

# Napoli

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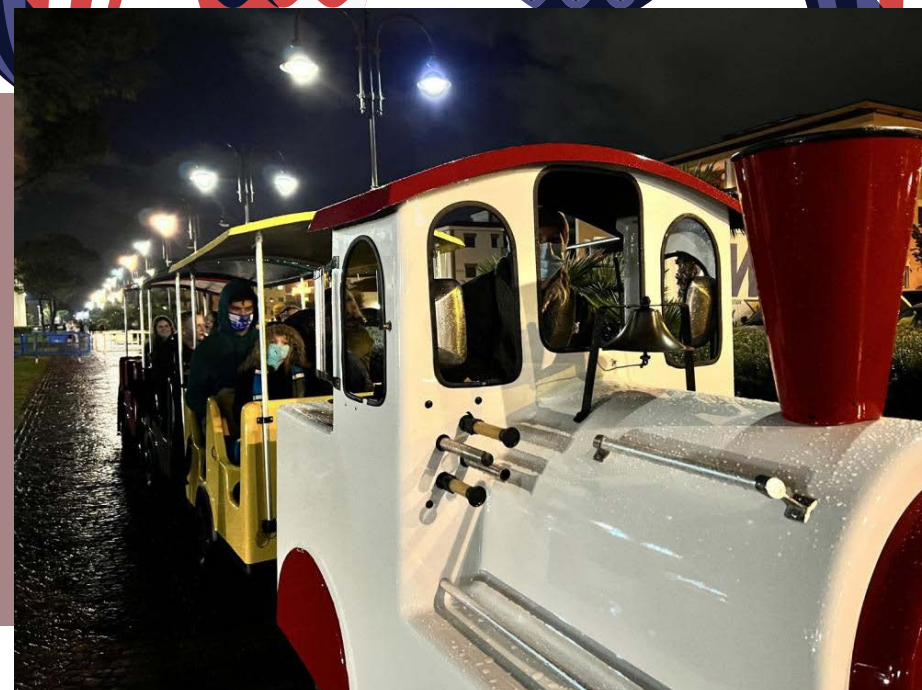
Ciao, Team Naples. I would like to congratulate MWR on their successful annual Tree Lighting event. From the smiles on the faces of our community's families, I think it's safe to say that everyone enjoyed this spectacular and fantastic evening. Thank you to everyone who worked diligently to put this event together. I would also like to thank all of you for helping make this a safe event by wearing masks and following social distancing rules. It was great to see our community safely participate in an event to celebrate the holiday season. It is because of your help that we are able to stay on the path back to normalcy.

In addition to the holiday season, we have other important dates to acknowledge this month. Yesterday we commemorated the 80th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. The surprise attack on that infamous day in 1941 sank two U.S. Navy battleships – the USS Arizona and the USS Utah – and destroyed 188 aircraft. Tragically, 2,403 American service members and civilians lost their lives, and a further 1,178 were injured. The actions of the Soldiers, Marines, Coast Guardsmen, Sailors, and civilians defending O'ahu exemplified the heroic traits of perseverance and courage under fire. In remembering their sacrifices, we can honor their legacy. Furthermore, their fighting spirit at the beginning of U.S. involvement in World War II created the template for securing victory and peace. Today, we continue to serve to protect the rights and liberties they so valiantly defended.

Finally, December is National Impaired Driving Prevention Month. During this holiday season, driving impaired is a pertinent subject. In the past year, we have seen tragic car accidents in our area from drunk driving. These accidents resulted in fatalities, horrendous injuries, and life changing results. Drunk driving is a serious offense under Italian law, and a blood alcohol level of 0.05, which could happen after just one glass of wine, is sufficient for a driving under the influence conviction. Drivers under the age of 21 and with less than three years of driving experience are prohibited from having any alcohol in their systems. Keep your shopping trips and errand runs for times when you have not been sipping on your favorite Chianti or Egg Nog, and stay safe behind the wheel this holiday season. If you choose to drink, always make a plan to get home safely and stick to it. If you drink at all, do not drive.

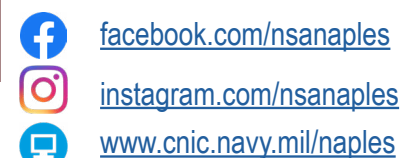
Continue to stay safe, Team Naples. ✨

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**Photo of the Month (pictured on the cover):** Families from the Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples community rode the holiday train at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation's annual Holiday Village Tree Lighting event at the Support Site Village Forum Courtyard onboard NSA Naples, Dec. 1, 2021. NSA Naples is an operational ashore base that enables U.S., allied and partner nation forces to be where they are needed, when they are needed to ensure security and stability in Europe, Africa, and Southwest Asia. (U.S. Navy photo by Aaliyah Essex)

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# NSA Naples Volunteers Clear the Way

Story By: Aaliyah Essex  
December 2021



The Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples-area Chief's Mess and their families participated in an off base community relations (COMREL) project to clean an important pedestrian pathway near NSA Naples' Support Site, Nov.13, 2021.

More than 50 NSA Naples community members volunteered for the project to clear a pathway that runs between the outside of the base and a popular shopping and eating area. Led by Senior Chief Electronics Technician Steven Ralph, the team cleared nearly a half-mile pathway, eliminating the need to walk along a narrow and highly trafficked roadway to access the area.

The project's inspiration comes from Ralph's personal experience after moving to NSA Naples' Support Site in May 2021.

"When I got here, I didn't have a car yet, and my wife and I wanted to get into the local economy but didn't want to go over the [vehicle bridge] to get there," said Ralph. "I saw the path right outside of the main gate that would be safer to take when walking to the downtown area."

Ralph knew that others without vehicles experienced the same issue, and decided he wanted to hold a project to clear the litter and prune the vegetation. Clearing the path would allow others to walk with a stroller or bike to the shopping area without having to go over the narrow vehicle bridge.

The opportunity to host a COMREL of this size was ideal for the Naples-area Chief Initiation Season. The project, a benefit to both NSA Naples community members and the local Italian community, presented the opportunity for the Chief's Mess to demonstrate how to care for their community in their host nation while Chief Selects were going through the initiation season. Cleaning the overgrown and littered pathway cleared the way for the local community to safely access the beautiful culture in downtown Gricignano di Aversa by foot.

"There is so much to experience around Support Site," said NSA Naples Command Master Chief Jonathan Fields. "Now our newcomers and community members have a safer way to connect with the community around us without needing a vehicle. What better way to enjoy life in Italy than to take a walk into town for some cafeteria or pasticceria."

The pre-established path was last landscaped almost four years ago. The generous work of the volunteers caught the attention of Gricignano di Aversa's Mayor Vincenzo Santagata, and he attended part of the event to show his support. The NSA Naples-area Chief's Mess is working with Santagata to support future COMREL events in the town.

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## PEARL HARBOR: By the Numbers

"December 7, 1941 - a date which will live in infamy - the United States of America was suddenly and deliberately attacked by naval and air forces of the Empire of Japan....Always will we remember the character of the onslaught against us. No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory."

- President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his speech delivered to Congress Dec. 8, 1941

15

Number of  
U.S. Navy  
Medal of  
Honor  
Recipients



51

Number of  
Navy Cross  
Recipients



\* Note: L.L. Jackson C. Pharris' Navy Cross was later upgraded to a Medal of Honor June 25, 1948

3

Number of  
Total-Loss  
U.S. Navy  
Ships



USS Arizona (BB 39)



USS Oklahoma (BB 37)



USS Utah (AG 16)

18

Number of  
U.S. Navy  
Ships  
Repaired  
and  
Returned  
to Service

Ships Sunk, Raised, and Repaired:  
- USS California (BB 44)  
- USS West Virginia (BB 48)  
- USS Oglala (CM 4)  
- USS Sotoyoma (YT 9)  
- Floating Drydock YFD 2

Ships Damaged and Repaired/Rebuilt:  
- USS Maryland (BB 46)  
- USS Nevada (BB 36)  
- USS Tennessee (BB 43)  
- USS Pennsylvania (BB 38)  
- USS Cassin (DD 372)  
- USS Downes (DD 375)  
- USS Shaw (DD 373)  
- USS Helm (DD 388)  
- USS Helena (CL 50)  
- USS Honolulu (CL 48)  
- USS Raleigh (CL 7)  
- USS Curtiss (AV 4)  
- USS Vestal (AR 4)

1

Number of U.S.  
Navy Ships  
Sunk, Raised,  
Repaired...and  
Present at Tokyo  
Bay During  
Japan's Formal  
Surrender  
Sept. 2, 1945



USS West Virginia (BB 48)  
Approaching drydock at Pearl Harbor Navy Yard  
June 8, 1942, just over six months after she was sunk in  
the Japanese air raid on Pearl Harbor.

2,008

Number of U.S. Navy  
Personnel Killed in Action

218

Number of U.S. Army  
Personnel Killed in Action

109

Number of U.S. Marines  
Killed in Action

68

Number of Civilian  
Casualties

Watch it on YouTube



Visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xZtlnznZzuE>  
(case sensitive) for an overview of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Source: Naval History and Heritage Command Infographic  
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# NSA Naples Year-End Review

It has been a busy year onboard NSA Naples! Here are 22 stats and facts from our base commands.



1. NSA Naples' area commands supported a visit from the First Lady of the United States, Dr. Jill Biden!

2. Naples Fire and Emergency Services initiated Host Nation and USN shipboard and airfield emergency operations training, resulting in a resilient response community in preparation for when disasters strike.

3. The Capodichino Fire Station was awarded a significant renovation package, resulting in the upgrade of the facility to meet the demands required for the next 30 years!

4. The Work & Family Life (WFL) program had over 1,000 individual in-person counseling sessions and hosted 100+ virtual workshops!

5. NSA Naples' Fleet and Family Support Center worked with Department of Labor and Veterans Affairs to provide federally mandated Transition Assistance Program (TAP) requirements. FFSC conducted 22 TAP classes with a total of 344 attendees!

6. The Fleet and Family Support Center's Sexual Assault Prevention & Response (SAPR) program has had a variety of in-person and virtual programs throughout 2021. Their efforts reached over 2,000 personnel, supporting services in locations such as Bahrain, Germany, Romania, and Djibouti!

7. In 2021, the Capo Air Terminal saw over 1,000 flights with over 4,200 passengers and 757 tons of cargo!

8. Air Operations' C-26s have flown nearly 700 hours and have moved 758 passengers plus 26,000 pounds of cargo this year!

9. The Fleet and Family Support Center's Counseling and Advocacy Program (CAP) offered over 200 virtual clinical sessions and supported 321 new clients throughout the year.

10. The NSA Naples School Liaison Officer had over 1,730 conversations with community members concerning home schooling, special needs and PCS!

11. The Housing Service Center provided customer service to more than 3,700 customers and welcomed over 900 PCS arrivals to Naples!

12. The Housing Service Center prepared 1,115 leases for economy housing service members!

13. Unaccompanied Housing Sailors volunteered more than 600 hours as DoDEA Road Guards to ensure the safety of tomorrow's leaders!

14. NSA Naples' Security deployed two military dog teams and participated in four US Secret Service missions including FLOTUS visit to NSA Naples.

15. In 2021, over 77,000 patrons visited the NSA Naples fitness facilities with more than 2,500 participating in group classes.

16. Spinz served approximately 11,000 pizzas and 11,700 burritos throughout the year!

17. There were over 21,000 games bowled at the Bowling Center throughout the year!

18. Carney Park golf patrons hit over 418,000 practice balls throughout the year!

19. The Public Works Department awarded 103 contract actions valued at \$26M in support of design, construction, and facility support services!

20. The Public Works Department completed over 2,400 work orders!

21. The Navy Exchange has sold over 1,990,000 items in 2021!

22. The NSA Naples administration department led the Green Pass charge, submitting requests to Italian authorities from over 100 commands across the U.S. military bases in Italy.

## NSA Naples Public Affairs Stats

7 Articles

12 Napoli Navigators

126 Images

362 Posts

12 CO Radio Shows

✓ Kept the Community informed during a global pandemic







## Teresa's Italian Treasures: Neapolitan Holiday Treats

Story By: Teresa Merola

The holidays in Italy are a celebration of family, flavors, scents, lights, and above all, culinary delicacies. In light of COVID-19, Christmas – a season normally full of gatherings and travel – will be different without hugs and

kisses among families and friends. Despite the restrictions, pastry shops and home bakers in Naples will not be giving up their tasty delights.

**Gli struffoli:** This treat is a mound of little, fried dough balls, drizzled with honey and decorated with brightly colored sprinkles, candied fruits, and dragées. Ancient Greeks brought an early version of this dish to Naples nearly 3,000 years ago.

**I roccocò:** These doughnut-shaped cookies are similar to biscotti. They are normally hard, rather than soft. The dough is spiced with nutmeg, cloves and cinnamon, and mixed with chopped almonds. They are perfect dunked in coffee (or mulled wine!) on a chilly winter day.

**I raffioli:** With a sponge cake as the base, the simplest form of this oval-shaped treat is covered in a white-sugar glaze. In the 17th century, nuns at San Gregorio Armeno church created a bitesized version of “una cassata” stuffed with marmalade and pistachios. Another “raffioli ripieni” is filled with a layer of ricotta cheese with chocolate chips and a layer of green pistachio paste or dried fruit.

**I mostaccioli:** These diamond-shaped cookies are made of honey and candied fruit dough – usually spiced with nutmeg, lemon zest, cinnamon, cloves and cocoa powder – and dunked in either dark or white chocolate. Pope Pius V famously enjoyed these cookies at an ecclesiastic luncheon in 1567. Today, they are often enjoyed with an after-dinner digestive, such as limoncello or grappa.

**I susamielli:** In the 17th century, cloistered nuns across Naples combined honey and sesame to create these s-shaped treats whose name literally means sesame (“susa”) and honey (“miele”).

**Le paste di mandorle:** These sweets, also known as “la pasta reale,” are shaped and painted to look like real fruit and are made out of almond paste and sugar glass. It is said the Bourbon King Ferdinand IV of Naples visited nuns at the convent of San Gregorio Armeno and was presented with a scrumptious feast of fruits, lobster and fish. When he declined to dine because he had recently eaten lunch, the nuns urged him to have a taste. When he did, he was surprised to realize the entire feast consisted of sweets that were sculpted and painted by hand. Outside of Naples, Sicily is also famous for making these desserts.

**Il panettone:** This sweet bread originated in Milan and has become a common holiday dessert throughout all of Italy. Typically, the tall, domed loaf contains candied citrus fruits and raisins, but some versions have chocolate and other flavorings. It is usually cut into vertical slices and served with a sparkling wine, “un spumante,” during Christmas or New Year's celebrations.

**Il pandoro:** This sweet loaf of yeasted bread originated in Verona and has a base shaped like an eight-pointed star.

**La pastiera:** This pie filled with a soft mixture of cooked grains and eggs is flavored with orange flower water, ricotta cheese, and candied citrus fruits. The pastry was probably invented in a Neapolitan convent and is often enjoyed at Easter, as well as Christmas. ✨

## Italian Phrase of the Month



### “La Festa dell’Immacolata”

Translation: “The Feast of Immaculate Conception”

La Festa dell’Immacolata is celebrated on December 8 annually. The Italian national holiday celebrates Mary’s conception of Jesus. During this holiday, many celebrate with a large family feast.

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