd Class Andrew Jensen states that “the customer doesn’t always understand the logistics involved in completing a trouble call/service request. Sometimes work has to be put on hold until the materials are ordered, purchased and shipped here.” He went on to say that this is one aspect of the job he wishes everyone would better understand, as there are many times where it is out of their control.

“Just like with any other job,” notes Builder 2nd Class Joshua Whittaker, “you always wish you had newer and better tools. Unfortunately our budget constraints often have us using older model tools. Training is also tough to come by for our more junior Sailors. Fortunately, we have a good group of knowledgeable senior Seabees as well as local nationals at PWD who can help coach the junior Sailors along.”

Whittaker went on to say that “we often times get to work outdoors, which is a highlight of the job, and with each new day, we perform different aspects of our Builder rate. One day we may be replacing a window or door and the next day we might be repairing drywall or painting. We never get burnt out from doing the same task every day.”

Thank you NSA Souda Bay Builders for bringing your “We Build, We Fight” attitude to work every day. You are the epitome of the SeaBee “Can Do” spirit.

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Souda Bay F&ES, Where You Need Them, When You Need Them



Story by: Peggy Bebb
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Walking into any kindergarten classroom and asking the question “What do you want to be when you grow up” will inevitably end up with at least one five year old saying “I want to be a fireman.” However, few of those five year olds follow that dream into adulthood. Of those that do, it is a lifestyle, an intense passion, a calling to help those in need, even if it means putting your own life in danger. The firefighters of NSA Souda Bay epitomize that calling.

A group of highly skilled professionals, the Souda Bay firemen work day and night to protect life and property of the base aircraft, structures and population. The department’s mission, according to Fire Captain, Patrick Rogers, is to “protect the people and property of our base. Our primary mission though, is providing fire protection and rescue capabilities for U.S. military aircraft from all service branches.”

Assistant Chief of Operations, Manny Alam followed up with stating that their

day to day operations assists Souda Bay in her mission of supporting the fleet and warfighter, “by accomplishing and ensuring the required fire protection is maintained to continue operations with aircraft, personnel, materials, etc. A prime example is the airfield. The Fire and Emergency Services (F&ES) department ensures the required amount of water is available on-scene, the required number of apparatus, the highly trained professionals to conduct rescue and fire suppression and even other supporting agencies. This is accomplished through rigorous training, practical exercises and proficiency training with all tools and equipment.”

In support of day to day operations here at Souda Bay, the F&ES also ensure mission success by providing public fire safety education and running a strong fire prevention program. “Our fire department,” according to Fire Captain Darick Fisher, “is dedicated to maintaining a state of readiness by ongoing education, training and physical fitness. In addition, we conduct fire inspections to all facilities on base to ensure that we are all in compliance

with safety regulations. By doing so, this helps prevent the possibilities of fires and life threatening injuries.” In addition, notes Assistant Chief of Operations Michael Harris, “We may provide other services that are necessary depending on the needs and circumstances of the community. For example, additional services a fire department might provide include: automobile extrication or fire and water rescue.”

To clear up some misconceptions that all they do is fight fires, Fisher notes “the reality is that our job consists of dealing with airfield emergencies, hazardous materials, medical emergencies, confined space emergencies, building inspections, public education and the list goes on.”

Bravo Zulu to NSA Souda Bay Fire and Emergency Services and thank you for putting your life on the line in order to protect those that defend America and her Allies. Thank you for being where we need you, when we need you.

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239th Navy Ball

(Oct. 3, 2014) Held at the Avra Imperial Resort and Spa, NSA Souda Bay celebrated the Navy's 239th birthday with a night of dinner and dancing. The 2014 Navy Ball committee put on a stellar event and went above and beyond to make the ball a night to remember.



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Halloween Events

(Oct. 31, 2014) The Morale, Welfare and Recreation department hosted a Halloween party for service members, friends and family. Events included a costume contest, pool tournament, darts tournament and a scavenger hunt. Thank you to the staff of MWR for hosting a fantastic event for the Sailors of Souda Bay.



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Halloween Events

(Oct. 31, 2014) In conjunction with MWR and the NEX, the Second Class Petty Officer Association hosted the annual Trunk or Treat for the little ghouls and goblins of NSA Souda Bay. The weather caused a change of venue however, the festive spirit was not "rained out" as the children filed into the gym where booths were set up offering goodies, games and arts and crafts for all. The event was a huge success and the children had a wonderful time. Bravo Zulu NSA Souda Bay 2nd Class Assoc., MWR and the Navy Exchange.



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Halloween Events

(Oct. 31, 2014) The SeaBees of NSA Souda Bay's Public Works Department put on a "spooktacular" show with their annual haunted house. The SeaBee Ball fundraiser was a huge success as indicated by the screams of "fright" heard throughout the evening. Bravo Zulu SeaBees for another "Hauntingly Fun" evening.



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2014 Eco-Challenge (September 13, 2014)



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Intramural Volleyball Champs and Labor Day 5K (September 2014)



End of Summer Beach Barbeque and Sea Kayak Camping Trip (September 2014)



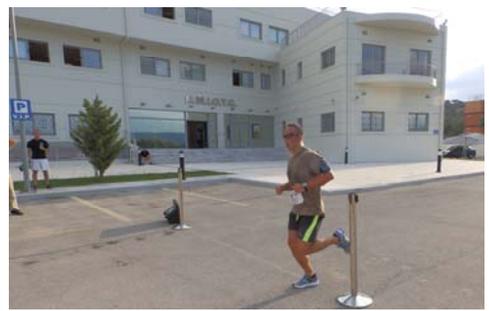
Caving and Loutro Kayak Trip (September 2014)



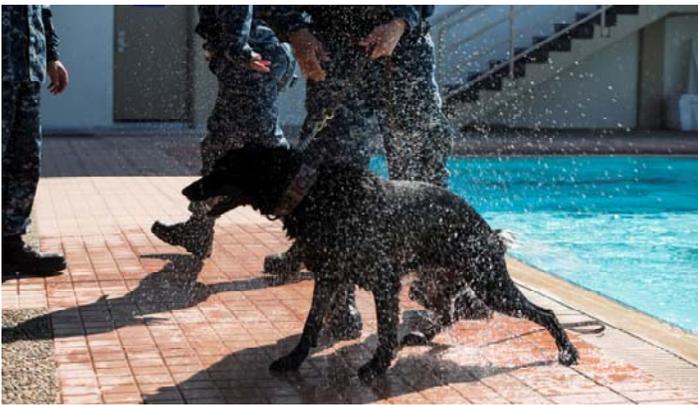
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MWR Happenings

NMIOTC 7K Fun Run (October 3, 2014)



End of Season Pool Closure Dog Swim (October 1-3, 2014)



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