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Monday, Jan. 18 marks the national celebration of the birthday of the Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King was one of the most visible Civil Rights Movement leaders and spokespersons in the history of the United States. Through his methods of civil disobedience and nonviolence, King peacefully and powerfully changed the world during his lifetime. Though his life was tragically cut short by assassination in 1968, King's accomplishments stand the test of time. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964 for his work against racial inequality and forged a path in America to include rights, freedom, and liberty for all citizens. Please take the time to reflect on Dr. King's irrevocable impact on our country this weekend. Visit the MWR library onboard [NSA Naples Detachment Gaeta](#) this week to participate in a quiz and see displays highlighting Dr. King's life and legacy. To check out a book about Dr. King or the Civil Rights Movement at [Support Site](#) or [Capodichino](#), contact the libraries to set up an appointment.

If you are working toward any financial, career, or self-improvement resolutions this year, be sure to check out the Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) [webinar schedule](#) for January. Next week, topics range from "Protect Your Money!" and "Getting a Tax Refund... Now What?" to "Job Search Strategies" and "LinkedIn 101". Even if you are not working toward a specific goal, FFSC also offers virtual classes to support new or soon-to-be parents, single Sailors



and families going through deployments, and other classes dealing with stress or life changes. [Transition Assistance Program classes](#) are also online. Additionally, the Naples FFSC team is offering a remote [welcome session for newcomers](#) this month.

Brighter days are ahead; over time, the COVID-19 vaccine will get us back to normal. Last week the vaccine arrived onboard NSA Naples and the first phase of injections is being offered to medical workers and emergency services personnel. Receiving the vaccine is voluntary but highly encouraged. To learn more about the vaccine, please visit "[Getting the COVID-19 Vaccine](#)" at [health.mil](#) or reach out to [U.S. Naval Hospital Naples](#). To combat the virus, we must all continue to practice personal responsibility and follow the mitigation strategies. We know they are effective! Remember to wash your hands frequently and wear a mask at all times when outside your house. You should also wear a mask inside your house if you have friends over. Please maintain proper physical distancing of greater than six feet or two meters even when you have a mask on, and limit your number of close contacts by only socializing with the same small circle. Let's continue to stay the course, Team Naples. ✨

USNH NAPLES RECEIVES FIRST SHIPMENT OF COVID-19 VACCINE

By Christina Clarke, U.S. Naval Hospital Naples | Jan. 8, 2021

Source: <https://dvidshub.net/r/5w3vkw>

NAPLES, Italy - U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Naples, Italy received its first shipment of the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine on Jan. 8.

The vaccine, developed by the American pharmaceutical company Moderna and the National Institutes of Health, was approved in late December by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration under an Emergency Use Authorization.

The vaccine is administered in two doses, with inoculations starting for first responders and frontline medical staff on Jan. 8.

"This is the light at the end of the tunnel we have been working towards," says Capt. Chad McKenzie, USNH Naples commanding officer. "The pandemic has affected all of our lives and I'm immensely proud of the work our healthcare team has accomplished. Now we shift from a defensive posture and seize the initiative to get our lives back to normal. We have been planning for this and are ready to safely begin the vaccination rollout."

While there will be a limited supply of the COVID-19 vaccine in the early stages of the program, the Department of Defense (DoD) is administering the vaccine using a phased

approach. Vaccination distribution prioritization within DoD will be consistent with data-driven Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance for national prioritization.

The first shot was administered to Hospitalman Leslie Arnold, who works in the USNH Naples emergency department.

"It's exciting to finally have the vaccine," says Arnold. "We've all worked really hard to keep ourselves and our patients safe during the pandemic. It hasn't always been easy, but receiving the shot moves us one step closer to getting back to normal."

Receiving the vaccine is voluntary, and USNH Naples is coordinating with installation leadership to vaccinate first responders, such as frontline medical workers, security forces and emergency service personnel.

All personnel who are vaccinated will still be required to follow established protocols, such as cloth face coverings, washing of hands and social distancing, to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory illness.

"I am incredibly proud of our community's resilience and how they have responded

to this global pandemic,” said Capt. James Stewart, Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples commanding officer. “Though this vaccination is a great step forward in ending this pandemic, we are not out of the woods yet. If we continue to follow all of the COVID-19 mitigation measures, practice personal responsibility, and maintain our vigilance while we go through the vaccination process, I am confident that together we can beat this virus.”

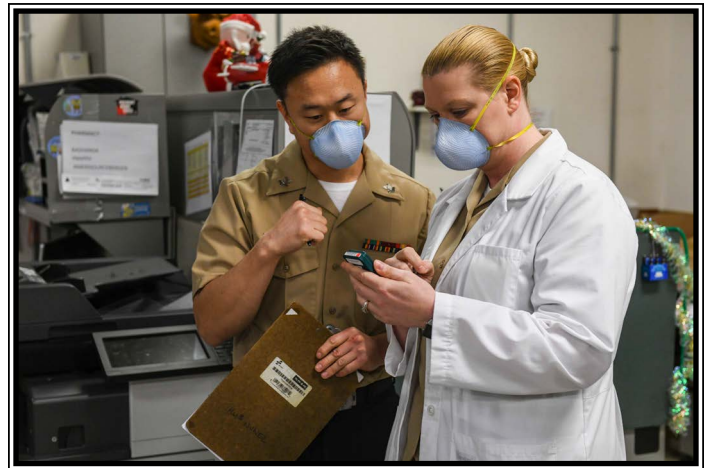
As additional doses of the vaccine arrive at USNH Naples, the option to be vaccinated will

be opened up to additional members of the NSA Naples community per the DoD’s phased approach. Information about the vaccine will continue to be distributed through USNH Naples and NSA Naples.

USNH Naples, the largest naval hospital in Europe, serves a diverse population of over 9,800 beneficiaries. Over 500 staff members at the main hospital, branch health clinic, and Navy Liaison Detachment in Landstuhl, Germany work tirelessly to keep warfighters in the fight and provide care for their families. ✱



Lt. Cmdr. Kelly Peng, an emergency medicine physician assigned to U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Naples, receives the Moderna coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine onboard Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples, Jan. 8, 2021. USNH Naples, the largest naval hospital in Europe, serves a diverse population of over 9,800 beneficiaries. Over 500 staff members at the main hospital, branch health clinic, and Navy Liaison Detachment in Landstuhl, Germany work tirelessly to keep warfighters in the fight and provide care for their families. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist Erika L. Kugler)



Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class Joon Hwang, a pharmacy technician at U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Naples, and Lt. Angela Kaczmarek, a pharmacist at USNH Naples, positively verify the temperature monitor of the coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine shipment onboard USNH Naples, Jan. 8, 2021. The vaccine will be administered in phases based on priority levels to reduce the burden of COVID-19 in high-risk populations and simultaneously mitigate risk to military operations. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Trey Fowler)

NAVSUP FLC SIGONELLA, INDUSTRY PARTNERS OVERCOME LOGISTICS CHALLENGES TO SUPPORT USS MOUNT WHITNEY

By Joseph Yanik, Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella | Jan. 11, 2021

Source: <https://dvidshub.net/r/7n3c76>

GENOA, Italy - In mid-December, the U.S. military, civilian, and Italian national team members of Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella (NAVSUP FLC SI) provided continuous logistics support and postal services during a month-long regular overhaul (ROH) to USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20) while the U.S. Sixth Fleet flagship was berthed at the San Giorgio

del Porto in Genoa, Italy.

Vessels dry dock during ROH, allowing a ship to be out of the water for routine maintenance. During this maintenance period for Mount Whitney, FLC SI’s Logistics Support Charge (LSC) team delivered provisions, cargo, mail, and supplies for the ship’s crew.

"FLCSI constitutes the supply backbone for the Navy's ships in our [Area of Responsibility]," said Chief Logistics Specialist Jerwin Guanga, FLCSI's supply operations leading chief petty officer at Naval Support Activity, Naples. "While Mount Whitney was undergoing maintenance, the LSC team tracked the ship's general cargo and high priority materials. We can even do grocery runs for the ship's crew to maintain the integrity of the 'bubble-to-bubble' concept."

Guanga added that FLCSI's master logistics support representative, Sebastian Guercia, provided customs clearance, cargo transportation, re-packaging and crating, and fueling services.

Some aspects of FLCSI's logistics support to Mount Whitney during the ROH were impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The pandemic challenged our ability to deliver mail between Mount Whitney and Naval Support Activity, Naples' Fleet Mail Center due to travel constraints," said Tim Callahan, FLCSI's postal supervisor. "Our solution to this logistics challenge of keeping the mail moving for the crew was to utilize United States European Command Logistics Directorate (USEUCOM J4) Transportation Tenders to contract a local company to move mail to the ship in accordance with the regulations and policies of transporting U.S. mail."

He added that FLCSI's morale-boosting role was to process the crew's mail and make registered mail deliveries.

Chad Hartley, FLCSI's region postal advisor, said that travel restrictions within Italy also impacted

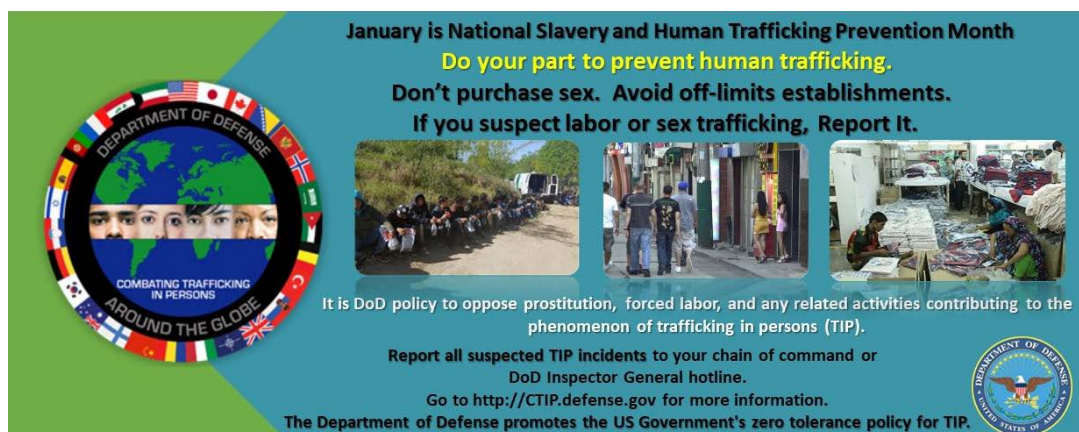
customs clearance processes.

"As Italian regions switched from green to red or yellow, FLCSI's contractor partner representative coordinated with Defense Logistics Agency and U.S. Customs representatives from Naples to negotiate a deal with Italian Customs officials in the Genoa region," Hartley said. "This effort resulted in a preauthorization of shipments in advance. It expedited service reducing waiting times in Genoa from eight hours to about one hour. The approved clearance procedures allowed FLCSI to codify a support plan for use of San Giorgio del Porto in the future."

In addition to postal services and LSC support, FLCSI delivered contracting services during Mount Whitney's ROH. Read the full story [here](https://dvidshub.net/r/lyowvz) - <https://dvidshub.net/r/lyowvz>.

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TERESA'S ITALIAN TREASURES: SANT'AGATA DE' GOTI

By Teresa Merola, NSA Naples Public Affairs | Jan. 13, 2021

Just a few miles from Caserta in the ancient lands of Sannio, lies the picturesque, medieval town of Sant'Agata de' Goti, perched on a tufa stone spur. Known as the "pearl of Sannio," this charming village is steeped in history, art, culture and tradition.

Sant'Agata de' Goti has two parts: a modern one and another dating back to the ancient Samnite city of Saticula. The town was taken over by the Romans in 343 B.C. after an arduous battle with the Samnites and was later conquered by the Longobards. Then Sant'Agata de' Goti became part of the Duchy of Benevento.

Sant'Agata de' Goti has remarkable panoramic views that can be enjoyed throughout the town. Locals and visitors alike enjoy spending time walking through the streets and squares, amid local restaurants and pizzerias. The historic sites in town include a beautiful cathedral built in 1238 dedicated to the Assumption of Mary, as well as the Castello Ducale, which dates back to 1100 and has a marvelous hall with mythological frescoes. Every June, Sant'Agata de' Goti celebrates the Feast of Corpus Domini with "infiorata." For this exquisite tradition, the streets are carpeted with intricate and striking designs using flower petals, seeds and leaves.

Furthermore, Sant'Agata de' Goti is located in the most famous Campania wine region where Falanghina and Aglianico wines are produced, and the surrounding area offers a wealth of local products. One such product with an "Indicazione Geografica Protetta," or IGP, label is the "mela annurca" apple variety. This acidulous and sweet-smelling apple was much appreciated in the Roman times and is now cultivated throughout Campania. Truly, there is something for all to enjoy in this picturesque place.

Italian Phrase of the Month

piove sul bagnato

Literal translation: *it rains on wet ground*

English equivalent: *when it rains, it pours*

THE SEASON OF GIVING AT NSA NAPLES

By Alicia McNeely, NSA Naples Public Affairs | Dec. 22, 2020

The winter holidays are a time for giving, and onboard Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples and NSA Naples Detachment Gaeta, community members embraced the spirit of the season during the 2020 "Angel Tree Project" toy drive, Dec. 22.

Every year, the NSA Naples religious ministries

department collects new toys through the Angel Tree Project to bring holiday joy to less-fortunate children in the Naples area. The chapel's Christmas tree is decorated with paper stars that list the age and gender of children in need. Community members in Naples and Gaeta are able to select stars from the tree and buy gifts for their chosen recipients.

This year, the toy drive benefited youth at Policlinico 2 hospital in Naples, as well as those living in local children's homes.

"I chose the orphanage/foster homes just like last year for the obvious reason: sharing love and joy to give those special-need children hope, especially during the Christmas season," said Lt. Cmdr. Paul Kim, an NSA Naples chaplain.

The children at the hospital and in the homes, aged 3 to 18, received gifts ranging from baby dolls and blankets to Lego sets and Nerf blasters, thanks to the kind donations of NSA Naples and Gaeta personnel and families. These presents helped make Christmas wishes come true for many kids who are either separated from their families or whose parents cannot afford the high price of playthings in Naples.

"The school is essential for hospitalized children," said Lucia Pisani, the head of the school at Policlinico 2 hospital. "The donation brought psycho-physical benefits to each child. It was received with great enthusiasm and the school is very happy with the great availability of the US Navy."

The new toys surely gave children a reason to smile this holiday season, especially amid a difficult year with the COVID-19 pandemic. Furthermore, the toy drive also provided a display of solidarity and generosity between NSA Naples and its host nation, which is always

valued between allies.

"Sharing love and care with the population of the host nation... is the catalyst for understanding each other and thus achieving team spirit with Italy," said Kim.

NSA Naples continues to prioritize its relationship with its host nation partners and friends, especially during such a dynamic time. By giving back to those in need, the holidays were a little brighter for all. ✨



Religious Programs Specialist Seaman Tristan Lucas, assigned to Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples religious ministries department, delivers toys donated by the NSA Naples community to the children at Policlinico 2 hospital in Naples, Italy, Dec. 22, 2020. Donations were made in support of the Angel Tree Project, an annual toy drive coordinated by the NSA Naples religious ministries department.

NAVSUP COMPLETES ITS SUPPORT ROLE TO USS MOUNT WHITNEY

By Joseph Yanik, Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella | Dec. 23, 2020

Source: <https://dvidshub.net/r/lyowvz>

GENOA, Italy - In mid-December, civilian, military and Italian national members of Naval Supplies Systems Command (NAVSUP) completed their support role during a months-long regular overhaul (ROH) to the USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20), while the U.S. 6th Fleet's flagship was berthed at the San Giorgio del Porto in Genoa, Italy.

During ROH vessels dry dock, allowing a

ship to be out of the water to perform routine maintenance.

"During ROH maintenance periods, our contracting professionals define a workable ship repair package, promote competition among qualified shipyards and then award the contract," said Joseph Van Gorp, Ship Repair Supervisor who led NAVSUP's contracting team. "After award, our team manages the ship

repairs negotiating any additional work that may occur and verify that the project progresses in accordance with the contract terms, conditions and deadline."

The contracting package for Mount Whitney's ROH includes remodeling the entire bridge and its systems. It also includes installation of a new propeller, shaft, maintenance on boilers, and flight deck repair and preservation. While the ship is in dry dock, crews paint all surfaces that are below the waterline and apply anti-fouling coating system.

"Delivering our contracting services for the Mount Whitney in a COVID-19 environment meant we faced challenges to a timely completion of the ROH," said Van Gorp. "Delays to the Mount Whitney's repair schedule resulting from the pandemic environment were mitigated by our ability to ensure clear communications with the ship's force, contractors and Military Sealift Command members as the repairs were underway."

Enter two of NAVSUP's contracting officers assigned to Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella (FLCSI) Alex Palomar and Maria Di Lieto.

"NAVSUP's ability to successfully perform our contracting support role for this complex, high-visibility repair project for Mount Whitney depended greatly on the expertise of Alex and Maria," said Van Gorp.

Palomar served as FLCSI's key communicator with top leadership at the shipyard and Mount Whitney.

"Alex was our key personnel on-site participating in all meetings with ship yard and Mount Whitney leaders to mitigate any potential problems," said Van Gorp. "He gathered all information needed to discuss with the contracting team in order to find the best contracting solutions to resolve any daily issues that arose."

Though working remotely, Maria Di Lieto is one of NAVSUP's Italian national employees who supported negotiations and contract management.

Besides contracting services, NAVSUP's other

logistics teams who supported Mount Whitney's ROH included fleet mail center and logistics support center. Continue to follow us for more information about these postal and LSC teams' efforts in this [two part series](#).

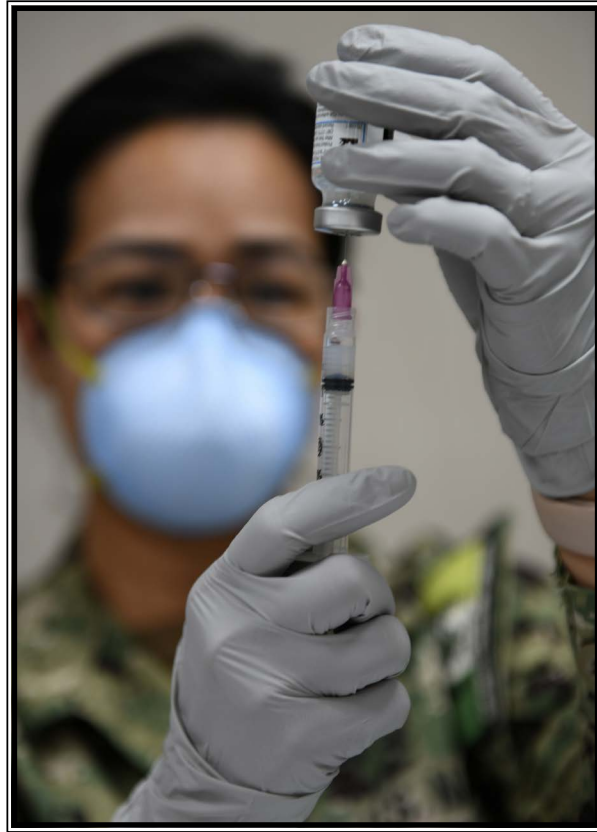
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The dock around the Blue Ridge-class command and control ship USS Mount Whitney (LCC 20) fills with water during the ship's dry dock phase in San Giorgio Del Porto in Genoa, Italy, Nov. 13, 2020. Mount Whitney, the U.S. Sixth Fleet flagship, homeported in Gaeta, Italy entered its regularly scheduled overhaul to make improvements in order to increase the security and stability of the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Scott Barnes)

NSA NAPLES PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Lt. Cmdr. Maricar Aberin, assigned to U.S. Naval Hospital (USHN) Naples, draws the Moderna coronavirus (COVID-19) vaccine into a syringe as part of the initial vaccination process onboard Naval Support Activity Naples, Jan. 8, 2021. USNH Naples, the largest naval hospital in Europe, serves a diverse population of over 9,800 beneficiaries. Over 500 staff members at the main hospital, branch health clinic, and Navy Liaison Detachment in Landstuhl, Germany work tirelessly to keep warfighters in the fight and provide care for their families. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Donavan K. Patubo)

NAPLES PUBLIC HEALTH EVALUATION – PUBLIC OUTREACH MESSAGE

How familiar are you with our Enduring Processes?

The U.S. Navy is committed to ensuring families are safe while serving at home or overseas. This message aligns with NSA Naples' commitment to promote awareness of important health information.

"Enduring Processes" were implemented to reduce or eliminate potential public health risks that were identified at some off-base housing locations during a comprehensive public health evaluation completed for NSA Naples in 2011. Enduring Processes prohibit leases in certain areas defined as "new lease suspension zones," require landlords to disconnect houses from well water, provide bottled drinking water, and disinfect water holding tanks. Additional Enduring Processes provide outreach and communication. Onboarding personnel are provided with Naples Public Health Evaluation (NPHE) information during area orientation briefings.

For additional NPHE information, including reports, fact sheets, FAQs, and points of contact, visit: www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnreurafcnt/installations/nsa_naples/about/health_awareness.html.

If you have personal environmental health questions, contact the Preventive Medicine team at DSN 314-626-5486 or Comm. 081-568-5486.

For questions about protective measures implemented for off-base housing in the local community, contact the NSA Naples Housing team at DSN 314-629-4410 or Comm. 081-811-4410. ☌

NSA Naples Calendar Highlights

Date	Event	Host
Thursday, Jan. 14	Cup of Joe with the USO	USO
Friday, Jan. 15	Hot Dog Friday	USO
Tuesday, Jan. 19	National Popcorn Day	MWR Liberty
Tuesday, Jan. 19	Theme Movie Nights: Star Wars	MWR Liberty
Friday, Jan. 22	Hot Dog Friday	USO
Tuesday, Jan. 26	Theme Movie Nights: Star Wars	MWR Liberty
Wednesday, Jan. 27	Taste of Home Dinner	USO
Friday, Jan. 29	Hot Dog Friday	USO

Every Tuesday and Thursday: [USO Traveling Troop Lunch](#) – service members are invited to swing by the Capodichino Air Terminal from 11 a.m. to noon to grab a to-go lunch.

All calendar highlights listed above are free, in-person activities for NSA Naples personnel or families. For more information, and to learn about other upcoming and virtual events, please contact the following organizations:

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A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: As I depart the command this month, I would like to say thank you for you readership. Creating, formatting, editing, and writing for the *Napoli Navigator* has been a true pleasure and the highlight of my time working onboard NSA Naples. I hope this newsletter continues to grow well past my editorship to become a staple source of news for our community. I look forward to following along from afar.

Best wishes, *Alicia McNeely*

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