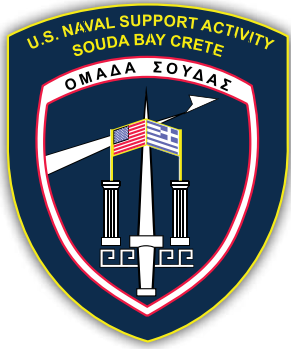


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ON THE COVER: Capt. Brad J. Collins, commanding officer, Naval Support Activity Souda Bay, delivers his farewell remarks at the change of command ceremony held on board the installation, August 3, 2018. Capt. Ryan T. Tewell relieved Collins as commanding officer, Naval Support Activity Souda Bay. (Photo by Jacky Fisher, Public Affairs)



Team Souda,

I cannot believe how fast two years, well two years and two days, went by. I'm both amazed at how much we as a team accomplished in this short timeframe and I'm proud to turn the reigns of command over to Capt Tewell. I know Team Souda will keep the press on to meet every mission with the same pride and professionalism you performed during my tenure as your Commanding Officer.

I said this at the Change of Command ceremony in my farewell speech, but I want to reinforce a few things for all of you to think about. First, I want you to know and stay true to your principles, those things most which are most important to us as individuals and as members of the United States Navy. Secondly, I want you to recognize that while the installation mission revolves around three parts, Security, Operations, and Personnel, paramount to these three parts working effectively, is you, the individual.

We define and achieve success by answering the following questions: "Who we are" and "What we believe". Once we are secure in this right understanding and live according to these principles, then the consistent results we want will follow.

Success in and of itself is not what is most important. What is ultimately most important is how you get there, how you achieve success. Success breeds future success because we remain true to who and what we are. The three missions I challenged Team Souda to focus on, those things I asked you to devote your time, energy and resources to - Security, Operations, and Personnel, each one of you individually and as a team took that and ran with it. You ran with it all the way to completion and total success dominating in all of these areas. Don't let anyone tell you that competition isn't good, that wanting to be #1 isn't a worthy goal. Every one of us should strive to be the best each and every day, and make no apologies in doing so.

Being the first, the very first installation to certify in the FEP (Final Evaluation Problem) process, that's something that will

never happen again, can never be taken away from you, and was the result of just a tremendous amount of work from Security and unequivocal support from Team Souda.

Time moves on. Some things change and some do not. Air and Port Ops will continue to support any planned or unplanned visitor. SOCEUR will continue to carve out their mission set with Souda's support. And all this and more will be accomplished alongside our Hellenic partners, both inside and outside the wire.

At the end of each day, ask yourself, "Did I live by my principles, and was I true to my foundation?" Adversity and challenge are mainstays in our chosen profession. Our principles must undergird our every decision, form the structure of our actions to further form the core beliefs that allow us to not just succeed in the midst of adversity, but to replicate our results. Our principles will guide us when difficult decisions need to be made, remind us of what is most important, and will serve as a strong foundation to keep you on your path towards future success.

Nothing is possible without people and NSA Souda Bay experiences a high turnover rate. Whether you're single, married, civilian, military, a local national, with or without dependents, reach out to the lifelines on base for assistance, comradery, or just for good-to-know information such as the Fleet and Family Center, the base Chaplain or the newly formed Family Readiness Group, the FRG. Stay connected and keep an eye on your shipmate.

My time as your Commander is done, and this is a good thing, because new life, and new eyes bring vitality and energy to even the best of commands.

TEAM SOUDA, you have done everything that I have asked you to do, risen to every challenge, gone above and beyond in difficult and hurried situations time after time. Truly, if you put this installation up against any other, we will find a way to come out on top. Continue the push for Capt Tewell and Cmdr. Rauchenstein. I look forward to serving with you again in the Fleet.

BZ Team Souda!

~Capt. Brad J. Collins

THE GOUGE



EVENTS - FLIGHTLINE ACTIVITY

FROCKING CEREMONY



A frocking ceremony of HM2 Hannah Davis was performed by Capt. Kristopher Thibodeau and Mrs. Venus Fisher on 7 July.

Congratulations, HM2!

WEATHER STATION UPGRADE



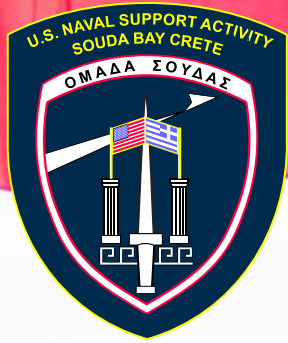
On Heatherdale, Electronics Technician 1st Class Justin Dane, and Electronics Technician 2nd Class Claire Bailey performed various weather system equipment upgrading tasks including the installation a wind sensor and a solar noon alignment kit onto a wind tower that is part of the Automated Surface Observing Systems weather system on board Naval Support Activity Souda Bay, Greece.

A-10 WARTHOGS ON DECK



A group of A-10 Thunderbolt II's, commonly known as the "Warthog", landed at NSA Souda Bay, 11 July 2018. The "Warthog" is a single-seat, twin turbofan engine, straight wing jet aircraft flown by the U.S. Air Force.





NSA Souda Bay

Change of Command



Story by Joel Diller.
Photos by Jacky Fisher and Joel Diller, Public Affairs

Change of Command Ceremony



Capt. and Mrs. Ryan T. Tewell pose with Capt. and Mrs. Brad J. Collins after the change of command ceremony, Aug. 3.

U.S. Naval Support Activity Souda Bay, Greece held a change of command ceremony, Aug. 3, on board the installation. Capt. Ryan T. Tewell relieved Capt. Brad J. Collins as commanding officer.

Rear Adm. Rick L. Williamson, commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia, was the guest speaker for the event and presented Collins with a Meritorious Service Medal.

“You are passionate and engaged leader who has left an indelible mark on this installation, our community, and our host nation,” said Williamson. “Undoubtedly, you have forged friendships that will stay with you for a lifetime and it’s going to be really hard to say goodbye. But as difficult as it is to hand your command over to another, you can leave with the satisfaction of knowing you made a difference.”

In his remarks, Collins addressed NSA Souda Bay on the importance of reflecting on their foundation and principles.

“We in the Navy and at NSA Souda Bay cannot be concerned merely with success or failure irregardless of our overarching ideals and the foundation upon which our Navy is built. Instead, we need to define and achieve success first and foremost because of who and what we are. Then the results we want will follow.”

“I gave you three missions to focus on, three areas to devote our time, energy and resources: Security, Operations, and Personnel,” continued Collins. “It was each one of you who took that and ran with it; you ran with it all the way to complete and total success dominating in those areas.”

He went on to thank the department heads, leaders of tenant commands, and the local Greek Commanders including the

Hellenic Police. Collins also thanked his wife, Kerry, and everyone who helped form the first Family Readiness Group for NSA Souda Bay. The Overseas Support Group serves as a vehicle to connect Sailors, civilian and families to the proper resources.

Collins will report to Commander, Navy Installations Command in Washington D.C. as an Executive Assistant.

Tewell, a U.S. Naval Academy graduate and MH-60R and SH60-B Seahawk pilot, most recently served as the Senior Navy Advisor for Strategy and Force Development in the Office of the Secretary of Defense.

In his speech, Tewell acknowledged the pivotal place that NSA Souda Bay plays in supporting the Navy’s mission and the excellent partnership that exists with the Greek allies.

“We will continue to execute our mission as a force multiplier that optimizes the combat capabilities of operational units,” said Tewell. “Know that whether your role is to service aircraft on the tarmac, resupply ships at the piers, stand guard in the harbor or ECP’s (Entry Control Points), maintain our critical facilities, or provide comfort, rest, and energy for our troops, we along with our partners or allies do fulfill all of these roles in order to defend our nations, and our way of life against those that threaten it.”

With more than 800 military, DoD civilians/contractors, and local national personnel assigned to the base, NSA Souda Bay enables the forward operations and responsiveness of U.S. and allied forces in support of Navy Region, Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia’s mission to provide services to the fleet, fighter, and family.



Vice Governor of the Region of Crete, Mr. Apostolos Voulgarakis, U.S. Ambassador to Greece, Geoffrey R. Pyatt and Mrs. Kerry Collins were in attendance.



Rear Adm. Rick Williamson, commander Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia, pins Capt. Brad J. Collins with a Meritorious Service Medal.



A significant number of distinguished visitors attended the ceremony.



Capt. Ryan T. Tewell, prospective commanding officer, Naval Support Activity Souda Bay, renders a salute as he is “piped aboard” during the change of command ceremony.

Change of Command Ceremony

Photo Gallery!





95th RS Change of Command

Story by Kostas Fantaousakis, photos by Jacky Fisher, Public Affairs



Lt. Col. Andrew G. Prue relinquished command of U.S. Air Force 95th Reconnaissance Squadron, Det. 1 to Lt. Col. Todd C. Williams during a change of command ceremony at the NATO Missile Firing Installation (NAMFI) Officer's Club on July 31, 2018.

The guest speaker was Col. Eric C. Paulson, Commander, 55th Operations Group, 55th Wing, Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska. Lt. j.g. John Bethell, Command Chaplain, NSA Souda Bay, performed the invocation.

Lt. Col. Prue leaves Crete to assume duties at Head Quarters Air Force at the Pentagon.

Lt. Col. Williams, prior to taking command, served as Director Reconnaissance Operations Center, 55th Wing, Offutt Air Force Base.

The U.S. Air Force 95th Reconnaissance Squadron, Detachment 1, provides operations, logistics, intelligence, and administrative support to the 55th Wing for the conduct of sensitive reconnaissance and contingency operations in the European Theater.

Intermodal Road Project Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Story and photos by Joel Diller, Public Affairs



A ribbon cutting ceremony to commemorate the completion of the Intermodal Access Road project was held with representatives from NSA Souda Bay, Naval Facilities Engineering Command Europe Africa Southwest Asia (NAVFAC EURAFSWA), 115th Hellenic Air Force, and construction contractor Michael M. Tsontos, SA, on July 25, 2018.

This project was a U.S. funded effort to connect the 115th Hellenic Air Force base in Mouzouras Village with the Hellenic Navy Base, Marathi, to provide a more direct route between the two bases to improve transportation of critical equipment, logistics materials, and supplies.

“The completion of this project eliminated the need to transport over busy public roads and allowed these evolutions to bypass more populated areas,” said Lt. Ryan White, NSA Souda Bay Public Works Officer. “It significantly increases and improves NSA Souda Bay’s abilities to support our combatant commands and others by providing for a dedicated and safer transport route.”

The project cost \$1.3 million and took approximately 23 months primarily due to a significant amount of coordination with local landowners and Hellenic authorities.

The road begins at the intersection at the 115th Hellenic Air Force base gate and follows the existing road around the northeast perimeter of the base and continues along the JP5 fuel maintenance road, crosses the ridge line with an S curve, and terminates at the intersection with the main road to Hellenic Navy Base, Marathi. The road is now open to public traffic.



Reenlistments

Photos by Joel Diller and Kostas Fantaousakis, Public Affairs



MA3 Dylan Hapgood (left) and MA2 Dillon Ripperger (right) with CWO4 Marcus Watkins, Security Officer, NSA Souda Bay.



MA3 James Streb and Cmdr. Werner Rauchenstein, Executive Officer, NSA Souda Bay.



ABH3 Maryjo Williams and CDR Joshua Jones, Operations Officer, NSA Souda Bay.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Community Outreach

by Kostas Fantaousakis, Public Affairs



Volunteers from NAVFAC Souda Bay participated in a beach clean-up in Stalos, Chania on 21 July.



Volunteers from NCTAMS LANT Souda Bay participated in a beach clean-up in Marathi on 13 July.



NSA Souda Bay's Chapel, in coordination with Public Affairs, collected and organized two donation deliveries to the Smile of the Child Organization. The first delivery was clothing donations (left photo) on July 27. The second delivery, a significant amount of food donations to include two baby strollers, was delivered on 1 August in support of the victims of the recent deadly wildfires that took place near Athens in mainland Greece (right photo).

EMERGENCY DISPATCH CENTER "911"

EARTHQUAKE GUIDE



If Indoors

DROP to the ground; take **COVER** by getting under a sturdy table or other piece of furniture; and **HOLD ON** until the shaking stops. If there isn't a table or desk near you, cover your face and head with your arms and crouch in an inside corner of the building.

Stay away from glass, windows, outside doors and walls, and anything that could fall, such as lighting fixtures or furniture.

Stay in bed if you are there when the earthquake strikes. Hold on and protect your head with a pillow, unless you are under a heavy light fixture that could fall. In that case, move to the nearest safe place.

Do not use a doorway except if you know it is a strongly supported, load bearing doorway and it is close to you. Many inside doorways are lightly constructed and do not offer protection.

Stay inside until the shaking stops and it is safe to go outside. Do not exit a building during the shaking.

Research has shown that most injuries occur when people inside buildings attempt to move to a different location inside the building or try to leave.

DO NOT use the elevators.

Be aware that the electricity may go out or the sprinkler systems or fire alarms may turn on.

If Outdoors

Stay there.

Move away from buildings, streetlights, and utility wires.

Once in the open, stay there until the shaking stops. The greatest danger exists directly outside buildings, at exits and alongside exterior walls. Ground movement during an earthquake is seldom the direct cause of death or injury. Most earthquake related casualties result from collapsing walls, flying glass, and falling objects.

If in a Moving Vehicle

Stop as quickly as safety permits and stay in the vehicle. Avoid stopping near or under buildings, trees, overpasses, and utility wires.

Proceed cautiously once the earthquake has stopped. Avoid roads, bridges, or ramps that might have been damaged by the earthquake.

If Trapped Under Debris

Do not light a match, lighter, flare or other open flame.

Do not move about or kick up dust.

Cover your mouth with a handkerchief or clothing.

Tap on a pipe or wall so rescuers can locate you. Use a whistle if one is available.

Shout only as a last resort. Shouting can cause you to inhale dangerous amounts of dust.



**DROP
COVER
HOLD ON**



WHO TO CALL IN AN EMERGENCY

All Emergencies on Base can be called from a DSN line.

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If and when dispatch phones are down and you can't get through, call dispatch on their Emergency cell phone

694-043-1187

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE



Earthquakes in Crete

Crete is the largest of the Greek islands and so it is entirely possible to feel an earthquake on one part of the island and not another. And of course this depends on the magnitude, location, depth and epicenter of any earthquakes in Crete.

It is not surprising that the word for the study of earthquakes - Seismology is derived from the Greek word Seismos meaning Earthquake and Logos meaning science. Crete and Greece are located in the most seismic part of the Mediterranean basin and historically there have had many earthquakes in Crete and Greece ancient history.

As far as earthquakes in Crete go there have been none more devastating than the AD July, 21st. 365 Crete earthquake which has been estimated to be 8 or above magnitude on the Richter scale. Out of all Crete earthquakes this was tremendous causing widespread destruction in Greece, Libya, Egypt and Cyprus. In Crete, nearly all towns were destroyed. As with many major earthquakes a resulting tsunami followed in the wake of this Crete earthquakes impact devastating the southern and eastern coasts of the Mediterranean.

Other major earthquakes reported in Crete were in August 3rd. 1303 with 8.0, February the 16th. 1810 with 7.5 and October the 12th. 2013 with 6.4 readings on the Richter scale.

How to Prepare for an Earthquake

Be **informed** and know earthquake terminology.

Aftershock —An earthquake of similar or lesser intensity that follows the main earthquake.

Earthquake —A sudden slipping or movement of a portion of the earth's crust, accompanied and followed by a series of vibrations.

Epicenter —The place on the earth's surface directly above the point on the fault where the earthquake rupture began. Once fault slippage begins, it expands along the fault during the earthquake and can extend hundreds of miles before stopping.

Fault —The fracture across which displacement has occurred during an earthquake. The slippage may range from less than an inch to more than 10 yards in a severe earthquake.

Magnitude —The amount of energy released during an earthquake, which is computed from the amplitude of the seismic waves. A magnitude of 7.0 on the Richter scale indicates an extremely strong earthquake. Each whole number on the scale represents an increase of about 10 times more energy released than the previous whole number represents. Therefore, an earthquake measuring 6.0 is about 10 times more powerful than one measuring 5.0.

Seismic Waves —Vibrations that travel outward from the earthquake fault at speeds of several miles per second. Although fault slippage directly under a structure can cause considerable damage, the vibrations of seismic waves cause most of the destruction during earthquakes.

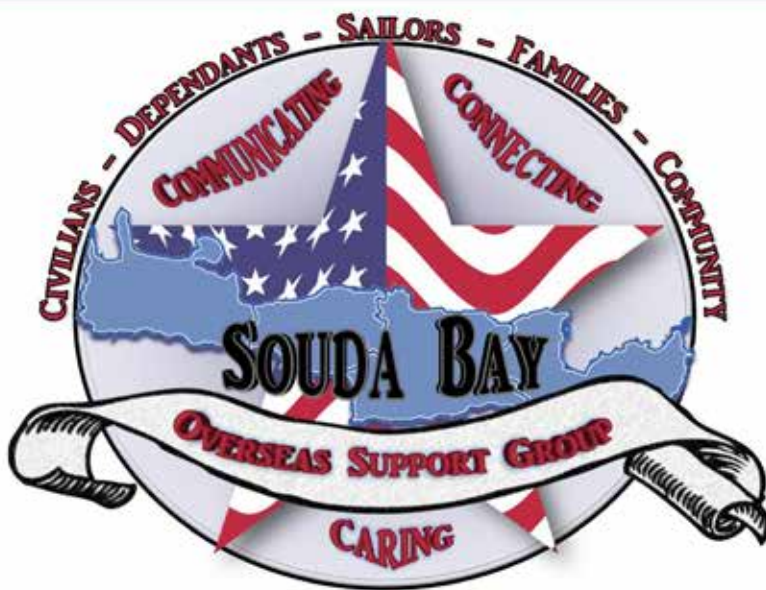
- Minimize home hazards by bolting or strapping shelves, bookcases, china cabinets, other tall furniture, and the water heater to studs in the walls and by placing large, heavy or breakable objects on lower shelves.
- Identify a safe place in every room of your home where nothing can fall on you, such as under a table, against an inside wall, or in a doorway.
- Make an **evacuation plan** as a family and build a **Emergency Disaster** kit to prepare for 72 hours or more.
- Make an **emergency communication plan** in case family members are separated during an earthquake.
- Practice earthquake drills as a family so everyone knows what to do, especially "Drop, Cover, and Hold On!"



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Staying Safe: Don't Drink and Drive

Information provided by Safety Department

On May 14, 1988, Larry Mahoney was out driving his Toyota pickup truck north on Interstate 71 outside of Carrollton, Kentucky. Mahoney, 34, had been drinking and it was unclear where he was headed at 10:55 p.m. One other thing, Larry was driving his pickup the wrong way down the highway with a blood alcohol concentration (BAC) of .24.

There was not much traffic on the road at that hour, but the little pickup plowed into a loaded school bus of 67 people. The bus was hauling a church youth group home when Larry crashed into the front part of it. The collision did not kill anyone immediately; in fact the investigation showed that there were only minor injuries. Unfortunately, when the truck collided with the bus, the gas tank, which had just recently been filled to its 60 gallon capacity, ignited. The flames along with structural damage prevented the front door of the bus from opening, leaving only the tiny rear emergency door exit.

The loaded bus became engulfed in flames as 67 children and adults fought their way to the back door. The investigation was able to determine that attempts were made by the few adults that were on-board to kick out windows for escape, but in the end only one person was able to escape out of a window. Everyone else tried to go out the tiny back door. When the emergency crews arrived and extinguished the flames, 27 people - 3 adults and 24 children - were dead and still on the wreckage.



Hundreds of lives were affected that night as many parents lost their children, and some children lost their parents. In the aftermath, several parents of the victims became actively involved in Mother's Against Drunk Driving (MADD) and one became its national president.

Larry Mahoney did not plan on killing 27 people when he went out to drink that cold May night in 1988. In fact he does not remember anything about the crash. DUI laws were not as strict as they are now, and in court Larry was given a sentence of less than one year for each person he killed. For good behavior he was released just short of 11 years.

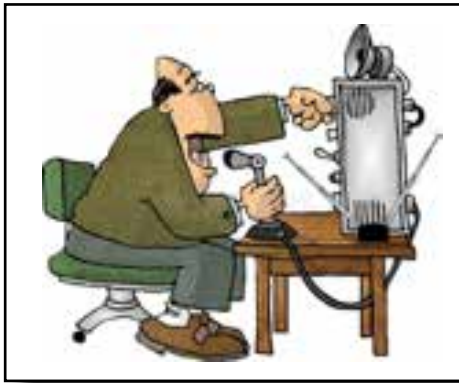
Here are some DUI facts from the MADD web page:

- Every day in America, another 29 people die as a result of drunk driving crashes. That's one person every 50 minutes.
- In fatal crashes in 2014, the highest percentage of drunk drivers was for drivers ages 21-24 (30 percent), followed by ages 25 to 34 (29 percent) and 35 to 44 (24 percent).
- Adults drank too much and drove about 121 million times per year – over 300,000 incidents of drinking and driving a day.

If you are going to drink, **don't drive**. Catch the shuttle, Topsy-Taxi, use a designated driver, take a cab, and watch out for your shipmates. **Don't be like Larry.**

Making Wireless Devices, Electronics Work In Greece

By Navy and Marine Corps Spectrum Office



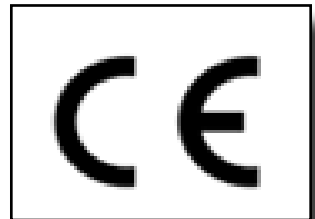
In today's society, the use of wireless devices for work and personal use is both ubiquitous and essential. When it comes to use of personal electronic equipment in Europe, the primary concern of new arrivals is the difference in the electrical output (220 vs 110) from the wall socket or whether the cell phone they bought in the U.S. will work in Europe. Do you wonder why the Navy Exchange in Souda Bay does not sell some of the items readily available in the U.S. or from online retailers? In foreign countries, just like in the U.S., the radio frequency spectrum is a finite natural resource which is divided into different frequency bands designated for very specific purposes such as wireless internet and cellular telephones. Additionally these bands are split between government and non-government users, or shared by both. Each nation controls the use of the spectrum within their territorial limits and may allocate the spectrum differently from their neighbors in Europe and from the U.S. This often means that commercially procured U.S. items may not be

authorized for use in a foreign country because they cause interference to host nation systems.

"So how does this impact me" you might ask? For starters, many of the everyday items you use in your home such as the cordless handset for your house phone, wireless baby monitors, radio controlled toys, wireless speakers and microphones may not be operating in the frequency ranges established by the Greek Government and the International Telecommunications Union (ITU) regulations.

The ITU is a State Department "Treaty in Effect" between the Host Nation and the U.S.A., which means Greek spectrum management regulations are enforceable on U.S. entities, to include the U.S. military and those agencies and personnel contracted to provide services to the U.S. military. So if your personal electronic device is found to be causing interference, whether on base or off, you can be directed to turn it off and not use it again for the remainder of your time here in Europe. Depending on the situation, monetary fines and confiscation of the electronic items by Greek law enforcement personnel are also possibilities.

In short, all wireless capable devices must be marked with the CE or "Conformité Européene" label (which can be found on the device and packaging) and operate in accordance with the table of allocations for Greece.



If you have questions or would like to learn more, contact Mr. Chris Knapp, Souda Bay Installation Spectrum Manager, at 266-1358/1338 or NMCSO EUR at 626-2004/3738/5354.

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Fact Sheet

Balkan Whip Snake

The Balkan whip snake (*Hierophis gemonensis*) is a non-venomous, egg laying snake that has been observed on Naval Support Activity Souda Bay. This species is protected by the Bern Convention Annex II as (*Coluber gemonensis*) and the Habitats Directive Annex II and IV as (*Coluber laurenti*) and should not be harmed or killed intentionally.

Description: This snake is typically under 100 cm (39.4 inches) long, however longer individuals have been recorded. The head and front of the body are olive-grey or yellowish-brown with dark spots separated by paler areas which may form irregular bars. There are often small white specks on some of the scales. Newborns and juveniles are colored similar to adults.



Range: Native to the countries of Albania; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Croatia; Greece; Italy; Montenegro; Slovenia

Habitat: This species occurs in a variety of habitats including dry, stony areas, scrubland, macchia, open woodland, vineyards, olive groves, generally overgrown areas, rural gardens and ruins. On Crete is also found in marshes by streams.

Behavior: The Balkan whip snake is active during the day and is typically encountered moving on the ground and sometimes will climb in low vegetation. It hibernates in winter in places as rock fissures, animal burrows or outbuildings and sometimes several snakes will share a hibernating site.

Threats: Habitat loss, fire and pollution are threats to this species. Populations seem to be stable, but highly fragmented.

If you encounter this snake, leave it alone and move away. If a snake needs to be removed, contact the NAVFAC Environmental Staff: (30) 28210-21207

Prepared by:



Did You Know?

The Balkan whip snake is fast and agile and feeds on lizards, large insects such as grasshoppers, nesting birds and small mammals.





"We should ask ourselves, did we live by our principles, were we true to our foundation? These principles must undergird our every decision, form the structure of our actions and it will be the core beliefs that allow us to succeed in adversity and replicate our results, for adversity and challenge are mainstays in our chosen procession. Our principles will guide us when difficult decisions need to be made and remind us about what is most important. If you have and live by a strong foundation, nothing will be able to move you from your path towards future success."

*Capt. Brad J. Collins
Commanding Officer
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