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Triad Corner





Souda Snapshots



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Are you getting out there to see what all is available to see? Tweet us, Facebook us or tag us in your Instagram shots and we may feature them in an upcoming issue!

The Gouge

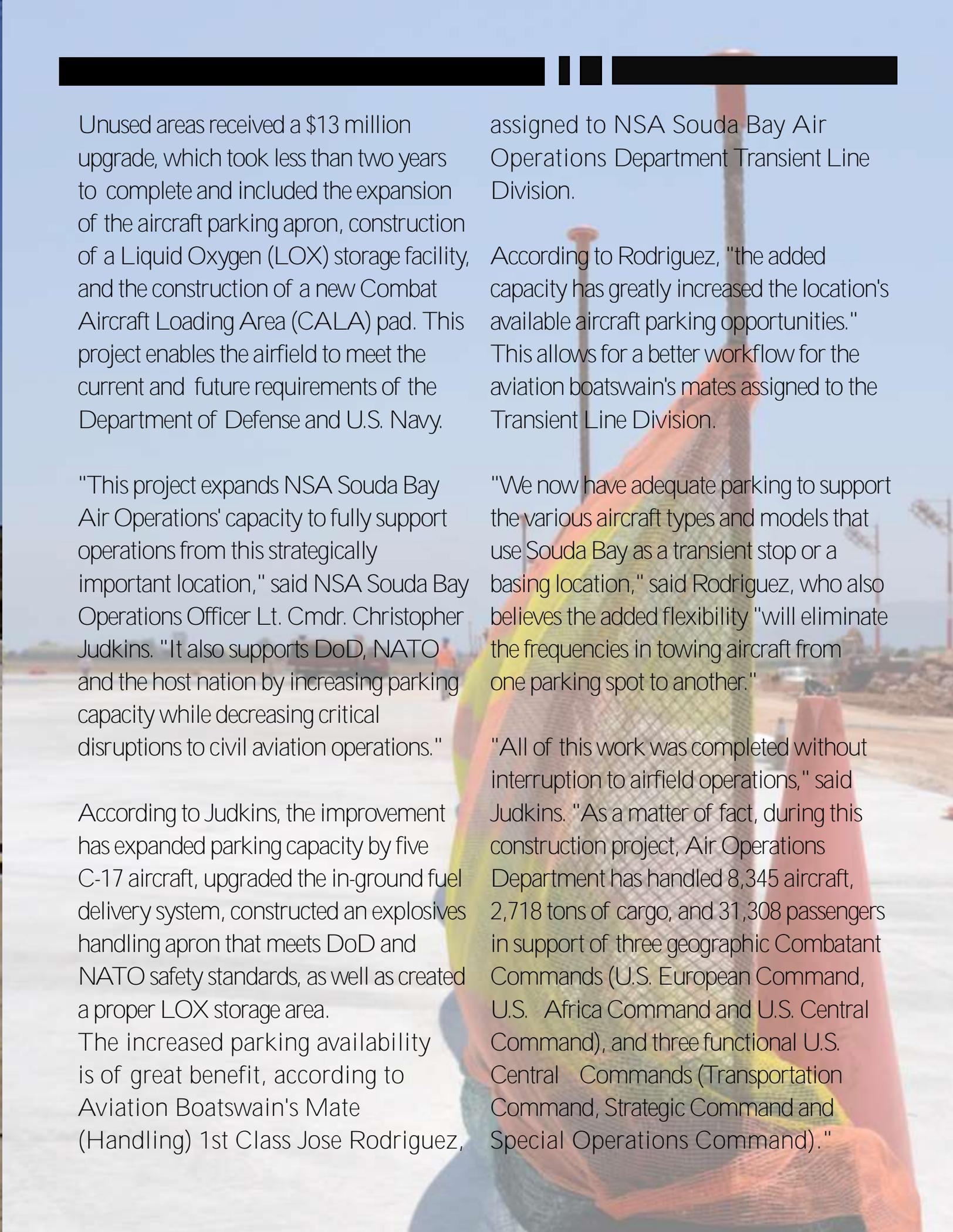
Naval Support Activity (NSA) Souda Bay, Greece, marked the completion of a portion of their airfield project Aug. 3 with an all-hands Foreign Object Debris (FOD) walkdown.



Written by Heather Judkins,
Deputy Public Affairs, NSA Souda Bay,
Crete, Greece.



Photo by Heather Judkins



Unused areas received a \$13 million upgrade, which took less than two years to complete and included the expansion of the aircraft parking apron, construction of a Liquid Oxygen (LOX) storage facility, and the construction of a new Combat Aircraft Loading Area (CALA) pad. This project enables the airfield to meet the current and future requirements of the Department of Defense and U.S. Navy.

"This project expands NSA Souda Bay Air Operations' capacity to fully support operations from this strategically important location," said NSA Souda Bay Operations Officer Lt. Cmdr. Christopher Judkins. "It also supports DoD, NATO and the host nation by increasing parking capacity while decreasing critical disruptions to civil aviation operations."

According to Judkins, the improvement has expanded parking capacity by five C-17 aircraft, upgraded the in-ground fuel delivery system, constructed an explosives handling apron that meets DoD and NATO safety standards, as well as created a proper LOX storage area.

The increased parking availability is of great benefit, according to Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 1st Class Jose Rodriguez,

assigned to NSA Souda Bay Air Operations Department Transient Line Division.

According to Rodriguez, "the added capacity has greatly increased the location's available aircraft parking opportunities." This allows for a better workflow for the aviation boatswain's mates assigned to the Transient Line Division.

"We now have adequate parking to support the various aircraft types and models that use Souda Bay as a transient stop or a basing location," said Rodriguez, who also believes the added flexibility "will eliminate the frequencies in towing aircraft from one parking spot to another."

"All of this work was completed without interruption to airfield operations," said Judkins. "As a matter of fact, during this construction project, Air Operations Department has handled 8,345 aircraft, 2,718 tons of cargo, and 31,308 passengers in support of three geographic Combatant Commands (U.S. European Command, U.S. Africa Command and U.S. Central Command), and three functional U.S. Central Commands (Transportation Command, Strategic Command and Special Operations Command)."

The Gouge

He also mentioned accolades were necessary as "this was only possible through the hard work and dedication of all the Sailors and civilians that make up NSA Souda Bay."

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SOUDA BAY, Greece - Lt. Cmdr. Christopher J. Judkins (right), operations officer at Naval Support Activity Souda Bay, Greece, and Lt. Grant Smith (far left), air operations officer at NSA Souda Bay, discuss the official turnover of the completed portion of the airfield after a recent upgrade. NSA Souda Bay enables the forward operations and responsiveness of U.S. and allied forces in support of Navy Region, Europe, Africa and Southwest Asia's mission to provide services to the Fleet, Fighter, and Family. (U.S. Navy photo by Heather Judkins/Released)

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Above: Construction Electrician 3rd Class Benjamin Dyer, assigned to Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), Europe Africa Southwest Asia Public Works Department, Souda Bay, Greece, performs routine maintenance on carport solar panels. Naval Support Activity (NSA) Souda Bay contributes to the Navy's Great Green Fleet initiative by using solar panels to offset local utility costs.

Left: Seabees from Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), Europe Africa Southwest Asia Public Works Department, Souda Bay, Greece, perform routine maintenance on solar panels. Naval Support Activity (NSA) Souda Bay contributes to the Navy's Great Green Fleet initiative by using solar panels to offset local utility costs.

Summer Safety Recap

The Navy promotes summer safety through its 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign. This summer, 17 Sailors and Marines lost their lives. While any fatality is a horrific tragedy, this summer was actually one of the safest recorded. Last summer 26 Sailors and Marines lost their lives. Motorcycle and recreational off-duty fatalities were down, while motor vehicle fatalities increased from 4 last year to 8 this summer season.

Statistically, you have a much better chance of getting in a motor vehicle crash than getting hurt at work or even getting struck by lightning. September 20, we had a pretty good lightning storm right here at NSA Souda Bay. No one was hurt, but out in the open, lightning is a genuine concern. Last year 35 people in the U.S. were killed by lightning strikes. While that number may seem high, lightning strikes an average of 25 million times in the U.S. alone. Depending on where you live, the actual chances of being struck by lightning can be as low as 1 in 250,000 (Montana) or 1 in 7 million (California). Lightning is a real hazard, but your chances of dying in a car crash are much higher. Depending on the source, the chances of dying in your lifetime from a motor vehicle crash can be anywhere from 1 in 4,000 to 1 in 8,000. Every year approximately 40,000 Americans are killed in car crashes. In the Navy, car and motorcycle crashes are the leading cause of fatalities.

Understanding lightning is important, but understanding your risks anytime you drive is more important for your safety, and your **passenger's safety**. **If you have ever gotten a traffic ticket, or if you have ever had a minor fender bender, your chances of having a serious crash increase.** NSA Souda Bay has experienced over 50 motor vehicle mishaps since the first of the year. Most of the mishaps were minor, but as stated above the minor mishaps increase chances of a more serious mishap in the future.

Situational awareness, wearing your seatbelt, putting down the cell phone, and never drinking while driving will change the odds significantly in your favor.



Written by Jerry Hollenback
- NSA Souda Bay Safety
Director

Education Funding Information

Getting a college education is an expensive proposition. According to the College Board, the average cost of tuition and fees for the 2015–2016 school year was about \$10,000 for state residents at public colleges. The Military helps pay part of this cost through Tuition Assistance, but budgets are tight and the Military has a direct interest in ensuring that service members use TA wisely and efficiently, to minimize the cost both to themselves and to the various services that fund TA programs.

The US Army now has a novel system in place that first-time users of TA must go through. **It's a 20-30 minute** questionnaire or survey called VIA, designed to help Soldiers make informed decisions about how they use Tuition Assistance benefits.

VIA uses an interest inventory, a work values survey, and preference questions to make personalized career path recommendations. Do applicants know what they want to do? Do they like working outdoors, with their hands, or with kids? How much money do they want to make? Do they want to travel or work overseas? Do they want to run their own business or be an employee? Are they looking to settle down in the NE, or California or New Mexico? Do they want an office job, or something more active? Are they good with numbers, or do they have people/**managerial skills? The survey's answers allow** the VIA system to make suggestions then as to what a soldier might consider as a career path.

Soldiers are able to compare and contrast information about recommended career paths such as expected salary, job growth, and education requirements, using trusted data provided by the

Department of Labor and the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

As a final step, once an applicant chooses a career path, VIA then recommends college degree options that best prepare an individual for that **career. VIA can also help students choose a “best fit/best value” school by comparing cost, student outcomes, and alignment with student preferences.**

The system is new to the Army, and other services are expected to follow suit in due course.

It is in everyone's interest to ensure that students get through their college careers as directly and as inexpensively as possible, which means setting goals and having clear ideas about how to meet those goals.

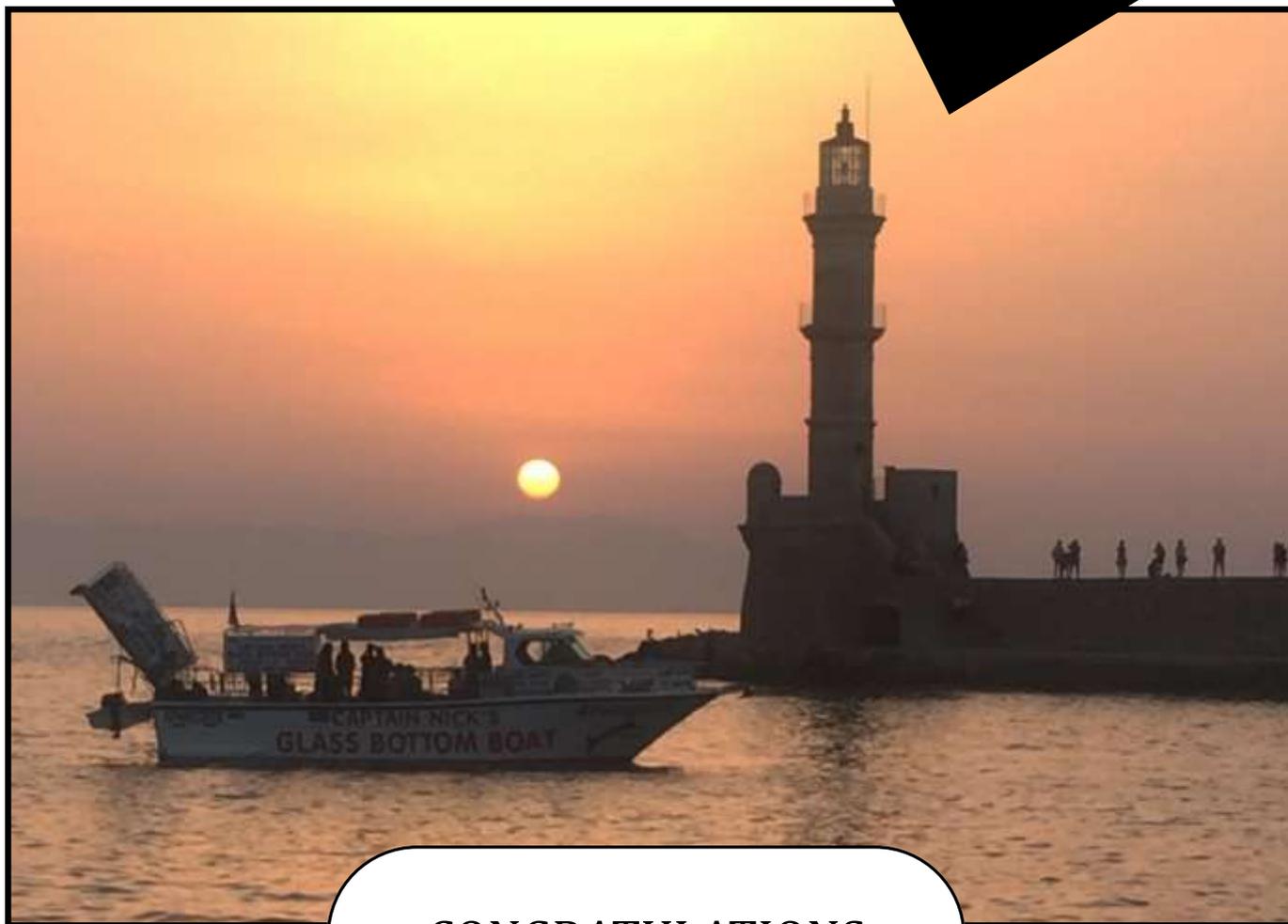
While sailors may not yet have access to a system like VIA, you do have access to the Command Career Counselor, and the Education Services Officer, Mr. William Garcia (DSN 624-4517). The accredited schools on base (UMUC and CTC) also offer advice about degree plans and choices. Get advice. Choose wisely, with your long-term goals and expectations in mind.



Jerry Glover -
Education coordinator
for UMUC & CTC at
NSA Souda Bay.

Photo Competition

Your photo
could be next!



CONGRATULATIONS

MC1 Marvin Thompson
on your winning submission for the
Summer I "Sunrise/Sunset"
photo contest!



Have a great photo you want to share?

Send us your best "Summer Snaps" themed photo and you could win a prize courtesy of MWR!

We will feature the winning photo in our upcoming edition as well as on our social media pages.

**Deadline for this month's submission: October 10, 2016 by noon (EET) to
Jacky.Fisher@eu.navy.mil**

Please read these rules before entering our competition. By submitting an entry, you agree that you will be bound by these Official Rules and you acknowledge that you satisfy all sweepstakes eligibility requirements.

How to Enter.

Photo submissions must be shot with a resolution larger than 3 Megapixels (3MP = 2048 x 1536 pixels) and compressed in high quality JPEG format only. Most cameras offer a quality option to set varying levels of compression. Higher quality = larger files. More compression = smaller files. File size per photo should be larger than one megabyte but the overall email size should not exceed five megabytes. To be considered a 'photograph,' no photo illustrations or other significant alterations may be made to any photographs per DODINST 5040.02.

Include a caption: the description should be short, but complete and accurate.

Eligibility.

Anyone with base access except Public Affairs employees and their immediate family members.

**Remember,
Photography is PROHIBITED on base**

Photo Competition



Photo by Patty Haelsig

A few of our entries in **this issue's** photo competition.



Photo by MC1 Chris Henry

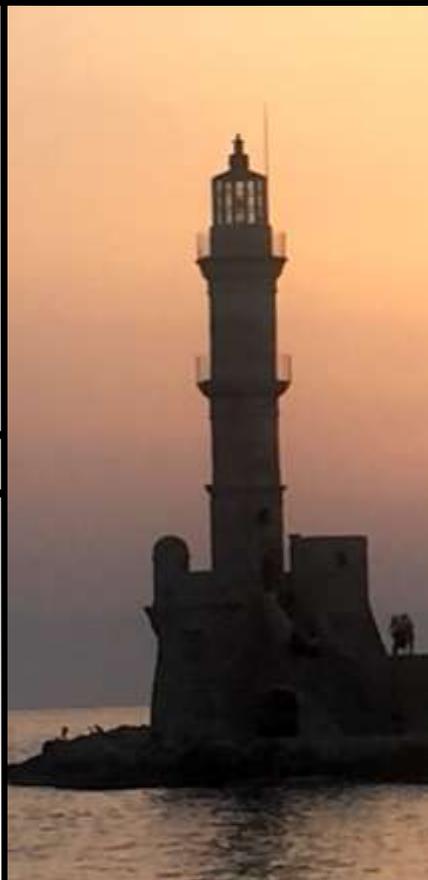


Photo by MC1 Marvin Thompson



Photo by LT Chaturanga Abeywickrama

Ready to Get Lost

Our arrival here at Naval Support Activity (NSA), Souda Bay seems like just yesterday. And, after the shortest two years I have ever experienced (with only a little over one spent at the Public Affairs Office), I will part ways with my home away from home as of September 29.

It was with no little amount of trepidation that I approached the move overseas and it is with that same feeling I leave what has become our home. This also applies to my transition to the Deputy Public Affairs position here at NSA Souda Bay. As I have always been a teacher, safely cocooned in my textbooks and eraser dust, it never occurred to me that I would ever edit a portion of an installation newsletter and photograph some of the most amazing U.S. Military Assets I have ever seen. Here, it has been taken a step further and I was actually given free rein over the whole thing to include great photos of our Sailors. I hope what has resulted has been a good thing.

As I say my good-byes, I am reminded of how lucky I have been to work with the smart, inspired people here at NSA Souda Bay. I've also been extremely

lucky to have met so many of our young Sailors. I've met some of the best and the brightest of our youth today which, for me, has been incredible. I've been amazed by their dedication and attention to detail and my luck to be behind the lens to capture so much of it.

Since my arrival at the public affairs office, we have launched several social media accounts for our installation. These accounts linked our activity to those we love back home. I hope that the photos taken and posted by our staff have helped shorten the distance between our dedicated Sailors and those they love.

Finally, I would like to offer my apologies and gratitude to Jacky Fisher, NSA Souda Bay's Public Affairs Officer, for what resulted from the editorial freedom I was granted. You and my amazing coworkers, Kostas and Chase, have made this position into so much more than just a job. You have made it into an amazing experience that I will never forget.

Thank you, also, to the Command for allowing me to document through photos and writing all that NSA Souda Bay represents. To the Sailors here, I cannot

say thank you enough for just being who you are - an amazing group of young men and women that are dedicated to serving your country; each of you with your own beautiful story to tell. Finally, a huge thank you to my wonderful husband. Without you, I would have been here at NSA Souda Bay at all. Your couragement **has meant the world to me and I can't see what our next adventure will be.**

Now **let's go** and get lost.



Written by Heather Judkins,
Deputy Public Affairs, NSA Souda
Bay, Crete, Greece.





NSA Souda Bay possesses two sewage treatment plants that turn the bases wastewater into clean water for irrigation plant life on base. The two Sewage Treatment Plants (STP) are operated and maintained by UTCN Tucker Cooper of PWD. UTCN Cooper was instrumental in the project of repairing the secondary sewage treatment plant onboard NSA Souda Bay along with the essential assistance and knowledge of local national Manoli and UTCN Ryan Doering. In the execution of over 500 man-hours, UTCN Cooper was able to repair and make the plant fully operational for the first time in 10 years since it was constructed. In this process, UTCN Cooper solely fabricated a steel pulley stand in the PWD Steel Shop that was necessary to bring up the various 200lb submersible pumps for repairs on the pump running guide pipes, which were badly damaged from corrosion. In the repairing process, UTCN Cooper laid over 320ft of 3" stainless steel pipe to be used as running guides for the plants eight submersible pumps. UTCN Cooper also worked to replace four critical solenoid valves that operate the functions of the sludge blowers in the sewage treatment plant system. UTCN Cooper successfully operated the pump truck in order to remove the granular media in the anthracite diffuser tanks. Performing a safe tank entry, UTCN Cooper manually guided the pump truck hose and successfully pumped out all of the anthracite coal media from the bottom of the tanks in order to perform the necessary replacement and repairs of the tanks diffusers. After the anthracite media was removed, UTCN Cooper poured over 600lbs of new anthracite media into the

diffuser tanks after the necessary repairs were made. UTCN Cooper also cut eight new solid debris collection grates specifically tailored to the secondary sewage treatment plant. The project successfully brought STP2 online for the first time in 10 years, doubling the installation's sewage treatment capabilities from 60,000 gallons a day to 120,000 gallons, and allowing STP1 to be taken offline for repairs and required maintenance. The completed project has opened doors to new possibilities for the bases waste water treatment plant like running both plants in tandem by connecting the irrigation pump house storage tanks to the sewage treatment plants in order to cycle the irrigation water multiple times for further clarification, and the removal of sediment buildup in the irrigation storage tanks. Thus, creating a cleaner product for the irrigation of the installation's plant life, and the recycling of waste water onboard NSA Souda Bay.





NAVSUP FLC Sigonella Souda Bay Fuel's Team

Respond to Urgent Request

By
Kim Longstaff

Naval Support Activity (NSA) Souda Bay Air Operations received an urgent fuel request on April 8 for four U.S. Air Force assets operating in the AOR. With the approval of NSA Souda Bay's commanding officer and the senior aircraft pilot, NAVSUP FLC Sigonella Souda Bay Fuel's team (ABF1 Timothy Willhite), together with the Operations Department and the 115th Hellenic Air Force responded to the request. The installation coordinated the assistance of an experienced F-16 Hellenic Air Force fuels technician whom immediately proceeded to provide training to NAVSUP FLC Sigonella's ABFs on proper fueling procedures for an F-16 aircraft. Due to time and operational constraints, NAVSUP FLC Sigonella – Souda Bay's Fuels Department dispatched two re-fuelers to supply two aircraft simultaneously. In less than an hour, the Souda Bay team was able to safely provide more than 30,000 gallons of JP-5 to all four assets and provided ample time for two of them to depart to their destination. Pictured left to right, ABF1 Timothy Willhite, Chief Master Sergeant Bill Fotopoulos, Maintenance Crew Chief B.M. Palantina, ABH1 Jose Rodriguez. Photo by Heather Judkins.

Spartan in the Spotlight

AFN Souda Bay's most recent "Spartan in the Spotlight," ABHAN Grownney, wanted to be a cop as a kid, now he's a Master at Arms.



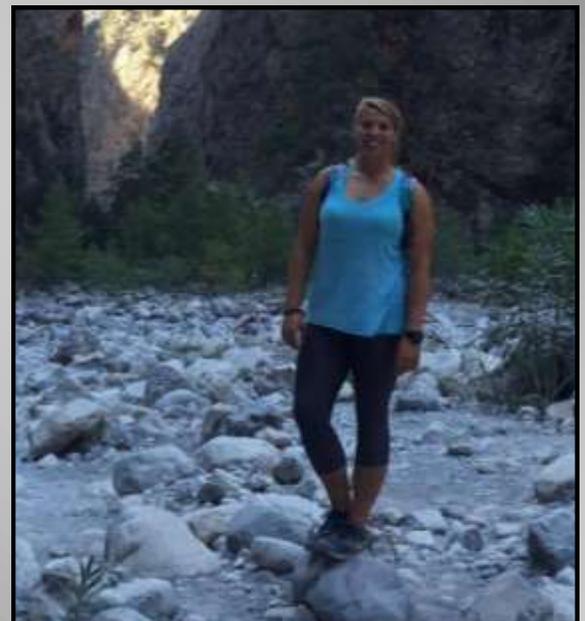
"My name is ABHAN Grownney, first name Alaina. I'm an ABH in the United States Navy. I've been in for just shy of two years now."

What is your favorite part about your job?

"My favorite part about my job here is being able to direct large aircraft with the adrenaline rush that comes with standing in front of a giant propeller or jet engine."

What do you like to do in your off time?

"In my off time, I like to get as far away from this base as possible by exploring the major beauty of the island of Crete. I kayak I climb and I also play softball and volleyball. My favorite activity here that I discovered is **canyoning**. I've gone to places on this island that many people, natives, have not even seen. Gone to altitudes and depths in a canyon that it amazes me every time I go, the beauty is breathtaking each time. That's the great part is I'll be 60, 70 meters up just held in by a rope and a carabiner which I'm an adrenaline junky so that's the best part about it all."





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MA1 Patrick Gilyard

Letter of Commendation

BMSN Krysta Monroe
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ABHAA Kalon Turner

Junior Sailor of the Quarter

MM2 Chi Ho



Navy Achievement Medal

MA1 Irvin Moment
BM1 Jacob Morton
MA2 Jonathan Edwards

Navy Commendation Medal

MAC SELECT Sandy Cosmetorres
MA1 Justin Cummings

Blue Jacket of the Quarter

MASA Devin Quinn

August 2016 Awardees!

Bravo Zulu



Congratulations to Naval Su newest C

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**Support Activity Souda Bay's
Chiefs!**

Bravo Zulu



Chief Logistics Specialist Gary Lin, Chief Builder John P. Howard, Chief Master-at-Arms Sandy O. Cosme Torres and Chief **Aerographer's Mate Trey F. Allen** officially wore their combination covers and khaki uniforms for the first time on September 16th. NSA Souda Bay's **pinning ceremony for the Navy's newest Chiefs** was steeped in tradition and celebrated the rich history of the Chief Petty Officer. Some of our Chiefs had family present to pin on two gold anchors to their uniform, and all had their sponsor place the combination cover on their heads.

Congratulations to our newest Chief Petty Officers!





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IN MEMORIAM



MA2 Blaze “Ski” Nalezinski, USN

Blaze D. Nalezinski was born on August 26, 1993 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was raised in Port Washington, Wisconsin and attended Port Washington High School.

Petty Officer Nalezinski reported to NTTC Lackland Master-at-Arms “A” School on June 15, 2013 and graduated August 30, 2013. His first assignment after graduating from “A” school was to Naval Security Force Bahrain where he served from September 2013 through October 2015. Later that same month he reported to duty at Naval Support Activity Souda Bay where he served on Bravo Team in the Security Department.

MA2 Nalezinski’s awards include Navy Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Rifle Marksmanship Medal, Pistol Marksmanship Medal with Sharpshooter Device.