

Military Rules Restrict Political Activity for DoD People

Article by Donna Miles
American Forces Press Service

With election activity steadily picking up, defense officials remind members of the military and Defense Department civilians that they're subject to rules regulating their involvement in political activities.

Gone are the days when the military posted troops at the polls after the Civil War, an act that Steve Epstein, director of the DoD General Counsel's Standards of Conduct Office, said intimidated many southerners into not voting.

Today, Epstein said two sets of rules help protect the integrity of the political process: a DoD directive for active-duty service members and the Hatch Act for federal civilians. These rules keep the military out of partisan politics and ensure that the workplace remains politically neutral, he said.

That's not to imply that military members and civilian employees can't participate in politics. Epstein said DoD encourages both groups to register to vote and vote as they choose, and to urge others to vote. Both groups can sign nominating petitions for candidates and express their personal opinions about candidates and issues - but only if they don't do so as representatives of the armed forces. Also, all federal employees can make contributions to political organizations or candidates.

Beyond that, the list of dos and don'ts differs widely, depending on whether the employee is an active-duty service member, a rank-and-file Civil Service employee, a political appointee or member of the career Senior Executive Service, Epstein said.

Of all DoD employees, the men and women in uniform have the most

restrictions regarding political activity, he explained. A 1993 revision to the Hatch Act freed most Civil Service employees to engage in political activities outside the workplace that were once forbidden, although many restrictions still apply.

For example, service members as well as government civilians can attend political meetings or rallies. Military members can attend only as spectators and not in uniform. They're not permitted to make public political speeches, serve in any official capacity in partisan groups, or participate in partisan political campaigns or conventions.

On the other hand, civilian employees governed by the Hatch Act may be active in and speak before political gatherings or serve as officers of political parties or partisan groups. They also are permitted to manage campaigns, distribute literature, write political articles or serve as a spokesperson for a party or candidate.

Military members generally aren't permitted to campaign for a political office. [Civilian employees are, as long as it's a nonpartisan election.]

While the dos and don'ts concerning political activity may vary, Epstein said the basic rules hold true for all DoD workers. They can't use their position to influence or interfere with an election. And they can never engage in political activity on the job, in a government vehicle, or while wearing an official uniform.

More details about restrictions on DoD military and civilian employees' political activities are posted on the DoD Web site.

NMCRS Volunteers Thanked for Service

Article and by Monica O'Hearn

"Volunteers make life sweet." Throughout the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) Winter Wonderland Dessert Party, this theme reigned supreme as gratitude to the NMCRS volunteers for all they do.

NMCRS is an organization which provides support to military families, ranging from the arrival of a new baby to obtaining a college degree. Roni Nocon, director of the Sigonella branch, described the association. "NMCRS provides a number of important and valuable services to the community which we couldn't do without the support of volunteers."

In the past year alone, NMCRS provided over \$175,000 to service families in need. These funds come from different activities, including the Active Duty Fund Drive the popular Nearly New Shop.

All of the services NMCRS provides are made possible by volunteers. "Volunteers are the backbone of our society," Robin Carson, co-chair of volunteers, explained. Currently, the Sigonella branch has 76 volunteers. They and their families were invited for a final celebration of their achievements in 2007.

Sweet treats laid out in a buffet and children laughing was the scene at the fes-

tival. Families also had the chance to take photos, play bingo, or partake in the "white elephant" gift exchange.

Volunteers, along with their spouses and children, enjoyed themselves and were rewarded for the work they put in. Chantal Maxedon, a volunteer, said, "It's my first time working in about 12 years, and [NMCRS] is a great experience for me."

Laura Czigler summed the night up. "Volunteers do so much for us throughout the year, so this is our way of saying thanks."



THE TREE THAT KEEPS GIVING

Article and by Robin Carson

The Sigonella Animal Welfare Society would like to thank the Sigonella Community for making this Christmas extra special for our four legged friends. The Giving Tree has received more gifts this year than in the two previous years combined. Thank you for your tremendous support throughout the year, and this holiday season. The people of Sigonella donated over 2000 bags of food, over 600 boxes of treats, and too many dog and cat toys to count throughout the year. S.A.W.S would also like to thank "Coach" and Mrs. Rinauldi for their most generous donation to the organization. The mission of S.A.W.S. is to support the Stray Animal Facility located at NAS 1.

We also try to assist in many other tasks throughout the community by providing quality care for stray and abandoned animals. We were able to hold many successful fundraising events this year, and our Christmas fund raisers were one for the books. A special thanks to our wonderful vol-

unteers because without their support and efforts this would not be possible. The community has also helped with the adoption of many dogs, cats and provided quality homes for them all. Because of the Community support we will continue our efforts on behalf of the animals here in Sigonella. Thanks again for your continued support of Sigonella Animal Welfare Society (S.A.W.S.) and we wish you a very Happy New Year.



WEATHER UPDATE

Jan. 11
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Jan. 12
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Jan. 13
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Jan. 14
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TOP STORIES

Many people use dietary or herbal supplements to support their diet, but are these supplements really safe to use? These natural remedies are not regulated by the Food and Drug Administration and may even react with certain prescription medication that you may be taking. Find out the rest about herbal supplements.

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Seaman 1st Class General P. Douglas has been identified as a U.S. serviceman, missing from World War II. U.S. officials exhumed human remains eroding out of the ground near a trail by Ranongga Island, Solomon Islands and Douglas' dog tag was left to identify him. He will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

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In an attempt to increase protection of marine mammals from the dangers of sonar use, new precautions and restrictions have been implemented on Navy sonar. These restrictions are an addition to the 29 other mitigating measures the Navy takes when operating sonar during major training exercises or within established operating areas.

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Throughout the month of January, ITT will be hosting cooking classes in the Midtown Classroom. Dig in to these special treats and find out what the excitement has been about.

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The U.S. Navy Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5 deployed to the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia won an Moral, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) boat naming contest Dec. 18 by suggesting the vessel be named "Can Do!," the Navy Seabees' well-known slogan.

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Accidents	4	4
Injuries	4	4
DUIs	0	0
Traffic Deaths	0	0

PLEASE,
DON'T BECOME
A STATISTIC!

DIRECT LINE

Here are the answers to your Feedback Live questions sent in during the last month. Please keep emailing me or calling in your questions and I will do my best to answer them.

In addition, has someone provided you Great Service on base, in the Exchange, Commissary, or in Housing? Are you thrilled about a service or program offered on base? Feedback Live is a perfect opportunity to tell the community about this good news. Feedback Live is held on the first Thursday of each month, from 6:30pm - 7:00pm. To call in live to the show, please dial 624-4265 or 095-56-4265.

NASSIG COMMANDING OFFICER CAPT. THOMAS J QUINN

1. I've noticed that every other military base in Europe has signs in their Exchange and Commissary giving those in uniform head-of-line privileges during lunch. Why don't we have that here in Sigonella? It's frustrating when I'm trying to buy a drink and a sandwich and have to wait behind someone doing their week's grocery shopping.

Answer: The Commissary apologizes for the missing sign stating "Military in uniform have priority between 11:00 and 13:00 hrs." We have placed an order for the missing sign and will have one posted ASAP. Also, for customer convenience we have a register avail-

able at the Deli/bakery department for customers who would like to purchase items from that department.

2. I've heard that it's legal to drive 90kmh on any road in Sicily per our own traffic instruction. I try my best to follow the speed limits but also want to be able to go as quickly as is legal in good conditions.

Answer: Our instruction does mention that the speed limit in rural areas is 90kph...unless otherwise posted. Speed limits as posted should be followed but speeds should be further reduced if weather conditions warrant.



Health WATCH

Herbal Supplements: Are they safe to use?

Courtesy of LCDR Chad McKenzie Pharm.D.

Glucosamine or echinacea? Garlic or ginseng? St. John's Wort or valerian? If any of these names sound familiar then you are probably familiar with what are known as 'herbal supplements' or 'natural remedies'. They are available without a prescription, and may provide some health benefits for which you might typically need a prescription medication. But just because they don't require a prescription doesn't mean they are safe for everyone. Herbal supplements are considered to be 'dietary supplements' by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, and are not reviewed or regulated like medications. Unlike regulated medications, there is no manufacturing standard for purity, and even consistently purchasing the same brand may not guarantee the prod-

uct's potency. These products often have interactions with prescription medications, and they may be dangerous in people with certain health conditions.

It is important to inform your health care provider at every visit if you are using any of these supplements. Additionally, the Naval Hospital Pharmacy maintains a list of herbal supplements and drug interactions for your use. If you would like more information on products that you are using, please stop by the pharmacy to speak with a pharmacist, or contact us at the on-base extension 4685. We can review your current prescription medications and discuss with you any possible interactions with your herbal medications. Your safety is our number one concern.

NASSIG WORSHIP SERVICES

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| LDS Chapel in Catania
<u>Sunday</u>
1 p.m. Church of Jesus Christ
Latter-day Saints | Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings
Monday, Wednesday and Fridays
11:30 a.m. |
| NAS II Chapel
<u>Monday</u>
11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass | NAS I Chapel
<u>Sunday</u>
8:45 a.m. Catholic Mass |
| <u>Tuesday</u>
11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass | 10:45 a.m. Protestant Worship |
| <u>Wednesday</u>
11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass | 5 p.m. Fellowship Meal |
| <u>Friday</u>
11:30 a.m. Catholic Mass | 6 p.m. Bible Study |
| <u>Sunday</u>
4 p.m. Catholic Mass | Mineo Community Center
<u>Sunday</u>
9 a.m. Protestant Worship |
| | 12 p.m. Catholic Mass |
| | Maranai Community Center
11 a.m. Protestant Traditional Service |

Call 095-86-3801 for the Chaplains Office
Call 095-86-1225 for weekly Jewish services



Who is watching your kids?

Article by Chaplain Hank Wilson

Hey, who is watching your kids? You know I will always remember that video that someone sent in to America's Funniest Videos. The one where the kid is sitting in self-rising flour on the kitchen floor. The Mom asks the child what happened and the kid points to his sister and says, "she did it." The Mom asked him if it was true and he says again, "yes, she did it." But Mom knew better because the boy had the bag of flour in his hands and had his actions caught on video.

There is a story similar to this one in the

Bible that started at the beginning of mankind. Adam and Eve had eaten of the fruit that they were not supposed to and God came to confront them. When Adam was confronted, by God about doing what they were told not to do Adam responded, "it was the woman You gave me." So, not only was he placing the blame on Eve; he was actually blaming God. He was not man enough to take responsibility for his own actions.

I was truly saddened the other day when I

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Capt. Thomas J. Quinn

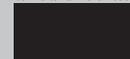
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WEEKLY TRAFFIC/ SAFETY UPDATE

Traffic Court Results

No Traffic Court was held last week.

NAVY NEWS

Sailor Missing from World War II is Identified

Article from the Department of Defense

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced Jan. 3 that the remains of a U.S. serviceman, missing from World War II, have been identified and will be returned to his family for burial with full military honors.

He is Seaman 1st Class General P. Douglas, U.S. Navy, of Newcomb, Tenn. He will be buried Jan. 26 in Sneedville, Tenn.

On July 6, 1943, the light cruiser USS Helena (CL 50) was struck by

torpedoes fired by Japanese destroyers off the coast of Kolombangara Island, Solomon Islands, in what would become known as the Battle of the Kula Gulf. More than 700 servicemen were rescued, but Douglas was one of more than 150 servicemen who were missing as the ship sunk.

In June 2006, a resident of Ranongga Island, Solomon Islands, notified U.S. officials that he exhumed human remains and Douglas' dog tag that he found eroding out of the ground near a trail by

his village. The officials contacted the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) who subsequently traveled to Ranongga Island to examine the burial location where they verified that no additional remains were present.

Among dental records, other forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence, scientists from JPAC and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory also used mitochondrial DNA in the identification of the remains.

PHOTO FROM THE FLEET



Check in weekly to find out what our fellow shipmates are doing around the fleet.

U.S. Navy photo by MCSN Justin Lee Losack

Aviation Machinist's Mate Airman Tommy Allen carries several tie-down chains across the flight deck aboard the Nimitz-class nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman (CVN 75). Truman and embarked Carrier Air Wing (CVW) 3 are underway on a scheduled deployment in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and maritime security operations.

NEWS BRIEFS

Certified Hypnotist, Ken Dubner:

Experience the Ken Dubner Comedy Hypnosis Show, featuring Gail Webster. Mr. Dubner has entertained, mesmerized and amazed almost every group imaginable with his side-splitting comedy hypnosis show. As a 20-year veteran of comedy and stage hypnosis, you may have seen him on HBO, A&E, Discovery Science and more!

Show will be held on Friday, January 18 at 8pm in the Midtown 2 Theaters.

Try a new approach to smoking cessation and weight release...one that involves a lot of humor, a little brain training and a bit of hypnosis, with certified hypnotist, Ken Dubner.

Session Schedule for Saturday, January 19 in the Midtown 2 Theater:

Weight Release:
8:30am - Noon

Smoking Cessation:
1-4:30pm

3.5hr sessions
\$75/per session

Sign up at ITT Gear-n-Go or Take 5. For more information call 624-4777.

Signonella Protestant Women of the Chapel

PWOC Meets Every Tuesday, offering Faith & Friendship for women in Signonella! Meetings are at 9:15am in the NAS 1 Fellowship Hall: Childcare & Homeschool study/gym class provided. Carpooling and shuttle bus available from Mineo! (Shuttle leaves Mineo-8:15am arriving at NAS 1 at 9:15am and leaves NAS 1-1:35pm arriving in Mineo at 2:40pm.) 7pm at Marinai AND Mineo Community Center

Protestant Women of the Chapel - pwocsig@yahoo.com 624-0387 www.pwocsig.com

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

The Signonella area Heritage Committee/Diversity Group invites you to a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration at the NAS II Duomo conference room on

Friday January 18, at 1:00 p.m. Marriage Prep Class

Are you getting married? Get fully prepared!! Attend this important two-day evolution from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Pre-Register NOW! Dates are Thursday and Friday, 24-25 January. You may pre-register by responding to this email with the following information:

1. Your Name
2. Your Future Spouse's Name
3. Your Department Name
4. Your Phone Number

Armed Forces Entertainment Presents, The Fuzz Band

Friday, January 11 at 9:30pm at Jox Pub. Here comes the Fuzz. Eight-member indie band under the Peach Fuzz Entertainment label. Hip-Hop, R&B, Soul, Funk, Rock, Alternative, Jazz, or Classical...The Fuzz Band can do it!

Sports in Signonella

Over 30 Pick-Up Basketball
Sundays at 2pm and Intramural Basketball. Season begins Tuesday, January 22. For information call 624-2711.

Youth Sports

New!!! Youth Sports Clinic of the Month: Racquetball for Ages 5 - 13. Sign up at Fit District by Tuesday, January 8. For information call 624-3785

TEENS! Wacky Bowling Month. Participate Mondays from 3 - 4pm at SpareTime Bowling Center. Sign up at Fit District or Teen Center. For information call 624-3785

Fitness in Signonella

CoreBox Aerobic Instructor CEC Workshop is being held Saturday, January 12, 8am - 6pm at Fit District. This is a kick boxing training workshop geared for those who are group exercise certified. Call 624-4483 or 624-2710.

Children's Ballet Classes

A 4-week session begins Tuesday, January 8 - Thursday, January 31. For information call 624-4483 or 624-2710.

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Did you know?

Living beyond your means is a prescription for disaster? Does more than 25% of your take-home pay go to paying bills? Are you making only minimum payments on bills due? Are you taking out new loans to pay off old ones? Are you missing payments? Are you stalling one creditor to pay another? Are you having frequent family arguments over money? The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society can help you improve your financial picture. NMCRS Volunteers and employees work hard to help Sailors, Marines, and their families pull themselves out of deficit budgets and into savings plans. Call today to schedule an appointment.

NMCRS: Service with a Smile!

Contact your Sigonella NMCRS Office today! Call 624-4212 for more information. Office Hours: Monday - Friday 0900 - 1600.

NMCRS: Seeking New Volunteers!

Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society



Bldg. 319 (NAS 1)
Monday-Friday
7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
DSN 624-4291
Commercial 095-56-4291

The Power of Positive Thinking

Adapted from "Better Self-Esteem"
University of Texas Austin Counseling and Mental Health Center

Our past experiences, even the things we don't usually think about, are all alive and active in our daily life in the form of an Inner Voice. Although most people do not "hear" this voice in the same way they would a spoken one, in many ways it acts in a similar way, constantly repeating those original messages to us. It's that voice that says, "Don't put that glass on the edge of that table." If we listen, we put the glass somewhere else, if not, the glass falls off and gets broken. Try it some time. Intentionally do the opposite of what your instincts tell you to do.

Most people have a positive inner voice. Occasionally, we meet individuals whose inner voice is not positive—we can usually identify these people because they tend to be less positive about the world around them. All of us

find ourselves feeling negative sometime during our life. Quick fixes to reversing negative thoughts really work. For example, one of the least time consuming and easy ways to feel more positive is to repeat a positive thought (in our head) at least ten times. Sounds a bit redundant, but the process actually interrupts a negative thought process. The following are some ideas of positive thoughts you can use to redirect your thinking:

- "I am productive"
- "I can achieve my goals/dreams"
- "Today I have done things to the best of my ability"
- "Tomorrow provides new opportunities"

Positive thoughts can be repeated anywhere (e.g. in the car, walking, before falling asleep, or sitting at home).

Research suggests that individuals who are positive thinkers often experience positive outcomes.

The theory behind this process is that people tend to attract what they present; so, if someone is presenting a positive perspective on an idea, chances are he/she will experience a positive outcome from his/her efforts.

O.k., so here's a little experiment. When you find yourself upset with a situation, put your thoughts aside (temporarily) and focus on a more positive subject. Chances are when you return to your original thought the problem will look less challenging than it did when you first encountered it.

If you or others you know are interested in more tips on positive thinking or the law of attraction, contact the FFSC at 624-4291.

Cold Noses



WARM HEARTS

A reminder to the community that feeding feral or wild animals on the installation is prohibited.



Signonella's Stray Animal Facility (SAWS) has many cats and dogs just looking for a warm home and someone to love. Each week the Signature will feature animals in need of adoption.

For more information contact the Stray Animal Facility at 624-3936 or Rose Cummings 339-426-8483.



Ashley and Diva: Mom and daughter combo, adopt one or both together. They are a great team but would make equally great pets on their own. They would love to be with your family for Christmas.

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SEXUAL ASSAULT / VICTIMS INTERVENTION

SAVI offers a Sexual Assault Hotline staffed with trained advocates who man the SAVI Hotlines 24/7.

The number is 335-642-8312 or 335-606-6146.



Protestant Women of the Chapel

Bible study every Tuesday: 9:15 a.m. at NAS 1 Chapel
(With free child care and Home school study/gym class)
6 p.m. at NAS 2 Chapel, and 7 p.m. at the Mineo
Community Center

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Acireale honors Saint Sebastian

The Basilica Collegiata di San Sebastiano, an enchanting Baroque church in Acireale, will host a spectacular religious festival celebrating San Sebastiano or St. Sebastian, one of the town's two patron saints. St. Sebastian's festa is annually scheduled for Jan. 20, while Santa Venera, the "main" Acireale's patroness is honored on Jul. 26.

San Sebastiano, who is also worshipped in the province of Siracusa and Catania (Maniace and Santa Venerina), is invoked against the plague. Over the centuries Acireale's townspeople asked for his intercession several times to end that lethal epidemic.

According to tradition, San Sebastiano saved the town from the plague in 1466, so devotees built a church to thank him. Two centuries later, the deadly earthquake that hit the Catania province in 1693 destroyed it.

But, nevertheless, Acireale townspeople erected a new magnificent basilica dedicated to its beloved patron saint. This new church is today one of Catania province's most popular wedding ceremonies' locations. Gian Battista Marino, a sculptor from Catania, decorated in Baroque style its façade in the second half of the 17th century. The inside of the church was frescoed with paintings depicting scenes from the life of the saint.

Today, Acireale community still shows a deep devotion to St. Sebastian and prays to him for intercession to heal from sicknesses. If miracles are performed, they offer tall wax candles, money and small golden objects. Devotees would also tape these offerings on red ribbons tied on the branches of the stump against which the statue depicting San Sebastiano is placed.

Tradition also holds that, in the past, one who miraculously survived the plague epidemics would offer white linens to the saint. At that time, an infected person was required to wear white linen around their necks to show that they carried the disease. Once the epidemic was over, these linens were taped on the pillars that support the carriage on which the statue of the saint is carried in procession. Even nowadays, devotees still wear the linen around their chest and head.

From an historical perspective, San Sebastiano is one of the most famous Christian martyrs. Renaissance painters depicted thousands of paintings portraying him as a beautiful young man. Among one of the most beautiful is the one made by Antonello da Messina in the 15th century, but you must go to Dresden in Germany to see it!

Sebastiano was born in northern France around 300 AD. He served as an officer in the Roman army under Diocletian, the Emperor who issued an edict in which he prohibited Christianity. When Roman authorities found out that he was a Christian, they tortured him in 288 AD. He was tied, pierced with arrows

and left for dead; but tradition holds that he survived the arrows, which miraculously failed to pierce any vital organ. Thus, the arrow, a symbol of the plague, became his identifying attribute as well as his wounds that resemble plague boils. Eventually, he was beaten to death on Jan. 20, 304AD.

Festival Schedule's Highlights

Here are some among the must-see events of the festival. On the festival's eve (Jan. 19), the holy relics are showcased at the church of S. Antonio di Padova at 5 p.m. Later, the relics are brought in procession throughout the following roads: via Vittorio Emanuele, via Ruggero Settimo, via Davi and via Meli. In the evening, after the Holy mass performed at 7 p.m., the "Sette Chiamate" prayers are performed.

On Jan 20, the festival starts at 7:30 with the opening of the little chapel located inside the Saint Sebastian church where the statue of the Christian martyr is preserved. Holy mass is performed at 9:30 a.m. Later at 11 a.m., the statue of San Sebastiano starts its parade through the streets of Acireale's historic heart and leaving from an incredibly crowded piazza Leonardo Vigo.

The "baiardu," which is a wooden cart that holds the statue depicting the saint, is carried on the shoulders of more than 40 "divoti." While holding and pulling such a

heavy weight, they will perform spectacular maneuvers even running and going up steep climbs. The worshippers, who scream Divoti, dicemulu cu tuttu u cori: Viva San Mastianu! Vaddatilu ch'è beddu u rizzareddu, Semu tutti e Vostri pedi, Amamulu cu tuttu u cori," (Devotees, let's say it with all our hearts: Long live Saint Sebastian, the curly-headed! Look at him, isn't he beautiful! We all are at your feet; let's love him with all our hearts!), carry the cart around the city belong to an exclusive guild that boasts an ancient tradition handed down from father to son for centuries. The procession lasts all day long and ends at midnight when the statue is brought back into the San Sebastiano church.

Firework shows and pealing of bells will be performed all day long and throughout the city. The San Sebastiano basilica is located in piazza Leonardo Vigo next to the Acireale Cathedral.

Eight days after the main festival day (Jan. 28), the "Ottava" celebration is held, the statue of San Sebastiano is taken in procession throughout the historic center in the evening (8:30 p.m.). The festival will also be broadcasted live on the web at the following web site: www.sansebastianoacireale.com

For more information and detailed schedules visit <http://www.acirealeturismo.it/> or call the Acireale Tourist Office at 095-892129/891999.



The annual San Sebastiano or St. Sebastian festival is an eagerly awaited event by Acireale townspeople. It takes place from Jan. 16 through 28 in the historic center featuring solemn and spectacular processions, holy masses, fireworks and arts and crafts and food booths.



Tango enthusiasts will be happy to year that Spanish/Argentine neo-tango group "Otros Aires" will perform in Catania at the Metropolitan Theater on Jan. 9 at 9 p.m. For more information and tickets call ITT at 624-4777, Ticket's Box Office at 095-7225340 or visit www.ctbox.it



The town of Scordia will host the 10th edition of the "Rossarance Maratonina" (Blood Oranges' Marathon) on Sunday, Jan. 13 at the Villa Comunale (public gardens located in piazza Regina Margherita). The kids' run will start at 9 a.m. while the 21K marathon will kick off at 10 a.m. For more details about the events and to enroll send an email to ingerma@inwind.it or just show up on race day to register in person at 8:30 a.m. For the 21K race prizes will be given to the top three overall male and top two female finishers. Participants for all races will get free blood oranges!



Photo by Catania Bellini Opera Press Office

Puccini's Madama Butterfly will open the new Catania Opera 2008 season, which celebrates the 150th anniversary of the legendary Italian Opera composer's birth, on January 13 at 8:30 p.m. This tragic three-act love-story, which is set in Japan around 1900, will be staged through Jan. 27.

Internationally acclaimed Bulgarian soprano Svetla Vassileva, who made her Catania Opera debut during the recent New Year's Day Concert, will take the title role. Rubens Pellizzari and Enrique Ambrosio as Pinkerton, with Maurizio Arena conducting will join her on the "Bellini" Opera House stage. For more information and tickets visit <http://www.teatromassimo-bellini.it/>

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Court Imposes Restrictions on Navy Sonar Use

Article from U.S. Navy Chief of Information

A federal court has ordered the Navy to take additional mitigating measures when training with mid-frequency active sonar off the California coast.

Judge Florence-Marie Cooper of the U.S. District Court in the Central District of California issued a preliminary injunction Jan. 3 that creates a 12 nautical mile coastal exclusion zone off the California coastline and requires sonar to be shut down anytime marine mammals are within 2,200 yards.

"We are assessing the totality of this order with respect to our training off the coast of Southern California and considering our next steps," said Cmdr. Jeff Davis, a Navy spokesman. "Despite the care the Court took in crafting its order, we do not believe it struck the right balance between national security and environmental concerns."

The Navy already employs 29 mitigating measures when operating sonar during major training exercises or within established operating areas. The existing measures include: Stationing trained lookouts, listening passively for marine mammals, employing night vision and thermal imaging equipment, establishing protective zones around ships, taking appropriate action when marine mammals are spotted and employing extra precautions during chokepoint exercises.

The court's order requires the Navy to conduct additional monitoring for marine mammals, to reduce power on sonar when surface ducting conditions exist, and to take additional monitoring steps prior to and during sonar exercises. It also restricts the Navy from using sonar altogether in the Catalina Basin, and requires helicopters to monitor for whales for 10 minutes before using active dipping sonar.

In the order Judge Cooper cited her visit Dec. 27 to USS Milius (DDG 69) in San Diego, and recognized the importance of realistic training, calling mid-frequency active sonar "a tool that has proven far more effective at detecting modern, quiet-running diesel electric submarines than passive sonar."

"We appreciate the time and care the court has taken to become familiar with the issue, including Judge Cooper's visit to a ship and talking to Sailors in San Diego about Navy sonar training operations," said Davis.

"This is a complex issue and extremely important to the national security of the United States and the training and readiness of our Sailors and Marines," said Davis. "Our position continues to be that it is possible to protect marine mammals while also preserving national security."



Peruvian submarines and surface vessels accompany the guided-missile destroyer USS Carney (DDG 64) and the guided-missile frigate USS Halyburton (FFG 40) during Silent Forces Exercise (SIFOREX). In an intense three-day Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) training program, Sailors from Peru, and the United States refined their ASW skills against Peruvian Type-209 diesel submarines.

Swift Deploys to Join Africa Partnership Station Initiative

Article by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class (SW) Tyler Jones
 Fleet Public Affairs Center, Atlantic

The High Speed Vessel (HSV) 2 Swift departed Naval Amphibious Base (NAB) Little Creek Jan. 4, headed for the western coast of Africa to join the Navy's Global Fleet Station (GFS), Africa Partnership Station (APS) initiative.

Swift will team with the NAB Little Creek-based dock landing ship USS Fort McHenry (LSD 43) and embarked Commander Task Group 60.4, from Naples, Italy, already on station, to take part in the first GFS APS initiative.

"In a nutshell, we'll be trying to develop stronger maritime security ties," said Cmdr. Charles Rock, commanding officer of Swift's Ingleside, Texas crew. "We're loaded with humanitarian assistance, food and aid donated by non-governmental organizations, so we'll be delivering a lot of good will."

APS is a U.S. Naval Forces Europe-led initiative, executed by a multinational staff aboard Fort McHenry and Swift. Training teams from various U.S. and European

military commands, as well as governmental and non-governmental organizations will work together to enhance cooperative partnerships with regional maritime services in West and Central Africa and the Gulf during this deployment.

Swift will join Fort McHenry in the Gulf of Guinea, where it will transport students as well as trainers during visits to Senegal, Liberia, Ghana, Cameroon, Gabon and Sao Tome and Principe. Training teams will focus on a broad range of areas, including maritime domain awareness, leadership, seamanship and navigation, maritime law enforcement, search and rescue, civil engineering and logistics.

Hospital Corpsman 1st Class (SW) Jason Shaeffer, an independent duty corpsman aboard Swift, said he's excited about the opportunity.

"(This deployment) is very cool," said Shaeffer. "We get to place our image in a very different light, which is good for the Navy, our ship and the U.S. I really feel a personal satisfaction in community relations and meeting people from other countries. When you leave, and you get those handshakes, you really get the feeling that you're doing something good."

APS is scheduled to support more than 20 humanitarian assistance projects in addition to hosting information exchanges and training with partner nations during its seven-month deployment.

This is not the first time Swift has served as an enabling platform for the GFS initiative. In 2007, Swift visited seven Latin American and Caribbean nations, teaching partner-nation counterparts everything from knot tying to maritime law enforcement.

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CELEBRATING THE FOOD & WINE OF SICILY

Midtown Holds Cooking Classes for Sailors and Family

Article by Robin Graham, photos by Kristine Twing
Morale Welfare and Recreation



ITT Gear-n-Go hosted a cooking class in the Midtown classroom. Last Wednesday, there was an aroma of fresh Italian cooking filling Midtown.

Meet Salvatore Milazzo. He is a chef at Casareccio in Motta S. Anastasia. Salvatore is 28 years old and has been cooking since the age of thirteen. During the holidays his restaurant specializes in a dish called Scacciata. However, they also make typical items that are found in a tavola calda. These items include Arancina and Cartocciate. In class he taught the participants how to make all three of these typical dishes.

Scacciata can be compared to a turnover or pie. It can be made with just about anything. Salvatore used a cheese called Tuma and prosciutto. The Arancini was made with rice with ragu' (meat sauce) or alla norma

(eggplant). Cartocciate was made two ways, baked (al forno) and fried (bombetta frita). Ham, mozzarella, and tomato sauce was used in this dish.

"The class is very interesting," Kathy Frankenberger, from Newport Beach California said. "We see this food everyday and a lot of people don't know what they are seeing. It makes you appreciate the time that is put into making these dishes."

Salvatore says, "The most difficult thing about cooking is when I have a lot of orders at once. Saturday is the busiest day for me. I have to prepare the Arancini the day before." He also mentioned that he has to be at work three hours in advance of opening time.

ITT will be hosting more cooking classes in January. Look for details in the Preview.

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(Above) the class learns how to cook Scacciata, Arancini and Cartocciate from Salvatore Milazzo, a Sicilian chef.
(Right) the Cartocciate is being folded in preparation to be baked.
(Bottom Left) Arancini sits in a pan waiting to be fried.
(Bottom Right) two students prepare cartocciate, a dish that will eventually be fried and tasted.



Rigattiere



Future Afghan Leaders Ask Tough Questions, Graduate PRT Seminar

Article by Ensign Christopher Weis
 Provincial Reconstruction Team, Khost Afghanistan

KHOST, Afghanistan (NNS) -- Political science students tend to ask tough questions and it is no different at the University of Khost in Afghanistan. What is new is those answering the questions.

For the last six months Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) Cmdr. Dave Adams and Department of State representative Kael Weston have been interacting with the University of Khost students.

Adams and Weston recently presented 53 Afghan students with graduation certificates for their weekly political issues seminar.

When the seminar kicked off last July, less than one quarter of the students had spoken to an American. Today, the friendships and understanding between the two are evident as the Americans and Afghans hugged and congratulated each other.

University Chancellor, Gul Hassan Wali Zai explained how simply talking together in an outdoor pavilion helped "to break down the barriers between Afghanistan and the coalition."

One of the students, Ziullah Safi, agreed that "the seminar was beneficial for both the students and the Americans. For the students, it helped with their knowledge of the world. For the Americans, it informed them about Afghan culture."

Weston and Adams encouraged an open dialogue on all aspects of foreign policy and even invited U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan William Wood as a guest lecturer. Wood fielded a volley of probing questions, including commenting on the possibility of a third world war.

"I don't think it will happen," Wood said. "The world is moving toward greater unity."

Building greater unity one student at a time is what the PRT seminar is all about, Weston explained.

"They came from 20 provinces and offered frank views. Officials tell you official things; students tell you what is on their minds," he said. "So it is just as important to engage the 'average omars' who will lead Afghanistan into the future. It is this group, after all, [who] will determine how long we remain guests here."



Khost University professors and students pose for a group picture after one of many seminars held by Provincial Reconstruction Team Khost during the course of their deployment in Afghanistan. The seminar facilitated the free exchange of ideas and questions between local Afghans and Sailors, Soldiers and civilians members of the PRT.

Chilean CNO Visits U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command, Afloat Training Group

Article by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class (SW) Holly Boynton
 U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command Public Affairs

MAYPORT, Fla. (NNS) -- Vice Adm. Gustavo Jordan, Commander Naval Operations (CNO) of the Chilean Navy, visited Naval Station Mayport Jan. 4 to meet with two local commands for familiarization briefings.

Jordan met with Rear Adm. James W. Stevenson Jr., commander, U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command (NAVSO) at his headquarters to discuss the various maritime operations in Latin America. Jordan and Stevenson spoke about continued future interactions between the U.S. and Chilean Navies.

"Each opportunity to meet in person with partner nation representatives is always mutually beneficial for everyone involved," said Stevenson. "We have a strong working relationship with Chile and look forward to strengthening the current bonds this year during the Partnerships of America UNITAS Pacific exercise with

USS George Washington."

Following his visit to NAVSO, Jordan met with Capt. J. W. Zeiders III, commanding officer, Afloat Training Group Mayport (ATGM). Zeiders explained the various training programs available at Mayport.

Jordan completed his tour of the base before departing the Jacksonville area. NAVSO frequently hosts foreign military members in a continuing effort to strengthen ties throughout Latin America and the Caribbean to support theater security cooperation and the new U.S. Maritime Strategy.

NAVSO, the naval component commander for U.S. Southern Command, oversees maritime operations throughout Latin America, including exercises and deployments; counter illicit trafficking support, and theater security cooperation events such as community relations projects.

Seabee Slogan Now a Ship's Name

By Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Palmer Pinckney II
 Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 5 Public Affairs

DIEGO GARCIA (NNS) -- U.S. Navy Seabees of Naval Mobile Construction Battalion (NMCB) 5 deployed to the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia won a Moral, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) boat naming contest Dec. 18 by suggesting the vessel be named "Can Do!," the Navy Seabees' well-known slogan.

"U.S. Navy Seabees have had a major presence on Diego Garcia since the 1970s. Seabees have made great contributions to the island building airfield runways, communications stations and electrical systems," wrote Chief Construction Electrician (SCW) John R. Guiliano, NMCB 5 Detail Diego Garcia officer in charge, in his contest submission application.

The boat, a 22-foot Boston Whaler, was recently shipped to the island for use by the Sailors stationed

there. Over 100 contest submissions were received and according to MWR officials, Seabees have had a major impact on Diego Garcia since the 1970s.

Many photos posted around the island base from early island era most often depict a Seabee logo, a Seabee working or a Seabee relaxing after a hard day's work on the beautiful island. A photo of Bob Hope wearing the old Seabee Green uniform during one of his performances is located in the Yacht Club.

"It was on Dec. 25, 1972, when the first plane landed on Diego Garcia with Mr. Bob Hope aboard. Since 1983, Diego Garcia has been a permanent deployment site for Naval Construction Force Battalions. It is the Seabees' "Can-Do" spirit that makes this island a great place to work and play," according to Guiliano's submission.

Alphio

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Navy Medicine Learns Under Fire

Article by Marine 2nd Lt. Tyson Alexander and 2nd Lt. Sarah Lane, MATSG-21; and Rod Duren
Naval Hospital Pensacola, Fla. Public Affairs

PENSACOLA, Fla. (NNS) -- Marines and Navy servicemen are brothers- and sisters-in-arms and together defend America. This ideal has created the Navy-Marine Corps team that has been successful in operations throughout history.

Part of this success stems from the ongoing evolution and increased efficiency of the team, especially in the field of medicine. The Navy-Marine Corps team works together to save the lives of Sailors, Marines, and civilians injured or wounded from combat or while on humanitarian missions.

Practice is the key to successful execution, according to Marine Capt. Dennis Wait, a CH-46 helicopter pilot assigned to Whiting Field Naval Air Station Whiting Field in Milton, Fla.

Before deploying to Iraq, Wait's squadron spent many hours preparing for combat. At Camp Lejeune, N.C., as part of training, his squadron simulated casualty missions.

Once on the ground, during the training, the corpsmen quickly loaded the "wounded." As the helicopter took off the corpsmen practiced inserting IVs into each other as part of the training.

According to Wait, "The corpsmen would want us to maneuver the way we would normally maneuver, while they are in the back giving treatment and training."

Corpsmen, however, are not the

only ones being trained to treat today's battlefield wounds. With the fluidity of the battlefield, every person involved needs to be trained on life-saving techniques.

Capt. Kevin Berry, commanding officer of Pensacola Naval Hospital recalled this taking place when he served as medical officer with the Marines' 1st Light Armor Infantry Battalion in Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

In 1990-91, he trained both the corpsmen and Marines on how to "put in IVs" and provide minimal medical care through a buddy-system, especially when a corpsman wasn't immediately available.

"I didn't know what to call it," said Berry, "but every single Marine with that battalion, and it must have been a thousand, learned how to put in IVs."

Berry said they also learned how to do the most rudimentary battle dressings to provide medical assistance to their buddy.

Still, battle dressing and stabilization of the wounded Marine, through buddy-aid and corpsman-aid, was only the start of the life-saving process. Medical personnel and casualty evacuation (CASEVAC) platforms had to be ready at a moment's notice and appropriately located in order to provide expedient treatment.

For follow-up treatment, the Navy-Marine Corps team kept doc-

tors a few miles from the front lines working out of the back of Humvees or fixed-site medical-surgical units.

Lt. Col. James Kennedy, executive officer of Helicopter Training Squadron 18 "Vigilant Eagles" at Whiting Field, flew these missions while his squadron, Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron (HMM) 161, was operating in Iraq.

"While I saw some really terrible images during my time in Iraq standing the CASEVAC mission, I have never done anything more rewarding in my life," Kennedy explained. "I know there are men alive today because of the work we did while deployed there. They know that they somehow arrived by airlift, but they'll never know that it was Marines and corpsmen of HMM-161 who landed in the middle of a fire-fight to pull them out of there."

Those Marines will "live the rest of their lives telling the story about how they got shot or blown up and woke up in a hospital in Baghdad or Germany," said Kennedy.

Marines depend on Navy medicine personnel and resources "to save their lives," said Capt. Paula McClure, executive officer of the Naval Hospital and former commanding officer of Bravo Surgical Company, Combat Logistics Battalion 2, in the Al Anbar Province of Iraq. Berry and McClure, two Navy officers, offer the same descrip-

tion of what it was like serving with the Marines in a combat environment -- "surreal."

"But, the surreal became the routine," said McClure. "It was the most threatening time of my life, but I learned more in those eight months than the rest of my life."

Berry recalls the experience: "Lack of sleep, no frame of reference and digging 3-foot deep holes all day long, but the professionalism, confidence and competence and the fighting team discipline was outstanding."

As the field of medicine continues to evolve and increases its efficiency of the team, so will the future of Armed Forces medicine.

One evolution will be the relocation of the Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) course. It will be relocated to San Antonio, Texas, where all of the armed services military medical personnel will learn the same techniques and nomenclature about combat trauma care guidelines, good medical care and small-unit medical-specific tactics. In addition, the TCCC advisory board is tasked with bringing battlefield lessons learned to the course.

In the future, discussions generated from service-specific points of view will become less rigid and the lines of demarcation will blur between the services for the good of military medicine overall and the care of men and women in uniform.

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read that there had been damage done, both in the Marinai and Mineo communities. There was physical damage to the housing property and guess what folks . . . we cannot place the blame on anyone else. It was our children within our own fences who did this damage. It ranged from vandalism to breaking of equipment. We often like to place the blame on someone else for actions we take or that our children take. We are often quick to rationalize our hurtful actions in order to steer the responsibility from ourselves. Who is watching your kids?

As adults we have to stop blaming other people and take responsibility for our own actions. Your children are your responsibility. I have been here only four months and have heard horror stories of how kids are acting toward adults and toward local nationals. Parents it is time that you stepped up and took responsibility for raising your children. We should not expect others to do it while we work, or play. That responsibility lies on you as the parent. Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it (Prov. 22:6 NASB). No truer words have been written.

Now is the time. Parents take the responsibility that has been given to you and raise your children by teaching them the core values we hold dear as members of the US Navy. You can no longer blame other people. We should no longer expect others to do the job that your choices and God's planning have given you. You are responsible for your actions and how you raise your children. Don't try and raise them when it is too late. Do it now. Who is watching your kids? Are you?

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Special Events

Armed Forces Entertainment presents:

The FUZZ Band at Jox Pub

January 11 at 9:30 p.m.

This eight-member indie band is dynamic, innovative, and energetic! The Fuzz Band has rocked sold-out crowds with Grammy-winning artists such as Alicia Keys, Outkast, Jill Scott. Whether Hip-Hop, R&B, Soul, Funk, Rock, Alternative, Jazz, or Classical, The Fuzz Band can do it! Don't miss this one, Sigonella!

Ken Dubner Hypnosis Show

January 18 at 8 p.m. in Midtown 2 Theaters

Ken Dubner has entertained, mesmerized and amazed almost every group imaginable with his side-splitting comedy hypnosis show. As a 20-year veteran of comedy and stage hypnosis, you may have seen him on HBO, A&E, Discovery Science and more! For more information call x4777.

Ken Dubner Weight Release and Smoking Cessation Sessions

January 19 at Midtown 2 Theaters Cost: \$75 per session

Weight Release Session

8:30 a.m. - Noon; Smoking Cessation: 1 - 4 p.m.
Clean up your New Year's resolution... throw out the diet pills and put out the cigarettes! Sign up for a 3.5hr weight release or smoking cessation session and receive a reinforcement CD. Sign up at ITT Gear-n-Go or Take 5. For more information call x4777.

Fitness 624-4483

Family Rock Climbing Orientation Night

January 18: 5 - 6:30 p.m.; 6:30 - 8 p.m. at The Cave
Sign your family up for an hour and a half of rock climbing fun. Sign up ahead of time at Fit District.

Youth Kickboxing Class

Mondays at Fit District: 2:30 - 3 p.m. (Ages 5-8); 3 - 4 p.m. (Ages 9-up)

This is an action-packed, sweat-filled kickboxing class geared toward KIDS. Sign up one day prior. Permission slips available at Fit District.

ITT Gear-n-Go Day Trips 624-4777

Catania Shopping

Fridays: Depart: NAS II 8 a.m., NAS I 8:30 a.m. Return: 1 p.m. - \$12 + bring euro for food and shopping

Mandatory Snow Adventure Safety Class

Fridays from 5 - 5:30 p.m.

Plan on joining Adventures Unlimited (AU) for any snow sport this year? Please make the time to attend this mandatory class on safety and survival. AU wants to make this year a fun and injury-free year.

Snowboarding on Mt. Etna

(Snow and weather permitting)

Saturdays: Depart: NAS I 8 a.m. Return: 4 p.m.

Participants must attend the Snow Adventure Safety Class. Minimum age is 12 years old and must be accompanied by an adult. \$15 without rental package or \$25 with rental package + bring euro for lift ticket and food

Circumetnea Antique Train Adventure

January 12: Depart: NAS I 6:45 a.m. Return: 4:30 p.m.

\$30; includes fees + bring euro for food

Solunto & Caccamo

January 13: Depart: NAS II 7 a.m., NAS I 7:30 a.m.

Return: 7 p.m. - \$30 + bring euro for fees and food

Cross Country Skiing on Mt. Etna

(Snow and weather permitting)

January 13: Depart NAS I 8:30 a.m. Return: 3 p.m.

Participants must attend Snow Adventure Safety Class.

\$25, includes transportation and guide + bring €12 for ski

rental, snacks, water and extra euro for food

Citta di Roma Circus

Through January 31

Ticket only purchase is available for \$14/pp

Patti Shopping (Caleca Pottery Factory)

January 17: Depart: NAS II 7 a.m., NAS I 7:30 a.m.

Return: 3 p.m. - \$18, or 2 for \$30 + bring euro for food and shopping

Special Sicilian New Year Cooking Class

January 16 - prepare Italian Cake and other Dolci

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Midtown Classroom on NAS I \$25/class

ITT Gear-n-Go Extended Trips 624-4777

St. Patrick's Day in Dublin

March 15-19

Dracula's Transylvania, Romania

April 4-9

Liberty 624-5602

Seafood Dinner - January 11

Agrigento Day Trip - January 13

Japanese Dinner - January 18

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Weekend in Dublin - April 16-20 \$550/pp

Take 5 624-5602

Chili Cook-Off

January 12

U-Choose PS3 Tournament

January 15

Action Movie Marathon

January 16

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SCHEDULE

MOVIE DESCRIPTIONS

Friday, January 11

12:00pm American Gangster R 157 min.
3:00pm Fred Claus PG 116 min.
5:00pm August Rush PG 113 min.
5:30pm National Treasure: Book of Secrets PG 135 min.
7:30pm The Bucket List PG-13 98 min.
8:00pm I Am Legend PG-13 114 min.
9:30pm Lions for Lambs R 90 min.

Saturday, January 12

2:00pm Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium G 95 min.
2:30pm The Bucket List PG-13 98 min.
4:30pm Enchanted PG 107 min.
5:00pm Beowulf PG-13 114 min.
7:00pm American Gangster R 157 min.
8:00pm This Christmas PG-13 119 min.
10:00pm Charlie Wilson's War R 97 min.

Sunday, January 13

2:00pm Bee Movie PG 91 min.
2:30pm National Treasure: Book of Secrets PG 135 min.
4:30pm August Rush PG 113 min.
5:00pm I Am Legend PG-13 114 min.
7:00pm The Bucket List PG-13 98 min.

Monday, January 14

12:00pm Charlie Wilson's War R 97 min.
3:00pm Martian Child PG 108 min.
5:00pm Beowulf PG-13 114 min.
5:30pm Fred Claus PG 116 min.
7:30pm American Gangster R 157 min.
8:00pm Lions for Lambs R 90 min.

Tuesday, January 15

5:00pm Enchanted PG 107 min.
5:30pm I Am Legend PG-13 114 min.
7:30pm National Treasure: Book of Secrets PG 135 min.
8:00pm August Rush PG 113 min.

Wednesday, January 16

12:00pm Beowulf PG-13 114 min.
3:00pm Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium G 95 min.
5:00pm Martian Child PG 108 min.
5:30pm This Christmas PG-13 119 min.
7:30pm American Gangster R 157 min.
8:00pm The Bucket List PG-13 98 min.

Thursday, January 17

3:00pm Bee Movie PG 91 min. LS
5:00pm August Rush PG 113 min.
5:30pm National Treasure: Book of Secrets PG 135 min.
7:30pm THROWBACK THURSDAY - FREE ADMISSION
Resident Evil: Extinction R 95 min.
8:00pm I Am Legend PG-13 114 min.

30 Days Of Night (R)

In Barrow, Alaska, the northernmost town in the U.S, the winter sun sets and does not rise for 30 days and nights. From the darkness comes an evil force that strikes terror on the town, and all hope is pinned on a husband-and-wife cop team.

American Gangster (R)

Based on the life of drug-kingpin-turned-informant, Frank Lucas, who grew up in segregated North Carolina where he watched as his cousin was shot by the Klan for looking at a white girl. He eventually made his way to Harlem where he became a heroin kingpin by traveling to Asia's Golden Triangle to make connections, shipping heroin back to the US in the coffins of soldiers killed in Vietnam. He soon made upwards of one million dollars a day in drug sales. Lucas was shadowed by lawman, Richie Roberts, who finally helped bring the Kingpin to justice. The two then worked together to expose the crooked cops and foreign nationals who made importing heroin so easy.

Bucket List (PG-13)

A long time ago, Carter Chambers philosophy professor suggested that his students compose a bucket list, a collection of all the things they wanted to do, see and experience in life before they kicked the bucket. But while Carter was trying to define his private dreams and plans, reality intruded. Marriage, children, myriad responsibilities and, ultimately, a 46-year job as an auto mechanic turned his concept of a bucket list into little more than a bittersweet memory of lost opportunities and a mental exercise he occasionally thought about to pass the time. Meanwhile, corporate billionaire Edward Cole never saw a list without a bottom line. He was always too busy making money and building an empire to think about what his deeper needs might be beyond the next big acquisition or cup of gourmet coffee. Then life delivered an urgent and unexpected wake-up call to both of them. Carter and Edward found themselves sharing a hospital room with plenty of time to think about what might happen next—and about how much of that was in their hands. For all their apparent differences, they discovered they had two very important things in common: an unrealized need to come to terms with who they were and the choices they made, and a pressing desire to spend the time they had left doing everything they ever wanted to do. So, against doctors orders and all good sense, these two virtual strangers check themselves out of the hospital and hit the road together for the adventure of a lifetime.

Charlie Wilson's War (R)

Based on the true story of how Charlie Wilson, an alcoholic womanizer and Texas congressman, persuaded the CIA to train and arm resistance fighters in Afghanistan to fend off the Soviet Union. With the help of rogue CIA agent, Gust Avrakotos, the two men supplied money, training and a team of military experts that turned the ill-equipped Afghan freedom-fighters into a force that brought the Red Army to a stalemate and set the stage for conflicts in the Middle East that still rage to this day.

Dan In Real Life (PG-13)

Advice columnist Dan Burns is an expert on relationships, but somehow struggles to succeed as a brother, a son and a single parent.

August Rush (PG)

Twelve years ago, above Washington Square, Lyla Novacek, a sheltered young cellist, and Louis Connelly, a charismatic Irish singer-songwriter, were drawn together by a street musician's rendition of "Moondance" and fell in love. After the most romantic night of her life, Lyla promised to meet Louis again but, despite her protests, her father rushed her to her next concert—leaving Louis to believe that she didn't care. Disheartened, he found it impossible to continue playing and eventually abandoned his music while Lyla, her own hopes for love lost, was led to believe months later that she had also lost their unborn child in a car accident. Years passed with neither of them knowing the truth. Now, the infant secretly given away by Lyla's father has grown into an unusually gifted child who hears music all around him and can turn the rustling of wind through a wheat field into a beautiful symphony with himself at its center, the composer and conductor. He holds an unwavering belief that his parents are alive and want him as much as he wants them. Determined to search for them, he makes his way to New York City. There, lost and alone, he is beckoned by the guitar music of a street kid playing for change and follows him back to a makeshift shelter in the abandoned Fillmore East Theater, where dozens of children like him live under the protection of the enigmatic Wizard.

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Hitman
The Mist

Navy Leadership Spends Time with Chicago Students

Article by Lt. Jeffrey S. Gray
Naval Service Training Command Public Affairs

CHICAGO (NNS) -- As part of a Chicago-area Navy initiative to encourage minority students to apply for the U.S. Naval Academy and the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps (NROTC) Scholarship program, a senior officer from Naval Station Great Lakes visited Chicago public high school students in December.

Capt. Will Morales, commanding officer, Training Support Center, Great Lakes, and representative of the Association of Naval Services Officers visited four Chicago public high schools and talked with students about his 25-year career in the Navy, focusing on the educational opportunities he took advantage of through the Navy.

"Successful people have goals and work hard to achieve those goals," said Morales, a 1982 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, who also earned his Master's of Business Administration in 1990 from the University of Houston.

Speaking to students in the Advancement via Individual Determination classes at Thomas Kelley High School, Morales offered a brief summary of his childhood.

"I grew up in El Paso, [Texas], the youngest of four children in an adobe house on a dirt road next to a cotton field," said Morales. "Spanish was the only language spoken in our house. When I was with my friends we often started sentences in Spanish and ended them in English. Spanglish was the unofficial language we spoke."

In conveying his humble beginnings to the students, Morales hoped to connect with them on a personal level and make them more receptive to his overarching message -- "If you haven't figured out what you want to do, you need to start dreaming."

Morales told students that when he was a sophomore in high school he dreamed of attending the Naval Academy and becoming a naval officer.

"You need to start dreaming and planning for success. Given my early childhood experiences and influences, I'd say I'm no different from many of you," said Morales.

Along with his appeal to "dream," Morales imparted to students his general philosophy of success by stating what he believed to be the fundamental keys to success.

"Setting goals, working hard, playing by the rules and asking for help when you need it most," said Morales.

Morales asked students to think about and to reconsider the free education provided to them.

"I've been all over the world, and the one thing I know is that we Americans are the luckiest people in the world. If you compare the limited opportunities other young people have to acquire an education, you'd be amazed at what we take for granted," said Morales.

James Vonesh, Counselor, College and Armed Services exploration and application, at Kelly High School, praised the dialogue Morales entered into with students.

"Every one of the classroom teachers who hosted Capt. Morales remarked that they were very impressed with the passion and the message he offered to their students," said Vonesh. "This was a unique opportunity to hear from a senior military officer who is candidly interested in connecting with students and informing them about his personal history, career accomplishments and about opportunities to attend college."

The primary goal of the school visits was to bridge the information gap that exists within certain communities concerning the viability of the Navy as a potential career option. Working to build that bridge is necessary as the Navy seeks to attract high performing minority students into its officer corps through various accession sources.

To achieve its goal of increasing the presence of minority officers, the Navy has developed a unique outreach program dedicated to engaging and to encouraging students of various backgrounds and perspectives to apply for admission to the Naval Academy and for NROTC scholarships. The Navy's ability to successfully increase the pool of diverse candidates is critical to mission readiness and national security.

Bataan Receives Prestigious Golden Anchor

Article by MC2 (SW/AW) Brian Anderson
USS Bataan Public Affairs

PORTSMOUTH, Va. (NNS) -- The multi-purpose amphibious assault ship, USS Bataan (LHD 5), was awarded the Retention Excellence Award for fiscal year 2007, Dec. 21.

This award is also known as the Golden Anchor award in recognition of the fact that winning ships can paint their anchors gold.

The "Golden Anchor," Bataan's second in her 10-year existence, recognizes commands that meet or exceed retention goals for the year.

To meet the award standard, commands must meet or exceed goals for reenlistment rates in three zones and have an attrition rate of six percent or lower.

"This award shows our Sailors want to be here, they are doing what it takes to be in the Navy, and they are doing it well," said Navy Career Counselor 1st Class (SW) Theresa Lemon.

Bataan accounted for 151 reenlistments and issued more than \$1.1 million in selective reenlistment bonuses to Bataan Sailors during 2007.

"A number of incentives have been put in place to those who reenlist on Bataan including benefit books, ceremonies under the screws (while the ship is currently in the ship yard), and in the commanding officer's cabin," Lemon said.

Understanding what is available is a key issue for Sailors thinking about extending their time in the Navy.

"Education is huge," said Bataan's Commanding Officer, Capt. Rick Snyder. "As we

work through a pretty dynamic time in the Navy when it comes to Sailors and manning, there are a lot of new programs and programs that change. It is our goal to educate our Sailors and make sure they understand what is available and what to expect, making them more likely to stay Navy if they understand what's ahead for them."

As one of three Norfolk based landing helicopter dock ships to win the award, Bataan's retention mark keeps the standard of war-fighting effectiveness at a high level.

"Retaining the right Sailors helps our readiness because when junior Sailors come aboard, they come with little in terms of qualifications," Snyder said. "We put a lot of time and effort into personal and in-rate qualifications and that pays off with well trained Sailors. If we lose those Sailors because they decide not to stay Navy, we lose that homegrown talent and expertise," Snyder said.

Bataan will display the recognition to the fleet by painting her anchors gold as a symbol of distinction during a ceremony held in January.

Bataan is the fifth ship of the Navy's Waspclass ships. She was commissioned Sept. 20, 1997, and is the second U.S. Navy warship to bear the name. CVL-29 was an Independence-class small aircraft carrier that was commissioned in November 1943. After serving in both World War II and the Korean conflict, CVL-29 was decommissioned in 1954.

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Scholarships for Military Children application deadline: Feb. 20

Article by Caroline Williams
DeCA Marketing

FORT LEE, Va. - Are you digging under the sofa cushions for misplaced change and rolling coins from your money jar to help pay for college tuition? Given the soaring costs of higher education, you certainly aren't alone. Perhaps a \$1,500 scholarship could help?

Applications for the 2008 Scholarships for Military Children Program must be turned in to a commissary by close of business Feb. 20. They are available in commissaries worldwide or online through a link at

<http://www.commissaries.com> <<http://www.commissaries.com/>> and directly at <http://www.militaryscholar.org> <<http://www.militaryscholar.org/>>, where they can be filled out on the computer and printed, or printed and filled out by hand. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every commissary location with qualified applicants.

The scholarship program kicked off in 2001 and, according to agency officials, has awarded more than \$5.5 million dollars in scholarships to 3,532 of the best and brightest children of military families.

Retired Marine Lt. Col. Fred Thomas's son Mark earned a scholarship in 2001. He said he's still paying for his son's undergraduate tuition, but every scholarship helps. "[This scholarship] was one more piece that allowed my son to attend a top university and excel by not having to work his way through," Thomas explained. Mark posted a 3.96 grade point average upon graduating from the University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind., with a Bachelor of Arts in theology, music and philosophy. He is presently a Senator Jacob K. JavitsFellow at Boston College, Mass., working on a doctorate of philosophy in religion.

The scholarship program is open to unmarried children under the age of 21 (23 if enrolled in school) of active-duty, Reserve, Guard and retired military personnel. Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database.

Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are currently enrolled in the DEERS database and that they have a current ID card. All applicants must be U.S. citizens.

The applicant must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2008. Students at community or junior colleges must be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program.

"Applications must be in the store by close of business Feb. 20," said Edna Hoogewind, DeCA's scholarship program liaison, "either by hand or mail." If you are not hand-delivering your application, Hoogewind recommends using a delivery method that supplies a return receipt. From April 15 through July 1, applicants can go online and verify receipt of their application in the "Verification of Receipt" section.

Hoogewind also advises students to check all their materials carefully for simple things, like making sure the application is signed or that they are using the 2008 application, not one from previous years. Everything applicants need to know about the program can be found in the Frequently Asked Questions section of the military scholar Web page.

The Scholarships for Military Children program is funded through donations by the general public and by product manufacturers and brokers that sell groceries in commissaries.

Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization best known for building comfort homes near military medical facilities, administers the Scholarships for Military Children program. Fisher House Foundation uses the services of Scholarship Managers, a professional firm that has handled more than 400 programs, to screen applicants and award scholarships. Neither Fisher House nor DeCA are involved in the decision process.

Navy Policy Helps Sailors Plan for Financial Freedom

Article by MC2 Class Trevor Andersen
Navy Personnel Command Public Affairs

MILLINGTON, Tenn. (NNS) -- Help is available for Sailors and their families who have resolved to get debt free in the New Year. The Secretary of the Navy Donald C. Winter recently released a new instruction that further promotes personal financial management training for our Sailors.

SECNAVINST 1740.4, Department of the Navy Personal Financial Management (PFM) Education, Training, and Counseling Program outlines new PFM outreach efforts required of commanders, leaders and Sailors.

This policy was released just in time for the holidays when Sailors and their families can be inclined to overspend and also in time for Sailors to invest their new pay raises approved by congress.

The 23-page instruction covers four major topics:

- o Commanding officers are now required to designate a lead command financial specialist.

- o Sailors will receive PFM training from the beginning of their career to the end and during transition to civilian life.

- o Spouses and Navy youth program participants will be included in PFM training.

- o Certified financial educators and counselors are now required at each Fleet and Family Support Center.

"Commanding officers' and

first-line supervisors' knowledge of PFM programs and services is an important first step in protecting our Sailors and their families from unscrupulous predatory lending practices and mismanagement of personal finances," said Vice Adm. John C. Harvey, Chief of Naval Personnel.

According to professional financial advisors, if Sailors manage their finances and benefits properly, the sky's the limit.

"Between the money that you accumulate in your Thrift Savings Plan and the equity from your condominium or home, when you leave the military, again, let's say that's 15 or 20 years from now, you can become a millionaire," said financial planner Kelvin Boston. Boston, host of Public Broadcasting Service's "Moneywise" and author of the best-selling book "Who's Afraid to be a Millionaire," visited Fleet Activities Yokosuka in October.

Also, the Military Lending Act provides Sailors and their families new legal protection against predatory lenders including limiting payday loans, vehicle title loans and tax refund anticipation loans to a maximum annual interest rate of 36 percent.

For more information on PFM, visit www.npc.navy.mil and read SECNAVINST 1740.04. Or visit Fleet and Family support center Web site at <https://www.nfisp.org/> and go to the financial section.

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