



JULY/ AUGUST 2014

Rear Adm. Scorby Recognizes MWR for 4* Accreditation



Quote of the Month

“In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock.”

~ Thomas Jefferson

(June 29, 2014) Rear Adm. John C. “Jack” Scorby, center, congratulates the staff of NSA Souda Bay’s MWR department on their 4-star accredited status during a brief tour of Shipmates, MWR’s newest dining facility that is slated to open in late August.

(June 29, 2014) Rear Adm. John C. “Jack” Scorby, Jr., Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia (EURAFSWA), took the opportunity, during a site visit to the installation, to recognize NSA Souda Bay’s Morale Welfare and Recreation Department by presenting them with their four-star accreditation award.

The 4 (out of a possible 5) star accreditation is based on a standardized performance benchmarks in four areas: programming, financial, personnel, and customer satisfaction. NSA Souda Bay was one of nine bases Navy-wide that received four star status while only eight

received five star status.

While addressing the staff of MWR, Rear Adm. Scorby stated that in the Navy, “we’re all about the fleet, fighter and the family. You get to touch all three of that triad with what you do with MWR.”

In recognizing NSA Souda Bay’s strategic location, Rear Adm. Scorby noted that “this is a forward operating site, which means that you have a lot of rotational forces coming and going. So you have to be really flexible in order to accommodate all of that. This award is a reflection of your ability to do just that. I am proud of what you’ve

done in supporting our fleet, supporting that fighter and supporting our families that we do have here.”

After a cake cutting ceremony and taking the time to personally congratulate the MWR staff that was in attendance, Mr. Sam Maropis, MWR business center manager, accompanied Rear Adm. Scorby on a tour of Souda Bay’s newest dining facility, “Shipmates.” Shipmates is a pub-style facility that will offer beverage service, a light menu, free wireless internet, gaming machines, televisions and other activities and will open in late August.

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SERVING THE FLEET

On any given day NSA Souda Bay's team of more than 800 professional Sailors, Airmen, and Civilians work 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 dedicated to forward operations of ships, aircraft, detachments, and personnel. The imagery on these pages provides a glimpse of NSA Souda Bay's professionals supporting air and maritime operations.

With a very active NATO pier complex at Marathi, NSA Souda Bay supports the fleet by offering services to ships during port call visits or refueling operations as indicated below. Top to bottom, by row: Row 1: July 29, 2014, USS Vella Gulf (CG-72) arrives at Marathi. Row 2: July 29, 2014, USS Ross (DDG-71) departs Souda Bay and row 3: July 28, 2014 USNS Leroy Grumman (T-AO-195) departs Souda Bay.



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AIR OPERATIONS

“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

At this strategic crossroads in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea, the Sailors and Airmen at NSA Souda Bay stand at the ready to support every mission that hits our deck. Below are a few of those missions that we have recently supported. (Top to bottom, left to right): July 1, 2014, a group of C-17 Globemasters sit on deck, July 25, 2014, F-16 fighters make a brief stop. July 29, 2014, NSA Souda Bay’s Command Triad observes a C-26 as it prepares for departure. Aug. 4, 2014, E-6 Growlers arrive at NSA Souda Bay and on July 11, 2014, a NATO WB-57 aircraft taxis after landing.



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VIP Visits

(July 29, 2014) Left: Master-At-Arms Seaman Corey Kirkwood engages in conversation with Rear Adm. John C. "Jack" Scorby, Jr., Commander Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia, during a brief encounter at the base coffee shop. Rear Adm. Scorby congratulated MASN Kirkwood on his pursuance of the U.S. Navy's Officer Candidate School Program. Right: Rear Adm. Scorby, center, gets a waterside tour of the NATO fuels pier complex at Marathi. Pictured with Rear Adm. Scorby are left, Lt. William Abbott, NSA Souda Bay Port Operations Officer, and Capt. Mike Moore.



(July 11, 2014) NSA Souda Bay's Commanding Officer, Capt. Mike Moore (left) and Executive Officer, Cdr. Demetrios Grimes (right), hosted the Regional Commander of the Hellenic Coast Guard, Crete, Commodore George Seferiadis (second from left) and Harbor Master/ Chief of the Hellenic Coast Guard, Chania, CDR Diogenis Darivianakis.



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VIP Visits

(August 13, 2014) NSA Souda Bay played host to Ambassador Patrick Moon, the Civilian Deputy and Political Advisor to the Commander of U.S. European Commander, during a short, one-day stop. During the visit, Ambassador Moon held an office call with Capt. Michael Moore, then was given tours of the installation and the Marathi harbor. Left photo: NSA Souda Bay's Command Master Chief, CMDCM Kurt Szyszka, Executive Officer, Cdr. Demetries Grimes and Commanding Officer, Capt. Mike Moore, greet Ambassador Moon upon his arrival to NSA Souda Bay. Right photo: NSA Souda Bay's Port Services Officer, Lt. Marcus Porwoll, briefs Ambassador Moon prior to embarking on a waterside tour of the Marathi NATO pier complex.



(July 23, 2014) NSA Souda Bay welcomed Mr. Aristos Papadacos, the Legal Attaché, and Ms. Patricia Coureas, Assistant Legal Attaché, U.S. Embassy Athens, Greece. Escorted by Capt. Mike Moore and Cdr. Demetries Grimes, NSA Souda Bay's Commanding Officer and Executive Officer, respectively, Mr. Papadacos and Ms. Coureas were given a brief overview of the mission of NSA Souda Bay, taken on a windshield and waterside tour of the base and pier complex. As part of the visit, Ms. Coureas took the opportunity to partake in a hike of the Samaria Gorge, the longest gorge in Europe, with a group of Souda Bay Sailors. Below left: Lt. Billy Abbott, Mr. Aristos Papadacos, Cdr. Demetries Grimes, Ms. Coureas, Capt. Mike Moore and Lt. Marcus Porwoll gather for a group photo while embarking on a waterside tour of the Marathi NATO pier complex. Below right: NSA Souda Bay Sailors, along with Ms. Patricia Coureas gather for a group photo at Omalos, the entrance point for the hike of the Samaria Gorge. The group exited the 18km long gorge in the village of Agia Roumeli, which sits on the Libyan Sea, on the south side of the island.



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(Aug. 13-14, 2014) Commander, Task Force 63, Capt. John Rinko, visits NSA Souda Bay and is given a familiarization tour of the base and Marathi NATO pier complex. While at the pier complex, Capt. Rinko had the opportunity to go aboard the USNS Leroy Grumman (T-AO- 195), which was moored pierside for a brief port call.



(Aug. 22-24, 2014) The Professional staff members of the House Armed Services Committee, led by Staff Delegate Kimberly Shaw, took the opportunity to tour NSA Souda Bay and Marathi NATO piers during a brief stopover for an overview of base mission capabilities, operations, and updates on large MILCON projects, which are currently and projected in the works.



(July 14-18, 2014) Members of the 62nd Civilian Partnership Committee (CPC) made up of members of the U.S. and Greek Government, met to discuss employment issues related to Local National hires in Greece. From left to right: Alfonso Spinelli, HR Director NEXCOM Europe, Costas Xylouris, HR Souda Bay, Hellenic Air Force Col. Christos Karanasios, Greek Co-Chair, Capt. Mike Moore, CO NSA Souda Bay, Panayota Mourtzi, Greek Co-chair Asst., Alexandra Karavassili, US. Attorney SJA, Cdr. Demetries Grimes, XO Souda Bay, Jean Border, CNREURAFSWA US Co-Chair, Effie Kountouraki, HOA Admin Supervisor, Sarah Bernstrom, CNREURAFSWA wage Specialist, Hellenic Air Force Maj. Ilias Koutsorakis, HOA Director, Hellenic Air Force Maj. Dimitrios Boataitis, Hellenic Air Force Attorney.



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Noteworthy Events

(July 3, 2014) NSA Souda Bay celebrated the 238th birthday of the United States by hosting an Independence Day party complete with a barbeque and fireworks display at the Hellenic Air Force 115th Combat Wing's summer camp at Agios Onoufrios. Sailors and Civilians alike enjoyed various activities such as relay games, swimming, Zumba and a limbo contest, to name a few. To close out the festivities, MWR put on a fantastic fireworks display that lit up the sky around the beach of Agios Ounoufrios. Thank you to the staff of MWR for all of your hard work in putting together, yet another fantastic 4th of July celebration for the Sailors of Souda Bay. (photos by MC2 Jeffrey Richardson)



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Noteworthy Events

Indoc classes for the week of July 14, 2014 and August 11, 2014



(July 30, 2014) NSA Souda Bay's Executive Officer, Cdr. Demetries Grimes, speaks with new Sailors during a meet and greet luncheon.



(July) NSA Souda Bay's Executive Officer, Cdr. Demetries Grimes, gives an introductory brief to recent arrivals to NSA Souda Bay.



(July 9, 2014) NSA Souda Bay's Commanding Officer, Capt. Mike Moore and Executive Officer, Cdr. Demetries Grimes took the opportunity to engage in some military working dog training by gearing up in a bite suit. Military Working Dog Betty partakes in some patrol training with Capt. Moore, left, and Cdr. Grimes at the training grounds at the kennels.



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(August 1, 2014) The 2014 Navy Ball committee held a fundraiser where Sailors had the opportunity to pay money to have their shipmates put in 'jail.' The event was a huge success and everyone 'jailed' seemed to be in good spirits. (photos provided by Master-At-Arms Third Class Chelsy Fishman)



(August 20, 2014) NSA Souda Bay's Chief's Mess held a pie in the face fundraiser for the 2014 Khaki Ball. The Chief's Mess raised over \$1200.00 with the largest vote getter, Master-At-Arms Senior Chief Tyjuan Frazier, Security department Leading Chief Petty Officer and top contributors to a single chief, Mr. Nathan Harvey, N6 department, for Master-At-Arms Chief Paul Szilagy and Gunners Mate Second Class Nathan Taylor, Navy Munitions Command, for Aviation Ordnance Chief Cassidy Beeman. Photos from clockwise: NSA Souda Bay's Command Master Chief, CMDCM Kurt Szyszka welcomes his pie with open arms, AOC Beeman gets pied by AO2 Robinson, Ens. Alexander Bates splashes the face of MACS Frazier and Interior Communications Electrician Third Class Jessica Berry and Mass Communication Specialist Second Class Margie Rodriguez take their turn at Interior Communications Electrician Chief James Pals.



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(August 14, 2014) NSA Souda Bay's Public Works Department Seabees prove their "Can Do" spirit, while performing a base beautification project, by repainting the crosswalks along the main road and power washing the solar voltaic carports in front of building one. Left photo: Builder Constructionman Recruit Anthony Murphy. Right photo: Public Works Officer, Lt. Cmdr. Greg Woods, checks on the progress of the crosswalk painting project. Bottom photo: Builder Constructionman Recruit Anthony Murphy power washes the solar panels while Construction Electrician Constructionman Daniel Seier operates the bucket and Construction Electrician Third Class Cody Rogers acts as safety officer around the work site.



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A day in the life of a Souda Bay Sailor: From Air Operations T-Line personnel directing aircraft on the flight line and military working dogs and their handlers doing security sweeps of buildings, to Harbor Security officers patrolling the waters around the Marathi NATO Piers Complex, NSA Souda Bay's Sailors support the mission of supporting the fleet and the warfighter at this strategic crossroads in the Eastern Mediterranean Sea.



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Noteworthy Events

(July 29, 2014) NSA Souda Bay's Command Master Chief, CMDCM Kurt Szyszka goes head to head with the installation's Executive Officer, Cdr. Demetries Grimes in a game of foosball at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation facility, Graffiti's.



(Aug. 26, 2014) The Naples CREDO team hosts Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) over a two day period at NSA Souda Bay to provide Sailors with life saving skills that will allow them to offer assistance to a Shipmate in a time of need.



(Aug. 29, 2014) NSA Souda Bay's 2014 Chief Petty Officer Selectees host a barbeque to help raise funds for the CPO mess. Hamburgers and hotdogs, with trimmings, were sold by donation only as the Selectees manned the grill and dished out the toppings. (photos by Mass Communications Specialist Chief Steven Owsley)



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Noteworthy Events

Community Relations Projects abound during the summer months. Below are just four of the many projects that NSA Souda Bay has participated in. Left and bottom photos: Sailors participated in a multi-day painting project at the public elementary school in Kounoupidana. Top right: Sailors participated in a community beautification project by clearing debris from a local beach. Middle right: Sailors repair a backboard at the local elementary school.



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July Awards Quarters



(July 9, 2014) July awardees are pictured with Command leadership following the Awards Quarters ceremony. Congratulations on your hard work and dedication and helping Souda Bay be the best in the Navy.

<p>Navy Commendation Medal (NCM)</p> <p>LS1 Stacey Sobieski</p>	<p>Navy Achievement Medal (NAM)</p> <p>MA2 Jonathan Rosario MA2 George Treacy</p>	<p>Flag Letter of Commendation (FLOC)</p> <p>ABH3 Heriberto RomanVazquez</p>	<p>Letter of Commendation (LOC)</p> <p>MA3 Ian Cook MA3 Travis Hartman MASN Latasha Mayers ACAN Cameron Miller</p>
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On the Spot LOC

AZ2 Adam Hernandez
MA2 Karen Montelongo
MA3 Sharon Covary
CE3 Cody Rogers
ABH3 Heriberto RomanVasquez
MBSN Kernishia Jones
MASR David Berry

Sailors of the Quarter

Senior Sailor of the Quarter
MA1 Jorge Ontiveros

Junior Sailor of the Quarter
AC2 Christen Wright

Blue Jacket of the Quarter
MASR Jordan Pierson



Sailors of the Quarter are pictured with the Command Triad. MA1 Jorge Ontiveros SOQ, AC2 Christen Wright, JSOQ, CMDCM Kurtis Szyszka, Command Master Chief, Capt. Mike Moore, NSA Souda Bay Commanding Officer, Cdr. Demetries Grimes, NSA Souda Bay Executive Officer, and MASR Jordan Pierson, BJOQ.

August Awards Quarters



(Aug. 6, 2014) Pictured above are the two August Awardees, along with the recently announced NSA Souda Bay Chief Selects and Command Leadership. From left to right: Master-at-Arms 1st Class Michael Langehennig, Aviation Boatswains Mate (Fuels) 3rd Class David Magana, Master-at-Arms Chief (Sel) Christopher Voge, NSA Souda Bay Commanding Officer, Capt. Mike Moore, NSA Souda Bay Executive Officer, Cdr. Demetries Grimes, Boatswains Mate Chief(Sel) Matthew Ventura and Command Master Chief, CMDCM Kurtis Szyzka.

Navy Achievement Medal (NAM): MA1 Michael Langehennig and ABF3 David Magana



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Reenlistments

(July 2, 2014) During a ceremony in his honor, Personnel Specialist 1st Class Carl Blanchard reenlists for six years. Reenlisting officer was Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Brown, NSA Souda Bay's Administrative Department Officer. Congratulations PS1 Blanchard and thank you for Staying Navy.



(July 25, 2014) Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Samuel Duodo reenlists for four years during a ceremony held in the Operations conference room. His reenlisting officer was Lt. William Abbott, NSA Souda Bay Port Operations Officer. Pictured below, NSA Souda Bay's Commanding Officer, Capt. Mike Moore presents MM2 Duodo with a Certificate of Appreciation while right, Lt. Abbott presents MM2 Duodo with his Certificate of Discharge prior to reenlisting him. Thank you MM2 Duodo for Staying Navy.



(August 22, 2014) Master-At-Arms Second Class Jasmine Jones reenlists for four years. NSA Souda Bay's Security Officer, Ens. Alexander Bates serves as the reenlisting officer. Congratulations MA2 Jones and thank you for Staying Navy.



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Reenlistments

(July 18, 2014) Master-at-Arms 2nd Class Jesse Kock took the oath of enlistment from NSA Souda Bay's Security Officer, Ens. Alexander Bates during a ceremony in front of his Shipmates. Congratulations MA2 Kock and Thank you for Staying Navy.



NSA Souda Bay Galley Staff



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Sailors Learn Steps to be Alert to Possible Suicides



(July 2014) Religious Programs Specialist 2nd Class Caleb Allison hosts a SafeTALK seminar at the chapel. SafeTALK is a program that teaches suicide alertness skills and is sponsored by LivingWorks, a suicide-intervention training company.

Story by: Peggy Bebb
NSA Souda Bay Public Affairs

With a rise in suicides among the ranks in recent years, the U.S. Navy is shifting focus on training Sailors on how to be alert for possible suicidal Shipmates and what steps to take to help in the time of need.

SafeTALK is a program offered through the chapel that provides “training to our Sailors so that they can be prepared to help a Shipmate who is thinking of suicide. SafeTALK gives our Sailors the tools to help those in need and help avoid the tragedy of suicide here at NSA Souda Bay,” noted Lt. Robert LeCompte, Souda Bay command Chaplain.

At this forward operating site where nearly all U.S. military personnel are unaccompanied, suicide prevention is a primary focus in maintaining the health and well-being of our Sailors. This is the main reason that over the last decade, due to a steady rise in suicides among the service branches, top level military leaders have made available more training classes and added additional behav-

ioral health professionals for the troops, according to the Department of Defense.

As noted on the LivingWorks website, as a safeTALK-trained suicide alert helper, the Sailor will be better able to:

1. Move beyond common tendencies to miss, dismiss or avoid suicide;
2. Identify people who have thoughts of suicide;
3. Apply the TALK steps (Tell, Ask, Listen, KeepSafe) to connect a person with suicide thoughts to suicide first aid, intervention caregivers.

Logistics Specialist 2nd Class Crystal Harris took the training for a few different reasons: “One, I am currently a victim advocate and with that being said, it is very possible that if I am called upon for that situation, the victim might have thoughts of suicide and I want to be as trained as possible to help them with both situations. Two, suicide is happening more and more now a days and I feel that knowledge is power so any class that will help aid me and give me any tools I might need to help another indi-

vidual, including myself, I want to know. After this course, I feel very ready to step up.”

“As a Chaplain and Sailor, I am very proud of my Shipmates volunteering their time to take the SafeTALK class and learn how to help others. Understandably, it’s the kind of training that one hopes never to use, but having the SafeTALK training prepares the individual to help prevent suicide in those around them,” stated Chaplain LeCompte.

With continued focus on the mental well-being of our forward-operating forces, these seminars offer our Sailors life-saving skills.

LS2 Harris was thankful to have the opportunity to take the course and “would definitely recommend this class to anyone who has not taken it because suicide is real and you never know how serious a person is or how close to the breaking point they might be. Something as simple as doing what we normally do, pay attention, but actually ask the question instead of making up a reason not to, you can help someone realize how important their life really is and that “suicide” is not the only way out.”

Chapel Ensures Sailor's Spiritual and Emotional Health



(August 2014) NSA Souda Bay's Religious Ministry Team offers 24-7 confidential counseling to the Sailors of Souda Bay. Pictured above left: NSA Souda Bay's Command Chaplain, Lt. Robert LeCompte and Religious Programs Specialist 2nd Class Caleb Allison, whom together make up the base Religious Ministry Team.

Story by: Peggy Bebb
NSA Souda Bay Public Affairs

Providing religious ministry is only one portion of the NSA Souda Bay chapel mission. This two-man operation helps to ensure that every Sailor or military member has the opportunity to seek spiritual advice or counseling from a professional, attend worship services as well as advise the Command on morale, ethics and cultural/spiritual awareness.

Souda Bay's Religious Ministry Team is prepared to support Souda Bay's mission by "providing resources, programs, or referrals to meet the needs of any individual who requires it," stated Religious Program Specialist 2nd Class Caleb Allison. "This may take the form of a CREDO Personal Resiliency Retreat where Sailors have the opportunity to take a weekend trip to a nice resort and focus on resiliency techniques to better handle the stressors of the military. It may also mean a confidential counseling session with the Chaplain or a quick talk with the RP. Maybe they just need to attend one of the Sunday services to renew their faith before continuing on with their mission. Most importantly, we are here to cater and provide the best care possible to meet the needs of every service

member who walks through our door."

According to Lt. Robert LeCompte, NSA Souda Bay's Command Chaplain, "by offering an extensive library of self-help books for loan, worship services for Protestants and Roman Catholics on Sundays, various Bible studies throughout the week and providing 24-7 emergent and non-emergent, 100% confidential counseling services," the religious ministry team is prepared to keep our Sailors spiritually sound and ready for the mission at hand, supporting the fleet and warfighter.

RP2 Allison states that "RPs in general are met with a lot of confusion by other service members as to what our roles are within the Religious Ministry Team. This is due to the fact that our role as an RP can be very broad at times and cover a wide range of tasks. However, more often than not, our role is one of support and guidance that is done behind the scenes as to protect the trust and/or confidentiality of the Sailor involved, which keeps a majority of our duties behind closed doors."

Chaplain LeCompte wants to express that his counseling services are "100% confidential, because the Sailor owns the

information they tell me. Further, I will not tell anyone what we discuss, and I cannot be 'ordered' to tell the Command what I am told. It really is iron clad confidentiality. I have over 20 years of ministry experience and there is nothing that you could tell me that I haven't heard and helped. Again, there is no moral situation, institutional command, or legal force that could compel me to break a Sailor's confidence."

The Religious Ministry Team wants Souda Bay's Sailors to understand that they should not hesitate to "come see us if they need someone to talk to because that is one of the major reasons why we are here," advised RP2 Allison. "The Chaplain is highly skilled in offering counsel to those in need, and not purely from a religious standpoint. We understand that many individuals aren't looking for religious counsel, but merely someone to confide in about their problems with absolute confidentiality. So regardless of what issue you bring to the Chaplain's department, we will make sure you obtain the care you need."

Souda Bay says Farewell to Mr. Xylouris



(Aug. 26, 2014) NSA Souda Bay's Commanding Officer, Capt. Mike Moore (right) and Executive Officer, Cdr. Demetrios Grimes, present Mr. Costas Xylouris various awards during Mr. Xylouris' retirement ceremony. Thank you Mr. Xylouris for over thirty five years of dedication to the United States Government.

Story by: Peggy Bebb
NSA Souda Bay Public Affairs

The end of an era has come to the Human Resources department at NSA Souda Bay. Mr. Costas Xylouris, a Greek National personnel management specialist, decided to retire after over thirty five years of dedicated service to the U.S. Department of Defense.

Costas started working for the U.S. Government in 1979 at the former Air Force base in Heraklion, Crete. Upon its closure in 1994, he moved to Naval Support Activity Souda Bay, where he has become the "go-to guy" in the HR department.

Since steadily working for the past 41 years, Costas says he "feels good about retiring and will take the time now, to relax and enjoy life."

In the fast-paced human resources envi-

ronment, Costas says he will not "miss the frustration and day-to-day stress of the difficult job he held." However, he went on to say "I am truly going to miss serving people, that is what I enjoy."

During a ceremony in his honor on August 26, NSA Souda Bay's Commanding Officer, Capt. Mike Moore, presented Costas with various awards recognizing his years of dedicated service and thanking him for the unwavering support to all stationed here at Souda Bay as well as a Flag Letter of Commendation signed by Rear Adm. Scorby, Commander, Navy Region EURAFSWA.

Mr. Doug Campbell, Costas' supervisor and the Director of Human Resources at Souda Bay stated "Costas' retirement will have a profound impact on everyone at Souda Bay. All the local national employees used Costas' expertise in their professional lives. Almost all U.S. civilians have worked with Costas while

in-processing and on Overseas Benefits and Entitlements. Additionally, all supervisors of civilians have sought counsel from Costas. Costas' handiwork will be felt here for many, many years."

When asked what he will do on his first day of retirement, Costas mentioned he would "go walking. I used to walk every day and it will be good to do that again."

He went on to state that he wishes "everyone the chance to reach their retirement age in good health so that they can also enjoy the benefits of their retirement when the time comes."

We wish Costas and his family the best of luck on his new adventure, retirement. Fair Winds and Following Seas Mr. Xylouris.

Souda Bay hosts 2014 Commander's Cup



(June 27-29) NSA Souda Bay hosts 2014 Commander's Cup basketball tournament at the base gymnasium in which four host nation military teams played alongside NSA Souda Bay's Sailors in an effort to win this year's Commander's Cup trophy.

Story by Byron Gale
Souda Bay Fitness Center Manager

The 2014 Commander's Cup Basketball Tournament was held on 27-29 June at the MWR Fitness Center. The objective of this tournament was for NSA Souda Bay to play against various host nation commands and at the same time, build camaraderie between the two countries through sports.



NSA Souda Bay's basketball team during the opening ceremonies.

The five participating teams were: NSA Souda Bay, 115th Hellenic Military, Hellenic Navy, NAMFI and the Hellenic Police.

The Final Four pairings brought Souda Bay against the Hellenic Police and the 115th Hellenic Air Force against the Hellenic Navy. At the end of this

challenge, the Hellenic Navy defeated the Hellenic Police in the big final and was crowned as the 2014 Commander's Cup Champions.

During this very enjoyable event, many players also got a chance to participate in a spectacular 3-point shooting contest to showcase their shooting skills and the ability to swoosh 3-point shots.

After the event, everyone enjoyed an American-style B.B.Q. at the Graffiti's patio.

Below are the standings and the 3-Point Shooting Contest winner for the tournament:

1st Place: Hellenic Navy
2nd Place: Hellenic Police
3rd Place: 115th Hellenic Military
4th Place: NSA Souda Bay
5th Place: NAMFI
3-Point Shooting Contest Winner:
Hellenic Navy

The MWR Fitness Center is looking forward to hosting more similar events the future, in basketball, as well as in other sports, to compete with our host nation and also enhance our relationship. Congratulations to everyone for their achievements!



Team Souda Bay is hustling to get back on defense.

A big "Thank You" goes out to our NSA Admin Department for allowing the use of the Greek and American Flags, to the NSA and 115th Hellenic Air Force Security Departments for providing a speedy base access to our visitors, to the Hellenic Navy for the pictures of the tournament, the PAO for providing the Greek and American National Anthems and of course the MWR staff that worked very hard to make such a huge event successful!



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2014 Commander's Cup Tournament (June 27-29, 2014)



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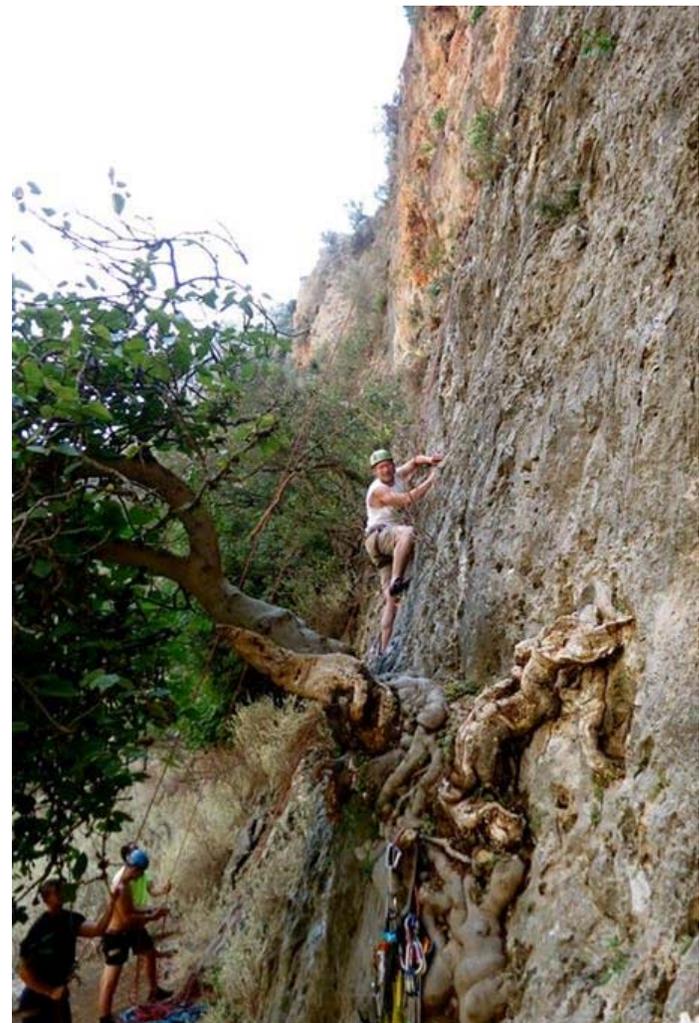
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MWR Happenings

(Aug. 25, 2014) NSA Souda Bay's MWR department held a 'soft opening' of their newest eating establishment, Shipmates. The patrons were treated to samples of some of menu appetizers and were able to finally see the nearly completed interior of the facility. Shipmates, a pub-style facility offers fast food style meals in a relaxing atmosphere.



Theriso and Monte Vardia Rock Climbing (July 26, 2014)



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MWR Happenings

Pump and Run and Eat a Peach 5Ks (Aug. 7, 2014) and (Aug. 21, 2014)



Rappelling (July 27, 2014) and Overnight Trip to Domata (Aug. 9-10, 2014)



Intramural Softball Season Finale (Aug. 22, 2014)



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