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Front Cover: 151230-N-IL474-170 SOUDA BAY, Greece (Dec. 30, 2015) – Naval Support Activity Souda Bay Port Operations workers check the mooring lines on the Military Sealift Command Expeditionary Fast Transport ship, USNS Choctaw County (T-EPF 2), after its arrival in Souda Bay for a scheduled port visit Dec. 30, 2015. Choctaw County is the second of 10 vessels designed for rapid intra-theater transportation of troops and military equipment.

(U.S. Navy photo by Heather Judkins/Released)



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Have a great photo you want to share? Send us your best “Endless Love” themed photo and you could win a prize courtesy of MWR!*

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Naval

Support Activity (NSA) Souda Bay

received the results from the one-year study of radon gas concentrations initiated September 2014 as part of an ongoing Navy-wide indoor radon monitoring program.

Radon is a gas that is naturally occurring from rocks and soils. It is present in outdoor air, but may collect in basements or ground level spaces. Indoor environments are commonly studied to determine whether radon is present at high concentrations. Long-term exposure to radon gas at high concentrations can potentially impact health over time. Testing is the only way to know indoor radon levels.

Personnel from the Environmental division of Public Works and the U.S. Department of Energy installed 459 pairs of radon detectors called alpha-track detectors in Navy facilities at NSA Souda Bay, Marathi Pier and NAMFI barracks in September 2014 to facilitate this study. The detectors were placed in basements and ground-level indoor spaces that are inhabited at least four hours daily.

The radon detectors were collected after one year of readings and analyzed by the Department of Energy. Twenty nine detectors were not recovered. Some were removed due to building renovation during the study period, and some were simply missing. Those sites, along with all new buildings, are now being re-tested for six months.

Please do not remove or tamper with the small, circular radon detectors, which can be seen near the ceilings of rooms being tested.

RADON RESULTS

Of the 430 pairs of radon detectors collected and analyzed, 12 minimally exceeded the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) action level that requires mitigation response within the next two years. One pair of detectors required mitigation within six months, but was on the low end of the EPA's six-month mitigation range. No billeting units tested exceeded mitigation action limits.

EPA recommends the time frame for radon mitigation actions based on the levels detected. There were 12 detector pairs between 4.0 pCi/L (picocuries per liter) and 20 pCi/L that require mitigation within two years, and one detector pair that had results between 20 pCi/L and 200 pCi/L that required mitigation within six months. Preliminary mitigation measures were taken upon receipt of these results, short term testing was done to determine the results of those measures, and all results are now below 20pCi/L. The highest measured radon concentration was 13.0 pCi/L.

Mitigation measures are planned and appropriate actions will be taken for these sites. Once all mitigation is complete the sites will be retested to verify that radon levels are below the EPA threshold. The sites that are being retested due to missing detectors will be analyzed after six months and, if found to exceed mitigation threshold, will be mitigated and retested.

According to Environmental Director, Julie Shane, "This comprehensive radon study for our current facilities is a good thing. It enables us to ensure that we're providing the safest possible working and living environment for the community. We're in the process of testing new facilities that were not part of the original 2014 test which includes the Emergency Operations Center, the Dental Clinic and the Joint Operations Center at Marathi."

Facilities, regardless of when they were last radon tested, will be tested again if they undergo significant renovations or HVAC upgrade. "The Fire Department is also being tested as it recently underwent major renovations," said Shane.

Results from the study are posted on the NSA Souda Bay website at:

http://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnneurafswa/installations/nsa_souda_bay/om/environmental_support.html

For U.S. Environmental Protection Agency information on radon, go to:

www.epa.gov/radon.

Call the NSA Souda Bay Environmental office at DSN: 266-1207/1973 or 030-282-102-1207/1973 if you have questions.

Up To Code

Story by Robert Genaro, Computer and
Telecom Master Station Detachment Souda Bay



(above) Naval Computer and Telecom Area Master Station (NCTAMS) Detachment Souda Bay employees, Liv Martin and Grace Lubbers, check connections on a Data Closet during scheduled maintenance inspection. NCTAMS Det. Souda Bay recently refurbished all One-Net Data Cabinets, replacing all switches; rewiring all patch panels in accordance with Navy regulation. (U.S. Navy photo by Konstantinos Fantaousakis/Released)

**“With this upgrade, cable service average repair time has decreased from four hours to 20 minutes...”
- Gary Khan**





Naval Computer and Telecom Area Master Station (NCTAMS) Detachment Souda Bay recently completed a refurbishment to all One-Net data cabinets located throughout the installation. The refurbishment spanned 150 man-hours and consisted of fixing 31 Data Closets throughout 25 buildings requiring 2,500 feet of cable to be rewired.

“The staff charged with this daunting task worked diligently replacing 100 percent of all switches, patches and the rewiring of all patch panels to the strict standards required by the U.S. Navy,” said Gary Khan, Technical Director, NCTAMS Detachment, NSA Souda Bay. The configuration management included an updated wire diagram posted within each data closet reflecting the latest cable service and repairs.

“With this upgrade, cable service average repair time has decreased from four hours to 20 minutes saving time and money for the U.S. government,” said Khan.

Liv Martin and Grace Lubbers replaced switches and replaced and wired patch panels.





**USNS John Lenthall
(T-AO-189)**



arrives in Souda Bay for a scheduled port visit.

(photos by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jeffrey M. Richardson/Released)

Rawhides of Fleet Logistics Support Squadron (VRC-40), C-2A Greyhound



on the U.S. Naval Support Activity (Souda Bay flight line).

(U.S. Navy photos by Heather Judkins/Released)



USS Ross (DDG 71)



arrives in Souda Bay for a scheduled port visit.

(U.S. Navy photos by Heather Judkins/Released)



USS Carney (DDG-64)



arrives in Souda Bay for a scheduled port visit.

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USNS Choctaw County (T-EPF 2)

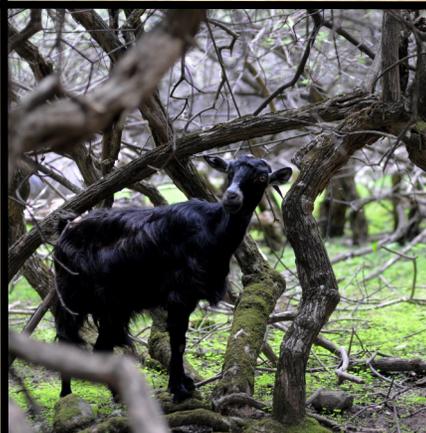
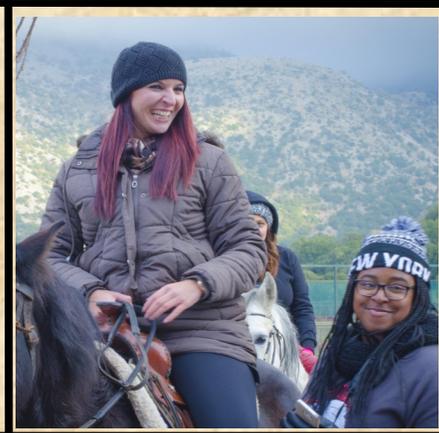


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Have you seen our base
improvements? Which is
your favorite?



Are you getting out there
to see what all is on the
island of Crete?



Souda Snapshots

*Spotlight on
NCTAMS*





CONGRATULATIONS

LTJG Chaturanga D. Abeywickrama
for the "Merry and Bright"
winning entry!

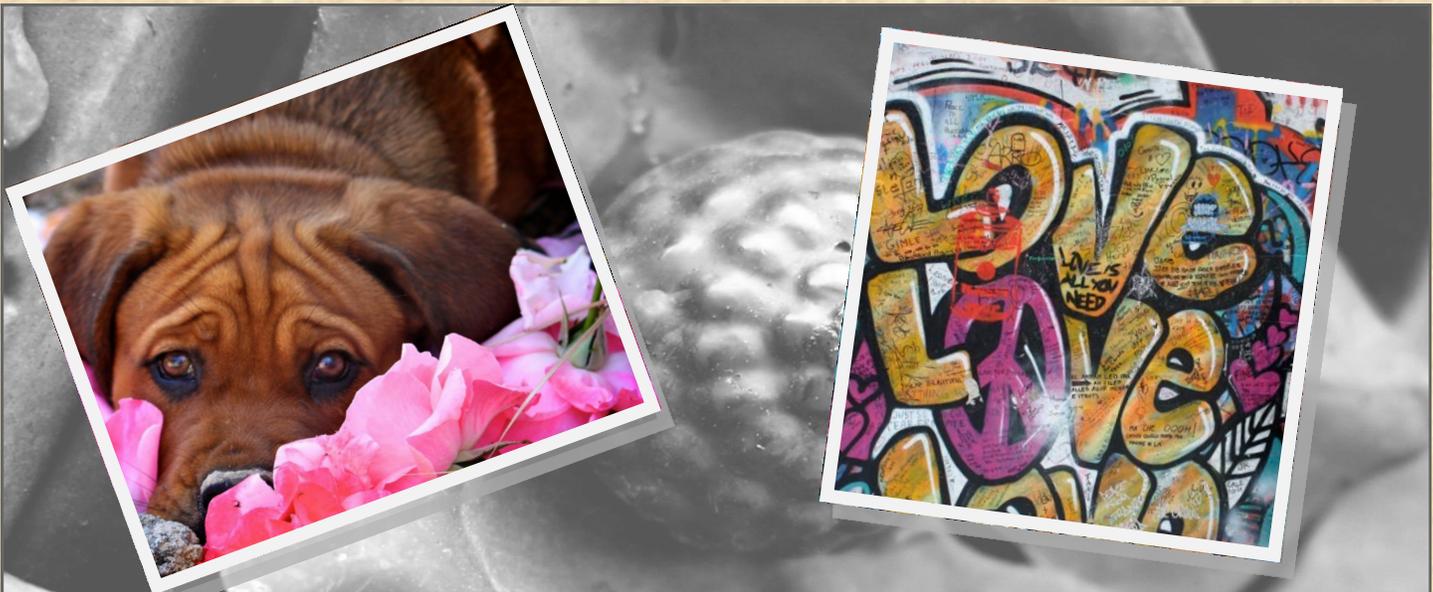
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CONGRATULATIONS

to our "Trick or Treat"
photo competition
winner,
Mrs. Christina Walt!

Your photo
could be next!



Have a great photo you want to share?

Send us your best "*Endless Love*" 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: **February 19, 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.

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The first smartphone/tablet/electronic device charging station was installed at the MWR Fitness Center in the beginning of January 2016!

The floor-standing charging station sits in the weight room area and features full speed, multi-device charging for up to eight devices (Apple iPhones/iPads, Android smartphones/tablets, e-readers, etc.) along with a convenient ledge to let the devices rest while charging.

One additional charging station is scheduled to be installed at the Fitness Center very soon to allow for more devices to be charged while our customers are getting in shape!



Congratulations to
AC2 Jacob T. Mills
on his reenlistment!

January 2016 Awards Quarters



CONGRATULATIONS AWARDEES (from left to right) :

MA2 Ivan Acosta - Navy Achievement Medal

LS1 David Altier - Navy Achievement Medal

MA3 Corey Kirkwood - Navy Achievement Medal

MA3 Gregory Conklin - Flag Letter of Commendation

MA3 Hailey Hayes - Letter of Commendation

**MA1 Sandy Cosmetorres - Navy Achievement Medal /
Senior Sailor of the Year**

**ABHAN Jasmine Buchner - Navy Achievement Medal /
Blue Jacket Sailor of the Year**

Far right: CAPT Michael R. Moore, NSA Souda Bay commanding officer

**Far left: LCDR Christopher Judkins, Operations Officer and
CMDCM(SW/AW) Kurtis Szyszka**