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CO's Corner

CDR Jeff Buss

There has been a lot of change here at NCTS Sicily the past few months and I want to thank everyone for their professionalism and hard work. The Change of Command in August was exceptionally well done as was the recent support to operations. The NCTS team continues to set the standard across the fleet, keep up the great work!

I would like to introduce Nicole Vossler and Shannon Balesi our new Ombudsman and thank Julie Farris for a great job serving as the Ombudsman for the past 12 months. For those of you new to the Navy or family members, an Ombudsman is the voice of the command for family members. They are the person to turn to if you are a spouse looking for information or need help with just about anything Navy related.

A special thanks to IT2 Espin, IT3 Dale and ET3 Robson for developing and editing The Telecom Transmitter.

Finally, I want to thank all of those on IA who were not around to enjoy the summer in Sicily, we appreciate your sacrifices and look forward to getting you back soon.

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Ombudsman Corner



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My name is Nicole Vossler and I have been a Navy spouse for 15 wonderful and exciting years. It has allowed me to live in New Jersey, California, in addition to overseas in Japan and Italy. I was born in Oklahoma City, at Tinker Air Force Base and grew up in Florida. I am a Boomer Sooner and a Gator fan! We have 2 children, Rachel, 19, who is in college and Daniel, 17, who will graduate high school this year. When we moved here in 2010, it was quickly apparent that this is the Navy's hidden gem and an awesome hub for travelling throughout Europe. I have traveled extensively and would love to share my knowledge and experience of Space A Travel and European cities with all who are interested.

Several of you know me and I am sincerely looking forward to meeting all the new families, while working with the whole COMSTA team. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Shannon Balesi with any questions or concerns you may have and we will work hard to find the answers. Have a wonderful holiday season!



Hello NCTS! I am Shannon Balesi, your new Command Ombudsman! I will be serving your families as the primary communication link between the command and your family. I recently moved here from San Diego, California, and I know all too well how hard the change in location may be on your family and other stressors that come with being a Navy spouse. I will be here to help and support you all in every way that I can. If I have not already, I look forward to meeting you soon!



Esplorare La Sicilia

Explore Sicily

By Pietro Migliorini

LODGING IN ERICE

Erice is located on top of Mount Erice overlooking the city Trapani, the valley and the sea, and from which it takes its name. Its origins are ancient and mysterious, shrouded in legend. On the top was built a temple dedicated to a goddess of the fertile nature, (Venus during the Romans).

The city was always revered by all people of the Mediterranean, and was its care to protect the sailors, that from a distance they saw the fire that burned in the sacred building and which also served as guiding light.

Soon the town was fortified, and became disputed by the Phoenicians, Greeks, Carthaginians and Romans. It was destroyed by the Carthaginians in 260 BC and the inhabitants were transported in Trapani.



In the old Roman times, the old fortress had little importance. The temple, however, was put in charge of a confederation of religious seventeen cities in Sicily, and defended by a garrison permanently. Erice historical disappears from the news until the time of Arab domination, although the urban layout which has come down to us intact is of the Norman period.

The town and the whole is all contained in a triangular perimeter, which is one of the most characteristic in Sicily. The narrow cobble streets, squares, courtyards full of flowers, rich crafts, makes of Erice the Mecca of trips to Trapani, San Vito Lo Capo and the Zingaro Natural Reserve.



Individual Augmentees

IA Warriors

A special thanks to those members of the team who are forward deployed.



LT Tracy Culbert
Djibouti, Africa



ITC Jason Dawson
Bahrain



IT1 Jonny Wilk
Bahrain



ET1 Nathan Klingman
Afghanistan



IT1 Teresa Robles
Bahrain



IT2 Francine Francisco
Spec Ops, FL



ET2 Patrick Jackson
Horn of Africa



IT3 Jennifer Barnthouse
Afghanistan



IT3 Kimberly VanHandel
Afghanistan



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Stories from the Front

Visiting the Orphanage

By Combined Joint Task Force—Horn of Africa Public Affairs

Djibouti—LT Tracy Culbert, N6/NCTAMS Assistant Communications Officer cuddles an orphaned baby at the Franciscan Missionaries of Notre Dame Baby Orphanage in Djibouti City, Djibouti August 25. Three times a week, American service members visit the Franciscan Missionaries of Notre Dame Baby Orphanage to help feed and play with the babies.

Military personnel assigned to the camp volunteer to participate in the chapel-sponsored trips to the orphanage. The volunteers feed the children either bottled milk or solid food, and give them some tender loving care.



Welcome Back, IT1 Beckett!

IT1 Jamie Beckett recently returned from 9 months in Djibouti on an IA. We interviewed her to find out just how her IA went.

What did you do while you were in Djibouti?

In Djibouti I first started out working with the land mobile radios and emergency call boxes on base. Then I moved to cell phones. I was in charge of handing out cell phones and minutes. To fill up my time, I also did a lot with the IDW program

What was the hardest part about your IA?

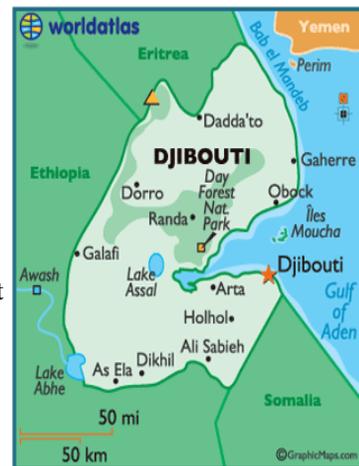
The hardest part of my IA was the heat! Other than that, I would say the training you do before going over there was not fun. You wear heavy armor most of the day while trying to shoot your weapons.

What was the favorite part of your IA?

My favorite part was saving money!

What advice would you have for sailors looking to go IA?

Djibouti is a nice place to an IA and I highly recommend it. You get to save money and you can still get out in town and enjoy some time off most days. They do have CTC and UMUC offices over there, along with face to face classes. Great time to knock out some college. Pretty easy deployment for the most part. Go OSA! Keep the pay benefits you get from Italy, plus the benefits of a deployment = Lots of extra cash!!





Sailors in the Spotlight



September 2012 GMT Awardees

ENC Sands	Navy Commendation Medal
EN2 Howley	EIDW / Navy Achievement Medal
ET1 Ferrer	Good Conduct
ET1 Farris	Good Conduct
ET2 Carrithers	Good Conduct
IT2 Hearndon	Good Conduct
Maurizio Gavazzi	30 Years of Service
Giuseppe Proto	30 Years of Service
Gabrielle Otterstetter	30 Years of Service
Antonino Aricola	30 Years of Service

Santino Rizza	30 Years of Service
Angela Brancato	25 Years of Service
Carmelo Fiscella	20 Years of Service
Salvatore Portale	20 Years of Service
Sebastiano Puglisi	10 Years of Service

Third Quarter Results

SW1 Cabral	Sailor of the Quarter
YN2 Thomas	Junior Sailor of the Quarter
LSSN Burks	Blue Jacket of the Quarter

Creighton Cup



ITSN Curtis

Mentor of the Month



LSC Casimiro
LS2 Denton (Protégé)



Hail and Farewell

Mr. Kevin “Hollywood” Hayes



Anyone who knows Mr. Kevin Hayes will tell you, he’s got the “skinny” on everything. Starting out as a Seaman and working his way up the ranks to Senior Chief, Kevin is truly an inspiration. Even after his retirement from the Navy, Kevin continues to dedicate himself, unselfishly, to the Navy.

In his position as Department Head for N3, Kevin provided a wealth of knowledge and experience that not only improved the way that N3 does business, but improved its Sailors as well.

Kevin was kind enough to take some time to answer a few questions about his tenure at NCTS Sicily:

What was your favorite place to visit while you were in Sicily?

“Agrigento. I liked the history and how, after thousands of years, the temples are still standing. It’s also very peaceful.”

What was your favorite restaurant?

“My most favorite place is Victor’s, just north of Taormina in a little town called Letojanni. It’s right on the water and they have the most amazing mussels and Frutti del Mare.

What do you see as your most significant accomplishment at NCTS?

“The opportunity to get Sailors training that will benefit their careers and the Navy, in general. We were able to get instructors and classroom training for CCNA, CISSP and ITIL. Also, getting first-term sailors underway. We got several sailors to ride on the Mt. Whitney, two Israeli ships, a Greek vessel, and soon the Ft. McHenry”

Kevin departed NCTS Sicily on August 2012 and heading to Tampa, FL. Fair winds and following seas, Kevin!



Boot Camp, 1986



Northern Iraq, 1991



CPO Pinning, 1998





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Across

- 1 Runs Exchange for email
- 4 Independent; does not need to attach to a program
- 6 An Information System (IS) meets specific security requirements
- 8 The trapping of RF waves in 2 layers of the atmosphere
- 11 Bending of RF waves as it passes through different density
- 12 Encoding information onto a carrier signal for transmission
- 16 Insertion of EM energy into transmission to cause confusion
- 17 Distance in space occupied by one cycle of a radio wave
- 19 Server that handles web traffic and controls the flow of internet traffic between a LAN and the outer internet
- 25 CO CMS inspections are conducted...(how often)
- 26 Critical intel that is crucial and requires the immediate attention of the commander
- 28 Server for network printers and queues
- 29 Swirling of fluid and reverse current when passing an obstacle
- 30 Leak of info to an unauthorized recipient
- 31 A way of storing data on multiple redundant hard drives
- 32 Monthly statement of an activity's enlisted personnel account

Down

- 2 Point in orbit of the moon or satellite where it's furthest from Earth
- 3 Individual requires access to information in order to perform duties
- 5 The intentional transmission of signals designed to deceive user of navigational aids
- 7 Branch of astronomy that relates to measurement and explanation of stars and celestial bodies
- 9 Number of cycles per unit of time
- 10 Collect of water droplets and ice crystals suspended in the air
- 13 Study of earth's surface, shape and features
- 14 Sends small packet of data to network device to test connectivity
- 15 A method of bypassing normal authentication
- 18 Code name given to the investigation, study and control of compromising emanations from a telecom and automated information processing system
- 20 Standard cable TV
- 21 Part of a body of water that is close to the shore
- 22 Point in orbit of the moon or satellite where it's closest to Earth
- 23 The controlling of all electromagnetic and acoustic radiation
- 24 Connects two or more networks
- 27 Any circumstance or event with potential to adversely impact an IS