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Front Cover: Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Handling) 1st Class Jose Rodriguez, assigned to U.S. Naval Support Activity Souda Bay Air Operations Department Transient Line Division, directs an F-16 Fighting Falcon fighter aircraft following its arrival. NSA Souda Bay enables the forward operations and responsiveness of U.S. and allied forces in support of Navy Region, Europe, Africa, 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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Triad Corner



- From the Desk of the XO

Team Souda,
 Recently, an unfortunate mishap occurred when two Sailors fell from an apartment balcony off base. This is the continuation of a trend of off duty mishaps that resulted in a significant amount of lost time, and several Sailors lost to the Command to LIMDU.

Historically, a majority of mishaps are attributed to “human error,” which can range from complete disregard to established safety procedures - to a temporary distraction, both resulting in a mishap. There is a tendency to call mishaps “accidents,” but this term underplays how preventable most

mishaps are, and that it takes a series of factors for an incident to result in injury or significant property damage.

For the sake of discussion let’s talk about an incident where a Sailor’s vehicle left the road at a high rate of speed and flipped end over end. While distracted driving was the most probable cause of this incident, there were several other contributing factors. The vehicle was travelling well above the 50 kph limit for that stretch of road, it was the middle of the night, and the driver had been awake for close to 24 hours at the time of the accident. Any one of these factors, had they been properly

addressed, would have drastically reduced the severity of the mishap, if not prevented it all together.

This is where Operational Risk Management comes into play. ORM is taking an event like taking a late-night drive, assessing the risk factors, and incorporating steps to reduce the likelihood or severity of a mishap, or deciding to avoid the risk all together.

Whether you realize it or not, you already use some form of ORM. Do you wear your seatbelt? Do you use a designated driver? Do you stretch before you exercise? ORM is assessing a risk, incorporating risk management measures, and improving the process to ensure you stay safe today and every day.

The same steps you would take to assess and mitigate risks for Ordnance handling evolutions are the same ones you would take for a winter hike in the mountains, or deep frying a turkey for Thanksgiving. We cannot control everything that happens in life, and the human factor in accidents can never be completely eliminated, but forethought on safety can easily turn what could have been a fatal accident into a near miss, and a sea story to tell your friends.

You are important to the mission of the Navy. ORM provides a force multiplier that helps sustain mission readiness, and helps keep you safe so you can enjoy Crete and the next chapter in your life.



The Gouge



Photo by Heather Judkins

ABHAN Kalon Turner and ABEAN Adrian Brown of U.S. Naval Support Activity Souda Bay Air Operations Department Transient Line Division represent the “yellow shirts” in action.



Photo by Chief Mass Communication Specialist Kirk Worley

The Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer USS Donald Cook (DDG 75), departs Souda Bay, Greece, following a scheduled port visit.



Photo by Heather Judkins



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USS Porter (DDG 78) is an Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyer forward-deployed to Rota, Spain.

NSA Souda Bay Security forces during a “room clearing” training exercise.



Photo by Heather Judkins

Ohio-class guided-missile submarine USS Florida (SSGN 728) in Souda Bay, Greece.



Photo by Heather Judkins



Photo by MC3 Anaid Banuelos-Rodriguez

< The Navy Ball Committee kicks off its annual fund raising efforts with a car wash. Make sure to support their efforts!

Capt. Mike Moore, foreground, participates in a motorcycle safety course, taught by Safety Officer, Jerry Hollenback.



Photo courtesy of MC3 Anaid Banuelos-Rodriguez



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

Captain's Cup

Intramural Basketball Playoff Tournament



Captain's Cup Intramural Basketball
Champions
OPS Team

Five teams competed in this year's Captain's Cup Intramural Basketball Single Elimination Playoff Tournament: NCTAMS, OPS, Security, PWD and the Air Force. There were many close games throughout the playoff bracket and at the end NCTAMS and OPS squeezed their way to the final to go head to head, for the title 'Captain's Cup Intramural Basketball Champion.'

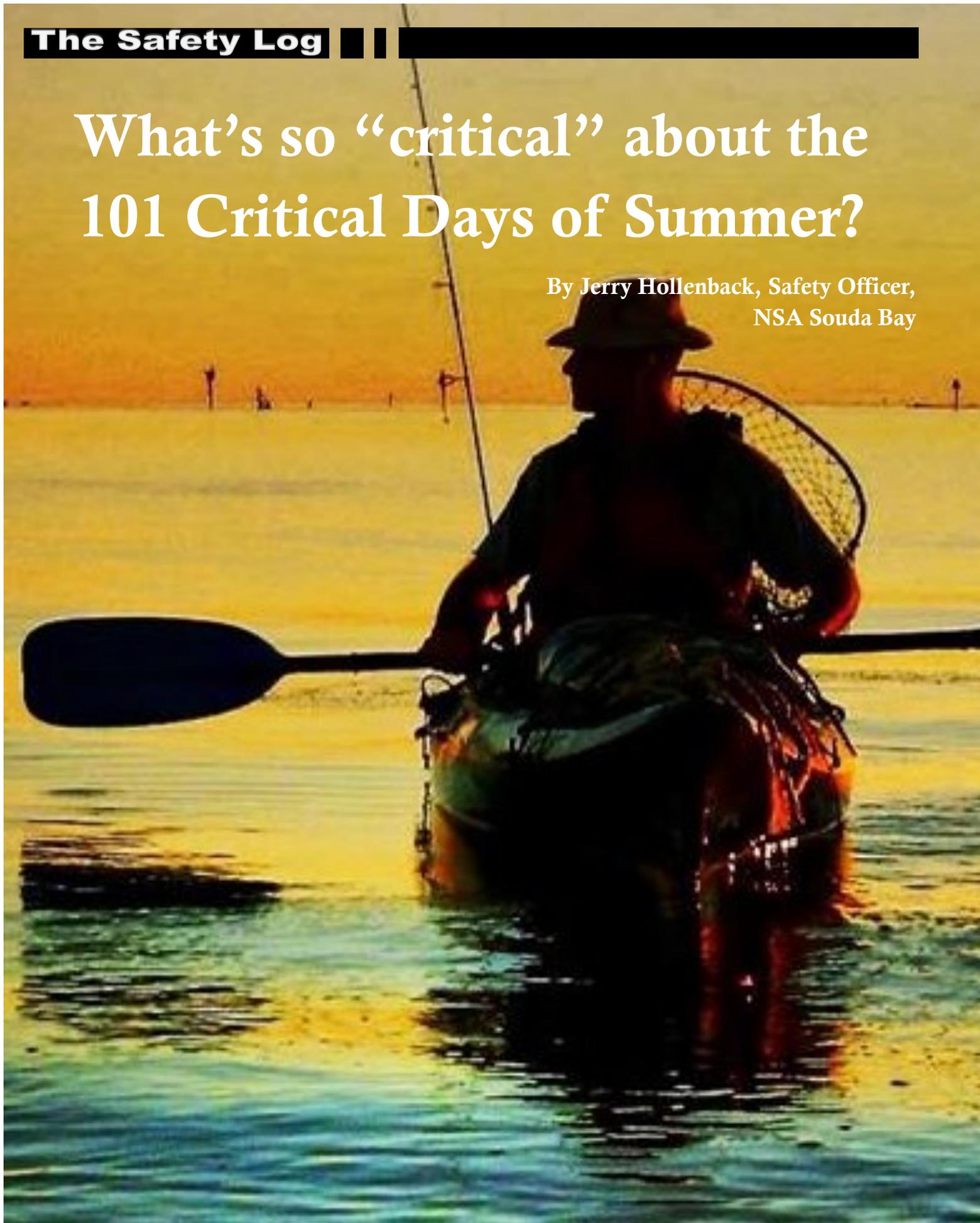
In the end, OPS beat NCTAMS with a thrashing score 69-41. The MVP of the finals was Adrian Brown with 30 points, six rebounds, five steals and three assists.



Photos and story by Byron P. Gale - NSA
Souda Bay MWR Athletic Director.

What's so "critical" about the 101 Critical Days of Summer?

By Jerry Hollenback, Safety Officer,
NSA Souda Bay



Just about everyone loves summertime. Most of our favorite family memories are of summer vacations; swimming, boating, camping, fishing, road trips, etc. Unfortunately, summertime memories can also be clouded with summertime tragedies.

Below is a small snapshot of some of the Navy and Marine Corps fatalities that occurred during last year's 101 Critical Days of Summer:

- E-3 died in a motorcycle mishap when he lost control, crashed and was struck by an oncoming dump truck.**
- O-3 exited his vehicle after he hit something on the roadway and was struck by oncoming traffic.**
- E-2 went missing while swimming with friends; the body was never recovered.**
- Two E-6's died as a result of recreational off-road mishap.**
- E-3 drowned after he was swept into the water by a wave and did not resurface.**
- E-3 died after falling from the second story of his barracks.**
- E-9 lost control of his motorcycle and died when struck by other vehicles.**

When you walk out your front door in the morning, it's easy to take for granted that you will return in the evening. The eight personnel above made decisions that affected their lives, their family's lives, and the Navy or Marine Corps family. They never made it back home, and now there are dark family memories of summer 2015.

This summer, have a plan; your plan should be to return home each day. Use ORM or Operational Risk Management, drink responsibly, and make sure you have the capabilities before you take on the activity.

Be safe and have a great summer that will provide many happy memories!



**Written by Jerry Hollenback
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The Blues



in Greece

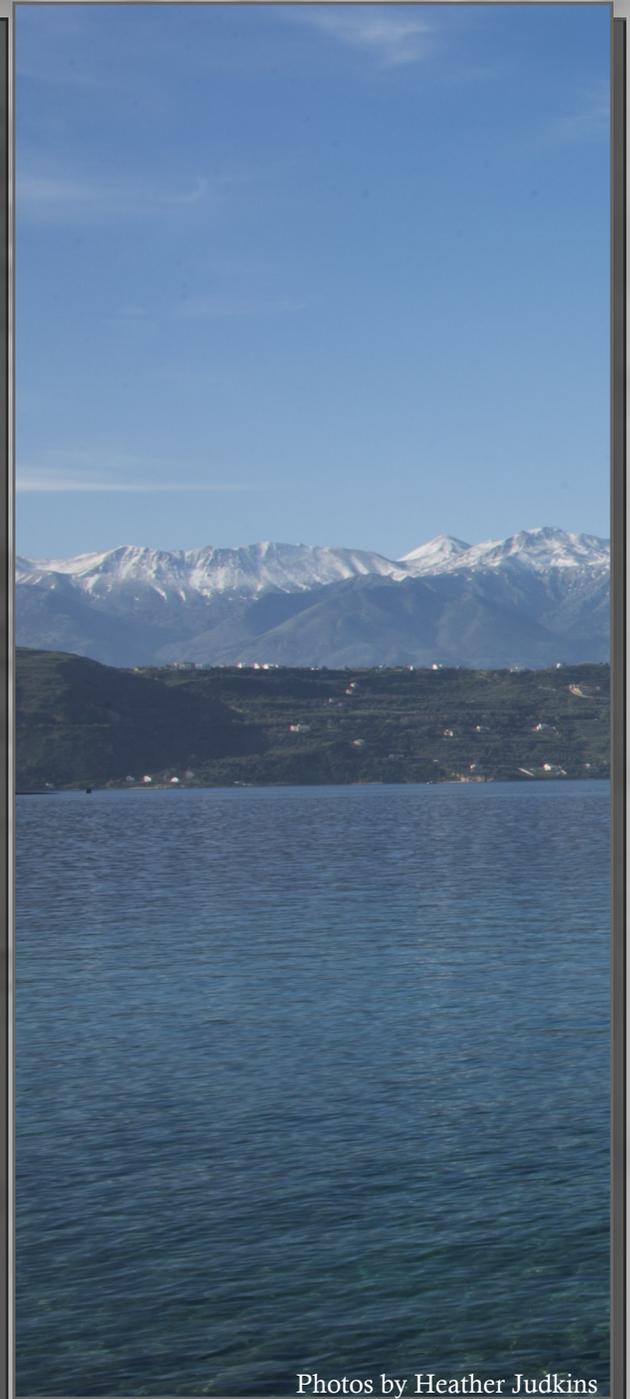
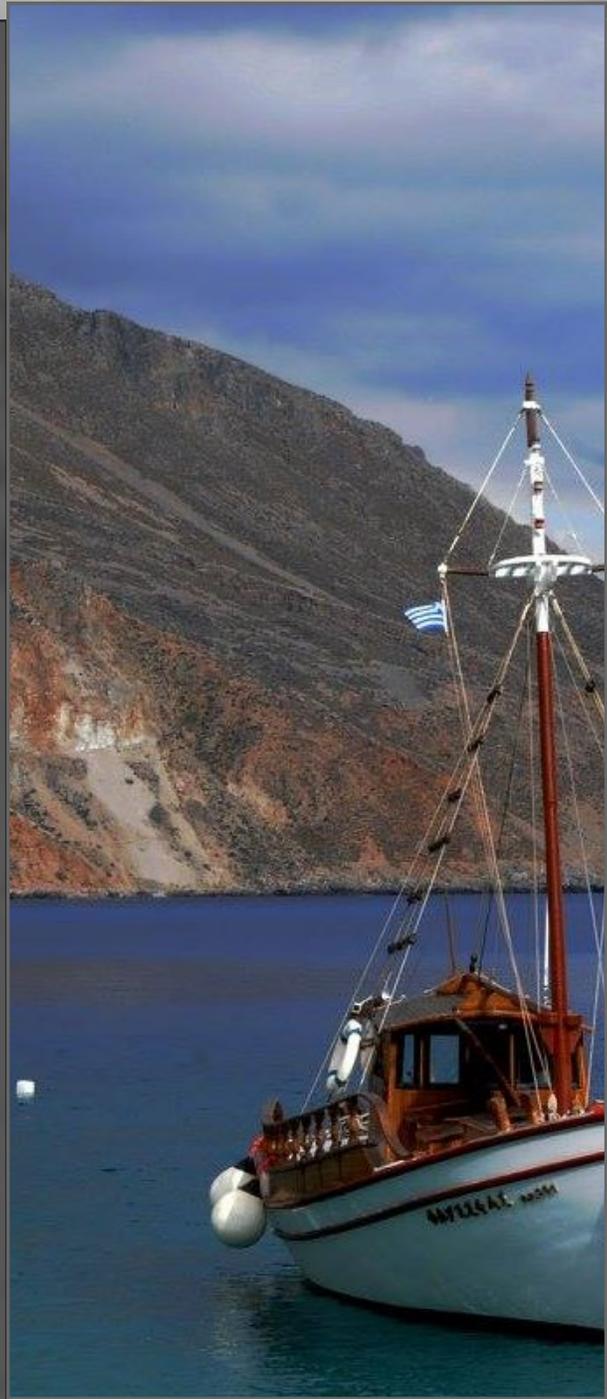




Photo courtesy of PS3 Joe Vuong



Photo courtesy of John Bebb



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Photo courtesy of ICC Hackman

“Just go

and get lost,” he said emphatically. Believe it or not, this wasn’t the result of too many doses of my ‘Skittles and rainbows’ attitude. He was giving me advice. It has proven to be the best advice I have ever received. I was given this mandate, of sorts, by an elderly Italian tour guide. He said the best way to discover something about a place is to ‘just go and get lost.’ Since then, I have found there to be a lot of truth in this idea. In fact, getting lost in Crete has been a conduit of discovery unlike any other. More specifically, it helped me discover the blues here in Greece.

Ask someone what their favorite color is and, more than likely, they will answer blue. The color of serenity, calm and relaxation? Blue. The Aegean offers a variety of this hue that, in my opinion, is unrivaled. If you aren’t happy with the teal at one beach, just wait. In a wave or two, teal becomes a deep azure or the ‘wine dark’ sea of Homer becomes an amazing lapis.

But what else is there to do, other than sit and stare? Your visit to the amazing blue beach doesn’t have to be limited to merely sunbathing or enjoying the color. There are many options available to beachgoers

Previous page (left to right): Balos Beach, Crete; Corfu, Greece; Lindos, Rhodes; Loutro, Crete; Souda Bay, Crete

here in Greece.

One option, according to Personnel Specialist 3rd Class Joe Vuong, is to go out and kayak. Vuong had very little experience in the sport prior to being stationed here in Crete. He says that this changed after participating in “a few trips with Outdoor Adventure Center (OAC).” Through these trips, Vuong developed kayaking skills and grew to love this hobby. The trips also allowed him to make some excellent memories as he claims that, “the greatest moments are made kayaking with a close group of friends, pulling onto a secluded beach, and enjoying a campfire under the starlit sky.”

He further recommends that beginners to the sport should get involved by completing the OAC safety course. The course, according to Vuong, “will teach you the proper technique and how to conduct open sea rescues. After the initial training, you will feel comfortable renting kayaks and enjoy the weekend with a few friends exploring caves or beaches only accessible by boat or kayak.”

Although he agrees with Vuong about kayaking, John Bebb with Air Operations Training & Readiness enjoys a different view of the Grecian blues. Instead of gazing out across the sea, he prefers the view from underneath. Bebb and fellow SCUBA enthusiast Interior

Communications Electrician Chief Petty Officer Brian Hackman find another way to enjoy the water.

Bebb says that living in Crete has made his access to diving very easy as there are “plenty of areas you can get to within minutes – in any direction.” Hackman agrees, although he finds that in Crete “diving is more seasonal unless you plan on diving with a three to seven millimeter wet suit or a dry suit. The water

temperature on average is around 59 degrees Fahrenheit (15 Celsius) in the winter and 79.7F (26.5 C) in the summer time.”

Both Hackman and Bebb emphasize that the MWR Outdoor Adventure Center (OAC) is a great starting point for any watersports or outdoor activities. Hackman also recommends newcomers to

the island of Crete should “Go out and explore! That's the biggest thing I could suggest for anyone new...” and adds,



“...the greatest moments are made kayaking with a close group of friends, pulling onto a secluded beach, and enjoying a campfire under the starlit sky.”

- PS3 Joe Vuong



Pictured Above: PS3 Vuong, along with friends, poses for a photo during one of his kayaking trips in Crete, Greece.



Photo courtesy of PS3 Joe Vuong

“there is a treasure trove of things to do around the island”

But where should they go to explore the island and all those Aegean blues? As Crete is quite diverse and beautiful, it isn't hard to believe people have “favorite spots” to find those blues in Greece.

Hackman summed up the diversity and choices when it comes to beaches and water activities when we spoke. “I like the beaches down in Chania and out in Stavros,” he begins, “one, because Chania is close to where I live, and it's nice to go down and people watch while having a drink or just watch the sunset.” He further adds that he

likes the beaches in Stavros “because on a windy day it's nice to watch the waves crash.”

Bebb and Vuong both agree that Triopetra is also great beach. Bebb elaborated on his preference and states that Triopetra is great for camping and has one of the longest beachfronts in the area.

Vuong has an almost poetic recommendation for Triopetra, his favorite beach in the area, as well. He states that this particular beach boasts an amazing vista as “the view of the sun rising over the three enormous rocks that protrude above the glistening sea is breathtaking.”

Bebb offers that if you are looking closer to home for a beach where the kids could enjoy their time as well, to check out Tersanas. According to Bebb, it is located in a cove and shallow enough for children to have a good time, too.

Inasmuch as I try not to be one to stereotype, I have to admit I created my own cliché about Greece. Not because I watched My Big Fat Greek Wedding and assumed that everything was about food and family, but because I thought there was just one blue. I was both right and wrong in this assumption. I was right in that there is a prominence of blue, but wrong because there is also a riot of this hue present.

The best thing I've decided to do since we arrived here in this amazing place? To enjoy the blues in a way I've never done before. I revel in the hospitality and everything else our new home has to offer.

I just go and get lost.



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Want some advice on getting lost?
Contact the Outdoor Adventure Center!

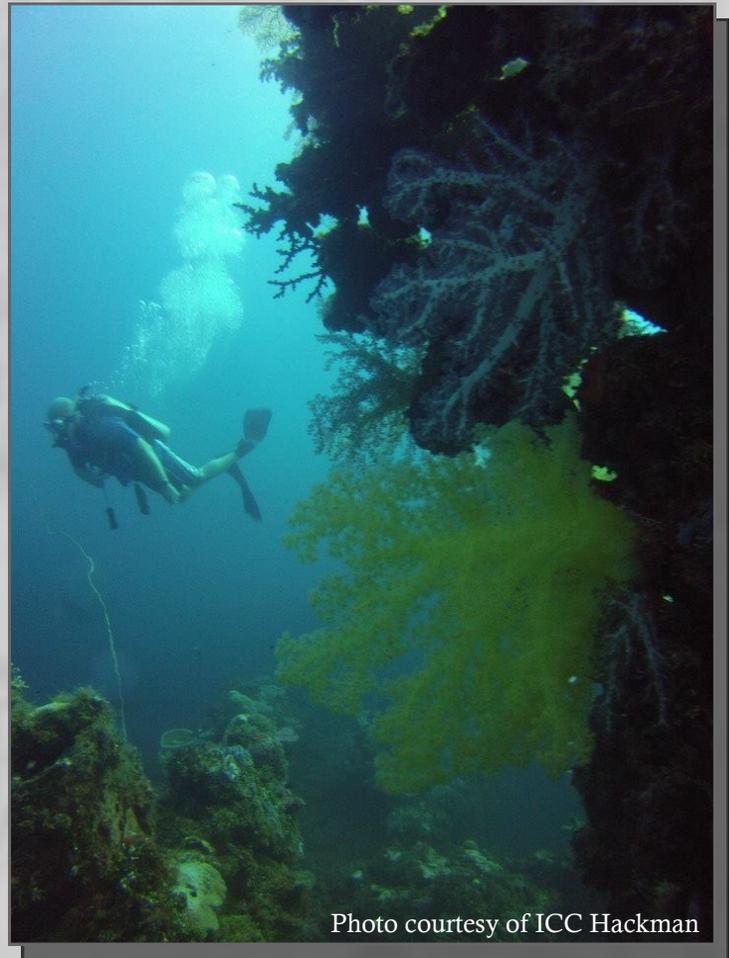


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Photo Competition



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could be next!**



CONGRATULATIONS

**MC1 (SW/AW) Chris Henry
on your winning submission for the May
“cute pet picture” photo contest!**

Have a great photo you want to share?

Send us your best "**Sunrise/Sunset**" 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: July 15, 2016 by noon (EET) to Heather.Judkins@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**

PELL GRANTS

The Navy Tuition Assistance Program funds Sailors for 15 credits each fiscal year. That's five courses. I see many students take two classes in the Fall term (at the start of the fiscal year in October), two classes after Christmas, and one at Easter. By May, they have used all 15 credits via TA and have to find some other way of financing their education from May until the following October.

One possibility is a federal PELL Grant. I encourage Sailors to consider applying. It's not a certainty, and I have no idea of your tax status, but broadly, if you're single and earning about \$20K, chances are that you'll be offered something. Two offers may be made – loans and grants. DO NOT take out student loans. But if you're offered a federal PELL grant, good for you.

You have to be responsible. The grant is made on the understanding (1) that you will continue to take classes term by term, and (2) that you will perform satisfactorily. If you drop out or do badly, the feds will re-calculate your award and may demand (some of) its money back.

You can apply for a PELL Grant while still using TA. It's not double-dipping. TA covers tuition only; you can use the grant to cover textbook expenses at the same time. And if there is any grant money left at the end of the year, that cash is yours to keep. Ethically, you should spend it on "education" but, for example, buying yourself a new laptop for free would help your education, so go for it!

The worst thing that can happen is they say "no;" so I reckon everyone should consider applying. The best way to complete the FAFSA (application) is early, on-line and without mistakes.

See either:

**University of Maryland University College
(UMUC)**

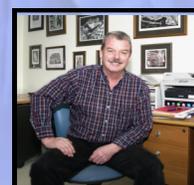
<http://www.umuc.edu/students/aid/applyforaid/>

**Central Texas College
(CTC)**

<http://www.ctcd.edu/students/current-ctc-students/financial-aid/fafsa/>

Applications for Academic Year 2016-17 can be made starting now. Folks who apply early receive -- on average -- twice as much as those who apply later in the year. Getting in early makes getting federal aid more likely, and faster.

See also www.studentaid.gov and <https://fafsa.ed.gov/> where you can create your required FSA ID to sign documents.



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



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#EODMUS conducts an inspection on a hold back buoy off the coast of Souda Bay, Bay Greece.



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kedrieno Can't be mad at the season we had, it was a hard fought game literally lol! We beat a team that went undefeated all season but fell one game short 😊. This was a great season even though I came in the middle of it. Hope we all get to do this again 🙌 #Navy #basketball #2ndplace #nsasoudabay #crete #greece #soudabay #ballislife #hoopdreams

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Bravo Zulu



Navy Achievement Medal

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MA2 Travis Beckman

MA2 Robert Muccino

Letter of Commendation

MA3 David Newsome

MA3 Brandon Ziegler

MASN Justine Singleton

MA2 Corey Kirkwood

Flag Letter of Commendation

ABH2 Kyle Smith

MA3 Jalisicya Holly

AC3 Justin Mccartt

May 2016



**Letter of Commendation
(Junior Sailor of the Quarter)**

MA2 Jonathan Zelaya

**Letter of Commendation
(Senior Sailor of the Quarter)**

ABH1 Jose Rodriguez

Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal

Awardees!

LS1 David Altier

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LS1 Okeisha A. Daily

MA1 Morgan L. Driver

ABH1 Manuel RoaOvalles

ABH1 JamesPaul R. Viar

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MA2 Luke Bulanda
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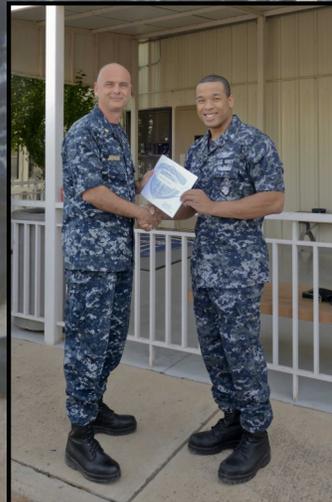
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MA3 Brittney A. Dunne
BM3 Raymond M. Katigbak
MA3 Philip J. Keefe
MA3 Raymond M. Perrin

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Air Operations



Spartan in the Spotlight



AFN Souda Bay's most recent "Spartan in the Spotlight," MA3 Dwyer, wanted to be a cop as a kid, now he's a Master at Arms.



"I went and talked to the recruiter and scored real high on my ASVAB. I was just like 'What can I do with military policing, like along the lines?' and he was like, 'Oh, Master at Arms, you'd be patrolling the base, making sure people are doing the right thing.' I was like 'Oh that could be cool. So it's like a cop?' he said, 'Exactly like a cop, like a Navy cop.' And I will not regret that decision to join the military because I'm always going to have that smile on my face, always going to have a nice uniform, always going to be willing to help. Always. That's what cops do. Cops are here. Cops are the good guys."

Describe your perfect day.

Be surrounded by people who want to have fun, who are happy about life. I like that. I like being around that because it's a positive energy that makes me feel good about myself and being able to talk to people kind of helps with that because you kind of get to see different walks of life. So my perfect day is being around awesome people. That would be my perfect day.

What is your favorite memory?

I remember the first time I slept over at my best friend's house. I mean, his family is like my family, kind of, and I just felt so into it, like I felt so a part of another person's family and it was just cool. We stayed up, played video games; talked about, you know, stuff that guys do.

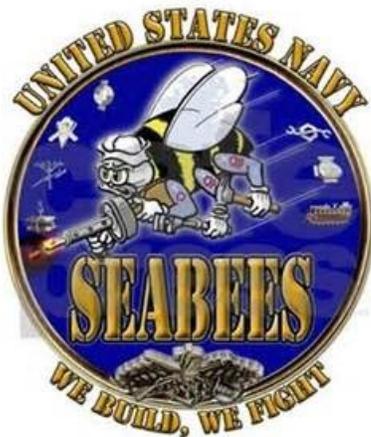
What has been your biggest success?

Making third and getting qualified up to patrol supervisor. That's got to be my biggest because I just love my job and I want to go the extra mile. I always want to be there. I always want to be able to talk to people. I always want to help people out on watch. I just like being that kind of person because I always wanted to be a cop. I wanted to be a cop and travel the world, join the navy so, you know, that's what I did. So I just wear the uniform with pride everyday.

Bravo Zulu



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Seeing Stars

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