



Band on the run

The *Fanfara della Brigata 'Aosta'* of the 6th Bersaglieri Regiment runs while playing a musical selection that concluded the change of command ceremony between outgoing 22nd Area Support Group commander, Col. Donald G. Drummer, and incoming commander, Col. Virgil S. L. Williams on Hoekstra Field. The unit, which has about 30 Soldiers comes from Sicily and is directed by Primo Maresciallo Gaetano Spadaro. The showmanship of the band had the audience clapping and cheering. The Bersaglieri Regiment is the only Italian military band that runs while playing. The performance style is a tradition for this unit, which was formed in the 1830s, because during battles this was how they gave information to the Soldiers as to where the attack was coming from, or to change directions and avoid the enemy's line front. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)



Williams takes command of 22nd Area Support Group



22nd Area Support Group
Public Affairs Office
Press Release

The 22nd Area Support Group changed hands Thursday when Col. Virgil S. L. Williams replaced Col. Donald G. Drummer during a change of command ceremony presided over by Russell B. Hall, Installation Management Agency-Europe director.

In his remarks to the crowd gathered on Hoekstra Field for the event, Hall praised the leadership of Drummer, saying, "Colonel Drummer assumed command of the 22nd ASG on August 1, 2003. He hit the ground running that day and hasn't slowed down since."

"Colonel Drummer has lived up to the command's motto of "Support to Win" by focusing on the base operations needs of more than 12,000 soldiers, family members and civilians," continued Hall. "Those needs include everything from providing deployment, direct combat and combat service support while ensuring the unimpeded continuation of all community services and support activities."

Barely two years ago, Hall was at the same podium for the change of command between Col. Drummer and his predecessor, Col. Walton Carroll.

In that speech, Hall advised Col. Drummer to "Personally take a look at the stats on the most recent deployment. It exemplifies the close partnership we have between the Installation Management Agency and U.S. Army Europe."

In his speech Thursday, it was evident that Drummer had taken the advice to heart as Hall reeled off just a few of Drummer's

accomplishments over the past 24 months.

"For Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom deployment cycle support, Colonel Drummer developed and conducted a SETAF and 22nd ASG Community and Family Readiness Offsite in Livorno, said Hall.

"He conducted standard-setting power projection operations and deployed 2,400 Soldiers and 370 major end items to Afghanistan without delay, error or injury," he said.

"Don, you leave behind a legacy that will set the future standards of this command as it enters into a new chapter in history," concluded Hall.

Col. Drummer addressed the crowd next and praised his family and staff for their hard work over the past two years.

"There is absolutely nothing ordinary about this team of teams," said Col. Drummer. "This community is extraordinary and you have earned recognition as the USAREUR and IMA benchmark of excellence in community support.

In the end, though, it's all about what we can do for the community, he said.

As Col. Drummer left the podium, Col. Williams took his place saying, "I am here to say that I have never met so many talented and highly-motivated individuals and their willingness to perform above and beyond what is expected.

I am thoroughly convinced that the 22nd ASG will continue to be a highly-productive organization that meets the needs of the Soldiers and their families."

Col. Drummer leaves Vicenza for his new position as Chief of Staff at Transportation Command, Fort Eustis, Va.



Col. Donald G. Drummer

Col. Virgil S. L. Williams (second from left) takes the 22nd Area Support Group guidon from Russell Hall, IMA-Europe director, signifying his acceptance to take charge of the unit during the change of command ceremony held Thursday on Hoekstra field. (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)

Exercise your common sense when working out

By Jim Adams
22nd ASG Safety Office
Special to the Outlook

Recent Preliminary Loss Reports have contained several incidents where Soldiers have died during, or immediately after, conducting some type of physical exercise. Most of these incidents are likely because of a pre-existing medical condition that went undetected.

Exercise is an essential part of an overall fitness and offers many benefits such as; increased strength and endurance, improved muscle tone and flexibility, stress relief, and a sense of well-being.

However, Soldiers and civilians alike must ensure they are acclimatized to the heat or other potential hazards to ensure they are physically prepared to exercise safely.

Some basic rules that should be considered for exercising safely include:

- ◆ *Start slowly and work up to your goal over a reasonable period of time.* When

starting an exercise program, it's important to not do too much too fast.

It's also a good idea to check with a health care professional before starting any new exercise regime.

- ◆ *Exercise with a buddy.* Working out with a buddy is not only an effective motivator, it also provides security. Should one of you be injured, the other can help or seek assistance. If you're unable to run or walk with a buddy, select highly populated, well-lit areas for exercising, or use an area designated for exercise.

It's always a good idea to let a family member or friend know where you plan to be.

- ◆ *Stay alert to your surroundings and maintain situational awareness.* Wearing headphones can block out important sounds and distract you from what's going on around you. Department of Defense regulations prohibit the use of headphones while running on streets on a government installation.

- ◆ *When crossing the street, don't step from the curb until you've made eye contact with the drivers around you.*

Even though pedestrians have the right-of-way in a crosswalk, they inevitably lose when competing with a car – you could be “Dead Right”!

Stay aware of traffic and avoid jogging or running during peak traffic hours.

- ◆ *Run on the shoulder facing traffic.* Be prepared to take evasive action by jumping off the shoulder – this could easily be required when jogging on narrow two-lane roads here in Italy.

- ◆ *Obey traffic signs and signals.*

- ◆ *Make sure others can see you.* Wear a reflective belt or vest over light-colored clothing during periods of limited visibility. If drivers can't



A community member works out in the Body Shop, located across from the Ederle Inn, on Caserma Ederle. (Photo by Diana Bahr, Outlook editor)

Community Action Council

This forum is to discuss issues that affect the community.

If you have an issue that you wish to submit, visit the 22nd Area Support Group Web site at www.22asg.vicenza.army.mil and click on the Community Action Council link.

This link provides you the opportunity to review issues that have been previously submitted and responded to by post agencies. There is also a form available for you to submit any new issue you would like addressed. If you have questions, call 634-5222 or 0444-71-5222 from off post.

The command encourages you to identify yourself when submitting a CAC issue in order to be able to answer your concern directly.

Childcare is offered during the CAC at \$2.50 per hour, per child for children ages 6 weeks through kindergarten from 8:45-11:15 a.m. Preregistration is required. Children will be cared for in the Child Development Center, Building 395. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services Central Registration.

Call 634-7219 or stop by their new location in the Davis Family Readiness Center.

The next CAC is Aug. 24 at 9 a.m. in the Ederle Theater.

Issue: *The speeding in Villaggio is out of*

control in the morning going down the last exit street. Can the military police patrol during this time?

Perhaps if tickets cost money, instead of points, people would slow down.

Also, is the last street that exits Villaggio a one-way street? I'm not sure it's posted one-way.

Response from Office of the Provost Marshal: We will check on the sign because it should be done. The Directorate of Public Works does not need PMO approval to install a sign.

Also, the military police are patrolling and writing tickets for speeding on Villaggio.

Response from Directorate of Public Works: DPW will post signs in accordance with the PMO traffic plan.

Issue: *Why don't we have bingo on post? Everywhere else I have been they have had Bingo, it could also be a good money maker for the post.*

Response from Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation: A bingo night can be considered by MWR as a business initiative. Bingo night must break even or make a profit in any military community. As such, MWR will carefully evaluate the community need for bingo night; determine revenue-generating possibilities, community member participation and cost of purchasing the bingo equipment.

In determining feasibility for bingo night, the DMWR will conduct several analyses. First the Marketing Division will place on our

What matters most

The 22nd Area Support Group Chaplain's Family Life Office, in partnership with deployed SETAF and 173d Airborne Brigade chaplains, is writing a series of devotional articles based on the best-selling book, "A Purpose Driven Life," by Pastor Rick Warren.

The intent of these articles is to offer deployed Soldiers and their family members a devotional meditation which you can use for weekly discussion and to hopefully deepen your spiritual connection during the separation.

Chaplain (Maj.) James Sheil
Vicenza Community Catholic Pastor

The purpose of life is to love.
Nice words. Easy to say, hard to do. Yet, our calling as Soldiers basically is love, even though we might have come to the Army for reasons that seem to have not the slightest connection to love.
Stop and think. We are sent to places around the world to bring peace and freedom to people who often do not appreciate either these gifts or our dedication to them.
We put ourselves in great danger because both we, and the gifts we offer, are seen as threats to structures that do not understand them.
We are ready to give our life in service to the people and the gifts we offer. When we are not in battle, we are helping people who cannot help themselves. And, in the thick of battle we are not thinking of any lofty political or economic goals.
We are interested in protecting

see you, they can't avoid you.

- ◆ *Carry some sort of identification.* If you're really prepared, you can include an emergency contact telephone number, your blood type, and a list of any medications you take on a small card along with your identification.

- ◆ *Don't forget your sunscreen!* According to the American Academy of Dermatology, one person dies from malignant melanoma cancer every hour in the United States.

Remember to keep yourself hydrated, pay

ourselves and our buddies.

And again, we stand ready to do this with our own life. Is this not love in action?

It is hard to say exactly what love is or what it means, but it is easy to recognize love when it is happening.

In recent times we have seen too many examples of lived love among our own. Yet this is what we do.

When we took our Oath we called on God to witness and help our commitment to the military culture and all that it stands for and expects of us.

We stand in the long line of prophets and teachers of so many traditions who were called on to say and do the hard things so the culture or society might survive.

Among our many challenges is learning to live in ordinary everyday life the love we live in battle. Loving the people we live and work with in ordinary circumstances is no simple thing. Battle cuts through the defense and images we put up for ourselves, and we learn who we really are.

As we come to know our own strengths and weaknesses we can, if we choose, learn to recognize the same strengths and weaknesses in others around us.

We are much more alike than we are different, and this just might be the beginning of life – our everyday relationships.

Like our commitment as Soldiers, love does not happen in the abstract. Love is real, it is difficult, it is expensive.

Love is our calling as members of the human family, and most especially, as Soldiers.

attention to your nutritional status, and wear clothing appropriate for the activity and climate.

Hyperthermia and hypothermia must always be considered when conducting intense physical training, especially when training in remote areas.

For more information on exercise and safety issues, visit the Web site of the National Institutes of Health at: www.health.nih.gov.

Web site a community survey that will determine the potential market demand.

This market survey will be developed, distributed, and analyzed to facilitate the potential for bingo night on post.

The survey will address:

1. The total number of interested persons.
2. Most request days and times for the bingo event.
3. Desired prizes.

The bingo survey is posted on our Web site, www.vicenzamwr.com.

Based upon the findings a recommendation will be given to the 22nd Area Support Group commander. We will report out the recommendation at the next Community Action Council.

Issue: *Please establish a Gamblers Anonymous group in Vicenza. There are many of us in the community who have a gambling problem and need some way to get help.*

Response from DMWR: All 'anonymous' groups are patterned after Alcoholics Anonymous. They must be self-governing; independent; self-supporting; and be unaffiliated with any group.

In short, this means that MWR may not start a Gambler's Anonymous group, or any other anonymous group.

They arise - always - from a need felt, expressed and acted upon by the abuser/addict. A professional person, such as Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program staff or the Chaplaincy or Social Work Services,

may not be involved. (Any person from these agencies who start a group or attend a meeting, do so as members – members like every other person there.)

How we can help is: 1) Consult with any interested person and provide information, points of contact are Ann Campbell or Steve Norton at ASAP, 634-7554; or

2) Coordinate a meeting place. Alcoholics Anonymous meets in the ASAP facility every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 p.m., and has for many years.

Finally, any interested person may go to the Internet and 'Google' Gambler's Anonymous.

Issue: In the past month I have used Gate 4 (the Airborne Gate) an average of twice a day. That's about 30-50 times in one month.

In all this time, I have only had my car inspected five times. I am not referring to the full scale under vehicle and trunk search. I mean a simple glance through the windows.

I was under the impression that the Civis or Carabinieri were supposed to inspect every vehicle that comes through, by stopping it under the tent, looking into the front and back windows and ensuring there is nothing suspicious in the vehicle. This is not happening.

Response from the PMO: The writer is referring to courtesy checks and this has been addressed with the guards to check every vehicle. If the writer finds that this is still not happening when they enter Gate 4B, please contact the Military Police at 634-7626.

Neighbor to neighbor

Your best help may be right next door

Sometimes you may hear a person complain about a neighbor who lives just a couple of houses down the street. Maybe this neighbor does not cut the lawn often enough or the family has several children who make a lot of noise. After pointing out the faults of his neighbor, can this same critic live up to his own standards of what makes a good neighbor? Can he be the same ideal neighbor he wants living next door?

Our community is diverse and includes several neighborhoods which include the Villaggio Housing Area, government lease housing, private rentals, Soldiers living in barracks, and our Italian friends and neighbors. It is a mixed crowd and we must work together as good neighbors to make our community better.

What makes a good neighbor?

A good neighbor takes pride in his neighborhood and takes part in making it a better place to live. When he sees a problem in the neighborhood, he tries to come up with a solution, not just complain or gossip about his neighbors.

Everyone does not have the time to make their yard look like a garden paradise, but lawn maintenance has been an issue in the Villaggio area recently, likely because the person

who usually cuts the grass has been deployed or the family is on vacation. It's not unusual to see an overgrown lawn between two finely manicured yards.

If you are leaving your home for a while, make plans to have your lawn cut while you are away. Don't be gun-shy in asking your neighbor for help. The unit of a deployed soldier needs to see if this is something they can help with. Sometimes a simple task like cutting the grass can be difficult for a parent left behind with children.

For people living in private rental, an uncut lawn can leave a bad impression with your Italian neighbors or even be a welcome mat for thieves looking for an abandoned home to rob.

Child supervision has always been a problem in our community, only made worse by our current deployment and the summer school break. There are some safety concerns but unsupervised children have been responsible for some property damage in Villaggio. We need to watch out for our children, keep them safe, and keep them out of trouble.

Adults should not hesitate in expressing concern when they see unsupervised children or let a neighbor's parent know when they

think their child's behavior is out of line. An area coordinator is an ideal intermediary, if a person is uncomfortable in talking directly with their neighbor.

Excessive noise has also been a problem in our neighborhoods and it's usually someone who plays their music or home theater system too early in the morning or too late at night. Think about your neighbor who may have just ended a night shift duty or the young children next door who have just fallen asleep.

If you are one of the early morning commuters who use the Airborne Gate to enter Caserma Ederle, keep your music at a low volume setting. Our Italian neighbors do not need to hear your music so early in the morning while you wait to have your ID card check.

We spend too much money on recycling in Villaggio because people fight the process or do not learn how recycling works. Recently someone threw a large steel footlocker filled with a number of things to include a heavy barbell in the wrong container, which in turn, damaged the shredding equipment used to assist with compacting waste. This meant more money taken away from the community to pay for the machine

downtime and to repair the equipment.

People living off post need to follow the same recycling rules and sort their trash. You don't want to be known as the "Ugly American" neighbor who does not recycle. Recycling is not only the law; it's the right thing to do.

A good neighbor should not be afraid to address the faults of other neighbors, but do it in a polite fashion and not in a "nosy neighbor" kind of way. A good neighbor should be able to listen to criticism of others and not become defensive or angry.

There are a number of resources available to help our community improve. Initially, people can read the housing regulations which explain the standards of how everyone should live as good neighbors, in our housing areas or in private rental.

The area coordinator is a key person in housing and he can help solve problems or serve as an intermediary between neighbors. If you do not know who your area coordinator is, contact housing and ask.

The Command Information Channel, the American Forces Network television, the *Outlook* newspaper, and the 22nd Area



Maj. Gen. David Zabecki

Support Group Web site are all good places to go for guidance on policies or learn about current events that affect our community.

The Community Action Council is our once-a-month meeting designed to address a variety of shared community issues. The CAC is a great forum, but should be the last place to address many local issues that can be solved within our own neighborhood, at the neighbor-to-neighbor level.

What makes our neighborhoods and our community great places to live, are neighbors taking care of each other. If you need help, ask for help.

If you see a problem, be part of the solution. If you know how things work, share your knowledge and teach others new to the systems.

Strive to be that good neighbor, the one you want to live next door.



Vandals have defaced this mailbox on Villaggio.

No room for vandalism, graffiti in our neighborhoods

By Bethanie Trent
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Vandalism is defined as "the willful or malicious destruction or defacement of public or private property" (*Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, 10th Edition*) and a vandal is "a person who willfully or ignorantly destroys, damages, or defaces property belonging to another or to the public."

There are many ways vandals can damage or destroy property. They can use spray paint, fire, etchings, and markers or – as in a recent case in Villaggio – apples.

Apples were picked from trees in certain blocks of Villaggio and thrown about. After the problem was noticed, the apple trees in the vicinity of the action had been trimmed back.

However, that has not deterred children from using baseball bats to knock down the apples. The

apples are being thrown at other children, buildings, and cars. This is causing a great amount of damage to homes and cars parked near the action.

Children who are caught vandalizing private or government property will fall under the purview of the 22nd Area Support Group Juvenile Review Board. Action recommended by the JRB can range from revocation of privileges, community service and/or Early

Return of Dependents, to name a few.

People need to supervise their children according to Army policy. A copy of the policy is available at <https://www.aeaim.hqusareur.army.mil/library/ltr/index-aem.shtm>.

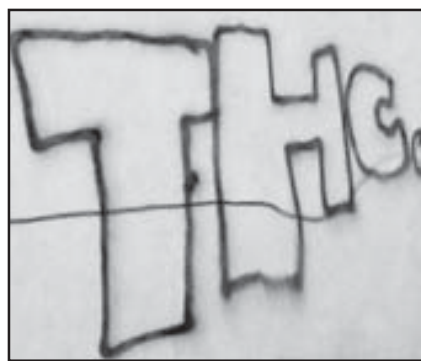
It is important to respect other's property, to include private and government property.

Another problem that has been vexing Villaggio and off post neighborhoods is graffiti.

Look around your community.

Do you see...

- ◆ ...Walls covered with graffiti?
- ◆ ...Knocked-over trash cans or mailboxes?
- ◆ ...Broken street lights?
- ◆ ...Spray paint on stop signs?
- ◆ ...Missing street and traffic signs?
- ◆ ...Writing or torn pages in library books?



Grffiti mars the side of this building. (Photos courtesy of SNAP)

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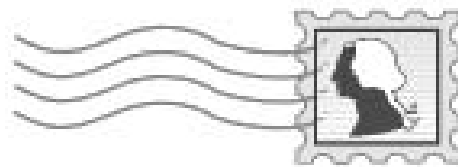
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Postcards from Afghanistan



From: Spc. McKely Rentas
Unit: C Company, 2-503rd
Where: PIR

"Hi honey, I just wanted to say how much I love you and miss you. Hi to Kelito and Nicoll. I hope you guys are doing good, your loving husband and dad."



◆ ...Public restrooms with broken doors and graffiti?

The fact that American graffiti is appearing at locations off post is worrisome to our Vicentini neighbors. Graffiti lowers property values and leads people to believe their neighborhoods are not safe.

Graffiti is disrespectful and harmful to communities. It sends the signal that nobody cares, attracting other forms of crime and street delinquency to the neighborhood.

Graffiti on post and off is illegal and it does not promote an image of good neighbors.

To help combat this problem, the city of Vicenza has authorized the clean up of off post graffiti.

The local police, along with the military police, will be comparing graffiti seen on post and in Villaggio.

Juveniles who are accused of writing graffiti appear before the JRB will be assigned clean up of such graffiti as community service.

As guests in this country, it is up to each of us to promote a positive image of the United States. Every one of us, whether or not we realize it, is an Ambassador and representative of our country. Our singular images reflect the images of how Americans are seen as a whole.

If you should see any suspicious activity it is important to call the Military Police desk immediately at 634-7626 or civilian 0444-71-7626.

Remember to report the time and place the incident occurred and how many persons, including descriptions, that are involved. We need everybody's help to make our neighborhoods a better place to live.

American, Italians bridge the gap for emergency preparedness

Story and photos

By **Catie Bertoldi**

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Special to the Outlook

On Caserma Ederle, emergency management is a coordinated effort that involves both U.S. and Italian emergency response forces.

Within this integrated emergency management framework, these entities assist our community to prepare for, respond to, and recover from the effects of natural or man-made emergencies or disasters.

However, effective coordination cannot be achieved during the chaos that follows a disaster. Relationships must be established, plans written and tested, procedures agreed upon, and continual joint training between the two nations must take place.

It was this type of training that transpired at the downtown Vicenza Fire Station July 28.

About 40 soldiers and civilians from the U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza and Caserma Ederle Fire Services, transported their emergency equipment to the Vicenza Fire Station where they met with their host nation counterparts, medical (SUEM) and Fire and Emergency Services.

The purpose of the joint training session was two-fold: It gave the U.S. and Italians the opportunity to get to know one another

and to display and discuss each country's emergency equipment and capabilities through a practical demonstration.

This joint training is part of a newly-developed program known to emergency responders as 'consequence management.'

Consequence management deals with the preparation for a response to the actual consequences of a natural or man-made incident.

The joint training demonstrated that the Italian responders are ready and able to react in the event of a serious incident on Caserma Ederle.



Above: A firefighter with the Vicenza Vigili del Fuoco (fire department) demonstrates protective gear used by the Italians during an emergency response exercise.

Left: Soldiers from the U.S. Army Health Clinic- Vicenza and firefighters from the Caserma Ederle Fire Station participated in a joint exercise with their Italian counterparts at the Vicenza Fire Station.

Walk-in times set for sports, school physicals

U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza

Press Release

Sports and School Physicals are available for athletes and students on a walk-in basis at the Vicenza Health Clinic from 4-7 p.m. on Aug. 30, and Sept. 1.

Below is some important information about these Sports Physical days:

1. Students age 14 and younger must have a parent or legal guardian with a medical power of attorney with them in the clinic at the time of the visit. Students age 15 and older may be seen for a physical unaccompanied.

2. A change from last year: the Sports/School Physical Form "Infant, Child, and Adolescent Health Assessment" (MCEUH OP 34), will be filled out and signed by the parent/guardian after arrival at the Health Clinic.

The immunization portion will not need to be completed as this information is on file at the clinic and with the School Nurse's Office.

3. Physicals for these days may be done for children ages 2 and up (well-baby visits under 2 are best done by appointment in normal clinic hours).



Before your child can play a sport, a physical is needed. Parents can bring their children to the Vicenza Health Clinic Aug. 30 or Sept. 1 from 4-7 p.m. (Outlook file photo)

4. Children who wear contacts or glasses need to bring them for the visual acuity portion of the exam.

5. Any immunizations needed will be given in a future visit to the clinic, which can be done as a walk-in to the clinic's Immunization Nurse from 8 a.m.-noon or 1-3:30 p.m. Monday to Friday (except Thursday mornings).

6. Children who need to be seen for an illness, follow-up on prior concerns, or who need laboratory work or x-rays will be

scheduled for an appropriate visit on another day.

7. Children should be dressed in shorts and T-shirt for their exams.

8. There is no fee for the exams for required school or sports exams.

Parents of children who are not enrolled in TRICARE, or military or DoD beneficiaries should obtain a memo from the school administration office certifying their requirement of a physical for school or sports participation.

Registration, medical requirements for Vicenza American Schools

Vicenza American Schools

Press Release

New to the area? Still haven't register your children for school?

While there is still time, however, this needs to be done as soon as possible so that the schools can determine staffing and space needs.

However, before enrolling in a Department of Defense Dependents school, students are required to have the following immunizations:

- ◆ Hepatitis B (Hep B)
- ◆ Diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and pertussis vaccine (acellular [DyaP] is preferred over whole cell [DPT] for all doses

in the series).

- ◆ Haemophilus influenzae type b [Hib]
- ◆ Poliovirus: Combination of injectable [IPV] and oral [OPV] is preferred.
- ◆ Measles-mumps-rubella-MMR
- ◆ Varicella (Var) ("chicken pox")

For more information on medical requirements for DoDDS, visit the Web site: www.dodea.edu/regs/regs_num.htm or contact the Vicenza American Schools office at 634-8459 or 8460.

Before school begins Aug. 29, Vicenza American Schools administration offices are open weekdays from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. to complete registration.

You'll need the following documents:

- ◆ Copy of sponsor's orders listing dependents

- ◆ Birth certificate of child
- ◆ Passport of child
- ◆ Child's Social Security number
- ◆ Immunization records
- ◆ Previous school records, if available
- ◆ Sponsor's ID card

Children must be 5 years of age by Oct. 31 to start Kindergarten.

For questions about Vicenza Elementary School, contact Manuela DeMuri at 634-7710 or 7069.

For questions about Vicenza Middle or High School, contact Paola Battaiola, at 634-7656 or 7072.

Telecom liaison service offered

**22nd Area Support Group
Directorate of Public Works
Housing Division**

Press Release

The 22nd Area Support Group, Directorate of Public Works, Housing Division has established a Telecom Liaison Officer position. Previously, authorized customers entered into a contract with the Tax Relief Office, which no longer handles this service. Now, customers will be entering into a contract directly with Telecom Italia – with assistance from the Housing Telecom Liaison Officer.

Our new customer advocate, Michele Fracaro, has an office conveniently located at the Community In/Out Processing Center.

In his role as liaison, Fracaro can assist eligible Vicenza military and civilian patrons establish "Telecom Italia" services, to include: setting up new landline telephone accounts, arranging for "Telecom Italia" internet services, and helping to resolve billing questions. Fracaro's has walk-in customer service hours week days from 8:30 a.m. -noon, and from 1:30-4:30 p.m., with the exception of Thursday mornings, when his office opens at 10:15 a.m.

Fracaro may be reached at 634-6327, off post at 0444-71-6327.

Working like a dog!

American or Italian – end result is the same for military working dogs

Story and photos

By Chiara Mattiolo

Camp Darby Public Affairs

A combined Italian Carabinieri and Military Police explosive search exercise took place in two different phases at Camp

Darby July 27, in the Livorno Commissary area, and again Aug. 2, in an abandoned building in San Rossore Park, where the Italian Carabinieri keep their military working dogs.

The dogs were tested on their ability to detect three different types of explosives that were hidden in different areas of the exercise site.

The Camp Darby Provost Marshal Office can count on two Military Police Canine Units – Staff Sgt. Chris Zaccagnino and partner, Marco; and Sgt. Earl Heck and his partner, Ronnie.

“I guide the dog showing him productive areas and he responds by sitting when he finds the target,” said Zaccagnino.

But the Carabinieri police dogs have a slightly different work style.

“Our dogs are not really guided through the areas, they pretty much have to make their way to sniff around and find the explosive,” said Maresciallo Giorgio Matta, Carabinieri and a member of the Canine Unit in San Rossore.

“The goal of the exercises, that we try to do on a quarterly basis, is to get a good working relationship with the Carabinieri,” said Zaccagnino. “Sergeant Heck and I are deployable, and the Carabinieri replace us in supplying security on post in case of lack of personnel. For this reason, it is extremely important to confront the different techniques in training the dogs or responding to different commands.”

“This type of training is a unique occasion for us to exchange different opinions,” said another dog handler, Carabinieri Nicola Amoruso. “Even if the programs for military dogs are very similar, you still can get a different perspective from working together.”

In order to have a proficient working relationship, it’s just like for any other co-worker, you have to build a strong relationship with your colleague, whether it is a human being or a dog.

Zaccagnino has been a dog handler for 11 years, and he has been working with Marco, a patrol and explosives dog, for two years.

“Marco and I have spent the last two years together and we have a great relation now of trust and respect. At first, when you meet your dog, you have to spend some time with him just playing and getting to know each other. Then you work toward building a relationship in which you want to work with your canine colleague, it is just like building any other type of friendship,” Zaccagnino said.



A Camp Darby Provost Marshal Officer and his military working dog, Marco, search for explosives in an abandoned building in San Rossore Park during a joint training exercise with the Carabinieri Aug. 2.



Carabiniere officer and his partner, Bruno, search for explosive in the Livorno commissary warehouse during a joint training exercise with the Italian Carabinieri and the Camp Darby Military Police.

The joint face of expeditionary warfare

Camp Darby offers unique training opportunity

Story and photos

By Ensign Noël Koenig

Maritime Prepositioning Ship Squadron One, Supply Officer

Special to the Outlook

U.S. Navy personnel from Maritime Prepositioning Ship, Squadron One, had the opportunity to compare notes with Army and Air Force personnel stationed at Camp Darby recently.

MPSRON ONE was on duty filling the European Command Area of Responsibility afloat contingency stock.

The main focus of the event was to see how each service maintained and transported military equipment for operation and exercises around the globe.

This was “a great opportunity for the Army and Air Force to observe first hand what is moved and stored afloat,” according to Area Support Team-Livorno commander, Maj. Stephen Zglinicki,

Camp Darby support units were involved with their counterparts at sea to exchange their ways of doing business to support Global War on Terrorism and support the Defense Department in its worldwide mission.

Likewise the men and women of the Motor

Vessels 2nd Lt. John P. Bobo and Pfc. William B. Baugh were able to enjoy a “piece of America” during their visit to Camp Darby courtesy of AST - Livorno.

Camp Darby’s U.S. Army, 839th Transportation Battalion and Forward Support Battalion, talked with the MPSRON ONE staff about their missions and goals, and how all units can work as a team. The Army is able to move heavy equipment, including tanks, by road and has instant accessibility to ship their equipment by air, rail or sea.

According to FSB Soldiers, the FSB’s quick turn around allows equipment to be repaired at the drop of a hat, and at a fast and inexpensive cost to military units.

Camp Darby is in the process of updating their post with new and better equipment, according to Zglinicki. The staff of FSB, however, prides themselves on being able to do the same work faster, better, cheaper and more efficiently than the other units that may have less manpower and equipment.

The care and storage of ammunitions was the topic of the day when the MPSRON ONE staff hosted members of the 712th Munitions Squadron on the MV Bobo.

The squadron is responsible for storage and security of ammunition in and around the Livorno area.

“This was a perfect opportunity to see just how the joint mission of the Camp Darby area fit together,” said Maj. Camell Cunningham, 712th Muns Sqd commander.

“MPSRON ONE maintains



Airmen of the 712th Munitions Squadron onboard the Motor Vessel, 2nd Lt. John P. Bobo, during a recent meeting between the Army, Navy and Air Force.

the ability to equip the forces, to include air force munitions, from day 0 to day 30 and we in the 712th maintain the air force munitions to equip the forces from day 30 to day 90. This was one of those rare training opportunities that will not be forgotten,” he said.

Realizing how all the missions’ complement each other’s, much time was spent asking questions on how to conduct operations more effectively.

The Soldiers of the FSB wanted to improve shipboard maintenance by better servicing equipment before it left their facility; the Airmen of the 712th Mun Sqd wanted to see where the MPSRON ONE left off at day 30 upon their arrival in theater.

The 839th Trans Bn was interested in how they can provide transportation and support to Navy units while in theater. The 839th Trans Bn covers an area from western Europe into the Middle East and Northern Africa.

“This was an outstanding training opportunity to see the mission from another services’ point of view,” said Lt. Cmdr. Erich Schmidt, MPSRON ONE chief staff officer. “It will help us do our job better in the future.”

Red Cross Volunteer of the Month chosen

Stacy Shackelford
Red Cross Field Office assistant

The American Red Cross, Vicenza Station, is pleased to announce Karen Huffman as Volunteer of the Month for August. Her volunteer activities demonstrate a true commitment to the community.

She took the lead in coordinating a major fund-raising event for our station which raised monies to support all American Red Cross volunteer program expenses that will impact approximately 140 volunteers per year.

Huffman provided support to a community wide event that was designed to increase the morale of those staying in the community during the summer season.

She provided an opportunity for volunteers to serve who would not normally be able to support the organization because they work full time. She coordinated all volunteer recruitment and assignments for the event and ensured all volunteers and staff met training requirements.

She recruited new volunteers who worked the event until closing each night. Thanks to Huffman’s efforts, this event raised approximately \$1,300.



Members of the U.S. Army’s 839th Transportation Battalion, Area Support Team-Livorno.

Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

Take a boat ride in Bassano

The tourist agency of Bassano is proposing another way to visit the town.

Instead of wandering by foot, see what Bassano looks like from the river. The agency has laid on a special boat, which is oar driven, and will sail down the River Brenta.

The rides are available every weekend from 10 a.m.-noon and 2-6 p.m. Tickets are available, at the moment, from the ticket office located on *Via Agarano*, which is located near the wooden bridge and cost 5 Euro. Boat trips are available through the end of September.

The Passion of Christ

Every five years the medieval town of *Sordevolo*, near the city of *Biella*, re-enacts the Passion of Christ, and has so for the past 200 years.

The Passion, a three-hour live performance featuring a prologue and 29 scenes, is based on a late 15th century text written by the Florentine Giuliano Dati.

The play is performed by 400 amateur actors and walk-on characters, helping to preserve the ancient custom of popular theater.

Full information in English and tickets online for performances held through September are available at the Web site: www.passione.dicristo.org. Sordevolo is about a three hour drive from Vicenza.

Brintaal Celtic folk festival

The town of *Valstagna*, province of Vicenza, will hold its fourth free Celtic folk festival Aug. 25-28.

On Saturday and Sundays a market is set up selling bric-a-brac. Food stands open Saturday at 4:30 p.m. and Celtic music plays throughout the day until midnight when pub music will be played.

Sunday events include the food tent opening at noon and Celtic music throughout the day.

Directions are available in Italian, by clicking on 'dove siamo' on www.brintaal.celticfolk.it.

Achensee foot race

Austria's most scenic footrace, the *6th International Achenseelauf 2005* (Achensee Race 2005) takes place Sept. 4 at 10 a.m.

The distance of 23.2 km starts at

Karwendel gondola and finishes at the bathing beach both located in town of Pertisau.

All participants who finish the race before 2 p.m. are listed in the official result list.

If you register before Aug. 21, the cost is 30 Euro. If you register on the race day, the cost is 35 Euro.

For several years a group from SETAF has participated in this footrace with outstanding results.

For details contact Hussein Kara at 634-3919 or 340-819-5825.

Art exhibit

Art lovers should make plans to see 'The Philips Collection' exhibition in the city of Rovereto, which begins Sept. 17. Works of such artists as Goya, Van Gogh, Cezanne, Matisse, Renoir, Degas, Klee and Picasso will be on display.

The exhibit has masterpieces from impressionism and the art of the 20th century, featuring 55 extraordinary works on exhibit taken from this private American collection.

This exhibition is on tour for the first time in Los Angeles, Tokyo, Rovereto and Paris only.

Exhibition hours are daily from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Fridays 10 a.m.-9 p.m. until Nov. 28. Entrance fee is 8 Euro.

Upcoming concerts

Oct. 14: Coldplay in Milan

Oct. 15: Coldplay in Bologna

Nov. 10: Bob Dylan and his band in Bologna

Nov. 12: Bob Dylan and his band in Milan.

Medieval events

There will be two *palios* in the town of *Montebelluna*.

The first is Sept. 3 when the *V Europalio* will take place. Participants include 11 teams: two from France, two from Germany, two from Hungary, and one each from Finland, Poland, Romania, Italy and Ireland.

The palio which starts at 5 p.m. and consists of each team with four able bodies pulling large carts laden with goods who run through the streets of the town.

The start is in front of the town-hall where, before the race is run, the carts will be weighed. The finishing line is at the *Mercato Vecchio* (old market place).

Also on the Saturday is a market from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. with all the vendors in historical costumes.

The palio held Sept. 4 features 11 Italian teams – each representing the borough they come from.

Events begin at 10 a.m. with a costume parade, the carts are again weighed and the race takes place.

There is no market on Sunday, but at 3 p.m. there is an historical parade with more than 1,000 participants. *Montebelluna* is 50 km from Vicenza.

The city of *Montagnana* holds a wonderful historic celebration Sept. 3-4 that includes the participation of 10 of its boroughs and a spectacular costumed horse-race called '*Palio dei Dieci Comuni*.'

Festivities start at 3 p.m. with the opening of the medieval market in the town center and a medieval village. At 8:30 p.m. all the palio participants are sworn in.

Sept. 4 the medieval market opens at 9 a.m. and at 3 p.m. the historical parade weaves its way to where the races will take place; at 4 p.m. performance of flag-wavers and musicians and then the start of the horse races. At 10:30 p.m. there is a torchlight procession and a sight not to be missed is the 'lighting of the tower.'

Many events are free, but there is a fee for the races, which range from 5 Euro for children, to 10 or 15 Euro for adults. Tickets are available from the tourist office in the city center.

Montagnana is about 40 minutes south of Vicenza. Drive south on SS247 (Riviera Berica) to Este and then go 25 km west on SS10.

Hand-blown glass

The splendors of Venice is by no means the only attraction of the Venetian lagoon.

Famous all over the world for its hand-blown crystal, known as '*murrina*,' the island of Murano has workshops where you can purchase unique pieces.

A word of warning, hand-blown glass does not come cheap so you should be suspicious of 'bargains.' Perfection comes in the beauty of the work and the skill it involves, not in the flawlessness of the piece. Hand-blown glasses will always have imperceptible differences and should be extremely thin. There should also be no bubbles in hand-blown glass pieces, so examine your purchase carefully before handing over your money.

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

Aug. 16	Kicking & Screaming (PG)	5 p.m.
	Crash (R)	7 p.m.
Aug. 17	The Longest Yard (PG-13)	5 p.m.
	Kicking & Screaming (PG)	7 p.m.
Aug. 18	Crash (R)	7 p.m.
Aug. 19	Herbie: Fully Loaded (G)	7 p.m.
	Cinderella Man (PG-13)	10 p.m.
Aug. 20	Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants (PG)	2 p.m.
	Madagascar (PG)	7 p.m.
	Herbie: Fully Loaded (G)	10 p.m.
Aug. 21	Herbie: Fully Loaded (PG-13)	2 p.m.
	Madagascar (PG)	7 p.m.
Aug. 22	CLOSED	
Aug. 23	CLOSED	

Camp Darby Theater

Aug. 19	Batman Begins (PG13)	7 p.m.
Aug. 20	The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl (PG)	7 p.m.

Movie Synopsis

KICKING AND SCREAMING - *Will Ferrell, Robert Duvall*. Phil had to put up all his life with his overly competitive father, Buck. When Phil decides to coach his 10-year-old son's soccer team, he goes head-to-head for the league championship against Buck, who coaches his own young son on the preeminent team of the league. Old scores come into play as Phil and Buck find themselves going to extreme measures to win the championship trophy.

CRASH - *Sandra Bullock, Don Cheadle*. A Brentwood housewife and her DA husband. A Persian storeowner. Two police detectives, who are also lovers. A black television director and his wife. A Mexican locksmith. Two car-jackers. A rookie cop. A middle-aged Korean couple. They all live in Los Angeles. And, in the next 36 hours, they will all collide.

BATMAN BEGINS - *Christian Bale, Ken Watanabe*. The origins of the Batman legend and the Dark Knight's emergence as a force for good in Gotham. In the wake of his parents' murder, disillusioned industrial heir Bruce travels the world seeking the means to fight injustice and turn fear against those who prey on the fearful. He returns to Gotham and unveils his alter-ego: Batman, a masked crusader who uses his strength, intellect and an array of high tech deceptions to fight the sinister forces that threaten the city.

THE LONGEST YARD - *Adam Sandler, Chris Rock, Burt Reynolds*. Paul "Wrecking" Crewe was a revered football superstar back in his day, but that time has since faded. But when a messy drunk driving incident lands him in jail, Paul finds he was specifically requested by Warden Hazen, a duplicitous prison official well aware of Paul's athletic skills. Paul has been assigned the task of assembling a team of convicts, to square off in a big football game against the sadistic guards. With the help of fellow convict Caretaker, and an old legend named Nate to coach, Crewe is ready for what promises to be a very interesting game.

CINDERELLA MAN - *Russell Crowe, Renee Zellweger*. In the middle of the Great Depression, there came along a most unlikely hero, James J. Braddock, a.k.a. the "Cinderella Man," who had crowds cheering on their feet-as he proved just how hard a man would fight to win a second chance for his family and himself. Then, finally, comes the match of Braddock's life, as he boldly agrees to face off against world heavyweight champ Max Baer, a cocky powerhouse of a fighter with a punch so lethal he has already killed two men in the ring. Some say that Braddock will never even survive the match.

MADAGASCAR - *Ben Stiller, Chris Rock*. Four residents of the New York's Central Park Zoo - Alex the lion, Marty the zebra, Melman the giraffe, and Gloria the hippo, have spent their whole lives living happily in a zoo. Then Marty falls in with a crowd of devious penguins, who bring him along in their escape attempt. When Alex realizes his friend is missing, he leads a company of critters on a search that takes them all outside the zoo for the first time. But before they know it, they're captured, crated, and put on a ship traveling to Africa. An accident at sea, however, strands them on the shore of Madagascar. Having had humans take care of them their entire life, the four know nothing of surviving in the wild, or that one of them, the lion, is genetically predisposed to eat his three best friends.

THE SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PANTS - *Amber Tamblyn, America Ferrara*. Four best friends, Tibby, Lena, Carmen and Bridget spend their first summer apart from one another, they share a magical pair of jeans. Despite being of various shapes and sizes, each one of them fits perfectly into the pants. To keep in touch they pass these pants to each other as well as the adventures they are going through while apart.

HERBIE: FULLY LOADED - *Lindsay Lohan, Justin Long*. Maggie, the new owner of Number 53 - the free-wheelin' Volkswagen bug with a mind of its own - puts the car through its paces on the road to becoming a NASCAR® competitor. Herbie's got some new tricks under his hood.

Admission: Adults age 12 and over \$4, children \$2.

The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time. Tickets to blockbuster shows are presold at Baskin Robbins.



Story and photos by Laura Kreider
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Above: The big paddle wheel still functions at the Rice Mill Ferron. It dates back to the 1650s and uses the waters of the Canal Zenobia, which is named after an aristocratic Venetian family who ran the mill in the past for about 150 years.

As travelers probably notice while visiting the Italian peninsula and trying the variety of first courses available, Italy is not only the land of *pasta*. Among the *primi*, the *risotti* and *insalate di riso* – especially during summer time – emerge in the menus and offer Italian chefs the chance to cook up endless recipes to satisfy many palates.

An opportunity to enjoy this different culinary expression is given to the participants of a trip offered by the 22nd Area Support Group's Information, Tours and Registration office Aug. 27.

The trip includes a visit to an ancient rice mill, *Antica Riseria Ferron*, located near *Isola della Scala*, in the surroundings of Verona. A guided tour introduces participants to the world of rice cultivation, the different types of rice and their peculiarities, and the production method typical of this area.

After the first stop at the *risaie* – this is the fields where the rice grows from the spring until its harvest in September – the group will visit the *Pila Vecia*, which means Old Mill in the local dialect.

Now in their fourth generation, the Ferron family has owned the rice mill since 1921, keeping the tradition of artisan production methods alive. Part of the original plant, which dates back to the 1650s, is still working.

According to old documents registered at the Archive of the *Serenissima*, (Venetian Republic), the mill was opened in 1656. An original huge water wheel – the diameter of which measures more than seven meters – is still in use, making it possibly the oldest operating plant in Italy today.

The water of a canal runs under the building and moves the wooden wheel. The name of the canal is *Fossa Zenobia*, and its name comes from the former owners of the mill, an aristocratic Venetian family (Zenobio), who ran the mill for about 150 years.

Some other original parts of the mill that still operate are the nine wooden *pestelli*, or pestles, that, with their rounded tips beat the



A small bunch of rice hangs at the old mill.

rice grains inside nine marble mortars.

After about 10 hours of this process, the rice changes its consistency, and it is ready for the *pilatore*, the polisher, who uses his skills in sifting the rice in several sieves' size.

When *Lionello Ferron*, the grandfather of the current owners, is around during group visits, he still enjoys showing the functional 17th century pestles and his ability to turn the big sieve to finish the steps of rice processing.

The rice undergoes this process at the plant after growing in fields irrigated with 'karst' spring waters. This particular type of water – the deep preparation of the fields at the beginning of spring. The selection of the rice in its first state, are produced in a restricted area between Verona and Mantova the *Vialone Nano Veronese*, since 1996, this unique type of rice has been protected by the European mark I.G.P. (Protected Geographical Indication).

The ITR visit also includes rice tasting, since this type of rice allows it to be cooked using different ingredients. Very popular is the *Risotto all'Isolana*, a local recipe that highlights the raw qualities of the rice and also adds some ingredients such as pork loin, lean veal and ground cinnamon. But visitors can also taste a rice cake and some rice pudding, to end the meal.

The cost is \$59 for adults; children ages 3-12 pay \$49, no charge for children under age 3. The day will finish with a walk in Verona. For information and to sign up for the Rice tasting trip call ITR at 634-7094.

[Editors note: Recipe and historical information about the old mill are courtesy of Antica Riseria Ferron]



Above: Lionello Ferron, grandfather of the current tenants, keeps the tradition alive. He acts as a *pilatore* (polisher) and uses a big sieve to end the rice processing. Below: Ferron holds some ripe rice.



Left: Spring waters surround the rice fields. During spring, water sources flow along canals to irrigate the fields and form geometrical patterns. Then, the level of water is controlled until the harvest that takes place in September. The area allows the presence of pheasants, aquatic birds and wild flowers (photos below), which live and grow near the water.

Below: A rice field grows in front of Villa Pindemonte, built in 1742.



Left: Bikers stop in front of Villa Pindemonte. The villa is one of the stops on the ITR tour.