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## Holiday events light up Campania region



See Page 10: The community of Casertavecchia's "Mercatino di Natale" is one of several holiday events in the area this month. (Photo by J. Freed)

## Vice Chief of Naval Operations visits Naples

By MC2 Class Stephen Oleksiak, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa/ Commander, U.S. 6th Fleet Public Affairs

Adm. Mark Ferguson, vice chief of naval operations (VCNO), visited Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples Nov. 28, marking the final stop in a series of visits over the Thanksgiving holiday that included U.S. Central Command, U.S. European Command, and U.S. Africa Command.

Other stops included NSA Rota, Spain; NSA Souda Bay, Greece; and Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti. During his visits, Ferguson met with senior leadership, receiving briefs on current operations and base infrastructure. Accompanied by Navy Total Force Fleet Master Chief Scott Benning, VCNO also held all-hands calls with service members and answered questions at each location.

Ferguson's visit to Naples included meetings with senior leaders from Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa, and Commander, U.S. 6th Fleet to discuss strategic issues within the U.S. 6th Fleet area of responsibility.

He wrapped up the visit with an all-hands call, where he thanked not just the service members, but their families for all they do.

"I thank all of you for your leadership for what you do every day and your service to the nation," said Ferguson. "I think this is a great place to serve. It's been a pleasure to be here, and I'd like to thank you and your families."

Benning answered sailors' questions about perform-to-serve and the enlisted retention board. He also praised sailors for their ability to accomplish a variety of tasks outside of their assigned ratings.

"We train across many spectrums and we prepare [ourselves], and honestly it's what the other [military] services love about our individual augmentee sailors," said Benning. "[Our sailors] can do more than one thing, and they can do more than one thing at one time, and that makes [our sailors] a real commodity that they very much desire."

Sailors who attended the all-hands call appreciated the answers they received.

"The answers they gave us were very straightforward and upfront," said Hospitalman Nathan Sichone. "I am confident that [Ferguson] will continue to get the job done and represent the sailors to the best of his ability and meet the needs of the Navy."

This was Ferguson's first visit to Djibouti, Naples, Rota, and Souda Bay as the vice chief of naval operations.

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## Marines collect Toys for Tots

Marine Staff Sgt. Luis Mera and Hospital Corpsman Third Class Patrick Heraty man the Toys for Tots donation box at the Navy Exchange onboard Naval Support Activity Naples Nov. 28. The Toys for Tots program is meant to give children a present and a gift of hope during the holiday season.

(U.S. Navy photo by MCSA Erik Luebke)



By MCSA Erik Luebke  
Navy Public Affairs Support Element-East Detachment Europe

Marines and sailors assigned to Naval Support Activity Naples are participating in the Toys for Tots campaign here through Dec. 13.

The Toys for Tots program was first established in 1947, and its mission is to deliver a new toy and a message of hope during the holiday season for all children in the community.

"Toys for Tots has been around for quite a few years now," said Marine Staff Sgt. Luis Mera, the Naples Toys for Tots volunteer coordinator. "We collect new, unwrapped toys at the Navy Exchange and we give them out to the orphanages in different areas of Naples."

The volunteers are collecting toys at various locations, including the entrance to the Navy Exchange at the Support Site. In addition, they

are organizing boxes of toy donations and arranging staging areas for toy pick up. Some service members volunteered their time to stand by donation boxes and personally thank the community for their help.

"I love it," said Hospital Corpsman Third Class Patrick Heraty, a Toys for Tots volunteer. "What better thing to do than give toys to kids in need?"

Heraty is one of several service members who has donated time this holiday season to gather toys and thank the community for their contributions.

"The service members and their families here have been great support," said Mera. "In just the first three days of the Toys for Tots drive we collected about 400 toys."

For more information on Toys for Tots, visit the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots website at [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).

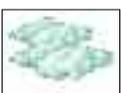
FRIDAY

High 63 / Low 50  
Partly Cloudy



SATURDAY

High 63 / Low 48  
Partly Cloudy



SUNDAY

High 64 / Low 50  
Chance of rain



# Captain's Corner

By Capt. Scott Gray  
NSA Commanding Officer



Congratulations to all our new Petty Officers! All the hard work and studying paid off and many earned a well deserved advancement in rank. All of us here in the NSA community know that you will take on this new challenge as an opportunity to lead the Navy into the future. Be sure to pass these service members a Bravo Zulu.

I want to thank everyone for your patience during the recent power outages at the Support Site. We have accomplished much-needed maintenance that was not accomplished in previous years. The failure to conduct this maintenance over the last several years adversely impacted our electrical grid. I realize any outage is a big inconvenience, so I appreciate your support in getting this work completed. In addition to the scheduled outages, we have had several brief unscheduled outages caused by the local electric company ENEL. Unlike in the United States, the power grid here in Italy is less robust, more unreliable and subject to more frequent interruption. Thankfully, the recent maintenance ensured that our system functioned properly and the breakers at the substations that serve the Support Site tripped when we received several power surges. This built-in fail safe is there to ensure our big screen TVs, stereos, etc. do not get fried as a result of a power surge. The system worked properly – the breakers tripped and Mirabella was able to reset the system within 15 to 20 minutes. Earlier this summer when a similar surge occurred, the breakers failed and a surge damaged several cells in a substation, which resulted in an 18-hour outage to the NEX, Commissary, gym, bowling alley and senior officer quarters. The scheduled outages and maintenance will wrap up Dec. 20, and next year's maintenance should be less invasive. While this maintenance will ensure our systems are better prepared to meet our electrical requirements, we remain reliant on the local power company to fulfill our needs. When we do experience outages, I ask for your patience. You can rest assured we are doing everything possible to restore the power as quickly as possible.

As I am writing this article, water is going into the Capo swimming pool and work is being completed. Testing will commence later in the week, and if all goes well, the pool should open next week. I walked through the facility on Tuesday and it looks great. After a delay due to improvements in the design and some unexpected conditions that had to be rectified, I know everyone is looking forward to getting back into the water. I know the Tiger Sharks (and especially their parents) will be happy to end their 4 a.m. bus rides to Baia and resume using Capo for their training. As we will live with this upgrade for many years to come, it was more important to get it done right than get it done fast. I think everyone will be pleased with the end result.

Many of us will be taking leave this holiday season or perhaps just an extended weekend trip here in Europe. Let's not forget safety. Please SLOW DOWN, take it easy, leave plenty of room and pay attention on the slippery roads! We don't want anyone injured due to carelessness, inattention or preventable accidents. Please use common sense and risk management skills to weigh the risks and make smart decisions.

Let's not just be safe while driving, but remain vigilant in all that we do. Our number-one weapon against crime is not to make ourselves a target. I'd like to urge extra vigilance as you lock up your houses at night, before leaving for a trip, or before just going away for an hour or two. A home alarm does no good if it is not armed and activated. Be a hard target for crime and the criminals will look elsewhere. While doing your holiday shopping out in town, remember not to leave items visible inside your vehicle. That will only tempt criminals to break into your car. Also, assume you are being watched in mall and shopping center parking lots. Don't secure presents or merchandise in your vehicle and go back into the mall for more shopping. The criminals are watching and will jump at the opportunity to help themselves to your Christmas goodies.

The holiday season is in full swing and we have a very busy schedule with lots of things to do, including the NSA Holiday Social, Tree Lighting, and CNE Band concert on Dec. 9 at the Support Site. Then, there will be the Army vs. Navy flag football game at the High School stadium on Saturday, Dec. 10. GO NAVY! MWR will host Lucy Woodward for a concert at the Support Site theater at 6 p.m. Dec. 6, and we will have UFC personalities here Dec. 15. Stay tuned for announcements of events going on all around base. Also, keep in mind our single sailors and those who may be without their families this holiday season. The holidays are not a time for any sailor, soldier, airman or Marine to be alone; let's do our best to make sure our young men and women have a place to spend this holiday season by opening our homes and hearts.

Lastly, I am holding a NSA Naples town hall meeting Monday, Dec. 5, at 6:30 p.m. in the movie theater on the Support Site. If you have any issues that you would like to discuss, come and ask your questions directly. I look forward to the opportunity to meet everyone.

# Base Notes

From Panorama staff reports

## Holiday events schedule

**Dec. 4:** Italian choir concert at the Support Site Chapel at 4:30 p.m.

**Dec. 9:** NSA Naples Holiday Social and Family Day from 1 to 3 p.m. in Hangar 406 at Capo. There will be snacks, beverages, children's activities, static aircraft displays and holiday music from the Naval Forces Europe Band. Please bring an unwrapped toy for the U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. For more information, contact Lt. Moton at 081-568-5450 or 081-568-5097.

**Dec. 9:** Holiday Tree Lighting at the Support Site from 5:30 to 6 p.m. near the electronic sign board. Festivities include holiday caroling, cookies, hot chocolate/cider, and the announcement of the Holiday Card Contest winner.

**Dec. 9:** "A Musical Wonderland" at the Support Site Chapel starting at 6:30 p.m. The U.S. Naval Forces Europe Band will present an exciting musical production.

## Last seats available for the USO Christmas Markets of Northern Italy tour

The USO will take you to experience the most famous Holiday markets in Italy, where the medieval streets, the gothic facades, the glittering shops, the museums and churches become colored with the warm lights of Christmas.

The towns of Bolzano, Merano, Bressanone, and Trento will offer you a mix of Austrian and Italian cultures, in the atmosphere of a real winter wonderland. Tour includes bus transportation, two nights at a 4-star hotel in Bolzano, three breakfasts, plenty of shopping opportunities, incredible sightseeing and group leader assistance. Cost: €329.

## VITA Volunteers Needed for 2012 Tax Filing Season

The local Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program seeks military and civilian volunteers to help prepare federal income tax returns during the upcoming 2012 tax filing season.

VITA preparers provide free tax preparation for military and Department of Defense employees, contractors and their dependents who need help filing their tax returns. This is a great time to give back to the Navy community.

A variety of volunteer positions are available, including tax preparers and greeters. Prior tax experience is not needed. Training will occur the week of Jan. 9 to 13 2012. All return preparers must attend the entire course and commit to volunteer at least ten hours a week during the tax filing season. For more information, prospective volunteers can contact LN1 Jose Macumba of the Naval Legal Service Office at (081) 568-4576.

## Fine Arts Week schedule

Next week, Naples Middle/ High School's music department will put on Fine Arts Week from Dec. 5 to 8. All of the school's musical ensembles will perform in a series of nightly concerts. The school's other arts programs will participate as well. Each day's concerts begin at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria/ auditorium. Here is the nightly schedule:

- Dec. 5:** Beginning Band, Beginning Choir, Beginning Strings
- Dec. 6:** Intermediate Band, Intermediate Choir, Intermediate Strings
- Dec. 7:** Advanced Choir, Advanced Band
- Dec. 8:** Naples Big Band Jazz, Naples Rhythm and Blues Band

## DLA Disposition Services Closure

DLA Disposition Services Naples (formerly DRMO) will close from Dec. 27 to 30. Please call Cynthia Hineline at 081-568-8150 to schedule your turn-in appointment or if you need other assistance.

## Naples Elementary School Upcoming Dates

- Monday, Dec. 19: Winter Recess begins — No school
- Tuesday, Jan. 3: Winter Recess ends
- Monday, Jan. 16: No School — Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Thursday, Jan. 26: End of second quarter

## Spouses' Day Out: Christmas shopping downtown Dec. 7

Kick off the holiday season with a shopping trip in the heart of downtown Naples. Start your Christmas shopping, or simply relax with a cup of cappuccino while savoring a tasty sfogliatella pasty. Explore the heart of Naples, and the many shops in Via Toledo, all at a convenient low price of €5. This special program is reserved for community spouses. Stop by any of the USO offices today to sign up. For more information, please call 081-568-5713 or 081-811-4903.

## Remember our troops this holiday season

Team up with the USO Naples and help us deliver a smile to hundreds of service members in Fob Fenty (Jalalabad). Stop by any USO Naples location and drop off items like beef jerky, playing cards, new books, board games and assorted sweets (no chocolate), shoes, sweat suits, socks, underwear, or blankets. These items are very much needed at the MTBI clinic as well as the hospital. For more information, please call the USO Centers at 081-568-5713 or 081-811-4903.

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**Office of the Inspector General, Naples, Italy**

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Speak to the CNREURAFSWA Investigator:.....081-568-2600

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## Naples October 2011 births



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| <p><b>OCT. 2</b> <b>Eli Jameson Beck</b>, 7 pounds 13 ounces, son of Crystal J. Beck and ET3 Christopher B. Beck</p> <p><b>OCT. 3</b> <b>Austin James Jacobs</b>, 7 pounds 13.1 ounces, son of Stacy R. Jacobs and LCDR Jared T. Jacobs</p> <p><b>OCT. 3</b> <b>Victoria Isabel Ramiro Rosa</b>, 7 pounds 5 ounces, daughter of Madeine Ramiro and OSC Jose J. Ramiro Guzman</p> <p><b>OCT. 4</b> <b>Hannhah Hazel Watson</b>, 8 pounds 12 ounces, daughter of Umaporn Pasomphuech and Mr. Derek D. Watson</p> <p><b>OCT. 5</b> <b>Michael Joel Lorenzo Smith</b>, 6 pounds 12.3 ounces, son of Lisa M. Smith and CAPT David M. Smith</p> | <p><b>OCT. 8</b> <b>Rhys Alan Solina</b>, 6 pounds 6 ounces, son of Constance L. Solina and LCDR Anthony A. Solina</p> <p><b>OCT. 14</b> <b>Carlos Antonio Lizarazo</b>, 7 pounds 3 ounces, son of Giovanna M. Lizarazo and CPO Carlos H. Lizarazo</p> <p><b>OCT. 16</b> <b>Lucienda Yariel'Ann Bass Aguilar</b>, 8 pounds 10 ounces, daughter of Maryury J. Castro Aguilar and SPC Cezarian L. Bass</p> <p><b>OCT. 18</b> <b>Michelangelo Blade Aberia Kang</b>, 6 pounds 10 ounces, son of Rachele P. Aberia and Mr. Won Sun Kang</p> <p><b>OCT. 24</b> <b>Nina Alessandra Juarez</b>, 7 pounds 7 ounces, daughter of Claudia Mendoza and Mr. Jose G. Juarez.</p> |
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## Italian News Briefs

Compiled by Teresa Merola

### Dog gets lost in Naples, boards ferry to Ischia

A story of tenderness, friendship and love came out of the daily news in Naples recently. The main character is a dog named Bolt. He was walking near Piazza Dante in downtown Naples with his owner, who is often on holiday in Ischia, when he ran away and lost his way back. He remembered his various trips to the island, so he went to the port and boarded a ferry. But Bolt didn't catch the right boat — he traveled toward Capri instead. Meanwhile, his owner was in despair and launched an appeal through a Naples radio station. Once Bolt arrived in Capri, he was taken to a shelter center for stray animals. Bolt was wagging his tail with a tender look and shining eyes when he met his mistress again, almost as if to make amends for the unfortunate mishap.

### T-shirts depict tourists' ideas of Naples

Forty-two T-shirts representing Naples are displayed at Castel dell'Ovo until Dec. 18. The exhibition "Townshirt: project of fashion and design for social purpose" shows 42 T-shirts created by young designers who were inspired by tourists' emotional associations with Naples, as suggested by travelers from all over the world. The 42 works were judged by a jury of internationally renowned designers. The winner was a white T-shirt designed by Rossella Granata, which depicted a red heart with a contrasting black mountain of garbage. The 42 T-shirts will be auctioned off during a charity gala to be held in Naples in early 2012. The money raised will be donated to the Department of Urology of the Santobono Children's Hospital in Naples. The exhibition is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays and holidays. Entrance is free.

### Italy requests extension to EU deadline on trash crisis

Last year the European Court of Justice condemned Italy for its failure to adopt adequate measures to deal with the recurring trash disaster in the Campania region. The deadline imposed by the EU to resolve the Naples trash crisis expired on Wednesday. Italy has requested an extension to this deadline, while the EU will decide whether to accept or decline the request. If Italy is condemned for a second time, penalties would be applied to past and future infractions at a very high cost. The problems continued because of technical failures in local incinerators and the lack of investment in recycling waste. According to Corrado Clini, the new Italian Minister of Environment, Italy's first step should be improving recycling, but without renouncing garbage disposal methods such as incinerators, which generate energy that can be harnessed and used. Incinerators should be used without prejudice and ideological barriers, he said.

### Piazza Dante in Naples to host market, concerts this month

The re-launching of downtown Naples is being undertaken by the town hall with a series of initiatives to boost the city's new pedestrian area. An antique fair market with local traditional products will be held in Piazza Dante starting tomorrow and will continue throughout the Christmas period. Concerts and events will enliven this historic part of the city throughout the month. On Dec. 12, green cars provided by the consortium of shopkeepers will offer tours of the city center at the symbolic price of €1 or €2.

## Individual Force Protection Plans (IFPP)

All Department of Defense personnel and their adult family members on official or unofficial travel outside of Italy must complete an Individual Force Protection Plan (IFPP). IFPPs are mandatory if one of the following criteria is met:

- If the destination country or region has a State Department Public Announcement or Travel Warning in effect.
- A U.S. Mission (Embassy/Consulate) is not present and the State Department or responsible Chief of Mission cannot extend normal consular protection services to U.S. Citizens.
- Travel includes any of the following countries: Russia, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Turkey, Israel, Lebanon, Albania, Kosovo, Serbia, and all Africa Nations.
- Travel is out of Area of Responsibility (AOR) as required by AOR Commander. (CONUS, Alaska, Hawaii, and U.S. Territories are exempt).

For more information, please contact the Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Division at 081-568-5525 or 081-568-5595, or visit the office in the Capodichino Security Precinct in Bldg. 403, open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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### UPCOMING FFSC NAPLES DECEMBER EVENTS

Call FFSC at 081-811-6372 to reserve your spot for events and classes.

- LEGAL ASSISTANCE** (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) Legal Assistance appointments will be performed by a NLSO attorney two times per month at the FFSC service center. The attorneys are available for the usual legal assistance services: powers of attorney, immigration, consumer law, creditor/debtor issues, divorce, etc. Please contact 081-568-4576 to make an appointment.
- HOME BUYING** 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.) Are you wanting to buy a home? Become an informed consumer with information on the entire home buying process, from finding the right home to loan financing.
- ITALIAN COOKING CLASS** (9:45 a.m. - 2 p.m.) Trip to a restaurant to learn how to cook a variety of Italian dishes. Cost: about 15 Euro to be paid at the restaurant. Participants meet outside the Support Site Main Gate at 9:45 a.m., and take local bus to Aversa. Requires prior purchase of 2 E1 bus tickets at ITT.
- HOLIDAY BUDGETING AND DEVELOPING A SPENDING PLAN** (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.) Would you like to enjoy the holiday season without stressing about money? This class will help you plan a holiday budget, identify hidden holiday costs particular to being overseas, and identify ways to save money so you can enjoy the holiday season.
- ACING THE INTERVIEW** (12:30 - 3:30 p.m.) Want to shine during an interview? This class will provide you with the knowledge and skills needed to impress during an interview. Broaden your awareness regarding interview etiquette.
- CHRISTMAS TABLE GAMES** (1 - 3 p.m.) Learn some of the most popular table games Italians play at Christmas Time: Tombola & Scopa. Bring 3 euro in small coins (10 cent or 20 cent pieces).
- COUPON CLUB** (1 - 2 p.m.) On the first Tuesday of every month, FFSC has a Coupon Club from 1 to 2 p.m. Come to sort through the thousands of coupons sent by volunteers. Get ideas on how to save money, and socialize with other coupon aficionados.
- STRESS MANAGEMENT** (8 -10 a.m. at the Support Site Fitness Forum) Yoga/Pilates to follow.
- AL-ANON SUPPORT GROUP** (6 - 7 p.m.)
- SPONSORSHIP TRAINING** (9 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.) To be a sponsor is a duty; to be a great one is to make a difference!
- PRACTICAL PARENTING FOR MILITARY FAMILIES** (12:30 - 2 p.m.)
- BECOMING A LOVE AND LOGIC PARENT** (10 - 12 p.m.; Session 4 of 7)
- ANGER MANAGEMENT** (2 - 4 p.m.; Session 1 of 2) Learn basic techniques to know how to control anger, and how to minimize the stress that can cause it.
- MILITARY SPOUSE 101** (12:30 - 2:30 p.m.) This workshop covers the basics of rank, pay, and other important facets of military life for spouses.
- IA DISCUSSION GROUP** (1 - 2 p.m.) Topics: how to make homemade cards; holiday shopping at the Commissary.
- OMBUDSMAN ASSEMBLY MEETING** (6 - 8 p.m.) Topic: Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP).
- THE FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT PROCESS** (9 a.m. - 12 p.m.) Want to land a federal job? This workshop focuses on the key steps to gain federal employment. Topics covered vary from job searching guides to interview tips. The third hour, hands-on practice, is optional.
- YOUR INSURANCE NEEDS** (9:30-11:30 a.m.) Are you covered if the unexpected happens? Learn about the different types of insurances available to be an informed and protected consumer.

### UPCOMING GAETA DECEMBER EVENTS

Call FFSC Gaeta at 081-568-8354/7 to sign up for a class.

- CHRISTMAS ICR FIELD TRIP TO NAPLES** (8 a.m. - 5 p.m.) This field trip to Naples is dedicated to the Christmas traditions and shopping in Naples and Southern Italy. The trip will concentrate around the famous Spaccanapoli main street that traverses the old, historic center of the city of Naples. The highlight of our day in Naples will be visiting Via San Gregorio Armeno, a street famous for shops selling nativity scenes.
- COFFEE ROASTING FACTORY ICR FIELD TRIP** (9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.) This unique visit to a Coffee Toasting Factory in San Giorgio a Liri will show you the art of blending the world's finest coffee beans. You will get a free coffee or cappuccino and cornetto at bar of the factory.

### DECEMBER

- 1-18 HOLIDAY EXPRESS COLLEGE MINI-TERM REGISTRATION** UMUC Maryland is offering two holiday mini-term courses from Dec. 20 to Jan. 11: ITAL 333, Italian Life and Culture and IFSM 201, Concepts and Applications of Info Technology. FMI, Call 081-568-6673/6675 or visit the UMUC office at Capo.
- 1-30 REGISTER FOR WINTER/SPRING TERM** On-Site Undergraduate College Classes. Most classes run from Jan. 16 to March 9. Register early. Most evening classes are at the high school. Most lunchtime classes are at CAPO. Call or visit the Navy College Office for more information.

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# Honoring American Indians and Alaska Natives

By MCI (SW) Edward Vasquez  
Navy Public Affairs Support Element-East Detachment Europe

Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples celebrated American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month by giving away cooked corn and explaining important contributions that American Indians and Alaska Natives have made to the U.S. military.

"I think that it is important to know the different cultures that we have in the military even though they might not be prevalent at your command," said Information Systems Technician 1st Class Ebony Franklin, a member of the Commander, U.S. 6th Fleet multi-cultural committee. "We are a diverse military and each culture brings its strengths to the organization making it a whole lot stronger."

The first "American Indian Day" was celebrated May, 1916, in New York after Red Fox James, a Blackfoot Indian, rode on horseback from state to state, gathering endorsements from 24 state governments to establish a day to honor American Indians.

The month-long national recognition of Native Americans began in 1990 when President George H.W. Bush signed a joint Congressional resolution designating November as National Native American Heritage Month.

Since then, the celebration's scope has expanded to celebrate the heritage, history, art and traditions of American Indians and Alaska Natives.

"As a service member with Cherokee roots, I feel proud and honored to see NSA Naples taking an interest in my heritage and helping others to share in it," said Intelligence Specialist 1st Class Angela R. Calhoun, attached to Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa, Commander, U.S. 6th Fleet. "Not only Native American culture, but how Native American men and women have contributed to military service past and present."

According to the United States Department of Defense, American Indians have participated in United States military actions for more than 200 years.

During World War I, 12,000 American Indians joined the ranks of the armed forces, even though it wasn't until 1924 that Congress granted American Indians U.S. citizenship.

During World War II, more than 44,000 American Indians out of a total Native American population of less than 350,000 performed military service. Many of these troops and officers later transferred their fighting skills to the Korean Peninsula.

During the Vietnam conflict more than 42,000 American Indians fought. Ninety percent of them were volunteers.

"What we are doing is making sailors aware of the different cultures and the history behind those cultures,"



Information Systems Technician 1st Class Ebony Franklin (right), a member of the Commander 6th Fleet Multi-Cultural Committee, and Cryptologic Technician Technical 1st Class Javana Oliphant (left), president of Commander 6th Fleet Multi-Cultural Committee, set up a display for American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month.

said Cryptologic Technician Technical 1st Class Javana Oliphant, president of Commander, U.S. 6th Fleet multi-cultural committee. "All of these cultures bring their experiences, and we learn from each other, making our military, like our country, one of the most diverse in the world."

According to the United States Department of Defense, Native Americans historically have the highest record of service per capita when compared to all other racial groups. There are nearly 190,000 Native American military veterans.

## JFC Naples names Turkish soldier as NCO of the Year

Adm. Samuel J. Locklear, III, Commander Allied Joint Force Command Naples, presents the Outstanding Military Service Member 2011 award to Turkish Master Sgt. Ahmet Mesut Acan (right). Eight Alliance non-commissioned officers from Allied Joint Force Command Naples (JFC) participated in the highly competitive Nov. 18 board. The selection board, headed by JFC's Command Sgt. Maj. Manfred S. Jarabek, challenged participants' military bearing and general military and Alliance professional job knowledge. Leadership, sustained superior performance, self-improvement and professional military appearance were some of the core selection criteria. With more than 170 years of combined service, the non-commissioned officers (NCOs) who participated in this year's competition distinguished themselves as the Alliance's most accomplished group of military professionals. Historical and daily accounts of life as a JFC Naples NCO are exemplified by acts of leadership, courage and a dedication to do whatever it takes to complete the mission. JFC Naples NCOs have been celebrated and decorated for service in military events ranging from missions in support of Libya, Kosovo and Operation Active Endeavor to conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. There are more than 340 dedicated NCOs serving today at JFC Naples. (Photo by Maj. Xavier Icard, French Army).



## Schools create a Winter Wonderland

By Geena Burley  
Naples Middle/High School

The National Senior and Junior Honor Societies (NHS and NJHS) at Naples Middle/High School are sponsoring a Santa Workshop and Winter Wonderland Saturday, Dec. 3 at the high school from 1 to 5 p.m. In addition to visits with the jolly old man, his elves will be supervising a workshop for children under 12 that will include cookie decorating, card making, coloring and other activities.

While the kids are busy, mom and dad can visit the Winter Wonderland in the cafeteria, which will be full of a variety of vendors. Karen Rodrigues, sponsor of NJHS, said there will be everything from the Market Place Craft Guild to "one man's junk is another's treasure" sales, and, of course, food. You

will want to bring the kids there too, as there will be other tables offering activities geared toward them.

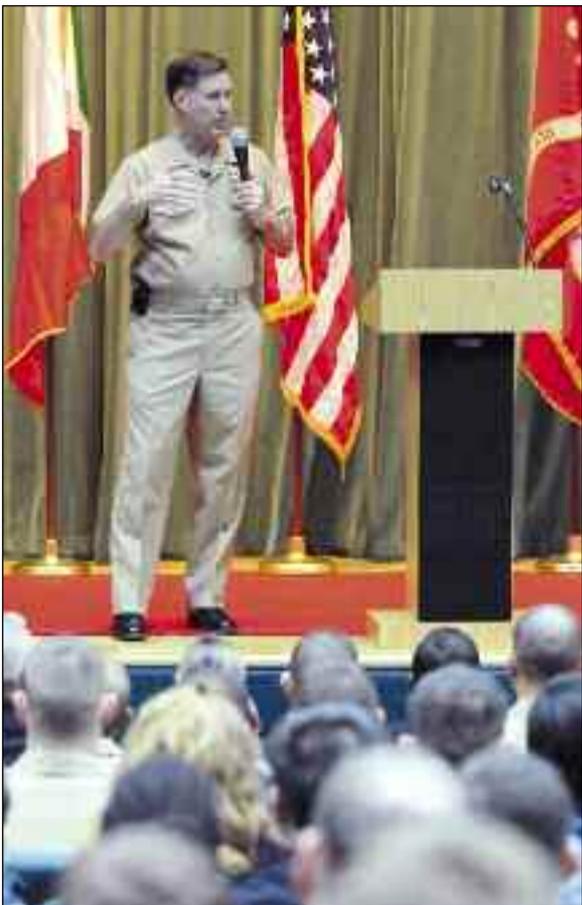
To gain admission, attendees can pay \$5 or donate an unwrapped gift for a child of a deployed parent or an Italian orphan. Monetary proceeds will go to local charities.

Darabelle Collins and Zack Rady said the idea to host the extravaganza came during a meeting of the NHS Community Service Committee. According to Rady, "It seemed like such a good idea to bring the community together during the holiday season and support those in our community". For more information, you may also contact the NHS sponsor at candace.scott@eu.dodea.edu.

## FFSC Tip of the Week: Local events

From the Fleet and Family Support Center

Looking for information on local festivals? The Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) has a monthly update on local festivals in the Naples and Gaeta area. Stop by your Support Site FFSC to pick up information on local monthly festivals or talk to one of our knowledgeable Intercultural Relations instructors about other areas of local interest.



Adm. Mark Ferguson, vice chief of naval operations, addresses Sailors at Naval Support Activity Naples during an all-hands call Nov. 28. Ferguson, accompanied by Total Force Fleet Master Chief Scott Benning from the office of the Chief of Naval Personnel, visited Naples to address service members and civilians on the future of the Navy and answer their questions. (U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Edward Vasquez)

initiative aimed at strengthening global maritime partnerships to improve maritime safety and security in Africa.

"The Navy's never been more relevant, never been more in demand, and we see that in our sailors across the globe...be they in the western Pacific, doing counter drug operations off South America, operating in Africa Partnership Station, or in the Middle East," said Ferguson. "They're performing extraordinarily well and in demand, contributing greatly to the national strategy and defense of the nation."

While in Rota, Ferguson met with Capt. Scott Kraverath, commanding officer of Naval Station Rota, to discuss plans for stationing four Aegis ships in support of ballistic missile defense there. They also discussed improving the installation to support the ships' crews and their families. "It's important for me to get over here and see the requirements to get [this base ready for the ships' arrival]," said Ferguson.

In Djibouti, the VCNO toured Camp Lemonnier and met with Rear Adm. Mike Franken, Commander, Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa, and the base commander, Capt. Scott Hurst. He presented five awards and conducted one reenlistment before an all hands call, and then enjoyed a Thanksgiving Day meal with sailors.

In Souda Bay, he toured the guided-missile frigate USS Samuel B. Roberts (FFG 58) and conducted a reenlistment for six sailors prior to conducting an all hands call. Samuel B. Roberts' most recent deployment took her along the east coast of Africa in support of Africa Partnership Station 2011, an international security cooperation

## A message from the chaplain

# Happy Birthday

By Lt. J. Jon Neil, CHC



Chaplain Neil is endorsed by the Assemblies of God. (Photo by Cassie Neil)

'Tis the season for holidays and celebrations. It is also the season that we commemorate the birthdays of the Navy on Oct. 13 and the Marine Corps on Nov. 10. There is one more birthday I'd like to ask you to celebrate with me this year: mine! I'm talking about the Navy Chaplain Corps Birthday. The second article of the Navy regulations established the Navy Chaplain Corps on Nov. 28 of 1775 with this statement: "The Commanders of the ships of the thirteen United Colonies, are to take care that divine service be performed twice a day on board, and a sermon preached on Sundays, unless bad weather or other extraordinary accidents prevent." The Navy Chaplain Corps was established in just a few words, but Navy chaplains have stood with the men and women of our sea services and their families for the past 236 years. Though Navy chaplains are non-combatants, they have served alongside members of the sea services in every major conflict since the Revolutionary War, many at great risk and some at the cost of their own lives.

Through the past ten years of war in Iraq and Afghanistan, Navy chaplains have continued to stand alongside those on the warfront and those on the homefront. The Chaplain Corps motto "Vocati Ad Servitium," or "Called To Serve," summarizes what chaplains are all about: serving God according to personal faith, and serving others regardless of faith. That's right — while chaplains are naturally people of faith, chaplains serve others regardless of religion, faith, or beliefs. Chaplains are here to serve you whether you are of the same religion, a different religion, or no religion.

Chaplains serve others through four core values that comprise the Chaplain Corps mission. The first (not in order of priority) is to *provide* religious ministry and support to those of our own faith. This means that chaplains conduct divine services according to their faith and minister to those of like faith. There are many divine services of several faiths offered at the chapel for those interested. Secondly, chaplains *facilitate* for all religious beliefs. Chaplains are great promoters and defenders of the First Amendment. We are here to facilitate the practice of religion for all and can help you with the resources you need to practice your faith, even if it's different from ours. Thirdly, chaplains *care* for all Marines, sailors, guardians, and their family and friends. Chaplains care for all no matter their faith. We counsel, visit at the hospital, encourage, visit work spaces through deckplate ministry, offer suicide intervention, marriage enrichment, etc.... This is likely the one area where all military members and their families are ministered to by a chaplain. You can trust that regardless of your personal faith, chaplains do care and are here to act upon that care in whatever way we can. If you need to talk to someone that cares and know that it will always remain strictly confidential, come see a chaplain. Lastly, chaplains *advise* commanders to ensure the free exercise of religion and upon matters of morale, morals, and ethics. Chaplains should have the highest integrity to ensure the trust of the command and the boldness to speak the truth to ensure the free exercise of religion and ethical practices.

Thank you for celebrating the 236th Chaplain Corps birthday with me and allowing the chaplains here in Naples to serve you. On behalf of all Navy chaplains, I pray that you will be blessed this holiday season and that Navy chaplains will continue to serve the sea services and their families for the next 236 years.

# A guide to Love and Logic parenting

From the Fleet and Family Support Center

This week marks the conclusion of Military Family Appreciation Month, but we can celebrate the unique qualities and strengths of the families in our military communities throughout the year.

The NSA Naples Fleet and Family Support Center facilitates parenting classes from the Love and Logic Institute, an organization recognized world-wide as one the leading resources about parenting issues.

Love and Logic also provides practical parenting strategies for military families in areas such as separation and reintegration. One of the greatest sacrifices military parents make is family separation. For military families, these situations create challenges revolving around three key issues.

The first key issue involves exhaustion and stress. It is extremely difficult for the returning service member to return and immediately jump back into the parenting role. On the other hand, the exhaustion and stress of being home without one's spouse can make it difficult to keep up the parenting role on a 24-hour basis.

The second key issue is the coping

skills used by children to manage their anxieties and fears. Children often develop a kind of temporary emotional armor to deal with the various feelings that they experience. They convince themselves that if they don't get too close to their deployed parents, they won't have to worry about losing them. While this is an understandable coping mechanism for the children, it also leads to parent-child strain. These children can act emotionally distant; they can be irritable and at times downright defiant. Such behaviors can cause many returning parents to be disappointed with the reintegration process. The returning parents sometimes assume from these behaviors that their children did not miss them much.

The third key issue has to do with the skills and strategies essential for success in combat situations. These critical skills do not always have good results when applied to children or spouses. Many extremely competent servicemen and servicewomen have returned home and been completely humbled by people half their size.

Love and Logic has a two-step technique to assist parents to remain calm and cool when their children talk back and argue. The first step for the parent

is to go "brain dead." The parent does not think too hard about what the child is saying or doing when they start to manipulate. Overthinking leads parents to think that they can reason with or force their child into being respectful and responsible. Actually, the fewer words parents use when a child is acting up, the more effective they are likely to be.

The second step is to come up with a Love and Logic "one-liner" that the parent can repeat as calmly as possible. When the child attempts to push an issue, the parent can say something like "I know"; "What did I say?"; "Probably so"; or "I love you too much to argue." It is important that these one-liners not be used with anger or sarcasm. Love and Logic teaches that empathy creates thinking and learning in our children, whereas anger creates frustration and resentment.

The goal of this two-step technique is to neutralize arguing by setting limits in a way that demonstrates to children that parents can handle their misbehavior in a loving and firm manner. When employed correctly, this technique increases the odds that the children will learn to be respectful and responsible.

Love and Logic is based upon two rules for parents. Parents set limits without anger, lectures, threats, or repeated warnings. The second rule is that when a child causes a problem, parents hand that problem back to the child in a loving manner. This approach to parenting becomes all the more important when parents are dealing with massive amounts of stress and exhaustion and the children have developed some temporary emotional armor.

One way for parents to take care of themselves is to set limits without getting pulled into unwinnable power struggles. During reintegration, returning parents often believe it is their job to get the children to shape up. If, however, parents dive in with a bulldozer approach, emotional sparks are likely to fly. No one wins in such interactions and parent-child relationships can suffer significantly.

Love and Logic teaches about the wisdom of "I will" messages versus "you will" messages. This technique involves the parents informing the children about what they will do rather than telling the children what they must do. If a child is verbally disrespectful, a parent might deliver "you will" messages such as: "don't talk to me like that"; "get a civil tongue in your mouth"; "get a little respect." The "you will" messages are not highly effective and frequently lead to more stress and

frustration.

Parents can only guarantee what they will do, not what the child will do. The "I will" message might go something like, "I will be glad to listen when your voice sounds as calm as mine;" or "I'll be glad to discuss this with you as soon as the arguing stops."

Changing from a drill-sergeant parenting style can be difficult, especially when deployed parents have been in life-and-death situations where empathy and understanding are not the skills of choice. In learning these new skills, parents find it useful to memorize one or two one or two "I will" statements and experiment with them with their children.

The Love and Logic Institute offers a CD free of charge to military families who are interested in learning more about the above-mentioned techniques. The title of the CD is "Love and Logic for Heroes: Practical Parenting for Military Families." The telephone number for the Love and Logic Institute is 1-800-338-4065. Inform the Love and Logic staff that you are a military family and the CD, which normally costs \$10, will be sent to you at no cost.

A presentation on "Love and Logic for Heroes" will be provided by Larry Nelson, MSW at Fleet and Family Support Center on Dec. 7, 2011 from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Please call 081-811-6372 to reserve a space.



## Italian students tour NSA Naples, meet Commanding Officer

Capt. Scott Gray, Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples Commanding Officer, poses with middle school students from Scuola Media Bruno-Fiore in Polvica di Nola (Napoli) during their visit to NSA Naples Nov. 18. Students benefited greatly from the tour. If you are interested in bringing a student group to visit the base, you can contact Teresa Merola in the NSA Naples Public Affairs Office at 081-568-5856. (Photo by MC1 John Parker)

## Energy conservation

### Buying energy efficient equipment

From the NSA Naples Emergency Management Office



Is purchasing energy efficient equipment the right thing to do for the planet, or is it the law for federal buyers? It's both! The law requires that we buy products with the lowest life-cycle cost, not the lowest initial cost. The Environmental Protection Agency's ENERGY STAR program labels products such as appliances, electronics, building components, heaters and air conditioners, lights, fans, and water heaters that meet energy efficiency standards. (See [www.energystar.gov/](http://www.energystar.gov/)).

The cost to buy a piece of energy-consuming equipment is often just a fraction of what it will cost to power the equipment over its life. Reducing energy consumption reduces our carbon footprint, reduces our demand on the grid, and saves money in the long run. Here's an example: The average American family washes almost 400 loads of laundry each year. Families can cut their related energy costs by about a third and their water costs by more than half just by purchasing a clothes washer with the ENERGY STAR label. With your water savings, you could fill three backyard swimming pools. Additionally, if your washer is more than 10 years old, you could replace it with a new ENERGY STAR qualified washer and save \$135 each year on your utility bills. That's like getting your High Efficiency (HE) detergent free year round.

The Federal Energy Management Program provides additional guidelines about energy efficient products at [www1.eere.energy.gov/femp/technologies/procuring\\_eeproducts.html](http://www1.eere.energy.gov/femp/technologies/procuring_eeproducts.html).

# Campanians prepare for the holidays with Nativity art, Christmas fairs, concerts and musicals

By Lou Freed

Italian Christmas motifs and symbols now abound at fairs, markets and shopping centers as reminders that the yuletide season is upon us. As people deck the halls for the merry holidays, you'll see *le stelle di natale* (poinsettias), colorful wreaths, *Babbo Natale* (Father Christmas), *zampognari* (bagpipers), and sweets like *panettone* and the mouth-watering *struffoli*. Accordingly, nativity scenes are becoming the main attractions at churches, museums and homes, while holiday music is taking center stage.

## Christmas fairs

**- Naples**  
*Via San Gregorio Armeno: Epicenter of the Neapolitan Presepe*

Traditionally, Neapolitans flock to the narrow alleyway in Spaccanapoli on Dec. 8, the day the Italian Christmas season begins with the commemoration of the Immaculate Conception. The period subsequently runs through Jan 6, the Feast of the Epiphany.

On San Gregorio Armeno Street, hundreds of manger scenes containing figurines representing the Holy Family, angels and wise men captivate shoppers. Along with the religious images are numerous heartwarming and entertaining ones of chestnut roasters, pizza bakers, fish and fruit vendors, sausages, fruit, bread, and other items that animate the traditional scene. Often, itinerant musicians wander the street helping to create a festive carnival ambience, complete with colorful lights twinkling in the background. In some stalls, shoppers can witness the *figurari* (figurine craftsmen) sculpting their next piece.

Though Dec. 8 may not be the best time to explore Spaccanapoli due to crowds, a mid-week journey to the area would be an option. While browsing, discover among the usual manger figures this year's favorite Italian or world celebrities, whom the locals use to link the ancient Christmas story to contemporary times. For 2011, images of Prime Minister Monti, Mr. Berlusconi, President Obama, Michael Jackson, Steve Jobs and local soccer stars are popular.

Anyone's fascination for the *presepe* could be enhanced through a visit to the San Martino Museum in the Vomero, the Naples Royal Palace Chapel and the Caserta Royal Palace Apartments, where Neapolitan masterpieces of the manger art form are permanently displayed.

*"Natale in mostra" opens Dec. 14*

Many holiday wonders can be experienced at this free event at the Mostra d'Oltremare (Overseas Exhibition), which will showcase quality-crafted gifts and gastronomical treats. The vast array of Italian arts and crafts presents a perfect opportunity for holiday gift and decoration shopping. Roasted chestnuts, Christmas music, and many other surprises will await visitors. The venue is near the soccer stadium in Fuorigrotta. Weekday hours are 5 to 9 p.m. and weekend hours are from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The event continues through Jan. 8, but is closed on Dec. 24 through 26, Dec. 31 and Jan 1. For more information, visit the link to the event at [www.mostradoltremare.it](http://www.mostradoltremare.it).



**"Showcolate" will return to the "Mostra d'Oltremare" (Overseas Exhibition) near the San Paolo soccer stadium in the Campi Flegrei from Dec. 8 to 11.**

**- Caserta**

*Casertavecchia holds Christmas market*

Approximately 10 km. from the Caserta Royal Palace is the beautifully-preserved medieval town of Casertavecchia, which will host a "Mercatino di Natale" for three days only on Dec 8, 11 and 18 from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The mini-market will be located in Piazza Vescovado, next to the town's main cathedral.

Today, Casertavecchia remains a veritable throwback to the Middle Ages, as manifested by the lovely cathedral and cozy San Rocco Church as well as the narrow cobblestoned streets lined by rustic homes, shops and restaurants serving country-style cuisine. Not to be missed is the intriguing Lombard castle, which through the local Pro Loco's efforts and perseverance is currently being restored.

For more details on the mini-market, contact the Casertavecchia/Casertantica Pro Loco at 0823-371-127. The flyer for the mercatino will soon be posted at [www.prolococasertantica.it](http://www.prolococasertantica.it).

*Casagiove's "Tonight" ushers in the holidays*

Within the splendid setting of the Casagiove's Bourbon military district, organizers with the Seriche Fables Association will create what they call an "enchanted world" from Dec. 8 to 11. The place will recall a tinsel town teeming with holiday trimmings, music, shows, tastings and numerous sorts of gift ideas. A theme has been chosen for each day of the event: "Fantasy" on Dec. 8, "Roots" on Dec. 9, "Silk" on Dec. 10 and "Chocolat" for the last day.

Highlights include an exhibition of 18th century dresses, Caserta's Slow Food "haute cuisine" tasting, local restaurant-sponsored tastings, a presentation on the 18th century buffet style by the "Valandres" group, piano concerts, and harpsichord music by Maestro Francesco Alberti. For the complete program, see [www.favole-seriche.it/galleria11tonight.asp](http://www.favole-seriche.it/galleria11tonight.asp).

*Live Presepe at Vaccheria*

Just a few miles from Caserta Royal Palace and Belvedere di San Leucio, the medieval village of Vaccheria will simulate the Nativity setting with costumed musicians, dancers, carpenters, blacksmiths, ceramicists, cooks, weavers and other tradesmen. Biblical scenes and recreated environments will cover two miles of town space, including streets and the adjacent forest, Dec. 26 to 27 again Jan. 5 through 7 from 5 to 8 p.m. See more at [www.prolocovaccheria.it](http://www.prolocovaccheria.it).

## Gastronomy

*"Showcolate" returns to Mostra d'Oltremare*

Foodies with a sweet tooth rejoice. Follow your nose to "Showcolate" from Dec. 8 to 11 at the Mostra d'Oltremare near the Campi Flegrei station and soccer stadium in Fuorigrotta. Check details at <http://www.showcolate.it/2011/home.php>.

*San Marco dei Cavoti holds "Festa del Torrone e del Croccantino"*

Forget your dentist for a day and leave your diets at home for this sweet affair from Dec. 7 to 11 and Dec. 15 to

18. A blend of hazelnuts, almonds and cocoa, the *torrone* (chewy nougat) and *croccantino* (crunchy nougat) make for a nice holiday gift and a sweet delight anytime. Highlighting the community's Dec. 8 festivities will be the unveiling of the *megacroccantino*, or the longest nougat in the world, before noon. For the complete festival program, see <http://www.festadeltorrone.it/programma.php>.

## Musicals

*"Aladdin" and "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" in town for the holidays*

Producer Alessandro Musto, choreographer Victoria Maresca and director Gianni Donati have joined forces to present both musicals in the Teatro Mediterraneo of the Mostra d'Oltremare. On Dec. 11, experience the adventures of Aladdin on a magic carpet and on Dec. 13, recall the romantic story of the hunchback Quasimodo and his love for the gypsy Esmeralda. Feel the magic of Christmas in both shows featuring Walt Disney music, colorful costumes, skillful singing and dancing, along with other surprises. Log onto [www.scuoladimusical.com](http://www.scuoladimusical.com) for details.

## Opera

*Naples' Royal Palace Theater reopens with Cimarosa's comic opera "Il Marito Disperato" Dec. 6-16*

The Palatine theater has been restored and is now ready to serve as a backdrop for operas and other cultural programs. From Dec. 6 to 16, the Paolo Rossi-directed *"Il Marito Disperato"* ("The Desperate Husband") opera by Domenico Cimarosa will regale audiences.

Cimarosa was born in Aversa (in the Caserta province) to a stonemason and a washerwoman in December 1791. History shows the man composed oratorios, keyboard sonatas, concertos, chamber music as well as more than 80 light operas such as the acclaimed *"Il Matrimonio Segreto"* ("The Secret Matrimony"). Through the course of his career, the composer was an accomplished violinist, harpsichordist and organist. Cimarosa's achievements include his appointment as court musician in St. Petersburg for Empress Catherine of Russia from 1787 to 1791 and time working for Leopold II in Vienna.

For tickets to *"Il Marito Disperato,"* contact the San Carlo ticket office at 081-797-2331/2412, 081-400-902 or at [biglietteria@teatrosancarlo.it](mailto:biglietteria@teatrosancarlo.it).

## Concerts

*American musicians team up at San Carlo Theater this weekend*

Through the joint effort of conductor James Conlon and violinist Jennifer Frautschi, the audience will experience American and Russian compositions tomorrow and Sunday. On the program are Samuel Barber's "Overture to the School for Scandal" and "Concerto per violino op.14," along with Tchaikovsky's "Symphony no. 4 in F minor, op. 36."

Contact the San Carlo ticket office at 081-797-2331/2412, 081-400-902 or [biglietteria@teatrosancarlo.it](mailto:biglietteria@teatrosancarlo.it) for bookings.

*Muti conducts Verdi's "Requiem Mass" Dec. 17-20*

A Neapolitan and distinguished conductor, Riccardo Muti has said he views "Requiem Mass" as an expression of a "struggle between man and God"...of "man asking rather than praying to God"...of "man asking for peace and serenity." Verdi wrote this musical eulogy in memory of his friend, Alessandro Manzoni, who passed away in May 1873. Manzoni, an Italian poet and novelist, authored "The Betrothed," which became a symbol of the Italian 19th century movement known as the Risorgimento (Resurgence), as well as an influence on the birth of a modern, unified Italian language. Presenting Verdi's dramatic work (considered by some critics as a "disguised opera") will be soprano Krassimira Stoyanova, mezzo-soprano Sonia Ganassi, tenor Matthew Polenzani and bass Riccardo Zanellato. To book, call the San Carlo ticket office at 081-797-2331/2412, 081-400-902 or send an email to [biglietteria@teatrosancarlo.it](mailto:biglietteria@teatrosancarlo.it).



This presepe in the 11th-century cathedral of San Michele Arcangelo in Casertavecchia is an example of a traditional nativity scene. On Via San Gregorio Armeno in Naples, you can find hundreds of manger scenes and figurines made by local craftsmen. (Photos by J. Freed)

*Anglican Christ Church choir presents free concert*

The choir and friends of Christ's Church in Naples' Chiaia district will present an evening of choral music and poetry at 7 p.m. Dec. 9. The program will include works by composers Edward Elgar, Vaughan Williams, Henry Purcell, Herbert Howells and traditional plainsong.

The event will celebrate the 150th anniversary of when General Giuseppe Garibaldi donated land to the British residents of Naples for them to build a church. It was a gesture expressing his gratitude for support and funding received from English-speaking friends toward his army, the "Mille," during his campaign for the unification of Italy in 1861. Admission is free, though donations are accepted. Further information is available through the choir representative, Jeannette, at 081-410-003.

*Caserta Chamber Orchestra "Itinerari Barocchi" musicians get around*

Through Dec. 26, Director Antonio Cascio and the Chamber Orchestra of

Caserta present Neapolitan classical music from the 1700s at different venues in the Caserta and Naples provinces. Tonight, a concert takes place at the Chiesa di S. Pietro del Franco in Caiazzo at 7:30 p.m. Tomorrow, the group travels to Vaccheria di San Leucio's Chiesa di S. Maria delle Grazie at 8 p.m. On Sunday, the orchestra will perform at Ercolano's Villa Campolieto at 11:30 a.m. as well as at Capua's Chiesa di S. Placida at 6 p.m.

Other December venues for the group's presentations are as follows: Dec. 8 - Capua's Chiesa di Placida; Dec. 11 - Piedimonte Matese's Chiesa del SS. Salvatore; Dec. 16 - Piano di Sorrento's Convento delle Agostiniane; Dec. 17 - Vico Equense's Chiesa di S. Ciro; Dec. 18 - Caiazzo's Chiesa di S. Pietro del Franco; and Dec. 22 - Ercolano's Villa Campolieto. The traditional Christmas Concert is scheduled at the Caserta Royal Palace Theater at 11:15 a.m. Dec. 26. Consult the complete program at [www.suonieluoghidarte.com](http://www.suonieluoghidarte.com).

Buone feste!

## Obtaining your Sojourner Permit

Italian law requires all foreign personnel working or living within Italy, other than an active-duty member under military orders, to obtain a Sojourner Permit within eight days of arrival in Italy. This is different from a visa, which is merely an approval for entry into the country.

All applicants over 14 years of age must apply in person, as each person's signature is required at the time of application.

**NATIONALS OF ANY STATE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY COMING TO ITALY DO NOT REQUIRE ANY VISA OR SOJOURNER PERMIT.**

As part of the Area Orientation process, the U.S. Region Legal Service Office (RLSO EURAFSWA) assists in the preparation and oversees the acquisition of the Sojourner Permit for all personnel attached to U.S. Navy commands in the Naples area. Army and Air Force personnel stationed at JFC must apply through the Carabinieri at the JFC Provost Marshall's Office, Building L.

Contact Connie Henderson, RLSO EURAFSWA liaison advisor, at 081-568-4639 for more information.



# Intramural football: 6th Fleet Spartans have Super Bowl ambitions

By William Ferguson, Spartans coach

If you're a fan of the NFL, then it's no secret that the Green Bay Packers remain the sole team without a loss. Follow NCAA football and the LSU tigers are the number one ranked team in the BCS. But, if you're looking for a local football team to throw your support behind, look no further than the 6th Fleet Spartans. Led by co-captains PSSN Robert Lee, LS3 Davonte Johnson, CTNCS Edward Walker and Cmdr. Dennis Florence, the Spartans began their championship quest with this year's Captain's Cup intramural season. During the five regular season games, the Spartans "mercy ruled" all opponents with an average margin of victory of 30 points en route the regular season championship. Later, the Spartans earned the title of the 2011 Captain's Cup Flag Football Champions, defeating NCTS in the championship game.

The Spartans also claimed the top spot during the inaugural year of the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) spon-

sored Turkey Bowl, held Veteran's Day weekend at Carney Park.

Standing at an undefeated 10-0, the Spartans' long term goal is what they refer to as the "Championship Triad:" that is, to win the Captain's Cup Intramural League, Turkey Bowl and Super Bowl flag football tournaments. Having secured two out of three already, the Spartans now set their eyes on what may be their most difficult challenge yet. Unlike the Captain's Cup intramural season and the Turkey Bowl tournament, in which only Naples-area teams competed, the Super Bowl tournament is an open-invite tournament. Played during the same weekend as the NFL Super Bowl, the MWR Super Bowl tournament draws competition from base all-star teams spanning Aviano, Livorno, Vicenza, Sigonella and several teams from Germany. Even as several Spartans prepare to compete in this year's annual Army/Navy flag football game, the Spartans are looking ahead and tweaking their play for the ultimate showdown in February with hopes of defending their home turf.



The 6th Fleet Spartans have beaten the Naples-area competition in the Captains Cup Flag Football tournament and the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Turkey Bowl. Now they look to defeat teams from around Europe in the MWR Super Bowl in February.

# Tiger Sharks win big at Lignano

By Lourdes Krause  
Naples Tiger Sharks publicity

Despite an Italy-wide gasoline strike, fifty-seven Tiger Shark families travelled north to Lignano, Italy to compete in the Veteran's Day Classic 2011. The meet was followed by the two-day European Forces Swim League Long Distance Championships.

Naples, led by head coach Jane Higgins, swept the Veteran's Day meet with an impressive 1006.5 points, the team's biggest win yet. Stuttgart came in second with 839 points, while Vicenza came in third place with 667.5

points. The Tiger Sharks also came in third at the Long Distance Championships, which included the 400-meter, 800-meter, and 1500-meter races. Twenty-three swimmers participated in this meet, which meant they had three very long days of competition.

Congratulations to John Moulton (age 16) the Swimmer of the Meet for the Veteran's Day Classic. John had great success at Lignano, improving in all his events and qualifying in the 50 meter freestyle event. Eleven-year-old Ariana Lewis was the Swimmer of the Meet for the Long Distance Championships. She swam all events: 800-meter freestyle, 400-meter individual medley and 1500-meter freestyle, placing first, fourth and second, respectively.

Kim Srun (age 12) and Matti Boveri (age 10) both earned first place finishes in all their events on Veteran's Day. Srun and Boveri also won several medals in the Long Distance Championships: Srun won first place in the 400-meter individual medley and second place in the 800-meter and 1500-meter freestyle events, while Boveri earned a third place medal in the 800-meter freestyle event.

Team co-captain Jane Saunders (age 17) and John Thibodeau (age 16) earned two first-place finishes at the regular meet, then continued on to earn medals at the long distance competition. Saunders earned second place in the 800-meter and the 1500-meter freestyle events and third place in the 400-meter individual medley. Thibodeau earned a sixth place medal in the 800-meter freestyle event.

Luke Patterson (age 8), Lindsey Sharp (age 8), and Tidawee Srun (age 8) dropped considerable time and earned two first place finishes at the Veteran's Day meet, earning big points for the Tiger Sharks.

The following swimmers earned a first place finish at the regular meet, helping to secure the team's impressive lead: Blythe Brenner (age 9), Danielle Cutler (age 10), Shannon Cutler (age 10), Devon Durig (age 8), Liam Gyles (age 13), captains Jono Higgins (age 18) and Isabel Krause (age 16), Emily Patterson (age 11), co-captain Berkay Payal (age 16), Jake Peterson (age 8), and Carly Sharp (age 10). In the Long Distance Championship events, Emily Patterson earned fifth place in the 800-meter freestyle event, while Danielle Cutler and Shannon Cutler earned fourth and fifth place respectively in the 800-meter freestyle.

Second place finishes earn the team 10 points each. The following swimmers earned one or more of these at the regular meet: Zachary Boveri (age 13), Delaney Brenner (age 7), Brian Casler (age 10), Jerra Ewing (age 12), Kieran Gyles (age 8), Victoria Krause (age 14), Gavin Moulton (age 13) and Tim Smith (age 11). In the Long Distance Championship events, Jerra Ewing earned third place in the 400-meter individual medley and fourth place in the 800-meter freestyle event, while Tim Smith earned a fifth-place medal in the 800-meter freestyle. Dorian Durig (age 10) and Billy Yeager (age 11) also earned Long Distance Championship medals. Billy earned a second place medal in the 800-meter freestyle event and Dorian won a sixth place medal in the girls' 800-meter freestyle.

Third-place finishes earn the team nine points, and the following swimmers earned one or more of these to help maintain the team's lead throughout the meet: Donavan Durig (age 13), Seamus Gyles (age 9), Scott Rustenhaven (age 12) and Zane Zimmerman (age 14). The following swimmers also worked hard to earn points for the Tiger Sharks: Michael Casler (age 9), Alexis Cutler (age 13), Kendall Ewing (age 9), AnnaLynn Morris (age 8), Gretchen Moulton (age 12), Case Newberry (age 12), Maura Patterson (age 13), Caitlin Quirk (age 11), Marshall Saunders (age 14), Noah Sherer (age 9), Lachlan Sims (age 12), and Harley Williams (age 14).

The swimmers who improved the most on their previous event times were Mackenzie Boveri (age 8) and Nick Sherer (age 10). Miki dropped an impressive 12.16 seconds from her previous times in the 50-meter freestyle and 50-meter backstroke events. Nick flew through his events, the 100-meter individual medley and the 50-meter fly, for an improvement of 13.08 seconds. The following swimmers also improved their times and stamina and set new personal bests: Christian Krause (age 11), Chris Morris (age 15), Braden Peterson (age 11), John Sherer (age 12), Andrew Smith (age 13), Sofia VanMierlo (age 9), Lilly Weitzman (age 11), Sam Weitzman (age 15) and seven-year-old Nicole Yeager.

Next, the Tiger Sharks travel to Kaiserslautern Dec. 3 for their first swim meet in Germany this season. Tiger Sharks Attack!



Zane Zimmerman, age 14, competes at Lignano. (Photo by Mike Sharp)

# Naples groups celebrate Thanksgiving



During a Thanksgiving event at the Anglo-Italian School (Montessori Division) located on Allied Joint Force Command Naples, students in Mrs. Carbone's 3rd grade class eagerly wait to serve their classmates a Thanksgiving lunch they prepared. From left to right: Guglielmo Gargiulo, Carolina Ubaldo, Vanessa Traina, Federica Esposito. (Photo by Mr. Robert Ortwein)

November in the Naples military community was packed with Thanksgiving events, ranging from holiday dinners to school activities teaching students about the roots of the Thanksgiving tradition.



At Naples Elementary School, Mrs. Ardolino's Italian Immersion class chose to share the true Thanksgiving spirit with a class of Italian first graders. Mrs. Ardolino's class performed in an all-Italian Thanksgiving play for parents, schoolmates, and their local national friends. The event was followed by a feast. (Photo courtesy of Naples Elementary School)



A Thanksgiving Dinner for single sailors at the Liberty Center Nov. 24 offered traditional holiday foods such as turkey and pumpkin pie. (Photo courtesy of Morale, Welfare and Recreation)



On the day after Thanksgiving, crowds of shoppers took advantage of Black Friday sales and extended hours at the Navy Exchange. (Photo courtesy of Gennaro Sole)



Rear Adm. James G. Foggo, deputy commander, U.S. 6th Fleet, serves food to sailors stationed on Naval Support Activity Naples during a "Taste of Home" dinner Nov. 17. The dinner, sponsored by the USO Naples volunteer committee and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, provided single sailors with a home-cooked Thanksgiving meal. (U.S. Navy photo by MC2 Stephen Oleksiak)

