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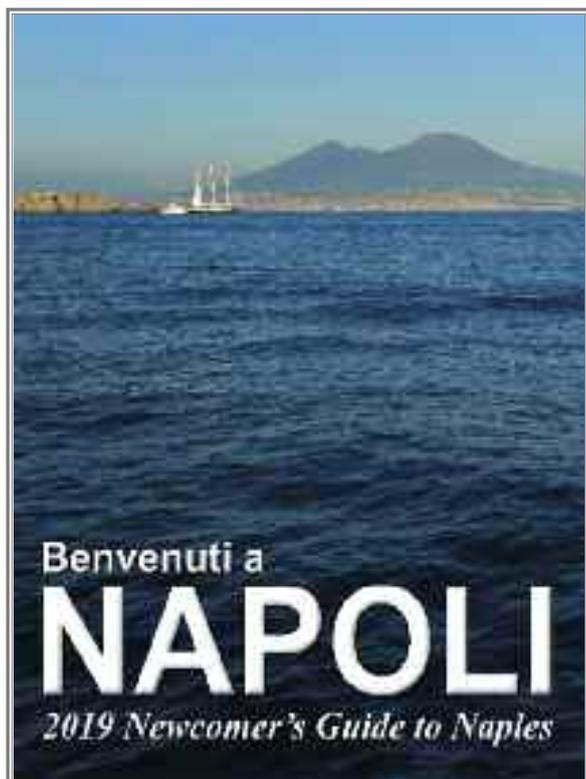
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# Benvenuti a Napoli

**B**envenuti a Napoli! Welcome to Naples! You are about to take the first step in enjoying what will surely be an exciting and challenging tour in southern Italy. You may have heard many things about duty in Naples, and we encourage you to search these pages for information that can help you with the vast differences between life here and life in the United States.

Duty in Italy offers opportunities of a lifetime. This goes for travel, recreation, professional development, education and more. The key to enjoying a successful tour lies in remembering that living in Italy is not like living in the United States. The customs, culture and way of life here are significantly different than what you are accustomed to.

Houses and apartments are constructed differently; electric power and utilities are different; shopping, driving and dining are all different. Some people find it hard to

adjust, but embracing the food and the warmth of the people you meet will help you make the transition.

The key to a successful tour in Italy lies in your willingness to learn and adapt to the differences you encounter.

The Naples / Gaeta community is host to more than 100 separate organizations. Our civilian and military population has organized social, professional and recreational organizations; so whether you are an active-duty service member, civilian or a family member, this community has something for you.

Any move is filled with stress and distractions, and your move here will be no different. Culture shock, jet lag and many other irritants will likely be a part of your PCS experience. Your command and your sponsor will help you adjust and get settled. Coming prepared will help minimize your worries. Following the guidelines in this book can help smooth out potential wrinkles in your upcoming move.



*Welcome aboard and Benvenuti (welcome) to beautiful Napoli! This guide will help answer many of your questions as you begin your exciting and fulfilling tour in Southern Italy. Photo by MCI Daniel Barker*

## How to Use this Book

The information contained in these pages will help your transition into the Naples community, but do not throw this book away once you get here. At some point in your tour, you may be asked to sponsor a new arrival. This information and your experience can certainly go a long way in helping someone else adapt to life in Italy.

As new information is provided to the Naples community, it is added to the NSA Naples website. For up-to-date information, visit [www.cnic.navy.mil/naples](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/naples); read the base newspaper, Panorama; and sign up for the community information "PAO Notes" by e-mailing [pao\\_naples@eu.navy.mil](mailto:pao_naples@eu.navy.mil).

For specific information that pertains to your situation or your specific command, you should rely on your sponsor, who can give you the most current information. If you have received this guide from the command sponsorship team, you should already have a sponsor assigned. If you have not yet been contacted, e-mail [ffscsanaplesitaly@eu.navy.mil](mailto:ffscsanaplesitaly@eu.navy.mil)

A note about the listed telephone numbers: To call DSN numbers from the United States, dial 314 followed by the seven-digit number. To call commercial numbers from the United States, dial 011-39 followed by the 10-digit telephone number. One you arrive in Italy, you can simply dial the DSN and commercial numbers as listed in the guide.

## Profile of Italy

Italy has a total land surface of about 116,000 square miles (slightly larger than the state of Arizona), with the Apennine Mountains serving as a geographic dividing line between the east and west coasts. The Alps define Italy's northern border.

The northern provinces experience cold winters with rainfall in the spring and summer. Central and southern Italy enjoys a climate moderated by the Mediterranean Sea with cool, rainy winters and moderate weather during spring and fall, while heat creeps north from Africa in the summer.

Italy's economy is more industrialized and technology-based in the north and agricultural in the south, even though the southern regions host several small- and medium-sized industries. Major industrial products are iron, cement, tool machinery and automobiles. Wine, cheese and other food products are also important to the Italian economy. Tourism is a key industry for all of Italy, and visitors from around the world come to marvel at its history and architecture and to enjoy its culture and food.

For centuries, Naples has served as a center for the exchange of goods, services, customs and cultures. Traders, travelers and explorers from throughout the Mediterranean region found the climate here enviable, and with its central location and fertile soil, this region continually attracts new citizens. The ancient city of Pompeii lies just south of the city, and Cuma, believed to be the earliest Greek settlement in Western Europe, sits just outside Naples.



*The historic Trevi Fountain – located in the heart of Rome – is a popular tourist destination. Constructed in 19 B.C. to supply water for the ancient Roman Baths, it was made famous in the 1960 film "La Dolce Vita" by Federico Fellini, which starred Anita Ekberg and Marcello Mastroianni. Photo by MC1 Daniel Barker*

## Italian History & Government

Italy is largely homogeneous linguistically and religiously but is diverse culturally, economically and politically. Italy has the fifth-highest population density in Europe – about 200 people per square kilometer (490 per square mile). Although Roman Catholicism is the majority religion – 85 percent of native-born citizens are nominally Catholic – all religious faiths are provided equal freedom before the law by the constitution.

Italy proclaimed its unification in 1861. From 1870 until 1922, Italy was a constitutional monarchy with a parliament elected under limited suffrage.

During World War I, Italy renounced its standing alliance with Germany and Austria-Hungary and, in 1915,

entered the war on the side of the Allies. In 1922, Benito Mussolini came to power and installed a fascist dictatorship termed the Corporate State. The king remained titular head of state. Under Mussolini, Italy remained a fascist dictatorship between 1922 and 1945.

Italy allied with Germany and declared war on the United Kingdom and France in 1940. In 1941, Italy – with the other Axis powers, Germany and Japan – declared war on the United States and the Soviet Union. Following the Allied invasion of Sicily in 1943, the King dismissed Mussolini and appointed Marshal Pietro Badoglio as premier. The Badoglio government declared war on Germany, which quickly occupied most of the country and freed Mussolini, who led a brief-lived regime in the north. An anti-fascist popular resistance movement grew during the last two years of the war, harassing German forces before they were driven out in April 1945. In 1946, Italy became a republic, and in 1948, Italy's government became a democracy with a president, prime minister and a parliament.

The president of the republic is elected for seven years by the parliament and a number of regional delegates. The president nominates the prime minister, who chooses the other ministers. The houses of parliament are popularly and directly elected by a proportional representation system. Both houses are elected for a maximum of five years, but either may be dissolved before the expiration of its normal term.

Currently, the president of the republic is Sergio Mattarella, and the prime minister is Paolo Gentiloni.

Italy's government is run by a coalition of its numerous political parties. Since World War II Italy has been governed by more than 40 separate coalitions. The leader of each coalition government is selected to serve as prime minister. Each new government in Italy is faced with numerous and frequent demands for change. These demands manifest in the form of strikes or demonstrations that are generally nonviolent. As a U.S. and NATO representative, you should stay away from involvement in any political demonstration.

The Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) prohibits your involvement

of any political demonstration or campaign. During a political campaign, banners and posters are displayed throughout the city, and it is a serious offense to tear down or deface any of this material.

## Historical Naples

According to legend, the Greek colony Neapolis was founded around 600 B.C., springing up around the tomb of the siren Parthenope. Although taken by the Romans in 327 B.C., the city retained good relations with Athens. The city was considered to be a rich cultural center, and many affluent Romans maintained a winter residence in the



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area of what is today known as Naples and by Italians as Napoli.

After the fall of the Roman Empire, Naples was occupied repeatedly by other European peoples. Gothic, Byzantine and Lombard influence was felt in Naples, and under the Dukes of Naples (763-1139), the city enjoyed a period of independence. In 1140, Naples fell under rule by Swabian and Norman kings that lasted until 1266, a date that marked the beginning of Angevin and Aragon rule.

In 1504, Naples became a province of the Spanish Kingdom. With the exception of two brief upheavals by the Partenopean Republic in 1799 and rulers Giuseppe Bonaparte and Gioacchino Murat from 1806 to 1815, Naples remained the capital until the liberation of Italy by Giuseppe Garibaldi in 1860. After the subsequent unification of Italy, the people of Naples voted for annexation into the new Kingdom of Italy.

## Naples Today

Naples is the capital of the Campania Region in Southern Italy. It is also the third largest city in Italy with a densely populated metropolitan area of around four million people. About half of the workforce consists of professional services, followed closely by industrial production. Agriculture is also a portion of the workforce, but significantly smaller. Downtown Naples is similar to that of any major city with respect to crime and safety. By following common sense and personal safety precautions that you'll be briefed on when you arrive, you can avoid being a victim.

Naples is also a major Mediterranean seaport, yet it retains much of its ancient beauty and splendor. Medieval castles and classic ruins exist side-by-side with modern architecture. As you travel around the city, you will see mesmerizing juxtapositions of modern-day life with



*Piazza del Plebiscito is the largest public square in Naples. It is flanked to the east by the Royal Palace of Naples and on the west by the church of San Francesco di Paola, and is located near the world-famous San Carlo Theater and the Galleria Umberto I. Photo by MC1 Theron J. Godbold*

ancient customs and beliefs, as well as some truly entertaining "only in Naples" scenes that give this city its unique character.

Despite modern problems of overcrowding, sanitation and unemployment, Neapolitans maintain a pleasant, optimistic outlook on life. It is to your advantage to maintain a similar outlook when you arrive and begin to experience their culture. As a visitor, you have a rare opportunity to experience and adapt to life in Italy. Combine this spirit with the fascinating variety of people and activities, and you will begin to understand what makes Naples such a magical place.

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"Culture shock" is defined as a state of bewilderment and distress experienced by an individual who is suddenly exposed to a new, strange or foreign social and cultural environment. It generally sets in after the first few weeks of arriving in a new setting. Although culture shock doesn't happen to everyone, it is considered a normal reaction. Everything is different, including the language, the customs, the telephone and the transportation. This is actually a great opportunity for learning and acquiring new perspectives.

You may feel sad or lonely. Your sleep may be out of sync and you or your family members may feel angry or irritable. You may begin



to develop a sense of insecurity or inadequacy. Much of what you've heard or assumed about your new environment may not reflect reality or meet your expectations. These are normal symptoms associated with the huge change in your life, and it is important to realize that these feelings are temporary, even if they last for a few weeks or even months after arrival. Eventually, you will begin to adapt and understand many aspects of the new culture, and develop a sense of balance as you settle into your job and routine.

Some deal with culture differences quickly and easily, while others need more time. Do not try to do too much all at once. Set your own pace and keep an open mind. Here are some strategies for combating stress:

- Be patient and go easy on yourself and others.
- Develop a hobby.
- Remember the good things you already have.
- Learn to be constructive. If you encounter an unfavorable situation, avoid it next time.
- Include regular physical activity in your routine. This will help combat sadness and loneliness in a constructive manner. Exercise, swim or take an aerobics class.
- Take time to relax and / or meditate. These activities have proven to be positive for people experiencing stress.
- Allow yourself to feel sad about the things that you have left behind, but maintain contact with your friends and family. This will give you a feeling of belonging and help reduce loneliness.
- Begin to integrate with your new culture. Learn the language. Volunteer in community activities that allow you to practice that language. This will help you feel less stress and more useful at the same time.
- Remember, you are not alone. Each week many new people arrive in Italy and are faced with the same transitional challenges. Pay attention to relationships with your family and with people at work.



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- If you feel stressed, look for help. There is always someone or some service available to help you. Lean on them. If you're having problems, your command and the Fleet and Family Support Center are excellent resources.

Look at this assignment as a rare opportunity. Most people who visit Italy do so in a rush and see the country from the inside of a bus or train. Your experience will offer you a more accurate view of life in Italy, and here you will find friends and experiences that will last a lifetime.

You do not have to become an Italian, nor should you expect your attempts to become Italian to be easy or quick. Italians expect you to be different, and they acknowledge that Americans have their own way of doing things. This is only made possible by mutual respect and understanding.

## The Neapolitan Way

Even other Italians recognize that Neapolitans have a character all their own. They seem to talk constantly, using arms and hands to animate conversations and emphasize viewpoints. They press forward during conversations, and their idea of personal space is significantly less than what Americans consider comfortable.

Neapolitans are passionate about everything and everybody. When you first arrive in Naples, you may get the impression that you have walked into the middle of a vast family quarrel – or if the mood is right – a comic opera.

One of the most noticeable cultural differences in Naples is the concept of time. After you are here for a while, you will realize that the Neapolitan pace of life is not as rushed as that of Americans (although driving may be the exception to that rule). Many Neapolitans like to postpone one thing in favor of something they consider more pressing. You may feel the impact of the concept of time when you first call to have a mechanic fix your car or a plumber fix your leaky faucet.

This does not mean the Neapolitans don't like to work. It is simply that they know that the world is not going to end if your leaky faucet is not fixed today because something more important comes up. That something may be a family obligation. A long history of kingdoms and kings, revolutions, plagues and wars has probably contributed to a lifestyle of patience, good humor and close family ties.

It could be said that while Naples has been occupied by many different empires and countries throughout its history, it has never been conquered. Something of the independent and unique spirit of Naples has endured through the ages to create the city and the people that today share their home with you.



*Opposite the world-famous San Carlo Theater is the Galleria Umberto I, the most elegant shopping mall in Europe. Photo courtesy of NSA Public Affairs*

## Italian Language

The Italian language is one of your greatest assets in making this tour fun and rewarding. Without it, you are excluding the best avenues to an exhilarating experience. Nothing flatters people more than the knowledge that a foreigner has made an attempt to learn their language. Once you break down the language barrier, you will find a whole new world opens up, ready for your exploration.

You don't need to become a seasoned linguist to be understood. No matter how fractured your Italian, the host will be patient and appreciative of your attempts. You will be more successful in any situation – shopping, traveling, meeting neighbors – if you try to speak Italian. Although you will usually find someone who speaks English in larger city shops, visitors who constantly insist on seeking out someone who speaks English will not only will irritate and alienate local citizens, but they will

constantly feel insecure and frustrated.

Remember, too, that Italy was once a collection of city-states under separate rule, and dialects abound, often sounding very different than the Italian you may learn in class. Although local expressions and pronunciations may be puzzling, Italian is the national language, and if you learn it, you will be understood. Language courses are available to those assigned to Naples, and tuition assistance may be available. Visit the Navy College Office soon after you arrive. The staff

can help you choose a language course to fit your needs and pocketbook. Italian-owned language schools along with private tutors are also available.

Learning common words and phrases by purchasing a pocket dictionary, phrase book or translation app before – or soon after – your arrival will make your transition into the local community much easier.

## “America in Italy”

Your tour of duty in Naples will make you more than an American tourist. You will be both a resident of Italy and a representative of the United States and the U.S. military. The importance of providing a positive image is obvious. Your responsibility to help provide such an image extends to your daily interactions with your neighbors, shopkeepers and other Italians you may encounter. Your job as an unofficial “diplomat” will be made easier if you attempt to learn and understand the language and customs of the host nation.

## Military Community

Your orders have brought you to one of the world’s most diverse and active communities. At one time or another, you will associate with members of all branches of the American military and also with foreign military colleagues. Often you will perform both U.S. national and international functions.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was established in 1949. Today there are 29 permanent representatives to the North Atlantic Council: Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, the United Kingdom and



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## Allied Joint Force Command (JFC) Naples

Allied Joint Force Command (JFC) Naples was activated on March 15, 2004, when its predecessor command, Allied Forces Southern Europe (AFSOUTH), was deactivated after nearly 53 years of successful activity in support of peace and stability in and around its designated area of responsibility.

At the operational level, the new NATO command structure consists of two standing Joint Force Commands: one at Brunssum, Netherlands, and one in Naples, Italy. In addition, a smaller Joint Headquarters was activated in Lisbon, Portugal.

Allied Joint Force Command Naples celebrated the official opening and ribbon cutting ceremony at the new JFC Naples headquarters located in Lago Patria, Giugliano, Naples on December 13, 2012. The position of Commander, JFC Naples is held by a U.S. Navy four-star admiral. Currently, the Admiral has operational responsibility for NATO missions in the Balkans and the Mediterranean Area of Responsibility. Commander, JFC Naples is also Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe.

Twenty-two NATO nations contribute to the JFC Naples integrated military staff: Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United States. Several partner nations are also represented within a Partners for Peace staff element.

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# MILLENNIUM GOLD HOTEL



The Millennium Gold Hotel, just steps from the International Capodichino Airport, is near the center of the city and well connected to the periphery, either through the tangenziale (100 meters) and the highway (200 meters).

The hotel offers customers free indoor parking.

At the bar, open from 06.30 to 23.00, the hotel offers a welcome cocktail at the arrival, and happy hour.

Rooms are available in the following categories: single, double, triple and family room.

Guests can enjoy all comforts (mini bar, safe, plasma TV...) and Wi-Fi internet connection.

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**T**here is no time to waste in getting ready for your move to Naples. A move overseas requires months of preparation, and the sooner you have orders in hand, the sooner you can get started.

This section will provide you with some of the details and answers to some of the most commonly asked questions on moving overseas. It cannot be overemphasized that you should immediately contact your sponsor since he or she is your first link to your new command. Constant communication between you and your sponsor will make your move easier for your family and eliminate needless worries and frustrations. Your sponsor should send you a Welcome Aboard package and provide you with useful information to ensure your transition to life overseas is as smooth as possible.

Provide your sponsor with accurate information on yourself and your family. In the summer months, it is not uncommon for long waiting lists for temporary accommodations, so send the following to your sponsor as soon as possible:

- Leave address and phone number (transient email address also recommended).
- Dates / times / flight numbers for your arrival.
- Family size, ages of children and any special considerations.
- Child care needs.
- Pets you may be bringing.

If you haven't heard back from your sponsor in a few days, contact your new command immediately.

## Overseas Screening

You should immediately begin the process of overseas screening for you and your family as soon as you have orders in hand.

The overseas screening process is designed to identify personnel or family members who have medical conditions or illnesses that cannot be treated by the U.S. Navy Hospital (USNH) Naples due to the lack of medical specialists. For example, service members with conditions such as cancer, autism, chronic mental illness, cardiac insufficiency, rheumatology, advanced pulmonary disease and neurological disorders cannot obtain specialty care at USNH Naples. The facility is small and does not offer these services. Additionally, medications for some conditions may not be available at the hospital pharmacy. Please check medication availability with the pharmacy at Commercial 081-811-6225 prior to your transfer. The overseas screening process, if done properly, identifies personnel and family members who would be at increased risk if they were assigned to Naples.

Overseas screening is required of active-duty service members and their families. Civilians, contractors and Department of Defense personnel seeking employment in Naples are highly encouraged to have an overseas screening. This will ensure any specialty care you may require will be available to you.

This typically consists of medical examinations, inoculations and an interview with a command

representative. Additionally, if you or one of your family members has a change in your medical condition after completion of the overseas screening, notify your command at once.

You should contact your respective medical facility to begin the overseas immunization series far enough in advance so a last minute rush is avoided. Having to get several shots at once can be painful, especially for children.

An "International Certificate of Vaccination" (PHS Form 731) is required and will be issued before leaving the United States once you have completed the required shots; booster shots are given as required at U.S. Naval Hospital Naples. PHS Form 731 is a "Yellow Card" that all immunization clinics should carry. All active-duty service members and their dependents are encouraged to have an updated version of the Yellow Card.

At times, personnel find themselves in need of specialized care that can only be obtained in the Italian community. If you suspect you may need special care, contact the USNH Naples Patient Administration Department at DSN 629-6215 or Commercial 081-811-6215 to inquire if the service is provided and if insurance is accepted.

## Passports, Visas and Sojourner Permits

Military personnel may enter Italy on official military orders and with a military ID card. For security reasons, personal travel should be conducted with a tourist (blue) passport instead of a military ID card. Generally, non-NATO countries require passports for military personnel. If your new duties in Naples require you to travel on official business to countries requiring an official (red) passport, coordinate with your new command to obtain an official passport. Tourist passports are obtainable through the

American Consulate in Naples. See your command's travel representative for current information.

All military dependents and DoD civilians, including children, require a passport and a Missione Visa for entry into Italy. Thus, all military spouses, civilian component members and family members must obtain a Missione Visa and an official or no-fee passport prior to their entry into Italy. Military family members, DoD civilians and their respective family members must request and receive the visa through their travel office or from the nearest Italian Consulate prior to their departure from the United States.

Visas require several weeks to obtain, and you cannot obtain a visa once you arrive in Italy. It is strongly recommended you start this process early so that your entire family may transfer with you. If you have a Letter of Intent from your detailer, you can begin the process. For additional information on visa requirements, see the Bureau of Consular Affairs website at <http://www.state.gov/travel> or check with your local NAVPTO or travel office.

Obtaining the appropriate visa after arrival in Italy is impossible, and most situations would require a return to the United States.

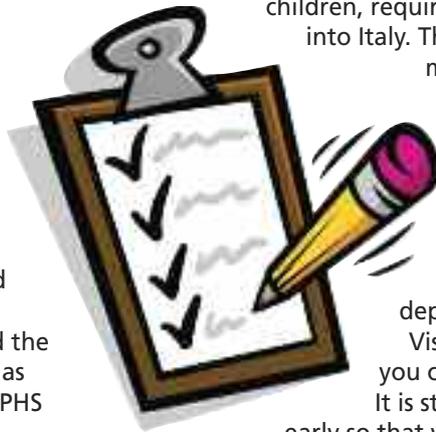
Dependents who are citizens of European Union countries do not require a visa. See <http://www.usis.it/visa/> for additional information regarding Italian visa requirements.

Non-U.S. dependents may travel on their country passport, although non-U.S. dependents should consult with the Italian Embassy to determine if any further documentation is required for their entry into Italy, which is usually determined by the dependent's country of nationality.

Within eight days of their arrival in Italy, all military family members and DoD civilian employees and their family members are required to apply for a Sojourner Permit, the *Permesso di Soggiorno*. This document is issued by the Italian government. A Sojourner Permit is a confirmation of your legal resident status in Italy, much like an American Green Card. If you do not have a visa upon arrival in Italy, you cannot obtain a Sojourner Permit. It is different from a visa, which is merely an approval for entry into the country. Italian law requires all foreign personnel working or living within Italy, other than an active-duty service members under military orders, to apply for a Sojourner Permit within eight days of arrival in Italy.

All applicants over 14 years of age must apply in person, as each person's signature is required at the time of application. Part of this procedure is the requirement to fingerprint individuals aged 18 and older.

As part of the Area Orientation process, the Region Legal Service Office, Europe Africa, Southwest Asia (RLSO EURAFSWA) assists in the preparation and oversees the acquisition of the Sojourner Permit for all personnel attached to U.S. Navy commands in the Naples area. Army





*A move overseas requires months of planning and preparation. The sooner you begin this process, the smoother your move will be. Photo by Gary Nichols*

and Air Force personnel stationed at JFC must apply for Sojourner Permits through the Carabinieri at the JFC Provost Marshall's Office, Building L.

Before you travel to Italy, you must have all necessary documents for the permit – specifically, a Missione visa issued by an Italian Consulate inside your no-fee U.S. passport. It is vital to work with your sponsor and new command to ensure that you have all the necessary documents before you detach.

Civilians should always carry their Sojourner Permit and passport when traveling to other countries. While commuting in the local area, it is a good idea to carry a photocopy of your Sojourner Permit in case you are stopped by police. Military members should, of course, always carry their military ID cards with them.

## Power of Attorney

A power of attorney may be necessary if the service member will be absent from home for extended periods of time. A power of attorney may be tailored and limited to accommodate particular individual needs.

There are two types of powers of attorneys: general and special. General powers of attorney are powerful documents and should only be used in limited circumstances. A judge advocate can provide advice on whether to get a general or special power of attorney. In most cases, a special power of attorney can be drafted that will protect the maker and will authorize the holder to complete all required business.

Finally, if you need a power of attorney for the purchase of a vehicle registered through MVRO, you must complete the required initial paperwork before the power of attorney can be drafted.

If you need a power of attorney, visit the Region Legal

Service Office EURAFSWA at Capodichino, located on the first floor of the Admin. II building. No appointment is needed to obtain a power of attorney in Naples.

## Rations

The sale of tobacco products and alcoholic beverages (other than beer and wine) is controlled by ration cards. The command holding your service record will issue you the ration card for tobacco products and alcoholic beverages. Your spouse receives a separate ration card.

Eligible DoD military and civilian personnel are entitled to a monthly allowance of tax-free gasoline with the intent of providing sufficient tax-exempted fuel for home-to-work travel. The monthly ration and type of fuel is determined by the engine size, engine base horsepower and type of fuel required by the member's primary vehicle, which must be registered at the Motor Vehicle

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Registration Office (CMVRO). The criteria utilized to ascertain the member's allowance is the following:

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Above 2884 cc	400	8

Motor scooters that are registered as the primary vehicle are entitled to 60 liters of fuel a month, whereas motorcycles, which also must be registered as the primary vehicle, receive the same allowance as a vehicle, however may not exceed a maximum of 200 liters per month.

The NATO Forces Fuel Card can be obtained by eligible personnel at the customer service desk at the Navy Exchange, and is valid for unleaded or diesel fuel at authorized gas stations.

The NATO Forces Fuel Card is accepted as a payment method only at ENI / AGIP stations or the gas station onboard the Allied Joint Force Command in Lago Patria. The gas card can be used directly at the fuel station by swiping or inserting the card in the point-of-sale (POS) terminal and entering your secure PIN code.

Your fuel transactions will be billed to the payment method provided during registration and you will receive a bi-weekly invoice and a monthly statement.

Fuel rations are not rolled over month-to-month. Any unused liters in your ration will expire at the end of the month. For details regarding the NATO Forces Fuel Cards visit [bit.ly/NATOfuel](http://bit.ly/NATOfuel)

Bartering, lending or giving gas or oil to any person is prohibited. Illegal use of your gas card is a violation of the Uniform Code of Military Justice and Italian fiscal law.



## What Should I Bring?

In Italy, an unfurnished apartment or villa is just that, unfurnished. Sometimes that could mean no clothes closets, screens or medicine cabinets in the bathrooms. In these cases, you may be able to purchase these items from the previous tenant, but for the most part setting up a house in Italy will cost more than in most places.

Use this list to decide what you will put into storage before coming to Italy. Reported cases of housebreaking and theft of personal property (including motor vehicles) are not uncommon. Consideration should be given to storing items of great sentimental value or items of high value that are unnecessary to have during an overseas tour. Keep in mind that there are no safety deposit boxes available onboard military installations.

Contact your Personal Property Office to get more information on storage provided by the government during an overseas tour.

The following are some suggestions concerning individual types of household appliances and fixtures. Once again, ask your sponsor if your individual questions are not answered here.

**Light Fixtures** – American lamps are adapted to Italian current simply by replacing American bulbs with Italian ones and by using an Italian plug adapter. American and Italian lamps are available on the economy and from the Navy Exchange.

**Medicine Cabinets** – Available locally, both new and used at a reasonable cost. You can request your landlord to install them when negotiating your housing contract.

**Beds and Mattresses** – If you have them, bring them. Beds and mattresses are available at the Navy Exchange. Beds and mattresses are also available on the economy but are different sizes than American beds.

**Carpets / Rugs** – In a move to Italy, rugs often become a major expense. Floors here are hard tile or marble. Bring all the carpets and rugs you own. If you don't already have rugs, you may want to buy a few inexpensive room-size carpets (9x12 feet, 9x15 feet, etc.). Average-quality rugs and padding in standard sizes are available at the Navy Exchange. Also, Middle Eastern rugs are often sold by vendors at the Navy Exchange retail center. A wide variety of rugs can be found on the Italian economy, too.

**Draperies** – Drapes from your last home probably will be too short here because of the high windows and ceilings. You can purchase fabric on the economy or it can be mail-ordered from the United States. You may not require drapes because the "persiane" (black-out blinds that raise and lower much like hurricane shutters) are standard in most Italian dwellings.

### **Carpentry Tools and Do-It-Yourself**

**Equipment** – If you have them, bring them. A limited selection is available through the Navy Exchange. Tools purchased on the economy will come in metric sizes. The Auto / Wood Skills Center at the Support Site has a great selection of tools to use on site.

**Desks, Dressers and Other Storage** – Anything that can be used to store things will come in handy. In your new home, there will be many areas where you can put small tables, desks, dressers and chests. Most homes do not have closets.

**Air Conditioners** – It is recommended that you do not bring an air conditioner.

**Dehumidifiers** – Naples can be very damp, particularly during the winter months. A dehumidifier will help make your home easier to keep warm and avoid mildew problems. They are usually available in the Navy Exchange and on the economy.

**Microwaves** – Keep in mind that microwaves are provided as part of the Partial Full Tour Furnishings Program from the Housing Warehouse. Microwave ovens sold in the United States are generally 60 cycles and

cannot be converted. Unless specifically designated 50 / 60 Hz, they cannot be used without damage to the magnetron tube. Units sold in the Navy Exchange are 50 / 60 Hz and are ready to use with a transformer. When you are returning to the United States, they may be adjusted to 60 Hz for stateside use.

**Small Electrical Appliances** – Generally speaking (except for hair dryers, toasters and electrical clocks) small electrical appliances adapt to use on transformers. Items with 220 volts are available on the economy.

**Electrical Clocks** – Plug-in clocks are not practical because they will not keep accurate time due to the 50 cycle current (the hands travel five-sixths of an hour every 60 minutes). Also, many areas experience brief power outages that will throw the time off. Wind-up or battery powered clocks are your best bet.

**Television** – A multi-system TV can receive Italian signals. To receive all of AFN's channels you will have to get a decoder. One decoder is provided by the Housing Office as part of the Partial Full Tour Furnishing Program. Additional decoders can be purchased from the Navy Exchange. The sound system of the Italian television broadcast is on a different frequency than the United States. With a minor adjustment of the receiver, you may be able to pick up the Italian sound, but the picture will appear in black and white. The Navy Exchange has a complete stock of antennas, amplifiers and multi-system TVs available. If you plan to use your TV only for DVD or VHS formats then conversion is not required.

**Radio** – A portable radio is invaluable. Electric models work well, but if you experience electrical outages, the portable should be there as a back-up. Radios with AM / FM bands are best. The clock portion of clock radios will not work because of the difference in current.

**Lawn Mowers** – Several years ago, it was unheard of for Americans to bring a lawn mower to Naples because everybody lived in apartments overlooking the Bay of Naples. However, with the exodus to the suburbs, more families live in villas with lawns. New lawn mowers are available at the Navy Exchange on a limited basis. Some common replacement parts are available, but due to the variety of models manufactured, it is recommended that if you ship your mower, you also ship extra blades, plugs and "tune-up" kits.

**Lawn Furniture** – Even with an apartment, you may have balconies or rooftop access and will be able to use lawn furniture. The Navy Exchange carries an assortment of lawn furniture, and wicker furniture is available locally on the Italian market. If you want to buy some high quality lawn items, Italy is famous for exporting a wide variety.

**Bicycles** – Because of the traffic, it is unsafe for young children to ride bicycles in city streets. However, most suburban areas have relatively quiet streets where bicycles can be safely ridden. You can also enjoy bike riding at Support Site, Carney Park and Caserta's Royal Palace. Bicycles are available for rent at the Navy Outdoor Recreation (NOR) Center at Carney Park.

**Civilian Clothing** – All members of your family should

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plan to dress as they would at any military installation located where there are four seasons. Winter in Naples can be cold and damp, so be prepared and bring along extra warm clothing. Due to high fuel costs and the necessity for good ventilation, temperatures in most dwellings are kept lower than many families are used to. Sweaters and other warm clothing items are essential for inside wear in winter.

Europeans tend to dress more formally than Americans. Our host country nationals expect us to dress like Americans, but extremely informal clothing reflects poor taste on our part. If in doubt as to what to wear, the safest rule is to "overdress," and you will fit right into any situation.

## Personal Property Shipment

Upon receipt of orders to the Naples area, including Rome, it is recommended that you immediately contact the nearest Personal Property Shipping Office (PPSO) or visit the DoD Household Goods portal at [www.move.mil](http://www.move.mil) to arrange for shipment of your personal property.

The PPSO or the DoD Household Goods Portal will be able to provide specific information about entitlements, mode of shipment, transit times, etc.

Once you arrive in Naples take all copies of documentation covering your shipments, including your automobile, to the PPSO to get started. The Personal Property staff will provide information regarding the delivery and claims of your household goods.

**Household Goods** – Depending on the origin, it usually takes 65 to 85 days for household goods to arrive in Naples from the continental United States and 100 to 160 days to arrive from elsewhere. Naples is not a weight-restricted area, so you may ship your full weight allowance. But remember: unaccompanied baggage, storage lots and shipments to a designated place are all included in this weight allowance. Unaccompanied personnel E-3 and below need to contact their sponsor prior to shipment of household goods. Contact with your sponsor is important to help determine which household good items are necessary in Naples and which will be

better to store or ship to a designated place. Through the Loaner Furniture program in Naples, you'll be able to get furniture and some appliances to use until your household goods shipment arrives.

### **Unaccompanied Baggage or Express Shipment** –

Depending on the origin, it usually takes 45 to 60 days for express shipments to arrive in Naples from the continental United States and 75 to 100 days to arrive from elsewhere.

Your unaccompanied baggage should include necessary clothing, uniforms, linens and blankets, dishes, pots, pans, essential kitchen utensils, an iron, an ironing board, small collapsible cribs, play pens, strollers, small televisions, stereo sets and professional books, papers and equipment. No furniture items may be included in unaccompanied baggage shipments.

**Temporary Storage** – In connection with your shipment of household goods and unaccompanied baggage, should it be necessary to delay the delivery of your personal property shipments upon arrival in Naples, you will be authorized an initial 90 days of storage at government expense. If it becomes necessary to exceed the 90 days, you must contact the PPSO and request additional storage in writing. Another 90 days may be granted if all requirements are met. These additional 90 days of storage applies only to military. Civilians must have command approval for additional 90 days and amendments to their orders authorizing the additional 90 days must be issued.

**Non-Temporary Storage (NTS)** – Orders to any overseas duty station may entitle you to non-temporary storage at government expense for the duration of the overseas tour. NTS is only authorized for military assigned to government quarters when property is excess to their quarters. NTS is not authorized for military living in economy quarters or civilians living in economy or government quarters.

**Privately-Owned Firearms** – Shipping of any kind of weapon is absolutely prohibited. The Italian government has imposed a ban on shipment of privately-owned firearms to Italy. Privately-owned firearms include any weapons that are designed for or can be readily converted to be used for attack, defense, sports, games or hunting by driving a projectile through the barrel. This includes air pistols, air rifles and firing replicas of antique firearms. Additionally, the ban includes other weapons, such as spring-opening knives, fixed bowie knives, straight-edge razors, brass knuckles, blackjack devices, cans with sharpened points, pipes, chains, slings and any other similar weapon which may be used for assaulting a person. Italian law states that pocket knives may be carried, but the blade must not exceed two inches in length. Failure to comply with this requirement will result in the return of the firearm to the United States at member's expense, possible confiscation by Italian authorities and payment of fines to the Italian government.

**Claims** – All household goods and unaccompanied baggage shipments fall under the Full Replacement Value (FRV) Protection. For personal property lost, damaged or destroyed while in the care of the transportation service provider (TSP), the member can recover whichever is



greater: \$5,000 per shipment or \$4 times the weight of the shipment in pounds, up to a maximum of \$50,000.

An important difference between depreciated value coverage and FRV is that with FRV, the member files his or her claim with the TSP rather than with the Military Claims Office (MCO). As before, the member records loss or damage on DD Form 1840 / DD 1850 (for damage or loss discovered at delivery) or the DD Form 1840R / 1850R (for damage or loss discovered after delivery). If you are filing a claim, the DD 1840 or DD 1850 must be turned into the PPSO within 70 days of delivery of the shipment. PPSO will stamp and return the form. You have 75 days from the date of delivery to notify the carrier or TSP using the DD 1840 or DD 1850, and nine months to complete the claim with the carrier under the Full Replacement Value system.

You must use the Defense Personal Property System (DPS) to file all claims. For details visit [www.move.mil](http://www.move.mil)

**Shipping Your Privately-Owned Vehicle (POV)** – Military and DoD civilians are entitled to ship one POV overseas at government expense (see section on automobiles for more information). The vehicle you ship enters Italy free of import duty. When turning in your POV for shipment, it is extremely important to ensure the vehicle identification number shown on documents matches the physical

description shown on the POV. An error may constitute delay in receiving the vehicle or prevent registration. Additionally, there are no restrictions as to color, age, dimensions or special lighting of POVs imported. Vehicles shipped must be in mechanically safe operating condition and must undergo a detailed safety inspection before registration. Estimated transit times are 45 to 60 days from East Coast ports, 55 to 90 days from the Gulf and 75 to 90 days from West Coast ports.

**Importation of Motorcycles** – All mopeds, motorcycles, motorbikes and motor scooters shipped with your household goods (HHG) enter Italy duty free and must be registered with the Motor Vehicle Registration Office prior to delivery.

Members must ensure that the transportation service provider (TSP) adheres to the following procedures during their pack out:

- All mopeds / motorcycles shipped with HHG must be packed in a separate container.
- Crate must be properly marked on the outside of the crate that this shipment contains a motorcycle / moped.
- Inventory must include type, year and make of motorcycle / moped and serial / chassis number.

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Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the return of the motorcycle or moped to the United States at member's expense, confiscation by the Italian Customs Authority and payment of fines, duties or taxes as determined by the Italian government.

*Importation of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), three-wheelers and off-road motorcycles is highly discouraged.*

## Property Insurance

Italian landlords do not carry insurance against fire, theft or water damage to the building, apartment or the tenant's household furnishings. Unless you have renter's insurance, you could suffer loss or damage that would be difficult to recover, even after long and costly litigation in the Italian courts. Reported cases of housebreaking and theft of personal property (including motor vehicles) are not uncommon. Americans, as well as Italians, learn to be security conscious and evaluate the precautions taken to safeguard their property. Consideration should be given to storing items of great sentimental value or items of high value that are unnecessary to have during an overseas tour. You are strongly encouraged to take out private insurance or update your current policy, if you have one. Keep in mind that there are no safety deposit boxes available onboard military installations.

Under certain circumstances, when a theft of your property has occurred, you may file a claim with the United States government for reimbursement. However, there are limitations on the amount that can be paid. Information concerning claims is available from the Naval Legal Services Office.

## Pets

The Navy Lodge at the Support Site does not have a kennel. There is a small amount of pet-friendly lodging available at the Navy Lodge, but it is in limited supply, so be sure you or your sponsor call to reserve well in advance.

Pets may be housed in local (off-base) animal boarding facilities, or you may also consider leaving your pet with your sponsor or a friend. Per night kennel rates average about 10 to 15 euro per pet and cannot be filed with your travel claim. Kennel fees are non-refundable. Coordinate arrangements with your sponsor prior to arriving to minimize the stress on you and your pets.

If you rent an apartment on the local economy, most landlords allow pets. Residents who live in government quarters are allowed to have two indoor micro-chipped pets (cats or dogs) that are spayed or neutered. It is important that you notify the housing office and your sponsor about what kind of pets you plan to bring with you to Italy. The base instruction prohibits the boarding of any pets weighing more than 70 pounds and there are some breed restrictions.

You can bring your pet to Italy with you on Air Mobility Command (AMC) flights on a space-available basis. There is an excess baggage fee and only a limited number of pets may be shipped on each flight. AMC will not ship any pets weighing more than 150 pounds. Be sure to inform the personnel department that schedules your flight to Italy that you will be traveling with a pet. There is a limit of two pets per family – dogs and cats only – and you must provide the proper travel containers.

There is no quarantine period in Italy, but you will be required to have a current rabies immunization record on your animals. The pet must have had the rabies shot not more than 12 months and not less than 30 days prior to arrival in Italy. In addition, a veterinary health certificate with the following data is required: personal identification of the owner and a detailed description of the animal attesting to its good health. This certification is good for only 10 days from the date of examination and must be certified by an official veterinary service.

If your pet is old, requires special treatment or long-term medication, it is recommended that you not bring your dog or cat to Naples as no special diagnostic facilities are available. If your pet has a special health problem, have your sponsor contact veterinary services to determine whether or not adequate care is available.

## Banking and Credit Cards

In Italy, you will rely on cash much more than you did in the United States. Though you can use American Express, Visa and Mastercard at most shopping centers, hotels and restaurants, you'll quickly discover that many do not accept credit cards, and those that do may have technical issues running your card. Gas credit cards do not work. The Navy Exchange accepts Master Card, Visa, American Express and Discover.

There are various banks and ATMs both on and off base. Here are some on-base options:

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- Banco di Napoli (Bldg. 450).
- Community Bank (Capo Landing).
- Navy Exchange Minimart cashier: Euro or dollar sales. Rates are close to the daily exchange rate.

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- Outside of Admin II there are three ATMs: Banco di Napoli dispenses only euro; Navy Federal dispenses only dollars; and Community Bank dispenses both euro and dollars.
- Outside of the Air Terminal is a Community Bank ATM that dispenses both euro and dollars.

**Support Site**

- Navy Federal Credit Union maintains a full service office at the Navy Exchange retail complex.
- Navy Exchange cashier: euro or dollar sales. Rates are close to the daily exchange rate.
- There are three ATMs at Support Site: The Italian ATM inside the Navy Lodge across from the elevators dispenses euro; Navy Federal ATMs outside the Navy Lodge; and outside the Navy Exchange retail center, near the main doors by the movie theater, dispense dollars.

**Allied Joint Force Command Naples**

- Banco di Napoli.

## Postal Matters

One of the closest and strongest ties to friends and loved ones in the United States is the U.S. mail. Thankfully – despite being stationed overseas in Naples – mail service is relatively quick and efficient. Postal services in Naples are spread out over a wide geographic area with a mail

control activity at Rome’s International Airport, and post offices at Capodichino, Support Site, JFC, Gaeta and Latina.

Naples-area military post offices provide the following services:

- Stamp sales and postal money orders.
- Pick-up point for accountable mail.
- Mail directory-locator services.
- USPS claims and inquiry services.
- In- and out-processing of patrons.
- Mail receipt and mailing services.

As an authorized military postal service patron, it is your responsibility to inform all correspondents of your correct mailing and forwarding address prior to leaving your present duty station. You should obtain your new address for your new command from your sponsor and notify all your correspondents at least six to eight weeks prior to checkout.

Your new address should contain all of the following information:

- Full name, rank and rate.
- PSC and Box Number: PSC XXX Box XXXX (PSC and Box number) is equivalent to a street address).
- FPO and Zip Code: FPO AE 096XX (FPO is equivalent to a city; AE is equivalent to a state).

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Lastly, do not mail perishable foods or meats, plants, soil matter, flammable liquids (Cologne or perfume), tobacco, firearms of any kind or alcohol to or from Italy.

Only U.S. currency are accepted at the post offices, with the exception of the Gaeta and JFC postal operation, which is a cashless operation. You may use major credit cards and bank debit cards for the exact amount of purchase. You cannot purchase money orders with credit cards.

Here is the list of where the postal services are located and hours of operation:

**Capodichino**

- Fleet Mail Center – Bldg. 412 (behind the Supply building).
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- Command Mail Call: Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to noon.
- Customer service hours: Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
• Commercial: 081-811-4335 / 4336 / 4343.

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- Command Mail Call: Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to noon.
- Customer service hours: Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Commercial: 081-639-4082.

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- Gaeta Post Office – Bldg. 752 (on the pier).
- Command Mail Call: Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to noon.
- Customer service hours: Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
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# Getting Settled



Most new arrivals who report to Naples will land at the Capodichino Air Terminal. Photo by MC1 Daniel Barker

## Area Orientation

**W**ith your arrival into Naples, one of the first things you'll go through at your new duty station will be the Naples Area Orientation (AO). In an effort to make things efficient and convenient for newcomers, everything is centrally located at the Support Site during this orientation, except for a one-day field trip, during which transportation, guidance and assistance are provided.

Check with your command sponsor or the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) for the current Naples Area Orientation schedule.

## AO Week Snapshot

Below is a snapshot of what to expect during Area Orientation week. Unless otherwise noted, all AO events occur at the Support Site Reel Times 2 Movie Theater.

The first day of AO always starts on a Friday unless the rotator (MAC flight) is late. Then it will begin the next business day. Mass check-in (active-duty Navy only) will be conducted and newcomers will need to bring the following:

- Four copies of endorsed orders
- All receipts from your travels
- Flight itinerary and port of call message (if applicable)

- One copy of Page 2 if you have dependents (military only)
- All medical and dental records (military only)
- One copy of driver's license
- One copy of passport photo page
- All family members passports

U.S. civilian hires must report to their respective HRO no later than the start of the next business day after arrival or at the date / time previously coordinated with their HRO.

Newcomers and sponsors are encouraged to ask their sponsors or the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) for the latest schedule. The FFSC can be reached at DSN 629-4896 or Commercial 081-811-4896.

Some topics covered at AO:

- Housing Essentials Brief – Economy / Government / BEQ
- School Liaison Officer
- TRICARE Preparation Brief
- Legal
- Postal / Personal Property
- Motor Vehicle Registration (MVRO)
- TRICARE / Medical and Dental Check-in
- Fire Prevention
- Operation Preparedness
- Emergency Management Disaster Prep
- Safety
- MVRO AFI Driver's License Test
- Navy Exchange

- FFSC Services / Ombudsman
- Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR)
- Environmental
- NCIS / SAVI
- Security / Anti-Terrorism Brief
- Sojourner Application Processing
- Intercultural Relations (ICR) Class

## Intercultural Relations

The FFSC staff offers Intercultural Relations (ICR) classes for newcomers in conjunction with Area Orientation. This two-day class is mandatory for all U.S. Navy personnel. All family members and non-Navy personnel are encouraged to attend. The first day is classroom training spent in the Reel Times 2 Movie Theater. The class helps participants understand and adapt to the Italian culture by learning basic Italian phrases and customs, how to use local transportation, shopping tips and dining information. All of which helps newcomers overcome any culture shock they may experience from living in a new country.

The second day consists of a field trip to help familiarize participants with the city of Naples, the public transportation system and the wonderful Italian culture.

FFSC offers a variety of follow-up classes to promote participation in the local culture, such as "How to Make Limoncello," "Hand Gestures," "How To Make Italian Desserts," "Easy Italian" and many more.

## Housing

One of the most pressing set of questions as you prepare for a tour in Naples or Gaeta likely deals with housing. The Housing Service Center (HSC) assists DoD military, Allied Forces, civilian and contractor personnel in locating housing in the Naples area. The HSC has main offices at the Support Site and Gaeta. Housing also has a one-stop center at Capodichino and a warehouse in Teverola.

## Assignment Policy

**Military Families:** All E-1 to O-6 accompanied service members are subject to Direct Assignment and are required to apply for housing and be placed onto the waiting list. Upon arrival, military personnel may request to reside in the local economy. A certificate of non-availability (CNA) will be issued if less than four military family housing units are available in the member's waiting list category. If more than four units are available, you will be assigned to government quarters.

For those who have been assigned a local sponsor, please have your sponsor contact the housing office and provide them with your arrival date as soon as possible. Visit the housing office's Facebook page, NSA Naples Housing, for more information.



*With its spacious, comfortable rooms, your stay – no matter how long or short – at the Navy Lodge onboard Support Site is sure to be an enjoyable experience. Photo by Gary Nichols*

## Navy Lodge

Navy Lodge Naples – located onboard Support Site – offers 96 guest rooms and 24 villas. Guests enjoy free weekday issues of "Stars & Stripes," free on-base phone calls, an AM / FM clock-radio, an iron and ironing board, cable TV, a kitchenette, a DVD player, a flat panel TV, vending machines, a hair dryer and free Wi-Fi access. Navy Lodge Naples also has a small conference room available for rent and provides fax and copy services.

Navy Lodge Naples has some pet-friendly accommodations available; newcomers or their sponsor must contact the Navy Lodge Naples directly to confirm availability of a pet-friendly room prior to arrival.

The Navy Lodge is conveniently located within walking distance of the schools, the Navy Exchange, the Commissary, the Fitness Forum gym, the Child Development Center, U.S. Naval Hospital Naples and many other services.

To book your reservation call DSN 629-6289 or Commercial 081-813-3443.

## Government Quarters

Government quarters assignment is based on your family composition and pay grade. Your unit will be furnished with appliances and loaner furniture, if needed. You or your sponsor can obtain needed items from the Loaner Locker at the Fleet and Family Support Center until your express shipment arrives.

Single or unaccompanied E-1 to E-4 service members will reside in Bachelor Enlisted Quarters.

Civilian employees will receive a check-in briefing from the Human Resources Office (HRO) regarding your

entitlements for Temporary Quarters Subsistence Allowance (TQSA) and Living Quarters Allowance (LQA).

Phone numbers and email for the housing office:

DSN – 314-629-4466

Commercial – 011-39-081-811-4466

Email – M-NA-NSAHS-Admin-GS@eu.navy.mil

Facebook – NSA Naples Housing

All 971 family housing units are located onboard Support Site. The housing units are constructed as either six- or 12-plex apartment buildings. Each building is designated for either officer or enlisted personnel. Apartments are configured as two-bedroom, three-bedroom and four-bedroom units, with two bathrooms and are equipped with central heating and air-conditioning, a laundry room with a washer and dryer, a microwave oven, a dishwasher, a refrigerator, a gas stove, and both 110-volt and 220-volt electrical receptacles. The AFN satellite system and ADSL internet access are available in each home.

## Economy Housing

If you are given the option to live on the economy, your first stop will be the Showing Services branch at the Housing Service Center (HSC). The Showing Services staff maintain a database of available rental properties throughout the Naples area. Many of the properties have

photos provided by the landlord. Showing tours may be set up with a counselor who will orient you to the many areas of Naples and explain your options in selecting your new home.

You may also register and view available rental properties at the Navy-sponsored referral website [www.homes.mil](http://www.homes.mil). Once registered, you will be able to search for available properties based on your desired criteria information.

### Checking In at the Housing Service Center

- You must complete a check-in briefing, which provides important information regarding services such as TLA requirements, government housing, Showing Services, and the economy house-hunting process. This will be done during the Area Orientation Housing Brief, normally on a Friday.
- During the brief, you will need to apply for a “Codice Fiscale,” the Italian equivalent of a Social Security number. This is required to sign a lease and establish utility services.

*Note:* You may only view homes with the Housing Office Showing Staff, or an authorized agent who is on the approved list provided by the HSC. *Use of an unapproved individual is a violation of NSA policy and will result in termination of TLA and non-certification of OHA.*

Economy housing consists of a wide variety of duplex, townhouse and single-family (villa) dwellings. Although

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some properties may be furnished, the majority are unfurnished. Tenants are typically expected to provide their own appliances, however these are provided as part of the Navy's Partial Full Tour Furnishing (PFTF) program.

If you find an available house that suits your needs, you may put the property on hold at the HSC. This is called a regular hold, and it gives you two working days to exercise your option: you can either set up an appointment to negotiate a contract hold, or release your hold and let someone else take the property. All regular holds are automatically released after two working days unless you request an extension. During these two days, you may continue to look at other houses. Only one regular hold extension is permitted per property.

Once you decide you want a particular rental property, notify the HSC immediately to schedule a pre-contract lease negotiating session with your prospective landlord. Once you contact the HSC, the property will be placed on contract hold.

A contract hold differs from a regular hold in that you are no longer permitted to look at other properties. You are making a firm commitment to the landlord for that property. To break this commitment, you must submit a written statement to the housing office supervisor for review and approval stating why it is necessary for you to cancel the contract hold.

Once the landlord has completed the required registration of the property, a pre-contract appointment is scheduled. At the time of pre-contract signing, you may negotiate with the landlord a fair price for the house you have chosen, as well as any extra amenities you would like to have in the house (air conditioners, screens, ceiling fans, etc.). Please understand that you are not permitted to negotiate new construction to the landlord's house or luxuries (i.e., swimming pools, gazebos, fountains, apartments, kitchens, maid service, or minor yard maintenance). An HSC referral counselor will assist with translating and preparing the pre-contract.

Once a pre-contract is signed, if the property has not been inspected within the last three years, it will be referred to the housing office inspectors for inspection. All houses listed with the Housing Office must be registered and go through a safety and security inspection before an appointment can be scheduled for a contract lease signing. This is for customers' protection to make sure the property they have chosen meets all Italian rental standards, as well as housing department regulations and standards before move-in. Once a house has passed inspection, the counselor will contact the customer and make the necessary arrangements for the contract lease signing appointment.

### **Lease Negotiations**

Language barriers can make communication with local landlords a problem. The HSC staff will liaise with the landlord, schedule maintenance services, answer utility billing questions, review discrepancies, and conduct lease amendments and termination services in English and Italian. If applicable, your housing counselor will enter you into the home-fuel rationing system at the Navy Exchange. You may also elect to have your utility services activated through the Navy Exchange's Residential Services for a small monthly fee.

During the lease signing appointment you are required to have one month's cash in euro, which is paid to the Navy's General Services Fund as a deposit against damage. Prior to move in, you must also pay the first month's rent to the landlord. All rental payments must be made electronically. The security deposit money will be returned to you, minus any outstanding utilities owed, at the end of your tenancy.

### **Signing the Lease**

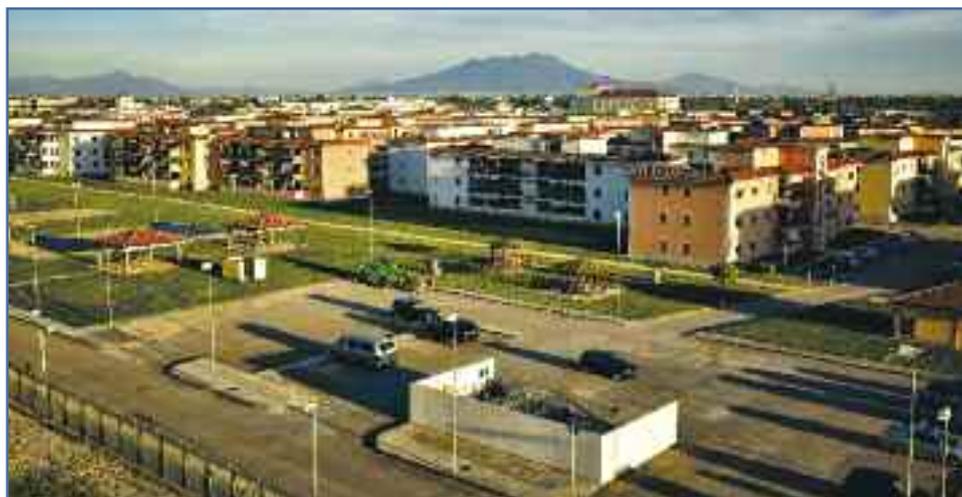
To remain eligible to receive your housing allowance and housing services, including loaner furniture and loaner appliances, you must negotiate your lease through the housing office. If you do negotiate a lease on your own, you will disqualify yourself from these substantial benefits. This policy applies to both military and civilian personnel.

## Helpful Housing Tips

All of your allowances are paid in dollars. Your rent and other housing expenses will require payment in euro. Fluctuation in the exchange rate is not uncommon. It is important to keep this fluctuation, or the potential for it, in mind when determining which house will be right for you. For further information, please refer to the "Allowances" section found in this chapter.



*The Navy Lodge Naples, located at Support Site, offers 96 guest rooms and 24 villas. Photo by Gary Nichols*



delay between your move in and the arrival of your furniture, the housing office offers items for your use on a temporary basis. Loaner furniture includes beds, nightstands, dressers, a loveseat, armchairs, end tables, a coffee table and a dining table with chairs. These are available to both accompanied and unaccompanied personnel. You may keep loaner furniture until your household goods arrive or for 90 days, whichever comes first. Extension requests must be approved through the housing office.

**Partial Full Tour Furnishings (PFTF)** – The Navy Housing PFTF

*Housing at Support Site near Gricignano. Photo by MC1 Daniel Barker*

A lease is a legal binding agreement. Once you sign a lease, the fact that you did not know about certain discrepancies within the premises typically is not justification to break the lease. Thoroughly check the property prior to signing the lease.

**Pets** – Residents of government housing are allowed two indoor micro-chipped pets (cats or dogs). Note that dog breed restrictions and a weight limit of 70 pounds does apply. There are no quarantine periods for animals brought into Naples. Additionally, there are no kennel options on base. The Navy Lodge has a limited supply of pet-friendly rooms, so contact the Navy Lodge for availability or check with your sponsor before bringing pets.

**Electricity** – All government housing is equipped with both 110V and 220V electricity, therefore your U.S. standard appliances and electronic equipment will be useable. In the local community, you will be provided with two transformers to convert the common 220V to 110V. Remember the 220V / 50Hz converts to 110V / 50 Hz, so whether you live on Support Site or the local economy, clocks and timers will not be accurate. Surge protectors are strongly recommended to help protect your electronics.

**Water** – All economy leases negotiated through the housing office have a bottle water clause, which require the landlord to provide up to four liters per person / per day of bottled water. Except for those living on Support Site, bottled water is recommended.

**Loaner Furniture**

During the lease contract-signing appointment, you will also arrange for the delivery of your Partial Full Tour Furnishings (PFTF) and loaner furniture.

**Loaner Furniture** – To bridge the

program is available to all DoD military and civilian personnel with a transportation agreement. You will be provided with all of the items listed below at no cost during your tour. The following items are provided with government quarters and are available upon request to economy housing residents:

- Refrigerator
  - Gas stove
  - Washer / dryer (gas and electric available)
  - Microwave oven
  - Voltage transformers (two – not applicable for government quarters)
  - Wardrobes (one per family member and one extra for military member)
  - Carbon monoxide detectors
  - AFN decoder (not applicable for government quarters)
- You should not have any of the above items shipped to

An advertisement for 'House Immobiliare' real estate services. It features a dark red background with a white house icon at the top left. The text 'House Immobiliare' is in large white letters. Below it, 'Licensed Real Estate Agent' and 'Mr. Raffaele P. Giorgio' are written in white. A small portrait of Mr. Giorgio is in the top right corner. A blue curved banner contains the text 'Free Service' in white. Below the banner, several services are listed in white: 'Villas or Apartments • Sea View • Country Side Realty', 'Furnished or not • Short or Long Term Leases', and '• Near the Sea • In the Country Side or in Town w/garden'. At the bottom, contact information is provided in white: 'Cell. 338-1601595 or 335-6575897', 'r.giorgio@houseimmobiliaresrls.com - raffaelegiorgio5@gmail.com', and 'www.houseimmobiliaresrls.com'.

Italy: American appliances – stoves, refrigerators and washers – because they are not compatible with Italian electricity. You can bring your small appliances, such as coffee pots, blenders and frying pans, which will work with the transformers included in the PFTF. Lamps and telephones will also work with adaptor plugs. All lamps require Italian light bulbs, which are sold at the Navy Exchange and at stores in the local economy. Most Italian lightbulbs use the same size base as American ones; they just configure differently for the 220 volts.

## Your House and Security

Naples is a large city with relatively high unemployment. House break-ins and theft are not uncommon. You can take several steps to protect yourself and your property from this type of loss.

Arrange for irreplaceable or sentimental items to be stored in the United States while you are stationed in Italy. If your TV is stolen, you can always get another. If your wedding pictures are stolen, you may not be able to replace them.

Review your insurance needs and arrange for renter's insurance. This protects you from having to pay large replacement costs for items. Consider shopping for a policy that will pay replacement value for your property.

After you've moved in, check to see if your parco has a neighborhood watch program. Join it, or help start one if one is not in place. Get to know your neighbors, whether they are American, Italian or another nationality. House break-ins occur mostly during the day; if your neighbors are home during the day, they can help watch your place.

- Inspect your windows and door locks periodically. If they seem weak, worn or deficient, contact your landlord to replace them. Don't hide a key outside the door, under mats, flower pots or over doors.
- Do not leave spare keys inside your home. If a burglar breaks in through a window, don't make it easy for him to walk out the front door with your TV.
- Always lock your doors and windows and turn on your home alarm, even if you are just going to the corner store or to work in the backyard or garage.
- Never leave your key in the lock of a door or shutter. Burglars have the ability to turn the key and unlock the door / shutter from the outside.
- If you think a burglar is in your home when you arrive, don't go inside. Go to a neighbor's house and call NSA Naples Security at Commercial 081-568-4911. They will dispatch the Carabinieri. NSA Naples Security is unable to directly respond to disturbances occurring on the economy due to lack of jurisdiction. However, they can have Italian authorities dispatched to your location and have Italian local nationals on staff who can assist you with filing a report.
- Do not allow strangers into your home. Ask your landlord to notify you of any scheduled repairs or maintenance. If you're not sure if a repair person is supposed to be there, don't let him or her inside.
- Close and lock your garage doors.



*Naples celebrates each New Year's Eve with a blanket of thousands of fireworks, which collectively are bright enough to light up the Bay of Naples and nearby Mount Vesuvius. Photo by Lt. Ryan Tillman*

- Do not advertise your possessions or allow easy access to your home through a door that can be seen from the road.
- Be alert for unusual activities or unknown persons loitering in your neighborhood.
- Contact NSA Naples Security at Commercial 081-568-4911 if you see a crime taking place. (For non-emergency assistance call 081-568-5638 / 5639.)
- Leave a radio or TV on when you leave home. This gives would-be burglars the illusion that someone is at home.
- Separate your car and house keys so no one can duplicate your house keys if they are in possession of your car keys.
- If you own expensive jewelry, don't hide it in an obvious place like a clothes drawer or under a bed.
- Keep the outside of your house well lit at night, especially near windows and doors.
- If you go out at night, leave some lights on inside.
- Do not leave ladders unsecured outside your home; this could allow burglars easy access into an upstairs window.
- Do not trust your driveway gate. Many "locked" gates can be popped in seconds by even the most inexperienced burglar. Buy a sturdy chain and heavy lock to give better protection.



#### **Vacation Security Strategies**

- If possible, arrange for someone to house-sit while you are gone.
- Invest in clock-timers to turn lights off and on at certain times.
- Have a friend keep up with your yard work and drop by your house occasionally if you can't get a housesitter.
- Move your valuable items so they can't be seen from the windows.
- Do not leave items on your porch, balcony, terrace or lawn.

#### **Mold / Mildew**

Damp weather and local home designs contribute to mold and mildew problems. To help prevent against mold and mildew, you should ventilate your home during nice weather days. You are also encouraged to open your bathroom window during and after all showers or baths. Small amounts of mold caused by excess humidity can be cleaned with a bleach and water solution. Excessive mold, or mold caused by water infiltration, should be report to the HSC immediately.

## Allowances

Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) and Cost Of Living Allowance (COLA).

**Advance OHA** – This entitlement is to pay for your first month's rent and deposit. To apply for this, you will be given the appropriate forms from the housing office during the signing of your pre-contract. These will need to be signed by a housing official and your commanding officer or officer in charge.

**Overseas Housing Allowance** – The Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) is paid to service members who live in privately leased housing at their overseas duty station. Residents of government quarters do not receive OHA. OHA consists of two main components: rent, and utility, along with recurring maintenance allowance.

The rent portion of OHA is computed based on your actual rent up to a maximum amount determined by your rank and whether you are accompanied or unaccompanied. The rates are based upon actual rents reported by service members and are set to cover the rent paid by 80 percent of service members with command-sponsored dependents within each pay grade. You are not limited by your rental ceilings; however, if your rent is above the ceiling, you pay the difference out of your base pay.

The Utility and Recurring Maintenance (URM) allowance is provided to help defray expenses paid to utility companies and for maintenance. The URM is based upon the 80th percentile of all data supplied in the annual OHA Utility Survey. The allowance for rent and URM are added together and appear as one allowance on your leave and earnings statement.

Moving in Housing Allowance (MIHA) is a one-time payment to help you pay for items such as light fixtures, toilet seats, extra cabinets, wardrobes, electrical transformers and adapters, screens security systems, and so on. It is designed to cover the cost of items you must purchase to make your privately leased housing safe and comfortable. It is not paid to members who occupy government-leased quarters or move into furnished properties. You must apply for MIHA after you have signed your lease.

The rates for the individual components of OHA for Naples are determined by data supplied by service members living on the economy; therefore, it is important to maintain complete records of rent and utility payments.

Keep a file with all of your receipts and a notebook to record all your expenses for rent, utilities, repairs and maintainance, as well as what you spend to make your house ready to live in. If you do, you will have accurate figures to report when it is time for the annual OHA survey.

For the latest rates for OHA and MIHA, visit <http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/ohaCalc.cfm>.

**Cost of Living Allowance** – Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) is paid when the cost of living is higher at an overseas duty station than in the United States. COLA helps to pay for things you buy on the economy that are more expensive than comparable items back home. The COLA index is a percentage that represents the difference between the cost of a "market basket" of goods and services in Naples and the United States. A COLA index of 110, for example, means that prices in Naples are 10 percent higher than in CONUS. This does not translate into a 10 percent increase in your paycheck however, because COLA is calculated based on your average spendable income – total income minus housing expenses, taxes, savings, life insurance, gifts and contributions, and whether you are accompanied or unaccompanied. The

amount of COLA that you receive depends on your rank, length of service and number of family members.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Because OHA, COLA and MIHA rates are set in euro currency and service members are paid in U.S. dollars, fluctuations in the exchange rate will cause your paycheck to vary. When planning your budget, you cannot count on a particular dollar figure each paycheck. It is more prudent to focus on the amount of euro you will need each month for rent, utilities and other expenses. The Defense Travel Management Office closely monitors changes in the exchange rate and resets the rate so that under- and over-payments are zeroed out over time.

Overseas Housing Allowances and Overseas Cost of Living Allowances are available at <http://www.defensetravel.dod.millsite/allowances.cfm>. Rates are usually updated every two weeks.

## Naples Community Health Awareness

In response to concerns from U.S. personnel regarding potential health impacts of waste management practices in Italy's Campania Region, U.S. Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia requested in late 2007 that the Navy and Marine Corps Public Health Center conduct the Naples Public Health Evaluation (NPHE). The purpose of the study was to determine if there were any potential public health hazards to U.S. personnel from exposure to air, tap water, soil and soil gas while residing in the Campania region of Italy.

The Navy established health protective policies based on the study's findings to protect the health of U.S. personnel and their families, which includes bottled water advisories and health protective lease clauses.

The NPHE found the potential health risks for living off-base can be mitigated by following established risk-management actions. The enduring health protection policies are as follows:

- Maintain the July 2008 bottled water advisory for U.S. personnel living off base.
- Maintain the New Lease Suspension Zone (NLSZ) areas, based on U.S. Navy and Italian environmental sampling data. In these zones, U.S. Navy personnel are not permitted to sign new rental home leases.
- Maintain the NPHE website and the U.S. Navy Regional Water Quality Board.
- Maintain the health-protective U.S. Navy lease clauses for private off-base rental homes:
  - Landlords provide up to four liters per person / per day of bottled water.
  - Landlords are to clean and disinfect domestic water-holding tanks every six months.
- The U.S. Navy will continue to share data with designated Italian public health officials.

Throughout the Naples Public Health Evaluation, the U.S. Navy established health protective policies and took immediate action, when necessary, to protect the health of U.S. personnel and their families. The risk management analysis determined that many of the health protective policies established during Phase I and

Phase II will continue, as well as new policies implemented to ensure continued health protection.

The Phase I and II reports, along with fact sheets addressing commonly asked questions are available through a link on the Naval Support Activity Naples website at [www.cnic.navy.mil/Naples](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/Naples).

If you have a concern about your specific health risk and how the study relates to you, contact U.S. Naval Hospital Naples at DSN 629-6299 or Commercial 081-811-6299.

## Living in Italy

Living in Italy can be a unique and rewarding experience, but you'll find that many things in Italy are different from what you've become accustomed to in the United States. The following information points out some of these aspects that relate to running a household in Italy.

Electricity in Italy is 220 volt, 50 cycle. This is different from the U.S. standard of 110 volt, 60 cycle. This means that you will need a transformer or converter to use your U.S. appliances. Additionally, a surge protector is strongly recommended for all appliances. For those living in government quarters, the units are provided with American 110-volt, 50-cycle electricity. Your lamps will work if you use Italian light bulbs. Your clocks that plug in will not keep accurate time due to the difference in cycle. You may want to use battery-operated or wind-up clocks.

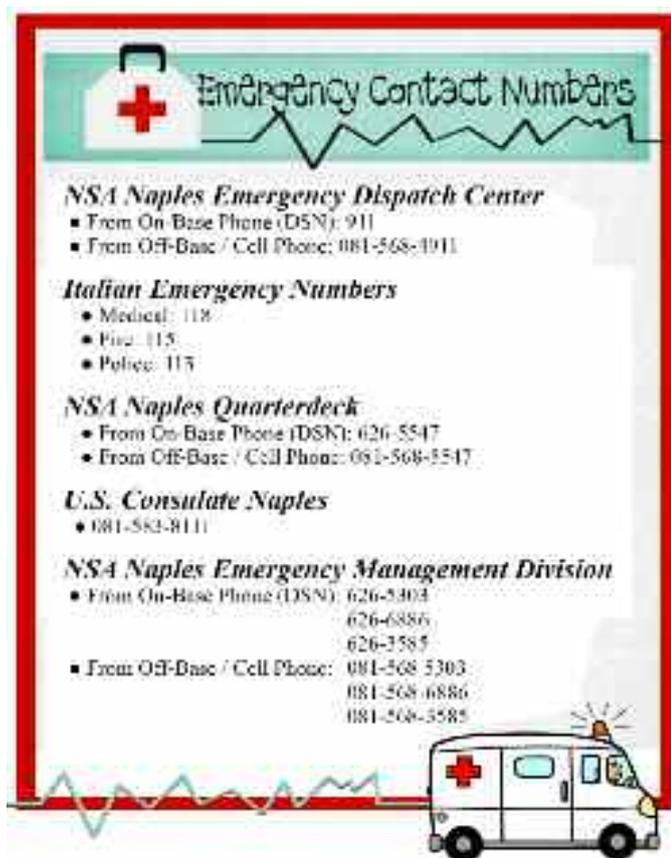
### Heating Your Home

Heating your house safely during winter in Naples is a must. The climate in winter is like the Northwest coast of the United States – wet, rainy and sometimes cold. Although it very rarely snows in Naples, the surrounding mountains do get snowfalls. When searching for a home during the summer, keep the eventual cost of heating in mind.

Bombolas are gas tanks used to power many Italian homes. They are efficient, convenient and relatively



*Arches are an integral part of architecture in Italy, both historical and present day. Throughout the country you can find elements of this design whether in famous Pompeii, bustling Rome or in underground ruins. Photo by MC1 Daniel Barker*



inexpensive, but if you don't use them properly they can be deadly. Improperly ventilated bombolas can produce carbon monoxide. Please ask for proper safety and installation instructions before using a bombola for the first time. Italy, like the United States, puts a chemical into the otherwise odorless natural gas to give it a noxious smell and alert you to leaks, but you must take care to install the bombola correctly.

The bottles come with a valve on top for opening and closing, and a nozzle that comes out of the side of the top. This is connected to a regulator valve, which is connected to a special rubber hose, which leads to your heater, dryer, etc. The safest arrangement is where your bombola is outside, connected to a hose that leads into the house.

Check the hoses and clamps periodically; replace anything worn. Hoses, clamps and regulators are sold at the Navy Exchange and at Italian hardware stores. Check the regulators for any signs of wear, especially for nicks or deformities around the fitting that goes on the bombola nozzle; get a new one if you have any doubt. When you connect the regulator to the bombola, always use a cork washer (these are provided with the bombola; if you don't get one, ask for one). Use a new cork washer each time. DO NOT re-use these washers, as gas could leak out around an old one. Tighten the regulator with a wrench (the threads are counter-clockwise). Hand tightening is not enough to prevent a gas leak.

Check all the connections with a mixture of dish liquid and water – bubbles indicate a leak. NEVER use a match to check for gas leaks.

If you get your bombola from a gas station or delivery service, it will have been inspected for safety. But it is still prudent to check it out, particularly the nozzle leading to the regulator. If the threads are damaged or the bombola looks unsafe in any other way, don't accept it – demand another one.

Most bombolas should be "bled" before you hook them up. This is because even with the most careful filling method, a little air may still enter the bottle. Take it outside, point the nozzle away from you, and open the top valve for a few seconds. Obviously, don't smoke while you do this, and don't do it near the barbecue or anything else that can cause a spark.

Both kerosene and bombola heaters heat with an open flame. Consequences of this include, of course, the fire hazard, but also that the flame burns the oxygen in the air and creates both carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide as well as water vapor. Therefore, never use such a heater in an unventilated space. Cracking open a window in the room seems to defeat the purpose of running the heater, but losing a little heating efficiency is better than losing your life to asphyxiation.

If you or a family member starts to exhibit symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning (dizziness, headaches, disorientation, etc.), get out of that room and into fresh air, and call the hospital or have a neighbor do so immediately.

Also – and this cannot be emphasized enough – never, never go to bed and leave a space heater on. Even an electric heater has a potential to be a fire hazard. Also, as an added precaution, you should turn off the top valves on your indoor bombola overnight. The NSA Fire Department gives bombola safety training, and the department should be consulted if you have any questions.

Some of the clothes dryers given out under the Partial Full Tour Furnishings program are electric-gas ones. The timer, controls and the tumbler motor are electric and the heat is provided by gas. If you don't have a connection to a bulk source – not unusual in Italy, as most Italians don't have dryers – you will have to connect it to a bombola, a metal tank similar to those used for gas grill units.

## Utilities

When you live on the local economy, Italian companies will provide all of your utilities, including telephone service. The utilities vary according to the unit you choose. Information about the utility requirements and payments will be given to you during the house hunting process.

Your utilities and telephone will be set up when you sign your lease. The housing office will assist you through the installation process, but the housing office does not have control over the local utility or telephone companies. Appointments for installation will be arranged according to the utility company's requirements. The service may not meet your expectations, and most newcomers obtain a mobile phone.

If at any time during your stay in Italy you have problems with your utilities or telephone, the Navy

Exchange Residential Services Office can help you communicate with the company to resolve them.

## Residential Services Office at the Navy Exchange

The Naples Navy Exchange (NEX) Residential Services Office offers quality of life services for residents living in Naples.

Residential Services offers customers living on the economy tax-free electricity, phone and Internet contracts, plus home heating gas delivery and Culligan water home delivery.

Customers using the NEX Residential Services Office do not pay Italian taxes, resulting in up to 22 percent savings on utilities.

On-base residents are offered Internet service, Culligan water home delivery, and expanded TV service, which includes 30 Sky channels, plus pay-per-view and AFN.

Everyone can apply for a "Telepass" at the NEX Residential Services Office. This service, similar to Easy Pay or Easy Pass in the U.S., allows you to pay highway tolls electronically without stopping at a toll booth. This is a quick and time-saving way to travel on toll roads all over Italy. You pay later with your credit card or bank card.

Residential Services associates speak both English and Italian. Bills are in English and paid in U.S. dollars at the NEX. You may also request automatic billing.

## Water, Sewage and Garbage Service

Most landlords keep these services in their names and figure them into your rent or parco fees. If you find a place where these are to be in your name, ask housing office personnel for assistance in billing procedures.

Be aware when looking for a house that a bottled water advisory is in effect for all U.S. personnel residing in the Campania region. Bottled water is provided by your landlord via a clause in your lease. Bottled water should



*During a tour of Italy one will come across many vineyards and wineries. Almost every region of Italy produces its own varieties of wine, with 20 major growing areas. Tours of local wineries are frequently offered through USO, MWR and other agencies. Photo by MC1 Daniel Barker*

be used for drinking, cooking, oral hygiene, pets, etc.

Also, check to see if the house you are interested in has a water reservoir and make sure the pump works. In the suburbs, the water pressure can get very low during summer days. A water reservoir will fill at night when there is pressure, and the pump will pump water from the reservoir when the pressure drops. If your house doesn't have this arrangement, you could face long spells without water during the summer. Your lease agreement will state that your landlord is responsible for cleaning the reservoir every six months; it is incumbent upon the resident to hold the landlord to this requirement. If your landlord fails to comply with this clause, you can contact the Housing Office for assistance.

As many of the houses rented by Americans are in the suburbs, many have septic tanks instead of being connected to city sewers. Emptying the septic tank can be either the responsibility of the tenant or the landlord. This can be brought up at the housing office at your negotiation session. Make sure you know how to check the tank and who to call to have it emptied (usually the landlord will call the company he or she uses). You may want to have the landlord empty the tank before you sign your lease; this can be brought up at your lease pre-negotiation session.

Check to see where you should put your garbage and when the collection days are, as well as any limits on what can be collected. In single-family dwellings, you usually put the garbage just outside your gate. In apartment complexes, there is usually a dumpster or two nearby for you to use. Many towns have mandatory recycling and may require the use of specific bags. You may be subject to a fine if you do not comply with the town's trash / recycling requirements.

If you leave the garbage outside your gate, you should invest in a dog-proof container of some sort; otherwise, local dogs and cats can spread your garbage around.

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# Automobiles & Motorcycles



*Driving in Italy is more challenging than in the United States because traffic here is less regulated and road conditions are more hazardous. Photo by MC1 Daniel Barker*

The military community in the Naples area is spread out among various locations, so a car may be a considered a necessity. Transit time for privately-owned vehicles (POVs) to be shipped from the United States to Naples can be up to three months. Rentals are expensive, but there is a substantial used-car market here, with vehicles advertised weekly in the base newspaper Panorama and through fliers around the base. The used-car market tends to be above the price of what you would expect to find in the United States. This is particularly true for automatic transmission cars, since most locals tend to drive cars with manual transmission. Italian public transportation, bus, train, taxis and Navy-sponsored shuttles are also available.

## Shipping Your POV

The Personal Property Shipping Office provides information on how to arrange for shipment of your POV. For details call DSN 629-6819 / 629-6778 or Commercial 081-811-6819 / 081-811-6778.

Military and DoD civilians are allowed to ship one POV overseas from the United States at government expense. The shipped vehicle enters Italy free of import duty (tax). The Italian Ministry of Finance (Customs) authorizes DoD and NATO personnel to register up to three POVs for each sponsor during a tour. Second and third vehicles (including motorcycles) may also be shipped to Italy free of import duty (tax), at the owners expense, and are subject to annual Italian road taxes.

When turning in your POV for shipment, you must ensure that the vehicle identification number (VIN) shown on shipping documents matches the physical description of the POV. An error may cause a delay in receiving the vehicle and prevent Allied Forces Italy (AFI) registration of the vehicle.

There are no restrictions as to color, age, dimensions or special lighting of imported POVs. Vehicles shipped must be in mechanically safe operating condition and undergo a safety inspection when they arrive before they can be registered.

Estimated transit times are 45 to 60 days from East Coast ports and 55 to 90 days from Gulf and West Coast ports.

The purchase of a large new car just before leaving the United States is not recommended, but if you have a newer automobile and would incur costs by disposing of it, by all means bring it. Driving conditions in Naples are not what they are in the United States, so a big car will be more difficult to negotiate through narrow Italian streets and congested, erratic driving conditions.

Only two U.S. insurance companies are authorized to insure U.S. vehicles shipped to Italy: USAA and GEICO. Both companies have offices in the United States, and it is recommend that you coordinate an insurance policy prior to your arrival if you plan to ship your vehicle.

### Importation of Motorcycles

The Italian Department of Motor Vehicle defines a motor vehicle as either an automobile or a motorcycle with engine power exceeding 1.5 HP and engine size

exceeding 50 cc. Therefore, in accordance with DoD rules, you can ship one motorcycle or moped with your household goods, but you must pay Italian road tax when it arrives and is registered. AFI plates will be not issued for those less than 50 cc. However, Italian moped plates will be issued in such cases. All mopeds, motorbikes and motor scooters shipped with household goods are entered tax free, but must be licensed and registered with the base Motor Vehicle Registration Office (MVRO) prior to use on the road.

To effectively clear customs by local port officials, all mopeds or motorcycles shipped with household goods must be packed in a separate container (Container #1). The crate must be properly marked on the outside of the crate that this shipment contains a motorcycle or moped.

A copy of the title and registration, the member's orders, government bill of lading (GBL) and inventory – regardless of destination – must be sent to Personal Property Shipping Office, Attn: Motorcycle Clearance, PSC 808 Box 42, FPO, AE 09618-0042.

Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the return of the motorcycle or moped, confiscation by Italian Customs authority, fine or penalty and payment of importation fees.

*Note: Importation of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), three-wheelers and off-road motorcycles is highly discouraged.*



## AFI Vehicle Registration

Each service member, DoD civilian or contractor is authorized to register a maximum of three vehicles at the local Motor Vehicle Registration Office (MVRO). When you register your automobile or motorcycle with MVRO, the vehicle will be entered into the AFI Vehicle Registration System, and you will be issued Italian cover plates free of charge. You will be required to pay a one-time registration fee of 20 euro for each vehicle you register in the AFI system.

If you register more than one vehicle, the second and third vehicles are subject to payment of Italian road taxes. Road taxes are based upon the size of the engine and age of the vehicle (Euro Classification) ranging from five to 100 euro per month.

Each year, one month prior to your registration anniversary month you will be required to revalidate your registration before you can receive your tax-free petroleum products. Upon receipt of any required fees, MVRO will update your vehicle registration and renew your tax-free petroleum ration. All vehicles must meet the criteria set forth in the NSA Naples Instruction 11240.19G (privately-owned vehicle registration) and the NSA Naples Instruction 11240.26D (privately-owned vehicle inspection). Vehicles failing to meet inspection criteria will have their gas rations suspended until appropriate repairs have been made.

To comply with the Status of Forces Agreement, all registration services must be done in the name of the

sponsor. Local hires and dependents are not granted Allied Forces Italy (AFI) vehicle registration privileges. If the previous title or registration is in the name of the dependent, you will be required to transfer ownership into the name of the sponsor. This will not affect ownership of the vehicle when you return to the United States.

### Documents required for registration:

- Valid original vehicle title, previous registration or certificate of origin (with no liens or with written authorization from the lien holder acknowledging vehicle description, location and amount and term of lien);
- Proof of insurance (originals only);
- AFI driver's license;
- Proof of eligibility: military / civilian ID and PCS orders;
  - Shipping documents / importation documents / safety inspection;
  - Applicable registration fees (20 euro and road taxes, if applicable);
  - DoD civilians are required to furnish a stamped copy of their orders from HRO; DoDEA employees are required to provide DD FORM 1614; and Contractors required to provide a valid DOCPER letter

### Documents the sponsor will receive after registration:

- Original Military Registration and Certificate of Title of Motor Vehicle;
- Italian (cover) license plates;
- Petroleum products authorization.

## Motorcycles / Mopeds

To operate any motorcycle or other two-wheeled vehicle, the registered owner / operator must be 18 years of age and have a motorcycle endorsement on his or her U.S. license. Before registration and licensing, all individuals must show evidence of successfully completing an approved motorcycle safety course here in Naples, if they do not have a previous stateside endorsement.

## Driver's License

Any person desiring to drive in Naples must have a current U.S. driver's license or a valid license from another country. As stipulated in the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA), eligible drivers must obtain an AFI driver's license by attending a local traffic safety driving course and passing a 48-question road sign test. The exam, along with the Alcohol and You test, is given during Area Orientation immediately following the mandatory Local Driver Safety Orientation Briefing.

Your AFI driver's license will be valid for five years as long as you maintain a valid ID card. AFI driver license privileges are not authorized for members separating or retiring overseas, so please plan accordingly. We highly recommend you renew your U.S. license before coming to

Italy. (Do not assume your state has a military exemption or extension clause; check with your local Department of Motor Vehicles or Department of Licensing to be sure.)

If you plan trips to other European countries, an international license, available through AAA offices, is required.

Note: Regardless of U.S. licensing, individuals under 18 are not allowed to drive in Italy.

For more specifics, see NAVSUPACT INST. 11240.29D.

## Gasoline and Oil

Gasoline and oil are made available to DoD personnel in Italy on a tax-free basis at a substantial discount over the local market prices using an official NATO Forces Fuel Card. These fuel cards are available through various Navy Exchange outlets in the Naples and Gaeta areas. These tax-free fuel cards help make fuel prices here comparable to those in the United States.

The basis for tax-free gasoline is the sponsor's need to commute from home to work as an official duty. Each sponsor will receive one fuel card. If you have multiple sponsors in your family, you will receive one card per sponsor.

The ration amount and fuel type depend on the primary registered vehicle's engine size, engine base horsepower and fuel requirement. Your monthly tax-free fuel authorization is either 100 liters, 200 liters (for an engine above 660 cc), 300 liters (for an engine above 1200 cc) or 400 liters (for a 6-cylinder engine above 2465 cc). Rations for motorcycles may not exceed 200 liters per month. The intent of this tax-free fuel ration is designed to allow no less than 1,000 kilometers of tax-free travel each month. For most registrants, your tax-free fuel ration will accommodate your transportation needs.

## Purchasing Gas

The NATO Forces Fuel Card is accepted as a payment method at ENI / AGIP stations. The card can be used directly at the fuel station by swiping or inserting the card in the point-of-sale (POS) terminal and entering your secure PIN code. Your fuel transactions will be billed to the payment method provided during registration and you will receive a bi-weekly invoice and a monthly statement. Please note that the tax-free fuel price will only be charged to your biweekly invoice if you have purchased your assigned fuel type within the limits of your monthly ration. You must use the NATO Forces Fuel Card to receive tax-free fuel. You will not be refunded if a fuel transaction is paid for via another payment method.

## Spare Parts

Supply of parts and maintenance for American cars is often inadequate. It is a good idea to include spare parts for your vehicles in your household goods shipment, as many items are not readily available through the Navy Exchange and auto parts are expensive on the Italian market.

Basic items and information to ship:

- Detailed maintenance manual;
- Two sets of spark plugs;
- Four oil filters and four air filters;
- Two sets of belts;
- Name and address of mail source for parts;
- One complete set of brakes.

DO NOT ship extra parts – or anything of value – in the car itself, as items may be missing by the time the vehicle arrives.

MVRO issues IVA exemption forms for vehicle repairs. Not all firms accept them, so ask before the repairs take place.

## Auto Insurance

Vehicle insurance for the Naples area is expensive; the cost depends on the vehicle's make, model and year, and age of the driver. Vehicles shipped at government expense cannot be released for registration and use without proof of valid insurance.

Third-party liability insurance is mandatory in Italy for all automobiles, trucks and two-wheeled vehicles, including mopeds. Policy conditions and premiums are established by law and are standardized throughout the country. Premiums vary according to the horsepower of the vehicle and the location of registration. If a vehicle

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Comprehensive and collision coverage are not included in the compulsory insurance; they are optional and specifically must be requested. In addition, comprehensive and collision coverage is not always available through Italian insurance companies. Many U.S. insurance companies are not licensed in Italy.

Check with your insurance company and the nearest government transportation office concerning insurance coverage during shipment overseas. It is a good idea to have new policies become effective upon arrival of the vehicle in Italy. GEICO and USAA are available on Support Site.

## Purchasing, Selling and Scrapping

You can purchase new American cars, as well as foreign models, from various sources on and off base. Make sure that any car you buy has all the equipment required for registration and for driving on base, including seat belts and child-protective restraints. Automobiles – other than Italian-made cars – when bought in Italy, are imported duty free and deliveries can be made to Naples. In addition, when buying Italian cars you are exempt from paying the Italian government excise tax.

The sale of AFI-registered vehicles, purchased locally or shipped to Italy at government expense, are subject to the following restrictions:

- You are prohibited from selling your vehicle to Italian or other European nationals on the local economy.
- You can sell your POV to assigned NATO personnel who are eligible for AFI vehicle registration privileges (except Italian military).
- You can sell your vehicle to eligible U.S. personnel who have AFI vehicle registration privileges.

The vehicle you import, if you are not shipping it back to the United States, must be properly disposed of prior to your departure from Italy via one of the following methods:

- Sale to another AFI-eligible registrant;
- Driving to your new European duty location (restrictions apply);
- Shipping your vehicle to your new duty location via government contract or commercial shipping company;
- Scrapping the vehicle with the MVRO under Italian customs supervision;
- Nationalization and payment of value added taxes (VAT) and importation fees (30 percent or market value) for member separating or retiring in Italy.

If you wish to ship your car, motorcycle or scooter to the United States when you PCS, it must meet U.S.

specifications. For questions about whether your vehicle meets these requirements call Personal Property at DSN 629-6944 or Commercial 081-811-6944.

*Note:* If you're on vacation or out of the local area and your vehicle becomes inoperable due to accident or mechanical failure, please contact the MVRO immediately. Your vehicle is under customs supervision and cannot be salvaged locally without the payment of customs taxes (VAT and importation) and customs brokers fees which are cost prohibitive. Please call the MVRO for detailed information and assistance with Italian customs laws if you must scrap your vehicle for any reason – the MVRO will save you thousands of dollars!

## Vehicle Rental

Vehicle rental is available on base through EuropCar. If you plan to rent a car (after you obtain your AFI driver's license) while you are waiting for your vehicle to arrive from the United States, MVRO can issue a temporary tax-free fuel ration. This temporary ration can be used to purchase tax-free gasoline and oil coupons at Navy Exchange outlets. Restrictions apply. Contact MVRO for specifics.

Once you register your primary vehicle, you can only purchase fuel coupons based on the primary vehicle's required type of fuel. For example, you cannot purchase diesel fuel coupons for a rented vehicle if your primary vehicle runs on unleaded.

## Additional Information on Motorcycles

Riding motorcycles on Italian streets can be more dangerous than in the United States because traffic here is less regulated and road conditions are more hazardous. However, Italian drivers are generally more aware of motorcycles, as the motorcycle is a major means of transportation here.

A motorcycle may be shipped at government expense as part of your household goods shipment. However, it must be in a separate crate, as motorcycles often take longer to clear customs. Ensure that the make, model and chassis numbers are clearly marked on the inventory of your household goods.

There are no provisions for storage of a motorcycle should you decide after arrival that you do not wish to drive your motorcycle in local traffic. All motorcycles shipped in household goods must be registered, to include insurance and road tax for second or third vehicle, with MVRO as soon as they clear customs to avoid penalty fees after 90 days.



### WARNING!

*Cancellation of insurance or any other failure to maintain required coverage may be sufficient grounds for immediate termination of all registration and driving privileges.*

You are required to have a motorcycle endorsement from your state on your license before you can register any motorcycle. Alternately, you must complete the Motorcycle Safety Course administered by the NSA Naples Safety Office.

The two-wheeled vehicle must be registered in the name of the sponsor who is listed on the PCS orders. If the sponsor has no endorsement, and the spouse will be the operator, the authorization letter will state such, and the spouse will be required to maintain the required training certifications.

Upon your arrival it is important that you take your shipping documents for your vehicle to the Personal Property Office so that you can begin the proper custom clearance procedures. Once the vehicle has cleared customs, the member on orders must receive a Letter of Authorization from the NSA Naples Safety Office to have it registered and delivered. This letter must be obtained prior to registration of the two-wheeled vehicle. To obtain this letter, you must have an ESAMS account, show proof of a motorcycle endorsement on your license, provide a copy of any motorcycle safety course you have completed, and provide the year, make, model, engine sized in cubic centimeters and VIN number of the motorcycle.

NSA Naples Instruction 5100.11B allows active duty, DOD / DON civilians, spouses and dependents to obtain a motorcycle endorsement from MVRO Naples by attending the Basic Riders Course and the Advanced Riders Course. An authorization letter from the NSA Safety Office will be issued after successful completion of both courses authorizing MVRO to issue the properly endorsed license. All new arrivals in Italy must complete the Basic Riders Course or the Advanced Riders Course within 60 days of registration depending on the type of motorcycle being registered.

NSA Naples Safety Office has trainer bikes, scooters, helmets and gloves available and offers a free Basic Riders Course about once a month. The Advanced Riders Course is usually offered twice a month and the Basic Riders Course 2 is offered once a month. The Basic Riders Course is accepted by most states for the purpose of obtaining a motorcycle endorsement. To enroll in a motorcycle safety course, call Commercial 081-568-3147 or 081-568-5594.

There are some popular locations where scooter or moped rentals are available. It is obligatory per OPNAVINST 5100.12 series that active-duty military who ride a motorcycle, scooter or moped on or off base must successfully have completed a motorcycle safety course and are licensed by MVRO Naples.

Helmets must meet Department of Transportation (DOT) or Economic Commission of Europe (ECE 2205) specifications. At a minimum, helmets for wear on a motorcycle must be 5/8ths: this means the hard shell must cover the bottom of the ear. Half helmets, even those approved by the U.S. Department of Transportation, are not legal to wear in Italy on motorcycles 125 cc and above. In addition a reflective vest or belt is required on or off base while riding for all active-duty riders and passengers. It is also required for all U.S. personnel riding a motorcycle

or scooter to have the reflective vest or belt on while onboard the installation.

## Rules of the Road

The following are some basic rules that govern driving in Italy. While driving you are required to have a valid AFI driver's license, a military registration and certificate of title of motor vehicle, and proof of insurance. If any of these are lost or stolen, report it immediately.

Drunken driving is an extremely serious offense in Italy. A blood alcohol level of 0.05 is positive proof of drunk driving. Refusal to submit to a breathalyzer or blood alcohol content (BAC) test results in immediate loss of the license for six months, a possible fine from Italian authorities and loss of base driving privileges for one year.

If you have had too much to drink, leave your vehicle and take a taxi. The Naples Area Chief Petty Officers have established a year-round service called Topsy Taxi as a free, no-questions-asked service for those who may have had too much to drink or feel incapable of driving.

Upon arrival in Naples, you will notice driving habits are considerably different from those in the United States. While at first there may seem to be no logic to the traffic patterns, a closer look will show that there are distinct rules of the road. Learning these rules and some local driving customs will help you adjust quicker to driving in Naples. Because of the often-congested roads and the hurried pace of traffic, absolute alertness while driving is of the utmost importance. Due to the seemingly wild driving nature of Neapolitan traffic, it is not enough to only exercise the same caution in driving that you would at home. You must be more aware of the other drivers around you and what they are doing. Never believe that the other driver sees you. Search 12 seconds ahead at all

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times, evaluate the actions of other drivers and be prepared to execute a response to their actions in advance, rather than trying to react and finding yourself out of time and space. This will help you to avoid a traffic incident.

Many intersections have no stop lights or traffic control. The vehicle on the right has the right-of-way, unless there is a stop sign.

Low beams are now required by law on main highways or darker roads. Headlights should always be turned on in tunnels. Flashing headlights are also used to signal the approach to stopped traffic at crossroads or to signal slower vehicles to move right and permit a faster vehicle to pass. When a car behind you flashes its lights, move to the right lane as soon as it is safe to do so.

Although some drivers may take what seem like unnecessary and dangerous chances to gain only a few feet of road space, Italian law requires you to allow overtaking traffic to pass you.

While horn blowing is technically illegal in many Italian cities, it is loosely enforced. Many people blow their horn to signal they are approaching an intersection or intend to pass.

Drivers also commonly use their hazard lights to signal danger, especially in slow or stopped traffic.

Do not pick up hitchhikers.

## Stricter DUI / DWI Laws

A 2010 Italian traffic law (Legge 29.07.2010 n° 120) prohibits drivers 21 and under from having any alcohol whatsoever in their systems, meaning a blood alcohol content (BAC) reading greater than .00 is a violation of the law. This also applies to drivers with less than three years of driving experience and commercial drivers who could be terminated from their jobs for driving under the influence.

If a driver has a BAC reading of .05 to .08 grams per liter, fines will be levied from 500 to 2,000 euro, along with the suspension of a person's driver's license for a period of 90 to 180 days. Penalties may include detention of up to one month, or social services as deemed fit by the judge.

For a BAC reading of .08 to .15 grams per liter, fines will be levied from 800 to 3,200 euro, along with suspension of that person's driver's license for a period of 180 to 365 days. Violators may be sentenced to detention of up to three months, or social services as deemed fit by a judge.

For a BAC reading above .15 grams per liter, fines will be levied up to 6,000 euro, along with the suspension of a person's driver's license for a period of one to two years. Violators could face detention of up to six months, or social services as deemed fit by the judge.

If in any instance a blood alcohol content test is denied, the suspect can be fined from 2,500 to 10,000 euro. Should the suspect be involved in a traffic accident, the amount levied will increase from 3,000 to 12,000 euro.

For drivers under the influence of drugs, fines levied are from 1,000 to 4,000 euro, along with detention of up to three months or social services as deemed fit by the judge. Driver's license privileges will be suspended from six months to one year.

## Driving Without a Valid or With a Revoked License

Fines range from 2,257 to 9,032 euro. Should the person be convicted of the same crime within a period of two years, the subject can be detained for a period of one year.

## Use of Cell Phones

Use of cell phones while driving is not permitted unless the driver is using a speaker phone or an earpiece. Hands should not be used to operate any mobile device while driving. Fines range from 148 to 594 euro. Should the person be convicted of the same crime within a period of two years, the driver's license can be revoked for a period of one to three months.

## Tangenziale

If you have to travel to and from work via the Tangenziale, Naples' major tollway, you will have to decide how to pay for the toll at each exit. One way through the toll currently costs .95 euro and can be paid at one of several manned booths.

An alternative to physically handing over money each time is to use a "Telepass." The Telepass works at all tollbooths in Italy. You can apply for a Telepass at the Navy Exchange Residential Services Office at the Support Site. You are required to have a major credit card. A monthly service fee of 5 euro is charged to your charge card account. Monthly usage charges are then deducted from your charge card account.

If you're interested in obtaining a Telepass, contact the Navy Exchange Residential Services Office at Commercial 081-813-5321. It takes approximately five to seven working days to process the request for a Telepass.

## Traffic Tickets

During your tour, you may receive a traffic ticket. The Italian police usually issues them on the spot, but your plate number could be taken down and a ticket mailed to you at a later date. If you receive one in the mail, do not ignore it. The fine you will have to pay triples 15 days after the day it was mailed.

If a uniformed Italian police officer along the side of the road is waving at you using what appears to be a lollipop stick (a red circle on a white disc), the officer is saying, "Pull over," and you must do so.

If you are stopped, do not be disrespectful. If a communication gap exists and the officer writes you a ticket for a violation you cannot understand, accept it and bring it to the NSA Naples Security Department for clarification.

Most tickets can be paid on the spot. This is legal in Italy (and in many other European countries) and is not a bribe. If you elect to pay, the police officer will give you a receipt. And that is that. You'll hear nothing more about it. Be sure to keep the receipt.

For the more serious traffic violations, however, the fine cannot be paid on the spot. These violations may result in a criminal charge. If you receive a notice of this nature, bring it to the Region Legal Services Office (RLSO) for advice and appropriate action. The RLSO can be reached at DSN 314-626-4576.

Italy has implemented the "Tutor" system on its highway systems. Tutor is an electronic speed control system that records the time spent to cover a given distance and calculates the average speed of a vehicle.

A person exceeding the speed limit by 40 kilometers per hour to 60 kilometers per hour will be fined from 370 to 1,458 euro, and driver's license privileges will be suspended from three to six months. Should the person be convicted of the same crime within a period of two years, the driver's license can be revoked for a period of eight to 18 months.

For a person who exceeds a speed limit by more than 60 kilometers per hour, fines will be levied from 500 to 2,000 euro and driver's license privileges will be suspended from six months to one year. If a person is convicted of the same crime within a two-year period, the driver's license will be revoked indefinitely.

## Vehicle Accidents

In both major and minor accidents, obey the Italian authorities. They have jurisdiction and can arrest you if you do not cooperate fully. Also, red plastic triangles are required by Italian law and should be put on the road to caution other drivers of an accident. In addition, orange traffic safety vests must be worn by anyone who must exit a vehicle that is stopped on the side of the road or in traffic. These are available at the Navy Exchange Autoport and on the local economy. They should be

carried in your vehicle at all times.

Under no circumstances should you attempt to argue fault with Italian law enforcement personnel.

If you are involved in an accident, certain procedures must be followed, and these will depend upon whether the accident is classified as minor (no injuries or deaths in either vehicle) or major (injury or death of a passenger in either vehicle).

*Minor accidents:*

- Exchange license data, name and address, insurance company, policy number and vehicle tag numbers.
- Do not leave the scene until information is exchanged.
- Try to obtain names and address of witnesses.
- Report the incident to your insurance company within 48 hours.
- It is necessary that all accidents be reported to the NSA Naples Security Department via the Emergency Dispatch Center. If there are no injuries and no medical response is required, report the accident by calling the non-emergency line at Commercial 081-568-5638.

Note: Generally, minor accidents are a matter between individuals and their insurance companies.

*Major accidents:*

- Assist the injured, if possible. Italian law requires that you render assistance to anyone injured in a traffic accident, whether you also were involved in the accident or were just a passerby.
- Under Italian law, you may be required, when possible, to transport the injured. This should be done as rapidly and safely as possible. Your vehicle will be regarded as an emergency vehicle when you turn on your headlights, honk your horn and display a white cloth or handkerchief from the window.
- Call the Emergency Dispatch Center's emergency line immediately at Commercial 081-568-4911 and ask for help.
- Try to obtain names and addresses of witnesses.
- Remain on the scene, if able, until the accident has been investigated by NSA Naples Security personnel or the Italian police. If an accident occurs onboard NSA Naples, NSA Security police will investigate.
- If you are the driver of a vehicle involved in an accident that injures or kills another person, criminal charges may be initiated automatically by the investigating police, regardless of the ultimate determination of fault. Prompt notification of your Commanding Officer and the Naval Legal Service Office is important to protect your rights, and to obtain the services of an Italian attorney under contract with the U.S. government to represent you.
- In case of an accident, personnel having automobile liability insurance with an Italian firm are required to notify that company within 48 hours of the accident. Failure to notify the company within the time period can be justification for the company's refusal to accept liability.



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# Law and Education



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## Law

**U**nder the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) between the United States and the Republic of Italy, all U.S. military personnel, members of the civilian component and their family members are subject to Italian law and come under Italian jurisdiction for most criminal offenses. As guests, we are obliged to comply with and refrain from activities inconsistent with Italian law. Specifically, we must refrain from any involvement in Italian politics.

If you are called or summoned to appear before an Italian court in connection with any offense under Italian law, you must report the contact or summons as soon as possible to your commanding officer and the Region Legal Service Office Europe, Africa Southwest Asia (RLSO EURAFSWA) and ask for assistance. There is no immunity from prosecution granted under the SOFA. The government of Italy has jurisdiction over military members, members of the civilian component and their

family members in both civil and criminal actions. This may include incidents occurring on military installations in Italy. Officials from both governments cooperate in investigating and prosecuting criminal offenses. Italian authorities have the power to arrest you.

If local law enforcement officials apprehend you, the following rules should guide you:

- Do NOT resist arrest.
- Go with the Italian authorities willingly.
- Promptly provide Italian police officials your name, rate / rank, organization, Armed Forces ID card (military, civilian or family member) and / or passport, command point of contact and phone number.
- Politely request the presence of Naval Support Activity Naples security personnel, a command representative or a U.S. government-provided attorney prior to making any statement. Decline to make any statement unless U.S. representatives are present.

Different officials are tasked with law enforcement in Italy. The ones you will see most commonly are:

**Polizia (Police)** – There are different branches, such as “stradale” (road police) and “ferroviaria” (railway police). Polizia perform all the usual duties as the U.S. police and usually wear green-gray or blue uniforms.

**Carabinieri (Gendarmerie)** – This is a special corps of the Italian military which acts both as military and civilian police. They usually wear blue or black uniforms and are recognizable by the white shoulderbelt across their chest.

**Guardia di Finanza (Finance Guard)** – Comparable to the U.S. Coast Guard or border police. They wear gray or blue uniforms. Their main task is to control alcohol, cigarettes, and drug smuggling. They are also in charge of customs, and they enforce tax payments in general. The Guardia di Finanza has a navigation school in Gaeta.

**Vigili Urbani (City Police)** – Their main duty is the enforcement of traffic laws within city limits, as well as sanitation, price control and issuing of vending licenses.

Any law enforcement agent may perform his duty in civilian attire, in which case, it is sufficient for law enforcement to show an ID card.

In Italy, public servants (such as train and bus conductors or drivers, postmen, firemen and even soccer referees) are considered public officials while performing their duty. To strike or offend one bears the same penalty as striking or offending a policeman or any other public official. In Italy this is a very serious offense.

**Selling tax-free items** – All items stocked by the Navy Exchange and Commissary are imported into Italy free of Italian taxes. Tax-free importation is possible because the goods are certified as reserved for the exclusive use of the U.S. military forces, certain approved NATO allied forces, members of the civilian component and their family members. Selling or giving these items to anyone who is not an authorized user of exchanges or commissaries is illegal and a serious offense under U.S. and Italian law, and will result in prosecution. If you are ever solicited to obtain items for unauthorized persons, report the incident to the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

## Criminal Jurisdiction

The NATO Status of Force Agreement (SOFA) recognizes the jurisdiction of the United States over its military personnel in the performance of their assigned duties. Under the SOFA, the United States may conduct court-martials in Italy under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The SOFA also recognizes the primary jurisdiction of the host nation (Italy) over most criminal offenses that occur in Italian territory. All military members, members of the civilian component and their family members are subject to Italian jurisdiction for criminal offenses. The SOFA also spells out the rights to be accorded to military members, civilian employees and family members who are subjected to criminal trial in Italy.

At any trial of a military member, a member of the civilian component or a family member, the SOFA guarantees the following rights:

- As prompt and speedy a trial as is provided to the citizens of the host nation;
- To be informed of the charges before trial;
- To compel the attendance of witnesses in his or her defense who are located in Italy;
- To have the services of a competent interpreter;
- To communicate with a representative of the U.S. government;
- Normally, to have a U.S. government representative present at the trial.

The Region Legal Service Office Europe, Africa Southwest Asia (RLSO EURAFSWA) is responsible for monitoring all criminal trials in southern Italy involving U.S. personnel. In some circumstances, RLSO EURAFSWA will provide an Italian attorney, free of charge, for the defense of a military member, a member of the civilian component or a family member being prosecuted in the Italian criminal courts. *Prompt notification to the RLSO is essential when an arrest has occurred.*

When you arrive in Italy, you should become familiar with the Italian laws most likely to affect you. Your command legal officer should be able to provide this information. You may also contact RLSO EURAFSWA for an appointment with an attorney for further information.

## Claims and the Protection of Personal Property

The Military Personnel and Civilian Employee’s Claims Act (Personnel Claims Act) is a federal statute that authorizes payment of claims filed by military personnel and DoD civilian employees for property losses occurring at places of assigned duty or in assigned quarters. Economy housing is considered to be assigned quarters. Claims are generally payable when property is damaged or lost due to natural disasters, vandalism or theft, provided claimants did not contribute to the loss

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through their own negligence. Moreover, claims are also payable for damages or losses to household goods while such goods are shipped from prior duty stations to Naples. On the other hand, claims are not payable if the claimant is an ordinary resident in Italy.

Personnel claims for Navy personnel should be filed with the Office of the Judge Advocate General, Code 15. All claims must be filed no later than two years from the date the claim accrues. Normally, a claim accrues on the date the incident occurs, or in the case of household goods shipments, on the date of delivery. See [http://www.jag.navy.mil/organization/code\\_15\\_packets\\_forms.htm](http://www.jag.navy.mil/organization/code_15_packets_forms.htm) for more information.

The adjudication of a claim under the act requires a number of steps:

**First**, a "proper claimant" must file the claim. The Personnel Claims Act authorizes payment of claims submitted by DoD personnel. That means the DoD employee must personally sign the claim, unless the member has given a power of attorney to someone else and a certified true copy of the power of attorney accompanies the claim.

**Second**, the loss must be "incident to service." As indicated at the beginning of this section, "incident to service" overseas is defined as including both the assigned duty station as well as the living quarters, whether it is assigned government quarters or privately leased or owned quarters. Claims for losses that occur while on leave or liberty away from the assigned quarters are generally not payable.

**Third**, the adjudicating authority must determine if the claimant's use, possession and safeguarding of the property was "reasonable, useful or proper under the circumstances at the time of the loss." Examples of problems under the "reasonableness" test include losses of cash or expensive jewelry from quarters. Jewelry, watches, and other highly pilferable items must be safeguarded by extra security measures above and beyond a locked residence. Safes, locked security chests or other extra security measures are sometimes used. In shared quarters such as barracks, the "double lock" rule applies. That is, in addition to the door to the room being secured, the claimant must also secure high value items separately in lockable chests, safes or other storage vessels. Common sense should be your guide in exercising reasonable care to safeguard your property.

When leaving quarters unoccupied, all doors and windows should be locked, and shutters should be closed and locked. Theft claims cannot be paid if the thief gained entry through open or unlocked doors or windows. If you are a victim of a burglary, contact the NSA Security Department, regardless of where you live in the Naples area. Security will provide a police report, which must be included with any claim.

Given the high number of thefts that occur from

parked, locked vehicles, no valuables should be left in them. Vehicles are simply not a proper place to store valuables.

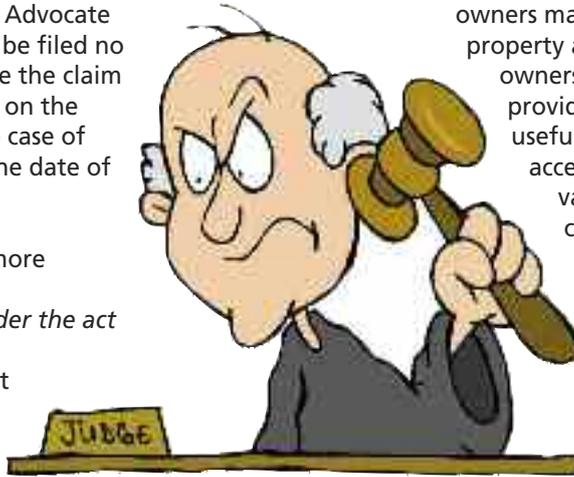
**Fourth**, the claimant must establish ownership and value of all property for which a claim is submitted. Household goods shipment inventories, purchase receipts, owners manuals, photographs or videos of the property are all excellent evidence of ownership. Purchase receipts that also provide proof of value are especially useful for high-value items. Other acceptable sources in determining the value of claimed items include catalogs and written estimates from commercial businesses dealing in the product in question.

**Fifth**, for household goods shipments, the adjudicator must determine if the claimant completed the Joint Statement of Loss or Damage at Delivery (DD Form 1840 / 1840R) and

submitted it to the shipper within 70 days of delivery of the household good to the new residence. This is a vital requirement. If the form was filed correctly, the U.S. government will be able to hold the shipper accountable for damages and losses. If the form was not filed correctly, the claims officer is required to reduce any award to the claimant by the amount the government would have recovered from the shipper. Failure to file this form with the PPO can reduce your potential claim to nearly zero. This is a vital requirement.

When visiting Naples – as with any large city – or when traveling on crowded buses or trains, be aware of the likelihood of pickpocketing or purse snatching. Make a habit of carrying only the amount of money you need. It may also be helpful to carry some of the money in a different location on your person. Be cautious of wearing flashy jewelry or watches. It only takes a moment for a clever thief to take them.

Further information about Navy claims procedures and





Hundreds of families in “Central Park” – a large open space on board Support Site – during Summerfest, one of many annual events hosted throughout the year that is enjoyed by community members. The outdoor base amphitheater is the site of numerous performances during the year. Photo by MCI Justin Stumberg

regulations can be obtained from the Claims Division of the Region Legal Service Office EURAFSWA.

## Complaints and Denouncements

In the event you wish to file a complaint or press charges against an individual, it is advisable to first notify the NSA Naples Security Department. It is also advisable to

seek the assistance of the EURAFSWA Region Legal Service Office if legal advice is needed.

All crimes need to be reported to NSA Naples security personnel first, no matter the severity, whether it is a burglary of your home or a theft or vandalism of your vehicle. When it's time to file a complaint with local Carabinieri or Polizia di Stato, the NSA Naples Security Department has qualified interpreters who can assist you. These interpreters are available 24 hours a day. Contact security at Commercial 081-568-2207 or 081-811-4269. Beware of making a false accusation because this in itself is a serious offense.

## Drugs and Alcohol

Drug and alcohol laws are different in Italy than in the United States. Under the NATO Status of Forces Agreement, military members, civilian employees and family members are subject to Italian laws regarding drugs and alcohol. While the drinking age in Italian society may be more lenient, the penalties for drunk and disorderly conduct or DUI are not. NSA Naples establishes the drinking age for Navy-controlled clubs and facilities within the NSA area of responsibility.

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blood alcohol level of 0.05 is sufficient for a DUI conviction in Italy. Immediate impoundment of a driver's vehicle, suspension of his or her license, heavy fines and a trip to jail should all be expected.

Although there is a legal minimum age to buy alcohol, the law is rarely enforced and alcoholic beverages are sold on the Italian economy to anyone old enough to carry them. Italian children seen with alcohol are most likely buying it for their parents. However, Italians as a rule are not heavy drinkers.

The use, importation or distribution of drugs is an extremely serious offense in Italy. Pre-trial confinement of up to two years while evidence is gathered is permitted under Italian law. Probational liberty may continue up to a maximum of two years from the date of release from confinement. In rare cases, an actual trial can occur almost four years after initial arrest.

## Marriage

U.S. armed forces personnel wishing to marry a foreign national outside the United States must apply for permission. The NSA Chaplains Office and the Region Legal Service Office EURAFSWA can provide guidance.

A religious sacrament of marriage or church wedding is performed only after the civil marriage has been accomplished. See the chaplain for assistance in planning

a religious wedding. Roman Catholic marriages may take up to six months of preparation. All those desiring to marry in Italy need to plan ahead.

Various programs for marriage enrichment are available through the chaplains. Chaplains provide marriage and pre-marriage counseling.

## EDUCATION AND CYP PROGRAMS

### Naples Child and Youth Programs

Child and Youth Programs (CYP) are for children of active duty members, DoD civilians, reservists, DoD contractors (if permitted to use MWR facilities) and retired military members. The CYP program options are designed to meet the varied needs of children and youth in our communities through the programs listed below.

## Child Development Centers

Naples offers two Child Development Centers (CDCs): one at Capodichino and one at Support Site. Each center is staffed with caregivers trained in early childhood development techniques and who offer developmental activities in accordance with guidelines published by the

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National Association for the Education of Young Children. All technician aides are trained in CPR, first aid and in developmental practices. The CDC environment is appropriate for each child's age level, and the program of services provides high quality child care. The Naples CDCs reflect the Navy's commitment to providing only the highest quality care for your child.

The Capodichino and Support Site CDC's provide Child Development Care for infants through preschool age, and

offers full-day care weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Capodichino) and 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Support Site).

Drop-in care is available at either CDC location on weekdays. Reservations for drop-in care can be made up to 30 days in advance. Sponsors may make reservations for new arrivals before the 30-day mark, allowing parents to attend Area Orientation upon their arrival in Naples. For those who don't make reservations, both CDCs welcome registered children on a space-available basis.

Cost for CDC services is calculated on a sliding scale based on total family income. The Child and Youth Programs Division can estimate charges over the phone, but the actual costs are calculated directly from the parents' leave and earnings statements. Drop-in care is a fixed charge at \$4 per hour.

An advertisement for 'le coccole' nursery, kindergarten, and primary school summer camp. The ad features a central logo with two teddy bears and the text 'le coccole' in a stylized font. Below the logo, it says 'ISTITUTO PARITARIO'. To the right, it lists 'ENGLISH LESSONS (2-13 Y.O.)' and 'F.M.J.'. Contact information includes three phone numbers: 081-509-6530, 334-661-0054, and 339-742-7056. It also mentions 'CONVENTIONED WITH NATO' and 'OPEN ALL YEAR (MON. - SAT. 6.00 - 19.00)'. The address is 'Via Staffetta, 2/A - Lago Patria (near JFC)' and the website is 'www.scuolamaternalecoccole.it'. A QR code and a Facebook icon are also present.

## Child Development Homes

The demand for childcare services is sometimes far greater than the CDC can provide. Another care option in Naples is the Child Development Home (CDH) program. These in-home care providers help fulfill the needs of the community by offering children individualized quality care in government-owned or government-leased quarters. While each CDH provider is essentially an independent business enterprise, they operate under the guidance of the MWR Child Development Program and NSA Naples.

Before joining the program, each potential CDH provider completes rigorous training. The homes are inspected and approved by Preventive Medicine, the Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program, Family Services, Family Advocacy, the Fire Department and the MWR CDH Director. You, too, could also provide this valuable service to the community. If you have a love for children, this may be an excellent opportunity for you.

## School Age Care

A before- and after-school program is offered at the Youth Center in the Support Site Village Forum. The program is affiliated with the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and 4-H. The program provides enhanced programming in the five core areas of the arts, character and leadership development, sports and fitness, health and life skills, and education support. Children in first through sixth grade are eligible to participate. During the summer months, Child and Youth Programs (CYP) hosts a summer day camp that offers a variety of activities, such as swimming and clubs.

## Youth Activities

Youth Activities boasts community instructional classes such as gymnastics, hip-hop dance, cooking, and arts as crafts, as well as a summer open recreation program within

the Youth Center. Sign up for these programs at the Youth Center or at the Support Site CDC. For details call the Youth Center at DSN 629-4722 or Commercial 081-811-4722.

## Teen Center

The Teen Center is a place where teens in grades seven through 12 can get away from it all. Located at Support Site, the center features a gymnasium with basketball and volleyball set-ups, a lounge area, computer stations, a video game room, a sound room, a recording studio and a movie room. The center also offers table tennis, pool tables, foosball and an air hockey table. Programs such as white-water rafting, hiking excursions, kayaking lessons, overnight trips and paintball matches are offered throughout the year. For new arrivals, a teen sponsorship program has been established in hopes of familiarizing teens with the area and assisting them with the challenges of living overseas. The Teen Center is affiliated with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America and 4-H, and offers a variety of programs such as Youth of the Year, Power Hour Homework Help and Keystone Leadership Club.

## Youth Sports

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camps that children can attend to improve their play. Additionally, there are ongoing specialty classes.

Youth Sports' success depends largely on service contracts and volunteers from the community. If you are able to coach or teach a class, contact the youth activities director or training and curriculum specialist.

For details about current Youth Sports programs, call Commercial 331-197-4131 or the Child & Youth Programs (CYP) Youth Center front desk at DSN 629-4722 or Commercial 081-568-4722.

## School Liaison Officer

The school liaison officer can assist incoming families with school transitions, youth sponsorship and other school-related needs. Families preparing to depart should also consult the school liaison officer for the most current information on successful school transitions and how to connect with the school liaison officer at their next location. For details email [napleslo@gmail.com](mailto:napleslo@gmail.com) or call DSN 629-6549 or Commercial 081-811-6549.

## Resource and Referral Services

The Resource and Referral service is the initial point of contact for all military and civilian personnel with childcare needs. These services help coordinate the availability of child care in the CDCs, CDH and the School Age Care program, helping to meet the specific needs of each family. Requests for care are accepted in advance for expecting parents or for newly arriving families in Naples. Information is also provided to help assist personnel transferring to their next duty station.

- **Child and Youth Programs Director:**  
DSN 629-4390 or Commercial 081-822-4390
- **Capodichino CDC:**  
DSN 626-5116 or Commercial 081-568-5116
- **Support Site CDC:**  
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## Department of Defense Schools

### Naples Elementary School

Located at Support Site, Naples Elementary School (NES) educates approximately 850 students from kindergarten through sixth grade. The school also offers a Sure Start program similar to the Head Start program in the United States. NES has about 40 classroom teachers supplemented by specialists in the following curriculums: physical education, music, art, and host nation and foreign language in the elementary school (FLES).

Naples Elementary School also provides services in the areas of learning development, communication and



English as a second language (ESL). Language and reading specialists, math support specialists, educational technology specialists, school guidance counselors, a school nurse and a school psychologist augment the staff. The school adheres to the AdvancED Accreditation standards and policies.

There is a partial Italian immersion program offered to students in kindergarten through 4th grade. Enrollment in the immersion program is limited.

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#### **Naples Middle / High School**

Located at the Support Site, Naples Middle / High School educates approximately 540 students from seventh through 12th grade. The school is staffed with about 70 educational support personnel and classroom teachers. It offers core subjects of math, language arts, science and social studies, as well as physical education and health. The school also offers technical education classes in the

areas of programming languages, computer service and support, animation, Microsoft Office certification programs, Adobe Certified Associate programs, and video communications. Other educational offerings include a culinary arts program; fine arts such as painting, ceramics, band, orchestra and choir; and a foreign language program that includes Italian, Chinese and Spanish.

Additionally, the school is staffed with a shared psychologist, special needs educators, a school nurse and both middle and high school Adolescent Substance Abuse Counseling Services counselors. Naples Middle / High School is accredited through NCA / CASI AdvancEd.

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#### **Required for registration of all DoDDS students**

- Copy of sponsor's orders or Certificate of Eligibility, if children are not listed on the orders;
- Signed form DSE 803 (military only);
- Signed form DSE 802 (DoD civilians only);
- Valid ID card of sponsor (contractors only);
- Verification of employment (DoD civilians and contractors);
- Central billing letter (tuition-paying only);
- Immunization record;
- Previous school records / transcript in a sealed envelope;
- Transfer papers for the students;
- A final report card or withdrawal sheet with grades and teacher signatures for each child in the family;
- Any / all system-wide testing results and any / all special education documentation;
- UIC (Unit Identification Code) or PAS (Personnel Assignment Code for Air Force);
- Student's social security number or passport number if the student is not a U.S. citizen;
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### Transportation

Free school bus transportation is provided for students of Naples schools who live on the economy. Students are expected to follow bus rules and exhibit self-control. Bus routes and schedules are provided by the Transportation Management Office located at Naples High School. Bus routes and schedules should be reviewed before final selection of permanent quarters.

### Lunch / School Supplies

Students may either bring their own lunch or buy lunch in their school's cafeteria. Both schools use lunch tickets for meal purchases. Lunch tickets are available at the Navy Exchange. A free or reduced lunch program is also offered. Applications for the free or reduced lunch program are available in each school's front office.

Textbooks and other educational materials are provided by the schools. Lists of student school supplies are located on the school websites.

## Educational and Developmental Intervention Services (EDIS)

EDIS provides services to facilitate the development of children from birth to 36 months. Children who qualify for EDIS are eligible to receive specialized consultation from a variety of providers. A child who demonstrates a difference in his or her speech or language, play, motor development, vision, hearing or other aspects of development may be a candidate for EDIS services. Such a child could have a developmental delay, disability or medical condition which may affect his or her development. EDIS support could help such a child "catch up" to peers.

Children who would qualify for Department of Defense schools are eligible to receive services through EDIS. Parents can contact EDIS at 081-811-4676 to obtain more information about eligibility and qualification. Parents can also contact EDIS at the following e-mail address: [edis5@med.navy.mil](mailto:edis5@med.navy.mil)



EDIS offers the following services: occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech and language therapy, developmental screenings and assessments, service coordination, home visits, play-based therapy, parent training, and transition services. For details about EDIS and other services visit [www.med.navy.mil/sites/napoli/pages/Divisions/Ancillary\\_CareServices/EDIS.aspx](http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/napoli/pages/Divisions/Ancillary_CareServices/EDIS.aspx).

## Navy College Office

Naples is a great place to earn a college degree. There are three fully accredited on-base colleges that have offices at Capodichino. The colleges offer a wide assortment of undergraduate and graduate degree programs that can be completed during a typical tour of duty. The colleges also offer outreach support to Allied Joint Force Command Naples and the Support Site at Gricignano. Most on-site college classes are held at Support Site in the Naples High School building.

The Navy College Office is located at Capodichino in the Admin II building. Call the Navy College Office at Commercial 081-568-6683, 081-568-6684, 081-568-6678 or 081-568-6681; or email [nco.naples@eu.navy.mil](mailto:nco.naples@eu.navy.mil) if you have questions about educational opportunities.

Everyone is eligible to use the services of the Navy College Office, including military members, civilian dependents, DoD civilian employees and government contractors.

The Navy College Office at Capodichino assists Sailors and Marines with their Military Tuition Assistance questions and concerns. Soldiers assigned to Naples will also be assisted in their educational program by an Army counselor assistant, who works in the Army element located at Allied Joint Force Command (JFC) Naples. Airmen can obtain tuition assistance through their representatives at JFC / NATO.

### Other Services Provided by Navy College Office

The National Test Center, managed by the University of Maryland University College (UMUC), stands ready to support you with various automated tests. You can take CLEP and DSST tests, as well as Excelsior College Tests, at the NTC. The NTC also includes a Pearson-Vue Testing Center, which offers a large number of certification tests. Many tests are free for military personnel. The NTC is located at Capodichino in the Admin II building.

The Navy College Office is a DANTES Testing Center that administers Defense Language Proficiency Tests (DLPT), GED, SAT, ACT, PRAXIS and various other tests to military and civilian personnel and their adult family members.

Learning conversational Italian is often a priority for newcomers. If you want to learn Italian, Central Texas College Language Program offers Gateway to Italian Language at various levels. Courses are offered at JFC, Capodichino and Support Site. The Gateway to Italian program does not award college credit for courses in the program. If you are looking for college credit for an Italian course, visit the University of Maryland University

College office. Central Texas College also offers an extensive English as a second language program for those who need to improve their English skills.

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## On-base Colleges

**Central Texas College (CTC)** offers on-site and distance education certificates and associate degree programs in criminal justice, early childhood development, hospitality management and paralegal services. CTC also offers online courses that prepare students for Microsoft Certification exams.

**University of Maryland University College (UMUC)** has served the military overseas since 1949 and is a regionally accredited, public state university, offering on-site and online classes in associate, bachelor's, and master's degree programs. UMUC offers an associate degree with specializations in business and management, computer studies, general curriculum, Italian studies, and psychology. Bachelor's degrees are available in a wide range of fields including business administration, computer

networks and cybersecurity, political science, psychology, and more. UMUC also offers undergraduate as well as graduate certificates that help students develop valuable skills. While stationed in Naples, students can take advantage of UMUC's cutting-edge master's degrees including the Master of Science in Cybersecurity Technology and the Master of Business Administration (MBA).

**University of Oklahoma** offers an on-site master's degree program in human relations. Classes meet in a six-day format: four evenings and one weekend. Students may also enroll in the program with an emphasis in international relations.

## Families with College Students

Family members of DoD personnel stationed in Europe are eligible to register for on-base college courses.

Active-duty parents with children who attend college in the United States will be happy to know that they are authorized transportation or reimbursement for one round-trip airplane ticket each year between their overseas duty station and their child's U.S. school. This entitlement applies only to service members with unmarried, dependent children under the age of 23 who are attending undergraduate school in the United States. Personnel Support Activity Detachment Naples can provide more details on this entitlement.

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# Base Services



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## Medical Care

**T**he Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) permits the U.S. Naval Hospital Naples to provide medical care to both active-duty and retired U.S. military personnel, their command-sponsored family members and other specified U.S. personnel who are present in Italy by virtue of their support of NATO organizations.

screening process must be completed by all military, civilian personnel and their family members prior to their arrival in Italy. Contact your local military treatment facility to begin the screening process. If you need more information on suitability screening please visit [www.med.navy.mil/sites/napoli](http://www.med.navy.mil/sites/napoli).

Patients with medical problems that exceed U.S. Naval Hospital Naples' capabilities must be transferred either to

### *Questions concerning medical care should be directed to:*

**U.S. Naval Hospital, Naples, Italy**  
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ATTN: Head, Patient Administration  
Phone: DSN 629-6215 or Commercial 081-811-6215  
**Other Important Phone Numbers**  
Central Appointments:  
Commercial 081-811-6000 or 081-811-6001  
Emergency Department: Commercial 081-811-6150  
On-base ambulance: DSN 911 or Commercial 081-568-4911  
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local community healthcare services or other military treatment facilities in Europe or the United States to receive that treatment.

**Primary Care Clinic**

Family Medicine is available at the U.S. Naval Hospital Naples and the Capodichino Branch Clinic Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Appointments may be obtained by calling DSN 629-6000 or Commercial 081-811-6000 or 081-811-6001.

**Emergency Care**

Emergency care is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The non-emergency Emergency Department phone number is DSN 629-6150 or Commercial 081-811-6150.

Naval hospital ambulance service is available on-base only, and the phone number is DSN 911. If you are calling from your cell phone, the number is Commercial 081-568-4911. The Italian ambulance system is used for off-base emergencies, and can be reached by dialing Commercial 118 (the equivalent of "911" stateside).

**Power of Attorney**

Minor children not accompanied by a parent or legal guardian cannot receive care unless a special power of attorney has been obtained from the Naval Legal Services Office and is present in the child's medical record.

two plans of coverage: TOP Prime and TOP Standard. TOP Standard is a fee-for-service option available to eligible, non-service members living overseas. It has similar benefits, requirements and costs as the U.S. Standard program. Enrollment for TOP Standard is not required; coverage is automatic as long as you are shown eligible in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) and do not enroll in TOP Prime or TOP Prime Remote.

TOP Prime is an enrollment plan for your health care. All active duty and their command-sponsored family members are automatically enrolled in TRICARE Prime. By enrolling in TOP Prime (a command requirement for active-duty service members), you will be assigned a primary care manager who is responsible for your entire healthcare plan. If you need to use a provider in the local community (for a covered benefit), you will not incur the cost share or deductible that you would under the TRICARE Standard plan. When you have officially relocated to the Naples area, you must transfer your TRICARE Prime enrollment to the TRICARE Eurasia-Africa Region. This can be done by attending Area Orientation at NSA Naples or visiting the TRICARE office on the ground level of U.S. Naval Hospital Naples.

Your primary care manager will be a military provider located at U.S. Naval Hospital Naples or at the branch health clinic at Capodichino (for active-duty service members only). If you need specialty care that cannot be provided at the naval hospital, you may be referred to

## TRICARE Overseas Program

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the Preferred Provider Network in the local community. All Preferred Providers have met strict TRICARE Europe credentialing standards, have signed Memorandums of Understanding and most speak English. The naval hospital provides transportation and translation services to Preferred Provider Network appointments as needed.

For more information about TRICARE, contact the Health Care Business Office at U.S. Naval Hospital Naples by calling DSN 629-6330 / 6331 or Commercial 081-811-6330 / 6331.

## Dental Care

Comprehensive dental care is available at both the U.S. Naval Hospital Naples Dental Clinic and the Branch Health Clinic at Capodichino. Only U.S. and NATO active-duty service members are treated at the Capodichino Clinic. Active-duty service members assigned to Support Site, command-sponsored family members, civilians, retirees and their family members are seen at the U.S. Naval Hospital Naples Dental Clinic.

The dental clinics provide a wide range of dental services. These services include general dentistry, preventive services, pediatric dentistry, endodontics (root canal specialist), oral / maxillofacial surgery, periodontics (gum treatment), prosthodontics (crown and bridges) and orthodontics. General dental treatment is assigned based upon DoD guidelines. Priority is highest for U.S. active-

duty members and their command-sponsored families. NATO service members, retirees, DoD civilians and their families are seen on a space-available basis.

Specialty dental services are limited and available only at the U.S. Naval Hospital Naples Dental Clinic. Dental implants are limited to U.S. active-duty service members. Orthodontic care is provided primarily to continue treatment for eligible beneficiaries who began treatment in the United States prior to receiving overseas orders. New orthodontic patients are accepted for treatment according to space availability and are selected based upon the complexity of the case. Federal law states DoD civilians are ineligible for prosthodontic and orthodontic care even if treatments were started prior to receipt of job assignment in Naples.

A fee for services, as determined by the DoD, is charged for all dental evaluations and treatment rendered to DoD civilians. It is strongly recommended that necessary dental treatment be completed prior to arrival in the Naples area.

Business hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. After-hours emergency care should be sought through the emergency room at U.S. Naval Hospital Naples. Please call the Support Site main clinic to make appointments or to ask dental care questions at DSN 629-6007 or Commercial 081-811-6007. For appointments at the Capodichino Branch Dental Clinic call DSN 626-4644 or Commercial 081-568-4644.

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## Animal Care

The Army Veterinary Command is responsible for Department of Defense installation support services such as defense, military working dog animal care and family pet care along with food safety.

The Veterinary Treatment Facility is located in Bldg. 2088 at Support Site. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Veterinary services include preventive medicine, in-house diagnostics, and limited surgical and dental care.

All pets must be registered within 30 days of arrival to meet base requirements. For details call DSN 629-7913 or Commercial 081-811-7913.

## Legal Services

Refer to the "Law and Education" section of this book for further information about available legal services.

### **Military Legal Counsel**

The Defense Service Office provides legal counsel to Navy and Marine Corps personnel before courts-martial and administrative boards. In addition, they provide advice on non-judicial punishments, criminal investigations and other proceedings.

### **Legal Assistance**

The Legal Assistance division of the Region Legal Services Office (RLSO) offers many services, such as tax filing, powers of attorney and notary services. In addition, attorneys can provide legal advice on a variety of issues, including estate planning, consumer law, immigration, and domestic relations. Powers of attorney and notary services are provided on a walk-in basis. Those seeking to consult with an attorney require an appointment Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, or they can be served on a walk-in basis on Tuesdays. For appointments call Commercial 081-568-4576.

## Religious Services

The NSA Naples religious program provides a variety of religious activities and spiritual care in support of all members of the U.S. armed forces, as well as civilian employees and family members.

Types of divine worship services offered on base include Roman Catholic, Traditional Protestant, Contemporary Protestant, Hallalujah Full Gospel, Seventh-Day Adventist, Jewish and Zen Buddhist. You'll receive a brochure during Area Orientation with the current schedule of services. The chapel also provides information about off-base worship opportunities. Additionally, many Bible study groups meet at various times and locations. Sunday school and Confraternity of Catholic Doctrine programs are offered at Support Site. Joint Protestant / Roman Catholic Vacation Bible School is offered during the summer for preschool and elementary school-age children.

Club Beyond Youth Program is where friends, fun and faith connect. Consisting of ecumenical programs during the school year, meetings are open to all military teens



*The Support Site Chapel is used for religious services, meetings, retirements and many other events. Photo courtesy of NSA Public Affairs*

regardless of religious background or affiliation. Club Beyond provides a casual atmosphere filled with energetic music, crazy games, and a chance for teens to hear a message from the Bible. Club Beyond also organizes special year-round events including service projects, ski trips, summer camps and more.

Volunteers are an essential part of the command religious program. Positions are available in many areas, such as teaching religious education classes and assisting during worship services as a member of the choir, a lector, a reader or an usher. Other volunteer opportunities are available as well.

Your NSA Naples chaplains are also available for completely confidential counseling on work and life issues that concern you. Call the NSA Chaplain's office at Commercial 081-568-3539. For emergencies, a chaplain can be reached any time by contacting the NSA Quarterdeck at Commercial 081-568-5547.

### **Command Chaplain**

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## CREDO

Chaplain's Religious Enrichment Development Operation (CREDO) provides a variety of events, seminars and workshops throughout the European operating theater. Events are typically 48-hours long and cover topics such as personal growth, marriage enrichment, spiritual



growth and parent-teen relationships. These are offered at no cost to the participants and are held in peaceful settings outside of the Naples area. Commands are authorized to allow active-duty personnel to attend on no-cost TAD orders or under special liberty status. Transportation, food and lodging are provided. CREDO also offers command support for training in ethics, suicide prevention and leadership. For details about CREDO programs call Commercial 081-568-5255.

## Fleet & Family Support Center

The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) provides a wide range of services, including information and referral, life skills education, relocation assistance and clinical counseling. The FFSC has two main locations: one at Support Site and one at Gaeta. The Support Site FFSC is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m to 4 p.m.

### **Naples-Area FFSC Services**

Relocation services are available to assist incoming and outgoing community members of all branches as well as civilians. These services include Area Orientation (AO), sponsorship training and Smooth Move. For those just arriving in Naples, attending AO will facilitate a smooth transition to a new country and assist in acclimating to a new culture. After getting familiar with the new surroundings, Sponsorship Training should be attended in order to prepare other incoming personnel with their transition to Naples. The Loaner Locker program, another FFSC resource, loans kitchenware and small appliances to those still awaiting their household goods or those that have shipped them out due to PCS'ing. Additionally, the FFSC hosts Smooth Move, a class to help departing

community members check out easily and efficiently.

The InterCultural Relations (ICR) program is available to assist newcomers in learning how to "survive and thrive." With workshops and field trips on topics such as using public transportation and learning basic Italian, ICR classes help recent arrivals learn new skills and feel comfortable getting out and about in Naples.

The Family Employment Readiness Program (FERP) offers a variety of assistance to family members seeking employment in the Naples area. Monthly workshops include "Employment and Career Opportunities in Naples," "Resume Writing" and "Federal Employment Process." For those interested in volunteer opportunities, the FFSC can offer information about organizations and opportunities in the Naples area.

Life skills classes can be very helpful to both newcomers and established members of the Naples American community. These workshops provide assistance to foster positive relationships and strong families. Classes cover topics such as stress management, anger management, couples communication and parenting skills.

Personal finance management instructors offer a wide array of educational services. Financial educators offer certification of command financial specialists, as well as courses on managing your financial future, saving and investing, retirement options and more. In addition, the personal financial specialist can assist with budget creation and debt management plans.

Transition assistance is available to all active-duty personnel who are separating or retiring from the military. All branches of the U.S. Armed Forces as well as their spouses are encouraged to take advantage of these services, which include the five-day Transition GPS workshop, three two-day workshops (Boots to Business, Higher Education and Technical Training) and a Capstone event, which will finalize the transition process. There are resident Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) benefits advisors onboard who can assist with applying for benefits and as well as answer all VA questions.

The FFSC offers confidential clinical counseling services to assist individuals, couples and families. FFSC counselors are licensed independent clinicians who provide short-term, solution-focused treatment, usually not to exceed eight to 12 sessions. Referrals to other resources are provided as needed.

The New Parent Support Home Visitation Program offers nurturing support to expectant parents and parents with children. The New Parent Support Home Visitation Program is a home-based program designed to support family resiliency, provide information regarding child development, and promote positive parent-child interactions. Services are available to both military members and other American government employees. Priority for services is given to single parents and to mothers and fathers with deployed spouses.

The FFSC also provides referrals and information on a variety of subjects, such as family and personal enrichment, support services and activities, and community resources and contact information.

For details about the Support Site FFSC email [ffscsanaplesitaly@eu.navy.mil](mailto:ffscsanaplesitaly@eu.navy.mil) or visit the FFSC Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/NaplesFFSC](http://www.facebook.com/NaplesFFSC) or call DSN 629-6372 or Commercial 081-811-6372.

**Gaeta-Area FFSC Workcenter Services**

The FFSC Workcenter in Gaeta has a number of programs in place to help you get through the adjustment process and make the best of your time in Gaeta and Italy. Service and assistance are tailored to support the needs of military personnel and family members attached to the forward deployed 6th Fleet flagship, USS Mt. Whitney (LCC 20).

The Workcenter offers area orientation and intercultural relations seminars to help introduce newcomers to the Italian language, customs, history, culture and transportation systems in and around Gaeta and Naples.

Additionally, the following programs are provided: information and referral, Loaner Locker, relocation assistance, Smooth Move and sponsorship training. Other programs, including clinical counseling, financial education, transition assistance, the New Parent Support Home Visitation Program and the Family Employment Readiness Program, are supported and provided by the FFSC in Naples.

The FFSC Gaeta Workcenter is located on the second deck of Bldg. 752 at Fleet Landing. For details about the Gaeta FFSC visit [www.facebook.com/gaeta.ffsc](http://www.facebook.com/gaeta.ffsc) or call DSN 629-8354 or 629-8357 or Commercial 081-568-8354 or 081-568-8357.

## Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program

Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program (SARP) services are provided for all DoD personnel, military retirees and family members.

SARP Naples was established to provide support to members of the community with alcohol and other drug abuse problems, and to coordinate local substance abuse prevention efforts. SARP Naples is staffed by certified substance abuse counselors and counselor interns, with clinical oversight provided by a contracted civilian agency.

Services provided include:

- A current list of area resources and 12-step meetings
- Walk-in information and counseling
- Educational workshops and guest lectures
- Clinical substance abuse and dependency evaluations

- Outpatient chemical abuse treatment programs. SARP hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office is located at Capodichino in room G-062 of the Admin II building. For details email the SARP office at [sarp@naples.med.navy.mil](mailto:sarp@naples.med.navy.mil) or call DSN 626-5500 or Commercial 081-568-5500.

## Media

**Newspapers**

The weekly newspaper "Panorama" serves the NATO, Naples and Gaeta military community in Italy, and is produced by the NSA Naples Public Affairs Office. It is available online at <https://issuu.com/nsanaplespao> and at many newsstands throughout the Naples area. The paper contains general local news and information about base events and also local cultural activities. The editorial office is located in the Admin I building at Capodichino in Room 208. For details email the editor at [naplespanorama@eu.navy.mil](mailto:naplespanorama@eu.navy.mil) or call DSN 626-5907 or Commercial 081-568-5907.

The "Stars & Stripes" European edition, an English-language daily newspaper, is also available to Naples and Gaeta residents.

**Radio and TV**

AFN Naples is located at Support Site between USNH Naples and the Housing Welcome Center. AFN Naples is an affiliate of AFN Europe, which combines local and regional productions with programming received through satellite relays from the American Forces Radio and Television

Service (AFRTS) Broadcast Center at March Air Force Base in California. AFN Europe uplinks the combined programming digitally, via satellite, and it can be viewed through private and independent dish receivers and cable distribution systems throughout Naples. AFN radio is also broadcast over the air and internet. AFN Naples has the ability to operate radio independently of the network.

AFN cable distribution does not come from the AFN Naples station. Facility owners operate their own satellite receivers and distribution systems. Residents experiencing reception problems in Support Site housing should call the Navy Exchange Residential Services office at Commercial 081-813-5321. Residents living on the economy should contact their landlords or satellite service providers.

Residents in government housing can obtain an IPTV



*Panorama is a weekly newspaper serving the NATO, Naples and Gaeta military community in Italy.*

decoder from the Navy Exchange Residential Services office to watch AFN. Residents living on the economy will require a separate decoder for AFN and should refer decoder issues to the place of issue or sale. Housing has a limited supply of decoders for issue to residents living on the economy, and their warehouse can be reached at Commercial 081-811-4242. The Navy Exchange sells decoders. Assistance for setting up your AFN decoder can be obtained online at [www.afneurope.net](http://www.afneurope.net)

Ten AFN channels are currently offered in government housing, including both Prime Pacific and Prime Atlantic. For more information about the channels and AFN TV programming guides, go to [www.myafn.net](http://www.myafn.net). For on-base residents, the command channel is on decoder channel 12; off-base residents can tune into decoder channel 18 for local emergency messages and command information.

Every work day, AFN Naples produces 12 hours of live, local radio shows, including news, information, and the best music of the '80s, '90s and today on 107.0 FM "The Eagle." This station is also carried on the command channel in government housing. Additionally, AFN Naples offers 106.0 FM Powernet, featuring the most popular syndicated talk and entertainment shows from the United States. These stations can be heard on decoder channels 182 and 183 in Europe and on standard radio receivers in Naples. AFN 360 is an internet-based service as well and the App can be downloaded or users can visit [www.afneurope.net](http://www.afneurope.net) and click on the AFN 360 icon for internet radio options. Note: These frequencies are assigned from the Italian radio spectrum by law, and a dial-type or European digital radio tuner may be required to receive them.

AFN is operated by the Defense Media Activity and produces broadcast media for a variety of local, regional and global military needs. Look for AFN Naples to cover events of interest in the community. If you would like to invite AFN Naples to cover your event, simply fill out an online publicity request on the station's website. Go to: [www.afneurope.net/naples](http://www.afneurope.net/naples).

*AFN points of contact*

- Station manager: . . . . .Commercial 081-811-6900
- Operations manager: . . . . .Commercial 081-811-6903
- Radio department: . . . . .Commercial 081-811-6905
- On-air DJ: . . . . .Commercial 081-811-6925
- Website: . . . . .[www.afneurope.net/naples](http://www.afneurope.net/naples)

## American Red Cross

The American Red Cross provides around-the-clock emergency coverage, and performs services through a network of Red Cross chapters and stations around the world. The American Red Cross provides communication services to assist service members and their families when a family emergency arises. They will verify your emergency, whether it's a death in the family, a critical illness, birth notification, child care issues or financial needs, so your command can make good leave decisions.

In addition to emergency communications, the American Red Cross offers training in CPR and use of

automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) for adults and children, as well as courses in infant CPR, community first aid and safety, babysitting, and disaster preparation. Additionally, American Red Cross instructors deliver swimming and lifeguarding courses that are sponsored by Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Volunteers with the American Red Cross serve the Naples and Gaeta military communities at the hospital, dental clinic, elementary school, high school, library and the American Red Cross office.

For volunteer opportunities call or stop by the Red Cross office in Admin II, Room G-028 at Capodichino. The office at Capodichino is open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. After-hours emergency coverage is from 4:30 p.m. to 8 a.m. every day, with 24-hour coverage during holidays.

**American Red Cross**

- PSC 817 Box 27
- FPO, AE 09622-0027
- DSN 626-4788 or Commercial 081-568-4788
- After hours: NSA Quarterdeck Commercial 081-568-5547

## Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS)

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) is a non-profit charitable organization designed to provide financial, educational and other assistance to members of the U.S. naval services and eligible family members during times of need.

The society provides assistance to Navy and Marine Corps personnel and their family members throughout the Naples and Gaeta areas. Interest-free loans and grants are available to help with emergencies such as funeral expenses, emergency transportation, food, rent, utilities and essential vehicle repairs. Quick Assist Loans, up to \$300 for certain needs, are also available for active-duty Sailors and Marines.

The Spouse Tuition Aid Program is available for spouses of active duty Navy and Marine Corps personnel wishing to continue their education. This is an interest-free loan

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*Naples is the capital of Southern Italy's Campania region, and is host to the U.S. Navy and NATO. It is steeped in ancient history and is one of the most culturally interesting and vibrant cities in Europe. To the right is the Bay of Naples, and in the distance is Mount Vesuvius, one of the most active volcanoes in the world. Photo courtesy of NSA Public Affairs*

program that provides up to \$3,000 per year for tuition and books.

The Budget for Baby Workshop emphasizes the impact a new baby will make on the family's budget. Through the Budget for Baby program, NMCRS distributes "baby's first seabag," providing some necessary items for expectant parents of all military pay grades and branches of service.

NMCRS visiting nurses provide house calls and instruction to mothers with newborns, as well as to retirees, widows and widowers.

The society also operates a volunteer-run NMCRS Thrift Shop, which is located at the back of Bldg. 2088 (across from the bowling alley) at Support Site. The NMCRS Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Wednesdays from 4 to 6:30 p.m.; and typically the first Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for all U.S. DOD and JFC ID card holders. Donations are accepted only during store hours at the side door. Proceeds from the NMCRS Thrift Shop go to help Sailors and Marines locally and across the Fleet.

For volunteer opportunities call or stop by the NMCRS office in Admin II, Room G-016 at Capodichino. Office hours are 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday through

Thursday. After-hours coverage is provided by the American Red Cross.

***Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society***

PSC 817 Box 97

FPO, AE 09622-0097

DSN 626-3913 or Commercial 081-568-3913

## Environmental Morale Leave

The Environmental Morale Leave (EML) program is offered to all active-duty military personnel and all DoD civilians with travel agreements, as well as command-sponsored dependents and personnel designated by the Combatant Commanders.

EML allows you and your command-sponsored family members to travel "Space A" on all AMC aircraft to the continental United States and other overseas locations like Germany, Spain and England. EML orders are good for 90 days from the date EML orders are issued. Designated or authorized EML destinations are the responsibility of the Combatant Commanders.

***Facts about EML:***

- Military personnel must be on ordinary leave. Use of any other type of leave, such as convalescent leave or

leave through the overseas tour extension incentive program (OTEIP), is not authorized with EML.

- Unaccompanied family members (18 years or older) can travel on EML orders.
- Family members under 18 must be accompanied by an adult family member who is traveling EML.
- Sponsors and their accompanied dependents travel in Category II. Unaccompanied dependents travel in Category IV.
- Only two EML trips per year are authorized.

## Emergency Leave

While stationed in Naples, your commanding officer or officer-in-charge may grant you or your family members funded emergency leave in the event of an emergency concerning you or your spouse's immediate family. Due to recent changes in the entitlement of transportation, specifically for family members, commercial air travel at government expense from Naples to the nearest continental United States international airport will be arranged when AMC procured transportation is not available. When AMC government transportation is available, this mode will be arranged first. Contact the Navy Passenger Transportation Office (NAVPTO) for assistance or information.

*Be sure your family in the U.S. knows your rate, rank, social security number and name of your command in case there is an emergency and they need to notify you.*

## United States Consulate General Naples

Established in 1796, the U.S. Consulate General Naples is one of the United States' oldest diplomatic posts. The district includes the Italian regions of Campania, Basilicata, Molise, Puglia, Calabria and Sicily. The Consulate General in Naples engages in a full range of U.S. government activities and services within the consular district. The Consulate employs officers and locally employed staff from the U.S. Department of State and the Social Security Administration. The Consulate General also oversees a Consular Agency in Palermo.

The Consular section offers a full range of passport and emergency services to U.S. citizens. It also processes non-immigrant and immigrant visa applications. Consulate General Naples is the only immigrant visa processing post in Italy and one of the few worldwide that processes immigrant visas for Iranian nationals.

The Federal Benefits Unit administers federal benefits programs from the U.S. Social Security Administration and other selected U.S. agencies.

The Public Affairs section is responsible for regional media relations, cultural affairs and liaising with the Italian and American academic communities. There is also a Fulbright Commission Educational Advising service hosted at the Consulate General.

The Political / Economic / Commercial section is responsible for following political, economic and commercial issues in southern Italy, and for assisting in the promotion of American business and trade.

The Consulate General is headed by the Consul General, who is the chief representative of the U.S. government in the consular district. The website of the Consulate General is [naples.usconsulate.gov](http://naples.usconsulate.gov).

### **Assistance to U.S. Citizens, Including U.S. Military**

The consular section of the Consulate General offers several types of assistance to the military community. The consular section processes passport applications; issues reports of birth and death of U.S. citizens; performs notary services; renders assistance to U.S. citizens in difficulty; maintains lists of attorneys and doctors; registers young adults for selective service; provides assistance to incarcerated U.S. citizens; provides assistance, under certain circumstances, to destitute Americans; advises U.S. citizens on marriage requirements in Italy; provides services to merchant seamen; provides various services in cases of illness or disaster; and provides information on the welfare or whereabouts of U.S. citizens in the Naples consular district.

For information regarding passport applications and reports of birth, contact the Consulate passport section at Commercial 081-583-8223 / 8224. For information regarding the documents required for notary services, including the *nulla osta*, which is required by Italian law whenever a U.S. citizen marries in Italy, contact the American Citizens Service office at Commercial 081-583-8220.



*The U.S. Consulate General of Naples is located along the waterfront at Piazza della Repubblica. Photo courtesy of U.S. Consulate Naples*

The U.S. Consulate General is located at Piazza della Repubblica in Naples, Italy. For details call Commercial 081-583-8111 or visit <https://it.usembassy.gov/embassy-consulates/naples/> to schedule an appointment.

**Visa Services**

The Consulate General is also responsible for processing immigrant and non-immigrant visas. For information regarding visas visit <https://it.usembassy.gov/visas/>  
**Federal Benefit Unit (FBU)**

This section is responsible for distribution of federal benefits and for determining eligibility for these benefits. It also takes applications for social security cards. For information concerning federal benefits, contact the FBU at Commercial 081-583-3811.

## Employment

**Key Employment Eligibility Restrictions**

Italian law restricts U.S. citizens' ability to secure jobs on the local economy. Additionally, the NATO Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) in Italy establishes hiring restrictions for the U.S. civilian component. Those who are in Italy as a result of their affiliation with the U.S. armed forces are limited in their ability to accept jobs on the Italian economy. However, employment opportunities with federal entities and some non-federal entities (such as Navy Federal Credit Union) are often available. Naples hosts an array of DoD and Department of the Navy commands with employment opportunities for eligible civilians.

The DoD has established various preference programs which affect job competitions. Two programs that assist active-duty and civilian component dependents in obtaining federal employment are the Military Spouse Preference Program and the Family Member Preference Program. Family members of contractors are not eligible



*Springtime in Naples is absolutely gorgeous and is a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Photo by Gary Nichols*

for such preferences. Additionally, for many U.S. civilian component positions, veterans also receive a hiring preference.

**Frequent Vacancies**

Employment opportunities are available at DoD Dependent Schools (DoDDS) for teachers, teacher aides and substitutes. Various commands have opportunities for office automation clerks, cashiers, child development assistants, recreation aides and similar positions at the GS-03/04/05 grade levels.

**Resources**

All federal employment vacancies are posted online at [www.cnic.navy.mil/Europe/About/Jobs/index.htm](http://www.cnic.navy.mil/Europe/About/Jobs/index.htm)

NSA Naples' Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) provides guidance on how to apply for federal jobs, including non-appropriated fund positions (typically, these jobs include those with the Navy Exchange or Morale,

Welfare and Recreation). The FFSC also offers individual counseling on résumé writing, interviewing skills and job referral procedures. These services are provided to eligible patrons free of charge. Other questions regarding federal employment may be addressed to:

Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia, Code N13  
 Human Resources Office  
 Admin I, Capodichino  
 PSC 817, Box 29  
 FPO, AE 09622-0029  
 DSN 626-5409 or Commercial 081-568-5409

Current or former federal employees should include a copy of their most recent Standard Form 50 with their employment applications.

Civilian employment outside of the continental United States

The image is a composite. On the left, a scenic view of a coastal town with a bay and a hill in the background. Text overlay reads: "open every day for dinner, sat. & sun. open also for lunch". On the right, a vertical yellow sign for "ESPERIA" restaurant & pizzeria. The sign features a logo of a figure holding a torch. Text on the sign includes: "Via Panoramica 180, Monte di Procida (NA), Tel. 081 868 3474, info@esperiaosteriaallegro.it, www.esperiaosteriaallegro.it, GPS Lat. 40.743636, Lon. 14.062688".

(OCONUS) is limited to five years. Dependent employees hired OCONUS may be exempt from this limitation. However, appointments are tied to the sponsor's tour of duty.

Depending on the availability of funds, there may be a seasonal dependent youth employment program. Eligible students must have a Social Security number. Employment eligibility rules applicable to the U.S. civilian component apply to this program.

Finally, interested applicants should consult the applicable job announcement for specific position classifications and restrictions.

**NEX Employment Prospects**

The Navy Exchange (NEX) is the second-largest employer in the Naples American community, staffing hundreds of positions in exchange facilities throughout the area. Employment opportunities are primarily found in retail sales, but also include a number of clerical, administrative, security and manual or skilled-labor positions. Job openings include full-time, part-time and flexible employment. Family members of active-duty military personnel and DoD civilians have priority in hiring. U.S. citizenship is required for these dependent-hire positions. Flexible and part-time employment is also available for off-duty enlisted personnel.

The NEX has a good benefits package, including paid vacation, insurance plans, 401(k) and a retirement program that you can build on as you work at any NEX worldwide.

You may place your job application with the NEX at anytime, even if a position is not available immediately. Applications are always welcome for entry-level positions, which are filled through an "open register." Experience is preferred, but not required, and on-the-job training is provided for entry-level positions. Look for weekly job announcements in "Panorama" and the NEX.

## U.S. Military Retiree Association of Southern Italy

The U.S. Military Retiree Association of Southern Italy (USMRA-SI) was formed in 1981 to represent U.S. retired military personnel and their family members who reside in Naples, Gaeta, Rome and Sigonella. The retired community, counting family members and survivors, numbers more than 500 people. In Europe, the USMRA-SI maintains close ties with representatives of the SECNAV Retiree Council, the Tri-component Retiree Council, the VFW and American Legion.

Members perform volunteer work with the American Red Cross, NJROTC and the Navy League. Emergency assistance and referral services are available to all members of the retired community.

The USMRA-SI serves as a link between local area retirees, various military agencies and the U.S. Consulate in Naples. Information is available online at <http://usmra-si.tripod.com> or by calling Commercial 329-208-7315.



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# Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Current MWR programs and scheduled events can be found at several convenient sources such as [www.naplesmwr.org](http://www.naplesmwr.org), the monthly "Volcano" publications at [www.issuu.com/mwrnaples/docs](http://www.issuu.com/mwrnaples/docs) or you can see what's going on at [www.facebook.com/mwrnaples](http://www.facebook.com/mwrnaples) and also the weekly base newspaper "Panorama."

## Admiral Robert B. Carney Park

Carney Park is one of the most unique parks in the world because it is situated inside Monte Gauro, an extinct volcano, located about 14 miles (23 kilometers) west of Naples. The 93-acre (38 hectare) park was established on May 21, 1966, in honor of Adm. Robert B. Carney who served as Commander-in-Chief of NATO forces in Southern Europe (1951-1953) and Chief of Naval Operations (1953-1955).

Carney Park has a multi-purpose sports field, numerous

men's, women's and youth softball fields, baseball fields and a soccer field. There are tennis courts, outdoor basketball courts, sand volleyball pits, children's playgrounds, a dog park and a seasonal aquatics area with an Olympic-size pool, kiddie pool and a snack bar. The Carney Park fitness yurt provides various cardio and strength training machines 24 hours a day. A recreation center and various sized yurts are also available to host parties and guests. As a Navy Getaways destination Carney Park also has areas and facilities for tent and trailer camping, along with 22 rental cabins, which are available for overnight stays. Carney Park also provides outdoor recreation rentals, picnic supplies and rental supplies for parties / special events.

The Carney Park Golf Course has nine holes with a 69.0 course rating, and is 5,901 yards long (Men's and Championship) and 5,310 yards (Women's and Seniors'). The golf course manager is a PGA golf professional who



*A birds-eye view of Carney Park, a 93-acre park located inside an extinct volcano, Monte Gauro, about 14 miles west of Naples. It offers a wide variety of recreational activities for adults and children. Photo by MC1 Daniel Barker*



The Bella Napoli Food Court is centrally located at Capodichino at the piazza and houses several restaurants, a café and a pub. Photo by Gary Nichols

develops numerous programs, tournaments, lessons and events. The clubhouse has a fully stocked golf pro shop with many golf course logo items for purchase. The golf program also offers golf cart rentals, a driving range, two practice putting greens, club rentals, club storage and men's and ladies' locker rooms.

The Fairways Bar and Grill operates at the Carney Park Golf Course year round. The restaurant serves food, drinks and specials to suit all tastes, offering both Italian and American favorites. Their snack shack also supports youth sports and special events in the park.

## Navy Outdoor Recreation

The Support Site Navy Outdoor Recreation (ODR) center is dedicated to "Lifetime Outdoor Recreation" and offers a variety of day trips. ODR has an inventory of outdoor and team sports items available for rent. Talk to our knowledgeable staff for information on our programs, which are designed to build confidence, skill proficiency, safety awareness and environmental ethics. Patrons of all experience levels are encouraged to participate in our activities.

**Hiking and Trekking Trips:** Explore the many natural wonders of the Amalfi / Sorrento peninsula. Discover waterfalls, breathtaking panoramas and hidden coves only accessible by foot or boat. Hikes and treks include round-trip transportation and a local guide.

**Kayak Trips:** Open water and river kayaking day and overnight trips. See the Amalfi and Sorrento coasts from a unique vantage point.

**Rafting Trips:** Seasonal trips for white water and river rafting.

**Intro to Sea Kayaking:** Don't know how to kayak? Workshops are held for learning essential kayak skills.

**Winter Ski / Snowboarding Trips:** Bus trips to Roccaraso, Southern Italy's largest ski resort area.

**Equipment Rental:** Camping and hiking gear, skis and snowboards, snorkeling gear, kayaks and mountain bikes are available.

**Paintball:** Individuals and teams welcome at Open Paintball on Sundays. Rent the field for a party or team-building event.

**Climbing Wall:** Practice climbing and hone your skills on a 25-foot wall that has three routes with different levels of difficulty.

**Archery:** Learn archery from a qualified member of the Italian Archery Federation (FITARCO), the same organization that trains the Italian Olympic team.

## Liberty Recreation for Single Service Members

The Liberty program is designed for, but not limited to, 18- to 25-year-old single service members. It offers day trips and extended trips to local restaurants, recreation areas and tourist spots, as well as free leisure skills classes such as cooking classes and free competitions and tournaments. All Liberty events are discounted to help give junior ranking service members the chance to enjoy Europe. Special events featuring great food and entertainment are planned yearly. The Liberty Discount Card provides a fantastic opportunity for single service members to enjoy many MWR facilities at a discount.

## Restaurants

For all of the on-base eating options at Capodichino, the Support Site and JFC, refer to Page 67.



Bella Napoli Food Court at Capodichino is contracted through the Navy Exchange and provides a variety of food concepts that cater to a variety of tastes and occasions including: a Dunkin-Donuts and Espresso Bar, Subway, Taco Bell, an Italian-style pizzeria, a to-order grill, flame-broiled burgers, and sushi. The MWR Olde Town Pub, is conveniently located here, and is a great place to meet up with friends, relax and enjoy entertainment with a glass of wine, draft beer or a cocktail. In the pub area there are gaming machines, a pool table, juke box, televisions and free Wi-Fi. It can also be reserved for private functions.

There are two conference rooms in Bella Napoli: The Orange Room is located next to the Dunkin Donuts and Espresso Bar and can hold up to 50 attendees; The Conference Room is next to the pub and has an overhead projector, large screen, laptop and an amplified podium. Set-up fees for training and catering apply for full or half day use. For reservations and pricing call DSN 626-5229 or 626-4050.

Strikers at the Support Site bowling center serves up all

your favorite foods including pizza, fresh cooked hamburgers, Star Bucks coffee and opens every morning for the best American breakfast in Naples. In the same building you'll find the O'Rhys Irish Pub, where you can enjoy a traditional pub atmosphere while you are waiting for a lane, a movie, or where you can simply hang out with friends and watch sports on AFN and Sky Satellite. Strikers offers 16 lanes of state-of-the-art fun, which includes a 30-foot high-definition TV, amusement games, leagues, birthday parties, high school bowling, social get togethers, and the fantastic Family New Year's Eve Party. Get in the spirit with exciting theme parties that feature competitions and contests, including major sporting events throughout the year.

Don't forget Fairways Bar & Grill at the Golf Course at Carney Park. Check for seasonal hours of operation.

## Fitness Centers & Pools Fitness

The Capo FitZone at Capodichino is a 39,000-square-





Travel and leisure opportunities through Tickets and Travel, and USO are almost limitless. One of the most accessible and popular day tours is to the Amalfi Coast, which offers spectacular, breathtaking views. Photo by Noah Nichols

foot fitness complex that features a 25-meter indoor lap pool, a sauna and jacuzzi, two racquetball courts, a basketball / volleyball court, a sand volleyball court and a spin room. Traditional workout areas include the aerobics room with hardwood maple floor, cardio machines, TRX Suspension, selectorize weight equipment and a free weight room. Group Fitness classes are offered Monday through Friday and a fitness specialist is on hand to provide orientations and command fitness leader (CFL) support.

Support Site is home to the Fitness Forum. This 47,000 square-foot state-of-the art fitness facility features a male and female sauna, two racquetball courts, a spin room, a basketball court, various cardio machines, an aerobics room, selectorize weight machines and a free weight room. A large variety of group fitness classes are offered Monday through Saturday. Martial arts classes, dance classes, personal trainers and massage therapy are also available to help you meet your fitness goals. MWR fitness specialists are on hand to provide orientations and CFL support.

Leisure classes are also a staple of the Naples fitness program and include step aerobics, double step, total body, kickboxing, Pilates, cardio flex, fit yoga, hip-hop, Latin / Salsa, Tae Kwon Do, spin, turbo kick, water aerobics, power sculpt and more. Personal trainers are also available to help you meet your fitness goals. For details call the Capo FitZone at Commercial 081-568-4263 or 081-568-4266 or the Support Site Fitness Forum at Commercial 081-811-6621 or 081-811-6604.

## Pools and Aquatics Program

MWR offers a variety of aquatics programs and services, at our three aquatics facilities. We offer lap swimming,

group and private swim lessons, water fitness classes, stroke refinement clinics, lifeguarding and water safety courses, command physical training, open recreational swimming, kayaking clinics and after-hours pool party rentals.

The Capodichino FitZone Pool is located in the FitZone gym, and is an indoor, six-lane 25-meter lap-swimming pool. It offers free admission for U.S. ID cardholders and authorized MWR patrons. For details call Commercial 081-568-4254 or 081-568-4256.

The Support Site Pool is located next to the Fitness Forum and is a seasonally-operated outdoor recreation pool from May to September. It is a 25-meter Z-shaped pool with a deep-end diving board and water slide, a "shallows" area for non-swimmers, and a small wading pool. There is a NEX-operated concession stand, the Splash Bar, on site for pool-side snacking. The Support Site Pool is for U.S. ID cardholders and authorized MWR patrons. For details call Commercial 081-811-6513 from Memorial Day to Labor Day.

The Carney Park Pool is located within Admiral Robert B. Carney Park and is a seasonally-operated during summer school break. It is a waterpark-type, Olympic-size pool with a diving board, multiple water slides and a children's wading pool with a fountain. There is a NEX-operated concession stand, the Tiki Bar, for poolside snacks. A picnic area with a grill is available to reserve for poolside functions. The Carney Park Pool is open to U.S. ID cardholders and authorized MWR patrons. For details call Commercial 081-526-2140 from mid-June to August.

## Intramural Sports

MWR offers a wide variety of intramural sport leagues, tournaments, clinics and special events. For details call Commercial 081-811-6528.

## Movie Theater

Reel Times Movie Theater is located at the Support Site Navy Exchange complex with first-run digital and 3-D movies. It has the capacity to seat 302 in the Freedom auditorium (with a baby cry room) and 148 in the smaller Victory auditorium. The movie schedule is available at the Naples MWR website at <https://www.navymwrnaples.com/> and in the base newspaper "Panorama."

## Strikers' Bowling Center

Strikers Bowling Center is a 16-lane AMF house that is located at Support Site. Strikers offers a variety of programs and events, including bowling leagues, birthday parties, command functions, cosmic bowling specials and open bowling. Special event promotions and tournaments are regularly scheduled. All ages and abilities are welcome. Bumper bowling is available for beginners. Enjoy food and beverage selections and free Internet access in the Wi-Fi zone. For details call DSN 629-6976.

## Libraries

MWR has two libraries: one at Capodichino and one at

Support Site. The Capodichino Library includes a lounge, computer and study room, meeting room, free Wi-Fi and the ITT office. Both libraries offer books, CDs and DVDs for check out, audio-books (on CD and Playaways), an interlibrary loan program, and reserve book services. Story time is offered weekly for preschool children at the Support Site library, and a summer reading program is held from June through August. Each month the libraries present extensive information on various ethnic and cultural events, complete with contests and drawings to make things interesting and fun. For details call the Capodichino Library at DSN 626-3666 or the Support Site Library at DSN 629-4361.

## Auto / Woodworking Skills Center

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Games, rides, food, fun and of course fireworks are all part of Festa Americana – or Independence Day celebration – the biggest event of the year, which is held at Carney Park. Photo by Gary Nichols

The Navy Outdoor Recreation (NOR) Center is also located at the Auto Skills Skills Center and offers a variety of excellent outdoor recreation programs. NOR offers a variety of classes and trips for all abilities: ski trips, sea kayaking, climbing class, paintball games, Amalfi Coast hiking, camping trips and river rafting trips. They also offer a variety of camping gear and equipment rentals such as tables, chairs, party tents and BBQ grills. For details call DSN 629-4971.

## Tickets and Travel

The NSA Naples Tickets and Travel program is one of the best in the world, offering high-quality travel and leisure opportunities to authorized MWR patrons. Program and service highlights include daily tours throughout the Naples, Amalfi Coast and Rome regions; extended tours to a variety of European and worldwide locations; concert information; hotel, plane, ferry and train reservations; and general area information. Large groups can make arrangements with Tickets and Travel for excursions that are tailored to meet their needs. Tickets and Travel has two offices for your convenience – one at the Support Site Navy Exchange retail complex and the other at Capodichino. Customers can now sign up online for daily tours and get current information on extended tours by visiting the Tickets and Travel website at <https://myffr.navyaims.com>. To shop online visit the Tickets and Travel Office to establish a household

account. Tickets and Travel will supply you with a username and password.

Tickets and Travel recently expanded services to include the Joint Services Travel Program (JSTP). The JSTP offers quality group and individual travel packages at the most competitive prices. Some of the services available through the program are airline, cruise consultation / booking, hotel and adventure packages.

## Special Events

The biggest event of the year is the Independence Day celebration – also known as Festa Americana – in Carney Park. Thousands of people attend to enjoy arts and crafts vendors, a variety of food booths and live entertainment. As part of the event, a spectacular fireworks display lights up the sky.

Other yearly events include the Halloween Spooktacular, complete with a scary haunted house and trick-or-treating that is supported by the entire community, and the Easter Eggstravaganza, where children can enjoy a day of fun with the Easter Bunny.

In addition, MWR provides quality entertainment to our military community throughout the year. Musicians, comedians and cheerleaders are just a sample of the performers brought to Naples by Navy Entertainment and Armed Forces Entertainment. Past entertainers have included the Imagination Movers, Harlem Globetrotters, Darius Rucker, Sesame Street, 3OH!3, Tommy Davidson,

The Cirque Dreams World, Peyton Manning and the Redskins Cheerleaders.

## Morale, Welfare and Recreation Gaeta

MWR Gaeta is a division of the Naples MWR program. Gaeta is located on the southern coastline of the Lazio Region, approximately 90 minutes north of Naval Support Activity Naples.

The Fleet Center is a multi-use facility used by both Sailors and families. The center is equipped with multi-media resources, such as travel books and DVDs, magazines, interlibrary loan services, upgraded computer access and Wi-Fi, televisions, a billiard table and a movie program. The covered awning area is available for special events. Individual activities may be reserved through the customer service desk.

The customer service desk provides extensive information and referral for both MWR and FFSC programs. Customer service provides assistance with travel resources and airline tickets, coordination and registration of leisure programs including tours, special programs and instructional classes.

The Fleet Center hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. when a ship is in port and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. when there are no ships. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult at all times while at the Fleet Center. After 5 p.m., the Fleet Center becomes an adults-only facility, unless a specified program which allows child participation is scheduled. For details call DSN 626-8357 or Commercial 081-568-8357.

Outdoor Fleet Landing Sports Courts consist of a running track, basketball, volleyball and a fenced calcetto court. These sport courts are unmanned, open 24 hours per day, seven days a week, with gear available for checkout from the Fleet Center during regular hours of operation.

A NEX Laundry Facility is located at Fleet Landing and is available for both Sailors and family members. It is an unmanned facility and open 24 hours per day, seven days a week.

The Fitness Center is located on the ground floor of Bldg. 752 at Fleet Landing. It is equipped with both cardio and strength equipment. The facility is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and is unmanned. The MWR staff and security are the points of contact.

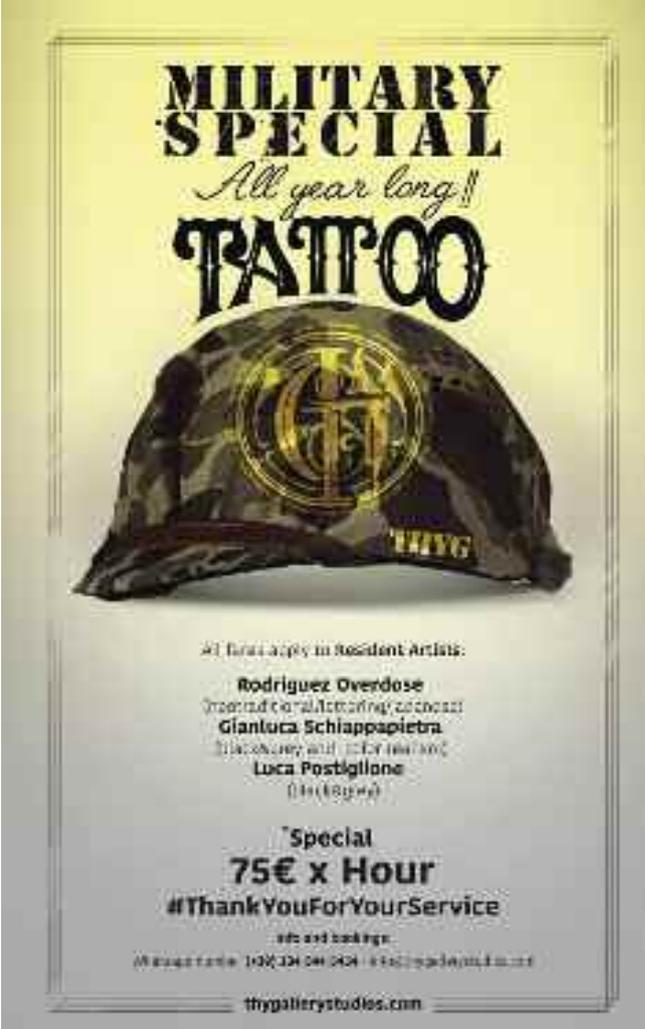
Olde Mill Inn Park consists of two ball fields and an indoor dining area (open only when reserved). Two large picnic areas and a smaller picnic area can be reserved by calling Fleet Center customer service. Several smaller picnic grills are also available on a first-come, first-serve basis. The park is a major site for the community's gatherings. There is a lighted tennis court, a sand volleyball court and a horseshoe pit, along with restrooms and showers. The Olde Mill Inn Park is located in Gaeta along Via Sant'Agostino. The hours of operation are 8 a.m. to dusk. Park maintenance staff members are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Allied Joint Force Command Naples Recreation

Several recreational facilities are available at Allied Joint Force Command Naples (JFC) at Lago Patria, located about 25 minutes from Support Site.

The JFC Gymnasium is located in the basement of the Community Center, and is open Monday through Thursday from 6:45 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. The gym is closed on JFC Naples official holidays, and Saturdays and Sundays. The gym is free for JFC NATO card holders. For U.S. ID card holders there is a daily and / or monthly fee to use the gym. Dependents must also have a medical certificate. The swimming pool is open in June Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and closes in the fall, based on weather. For details call Commercial 081-721-2770.

The JFC Library, which is located on the second floor of the Community Center, is open Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The library is closed Saturday and Sunday. The library is open for all U.S. ID card holders. For details call Commercial 081-721-2608.



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# Shopping & Dining Out



*The Commissary is located at Support Site, and features a deli, bakery and bistro for quick service, as well as special order services. Photo courtesy of NSA Public Affairs*

This section is designed to help you shop and dine both on base and on the economy. It lists all the base facilities, as well as tips for visiting local shops and restaurants. This chapter also includes some common translations and a few specific places of interest.

## Commissary

The Commissary is located at Support Site in the the Navy Exchange (NEX) retail center. The Commissary has 33,500 square feet of floor space with new products introduced daily. You may find some of your old favorites, as well as a selection of authentic European and Asian foods to excite your taste buds. The store also carries foods to meet many special dietary needs.

The Commissary features a deli, a bakery and a bistro for quick service, as well as special order services. Coupons are accepted at the Commissary up to six months past the expiration date. If there is a product that you would like the

Commissary to carry, please stop by Customer Service and fill out a request.

The Commissary is open seven days a week for your shopping convenience. Commissary hours of operation are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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## Navy Exchange

The main Navy Exchange is located at Support Site. The NEX has nearly 75,000 square feet of floor space and carries a variety of electronics, housewares, toys, sporting goods, furniture, garden items, and cosmetics and beauty products. The NEX also carries clothing and shoes for women, men, infants, boys, and girls. You

can also obtain the gas card and pay bills through the NEX.

Stores located in the NEX retail center include an optical shop, a barber shop, a beauty salon, a bike shop,

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Following is a list of shopping-related Italian words and phrases.

**Shopping dictionary**

*Types of stores*

**Alimentari:** Grocery.  
**Arredamento:** Furnishings store.  
**Barbiere:** Barber.  
**Cartoleria:** Stationery store.  
**Caseificio:** Cheese store.  
**Elettrodomestici:** Electric appliances shop.  
**Enoteca:** Larger wine store.  
**Ferramenta:** Hardware.  
**Frutta e Verdura:** Fruit and vegetable stand.  
**Gioielleria:** Jeweler.  
**Libreria:** Book store.  
**Latticini:** Dairy products.  
**Macelleria:** Butcher shop.  
**Mobili:** Furniture store.  
**Moda:** "Fashion"; clothing store, usually for women's clothes.  
**Panetteria:** Bakery.  
**Parrucchiere:** Hairdresser.  
**Riparazione auto/gomme:** Auto/ tire repair shop.  
**Salumeria:** Delicatessen; a small grocery store usually with a deli case with cheeses and cold meats and salami.  
**Supermercato:** A larger store, usually primarily a grocery, but some also include other items.  
**Vini, vini e olii:** Wine store, wine and oil (and olives) store. Although less common, some have wine and oil in casks and olives in barrels, and you are expected to bring your own containers.

**Shopping terms**

*For food terms, see dining section*

**Berretto:** Cap.  
**Bicchieri:** Glasses.  
**Borsa:** Handbag, purse.  
**Cacciavite:** Screwdriver.  
**Calze di nylon:** Nylons.  
**Calzini:** Socks.  
**Camicietta:** Blouse.  
**Camicia:** Shirt.  
**Capello:** Hat.  
**Cappotto:** Coat.  
**Carta:** Paper.  
**Casseruola:** Pan.  
**Chiave:** Key, wrench.  
**Chiave a forcella:** Crescent wrench.  
**Chiave inglese:** "English wrench"; monkey wrench.  
**Chiodi:** Nails.  
**Coltello:** Knife.  
**Cucchiaio:** Spoon.  
**Forchetta:** Fork.  
**Giacca:** Jacket.  
**Ganti:** Gloves.  
**Lampada:** Lamp.  
**Maglione:** Sweater.  
**Martello:** Hammer.  
**Padella:** Frying pan.  
**Pantaloni:** Pants.  
**Pentola:** Pot.  
**Piattino:** Saucer.  
**Piatto:** Plate.  
**Sacco:** Bag.  
**Scaffale:** Bookcase, shelves.  
**Scarpe:** Shoes  
**Tavola:** Table.  
**Tazza:** Cup.  
**Vite:** Screw.

**Generic terms/phrases**

Many of these ideas are expressed by gestures, which are nearly impossible to reproduce in this book without extensive diagrams; ICR will teach you some, your sponsor may teach you more, and some you may pick up by watching Italian shoppers.

**Quanto/quanto costa?:** How much/ how much does it cost?  
**Vorrei:** I would like.  
**Un chilo:** One kilo.  
**Due/tre, etc. chili:** Two/three, etc. kilos.  
**Mezzo chilo:** Half kilo.  
**Un etto:** 100 grams (a little less than a quarter pound).  
**Due/tre etc./etti:** Two, three, etc. hundred grams.  
**Troppo!:** Too much!  
**Posso provare?:** May I try it out/on?  
**Cerco:** I am looking for.  
**Aperto:** Open.  
**Chiuso:** Closed.  
**Quale?:** Which?  
**Questo/a:** This.  
**Quelli/e:** Those, These.  
**Poi?** Then? (i.e, what else?)  
**Basta, è tutto:** No more, that's all.  
**Dite:** Speak. A shopkeeper/vendor may use this term to ask if you need help.  
**Più:** More.  
**Meno:** Less.  
**Poco, pochi:** A little bit, a few.

wine shop, a photo center, a flower shop, a tailor and a dry cleaner. You can also find an ice cream shop, fine jewelry sales and a pack 'n' wrap. The food court in the NEX mall houses franchises of Subway, A&W, KFC and Taco Bell, as well as a Dunkin' Donuts. The Navy Exchange also operates a mini-mart, 24 / 7 laundromat and a Chock Full

O' Nuts coffee bar – all located at Support Site.

A NEXMart and Uniform Center, along with many other services, are located at Capodichino.

Allied Joint Force Command

There is a duty-free shop called The International Store and a few concessions at JFC Naples. The International Store is located on the ground floor of the Community Center. The International Store is operated by the JFC Naples Morale and Welfare Activities and offers a large selection of clothing, perfumes, cosmetics and creams, sports equipment, audio-video, TV, Hi-Fi, home appliances, cell phones and cordless, computers, food, chocolate, sweets and wine. Shops accept euro, dollars, personal checks and credit cards. The International Store is open from Tuesday to Thursday 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; Friday 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and is closed Sunday, Monday and JFC Naples holidays.

**Community Center Shops**

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- Sorrento Shop: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Nearly every town and city offers open-air markets, which are a great way to find bargains and get a taste of Italian culture. Photo courtesy of NSA Public Affairs

- Sannino Jewelry: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Tafuri Optical Shop: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Banco di Napoli: 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.
- Capasso Newsstand: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Brunelli Laundry / Tailor: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Barber Shop: 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Shopping Off Base

Shopping in Italy can be a bit different from shopping in the United States. Prices are fixed at permanent stores and

shopping centers, but when shopping at open-air street markets you can negotiate unbelievable deals. For a successful market experience, you need to become familiar with an Italian custom: bartering.

Often, it takes Americans some time to get used to bartering. Americans are used to going to stores and paying whatever price is marked on the item, and this is true of Italian retail stores. However, in open-air street markets – the rows of stalls set out in alleys or back streets – you can buy almost anything for any price you and the seller can eventually agree upon. Food, fruit and

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vegetable prices are not typically haggled over very much.

The buying and selling of items becomes much more involved, intricate and exciting when you barter. You and the vendor have to agree on a price. If you pay the price marked or the one the vendor first mentions, he or she will gladly take your money, but probably would have settled for less. One warning, though: if you offer a certain price and after haggling, the seller agrees to it, you are not legally bound, but by custom you are expected to pay the agreed price. If you don't really want it, don't keep bartering.

Be certain that when purchasing items from street vendors, especially in some areas around Naples Central Station at Piazza Garibaldi, that what you've bought hasn't been replaced by bricks or paper-stuffed boxes after it is

wrapped in paper and handed to you. Also, if deals on things such as electronics sold on the street seem too good to be true, they probably are. More than one American in the past has bought a genuine hand-carved wooden "VCR." Caveat emptor – buyer beware!

You may also hear other Americans talk about the "alleys," like Gold Alley, Shoe Alley or Christmas Alley. These are names Americans have given to markets in certain streets of Naples. Here, you usually see stands outside, but some are connected to adjacent stores, like Christmas Alley. Or the name simply comes from the street where there are many shops of a particular kind, like Gold Alley.

## Open Air Markets and "Alleys"

The following is a list of some open-air and similar markets in the area, when they are open and what main items



*You will probably discover that dining out is one of the best ways to experience Italian culture first hand after arriving in Italy. Photo by Gary Nichols*

are sold. Many are on side streets and parking is a problem.

The best bet is to take public transportation (see the "Local Information" chapter for more details) or park your car as close as you can and walk the rest of the way. If you can't find it right away, look for people carrying bags and ask, "Dov'è il mercato?" Pointing should then get you there.

- **Mercato delle Pulci:** Open Sundays from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Main items: second-hand items, coins, lamps, tables and a few real antiques. Located on Via Poggioreale, near the graveyard, northeast of Naples Central Station at Piazza Garibaldi. Take the Metropolitana to Piazza Garibaldi and then walk or take a bus / trolley.
- **Shoe Alley:** Open Sunday, Monday and Friday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Main items: shoes, clothing and sewing material. Located on Via Marino di Caramanico. Take the Corso Malta Tangenziale exit, go straight until the first

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Many of the world's most popular and delicious foods originated in Naples; some of these include pizza, spaghetti and parmigiana, along with varieties of local wines. Photo by Athena Plichta

stop light, and then turn left on Via Nuova Poggioreale. Via Marino di Caramanico is the second side street off via Nuova Poggioreale.

- **Gold Alley:** Open normal shopping hours. Main items: gold and jewelry. Located on Via San Biagio dei Librai. Take the Metropolitana to Piazza Cavour, walk down the main road east, turn right on Via Duomo, then turn right

four blocks later onto Via San Biagio dei Librai.

- **Christmas Alley:** Open normal shopping hours except around Christmas, when shops stay open later at night and on Sundays. Located on Via San Gregorio Armeno, which connects to Via San Biagio dei Librai. Main items: presepe (nativity scenes) and figurines, which are often very elaborate. Naples is famous for these items. The Intercultural Relations tour during your orientation will show you where the street is. Follow directions as to Gold Alley.

- **Thieves Alley (Mercato Duchesca):** Open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Main items: clothing, sportswear and equipment, camping gear, radio and stereo gear, some furniture and furnishings. Located in the many narrow streets due west of the main train station behind the statue of Garibaldi. This is a commercial district, and most tables of items for sale are located just outside small shops.

- **Posillipo market:** Open Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Main items: luxury goods and clothing. Find great bargains on designer items. Located along Viale Virgilio, alongside Parco Virgiliano in Naples' Posillipo district.

- **Vomero market (Mercato di Antignano):** Open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Main items: fruit and vegetables, clothing, household items. Located in the

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**ANTIPASTI (APPETIZERS)**

**Antipasti Italiani/Misti/Assortiti:** A plate of mixed items; usually includes several vegetables like zucchini, eggplant, etc. marinated, grilled or fried. It also usually includes olives, and small pieces of cheese.

**Bruschetta:** Slice of bread oven-toasted with a topping of fresh diced tomatoes, garlic, oregano and other spices, and a dash of olive oil.

**Caprese/Insalata caprese:** "In the Capri style." Most often a salad with slices of fresh tomato layered with slices of *mozzarella di bufala* and topped with spices and olive oil.

**Caviale:** Caviar.

**Crocchette:** Breaded and fried mashed-potato dumplings.

**Insalata di pesce/di frutti di mare:** A seafood salad containing boiled squid, octopus, mussels, clams, etc., usually served cold with a vinaigrette sauce.

**Melone:** Melon, usually of the honeydew or cantaloupe type.

**Mozzarella:** A soft, white cheese. In the Naples region, it may mean *mozzarella di bufala*, not the kind we are used to on pizzas in the United States. *Mozzarella di bufala* is made from the milk of water buffaloes, and is softer, higher in protein and tastes different. It is considered a great delicacy.

**Pizzetta:** Small, fried light-dough dumplings, flavored with a variety of spices and sometimes filled.

**Prosciutto:** Ham. When used alone, the

word means thinly-sliced raw-cured ham. A delicacy. When a distinction is made between this and other varieties, it is called *prosciutto crudo*. Smoke-cured is *prosciutto affumicato* and cooked is called *prosciutto cotto*.

**Prosciutto e melone:** Sliced ham and fresh melon.

**Prosciutto e mozzarella:** Sliced ham and fresh white cheese.

**Salame:** Seasoned and cured sausages, served without further cooking.

**Salsiccia:** Sausages that need to be cooked before eating. These are usually listed in the meat section instead of the antipasti section of the menu.

**Seafood:** Many types of shellfish also are available as *antipasti*, including clams and mussels. See the seafood section for translations.

Vomero section of Naples, about six blocks from the funiculari stations. From Piazza Vanvitelli, follow Via Bernini about four blocks to the north. The edge of the market will be on the left.

- **Fuorigrotta market:** Open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Main items: fruit, vegetables, fish, cheese and other foods; plus kitchen gadgets, household items and plasticware. Located directly across the street from the Cumana train station in Fuorigrotta, about six blocks from the soccer stadium. There is a small alley leading to the market. This market is semi-permanent, covered with standing stalls, although some vendors drive up trucks and park them around the outside.

- **Antiques market:** Open Sunday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Main items: antiques. Located in the Villa Comunale, a city park that sits along the Naples waterfront between Mergellina and the Castel dell'Ovo. Drive, or take the Metropolitana to Mergellina, walk to the water, turn left and walk to the park.

- **Bagnoli market:** Open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Main items: similar to the Fuorigrotta market. Located in Bagnoli in the side streets just down

from the Metropolitana train station, which is about two blocks from the JFC front gate.

- **Pozzuoli fish market:** Open Tuesday through Sunday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Opens earlier Sunday, which is the best day to go. Main items: fresh seafood of all types. Located along the pier in old Pozzuoli, near the Tempio Serapide and the ferry and hydrofoil landings.

There are also smaller suburban markets like those in Monterusciello and on Via Staffetta in Lago Patria, for example. Ask your sponsor, landlord and neighbors for details.

## Italian Stores

Of course, Italy has many stores and shops. Italy is world-famous for some items like leather goods from Florence and glass from Venice. The Naples region is famous for its porcelain and pottery (from Capodimonte and Vietri, for example), inlaid wood (from Sorrento) and cameo and coral work (from Torre del Greco, in particular). Main shopping districts in Naples include Chiaia, Vomero and the Via Roma / Via Toledo area downtown.

### PASTA DISHES, RICE DISHES (PASTA, RISOTTO)

**Cannelloni:** Cylinders of pasta, stuffed and baked.

**Fusilli:** Long, spiral-shaped twisted pasta.

**Gnocchi:** Small dumplings, in the Naples

region made of potato flour; in other areas they are shaped similarly but made of pasta dough.

**Lasagne:** Flat, very wide noodles. Almost identical to lasagna noodles found in the United States.

**Orecchiette:** Small, ear-shaped.

**Penne:** Short tubes, cut on the slant to resemble quill pens.

**Ravioli:** Small squares of pasta stuffed with various items.

**Tortellini:** Small, round pastas filled and twisted into a doughnut shape.

### PASTA AND RISOTTO SAUCES AND PREPARATIONS

**Acciughe:** "With anchovies." Usually a sauce with mashed anchovies, garlic, olive oil and parsley, and sometimes tomatoes.

**Aglio e Olio:** "Garlic and oil." Served with hot oil and garlic. Sometimes also served *e peperoncini* – with small hot peppers.

**Amatriciana/Matriciana:** In a sauce with bacon, olive oil, garlic, tomatoes, red peppers and onions.

**Arrabbiata:** "Angry." A tomato and herb sauce with small hot peppers ("peperoncini") added, and sometimes spicy sausage or bacon. Can be quite hot.

**Besciamella:** Bechamel, a white sauce of butter, flour and milk.

**Bolognese:** "Bologna style." The classic

meat and tomato sauce most Americans are familiar with. Sometimes called *al ragù*.

**Boscaiola:** "Woodman's style." In Naples, a rich tomato sauce with ham, peas and mushrooms.

**Carbonara:** "Coal man's style." Hot pasta is tossed with beaten eggs and cream and diced bacon; sometimes includes onions. Served with fresh grated parmesan cheese and pepper.

**Forno:** Baked. Usually means a pasta and sauce baked as a dish. The best known such dish to Americans is *lasagne al forno*.

**Frutti di Mare:** Shellfish ("fruit of the sea"). A thin sauce, either clear or with tomatoes, to which have been added clams, mussels, squid, shrimp, diced octopus, etc. Shellfish can be shelled, but most often come in the shells.

**Pescatore:** "Fisherman's style." Like frutti

di mare, but includes various types of fish meat.

**Pesto:** Fresh basil leaves, garlic, olive oil, pine nuts and pecorino cheese made into a paste.

**Pomodoro:** Tomatoes. A tomato sauce with herbs, onions, garlic, etc. but no meat.

**Quattro Formaggi:** "Four cheeses"; baked in or topped with a sauce of four different mild white cheeses such as provolone, fontina, etc.

**Siciliana:** "Sicily style." Usually including black olives, eggplants, sweet peppers and/or anchovies.

**Sorrentina:** "Sorrento style." Most often this refers to the type of *gnocchi* that is served with tomatoes and cheese. Is popular in the Naples area and throughout the Campania region.

**Vongole:** With clams. Usually similar to *frutti di mare*, but only with clams and not other shellfish.

Many stores in Naples range from small corner shops to large department stores like Coin. You can find supermercati (supermarkets) and centri commerciali (shopping centers). Some, like Panorama in Formia, Ikea and Medi in Teverola, Campania Mall and Outlet la Reggia in Caserta, and Auchan in Giugliano are large enough to rightly claim to be U.S.-style malls.

Shopping hours tend to be Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and then from late afternoon (4 or 4:30 p.m.) to 8 p.m. Smaller shops tend to close in the afternoon, but shopping centers are open all day and also on Sundays. You will find some shops open on Sunday mornings in busy shopping areas such as Vomero, but smaller shops are rarely open after lunchtime on Sundays and many close for the entire day.

## Money Exchange

There are various places to change money both on and off base. You can use two types of facilities: banks and exchange bureaus ("cambio"). Here are some options:

### Capodichino

- Community Bank (Bldg. 450 across from the gym): Euro sales / check cashing.
- Navy Exchange cashier: Euro or dollar sales. Rates are close to the daily rate.
- Banco di Napoli (Bldg. 450 across from the gym, 1st floor): Euro, dollars and other major currency sales, if you have an account. Outside of Admin II, there are also three ATMs available: one dispenses only Euro, one dispenses U.S. currency, and one gives both.

### Support Site

- Navy Exchange cashier: euro or dollar sales. Rates are close to the daily rate.
- ATMs: There is an Italian and American ATM located outside the Navy Exchange near the main doors by the movie theater. It is possible to get dollars or euro at this location.

### Joint Forces Command:

- Banco di Napoli: euro, dollar and other major currency sales.

**FISH, SHELLFISH  
(PESCE, FRUTTI DI MARE)**

**Acciughe:** Anchovies.  
**Alici:** An anchovy-like fish, usually served marinated as an appetizer.  
**Anguilla:** Eel.  
**Aragosta:** Spiny lobster.  
**Aringa:** Herring.  
**Astice:** Maine lobsters.  
**Baccala:** Dried salt-cod.  
**Bianchetti:** Very small sardine-like fish, usually deep-fried.  
**Branzino:** Seabass.  
**Calamari/calamaretti:** Squid/baby squid.  
**Carpa:** Fresh-water carp.  
**Cefalo:** Mullet.  
**Cernia:** A sea fish.  
**Cozze:** Mussels, also sometimes called

*muscoli* or *mitili*.  
**Dentice:** Seabream.  
**Gamberi:** Large shrimp. Also applied to small rock lobsters and sometimes to fresh-water crayfish. Usually you'll get something resembling a prawn.  
**Gamberetti:** Very small shrimp.  
**Gamberoni:** Large prawns.  
**Granchio:** Most common term for crab.  
**Merluzzo:** Cod.  
**Marmora:** A small sea fish.  
**Nasello:** Hake.  
**Orata:** A fish similar to bream.  
**Ostriche:** Oysters.  
**Pesce persico:** Fresh-water perch.  
**Pesce san pietro:** John Dory fish.  
**Pesce spada:** Swordfish.  
**Polipo:** Usually means octopus, sometimes small squid.  
**Polpo:** Octopus.

**Ricci:** Sea urchins.  
**Rombo:** Turbot.  
**Salmone:** Salmon.  
**Sarago:** A small sea fish, resembling blue-gill.  
**Scampi:** Large prawns, sometimes means rock lobster.  
**Seppia:** Cuttlefish, similar to squid.  
**Sgombro:** Mackerel.  
**Sogliola:** Sole.  
**Spiedino mare:** Mixed fish and seafood on a skewer.  
**Spigola:** Sea bass, grouper.  
**Stoccafisso:** Salt cod.  
**Tartufi di mare:** Sea truffles, a small clam.  
**Tonno:** Tuna.  
**Totani:** Small cuttlefish.  
**Triglie:** Red mullet.  
**Vongole:** Clams.

**Off Base**

Shop around for the best deal, and balance convenience with advantageous rates. For example, you may get a few more euros for your dollar at a cambio downtown, but if you are only changing a couple of hundred dollars or less, the inconvenience of going to the cambio probably will outweigh the advantage in rate. Also, recently more and more local banks will accept the Navy Federal Credit Union ATM card; look for the "Plus" sign (ask for the "Bancomat").

**Dining Out**

Dining out in Italy can be a pleasurable experience. This will probably be one of the first aspects of Italian culture you encounter here, especially if you are accompanied and are living in a hotel for the first few weeks after you arrive. Your sponsor will almost certainly take you to his or her favorite spot. If they don't, ask them to do so.

Although authentic Italian cooking can be found in more and more places in the United States nowadays, you will find that what you get here is not what you get at most Italian restaurants in America. You will also find that there really is no such thing as "Italian food." Instead, there is a great variety of regional styles – cooking in

Milan is different, in general, from that of Bologna, Rome, Naples or Sicily. Many Americans think that Neapolitan cooking is some of the best Italy has to offer, and of course any Neapolitan will swear that is true.

In general, the cooking of the Naples and Gaeta regions features tomato-based sauces flavored with basil or oregano and the ever-present garlic, and like many other parts of Italy, seafood is a featured part of the cuisine.

And, yes, there are several McDonald's restaurants in Naples.

**Types of Eating Places**

There are several, distinctive types of places to eat in Naples, but the distinctions are blurring as U.S.-based lifestyles permeate Europe. The following are some terms you may see, and what they mean:

- **Bar:** This is usually not a U.S.-style bar, but rather a coffee shop or espresso bar. While you can buy beer, brandy or other alcoholic beverages at Italian bars, the central part of the bar is the espresso coffee machine. Bars are frequented throughout the day, but especially in the morning when they serve pastries to go with coffee. In bars, you must go to the cashier first, tell him or her what



**HERBS AND SPICES, ETC.  
(ERBE E SPEZIE)**

**Aglio:** Garlic.  
**Basilico:** Basil.

**Cannella:** Cinnamon.  
**Chiodi di Garofano:** Cloves.  
**Erba Cipollina:** Chives.  
**Lauro:** Bayleaf.  
**Maggiorana:** Marjoram.

**Menta:** Mint.  
**Noce Moscata:** Nutmeg.  
**Origano:** Oregano.  
**Pepe:** Pepper.  
**Peperoncino:** Chili pepper.

**Rafano:** Horseradish.  
**Sale:** Salt.  
**Salvia:** Sage.  
**Senape/Mostarda:** Mustard.  
**Timo:** Thyme.

**SOME GENERAL FOOD TERMS**

**Aceto:** Vinegar.  
**Affogato:** Poached.  
**Affumicato:** Smoked.  
**Arrosto:** Roasted.  
**Ben cotto:** Well done.  
**Bollito:** Boiled.

**(alla) Brace:** Cooked over live coals.  
**Brasato:** Braised.  
**Caldo:** Hot.  
**Cartoccio:** Cooked in a bag.  
**Cotto:** Cooked.  
**Crudo:** Raw.  
**(ai) Ferri:** "On iron"; grilled.

**(al) Forno:** Baked.  
**Farcito:** Stuffed.  
**Freddo:** Cold.  
**Fritto:** Fried, usually deep-fried.  
**(alla) Griglia:** Grilled.  
**Marinato:** Marinated.  
**Olio:** Oil.  
**Passato:** Pureed.

**(a) Piacere:** Of your choice.  
**Pieno, ripieno:** Stuffed.  
**Piccante:** Spicy.  
**(al) Sangue:** "Bloody," rare (of steaks and meats).  
**Soffritto:** Sauteed.  
**Spiedo:** Skewered.  
**Tritato:** Ground (as meat).

**MEAT AND GAME  
(CARNE E CACCIAGIONE)**

**Affettati:** Cold cuts.  
**Agnello:** Lamb.  
**Arista:** Loin of pork.  
**Bistecca:** Steak.  
**Capocollo:** Smoked salt pork.

**Capretto:** Kid (young goat).  
**Coniglio:** Rabbit.  
**Filetto:** Filet.  
**Lepre:** Hare.  
**Lombata:** Loin.  
**Lonza:** Loin, usually pork.  
**Lumache:** Snails.  
**Maiale:** Pork.  
**Manzo:** Beef.

**Pancetta:** Bacon.  
**Pollo:** Chicken.  
**Polpetta:** Meatballs.  
**Qoaglie:** Quail.  
**Rane:** Frogs, frog legs.  
**Salsa:** Sauce.

**Salsicce:** Fresh sausages.  
**Saltimbocca:** "Leaps into the mouth," thin slices of spiced veal.  
**Scaloppine:** Thin slices of boneless meat, usually veal.  
**Tacchino:** Turkey.  
**Tripa:** Tripe.  
**Vitello:** Veal.

you want and pay for it (of course, you can look at what is offered before you go to the cashier). Then take the receipt to the counter and order, leaving a small tip (usually about €0.10) with your receipt. Most Italians eat and drink standing up at these places. Many places have tables and chairs, but sitting down is in effect saying you want waiter service and are willing to pay the extra charge for that service. If you do get the waiter service, it is also customary to leave a small tip for the waiter above the cost of food and drink.

- **Pasticceria:** Pastry shop. Many times they are connected to a coffee bar, but places listed as a pasticceria offer a wider selection of pastries. Many also serve other food besides pastries, such as varieties of sandwiches. Some places may even put "panini" (literally, "little breads") on their signs and offer a larger selection. These

are excellent places to get a quick, inexpensive snack or lunch. Again, you pay first, then order.

- **Tavola Calda:** Literally, "hot table." The closest U.S. translation would be a "grill." These are more elaborate than panini shops, featuring hot dishes. Some are small with only a few choices each day. You may select what you want from a glass-enclosed display. Most have a few tables where you can sit. Some have become so elaborate that they are like U.S. self-service cafeterias, although the word "caffetteria" in Italian literally means a shop that sells coffee.

- **Rosticceria:** A place selling rotisserie-cooked meats, most often whole chickens. In Italian, a "something-eria" usually means a place that sells that "something." So, a polleria is a place that sells pollo (chicken). These places are great for getting an inexpensive, very tasty lunch or

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**VEGETABLES  
(VERDURE)**

**Asparagi:** Asparagus.  
**Bietole:** Swiss chard.  
**Broccoli:** Broccoli (comes in more varieties than Americans are used to).  
**Cappero:** Caper.  
**Carciofi:** Artichokes.  
**Carote:** Carrots.  
**Cavolfiori:** Cauliflower.  
**Cavolini di Bruxelles:** Brussels sprouts.

**Cavolo:** Cabbage.  
**Ceci:** Chick peas; garbanzos.  
**Cetrioli:** Cucumbers.  
**Cetriolini:** Pickles.  
**Cicoria:** Wild chicory.  
**Cipolle:** Onions.  
**Cipolline:** Pearl onions.  
**Crauti:** Sauerkraut.  
**Fagioli:** Beans.  
**Fagiolini:** Green beans.  
**Fave:** Broad beans.  
**Finocchio:** Fennel.  
**Friarielli:** A wild broccoli.  
**Funghi:** Mushrooms.

**Insalata:** Salad; verde (green), mista (mixed).  
**Lattuga:** Lettuce.  
**Lenticchie:** Lentils.  
**Melanzane:** Eggplant.  
**Olive:** Olives.  
**Patate:** Potatoes.  
**Peperoncini:** Small hot chili peppers.  
**Peperoni:** Bell peppers, NOT the hot sausage for pizza. For that, you order “salsiccia piccante.”  
**Piselli:** Peas.

**Pomodori:** Tomatoes.  
**Prezemolo:** Parsley.  
**Radicchio:** Wild chicory.  
**Radici/Rapanelli/Ravanelli:** Radishes.  
**Scarola:** Escarole.  
**Sedano:** Celery.  
**Spinaci:** Spinach.  
**Tartufi:** Truffles.  
**Zucca:** A large yellow squash.  
**Zucchini:** A long, green type of squash, just like in the United States.

**DESSERTS (DOLCI)**

**Biscotti:** Cookies.  
**Cannoli:** Pastry tubes filled with sweetened ricotta cheese mixed with cocoa and candied fruit.  
**Caramello:** Caramel.  
**Cassata gelato:** Ice cream with candied fruits and nuts.  
**Castagnaccio:** A baked cake made with chestnut flour with pine nuts, almonds, raisins and candied fruit.  
**Crema caramel:** Creme caramel; a custard topped with a caramelized sugar sauce.  
**Gelato:** Ice cream.  
**Granita:** Finely-shaved ice with fruit syrups. Thinner consistency than a snow-cone.

**Meringa:** Meringue shells.  
**Millefoglie:** “Thousand leaves.” A Napoleon; many very thin layers of pastry with custard filling, topped with powdered sugar.  
**Pan di Spagna:** “Spanish bread;” sponge cake.  
**Pandoro:** “Golden bread;” a very light cake, variously-shaped and usually topped with powdered sugar. Some come with cream or chocolate fillings. Usually associated with Christmas.  
**Panettone:** Similar to pandoro, but heavier and usually includes candied fruit, raisins and/or nuts. Normally associated with Christmas.  
**Panforte:** “Strong bread;” a flat, hard cake made with almonds, hazelnuts, honey and citron.  
**Profiterole/a Cioccolata:** Small cream-

filled pastry puffs topped with chocolate sauce and sometimes also whipped cream.  
**Sfogliatelle:** Small pastries filled with sweetened ricotta cheese and candied fruit. There are two types: *riccia* and *frolla*.  
**Sorbetto:** Sherbet.  
**Tartufi/di Cioccolata:** Truffles; little candy balls made of a chocolate, coffee and egg mixture, served cold; also an ice cream dessert resembling a truffle in shape.  
**Torta:** A widely-applied term referring to cakes and tortes of all types.  
**Zabaglione:** A custard dessert, flavored with white or Marsala wine.  
**Zuppa Inglese:** “English Soup.” What the British call trifle.

dinner. In the Naples and Gaeta regions, there are many such shops along the streets and highways selling chickens that have been roasted on a spit and basted with oil spiced with sage, marjoram and oregano.

- **Pizzeria:** A pizzeria serves Naples’ hallmark dish: pizza. Pizza was invented in Naples, but they are not the pizzas you typically find in the United States. They are usually individual size and come with a wide choice of toppings. Most pizzerias also sell other foods, and many other types of restaurants also advertise themselves as a pizzeria. For example, a place that calls itself a ristorante-pizzeria is telling you that, in addition to its full restaurant selections, they also serve pizza.

- **Trattoria:** A smaller, usually family-run restaurant with full waiter service. The menu is more limited, the decor usually less ornate and the prices usually lower than a full ristorante. These places are becoming rare, but can offer some of the best cooking available.

- **Ristorante:** A restaurant that offers a large selection of items on the menu and full waiter service. These range from small places to very large, ornate (and sometimes expensive) places.

The Naples region has some specialty restaurants serving Chinese, Japanese, Greek, Brazilian and French cuisine, but relatively fewer than in large cities in the United States.



**FRUIT AND NUTS  
(FRUTTA E NOCI)**

**Albicocche:** Apricots.  
**Ananas/Ananasso:** Pineapple.  
**Anacardi:** Cashews.  
**Anguria:** Watermelon.  
**Arachide:** Peanuts.  
**Aranci:** Oranges.  
**Banane:** Bananas.  
**Castagne:** Chestnuts.  
**Ciliegie:** Cherries.

**Cocomero:** Watermelon.  
**Datteri:** Dates.  
**Fichi:** Figs.  
**Fragole:** Strawberries.  
**Fragoline di bosco:** Wild strawberries.  
**Lamponi:** Raspberries.  
**Limone:** Lemon.  
**Mandarino:** Tangerine.  
**Melacotogne:** Quinces.  
**Melagrane:** Pomegranates.

**Mele:** Apples.  
**Melone:** Melons.  
**Mirtilli:** Blueberries.  
**More/More del gelso:** Blackberries; mulberries.  
**Nocciole:** Hazelnuts.  
**Noci:** Walnuts, specifically; also used for nuts in general  
**Noce di Cocco:** Coconut.  
**Pere:** Pears.  
**Pesche:** Peaches. (Be careful of

pronunciations: PESH SHAY is fish, PES KAY is peaches.)  
**Pinoli:** Pinenuts.  
**Pistacchi:** Pistachios.  
**Pompelmo:** Grapefruit.  
**Prugne:** Plums.  
**Rabarbaro:** Rhubarb.  
**Ribes:** Currants; nero (black), rosso (red).  
**Susine:** Plums.  
**Uva:** Grapes.  
**Visciola:** Wild cherry.

## The Italian Meal

This section applies to sit-down restaurants with waiter service. Eating in an Italian restaurant is different than in the United States. Quite apart from the differences in foods, there are also differences in customs and even in how the meal is arranged.

Generally the attitude in an Italian restaurant is that the table you occupy is yours for as long as you want – until closing if you desire. There is no sense of being hurried through a meal so someone else can use the table.

Also, mealtime in Italy is a social time, and diners take their time between courses to converse. To be a waiter in Italy is to be part of a respected profession. So, the waiters take pride in providing good service. However, they also respect the (expected) wishes of their clients and will not intrude on the socializing.

For some Americans, all these things combined give the impression that the service is bad. The waiters don't hang around your table asking if everything is OK; you have to catch their eye to tell them you are ready to order another course, or need more bread or want the check. The service usually isn't bad – it's just different and keyed to the Italian pace of life.

Restaurants are very willing to accommodate and serve children, and you are likely to see several families eating when you are there. Most restaurants will bring extra plates so you can share your meal with your small children. Also, if you ask them, most are willing to serve the children "mignon" (small portions) or a "mezza porzione" (half portion).

Mealtimes in Italy are later than most Americans are used to. Lunch rarely starts before 1 p.m., and 8 p.m. is the normal operating time for restaurants to serve dinner. It is not uncommon for an Italian family in a restaurant to start dining at 8:30 p.m. and leave the restaurant at 10:30 p.m. or later.

The meal is also arranged in courses – things don't arrive at once. The basic courses and order in which they arrive are as follows: antipasto (appetizer); primo (pasta); secondo (meat or fish – the main dish); contorni (vegetables or salad); fruit and / or cheese, dolci (dessert); and coffee and liqueurs. Wine, water and bread are available throughout the meal.

A main dish is only that – the food you

ordered. If you order veal, for example, you'll get a plate of veal. You won't get a salad or potato or other vegetable; those you have to order separately.

Pasta dishes are usually described with two terms: the first describes the shape or style of the noodles and the second describes the sauce or way of preparing it. For example, the tomato and meat sauce most Americans call spaghetti is called spaghetti alla bolognese – spaghetti in the style of Bologna. Pasta is generally either boiled or baked with various ingredients. Italians cook their pasta "al dente" (to the tooth), cooking it shorter times than most Americans. This gives the pasta a chewy texture.

Not surprisingly, every restaurant makes their sauces a little differently than other restaurants. There are also regional differences, so these terms should be used as general guides to what you may actually get. Also, most places have a house specialty ("della casa"), which is usually worth trying, but you may have to ask what is in it (for example, if you are allergic to shellfish, you would certainly want to know if the house specialty has seafood in it). The sauces are in a variety of consistencies, some very rich and heavy, others delicate and thin. Italian cooks have experimented for centuries with the sauces that go well with particular pasta shapes. For example, a thin sauce with shellfish will be served with spaghetti or linguini, while heavier sauces will be served with fettucine or tagliatelle.

Pizzas in Naples have thin chewy crusts, and because



they are usually cooked in a stone oven with wood coals, the edges and bottoms are sometimes scorched in places. The toppings tend to be thinner and usually have olive oil on them. So the flavor is not quite the same as U.S.-style pizza, but many Americans (and people of other nationalities) enjoy Neapolitan pizza very much.

Most pizzas come flat, about plate-sized. There is one version, however, called either ripieno or calzone, which is a pizza folded over the topping and then baked or fried to make a kind of stuffed pizza sandwich.

There are many different kinds of toppings with many different names, so you may have to ask what toppings a particular pizza actually has on it.

In addition to the charges for the food and drinks, your bill ("il conto") will usually include a coperto, which is a cover charge for linen, dishwashing and bread. There may also be a servizio, which is a charge for service. When this is charged it usually runs 10 to 15 percent and covers service charges.

When dining at a restaurant in Italy you are not expected to leave a 15 or 20 percent tip as is customary in the United States, even if there is no servizio charge listed on your bill. Tipping in Italy is at a diner's discretion. If you wish to leave a tip, it is customary to leave perhaps a euro for each person who dined (usually not to exceed 10 percent). Italians may or may not leave a tip at all.

## On-Base Eating Options

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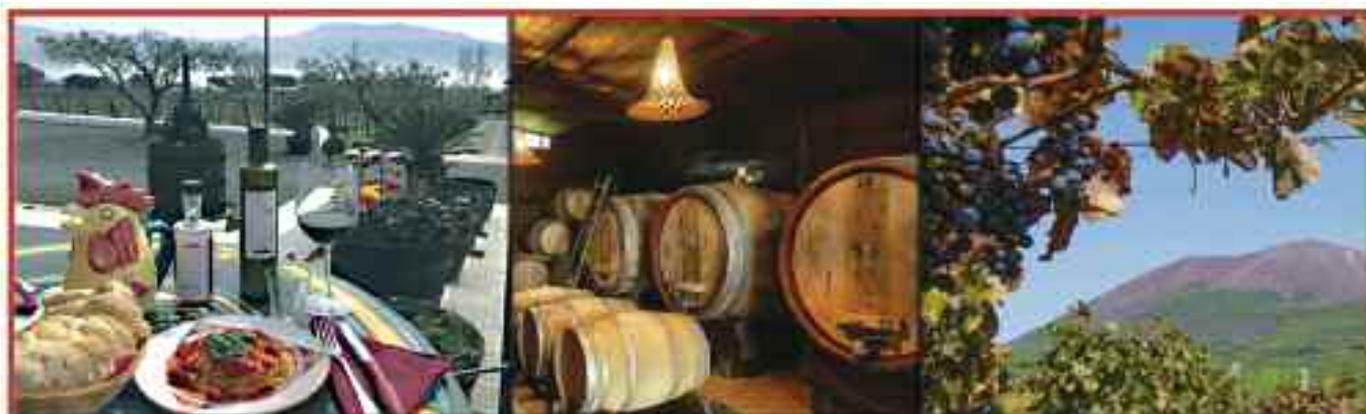
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*From the airport, take the Alibus directly to the central station at Piazza Garibaldi and beyond to the main port, Molo Beverello. Purchase tickets on the bus.  
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**W**hat is there to do and see during off-duty time? How do you get there? This section is designed to help answer these questions. It is separated into government and public transportation, on-base facilities, off-base facilities and some of the sights. The last section is nearly impossible to exhaust – there is so much available that it would take several books just to cover the highlights.

## Public Transportation

Naples has a highly developed public transportation system, encompassing buses, trolleys, subway and commuter trains, long-distance trains, cable cars, taxis, ferries, hydrofoils and airplanes.

There are also suburban and long-distance services, but these generally do not run as often or go as many places. Public transportation is not usually a viable home-to-work option for the Americans who live in the suburbs. Rather, public transportation is most useful for off-duty recreational travel.

## Buses

You can purchase a 90-minute ticket, "Unico Napoli," and use it to travel throughout Naples. Daily, weekly and monthly tickets are also available. Tickets must be bought in advance from bus terminal ticket offices, tobacco stores

or news stands. Once on the bus, validate your ticket by putting it in the ticket-punching machine. Ticket collectors are few but keep your ticket until you get off the bus. It may not happen often, but there could be a time when you are asked to produce your validated ticket. If you cannot do so, you may incur a heavy fine.

Because of the large number of bus lines and stops, it is easy to get confused. Directions in Naples are centered on some of the major piazzas and main streets. For example, you may be at the main train station area (Piazza Garibaldi) and want to get to "Castel Nuovo" (New Castle) near Piazza Municipio, so you would look for a bus that includes Piazza Municipio on its route. If you have access to "Tutta Città," a supplement to the Naples telephone directory, you can consult the listing of city bus routes. Another option is to visit the Office of Tourism's website: [www.inaples.it](http://www.inaples.it)

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there and also list the main areas that each bus covers. Bus stops are of two types: *obbligatoria* (mandatory stop) and *facoltativa* (request stop). The sign at each stop will indicate which type it is. If you are waiting for a bus at a *facoltativa* stop, you must wave at the bus you want when you see it coming otherwise, it will not stop.

There are also many suburban and long-distance routes, such as from Naples to Aversa or to the Amalfi coast. To travel these routes, you need “Unico Campania” tickets.

## Alibus

For €5 one-way, the Alibus circulates between Capodichino Airport, Piazza Garibaldi Central Train Station and Molo Beverello, the main port in Naples (close to the Castel Nuovo, Piazza del Plebiscito and Piazza Municipio). The Alibus runs every 20 minutes. Another alternative to reach Capodichino from the city center is route C68, which connects Piazza Carlo III in the city

center with Via Fulco Ruffo di Calabria, the street with the roundabout directly outside Naval Support Activity Naples Capodichino.

## Trolleys

There are few trolleys, the most useful being route No. 1. This runs past the port area, the central train station and northeast, near Shoe Alley. This route runs by many points of interest, but can take quite some time when compared to other forms of public transportation.

## Subway and Commuter Trains

**Metropolitana (Line 1):** This subway system runs from Piazza Dante to Piscinola with stops at the Naples Archaeological Museum; three stops in Vomero at Piazza Quattro Giornate, Piazza Vanvitelli and Piazza Medaglie d’Oro; and stops in Colli Aminei and Rione Alto.

**Metropolitana (Line 2):** This Naples’ subway line is often the most convenient for Allied personnel in Naples. The main segment runs from Pozzuoli to Gianturco in northeast Naples, with stops at Bagnoli, Cavalleggeri, Piazza Leopardi, Campi Flegrei, Mergellina, Piazza Amedeo, Montesanto, Piazza Cavour and Piazza Garibaldi.

Unico Napoli tickets may be used on most means of transportation within Naples city limits.

Here are most of the central-section stations and what they connect with:

- **Pozzuoli:** This station is located next to the Anfiteatro Flavio, the third-largest and one of the best-preserved Roman amphitheaters in Italy. It is a short walk away from the Solfatara volcano and the Pozzuoli port, where you can catch ferries to Ischia and Procida.
- **Bagnoli:** This subway stop is located about two blocks from the main gate at the old NATO base.



- **Campi Flegrei:** On Piazzale Tecchio where the soccer stadium is located. Here you can make connections to the Cumana train system, buses and trolley No.1. Only a short walk away is the Mostra d'Oltremare (the expo center) and zoo.

- **Mergellina:** This stop is near the Mergellina port in Naples. Hydrofoils to the islands can be caught two blocks away (turn right from the station and walk downhill through Piazza Sannazzaro to the waterfront). The funicolare to Posillipo is three blocks away (go to Piazza Sannazzaro, but stay to the right and head down Via Mergellina; the station is on the right-hand side of the street). Mergellina is close to the poet Virgil's tomb, which is on the hill behind the station. Villa Comunale, the site of Europe's oldest aquarium and an open air antique market, is a short walk away, as is the U.S. Consulate.

- **Piazza Amedeo:** From here, you can change to the Funicolare di Chiaia, which connects to the Vomero district. To reach the funicolare, turn left out of the station and walk uphill about 100 meters; the station is on the left. Piazza Amedeo is also close to the shopping area along Via dei Mille.

- **Montesanto:** Here you can change to the Cumana and Circumflegrea train lines, as well as the Funicolare di Montesanto. As you leave the station, walk across the small square and continue downhill on Via Olivella. Both the Cumana / Circumflegrea and funicolare stations are located at the end of this street on Piazza Montesanto. If you continue walking downhill and bear left at a small square called Pignasecca, you'll end up at the intersection of

Via Toledo (Via Roma) and Spaccanapoli. If you bear right at Piazza Pignasecca, you'll reach Piazza Carità.

- **Piazza Cavour:** The National Archeological Museum is at the west end of this square (turn right along Via Cavour as you exit the station, the museum is on the right). If you turn left when you leave the station, you'll soon reach the intersection with Via Duomo, where the Naples Cathedral (Duomo) is located; the street is also a main shopping street.

- **Piazza Garibaldi:** The subway is under the main Naples train station. You can transfer here to the Circumvesuviana commuter train, which stops on the level just above the subway platform. On the top level is the Stazione Centrale (Central Station), where you can catch trains for anywhere in Italy and most destinations in Europe. Outside at the street level is Piazza Garibaldi, a main bus terminal. Trolley lines also run through the piazza.

**Funicolari:** The world-famous Naples funicolari (singular funicolare) are similar to cable cars. They are not quite like the ones in San Francisco that travel along city streets. Rather, they have their own dedicated tracks. There are four funicolari in Naples. Three go into the Vomero section, an elegant residential and shopping area, and the fourth goes into the upscale residential area of Posillipo.

- **Centrale:** This car starts at Piazza Duca D'Aosta, a small square off Via Toledo across from Galleria Umberto and near the San Carlo Opera House. It ends very close to Piazza Vanvitelli, in the heart of Vomero's business and shopping district.

- **Chiaia:** This car starts at Parco Margherita, about 100 meters from Piazza Amedeo, and ends near Piazza Vanvitelli.

- **Montesanto:** This car runs from Montesanto to Via Morghen in Vomero, a few blocks from Piazza Vanvitelli.

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- **Mergellina:** This car runs from Mergellina to Via Manzoni in Posillipo.

**Cumana:** This train system runs from the Baia / Bacoli peninsula to Montesanto, with stops in Pozzuoli, Bagnoli (down the hill from the Metropolitana station), Edenlandia, Mostra d'Oltremare (the Neapolitan fairgrounds), Piazzale Tecchio, and Fuorigrotta (near the market).

**Circumflegrea:** This train runs from Montesanto around the north of Naples to Licola and Cuma, with stops in Soccavo, Pianura and Quarto.

**Circumvesuviana:** The main train station is located on Corso Garibaldi, just down the street from the main train station. However, you can also catch this train at Piazza Garibaldi. It has several lines that go to Ercolano, Pompei and the resort towns of Vico Equense and Sorrento.

## Long-Distance Trains

Trains connect you easily and conveniently with the rest of Italy and Europe. Depending on how many people are traveling, trains can be cheaper than driving, and in many cases (such as going to a crowded city like Rome or Florence) cause less hassle.

These can be caught at the main Naples train station, as well as from stations in Aversa and Formia.

Tickets can be purchased online, at the stations or from Information, Tours and Travel. Train tickets are valid for travel on a particular train in a particular seat. You may need to make a reservation for that train; some trains can only be ridden with a reservation.

There are four major types of trains, listed here in descending order of speed and cost. Examples are given of standard travel times from Naples to Rome:

- **Alta Velocità:** Travel between major cities at 200 kilometers per hour (1 hour, 15 minutes).
- **EuroStar:** Travel between major cities (1 hour, 45 minutes).
- **Intercity:** While they are slower than AV or ES trains, IC trains have more comfortable second class cabins, and arguably more personality. Since they are older, they are



*The ruins of Macellum (market building) was built in the Roman colony of Puteoli (now known as Pozzuoli) nearly 2,000 years ago, and excavated in the 18th century. The base of the columns appear to be surrounded by water, but this is an example of how the ground has moved slowly up and down with the ebb and flow of magma chambers deep within the earth. Photo by MC1 Daniel Barker*

likelier to be dirtier, however. Intercity "Plus" trains are somewhat newer and inexplicably cost less (2 hours to 2 hours, 13 minutes).

## Taxis

Naples' taxis operate 24 hours a day, but taxi fares are very expensive compared to other forms of local transportation. If you use a taxi, make sure it is a city-licensed one (it will have a Naples crest on the door and a taxi number) and use one with a meter. Insist on the meter being turned on before you get in the car. Many routes and destinations have pre-determined fixed rates. If you do use a taxi without running the meter, agree on a price before you get in.

Certain additions to the figure shown on the meter are legal, including fees for traveling at certain times of the day, crossing zones or city limits, carrying extra luggage, and service to and from Capodichino Airport.



## Airports

There are four main nearby airports to consider for air travel:

- **Capodichino Air Terminal:** Military flights depart from NSA Naples Capodichino using the same runways as the civilian flights. Space-A opportunities are available, and flights go to various locations in Europe, with some going to the United States. For military flight information, call passenger services at Commercial 081-568-5283.
- **Naples Capodichino (NAP):** This is the closest and most convenient airport, although it does not have as many flights as Rome's airports. The Naples airport is located at Capodichino, where you can get flights to other Italian cities and connections for international flights. You can park your car at the Capodichino base and walk to the terminal in just a few minutes.
- **Roma Fiumicino (Leonardo da Vinci Airport, FCO):** This is Rome's major airport. Although using this airport involves getting to Rome first, it is sometimes cheaper and easier since Rome has more flights than Naples.
- **Roma Ciampino (CIA):** Formerly a military-only airport, Ciampino now caters to low-cost airlines such as EasyJet and RyanAir. It does not have direct rail connections, but there are still various relatively cheap transportation options. If driving, do not follow signs for "Ciampino Centro" (shown with a target), only Ciampino Airport (with a picture of an airplane).

## Area Sights

Consider taking public transportation to the city center as the streets are narrow, traffic is heavy and parking is limited.

**Archaeological Museum** – Naples Archaeological Museum is without a doubt one of the most important archeological museums in the world. It houses principally the Farnese collection, which Charles of Bourbon inherited

## Tipsy Taxi

For U.S. military members, the NSA Naples Chief Petty Officers Association runs a Tipsy Taxi service to prevent drunk driving incidents. This service is anonymous, and the Chiefs Mess will cover up to 150 euro for cab fare, but fees must be repaid to the quarterdeck the following day. To use the Tipsy Taxi, call the NSA Command Duty Officer at 335-825-7986 or the NSA Quarterdeck at 081-568-5547 for a taxi ride to Support Site or Capodichino.

## Ferries and Hydrofoils

Ferries and hydrofoils depart frequently from Naples and Pozzuoli. Most routes serve the islands of Capri, Ischia and Procida and many will take you to the city of Sorrento. There are also some longer-haul ferries that run to the Pontine Islands, Aeolian Islands, Sicily and Tunisia.

There are three main ferry and hydrofoil landings: Molo Beverello (the primary downtown Naples port), Mergellina port and Pozzuoli port. Ferries are cheaper, but take longer.

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from the Farnese family who ruled the Duchy of Parma. The collection includes bronze statues, mosaics, paintings, furnishings and other items uncovered from the excavations of Herculaneum and Pompeii. Nearly every important movable item from those excavations can be found here. The museum also contains finds from other ancient sites in Campania and houses the Borgia Collection of Etruscan and Egyptian relics, as well as the Santangelo Collection of antique coins.

**Capodimonte Museum** – The Capodimonte Museum was once a hunting lodge for the Bourbon kings of Naples, but now it is one of the largest museums in Italy. It houses the National Picture Gallery that includes many paintings by Titian, as well as several other collections. The grounds are extensive and contain many ancient, large trees, along with a beautiful panoramic view of the Gulf of Naples.

**San Martino National Museum** – This museum, housed in a former Carthusian monastery on Vomero Hill, features terraced gardens and a spectacular view of both Naples and the Gulf of Naples. Additionally, the monastery's church and cloister feature impressive sculpture, paintings and inlaid marble decoration. The museum has a section of naval history, a section on the Kingdom of Naples and a collection of presepi (Nativity scenes).

**Duke of Martina Museum** – This museum – also known as the National Museum of Ceramics – is located in a park called Villa Floridiana. It contains valuable collections of European, Chinese and Japanese ceramics, as well as a collection of enamels and ivory.

**Naval Museum** – On display are models of the Italian navy's ships and nautical instruments from the 1850s on.

**Royal Palace of Naples** – The Royal Palace of Naples is a historic building located at the Piazza del Plebiscito, the largest public square in Naples. The magnificently decorated halls and rooms contain original Bourbon

furniture, paintings, statues and porcelain. The palace also houses the National Library, which has several collections, including approximately 2,000 papyrus scrolls uncovered at Herculaneum – an ancient Roman city, which was destroyed when Vesuvius erupted in 79 A.D.

**Duomo** – The Duomo is a Roman-Catholic church and is considered to be the main church of Naples. It is also the seat of the Archbishop of Naples. The Duomo is a fine example of Baroque art with frescoes by Domenichino and Giovanni Lanfranco. The Duomo is also home to a vial of blood from Saint Januarius, which is brought out twice a year, where it usually liquefies – known as the Blood Miracle. It is believed that if the blood does not liquify, then disaster will befall Naples.

**Sansevero Chapel** – This world-famous chapel museum is located in the heart of downtown Naples and houses masterpieces of 18th-century sculpture, including the Veiled Christ by Giuseppe Sanmartino.

**Lo Zoo di Napoli** – This popular family-oriented zoo is located on Viale Kennedy, near the Stadio San Paolo, where the Napoli Soccer Team plays home games. It is home to more than 500 specimens of about 100 different species.

## Pozzuoli

Pozzuoli is a city adjacent to Naples and is where Carney Park is located. Originally the Greek city of Dicaerchia and later the Roman city of Puteoli (where St. Paul stopped on his way to Rome – read about it in Acts 28:13-14), Pozzuoli still has ancient charm. More recently it has become famous as the hometown of actress Sophia Loren. Pozzuoli has three major hubs, which includes the porto (port), where ferries dock and the fanciest restaurants hug the water; Via Napoli (actually called Corso Umberto I or Lungomare Pertini) with its new

boardwalk and dozens of sidewalk restaurants and bars; and finally the amphitheater area, which is home to Roman ruins and smaller pubs. The following are some of the main sights in Pozzuoli:

**Tempio di Serapide** – This is located near the waterfront. The grounds are closed, but the ruins can be easily viewed at any time. Because they found a statue here of the god Serapide (Serapis), early archeologists thought this was the Temple of Serapide. However, it was actually an elaborate Roman marketplace. Driving to the site is the easiest way to get there. Just take Via Domitiana to the central piazza, turn left and head down the hill to the ruins. Or take the Metropolitana to Pozzuoli station and walk. Across the street is the Pozzuoli fish market.

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**Anfiteatro Flavio** – This is the third largest Roman amphitheater in Italy after the Colosseum in Rome and the arena in Capua, near Caserta. It was once a venue for gladiator fights. Today, many of the underground passages that were used to move fighters, beasts and scenery to the main arena remain. It is located on Via Domitiana and is open daily from 9 a.m. to dusk. The Metropolitana is the most convenient method of getting there. Just stop at the Pozzuoli station and walk from there.

**Vulcano Solfatara** – These hot, sulfurous vents have been amazing people since ancient times; this was also the site where San Gennaro (Saint Januarius) was beheaded. Open from 8:30 a.m. until one hour before dusk. Recently, the Solfatara caused a stir when a study proclaimed it a “natural Viagra.”

**Rione Terra** – This “land district” is the site of the original acropolis of the ancient Roman and Greek cities of Dicaerchia and Puteoli. Destroyed in the 1980s after a devastating earthquake, many of the ancient underground ruins and 17th- and 18th-century palaces above are now restored and available for tours. It’s almost an “underground Pompeii.” Open only on weekends from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## Aversa

Aversa is a town in the province of Caserta, less than 10 minutes away from the Support Site. It is an important rail junction, as well an area where the famous Asprino wine and mozzarella di bufala cheese are produced. It has many interesting monuments and churches, as well as numerous shops and restaurants. To reach Aversa from the Support Site, take bus T63R across from the main entrance of the base. The Information, Tours and Travel office sells bus tickets.

## Pompeii and Herculaneum

These two cities, spelled “Pompeii” and “Ercolano” in Italian, were destroyed when Mt. Vesuvius erupted in 79 A.D. In both towns, you can visit the excavated remains. Entry fees are charged. To get there, drive or take the Circumvesuviana train. The USO and Information, Tours and Travel also offer tours.

## Tours

Tours of local attractions are available through the Fleet and Family Support Center; Morale, Welfare and Recreation; Information, Tours and Travel; and the USO. These organizations run regular tours to many local areas, including Pozzuoli, Pompeii, Ercolano, Sorrento, Rome and many more. There are also commercial tour agencies, that can make travel arrangements for you.

## Entertainment

While here, a show at Naples’ Teatro San Carlo is a must. Located on Via San Carlo, this theater is one of the

most important opera houses in Europe. Built in 1737 (40 years earlier than La Scala in Milan) by Charles of Bourbon, it was destroyed by a fire in 1816 and then rebuilt six months later. The ballet schools of La Scala and San Carlo are the two oldest of their kind in Italy. The theater’s box office is open every day (except Mondays and public holidays) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 4:30 to 6 p.m. The phone number is 081-797-2331 / 2332, but be ready to speak Italian if you call.

Other major theaters are the Bellini, which often hosts shows in English, the Diana and the Teatro Augusteo.

**Calcio** – Football matches (“soccer” to Americans) take place at the San Paolo stadium in Fuorigrotta, near the Campi Flegrei station. While you’re in Italy, you should take the time to see how soccer was meant to be played. On the tamer side of sports, horse racing takes place at a track in Agnano, not far from Capodichino.

**Nightlife** – There are too many nightclubs and discos to even begin to list. The best way to find out what’s going on is to ask around and go out and experience the Italian nightlife for yourself. Once you’re out with the locals you’ll find your Italian language skills getting better and your tour here whizzing by.

## Clubs and Organizations

There is so much to see and do in this area, and one of the best ways to get out and see it all is by joining one of

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the many clubs or organizations in the Naples area. Whether you're into scuba diving off the Island of Capri or enjoying delicious and entertaining luncheons with an international flair, there's something here for everyone. The best way to find out what is going on in Naples is to read "Panorama" and the biweekly Public Affairs Notes.

**Allied Spouses Club:** ASC is a group dedicated to supporting local and international charities through friendship and cooperation. To achieve its mission, the club sponsors two major charity fundraisers: the International Charity Bazaar in October, and international lunches from January through May. Other club activities include daytrips to local tourist spots and a complimentary Christmas Coffee to bring the holiday cheer and spirit. For membership information, e-mail [ascpresidentjfc@gmail.com](mailto:ascpresidentjfc@gmail.com)

**American Soccer Club of Napoli:** ASC Napoli provides exposure to the game of soccer in the form of advanced training and competition with area Italian soccer clubs. The club is open to all U.S. and NATO dependents ages 7 to 18. For more information, practice locations or questions, visit [www.ascnapoli.com](http://www.ascnapoli.com) or become a fan of the group on Facebook.

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A rainbow seen from the cliffs overlooking the harbor at Sorrento along the Amalfi coast. Photo by Cmdr. Don Biadog Jr.

Monday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. in the Support Site Community Center.

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 Naples (Italian) . . . . .081-752-0696  
**American Consulate (Naples)** . . . . .081-583-8111  
**American Embassy (Rome)** . . . . .06-46741  
**American Red Cross** . . . . .626-4788/9  
**Anesthesiology (USNH)** . . . . .629-6417  
**Anglo-American School (JFC)** . . . . .081-721-2266  
**Appointments (USNH)** . . . . .629-6000  
**Appointments (Capo Clinic)** . . . . .626-4786  
**Army Element** . . . . .081-721-2214  
**Audiology (USNH)** . . . . .629-6287  
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**Auto Port** . . . . .629-4957  
**Automated Telephone Operator**  
**Service for Naples Area** . . . . .626-2002  
 Commercial . . . . .081-568-2002

**B**

- Bachelor Housing (Capo)** . . . . .626-5250  
**Bachelor Housing (Support Site)** . . . . .629-4018  
**Bambusa** . . . . .629-6587  
**Banco di Napoli (JFC)** . . . . .081-721-2278  
**Barber Shop**  
 JFC Naples . . . . .081-721-2949  
 Capodichino . . . . .626-4280  
 Gricignano . . . . .081-502-7349  
**Baskin Robbins** . . . . .081-502-7111  
**Beauty Salon**  
 Capodichino . . . . .626-4280  
 Gricignano . . . . .081-502-7349  
**Bella Napoli Food Court**  
 Catering . . . . .626-5229  
 Olde Town Pub . . . . .626-5699  
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**Bowling Center** . . . . .629-6976  
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**British Forces Store** . . . . .081-721-2472

**C**

- Capo Inn** . . . . .626-5250  
 Fax . . . . .626-4842  
**Car Rental (EuropCar)**  
 Capodichino . . . . .626-5298  
 Gricignano . . . . .629-4172  
**Carney Park Security** . . . . .081-526-3418  
**Carney Park Sports Store** . . . . .081-526-1579  
**Central Texas College** . . . . .626-6761  
**Chapel/Chaplains**  
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 Gricignano . . . . .629-4600  
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- Child Development Center**  
 Capodichino . . . . .626-5116  
 Gricignano . . . . .629-4989  
**CMAS/CSS** . . . . .626-4444/ 081-721-2917  
**CMVRO** . . . . .629-4050  
**CNE C6F** . . . . .626-2938  
**CNRE** . . . . .626-2891/2961  
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**COMAIRSOUTH** . . . . .081-721-2538  
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**Community Bank** . . . . .081-635-5301  
**COMNAVSOUTH** . . . . .081-721-6312  
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 Military Sealift Command . . . . .626-3569  
**COMSIXTHFLT (Staff)** . . . . .626-9000  
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**COMSUBSOUTH** . . . . .626-4444  
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**COMNAVEUR (CNE)** . . . . .628-4107  
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**CREDO** . . . . .626-5255  
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**C12 Flight Support** . . . . .626-5057  
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- Defense Commissary Agency (DECA)**  
**Customer Service** . . . . .629-4882  
**Defense Distribution Mapping Activity**  
**Map Support Office** . . . . .626-5475/5477/5280  
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**Liaison Officer** . . . . .626-3221  
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**Europe (DSCPE)** . . . . .626-5293  
**Dental Clinic (Information/Appt Desk)**  
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 JFC Naples . . . . .081-721-2330  
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**Dry Cleaning (Capo)** . . . . .626-4281  
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**E**

- Education Center**  
 Army Counselor . . . . .081-721-3810  
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**Educational Development**  
**Intervention Services (EDIS)** . . . . .629-4676  
**Educational Service Office (ESO)** . . . . .626-5358  
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**Emergency Room (USNH)** . . . . .629-6150  
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- Fairways Bar & Grill**  
 (Carney Park) . . . . .081-526-5418

- Family Practice Clinics**  
 Capodichino . . . . .626-5311  
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**Field Operating Base** . . . . .626-3400  
**Fire Department**  
 Fire Chief . . . . .626-5222  
 Fax . . . . .626-5593  
**Fire Stations**  
 JFC Naples CMC . . . . .081-721-2445  
 Capodichino . . . . .081-568-4911/911  
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**Frame Shop (Support Site)** . . . . .081-502-7134  
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 JFC Naples . . . . .081-721-2770  
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 Gaeta . . . . .081-568-8357  
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 Capo Quick Stop Center . . . . .626-4296  
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**Human Resources Office (HRO)** . . . . .626-5409

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**Information Systems Department**  
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 Capodichino . . . . .626-4488/4330/4331  
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 Fax . . . . .629-6568  
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 Fax . . . . .629-6572  
**Internal Medicine (USNH)** . . . . .629-6291/2

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- Bar Rizzo .....081-721-2910
- Barber Shop (Bldg L) .....081-721-2949
- Brunelli Laundry/Tailor .....081-721-2462
- Frame Shop 3F .....081-721-3113
- Gas Station Bar .....081-721-2350
- Gym .....081-721-2770
- International Store .....081-721-2261
- Library .....081-721-2608
- MWA Central Office .....081-721-2191
- Newstand .....081-721-2709
- Panda Plant Flower Shop .....081-721-2772
- Pelino's Cafe .....081-721-3926
- Plax .....081-721-2134
- Ristoproject 2  
International Mess .....081-721-2101
- Sannino .....081-721-2517
- Tafuri Optical Store .....081-721-2072
- Tony's Hardware .....081-721-2633

**L**

- Laboratory (USNH)** .....629-6191
- Legal**  
Naval Legal Service Office .....626-4576  
Region Legal Service Office .....626-3131
- Liberty** .....626-4896
- Library**  
JFC Naples .....081-721-2608  
Capodichino .....626-3666  
Gricignano .....629-4361

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- Mid Atlantic Regional Maintenance Center**  
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- Motor Vehicle Registration Office/**  
Driver's License Clerk .....629-6876/9
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- Naples Elementary School** .....629-4037
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- Naval Regional Contracting**  
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- Navy Exchange Customer Service**  
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Gricignano .....629-4887/8/9
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Fax .....629-6597
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.....626-3913/12  
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- NCIS** .....626-6002
- NCTAMS**  
JFTOC .....626-6141  
CDO .....626-6028
- NCTS** .....626-4242
- NLSO** .....626-4576
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- Occupational Medicine**  
Capodichino .....626-5973  
Gricignano .....629-6302
- OICC**  
Capodichino .....626-3928  
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- Operator** .....112/113
- Optical Shop** .....081-502-7113
- Orthopedics (USNH)** .....629-6388

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- Panorama** .....626-5335/5912  
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- Pass and ID Office**  
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Capodichino Pharmacy .....626-5978
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- Physical Therapy (USNH)** .....629-6183
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Gricignano .....629-6600
- Port Operations Office** .....081-568-8341/8303
- Post Office**  
JFC Naples .....628-6115  
Capodichino .....081-568-5371/5506/6718  
Gaeta .....081-568-8361  
Gricignano .....081-811-4336
- POV Lot** .....629-6522
- Preventive Medicine (USNH)** .....629-6300/1
- Pronto Center** .....626-5448/5230
- Pro Shop (Carney Park)** .....081-526-1579
- Public Affairs Office** .....626-5856
- Public Works Trouble Desk** .....626-4981

**Q**

- Quarterdeck** .....626-5547

**R**

- Radiology** .....629-6168
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- Residential Services** .....081-813-5321

**S**

- SATO (Commercial Travel Office)**  
.....081-599-2613/14/16

- Fax .....081-599-1163
- School Liaison Officer** .....629-6549
- Substance Abuse Rehabilitation Program**  
SARP .....626-5500  
Fax .....626-5580
- Security**  
JFC Naples .....081-721-2285  
Capodichino .....626-5638  
Gaeta .....626-8352  
Gricignano .....629-4391
- Schools**  
Montessori School .....081-721-2266  
Elementary School .....629-4161  
Fax .....629-4057  
High School Admin .....629-4061  
Guidance Office .....629-4536  
Fax .....629-4078
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- Teen Center** .....629-4395
- Telephone Billing Office** .....629-5000
- Telephone Trouble Desk**  
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DODDS Schools .....629-4769
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- UMUC-Europe** .....626-6675
- Uniform Shop**  
Capodichino .....626-4286  
United Services Organization (USO) .626-5713
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University of Oklahoma .....626-6672  
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University of Maryland .....626-6673/4/5
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- U.S. Defense Attaché Office Rome** .626-5023
- USO**  
Capo Office .....626-5713  
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- U.S. Sending State Office for Italy**  
.....064-674-2153/2354/2303
- USS Mount Whitney Switchboard** .626-9000

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- Veterinarian**  
Animal Vet .....629-7913
- Video Rental**  
Gricignano .....629-6584

**WXYZ**

- WIC (FFSC)** .....629-4960
- Youth Sports** .....081-526-2137

**MWR DIRECTORY**

**CAPODICHINO**

*DSN numbers are listed.  
To call commercially, dial 081-568-XXXX*

**Administration**

Mon-Fri: .....7 a.m. -3:30 p.m.  
DSN: .....626-4050

**Bella Napoli**

**FOOD COURT VENDOR HOURS VARY**

Mon-Fri .....6am-10pm  
Sat & Sun .....8am-10pm  
DSN .....626-5229

**Child Development Center**

Mon-Fri: .....6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
DSN: .....626-5116

**FitZone Fitness Center**

Mon-Fri: .....5 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Sat .....8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Sun .....8 a.m.-1p.m.  
DSN: .....626-4266/4265

**Information, Tours & Travel (ITT)**

Mon-Fri: .....10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
DSN: .....626-4488

**Liberty**

Mon-Fri: .....11 a.m.-9 p.m.  
Sat-Sun: .....1 p.m.-9 p.m.  
DSN: .....626-4896

**Library**

Mon-Fri: .....10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
DSN: .....626-3666

**Olde Town Pub (Bella Napoli)**

Sun-Thu: .....11 a.m.-11:30 p.m.  
Fri-Sun: .....11 a.m.-1:30 a.m.  
DSN: .....626-5699

**Personnel**

Mon-Fri: .....7a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
DSN: .....626-5612

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Tue-Fri: .....11 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Sat & Sun: .....9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Mon: .....Closed  
DSN: .....629-4971

**Child Development Center**

Mon-Fri: .....6 a.m.-6 p.m.  
DSN: .....629-4989

**Fitness Forum**

Mon-Fri: .....5 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Sat, Sun & Holidays: ..8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
DSN: .....629-6611/6604

**Information, Tours & Travel (ITT)**

Mon-Fri: .....9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
DSN: .....629-7900

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Mon-Fri: .....9 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Sat: .....11 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sun: .....closed  
DSN: .....629-4361

**MWR Marketing**

Mon-Fri: .....8 a.m.- 4 p.m.  
DSN: .....629-6721

**Pool (Summer hours only)**

Fri-Tues: .....noon- 7 p.m.  
Wed & Thu: .....lessons  
DSN: .....629-6512

**Strikers & O'Rhys**

**SNACK BAR**

Mon: .....closed  
Tues-Thurs & Sun: .....7am-9pm  
Fri & Sat: .....7am-11pm  
Delivery Thurs-Sat: .....4pm-9pm

**BOWLING**

Mon .....closed  
Tues-Thurs .....3pm-9pm  
Fri & Sat .....9am-midnight  
Sun .....noon-9pm

**O'RHYS**

Mon-Thurs & Sun: .....3pm-10pm  
Fri & Sat .....3pm-1am

**Youth Activities**

**School Age Care (SAC)**

Mon-Fri: .....6 a.m.-6 p.m.  
DSN: .....629-4722

**Youth Activities**

**Teen Center**

Mon-Thu: .....12-8 p.m.  
Fri: .....12-10 p.m.  
Sat: .....1:30- 10p.m.  
Sun: .....closed  
DSN: .....629-4395

**CARNEY PARK**

*All telephone numbers are commercial numbers.*

**Fairways Bar & Grill**

Wed-Fri .....11am-6pm  
Sat & Sun .....8am-6pm  
Mon & Tues .....closed  
\*\* Call for SUMMER HOURS  
Comm: .....081-526-5418

**Golf Course & Pro Shop**

Mon, Wed-Fri: .....9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Tue: 12-5 p.m.  
Sat, Sun & Holidays: .....8 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Comm: .....081-526-4296

**Navy Outdoor Recreation Center**

Mon-Tue & Thu-Fri: .....10 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Wed: 11 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Sat: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Sun: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Comm: .....081-526-1579/3395

**Youth Sports**

Mon-Fri: .....9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Comm: .....331-197-4131

**Pool**

(Summer hours only)  
Fri-Sun: .....11 a.m.-7 p.m.  
Mon-Thu: .....Closed  
Comm: .....081-526-2140

**GAETA**

*Note: Services may be adjusted concerning the ship presence in port. All telephone numbers listed are commercial numbers.*

**Barber shop**

Mon-Fri: .....10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
Comm: .....0771-461023

**Base access**

Mon-Fri: .....8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Comm: .....081-458-8302/8338

**Dispatch**

DSN: .....626-8344

**FFSC**

Mon-Fri: .....8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Comm: .....081-568-8354/7

**Host nation administration**

Mon-Fri: .....8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Comm: .....081-458-8302/8338

**Housing Welcome Center**

Mon-Fri: .....8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Comm: .....081-568-8307/8/9

**Logistics/Port operations**

Mon-Fri: .....8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Comm: .....081-568-8341/8303

**Main Gate**

Comm: .....081-568-8344

**MWR Fleet Recreation Center**

Mon-Fri (Ship in): ..10 a.m.-10 p.m.  
Mon-Fri (Ship out): ..10 a.m. to 7 p.m.  
Comm: .....081-568-8357

**NCTS**

Mon-Fri: .....8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Comm: .....081-568-8300

**NEX Mini-Mart**

Mon-Fri (Ship in): ..10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Mon-Fri (Ship out): ..10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
Comm: .....0771-466252  
Fax: .....0771-464550

**Post Office**

Mon-Fri: .....9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.  
Comm: .....081-568-8361

**Public Works Department (PWD)**

Mon-Fri: .....7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Comm: .....081-568-8304

**Security**

Watch Commander:  
Comm: .....081-568-8352  
ECP Front Gate:  
Comm: .....081-568-8344  
USS Mount Whitney In-port:  
Comm: .....0771-461759

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**ITALIAN EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

Italy is a safe country. However, should you find yourself in a difficult situation, it is best to turn to the police forces in charge of safety. An efficient, modern, integrated network with the switchboards of the various police forces, emergency services, organizations and agencies is ready to respond to emergency calls from anywhere in Italy. Access to this network is simple and quick. All you have to do is call the national emergency numbers, which are well known and easy to remember.

**STATE POLICE: 113**

This is the single national number to report all kinds of emergencies such as theft, robbery or assault, or accidents and health emergencies. This number corresponds to the switchboard network of the state police, which operates 24/7.

**CARABINIERI: 112**

Dialing 112 will put you through to the switchboards of the Carabinieri. In 1991, the European Union introduced 112 as the single emergency number for all member states, in order to make life easier for tourists and foreign citizens on their travels within the continent. For this reason, a reply service in a number of languages is provided for calls to this number.

**FIRE SERVICES: 115**

In the event of fire, smoke or gas leaks, you can call the fire services directly. They are present throughout Italy and can also intervene swiftly in the event of earthquakes or other disaster situations.

**HEALTH EMERGENCIES: 118**

You can call this number from anywhere in Italy (including the islands) to alert the health care network and request ambulance transport to the nearest hospital or health care facility. A helicopter ambulance service is also available to access the more isolated or difficult to reach areas.

**ROAD RESCUE: 803-116**

This is the ACI Road Emergency number, available to ACI members and customers who request ACI services, such as road emergencies, car replacement, car towage, medical assistance, throughout Italy. The number is free of charge and active only in Italy 24/7.

**FOREST FIRES: 1515**

This is the number to call for environmental emergencies. The service is active 24/7. The Forestry Corps is in charge of safeguarding the country's environmental and landscape heritage, and deals in particular with forest fires, which are a permanent problem especially during the summer months.

**COASTGUARD - SEA RESCUE: 1530**

If your boat breaks down or you have another emergency in Italy's territorial waters, contact the national coastguard at this number.

*For on-base emergencies, dial 081-568-4911 or 911 from DSN phones.*

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## CONVERSION TABLES

### LENGTH

Centimeter (cm)	cm/in.	inches(in)
2,54	1	0,394
5,08	2	0,787
7,62	3	1,181
10,16	4	1,575
12,70	5	1,969
15,24	6	2,362
17,78	7	2,756
20,32	8	3,150
22,86	9	3,543
25,40	10	3,937
50,80	20	7,874
76,20	30	11,811
101,60	40	15,748
127,00	50	19,685
152,40	60	23,622
177,80	70	27,559
203,20	80	31,496
228,60	90	35,433
254,00	100	39,370

### LENGTH

Kilometers (cm)	km/in.	miles
1,609	1	0,621
3,219	2	1,243
4,828	3	1,864
6,437	4	2,485
8,047	5	3,107
9,656	6	3,728
11,265	7	4,350
12,875	8	4,971
14,484	9	5,592
16,093	10	6,214
32,187	20	12,427
48,280	30	18,641
64,374	40	24,855
80,467	50	31,069
96,561	60	37,282
112,654	70	43,496
128,748	80	49,710
144,841	90	55,923
160,934	100	62,137

### AREA

Hectares (ha)	ha/acres	acres
0,405	1	2,471
0,809	2	4,942
1,214	3	7,413
1,619	4	9,884
2,023	5	12,355
2,428	6	14,826
2,833	7	17,297
3,237	8	19,769
3,642	9	22,240
4,047	10	24,711
8,094	20	49,421
12,140	30	74,132
16,187	40	98,842
20,234	50	123,553
24,281	60	148,263
28,328	70	172,974
32,375	80	197,684
36,422	90	222,395
40,469	100	247,105

### WEIGHT

Kilogram (Kg)	Kg/Lb	Pounds (Lb)
0,454	1	2,205
0,907	2	4,409
1,361	3	6,614
1,814	4	8,819
2,268	5	11,023
2,722	6	13,228
3,175	7	15,432
3,629	8	17,637
4,082	9	19,842
4,536	10	22,046
9,072	20	44,092
13,608	30	66,139
18,144	40	88,185
22,680	50	110,231
27,216	60	132,277
31,752	70	154,324
36,287	80	176,370
40,823	90	198,416
45,359	100	220,462

### WEIGHT

Tonnes (t)	t/US short tons	US short tons
0,907	1	1,102
1,814	2	2,205
2,722	3	3,307
3,629	4	4,409
4,536	5	5,512
5,443	6	6,614
6,350	7	7,716
7,257	8	8,818
8,165	9	9,921
9,072	10	11,023
18,144	20	22,046
27,216	30	33,069
36,287	40	44,092
45,359	50	55,116
54,431	60	66,139
63,503	70	77,162
72,575	80	88,185
81,647	90	99,208
90,719	100	110,231

### VOLUME

Liters (l)	l/US gal	US gallons (gal)
3,785	1	0,264
7,571	2	0,528
11,356	3	0,793
15,142	4	1,057
18,927	5	1,321
22,712	6	1,585
26,498	7	1,849
30,283	8	2,113
34,069	9	2,378
37,854	10	2,642
75,708	20	5,284
113,562	30	7,925
151,416	40	10,657
189,271	50	13,209
227,125	60	15,851
264,979	70	18,493
302,833	80	21,134
340,687	90	23,776
378,541	100	26,418



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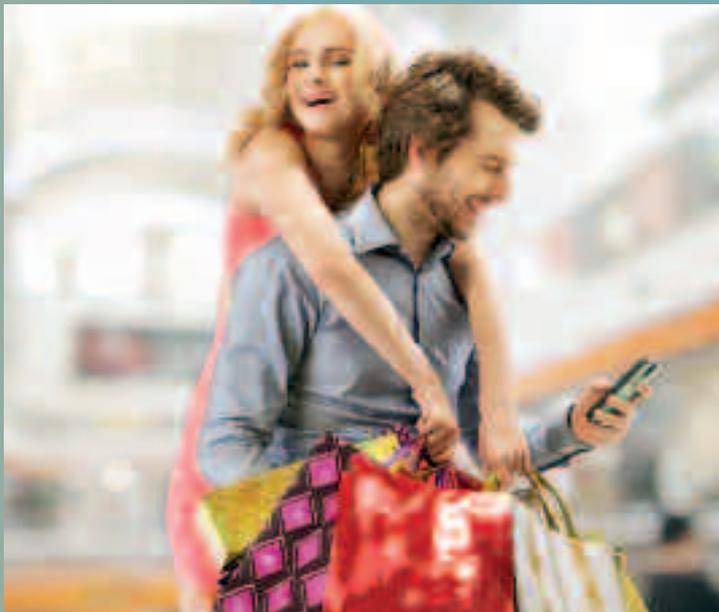
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