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## **HAPPY HOLIDAYS NAVFAC EURAFCENT**

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It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of 2021! In this edition of our monthly newsletter we highlight members of our team from around the entire EURAFCENT Area of Operations (AOR). Throughout 2021 NAVFAC military, civilian and local national personnel have provided essential facilities planning, construction, and sustainment as well as round-the-clock base operating support to our Navy installations and other sites for our U.S., NATO and partner nation forces.

We have a critical mission and I am proud of our accomplishments in 2021 and the work we are poised to execute in 2022!

This summer the Secretary of the Navy identified four of the most pressing challenges facing the Department of the Navy: China, Culture, Climate Change and COVID (the Four C's). We responded to each of these challenges in 2021 and are prepared to meet SECNAV's and CNO's priorities going into 2022.

China remains a powerful competitor and threat to our operations around the world, including within our own AOR. Our focus remains on supporting our Geographic Combatant Commanders and ongoing events remind us that Russia and other players in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East will continue to challenge the progress we've made with our Joint and Allied partners. This year you supported real world operations including the historic non-combatant evacuation of thousands of U.S. citizens and Afghan refugees, flexing the PWDs as instruments in direct support of national-level policy.

Our Navy's culture must evolve to meet the threats we are facing. As SECNAV stated, we will strive to ensure that every Sailor and Marine "of all races, genders, religions, and ethnicities - treat one another with dignity and respect. This is not just about doing the right thing. It is about ensuring our Navy and Marine Corps will be the most talented, most combat ready, most committed force possible." In 2022, let us renew our commitment to uphold the Navy Ethos and our core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. There is a quote, often attributed as an African Proverb: "If you want to go fast, go alone; but if you want to go far, go together" that captures our Command Values. Forming strong teams, accepting responsibility for the output of our efforts and placing the safety and welfare of our people above everything else are keys to our continued success in NAVFAC. We will continue to earn the trust of our employees, our supported commanders, and commands who support us through transparent communications, deliberate decision-making and holding ourselves accountable for our decisions and actions.

Climate change is reshaping the geostrategic, operational, and tactical environments with significant implications for U.S. national security and defense. Increasing temperatures; changing precipitation patterns; and more frequent, intense, and unpredictable extreme weather conditions caused by climate change are exacerbating existing risks and creating new security challenges for U.S. interests. We have seen some of these impacts within our own AOR, including more frequent and extreme storms in Sigonella, and we all follow the droughts, heat-waves, wildfires, hurricanes, and tornadoes that affect our families and military operations in the United States. NAVFAC EURAFCENT Public Works Departments remain the installations' first line of defense against natural disasters. We will continue to focus on programs to improve the resiliency of our infrastructure in line with Navy priorities in 2022 and beyond.

COVID-19 has been with us almost two years and continues to impact almost every facet of our lives and operations as we see new strains and travel restrictions making the news. This year we took the fight to the pandemic, vaccinating over 97% of our workforce, improving our medical readiness and the ability of personnel to resist COVID while helping to reduce its spread within our communities and restoring some normalcy to our lives. I am proud of all of you for the sacrifices you have made and prudent measures you have taken to protect your families and your co-workers while getting the job done.

Thank you for all that you have done to make 2021 successful and I wish you and your families a safe, happy, and healthy 2022. I look forward to the many successes we will experience as a team next year and appreciate the contributions each of you make to our organization.

Safe travels over the holidays and enjoy some well-deserved rest and time with your families,

Sincerely,

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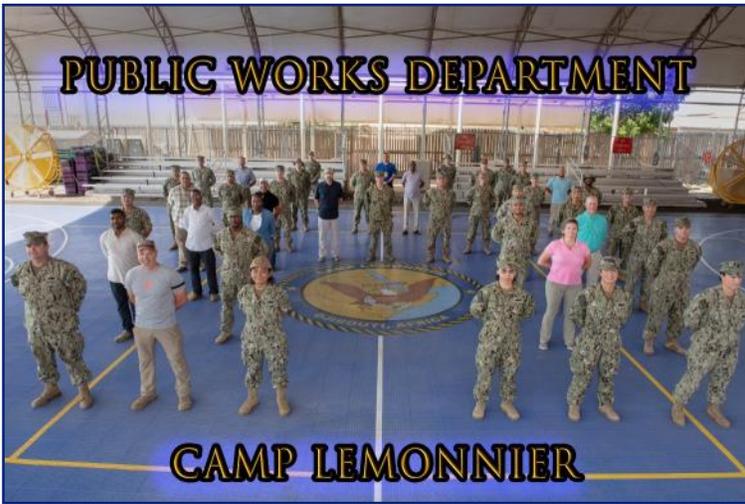
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MEMBERS OF PWD REDZIKOWO WITH LCDR HUBER



MEMBERS OF PWD NAPLES WITH RDML AGUAYO



MEMBERS OF PWD BAHRAIN WITH CDR KUSHNER



MEMBERS OF FEC DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS LINE WITH CAPT HARDER, CAPT KRANZ & CBCM SMITH



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AWARDEES AT PWD BAHRAIN



PWD SOUDA BAY COMREL VOLUNTEERS



MEMBERS OF PWD ROTA



MEMBERS OF PWD DEVESELU



MEMBERS OF PWD SIGONELLA WITH CAPT HARDER, CDR CHRISTENSEN & CBCM SMITH



# SEABEES AT WORK IN 2021



CDR Johnathon Horner, ROICC Northern Italy (far right)



EOCA Thomas Henry, Bahrain



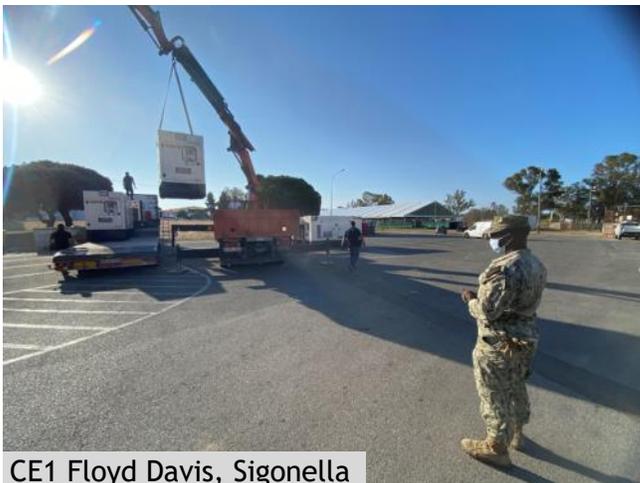
EO1 Christopher Lindsey (in the crane) & Javi Pagliani, Rota



EOCN Noah Sexton, Souda Bay



Humanitarian Assistance Project in Moldova



CE1 Floyd Davis, Sigonella



Isman Hadi, Env. Technician, Camp Lemmonier Djibouti



# SEABEES AT WORK IN 2021



BU1 James Sachesel, Naples



Michael Volk & Caleb Torrey, FEC AM



Ajith Kumar Nair & Anwar Sadath, Bahrain



CECA Orion Fischer & UT2 Timothy Wilson, ROTA



EO1 Jessica Tate, CM3 Alec Hartman & EO1 Travis Duncan, Bahrain



BUCN Armend Berisha, UTCN Jakob Atkins & Kostas Kavasis, Souda Bay

