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Direct Line

Capt. Douglas S. MacKenzie, NAVSUP FLCSI Commanding Officer

Greetings and Buongiorno, It is a great honor and piacere to lead the hundreds of men and women assigned to Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella (NAVSUP FLCSI). In this Direct Line, I'll share with you a brief overview of who we are and what we do.

NAVSUP FLCSI provides logistics, business and support services to U.S. Naval, Joint and Allied forces through partnerships and sound business practices in order to set theater readiness with material accountability. Simply stated, our job is to ensure that you – NAS Sigonella's Naval, joint and NATO warfighters - have the necessary tools to be ready to fight tonight, sustain tomorrow and always!

To accomplish NAVSUP FLCSI's mission of sustaining readiness in the region, our expert logisticians deliver a variety of products and services that improve you and your families' quality of life while stationed OCONUS. Two that readily come to mind are our Personal Property team, whom you worked with before, during and after your PCS move; and our fleet mail center team, who manages postal operations. Check out this great resource we published on our YouTube channel that explains our postal services in more detail – <https://youtu.be/d7REa7QkxQQ>

Beyond these quality-of-life services, we enable your combat capabilities by managing NASSIG's aircraft refueling operations, hazardous material handling, contracting, customs clearance, transportation, material support and logistics support centers. We meet these obligations through forward operating and cooperative security sites, as well as enduring and contingency



locations across Europe and Africa.

On behalf of the command, we are committed to the reliable delivery of our logistics products and services to all of our customers and mission partners across our area of operations.

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In the Spotlight

Name: YSSN Sky Fowler
Command: NCTS Sicily
Department: Admin

By MC3 Triniti Lersch *NAS Sigonella Public Affairs*

In January of 2021, Yeoman Seaman Sky Fowler from Davenport, Florida joined the Navy because she wanted to serve her country, challenge herself, and see the world.

“I joined the Navy because it seemed like that was the branch that would have the best opportunities to travel to different places,” said Fowler.

Although Fowler didn’t originally choose to be a yeoman, she is glad she did because it provides her with a wide range of duty stations and opportunities other rates may not have.

Fowler is currently attached to Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station, Sicily. She has been stationed here for seven months, and this is her first command.

“It’s a pretty great command to work for,” said Fowler. “I do the muster report, get the plan of the week ready, and track correspondence,” explained Fowler. “The most difficult part of my job is dealing with personnel leaving and having everybody complete their check-out in a timely manner.”

“I am the Repair Parts Petty Officer (RPPO) so whenever we need something like office supplies or new chairs, I put the request in for the supply,” said Fowler. “I am also currently going to SAPR VA training.”

Growing up, Fowler learned that she is the driving force in her own life. She believes this mindset applies to the Navy because the direction of her career, her personal accomplishments and her overall success is her own responsibility.

Her drive is already making an impression on her leadership.

“Yeoman Seaman Fowler has grown and developed during her tenure at NCTS Sicily,” said Yeoman 1st Class Ryan Gregory, the NCTS Admin Department Leading Petty Officer. “She strives to be the epitome of professionalism and precision while being devoted to the overall command mission and self-improvement. In the few months she has been

onboard, she has revamped the command directives program and overhauled the prospective gains and prospective losses tracking system. She outperforms her peers on a daily basis and never fails to impress with her work ethic!”

To Fowler, the Navy’s biggest contribution to national defense is keeping the world’s oceans free for international trade and commerce. Her proudest accomplishment in the Navy is helping with Operation Allies Refuge.

“Serving in the Navy means I am able to fulfill my civic duty and defend democracy,” said Fowler. “This is something that fills me with a great sense of pride as an American. Additionally, on a personal level, the military affords me the opportunity to travel the world and make life-long memories that drastically expand my horizons.”

In her free time, Fowler is an aspiring linguist and enjoys cooking.

“I like to cook a lot of Asian cuisines; my husband is Filipino,” said Fowler. “I speak Spanish, a little bit of Italian, Tagalog, and now I’m taking American Sign Language. I just really want to be a fluent speaker in Tagalog and also be able to speak more in Italian.”

Fowler really likes to learn languages for herself, but would also like to do speech therapy one day.

“I’m planning on either getting my master’s degree, or I’m going to go to culinary school,” said Fowler. “Right now I’m finishing up my basic studies, so I’m about to be done with my associate’s and then I’ll start my bachelor’s.”

Fowler’s favorite place to visit in Sicily is Cassibile, and being in Sicily has given Fowler the opportunity to travel around Europe.

“I’ve been to Belgium, Netherlands, Malta and Germany while stationed here,” said Fowler. “Belgium was my favorite because Antwerp is beautiful for window shopping.”

NAS Sigonella Unveils New P-8 Hangar

By NAS Sigonella Public Affairs

U.S. Naval Air Station Sigonella, along with Commander, Task Force (CTF) 67 and Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command (NAVFAC) Europe Africa Central (EURAFCENT), unveiled a new P-8 hangar on Feb. 2.

The new hangar incorporates modern technology and construction techniques that will enhance overseas maintenance for forward deployed aircraft, enabling greater support and flexibility to operational commanders in the dynamic maritime environment.

“The acceptance of this hangar marks an important milestone in the P-8 program. This remarkable hangar will provide a home base that fully meets the maintenance and support requirements of the world’s most technologically advanced anti-submarine patrol aircraft,” said Capt. Kevin “Kepper” Pickard, NAS Sigonella commanding officer. “Not only will it serve as a critical enabler to provide enhanced maritime global responsiveness and power projection, but it also represents an example of the enduring commitment of the United States to the defense of our NATO allies.”

NAVFAC EURAFCENT military and civilian engineers began construction on the \$26.5 million hangar in May 2017. The new hangar has already established itself as a key contributor to NAS Sigonella’s mission. In August 2021, NAS Sigonella served as a transit site for Afghan evacuees prior to their subsequent movement to other locations during Operation Allies Refuge.

“During OAR, the hangar was used to house up to 1,300 evacuees during Operation Allies Refuge,” said Cmdr. Mark Christensen, public works officer at Public Works Department Sigonella “We worked closely with our contracting firms to ensure we could comfortably house them while still protecting this nearly complete facility. Our

team is proud to support the fleet in the efforts made both during OAR and finalizing hangar construction.”

The facility can house two P-8A aircraft simultaneously and provides a consolidated space for both deployed squadron rotations and CTF 67 operations. For approximate scale, each P-8 aircraft, derived from Boeing 737s, has a wingspan of 123 feet, length of 129 feet and height of 42 feet.

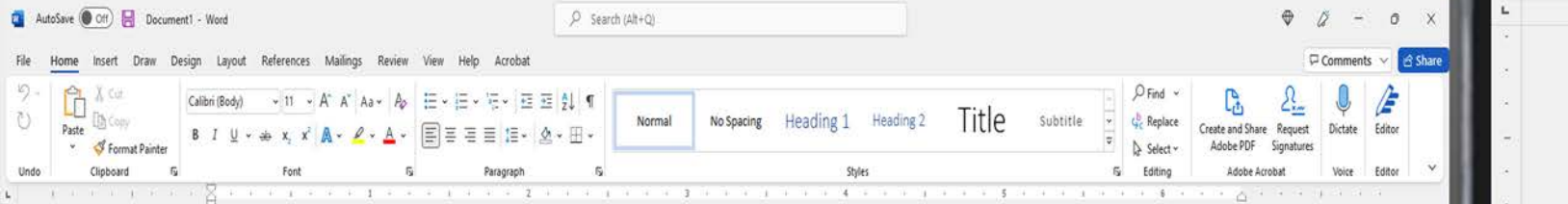
“It is my honor to accept NAS Sigonella’s newest aircraft hangar on behalf of the maritime patrol and reconnaissance force,” said Capt. Tim Thompson, CTF 67 commodore. “This hangar represents an important investment by the Navy to fully support the principle P-8’s mission areas of maritime surveillance, anti-submarine, and anti-surface ship warfare. This spectacular facility will significantly enhance the operational mission effectiveness of our aircraft to combatant commanders, the Navy, and our NATO allies.”

The P-8 Poseidon is a multi-mission maritime patrol and reconnaissance aircraft with the ability to conduct anti-submarine warfare. NAS Sigonella enables P8-A deployment throughout the theater, supporting both U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command. The P-8 is one of many American, Italian and NATO aircraft operating out of NAS Sigonella.

CTF 67 provides responsive, interoperable, and expeditionary combat-ready maritime patrol aircraft and supporting forces to United States and regional allies, while promoting cooperative maritime security in order to enhance regional stability.

Known as the “Hub of the Mediterranean,” NAS Sigonella, due to its strategic location, allows the forces of the United States, allies and partner nations to deploy and respond as required to ensure security and stability in Europe, Africa and Central Command.





Reflections on Black History Month

By LS1 Makerria Stroud, *NAS Sigonella Operations*



When I sat down to write about why Black History Month is so important to me, my thoughts immediately went to, "How do I say this? How do I capture everything that Black history means to me in just a couple of words and not a book? How do I go about telling readers just how important February is to me?" I really struggled because it's something that I'm very passionate about, and I want to give the topic its justice.

So I'll start by saying this: Black history is not just for Black people and shouldn't be celebrated only in the month of February. Its importance to the world expands far beyond 28 days. Black history is American history.

Black history is completely intertwined in everything that America is today, from the tragedies of slavery to the billion dollar corporations that we see today, as well as the trends that we know and love. Black American influence and presence brought a lot of things that were specific to America to the rest of the world and made America the greatest country on Earth.

Had it not been for Michael Jordan, basketball would not be as renowned in other countries as it is today.

Had it not been for the great jazz singers such as Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, Spike Hughes, Eartha Kitt and Billie Holiday, jazz and blues music, which contributed to rock, hip-hop and R&B, would not be something that is immersed in European culture.

Many corporations are well-known due to amazing African Americans. For instance, Nike was a very



small shoe company that no one wore and had no big athletic names attached to its brand until Michael Jordan. Due to the Air Jordan shoe line, Nike became what we know today as a billion dollar company, where one stock is \$145.91 and shoes are worth three times their original retail price.

Why is Black history so important to me? Because of its influence on cultures, marketing and society; Black History Month helps celebrate this influence. Black History Month acknowledges the Black struggle from the past and present alongside its major contributions to the world. At the same time, so much of Black history has been undocumented that it is important to celebrate the accomplishments that we know and milestones that continue to be reached.

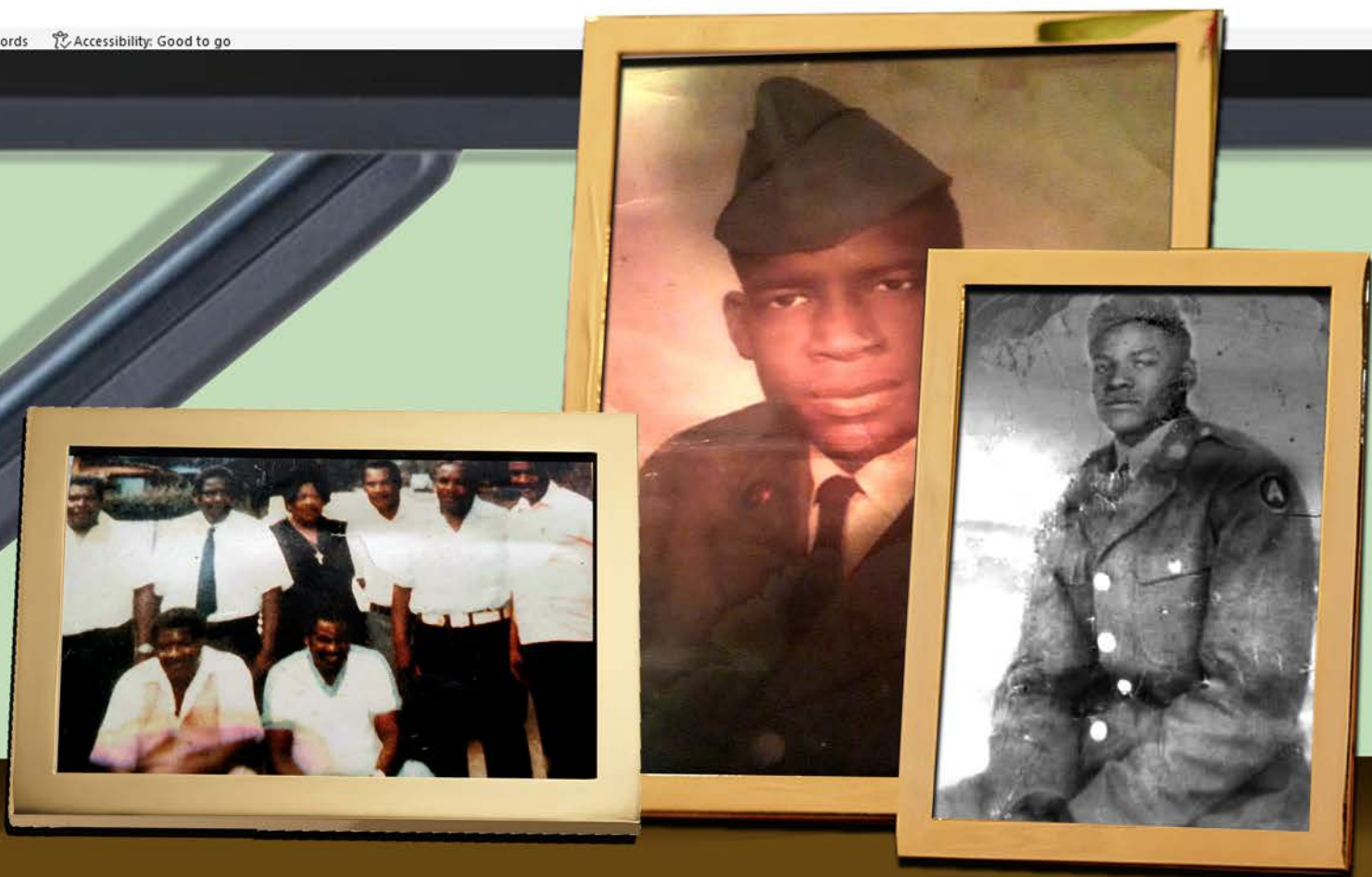
Carter G. Woodson, who is known as the “Father of Black History,” once said the Black History Month is important because “those who have no record of what their forebears have accomplished lose the inspiration which comes from the teaching of biography and history.” Put simply, representation matters. Young Black children should learn about their history to see that through all odds, they have the ability to succeed as well.

Black History Month is not just important to me due to the famous names or contributions; it’s also a time to celebrate my family members who contributed to my family history: the people who did a lot and got a little; the names that I will never know; and the experiences that I will never understand. Their service to this country—that I still serve today—has made me the person and Sailor that I am.

I can remember as a young child talking to my great-grandfather, who had a huge knot in his gum that made him slur when he talked. I finally had the courage to ask my grandmother why he had the knot in his mouth, and she told me it was from him fighting in World War II. He would tell me stories about his life, but I only understood as an adult how much he and others in my family sacrificed so much for me to be who I am today.

As a Sailor, I am encouraged by Black figures such as the Tuskegee Airmen, Carl Brashear (whose famous quote “I ain’t going to let nobody steal my dream” has dawned every desk I have sat at since I was a Logistics Specialist Seaman) and Master Chief Logistics Specialist Gina Scott, the first Black female Master Chief that I had ever seen in my Navy career. These service members helped me believe that I could do more than just survive the military, but also thrive and be an example to others who come after me. Having their faces and names in these positions proved to me that representation truly matters.

Knowing not only Black history but my own family’s “Black history” has developed me into the ambitious, hard-working and strong-willed person that I am today. I know that by teaching Black history in February (or all year), anyone, whether a person of color or not, will be inspired by the tales of triumph.



Italian News

No Sant'Agata Festival, but Sweets Still Available!

By Dr. Alberto Lunetta, *NAS Sigonella Public Affairs*

No religious processions with thousands of devotees swarming the streets of Catania, no big festival, just Holy Masses behind closed doors. For the second year in a row, the Festa di Sant'Agata (Saint Agatha Festival), the third largest Catholic festival in the world, was restricted due to the Omicron-driven spike of COVID-19 cases. Catania metropolitan's retiring Archbishop Salvatore Gristina told media that he fully shared the common sorrow for the cancellation of the festival which was the last one for him as head of the Catania Catholic community.

Nevertheless, on the last day of the festival, devotees, who were only allowed to enter the cathedral in lines for a quick greet to the saint, still gathered in large groups outside the most important church of the city—the one that houses the relics of the beloved patroness. Wearing white tunics (named in Sicilian “saccu,”) gloves, a handkerchief, and a black skullcap (in Sicilian, “a scuzzitta”), they invoked the saint's protection for hours, told her the story of the miracle that they received and requested her to answer a prayer. Devotees kept shouting: “Semu divoti tutti? Cettu, Cettu, Citatini, viva Sant'Aita!” (Are we all devotees? Yes, of course, sure, Townspeople, long live St. Agata!).

During regular festivals, held in Catania from February 3rd to 5th, devotees indeed scream those passionate words over and over during the processions until their voices get hoarse in order to publicly show their devotion to the beloved patroness. These celebrations, which mingle the sacred and profane, involve hundreds of thousands of Catanians taking to the streets of the historic center to do homage to the “Santuzza” (meaning “young saint,” a nickname given to St. Agata because of her young age).

According to tradition, Agata came from a rich family. Her virtues and her beauty drew the attention of Quintianus, a local Roman governor who actively and brutally persecuted Christians.

Agata, who already consecrated herself to God, refused his advances. Therefore, Quintianus decided to punish her by having her locked up in a brothel where Aphrodisia, a wicked woman, tried to corrupt Agata's virtue and faith by playing wiles and stratagems. Agata never wavered and resisted all her attempts. Therefore, Quintianus, miffed by Agata's resistance, had her undergo terrible tortures such as cutting off her breast. This detail was often



The scrumptious Cassatine and Olivette sweets are essential to the food tradition of the annual Saint Agatha's festival which was held with subdued celebrations because of covid-19 restrictions last week. They are still available at local pastry shops and bakeries.

depicted in the Christian medieval paintings as a peculiar characteristic of St. Agata.

According to tradition, prodigious events occurred while Agata was in prison, such as the apparition of St. Peter who comforted and healed all her wounds.

Eventually, after repeated tortures, Quintianus condemned Agata to the stake, but while she was burning alive, a violent earthquake struck Catania. This natural disaster was welcomed by the Catanians as a sign that God wanted the tortures inflicted upon Agata to be over. Thus, a riot broke out in the city, forcing Quintianus to stop the execution. Agata was then brought back to her prison where she died right after on Feb. 5, 251 AD. On that same day, the evil Quintianus, fleeing the riot, drowned in the river Simeto.

St. Agata is also considered a salvatrice (savior),

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NAVSUP FLCSI Supports HSTCSG During Neptune Strike 2022

By NAVSUP FLCSI Public Affairs

Logisticians assigned to Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella and its mission partners delivered aviation fuel and more than 800 pallets containing mail, food provisions and cargo to crewmembers of the Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group (HSTCSG) through strategic locations at Naval Air Station Sigonella, Italy, and Naval Support Activity Souda Bay, Greece in support of the NATO-led activity Neptune Strike, Jan. 24-Feb. 4, 2022.

“Our command’s logistics mission sets focus on ensuring warfighters, both ashore and afloat, operating across U.S. Naval Forces Europe/Africa, have the supplies and repair parts they need to execute their mission, particularly during activities like Neptune Strike, for which readiness is of utmost importance,” said Capt. Douglas MacKenzie, NAVSUP FLCSI commanding officer. “We realize that moving warfighters’ mail in and out of the area of responsibility plays a significant role in sustaining positive morale aboard Carrier Strike Group (CSG) ships whose crewmembers are away from their families. High morale means sustained focus on successfully completing all mission objectives.”

Neptune Strike 2022 highlighted the natural evolution of NATO’s ability to integrate the high-end maritime warfare capabilities of a carrier strike group to support the defense of the alliance. Neptune Strike 2022 accomplished the long-planned handover of command and control of the HSTCSG from U.S. Sixth Fleet (SIXTHFLT) to Naval Striking and Support Forces NATO (STRIKFORNATO) and the wider

alliance.

“The capability of SIXTHFLT and STRIKFORNATO combined staffs to enable a handover of the Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group demonstrates the power and cohesiveness of our maritime forces and the NATO alliance,” said Vice Adm. Gene Black, commander, SIXTHFLT and STRIKFORNATO. “NATO’s command and control of a CSG is the result of decades of alliance maritime interoperability.”

Neptune Strike 2022 is the execution phase of a long series of activities known as Project Neptune, conceptualized in 2020. The activity focuses on overcoming the complexities of integrating command and control of a carrier strike group to NATO.

SIXTHFLT, headquartered in Naples, Italy, conducts the full spectrum of joint and naval operations, often in concert with allied and interagency partners, in order to advance U.S. national interests and security and stability in Europe and Africa.

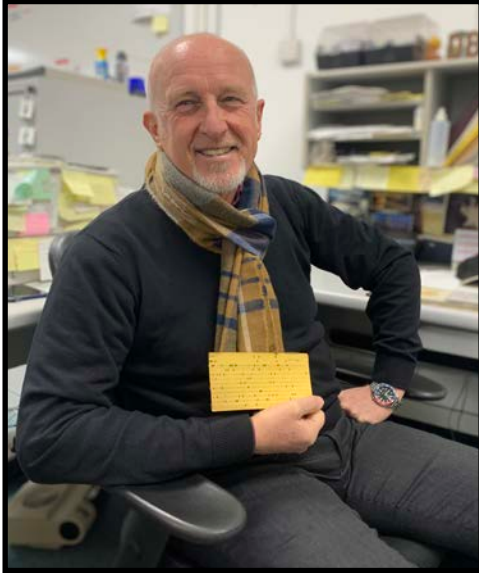
STRIKFORNATO, headquartered in Oeiras, Portugal, is Supreme Allied Commander Europe’s (SACEUR) premier, rapidly deployable and flexible, maritime power projection Headquarters, capable of planning and executing full spectrum joint maritime operations.

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End of an Era at Sigonella ASD: Tony Genovesi Retires after 37 Years

By Megan Mills, *NAS Sigonella Public Affairs*



Antonio "Tony" Genovesi poses with a punch card from his early years at ASD Sigonella.

Antonio "Tony" Genovesi began working at Naval Air Station Sigonella before most of its current Sailors were born.

In 1985, Genovesi joined the Aviation Supply Depot as a supply clerk, and he retired in Jan. 2022 as the supply application administrator/acting deputy, having made a substantial impact on the base and the U.S. Navy.

"I first met Tony in 1996 when I checked into ASD Sigonella as the AVDLR [aviation depot level repairable] officer," said Rear Adm. Kristin Acquavella, special assistant to the Commander, Naval Supply Systems Command. "An incredible mentor, leader, and friend, he is responsible for the training of arguably hundreds of Navy Supply Corps Officers, senior enlisted and Sailors over his illustrious 37 year career!"

Genovesi is highly regarded through the Navy as an expert in database management, including NALCOMIS, an aviation system that manages the supply and maintenance

of aircraft parts. At the start of his career, though, the technology wasn't quite so advanced.

"In 37 years, I've basically seen it all," said Genovesi. "When I started here, we were still using the key punching machine. Zero one, zero one, you know? We used to input the information, then send it over to the big IBM computer room, and all the data and changes would come back to you the next day in a master listing. There was a forest of paper that we killed!"

During his time at ASD Sigonella, Genovesi worked through several significant military events, including Desert Shield/Desert Storm and the Kosovo War.

Mr. Bong Cabling, executive director of Naval Supply Systems Command (NAVSUP) Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella (FLCSI), was the officer in charge of ASD during Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

"In August 1990, we started working 12 hours a day, and Mr. Tony Genovesi expended so many hours maintaining strict accountability and inventory of all the parts for the four aircraft squadrons that were forward deployed here in Sigonella," said Cabling. "As a result, we were actually commended by 6th Fleet because we maintained the highest mission capable aircraft in the [area of responsibility]."

Born in Floridia, Sicily, Genovesi moved with his family to Hartford, Conn. in the 1960s. They returned to Sicily for his high school years, but his time in the United States was memorable.

"It was a big change, moving to the US in the 60s," said Genovesi. He recalls that America was the land of "big cars and big refrigerators" in comparison to Italy, but nowadays

he finds countries are more similar than different.

"I have made probably 50 trips to the US TAD [temporary assigned duty], and it is not like it used to be in the 50s and 60s," said Genovesi. "We're all in one big world now."

According to Cabling, Genovesi's background contributed to his success.

"By blending his Italian heritage and American experience, he has been very effective and efficient," said Cabling. "He understands our language very well, and he also understood how to do business the Italian way."

Along the way, Genovesi earned many recognitions for his work, including multiple Civilian of the Quarter awards and the Navy Meritorious Civilian Service Award.

Genovesi has shared his experience and expertise with countless Sailors during his years at ASD Sigonella.

"The three key values that you always have to keep in mind are friendship, professionalism, and

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respect," said Genovesi. "If you combine these three values, you have a perfect team. And this is what we always try to do here."

During his retirement, Genovesi is looking forward to hiking, diving, fishing, and spending time with his wife and two kids.

"Well, I say kids," Genovesi said. "One has a master's degree in computer science and the other is getting a master's degree in math!"

Though he will be missed, Genovesi's contributions to ASD Sigonella, both personal and professional, have made a lasting impact.

"I can't think of ASD Sigonella without thinking of Tony Genovesi, who has been the cornerstone of 'Aviation Supply in the Med' for as long as I can remember," said Acquavella. "Tony is quick with wit, humor and sharing his knowledge to make people better and always guided us toward the best diving spots on the island and certainly the best places to eat!"

"He is probably one of the best aviation support database administrators and leaders by example in both military and civilian workforce in NAS Sigonella," said

Cabling. "He is very humble and easy-going in his leadership style. He speaks very softly, but they listen to him because of his expertise. I will miss him dearly."

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which means that she rescued Catania several times over the centuries, especially during earthquakes and lava eruptions. Legend has it that her holy purple-colored veil (named "limpia" in Sicilian) has stopped two dangerous eruptions. The first one occurred in 251 A.D., a year after her martyrdom, and the second one in 1886, when the lava threatened Nicolosi. In both cases, the veil was brought in procession to the eruption site, and the advancing lava flow miraculously stopped. Catania Cardinal Giuseppe Benedetto Dusmet, regarded as a saint and whose body is preserved inside the cathedral, led the 19th century procession.

Even though the Festa di Sant'Agata is over, you can still satisfy your sweet tooth with traditional festival treats!

Make sure you visit the Catania pasticceria (pastry shops) or panifici (bakeries) to sample the delicious "olivette di Sant'Agata" (Saint Agata's small olives) and torrone (nougat), which are two traditional marzipan and almond-based St. Agata-related sweets, as well as are the mouthwatering "cassatine" or "minne" (small breast-shaped cassate pastries which honor the torture underwent by St. Agata) filled with ricotta cheese, covered by sugar glaze, with a candied cherry on top.

Olivette (Olive-shaped and green marzipan sweets) are related to a legend from the saint's life. Tradition has it that when Agata was on her way to stand trial before Quintianus, she bent to tie her sandal. As she did that, an olive tree miraculously sprouted where she had stepped. After St. Agata's death, these olives were

preserved as relics. Olivette are also available in the chocolate covered version. Olivette and cassatine are also associated with ancient fertility rites.

"Torrone" or nougat is made with sugar, honey, egg whites, almonds and hazelnuts. As tradition says, it was first prepared for the wedding banquet of Bianca Maria Visconti and the Duke of Milan, Francesco Sforza that took place in Cremona in 1441. Historic sources tell that the chefs made the torrone in the shape of the 13th century tower, which still flanks Cremona's cathedral, because it was included in bride's dowry. The tower was named "Torrione" (in Italian, big tower), thus the dessert was given the name "torrone." Historic sources say the guests of the wedding banquet, who came from every part of Italy and Europe, were so impressed by the savory taste of torrone that they praised its delicacy as they went back home. As a result, torrone earned a worldwide reputation.

Torrone has many different flavors. The traditional hard white variety includes almonds or hazelnuts, but it can be enriched with liqueurs like rum, Grand Marnier and Strega. Another popular flavor is chocolate-frosted with lemon, pistachio or orange icings.

If you have never seen the festival, you can learn about its history, legend and associated foods by watching these video created by NAVSUP FLCSI's Inclusion and Diversity Council:

The history - <https://youtu.be/G9M5WXkCe6k>

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