

Detail Sigonella

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NMCB ONE's Detail Sigonella hit the ground running on August 31st and has not looked back since. With a crew of 30 Seabees, two project sites, and an Alfa Yard with 34 pieces of CESE to maintain, they have plenty to keep them busy. The turnover with NMCB 26 went smoothly, and gave them a chance to work with their reserve counterparts.

Soon after the turnover was complete, it was back to work as usual. The first of their two projects is SI0-826, Repair Perimeter Fence, which includes demolishing an existing chain link fence and replacing it with a concrete wall topped with chain link fence. The crew is currently placing reinforcing steel (RST) and prefabricating wooden forms for the first 33 feet of the 5,407 foot wall. Crew leader, SW3 (SCW) Gordon Harvey, said, "The perimeter fence will prove to be no easy task, but I understand my mission and I will make it happen."

The second project, SI0-826 Sportsfield Lighting and Head includes the construction of a concrete retaining wall, a head facility, and a picnic pavilion; the installation of lights for a softball field, soccer field, basketball court, two tennis courts, and a running track; and a lot of earth work to level everything out. Project supervisor, CE2 (SCW) Olando Williams, said, "This is a good project because there is work for all the Seabee ratings." The detail is tasked with the completion of this high priority project. Crew leader, BU3 (SCW) Ronnie Prince, said, "When we finish this project, the crew wants the first game of softball, any takers?"

They work hard and play hard too. There are plenty of off duty activities the Seabees can enjoy through the local MWR. A group of detail personnel took the challenge of hiking up Mt. Etna (the only active volcano in Europe) on September 6th. Detail Officer in Charge Ensign Matthew Richardson had this to say, "God made mountains for two reasons – He needed a place to issue the Ten Commandments, and we needed something to climb."



BUCA Vanessa Lanaute cuts concrete block for a chase wall in the head for project SI0-826.



BU3 (SCW) Clark Storz lays concrete block for a chase wall in the head for project SI0-826.