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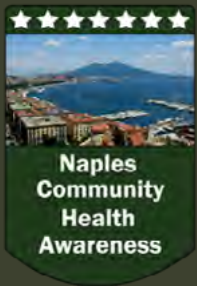
Photo of the Month

(pictured on the cover):

Children from the U.S. Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples community visit a chocolate factory during a tour organized by NSA Naples Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Tickets and Travel in Naples, March 25, 2022. 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 the European, African, and Central Command areas of responsibility. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Indra Beaufort)



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Naples Public Health Evaluation "Bottled Water"

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

A comprehensive public health evaluation completed for NSA Naples in 2011 identified potential public health risks at some off-base housing locations, and implemented a number of "Enduring Processes" to reduce or eliminate potential public health risks. One of the most important Enduring Processes requires landlords to provide containerized (bottled) water from a Navy-approved vendor. This requirement is included in lease agreements for all off-base housing arranged through the NSA Naples Housing Office. You may not negotiate or agree to have this requirement removed from your lease agreement.

As additional information, drinking water supplies for Capodichino, Support Site (including Base-Housing), SATCOM Lago Patria, Carney Park, and Gaeta Olde Mill Inn, are in compliance with US EPA DW standards, and the water is safe to drink. Tap water at Gaeta FLC is not fit for human consumption. Bottled water is supplied to Gaeta FLC. Irrigation water is not potable and is not fit for human consumption at any NSA Naples installation.

For additional NPHE information, including reports, fact sheets, FAQs, and points of contact, visit: https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnreura/cent/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.

Captain's Corner

By Capt. James Stewart
NSA Naples Commanding Officer

As the long weekend approaches, let us take a moment to reflect on what the upcoming holiday means. Originally known as Decoration Day, this holiday originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. Presently, we commemorate Memorial Day to honor and remember the sacrifices of the valiant military service members, first responders and their families who came before us. Unofficially, Memorial Day also marks the start of the summer season. As we honor our predecessors, I hope you are also able to take the opportunity to relax and/or explore. While you are out, please be safe and remain vigilant. If you drink, do not drive. In addition, as always, if you see something, say something.

Also coming up is the 80th Anniversary of the Battle of Midway! We will be commemorating the battle that was the turning point during World War II and one of the most significant battles in U.S. Naval History. Come out to the Support Site Central Park on June 3, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We will celebrate the battle with food, fun, history and music. For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/NSANaples/posts/380646527434512>.

I also want to congratulate everyone who graduated last week. It was an honor to be among such an accomplished group of people. We had 60 graduates that completed associates, bachelors and master's degrees. A total of 10 colleges and universities were represented to include our on-site schools. Congratulations to all participants on such a tremendous milestone! Keep up the good work!

Lastly, congratulations to everyone who won advanced showing tickets to see Top Gun this past weekend. Thank you to Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) for putting the event together. NSA Naples was one of nine OCONUS locations chosen and approved for an advanced screening of the movie. I hope all participants enjoyed the movie. If you were not able to attend, do not worry! MWR's Reel Times 2 Cinema will begin showings for Top Gun on May 27. Tickets will be available online and in person at the theater. For more information about Reel Times 2 Cinema and to purchase movie tickets, visit <https://www.navymwrnaples.com/programs/39bc4d51-8b5e-468d-b402-d9fbe1542884>.



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Two Months in the life of NSA Naples

U.S. Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples Commanding Officer Capt. James Stewart, left, congratulates Senior Chief Master-at-Arms Scott Chilko, from Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, prior to receiving his new senior chief combination cover, during a frocking ceremony at NSA Naples' Support Site in Gricignano di Aversa, Italy, May 16, 2022. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Indra Beaufort)

Master Chief Petty Officer of the Navy Russell Smith poses for a photo with hospital staff during his visit to U.S. Naval Hospital Naples, May 11, 2022. Smith visited the installations across Naples to engage in discussions about Navy concerns and quality of life issues. USNH Naples is the largest naval hospital in Europe and serves a diverse population of over 9,800 beneficiaries. (U.S. Navy photo by Senior Chief Mass Communication Specialist Anastasia McCarroll)



(May 16, 2022) Senior Chief Master-at-Arms Scott Chilko's daughters pin his senior chief collar devices on during a frocking ceremony at U.S. Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples' Support Site in Gricignano di Aversa, Italy, May 16, 2022. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Indra Beaufort)

U.S. Navy military members assigned to U.S. Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples and members from Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) Security Assessments and Training team participate in a simulated evolution during the installation's Command Assessment for Readiness and Training (CART) at NSA Naples' Support Site in Gricignano di Aversa, Italy, May 11, 2022. CART is a CNIC program that evaluates installations on their response capabilities and ability to train their personnel in various scenarios. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Indra Beaufort)

Children posed for a group photo with members of the athletic competition television show "American Gladiators" during the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Armed Forces Entertainment event onboard Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples' Support Site Central Park in Gricignano di Aversa, Italy, May 5, 2022. The cast members made an appearance in support of military members and their families living overseas. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Indra Beaufort)

Antonio Crisci, a local historian and volunteer for the Archaeological Museum of Ancient Capua, explains the history of Capua to service members during a community relations project hosted by U.S. Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples in Santa Maria Capua Vetere, Italy, May 6, 2022. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Indra Beaufort)

Members of the U.S. military along with local volunteers and staff from the Archaeological Museum of Ancient Capua pose for a group photo during a community relations project in Santa Maria Capua Vetere, Italy, May 6, 2022. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Indra Beaufort)

U.S. Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples Commanding Officer Capt. James Stewart, left, presents the Child and Youth Program's (CYP) Youth of the Month award to Samiya Hunter, alongside her family, during an award ceremony held at Morale, Welfare, and Recreation's CYP in Naples, Italy, April 19, 2022. The award ceremony recognizes military children for their leadership and merits. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Indra Beaufort)

Fun, Family, Fleet!

U.S. Navy Sailor Connects with Culture after Enlisting

U.S. Navy Story and Photo
by Aaliyah Essex

For some, enlisting in the U.S. military is an opportunity to show patriotism and serve the country. For Senior Chief Master-at-Arms Daniel Arnoudse, joining the U.S. Navy was a chance to connect with people of his nationality while serving.

Born in Seoul, South Korea, he moved to the United States with his brother at the age of six after being adopted by an American family in 1989. Arnoudse is currently stationed at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples.

“I did not have the traditional Asian upbringing,” said Arnoudse. “Growing up in Western Michigan, I wasn’t exposed to a lot of Asians or Asian Americans.”

He added that growing up, he was not able to consider himself Asian American. Instead, he considered himself strictly American. Arnoudse credits the diversity of the Navy workforce for allowing him to experience parts of his nationality.

“Joining the Navy exposed me to the Asian culture—like the food and the heritage,” he said. “Since the Navy is diverse, [...] I was able to kind of reconnect to where I came from,” Arnoudse added.

The first time he was connected with his culture of origin was after he met a shipmate of Samoan decent. His shipmate, and now friend, exposed him to Asian American and Pacific Islander practices. The fellow senior chief introduced him to a community of Samoans that showed him their native values.

“They exposed me to the culture and being close,” said Arnoudse as he described the sense of unity and inclusion he felt.

“Even though they aren’t blood, [it was] an atmosphere of being one family,” he mentioned.



Arnoudse describes the family he had growing up, his (adopted) parents, as a family that gave him and his brother every opportunity to succeed in life.

“They taught me family values and hard work, and that through hard work, you can succeed in anything you do. Applying that to the military and coming up through the ranks to the position that I am at now, to me, is a great accomplishment,” said Arnoudse.

Arnoudse described the journey that brought him to where he is now, starting with his first few months in the United States.

“When we first got here it was a huge adjustment,” said Arnoudse as he spoke about the language barrier and the cultural differences. Arnoudse learned English three months after moving to the United States.

After graduating from high school and attending Grand Rapids Community College, Arnoudse joined the U.S. Navy in February 2003 as a way to follow in his grandfather’s footsteps.

“I always wanted to join the Navy,” said Arnoudse, “My grandfather was in the Navy from 1942-1945,” he said.

Arnoudse added that being able to serve in the Navy has enabled him to experience more diversity and additional cultures.

“Serving in the Navy to me is an opportunity to give back to a country that has given me so much opportunity. Being in the Navy forced me to get out of my comfort zone and do stuff that I wouldn’t normally envision myself doing. Seeing different cultures and countries, [...] surrounding myself with a diverse background, it made me a better person overall” said Arnoudse.

The Michigan native is described as an outstanding and fair leader.

“MACS Arnoudse leads by example in showing great attention to detail on his daily tasks, which his Sailors emulate,” said NSA Naples’ Security Officer Lt. Cmdr. Alexander Lamis. “Sailors also see that he puts in the time with them to complete a task and that he is available to them.”

With his commended leadership skills, Arnoudse represents “Advancing Leaders Through Collaboration,” the theme of Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month for 2022.

The observance runs through the month of May to pay tribute to the service and contributions Asian and Pacific Islander have made to the United States.

Senior Chief Master-at-Arms Daniel Arnoudse, assigned to U.S. Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples, poses for a photo in honor of Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month onboard NSA Naples’ Capodichino on May 16, 2022.

Military Child at NSA Naples Bags a Worldwide Win for the Navy Commissary Coloring Contest

Story and photos by Petty Officer 1st Class Indra Beaufort



The Navy Commissary called on America’s youngest heroes to show off their creative creations for a chance to showcase their artwork on reusable shopping bags around the world.

More than 11,000 children from naval bases around the world submitted their drawings to 234 commissaries at the end of last year. Out of thousands of submissions, nine winners were selected this year to honor Earth Day and Month of the Military Child celebrations in April 2022.

About 30 military children at U.S. Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples submitted their drawings for the Navy Commissary coloring competition, and only one, won.

Lucille Howell, 11, is a fifth-grade student at Naples Elementary School, and she credits her win to her family and the military community that serves and recycles.

“My mom brought up the [coloring competition] to me because she saw a poster in the commissary,” said Howell. Howell said that she often goes to the commissary with her mother and always looks forward to bonding with her parent.

Howell further said that her drawing is based on her experiences during 2021.

“I tried to connect the drawing with what was happening during the time [of the contest], during COVID-19.”

“I got the idea to put the father in a camouflage military uniform to represent all of the people in the [military], and I put the mother in scrubs because we have a lot of nurses and doctors working on the COVID-19 cases,” said Howell.

Howell said she also credits her win due to her competitive spirit and by using her time wisely.

“I was totally for the competition,” said Howell. “I worked hard on [the drawings] whenever I got home from school. I worked on the drawings whenever I could.”

According to John Legaspi, assistant commissary officer for NSA Naples, the coloring competition is not only educational but also a morale booster for children.

“This is to educate everyone on saving our envi-

ronment for the future generation. By winning the contest, the individual’s name will appear on the commissary reusable bags,” said Legaspi.

Lucille Howell, a Naples Elementary School (NES) student, shows her drawing on the Navy Commissary reusable bag at NES located at U.S. Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples Support Site in Gricignano, Italy, April 20, 2022. Howell’s drawing is one of the nine winning artworks selected out of 11,000 submissions around the world for the Navy Commissary coloring contest in honor of Earth Day and Month of the Military Child.



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Howell said that her drawing is a self-reflection of being a military child, such as moving into a new country from her longtime home in Hawaii, embracing the cultural differences, remembering old friends and making new ones.

Howell said she is thrilled to see her name and her winning artwork on the reusable bags whenever she visits NSA Naples Commissary with her family, and that her message is spreading across the globe.

“I hope my friends here and from Hawaii will see my drawings, and at least know what recycling is about. It could inspire some people to do the right thing,” said Howell.

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For more information on how to support families and personal goals, please visit <https://www.militaryonesource.mil>



Teresa's Italian Treasures:

Festa della Repubblica

Story by: Teresa Merola, NSA
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June 2nd is Italian Republic Day or "Festa della Repubblica". The Italian national holiday which marks the referendum of 1946 and the creation of the Italian republic.

Italy became a nation on March 17, 1861, when most of the states of the country and the two Sicilies were united under King Vittorio Emanuele II. On June 2, 1946, there was a referendum on the monarchy and more than 12 million Italians voted in favor of the birth of the Republic while electing the assembly that would draft the new Constitution, which came into force on January 1, 1948.

The Court of Cassation announced on June 10, 1946, the birth of the Italian Republic.

Members of the royal family were sent into exile because of

their association with the fascist regime and were only allowed to return to Italy in 2002. Italy's Constitution now forbids a monarch to ever rule again.

The first Festa della Repubblica was held in 1948, and in 1949 it was declared a national holiday. In 1977, the national holiday was moved to the first Sunday in June due to economic reasons to avoid the holiday having a negative effect on working hours. It remained scheduled on the Sunday until 1999, when June 2nd was made the official date.

On Republic Day, the celebration features military, official parades and demonstrations. The two main events are held in the celebration's capital in Rome. Events include the military parade and the laying of a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at the Altare della Patria. The tomb has had an eternal flame since 1921.

A highlight of this day is the flyover by the Frecce Tricolori, the acrobatic section of the Italian Air Force. They fly over the parade sending streaks of the colors of the Italian flag, painting the sky with green, white, and red smoke.

The celebration continues into the afternoon with the opening to the public of the Gardens of the Quirinale Palace, the seat of the Presidency of the Italian Republic, with concerts by the bands of the Italian Army, Navy, Air Force, Carabinieri, State Police, Guardia di Finanza, Prison Police and State Forestry Corps. Official ceremonies are held all over the country. All over the world, the Italian Embassies organize ceremonies to which the government officials from other the host countries are invited.

On June 2nd, public offices, schools and many shops are closed in honor of the celebration.



Soldiers honor the Italian flag. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Cary Smith)

Italian Phrase of the Month:

*"Voglio
andare al
mare"*

Translation: "I want to go to the ocean."

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