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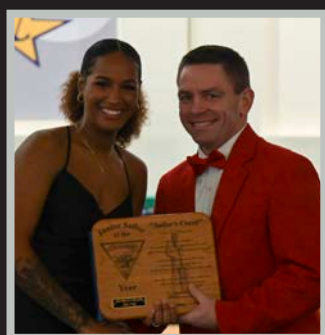
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 In the
Spotlight

By MC1 Josh Coté, *NAS Sigonella Public Affairs*

Every year around the holidays, many service members are separated from their family and friends. Deployed service members aren't the only ones to include the thousands of others stationed all over the world. Luckily there are people back stateside who keep those military members in thoughts around this time of year and want to make sure they know people are thinking about them. This is the case for Richard Honan, from Winthrop, Mass., who takes it upon himself every year to send care packages to military members stationed and deployed all over the world. Specifically, Honan has sent care packages for the last three years to the service members stationed here at Naval Air Station Sigonella.

In 1968, Honan had just left art school while the draft was active for the Vietnam War. Honan decided to enlist in the Army on his own terms with hopes of choosing a better job instead of being drafted. He was sent to construction drafting school to apply his art school expertise to drawing plans for bridges, buildings, walls, etc. After completing three months of training for his job, he was sent to Vietnam. Honan finished his time in the Army in November 1970.

After serving in Vietnam, Honan knew what it could feel like for other service members during a time of war. When the next big conflict started, he knew he had to help service members anyway he could. During that time, a friend of his daughter that he had known her whole life joined the military.

"I started this program of supporting our military men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan about twenty years ago in the middle 2002," said Honan. "It all began with a young girl by the name of Kelly Kneeland. I had seen this young woman grow up and go through kindergarten, grade school and then onto high school with my daughter Christine. She then went off to study nursing at Syracuse University. While studying at Syracuse, she became a member of Reserve Officers Training Corps and when she graduated, she was commissioned as a lieutenant in the United States Army. When the second Gulf War broke out in 2002, she was off to Afghanistan as part of the initial invasion force."

After serving in a major conflict himself Honan knew exactly how service members felt and what they were going through themselves.

"Being an Army Vietnam veteran myself, I remembered not only the danger of war, but also the loneliness of being away from home," said Honan. "I took it upon myself to write to Kelly and send her a care package every month for her entire deployment. I sort of adopted her and kept her under my wing until she came home. Kelly was no sooner home than I connected with another soldier, which led to another soldier, to another, one soldier came home, another one led to two more and so on."

Honan fills the packages with the basic items like mac n' cheese, black socks, energy and protein bars, canned pastas, cookies, peanut butter crackers, fruit cocktail,

canned chili, beef stew, individual serving packets of powdered drink; along with little bags of beach sand and shells from Winthrop Beach, little plastic capsules of American soil, toiletries, magazines and newspapers.

Along with all the goods, Honan has school children from the local elementary and middle schools write letters or short notes and draw pictures that he places in the care packages. Honan also personally writes each of the service members a letter each month.

“In twenty years, I have personally packed and shipped over 4,000 care packages weighing over 43,000 pounds,” said Honan. “I have also handwritten over 13,000 letters. It’s a year-round project, shipping two or three dozen care packages every month. This year’s Christmas Tree Care Packages went to Korea, Okinawa, Romania, Jordan, Djibouti, Germany, Abu Dhabi, Kuwait, Sicily, Niger and the Persian Gulf.”

For Honan it is not about recognition but instead just knowing that the people receiving the care packages know that no matter where they are, there is someone that cares about them.

“Who are these men and women that I send these care packages too?” said Honan. “They are your father, your brother, your niece, your aunts and uncles. They are Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, Airmen and Coast Guardsmen. They are not necessarily from Winthrop. I like to think that I can put a smile on their face, a smile in their heart and a smile in their stomach.”

All of this would not be possible without the tremendous support of the people of Winthrop, the Massachusetts State Daughters of the American Revolution and the surrounding communities. Honan does his best to let our service members know that we appreciate what they do, whatever it takes.



(Left to right) Command Master Chief Randy Dickerson, command master chief, Naval Air Station Sigonella, Capt. Aaron Shoemaker, commanding officer, NAS Sigonella, Command Master Chief Allen Trojanowski, command master chief, Patrol Squadron 4, and Cmdr. Ronald Cappellini, executive officer, NAS Sigonella, show off care packages sent by Mr. Richard Honan, from Winthrop, Mass., in front of the headquarters building on NAS Sigonella, Dec. 21, 2022.



COMMUNITY RELATIONS

At the beginning of 2022, the Naval Air Station Sigonella Public Affairs Office's Community Relations (COMREL) program started full speed ahead as the COVID-19 pandemic continued to slow down. The COMREL program, supported by the base and all tenant commands, aims at fostering positive "good neighbor" relationships and giving back to our local Sicilian communities who have hosted American service members and their families since 1959.

This year, base volunteers contributed thousands of hours of their time through 135 events, to include environmental cleanups at parks, beaches, charities, churches, and historic sites; language interaction and painting projects at Sicilian schools and parishes; and participation in World War 2 commemoration events, as well as ceremonies and social events. The volunteer efforts attracted the interest not only of local but national media, which praised them in several articles and segments aired during the daily television news across Sicily. The positive impact of their efforts also reached thousands of people in Sicily and abroad, through numerous social media posts and shares.

On January 26, top-circulation Italian daily La Repubblica, published a video-story and article, headlined "The retired chaplain who takes Marines to meditate on Mount Etna," about the activity of Sigonella CREDO facilitator and retired Army chaplain Richard Graves. The article noted that Chaplain Graves' spiritual guidance is "critical among squadrons and battalions, but especially for those young men who are going far from home for the first time to serve the nation", and also reported about his ongoing COMREL volunteer activity at Sicilian schools where he facilitates a series of classes ranging from suicide prevention and mindfulness to developing communication and interpersonal skills.

Among this year's COMREL highlights is the June 24th COMREL event in Caltagirone which brought together a large task force of volunteers including Sigonella Sailors from all commands and the volunteers of a local construction company who took part in the clean-up of a former school building which the General-Manager of the Catania Metropolitan area handed over to the Sisters Minor of the Immaculate Heart of Mary so that they would turn it into a charity for needy people. This large-scale volunteer event garnered both Sicilian and Italian media attention. Caltagirone Mayor Fabio Rocuzzo and the Bishop of the Diocese of Caltagirone Calogero Peri attended the event and praised the Sigonella service members for their volunteer effort.

At the beginning of March, top-circulation national daily La Repubblica published a segment reporting about another significant COMREL in Caltagirone where the Navy, along with the Italian Air Force, donated a dozen triwalls, which were left by the 2021 OAR and contained tons of basic necessities such as clothing, shoes and baby food. Donations were delivered, in the presence of Bishop Peri, to the local Caritas charity in Caltagirone to be distributed among the needy.

On the occasion of March 8, International Women's Day, Sigonella servicewomen shared their inspirational career stories at the Women's Month panel promoted by the NASSIG PAO and a group of local Rotary, Lions and Kiwanis Clubs. An event which garnered significant media attention and was covered by top-circulation Sicilian daily La Sicilia, media outlet Livesicilia and Belpasso-based TV station Sestarete. The panel celebrated the International Women's Day by bringing together the personal and professional experiences of both Italian and American female service members who shared their motivations and career achievements.



The mayors of Sant’Agata Li Battiati and Viagrande attended the event and praised Sigonella for its ongoing COMREL activity.

Language interaction volunteering at Sicilian schools successfully continued through the school year with the support of many base commands, to help Sicilian students improve their English and even Spanish conversational skills. This type of volunteer language tutoring is highly requested by Sicilian schools because they typically don’t have native speakers among their staff.

English language interaction classes at Sicilian schools have also been conducted in cooperation with the missionaries of the Church of Christ of the Latter-Day Saints and by Capt. (ret) Barbara Drobina, a Navy doctor who facilitates presentations on health promotion and disease prevention.

On Thanksgiving Day, the Giarre “G. Falcone” Hospitality Management & Culinary High School hosted a special Thanksgiving dinner for a group of unaccompanied Patrol Squadron (VP) 4 Sailors to thank the Navy for the ongoing language tutoring volunteer support.

As it happens every year, NAS Sigonella is committed to spreading environmental awareness through COMREL activities. Besides, the traditional beach cleanups at the Catania waterfront and beaches, on April 30th, NAVHOSP Wardroom volunteers joined hands with Belpasso volunteers to conduct a cleanup along Provincial Road # 77 to pick up litter and install ‘no littering’ road signs.

During the year, Sigonella volunteers received an official thank-you award for the outstanding volunteer support. On November 26th, on International Day Against Violence Against Women, the Catania and Aci Castello Kiwanis Clubs along with the local chapter of the Italian Society of the History of Medicine, presented the Sigonella SAPR team with the prestigious

International Viridimura Award, named after a Catania-based Jewish compassionate physician who was the world’s first woman to graduate in medical school in 1376 in Catania. The award was given for both the SAPR team’s critical mission and for the presentations on sexual assault’s prevention at Sicilian schools that have been facilitated over the past few years across the island.

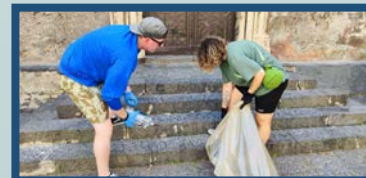
On September 20, a group of Sigonella service members from Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 28 and Air Force association “Top III”, were among the awardees who were presented with a thank-you award for the ongoing base community service activity during a gala night hosted by the Association “Ideals of Justice & Truth” in the town of Viagrande. Awardees included journalists, musicians, artists, photographers, judges and local government executive officers.

On Italy’s Liberation Day, during the celebrations hosted by the mayor of Aci Castello, a delegation of Sigonella uniformed service members from several commands was recognized for the outstanding volunteer activity towards the Sicilian communities.

Besides the annual summer WW2 memorial ceremonies in Gela and Cassibile honoring the heroes of WW2, Sigonella uniformed delegations attended the December celebrations honoring Saint Barbara in Paternò and June 2nd Republic Day in Catania and Aci Sant’Antonio and Armed Forces Day in Zafferana and Motta Sant’Anastasia.

In December, Sigonella volunteers from Aviation Intermediate Maintenance Detachment, U.S. Army, VP-4, NAVHOSP and NATO brought the Christmas spirit to disadvantaged children, hosted by local foster care homes and shelters, with donations of holiday presents.

Sigonella volunteers continue to give back to Sicilian communities and look forward to conduct many more projects in 2023.



Italian News

Italian Christmas Treats to Tempt Taste Buds

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

If you want to satisfy your sweet tooth and live Italian Christmas traditions to the fullest, make sure you taste the most popular Italian and Sicilian Christmas sweets.

“Buccellato” (from the Latin word *Buccellatum* that means bread in morsels) or “Cucciddatu” (as it is called in Sicilian), are among the most popular cakes that are prepared during this holiday season. It is a short crust ring-shaped cake filled with dried fruits, orange peels, plain chocolate, honey and spices with sprinkles of pistachio.

Buccellato also includes a mignon version called “Buccellatino” that is sprinkled with sugar and covered with a white frosting. Other traditional cakes include “Mustazzoli” (sweets made from majorca flour and filled with cooked wine mixed with almonds, pine-seeds and nuts), “ravioli” (fritters filled with sweetened ricotta) and *crispelle* (rice fritters covered with honey).

Other traditional Sicilian sweets include “Cedrata” and “Aranciata,” two mouthwatering specialties made with orange or cedar peel cooked with honey, vanilla and cinnamon.

Besides the traditional Buccellato, the classic Italian Christmas cakes such as “Panettone,” “Pandoro” and “Torrone” are also very popular in Sicily.

As many stories say, the “Panettone” was first prepared in Milan in the 15th century at the bakery of Tony, a grumpy man who used to boss both his workers and his beautiful daughter Adalgisa. Since Tony had such a bad temper, Ughetto, one of his assistants, was afraid to ask him permission to marry his daughter with whom he was in love. Thus, he decided to impress Tony by baking a special cake. Ughetto worked round the clock until he created special bread containing flour, sugar, candied fruits and raisins. Soon this cake became very popular and Tony made a lot of good bargains as everybody in Milan asked for “Pan di Tony” (in Italian, Tony’s bread) which was later named as “Panettone.”

In the wake of this popularity, Tony decided to



Panettone, a tall-dome shaped cake filled with candied fruit which was first prepared by accident in Milan in the 15th century is one of the most popular Italian Christmas cakes. (Photo by Di Nicola from Fiumicino, Rome)

reward his employee by giving him permission to marry Adalgisa. Another tradition says that Panettone was served for the first time at the table of Ludovico Sforza, called “The Moor,” the Duke of Milan (1494–99) during a lavish banquet as a replacement of a cake baked by the leading chef. Since that cake unfortunately wilted, Tony, a bold scullery boy, prepared another one by hastily mixing flour, eggs, butter, sugar and candied fruits to save the chef’s reputation. As the fellow guests tasted this new cake, they found it delicious. Thus, the duke of Milan decided to name it after Tony.

Today, in addition to the traditional candied fruits and raisin fillings, Panettone is enriched with chocolate drops, frosting, almonds and fruit creams.

According to legend, “Pandoro,” (in Italian, “bread of gold”) was named so because of the delicate yellow color of the dough as eggs are also mixed with the other ingredients. It seems to have originated in Verona, an elegant Renaissance city located in the north of Italy that was also chosen as a setting by Shakespeare for his masterpiece “Romeo and Juliet.”

Yet another tale says Pandoro was first prepared

in Venice in the 16th century, when this maritime republic was wealthy and powerful. Chronicles of the time tell that Pandoro was presented at the tables of the Venetian aristocrats all covered with gold leaves.

According to other historians, Pandoro was baked for the first time by Austrian Empire's pastry chefs of the Royal House of Vienna who named it "The Bread of Vienna."

Today, Pandoro is enriched with fruit cream filling and frosting such as lemon or orange and chocolate.

"Torrone" or nougat is made with sugar, honey, egg, whites, almonds and hazelnuts. 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. The chefs shaped the Torrone as 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), so 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 earning the Torrone a worldwide reputation.

EXPLOSIVE SAFETY PROGRAM

After reporting to Naval Air Station Sigonella from NAS Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Mr. Jamieson (Chuck) hit the ground running. The Explosive Safety (ES) program had been virtually dormant for nearly four years as there was no ES inspection due to COVID and the previous Explosive Safety Officer (ESO) had transferred almost a year before Jamieson's arrival. As an office without an assistant, Chuck had to buckle down and spend a lot of extra time and effort to make sure that all programs were compliant while also supporting several other service requirements as well as foreign militaries and aircraft platforms. As a retired P-3 ordnanceman, Chucks experience allowed for a very successful deployment from the Canadian Air Force's CP-140's, and the German P-3's.

Chuck brought with him nearly a decade of ESO experience as well as 30 years of ordnance experience gained not only as an Aviation Ordnanceman but also as a contractor that spent nearly 9 years downrange in Iraq as the ammunition manager (reporting directly to Generals Odinero and Austin), Kuwait, Qatar, Oman and Djibouti. Along the way, he also earned a MBA.

Chuck quickly established a good working rapport with the tenant commands as well as the base's chain of command. As 1 of only 3 ESO's that are 200 level qualified in the region, Chuck brings a wealth of knowledge to the command and was quick to share it all.

Regional ESO visited down to Sig to perform an inspection in May. While the grade of SAT was awarded, there was plenty of work that needed to be accomplished before the ESI in August. Chuck revamped the programs that are used to monitor the explosives work performed throughout the base. Several UXO's found on the airfield added another layer of challenge to the job.

With the addition of a new hangar, a site plan was needed to be generated and Chuck worked closely with the planners in NAVFAC to get that process started. Several other facilities were found that required site plans, so they were initiated as well. By performing a proper ESSA on the base, Chuck was able to find several discrepancies that had they been ignored could have earned the base a grade of UNSAT for the upcoming ESI.

NOSSA members performed the ESI in August and an overall grade of SAT was earned, and the ES program was deemed as robust and healthy. Chuck's attention to detail and overall work ethic ensured that NAS Sigonella is operating its ordnance operations in a safe condition.

Chuck also is actively monitoring the planning process of the addition of several magazines and operating buildings in the NMC compound. With groundbreaking scheduled for FY 2025, his experience and knowledge of regulations and site planning is a contributing factor to its compliance to NOSSA regulations and guidelines.

OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT

2022 was an eventful year for the Operations department. Airfield management coordinated the influx of NATO aircraft during Operation Reassurance and we supported the annual NATO exercise known as Dynamic Manta which included over six coalition partners. Operational readiness was maintained with 75% of usable aprons due to five major ramp construction projects valued over \$153 million. Transient line division has effortlessly and efficiently assisted in the movement of 960 transient aircraft and the loading and off-loading of 356,000 pounds of logistical cargo in direct support of 42 operational units in the U.S. Fifth and Sixth Fleet areas of responsibility. In addition to these safe and effective movements, Transient Line (T-Line) has provided accommodations for Marine transient squadrons, Army units, British Royal Air Force and German Marines. 80% of the T-Line Sailors are 100% qualified in shop qualifications, two out of the ten Sailors advanced to the next paygrade and T-Line Sailors selflessly devoted over 50 hours to numerous volunteer events showing their support to NAS Sigonella and the community.

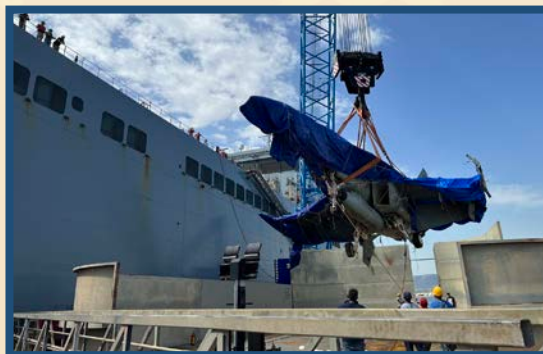
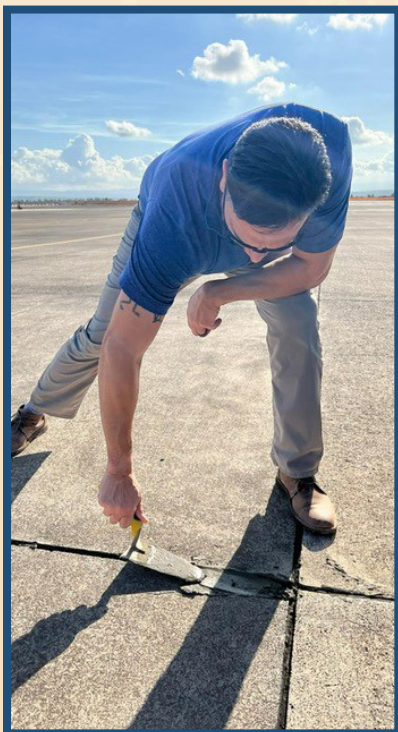
NASSIG's 13 Ground electronic Maintenance Division (GEMD) technicians this year accomplished over 800 preventive and corrective maintenance actions to nine systems and 535 pieces of individual equipment while wishing fair winds and following seas to five shipmates and welcoming six new team-members. Throughout the year GEMD celebrated one enlisted advancement, one Sailor selection as NAS Sigonella Sailor of the Year, and three reenlistments. GEMD technicians successfully restored two catastrophic failures to the Automatic Surface Observing System (ASOS) weather station and one to NAS Sigonella's Instrument Landing System (ILS), while conducting one upgrade to ASOS and two for NAS Sigonella's Supplemental Weather Radar (SWR) system. GEMD's tremendous technical capability and pride and professionalism were showcased during NAS Sigonella's Air Traffic Control Facility Naval Aviation Training and Operations Standardization (NATOPS) inspection where



the team ensured zero discrepancies among 203 of 204 demanding inspection criteria, earning accolades as the second best facility GEMD the inspection team had witnessed over the preceding two cycles of all naval aviation shore facilities.

NASSIG's six-member Port Operations team had a monumental year supporting a near 200% increase in Sixth Fleet shipping traffic, while welcoming two shipmates and proudly earning three enlisted advancements and recognition of NAS Sigonella's Junior Sailor of the Year. The Port Ops team facilitated the transfer of over 22.5 million gallons of fuel and over 400,000 pounds of cargo as well as 128 ship movements in support of three carrier strike groups, and conducted an absolutely flawless Inspector General's Command Inspection Program (CIP) inspection. Furthermore, the team accomplished a major first, conducting in-port certification, testing, and training of a Military Sealift Command bunkering tanker uniquely equipped with two underway replenishment stations to allow for increased logistic flexibility to Sixth Fleet deployed forces. Port Operations was also fortunate to have the opportunity to go the extra mile when spearheading the recovery and transport of an F/A-18 lost at sea. By coordinating equipment and recovery vessel ingress and mobilization, followed by recovery equipment demobilization and transit to NAS Sigonella airfield, Port Operations conducted an initial aircraft transfer from recovery vessel to a barge. From there, the aircraft was taken underway to meet a Combat Logistics Force vessel at anchor to execute a crane-lift and weather-deck tie-down of the damaged aircraft for a safe return voyage to the U.S., marking a resoundingly successful team effort across numerous U.S. Navy and Italian Navy commands.

The Air Traffic Control division had a very busy year. They ensured the safe and expeditious completion of 15,987 flight operations in support of real world operations directed by U.S. and NATO allies. They completed 1,360 hours of instruction and received a grade of mission capable on the 2022 NASSIG NATOPS Evaluation. Two sailors advanced to petty officer third class and one to petty officer first class due to their hard work.



MWR & CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAMS

2022 has been a successful year for NAS Sigonella MWR and Child and Youth Programs. After spending the past two years focusing on how to offer events, programs, and services at a modified level, this year was all about getting back to normal. The first sense of this was with our Red, White and BOOM 4th of July event. For the first time since 2019, we opened our gates to welcome guests and saw over 1,000 members of the Italian community come through the gates and join in on the fun with food, games, music and fireworks. Then, in October, we held our first two-day Autumnfest event since 2017 full of live music, contests, food and carnival rides. The first day was open to the Sigonella Community only, but on day 2, the gates were once again opened up to the Italian Community. Over 2,000 local Italians came onto the installation to take part in the festivities. Entertainment also returned after a two-year hiatus. Sigonella received a variety of entertainers which included Comedians, multiple music groups, professional athletes and children’s entertainers. There are even more acts slated for 2023!

One of the most impactful outcomes during 2022 was the implementation of Unmanned Fitness centers. As of March 2022, all eligible fitness center patrons are now able to register for 24/7 Fitness center access at both NAS 1 and NAS 2. Since then, over 42,000 people have used the unmanned fitness centers!

One of the biggest downsides of the pandemic during the past two years was the reduction in hours for our Child and Youth Programs. Some programs were completely shut down and others saw a reduction in their facility hours. Fortunately, 2022 was the year of restoration. The original opening and closing hours were restored to the Child Development Center and School Age Care, along with drop-in hourly care as well. Youth Sports also completed a full calendar year of Sports Seasons and the Youth Complex in Marinai is once again open five days per week. To top it off, the Child Development Center also achieved their National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Accreditation, which is valid for 5 years!

In addition to all of the success listed above, MWR Sigonella has implemented a new Car Detailing contractor, reopened the Indoor Rock Wall, offered over 250 Trips, supported 134 Custom Create-A-Trips, supported over 75 Command Functions, hosted over 1,000 children during Birthday parties at Spare Time Bowling Center, showed over 400 movies at Midtown 2 Theaters, rented over 6,000 items to the community, and proudly welcomed over 322,000 community members to all of our MWR Facilities, Programs, and events in the past 12 months. We want to thank the entire Sigonella Community for their support during the past year and we look forward to 2023 being even better!



SECURITY DEPARTMENT

With 2022 coming to a close, we all have much to be grateful. Naval Air Station Sigonella Security Department has performed exceptionally well. This year we saw an increase in protest activity likely due to the COVID pandemic winding down. Our team showed its professionalism in dealing with multiple responses to unexploded ordinance, natural disasters such as fire and flooding, as well as the many calls for service that we deal with on a day-to-day basis.

In 2022, our team showed their true colors achieving a well above standard score of 93% in the Command Assessment for Readiness and Training (CART). This major inspection immediately followed the NAS Sigonella change of command and the command's hosting of the annual AFRICOM Conference. CART was a culmination of countless hours of administrative preparation and training resulting in accolades from the Commander, Navy Installation Command team who had conducted its last round of inspections before officially passing the responsibility onto Regional Commanders.

Additionally, in August we successfully passed an Explosives Safety Inspection. During the same week we hosted the Regional Inspector General Command Inspection Program and our Regional Commanders visit. Following this in November, we supported Defense Threat Reduction Agency and Chief of Naval Operations Staff with their Mission Assurance assessment assisting our team with advocating protection for this growing operational base. This all shows an uncanny ability of the NAS Sigonella team's ability here to multi-task.

We were also proud to have supported the mission in Camp Lemonier, Djibouti with four of our outstanding Military Working Dog teams led by Master-At-Arms 1st Class Hudson, Master-At-Arms 2nd Class Whitfield, Master-At-Arms 2nd Class Thirsty, and Master-At-Arms 3rd Class Busby. We sent two of our hard chargers, Master-At-Arms 2nd Class Parks and Master-At-Arms 2nd Class Glazik to support a high profile Courts Martial Case in Belgium. We also sent Senior Chief Master-At-Arms Walter, Chief Master-At-Arms Williams, Chief Cryptologic Technician (Technical) Small, Fire Controlman 1st Class Hendricks, and Operations Specialist 2nd Mallory to support Counter Unmanned Aerial System and other support missions in both Romania and Poland. NASSIG Security is a team of team players!

Our antiterrorism division completed 27 special event antiterrorism plans, 33 on/off base event and base threat assessments, critically assessments, and vulnerability assessments. They also created and facilitated nearly 200 joint service, installation, and divisional level exercises throughout the year.

NAS Sigonella Security has the watch! We remain ready to answer the call. This team worked extremely hard this year. I am proud of the accomplishments we made this year and look forward to the opportunities that 2023 brings.

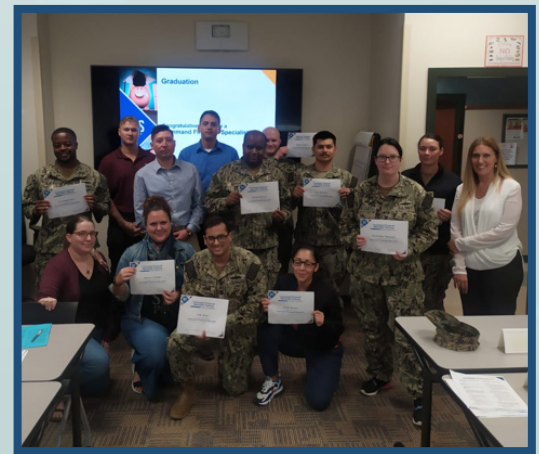
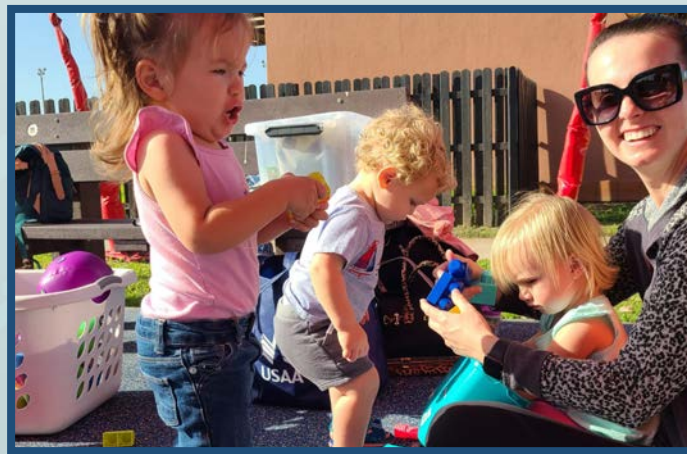


FLEET AND FAMILY SUPPORT CENTER

In 2022, FFSC provided 2,784 1v1 sessions with clients for PFM, TAP, Life Skills and more; executed 324 group programs to include New Parent Support, Employment Readiness, and Relocation; gave 6100 customers information and referrals; and provided 33 command specific trainings in their workspace.

Our SAPR program was recognized by the Sicilian community as an effective Navy-wide victim response system which encourages reporting, prevention, and offender accountability. They were given an award that praised both the Certified SAPR victim advocates and the SARC. The Kiwanis Clubs of Aci Castello Riviera dei Ciclopi and Catania Centro recognized our sexual assault response coordinators for their

outstanding 24/7 support services to assist victims of sexual assault and reduce the incidence of sexual assault in the Sigonella military and civilian communities. The Kiwanis leaders also presented the SAPR team with a second award called the International Virdimura Award which is named after Dr Virdimura, the first woman to be awarded an official medical degree in Palermo, Sicily in 1376. Virdimura was a physician who dedicated her life to the sick, the poor and the needy. In addition, a NASSIG FFSC Work and Family Life Educator, Catherine Murphy, won the 2022 FINRA Foundation Military Spouse Fellowship Mentor of the Year award winner. FFSC is looking forward to another great year supporting our community.”



FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Naval Air Station Sigonella Fire and Emergency Services (NASSIG F&ES) mission is to provide fire and emergency services designed to protect the lives and property of residents and visitors of NAS Sigonella from the adverse effects of fires, hazardous conditions, and various other emergency situations. NASSIG F&ES responds, protects, and services Navy Region Europe, Africa, Central (EURAFCENT) busiest airbase of 7 million square feet at 3 geographically separated sites valued at \$1.65 billion. The response area hosts 6,000 personnel to include U.S. military, local nationals, government civilians, NATO personnel, and military dependents. NASSIG F&ES mitigated 229 emergency calls for service in 2022. Among these were 10 announced aircraft emergencies, 5 wildland fires, and 27 service calls.

NASSIG F&ES provided an effective “all hazards” response program in CY22. During 2022, NASSIG F&ES programs were assessed by both external (EURAFCENT) review and internal program reviews. The results of both will enable NASSIG F&ES to continually improve and attain future Commission on Fire Accreditation “Accredited” status. NASSIG F&ES is comprised of 3 Division Fire Operations, Fire Prevention and Fire Training.

NASSIG F&ES Fire Prevention program was extremely active throughout 2022. This program completed 311 facility inspections, resulting in 180 fire deficiencies with 95 deficiencies abated. NASSIG Fire Prevention team also completed 38 zone inspections, 54 fire drills, reviewed 24 construction projects and 4 acceptance tests. The Fire Prevention team effectively kept 1.8 million acres and all tenant commands fire safe and ready to meet their mission.

Fire Prevention Week reached over 4,000 in public education by participating in Child Development

Center and Youth Center visits, setting up community informational tables around base, and hosting a 3-day Fire Department Open House for DoDEA school-aged children and base personnel.

Fire Prevention also delivered comprehensive education, oversight, and code enforcement helping bridge Italian & American fire safety standards. Initial fire prevention training was conducted 24 times to facility evacuation and emergency reporting procedures. Fire Prevention trained 116 personnel to become Fire Warden Program managers.

NASSIG F&ES Training Division was extremely busy maintaining compliance with the Commander, avy Installation Command requirements and maintaining a high completion rate and completing over 2000 individual courses crediting over 24,000 hours of training.

NASSIG F&ES Training Division saw an increase in participation in both the Career Development Course process and external training events. Completing the year with personnel enrolled in certification training with multiple senior staff scheduled to attend Fire Officer IV online.

NASSIG F&ES Training Division also supported the installation by providing 32 Emergency Vehicle Operators Course certifications to assigned installation Master-at-Arms and Hospital Corpsman, over 50 cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certifications to base personnel cutting the Installation’s cost for training across Department lines. NASSIG F&ES actively participated in the installation and Commander Navy Region Fire Awards program with 16 personnel recognized as superior performers within the department and several submitted for both Junior and/or Senior Civilian of the Quarter throughout the year. Ultimately NASSIG F&ES personnel were awarded Junior Sailor of the Quarter 3, Junior Civilian of the Quarter 4, and Senior Civilian of the Quarter 1.





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