

# New sports complex expands activities

By MC2 Daron Street  
Staff Writer

**MANAMA, Bahrain** — Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain held a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new sports complex Aug. 22.

The new complex contains a softball field and a multipurpose field intended for soccer and flag football.

This new recreational asset was the work of years of planning said Mike Jones, the recreation director for Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Bahrain.

“We started this project in April 2007,” said Jones. “It was then when we started investigating the right kind of product for this environment.”

Instead of grass, the material chosen for the field was picked for the many ways it conforms to the conditions in Bahrain.

“This is a very harsh environment,” said Jones. “Not only the weather but the gritty sand and high acidity level in the soil. There are literally hundreds of types of artificial turf, so I began studying what we really needed and what made sense for us.”

The fields were constructed by MWR with the help of the NSA Bahrain Public Works department.

“The Public Works department did a great job getting the project done on time and on budget,” said Jones.

The fields will serve personnel at NSA

Bahrain and be available to the rest of the fleet during port visit here as well.

Jones said the field has the ability to immediately change the application of its use to accommodate the needs of visiting ships to play flag football or soccer instead of a lengthy line drawing process.

“All we have to do is put the goals up, put the ball out there and let them go at it,” he said.

This project is not only useful to military personnel and their dependents, it’s also cost effective and is saving the Navy money.

NSA Bahrain Commanding Officer, Capt. Rick Sadsad said the field will save millions of gallons of water a year and save countless dollars in grounds keeping salaries.

“The field will end up paying for itself in five or six years,” Sadsad said.

The new field has been anticipated by the personnel of NSA Bahrain for some time now.

“Softball is the number one sport at NSA Bahrain,” said Luis Rexach, the athletics director for MWR Bahrain. “Even though there is a fast turnover with personnel because a lot of people are only here for a year or two, softball has somehow stayed number one. We had been playing our softball seasons at the Department of Defense school here in Bahrain but that field is a Little League field, so to have our very own softball field now, is a great thing.”



Photo by MC2 Daron Street

Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, Vice Adm. Mark Fox and Commanding Officer, Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain, Capt. Rick Sadsad, help cut the ribbon at the new sports complex, Aug. 22. Morale, Welfare and Recreation Bahrain opened the new fields in an effort to promote physical fitness and to offer more activities to military personnel and their dependents while stationed here. Pictured left to right, Commander, Navy Installations Command, Vice Adm. Michael Vitale, Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia, Rear Adm. Anthony Gaiani, Fox, Commanding Officer, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia, Capt. Jeff Borowy, Sadsad and NSA Bahrain Public Works Officer, Lt. Cmdr. Keith Benson.

## Gaiani relieves Mercer as Commander of Navy Region



Photo by MC2(SW/AW) Felicito Rustique

Rear Adm. Tony E. Gaiani, front, renders honors during Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia / Commander, Maritime Air Naples change of command ceremony Aug. 20. Gaiani relieved Rear Adm. David Mercer.

From Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia Public Affairs

**NAPLES, Italy** — Rear Adm. Tony E. Gaiani relieved Rear Adm. David J. Mercer as Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia (EURAFSWA) and Commander, Maritime Air Naples, Aug. 20, during a change of command ceremony at Naval Support Activity Naples in the Capodichino district.

The outdoor ceremony was attended by NATO, U.S. and Italian government officials. Italian Navy Vice Adm. Maurizio Gemignani, Commander, Allied Maritime Command Naples, was the ceremony’s presiding official.

Vice Adm. Michael Vitale, Commander, Navy Installations Command, the ceremony’s guest speaker, reflected on the ongoing changes at Navy installations in the region and around the world.

“It’s a new era. If we ever wanted to reinvent our shore platform, now is the time. It is why we select shore leaders like Adm. Mercer

and Adm. Gaiani,” said Vitale.

During Mercer’s tenure, he assumed administrative and operational control over Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, U.S. Africa Command’s only base on the African continent, only months after reporting to Naples as Commander, Navy Region Europe in March 2008.

In 2009, Mercer facilitated Navy Region Europe’s merger with Navy Region Southwest Asia, leading the command through an official name change that now reflects its broader area of responsibility. The region currently includes six major military installations on three continents.

For his outstanding service and devotion to duty, Mercer was presented with the Legion of Merit at the ceremony.

“Everything Rear Adm. Mercer and his team have accomplished here in EURAFSWA in the past 31 months has prepared [Mercer] well for his next assignment in Washington, D.C.,” Vitale said. “To [Mercer] and the team, I say well done and thank you.”

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# Family Life at NSA Bahrain

## Bahrain School welcomes new students with ice cream



Photos by MC2(AW) Johansen Laurel

**Top Left:** Bahrain School teacher Courtney Bazen leads parents and children on a tour of the school grounds during their first ice cream social, Aug. 26.

**Top:** Razan Alshehabi, left, a 12th-grade student helps serve ice cream to parents and children at the ice cream social.

**Top Right:** Katelyn Martin enjoys ice cream in the school's gymnasium. The ice cream social was intended to help families familiarize themselves with the school's layout and facilities before school started.



## CFC's gift to Bahrain

By MC2(AW) Jason T. Poplin  
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**MANAMA, Bahrain** — Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, Vice Adm. Mark Fox, and Renée Acosta, president and CEO of the nonprofit organization, Global Impact, presented a Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) Overseas donation check in the amount of \$5,346.98 to Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain Commanding Officer, Capt. Rick Sadsad, Aug. 26.

Appointed by the Department of Defense to manage and implement the CFC Overseas program, Global Impact is a charity dedicated to raising funds to support humanitarian relief and development programs in and outside the U.S. CFC is the only authorized solicitation of federal employees and service members in their workplaces on behalf of approved charitable organizations.

"Today's CFC gift to NSA Bahrain is another example of how shipmates take care of each other," said Fox. "It is nice to

know that the spirit of generosity within the Navy is alive and well."

Contributions to CFC Overseas support quality of life programs for federal employees and service members stationed abroad. The donation presented to Sadsad will give the installation commander the opportunity to contribute to programs that will directly improve the quality of life at NSA.

Sadsad said the CFC Overseas program offers personnel assigned to NSA an opportunity to see their donations affect programs within their community.

"Donations from CFC help us provide the support that we owe our service members and their families," he said. "This contribution will be used towards our child development center and MWR's child youth programs, two areas we should be concentrating on especially now that we have a lot of dependents returning to the base."

For more on the Combined Federal Campaign Overseas program, visit [www.cfcoverseas.org](http://www.cfcoverseas.org)

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## Chaplain's Corner

### Meet Chaplain Dang



Cmdr. Chin Van Dang  
Supervisory Chaplain

Cmdr. Chin Van Dang was born in Hanam, Vietnam. Dang later fled the Communist regime and attended St. Joseph's Seminary in Saigon until 1968 after the Tet Offensive of the Vietnam War. He attended the School of Naval Officers in NhaTrang, Vietnam, and was commissioned as an officer in the

Vietnam People's Navy where he served from 1970 until 1975. In 1975, he fled the country of Vietnam and took refuge in Guam.

After leaving the refugee camp in Guam, Dang expressed his desire to continue his study toward priesthood. He then attended Saint Joseph Seminary College in Covington, La., where he received a bachelor's degree in 1979. He then attended St. John's University & Seminary in Collegeville, Minn., where he earned a master's degree in Divinity in 1983. Also in the spring of 1983, he was ordained into the Catholic priesthood.

He started his U.S. Navy career by attending the Naval Chaplain's School in Newport, R.I., and received his commission as a Lt.j.g. on July 6, 1988.

Since then, Dang has served at various duty stations including Little Creek, Va., Okinawa, Japan, San Diego, Camp Pendleton, Ca., El Toro, Ca., Yokuska, Japan, Corpus Christi, Texas, with both Navy and Marine Corps units before arriving at Naval Support Activity Bahrain as Supervisory Chaplain.

Cmdr. Dang's personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (three awards) and the Navy Commendation Medal (six awards), as well as various unit awards and citations.



Photos by MC2(AW) Johansen Laurel

## Bahrain School hosts Open House

By MC1(SW) Sonja M. Chambers  
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MANAMA, Bahrain — Bahrain School hosted a back to school open house Aug. 29.

The school, which opened its doors to 572 kindergarten through 12th-grade students this year, is part of the Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA).

Gail Anderson, Bahrain School principal, said the annual back to school event gave parents an overview of their children's daily activities.

"We want the parents to see the school, the facilities and who's teaching the classes," she said.

Elementary school parents visited their children's classrooms and middle and high school parents followed their children's eight-class schedule.

Anderson hoped parents took away a sense of the diversity of the educational envi-

ronment in which their children are immersed. She said the students attending school this year represent 45 different countries.

"The social environment is a nice perk to rest of the curriculum," she said. "The school offers an American diploma, an International Baccalaureate diploma and all the components of an American education with an international environment."

Courtney Bazen, who teaches a multi-age class of 1st, 2nd and 3rd-grade students, said the open house gave parents a sense of what their children do on a daily basis.

"I really hope they take away from [the open house] that their children are in a safe environment that cultivates learning," she said. "I want the parents to be comfortable, so they know they can come to anyone in the school, whether it be the principal, the administration or the classroom teacher and get assistance. This is a community school, so much so that we're here for them just as much as they're here for us."



Photo by MC1(SW) Sonja M. Chambers

Courtney Bazen, who teaches a multiage class of 1st, 2nd and 3rd-grade students, speaks with parents at the Bahrain School Open House Aug. 29. The school, which opened its doors to 572 kindergarten through 12th-grade students, is part of the Department of Defense Education Activity.

## Civilian employee advocates self-learning through reading

By MC2(AW) Johansen Laurel  
Staff Writer

MANAMA, Bahrain — Today, the library is the last place to look for information since the Internet is a mouse click away. Anyone can Google just about anything, but for acting librarian Maria Fernandes, she finds it rewarding to be able to help someone search for books and information at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain's library.

"The library is a place filled with books, knowledge and information about the world," said Fernandes. "I gain a wealth of knowledge and the opportunity to help patrons."

Born in Goa, India, Maria left her birth country in January 1998 in search of a better life for herself and to help her family financially.

"I had to stop my college just so I could help my family," Maria said. "The job I had wasn't enough and it was tough looking for a decent job back home."

When she arrived in Bahrain, she took a job at NSA Bahrain's youth center. Her previous job was tutoring young children in India, so the job at the youth center was an easy transition.

"I spent six years working at the center," Maria said. "I enjoyed working there. I knew everyone, and they all came to me for help. That to me was rewarding."

Maria said she was proud of her job at the youth center and in September 2004, she took on a bigger challenge as a library technician, later temporarily filling the position as acting librarian.

"I am happy that I am able to integrate the various aspects of my previous job to help make the library more meaningful for patrons," she said. "I am always willing to help. I will never just point and say, 'Go look.' I walk them over and help them find what they need."

To Maria, being the acting librarian is exciting, and there is a lot more to it than one might expect. Some of the things she does are plan programs, search for answers to reference questions, help people find exactly what they need and perform administrative and business activities.

"It is never a dull moment. Everyday is a challenge," she said. "From the moment you unlock the library to the time you leave, it's non-stop. There's so much to do."

Her job involves helping clients with research material for college courses and work on library programs.

"Knowing at the end of the day that you've made a difference for a patron feels great," Maria said. "Best of all, the smiles and the 'thank yous' make me happy."

NSA Bahrain Library Aide Remedios Bautista said Maria is a high-spirited person who is always ready to help anyone.

"She has done a lot for the library and I enjoy working with her," said Bautista. "I think she would have no problem performing the position as NSA Bahrain's Librarian."

Maria said she plans to continue on in the field and help people achieve their goals while working toward her own.

"I love my work as a librarian, but I also want to move to the next level," said Maria. "I feel one should wait for the right time and right opportunity to move forward."

# Who's guiding your career?

By MC2(AW) Jason T. Poplin  
Staff Writer

**MANAMA, Bahrain** — The Command Career Counselor (CCC) office at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain, plays a vital role with the career development of Sailors.

Today's Sailor has learned to pick through a wealth of online information from resources like Navy Knowledge Online when seeking training, educational and career guidance information.

Chief Navy Counselor Jean-Hero Lamy, NSA's installation command career counselor, encourages Sailors to use such web resources, but not to overlook the advantages of having personal interaction with the personnel at the CCC.

"We help Sailors evaluate their education, training and work history, as well as their strengths and limitations, to assist them with making wise career decisions," Lamy said. "We also work with them to identify and develop their skills to ensure they administer those in the proper job field."

Lamy said he and his staff, Navy Counselors 1st Class Theresa Pierson and Hamidullah Lebron, achieve this goal by working with representatives of their customers' commands who fulfill the role of departmental career counselor and act as a first-stop resource of information for their Sailors. These counselors make up a Career Development Team (CDT) who meet monthly to receive training and the

most up-to-date personal and professional development information to disseminate to their personnel.

Yeoman 3rd Class Daniel Bailes, assigned to NSA's personnel administration department, recently spoke with his CDT representative when he was approaching the end of his enlistment. Together, they discussed viable options for him to consider including the Navy's Guard 2000 program, which allows Sailors to select their choice of duty station or school in exchange for reenlistment. Using this program, Bailes was able to negotiate his follow-on assignment and is scheduled to transfer to Naval Air Station Jacksonville in early 2011.

"Speaking with my departmental career counselor allowed me to analyze the best opportunities available for my career," Bailes said. "They provided me with a lot of information and I was better prepared for the decisions that everyone has to make during their careers."

One of the tools the CDT utilizes to assist its Sailors is by conducting regular Career Development Board (CDB) sessions between a Sailor and his leadership where personal and professional goals are established.

"A CDB is the best foundation a Sailor can receive and we host them at the beginning of their tour as well as various points throughout their career," Lamy said. "We discuss the basic areas that the Sailor will need for success in the Navy. We cover a variety of items such as advancement opportunities, financial matters including the



Photo by MC2(AW) Jason T. Poplin

**Navy Counselor 1st Class Hamidullah Lebron, left, and Master-at-Arms 3rd Class Dennis Legendre, both assigned to Naval Security Force Bahrain, discuss professional development, educational and training opportunities during a career counseling appointment at Naval Support Activity Bahrain, Aug. 30.**

various saving programs offered through the military, their living situations and mentorship programs."

Lamy said the CCC also assists Sailors with navigating and understanding the Perform to Serve (PTS) program, a force shaping tool the Navy uses to evaluate its personnel ensuring it retains only the best and brightest among its ranks. He added the program also serves as a great opportunity for personnel to transition from overmanned ratings into more open fields, placing Sailors in the best profession possible and maximizing their potential.

Everyone with a career occasionally needs guidance Lamy said. He encourages Sailors to routinely speak with their departmental career counselors and the staff of the CCC to receive the most current information available.

"It's important for Sailors to understand that we are here to help guide them through their careers. It's a free service and they have nothing to lose by sitting down and speaking with our advisors," he said. "Why not take advantage of that?"

For more information, contact Chief Lamy at 439-4282.

## A little history on OPSEC

In the early days of the Vietnam War, the U.S. lost an alarming number of pilots and aircraft. To reverse that trend, a team was assigned to analyze U.S. military operations. The team, "Purple Dragon," discovered that crucial planning information was being disclosed through routine patterns of behavior. Countermeasures were quickly initiated.

Purple Dragon's analytic process, called Operations SECURITY or OPSEC, was used by the military for the next 20 years. In 1988, President Reagan formalized its use throughout the Government and created the Interagency OPSEC Support Staff (IOSS) to provide training and guidance to the national security community.

The IOSS provides tailored training, assists in program development, produces multimedia products and presents conferences for the defense, security, intelligence, research and development, acquisition and public safety communities. Its mission is to help Government organizations develop their own, self-sufficient OPSEC programs in order to protect U.S. programs and activities.

### WORD ON THE STREET:

## What does it mean to be a CPO Selectee?



Roy Burris  
ITC(Select)

"It's been my ultimate accomplishment during my time in the Navy to make Chief and it means everything to me. I'm really proud."



Erik Liedig  
CTTC(Select)

"It means finally being accepted into the mess and the community that I've worked so hard to be a part of. It's an honor to make it."



Dale Brownie  
ETC(Select)

"It's an honor and very humbling in that we have the direct responsibility to help lead our Sailors, to guide their careers and help them better themselves personally and professionally."



Michael Black  
YNC(Select)

"It's a huge milestone in my career, finally being selected by the master chiefs to join the mess, change uniforms and be known as 'the Chief.'"



Jeffrey Ozmen  
HMC(Select)

"It's an opportunity to lead from a different perspective for me. As Sailors, we lead in different ways in the earliest opportunities, and this is just another way to lead."



Wan Saintcharles  
YNC(Select)

"Being a select means everything. This is what we have all worked towards throughout our careers, to one day be 'the Chief.' It's a big achievement for all of us, it's what we have been groomed for."

## Colonel Dashti assumes command of Combined Task Force 152

From Combined Maritime Forces Office of Public Affairs

**KUWAIT** — Command of Combined Task Force 152 (CTF-152) has passed from Kuwaiti Brigadier General Jassim al Ansari to his fellow countryman Colonel Abdullah Dashti.

A handover ceremony took place at Naval Operations Center, Mohammed Al Ahmed Naval Base, Kuwait Aug. 10. The ceremony was attended by Commodore Tim Fraser, Royal Navy, Deputy Commander Combined Maritime Forces (DCCMF), as well as the CTF-152 staff and watch team members.

Kuwait elected to rotate their commanders roughly half way through their seven-month command period in order for two senior officers to gain valuable experience of leading a multi-national task force.

CTF-152 is one of three task forces operated by Combined Maritime Forces (CMF), a 24-nation coalition based in Bahrain. It operates in the Arabian Gulf conducting Maritime Security Operations in conjunction with Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) partners to prevent destabilizing activities and promote maritime security. Activities conducted by CTF-152 include counter terrorism, maritime infrastructure protection and regional engagement of maritime partners.

CTF-152 is a multi-national task force, which has included participation from Kuwait, Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, France, New Zealand, Italy, Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States.

CMF units are committed to working together in order to promote security and prosperity across some 2.5 million square miles of international waters in the Middle East, which encompass some of the world's most important shipping lanes. Its main focus areas are defeating terrorism, preventing piracy, reducing illegal activities and promoting a safe maritime environment.

For further questions, please contact Combined Maritime Forces Public Affairs Office 011-973-1785-9981 or [M-BA-CUSNC-CMF\\_PAO@me.navy.mil](mailto:M-BA-CUSNC-CMF_PAO@me.navy.mil).

## New law increases annual leave carry-over

From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

**MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS)** — A 2008 law that increased annual leave carry-over from 60 days to 75 days has been extended to 2013.

The 2010 National Defense Authorization Act passed by Congress and signed by President Barack Obama in October 2009, extended the planned December 2010 expiration of the 75-day leave carry-over benefit, until Sept. 30, 2013. Afterward, leave carry-over eligibility will be reset to 60 days.

"While this extension was effective in October 2009, and policy documents were updated to reflect this change, it appears that many Sailors had not received this information. The release of NAVADMIN 281/10 ensures maximum distribution to the fleet," said Lt. Brandi McGehee, Navy military pay and compensation policy, assistant pay and allowances officer.

Special Leave Accrual (SLA) retention limits for SLA earned between Oct. 1, 2008, to Sept. 30, 2013, for service members assigned to hostile fire or imminent danger areas, certain deployable ships, mobile units, or other duty, were also extended to four fiscal years from the previous three-fiscal-year limit.

These leave carry-over changes are now reflected in the MILPERSMAN articles that apply (1050-010, 1050-060 and 1050-070).

For more information, visit the Navy Personnel Command website at [www.npc.navy.mil](http://www.npc.navy.mil) and read the message or contact your servicing Personnel Support Detachment.

## Photo From The Fleet

Find out what our fellow shipmates are doing around the fleet at [www.navy.mil](http://www.navy.mil)



Photo by MC2 Shannon Renfroe

**Cmdr. Matt Graham, from U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, sends his family greetings on the JumboTron during a Boston Red Sox baseball game at Fenway Park, Aug. 25. Graham has been separated from his family for 14 months. The Red Sox organization showed appreciation to the men and women of the U.S. armed forces during pregame ceremonies as part of the Tickets for Troops program.**

## Navy tightens E-5 eval recommendations

From Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

**MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS)** — In an effort to more clearly define top-performing Sailors, the Navy is revising the E-5 periodic evaluations beginning March 15, 2011, with a mandatory "ranking" requirement.

According to NAVADMIN 286/10, the E-5 force distribution rules are being changed so that the total number of "early promote" and "must promote" recommendations cannot exceed 60 percent, and "Must Promote" recommendations can be increased by one for every unused "early promote" quota.

Previously, raters were not limited in how many "must promote" recommendations they were able to give, but "early promote" recommendations have been set and remain at 20 percent.

As the Navy continues centering its attention on performance, it is more important than ever for Sailors to ensure their records are up-to-date and accurate. The Electronic Service Record can be viewed at <https://nspics.nmci.navy.mil> and Official Military Personnel Files are available on BUPERS Online <https://www.bol.navy.mil>.

An updated release of the NAVFIT98A software is planned for January 2011 to incorporate the policy change. The software was modified earlier this year to incorporate

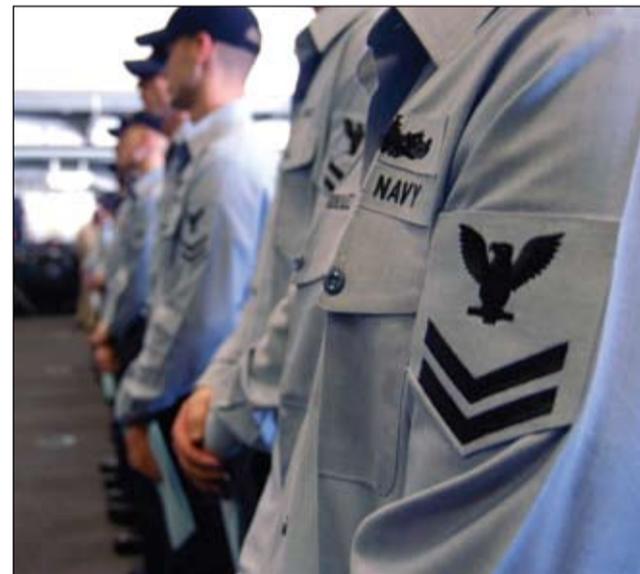


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**Selected E-5s wait to be frocked. The Navy is revising E-5 periodic evaluations beginning March 15, 2011.**

changes regarding the documentation of Physical Fitness Assessments and Individual Augmentee assignments.

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Mercer attributed EURAFSWA's milestones to the team of installation and Region personnel serving as the logistics and support arm of U.S. Naval Forces Europe, U.S. Naval Forces Africa and U.S. Naval Forces Central Command.

"I can't tell you how gratified I am with what you've been able to achieve. Thank you for making good on many of the promises I made to our superior officers," said Mercer.

While directly addressing Italian dignitaries in attendance, Mercer thanked them for providing U.S. personnel a wonderful place to live and work. "Italy and the United States have been very good, strong allies since World War II," said Mercer. "We appreciate all you've done for us and we thank you for your hospitality."

Mercer was relieved by Gaiani, a fellow naval aviator who previously commanded Navy Region Midwest.

Gaiani was warmly received by Italian attendees during the ceremony when he opened his remarks in their native tongue.

"This assignment is sort of a homecoming for me. I come home again to naval aviation, as Commander, Maritime Air Naples. I come home again to NATO, in my third assignment to the alliance. And, I come home again to Italy, which is where Colleen and I served in our first assignment, which seems to be a just few years ago now.

"Colleen and I are thrilled to be back in beautiful Italy, and thrilled to have this opportunity that this change of command represents for us," said Gaiani.

As Region commander, Gaiani oversees a total workforce of 4,417 host nation employees, U.S. employees and military members responsible for providing efficient and effective shore service support to U.S. and allied forces in the Europe, Africa and Southwest Asia area of responsibility.

As Commander, Maritime Air Naples, Gaiani coordinates NATO maritime patrol aircraft (MPA) activity in NATO's Southern Region area of operations in the Mediterranean. In addition, he maintains command and control of assigned MPA forces in support of Allied Maritime Command Naples — one of three component commands under Allied Joint Force Command Naples.

For more information about Navy Region EURAFSWA, visit [www.cnmc.navy.mil/europe](http://www.cnmc.navy.mil/europe).

# Bahrain detachment to enhance service to Navy customers



Photo by MC2 Daron Street

The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Distribution Commander and Director of Central Command's Deployment and Distribution Operations Center, Rear Adm. Thomas C. Traaen and staff from DLA Distribution Kuwait, Southwest Asia's Bahrain detachment, cut a ribbon to celebrate the opening of a newly renovated bay within its warehouse operations at NSA Bahrain Aug. 26.

From Defense Logistics Agency

**MANAMA, Bahrain** — Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Distribution Kuwait, Southwest Asia's Bahrain detachment held a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the opening of a newly-renovated bay within its warehouse operations, Aug. 26. DLA Distribution Commander and Director of Central Command's Deployment and Distribution Operations Center, Rear Adm. Thomas C. Traaen was the keynote speaker.

Renovations at the warehouse, which included increased shelving and new cargo doors and bin storage systems, allow the facility to store and distribute materiel quickly needed by the detachment's nearly 130 tenant commands and ships homeported in the area.

"In order to ensure efficiency and timely delivery to key customers, Navy materiel, previously located at the main Kuwait facility is being relocated to Bahrain," said Marian Crosson, detachment director. "This will dramatically reduce customer wait time."

The detachment, which was established under a transfer of functions from the Navy, operates a Materiel Processing Center (MPC), which serves as sorting and staging area for materiel destined for Navy vessels. As shipments arrive at the MPC, the supplies are sorted by ship and then by their

destination once on board.

The Bahrain detachment mission is to maintain forward-positioned stock and provide multi-modal distribution services to U.S. Naval Forces Central Command and Combined Maritime Forces operating in the Fifth Fleet area of responsibility (AOR).

The facility is a detachment of DLA Distribution Kuwait, Southwest Asia. DLA Distribution Kuwait is DLA Distribution's only distribution facility in Southwest Asia and was established based on a request from U.S. Central Command. The primary mission will provide forward stock positioning support and enhanced physical distribution services to the Armed Forces located in the U.S. Central Command AOR. Its distribution facilities are strategically positioned in Southwest Asia to reduce transportation and customer wait time.

The depot provides distribution services and surge capability to all four service components to support the Warfighters operating in the AOR. Current commodities distributed by DLA Distribution Kuwait are repair parts, barrier/construction materiel, clothing, textiles and tentage. The organization also provides consolidated shipment and containerization services, as well as, routine logistic support to the military community in the theater of operations.

## 2010 OVERALL STANDING POINTS

COMMAND	PARTICIPATION	PLACE OF FINISH	TOTAL
<b>LARGE COMMANDS</b>			
NAVCENT	500	15	515
NSA	400	45	445
NCTS	300	80	380
<b>SMALL COMMANDS</b>			
USCG	400	30	430
PWD	300	50	350
CTF-53	200	50	250
AIMD	200	0	200
PSD	200	-50	150
NSWU-3	100	50	150
ARMY	100	30	130
CTF-56.1	100	30	130
CSG-10	100	15	115
ESG-5	100	15	115
FASTCENT	100	15	115
MEDICAL	100	0	100
DESC	100	0	100
NSWU-3	100	0	100
CTF-57	100	0	100
CTG-52.1	100	0	100
MCM	100	-50	50



## ITT

### Hawar Island Overnight Stay

Friday, September 3

- ITT Cost: Single Room- \$160
- Double Room- \$187

### Guided Cultural Tour of Bahrain

Saturday, September 4

- Time: 0900 – 1600
- Min 14 people; ITT Price: \$35.00

### Pearl "Snorkel" Hunt

Sunday, September 5

- Time: 0600
- Min 8 – Max 10 people; ITT Price: \$47.00 per person

### Ramadan Iftar Buffet

Thursday, September 9

- Time: 1630 – 1900
- Min 5 people; Cost: \$3.00 (Only transportation provided), Buffet is on your own expense.

### Group Fishing Trip

Friday, September 10

- Time: 0530 – 1300
- Max 8 people; Group Cost: \$352

### Eid Open House @ Grand Mosque

Sat. & Sun., September 11 & 12

- Time: 1000
- Cost: Free
- Event dates are subjected to change depending on moon sighting.

**\*\*Please arrive 15 minutes prior\*\***

**All dates and times are subject to change**

## Movie Schedule

Friday, September 3

### Theater A

- 10 a.m. - Marmaduke (PG)
- 12 p.m. - Alice In Wonderland (PG)
- 2 p.m. - The Back Up Plan (PG-13)
- 4 p.m. - Date Night (PG-13)
- 7 p.m. - From Paris With Love (R)
- 9 p.m. - Green Zone (R)

### Theater B

- 11 a.m. - The Last Song (PG)
- 1 p.m. - Dear John (PG-13)
- 3 p.m. - Iron Man 2 (PG-13)
- 5 p.m. - The A-Team (R)
- 7 p.m. - Clash Of The Titans (PG-13)
- 9 p.m. - Repo Men (R)

Saturday, September 4

### Theater A

- 10 a.m. - Cars (G)
- 12 p.m. - Date Night (PG-13)
- 2 p.m. - The A-Team (PG-13)
- 4 p.m. - Remember Me (PG-13)
- 7 p.m. - Hot Tub Time Machine (R)
- 9 p.m. - Knight And Day (PG-13)

### Theater B

- 11 a.m. - How To Train Your Dragon (PG)
- 1 p.m. - The Back Up Plan (PG-13)
- 3 p.m. - The Losers (PG-13)
- 5 p.m. - The Ghost Writer (PG-13)
- 7 p.m. - Iron Man 2 (PG-13)
- 9 p.m. - Death At A Funeral (R)

## Comments & Suggestions

All are welcome to send comments or suggestions to MWR Bahrain. Please e-mail them to: [MWRsuggestionBox@me.navy.mil](mailto:MWRsuggestionBox@me.navy.mil)

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6 am - 9 am  
11 am - 1 pm  
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**THE HEAT**  
**106.3**  
PHONE: 439-4036



Thursday, September 2

- 9 Ball Tournament
- 1200
- Cornhole Tourney
- 1700

Friday, September 3

- Battle of the Band
- 1200

Saturday, September 4

- Guided Cultural Tour
- 0900-1500
- E6 & Below \$30; E7 & Above \$35

Sunday, September 5

- Pearl Snorkeling Trip
- 0600
- E6 & Below \$35; E7 & Above \$ 47
- 3 Ball Tournament
- 1800

Monday, September 6

- Soccer
- 1700, Old Gym

Tuesday, September 7

- Liberty Rock Wall Climbing
- 1300, Freedom Souq
- Gold Souq & Arabic Dinner
- 1800
- E6 7 Below \$3; E7 & Above \$5

Thursday, September 9

- Sept. Birthday
- Free Cake while supply last
- Iftaar
- 1800, Liberty Center

Friday, September 10

- Fishing Trip
- 0600
- E6 & Below \$35; E7 & Above \$45
- Battle of the Bands
- 1200

For more information, call the Liberty Center at 439-3192