

# *The Signature*

A man with a beard and short dark hair is running on a paved road. He is wearing a white polo shirt with a small logo and a name tag that says "Garcia", blue shorts, white socks, and blue and yellow sneakers. He is holding a sword with a red and white striped hilt and a wooden guard. The background shows a two-story building with a red tiled roof and some greenery.

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## Direct Line

# Secretary of the Navy Carlos Del Toro

Climate change is one of the most destabilizing forces of our time, exacerbating other national security concerns and posing serious readiness challenges. Our naval forces, the United States Navy and Marine Corps, are in the crosshairs of the climate crisis: the threat increases instability and demands on our forces while simultaneously impacting our capacity to respond to those demands.

It is because of this direct threat to mission that I chose climate as a focal point for my tenure as Secretary. While this reality is one that the Department of Navy (DON) has faced for some time, it is a reality that we face with new urgency and resolve.

On January 27, 2021, as one of his first acts, President Biden prioritized climate change as an essential element of national security in Executive Order 14008, Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad. Secretary Austin has championed that prioritization in the Department of Defense. Partners and allies around the globe, the economy, and the security ecosystem are similarly focused and committed.

For the Department of Navy, this is existential. If we do not act, sea levels rise, bases like Norfolk Naval Base and Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island will be severely tested in their ability to support their missions. If temperatures

continue to rise, the oceans will get warmer, creating more destructive storms requiring our Fleets and Marine Corps forces to increase their operational tempo to respond.

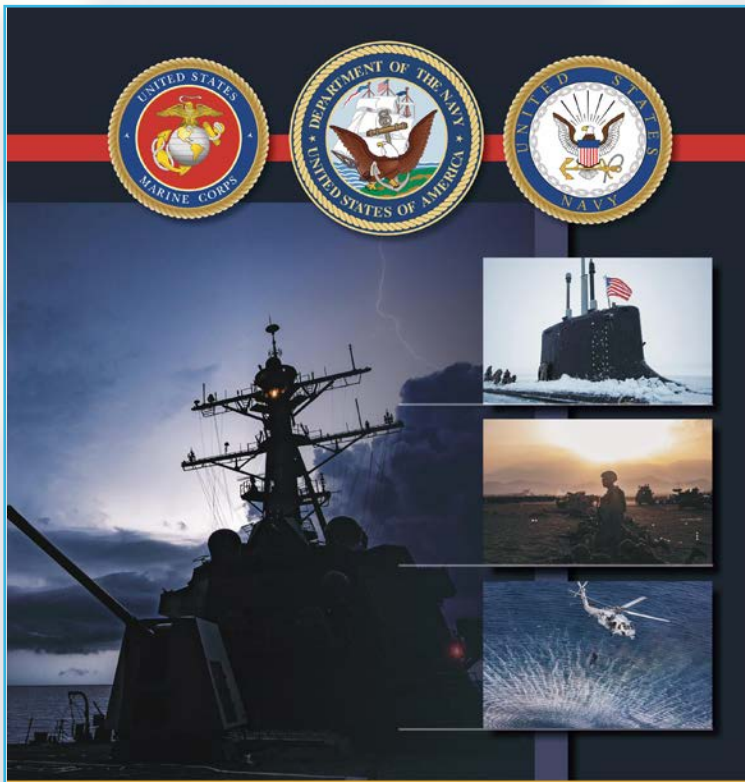
We will see more extreme heat events such as the record-setting heatwaves in the normally temperate Pacific Northwest, and the expansive fires and unprecedented droughts in the West. These

events mean more black flag days with temperatures at or above 90 degrees Fahrenheit, requiring strenuous activity - including mission-essential training - be curtailed because it is not safe. It means strain on the grid as people compete for energy to cool off, making mission and our people vulnerable to an outage.

If temperatures continue to rise, and disease develops and spreads, our hospital ships and medical personnel will be called on to deploy more in support of nations in need. As we see increased instability in parts of the world strained by climate-driven water and food insecurity or migration, the blue-green Gator Navy team will need to support more of these increasing humanitarian aid and disaster relief missions.

For these reasons and so many others integral to our mission, the Department of Navy will take on the urgency of the climate crisis and harness our power to make change - as an environmental leader and a market driver. For the DON, bold climate action is a mission imperative. In this decisive decade, we have no other alternative.

As a complementary document to this strategy, I am issuing to the Department of the Navy implementation guidance for climate action, directing the development of plans of action and milestones outlining how we will achieve the goals set forward here. My lead for this effort will be the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations, and Environment. It is my expectation that every individual, command, and component will take an active role and clear responsibility for integrating climate action into every aspect of the Department of Navy mission.



**CLIMATE ACTION 2030**  
Department of the Navy

# Community Updates and BZs

## CASH BACK AT THE COMMISSARY

We have received comments from commissary customers regarding cash back limits. According to commissary officials, the law requires that the commissary have a certain amount of cash on hand. With more customers using electronic payment, the amount can get too low. As a result, the maximum amount of cash back allowed is \$5. However, if the reserve runs too low, the maximum amount may be dropped to \$3 to allow the more customers to get cash back. Occasionally, the commissary must suspend cash back in order to stay within regulations. We understand this can be frustrating, and we recommend you ask your cashier what the limit is before your transaction. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Sigonella Commissary at 624-3777 or [Sigonella.commissary@deca.mil](mailto:Sigonella.commissary@deca.mil).

## BZ to Post Office

When we come in to do our mail, Lucia helps us out all the time. We promised to tell everyone about her help but today, I finally decided to say something. Thank you! She's always first to help even when she's busy! We promise we won't ask for too much next time! BZ Lucia!!

## BZ to Security

Probably the best training our section has ever had from MA1 Dimarzio and K9.

## BZ to PW Sailors

BZ and huge thank you to sailors BU2 Tribble, PO1 Cayla George, UT1 Humble, PO3 Danny Pham and anyone else who helped with the pool repairs at NAS 1. They fixed the underwater lights, re-grouted the tiles and repaired the damaged slide base with URGENCY, good attitudes, humor

and professionalism throughout the project. Children will be swimming in the pool and using the slides for recreation swim literally only because these sailors helped complete these projects in a timely manner.

## BZ to PW

I would like to extend a special recognition to PO1 Lucas Humble for exceptional service. Lucas volunteered for a recent MWR event, and was a fundamental component in the execution and success of the event. He was resourceful, flexible, dependable, and diligent.

In other words, an indispensable resource for the Navy.

## BZ to the Commissary

BZ to Carmelo at the commissary! He's always so helpful and friendly and kind, especially to children. Thank you for being so helpful and brightening your customers days!

## BZ to CYP

The CYP here is amazing. Everyone works so hard to make everything special for kids, especially with the return of the youth sports program. We're so lucky to have this opportunity for our child. Thank you, CYP!

## BZ to NEX

I would never want to miss the opportunity to acknowledge a very pleasant and always-willing-to-help-attitude employee, Mr. Luciano (NEX NAS II). Mr. Luciano always provide a cheerful greeting which makes all the difference. We need more positive people like him.

## BZ to PSD

BZ and Thanks to Mr. Algea and Mrs. Young. The Outstanding quality of Customer Service provided is incomparable with any other I received within my 40 years

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Cover photo: Spanish Air Force Master Sergeant Jorge Marillo participates in Sigonella Sailor 360's 2nd annual Memorial Day Torch Run on Naval Air Station Sigonella, May 26, 2022. (U.S. Navy photo by MC1 Kegan E. Kay)

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## In the Spotlight

**Name:** Cpl. Angel Romero

**Command:** Public Health Activity Italy

**Department:** Sigonella Veterinary Services

By Megan Mills; Photo by MC2 Josh Cote, *NAS Sigonella Public Affairs*

For some people, working with dogs all day sounds like a dream come true. At Sigonella Veterinary Services, a branch of Public Health Activity – Italy, it's not all puppy cuddles and playtime. Army Cpl. Angel Romero, originally from San Antonio, is one of the Soldiers working tirelessly to ensure the military working dogs (MWD) are fit for duty.

"My favorite part of the job is that I'm constantly learning," said Romero, who works as an Animal Care Specialist.

Her thirst for knowledge and dedication to the work have caught the attention of her supervisor, Army Capt. John Brandsma, the branch chief for Sigonella Veterinary Services, also known as the vet clinic.

"Cpl. Romero came to our organization from a deployable veterinary unit at Fort Carson, Colorado," said Brandsma. "Here at Sigonella, she has had more opportunities to continue to improve her veterinary technical skills and is a sponge for knowledge. She has been a real asset to our team and helps in making sure we have smooth running operations. Her care and devotion to the pets and military working dogs is evident in her work ethic; it's well worth highlighting."

Although the mission of the vet clinic is to serve MWDs of Naval Air Station Sigonella and Naval Support Activity Souda Bay, the office also takes care of the Sigonella community's pets when possible. In some locations, in addition to the typical dogs and cats, animal care specialists may take care of large or exotic animals as well.

In a typical day at the Sigonella vet clinic, Romero performs a variety of tasks, including wellness and sick appointments, emergency visits, medical and dental procedures, laboratory analyses, radiology diagnostics,

and all the associated paperwork.

"The hardest part of my job is having to euthanize pets," said Romero. Fortunately, she also finds moments of levity in her work. "Some patients wake up from surgery procedures clueless, making them very clumsy, so it's funny to see them try to walk when they cannot!"

In addition to working at the vet clinic, Romero's collateral duties include being the HAZMAT rep, the TASO rep, and a registered mail clerk.

Romero joined the Army in 2018 in search of a better life. After taking the ASVAB, she chose to become an animal care specialist from her list of options. She completed basic combat training, completed advanced individual training for her position, and was then stationed in Fort Carson, Colo. with the 438th Medical Detachment Veterinary Service (MDVSS), 627th Hospital Center (HC) before transferring to Sigonella.

Romero feels lucky to have the opportunity both to work with animals and to serve her country.

"To me, serving means that I am a part of something bigger than myself and that I am committed to being the best version of myself every day," said Romero.

Romero has thrived in her time with the Army, and she has some advice for those who are interested in pursuing military service.

"The military is not for everyone," said Romero. "But if you want it, don't let anyone say that you can't do it. There is always a way to make it happen."

In her spare time, Romero enjoys traveling and going to the beach. Surprisingly, her time here in sunny Sicily has allowed her to begin a new winter activity.

"I have recently found a new hobby that I really enjoy which is snowboarding," said Romero. "Mt. Etna is great!"





# The Importance of the Battle of Midway

Courtesy of Naval History and Heritage and The Sextant

Those who have only a casual knowledge of the Second World War might know little more about the Battle of Midway than the fact that it was a key American victory in the Pacific Theater. After all, the war had countless major battles, and a great many of them involved far more men and arms than fought at Midway. A tally of the forces engaged and lost there, pales in comparison to much larger battles, particularly in Europe. It can be claimed, however, that the Battle of Midway was one of the most important battles, of any theater, and some would argue that it was the most pivotal in the war. For had the American side lost at Midway (which any reasonable analysis prior to the battle would readily support), not only would all subsequent Allied successes in the Pacific theater been severely delayed or obviated altogether, but virtually all of world history from that point forward would have been altered beyond comprehension.

In brief, here's what happened at Midway, as related on the U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command web site:

The Battle of Midway, fought over and near the tiny U.S. mid-Pacific base at Midway atoll, represents the strategic high water mark of Japan's Pacific Ocean war. Prior to this action, Japan possessed general naval superiority over the United States and could usually choose where and when to attack. After Midway, the two opposing fleets were essentially equals, and the United States soon took the offensive.

Japanese Combined Fleet commander Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto moved on Midway in an effort to draw out and destroy the U.S. Pacific Fleet's aircraft carrier striking forces, which had embarrassed the Japanese Navy in the mid-April Doolittle Raid on Japan's home islands and at the Battle of Coral Sea in early May.

He planned to quickly knock down Midway's defenses, follow up with an invasion of the atoll's two small islands, and establish a

Japanese air base there. He expected the U.S. carriers to come out and fight, but to arrive too late to save Midway and in insufficient strength to avoid defeat by his own well-tested carrier air power.

Yamamoto's intended surprise was thwarted by superior American communications intelligence, which deduced his scheme well before battle was joined. This allowed Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, the U.S. Pacific Fleet commander, to establish an ambush by having his carriers ready and waiting for the Japanese. On June 4, 1942, in the second of the Pacific War's great carrier battles, the trap was sprung.

The perseverance, sacrifice and skill of U.S. Navy aviators, plus a great deal of good luck on the American side, cost Japan four irreplaceable fleet carriers, while only one of the three U.S. carriers present was lost. The base at Midway, though damaged by Japanese air attack, remained operational and later became a vital component in the American trans-Pacific offensive. Winston Churchill said of the Battle of Midway, "This memorable American victory was of cardinal importance, not only to the United States but to the whole Allied cause...At one stroke, the dominant position of Japan in the Pacific was reversed."

## RESULTS OF THE VICTORY AT MIDWAY



Japanese expansion halted, securing a central-Pacific guard post for Allied forces.



Japanese losses at Midway made it possible for America's Navy to eventually reclaim maritime superiority in the Pacific theater.



Naval Aviation proved to be a viable and necessary capability to win wars.



Our Sailors' strength and resilience at Midway were a perfect illustration of the fighting spirit of America's Navy today.

## TIMELINE OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS JUNE 4, 1942

0700

*Enterprise and Hornet begin launching*

0838

*Yorktown launches*

1020

*Enterprise and Yorktown torpedo squadrons attack.*

★ 1022-1026

*Enterprise and Yorktown dive bombers attack and hit Akagi, Kaga, and Soryu.*

1208

*Japanese dive bombers attack Yorktown.*

1441

*Torpedo planes attack Yorktown.*

1445

*Yorktown hit.*

1455

*Yorktown abandons ship.*

1500

*B-17s take off from Midway.*

1810

*Two B-17s attack BB and damaged CV.*

1830

*Six B-17s attack damaged CV and DD.*



# Battle Of Midway

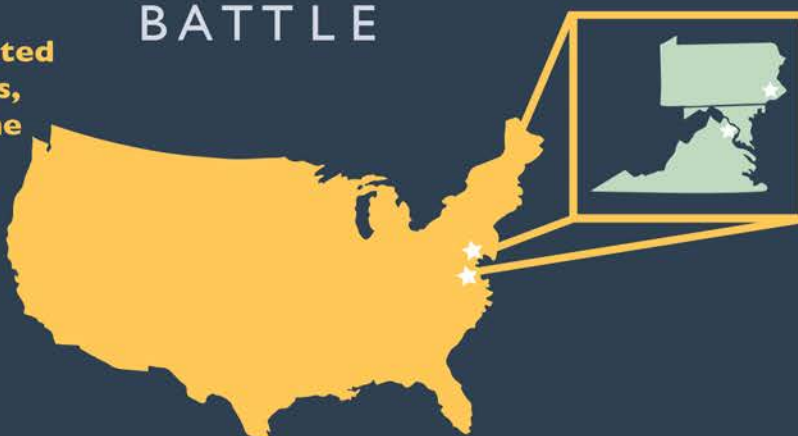
The U.S. Navy's victory at Midway in June 1942 was the turning point of World War II in the Pacific. Success at Midway set the course for the Allies' defeat of Imperial Japan. This epic naval battle provides many lessons learned about the importance of naval force and intelligence capabilities, and the importance of securing maritime superiority in a conflict - yesterday and today.



- An atoll is a ring-shaped reef or islands formed of coral. The U.S. Navy, Marines, and Army used Midway as an air base. It was also a Navy submarine base.
- Japan wanted to remove an Allied foothold in the Pacific and establish a base for eventual attacks on Hawaii and the U.S. West Coast.

## BATTLE

The battle, which lasted more than three days, covered an area in the Pacific Ocean larger than the contiguous United States.



During the battle, many of the ships were 50-150 miles apart--as far as the distance between Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia.

## U.S. AND JAPANESE FORCES COMPARED

### BEFORE THE BATTLE AND LOST

#### UNITED STATES

15/1  
3/1  
8/0  
0/0  
360/150  
16/0

DESTROYERS  
CARRIERS  
CRUISERS  
BATTLESHIPS  
AIRPLANES  
SUBMARINES

#### IMPERIAL JAPANESE

12/1  
4/4  
2/1  
2/0  
276/248  
0/0

The United States lost 307 service members in the battle. Japan lost 3,057, most of them crewmembers of lost or damaged ships.

Want to learn more about the victory at Midway? Visit [history.navy.mil/midway](https://history.navy.mil/midway)



# Italian News

## Scrumptious Sicilian Celebrations

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

In the next weeks, several festivals will return to the island, each celebrating unique aspects of the small towns of Sicily. Whether you prefer swordfish or strawberries, parades or displays, there's something for everyone this June!

### Acitrezza to Host Swordfish Festival (June 10-12)

Make sure to mark this mouthwatering festival on your calendar! After two years of COVID-19 restrictions, the annual Sagra del Pescespada di San Giovanni (St. John's Swordfish Festival) returns to Acitrezza on June 10-12 and July 8-10. This fantastic food event takes place at the little port of Alaggio (located under piazza Giovanni Verga, the town main square) in Acitrezza, one of the most picturesque seaside villages in the Catania province.

The festival started in 1960 as a fried fish event called "Padellone" (big frying pan) but was later suspended for a few years in the 1980s. It eventually returned as a swordfish festival.

Starting at 8 p.m., delicious swordfish will be prepared by local skilled cooks. Fish will be served with a glass of fine local white wine, salad and bread.

The festival precedes the celebrations honoring the town patron saint St. John the Baptist that will be held at the end of the month under the breathtaking backdrop of the Acitrezza waterfront, the beautiful Lachea Island and the Faraglioni rock-cliffs which, according to Homer's legend, are those hurled by giant Polyphemus at the escaping Ulysses. The festival will also feature arts and crafts vendors.

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/sagradelpescespada>

### Strawberry Festival to Sweeten up Maletto This Weekend

Sigonella strawberry-lovers should not miss this premiere food event taking place in Maletto's historic center from June 3 through 5. The festival kicks off Friday at 5 p.m. in the main square (Piazza XXIV) with a Randazzo flag throwers performance. Festival highlights include the following events: a parade of Sicilian carts (June 4 – 4 p.m. in the historic center); a cooking show featuring the scrumptious "risotto alla fragola" (strawberry risotto)



The mouthwatering Festa della Fragola or strawberry festival returns to the hilltop town of Maletto this weekend featuring a giant strawberry cake and a plethora of strawberry-based specialties like the strawberry risotto. (Photo by <https://www.flickonfood.com>)

(June 5, noon in piazza Basilio Catania); and the tasting of the giant "grande torta alla fragola," a huge record-breaking strawberry cake weighing over 6,200 pounds! (June 5- 5 p.m. parade and 6 p.m. cake tasting).

Other strawberry-based specialties served during the festival include pizza alla fragola (strawberry pizza), "arancini alla fragola" (deep-fried rice balls with strawberries), "Macedonia alla fragola" (fruit salad with strawberries) and more.

Maletto is a picturesque town nestled on the slopes of Mount Etna. The Maletto strawberry was awarded a Municipal Designation of Origin status (DE.CO.), a seal of quality certifying the specific geographical origin of a certain food product, in 2013.

The origin of this strawberry dates back to 1906 when the Madame Moutot of France variety was first planted in the Nelson's Duchy at the beginning of last century. The Duchy is a small castle located in the outskirts of Maniace, a hilltop village located about eight miles from Bronte. It was built in the 18th century on the ruins of a medieval abbey founded by Queen Margaret of Navarra in 1173, and it belonged to the world-renowned British Admiral Horatio Nelson who defeated the French at sea during the Napoleonic Wars.

However, the cultivation of the strawberry there was not effective. As a result, in the 1950s growers decided to move it to the upper mountain area of town, where the volcanic soil was already associated with vineyards. Soon



# Staying Safe This Summer

By Sarah Langdon, Naval Safety Command Safety Promotions

Summer is the longest vacation period of the year, and mishaps, as well as associated fatalities, have historically spiked during this time. It is crucial for all Department of the Navy personnel to maintain an active risk management mindset and ensure this summer is a safe one. This year, the Naval Safety Command (NAVSAFECOM) annual “101 Critical Days of Summer” safety campaign runs from May 30 through Sept. 5.

By educating the naval enterprise on common summertime mishap trends as well as the decisions and behaviors that typically lead to these mishaps, the NAVSAFECOM provides Sailors and Marines with tools and information to make better choices and ultimately, reduce the likelihood of mishaps, injuries, or worse – loss of life.

“The loss of even one Sailor or Marine is too many. We want Sailors and Marines to know and understand the risks involved with any off-duty activity, whether that’s swimming in the ocean or traveling by car to visit family, and use that information to make sound decisions and better mitigate those risks,” said Rear Adm. F. R. Luchtman, Commander, Naval Safety Command.

“We want everyone to get out and enjoy their summer, but we also want you to stay safe and make good decisions while engaging in summer activities. Maintaining a strong safety culture and ensuring our Sailors and Marines remain alive and healthy – both physically and mentally, is our top priority and is critical to ensuring our naval enterprise operates at peak readiness,” said Luchtman.

During the 2021 101 Critical Days of Summer, the Navy and Marine Corps lost 24 Sailors and Marines from off-duty fatalities. Another two service members experienced mishaps resulting in a permanent disability. Similar to fiscal years 2017-2020, motor vehicle mishaps, both motorcycle and four-wheel

vehicles, were the primary cause of summer fatalities in 2021.

NAVSAFECOM data indicated a general lack of situational awareness and complacency as the root cause of numerous off-duty mishaps last year. By increasing situational and self-awareness, Sailors and Marines can avoid or reduce the severity of mishaps.

The majority of off-duty, recreational mishaps are entirely preventable. These mishaps can be avoided if service members perform a reasonable risk assessment and comply with laws, procedures or recommended best practices when engaging in any activity.

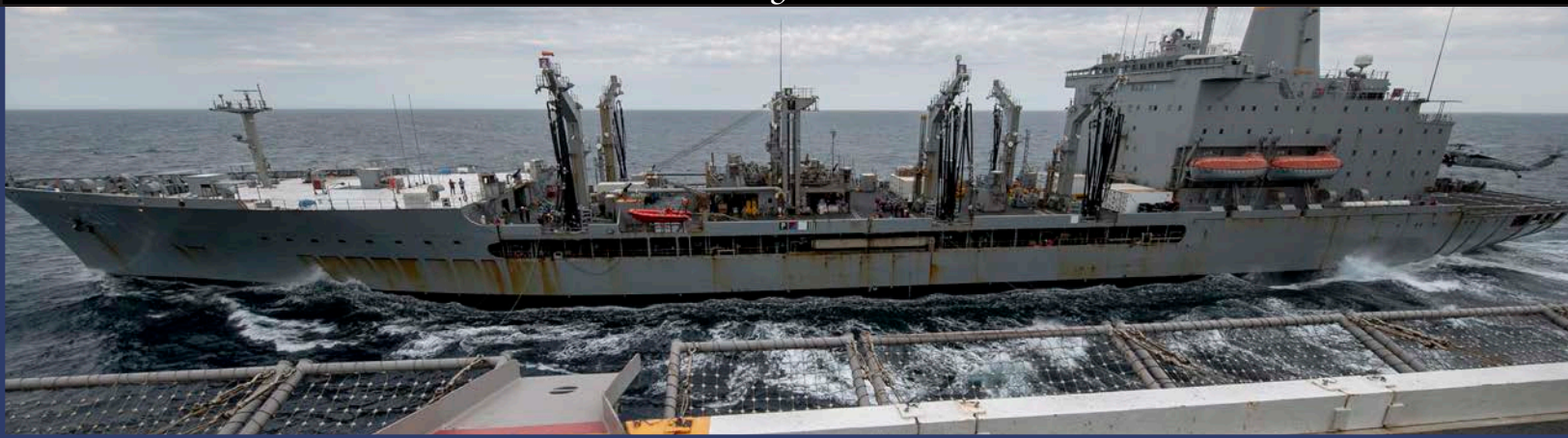
“We encourage everyone to take some time off and spend it with family and friends, or to get outside and enjoy themselves. That time off can be key in maintaining resiliency and staying healthy, and we want you to do it safely,” said NAVSAFECOM Command Master Chief Jimmy Hailey. “The 101 Critical Days of Summer safety campaign provides a lot of good information and tips to help keep you, your family, and your friends safe. No matter the activity – biking, driving, grilling with friends, or going on a road trip – it falls on all of us to understand the risks involved in whatever we’re doing and apply best practices and common sense. We don’t want to lose any more Sailors and Marines in needless and preventable mishaps.”

Throughout the summer campaign, NAVSAFECOM will promote and disseminate various media and training products to inform the Naval Enterprise on common risks associated with summertime activities, including a comprehensive 101 Critical Days of Summer presentation, downloadable posters and tip sheets and articles via its social media channels and official website.

For additional resources on safety awareness, visit the Naval Safety Command’s website, <https://navalsafetycommand.navy.mil>







# NAVSUP Expands Logistics Support Capabilities to the Fleet in Europe's High North, Baltics and Arctic Circle

By Joe Yanik, *NAVSUP FLCSI*

At its cooperative security location located at Defense Munitions (DM) Crombie, Scotland, United Kingdom, Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center Sigonella (NAVSUP FLCSI) is expanding logistics capabilities to support U.S. Naval and Allied ships, submarines, aircraft and expeditionary forces deploying into, and operating across, the High North, Baltics and Arctic Circle.

In early May 2022, some of the command's logisticians coordinated the loading, shipment and delivery of cargo and mail to DM Crombie and Tromso, Norway, where the Henry J. Kaiser-class underway replenishment oiler USNS Patuxent (T-AO 201) and Wasp-class amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) conducted scheduled port visits, respectively.

"Our port visit at DM Crombie was a 'first' for a ship of our class," said First Officer (I/O) Josh Becker, Patuxent's chief mate. "This is significant because it opens up a port on the east coast of Scotland for cargo and stores to service the North Sea area. Previously, our nearest options were in the Firth of Clyde on the west coast, which requires an extra day of transit to and from the North Sea."

Prior to the port visit, Patuxent had joined the Kearsarge

Amphibious Ready Group (ARG) to participate in the U.S. Sixth Fleet Exercise Northern Viking 2022 (NV22). NV22 aimed to strengthen interoperability and force readiness between the U.S., Iceland and Allied Nations and enables execution of multi-domain command and control of joint and coalition forces in the defense of Iceland and the Sea Lines of Communication in the Greenland-Iceland-United Kingdom Gap.

In mid-May, elements of the Kearsarge ARG, 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit (MEU) and forces from Task Group 61/2.4 have been participating in the Estonian-led exercise Siil 22, also known in English as Exercise Hedgehog, in Tallinn, Estonia. Exercise Hedgehog is designed to exercise command and control and security threat response while evaluating combat readiness of Estonian 2nd Infantry Brigade and Center of Strategic Communication.

"Our ability to support ships like Patuxent and Kearsarge at and from our site in Scotland are two concrete examples of NAVSUP's expanding capabilities delivering holistic operational readiness to the Fleet where and when our deployed Warfighters need it," said Capt. Douglas S. MacKenzie, NAVSUP FLCSI commanding officer. "Thanks to the tireless efforts of the NAVSUP team and our growing logistics network of mission partners, Site Crombie is fast becoming a logistics center of gravity from which we can better facilitate end-to-end sustainment across Europe's High North region."

To successfully meet the re-supply and commercial husbanding requirements for the Patuxent and Kearsarge, NAVSUP FLCSI logisticians and contracting specialists coordinated with their mission partners at DM Crombie, including the ships' supply officers, Command Task Force 63 and DM Crombie's port operations and harbor master.

Homeported at Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia, Patuxent is one of Military Sealift Command's Fleet Replenishment Oilers that serves as the supply line to U.S. Navy surface





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of service.

They are always available, always try to find a proper solution to problems, always a smile and a nice appropriate word. EXCELLENT service and dedication.

**BZ to PSD**

I am beyond pleased with the professionalism and knowledge that was shown by Mr. Rei. I have been to multiple ID labs and he was able to answer any question that I may have had. He seemed excited to make sure I had a print out with what information I was looking for. By far the best ID lab I have ever been to.

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after, cultivation developed rapidly, reaching great commercial success, characterized by its peculiarities of flavor and fragrance. In a short time, the strawberry became the landmark of Maletto.

For more information and detailed schedules, visit <https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=369018458596809&set=pb.100064659733610.-2207520000>.

**Troina Honors St. Sylvester This Weekend**

Troina, a characteristic Sicilian town nestled among the hills in the Enna province, will host a plethora of late spring and summer events for the entire family through June 12th. The town is famous for being one of the main battlefields of World War II during the 1943 Allied troops' liberation of Sicily.

Last Sunday, Troina townspeople held the first part of main religious festival featuring the traditional "La 'ddradata," a pilgrimage which consists of groups of members from the local brotherhoods riding on decorated horses to the local forests to pick laurel branches, which are later offered to San Silvestro (Saint Sylvester), the town's patron saint.

A not-to-miss religious procession begins Saturday, June 4 at 11 a.m. in the historic heart of the town featuring the display of the saint's statue and relics.

Other upcoming highlights include the "Kubbaita" a spectacular traditional historic Arabic horse parade re-enacting the 1535 triumphal entry of Emperor Carl V into town. The parade will be performed at 5 p.m. on Sunday, June 5 and will begin in Piazza Matteotti and arrive in Piazza Conte Ruggiero.

Re-enactors featuring knights and ladies in Spanish-style costumes from the 16th century, complete with grooms, horses, valets and flag-wavers, will parade through the streets of the city, throwing nougats and sweets to festivalgoers. Also planned along the route is a flag-waving show to be held in Antonio Gramsci Square as well as a grand finale show.

Other highlights will also include the Town Band's Concert (June 5 at 9 p.m.), the St. Sylvester Relics' Processions (7 p.m. / June 6) and the 24th edition of the traditional Sagra della Vastedda cu Sammucu, a mouthwatering food festival celebrating the most important Troina specialty, a delicious flat oven-baked bread filled with elder flowers, salami and tuma cheese (June 10 through 12th).

For more information and detailed schedules, visit <https://enjoytroina.it/festinosansilvestro/>

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combatant ships at sea. With a storage capacity of around 159,000 barrels of fuel oil and jet fuel, replenishment oilers enable the fleet to remain at sea and combat ready for extended lengths of time. It is responsible for conducting hundreds of at-sea replenishment operations annually.

Kearsarge ARG is under the command and control of Task Force 61/2. The ARG consists of its flagship Kearsarge; the San-Antonio class amphibious transport dock ship USS Arlington (LPD 24); and the Whidbey Island-class dock landing ship USS Gunston Hall (LSD 44).

Site Crombie is NAVSUP FLCSI's cooperative security location strategically positioned to support NAVEUR-NAVAF, U.S. Sixth Fleet and Joint Warfighters who routinely conduct operations with their High North Allies and Partners. From this transshipment hub, FLCSI Site Crombie's logisticians and their mission partners enable the expansion of maritime sustainment through its key support services such as customs clearance, logistics re-supply, warehousing, transportation, inter- & intra-theater cargo and mail distribution.

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