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New Child Development Center officially opens

The new Child Development Center held its grand opening Jan. 24 with Maj. Gen. David T. Zabecki, SETAF Rear commander, and Col. Virgil S. L. Williams, USAG Vicenza commander, presiding over the event.

"Taking care of our Soldiers and their families is what MWR is all about," he said. "CYS will strive to serve you and your children with the best of everything. That includes well-trained caregivers, caring staff and outstanding developmentally-appropriate facilities and programs."

Children perform the Tooty-Tot song before the official ribbon cutting. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)

Ambassador visits with troops at Camp Darby

By Chiara MattiroloUSAG Livorno Public Affairs

The United States Ambassador to Italy, Ronald P. Spogli, paid his first visit to Camp Darby Thursday.

"The purpose of my visit is to meet the service men and women who live here and to personally thank them for their effort and dedication on behalf of the United States," Spogli said.

Spogli was hosted by Lt. Col. Stephen Sicinski, USAG Livorno commander, and received by Maj. Gen. David T. Zabecki, SETAF Rear commander; Col. Virgil Williams, USAG Vicenza commander; and Nora Dempsey, U.S. Consul General in Florence. The ambassador received a Camp Darby mission briefing and a tour of the various Darby sites.

Spogli had lunch with the Soldiers and Airmen from the Camp Darby military community.

"It was good to have some time to spend with the ambassador," said Spc. Ryan Haraschak, a Soldier with AFN Livorno. "We got a chance to talk directly to him about our BOSS program and what we do to increase morale. He heard it straight from our mouths and we had the opportunity

to interact with him."

"As the president's representative in this country, I am responsible for keeping and implementing good community relations," said Spogli to the troops. "I am sure the president would like to thank all the people here for their sacrifice and dedication towards the United States.

"We know it does not come cheaply. We want to express our gratitude and deepest thanks for what you go through every day; you are the true ambassadors of freedom and democracy," he said.

Spogli also spent some

time at the AFN studios, saying he thinks is very important for all those who are stationed overseas to be able to have access to American-style television and radio programs.

"There is a strong, excellent relationship between the U.S. and Italy," said Spogli, referring to the strong ties between the Italian and American security and defense communities. "It's been in place for decades, and it has gotten even stronger during these last several years.

"We live and fight side-by-side with our Italian friends in Iraq and in the Balkans," he continued. "Italy is acquiring more and more importance, and it is a fact that Italy is the only country in Europe that will see an increase in U.S. military personnel."

"Italians and Americans have a long standing relationship," the ambassador emphasized. "Over 25 million U.S. citizens claim to have links with Italy, and this is a key part of this historical relationship. Another factor that will always influence this relationship is our mutual commitment to freedom and democracy.

"We will continue to work together to seek freedom and democracy," said Spogli.



Above: Maj. Gen. David T. Zabecki, commander of SETAF Rear, shows the U.S. Ambassador to Italy, the Honorable Ronald Spogli, on a briefing slide, where a monument dedicated to Guglielmo Marconi is located in the Coltano Site. The ambassador paid his first visit to Camp Darby Thursday. Below: Amb. Spogli enjoys lunch and coversation with some Soldiers and Airman who work on Camp Darby. (Photos by Elena Baladelli, USAG Livorno Photo Lab)



February is Black History Month

How well do you know your African American entertainer's history? Take the quiz on page 3 and find out!

Other Black History Month events include a cake-cutting ceremony Feb. 3 at 11:30 a.m. in the post exchange mall, and a luncheon Feb. 15 in the South of the Alps dining facility. The guest speaker will be retired WWII Tuskegee Airman, Lt. Col. Lee Archer.

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Corporate partners offer free tax filing service to military members

By Petty Officer 3rd Class Chris M. Hwang

Special to American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - Military members and their families can now file their taxes for free, thanks to a partnership between a group that helps military people deal with financial issues and a civilian financial services

"Military OneSource" has partnered up with Intuit, a financial services company, to provide the TurboTax basic product for federal and state returns at no cost. Military members can download this program and also benefit from tax consultations and have access to appropriate resources. The Military OneSource Web site will provide annual upgrades to the TurboTax software at no cost.

"This tax consultant support for filing 2006 taxes is available telephonically toll free (overseas at 800-3429-6477) and at no cost to the servicemembers from any deployment location in the world," said Jane Burke, acting Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy. "Military OneSource tax consultants are also familiar with the IRS publication 'Armed Forces Tax Guide.'

Burke said DoD has a long history of offering tax assistance to military members, but this year the department is offering the opportunity for servicemembers to self-file electronically at no cost, using a popular software product that double checks for

Defense Department personnel noticed the need for a tax filing system that met military members' needs. TurboTax modifies itself based on the customer's information relevant to their unique tax situation. Providing an easier way to file taxes is an important quality-of-life issue, officials said.

"DoD recognizes the reciprocal relationship that binds the military member, the military mission, and military families. The Department is working hard to make a difference in the quality of life of servicemembers and their families," Burke said. "The Military OneSource program, available worldwide 24/7, leverages technology to help servicemembers and their families deal with the stresses of the military lifestyle. Providing access to electronic tax filing with the free telephonic support of a tax consultant is just one of the services offered by the Military OneSource service. '

TurboTax customers can expect to see a new and improved way of filing their taxes as well. The easy-to-understand language allows users to feel more confident about the information they receive. Users can also click on an "Explain This" button within the TurboTax Web site to get relevant help. TurboTax also includes timesaving summary screens, allowing users to quickly review and edit their data.

"The department is proud to offer innovative options, like free electronic access to Turbo Tax and telephonic support, for addressing the challenges that military members and their dependents face. The Department of Defense recognizes that families also serve and is committed to supporting military families," Burke said.

For more information about MilitaryOneSource, visit their Web site at: www.militaryonesource.com.

Tax Center open

The Caserma Ederle Tax Center is open through June. The Tax Center will be able to electronically prepare and file state and federal income tax forms.

For more information, call the Tax Center at 634-7140, off post at 0444-71-7140.

Community Action

Council

This forum is to discuss issues affecting the community.

If you have an issue you wish to submit, visit the USAG Vicenza Web site at www.usag.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

The command also reminds the community that CAC issues submitted containing vulgar, derogatory or inflammatory language will not be addressed.

Childcare is offered during the CAC at \$4 per hour, per child, for children ages 6 weeks old 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 location in the Davis Family Readiness Center.

The CAC will be hosted at the Caserma Ederle Chapel on Feb. 22 and March 22 beginning at 9 a.m.

Issue: I called the "After Hours Work Order Desk", which is manned by the Fire Department, because I had flooding in my bathroom. I was told that it could wait and that it was not an emergency because my home had another bathroom that was operable.

However, the flooding continued and we used every towel and sheet in our home to soak up the water. There was so much water that it damaged my neighbor's roof who resides below me. I couldn't fix the problem because the pipes were located behind the wall behind a bolted panel.

Response from the Directorate of Public Works: This situation does not typify how the current system should operate.

In this instance the Fire Department received a phone call on Saturday from a customer with a work request. The Fire Department states that they were under the impression that it was a simple water leak that was manageable until Monday.

Typically if the caller had a second bathroom then the first one being out of order would not automatically be an emergency.

Obviously the leaking water the caller was complaining about was more severe than initially understood and the caller was not able to turn off the water. This situation constituted an emergency based on the potential for property damage as well as possible electrocution. Once the seriousness of the leak was understood by the Fire Department they notified the plumber. After the plumber was notified the water was shut off and a section of the pipe was replaced.

However, we reemphasize that customers need to contact the Fire Department for actual emergencies. Emergencies are defined as the potential for loss of life/limb/eyesight, risk of fire/explosion, toxic spills and potential damage to property.

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Becoming a world-class Christian

The USAG Vicenza 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 bestselling book, "A Purpose Driven Life" by Rev. 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.) Leon G. Kircher USAG Vicenza Family Life Chaplain

"Send us around the world with the news of your saving power and your eternal plan for all humankind."

Psalm 67: 2

Warren starts out this chapter very succinctly. "You will be either a worldclass Christian or a worldly Christian." There's no middle ground when it comes

I want to be world-class in something - anything! Skater, biker, bowler, baseball player, whatever; just something worldclass. But I'm 50 now and pretty sure that in the arena of sports it's a little late for me to do anything about that.

But when it comes to being a worldclass believer, age means nothing. Your past means nothing, your looks mean nothing, the amount of hair on your head means nothing (good for me!), and the amount of money you have will not get you there. You can still do something about this at any point in your life.

A worldly believer puts self-fulfillment first. Their faith is all about personal fulfillment, attending the next cutting edge seminar, and being entertained. Basically, a "me first," kind of people.

If they're not being "blessed," then they must not be at the right church. Whatever happened to service? Worldclass believers are all about serving, being a blessing, and understanding they are here for a mission and that sacrifice is a very real part of serving.

Warren gives a few suggestions to get into the world-class believer way of

- 1. Shift from self-centered thinking to "Other-Centered." The Bible says, "Don't think about your own affairs, but be interested in others, too." (Philippians 2:4).
- 2. Shift from local thinking to global thinking. God loves the whole world, not just you in your big church downtown. Remember to pray for people of other nations. People may refuse your love or reject your message but they are defenseless against your prayers.
- 3. Shift from "here and now" thinking to eternal thinking. Remember your time here is temporary. What is unseen is actually the real thing.

Remember, in the end, it's not about us, but our great God in heaven. The great commission is **YOUR** commission.

How to pick up POVs, household goods, unaccompanied baggage

the reintegration process need to be aware of the following procedures:

Release of POVs

As part of reintegration Soldiers need to stop by the Installation Transportation Office, located in the Central Processing Facility, bldg 311, to make arrangements for vehicle pick up, unaccompanied baggage, and/or household goods deliveries.

Soldiers have 90 days in which to pick up their vehicles.

Those picking up vehicles will need the

- 1) Safety briefing by unit or Drivers
- 2) Valid SETAF drivers license;
- 3) Inspection work sheet for your POV provided by DOL/IMMA (Form DD 788);
- 4) The POV storage packet from ITO with the keys to your POV;
 - 5) Vehicle insurance;
 - 6) Registration;
- 7) If it's not your vehicle, you will need a Power of Attorney.

Vehicle pick-up procedure:

- Contact ITO for pick up time
- Present ITO with necessary documentation (see 1-7 above)
- Pick up at Torri storage area between 1:30-4:30 p.m.
- Must conduct joint inspection prior to pick up. • Claims Office coordination as necessary.
- Direct questions for release of POVs to Marvin Key at 634-6829, or Directorate of Logistics at 634-6925 or 6926.

Drivers licenses

- If you need to renew your POV drivers' license, or you have a damaged or expired POV drivers license, report to Drivers' Testing located in the Central Processing Facility,
 - If you've lost your POV drivers' license

Soldiers, and family members undergoing you must go to the Military Police desk and fill out a Lost License Report and report to Drivers' Testing.

> All motorcycle operators must take the Basic or Experienced Motorcycle Rider Course before riding a motorcycle in Italy. Direct questions about drivers licensing

> to Floyd Haynes at 634-6912, off post at 0444-

Please note that during this time, Drivers Testing will open to the general public after

HHG, Unaccompanied Baggage delivery

Redeploying personnel have 90 days upon returning to pick up Household Goods and/or Unaccompanied Baggage.

All redeploying personnel will need a Redeployment Work Sheet from the Installation Transportation Office for delivery of household goods and/or unaccompanied baggage.

Villaggio must be unpacked by the delivery service on the day of delivery and boxes must be removed by the delivery service.

Days for delivery of household goods are Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Delivery days for unaccompanied baggage are Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Delivery times are scheduled between 1-7 p.m. and a Quality Control inspector will brief you on your delivery.

For questions concerning release of POVs, household goods, and unaccompanied baggage, contact Marvin Key, ITO Quality Control, at 634-6927, off post at 0444-71-6927, or cell phone 335-101-7602.

NOTE: As Soldiers undergo reintegration, the Central Processing Facility will be closed to the general public

For questions regarding services at CPF, please contact Richard Hendrickson at 634-8706, or from off post at 0444-71-8706.

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Changes, updates to Housing information for returning Soldiers

The Housing Office wishes all our returning heroes a warm welcome home.

While the information below provides a quick reference for a majority of issues, it is not all-inclusive.

We will do everything we can to responsibly assist you and your family members with any issues, problems, or concerns you may have regarding your housing situation.

Stop by our office or call the number listed below for details or guidance.

Barracks living

Lockouts - Your unit leadership has responsibility for barracks room key issue and replacement.

Maintenance or utility problems – During normal duty hours call DPW Service Order Desk at 634-7491. For emergencies after duty hours or on weekends, call the Caserma Ederle Fire Department at 634-7092.

Awaiting room assignment – If a room in the barracks is temporarily unavailable, Soldiers will be authorized Temporary Lodging allowance until permanent housing arrangements are made.

For more information, contact Sira Nardon at 634-7490.

Unaccompanied Personnel Gov't Leased Quarters

Lockouts – During normal duty hours call the Housing Office at 634-7490, or 7608. After duty hours or on weekends call the Fire Department at 634-7092.

Maintenance or utility problems – During normal duty hours call the CMR Service Order Desk at 634-8888. For emergencies after duty hours or on weekends call the Fire Department at 634-7092.

Break-in or suspected criminal activity Call the Military Police desk sergeant at 634-7626, off post at 0444-71-7626.

For more information, call Sira Nardon at 634-7490, off post at 0444-71-7490.

Private Rental Quarters

Lockouts - During normal duty hours call Private Rental Service Desk at 634-7845 or 8283. After duty hours or on weekends call the Fire Department at 634-7092.

Maintenance or utility problems – During normal duty hours call the Private Rental Service Desk at 634-7845 or 8283, or off post at 0444-71-7845 or 8283.

For emergencies after duty hours or on weekends call the Fire Department at 634-7092, or off post at 0444-71-7092

Break-in or suspected criminal activity - Call the Military Police desk sergeant at 634-7626, off post at 0444-71-7626.

For more information, contact the Housing Referral Office at 634-7608 or 8583, or off post at 0444-71-7608 or 8583.

AFN Decoders

The over-the-air AFN television signal is being discontinued. AFN programming will only be viewed with an AFN decoder and satellite dish hookup.

All active duty military and eligible



All active duty military and eligible civilians who reside in private rental housing are now authorized to receive a government-provided AFN decoder and satellite dish. (Outlook file photo)

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For information on obtaining an AFN decoder and/or satellite dish, contact the Private Rental Service Desk at 634-7845 or 8283, off post at 0444-71-7845 or 8283.

Telephone service

Telephone service is no longer part of the Utilities Tax Exempt program, and has moved under the purview of the Housing Office.

For new telephone service, questions, or problems concerning your existing telephone account, contact our Telecom representatives, Michele Fracaro at 634-6327 or cell 335-6045935, or Maura Car at 634-6328.

The Telecom representatives are located at the Central Processing Facility inside the Golden Lion. Their hours are Monday - Friday from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and 1:30-4:30 p.m.

Appliance problems

Regardless of whether you live in Villaggio, government-leased quarters the barracks, or in a private rental, direct all problems with government-furnished appliances to the Central Furnishing's warehouse staff.

Central Furnishings is open Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m.-noon, and 1-5 p.m.

The office number is 634-7621 or 7010, or off post at 0444-71-7621 or 7010.

How well do you know the history of African American entertainers?

Question 1: Who was the first African American to win an Academy Award?

- a) Sidney Poitier
- b) Hattie McDaniel c) Ethel Waters

Question 2: Singer-actor Paul Robeson starred in the musical Showboat in 1928, singing his famous rendition of which song?

- a) "Ol' Man River"
- b) "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen"
 - c)"Ain't Misbehavin'"

Question 3: Who was the first African American to win a Pulitzer Prize?

- a) Gwendolyn Brooks b) Langston Hughes
- c)Alice Walker

Question 4: Which record company was founded by Berry Gordy Jr. in Detroit in 1959?

- a) Sun Records
- b) Atlantic Records
- c) Motown Records

Question 5: The Harlem at which auditorium? Renaissance, a period of artistic flowering among African-American writers and artists that was centered in Harlem, occurred roughly during which decade?

- a) 1910s
- b) 1920s
- c) 1930s

Question 6: Which African-American entertainer was the first to star in his own television series?

- a) Sammy Davis, Jr.
- b) Nat King Cole
- c) Bill Cosby

Question 7: Who wrote the jazz classic "It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)"?

- a) Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington
 - b) Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong
 - c) Charlie "Bird" Parker

Question 8: In 1955 contralto Marian Anderson became the first African American to sing on stage page 5.

- a) Symphony Hall, Boston
- b)Carnegie Hall, New York
- c) Metropolitan Opera House, New York

Question 9: What did writerdirector-actor Spike Lee's movie "Do the Right Thing" bring to the screen?

- a) A race riot
- b) An interracial marriage
- c) The life of Malcolm X

Question 10: Dancerchoreographer Alvin Ailey's best-known solo piece, Cry, was originally intended as a tribute to whom?

- a) To Martin Luther King, Jr.
- b) To his mother, and to all black women
- c) To his mentor, Martha Graham

SETAF Yard of the Month



This month's winner for the SETAF yard of the month are Kenneth and Lori Barteau. The Barteau's received a \$25 gift certificate from the commissary, a coupon book from AAFES, and a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond from the AUSA Mediterranean chapter. (Photo courtesy of SETAF)

Coming soon to a mailbox near you!

Outlook readership survey

The USAG Vicenza Public a short questionnaire in their mail community members will soon find serve our community.

Affairs office, which is responsible box. We ask that you fill it out and for production of the Outlook, either drop it in a mail box on post, wants to know what our readers or fax it to our office at 634-7543. think of the paper. Many of Thank you for helping us better

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Volunteers of the Month lauded at CAC

From left are the Volunteers of the Month for December and January: Karen Huffman of the Thrift Shop for December; **Donna Stammer of the Vicenza** Military spouses and Civilians Club; and Leda Stauffer of the Red Cross for January.

Not available were: Melissa **Debastaini Army Community** Service; Kristen Garrett of American Red Cross: Deborah O'Brien of VMSCC. (Photo by Kelli Covlin, Outlook staff)

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ACS program helps Spark* reintegration for families

Story and photos By Laura Kreider Outlook Staff

eintegration is for spouses too, and Army Community Service has initiated special workshops for families – Spark* for Spouses and Spark* for Kids

The goal of Spark* for Spouses is to provide official reintegration information in a relaxed environment. Free childcare is provided for infants and pre-school age children for participants.

Spark* workshops are also designed to create awareness of community resources, including nutrition, fitness, financial readiness, and trips and travel. Translators are available for spouses needing language assistance.

During the first part of the workshop, representatives from community agencies such as the Vicenza Health Clinic, the Caserma Ederle chapel, Army Community Service and MWR will give educational briefs about the reintegration process.

The second part is all about marital communication. Intimacy, conflict and reunion anxiety are topics touched on during this portion.

The third part is filled with fun and pampering activities for you, celebrating your accomplishments with rewards.

Spark* attendees can choose between beauty and well-being activities like makeup tips, travel ideas, hair styles, cooking classes, manicures and pedicures, and more.

Evening sessions will not include the activity portion of Spark*, but participants will be given a rain check redeemable at one of the morning or Saturday sessions.

Spark* for Kids workshops are conducted in Child and Youth Services School Age Services and Youth Services facilities and are offered concurrently with the spouse workshops.

The goal of Spark* for Kids is to provide children with reintegration information using age-appropriate activities, according to Tammy Wilbur-Hoistad, Family Advocacy Program, Victim Advocate/Community Educator. Wilbur-Hoistad also conducts Educate II Elevate (Youth Reintegration groups) during Spark* for Kids at the School Age Services facility on Caserma Ederle.

Educate II Elevate and the Courage Group (children reintegration groups) were designed to help children cope with changes in their life due to the separation and reunion of a parent.

The groups are divided up by ages so that children are with peers of similar ages, said Wilbur-Hoistad.

"Both groups are educational workshops where youth can discuss age-appropriate material to help them understand the cycle of

deployment and reunion," she said.

Youth engage in small group discussions, role plays and then perform computer activities to help them better understand the stress that they are facing and how to make better choices for themselves.

"Both groups allow participants to openly discuss their concerns, anxieties, and feelings to help make the redeployment process smoother. Participants engage in age-appropriate activities and discussions, while addressing such topics as feelings, communication, personal safety, and conflict resolution," she continued, explaining that the topics center around a specific activity.

"For example, when talking with kids about support systems we made clay figures of who in our lives supported us," she said.

Sergio Roman, one of the participants in Educate II Elevate group, played on the computer at School Age Services, during the Spark* for Kids workshop.

"I think this was great. It was really helpful because I learned a lot about family members and I also got to play games and do activities," said Roman.

nother of the youth reintegration groups' participants, Sheridan McKitrick, added that "It was a great way to talk about family and things that happen when parents are gone. I really enjoyed it a lot."

"I enjoy all the activities," said 7-year-old Caitlyn Rooms as she colored the picture of a house. "But my favorite project is coloring the house."

The primary goal of both groups are to help the children and youth of the Caserma Ederle community cope with the changes that deployments create in their life and family while building self esteem and leadership skills.

A variety of community members – CYS staff and interns, Exceptional Family Member Program, and MWR - have joined Family Advocacy to help provide the groups to the community.

The next Spark* for Kids sessions will be held Feb. 18 and March 18 from 9 a.m. -2 p.m.

For more information or to sign up your child, please contact Tammy Wilbur-Hoistad at 634-7314 or 7500 or e-mail: tammy.wilbur-hoistad@setaf.army.mil.

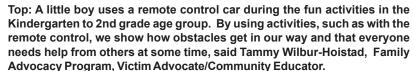
Spark* for Spouses is scheduled for the following dates and times: Feb. 7, 18, March 7 and 18 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Feb. 23 and March 23 from 6-8:30 p.m.

All participants must pre-register for Spark* for Spouses, childcare, and Spark* for Kids at least seven days prior by calling 634-7500 or stopping by the Davis Family Readiness Center.

Children must be registered with CYS in order to participate, or to be cared for by CYS. To register with CYS, call Central Registration at 634-7206.







Above: A little girl uses several colors to complete her house.

At left: Max Scudeler, Vicenza Health Clinic, draws blood from Sgt. Marshawn Drake during the Soldier's reintegration process Jan. 10 at the clinic. The goal of the Spark* workshops is to help families understand the reintegration process their Soldiers need to undergo upon their return from Afghanistan. (Photo by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)



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Luncheon honors King's legacy

The Caserma Ederle community gathered in the South of the Alps dining facility Thursday for a luncheon to honor the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Featured entertainment included Pfc. Brandon Sparks, USAG Vicenza Dental Clinic, who sang "Amazing Grace." Sparks was followed by Spc. Christopher Sterling, 5th Maintenance Company, who gave a powerful reenactment of King's famous, "I have a dream" speech

Another musical selection by Sparks and a reading of Maya Angelo's "Caged Bird" by Sgt. 1st Class Michael Lindsey (in photo at right) were also part of the luncheon's entertainment. (Photo by Spc. Justin Nieto, SETAF Public Affairs)

February is Black History Month, and among the events scheduled include a cakecutting ceremony Friday at the post exchange, and a luncheon Feb. 15 at the South of the Alps dining facility featuring guest speaker Lt. Col. (ret) Lee Archer. Archer was a Tuskegee Airman during WWII. For more information on Black History Month events, or to volunteer to help with events, contact Sgt. 1st Class Anthonette Horton at 634-7093, or Sgt. 1st Class Jermane Patterson at 635-4973.

Who were the Tuskegee Airmen?

The Tuskegee Airmen were dedicated, determined young men who enlisted to become America's first black military airmen, at a time when there were many people who thought that black men lacked intelligence, skill, courage and patriotism.

They came from every section of the country, with large numbers coming from New York City, Washington, Los Angeles, Chicago, Philadelphia and Detroit. Each one possessed a strong personal desire to serve the United States of America at the best of his ability.

Those who possessed the physical and mental qualifications were accepted as aviation cadets to be trained initially as single-engine pilots and later to be either twinengine pilots, navigators or bombardiers. Most were college graduates or undergraduates. Others demonstrated their academic qualifications through comprehensive entrance examinations.

No standards were lowered for the pilots or any of the others who trained in operations, meteorology, intelligence, engineering, medicine or any of the other officer fields. Enlisted members were trained to be aircraft and engine mechanics, armament specialists, radio repairmen, parachute riggers, control tower operators, policemen, administrative clerks and all of the other skills necessary to fully function as an Army Air Corps flying squadron or ground support unit.

The black airmen who became singleengine or multi-engine pilots were trained at Tuskegee Army Air Field in Tuskegee Alabama. The first aviation cadet class began in July 1941 and completed training nine months later in March 1942. Thirteen started in the first class. Five successfully completed the training, one of them being Capt. Benjamin O. Davis Jr., a West Point Academy graduate. The other four were commissioned second lieutenants, and all five received Army Air Corps silver pilot wings.

From 1942 through 1946, 994 pilots graduated at TAAF, receiving commissions

and pilot wings. Black navigators, bombardiers and gunnery crews were trained at selected military bases elsewhere in the U.S. Mechanics were trained at Chanute Air Base in Rantoul, Illinois until facilities were in place in 1942 at TAAF.

Four hundred and fifty of the pilots who were trained at TAAF served overseas in either the 99th Pursuit Squadron (later the 99th Fighter Squadron) or the 332nd Fighter Group. The 99th Fighter Squadron trained in and flew P-40 Warhawk aircraft in combat in North Africa, Sicily and Italy from April 1943 until July 1944 when they were transferred to the 332nd Fighter Group in the 15th Air Force.

The outstanding record of black airmen in World War II was accomplished by men whose names will forever live in hallowed



memory. Each one accepted the challenge, proudly displayed his skill and determination while suppressing internal rage from humiliation and indignation caused by frequent experiences of racism and bigotry, at home and overseas. These airmen fought two wars - one against a military force overseas and the other against racism at

home and abroad.

The airmen who did not go overseas and trained at Selfridge Field, Michigan as bomber crew in the 477th Medium Bombardment Group experienced a great deal of racism. These highly trained military officers were treated as "trainees" and denied access to the base officers' club, an act contradictory to Army regulations.

There was a rather heated reaction and the Group was transferred to Godman Field, Kentucky. The unfair treatment and hostility continued at Godman Field and in early 1945, the group was transferred to Freeman Field, Indiana where the hostilities finally reached a climax.

When black officers tried to enter the Freeman Field Officers' Club, against direct

orders for them to stay out, 103 officers were arrested, charged with insubordination and ordered to face court martial.

The court martial proceedings were quickly dropped against 100 of the officers; two officers eventually had their charges dropped and one officer, Lt. Roger "Bill" Terry, was convicted.

Fifty years later, on Aug. 12, 1995, at the Tuskegee Airmen National Convention in Atlanta, 15 of the original 103 officers who were arrested received

official notification that their military records had been purged of any reference to the Freeman Field incident.

Also, Lt. Terry's court martial conviction had been reversed and his military record cleared. The remaining officers received instructions for clearing their records.

After the war in Europe ended in 1945,

black airmen returned to the United States and faced continued racism and bigotry despite their outstanding war record.

Tuskegee Army Air Field continued to train new airmen until 1946, with women entering the program in several support fields

Large numbers of black airmen elected to remain in the service but because of segregation their assignments were limited to the 332nd Fighter Group or the 477th Composite Group, and later to the 332nd Fighter Wing at Lockbourne Air Base, Ohio.

Opportunities for advancement and promotion were very limited and this affected morale.

Nevertheless, black airmen continued to perform superbly. In 1949, pilots from the 332nd Fighter Group took first place in the Air Force National Fighter Gunnery Meet at Las Vegas Air Force Base, Nevada.

During this period, many white units were undermanned and needed qualified people but were unable to get the experienced black personnel because of the segregation policy. The newly-formed U.S. Air Force initiated plans to integrate its units as early as 1947. In 1948, President Harry Truman enacted Executive Order Number 9981 which directed equality of treatment and opportunity in all of the United States Armed Forces.

This order, in time, led to the end of racial segregation in the military forces. This was also the first step toward racial integration in the United States of America.

The positive experience, the outstanding record of accomplishment and the superb behavior of black airmen during World War II, and after, were important factors in the initiation of the historic social change to achieve racial equality in America.

These were the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II. They accepted the challenge!!

Editor's note: This information was taken from the Tuskegee Airman, Inc.-National Web, www.tuskegeeairmen.org.

••••• Black history quiz (from page 3) ••••••

How did you score?1: Correct answer is a) <u>Hattie McDaniel</u>.

She won the Best Supporting Actress Oscar for her role as Mammy in Gone With the Wind (1939). Sidney Poitier was the first African-American man to win an Academy Award. He was awarded the Oscar for playing Homer Smith in Lilies of the Field (1963). A veteran of vaudeville and Harlem nightclubs in the 1910s and 20s, Ethel Waters later starred as a dramatic actress on Broadway and in the movies and became one of America's highest-paid entertainers.

- 2: Correct answer is a) "Ol' Man River." Robeson also became an accomplished Shakespearean actor, starring in stage productions of Othello in London and New York
- 3: Correct answer is a) <u>Gwendolyn Brooks</u>. She won the prize in 1950 for her poem Annie Allen. Walker did win the prize in 1983 for her novel The Color Purple, but she wasn't the first.
- 4: Correct answer is c) Motown Records. Motown is a nickname for Detroit, the Motor City, and most of the company's earliest hit recordings were made by artists from Detroit,

including the Supremes, the Four Tops, and the Temptations. The "Motown sound," which became highly popular nationwide, reflected the rhythms of the city and the culture of its black neighborhoods.

- 5: Correct answer is b) 1920s.
- 6: Correct answer is b) Nat King Cole. Cole's variety series, The Nat King Cole Show ran for 64 weeks in 1956 and 1957 on NBC. Cosby was the first African American to star in a dramatic television series, I Spy, which co-starred Robert Culp and ran from 1965 to 1968.
- 7: Correct answer is a) Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington. Musician-composerbandleader Ellington composed many famous jazz works, including "Solitude", "Mood Indigo", "Sophisticated Lady", and "Take the A-Train", either by himself or with his collaborator Billy Strayhorn.
- 8: Correct answer is c) The Metropolitan Opera House, New York. She debuted as Ulrica in Verdi's Un Ballo in Maschera (A Masked Ball).
 - 9: Correct answer is a) A race riot.
- 10: Correct answer is b) <u>To his mother, and to all black women</u>.

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Out & About

Exhibitions

Padova: The exhibition-market Antologia is dedicated to Art and antiques and takes place Feb. 4 – 12 in the city's exhibition grounds.

Open weekends from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; weekdays: 3-8 p.m., and the entrance fee is 12 Euro.

Milan: Looking for furniture, paintings or maybe a fruit bowl for your house? A doll's house that is.

For the second time in Italy an exhibition, 'Miniaturitalia the 2nd dolls house and miniatures show,' will be held in the Michelangelo Hotel, which is located on the left side of Milan's Central Railway station.

Grand opening to the public is Feb. 11 from 2:30 - 8p.m., and Feb. 12 open 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m. The entrance fee is 6 Euro.

The dealers present, amongst others, will be from Belgium, England, Germany, Spain, there will also be dealers from America.

For full details on dealers, times, tickets and location, etc., visit the Web site: www.miniaturitalia.it

Carnival time

Carnevale will be in full swing in February, and during the first week of celebrations adults go to veglioni, late night parties, often wearing costumes and masks, while children wear disguises to school and around the piazzas.

Carnival pastries, thin dough strips fried and dusted with powered sugar, are called *crostelli*, tortelli or chiacchiere, and also fritelle, which are deep fried and filled with different fillings, can be found the stores.

The duration of the festivities varies from locality to locality but it usually lasts a week to 10 days.

Below are dates that you can visit or participate in a carnival taking place near you – be aware that in some of the towns, Cento for example, there will be an entrance fee:

Bassano – Feb. 12 at 3 p.m. in Piazza Liberta' there is a dancing competition in costume; also find a championship is the oldest rugby

'make-up' bus where you can have

your face painted this initiative will also take place on Feb. 19, 26 and

Feb. 26 at 2:30 p.m. the carnival parade startsfrom the church of San Marco and goes through the main streets of the town.

Trissino - Feb. 26 the Carnival parade runs from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and is led by a band;

Venice – Feb. 18-28: Check with ITR about their Carnevale trip Feb. 18 that includes transportation, boat ride, guided tour a drink lunch and a small mask. Call ITR at 634-7094 for reservations.

Viareggio - Feb. 12, 19, 26, 28 and March 5.

Malo-Feb. 19, 26, 28. **Cento** – Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26 and March 5.



Carnevale runs through February and there are many places to watch, or participate, in the festivities. Call ITR at 634-7094 to see about their trip to Venice. (Outlook file photo)

Rugby

Italy plays England at the Stadio Flaminio in Rome Feb. 11 at 5 p.m., and plays against Scotland March 18 at 2:30 p.m.

The annual Six Nations

By Dorothy Spagnuolo

tournament in the world, having existed in one form or another for 120 years.

Initially the International Championship, featuring England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales, the competition has expanded twice, with France joining in 1910 and Italy being the most recent addition, in

Tickets range from 24 Euro to 110 Euro and are available online from www.ticketone.it.

Hot-air balloon rally

In the city of Aosta the third hotair balloon rally takes place Feb. 8-

The meeting place is in front of the town hall, found in Piazza Chanoux, where you will see the preparation and the take off of the balloons every day between 9-9:30 a.m. - depending on weather conditions.

You can book a ride around the Alps in a hot-air balloon by calling 016-576-5525 or cell: 335-207-196. Aosta is 300 km, northwest from

Monthly antique markets

The following antique markets will take place Feb. 5, the first *Sunday of every month* from sunup to sundown unless otherwise

The town of Brugine, province of Padova - 200 vendors;

Marostica – 120 vendors;

Noventa Vicentina – 60 vendors. Vicenza – The second Sunday of the month, in the squares of Piazza Castello, Piazza dei Signori and Piazza Biade over 200 stalls;

Montegrotto Terme, south of Padova – In Viale Stazione, with 100 stalls;

Asolo, and Treviso: In Piazza Centrale with 100 stalls, these market does not take place in July and August;

Villafranca, near Verona – In Corso Vittorio Emanuele over 100 stalls - there is no market during the month of August.

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

Jan. 31	CLOSED	
Feb. 1	Jarhead (R)	7 p.m.
Feb. 2	The Legend of Zorro (PG)	7 p.m.
Feb. 3	The Chronicles of Narnia (PG)	7 p.m.
Feb. 4	The Chronicles of Narnia (PG)	3 p.m.
	Get Rich or Die Tryin' (R)	7 p.m.
Feb. 5	The Chronicles of Narnia (PG)	3 p.m.
	Your, Mine and Ours (PG)	7 p.m.
Feb. 6	CLOSED	
Feb. 7	CLOSED	

Camp Darby Theater

Feb. 3	Derailed (R)	6 p.m.
Feb. 4	Walk the Line (PG13)	6 p.m.
Feb. 5	Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG13)	2 p.m.

Movie Synopsis

JARHEAD - Jake Gyllenhaal, Jamie Foxx. "Jarhead" (the selfimposed moniker of the Marines) follows Anthony Swoff, a thirdgeneration enlistee, from a sobering stint in boot camp to active duty, sporting a sniper's rifle and a hundred-pound ruck on his back through Middle East deserts with no cover from intolerable heat or from Iraqi soldiers, always potentially just over the next horizon. Swoff and his fellow Marines sustain themselves with sardonic humanity and wicked comedy on blazing desert fields in a country they don't understand against an enemy they can't see for a cause they don't fully fathom.

THE LEGEND OF ZORRO - Catherine Zeta-Jones, Antonio Banderas. Alejandro and Elena are married and have a 10-year-old son, Joaquin. Though Alejandro continues to don the mask of Zorro to protect the poor and oppressed residents of the California territory from the greed of the overlords, he is torn between his duty and his desire for a more normal life. Now, he must face that conflict again head-on when plans for California to become the 31st state are undermined by a nefarious plot by several prominent land barons and businessmen. In his valiant attempt to foil their plans, Zorro runs headlong into a crisis that threatens his life and the safety of

THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE - Tilda Swinton, Georgie Henley. The book tells the story of Peter, Susan, Edmund, and Lucy, who are separated from their parents in London during the German air raids of World War II. They are sent to the country for safety and find a magic wardrobe that transports them to the mystical world of Narnia, a once peaceful land of talking beasts, dwarfs and giants. However, Narnia has been frozen by the evil White Witch, and the kids must help the lion Aslan break her spell.

YOURS, MINE AND OURS - Dennis Quaid, Rene Russo. A widow and widower fall in love and get married, but the resulting combined eighteen children make for a hair-raising situation under one roof.

GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN' - 50 Cent, Joy Bryant. An orphaned street kid (Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson) makes his mark in the drug trade, but finally dares to leave the violence of his former life behind to pursue a promising career in the music business as a rapper.

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.

-Out&About with ITR-

February trips

Feb. 4: Renaissance Florence – See Florence the first Saturday of the month. Follow a different historical itinerary each time. ITR offers a \$5 discount for returning customers. Cost: adults \$45; children 3-12 \$33: no charge for children under 3. Fee includes: transportation, guided tour and escort assistance. Leave at 6:30 a.m., return by 10 p.m.

Feb. 5: Verona & Lake Garda – Visit the city of Shakespeare's Romeo & Juliet. Explore the coliseum, the Scaligeri castle and the largest lake in Italy. Cost: adults \$29; children 3-12 \$19; no charge for children under 3. Fee includes: transportation, guided tour entrance fee at the arena and escort assistance. Leave at 8:30 a.m., return by 7 p.m.

Feb. 11: Chocolate lover's month, visit Lugano & a chocolate **factory** – Lugano is a picturesque city surrounded by mountains and situated by a lake. We'll take a tour, visit a chocolate museum and outlet,

and still have time to admire the view or shop. Cost: adults \$42; children 3-12 \$29; no charge for children under 3. Fee includes: transportation, guided tour and escort assistance. Passports required. Leave at 6 a.m., back by

Feb. 18: Love is in the air. St. Valentine weekend in Vienna - On Valentine's Day give the greatest gift of all to your special someone: a weekend trip to the romantic city of Vienna. Cost: adults \$280; children 2-11 \$189; children under age 2 \$89. Cost includes: transportation, two nights in 3-star hotel, two dinners, two breakfasts, guided city tour, entrance fees to Schoenbrunn Palace Kunsthauswien, and escort assistance. Leave Feb. 18 at 6 a.m., return Feb. 20 at 9 p.m.

Feb. 18: Mardi Gras Italian style. Venice Carnevale -Experience or rediscover Venice during carnival. Enjoy a masked stroll with Codega, the ancient figure who accompanied travelers

through the streets telling fascinating tales. Cost: adults \$95; children 4-12 \$75; no charge for children under 4 years. Cost includes: transportation, boat ride, guided tour, one drink, a small mask, lunch and escort assistance. Not included are drinks at lunch. Leave at 8 a.m., return by 8 p.m.

Feb. 19 and 25: Torino during the XX Olympic Winter Games -A trip into the eclectic atmosphere of Turin during the 2006 Winter Olympics. Cost: adults \$40: children 3-12 \$35; no charge for children under age 3. Fee includes: transportation, city guided tour and escort assistance. Leave at 6 a.m., return by midnight.

Feb. 25: Villa tour & Prosecco tasting - Enjoy a guided tour of Villa Sandi and experience Prosecco. Try cheese and ham and visit another winery in the Prosecco valley. Cost: adults only \$35. Fee includes: transportation, guided tour, prosecco, lunch and escort assistance. Leave at 8 a.m., return by 2 p.m.

Angel Tree roundup: A look at the 2005 Angel Tree program

Army Community Service Press Release

We are thrilled to announce that the 2005 Angel Tree Program was a resounding success.

Thanks to the committed volunteers from many organizations within our community, 98 children received gifts as a result of the gift of sharing this holiday

A hearty "thank you!" goes out to all who contributed to this effort. Many of you worked the "front lines" buying, wrapping and delivering gifts, while individuals and organizations gave financially

to make this possible. All this was accomplished through the gift of sharing good will within our own military families.

It's not too early to prepare for next year. Even if it's your first year as an Angel Tree volunteer, there are several ways to get involved – you can even start with this year's 2006 Angel Tree Program committee.

If you're ready to get started, simply contact your Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator at Davis Family Readiness Center 634-7500.

Again, thanks to everyone who participated in the 2005 Angel Tree program for bringing a bit of joy to our military families.

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New hospital symbolizes Afghan progress in south

Story and photos
By Spc. Jon H. Arguello
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QALAT, Afghanistan – Few infrastructure projects inject the Afghan people with as much hope for a stable and healthy life for their families as a new hospital.

Along with many of the new roads and bridges built during reconstruction, a new hospital will bring that hope to a new level for the people living in southern Afghanistan

The new Zabul Regional Teaching Hospital in Qalat was toured this week by Zabul's governor, Arman; his director of women affairs, Dr. Gul Nar; Qalat's provincial reconstruction team commander, Lt. Col. Thomas Goodfellow; and a group of representatives from the United Arab Emirates.

"The hospital is statically located between Kabul and Kandahar and will provide the middle provinces of Afghanistan with a full

service hospital with stateof-the-art equipment," Goodfellow said. "But this hospital is more than a place for Afghans throughout Zabul province to seek health care. It's a milestone symbolizing the strong foundation being built on, which a future prosperous, secure and healthy nation will grow."

The hospital was built with funds provided by the United Arab Emirates. Local contractors built the hospital and installed the \$4 million worth of equipment which was escorted from Kandahar

Airfield to Qalat by Coalition forces consisting of Qalat Provincial Reconstruction Team Soldiers and U.A.E. Forces.

"The complete project was a classic example of interagency cooperation," Goodfellow said. "The Qalat PRT, Afghan Ministry of Health, U.A.E embassy staff and U.A.E. forces, technicians from India, and Charlie Company medical staff from the 173rd Support Battalion on Kandahar Airfield played important roles in the successful project."

The new facility can hold up to 130 patients and includes a level-one trauma center, major and minor surgery facilities, pediatric and neonatal care and full service dental care. The hospital is truly a sign of progress for the Afghan people, according to the colonel.

"The people of Afghanistan will be forever grateful to all involved in building this hospital," said Arman. "The facility is very impressive and it's beautiful to see where the



country is going."

Goodfellow agreed with the governor's assessment: "The local populace sees the provincial government moving the region in a positive direction. That's invaluable here, whether it's with a hospital or bridge or

school. "There's more to a hospital than health care. A hospital brings people hope and hope can turn into vision. If we can get all Afghans to share a common vision, there's no end to what Afghanistan can do for itself," he said.



Above: Lt. Col. Thomas Goodfellow, Qalat Provincial Reconstruction Team commander, and Governor Arman's Chief of Staff, Gulab Shaw, inspect the new dental equipment at Zabul Regional Teaching Hospital during a tour of the facilities.

Left: Maj. John Drobnica, the Qalat Provincial Reconstruction Team's doctor, inspects one of the Zabul Regional Teaching Hospital's new incubators during a tour of the facilities Jan. 12.

Keep skis, snowboards in shape with help from Outdoor Rec



Paul Brownlee, Outdoor Recreation Maintenance, teaches a class on how to scrap the wax from the snowboard before the students practice on the Outdoor Recreation equipment. Outdoor Rec now offers ski and snowboard maintenance classes on Sundays from 2-4 p.m. For details on what each class offers, call Outdoor Rec Wednesday-Sunday at 634-7453.

Story and photo By Laura Kreider *Outlook Staff*

The Vicenza Outdoor Recreation Center is known for offering great ski trips to renowned resorts, and winter sports enthusiasts can take on the slopes of Folgaria Saturdays during February and March.

In addition to offering trips, Outdoor Rec now offers ski and snowboard maintenance classes.

Each course is held Sundays from 2 to 4 p.m. with alternating subject matter. If the first week focuses on skis, the following week is dedicated to snowboards.

Each class includes materials and professional instruction. The participants will practice on Outdoor Recreation equipment; the staff recommends not bringing personal equipment.

The cost of each class is \$10 per person and the fee includes instruction and equipment. There is no previous experience necessary.

There is a series of four different classes available for those who are interested in learning all the different sections of maintenance—from waxing to basic repairing and fixing edges—according to Vernon McClure, Outdoor Recreation director.

"The next class will focus on waxing," said McClure. "There is a limit of six participants per class. We are doing professional level class, because if you know how your equipment functions, it is better for the riders."

The next class introduces participants in learning how wax works, and includes cleaning the board, dripping the wax, melting wax into base, scraping wax, brushing, buffing and polishing.

"Students will learn how to prepare their equipment for waxing, and how to properly

wax their equipment," explained Jennifer Grumbach, Outdoor Recreation programmer.

"They will also receive information on the different types of waxes, and what wax they should use based on the weather. This course will allow the student to gain the knowledge necessary to wax their own equipment at home," she said.

The next Snowboard tune-up class will be held Sunday, and then on Feb. 19, March 5 and March 19.

Ski maintenance classes scheduled for Feb. 12, Feb. 26 and March 2 and 26.

Sign up deadlines are five days prior to the class. If you are interested in hitting the slopes or taking the classes, or just checking about equipment and any other information, call Outdoor Recreation at 634-7453.

Outdoor Recreation is open Thursday from 2-7 p.m., Friday and Saturday from noon-8 p.m., Sunday from noon-6 p.m. and Monday from noon-8 p.m. It is closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

Scheduled trip dates to Folgaria are Feb. 11, 18, 20, 25 and March 4, 11, 18 and 25. Itinerary: Leave post at 6 a.m. Arrive in Folgaria by 7:30 a.m. Depart Folgaria about 4:30 p.m., back on post by 6 p.m.

Reintegrating Soldier?

For those Soldiers who are reintegrating, Outdoor Rec offers the following free Reintegration Specials:

Feb. 2, 2-4 p.m.: Basic Ski Repair Class Feb. 9, 2-4 p.m.: Ski Repair Class (learn to wax your own skis)

March 13, 2-4 p.m.: Snowboard Repair Class

March 27, 2-4 p.m.: Ski Repair Class.

Sign up at least five days prior to the class. Outdoor Rec is also offering Reintegration Specials on ski trips throughout the season. Call Outdoor Rec at 634-7453 for details on these specials.