



Team Souda Connection Family Gram

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At the crossroads of three major theaters (EUCOM, AFRICOM, and CENTCOM) NSA Souda Bay is an important strategic Forward Operating Site (FOS) that plays a key role in extending our nations global reach.

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From the Commanding Officer



Michael R. Moore
Captain, U.S. Navy

deep culture. Jennifer and I are looking forward to learning the customs and traditions and seeing all of what Crete has to offer.

Operationally, I am extremely impressed with the fleet support provided by NSASB. It seems every time I am at the Marathi port facilities, there is always a new ship or submarine arriving or departing. I think that is one of the defining qualities of our support effort to the fleet, the ability to meet both U.S. and NATO forces needs to complete their missions. Air operations have overseen the racking up of frequent flyer miles with a heavy flight schedule and are instrumental in our "Operate Forward" mission posture.

I know that our achievements are due, in a large part, to a solid backbone with our families at home. I want to extend my sincerest thanks for your continued support to your loved ones serving here in Greece. You all play a critical role in enabling forward presence, through your support to overseas service.

Sincerely,



Michael R. Moore
Captain, USN,
Commanding Officer

Fellow Shipmates, Souda Bay Family and Friends,

The moment I stepped aboard this installation, I knew I would be commanding a team of professionals. Your steadfast commitment to excellence and service are what makes Naval Support Activity (NSASB) a key enabler in the support of joint and NATO operations. The end result is that NSASB on an equal level with larger installations in the amount of logistical support provided to the fleet.

The welcome that my wife Jennifer and I received was truly astounding. It is our honor to be part of this wonderful family. Crete is a beautiful island filled with a warm and friendly people who have a very rich and



Executive Officer's Words



Demetries Grimes
Executive Officer, U.S. Navy

Assigned to a strategic Forward Operating Site (FOS) at the crossroads of three forward theaters of operations, EU-COM, AFRICOM, and CENTCOM, personnel assigned to NSA Souda Bay are in a special place at a special time and are making it possible for fellow shipmates, marines, soldiers, and airmen to accomplish their missions even further down range. Our Navy's mission to operate forward is a national priority that remains unchanged. The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) stated in his recent Sailing Directions to the fleet that the US Navy is committed to it's "global maritime mandate to be where it matters, when it matters..." Additionally, he stated that, "operating forward across the globe, the US Navy will provide the nation off-shore options to win today and advance our interests in an era of uncertainty."

Your loved ones, friends, and/or family assigned to NSA Souda Bay are part of

a special team of US military, US Civilians and Greek Local Nationals that plays a key role in supporting global air and maritime operations by extending the reach of the United States to protect US and Allied interests abroad. We thank you for the support you provide them that makes their service to the US Navy and to our nation possible. You can take pride in knowing that their dedication and professionalism makes this place more than just a spot on the map.

I am proud to be serving forward with such a fine crew and I thank you again for making their service forward possible.

Sincerely,

CDR Demetries Grimes, USN
Executive Officer
NSA Souda Bay, Greece



CMC's Corner



Kurtis Szyszka
Command Master Chief

Souda Bay Sailors, Family and Friends,

As the newly reporting NSASB's Command Master Chief, I am excited and humbled to be afforded the opportunity to be part of the Souda Bay TEAM. After only one month onboard, I am impressed by the level of professionalism, teamwork, and

determination that you have exhibited. In addition, I would like to thank everyone for the awesome support given to my wife Na and I, as we immediately felt accepted and look forward to experiencing all that beautiful Crete has to offer.

I want to extend a very warm welcome to all our newly reported Sailors and Civilians and convey a special greeting to their families back home. As I sure you've heard, results for enlisted advancements were recently released and I want to say "Bravo Zulu" (job well done) to those Sailors selected to 3rd, 2nd, and 1st Class Petty Officer. Nothing is more rewarding to a Sailor then getting advanced; partly due to an increase in pay, but mostly because of self-pride in accomplishing a goal that took a lot of hard work, sacrifice, and support from family and friends.

Summer is upon us and I can already tell that NSASB is going to be a fantastic place to enjoy the season. I highly encourage those that have an opportunity, to come visit your Sailor over

the next few months as Crete offers some amazing summer filled activities. However, along with those activities comes a concern about safety. As the weather gets warmer, ensure you practice good operational risk management with your activities, even if it's just having a simple BBQ, hanging around the pool getting a tan, or open water swimming. Identifying potential hazards ahead of time will greatly increase your chances of having a fun and safe summer.

Finally, although these newsletters are published quarterly, you have the ability to stay current with NSASB operations, activities, and accomplishments. Visit our official Facebook page at www.facebook.com/NSASoudaBay - make sure to click "like" and feel free to leave a comment.

Your service and support is greatly appreciated.

V/r

CMDCM(AW/SW) Szyszka



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAPLAIN

What is faith? I don't mean "The Faith" as in people who follow Christianity. I mean what is the definition and practical application of the word "faith"? Let's start with a definition of faith. The Oxford online dictionary defines faith as: Complete trust or confidence in someone or something. That's a pretty good definition. So, we could say that faith is complete trust or confidence in God. This is what the Bible has to say in Hebrews chapter 11 and verse one, "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." While that verse is not really a definition it is a great explanation.

The first thing I want you to notice is that faith is always "now". Complete trust in God is always a present tense reality. It's not something to be put off for the future or something that you left back when you were younger – faith is NOW.

Secondly, faith is sure. Faith has no doubts because faith knows Who has made the promise, and He is faithful to do what He said He would. This surety comes from the interaction of the human spirit with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives us the trust in our human spirit that makes us

sure that God will come through for us.

Third, faith is the pattern for what we hope for. Faith works as a pattern in that we know in our hearts what we are trusting God for. We know what the end result looks like in our hearts and minds. The problem is that people often use hope when they mean wishing. Hope isn't wishing. Someone who says, "I sure hope so..." is really wishing for something to happen. Hope is stronger than wishing hope is an expectation of good from God. Hope is always in the future. Unfortunately, people also confuse hope with faith. The person who says, "I hope the Lord does it" or, "I believe the Lord will" is operating in hope and not faith. And, as long as they stay in the future tense of hope they'll never see an answer because faith is always in the present tense.

We have to get our faith and hope in right order if we are to see the promises of God fulfilled in our lives. Faith has the promise in the heart right now, and then expects that God will fulfill the promise in the physical. And, that's how come we can be certain of what we do not see.

In closing, when we keep faith in the "now" and keep hope in the "future" there is nothing that God won't do for us.



**R. J. LeCompte,
LT, CHC, USN
Installation Chaplain**

Very Respectfully,

Chaplain LeCompte

▶ THE OMBUDSMAN'S ADVICE ◀

Command OMBUDSMAN (John.Whitehouse@pae.com)

PLAN AHEAD TO ENSURE YOU ARE FULLY PREPARED !



As the recently appointed Command Ombudsman for USNSA Souda Bay I am anxious to meet and assist families and service members stationed here. In addition, I am also available to provide any assistance possible to service member's families back in the United States. For anyone that is not familiar with what an ombudsman does, allow me to explain. A Command Ombudsman provides liaison between the command and families, he or she discusses issues or problems with family members or receives requests for information and provides referrals to different sources that

can assist with providing solutions. The ombudsman is a focal point that families can use to receive information from the command and provide their input to the command. The Command Ombudsman is a volunteer position that works directly for the command through the Fleet & Family Service Center (FFSC).

My name is John Whitehouse and I am the new Command Ombudsman for NAVSUPAC Souda Bay. I have over 20 years experience at Souda Bay, over 35 years living in Greece and am retired US military. You can contact me by the email or telephone numbers below:

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I can also be contacted through the Fleet & Family Service Center

Crete is a great place to live and work, get out and enjoy your time here. If I can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me, I look forward to hearing from and attempting to assist you.



**John Whitehouse
Command Ombudsman**

SERVING THE FLEET

On any given day, here at NSA Souda Bay, our team of more than 900 professional Sailors, Airmen and Civilians are working together to perform our mission: To extend Joint and Fleet war fighting capability through operational support to U.S., Allied and Coalition Forces deployed within the EUCOM/CENTCOM/AFRICOM AOR by providing, operating and sustaining superior facilities and services dedicated to combat readiness and security of ships, aircraft, detachments and personnel. With the imagery on these pages we intend to offer you a glimpse of the recent activity both on the airfield and at the nearby NATO pier facility.



(June 13, 2014) USS Vella Gulf (CG-72) arrives for a scheduled port visit at Souda Bay.



(May 5, 2014) USS Donald Cook (DDG-75) arrives for a scheduled port visit at Souda Bay.



(May 14, 2014) USS Taylor (FFG-50) visits Souda Bay.



(Mar. 10, 2014) . Military Sealift Command USNS Robert E. Peary (T-AKE-5) departs Souda Bay after a port visit.



(Mar. 10, 2014) Military Sealift Command fleet replenishment oiler USNS Big Horn (T-AO-198) arrives in Souda Bay for a scheduled port visit.

SERVING THE FLEET



(April. 18, 2014) – The Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS San Juan (SSN-751) arrives at Marathi NATO pier facility for a port visit. San Juan is on a scheduled deployment supporting maritime security operations and theater security cooperation efforts in the U.S. Sixth Fleet area of responsibility.



(Mar. 04, 2014) Military Sealift Command fleet replenishment oiler USNS John Lenthall (T-AO-89) departs Souda Bay.



(Mar. 06, 2014) The guided-missile destroyer USS Truxtun (DDG-103) departs the Marathi NATO pier facility following a scheduled port visit.



(Mar. 12, 2014) The Oliver Hazard Perry class frigate, USS Taylor (FFG-50) arrives in Souda for a scheduled port visit.



(Mar. 26, 2014) The guided-missile frigate USS Elrod (FFG-55) departs Souda Bay following a scheduled port visit.

FLIGHTLINE ACTIVITY

“The Sailors, Airmen, US and Local National civilians assigned to “Team Souda” have a long history and a stellar reputation of providing 24/7 sustained superior support to the fleet, NATO, and partner nations.” CDR Demetries Grimes, Ececutive Officer



(April 2, 2014) Three Air Force C-140s sit along side each other on a cloudless day at Souda Bay.



(April 3, 2014) A SH-60B Sea Hawk from Helicopter Maritime Strike Squadron (HSM) 46 “The Grandmasters” prepares to take off from NSA Souda Bay.



(Mar. 11, 2014) Marine Corps MV-22 Osprey transits Souda Bay.



(Mar. 11, 2014) A pair of C-2 Greyhounds from Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VRC) 40 sit on deck at NSA Souda Bay.



(Mar. 11, 2014) Two C-130 aircraft sit on the tarmac at NSA Souda Bay.



(Mar. 17, 2014) U.S. Navy C-9 makes a brief stop in NSA Souda Bay.

FLIGHTLINE ACTIVITY



The month of May found a variety of aircraft touch down at NSA Souda Bay. Above are photos of just a few aircraft (clockwise from top left) first photo: a Russian made / U.S. contracted, cargo configured - IL76 plane. Second photo: an Air Force C-17. Bottom row: a carrier based U.S. Navy E-2C Hawkeye from VAW-123.



(June 2, 2014) An E-2 Hawkeye arrives at NSA Souda Bay.

(June 10, 2014) A C-17 Cargo plane makes a stop at NSA Souda Bay.



(June 18, 2014) A C-130 cargo plane arrives at NSA Souda Bay.

(June 02, 2014) A C-2 Greyhound aircraft arrives at NSA Souda Bay.