



(Jan. 15, 2013) Rear Adm. Anthony Gaiani, commander of Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia tours the U.S. Naval Support Activity with the installation commanding officer, Captain James F. Gibson. In addition to the tour of facilities, Gaiani's visit included a meeting with installation program directors to discuss topics of interest. As Region commander, Gaiani oversees a total workforce of 4,417 host nation employees, U.S. employees and military members responsible for providing efficient and effective shore service support to U.S. and allied forces in the Europe, Africa and Southwest Asia area of responsibility.

(Dec. 24, 2012)--Gen. Carter F. Ham, commander, U.S. Africa Command is welcomed upon his arrival to Souda Bay by NSA's commanding officer, Captain James F. Gibson. While in Souda Bay, Ham visited both the Los Angeles-class attack submarine USS Alexandria (SSN 757) and the fleet replenishment oiler, USNS John Lenthall (T-AO-189). Onboard the ships Ham spoke with Sailors and toured the vessels during a pre-holiday tour to deployed military units.



DISTINGUISHED VISITORS AT SOUDA BAY

Quote of the Month

"The supreme quality for leadership is unquestionably integrity. Without it, no real success is possible, no matter whether it is on a section gang, a football field, in an army, or in an office."

Dwight D. Eisenhower

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Executive Officer's Words



Demetries Grimes
Executive Officer, U.S. Navy

To our departing shipmates, thank you for your outstanding service while assigned here at NSA Souda Bay.

To our recent arrivals, congratulations on your new assignment.

You are now part of a special team of US military, US civilian, and Local Nationals that plays a key role in supporting the fleet and extending our nation's global reach.

As the CNO stated in his recent Sailing Directions to the fleet, "Operating forward across the globe, the Navy will provide the nation off-shore options to win today and advance our interests in an era of uncertainty."

Assigned to a strategic Forward Operating Site (FOS) at the crossroads of three forward theaters of operations, EUCOM, AFRICOM, and CENTCOM, you are in special place.

In order to accomplish our mission you are entrusted with greater responsibilities and authorities than your peers back home. Embrace them with honor and pride and keep in mind that

what you may perceive to be a menial task could likely have a significant impact on your shipmates' ability to accomplish their missions down range. It is you and your dedication that make this place more than just a spot on the map. During this assignment you have an opportunity to develop yourselves professionally and personally in a unique forward operating environment at an installation that has a history and reputation of providing 24/7 sustained superior support to the fleet.

I encourage you to make the most of your time to develop yourselves both professionally and personally during your assignment.

Keep up the great work. I am proud to be serving forward with you.

CDR Demetries Grimes, USN
Executive Officer

Sailors spend some quality time with the children of the Chania Boy's Care Center

Story and photos by Peggy Bebb.

SOUDA BAY, GREECE (January 7, 2013)

On a bright, sunny afternoon, 18 Sailors from VQ-1 detachment loaded into their vehicles at U.S. Naval Support Activity (NSA) Souda Bay to spend some quality time with the children of the Chania Boy's Care Center.

A BBQ and playing soccer were on the agenda and the minute the vehicles stopped, the games were set to begin. The boys chose their version of football, aka soccer, much to the chagrin of the Sailors. Nonetheless, all of the players hit the field with enthusiasm while a few stayed back to get the grill going. It was fierce competition to the very end and the Sailors held their own against the skillful young players.



The Sailors brought along BBQ supplies and sports balls as gifts for the center. Everyone at the center expressed their appreciation for the visit and were thankful for the special treats that the Sailors brought to the center.

Director of State Welfare Services of the Chania Municipality, Ms Amalia Basia, said that "What is most important to them is not the material things but providing social interaction for the boys. The most important thing is socialization with the community for the kids for when they transition out of the Care Center".

The Boy's Center, located on the outskirts of Chania, is home for about 25 boys, ages 6 years through 17 and has had a long lasting relationship with the nearby support activity.

► Fire Dept Accreditation

Jan 2013



Congratulations to the NSA Souda Bay Fire Department! They just passed their peer assessment and have been recommended for accreditation. Only 21 departments in DoD including Coast guard, DLA's and all branches hold this certification. 35,000 Fire Departments in the Nation and only 300 are accredited.

REENLISTMENTS

JAN 2013



**THANKS
FOR STAYING
NAVY
SHIPMATE
MASTER AT ARMS
FIRST CLASS
CLAUDIA BURNETT!**

SERVING THE FLEET

JAN 2013

On any given day, here at NSA Souda Bay, our team of more than 900 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 Halyburton (FFG-40)



USS Robert G. Bradley (FFG 49)



USS Alexandria (SSN 757)

FLIGHTLINE ACTIVITY

JAN 2013



A VQ1 EP3 on takeoff



A Gulfstream arrives



Two Dutch F-16s



A C17

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.



A U.S. Air Force RC-135

► WELCOME ABOARD TEAM SOUDA NEW ARRIVALS!



Command Indoctrination Class of 14 Jan



Command Indoctrination Class of 28 Jan

ARMED FORCES ENTERTAINMENT

Miami Dolphins Cheerleaders & NFL Alumni



Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) at Naval Support Activity Souda Bay, Greece hosted the Armed Forces Entertainment tour "Miami Dolphins Cheerleaders & NFL Alumni" on Monday, January 28th in the base fitness center. Eight cheerleaders performed a variety of amazing dance routines while alumni players Shawn Wooden and Troy Drayton kept the crowd entertained with Dolphins trivia and stories of their glory days in between sets.

The show was a great opportunity for the cheerleaders and players to bring a little piece of home and boost the morale of the service members and families stationed in Souda Bay. Nearly 120 members of the NSA Souda Bay community had a great time during the show and many even waited patiently in line afterwards for a picture and/or autograph from the cheerleaders and the players.

MWR MARTIN LUTHER KING 5K RUN



The MWR Athletics and Fitness Center organized yet another successful run, this time in honor of Martin Luther King's Birthday. The run took place on January 24th, 2013 and it was a success – 34 participants got a great T-shirt and a refreshing Vitamin Water (courtesy of NEX) for free. This run, like with all Fitness Center runs, provided NSA Souda Bay sailors with an option to get away from the same old routine conducted every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning (PRT).