



Quote of the Month

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“He who loves practice without theory is like the sailor who boards ship without a rudder and compass and never knows where he may cast.”

- Leonardo da Vinci

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CAPSTONE 13-2 VISITS SOUDA BAY

SOUDA BAY, GREECE (Feb. 19, 2013) The U.S. Naval Support Activity hosted a group of 18 one star flag officers taking part in the CAPSTONE 13-2 program.

CAPSTONE is an intensive five-week course for newly selected general and flag officers. It consists of seminars, case studies, informal discussions, visits to key U.S. military commands within the continental United States, and overseas trips to Europe, the Pacific, and the Western Hemisphere.

Overseas field studies involve interactions with combatant commanders of U.S. unified commands, American ambassadors, embassy staffs, senior political and military leaders of foreign governments.

The CAPSTONE participants' visit to Souda Bay included a command brief by NSA's Executive Officer, Cdr. Demetries Grimes, and tour of facilities both at NSA and the Marathi pier facilities. A visit to the NATO Maritime Interdiction Operations Training Center (NMIOTC) located at Marathi was also included as part of the program to familiarize participants with the variety and significance of Souda Bay facilities and its capabilities as a Strategic Forward Operating Site (FOS).

The course objective is to make these individuals more effective in planning and employing U.S. forces in joint and combined operations.

The CAPSTONE curriculum examines major issues affecting national security decision making, military strategy, joint/combined doctrine, interoperability, and key allied nation issues.



SERVING THE FLEET

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On any given day, here at NSA Souda Bay, our team of more than 1100 professional Sailors, Airmen and Civilians are working 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 and services dedicated to combat readiness and security of ships, aircraft, detachments and personnel. With the imagery on these pages we intend to offer you a glimpse of the recent activity both on the airfield and at the nearby NATO pier facility.



USS Laboon (DDG 58)



Harbor Patrol unit as USS Nicholas (FFG 47) arrives



USS Nicholas (FFG 47)



Harbor Patrol sailors at work



Souda Bay Line-handlers at work

FLIGHTLINE ACTIVITY

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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.



WB-57



C-17 Globemaster



A variety of aircraft on the flight line



T-Line C-20

▶ TEAM SOUDA NEW ARRIVALS!

WELCOME ABOARD



Command Indoctrination Class of 11 Feb



Command Indoctrination Class of 25 Feb

DVs Transit Souda Bay



Capt. James F. Gibson, commanding officer of U.S. Naval Support Activity Souda Bay, welcomes General William M. Fraser III, commander, U.S. Transportation Command during a transient stop on Crete. Fraser is responsible to the Secretary of Defense for the nation's defense transportation requirements.



Admiral Bruce W. Clingan, Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Europe-Africa, talks with NSA's Executive Officer, Commander Demetries Grimes, during a transient stop.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION FEB 2013



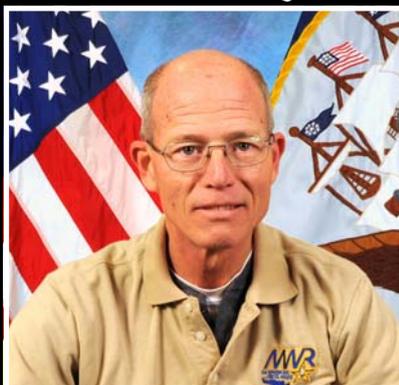
MA1 Ramirez,
Senior Sailor of the Quarter



MA2 Hunter,
Junior Sailor of the Quarter



ABH3 Dimas,
Blue Jacket of the Quarter



Mr. Bryan Griebel,
U.S. Civilian of the Quarter



Mr. Dimitrios Makrakis,
LN Civilian of the Quarter

**CONGRATULATIONS
FOR YOUR
NOTEWORTHY
ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

REENLISTMENTS

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MA3 Cedrick Ike is congratulated on his reenlistment by NSA's Executive Officer, Commander Demetries Grimes.



GM2 Christopher Petty receives his honorable discharge certificate from MAC Troy Carr prior to the oath of enlistment. Petty reenlisted for four years.



MA3 Nicole Foy receives a certificate of honorable discharge from reenlisting officer LT Jason Lofton.



Reenlisting officer, Lieutenant Jason Lofton, administers the oath of enlistment to MA3 Nicole Foy and MA3 Cedrick Ike.



GM2 Christopher Petty swears to the oath of enlistment administered by MAC Troy Carr.

SAILORS ON A MISSION



CM2 Emily Dunigan and CMCN Luke Sams from the Public Works department paint the curb outside the Galley.



MC2 (SW/AW) Jeffery Richardson and MC3 John Harris of the AFN Det set up a mock Newsline scenario.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH QUOTE:

“I do have some things I like to say to students: Go where there is no path and blaze a trail . . . The time to study for finals is everyday. . . ”

Commander Wesley Brown, CEC, USN, (Ret.), first black USNA graduate in 1949.

Souda Bay Sailors Celebrate Black History Month

SOU DA BAY, GREECE (February 8, 2013) U.S. Naval Support Activity Souda Bay celebrated Black History Month with a special galley menu and a cake cutting ceremony. Taking part in the ceremony along with Souda Bay’s Commanding Officer, CAPT James F. Gibson were the members of NSA’s Multi-cultural/ Diversity committee. The luncheon began with CAPT Gibson and the committee members cutting the ceremonial cake followed by everyone enjoying the day’s menu of barbeques ribs, fried catfish and chicken. During the lunch hour, the AFN Det broadcast a video put together by AO1(AW/SW) Rudoff Liverpool that showcased famous African Americans in US Naval History. The event also included a visit by Ms. Helen Papadakis’ kindergarten class from the Theodoropoulos International School. The children had lunch, visited with committee members and answered questions on what they had learned recently about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In thanking the Multi-cultural/ Diversity Committee members for organizing the day’s events, CAPT Gibson was quoted as saying:

“... In the Navy, I believe we have made great strides to welcome diversity because we are trying to be the best navy in the world. In order to be the best Navy in the world, we have to recognize the best talent no matter what color, no matter what sex you are, no matter anything. We take the best talent and that’s what we have here”

MWR HIGHLIGHTS

Story and photos by MWR

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☆☆☆☆ ALL HANDS CLUB ☆☆☆☆ SUPER BOWL PARTY



NSA Souda Bay hosted a Super Bowl party in the All Hands Club (Graffiti's) which began on Sunday, February 3rd at 2300 and ended in the wee hours of the morning on the 4th. More than fifty hearty football fans pulled an "all-nighter" and came out to watch the game that actually began at 0130 local time.

This party had it all - fun, great food, games, competition, prizes and an exciting Super Bowl. The 33 minute power outage had no impact here, it just gave the MWR staff more time to entertain attendees with several rounds of Super Bowl trivia and a football toss challenge.

The Super Bowl party at NSA Souda Bay was a great opportunity for sailors to enjoy a piece of American tradition despite being thousands of miles from home.

MWR BANSKO SKI TRIP



MWR NSA Souda Bay offers some getaway time with style!

It was an amazing and rewarding getaway for those brave NSA Souda Bay adventurers who dared to go on the MWR Ski Trip to Bansko, Bulgaria on February 16th. Since there are no ski opportunities in Crete, the NSA Souda Bay community had been asking for an MWR ski trip, so MWR responded with style.

Building on the tradition of offering very successful trips around Greece, MWR decided to organize and offer a trip to one of the best ski resorts of the Mediterranean. Not only was this the first ski trip in years, but it was also the first trip to a neighbouring country, and according to Dennie Bourbeau, NSA Souda Bay Training Officer, it turned out to be a huge success: "Transportation worked great, the hotel staff was friendly, the slopes were an easy walk around the corner, and the best part was that it snowed the entire time. During the return bus ride home the stories were flying for the first hour, then dead silence as everyone fell asleep. A true sign everyone had fun."

The trip was advertised almost a month in advance, and in less than two weeks all seats were filled - this fact, along with the success of the trip, will be the main reasons why the Bansko trip will be one of the many big trips to be offered from MWR to the NSA Souda Bay community in the future.