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NSA Holds Disaster Preparedness Drill

By JO3 Shawnee McKain
Force Journalist

A simulated terrorist attack put emergency personnel to the test Tuesday night during a disaster preparedness drill held aboard Naval Support Activity Bahrain.

Servicemembers and civilians from the disaster preparedness office, Emergency Response Team (ERT), Naval Security Force, Interim Marine Corps Security Force (IMCSF) React Platoon, Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) teams, Branch Medical Clinic and NSA's base safety office worked alongside the Bahrain Civil Defence Fire Service to learn how to control the situation.

"We held this exercise to provide us with some data points on conducting a joint emergency response operation aboard the installation," said Mr. Robert Massie, Director of Emergency Services for NSA Bahrain. "It's going to satisfy two of our training objectives for the overall exercise. "Those are learning to work with each other and to work with the host nation."

The first part of the exercise simulated the release of a chemical agent at the base's Single Sailor Center. "Victims" were caught inside with no protective gear and no lights to find their way out. First on the scene were members of the IMCSF React platoon, who did a quick assessment of the area, then radioed for help.

COMUSNAVCENT Focuses on Safety Plan

By JO1(SW) Dennis Herring
Editor

"World-class organizations do not tolerate preventable accidents. Our accident rates have increased recently and we need to turn this situation around."

In July, the Honorable H. T. Johnson, then Acting Secretary of the Navy made this statement in a message to Sailors and Marines, reinforcing the need for increased safety awareness throughout the fleet.



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Tim Walsh

A member of the rescue team checks on a Marine in a contaminated area after a chemical attack during the disaster preparedness exercise Tuesday night. The exercise included more than 60 military and civilian volunteers, base emergency services and the Bahrain Civil Defence Fire Service.

The reconnaissance team arrived a few minutes later. Their job was to inspect the area and ensure it was safe to go inside and evacuate the victims. They found an improvised explosive device (IED) and radioed EOD for help. After EOD deemed the IED

'not dangerous,' the reconnaissance team started pulling victims out of the building.

The victims who could walk were initially sprayed down with fire hoses brought out by the ERT and then treated by medical per-

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Capt. Bill Gortney, Chief of Staff for Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander, 5th Fleet has taken the same attitude and initiated a push for a higher level of safety in the command.

"We shouldn't be losing anyone in peace time," Gortney said. "If you look at our record, we lose more people in peacetime than we do in combat. We have more people hurt in non-combat situations than in combat."

With the new safety initiative, the

command's goal is first to reduce the number of accidents and eventually eliminating them all together.

Recently, COMUSNAVCENT/COMFIFTHFLT appointed Cmdr. Charlie Geringer as the command's safety officer. Geringer's job is to evaluate the effectiveness of the command's policies, programs and procedures with regards to the initiative.

"Our mission is to integrate safety stan-

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COMUSNAVCENT/ COMFIFTHFLT visits ESG 1

ABOARD USS PELELIU, At Sea – Vice Adm. David C. Nichols, Jr., Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander 5th Fleet, passes through “rainbow” side-boys upon his arrival aboard USS Peleliu (LHA 5). Peleliu is part of Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) 1 which left Aug. 22 from Naval Station San Diego. The ESG, the first in the Navy, consists of Peleliu, USS Germantown (LSD 42), USS Ogden (LPD 5), USS Jarrett (FFG 33) and USS Decatur (DDG 73), as well as the Marines of the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable). Peleliu and the rest of ESG-1 are deployed to the North Arabian Gulf in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

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Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command and Commander, U.S. 5th Fleet, is Vice Adm. David C. Nichols, Jr.

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dards, training and hazard control into all elements of business so our people can accept responsibility for their safety,” Gerringer said. “We want to reduce personnel injury and illness as well as material loss and damage.

“It is a mindset to maintain a constant level of awareness where we are always looking for hazards that can get one hurt,” he said. “We want to build that mindset.”

Recently, a petty officer dropped a stack of weights on his hands while exercising.

“Was it an equipment malfunction or was he not aware of what was going on?” Gortney asked. “That is what we want to look at. If that equipment malfunctioned, we want to fix it,” he added. “If it is the individual not paying attention, we want to change that mindset.”

After investigation, the weightlifting equipment was found to be at fault, he explained.

“We are using the Secretary of the

Navy’s recent message on safety as a forcing mechanism to beef up the safety department here,” Gerringer said.

To stand up the command’s new safety organization, COMUSNAVCENT/COMFIFTHFLT has requested additional billets be added to the command to allow more complete coverage of the region.

The command has stated that all personnel should have the necessary knowledge to carry out their job in a safe and healthy manner.

“It is not a safety petty officer issue, not a safety officer issue, not a commanding officer issue,” Gortney said. “It is everybody’s responsibility to go out there and look for hazards. We are not talking about eliminating hazards but executing the mission while minimizing the hazards that we have to confront.

“If we were in a zero-risk environment, we would never fly airplanes or sail ships. We have to execute our mission but we have to look at how we do it without hurting ourselves.”



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sonnel. The victims who were unable to walk or had already passed out were pulled from the building and taken to a decontamination tent set up by the ERT.

While this was happening, a device exploded in the Transient Quarter (TQ) barracks further down the base. The IMCSF was also the first to respond to this.

"Once something happens on base, the Marines set up a perimeter around the entire base," said Staff Sgt. Tarek Aissaoui, Platoon Sergeant of the IMCSF React platoon. "We already had Marines set up around that area when the explosion went off in the second building."

After the explosion in the second building, the Bahrain Civil Defence Fire Service was called in for help. They brought in numerous fire trucks and personnel and set up another decontamination tent.

The Bahrainis started pulling injured people from the TQ barracks, while more medical personnel were called in to treat them.

More than 60 victims participated in the exercise and it gave them an idea of what to expect if there ever was a terrorist attack. Many of the victims said they have a great admiration for what the rescuers did, and now have a better understanding of what their rescuers had to go through to save them.



U.S. Navy photo by JO3 Shawnee McKain
Members of the rescue team wait to be called in after a chemical attack during the disaster preparedness exercise Tuesday night. The exercise included more than 60 military and civilian volunteers, base emergency services and the Bahrain Civil Defence Fire Service.

NSA Bahrain conducts exercises of this scale about once every six months.

"We didn't have any injuries and everyone did what they were supposed to do. We had a few minor communication problems, but we made it through," Massie said.

"That's why we do smaller scale exercises where we individually train our teams up to do their required tasks, so when we come together, we can do this. It's a continuing process for us, but overall, everything went well." 📷

Experience Pays Off for USCG Crew in Oil Bust

By PA1 John Gaffney, USCG

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Public Affairs

The crewmembers of *USCGC Metompkin*, a 110-foot patrol boat based in Key West, Fla. have plenty of experience searching vessels for various types of illegal cargo. Since the crew deployed to the Arabian Gulf to serve as the relief crew for the four patrol boats here, they have put their skills and experience to work looking for smuggled Iraqi oil, along with performing other missions in support of coalition operations in the North Arabian Gulf.

On Oct. 21, the crew of *Metompkin* was operating *CGC Adak*, while *Adak's* crew was home in the New York City area enjoying a well-deserved break for rest and relaxation. About 6 p.m., the cutter was directed to reposition in preparation for an upcoming tasking. At 9 p.m., the cutter was directed to get underway to a specified position to intercept a vessel beyond visual and radar range. It was briefed that the vessel, motor vessel *Tillerman*, a steel-hulled freighter, was sus-

pected of smuggling Iraqi oil. As the cutter closed the distance, a coalition helicopter assisted by providing an updated location on the vessel.

"After arriving on scene with *Tillerman* at 10:50 p.m., we queried the vessel as it continued to transit on a southeasterly course," said Boatswain's Mate 1st Class Charles Wilkins, *CGC Metompkin* operations petty officer.

The Coast Guard crew was subsequently directed to board *Tillerman*, but winds of 20 to 25 knots and seas of five to six feet created hazardous conditions for conducting a boarding. Additionally, when the crew went to ready the cutter's rigid hull inflatable boat (RHIB) for launching, it was discovered one of the RHIB's sponsons had deflated.

"We performed a risk assessment and asked our OPCON if we could wait until daylight," said Wilkins.

The boarding was postponed, repairs to the RHIB were started and the *Tillerman* was directed to proceed to a holding area just west of the Mina Al Bakr oil terminal and anchor in preparation for boarding.

By 9 a.m. on Oct. 22, things were in order. *Tillerman* was anchored, the weather had calmed a bit and the RHIB was ready to go. Six boarding team members cast off from the cutter and headed over to the freighter. Their initial sweep turned up a few discrepancies so the boarding team members continued their inspection by employing space accountability measures to ensure every cubic foot of the freighter's volume was accounted for.

First, the boarding team members measured the exterior dimensions of the freighter. Then they went below to measure the dimensions of all interior spaces. After combining their numbers, the team members found discrepancies, indicating the likelihood of a concealed compartment. After reviewing their data to determine the most probable location for the concealed compartment, team members set out to find it. They didn't need much time. The boarding officer, BM1 Luis Ruano, while testing the integrity of the main deck, discovered a covert filler tube leading to a fuel tank, which was in fact, the concealed

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Navy Linguist Works to Dissolve Communication Barriers and Promote Understanding in the Gulf

By JO2 Denny Lester
Force Journalist

Yeoman 2nd Class (SW) Tarek Shoukri cannot be found pushing paperclips behind a desk piled high with administrative matters. Seldom can he even be found performing his duties as flag writer for Naval Health Care, New England.

Instead, the Navy has seen to it that Shoukri, a Department of Defense (DoD) Arabic linguist, gets the opportunity to use his skills as a translator.

Currently attached to Destroyer Squadron 50, Shoukri has put his abilities to use on one temporary duty after another. From supporting Maritime Interception Operations (MIO) in the North Arabian Gulf to working as a host nation liaison in the United Arab Emirates, has used his talent for speaking the Arabic language and knowledge of his own culture to help dissolve communication barriers and promote understanding.

Born in New York City to an Egyptian father and half-Australian, half-American mother, Shoukri never thought that his father's persistence that he learn Arabic would lead to a career.

"I hated it then," he said. "When I was young we would travel to the Middle East and my father would bring a teacher for me and my sister. I wanted to go out and play with my friends and cousins, but I was stuck in this house learning this language. I had no idea what it was or what I would use it for. There came a time though that it was something I really appreciated and I am very grateful to my father for that."

That time was just over the horizon when Shoukri entered the Navy in 1998 and was sent to his first duty station as an undesignated Seaman aboard USS Rainer (AOE 7).

"I didn't grow up thinking that I wanted to ship out into the middle of the ocean, but it was great," he said. "It wasn't an easy ship to start out on, and at first it was hard,



U.S. Navy photo by Journalist 2nd Class Denny Lester

North Arabian Gulf (Sep. 10, 2003) – YN2(SW) Tarek Shoukri (left) translates remarks made by the Al Basrah investigating judge for representatives from Commander U.S. Naval Forces and the Coalition Provisional Authority during an administrative hearing with the master of Motor Vessel Cindy. The Cindy and her crew were detained in Iraqi territorial waters under suspicion of smuggling oil out of Iraq.

but I got to work my way up and make things happen."

Shoukri took the Yeoman exam aboard Rainer and was advanced to Petty Officer 3rd Class, but was interested in taking his naval career down a different lane.

"I was giving a lot of thought to becoming a Cryptologic Technician," he said. "So,

I took some DoD language tests and was certified as an interpreter and linguist."

About the time Shoukri was transferring off Rainer and looking forward to new duties, the attacks of September 11th occurred, and a DoD-wide need for Arabic speaking linguists found him.

"I was all for it," he said. "The Navy contacted me about doing various missions, and I said absolutely. I had the language, I had the skills and this was what I was looking for."

Shoukri deploys anywhere from two to six months at a time supporting various naval operations throughout the Central Command area of responsibility, including assignments supporting Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/ Commander, 5th Fleet, Commander, Task Force 53 and the American embassies in Egypt and UAE.

Recently, Shoukri acted as a liaison and linguist for representatives from COMUSNAVCENT, the Coalition Provisional Authority and Commander, Joint Task Force 7 during the first visit of an Iraqi Judge to vessels detained under suspicion of smuggling oil out of Iraq. The visit was the first step in the Iraqi judicial process to deter-



USCG Photo by Kyle Niemi

North Arabian Gulf (Sept. 29, 2003) – YN2(SW) Tarek Shoukri (2nd from left) translates for members of U.S. Coast Guard Law Enforcement Detachment 407 (USCG LEDET 407) during the questioning of one of four suspected sea-faring bandits aboard USS Firebolt (PC 10), in the North Arabian Gulf.

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USS Gettysburg Sailors Address Volunteer Effort

By JO2 Denny Lester
Force Journalist

Sailors stationed aboard USS Gettysburg (CG 64) took time out of a recent port visit to participate in a community relations (COMREL) project at a local school during the ship's port visit in Bahrain.

More than 10 volunteer Sailors chipped, sanded and painted a weathered carport located on the grounds of the 750-student, Ibn Al-Hytham Islamic School in the Budaiya.

"It's a great opportunity to get off the ship and come out and do something worthwhile in the community," said Gettysburg Chaplain Lt. Cmdr. Steve Souders. "We want to show the community something positive about the Navy, and in turn learn more about local Bahrain culture."

In addition to coordinating the trip, the Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/ Commander, 5th Fleet Chaplain's Office provided tools and transportation for the volunteers.

"We do all the groundwork as the liaison and project officers for the visiting COMREL projects," said COMUSNAVCENT/COMFIFTHFLT Chief Religious Program Specialist (SW/FMF) Steve Ponce. "But the Sailors actually do all the work. Of course, when you're out there with them, you can't help but want to join in."

This was the first time Chaplain's Office had arranged a project with the school in



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Denny Lester

USS Gettysburg (CG 64) volunteer Chief Hospital Corpsman (SW/NAC) Robert Powell works on painting the trim of a carport at the Ibn Al-Hytham Islamic School in Budaiya. Powell and 10 other volunteers from Gettysburg worked on the project that was arranged for the school by the Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/ Commander, 5th Fleet Chaplain's Office.

Budaiya and they received a warm reception and grateful response for their efforts, he said.

"They were very appreciative," Ponce said. "Every time the bell rang, the kids all came out just to wave at us. It was rewarding

both personally and professionally and just makes you feel good."

"I like helping people," said Gettysburg Gunner's Mate 3rd Class Michael Hoar. "Plus, it's a great way to learn more about people here in the Middle East." 🇺🇸

Bahrain School Provides Unique Academic Experience

By Mr. Michael Kennedy
Naval Support Activity, Bahrain
Public Affairs

Bahrain School is distinguished as the only DoDDS secondary school to attend the recent Cairo American College Model United Nations (CACMUN) Oct. 24-26 in the Egyptian capital.

The Central Command and Fifth Fleet-based school sent 22 top-quality students to the prestigious three-day Silver Anniversary Conference, featuring keynote speaker Mrs. Jihan al-Sadat, widow of assassinated Egyptian president Anwar al-Sadat.

For Bahrain School students, this experience illustrates the uniqueness of attending a DoDDS school in the Kingdom of Bahrain. These students mingled with promising, young diplomats from the Middle East, Africa and Scandinavia.

Earl and Marilyn Toops, the Model United Nations (MUN) husband and wife

teaching-team, dedicate their energies each year to inspiring Bahrain School students with a proper appreciation for world affairs.

"For the past 10 years," Marilyn Toops said, "we've stressed solid academic research, excellent public speaking and strong analytic thinking skills."

Marilyn Toops, the MUN teacher of record, is a DoDDS classroom veteran of 25 years, with previous tours in Japan and Iceland. Retired Air Force Major Earl Toops volunteers as a classroom instructor and organizes every aspect of the Bahrain School participation in MUN conferences, both off-and-on the island.

"Our classes are performance based," Earl Toops said, "so Bahrain students are constantly the best prepared at every conference."

Both Marilyn and Earl Toops take enormous pride in the Bahrain School, which offers a comprehensive kindergarten through 12th grade curriculum. They have lived here - by choice - since 1992, when

they arrived with their two pre-school age daughters.

"We remain here because this is where our children wanted to grow up," Earl Toops said.

Now oldest daughter, Gwen, is Class of 2004 and college-bound for the United States. Emily is only two years behind the same rite of passage.

"This is really the best place to raise a family," Earl Toops said. "The country is safe, very cosmopolitan, and the Bahrain School has the highest academic standards in DoDDS."

These standards are reinforced daily by a superbly qualified staff of American educators with multiple teaching certifications. Most faculty members possess graduate degrees.

At the top of this class is Principal Dr. Jennifer Beckwith, who holds a doctorate in education from Vanderbilt University.

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compartment. It was a good catch as the cap of the filler tube had been recessed several inches into the deck, covered with a few rags and topped with an automotive body filler material, which had been sanded and painted with a rubberized compound to match the surrounding deck. A sample of the product in the tank was taken; it was thick, black oil. A member of the freighter's crew subsequently revealed the location of sounding tubes to two other hidden tanks. The quantity of the oil hidden in the three tanks totaled approximately 400 metric tons.

This was *Metompkin* crew's fourth oil bust, but the first with a sufficient quantity of smuggled product to warrant detention. A legal case package was requested. A while later, a boarding team from *USS Fletcher (DD 992)* arrived on scene with appropriate paperwork and samples were taken of the product in the two other hidden tanks. The crew of *Tillerman* was directed to weigh anchor and proceed to a detention area where it joined the 13 other vessels being held for smuggling Iraqi oil.

"This was a coordinated effort between coalition surface vessels, coalition aircraft and our patrol boat," said Chief Warrant Officer Kevin Coyne, commanding officer of *Metompkin*. "It's a testament to the professionalism and expertise of our boarding team that they were able ascertain something was amiss and search further to discover the smuggled oil," he added.

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mine whether the detained vessels were engaged in oil smuggling. The strict enforcement of Iraqi smuggling laws act as a deterrent to future smugglers, and will ensure Iraq's oil proceeds are used to help rebuild the country.

"It was one of the most exciting events I've ever been a part of," he said. "Just being a part of something that was happening for the first time was very exciting. It was a chance to see our maritime security operations being effective and getting the Iraqi court system going."

During the process, Shoukri acted not only as a translator for the judge, crew and

the U.S. military representatives but as the sole contributor to each person's understanding of the sensitive events taking place.

"By speaking the language, I have a better understanding of people's ideas and cultures, and one of the things I do well is just talking to people," he said. "I've been in situations where someone's opinion on what we do is incorrect, maybe some thing they read in the newspaper. I'll try to explain to them what our mission is all about and what the Navy is all about and hopefully reverse some misconceptions."

"Getting the positive message to the people is important to me. We're here, and we are going to continue in helping to maintain security and stability in the region."



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Command Religious Program Naval Support Activity Bahrain



Weekly Schedule of Events

Monday	1200 - Catholic Mass, Chaplain's Office Chapel Annex 1700 - Gospel Choir Practice, Chapel/Training Facility
Tuesday	1130 - Praise Ministry - Chapel Training Facility 1200 - Catholic Mass, Chaplain's Office Chapel Annex 1830 - Gospel Bible Study, Chaplain Parker's flat
Wednesday	1200 - Catholic Mass, Chapel/Training Facility 1630 - Catholic Choir Practice, Chapel/Training Facility 1730 - Protestant Choir Practice, Chapel/Training Facility 1830 - Gospel Choir Practice, Chapel/Training Facility 1830-2000 - Alien Youth Group Bible Study (grades 9-12), Bahrain School Room NTC 2000 - Gospel Praise Dancer's rehearsal, POC Elder Sorrells
Thursday	1130 - Praise Ministry - Chapel Training Facility 1200 - Catholic Mass, Chaplain's Office Chapel Annex 1630-1700 - Confessions, Chapel/Training Facility 1730 - Catholic Vigil Mass, Chapel/Training Facility 1830 - Gospel Intercessory Prayer Ministry, POC Miller 1830 - Children's Choir Practice - Chapel/Training Facility. POC Sister Diane
Friday	0815 - Catholic CCD classes. POC Monika Thompson 0930 - Catholic Mass, Chapel/Training Facility 0930 - Protestant Adult Friday School II in the CPO Lounge at the Dome 1100 - Protestant Worship Service, Chapel/Training Facility 1130 - Gospel Friday School Class, Navy College Classroom #2 1300 - Gospel Service, Chapel/Training Facility 1330 - Gospel Children's Church ages 5-10 in the CDC, POC Mrs. Fulson 1830 - Catholic Bible Study - Fr. Borger's flat
Saturday	0730 - Protestant Single and Geo-Bachelor Men's Study in the Dome Conference room 1545 - Protestant Campaigner's Youth Bible Study, Bahrain School Rm 53 POC Ketan
Sunday	1200 - Catholic Mass, Chaplain's Office Chapel Annex 1800 - Protestant Evening Worship Service, Chapel/Training Facility 1900 - Gospel Praise Dancer's rehearsal, POC Elder Sorrells

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Event participation contingent upon Force Protection Conditions



U.S. Navy photo by JO2 Timothy Walsh

One of the many contestants in the pumpkin-carving contest is putting the finishing touches on his Jack-O-Lantern before the judging begins at NSA Bahrain's recent Halloween festivities.

Halloween Festivities

By JO2 Timothy Walsh
Naval Support Activity, Bahrain
Public Affairs

Several hundred military dependents took part in Naval Support Activity, Bahrain's Halloween festivities Oct. 30. The event included pumpkin carving, a command decorating contest, a movie, and, of course, trick-or-treating. Morale, Welfare, and Recreation coordinated the

event, which included the support of more than 30 commands creating festive displays. Public Works Center took first place earning \$150 to spend at the Ship's Store; 831st Transportation Battalion placed second and \$100; and the 1st Class Petty Officer's Association came in third with \$75. All three went above and beyond creating haunted houses as part of their displays. 📷



U.S. Navy photo by JO1(SW) Dennis J. Herring

Mr. Ali Haji, Director and Treasurer of the Bahrain Friendship Society for the Blind, Chaplain (Cmdr.) Frank Pugliese, Mr. Waleed Ahmed Ali, President of the Society Board Committee, RP2(SW/AW/FMF) Jesus Mosqueda and RPC(SW/FMF) Steve Ponce organize computers donated to the Society by the Commander, U.S. Naval Forces Central Command/Commander, 5th Fleet chaplain's office. Along with computers, the staff delivered software and other equipment used in teaching children at the school how to read and write Braille. During the day, the staff members also delivered computers and equipment to the Hope Institute of Bahrain and the Ibn al-Hythm school. 📷

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From Defense Finance and Accounting Public Affairs

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"This is an opportunity for our customers to better manage their pay information," said Dennis Eicher, director for Electronic Commerce, Military and Civilian Pay Services at DFAS. "We are providing myPay customers access to their tax and pay preferences online. We also know some individuals would rather have a hard copy statement, so we are giving them that choice."

The online version, complete with printing instructions, is 100 percent compatible for all tax pur-

poses and allows users to print as many copies as they need without having to depend on saving a hard copy. A save button is also available to allow individuals to save their W-2s to disk.

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The United States Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA) officially operates the Bahrain School. For over 55 years this agency has successfully managed 225 schools in 14 foreign countries.

"The Bahrain School," Dr. Beckwith said, "stands as the premier educational institution of this system and a leader of educational trends in the Middle East."

Yet what really sets the Bahrain School apart from other DoDDS institutes is more than high academic standards. The school is truly international, with a diverse multicultural student body reflecting approximately 40 countries this school year.

Complimenting this international setting are a rich array of extra-curricular activities

including National Honor Society, student council, Future Business Leaders, Math Counts, Tech Theatre and Outdoor Education.

Because the Bahrain School clients often have a high mobility rate, due to company and lifestyle changes, the administration is accustomed to meeting the individual needs of students and their families.

According to Dr. Beckwith, the Bahrain School is competitive with any school system in the United States and those across Europe and the Middle East.

"We are proud to offer both the International Baccalaureate Program as well as Advanced Placement courses," Dr. Beckwith said. "We maintain a high school graduation rate of 99% and our standardized test scores rank consistently at the top

of the scale when compared with scores of other schools."

Dr. Beckwith firmly believes in keeping pace with modern business and education requirements, so the Bahrain School continues to up-grade technology equipment and programs.

"We are especially proud of our new Professional Technical Studies labs for CISCO and Robotics/Mechanical Engineering," Dr. Beckwith said.

As a member of the Eastern Mediterranean Activities Council, the opportunity for Bahrain School students to participate in a variety of activities and events is extensive. This translates into a quality of student life rarely experienced by overseas military families in either Europe or the Pacific.



NSA Paradise Theater

THURSDAY

- 6 1530 Mary Poppins (G)
1730 Small Soldiers (PG13)
1930 Lara Croft 2: The Cradle of Life (PG13)

FRIDAY

- 7 1530 The Rescuers (G)
1730 George of the Jungle (PG)
1930 Terminator 3: Rise of the Machine (R)

SATURDAY

- 8 1530 The Little Mermaid (G)
1730 Bruce Almighty (PG13)
1930 Air Force One (R)

SUNDAY

- 9 1730 Small Soldiers (PG13)
1930 Lara Croft 2: The Cradle of Life (PG13)

MONDAY

- 10 1730 Alex and Emma (PG13)
1930 Dumb and Dumberer (PG13)

TUESDAY

- 11 1730 Clueless (PG13)
1930 Legally Blonde 2 (PG13)

WEDNESDAY

- 12 1530 Honey I Blew Up the Kid (PG)
1730 League of Extraordinary Gentlemen (PG13)
1930 2 Fast 2 Furious (PG13)

THE RESCUERS (G) Bob Newhart & Eva Gabor: Bernard and Bianca, of the Rescue Aid Society (a mouse organization) receive a message in a bottle from an orphaned girl who appears to have been kidnapped by Madame Medusa, a selfish woman who has no qualms about using children for her own purposes. The two mice go off to Devil's Bayou to attempt to rescue the girl. (76min)
BRUCE ALMIGHTY (PG13) Jim Carey & Jennifer Aniston: A human-interest television reporter in Buffalo, NY is discontented with almost everything in life, despite his popularity and the love of his girlfriend. At the end of the worst day of his life, he angrily ridicules God ... and God responds, challenging him to take on the job to see if he can do better. (101 min)
LEGALLY BLONDE 2 (PG-13) Reese Witherspoon & Sally Field: Sassy post-grad Elle Woods is all about animal rights. In fact, she puts her nuptial plans on hold to head to Washington, D.C. to get an anti-animal testing bill passed. Once there, her building's doorman quickly shows her the ways and workings of our government and nation's capital. (95 min)
ALEX & EMMA (PG-13) Luke Wilson & Kate Hudson: An author with writers block, and gambling habits that put him deeply in debt, hires a young stenographer to help him finish his novel in 30 days so he can pay off a loan shark. As he begins to dictate the novel, the opinionated stenographer challenges his ideas at every turn and eventually ends up changing everything. (96 min)

GEORGE OF THE JUNGLE (PG) Brendan Fraser & Leslie Mann: In this fun look at the "King of the Jungle," a small baby survives a plane crash and is adopted and raised by a female gorilla. Life in the jungle is pretty sweet for the child, until he grows up and meets the lovely Ursula, who convinces him to travel from the jungles of darkest Africa to the concrete jungle of San Francisco. (92 min)

DUMB & DUMBERER (PG-13) ...Eric Christian Olsen & Derek Richardson: Set in 1986 when mentally challenged best friends, Harry and Lloyd, were teenagers, this is the madcap comic tale of their attempt to get out of the "special needs" department and into regular high school life. (85 min)

SMALL SOLDIERS (PG-13) Kirsten Dunst & Gregory Smith: Technology runs amok when computer chips designed for space age weapons are used in children's action figures. When a small boy's army of toy soldiers suddenly comes to life and begins to wage war on the Gorgonites, the town of Winslow Corners will never be the same. (109 min)

TERMINATOR 3: RISE OF THE MACHINE (R) Arnold Schwarzenegger & Nick Stahl: On the verge of Judgment Day, it's a dark time for the resistance as Skynet is about to go online. The most advanced Terminator ever, the T-X has been sent from the future to ensure their success by ending the life of John Conner. But as before, the resistance will be come back in time...to protect him and save humanity. (109 min)

HONEY, I BLEW UP THE KID (PG) Rick Moranis & Marcia Strassman: Wayne is at it again but instead of shrinking things, he tries to make a machine that can make things grow. As in the first one, his machine isn't quite accurate and when he shows it to his toddler son Adam, it starts to work. Adam is zapped and whenever he comes near anything electrical the electricity makes him grow. (89 min)

LARA CROFT 2: THE CRADLE OF LIFE (PG-13) Angelina Jolie & Gerard Butler: Archaeologist extraordinaire Lara Croft must face her greatest challenge yet after she discovers a sphere that is said to contain the mythical "Pandora's Box" in an underwater temple, only to have it stolen from her by the leader of a Chinese crime syndicate and a villain who wants to use it as a doomsday weapon. (130 min)