

FASTCENT Platoon Returns to Bahrain

By MC2 Blake Midnight

U.S. Naval Forces Central Command

NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY, Bahrain — U.S. Marines assigned to Fleet Anti-terrorism Security Team Company, Central Command (FASTCENT), Charlie 5 Platoon, returned to Bahrain, after a 111-day deployment to Sana'a, Yemen, Jan. 1.

Charlie 5 deployed to Sana'a Sept. 13, 2012, to provide continuous security for the U.S. Embassy immediately following the attempted breach of the embassy walls by protesters during a period of heightened tensions in the region.

Charlie 5 was greeted by Vice Adm. John Miller, commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command, U.S. 5th Fleet, Combined Maritime Forces, who congratulated the Marines on a successful mission.

"I cannot explain to you how reassuring it is for someone who is in an embassy, that needs help, to hear that there are Marines ready to go," said Miller.

"We put you in a situation where your professionalism had to be absolutely exceptional in order for us to be successful," said Miller. "I want to personally thank you and congratulate you on a job done extremely well."

The rapid deployment and overall mission success of Charlie Five is another example of how successful forward operating Marines have been in this region of the world.

"The reinforcement of the U.S. Embassy in Sana'a by FASTCENT epitomizes the reason Marines are forward in the CENTCOM AOR (Area of Responsibility). This platoon had been standing alert when the call came from the Embassy and they executed their rapid deployment with exacting precision and were the first U.S. forces on scene

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Vice Adm. John Miller, commander of U. S. Naval Forces Central Command and U.S. 5th Fleet, Combined Maritime Forces, speaks with U.S. Marines assigned to Fleet Anti-terrorism Security Team Company, Central Command (FASTCENT), Charlie Five Platoon, upon their return to Bahrain after a 111-day deployment to Sana'a, Yemen. FASTCENT's mission is to provide limited duration expeditionary anti-terrorism and security forces in support of U.S. 5th Fleet operations, to protect vital naval and national assets.

NSA Bahrain Steps Into the Future with a Blast from the Past



Photo by Cpl. Fenton Reese

Balloons fall around the crowd at midnight during the 2012-2013 Morale, Welfare and Recreation New Year's Eve Speakeasy Celebration, Jan. 1, 2013.

By Cpl. Fenton Reese

U.S. Marine Corps Forces Central Command

NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY, Bahrain — Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) reached back into the U.S. history books and put a family-friendly spin on the era of prohibition to ring in the New Year.

The theme included a "speakeasy" bar complete with a casino.

"The turnout was great," said Ivory Harris, MWR Marketing director. "Most people tend to stay home or go off base for New Year's Eve; it was great to have almost 100 people buy tickets for the event."

People arrived at the NSA Bahrain Freedom Souq Beach Club dressed in a wide range of colors and styles as they were encouraged to wear their own interpretations of the roaring 20's fashion.

"I think it was a great gig. We had a good turn out...not too many people to overcrowd, but enough to keep us bus-

ting," said Jeremy Dieter, MWR Deployed Forces coordinator.

White linen tables included a vintage long "pearl" necklace, much like those worn by women in the roaring 20's, a black or white 20's style fedora and a feathered tiara for guests to wear in the spirit of the era.

"We wanted to give participants a unique New Years experience that offered a high quality, fun filled night, at an affordable cost, such as a party from the 1920's era with a casino," said Harris. "We really wanted to put people in the atmosphere of the idea."

Guests received gambling chips to test their luck against a collection of MWR adapted casino games, such as blackjack, roulette, and Texas Hold'em poker. A series of raffles and crowd interactive games gave everyone the opportunity to win prizes, ranging from gift cards to a big screen TV and a laptop.

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Family Life at NSA Bahrain



Photo by Weam M. Ahmed

Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain Commanding Officer Capt. Colin Walsh serves food at the Christmas day lunch organized by Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Christmas Day Meal at NSA Bahrain

By Weam M. Ahmed
Staff Writer

NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY, Bahrain — To celebrate the holiday season, Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain hosted a free Christmas Day lunch and dinner for service members, civilians and their families.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) sponsored the event and volunteers from different commands on base served food to the NSA community.

“It’s a great opportunity to do something for the Sailors on a very important

day,” said NSA Commanding Officer Capt. Colin Walsh. “Now we can serve them because they tend to serve everybody else throughout the year, [and] at least bring some bit of home to these Sailors.”

For Maj. Katrina Patillo, assigned to the U.S. Marine Corps Forces Central Command, Christmas is a special day and she chose to volunteer on this day to give back to her fellow service members.

“God has blessed me with so many blessings throughout the year and it’s my chance to give back and it actually gives me an opportunity to do something good for

the community.”

Volunteers served turkey, roasted ham and mashed potatoes as well as different desserts and cookies.

“It’s difficult to be away from home on Christmas, because you miss spending time with your family,” said Senior Chief Aviation Support Equipment Technician Jose DeLeon. “But the military essentially is a family, so you try to get yourself occupied

and spend your time with other Sailors.”

Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station Bahrain Commanding Officer Capt. Kathleen Creighton said it is sad to be away from home but she’s also happy because she has a great job to do.

“It’s a way to give back to people, I feel it’s a part of my duty and it’s my pleasure to serve in a small way to the people who serve every day.”



Photo by Weam M. Ahmed

Members of the Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain community have a free Christmas day meal sponsored by Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR).

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Chaplain's Corner

Off the Map: Spiritual Journeys



By Cmdr. Brent Johnson
NSA Bahrain Command Chaplain

When I was a little kid my parents would often take road trips to visit family on the other side of the state. My grandparents often rode with us so it would be dad and grandpa in the front seat, mom and grandma in the back seat, and us kids scattered in the back of our old Ford station wagon or sitting with mom. It felt like a real honor when Grandpa would invite one of us kids to climb over the seat and sit with him up front. We were on a real journey with him. He would tell stories as the miles went by that made the time go by quickly. Those were good journeys.

People seem to be seeking spiritual journeys that resemble those drives I went on across the state; warm, comfortable, and in good company with someone else at the wheel. They wonder when to start their spiritual journey and where is their destination. The irony is that we started on a spiritual journey that began the day we were born. Most of us are simply unaware of the journey or even what path we are on. As a result most of us end up off the map, striking

out into territory we are unfamiliar with, and we are not even sure how we got where we are.

I think the biggest challenge is keeping on a good path. When I go hiking in the Pacific Northwest I look for new trails in the Puget Sound area or up in the Olympic Mountains. I like trails that offer options in getting to a particular area. I will take one trail up and another down in order to see something new. Some paths are not maintained very well and creeks can cut into them removing the trail. In other places the trail has been unused and I have to be very careful to follow the blazing marks left on trees that indicate I am still on the correct path. That is probably the hardest way to stay on a path.

In Proverbs chapter two, Solomon, the compiler of the book, gives us a couple of good marks that blaze a path for us in our spiritual journeys. He indicates that every good path in life, ultimately provided by God's wisdom, will be marked by righteousness, justice, and equity. If you keep those three values your spiritual journey will be a success no matter where you end up in life.

Michael Gill, a former executive on Madison Avenue, ended up broke in his early 60's. He got a job as a barista at a Starbucks in New York City. He thought that his difficulties were the start of a spiritual journey. Then he told himself, "I am not on a spiritual journey, I am broke." He had been on a journey his whole life but was currently off the map, and thinking that a crisis was the trailhead of a new journey was a fallacy. He simply had to be honest with himself.

If you have any questions about your spiritual journey contact a chaplain at 439-4507/4303.

LEGAL CORNER

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Legal Assistance Attorney

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From the Desk of the Command Master Chief



By CMDCM Ed Lambert
NSA Bahrain Command Master Chief

Shipmates,

Recently there have been a lot of questions asked about the proper wear of breast and identification insignia on the Navy Working Uniforms (NWU Type I, II and III). In this article I will address them.

Warfare and Qualification Insignia

A maximum of two warfare/qualification insignias may be worn on the NWU. Warfare/Qualification Insignia shall be embroidered on a matching pattern NWU fabric strip rectangular in shape and the approximate size of the metal breast insignia. The primary breast Insignia will be worn centered above and flush with the service tape (U.S. NAVY) on the blouse. Secondary warfare/qualification insignia will be worn centered on the wearer's left pocket flap with the NWUs only. Enlisted personnel authorized to wear two warfare/qualification insignia and an identification badge shall wear the primary and secondary warfare/qualification insignia centered and flush above the "U.S. NAVY" fabric strip and the identification badge centered on the left pocket flap.

Primary and secondary warfare insignia positions rules:
Two warfare insignia are authorized following these rules:

The warfare insignia of the specialty in which currently serving will be worn in the primary position. **EXAMPLE:** Hospital Corpsman assigned to ship earns ESWS then transfers to a Fleet Marine Force assignment earning the FMF warfare insignia. The Hospital Corpsman earning both ESWS and FMF will only wear the FMF in the primary position when assigned to Fleet Marine Force duty assignments.

If not currently serving in a warfare specialty, or have not earned the warfare insignia of the specialty in which currently serving:

Officers will wear the insignia corresponding to their designator, otherwise the warfare insignia earned first in the primary position; enlisted personnel will wear the warfare insignia earned first in the primary position. **EXAMPLE:** Enlisted submariner assigned to an submarine earns SS (dolphins) warfare insignia then transfers to Officer Candidate School. The Sailor will wear their silver dolphins until earning an officer warfare specialty.

Q: NAVADMIN 164/12 states that the new NSF badges will be worn centered one quarter of an inch above the right breast pocket of our uniforms, can I start wearing my NSF badge there now?

A: The new NSF badges will be available for command or unit purchase in June 2013. Until then (June 2013), U.S. Navy Security Forces, Corrections Specialists and Command Master-at-Arms will continue to wear their badges as described in Chapter 5, Section 1, paragraph 3.j.(3), parts (a) and (b).

Q: In the past, my Command has been able to procure Navy Security Force badges through civilian commercial vendors, is that still an option?

A: Per NAVADMIN 164/12, official Navy security force identification badges will be available for command purchase as a controlled item via the Defense Logistic Agency (DLA).



Photo by Cpl. Fenton Reese

“America’s Sweethearts,” the National Football League’s Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders perform for service members serving in the Kingdom of Bahrain as part of the 75th USO tour, Dec. 27. The tour is the USO’s way of bringing resources and entertainment to all those serving around the world to boost morale and bring them a little piece of home.

America’s Sweethearts Touchdown in Bahrain

By Cpl. Fenton Reese

U.S. Marine Corps Forces Central Command

NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY, Bahrain

— “America’s Sweethearts,” the National Football League’s Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders, visited service members serving in the Kingdom of Bahrain as part of the 75th annual USO tour, Dec. 27.

This tour, and many others sponsored by the USO, brings programs, services and live entertainment to U.S. military members serving around the world to boost morale.

“I’ve always had an appreciation for everything that our men and women overseas do,” said Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader Olivia Rene. “But coming over here and getting to thank them face-to-face and see the everyday sacrifice that they make to protect our freedom is an experience I’ll never forget.”

Lights flashed, music blared and people cheered as the cheerleaders jumped and danced across the stage during their performance spanning a multitude of genres of dance and music; from hip-hop to classical.

“The cheerleaders’ performance was amazing,” said U.S. Marine Corps Forces Central Command’s Staff Sgt. Christopher Perez. “I’m glad to finally see them. They definitely boosted the morale and motivation

here for our service to country,” said Perez.

Perez has been on five previous deployments, and each time missed the cheerleaders visit for various reasons. Finally, here on his sixth deployment, his seemingly elusive dream came true, he said.

“It was very good. Their performance was well timed, and their dances were awesome,” Perez added.

According to the USO and Dallas Cowboys organization, all the cheerleaders’ performances on this tour are dedicated to those who have given America and the free world the precious gift of freedom.

After the performance, the girls signed autographs and took photos with fans, bringing an end to the visit.

“The Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders was a great visit. They were determined to see as many personnel as possible, and they went out of their way to visit with everyone they could,” said Jeremy Deiter, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Deployed Forces coordinator. “Whether you are a cheerleader, a Cowboys fan, or a dancer... this visit had something for everyone.”

Thanks to NSA Bahrain’s MWR program, the USO and the Dallas Cowboys organization, more than 100 service members here got a taste of home from this visiting American cheerleading squad.



Photo by Cpl. Fenton Reese

“America’s Sweethearts,” the National Football League’s Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders signed autographs and took pictures with service members serving in the Kingdom of Bahrain following their performance, here, Dec. 27. This performance was a part of the 75th USO tour.

GPS: Transition Program gets Upgrade; Transition GPS

By Cpl. Fenton Reese

U.S. Marine Corps Forces Central Command

NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY, Bahrain

— For the past 20 years, the Transition Assistance Program has assisted service members returning to the civilian community.

The TAP program recently received a full reconstruction in accordance with NAVADMIN 334-12, and the new program is now called Transition Goals, Plans and Success (GPS.)

According to the Careers for Transitioning Military’s official website, TAP helps service members and their spouses make the initial transition from military service to the civilian workplace with less difficulty and at less overall cost to the government.

That overall consensus still remains, however, the new program is designed to strengthen, standardize and expand counseling and guidance for active and reserve service members separating from the military after serving 180 or more days of active duty.

According to Chief Navy Counselor Mario Maytorena, these changes will be beneficial to the transitioning service members.

“The significance of these new changes is that the program is more focused in the transition of the service members providing more assistance for the new culture that these members are going to face in their career. As years go by, new and different criteria have been implemented in the workforce, and we have to make a change so that our service members are well versed on all options and possibilities,” said Maytorena.

He also said the reformed and updated process can be bittersweet as it requires a lot more involvement and hands-on work for the transitioning person and the person processing them.

“The pro is that it is intensive. More

work to be done by both the member and the staff. The members have to do more research and more class work, but it benefits them in the long run. It prepares them, and it forces them to be involved in their future,” he said. “The Con; at this point anybody subjected to change can look at this as a con. But, they have to look at the bright side and be focused on this new program designed for them.”

A few examples of differences in the program to its predecessor are as follows:

The TAP program has been redesigned into a comprehensive, mandatory program that includes pre-separation counseling, a military-to-civilian skills review, Veterans Affairs benefits briefings, financial planning support, a job search skills building workshop provided by Department of Labor, and individual transition plan (ITP) preparation.

There is now a five-day GPS course workshop instead of three. The aforementioned elements of the new Transition GPS program work together to incorporate post-military career readiness standards, which will better equip service members for their transition to civilian life. All participants in Transition GPS will develop an ITP to be used as a yardstick throughout their transition.

“The goal of this update is to get service members to really focus on their transition. What is out there and how to get it. With the help of all the entities that facilitate this, they can become more prepared and can continue to become successful in the civilian sector,” said Maytorena.

The new program took effect Nov. 19, and will be fully implemented in 2013. For more information refer to NAVADMIN 334-12 or contact Maytorena at mario.maytorena@me.navy.mil.

Commandant Visits Bahrain



Photo by Cpl. Fenton Reese

The 35th and current Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James F. Amos, addressed more than 200 Marines serving in the Kingdom of Bahrain at the Naval Support Activity Bahrain Multi-Purpose Room, Dec. 27. The CMC and Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps, SgtMaj. Michael P. Barrett, visited Marines in the U.S. Central Command area of responsibility over the holidays.

EXPERIENCE BAHRAIN



The Bin Matar House is a restored pearl merchant's home that houses an art gallery and is surrounded by sculptures.

MUHARRAQ (Part II)

By MC1(SW/AW) David R. Krigbaum
Staff Writer

The places I'd talked about before in MuharrAQ are part of one restored, easy to follow section of town. The other sites in town are more like a scavenger hunt through side streets and back alleys in search of the small museums and restored homes scattered throughout town. There's no official tour map, other than the light up map at the Bahrain National Museum, and to find these places required a little research and online map searches. It was a lot of fun hunting them down.

Maison Jamsheer is a restored mansion not far from the Sheikh Isa bin Ali House that often hosts art exhibits and film screen-

ings. It is just off Boomaher Ave. and situated behind the large mosque on that street and across a narrow alleyway from a smaller mosque. Signs on Boomaher Ave. point down toward the general direction of the mansion but the only signage on the building itself is a small plaque on the door. I walked past Maison Jamsheer the first time I visited MuharrAQ because I approached it from the wrong direction and didn't realize it has one dead giveaway that it's Maison Jamsheer- a bright tan exterior and bright blue window shutters. It's the only place in the area with the vivid shutters.

Another tricky place to find is the Mohammed bin Faris House of Sout Music. Mohammed bin Faris was a famous Sout musician whose birth home was restored and turned into a museum. It features his in-

struments and records. I just wished they'd played some of his music in the house so I could hear it. To get there follow signs from the Boomaher Ave. to a side road. There's one last sign on the side street that seems to point you straight down the road. The house is in the narrow back alleys behind the sign. Its easy to find from there because even though the whole area looks to be a hundred years old like the Mohammed bin Faris House it's the only restored home there.

Near the sign leading to Mohammed bin Faris House is the Souq al Qaisariya, a part of the 'Pearling Trail' that is being restored to its original appearance. You can buy things like pearls and perfumes at the shops. Adjacent to it is a coffee house built over a madbassa. A madbassa was used to make a type of date syrup. The floor is see-through so you can see the madbassa pit below you.

Then there's the Sheikh Salman House on Sheikh Isa Ave. It's similar to the Sheikh Isa bin Ali House, but has no outside signs denoting that it is a museum or restored, visitable home. The first time I saw it was on a Friday and it was closed. The second time, on a Saturday, I'd come out of the alleys and found myself across from it and the doors were open. It's as old as the Sheikh Isa bin Ali House, but not as 'busy' on the inside as it has a very large open courtyard the other



Similar in age to the Sheikh Isa bin Ali House the Sheikh Salman House was built by Sheikh Abdullah bin Ahmed Al Khalifa, who ruled Bahrain from 1794-1825.



One of the restored rooms in the Sheikh Salman House. It will eventually become a museum.



The old souq is in the process of being restored, but some of the shops are already open.



Maison Jamsheer

smaller courtyards are built around.

The easiest place to find in MuharrAQ is the Bin Matar House on the roundabout leading to the Sheikh Isa bin Ali House. Built in 1905, it's a traditional Bahraini house and features a contemporary art gallery. Many sculptures are around the house and on the roundabout.

When visiting MuharrAQ please keep in mind many places are closed or keep limited hours on Friday and often shut down during mid-day for several hours.

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"There are no speakeasies, retro 20's, or gaming venues in Bahrain. Events like this give service members the opportunity to experience something different," Harris added.

Guests seemed to enjoy the mixture of entertainment, atmosphere, food and music before taking part in the traditional New Year countdown.

"3...2...1...Happy New Year!" They cheered as balloons fell around them, bringing the beginning of a new year.

"This was a great event for those here who were looking to have an inexpensive, fun and safe night," said Dieter.

Through MWR, NSA Bahrain guests got a blast from the past.



Photo by Cpl. Fenton Reese

Guests watch closely over the Texas Hold'em table as Ramone Santiago deals during the NSA Bahrain MWR, 1920's themed, New Years Eve Speakeasy Celebration, Dec. 31.

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to quell the unrest. I am extremely proud of these young men," said Col. Brett Bourne, Fleet Marine officer and director for Plans and Strategy U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/5th Fleet.

Charlie 5 not only augmented the existing U.S. Marine security force responsible for the protection of U.S. Embassy personnel and facilities, they also organized and executed close quarter battle training for approximately 50 local national embassy security guards and conducted advanced urban combat classes for the 1st Law Enforcement Platoon, responsible for the security of U.S. Embassy employees and their families.

"The local foreign military was very willing to work and train with us," said Lance Cpl. William Wiedeman Jr., a squad leader in the platoon. "It was very rewarding to see the proficiency they gained during the time we spent with them."

"Being a part of this mission was very important to me," said Cpl. Stewart Blackwell another squad leader in the platoon. "In the future, if the U.S. needs to do something in Yemen we have aided in keeping good relationships there."

Charlie 5 was relieved in-place by Charlie Six, another platoon within FASTCENT.

FASTCENT's mission is to provide limited duration expeditionary anti-terrorism and security forces in support of Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command to protect vital naval and national assets.

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Tree Of Life

Friday, January 11

- Time: 0900
- Min 5 people; ITT Price: \$5.00

Al Areen Wildlife Park

Saturday, January 12

- Time: 0900
- Min 5 people; ITT Price: \$5.00

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Thursday, January 17

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Friday, January 18

- Time: 1345 – 1900
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- Time: 0900 – 1600
- Min 14 people; ITT Price: \$35.00

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Friday, January 25

- Time: 1100 – 1400
- Min 5 people; Cost: \$5.00

For more information, call x-3531

All dates and times are subject to change

Movie Theater Announcement

We are excited to announce that we are in the process of renovating and installing new digital equipment for the MWR Movie Theater. This will allow us to offer first-run movies the day that they are released in the U.S. During this time, the base theater will be temporarily closed beginning Mon. December 10th.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. We look forward to enhancing your recreational experience in the future.

MWR

Comments & Suggestions

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Thursday, January 10

Moroccan Bath

- Time: 1100; For Ladies Only
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Friday, January 11

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Saturday, January 12

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Sunday, January 13

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Last Buck Party

- Time: 1100

Wednesday, January 16

* Darts Tournament

- Time: 1130
- Happy Birthday January Babies!
- Free Cake while supplies last

Thursday, January 17

Liberty Foodies!

- Monsoon Restaurant; Only transportation provided

Friday, January 18

* 4 Man Sand Volleyball Tournament

- Time: 1200
- \$3 Mall Trip
- Departs: 1600; Returns: 2000

Saturday, January 19

Moroccan Bath

- Time: 1100; For Ladies Only
- Visit Liberty Center for more info

Sunday, January 20

Sunday Sundaes

- Make your own ice cream sundaes. Free

For more information, call the Liberty Center at 439-3192

6 a.m. - 9 a.m.

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

The 106.3 HEAT

Sunday - Thursday

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