

NCIS Facilitates Crime Fighting at NSA Bahrain



By Weam M. Ahmed
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NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY, Bahrain — The mission of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) is to investigate and defeat criminal, terrorist and foreign intelligence threats to the United States Navy and Marine Corps-ashore, afloat and in cyberspace. The NCIS Middle East Field Office (MEFO) on board Naval Support Activity Bahrain is on the frontline of accomplishing that mission.

The MEFO provides felony-level crime investigative support, force protection activity as well as counterterrorism and counterintelligence services in the 5th Fleet Area of Responsibility. To accomplish this task MEFO has offices and detachments throughout the Middle East and Africa. Their operations in the Middle East are focused on countering piracy, narcotics and terrorism.

MEFO conducts counter-piracy operations with Combined Task Force (CTF) 151 to deter, disrupt and suppress piracy to protect global maritime access in and around the Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea, Indian Ocean and Red Sea, according to NCIS Threat Mitigation Unit (TMU) Special Agent Michael Payne.

“In the last year, there has been an incredible decline in piracy, at least off the coast of Somalia,” said Transnational Crimes Unit (TCU) Supervisory Special Agent Amy Murphy. “Combined Maritime Forces (CMF) as well as U.S. Naval Forces Central Command (NAVCENT) are deterring factors; also, owners of ships now have armed guards on board the vessels so pirates are less likely to distract that vessel if they know people on it are armed.”

U.S. Navy photo

Special Agent Amanda Kopke of the NCIS Transnational Crimes Unit, Manama Bahrain, with a Somali Pirate prisoner.

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Family Advocacy Starts at Home

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NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY, Bahrain — Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) held the annual Family Advocacy Program (FAP) Point of Contact (POC) training at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Bahrain, March 5.

This mandatory training aims to prepare senior leaders and FAP POCs appointed by commanders to deal with different family advocacy issues within the command.

“This training is an annual requirement for anyone who has been appointed by their commanding officer to address family advocacy issues and incidents,” said FFSC Counseling and Advocacy Supervisor Sharmane Delgado. “Once the command leadership and FAP POCs are trained, they’ll be able to attend our incident determination committee which decides if an incident has occurred or not.”

According to Delgado, the FAP POCs are responsible for unit training and awareness as well as prevention activities within

the different tenant commands on base.

“We need senior leadership to train junior service members and to support families that have been victims of abuse and neglect,” said Delgado. “The training pulls together different pieces; letting people know what their resources are, the process for them to be certified family advocacy point of contacts for their units and have a true understanding on how to detect family advocacy incidents.”

Representatives from FFSC, Naval Branch Health Clinic, Naval Criminal Investigative Service and the legal office, gave briefings from their respective areas during the training.

Speakers discussed various topics including victim safety and protection, offender accountability, rehabilitative education and other relevant subjects regarding the report of abuse or neglect.

“FAP’s goal at the end of the day, is trained, good to go and mission ready FAP POCs,” said Delgado.

For more information on FFSC upcoming events please call 439-4046.



Photo by Weam M. Ahmed

Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) Counseling & Advocacy Supervisor Sharmane Delgado speaks to service members at the Family Advocacy Program Point of Contact training at Naval Support Activity Bahrain.

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Picture Perfect! CYP Hosts Photographic Art Exhibit



Shawna Haas marks a winning ImageMakers photograph at the Child and Youth Programs (CYP) and Teen Center art exhibit held in the Oasis. ImageMakers is the ImageMakers is the Child and Youth Programs (CYP) photography club.

Story and photos by MC1 (SW/AW) David R. Krigbaum
Staff Writer

NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY, Bahrain — If a picture is worth a 1,000 words then what about 70? Members of the Child & Youth Programs (CYP) ImageMakers photography club displayed their 70 best photos art exhibit-style in the Oasis, March 12. More than an exhibit it was also the local-level competition for a nation-wide ImageMakers contest. This is the first time the exhibit has been held here.

The photo contest had participants take pictures in four categories, "What Moves You," "Surroundings," "Culture & Tradition," and "Portraits." Contest judges picked four winners in each category, one for each age group: 6-9, 10-12, 13-15 and 16-18. The winning images were sent to the regional ImageMakers photography exhibit at Netzaberg Youth Center in Germany and will be judged April 20th.

"I thought the exhibit went very well," said Jarod Bailey, CYP youth director. "We had some children and teens that were very excited to see their pictures on display in a public forum and even more excited when their pictures were selected for the regional exhibit."

"Hopefully, we are able to help develop a love of photography and/or the arts in general at a young age," said Bailey. He said it wasn't difficult to get the younger school age children interested because they loved playing with cameras. It was more challenging with teens because photography competes with their other interest such as video games and sports.

CYP partnered with the Boys & Girls Club of America to offer the program. The ImageMakers met weekly over the past two and a half months to learn about photography. Through the program they were encouraged to learn different skills such as framing, storytelling through photographs and using alternative processes. Each week focused on a different theme to help them expand their photographic horizons.

"Pictures show your creativity and how you view the world and explain it to others," said Audriana Ariza, an ImageMakers club member.

Photographs by Jordan Shivers, Annika Haas, Jaylen McCarrol, Nathan Canell, Emma Boice, Collin Robinson, Joseph Heard, Torey Cardona, Kristen Bowen and Audriana Ariza won locally and will be sent on to the regional competition.

For more information on this and other exciting programs offered by CYP, contact Jarod Bailey at 439-3335.



Audriana Ariza poses with one of her winning photographs.



Lee Leach and his son Mason pose with Mason's photograph.



Kristen Bowen poses with one of her winning photographs at the ImageMakers photographic art exhibit.



Emma Boice poses with one of her winning photographs.

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Children look at a display of photographs taken by the ImageMakers.

Chaplain's Corner

Costly Love Poured Out



By **Cmdr. Brent Johnson**
NSA Bahrain Command Chaplain

People do not, as a rule, pour perfume on their guest's feet. Hosts these days are not expected to wash a visitor's feet when they enter the door. Mary did both of those things when her brother held a dinner for a good friend of his. Her actions surprised some of the other guests, and one of the guys at the dinner even took her to task for wasting money when she perfumed the guest of honor's feet. I don't think Mary cared what other people thought. She wanted to take proper care

of her brother's good friend.

I am referring to Mary, the sister of Lazarus, and the story told by John in his gospel, found in chapter 12 of the Book of John. Her brother held a dinner in Jesus' honor when he visited Bethany, and she washed Jesus' feet with a bottle of Nard, a very expensive perfume. I looked up Nard and found out it comes from a plant only found in the Himalaya Mountains. That is why it was so expensive, costing the equivalent of a year of pay for a common laborer. It was probably part of her dowry. She sacrificed a significant amount of her bridal price in order to honor Jesus during his visit to her house. She took a risk, lowering the amount her brother could offer a potential groom, so that Jesus would be anointed, even though she had no idea he was heading to Jerusalem and the cross.

I wonder how many of us are willing to make a significant sacrifice for what we believe. Some of us are comfortable making mere offerings that really do not impact our well being and consider ourselves spiritual. The 24th through the 31st of March is Holy Week. Take some time to make a significant sacrifice of time, material, or personal comfort and attend to your souls. We are offering Passover Seder meals, Roman Catholic and Protestant services, and special devotional times during holy week. Call the chapel office at 1785-4303 or 439-4303 for a schedule and pour out some costly love.

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NCIS agents work with CTF-151 but not aboard its non-U.S. ships, said Murphy.

"When there were U.S. vessels, our agents were out there physically with them providing law enforcement guidance to the commanding officers of those vessels and telling them how to handle a situation like that," said Murphy.

According to Murphy, the role of NCIS agents is providing necessary interviews, briefings about the pirates and the victims of those cases, collect evidence and then take that information and consider potential prosecution.

According to Payne, in January 2012, as part of a NCIS investigation the Navy was able to rescue the Iranian-flagged fishing vessel *Al Molai* from pirates in the Arabian Sea.

"The last known pirated vessel was in May 2012," said Murphy. "It is going to be released so we'll debrief the victims of the case to find out who was on board that vessel, do a full crime scene examination, collect that evidence and we'll be sending that information back to the United States for the case's already been prosecuted."

Special Agents at MEFO are also engaged in a counternarcotics program called RIPTIDE.

According to Murphy, RIPTIDE is a joint NCIS, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI) Counter Narco-Terrorism (CNT) initiative designed to disrupt and dismantle Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO's) operating in the NAVCENT area of focus.

"RIPTIDE is a counternarcotics initiative to stop heroine and hash trafficking that transit the Fifth Fleet waters," said Payne. "RIPTIDE supports CTF-150 whose mission is to promote maritime security to counter terrorist acts and related illegal activities, eliminating opportunities for terrorists to fund or conceal their movements."

After the bombing of USS Cole (DDG-67) in October 2000, where 17 Sailors lost their lives, NCIS existence became crucial anywhere the Navy and Marine Corps were to ensure the safety of the force, said Payne.

Besides these operations MEFO also deals with crimes that hit close to home for Sailors and service members such as sexual assault.

According to Payne, the NCIS Threat Mitigation Unit (TMU) consists of Special Agents and Navy Master-at-Arms who patrol around U.S. military assets to ensure that traffic is flowing and that service members and their families can get to and from locations, while the Executive Protection Unit (EPU) is responsible for protecting the Commander of NAVCENT.

"The MEFO Security Training Assistance and Assessment Team conduct vital physical security assessments, enhancing the U.S. Navy's operational readiness," said Payne. "TCU provides a unique capability to focus on counter-piracy and counter-narcotics investigations."

In addition to INDOC training, NCIS MEFO provides training within a crime reduction campaign with a different focus every quarter such as sexual assault, synthetic drugs and domestic violence.

In case of any suspicious activity, get clear of the area and call TMU at 3940-4271.

LEGAL CORNER

LT Candace Holmes, JAGC, USN

Legal Assistance Attorney

Divorce can be a messy, emotional, and an expensive process, but they key is to educate yourself beforehand. Below are some basic FAQs about the divorce process. Please note that the information below is not a substitute for legal advice from a family law attorney regarding the specifics of your case.

• Where do I start?

First, seek counseling. A Chaplain or a marriage counselor may be able to help you work through your marital problems. Second, get educated. Our office can advise you on the process for your particular situation. The third step may be to find a civilian attorney, which our office can also help you with.

• What is the difference between divorce and legal separation?

In many ways, a legal separation is the same as a divorce; both include final custody, visitation, child support, and if appropriate, alimony orders. The major difference is if you have a legal separation, you are still married. Legal separation gives you the chance to live apart from your spouse, which may help you determine whether you really want to divorce.

• What issues are involved in a separation or divorce?

The break-up of a marriage often involves six issues: termination of the marriage, property division, allocation of debts, spousal support (or alimony), child custody/visitation, and child support. For certain military members, retirement pay may also be an issue. Each of these issues can be resolved by mutual agreement or contested in court.

• What are the grounds for divorce?

Most states now have "no fault" divorces. The only requirement for a "no fault" divorce is that you and your spouse are no longer able to make the marriage work. "Fault" grounds generally include cruel treatment, adultery, and desertion, as well as others.

• Can my spouse and I file our own divorce without the help of an attorney?

Yes, but it may not be in your best interests to do so. A "pro se" divorce, one in which you represent yourself, is usually possible if you and your spouse agree on every issue (i.e. uncontested divorce). Many state court websites have divorce forms available for free. You should consult an attorney before proceeding with this option. If there is disagreement about one or more of the issues (i.e. contested divorce), you should seek the help of an attorney to represent you in court.

• How long will it take to get a divorce?

That depends on the circumstances of your case. Uncontested divorces generally take less time than contested divorces. Additionally, the state in which you will file may require you and your spouse to live separate and apart for a period of time (e. g. six months or one year) before you can file.

If you wish to speak with an attorney about your case, please contact our front desk at 439-4237.

From the Desk of the Command Master Chief

MWR Fiscal Constraints Force Programming Adjustments



By **CMDCM Ed Lambert**
NSA Bahrain Command Master Chief

Shipmates,

We're all aware of the current budgetary constraints our nation and military are facing. MWR programs throughout the Navy have been directed to execute cost saving measures, to include some facility closures and decreased funding to some programs. The impact on our service members, families and civilian personnel will be felt, but in this challenging time we must all play our part in the overall solution to our current fiscal problem. As we move forward, I'd like to thank you for your understanding, patience and ser-

vice, as we all work together to get through this trying budgetary time.

The following changes will be effective, April 1, 2013:

- Fitness Center: Sun - Thurs. 0500 - 2200, Fri, Sat & Holidays 1200-1930

- Family Pool: Closed Indefinitely

- Liberty Center: Sun - Thurs. 1500 - 2100, Fri, Sat & Holidays 1200-2200

(Liberty Center subsidized trips and tours are cancelled, but have been reprogrammed in the overall ITT tour schedule)

- Intramural Sports: Number of games per week will be reduced. End of season trophies deferred. T-shirts and other awards will be deferred once current inventory is exhausted.

- Group Exercise Classes: Five free classes per week will be offered, and supplemented with additional (affordable) fee based classes.

- Special/Community Events: The event calendar for the remainder of the year is being reviewed.



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KAYAK Trip

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 • 0800-1200

Registration Fee: \$25.00
 Register and pay at the ITT Office

- Minimum 5 and Maximum 10 Persons
- What to bring: Swimwear, shades, sunscreen, hat, towel

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REGULAR TICKETS: ADULTS: \$4.00 CHILDREN (6-12): \$2.00
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 Children 5 and under: FREE Admission

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MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

SAT, MAR. 30

Starts at 0800
 AT THE FLEET PARK
 (NEAR THE SOFTBALL FIELD)

0800-0900
SPRING EGG HUNT
 [SOFTBALL FIELD]

- *0800-0815: 2 YEARS OLD & UNDER
- *0820-0835: 3-5 YEARS OLD
- *0845-0900: 7-12 YEARS OLD

0900-1000
KIDS RUN 3K

- *0900-0930: REGISTRATION
- *0930-1000: RUN

1000-1200
FIT FAMILIES
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0900-1200
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0900-1200
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Al Areen Wildlife Park
 Saturday, March 23

- Time: 0900
- Min 10 people; ITT Price: \$11.00

Al Dar Island Day Trip
 Friday, March 29

- Time: 0930 – 1400
- Min 10 people; ITT Price: \$17.00

Horse Back Riding
 Saturday, March 30

- Time: 0900 – 1300
- Min 8 people; ITT Price: \$26.00

Mall Trip
 Sunday, March 31

- Time: 0930 – 1400
- Min 5 people; Price: \$5.00

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Go-Kart Racing
 Thursday, March 21

- Time: 1700
- Min 6 people; ITT Price: \$27.00

Group Fishing Trip
 Friday, March 22

- Time: 0530 – 1000
- Max 10 people; Group Cost: \$352
 (cost does not include transportation, transportation \$40)

For more information, call x-3531
 All dates and times are subject to change

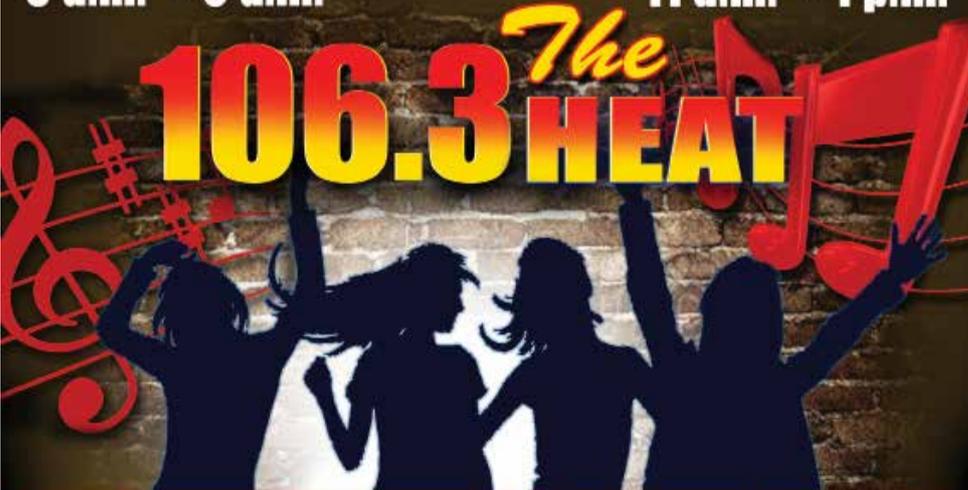
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6 a.m. - 9 a.m.

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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4 Man Sand volleyball Tournament
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Sunday, March 24
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Monday, March 25
Speed Pool
 • Time: 1130; Free Pizza for players

Tuesday, March 26
Board Games Tournament
 • Time: 1700

Thursday, March 28
Dart Tournament
 • Time: 1100

Sunday, March 31
Sunday Sundaes
 • Make your own ice cream sundaes. Free

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



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