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REGION COMMANDER'S PERSPECTIVE

Last month, I concluded my first year as Commander, Navy Region Europe Africa Southwest Asia - the best Region in the Navy. One year at the helm – one of the best years of my career - and it has been a busy time for us all. We have accomplished many things over the last year and I know we will do many more great things together.

November is Military Family Month, when we honor military families and recommit to providing them the fullest care and demonstrating the respect they deserve from a grateful nation. Courageous men and women of all backgrounds and beliefs have banded together to fight for the freedoms we cherish. Behind each of them stands a parent, a sibling, a child, a spouse -- proud family members who share the weight of deployment and make profound sacrifices on behalf of our country.

In military families, we see the best the world has to offer. They demonstrate the virtues that have made us such a successful nation, and the values that will preserve our greatness for centuries to come. With loved ones often serving far from home, military spouses take on the work of two. Their children show courage and resilience as they move from base to base, country to country, home to home. Even through the strain of deployment, military families strengthen the fabric of each community they touch.

11 November is Veterans Day. On this day, we honor all who have served in the military. From the Minutemen who stood watch over Lexington and Concord, to our brothers and sisters in-arms who have served in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan, our Veterans have our deepest appreciation and respect. Throughout our history, service members have enlisted in times of peace and in times of war, served our Nation with honor under the most difficult circumstances, and sacrificed more than many of us can begin to imagine. We should all reflect on the invaluable contributions of our Nation's Veterans, and recommit ourselves to the principles of liberty and freedom that they fought to preserve.

To all our family members, thank you so m
uch for your love and support, which I truly believe directly contributes to the strength of our Navy. Family readiness and combat readiness go hand in hand and we couldn't do our jobs without you.

With the coming of Thanksgiving, starts the holiday season. If you are going to travel in the coming months, I hope you and your loved ones enjoy a safe, memorable and well-deserved time together. Please remember to keep safety at the forefront, particularly if your plans include travel to other parts of Europe and the world.

As always, take care of yourself, take care of your shipmates and take care of your family!

RDML Jack Scorby
Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia

HONORING SERVICE

By MC2 Luke Meineke, CNREURAFSWA Public Affairs

Four years saw more than 65 million men, from 30 different countries, fight, struggle, and pit themselves against each other. Nearly 10 million fighting men died.

It was a period of upheaval, the world cast in a chaotic swirl, as society made huge leaps of technological advancement toward the killing of men. The birth of modern aerial warfare, the birth of the tank, the flamethrower, chemical warfare, the widespread use of the machine gun.

It was the genesis of shell shock, plastic surgery, victory gardens, the League of Nations, the Union of the Soviet Socialist Republic (USSR), and the United States as the largest military power in the world.

It was the Great War. It was the War to End All Wars.

And, on the eleventh hour, of the eleventh day, in the eleventh month of 1918, it was the genesis of the first time we, as a nation, officially honored our veterans.

As President Woodrow Wilson said during the proclamation of the holiday, “To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations.”

With Armistice Day, requested by Germany on November 6 and signed on the 11th, World War

I was officially over. 45 years later, the United States renamed it to Veterans Day as, in the most appropriate terminology, “a celebration to honor America’s veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.”

- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

It is not to be mistaken for Memorial Day, which remembers the men and women who died while serving.

And that, for me, is of the utmost importance. Because no matter the theater served, be it in war or in peace, wielding a weapon or processing a form, all service members sacrifice.

Most notably, though not singly, we are apart. We are removed. We are taken great distances from our families, our friends, our loved ones, our comfort. That, in my estimation, more than anything, unites us. No matter our job, no matter our station, no matter the country in which we honor our service, we sacrifice through separation.

Deployments, tours, being stationed CONUS or OCONUS, this separation demands that we miss. We miss birthdays, we miss births. We miss celebrating holidays with family. We miss weddings, graduations. We miss firsts: first steps, first words, first anniversaries, first days of school.

For me, this year above the other four I’ve served, that’s what I’ll carry in my breast foremost: the knowing that, in serving, I’ve sacrificed my presence to those I love most. That I ask my family, I ask my friends, and I ask a girl to love me despite my absence, despite any lack I’ve placed in their lives.

But I do so with pride, knowing that while I sacrifice, and that while I live apart from those I love, I serve something greater than myself. I know that while I sit at a desk in front of a computer, or wield a camera or a pen instead of rifle, I contribute to this thing, this force, that engenders profundity - because how else would you describe a military force that keeps open the shipping lanes and routes that facilitate more than 90% of all international trade? How else would you describe a force that represents the single greatest military body as a deterrant to war?

My part, however small, and my sacrifice, however personal, will be what I feel is honored on November 11. And I’ll know on this coming Tuesday, as I fly to Romania to fulfill yet another mission, that I, along with more than 1 million fellow serving members, am honored and that my service, my sacrifice, is valued.

Family Service Spanning Generations: A Sailor Remembers

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jeffrey M. Richardson,
Naval Support Activity Souda Bay Public Affairs

Throughout life, Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Andrew Brame has heard stories from his cousin, a Marine who served in Iraq during the battle of Falluja, as well as the endless tales of his grandfather, a decorated WWII Army Infantry Captain. It was these narratives which inspired him to sign enlistment papers in December 2012, and start his own journey while following in family footsteps of service in the U.S. Military.

This is an undated photo of Army Sergeant Major Sol Brame, who retired after twenty years of service. (Photo provided by Mass Communications Specialist 3rd Class Andrew Brame, a descendant of Sgt. Maj. Brame.)

Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Andrew Brame prepares to capture the Chief's pinning ceremony held in the gymnasium of U.S. Naval Support Activity (NSA) Souda Bay. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jeffrey M. Richardson/Released)

There are few who can boast of having a family member who fought alongside the renowned General Douglas MacArthur, and fewer still who can say their grandfather was awarded France's highest national honor of valor in combat. Brame's maternal grandfather, Captain Henry Paul, received France's Legion of Honor, making him a knight in the French Empire. His grandfather also earned a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart for his actions in the European Theatre. But it wasn't only his maternal grandfather who took the oath of enlistment. Brame's paternal grandfather, Sol Brame, served in the U.S Army for twenty years, including a deployment to Korea, before retiring as a Sergeant Major.

Veteran's Day is a day set aside to honor veterans of the U.S. armed forces and those killed in battle. Originally called Armistice Day, it began as a commemoration of the ending of World War I on November 11,

1918. After World War II it was recognized as a day to pay tribute to all service members, and in 1954 it was designated as Veterans Day. On this Veteran's Day, Brame says he will honor and remember his grandfathers and other veteran family members; "[They are] the people I hope to be like. Yes, it's about honoring their service, but more importantly it's about stopping to consider the examples they set and reminding yourself who you aspire to be like." His plans for the day will include re-listening to an old recorded interview his uncle taped of his grandfather, who served in World War II. "That interview was one of the only times he ever told war stories. He also talked a lot about his childhood and the family he started after the war. That interview means a lot to me."

As a Sailor who is goal oriented, Brame has his sights set high in just his almost two short years of

An undated photo of Army Captain Henry Paul, a French Legion of Honor recipient. (Photo provided by Mass Communications Specialist 3rd Class Andrew Brame, decendant of Capt. Paul)

Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Andrew Brame interviews a Sailor assigned to USS Mahan (DDG-72) during a community outreach event for the 1st School of Kounoupidiana. U.S. Naval Support Activity Souda Bay coordinated the multi-day interior painting project for the school, which is the primary education center for 300 local children, in an effort to support local community ties. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jeffrey M. Richardson/Released)

military service. He aspires to go to Combat Camera, a visual information acquisition unit providing documentation covering air, sea, underwater, and ground actions of armed forces engaged in combat, combat support operations, humanitarian efforts, scientific research, and related peacetime activities such as exercises and war games. Brame is using every available avenue to reach his goal of being assigned to Combat Camera as well as developing a portfolio to submit for a special program at Syracuse University. "I would love to have an opportunity to tell the stories of those who are deployed to areas with conflict" noted MC3.

This veterans day, Brame will join the ranks of his grandfathers and cousin and celebrate not only their achievements in the U.S. Armed Services but celebrate and reflect upon his achievements as a veteran as well.

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RIDING to HONOR

Story and photos by Laura Byrd

A veteran and motorcyclist rides from the Naval Support Activity Naples Support Site to the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery located south of Rome in order to attend a Veterans Day ceremony hosted by the cemetery. (Photo by Laura Byrd)

Members of the Naples Military Harley Owners Group (HOG) Chapter will be coming together for a group ride to the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery (SRAC) in Nettuno, Italy to lay a wreath for the fallen on Veterans Day.

Motorcycle groups regularly ride to Nettuno to honor the fallen on Memorial Day, but have also gone to the cemetery for Veterans Day since 2011 after speaking with the superintendent and hearing it was only him and a local Vietnam Veteran the previous year for their ceremony.

Dennis Townsend, who has lived in Italy 11 years and visits the cemetery every Veterans Day, immediately contacted his friends in America in 2011 to tell them he and superintendent Michael Yasenchak were not alone that year.

“Mike told me he had a surprise for me that day,” said Townsend, laughing. “But he wouldn’t tell me what it was. I rode with a group of veterans in the United States, so when I heard the bikes coming through the gate, I knew that sound right away. I hope they come every year – otherwise, it might be just Mike and I again.”

The riders, mostly veterans themselves, have kept the tradition going to come together, share their stories and remember those who have gone before us.

Retired Chief Master-at-Arms James Davis was the group’s leader and had previously led a Memorial Day ride to the same cemetery.

“I was surprised at the number of bikes that showed up,” Davis said. “We had always ridden to SRAC for Memorial Day, but only a dozen bikes came.”

Sicily-Rome American Cemetery Superintendent Michael Yasenchak salutes during a wreath-laying ceremony while veterans pay their respects. (Photo by Laura Byrd)

Motorcyclists and veterans arrive at the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery to honor the veterans interred there. (Photo by Laura Byrd)

For the 2011 ride, 40 bikes came together early in the morning shaking off the morning chill. They were made up of riders from 15 commands, three Italians and one Spaniard and made the three-and-a-half hour ride covering 120 miles to make it to the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery south of Rome.

That year marked the first time a Naples-based motorcycle group rallied for a Veterans Day ride, and the turnout had everything to do with social media.

“I assumed that the cemetery would be doing some type of ceremony for Veterans Day,” Davis said, “so I posted it on our MC Breakaway Facebook page to see what kind of participation we would get.”

Retired from the military for over a decade, Mike Yasenchak began supervising American cemeteries overseas in 2001 at Henri-Chappalle in Belgium. He later supervised the Rhone American Cemetery in Draguignan, France and the Margraten American Cemetery in the Netherlands before he arrived at the SRAC in August 2010.

“My most memorable experiences have been Memorial Day,” said Yasenchak in 2011. “At the Netherlands American Cemetery, over 5,000 people attended each year. Last year, Her Majesty Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands and General Erik Shinseki, the current Secretary of Veteran’s Affairs were present.”

Sicily-Rome American Cemetery Superintendent Michael Yasenchak and Vietnam veteran Dennis Townsend at the 2011 Veterans Day ceremony attended by 40 motorcyclists. (Photo by Laura Byrd)

But for Yasenchak, it makes no difference whether those attending his ceremony are royalty, officials, or leather-clad bikers.

After the motorcyclists first arrived at the Nettuno cemetery following their long ride, they were rewarded with a heartfelt ceremony led by Yasenchak.

After laying down the riders' wreath, Yasenchak read a Veterans Day proclamation from President Obama and requested a moment of silence recognizing the sacrifice of the 7,860 Americans interred at the cemetery. He then led the group in a stirring rendition of the National Anthem.

"Anytime people come here to honor our veterans, it's a good thing," said Yasenchak. "Otherwise, it just becomes a pretty green park. Acknowledging the sacrifice of the thousands who are here, who gave everything to preserve our freedoms, is really what it is all about."
Riders from the Naples Military Harley Owners Group Chapter, mostly veterans themselves, will do just that Nov. 11.

HAPPY VETERANS DAY

A COMMITTMENT TO SERVICE

By Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class
Eva-Marie Ramsaran, NAVFAC EURAFSWA
Public Affairs

Many people who join the Navy or any branch of service have a set time frame when they want to get out, but there are those who stay in for their full 20 years or more till retirement and continue serving, doing what they love, as civil servants to the Department of the Navy.

Submarine Supply Corps veteran, Richard D. Trimble, a Bremerton, Wash. native, didn't want to follow in his peer group's footsteps by getting an office job, after graduating with electrical engineering degrees. Instead, he joined the U.S. Navy through the Officer Candidate School, serving as a supply corps officer on the Los Angeles-class submarine USS Baton Rouge (SSN-69).

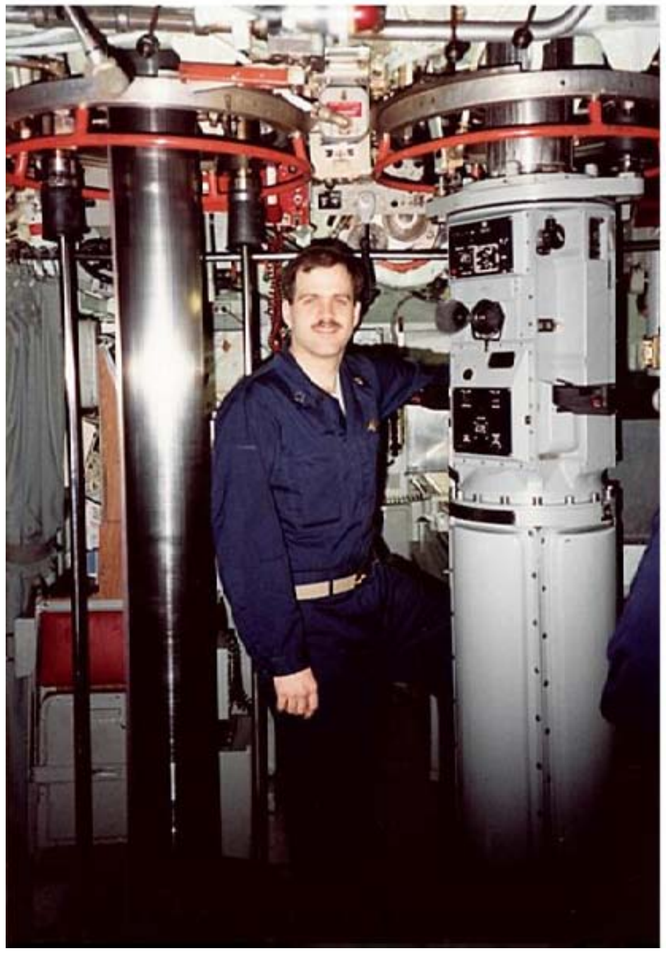
"I wanted something more challenging and adventurous," said Trimble. "I specifically pursued submarine service because I wanted to do that "Hunt for Red October" thing, and I got it!"

Trimble does not have a long family lineage that joined the military. However, his brother was a U.S. Marine Corps pilot, who was highly influential in his life and he followed in his steps.

After six years of active duty service, Trimble went on to pursue a career in the utility industry and stayed in the Reserves, where he completed his 20 years of service to get a reserve retirement.

"I always encourage service members who are leaving active duty after a tour or two to stay in the reserves," he said. "You don't appreciate it until you are older, but that reserve retirement is nice to have."

As a civilian, Trimble worked at several jobs, in various locations throughout Washington and Alaska, where he worked as the



engineering manager of Ketchikan Public Utilities, assistant manager of Okanogan Public Utilities, manager of board and member relations at Energy Northwest, and mediator and facilitator in a private practice. He currently works as the Industrial Control Systems Program manager, electrical engineer and energy manager for Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Europe Africa Southwest Asia (EURAFSWA).

NAVFAC EURAFSWA executes approximately $600 million-a-year in construction, professional engineering and facilities services for the U.S. Navy, U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) and NATO commands in countries throughout Europe, Africa and Southwest Asia where the Navy is the DoD lead agent for military construction.

His job at NAVFAC EURAFSWA is to manage facility and utility control systems, such as Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, and supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems for the region.

Trimble states that he could have stayed in the private sector but a contract job brought him to NAVFAC and he decided to stay.

“I feel very fortunate that I am working for an organization that I believe in,” said Trimble. “I am surrounded by professionals who make things happen and whose company I enjoy. No job or organization is perfect, but there is a camaraderie and “can do” mindset in the Navy that I have always appreciated as a service member and now as a civilian.”

He expresses that he has an important job that he loves doing, but there’s more … “I’m doing it in Italy!”

Construction of a new SAC program facility on the DoDEA Bahrain School campus will provide convenience to working parents and use of additional youth facilities. (Photo by NSA Bahrain Public Affairs)

SCHOOL-AGE-CARE FACILITY TO OPEN AT NSA BAHRAIN

By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Steve Smith,
Naval Support Activity Bahrain Public Affairs

The new space is designed specifically for the SAC program and allows for better overall use of space and great visibility. (Photo by NSA Bahrain Public Affairs)

Child and Youth Programs

(CYP) Bahrain's School-age Care (SAC) facility, onboard Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain, is relocating to a new building at the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) Bahrain School campus within the next few months.

Construction is already well underway on the new 4,025 square-foot building, which will be able to hold up to 75 children in grades K-6. The space is specifically designed for the SAC program requirements. The facility is scheduled to have its Grand Opening on Jan. 3., which will include an Open House. The new program will then be open for business on Jan. 4, 2015.

"All program areas have seen a steady rise in enrollment since October 2011," said Ann Leach, CYP Director. "With this growth came waiting lists in Child Development Center (CDC) and SAC programs. Because of the steady increase and the unpredictable nature of projecting future need for families, we put a few solutions in place."

Leach said one short term fix was to relocate the Teen Center to a different building, which allowed the SAC program expand by 26 spaces, increasing capacity from 30 to 56 children. This move cleared the SAC waiting list for the time being. At the same time, it also jumped the

number of teen spaces from 26 to 41.

In addition to the increased capacity to the SAC and Teen programs, there are several other benefits.

"At present we are using a bus to transport children between the base and the school," said Jarod Bailey, Youth Director. "The kids are typically spending 15 minutes on the bus on the way to school and another 20 to 30 minutes after school. By eliminating the bus ride, we can use that time more effectively for the children. For instance, we will now be able to take the children to the playground or athletic field at the school for some activities after a long day in the classroom."

Another benefit will allow kids to participate in after school clubs and events without parents leaving work to pick them up afterward and taking them to the SAC on base. Children will be able to walk from their club to the SAC program.

Once the SAC program is moved out of the current location, the space left behind will be the new Teen Center and will increase capacity from 41 to 56 teens.

"As a parent of the program as well, I think there are going to be a lot of benefits to the move," said Leach. "The program will be able to use the school playground, the school gymnasiums for indoor play and large group activities, and use of the fields for Youth Sports, which will benefit our program immensely."

SAC children prepare cookies during an after school program in the multi-age classroom. This space will be converted into the new Teen Center upon completion of the SAC facility. (Photo by NSA Bahrain Public Affairs)

Chief Leslie Walton presents his first salute as a chief wearing the anchors his grandfather was pinned with in 1962. A total of 19 Sailors and one Airman took part in the Chief Petty Officer Pinning Ceremony in the courtyard of U.S. Naval Hospital Rota. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Christina Brewer/RELEASED)

a 4TH GENERATION SAILOR

Written by MC2 Grant Wamack, NSA Rota Public Affairs

A native of Albany, Oregon, Chief Construction Mechanic Leslie B. Walton is a familiar face at Naval Station Rota's Power Plant, but not many people know that he is a fourth generation Sailor and proudly wears the same anchors his grandfather was pinned with in 1962.

Walton's family has a long history of serving in the Navy, particularly the Seabees, and making the rank of chief petty officer. His great grandfather was the first to successfully make the rank of chief and served as a Bobcat, which is today's Seabee before the establishment of the Seabees in 1942. Stepping to the next generation, one grandfather, Ron Howell, joined the Navy as a Seabee and became chief construction mechanic, the same rate Walton holds to this day. His other grandfather, Leslie J. Walton, was a rescue swimmer in Pearl Harbor, and is a Purple Heart recipient. Next in line, Walton's father, Leslie A. Walton, joined the Navy and served as a boiler technician, which is known as a machinist's mate in today's Navy since the rate merged in 1996.

Earlier this year, Walton prepped for the chief's exam, but wasn't entirely sure if he was going to make it, especially since the Seabee career path is "extremely tough." However, Walton defied the odds and was pinned with his grandfather's anchors Sept. 16. He considered the experience to be "surreal and an honor."

"I always wanted to be a chief," said Walton. "Ever since I joined, my dad and my grandfather told me I was going to go far. My grandfather showed me the anchors and told me I'd need these soon. That's one thing I always wanted."

Walton's dreams of becoming a chief petty officer were rooted in family tradition, but also through a series of motivational mentors in his naval career.

"I could've went officer, but I had a lot of good mentors starting in 'A' School," said Walton. "I've had the type of leaders that would tell me I was doing the right thing and in the same breath give me a really swift to kick in the butt if I was doing the wrong thing. Lord knows we all make mistakes, but they showed me how to do things right. I wouldn't be where I am right now if it wasn't for my peers, the guys working for me, and my chiefs. There's no way anyone can make chief on their own; it's literally impossible."

Walton works as a technical engineer at the Utilities and Energy Management, commonly referred to as the Power Plant for Naval

Facilities Engineering Command Public Works Department Rota. He does everything from technical design of new equipment, product research for replacing equipment, to troubleshooting, and contract write-ups. Additionally, he's the only qualified non-local hire shift supervisor and qualified plant operator.

According to Walton, the Seabee rate has changed dramatically in terms of technology, and is moving toward more contracted work since his grandfather served in the Navy.

"When my grandfather was stationed in Naples, Italy they had 26 mechanics. Now, they have six. It's a huge cut in manpower, but we've gotten a lot more technical.. When my grandfather was working on trucks and cars it was very simplified. No computers whatsoever or complicated electronics. Nowadays all of the construction equipment is digitally controlled. There's multiple computers and very advanced electronic systems. Our level of knowledge had to change and that's just a sign of the times."

Even though Walton has already accomplished one of his biggest goals, he still plans to move forward with the Navy.

"I plan to stay in as long as the Navy will let me," said Walton. "It's literally been my life since birth. I was born in Balboa Navy Hospital in San Diego. I spent the first 11 years of my life on Coronado Naval Base and I took a nine-year hiatus when my dad retired when I moved to Oregon and then I went right back into the Navy."

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Maurice Kennedy disassembles an M60 machine gun during Exercise Reforger in 1988. The exercise was a NATO-led operation to simulate quick deployment of forces in West Germany if the Warsaw Pact were to be violated.

VETERANS SERVE AT *CAMP LEMONNIER*

By Lt. Seamus R. Nelson, Camp Lemonnier Public Affairs

Military service is a unique line of work. There is a reason it is called service rather than employment. All service members take an oath, which calls upon them to “support and defend the Constitution of the United States”. This commitment often calls for long late hours, late hours, and time spent away from family and friends. Some look forward to the opportunity to stay closer to home and work more regular hours after separating from the military. Others hang up the uniform and continue to serve, regardless of location.

Like many installations, Camp Lemonnier has civilians providing services on base. There are a wide variety of civilians from Djiboutians, to third country nationals, and even U.S. citizens. Some of the Americans working on base are former service members. Two veterans, after many years of uniformed service, continue to work with U.S. personnel in Djibouti.

Ever since John Holsclaw was a kid, he wanted to join the Navy. Shortly after graduating from high school in Nebraska, John enlisted and became an electronics technician (ET). His first assignment was in Guantanamo Bay working on a satellite communications terminal. Holsclaw easily remembers the teminal's serial number, 0001. "It was the oldest sat comm terminal in the military at the time." Holsclaw goes on to explain that particular terminal now resides in the U.S. Army Signal Corps Museum in Fort Gordon, Georgia. Working with this early piece of equipment taught him how to be a resourceful, young ET.

Holsclaw's favorite part of serving in the Navy was the opportunity to travel. Depending on the assignment, he would be on the road for anywhere from 180 to 300 days per year. It was a challenging assignment, especially for family life, but he loved the experience. Holsclaw also enjoyed working with satellite communication, which was cutting edge technology at the time. But his work was not

Maurice Kennedy displays some of the equipment he works with on a regular basis in the communications compound at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. (Photo by Camp Lemonnier Public Affairs)

John Holsclaw works with equipment supporting communications at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. (Photo by Camp Lemonnier Public Affairs)

limited to satellite communication. He also got to work with electronics, security systems, radar, and navigation systems.

John retired as a Chief Electronics Technician in 2006 after 23 years of service, but he wasn't done yet. He now works at Camp Lemonnier with installation communications. From a technical standpoint, the work is very similar to what he was doing while on active duty.

Another veteran who works with Camp Lemonnier communications is Maurice Kennedy, an Army veteran of eleven years. Kennedy recalls growing up in rural Mississippi where he was first inspired to serve in the military. Above his grandmother's fireplace was a photo of her five sons, including Kennedy's father, in their Army uniforms.

"I wanted to be just like them … it didn't take Uncle Sam pointing his finger at me," said Kennedy.

He participated in JROTC and two days after graduation was on his way to basic training.

Kennedy recalls never having a boring day in the Army. While he was trained as a signal support specialist, he worked with artillery, air defense artillery, light infantry, and armor. He loved the opportunity to do things like drive tanks, he also reflects on the growth he had as a result of being

immersed in military culture. “Those were years I wouldn’t trade for anything,” says Kennedy.

Much like Holsclaw, Kennedy is able to use his skill set he built in the Army in his current position as a contractor for the military. Kennedy explains that while the equipment has developed significantly since the time he started working in the communications field, the basics are still the same.

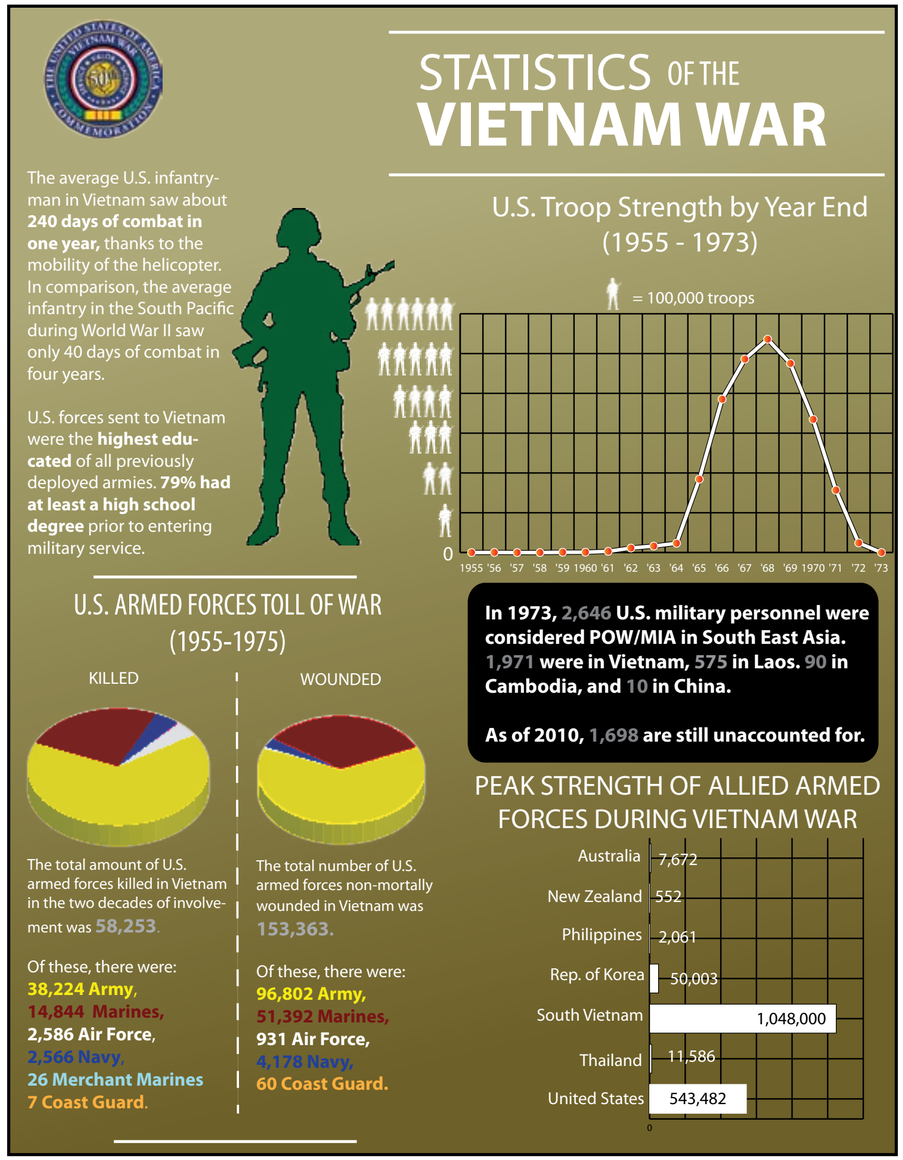
When comparing the difference between working as a uniformed service member and as a civilian contractor, both Holsclaw and Kennedy say there are more similarities than differences. There are high expectations for performance and a need to be self-driven. Having a military background makes the transition to working as a civilian nearly seamless. There is still an expectation for discipline and responsibility, regardless of branch or background.

Although Holsclaw and Kennedy may have retired their uniforms, they still embody the spirit of the U.S. military with their work. Both are still serving the country and contributing to Camp Lemonnier’s efforts in the Horn of Africa.

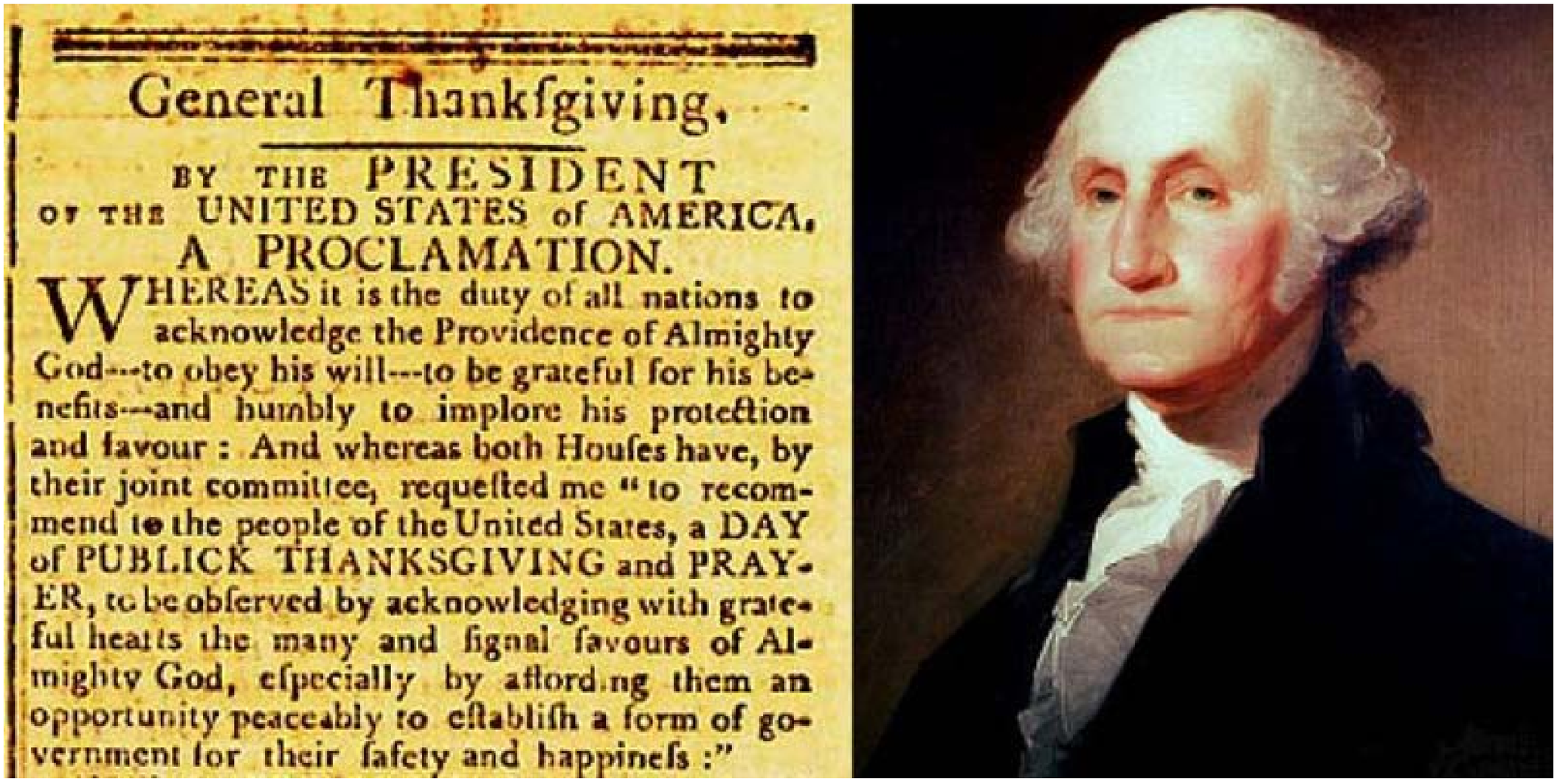
For more news from Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, Africa, visit www.navy.mil/local/CAMPL/ .

John Holsclaw at his retirement ceremony as a chief electronics technician.

Remembering our Veterans and Allies who Served in Vietnam



Happy Thanksgiving



General Thanksgiving.

BY THE PRESIDENT
OF THE UNITED STATES of AMERICA.
A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God---to obey his will---to be grateful for his benefits---and humbly to implore his protection and favour : And whereas both Houses have, by their joint committee, requested me "to recommend to the people of the United States, a DAY of PUBLICK THANKSGIVING and PRAYER, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favours of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness :"

By Lt. Cmdr Robert Johnson, CNREURAFSWA Public Affairs

Following a resolution of Congress, President George Washington proclaimed Thursday the 26th of November 1789 a day of "public thanksgiving and prayer" devoted to "the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be." Reflecting American religious practice, Presidents and Congresses from the beginning of the republic have from time to time designated days of fasting and thanksgiving (the Thanksgiving holiday we continue to celebrate in November was established by Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War and made into law by Congress in 1941).

In setting aside a day for Thanksgiving, Washington established a non-sectarian tone for these devotions and stressed political, moral, and intellectual blessings that make self-government possible, in addition to personal and national repentance. Although the First Amendment prevents Congress from establishing a religion or prohibiting its free exercise, Presidents, as well as Congress, have always recognized the American regard for sacred practices and beliefs. Thus, throughout American history, Presidents have offered non-sectarian prayers for the victory of the military and in the wake of catastrophes. Transcending passionate quarrels over the proper role of religion in politics, the Thanksgiving Proclamation reminds us how natural their relationship has been. While church and state are separate, religion and politics, in their American refinement, prop each other up.

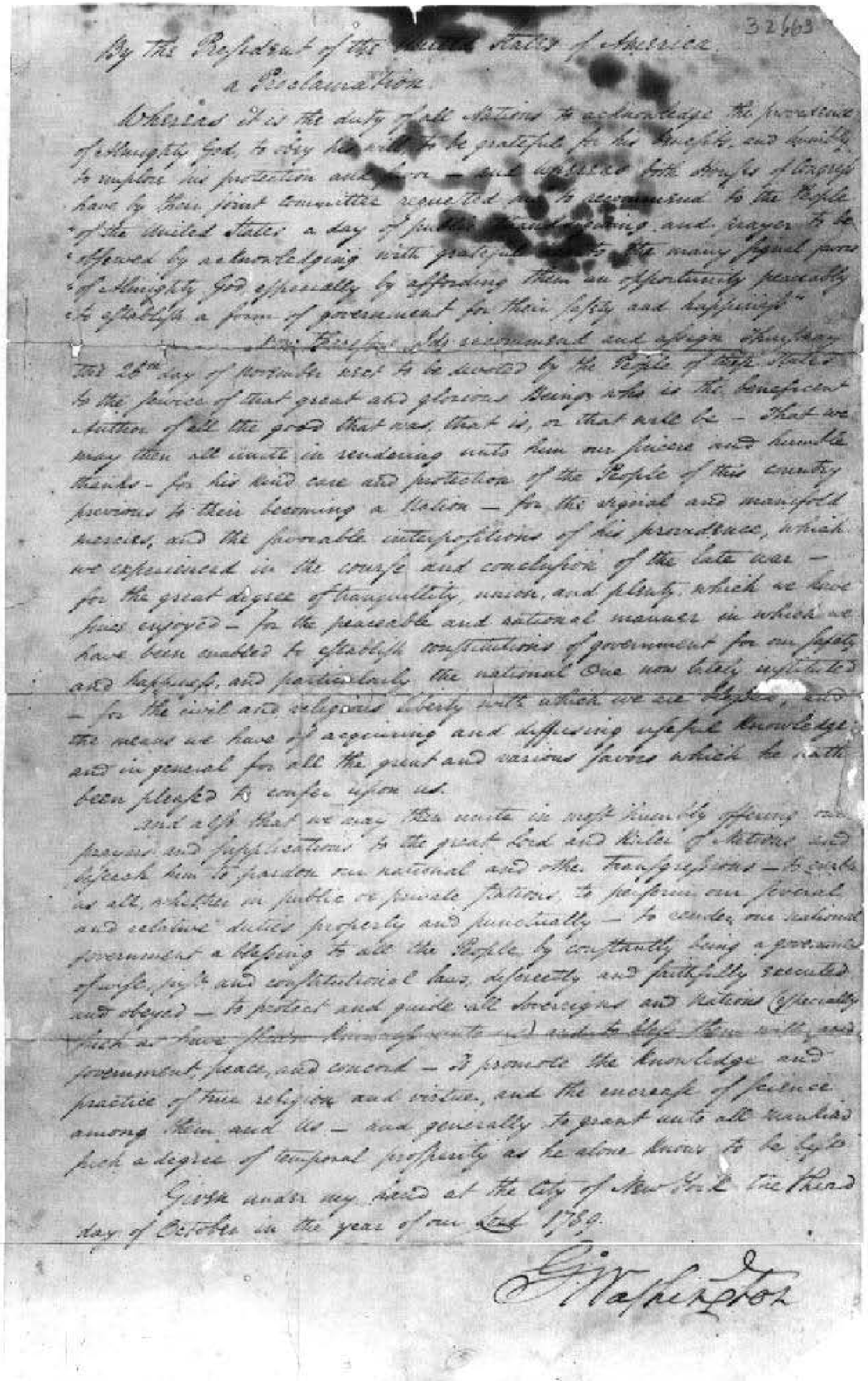
Thanksgiving Proclamation

Issued by President George Washington, at the request of Congress, on October 3, 1789

By the President of the United States of America, a Proclamation.

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and—Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me "to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:"

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is



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Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be — That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks — for his kind care and protection of the People of this country previous to their becoming a Nation — for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his providence, which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war — for the great degree of tranquillity, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed — for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted — for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions — to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually — to render our National Government a blessing to all the People by constantly being a Government of wise, just and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed — to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shown kindness unto us) and to bless them with good Governments, Peace, and Concord — to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us — and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

Go. Washington

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By Lt. Cmdr Robert Johnson, CNREURAFSWA Public Affairs

Is there an America work ethic? Where does it come and is it a good thing?

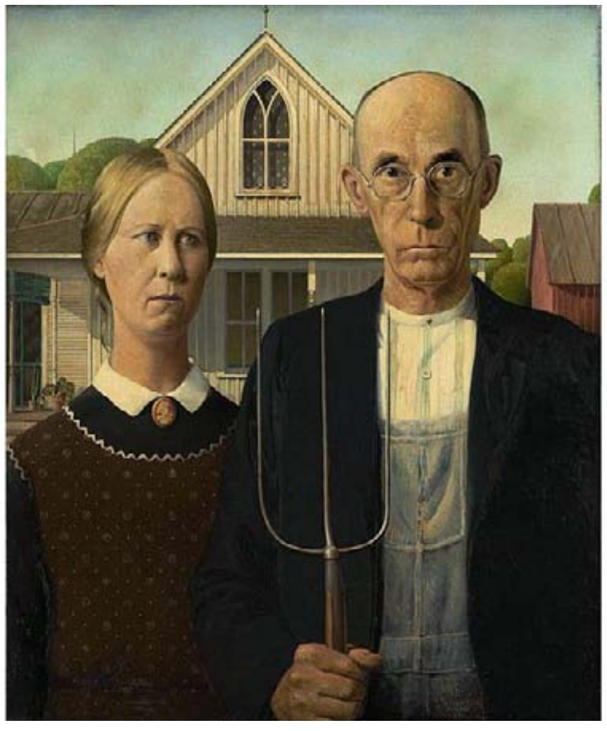
Capitalism gives America this-worldly focus in which death and the afterlife recede from everyday view. The gaze of the people is shifted from heavenly aspirations to earthly progress. As such, work and trade have always been important and respectable in America. This "lowering of the sights" convinces many critics that American capitalism is a base, degraded system and that the energies that drive it are crass and immoral.

Historically, most cultures have despised the merchant and the laborer, regarding the former as vile and corrupt and the latter as degraded and vulgar. This attitude persists today in the Third World, and it is even commonplace in Europe. Oscar Wilde spoke for many Europeans when he commented that to have to scrub floors and empty garbage cans is depressing enough; to take pride in such things is absolutely appalling.

These modern critiques draw on some very old prejudices. In the ancient world, labor was generally despised, and in some cases even ambition was seen as reprehensible. Think about the lines from Shakespeare's Julius Caesar: "The noble Brutus hath told you Caesar was ambitious." And here you might expect Mark Antony to say, "And what's wrong with that?" But he goes on: "If it were so, it was a grievous fault."

In the cultures of old, Western as well as non-Western, the merchant and the trader were viewed as low-life scum. The ancient Greeks looked down on their merchants, and the Spartans tried to stamp out the profession altogether. "The gentleman understands what is noble," Confucius writes in his Analects. "The small man understands what is profitable."

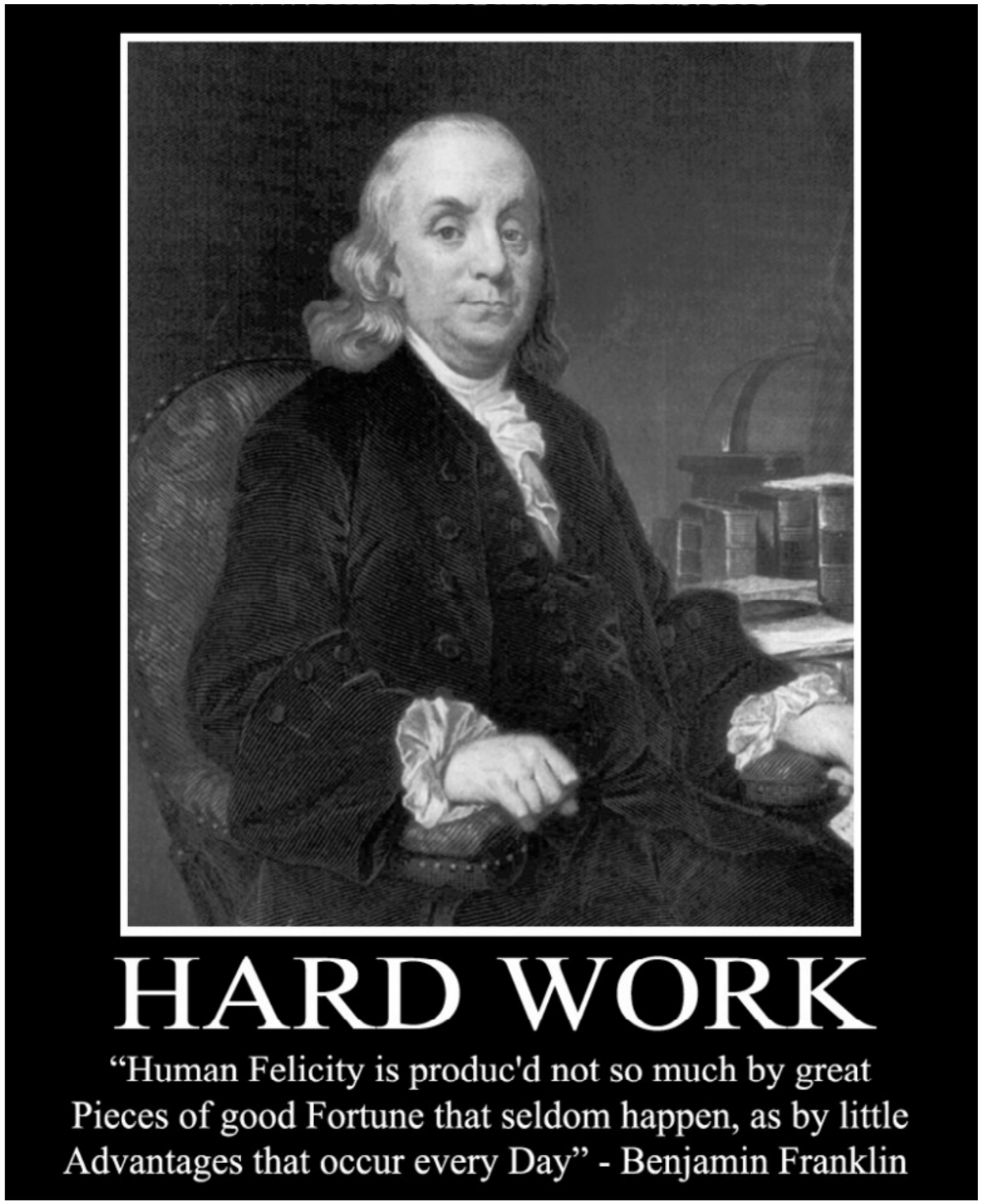
In the Indian caste system, the vaisya or trader occupies nearly the lowest rung of the ladder-one step up from the despised untouchable. The Muslim historian Ibn Khaldun argues that gain by conquest is preferable to gain by trade because conquest embodies the virtues of courage and manliness. In these traditions, the honorable life is devoted to philosophy or the priesthood or military valor. "Making a living" was considered a necessary but undignified pursuit. As Khaldun would have it, far better to rout your adversary, kill the men, enslave the women and children, and make off with a bunch of loot than to improve your lot by buying and selling stuff.



In America, it is different, and the American Founders are responsible for the change. Drawing on the inspiration of modern philosophers like John Locke and Adam Smith, the American Founders altered the moral hierarchy of the ancient world. They argued that trade based on consent and mutual gain was preferable to plunder. The Founders established a regime in which the self-interest of entrepreneurs and workers would be directed toward serving the wants and needs of others. In this view, the ordinary life, devoted to production, serving the customer, and supporting a family, is a noble and dignified endeavor. Hard work, once considered a curse, now becomes socially acceptable, even honorable. Commerce, formerly a degraded thing, becomes a virtue.

Of course, the Founders recognized that, in both the private and the public spheres, greedy and ambitious people might pose a danger to the well-being of others. Instead of trying to outlaw these passions, the Founders attempted a different approach. As James Madison put it in Federalist 51, "Ambition must be made to counteract ambition." The argument is that in a free society, "the security for civil rights must be the same as that for religious rights. It consists in the one case in the multiplicity of interests, in the other in the multiplicity of sects." The framers of the Constitution reasoned that by setting interests against each other, by making them compete, no single one could become strong enough to imperil the welfare of the whole.

In the public sphere, the Founders took special care to devise a system that would prevent, or at least minimize, the abuse of power. To this end, they established limited government in order that the power of the state would remain confined.



They divided authority between the national and state governments. Within the national framework, they provided for separation of powers so that the legislature, executive, and judiciary would each have its own domain of power. They insisted upon checks and balances, to enhance accountability.

In general, the Founders adopted a “policy of supplying, by opposite and rival interests, the defect of better motives,” as Madison said. This is not to say that the Founders ignored the importance of virtue, but they knew that virtue is not always in abundant supply. The Greek philosophers held that virtue was the same thing as knowledge-that people do bad things because they are ignorant-but the American Founders did not agree. Their view was closer to that of St. Paul: “The good that I would, I do not. The evil that I would not, that I do.” According to Christianity, the problem of the bad person is that his will is corrupted, and this is a fault endemic to human nature. The American Founders knew they could not transform human nature, so they devised a system that would thwart the schemes of the wicked and channel the energies of flawed persons toward the public good.

My conclusion is that America is the greatest, freest, and most decent society in existence. It is an oasis of goodness in a desert of cynicism and barbarism. By making sacrifices for America and by our willingness to die for her, we bind ourselves by invisible cords to those great patriots who fought at Yorktown, Gettysburg, and Iwo Jima, and we prove ourselves worthy of the blessings of freedom.

Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class Ulyses Marero and Chief Master-At-Arms Derrick Kpodo, both assigned to Naval Security Force Bahrain Harbor Patrol Unit, stand watch in the waters surrounding Naval Support Activity Bahrain. (Photo by NSA Bahrain Public Affairs)

Master-At-Arms 3rd Class Joshua Kirk, assigned to Naval Security Force (NSF) Bahrain Harbor Patrol Unit (HPU), is the escort patrol lead for departing guided-missile cruiser USS Philippine Sea (CG 58). (Photo by NSA Bahrain Public Affairs)

Child Development Center preschoolers visit with Sparky the Firedog and tour the Fire and Emergency Services facility onboard Naval Support Activity Bahrain. (Photo by NSA Bahrain Public Affairs)

Attilio Albachiara the pizzaiolo for the Pizza Fest prepares pizza for the service members at NSA Naples Support Site Oct. 17. The NSA Naples Pizza Fest is provided by the Welfare and Recreation Association (WRA) and the Naples Installation Recreation Committee (NIRC) to bring the annual Neapolitan pizza celebration to service members and their families. (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Weston Jones/ Released)

Teams of pizza makers cook pizza during the Pizza Fest at Naval Support Activity Naples Support Site Oct. 17. The NSA Naples Pizza Fest is provided by the Welfare and Recreation Association (WRA) and the Naples Installation Recreation Committee (NIRC) to bring the annual Neapolitan pizza celebration to service members and their families. (U.S. Navy Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Weston Jones/ Released)

Rounding out a successful 2014 Fire Prevention Week, NSA Souda Bay Firefighter, Michael Tyburski, shows the school children from Theodoropoulos International School the various pieces of protective equipment that firefighters wear during an emergency and the purpose for each piece. The end result is letting the kids know when they see the firefighters or hear them breath in a dark room, there is no reason to be scared and to know that they are there to help them. (U.S. Navy photo by Peggy Bebb/ Released)

NSA Souda Bay's Commanding Officer, Capt. Michael R. Moore, joins his Sailors in a show of "Navy Pride" during the 239th Navy Birthday Ball held at the Avra Imperial Resort and Spa in Kolymbari, Crete. (U.S. Navy photo by Peggy Bebb/ Released)

Fourteen Sailors assigned to Navy Munitions Command Detachment Souda Bay assist the Headmaster and staff at the Chania Boy's Care Center with some yard maintenance during a recent community outreach project. This high visibility outreach projects a positive image of U.S. military personnel to the local community. (U.S. Navy photo by Kostas Fantaousakis/ Released)

Service members gather for a cake cutting ceremony held in CLDJ's Dorie Miller Galley. The cake cutting ceremony was in honor of the U.S. Navy's 239th birthday celebration. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Julia A. Casper/Released)

U.S. Ambassador to Djibouti, Tom Kelly poses for a picture with service members and students from the University of Djibouti after a basketball game between the two groups. The basketball game was held to uphold ongoing community engagement. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Julia A. Casper/Released)

Service members participate in the Fireman's challenge for CLDJ's Captain's Cup and Fire Prevention Week. CLDJ holds month long events highlight the importance of team work. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Julia A. Casper/Released)

Engineering Aide 2nd Class Alain Nguyen participates in the Fireman's challenge for CLDJ's Captain's Cup and Fire Prevention Week. CLDJ holds month long events highlight the importance of team work. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Julia A. Casper/Released)

STRENGTHENING BONDS

By HM2 Matthew Clutter, NAS Sigonella

The Command Triad of U.S. Naval Hospital Sigonella salutes the raising of the American flag during morning colors on Oct. 1. From left to right, CMCDM Jill Easton, Executive Officer, Capt. John Lamberton and Commanding Officer, Capt. WRK Davidson. (U.S. Navy Photo by Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Matthew Clutter)

They are our co-workers, they are our friends, and they are our Shipmates – our ship – U.S. Naval Hospital Sigonella.

We drive on their streets, and we live on their land.

They are our Italian hosts. Without them, our Navy would not be able to have a presence in this area.

So as U.S. Naval Hospital Sigonella prepared to kick off its newest tradition of performing a colors ceremony once a month, it did so with its Italian host in mind.

“We wanted to do colors to honor our country and what our flag represents,” said U.S. Naval Hospital Sigonella Command Master Chief Jill Eastin. “It only seemed appropriate that we honored our host nation and their flag. The people of Italy are gracious hosts, and we are all one team here at Naval Air Station Sigonella.”

The ceremony is a tradition brought from former Commands by U.S. Naval Hospital Sigonella Commanding Officer Capt. William Davidson. The plan is to hold one on the first Wednesday of every month.

The ceremony’s intent is to both honor the flags and also pay respect to our host nation. This sign

of respect was not lost on the local national audience.

“I was very impressed,” said Grazia Coco, who sang the Italian national anthem with Sebastiano Fichera, Daniela Vecchio, and U.S. Navy Capt. Bryan Schumacher. “I’ve never attended a ceremony like this before, but I could feel the respect of the colors as I watched. It was very emotional seeing all the Sailors standing there watching the flags rising.”

Both the Italian and American flags were raised in the ceremony by the hospital’s drill team, led by HM1 John Hawley. Other members who performed included LTJG Sarah Shields, HM1 Aaron Tucker, HM2 John Taan, HM3 Paul Hutton, and HN Gary Young. HM1 Steven Moore sang the U.S. national anthem.

The ceremony served to strengthen the bond between the hospital and its hosts, a bond that has grown since the hospital’s infancy more than 20 years ago.

The hospital will next hold honors on Nov. 5 in the U.S. Naval Hospital Sigonella parking lot.

A Fire of Firsts

Story by MC2 Luke Meineke, CNREURAFSWA Public Affairs

Photos by Lt. Cmdr. Juli Strieter, NSF Deveselu Assistant Public Works Officer

Naval Support Facility (NSF) Deveselu has wasted no time challenging and training its personnel to be battle ready despite holding its official establishment ceremony just last month, marking it as the first Navy base to be established in more than 20 years.

Members from a contracted fire engine company operating on base, the 99th Romanian Military Base fire station, the Caracal Fire Department (CFD), NSF Deveselu's Interim Security Force, a contracted doctor, the 99th Romanian Military Base medic, and command and control staff all participated in a multi-lateral fire drill Tuesday, October 21.

"This is the first exercise under NSF Deveselu," said Cmdr. Rod Tribble, NSF Deveselu's executive officer. "It was the first to use the CFD, the first to set a security perimeter using U.S. Navy security forces and the first to demonstrate the emergency call. It was the first to include the treatment and care of injuries at the scene and the first to use the Romanian CFD as the incident commander."

At 12:40 Tuesday a controlled fire was set in the former Romanian Air Force Training and Alert facility just outside NSF Deveselu's perimeter beginning the drill. Upon seeing smoke, an emergency call went to Navy firefighters. The contracted engine company, comprised of a Fire Chief and a four firefighter Engine Crew, act as first responders for fire or other emergency conditions.
After responding, the contracted firefighters determined that the fire was beyond their capabilities to contain. Under the Mutual Aid Agreement – a proposed agreement between NSF Deveselu, the 99th Romanian Military Base, and the CFD that would provide emergency first responders with aid via outside agencies – the contracted firefighters called the 99th Romanian Military Base fire company

for support to combat the fire. The 99th Romanian Military Base fire company then called for further assistance from the CFD.

The CFD, located approximately eight kilometers, or nearly five miles, away, was on site in less than 10 minutes. Given their required response time of 12 minutes, Tribble said this was one of the numerous evolutions of the drill that went well.

As the CFD, 99th Romanian Military Base fire company, and the contracted firefighters drilled in tandem to combat, contain and eventually extinguish the fire, an Incident Command Structure was exercised to coordinate and control activities maximizing the ability of all involved to save lives and protect property. One of the key facilities the command structure provides is to overcome any language barriers potentially found between the Romanian-speaking and English-speaking responders.

While the fire was combated, the Missile Defense Agency (MDA) on-scene doctor, Dr. Nacalita Barbu, and the 99th Romanian Military Medical Assistant, Iulia Elena Budibala, responded to a simulated casualty.

Barbu, who is trained as an Advance Cardio Life Support specialist, and Budibala treated a Sailor for multiple trauma injuries and smoke inhalation.

As the first effort to collectively respond to an emergency on NSF Develelu, Tribble said the drill was a “phenomenal success”.
“The positive takeaways include the rapid response to and effective coordination of the scene despite the language barriers,” Tribble said. “It was a very good event that demonstrates that U.S., Romanian Military, and Caracal Fire can respond effectively to a fire on station. It sets the starting point from which we can work together on improving.”

“It was a very good exercise and we learned a lot about our ability to collectively respond to an emergency on base,” said Wilson Anthony Velez, NSF Deveselu’s contracted Fire Chief. “I look forward to future exercises to continually improve our ability to respond to an emergency.”

NSF Deveselu is the first of two Aegis Ashore System installations to be established in central Europe. Acting as part of NATO’s overall ballistic missile defense (BMD) system, NSF Deveselu is slated to be operation in December 2015.

A *SICILIAN* TRIBUTE

By YN3 Gabrielle Milly, NAS Sigonella

Sailors raise an American flag during Veterans Day morning colors aboard the amphibious dock landing ship USS Harpers Ferry (LSD 49). (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Joshua J. Wahl/ Released)

On September 30, roughly 200 civilians, military personnel, local nationals and other members of the Sigonella community came together in front of the NAS 2 water fountain to sign Naval Air Station Sigonella's "Commitment to Sig Citizenship". The goal for this pledge is for every individual member of the community to join together and show their support in making Sigonella a safer, better, place to work and live by actively caring for one another. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Tony D. Curtis/Released)

What exactly is Veteran's Day? Veteran's Day was set in place to pay tribute to all American veterans – both living and dead. We celebrate Veterans Day primarily to give thanks to veterans, who are still living and served during war or peacetime. With over 20 million military veterans currently living in the United States, this day has a significant impact on our society and everyone who knows or has known someone in the military, and has been or is currently in the military.

Stacy Bowes, Information Assurance Manager at NAS Sigonella and a retired Navy veteran said, "Being a veteran means I had the opportunity to serve the people of the U.S. and ensure our continuing freedom. I'm very proud to have served. Veteran's Day means it's a time to thank those who are serving, have served and have died while protecting the American people."

The history of Veteran's Day did not start out being labeled as such. On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in the year 1918, an armistice was declared between the Allied Nations and Germany which ended World War I. This was a major historical triumph leading to our observance for this time in history. On November 11th, 1938 "Armistice Day", now known as Veteran's Day, became a legal federal holiday.

Veteran's Day is celebrated all over the world. It is common in Europe, Britain and the Commonwealth Countries to observe two minutes of silence at 11 a.m. every November 11th. Britain, France, Australia, and Canada commemorate their veterans on or near the 11th of November as well.

Veterans who chose to continue their service with the military after retirement or after leaving the Armed forces as a government employee or civil servant, can be sent all over the world like our military men and women on active duty. They too make sacrifices for their families; all while continuing to serve their country. Jack Martin, Station Manager of AFN Sigonella said, "I lived in Italy three times as a military broadcaster, and jumped at the opportunity to come back as a civilian employee. I

love what I do, and enjoy the history and culture of Italy. The base “family” is much more together overseas. We help, share and participate in events together much more than we do with co-workers in the States.

Being a veteran in Italy is special, according to William Garcia, Navy College Office, NAS Sigonella. Garcia was stationed in Italy almost 20 years ago and said that coming back to Italy and working as a government employee means he can continue to serve his country and Sailors as a civilian.

CONUS or OCONUS, the military is a tight-knit community whether it’s Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard. These organizations are like a brotherhood that you will always be a part of. “I am part of a group of people who chose to work for, and fight for, the preservation of American ideals. I and most of my fellow veterans chose to restrict our own freedoms, to protect the freedoms we all enjoy. I traveled to many unusual places, and have many great memories, and many friends, from my active duty career. I would not trade my life for any other.” Martin Said.

Every Veteran’s Day in the U.S., a wreath-laying ceremony is held at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. Parades and celebrations are held to pay tribute to those who have served and are currently serving in the military. Many local business like to contribute things or offer discounts on their merchandise as a way of saying “thanks” for all the military members and veterans and what they have done while serving and protecting our freedom. Veteran’s come from all walks of life but all worked together to serve and protect our rights. They deserve to be recognized for their loyalty and bravery and that is what Veteran’s Day is all about.

Martin was proud to say, “On Veteran’s Day, I think of the many outstanding people with whom I have lived and worked, and their positive impact on the world. I am sad for the passing of many, but am grateful to have had them in my life, and they are still inspiring me to be a better contributor to my community every day.”

MWR is hosting a Veteran’s Day movie marathon at Take 5 on Tuesday, Nov 11. Also, as a Veteran’s day special, all movie goers who visit Mid-Town Theaters will receive a free medium popcorn. Come and watch some great films and enjoy a snack. Check it out!

REGION VOICES

What are you most thankful for this year?

BU1 Rouel Agustin
Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti

I am thankful for my wife and family, with their support and understanding. I am also thankful for my Navy career and the opportunity that the navy has presented me to succeed.

CME Daniella Acevedo
NAVFAC, Public Works Rota

I am thankful for having different things to work on, the variety of work, and for the people I work with.

Mr M. Todd Butler
NAS Sigonella Public Affairs

The opportunity to be overseas and be traveling this holiday season.

Navy Counselor Chief Aaron Castillo
Naval Support Activity Souda Bay

I am thankful for our Sailors, sister Services and Civilians who stand the watch daily to sustain our ways of life.

LSSN Johnson
NSA Naples

I am most thankful for my family and their wellbeing. He is also grateful for being station in here in Naples, Italy.

Ens. Ian Gordon
CNREURAFSWA

I'm thankful for the support of my family, my love of our country, and for PS2 Jones. He's fantastic.