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SOUDA BAY, Greece (Aug 17, 2015) – Commanding Officer of the Marathi NATO Fuel Depot, Capt. Konstantinos Mousonis (left) briefs Rear Adm. John C “Jack” Scorby Jr. (center), Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia, and U.S. Naval Support Activity Souda Bay, Capt. Mike R. Moore (right), during a tour of the Marathi NATO Fuel Depot. NSA Souda Bay’s mission is to provide support and security to U.S. and allied ships as well as aircraft transiting or operating in the eastern Mediterranean region.



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SOUDA BAY TRANSITION GPS CLASS



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NSA Souda Bay Sailors participate in Transition GPS (formerly known as TAPS) class. According to Navy.mil, Transition GPS “provides service members with the skills, tools and self confidence necessary to successfully re-enter into the civilian work force.” This course will now be offered every six months by the NSASB Command Career Counselor in conjunction with the Fleet and Family Services Center (FFSC).



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Changes are coming down the pike for mailing packages that require a customs form — Oct. 1 is just around the corner!

Check out AFN or the YouTube video and stay tuned for more information.

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Patrol Squadron NINE



SEA BREEZE PARTICIPANTS OPERATE FROM NSA SOUDA BAY



Naval forces from several nations were scheduled to participate in late summer in the annual Black Sea exercise Sea Breeze. The routine, annual training exercise, co-hosted by the U.S. and Ukrainian Navies, aims to improve interoperability while promoting regional security.

Photos by Heather Judkins





The **USS Porter (DDG 78)** departs the Marathi NATO pier facilities after a scheduled port visit.

On any given day, Team Souda, comprised of Sailors, Airmen and civilians works together in support of the mission:

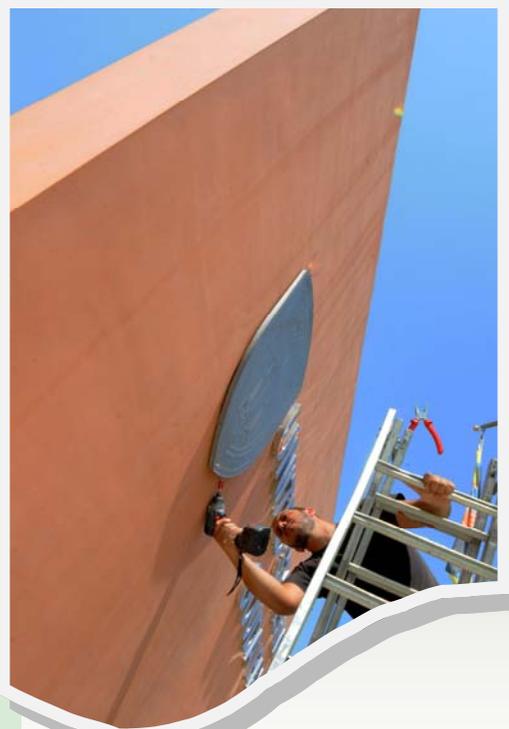
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Here is a glimpse of the recent activity at the nearby NATO pier facility.

Serving the Fleet



USS Montpelier (SSN 765) arrives at the Marathi NATO pier facilities for a scheduled port visit.



Signed, Sealed & Delivered



Photos by Heather Judkins



This emblem was designed by U.S. Navy personnel of the Naval Support Activity and Hellenic Air Force personnel of the 115th Combat Wing. An artist was consulted to ensure consistency of design. While this emblem is simple in its design and presentation, its symbolism represents far more than meets the eye; an apt representation for the strategic importance of this small, but operationally oriented and vitally important Naval Facility. The emblem was modified and redesigned in 2009 under CAPT Thomas J. McDonough's instructions by NSA Souda Bay Public Affairs employee, Mr. Kostas Fantaousakis.



Sept 09, 2015. A soccer game and BBQ at the Boys Center of Chania was organized by NSA Souda Bay's Second Class Association in coordination with the 95th Reconnaissance Squadron.

This event was all fun and games as the boys and Sailors played soccer and basketball. The day ended with plenty of burgers, hot dogs and sodas provided by the volunteers.

The Boys Center of Chania provides support for 24 boys, ages six years to adult.

This project was combined with a donation and delivery of sports equipment for soccer and basketballs and a large number of school supplies to prepare the boys for the new school year which started September 11.



Photos by Mr. Kostas Fantaousakis



U.S. Naval Support Activity Souda Bay, Crete, in conjunction with the Chaplains office, delivered clothes and school supplies to a local soup kitchen and the St. Nektarios Girls Care Center. With more than 605 lbs of clothes and school supplies, the local children are starting their new school year on the right note. Best wishes to all the children going back to school!

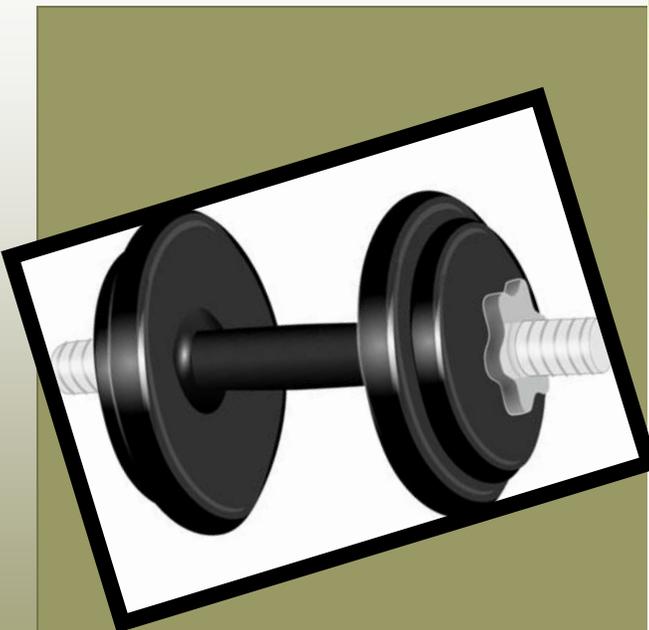


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WELCOME ABOARD!



INDOC Class of September 14, 2015



MWR Fitness Center

Hours of Operation **NEW!**

Starting October 1st, 2015

The MWR Fitness Center will now offer you 6 additional workout hours every week:

Monday	0500 - 2200
Tuesday	0500 - 2200
Wednesday	0500 - 2200
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Friday	0500 - 2200
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**Congratulations to award winners
August and September 2015!
Bravo Zulu!**





Photo by MC2 Jeffrey Richardson



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Naval Support Activity, Souda Bay Air Operations: Congratulations to ABH2 Borchick, ABEAN Brown and ABHAA Mackins. All three were recognized by the Commanding Officer, Capt Michael R. Moore, for their initiative in the initial response to a diesel fuel spill last April. Their quick thinking and immediate response resulted in reduced damage to equipment and allowed for a quick and effective environmental clean-up. Job Well Done!



Hats off to August 2015 degree recipients!



Congratulations, MA3 Mitchell, on your reenlistment!



A Word From Chaps...

On 9-11 ... We Remember.

Iwould guess as we heard that bell ring, we remember tragic images from that day. I would like to assume that maybe we recall other stories.

We Remember those first responders like firemen and police who selflessly gave their life in the hope of saving many others. We Remember counselors from all over America who didn't show up to their normal job, but flew to Ground Zero. We Remember those who, while cleaning up from the tons of debris, needed to talk to those volunteer counselors because of what they found in the midst of the rubble. We Remember those Americans who literally camped at that scene cooking for all those who answered the call and volunteered. We Remember those who came from diverse faith traditions to set up tents and vigils and places of worship to offer a safe haven for healing.

As American We Remember that we don't cower in the face of overwhelming tragedy. We don't surrender to a faceless enemy who tries to intimidate our way of life because of their ideology.

9/11 reminds us that when enemies knock us down, we get back up. We cry. We mourn. We ache. And then we gather. We plan. We mobilize. And then we act. And all the while, We Remember.

As Americans in the face of tragedy we come together to rebuild and restore, which is all part of the process and why We Remember.

That as long as the sun sets and the moon rises, as long as we are a nation, we believe and live as the very symbol and bastion of freedom for all.

I asked someone for a simple translation of the Greek National anthem; we hear it every day. This anthem has many verses, but some of the lyrics state,

**Yet, behold now thy sons
With impetuous breath
Go forth to the fight
Seeking Freedom or Death.**

**From the graves of our slain
Shall thy valour prevail
As we greet thee again
Hail, Liberty! Hail!**

Our host nation also understands that freedom comes with a fight. We know our anthem as it builds towards that familiar conclusion, those lyrics echo in our heads,

**O'vr the land of the free.
And the home of the brave.**

So I ask that you reflect and Remember on the greatness of our countries as We Remember the greatness of people in that great state of New York, in our Nation's Capitol city, and those who perished in an open field in Pennsylvania back on that beautiful day, one very much like today,
Sept. 11, 2001.

Lt. Aman J. Grant, Base Chaplain,
Naval Support Activity Souda Bay.
(Photo by Heather Judkins)





Commemorating the events of 9-11 that rocked the United States fourteen years ago, Naval Support Activity Souda Bay's Chief Petty Officers Association coordinated a Remembrance ceremony held in front of Building 1 before morning Colors. Team Souda, military and civilian alike, stood in rank and file as BMC

(Sel) Robert R. Roy and MAC (Sel) Veronica D. Cartwright shared a podium taking turns recounting a chronological account of the attacks on our nation. With Fire Department personnel standing alongside a fire truck, Chaplain Aman Grant delivered inspiring words of strength and hope speaking of the resilience of first responders, the military and the nation at large.

Morning Colors concluded the ceremony.

Team Souda Loses a Family Member

Petty Officer 3rd Class Cassandra Renee Garcia died over the Labor Day weekend. A Master-at-Arms Sailor, Garcia reported on board NSA Souda Bay in early September. She began her military career in August 2011 and earned four awards to include a Good Conduct Medal. A native of Texas, Garcia was 27 years old.