

# NSA Bahrain celebrates Cinco de Mayo



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**MANAMA, Bahrain** — Service members, Department of Defense employees, contractors and their families took part in various activities during the Cinco de Mayo celebration hosted by Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) on board Naval Support Activity (NSA), Bahrain, May 5.

MWR held the festival in conjunction with Customer Appreciation Day and conducted ticket-drawings for free gift giveaways. They also provided Information, Tickets, and Tours (ITT) travel opportunity publications.

“The ticket-drawings are basically MWR’s way of thanking the community for everything they do,” said Kari Miner, ITT Manager. “We’re giving away backpacks, tee shirts, wristwatches, DVDs, spa packages, some sporting goods equipment, and our main prize is a Wii Sport.”

Celebrators were treated to live music while taking advantage of free nachos, non-alcoholic margaritas, a bean guessing contest, Pinatas, a basketball toss and children’s henna and hair braiding.

“I think this is a great event. Now with the influx of families it’s really important to continue to have these,” said Carmen Kelly, wife of Lt. Jamie Kelly. “It creates a causal environment and allows people to see the multi-cultural aspect of the military while developing a strong sense of community.”

Cinco de Mayo commemorates the victory of the Mexican army over French forces at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. Although the holiday has limited significance nationwide in Mexico, it has developed into a symbol of Mexican heritage and pride observed by other countries around the world.

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Marco Rico Ramirez, son of Marco Ramirez, Command Master Chief, Naval Forces Central Command, enjoys a plate of nachos during the Cinco de Mayo celebration on board Naval Support Activity, Bahrain, May 5.

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## Above and beyond the call...

By IT2 Rashaunda Holloway  
NCTS

**MANAMA, Bahrain** — Electronics Technician 2nd Class Charles Craft Jr., assigned to Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station, on board Naval Support Activity, Bahrain, devoted himself to saving the life of a stranger by volunteering to be a bone marrow donor.

Craft, a native of Fortworth, Texas, did not hesitate to respond when he received a call that he was a possible bone marrow donor match. Although the recipient remained anonymous, Craft felt he was giving a gift to help fight a deadly disease.

“It was one of the best decisions I ever made. I never thought that this opportunity would come,” said Craft. “There was a nervous excitement, but I just went about my day as usual and waited to see what was to follow.”

Once confirmed as a potential match, Craft was flown to Georgetown Medical University in Washington D.C. February 16, 2010, to complete further testing and begin the final phase.

“The red carpet was rolled out from the moment I arrived,” said Craft. “The same high-level of treatment from the doctors and nurses continued throughout my inpatient procedure.”

According to Craft, the entire process was painless and he would do it again in a heartbeat. He also hopes that more Sailors will continue to register for the program.

“This act exemplifies the type of person Craft is,” said Chief Electronics Technician Ricardo James. “I am really proud of him. He consistently does great things without looking for reward.”

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Photo by MC2 (AW) Johansen Laurel

Electronics Technician 2nd Class Charles Craft Jr., assigned to Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station, Bahrain, was a perfect match for a donor in need as a participant in the Charles William “Bill” Young Department of Defense (DoD) Marrow Donor Program. The program recruits active duty military, their families and DoD civilian employees as volunteer bone marrow donors.

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# Family Life at NSA Bahrain

## Line 'em up



Photo by MC2 (AW) Johansen Laurel

Fely Hicks (right), wife of Lt. Myles Hicks has the kids line up for their routine playground time at the Child Development Center on board Naval Support Activity, Bahrain, May 6.

## Associations donate \$1,500 to children



Photo by MC2 (AW) Jason T. Poplin

Members of the Southwest Asia Chief Petty Officers Association, Naval Forces Central Command, Bahrain First Class Petty Officers Association and Naval Support Activity, Bahrain, Junior Enlisted Association present a donation check in the amount of \$1,500 to children and staff members at the Rehabilitation Institute for Active-Learning (RIA) Centre, April 28. RIA is a multi-cultural/linguistic non-profit organization founded in 1999 that caters to children with special education needs from both the expatriate and the local communities.

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## Marines of USS Mesa Verde help DoDDS raise money

By MC2 (AW) Jason T. Poplin

Staff Writer

**JUFFAIR, Bahrain** — Marines embarked on board USS Mesa Verde (LPD 19) participated in a community relations (COMREL) project at the Department of Defense Dependents School (DoDDS), Bahrain, Apr 29. The project gave the Marines and Sailors an opportunity to help students conduct an auction-style fundraiser for graduates of 2010 and 2011.

“Conducting these events really helps us connect with the community and the children who are part of our larger military family,” said Lt. Cmdr. Carl Trost, Combat Logistics Battalion, 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit. “It’s especially beneficial for the younger service members who get to see a different part of the military other than conducting training and missions.”

Marines assisted the school by moving more than 800 pieces of home furnishings and artwork from storage areas to the school gymnasium, unwrapping them, and arranging the items for viewing later that evening.

Marines from Mesa Verde worked in conjunction with Sailors of Naval Security Force (NSF), Bahrain.

“This would not have been possible if not for our Marines and NSF volunteers,” said Kim Lalonde, DoDDS Bahrain substitute teacher and parent volunteer. “I’ve been a part of the Bahrain School for three years and I can honestly say that the service members have greatly contributed to the success of our fundraisers. We always receive volunteers quickly, each coming to the school with a big smile and ready to get to work.”

The volunteer’s efforts made it possible for the auction to accommodate more than 200 people and approximately \$45,000 in revenue with a small percentage retained by the school. According to Lalonde, the school still has interested parties willing to purchase the remaining items that will be sold off during the following weeks.

DoDDS Bahrain provides education to Department of Defense Education Activity students and prepares them for success in an evolving, dynamic global environment.

Mesa Verde is currently deployed in support of diverse operational commands and conducts coalition building port visits with various nations in the U.S. 5th Fleet AOR.



Photo by MC2 (AW) Jason T. Poplin

Lance Cpls. David Ledford and Joseph Nelson of Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, embarked on board USS Mesa Verde (LPD 19) arrange furniture for display during a community relations (COMREL) project at the Department of Defense Dependents School, Bahrain. Marines from Mesa Verde assisted the school during the COMREL by unpacking and arranging more 800 home furnishings and artwork in preparation for a fundraising auction which yielded approximately \$45,000.00 in revenue for the school.

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Photos by MC2 (AW) Jason T. Poplin

Nathan Moreno, son of Chief Master-at-Arms Larry Moreno, swings to break the pinata for free candy during the Cinco de Mayo celebration on board Naval Support Activity, Bahrain, May 5.

## Chris Byars Jazz Quartet at DoDDS



Photo by MC2 (AW) Jason T. Poplin

Students at the Department of Defense Dependents School (DoDDS), Bahrain, attend a jazz performance conducted by the Chris Byars Jazz Quartet in the school auditorium, April 29. The quartet offered students an introduction to jazz history and theory while conducting question and answer segments during the performance.

## Chaplain's Corner I Can See Clearly Now

By Chaplain (Cmdr.) Michael Hall  
NSA Bahrain Chaplain



This past Saturday I had a chaplain friend visiting from one of the ships and the first thing he commented on was how clear of a day it was here in Bahrain. Saturday was a beautiful day. The Men's Ministry from the chapel went out to Al Dar Island and spent the day and we enjoyed the sun and the water. However, as soon as we arrived back to the base, a haze had begun to descend over the city as a sand storm was stirring up. An hour later I was in my flat and I looked out and could barely see Juffair in the distance. I could actually see the sand standing in the air outside the window. It had gone from a beautifully clear day to a hazy sand storm in just a matter of hours. Sometimes our life seems like that. Things are going so well and we have such clarity on where we want to go, what we should be doing, who we want to be with, and everything seems just right. But then something will happen and that clarity disappears replaced with a haze of uncertainty, doubt, and confusion. We wonder what we did to

make things so wrong.

Perhaps we are looking through the wrong lens. Most of the time when the haze comes into our life our view will become narrowed and we tend to become self-centered. But focusing on self actually makes it worse, it becomes all about us. Perhaps to regain our clarity we should be asking where I fit into the larger picture. What lessons is God teaching me in this challenge. We may not be able to see perfectly again right away, but when we look through the lens of the Perfect One, clarity of purpose is restored and we understand who we are in relationship with Perfect Love.

## ESG 5 Sailors Perform Community Service

By MC1 (AW) Brianna K. Dandridge  
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MANAMA, Bahrain — Sailors from Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) Five volunteered at the Regional Institute for Active Learning (RIA) School, a school focused on providing education to children with learning disabilities in Manama, Bahrain April 22.

"Seeing those smiling faces and letting the kids know that they are valuable is rewarding," said Personnel Specialist Chief Donnie Haynes. "As a parent I enjoy being with the kids because my own family is so far away."

ESG 5 Sailors have visited the RIA school five times in the past three months to volunteer time, donate toys and school supplies. According to Capt. Joe Russell, ESG5's Chief of Staff, the school is a very worthwhile project and the command will continue to support the needs of RIA. "Being able to spend time with kids that are close to the age of my boys makes home seem a little closer," said Russell. "It was a phenomenal experience."

Several members of the staff have become regular volunteers for the school, enabling them to form relationships with the students.

"Members of the command have an ongoing relationship with the school," said Haynes. "The interaction is beneficial for both the Sailors and RIA School students."

"The US Navy has been very generous to the school," said Christine Gordon, director of RIA School. "The Sailors are helping me fulfill my wish list for the school."

The RIA school is a nonprofit special needs school and houses approximately 100 students of varying educational and physical abilities. ESG 5 was re-established in November to support amphibious forces deployed to the region, mine warfare, contingency response missions, and maritime humanitarian aid and disaster relief operations within the U.S. 5th Fleet area of responsibility (AOR).



Photo by MC1 (AW) Brianna K. Dandridge

Chief of Staff, Expeditionary Strike Group Five (ESG5), Capt. Joe Russell shares a hug and smile with a student at the Regional Institute for Active Learning School during a visit by ESG5, April 22.

### KID ON THE STREET:

## What is the difference between being here and being back home?



Colin Kielp, 12  
Chicago, Ill.

The differences from being here and back home are the parks and the facilities. I like it here [DoDDS] because we have a really good curriculum and we get tested more, so we learn more.



Matt Hoffman, 16  
San Diego, California

The big difference is the way of living and the culture. I had to adjust a little because of the pressure of us being the representatives of the U.S. Other than that, I like it here.



Haya Khalid, 15  
Mumbai, India

It's just that at home you're freer. Over here you have to adapt to the culture which takes time.



Alyssa Martinez, 17  
El Paso, Texas

It's a big culture shock because I'm not used to the different kinds of people over here. It's my first time overseas and I miss home a lot. I miss my family there because it's just me and my mom here.



Keila Elaine, 4  
Virginia Beach, Virginia

I miss my home sometimes but I like it here now because of my new friends.



Jaiden Ruffin, 5  
Norfolk, Virginia

I like it here; I think it's a cool place.

# Memorial Service Honors Fallen Sailors, Coast Guardsman

By MC2 (AW) Michael Campbell  
NAVCENT

MANAMA, Bahrain — U.S. Coast Guard Patrol Forces Southwest Asia hosted a memorial ceremony on board Naval Support Activity Bahrain in recognition of the sixth anniversary of an attack on Iraq's oil terminals that claimed the lives of three U.S. service members from USS Firebolt (PC 10) while it was conducting maritime security operations in the Northern Arabian Gulf (NAG).

Vice Adm. Bill Gortney, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, spoke to about 200 service members and civilians in attendance about the role the event played in changing the relationship between the U.S. and Iraqi navies. "Navy Petty Officers Michael Pernaselli and Christopher Watts, and Coast Guard Petty Officer Nathan Bruckenthal lost their lives to a hateful act, perpetrated by a faceless foe, but their memory, service and sacrifice have become an inspirational and transformational event in our journey to secure Iraq's future, as well as becoming a personal source of focus and motivation," said Gortney. "Not too long after sundown April 24, 2004, a rigid hull inflatable boat (RHIB) from USS Firebolt was sent out to talk with a dhow's master who had strayed too close to Khor Al Amaya Oil Terminal (KAAOT). Planning to bring water and charts to help a fellow mariner, the seven crewmembers were instead greeted with a wall of fire as the suicide bombers detonated their vessel. The force of the explosion flipped the RHIB, killing our three petty officers and injuring the other four."

According to Gortney, the event strengthened the relationship between Iraq and the United States and brought the two navies together.

"We are no longer two navies dividing responsibilities by a line on the map," he said. "Iraq and the United States entered into a partnership aimed at preserving stability while also enhancing capabilities. From that day on, our Sailors worked, trained and fought side-by-side. The gaps and seams of the old plan were swept away and replaced with a unified concept aimed at securing the safety of all. Over the past six years our relationship with the Iraqi Navy has grown tighter, while their capabilities have grown stronger. In this time, they have resumed control of both KAAOT and Al Basra Oil Terminal (ABOT), as well as taken over large sections of the sector patrol mission. These accomplishments have required enormous amounts of time, resources, and training to be invested by this new Iraqi democracy, as well as substantial investments in new equipment and technology. It is truly impressive how far we have both come since that horrible day."

U.S. Naval Forces Central Command's mission is to conduct persistent maritime operations to forward U.S. interests, deter and counter disruptive countries, defeat violent extremism and strengthen partner nations' maritime capabilities in order to promote a secure maritime environment in the USCENTCOM area of responsibility.



Photo by MC2 (SW) Michael Campbell

Vice Adm. Bill Gortney, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, delivers a speech during a memorial ceremony, April 22 on board Naval Support Activity, Bahrain honoring two U.S. Navy Sailors and one Coast Guardsman who died April 24, 2004 during an attack on Iraq's oil terminals in the North Arabian Gulf. U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer 3rd Class Nathan Bruckenthal, the first Coast Guardsman to be killed in combat since the Vietnam War and the only to die in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, and two U.S. Navy Sailors - Petty Officer 1st Class Michael Pernaselli and Petty Officer 2nd Class Christopher Watts, were killed while boarding a dhow that was approaching the Khawr Al Amaya Oil Terminal in Iraqi Waters.

## ALUMINUM FACTOID:

During the time it takes you to read this sentence, 50,000 12 ounces aluminum cans are made. An aluminum can that is thrown away will still be a can 500 years from now. Aluminum can manufacturers have been making cans lighter --- in 1972 each pound of aluminum produced 22 cans; today it yields 29 cans.

## Navy Personnel Command Update

Submitted by Navy Career Counselor Chief Jean-Hero Lamy

Below is information from Navy Personnel Command (NPC) Millington, Tennessee to communicate the status for boards, packaged transfers, etc.

### Q: What Happened in Millington?

A: Naval Support Activity Mid-South in Millington, Tenn., encountered substantial flooding throughout the base on May 1st due to heavy rains in the region.

### Q: I work at Navy Personnel Command and haven't been allowed back, when can I get to work?

A: Personnel who work in Millington will begin returning to work on Thursday, May 6th. Each office will determine whom they need on May 6th and 7th with the full complement expected to return to work on May 10th. An announcement will be made on our normal telephone answering system and the NPC and Naval Support Activity Mid-South facebook pages regarding work status on Monday, 10 May.

### Q: I am up for orders but can't reach my detailer, what do I do?

A: Phones have been restored but access to computer systems are still down at this time. Detailers will respond to calls as soon as they can. Sailors can still apply on CMS/ID however detailer's ability to make selections will be delayed until systems are restored.

### Q: I have an Electronic Service Record (ESR), has all my information been lost?

A: No, all the systems used at Navy Personnel Command are backed up and no data was lost. Due to the quick actions of the technicians recovery will be quick once the damaged servers are replaced.

### Q: I am up for a promotion/selection board, what's going to happen?

A: Some selection boards have been postponed but because no damage to the selection board data or building was sustained we don't anticipate the delays will be for long. As soon as boards can be rescheduled the fleet will be notified.

### Q: I mailed information to the board, has it been lost?

A: No, mail is being held until services resume and then the packages will be delivered. No packages were lost.

### Q: What information has been lost due to the flood?

A: No computer-based data was lost; information in paper form on the first floor of several buildings was damaged and assessments are ongoing.

### Q: I need to mail a package to the selection board. Will they get it?

A: Yes, the post office will hold board packages until they can be delivered.

### Q: I need to speak with my detailer but no one is answering the phone or email, what do I do?

A: The detailers have phone service but no computer access yet. Alternate communications are being arranged and they anticipate limited capabilities later this week.

### Q: I need BOL/PRIMS/CORMIS to do my job, when will the systems be restored?

A: All the systems were shut down to protect them in advance of the flood and will be brought back online when servers are restored and the technicians determine the systems are operational.

### Q: I am to retire soon, how will that be impacted?

A: If your retirement or fleet reserve package has been processed already and you are waiting on your final message there may be a short delay. If you've submitted your request and are waiting for a response to your request there will be a delay until the staff has returned to work and access has been returned to NMCI. If you already have an approved date/message your retirement will proceed as scheduled.

### Q: I was due to separate this month, what should I do?

A: Your local personnel support activity will be able to separate you, the incident in Millington should not affect you.

### Q: I am scheduled to transfer but don't have orders, what should I do?

A: If you don't have orders do NOT transfer. Do not take any action on the assumption that you'll be reimbursed. If you have a short fused transfer requirement that can't wait to be resolved, call the NPC Customer Service Center for assistance.

### Q: I need a DD214, how do I get one?

A: PERS-3 will process DD214s when their spaces are cleared, they have returned to work and all their systems back on line, this service is temporarily unavailable.

### Q: I've been trying to reach the Customer Service Center at 1-866-U-ASK-NPC but can't reach anyone. What's going on?

A: The CSC was located in one of the buildings that sustained the most damage. They have relocated and anticipate being fully operational on May 10th. In the mean time you can reach them in case of an emergency at 1-866-U-ASK-NPC. Their knowledge management system was not lost so once the computer systems have been restored they'll be able to provide the exceptional service they did before the flood.

### Q: It's PRT season and I can't get into PRIMS. What do I do?

A: PRIMS, like the other systems in Millington, was taken down prior to the flood to protect the data. Once servers have been restored, PRIMS will once again be available to the fleet.

### Q: I'm scheduled for a GSA/IA but don't have orders, what do I do?

A: If you don't have orders, don't do anything until you are contacted by proper authorities.

### Q: I heard all selection boards are on hold, is that true?

A: Some selection boards have been suspended and delayed until the systems that support them are back online. Once the systems are back online and have been tested the boards will be rescheduled. No boards have been cancelled and no one's promotions will be affected.

### Q: I'm planning on leaving active duty shortly and transition to the reserve force? Is that process affected?

A: Yes, the Career Transition Office, along with the rest of PERS-9 (reserve affairs) was among the most critically affected codes at Naval Personnel Command. Processing of packages to the reserve force will begin again as soon as CTO has relocated to new spaces. Some services previously provided (flags, retirement certificates, etc.) will be delayed.

# Duke of York, Prince Andrew Honors US Coast Guard Officer

By MC1 Brianna K. Dandridge  
ESG 5

**JUFFAIR, Bahrain** — U.S. Coast Guard Capt. Samuel “Duke” Walker, Commodore, CTG 55.6 was invested as an Honorary Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE) for his distinctive service to and in recognition of his work with the British Royal Navy in Iraq.

Walker, of Mobile Alabama, worked as Executive Officer of the Coalition Naval Advisory Training Team, led by the Royal Navy, for two years from 2004-2006, embedded with the Iraqi Navy in the Umm Qasr region of Iraq.

His Majesty Duke of York, Prince Andrew who is currently on a regional tour, presented the award personally.

According to Walker, the experience of training and rebuilding the Iraqi Navy under the Royal Navy command was a rewarding experience and that it is gratifying to observe the growth that has taken place in the Iraqi Navy. “I find it difficult to adequately articulate how humbled I am to be singled out in this way. Working with my British and Iraqi counterparts will always be one of the most significant and moving experiences of my military career. This award will be a symbol of that.” said Walker.

Walker’s dedicated service enabled him to hold the dignity and rank of an honorary member of the Member of the Order of the British Empire.

“This award is very rare,” said Commodore Tim Lowe, Royal Navy United Kingdom Maritime Component Commander. “The Queen approves awards only twice a year and the list is usually very small.”

“This award represents the work of the coalition forces and our Iraqi counterparts. It floods back the memories of fallen service members that we lost during my tenure.” said Walker. “The award truly honors them.” Walker returned to the region in 2009 and currently serves as Commodore CTG-55.6 as a principal force provider under Expeditionary Strike Group 5.



Photo by MC1 (SW) Brianna K. Danbridge

**His Majesty Duke of York, Prince Andrew invested U.S Coast Guard Capt. Samuel Walker, Commodore, CTG 55.6 as an Honorary Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire for his distinctive service and in recognition of his work with the British Royal Navy in Iraq from 2004-2006.**

## NSA Bell housing facelift



Photo by MC2(AW) Johansen Laurel

Promod Kalentavida and Ricky Eusebio from Naval Support Activity, Bahrain Public Works Department, apply a fresh coat of paint to the command bell housing as part of an ongoing base beautification effort.

## BONE MARROW from Page 1

Craft registered for the National Bone Marrow Donor Program in 2005 during a drive while stationed on board the USS Ronald Raegan. The Charles William (C.W.) “Bill” Young Department of Defense (DoD) Marrow Donor Program coordinated the drive.

According to its website, the C.W. Bill Young DoD Marrow Donor Program was established to recruit volunteer bone marrow donors from active duty military, their families and DoD civilian employees in partnership with the National Marrow Donor Program.

Registering requires a small amount of paper work and a DNA sample. The information is then processed to search for potential matches among patients in need. Additionally the website notes, healthy bone marrow donation therapy is used to treat more than 70 life-threatening diseases.

For more information regarding the program visit the website, [www.dodmarrow.org](http://www.dodmarrow.org).

## NSA gets new “Turf”



Photo by MC2 (AW) Jason T. Poplin

Cmdr. Patrick Moran, Executive Officer, Naval Support Activity (NSA), Bahrain, digs up home-plate during a ground breaking ceremony on board NSA, Bahrain, May 2. The ceremony marks the commencement of the resurfacing project to NSA’s athletic playing field, changing its current surface from natural grass and dirt to AstroTurf. The project is expected to be completed by July 2010. Also in the photo are Luis Rexach, Ken Letourneau, Tom Linscott, Abdul Rasheed, Shine Devassy, and Mike Jones.

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### Announcement: NSA-10-044

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**Department:** Housing, NSA Bahrain  
**Opening Date:** 10 May 2010, **Closing Date:** 17 May 2010

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**Announcement: NSA-10-039**  
**Position:** Fire Protection Inspector, BG-0530  
**05/06/07/08/09/10**

**Department:** Fire, NSA Bahrain  
**Opening Date:** 27 April 2010, **Closing Date:** 17 May 2010  
**Who May Apply:** Bahraini Citizens (1st Priority consideration), Non-US Citizen Spouses (2nd Priority Consideration) GCC Nationals, Local Foreign Nationals, or Current BG employees.

### Announcement: NSA-10-040

**Position:** Motor Vehicle Operator/Warehouse Worker, BG-5703-06

**Department:** Navy Exchange, Bahrain  
**Opening Date:** 06 May 2010, **Closing Date:** 26 May 2010  
**Who May Apply:** Bahraini Citizens (1st Priority consideration), Non-US Citizen Spouses (2nd Priority Consideration) GCC Nationals, Local Foreign Nationals, or Current BG employees.

### Announcement: NSA-10-044

**Position:** Housing Referral Assistant (OA), GS-0303-05  
**Department:** Housing, NSA Bahrain  
**Opening Date:** 10 May 2010, **Closing Date:** 23 May 2010

## NSA Base Chapel Crusaders



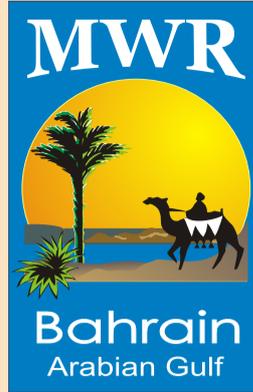
## And one...



Photos by MC1 (AW) Felix Garza Jr.

**Top:** Naval Support Activity, Bahrain, Base Chapel basketball team, "Crusaders" placed 1st in the Men's Inter-church Basketball Tournament sponsored by the National Evangelical Church in Bahrain at the Al Raja School May 1. Front row: Brian Johnson, Aspen Jordan, Willie Ellerbe, Luis Rivera, Alec Ferley, Back row: James Dixon, Rob Turlington, Brian Kuhn, David Bates, Damien Autry and Coach Michael Willis.

**Bottom:** Alec Ferley a member of the Naval Support Activity, Bahrain, base Chapel basketball team, "Crusaders", goes for a layup during the Men's Inter-church Basketball Tournament sponsored by the National Evangelical Church in Bahrain at the Al Raja School May 1.



## ITT

**Thursday, May 13**

### BELLY DANCING DINNER SHOW

- Time: 2000
- Min 8 people, May 11 cut-off
- ITT Price: \$30.00, Gate Price: \$37.00

**Friday, May 14**

### GROUP FISHING TRIP

- Time: 0530 – 1300
- Max 8 people
- May 11 cut-off
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**Saturday, May 15**

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- Time: 0930 – 1400
- Min 5 people
- May 12 cut-off
- ITT Price: \$23, Gate Price: \$27

**Thursday, May 20**

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- Time: 1630 – 2000
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- May 17 cut-off
- ITT Price: \$23.00

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- Time: 0700 – 1100
- Min 5 people
- ITT Price: \$4.00

**\*\*Please arrive 15 minutes prior\*\***  
**All dates and times**  
**are subject to change**

## Movie Schedule

**Friday, May 21**

### Theater A

- 10 a.m. - CLOUDY WITH CHANCE OF MEATBALLS (PG)
- 12 p.m. - FLICKA: 2 (PG)
- 2 p.m. - DIARY OF A WIMPY KID (PG)
- 4 p.m. - LOVELY BONES (PG13)
- 7 p.m. - BROTHERS (R)
- 9 p.m. - LEGION (R)

### Theater B

- 11 a.m. - PRINCESS & THE FROG (G)
- 1 p.m. - ESCAPE FROM ALCATRAZ (PG)
- 3 p.m. - OUR FAMILY WEDDING (PG13)
- 5 p.m. - WHEN IN ROME (PG13)
- 7 p.m. - ENTER THE DRAGON (R)
- 9 p.m. - THE PROFESSIONAL (R)

**Saturday, May 22**

### Theater A

- 10 a.m. - FLICKA: 2 (PG)
- 12 p.m. - EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES (PG)
- 2 p.m. - PRINCESS & THE FROG (G)
- 4 p.m. - WHEN IN ROME (PG13)
- 7 p.m. - FROM PARIS WITH LOVE (R)
- 9 p.m. - SNATCH (R)

### Theater B

- 11 a.m. - CLOUDY WITH CHANCE OF MEATBALLS (PG)
- 1 p.m. - LEAP YEAR (PG)
- 3 p.m. - DIARY OF A WIMPY KID (PG)
- 5 p.m. - NINE (PG13)
- 7 p.m. - BROTHERS (R)
- 9 p.m. - LEGION (R)

## Comments & Suggestions

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**Thursday, May 13**

- Asian dinner:**
- E6 & Below: \$3
  - E7 & Above \$5. 1700

**Friday, May 14**

- Tree of Life, Pottery & Saudi Causeway tour:**
- E6 & below \$3, E7 & above \$5
  - Departs 0930.

**Saturday, May 15**

- Chocolate Chip Cookie Day. Free!**
- Swim with the Dolphins:**
- Indoor pool
  - E6 & Below \$30, Others \$35

**Thursday, May 20**

- Shore Fishing**
- Departs 1700.
  - E6 & Below: \$5; E7 & Above \$10

**Friday, May 21**

- Lost Paradise Water Park**
- Departs 0900
  - E6 & Below: \$20, E7 & Above \$25.

**Go carts!**

- Departs 1630.
- E6 & Below: \$15, E7 & Above \$20.

**Saturday, May 22**

- Pearl Snorkeling Adventure**
- Departs 0800
  - E6 & Below \$35, Others \$45.

**Shore fishing**

- Departs 1700
- E6 & Below: \$5; E7 & Above \$10

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