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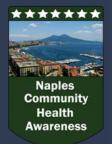
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Photo of the Month (pictured on the cover):

Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples Commanding Officer Capt. James Stewart, right, accompanies Antonino Messineo, police commissioner for the Italian province of Caserta, and his staff during a tour of NSA Naples' Support Site in Gricignano, Italy, Feb. 25, 2022.

Photo by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Indra Beaufort, NSA Naples Public Affairs



Naples Public Health Evaluation "Enduring Processes"

A Comprehensive Naples Public Health Evaluation (NPHE) was completed for NSA Naples in 2011.

Unacceptable health risks were identified at some off-base housing

locations. Residents were relocated to areas with acceptable risks "Enduring Processes" were implemented for off-base residences, to:

- Prohibit Leases in defined areas of unacceptable risk
- Require bottled water for potable use, and municipal supply for non-potable in-home uses
- Require Disinfection of water holding tanks
- Provide for Effective Communication of Health Risks

All On-boarding personnel are provided with NPHE information during Area Orientation Briefings For additional NPHE information, including reports, fact sheets, FAQs and points of contact, visit: https://www.cnic.navy.mil/regions/cnreurafcent/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

Tuesday was International Women's Day! International Women's Day is a global celebration that began in 1911 to bring attention to women's equality. The theme of International Women's Day 2022 was "Break the Bias" promoting "gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow". While we continue to celebrate Women's History Month,

International Women's Day gave us the opportunity to reflect on the progress made globally. We all have the responsibility to contribute to efforts that will ensure that everyone, despite gender, race or any other factors, will have an equal voice.

As a reminder, the Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) and Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) surveys for Active Duty service members are currently open. As of last Friday, only 15% of our eligible community member had completed the survey. The OHA survey impacts overseas housing and utilities allowances for service members who live on the economy. If you live out in town, please take this survey so that we can accurately account for changes in the price of energy and the cost of housing. The COLA Survey impacts our Cost of Living allowance, which ensures adequate purchase power in foreign countries. Not responding to the survey and ensuring your needs are represented could result in COLA reductions! Each survey takes about 15 minutes and they directly impact your allowances, potentially by several hundred dollars. We encourage all active duty personnel living in Naples to complete the survey before it closes on March 31.



 2022 OCONUS Living Patterns Survey: https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Community/se/251137457D523610

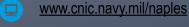
Lastly, I would like to remind everyone about the updated green pass process. We recently started a Green Pass Office that has been working diligently to process and track Green Passes for our community. This new process has proven to be more reliable, providing our community with expedited results. Details on the updated process can be found at (https://go.usa.gov/xzBxx). I highly encourage everyone to submit an application. Although CDC Cards are equivalent, we have heard of some establishments not accepting them. Obtaining a Green Pass will help make travel, dining, shopping and recreation easier.





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CACO Classes Onboard NSA Naples Provide a Lifeline to Family Members Photos and Story By: Story by Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Indra Beaufort

NAPLES, Italy --- One of the biggest losses a person can experience is the death of a loved one.

In an effort to ensure that military families have the support they need when a service member they are related to is declared deceased, whereabouts missing or unknown, the Department of Defense's casualty assistance program assigns casualty assistance representatives to assist the next-of-kin.

Each military service branch has different titles for their casualty assistance representatives, but their jobs are the same. In the Navy, it's the Casualty Assistance Calls Officer (CACO).

A CACO is the official representative of the Secretary of the Navy who provides information, resources, and assistance to families in the event of a casualty.

When tasked with a CACO duty assignment, the Sailor's full time responsibility and mission is to assist families during a difficult time and ensure they receive the benefits and entitlements they are due.

"The hardest part is knocking on that door, not knowing who is behind that door," said CACO Regional Trainer from Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Central (EURAFCENT) Peter Waldon.

CACO duties are varied, and their roles can include being a messenger, a resource coordinator, and paperwork administrator.

The CACO also has several responsibilities, but their initial duty is notification, followed by affirming continued support on behalf of the Navy.

The CACO is required to first locate and notify the Primary Next-of-Kin (PNOK).

The Casualty Assistance Calls Program (CACP) requires that a uniformed Navy representative be designated to assist the Primary Next-of-Kin (PNOK) and the Secondary Next-of-Kin (SNOK) of Sailors who have suffered a fatality. Separate assistance



Cmdr. Omar Sanchez, executive officer of the U.S. Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station, Naples, Italy, speaks to Sailors about the importance of the Casualty Assistance Call Officer (CACO) program during a CACO class held at NSA Naples, Feb. 3. A CACO representative is a person assigned by a military service or DOD component who is dedicated to providing assistance to families of ill, injured, missing or deceased members.

officers can also be assigned to other family members who are considered the secondary next-of-kin.

Following the initial notification, a chaplain, who normally travels with the CACO, remains available to further assist the families.

Within 24-hours of next-of-kin notification, the CACO will explain everything the military provides and all of the options available to the next-of-kin. These options and services cover the following areas: Navy or personal funeral preparations and expense allowances; transport of remains; military honors; memorial flag; personal effects of the deceased service member; death gratuity beneficiary(ies); medical and dental care eligibility; housing; and other assistance.

"Learning about the benefits was very useful," said recent CACO graduate Chief Warrant Officer 3 Pablo Baez, assigned to Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station Naples, Italy. "Before attending this class, I always assumed that a CACO just did paperwork but I never knew about notification. That, to me, was the biggest eye opener."

After the CACO has provided all the support they can, the families are transitioned to the Gold Star Program. The Gold Star Program is the Navy's official program for providing long-term support to surviving families of Sailors who pass away while in service to our nation.

For Baez, learning in the classroom proved to be invaluable.

"I learned so much from attending the CACO class," said Baez. "After receiving the training, I can say that it was by far the most informative class I have ever attended in 21 years of service."

Waldon said that the keys to being a successful CACO are effective communication, having a checklist, and to continue learning the CACO manual



and Navy resources for the next-of-kin. Adding that the job isn't easy, but it is worth it.

"As you look back on your career, you can hold your head up high and say with pride, 'I was a Casualty Assistance Calls Officer and served my shipmates when they needed me," said Waldon. "On behalf of all of your shipmates, you have my respect, admiration and full support as you assume this critical leadership role."

Every quarter, EURAFCENT's CACP heads CACO trainings at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples for Sailors who are dedicated to assisting families during their time of need.

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.

For more news about NSA Naples and the Sailors who serve onboard the installation, please follow us on Instagram @NSANaples and Facebook at facebook.com/NSANaples/.



U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Naples' Branch Health Clinic (NBHC) Capodichino joins USNH Naples on Support Site in offering Process Improvement for Non-Delayed Contraception (PINC) Clinic to active-duty personnel every Friday, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

The PINC Clinic at the Capodichino Branch is a walk-in service that offers short-acting reversible, long-acting reversible, and emergency contraception.

"The PINC Clinic gives our military personnel more access to preventative measures," said Cmdr. Robyn White, Naval Branch Health Clinic Capodichino Family Nurse Practitioner.

The birth control clinic is part of Operation PINC, a Navy-wide initiative developed in response to higher unplanned pregnancy rates among active-duty in comparison to civilian women.

"With the PINC Clinic, our Sailors have the opportunity to walk-in and receive contraceptives on-demand, lessening the chances of unplanned pregnancies and potentially increasing mission readiness," said White.

The clinic operates on a first-come, first-served basis. Upon check in, individuals will be informed of the number of patients waiting to be seen. Each appointment is expected to include an estimated 30 minutes of provider time, with shorter provider time for those requesting oral contraception prescriptions.

"With this program in place, women's health care needs can align with their career goals."

After checking in to the clinic, participants receive a handout with information on the methods currently available in the clinic, a standardized Walk-In Contraception Clinic Patient Intake Form, and an anonymous Walk-In Contraception Clinic Questionnaire.

When patients are seen, medical personnel will conduct a urine pregnancy test. Upon receiving a negative pregnancy test result, birth control will be prescribed. A pap smear may also be performed at the provider's discretion.

"The PINC Clinic helps to prevent

unplanned pregnancies that can impact the career path of our active-duty females. It gives them the comfort to know that if they are having any doubts, they can walk in to the PINC Clinic and discuss their options," said Hospital Corpsman hospitalman Janique Lindo, organizer of the Capodichino PINC Clinic.

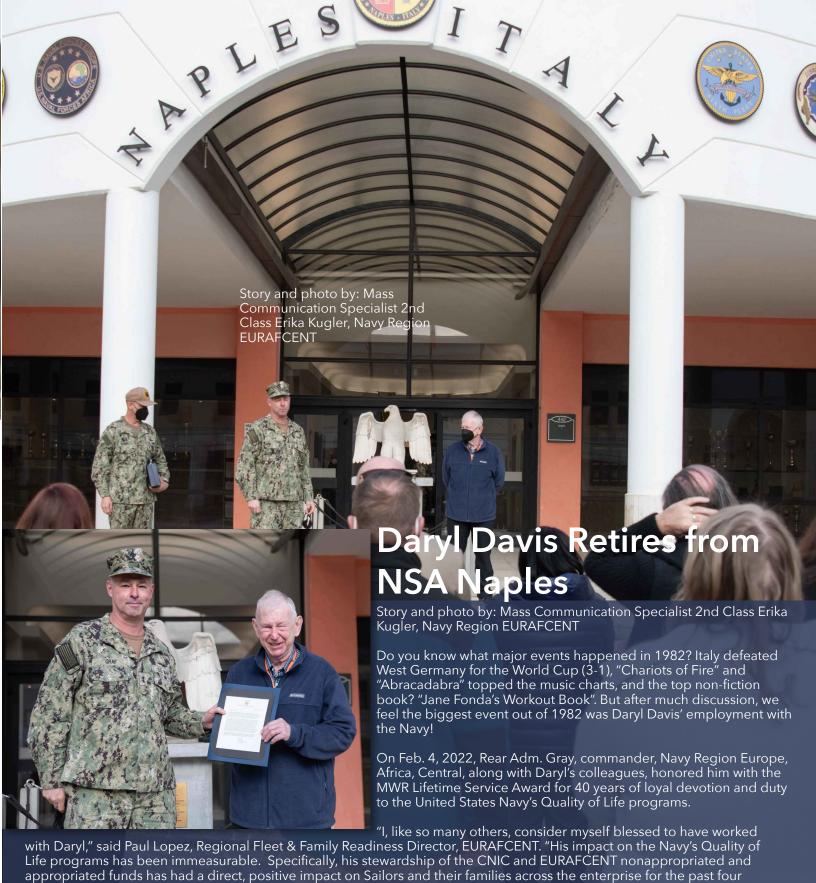
Individuals are given various contraception options to choose from, to including Intrauterine Devices (IUDs), subdermal implants, hormonal options, and emergency contraception

prescriptions along with education on all methods.

The clinic also helps ensure that eligible beneficiaries are able to better plan their lives.

"With this program in place, women's health care needs can align with their career goals. Women can be in the military and plan their families," said White.

Currently, USNH Naples at Support Site is offering a PINC Clinic to all Tricare beneficiaries on Monday, Thursday and Friday from 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

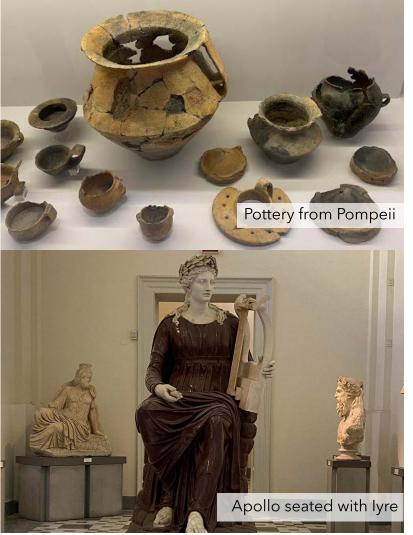


"While he will be sorely missed, his retirement following 40 years of outstanding and dedicated service to the Navy family is much deserved!"

Thank you so much for all your service and dedication to the Navy, enjoy your well-deserved retirement!

decades.

Pictured: Rear Adm. Scott Gray, commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Central, presents Daryl Davis the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Lifetime Service Award for 40 years of dedication and service to the United States Navy's Quality of Life programs, Feb. 04, 2022 onboard Naval Support Activity Naples, Italy.



Discovering and exploring new museums is one of the great benefits of being stationed in Napoli. It grants us the perfect opportunity to explore historical sites and museums across Europe, and oftentimes immerses us in a culture unfathomable to most Americans!

Upon first visiting Napoli, I was told by both travelers and locals alike that I must make a stop at the Archaeological Museum, where rescued artifacts from Pompeii and Herculaneum are on display. This alone got me excited, however, there are many more hidden gems and fascinations to be found in this museum. Luckily for us, the Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT) connects us with museums and cultural sites like the Archaeological Museum every month. You will see it as a reoccurring trip for a reason; it's a marvel and can't be explored in one or even two trips!

I took the plunge within my first two weeks of being in Napoli and signed up for the trip. Aldo, the ITT tour guide, does a wonderful job of welcoming guests and has mastered the art of giving tours. If you cannot attend a tour with ITT, audio tours are available.

Aldo led our tour group past beautiful sculptures, intricate mosaics, and unfathomable history. One of my favorite pieces was the Farnese Hercules sculpture, because it depicts a side of Hercules we would not normally see. The sculpture shows a rare moment of weariness in which Hercules is depicted resting on a club instead of in action, such as fighting an infamous beast. Draped over the club is the fabled Nemean lion skin and head. Killing this beast

was actually the first challenge out of twelve called the "Labours of Hercules". These Twelve Labors were penance for the crime of killing his wife due to temporary insanity caused by the goddess Hera.

Aldo shared a plethora of information with us, and did it in a way that was engaging for our group. We spent over three hours exploring the museum, and did not get close to seeing everything. That means a second, and even third trip, are in my near future!

While I can't share all of the history and stories I learned from my visits, I can surely encourage you to visit the Archaeological Museum when you see it pop up on the ITT calendar. Heck, you can even visit it on your own!

Highlights in the museum you won't want to miss:

1. The Battle of Alexander against Darius Mosaic

This is a world famous mosaic that uses over a half million individual tesserae pieces to create. It was taken from Pompeii's House of the Faun and is in astonishing shape despite its age.

2. The Farnese Bull

This is a breathtakingly intricate and large sculpture showing the moment in Greek mythology when the sons of Antiope murdered Dirce, wife of the ruler of Thebes.

3. Portrait of Terentius Neo and His Wife

A striking double portrait of a Pompeii bakery owner and his wife. Due to the way the couple is portrayed in equal standing, it offers a look into gender politics of the time.

....and so much more!

The Community Corner is an area for members of the Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples community to submit and share stories, photos and travel tips. The content does not reflect the views of NSA Naples, the U.S. Navy or the Department of Defense. To submit content on your positive experiences, email pao_naples@eu.navy.mil.

The Museo Archeologico Nazionale di Napoli Story By: NSA Naples Community Member Cheyenne Whitney

CONCERT in the COURTYARD

Enjoy an evening of music performed by **ROCK BAND** the U.S. Naval Forces Europe and Africa Band.

Bring folding chairs or blankets. Patrons must wear face masks. Food and beverages available for purchase.

Sorry, no pets allowed.



COMMUNITY RECREATION

Teresa's Treasures:

Carnevale

Story by: Teresa Merola, NSA Naples, Public Affairs

One of the most popular Italian festivities in February is Carnevale. This year's Carnevale began on Feb. 19 and ended on March 1. During Carnevale season, colorful parades, exotic masks and delicious food can be savored anywhere in Italy. For this occasion, the locals, especially children, also take the opportunity to dress up in their favorite cartoon or comic bookthemed character costumes.

Some of the oldest Carnevale celebrations in the world were celebrated in Italy during the medieval era. There are various Carnevale themed festivities throughout Italy, so no matter where you are in Italy during Carnevale you are most likely to see elaborate masks and costumes with a full itinerary of celebrations.

The most famous and oldest Carnevale in Italy is undoubtly held in Venice. It is also known for its elaborate costumes, carnival-themed masks, costume balls and parties. In Venice, the official kick-off for Carnevale is signaled by the Volo dell'Angelo, or "Flight of the Angel," where a woman dressed up as an angel "flies" on a suspended cable from the top of the famous Campanile bell tower in the city square. Public events include gondola and boat rides along the Grand Canal, masked parades in Piazza San Marco and a grand fireworks to end the night.

The city of Viareggio, Tuscany is also known for its huge parades featuring large allegorical floats made of papier-mâché, performers, and bands. The parade is usually held along the seaside promenade. This beautiful scenery draws thousands of people from all over the world who enjoy concerts, food stands, masquerades and fireworks. In Viareggio, you can also visit the Carnevale Museum, which opens during the weekends.

In the Piedmont region, an unusual carnival with medieval roots takes place in Ivrea. The main attraction is the Battle of the Oranges, a huge orange-throwing battle in the city center where representatives of different districts throw oranges from decorated carts, to simulate a medieval battle.



In the Puglia region, one of the oldest and longest Carnevale celebrations is held in Putignano. The city streets are decorated with artists and entertainers and every year there is new theme.

In celebration of Carnevale, locals like to make a dessert called the "frappe", which are thin strips of fried dough covered with powdered sugar, and sometimes served with chocolate. Depending on which part of Italy you decide to visit, the "frappe" dessert may have different pastry names. For example, in the Campania region, they are also known as the "chiacchiere".

The Naples-themed Carnevale celebration goes back to ancient times during the reign of King Charles of Bourbon where there were great celebrations throughout the city. The king had the so-called "cuccagne" built throughout the city. "Cuccagne" were wooden structures decorated with food as a donation to the community. The Neapolitan nobles loved Carnevale because it was a great opportunity to host elegant masked-themed parties where locals can walk around beautiful historical structures in the city of Naples.

One of the oldest Carnevale in Campania was and is still celebrated in Capua. Since 1886, locals in Capua love to wear masks and host parades.

When in Italy, consider visiting other Carnevales in the Campania region such as the Carnevale of Palma Campania; Carnevale of Maiori on the Amalfi coast; Carnevale of Striano; Carnevale of Saviano; Carneval of Agropoli; the Carnevale of Montemarano and the Carnevale of Villa Literno.

"Buon Carnevale to all!".



Pictures by: LT Jamie Moroney Pictured: Individuals dressed in costumes in honor of Carnevale in Florence, Italy.



Italian Phrase of the Month:

"E' tempo di svago e divertimento"

Translation: "It's time for leisure and fun."

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