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Firefighters assigned to Naval Support Activity (NSA) Souda Bay, Greece, spray water from a fire hose during a forward lay skill evaluation drill on June 12. NSA Souda Bay recently participated in various scenarios that simulated command-level and tactical decision-making as part of an Operational Readiness Assessment evaluated by a Regional Training Team. (Photo by Joel Diller, Public Affairs)

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ON THE COVER: Air Force One stopped at Naval Support Activity Souda Bay in the early hours of 10 June for a scheduled refueling. Air Force One was traveling from Canada where President Trump participated in the G7 Summit and continued on to Singapore for the historic North Korean Summit with Kim Jong-un. (Photo by Joel Diller, Public Affairs)

Triad Corner



Team Souda.

The calendar now reads July, and it's also clear from the sun's heat and the number of tourists we see driving around that summer is here in full effect. The past six weeks have been a busy time for everyone on the installation. We were visited by our shipmates from the Harry S. Truman, then we contributed to a historic event by supporting Air Force One as it stopped in Souda to refuel on its way to Singapore for the North Korea Summit, and then we rolled right into our Operational Readiness Assessment, completing several base wide exercises and drills. All of these evolutions fall outside of our normal operational drumbeat, but "Support" is our middle name and we pulled together to execute the mission. Great job!

After a period of heavy workload like we recently experienced, we can take that deep breath and relax - as long as it does not lead to complacency. As we finish the week celebrating our nation's birth, there will be many opportunities to have fun and enjoy yourself, but we must be vigilant and use necessary precautions. Remember to stay hydrated with water, use sunscreen liberally, and try to limit your outdoor activities during the high temperature hours. Keep an eye on your shipmates and be mindful of the signs leading to heat stress casualties. I've also had to reset the car accident counter on the base marquee way too many times recently - slow down your speed (especially on Mouzouras Road) and be a defensive driver.

NSA Souda Bay is only able to function so effectively because of the team we have built. Each and every one of us works hard to excel at our job and we are always there to back up our team mates at work.

That mentality is what has made us the #1 installation in the region. I ask that you take that same mindset with you on liberty. This applies to every individual assigned to NSA Souda Bay. Look out for each other. As you head for whatever activity you have planned, be it a trip to the beach, a hike or hitting up the clubs

in Platania, exercise good judgment and practice some good old fashioned risk management. When I say risk management, I am not talking about the four page risk assessment chart and mitigation plan. Ask some simple questions.

- What is the weather?
- Do I have enough water?
- Do I have sunscreen?
- Does someone know where I am going and when I should be back?
- When am I going to eat?
- Who is the designated driver or are we using a cab?

These questions seem simple, but they are often the most overlooked, leading to problems that have the potential to ruin an otherwise great day. The overall thing to remember is that like everything else we do, liberty is a team effort. Look out for one another so we all come back to work ready to execute mission.

Being stationed here in Souda affords us many travel and sightseeing opportunities, so take some time to visit and explore Crete and the rest of Europe to see what they have to offer. MWR has many resources available to you to help experience the life in Crete. Kriti Info can tell you about events happening all over the island, the Outdoor Adventure Club (OAC) offers tours and allows you to rent equipment for a majority of your needs and then there are free liberty shuttles that stop at Mega Place, Chania and Platania on Thursday through Saturday. The shuttles are a great way to get into town, not have to mess with parking, and avoid having to make a poor decision to drive after having a few adult beverages with your dinner.

Thank you to everyone again for all of the hard work you all put in to make NSA Souda Bay the incredible place it is. Keep up the great work, take care of each other and enjoy the rest of the summer

~CMC

"NSA Souda Bay Navy Gateway Inns & Suites has tirelessly supported the Airmen assigned to the 21st Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron (ERS) which conducts sensitive reconnaissance and contingency operations in the European and African theaters. Vinny Hall and Giannis Grivas's team - from the front desk to the housekeepers - have provided unparalleled customer service while ensuring that the Nation's finest Airmen are ready to fly, fight, and win.

To recognize NSA Souda Bay's NGIS team, Lt. Col. Andrew "Prof" Prue, commander of the 21st ERS, commissioned a lithograph titled "Continuing the Legacy" that portrays the long lineage of the squadron and presented it - along with a squadron coin and patch - to the NGIS staff in gratitude of their support and valuable relationship.

Bravo Zulu NGIS!"

**William D. Heitshusen, Capt., US Air Force Det 1,
95 Reconnaissance Squadron, Assistant Director of Operations**



Vinny Hall, General Manager, Navy Gateway Inns & Suites, Souda Bay Greece, center, receives a lithograph from Lt. Col. Andrew "Prof" Prue, commander of the 21st ERS, in gratitude of their support and customer service provided to the 21st ERS on June 7. (Photo by Joel Diller, Public Affairs)

It was just an accident...

Information provided by Safety Department

"Joe" was driving his car down the road when he received a text. "Hmmm, Sarah texted me!" Joe looked down for a second and at the same time his car ran off the road. Joe was okay, but this was his third accident in three years, and there was a good probability that he was going to lose his insurance.

Sound familiar? We all have accidents, so what's the big deal? Looking closer at the circumstances you can see where this crash (not accident) could have been avoided.

First we have to change our culture. Everyone has accidents, only careless people have crashes. Stop calling and believing that whatever happens to you is an accident. Thursday I drove onto the base and read the reader board - "5 days since last auto accident". I wondered what the circumstances were, and could not stop thinking about the ramifications. "Hi Chief, I'll be late this morning, I had an accident". "Mom, Dad, don't get mad, I had an accident". "Hi honey, first off, I'm okay I just had an accident".

What if instead the conversation went like this? "Hi Chief, I

will be a little late this morning, I got in a hurry, was not paying adequate attention, took my eyes off the road, and crashed my car".

The culture change that took place is called personal accountability. The car did not crash on its own. There are always factors. Eliminate those factors, take ownership and the crash becomes avoidable.

Apply this simple principle in your life. Think about your last "accident" or even near-miss. What were the factors? If you and others can honestly say that avoidable factors did not play a part in the mishap, then it was probably an act of God.

Your time in Crete is too short to hassle with all the paperwork that comes with crashing your car. Don't think you are alone though, 40,000 people in the U.S. died last year in car crashes. Your actions or inactions while driving could have life altering consequences. Change the culture and change your life, or maybe even save a life...



Safety Dept. Receives National Recognition

The NSA Souda Bay Safety department was recently honored as a finalist for the National Safety Council's Green Cross for Safety award in the category of Safety Excellence for its Proactive Motorcycle Safety Program. Mr. Tony Miletello, Director, Occupational Safety and Health, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Energy, Installations and Environment, received the award on behalf of NSA Souda Bay at the ceremony held at the Chicago Hilton.



THE GOUGE



EVENTS - FLIGHTLINE ACTIVITY - PORT OPERATIONS

SENIOR CHIEF WISER ... ARRIVING!

A promotion ceremony in honor of Senior Chief Information Systems Technician Rebecca Wisner was held on base Naval Support Activity Souda Bay on June 7. Chief Wisner received her senior chief combination cover from Senior Chief Master-at-Arms Llewellyn Giles and was congratulated by Command Master Chief Neal Olds. **Congrats!**



EMMANUEL COLLEGE VISIT

Students from Emmanuel College's Eastern Mediterranean Security Studies Summer Program gather for a group photo with Cmdr. Werner Rauchenstein, Naval Support Activity (NSA) Souda Bay executive officer, far right, and Cmdr. Josh Jones, NSA Souda Bay operations officer, far left. The students were given an overview brief of NSA Souda Bay's mission followed by a question and answer session, and a windshield tour of the base's facilities. (Photo by Joel Diller, Public Affairs)



4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION

NSA Souda Bay Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) and the Family Readiness Group hosted the 2018 Independence Day celebration at the 115th Hellenic Air Force base in Agios Onoufrius, Tuesday, July 3. The party featured inflatable action games, picnic games, water trampoline, paddle boarding, all-American barbecue, and "Wacky Olympics" competition - all capped off by a fireworks show. Sweating through some of the most oppressive heat of the year, the entire MWR Team arranged, set up and executed an outstanding 4th of July Party. The quality of the event was recognized by the base's personnel, their family members and by all of Greek VIP guests. **BZ to NSA Souda Bay's MWR Department!** (Photos by Fotis Angelidis, MWR Souda Bay)



USS THE SULLIVANS AT MARATHI

Tug boats guide the Arleigh Burke-class guided missile destroyer USS The Sullivans (DDG 68) as it arrives in Souda Bay, Greece for a scheduled port visit, June 27. The Sullivans, homeported in Mayport, Florida, is conducting naval operations in the U.S. 6th Fleet area of operations in support of U.S. national security interests in Europe and Africa. (Photo by Joel Diller, Public Affairs)



OVERSEAS HOUSING ALLOWANCE

Advance Guidance for 2018 Overseas Housing Allowance Utility and Move-In Expenses Survey Greece

The Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Utility and Move-In Expenses Survey is conducted on behalf of the Department of Defense, by the Allowances Branch of the Defense Travel Management Office (DTMO). The Utility Survey is conducted annually, while the Move-In Expenses Survey is conducted once every three years as part of a combined survey. This year, the survey will be conducted from 1 to 31 July 2018 for Greece. The survey is designed to collect utility/recurring maintenance and move-in expense data incurred by Uniformed Service members stationed overseas, who reside in private housing. Your data assists in determining the Utility/Recurring Maintenance and Move-In Housing Allowances paid to Service members in the country surveyed.

If you receive OHA and meet the following qualifications, you should participate in the survey:

- Have been stationed in the country, where this survey is being conducted, for at least 3 months
- Reside in privately leased quarters (not a homeowner or sharer)
- Receive an Overseas Housing Allowance

If you have participated in previous OHA surveys, the questions will be similar in scope. You will be asked to report the average monthly cost of utilities and any routine maintenance expenses you incurred within the last 12 months for the utility portion of the survey. For the move-in portion of the survey, you will be asked to report actual expenses incurred when moving into your private residence.

Web Link

You may take the survey at the following link. The deadline to complete the survey is close of business (COB) 31 July 2018.
<https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/ohaSurvey.cfm?ID=jul-utilmiha>

Your Input Matters

The Overseas Housing Allowance is a valuable entitlement for members who are stationed overseas. You play a critical part as the data you provide will directly impact the Utility/Recurring Maintenance and Move-In Housing Allowances paid to members. Your time and effort spent answering the survey questions will enable the Department of Defense to set equitable OHA rates. We ask that you make every effort to take the survey and report your expenses accurately.

Participating in the Survey

The survey takes approximately 30 minutes to complete and should be completed by you or your spouse, whoever has knowledge of your housing expenses. A CAC is not required to access the survey; however, you will be asked to provide your DOD ID number, which is located on the back of your CAC.

Participation in this survey is voluntary and failure to respond will not result in penalty to the respondent.

It is important to provide accurate figures in the OHA survey. Before starting the survey,

- For the utility expenses portion, gather your bills, receipts, and/or records of utility and recurring maintenance expenses incurred within the last 12 months and compute a MONTHLY AVERAGE for each of these expenses. In addition, there is a section of the survey for combined utilities when only one bill is received, such as a bill that combines cost for water and sewer.
- For the move-in portion, gather your receipts for all expenses incurred when initially moving into your residence

You may save the survey, obtain additional information, and resume the survey at any time during the survey timeframe. Please note that incomplete surveys cannot be used as this might result in underreporting of utility/recurring maintenance and move-in expenses. Subsequent allowance adjustments based on incomplete data could disadvantage Service members. Responses are held in strictest confidence and not shared with any other office or agency.

Special Survey Instructions

Combined utility bills: If you receive a combined utility bill (such as, water and sewer on the same bill), there is no need to separate these costs as there is a section dedicated to combined utility bills.

Currency: Report all your expenses in the currency in which you paid them. For example, if you paid your electricity bill in local currency, then report the amount you paid in local currency. If you paid your electricity bill in U.S. dollars, then report the amount you paid in U.S. dollars. Do not convert costs. If converted with the incorrect rate of exchange, the amount reported may not reflect the true cost.

Additional Comments: Please enter any explanations that might help us better understand your expenses. You may add any additional utility or recurring maintenance that you paid but was not included in the survey. Do not include your rental costs, as our office already receives this information from the finance offices. For other costs not included in this survey, see the chart on the right.



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Preparing for the Utility Expenses Survey

Utility/recurring maintenance expenses to report: The left column lists expenses which you should report in the utility portion of your survey. Expenses which should NOT be reported in this portion are listed in the right column.

Expenses that Should be Reported	Expenses that Should NOT be Reported
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electricity • Heating fuels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Natural gas ○ Heating oil ○ Liquid petroleum gas (LPG or “Bombola”) ○ Coal ○ Firewood • Running water • Sewer • Bottled water for drinking • Trash disposal • Maintenance and minor repairs (i.e., replacement of a window pane, repair of an electrical outlet, etc.) • Renter’s insurance required by lease or law, related to the physical dwelling, and identified by type of insurance. Examples are insurance for water or fire damage to residence, comprehensive, and liability insurance. Insurance expenses for your personal property should not be included. • Taxes for which the tenant is responsible, must make a separately identifiable payment, and are tied to the physical dwelling. For France, includes Habitation Taxes, if paid. • Condo fees, if not rolled-up into rent or reimbursed as part of OHA rental allowance • Recurring expenses such as, monthly monitoring fee for alarm system, if not included in the rent and reimbursed as part of OHA rental allowance • Police protection and/or guards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cable TV • Internet charges • Tuition • Telephone bills • Auto gasoline/diesel fuel • Auto expenses • Books • Pet expenses • Postage • Road taxes • Gifts • Repairs to personally owned electrical equipment • Maid service (even if maid service is for security purposes) • Yard maintenance • Any and all expenses not associated with the physical dwelling

Preparing for the Move-In Expenses Survey

Report all move-in expenses not covered by any other allowance. For those items not separately listed on the survey, provide a brief description. Do not include move-in expenses that are rent or security related for which you were previously reimbursed.

Move-in expenses to report: The left column lists expenses which you should report in the MIHA portion of your survey. Expenses which should NOT be reported in this portion are listed in the right column.

Expenses that Should be Reported	Expenses that Should NOT be Reported
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major appliances (refrigerator, freezer, stove, washing machine, clothes dryer, water heater, space heater, water purifier (if locally required), air conditioner, humidifier, and dehumidifier) • Utility hook-up/installation charges to include non-refundable deposits for telephone, electric, heating, and water/plumbing • Security/safety items such as window bars, security doors, burglar alarm, smoke-detectors, and lock/keys (if not previously reimbursed through the MIHA Security program) • Initial services and fees such as home inspection, fumigation, wall papering and painting. • Transformers and voltage regulators • Miscellaneous items such as cabinets, shelves, sinks, curtains and shower rods, window and floor coverings, permanent light fixtures, wardrobes, insulation materials, and screens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rugs, curtains, and drapes • Lawn and garden expenses, fencing, or other yard related items • Dishwashers, microwave ovens, and small/personal appliances • Television , antennas, and cable installation • Light bulbs • Taxes of any kind except sales tax as part of purchase price • Personal labor costs • Refundable deposits • Rental cars/trucks when moving in • Installation of internet • Initial purchase of cleaning supplies or food

Operational Readiness Assessment

Photos and story by Joel Diller, Public Affairs

Naval Support Activity Souda Bay participated in various scenarios that simulated command-level and tactical decision making that were evaluated by a Regional Training Team as part of an Operational Readiness Assessment, 12 and 13 June. Scenarios included: pulling and using fire hoses during a forward lay skill evaluation drill; igniting a fire on a Mobile Aircraft Fire Trainer Device (MAFTD) simulating an emergency landing incident; placing a victim onto a stretcher and relaying victim details from the incident command post; deploying military working dogs; and performing a high risk traffic stop.







EMERGENCY DISPATCH CENTER "911"



NSA SOUDA BAY



There's nothing like outdoor grilling. It's one of the most popular ways to cook food. But, a grill placed too close to anything that can burn is a fire hazard. They can be very hot, causing burn injuries.

Follow these simple tips and you will be on the way to safe grilling.

SAFETY TIPS

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.

FACTS

Roughly half of the injuries involving grills are thermal burns.

July is the peak month for grill fires.

CHARCOAL GRILLS

- There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.
- If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.
- Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.
- There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.
- When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.

PROPANE GRILLS

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off both the gas tank and the grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call Emergency Dispatch at **911**. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call Emergency Dispatch at **911**.

Do not move the grill.

If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 5 minutes before re-lighting it.

Courtesy of NSASB Fire Department

WHO TO CALL IN AN EMERGENCY

All Emergencies on Base can be called from a DSN line.

CALL - "911"

The Emergency Dispatchers are ready 24/7 to take your emergency call and provide Security, Fire or Medical assistance.



From a commercial phone (cell, home) the number is:

282-102-1911

If and when dispatch phones are down and you can't get through, call dispatch on their Emergency cell phone

694-043-1187

Community Outreach

Photos by Kostas Fantaousakis, Public Affairs



A group of Sailors from NSA Souda Bay provided volunteer work for a yardwork project at the St. Pavlos Childrens' Summer Camp in Chorafakia, which is run by the local church.



Volunteers from NSA Souda Bay participated in a yardwork project at the Daily Care Center for Children and Young Adults in Chania.



Sailors assigned to NSA Souda Bay's Security Dept. participated in a community outreach event by picking up trash at Stavros beach. Volunteers were more than happy to show their appreciation for the rich culture of the people of Crete, and help preserve the scenic beauty and environment.

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See page 15 to learn how YOU can volunteer!
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Awards at Quarters & Frockings June 2018

Photos by Jacky Fisher and Joel Diller, Public Affairs



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CWO3 JANS
LT STOPCHICK
LCDR ROE

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UT2 JACKSON
ABH2 ORTIZ
CS1 MORAN
MA1 SANDERS
AC1 SUDDUTH
MAC RAY

LOC

ABHAN KEMP
ABHAN TARWATER
MA3 HYSTAD
MA3 SHUMAKE

MOVSM

MA1 HINES

FIRE CHIEF OF THE YEAR

FIRE CHIEF MCQUAIG

SAFETY AWARD

ABH1 JONESBEST

FROCKEES (Top Photo)

MM2 BROWNING
MA2 CARRILLO
MA2 DAVIS
MA2 DODSON
MA2 FRYMIRE
MM2 MENENDEZ
BU2 POPLIN
MA2 WRIGHT
MA2 YOUNG

FROCKEES (Photo Below)

AC3 BROWN
MA3 BURLESON
AC3 HER
AC3 HUERCAAGUIRRE
AC3 MCALLISTER
HM3 ROMANUK
AC3 RUISS
ABH3 TARWATER
MA3 ZABROCKI
LS1 GOMEZ

CONGRATULATIONS

AWARDEES & FROCKEES!



Volunteer

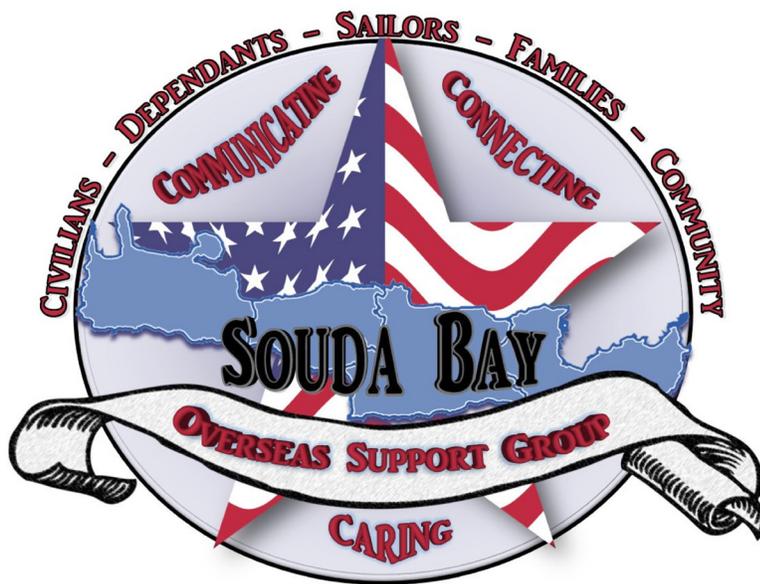
Want to Participate in a Community Outreach Project?

POC: Kostas Fantaousakis, Community Relations Specialist. Call 266-1348 or 694-043-1157

- E-mail: konstantinos.fant.gr@eu.navy.mil
- All Hands emails are sent calling for volunteers
- Ask to join the ComRel projects volunteers distro list.

Got a ComRel idea? Contact PA for guidance.

We volunteer, but ALWAYS provide quality service!



Promoting confidence, cohesion,
communication and a sense of well-being by
caring for our Souda Bay Family.
#Sailors #Civilians #Dependents #Families
#WeAreFamily

MEETINGS WILL START AGAIN SEPTEMBER 11

Monthly meetings, 2nd Tuesday of every month - Bldg. 49 @ 1800



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