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SMA visits Caserma Ederle

Talks about safety, responsibility, transformation



Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston speaks to noncommissioned officers in the post theater here on Caserma Ederle about responsibility, leadership, and the direction of the Army as it transforms. Preston visited the post March 20.

Story and photo by Spc. Justin Nieto
SETAF Public Affairs

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth O. Preston visited Caserma Ederle March 20 to speak with Soldiers about safety, NCOs about responsibility, and the new direction the Army is moving.

"You know, it's a tragic event to see a Soldier that goes through a year or more deployed in combat, doing combat operations, come back and get killed in an accident," said Preston, stressing safety during an interview with the Armed Forces Network shortly after a breakfast with Soldiers. "The biggest thing we can do right now is look out for each other.

"We've all got buddies out there and we've all got Soldiers that we're responsible for," continued Preston. "For noncommissioned officers, we need to take the Soldiers we're responsible for, sit them down and make sure they're aware of the dangers that are out there."

The sergeant major of the Army also spoke highly of the Soldiers of SETAF

and the work they have accomplished during their most recent deployment.

"I speak on behalf of the Chief of Staff of the Army, General [Peter] Schoomaker, the Secretary of the Army, Dr. [Francis] Harvey and all the senior leadership back at the Pentagon when I say we're very proud of the 173d [Airborne Brigade], and of SETAF," said Preston. "The whole task force and what they have accomplished over the last year there in Afghanistan."

Preston also spoke about the changes taking place in the Army, specifically European posts, and how they would affect Soldiers overseas.

"All of Europe is transforming, which includes SETAF and the 173d," said Preston. "The [1st Infantry Division, based in Germany] 'Big Red One' this summer goes home, back to Fort Riley, Kansas, so the 'Big Red One' will leave division headquarters and so will the supporting units," said Preston. "And that will really begin the transitioning of us scaling down the large footprint we have over here."

Preston stated the mission of the U.S.

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Sergeant Major of the Army
Kenneth Preston

Army in Europe has changed, which has led to the recent drawback of forces.

"We really don't need all those Soldiers over here; it's expensive and it really puts a great burden on Soldiers and their families when you have all that moving around every two or three years," said Preston. "As we become more and more of a [Continental United States]-based Army, the opportunities for Soldiers to spend more time in one place are going to greatly increase.

"We want more predictability and more stability for Soldiers and their families," stated Preston.

As for SETAF and the 173d Abn Bde, the sergeant major of the Army discussed their future in detail.

"We want to grow the 173d to a full brigade,"

said Preston. "For a long, long time, it's just been a brigade headquarters and two battalions. And the second battalion, the [2nd Battalion], 503d [Infantry (Airborne)]; we just added her within the last few years."

"We want them to have the full brigade capability over here on the ground," said Preston. "It's a strategic decision; a response force for the European theatre."

Preston stated that while the Army is transitioning, its top mission is still to win the Global War on Terrorism, with the transformation in at a close second.

While there are many missions being carried out across the Army, they are all built upon the foundation called recruiting and retention, according to Preston. A mission made easier if Soldiers and leaders understand what the Army is doing and why it's doing it.

Preston believes the more Soldiers and leaders understand Army transformation, the more likely they are to remain a member of the Army.

"For all the Soldiers out there and all the families, we're very proud of their contributions and their sacrifices," said Preston. "Along with what they're doing right now to not only support America's Army, but to support our nation."

Health clinic shortens hours for April only

U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza
Community Announcement

Due to a staff shortage, the Vicenza Health Clinic will curtail its hours for the month of April. This is done in an effort to allow spouses of deployed Soldiers to take block leave with their loved ones and to allow providers to attend the European Medical Conference. The schedule changes are effective for April 1-30. Normal clinic hours will resume May 1.

This change will affect the Tuesday and Thursday extended hours, morning sick call and Saturday Clinic.

There will be no sick call at 7 a.m. for Soldiers or extended clinic hours during the month of April. Saturday Clinic will be from 8 a.m.-noon.

Soldiers with acute needs will be given priority from 8-9 a.m. daily except for Thursday. On Thursday mornings, the clinic will be closed for Sergeants' Time Training, and Soldiers with acute needs will be given priority from 1-2 p.m.

The clinic apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause the community and would like to emphasize that this is only a temporary change lasting 30 days.

For urgent concerns when the clinic is closed, or for medical emergencies at any time, patients should go directly to the San Bortolo

Hospital Emergency Room. Patient Liaisons at the hospital can be contacted by calling commercial 0444-75-3300, 0444-928166 or DSN 634-8384.

Patients requesting an ambulance are asked to call 0444-71-7114 from off-post or 114 from any DSN phone on post.

April Hours of Operation:

Monday-Wednesday & Friday:

Acute care for Soldiers – 8-9 a.m.

Regular appointments – 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Thursday:

Acute care for Soldiers – 1-2 p.m.

Regular appointments – 1-4 p.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m.-noon

VHS Spring Concert

The Vicenza Middle/High School Spring Concert will take place Wednesday in the VHS gym at 1:50 p.m. for school students and staff and at 7 p.m. for the Vicenza military community.

The free program will feature the middle and high school beginning band, combined intermediate and advanced bands, middle and high school chorus, and string ensemble, plus special vocal and instrumental solo and ensemble groups.

For further details, contact Geri Shimabukuro at the high school, 634-7656.

'Phishing' scam targets Thrift Savings Plan participants

By Samantha L. Quigley
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Participants, as well as some non-participants, in the Thrift Savings Plan are targets of a "phishing" scam, an official with the board administering the program said March 20.

Tom Trabucco, director of external affairs for the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board, said phishing is an "attempt to get recipients of the unsolicited email to compromise themselves by giving up their personal financial information."

"Thrift Savings Plan administrators would never request personal or financial information via email," Trabucco said. "Do not respond to unsolicited email, and never give out information of a personal nature [through] unsolicited emails."

The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board alerted Thrift Savings Plan coordinators to the scam in a March 17 memo, the day after

www.tsp.gov

Only by opening a new Internet browser and typing the Thrift Savings Plan's Web site into the address field can a participant be sure of accessing the authentic thrift plan Web site.

the scam was discovered. The memo described it as an unsolicited email with a link to a bogus Web site appearing to be the thrift plan's account-access site.

The bogus site asks for a recipient's social security and Thrift Savings Plan personal identification numbers. Entering this information takes the user to another screen where they are asked for financial information, including a credit card number, according to

Trabucco, adding that this information can be used to steal an individual's identity.

"As long as participants have not responded to this scam email, their accounts have not been compromised," investment board officials said in the memo. Those who did respond should contact their financial institutions immediately for guidance. They should also call the Thrift Savings Plan at (877) 968-3778 and ask to have their account access blocked, according to the memo.

Phishing emails generally appear to be from a business or organization the recipient may deal with, according to a Federal Trade Commission Consumer Alert issued in June

2005. It may request that the recipient update, validate or confirm account information, the alert said.

Participants are encouraged not to attempt to access their accounts by clicking links offered in any email, according to the memo. Only by opening a new Internet browser and typing the Thrift Savings Plan's Web site into the address field can a participant be sure of accessing the authentic thrift plan Web site.

The thrift plan is a retirement savings plan for 3.6 million federal civilians and servicemembers, Trabucco said. Officials don't know how many plan participants the scam has affected, but the FBI is investigating, he added.

Celebrating our local volunteers

Inspire by Example

Army Community Services
Press Release

This year's National Volunteer Week is April 23-29 and the theme is "Inspire by Example" because it truly reflects the power volunteers have to inspire the people they help, as well as, to inspire others to serve. National Volunteer Week is about thanking one of America's most valuable assets – our volunteers – and calling the public's attention to all that they do to improve our communities.

Our community volunteers will be wearing a special volunteer pins or ribbons, and we ask for the communities' attention to recognize, honor, and thank our local volunteers for their tremendous contributions.

The Volunteer Recognition Ceremony is an event whereas the installation recognizes and celebrates the hours of volunteer work contributed by the men, women and youth of the Vicenza military community. This year's ceremony is scheduled for May 2. Registration begins

at 6:30 p.m. with the official program beginning at 7:15 p.m. in the Ederle Theater followed by refreshments at Club Veneto. Formal invitations will be mailed out in early April, however, we ask for you to mark your calendars now and join us for this special occasion.

If you will be needing childcare, please contact the Army Volunteer Corp coordinator at 634-7942 or via email at randie.m.gibson@setaf.army.mil no later than April 14. This event is open to the public.

Important Information

Volunteer hours beginning April 1, 2005, to March 31 must be received no later than **Monday** by 5 p.m. to be included in this year's Volunteer Recognition Ceremony. All volunteers must also be registered with the Army Volunteer Corps coordinator's office. If you are not a registered volunteer, your hours will not be admissible. Please make sure your volunteers get the recognition they deserve. Turn in your volunteer hours to the AVC coordinator or stop by to register any time Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Davis Family Readiness Center, Building 108, Room. 24.



Command Sgt. Major Luniasolua Savusa, SETAF command sergeant major, addresses his fellow noncommissioned officers at the Leader's Night event held March 16 at Joe Dugan's for everyone of the rank of corporal and above. Savusa stressed talking to Soldiers about safety and setting good examples and standards as a member of the NCO corps. (Photo by Spc. Justin Nieto, SETAF Public Affairs)

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 directly.

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 April 26 beginning at 9 a.m.

Issue: Satellite Dish Installation & Decoder Box – I would like to address a

concern with private rentals for civilians that do not receive Living Quarters Allowance and the need to have access to AFN network.

I was given a signed consent from my landlady to have a dish installed; however upon calling housing to find out the exact procedure, I was told to contact the contractor that is doing the installation.

I did so, only to be referred to Furnishings Management Office and the process just seemed to go in a circles. Finally a housing representative contacted the contractor, and I was told that I would have to pay for installation of the dish and of course either rent or purchase a decoder box.

My issue is since there are other Americans living in my building, do we each need to have a separate dish? And is the installation of the dish my responsibility as well?

Thank you for your assistance.

Recommendation: *Install a dish or at least let the American tenants know if there is a dish already installed on the building so as not to incur this expenditure, and then we would be willing to rent/purchase a decoder box. Also, have a representative from housing to interpret what the contractor needs since there is a language barrier.*

Response from the Directorate of Public Works: A separate satellite dish is not required for each AFN decoder hook up. However, any costs associated with work done to install a satellite dish or cable hook up for private rental civilian residents – not eligible for the Direct to Home government provided AFN decoder and satellite dish initiative – are solely the occupant's

responsibility. If other American tenants in your building already have a satellite dish installed, the possibility exists for you to connect to the dish at your expense.

Coordination of this work is your responsibility and not the government's. You may "privately" use the government contract firm (MOSAIC) to do this work, but you may choose whomever you wish.

It should be noted that MOSAIC has bilingual staff to help coordinate this effort.

Costs to perform this work will vary based upon cable length, booster requirements, ease of access and more.

Issue: Air Hose Outside the AAFES Garage – *It would be great to have an air hose outside AAFES Garage so anyone could check/add air to their tires. It is especially beneficial for Soldiers who have to do POV inspections and for Soldiers returning from deployment.*

Response from AAFES: I appreciate you bringing this to our attention. We have had the hose repaired. It is now operational during our Car Care Center hours of operation on the outside of our facility.

Issue: AAFES Popcorn Machine – *On the night that the Harry Potter movie played, the popcorn machine broke. This is not the first or second time this has happened. There have been prior breakdowns of the machine.*

Recommendation: *I suggest that a better alternative should be in place rather than continuously patching the machine every time it breaks down.*

Response from AAFES: You are right. We do need a better solution for providing popcorn. We are in the process of purchasing a new popcorn machine. We are also adding

an additional soda machine for our movie patron's convenience.

Issue: CAC Community Information – *The Information Session following the Open Forum was great, but many of us were not able to take notes as fast as the speakers spoke. Although corresponding flyers were on the back table, it was too confusing as single flyers.*

Recommendation: *I recommend that packets be developed and stapled with the already collated CAC handouts; in other words, the MWR flyers, the DOL flyers, the AAFES flyer should be collated and assembled.*

Also, my recommendation is that a directorate/agency not be allowed to present information if they do to provide a flyer to Plans, Analysis and Integration Office by the deadline.

Response from PAIO: We appreciate your feedback regarding the Community Update/Information section of the CAC. In the past, flyers were available for which the community could select. It is our intention to provide quality service to you, the customer. We agree that it would be easier for the community to follow along as information is verbally presented. We have requested that all directorates provide community information and flyers to PAIO in order for all CAC handouts to be collated and distributed to you.

There may be times when essential information must be presented at the CAC and the corresponding flyer may not be attached to the CAC handout; but, will be available on the table. Again, we thank you for your recommendation.

Thank you

SETAF Rear Command Sgt. Maj. Richard W. Weik (left) presents a "Roman Gladius" historical infantry sword to SETAF Rear Commander Maj. Gen. David T. Zabecki as part of the gifts received during Maj. Gen. Zabecki's farewell held at the Club Veneto Thursday. During the event, Maj. Gen. Zabecki was honored with the Legion of Merit from SETAF Commander Maj. Gen. Jason Kamiya. Maj. Gen. Zabecki thanked the units and the Vicenza community for their support during the past 14 months while he served as the SETAF rear commander during the deployment. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)



Summer Hire program offers jobs for youth

Applications begin March 31 for Summer Hire Program

Civilian Human Resources Agency, Europe
News Release

The Civilian Human Resources Agency, Europe will begin accepting applications for the 2006 Summer Hire program on March 31, for jobs that will begin June 26 and last through August 4.

The Summer Hire Program offers young people ages 14-22 employment for the summer in locations throughout Europe. Jobs are available in the areas of clerical, labor, and child development work.

Requirements

- Summer Hire is open to family members between the ages of 14 and 22 years old.
- Participants must be unmarried family members of an active military member or DoD civilian who will turn age 14 by June 26, and cannot reach their 23rd birthday prior to the end of the program on Aug. 4.
- You must be a U.S. citizen to apply for positions in Italy and Luxembourg.
- Summer Hires employed in child development positions must be at least 16 years old.

Vacancy announcements, a Web-based application form, and instructions will be available on the CHRA-E Web site at

www.chra.eur.army.mil starting March 31.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to submit their resume through the automated application process. The automated application ensures that the resume is submitted in the proper format and provides an acknowledgment that the resume has been received. The automated application is used to expedite the processing of your resume. However, should you encounter problems with the automated process, applicants may also submit applications via email to Summerhire_Resumes@cpoceur.army.mil

or via surface mail to:
CHRA, CPOC Europe Region
ATTN: Summer Hire Program
Unit 29150
APO, AE 09100.

Note: When submitting by email, the subject line of your email must be Summer Hire Application. Your application must be contained in the text of your email.

For more information log onto the CHRA-E Web site at www.chra.eur.army.mil.

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Army Civilian Attitude survey for foreign national employees available online

Vicenza CPAC
Community Announcement

Local national employees encouraged to take the Army Civilian Attitude survey. The survey for foreign national employees is now available at www.globalsurvey.net/army. This is Army's official attitude and opinion survey of the foreign national workforce. The survey measures job satisfaction, workforce morale, and other issues. The survey is available in many languages, including Italian.

The employee's input is extremely valuable since results are used locally.

Italian employees encouraged to take survey

To get to the survey, employees' must click on www.globalsurvey.net/army or copy this link to their browser. The survey is being administered by Questar, an independently survey research firm authorized by Army to collect this information from the employees.

All Army foreign national employees, supervisors, and managers should take the survey online. The survey is voluntary and may be taken during normal duty hours. It will be available through March 31.

The survey does not apply to contract employees.

If employees have difficulties accessing the survey, email the problem to ArmySurvey@questarweb.com.

If they have questions about the survey, they can email questions to ArmySurvey2005@asamra.hoffman.army.mil.

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Reintegration

From welcome home to seven-day process, behind scenes



SETAF Carabinieri wait to escort the buses carrying deployed Soldiers and civilians back to Caserma Ederle from Aviano Air Force Base. (Photo provided by A/DACG, DOL)

Right: A Soldier reads the number of his weapon for turn in upon returning from deployment to Afghanistan with SETAF. This is part of the Arrival and Departure Airfield Control Group, Directorate of Logistics operations. According to Martin Fano, A/DACG operations officer, when Soldiers arrive from deployment at Aviano, they deplane, receive briefings in Hanger 1, turn in sensitive items such as weapons, sign for rations cards and room keys if needed, and board the buses for Vicenza. "The Air Force 'Yellow Ribbon' volunteers provide food and refreshments for every returning flight, be it 6 or 256 people," said Fano. (Photo by Margret Menzies, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs Officer)

Below: SETAF Rear Detachment Sgt. Maj. Richard Weik conducts a brief with recently returned Soldiers during Station B of the reintegration process. Reintegration is seven half-day stations in which Soldiers receive briefings, process through medical and dental screenings and take care of important paperwork such as powers of attorney or vehicle registration. (Photo by Spc. Justin Nieto, SETAF Public Affairs)



An AFN journalist films returning Soldiers and family members in the Welcome Home tent on Hoekstra Field. AFN has covered many of the arrivals of deployed Soldiers and civilians. (Photo by Justin Nieto, SETAF Public Affairs)



A Community Mail Room employee searches for a package in the CMR Annex. The CMR has been extremely busy assisting reintegrating personnel and family members with the tremendous amount of packages returning from downrange. (Photo by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)



A family member gets her eyebrows sculpted during a Spark* for Spouses workshop held in the Davis Family Readiness Center. Spark* workshops are scheduled for April 3, 22, and 28. Workshops sessions focus on community information, communication and pampering activities for spouses. (Photo by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)

Reintegration

From welcome home to seven-day process, behind scenes

Spc. Justin Nieto
SETAF Public Affairs

Most Soldiers returning from a deployment only want to get back to their families and the routines they had before leaving. However, there is one thing all troops returning from downrange must go through before a return to normalcy can be made; the reintegration process.

“Reintegration is a critical step for Soldiers to return to everyday Army life,” said Maj. Karl Franke, director, Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security, USAG Vicenza. “It reintroduces the Soldiers back into the community. While they were gone many things have changed – children grow, spouses have taken different roles, and the community has changed.

“This process is important because it provides the returnee a soft re-entry,” continued Franke. “A seven, not so arduous, half-day schedule, where the chain of command can monitor their Soldiers for signs of stress.

“It achieves the USAREUR commanding general’s purpose: ‘Soldiers are revitalized and reintegrated into their nurtured families and community, and units are prepared to execute follow-on missions,’” said Franke.

The process covers important steps like the handling of sensitive items from the deployment, updating paper work that might need altering such as a life insurance policy or power of attorney, updating a vehicle’s registration, and numerous classes ranging from driver safety to preparing for block leave. Returnees also process through medical and dental stations.

Returning Soldiers and civilians, and their families members, are not the only ones experiencing changes due to reintegration.

AAFES has extended the hours of the Shoppette and the Post Exchange. The Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation has also extended the hours of some facilities such as the Fitness Center and is also offering special discounts and activities in many of their programs for those returning from deployment and their families.

DMWR is heavily involved with the reintegration process as well; setting up and manning many of the stations the Soldiers visit, along with instructing many of their classes.



A Soldier from Detachment D, 510th Personnel Support Battalion, assists a reintegrating Soldier with his military personnel records. (Photo by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)

Many people in these organizations are often some of the first faces Soldiers see upon returning to Caserma Ederle.

“We are the first step in their return here to the community,” said Rita Bonamego, Community Readiness Program manager, Army Community Services. Bonamego is part of the reception group, which is located in the large MWR tent next to Hoekstra Field, and is often there waiting with her team well before the Soldiers arrive.

“And we do this whether it is one Soldier or 100,” said Bonamego. “One is just as important as 1,000.”

Welcoming those returning and letting them all know someone cares is a priority for the USO as well.

“We bring coffee, hot chocolate, cookies and such to the stations everyday,” said Linda Johnson, director of the USO here at Caserma Ederle. “All donated by the Commissary.

They have been gracious enough to donate most of the food we have provided the Soldiers.”

The USO supplies the stations on Caserma Ederle; the Luna Bubble and the stations in and next to the post theater. The services provided by the USO have been invaluable to reintegrating Soldiers, like providing around 2,300 gift bags, one for every Soldier, from the USO headquarters in Washington D.C. full of items like phone cards and candy, said Johnson.

“I think it’s great for morale. We got a letter recently from a Soldier in Iraq saying, ‘Everyone is thanking you for all the hard work you do and for being here,’” said Johnson. “‘The USO have been the ones by our side all the way.’

“Even if it’s just some hot coffee and cookies, they know someone cares about them,” said Johnson.



A friend welcomes home Capt. Adam Cabbage, commander, Headquarters Company, 173d Airborne Brigade, upon arrival to Caserma Ederle. (Photo by Justin Nieto, SETAF Public Affairs)

Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

The town of Noale in flower

The town of Noale, province of Venice, will hold its 27th celebration of "Noale in Flower" April 2. Over an area of 13,000 square-meters will be hundreds of firms coming from different regions of Italy with their flowers, plants, and trees and, as in previous years, there will also be a sector dedicated to garden tools and garden furniture.

You will also have a chance to admire the geraniums at their best as the residents of the town compete for the recognition of having the best geraniums on their balconies or in their gardens.

Events start at 8 a.m. with the opening of the market; 10:30 a.m. sees two bands marching through the town; and 3 p.m. a band concert. Noale is located 57 kilometers from Vicenza.

Exhibitions

Rimini: Tuning and racing, car audio and video, car entertainment, accessories and components can be found at the 4th edition of "My Special Car Show," when this seaside city becomes the Italian capital of car customization.

Open everyday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. March 31-April 2. Entrance fees: adults - 11 euro, children 7-14 years old - 9 euro, and children 6 and younger are free. Visit the Web site www.myspecialcar.it for information.

Permanent exhibitions

Bolzano: Otzi - the ice man - for 5,300 years the ice preserved the remains of a stone-age man who lost his life unexpectedly in his everyday clothing and with all his equipment. The iceman, Otzi, so called after the Oetzal valley where he was found in 1991 with his possessions near him, can be seen in the city of Bolzano's South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology. Open daily from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed Mondays. Entrance fee is 8 euro.

Torino: This Egyptian museum, which is one of the world's most important museums for Egyptology outside of the Cairo Museum, has four new rooms in a newly renovated

section of the building.

The exhibition areas include a room devoted to pre-historic times and the first three dynasties 4000 B.C. to 2300 B.C. It features the reconstruction of a protodynastic sepulcher with the oldest existing example of a naturally mummified body.

Another room is dedicated to the Old Kingdom (the 4th, 5th and 6th Dynasties) and has a wall of the tomb of Iteti, as discovered by Schiaparelli in 1903.

The museum's most important treasures include the Tomb of Kha, a burial chamber dating back 1400 B.C., which contains sarcophagi, statues, garments, furniture, and the Royal Papyrus or the Papyrus of Torino, which lists all the kings of Egypt from 3000 to 1600 BC.

Also find everyday objects on display, such as sandals, combs, and even food.

Open 9 a.m.-7 p.m. everyday except Monday. The museum is located on Via Accademia della Scienza.

Upcoming concerts

Verona in the Arena: May 29 - The Eagles, tickets 46 euro; June 3 - Mark Knopfler and EmmyLou Harris, tickets 32,50; June 4-5 - George Roger Waters, ex Pink Floyd group, tickets 46 euro; and July 10 - Eric Clapton, tickets 34,50 euro.

In the soccer stadium in Milan: June 22 - the Rolling Stones, tickets 60,90 euro.

Cometto Free Music Festival in Milan on June 23 and Naples on June 25 see Sting for free.

Parking near Venice Airport

There is a parking area two minutes from Venice's Marco Polo airport reasonably priced called "Marco Polo 2002." The parking lot is located about 2 kilometers on your right, opposite the Casino' and Ca' Noghiera crossroads. For long term parking it costs 4,50 euro a day,

or 24 euro for one. It includes a free shuttle to and from the Venice airport. Full information in English visit www.marcopolo2002.com,

The Sigurta' gardens

The gardens, located in Valeggio sul Mincio, province of Verona, is known to be one of the most beautiful gardens in Italy. You can enjoy the flowers, lawns, rose gardens, a small castle, water lilies, trees and bushes and water gardens.

There is a large parking area near the gardens, but on Italian holidays and Sundays it gets full very early. In these cases, you will be directed to another car park, where after parking, a free bus ride to the gardens is available.

For those who do not want to visit the gardens by foot, a small train, that does not stop, is available to take you round the park and costs 2,50 euro a person. The ride lasts one half hour. Bikes for adults and children and electric golf carts, that hold a maximum of four people are also available for hire.

Inside the gardens find food stands providing beverages, sandwiches, ice-cream, snacks and sack lunches. Barbeques are not allowed in the gardens. Food and beverages purchased or your sack lunch must be consumed in an area near the food stands.

If you take your dog it must be muzzled and kept on a leash.

People are not allowed to walk the park or sunbathe in swimwear.

The gardens are open from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Entrance fees are 8,50 euro for adults, children 5-14 years old cost 6 euro, and children younger than 5 are free.

Directions from Vicenza: Take the A4 autostrada direction of Milan and exit at Peschiera d. Garda. Travel in the direction Valeggio Mincio and watch for the park. It is approximately 80 kilometers from Vicenza.

Visit www.sigurta.it for further information. In the Palladio mall leaflets are available which have a discount of 1,50 euro.

Now Showing

Caserna Ederle Theater

March 28	Casanova (R)	7 p.m.
March 29	CLOSED	7 p.m.
March 30	Casanova (R)	7 p.m.
March 31	When a Stranger Calls (PG13)	7 p.m.
	Hostel (R)	9:45 p.m.
April 1	Spongebob Squarepants (PG)	3 p.m.
	When a Stranger Calls (PG13)	7 p.m.
	Hostel (R)	9:45 p.m.
April 2	Hoodwinked (PG)	4 p.m.
	The Last Holiday (PG13)	7 p.m.
April 3	CLOSED	
April 4	The Last Holiday (PG13)	7 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

March 24	Underworld: Evolution (R)	6 p.m.
March 25	Tristan & Isolde (PG13)	6 p.m.
March 26	Glory Road (PG13)	3 p.m.

Movie Synopsis

WHEN A STRANGER CALLS - *Camilla Belle, Katie Cassidy* - While babysitting, a high school student is terrorized by a stranger who calls her, asking "have you checked the children lately?" The police eventually notify her the calls are coming from inside the house.

THE LAST HOLIDAY - *Queen Latifah, L.L. Cool J* - After being diagnosed with a fatal disease, a shy sales clerk goes on a European vacation to live out the rest of her life. With nothing to lose - or so she thinks - her behavior becomes more irreverent and outrageous each day, only to find out later she was misdiagnosed.

TRISTAN & ISOLDE - *James Franco, Sophia Myles* - In the medieval legend of Tristan and Isolde, young lovers become doomed against the forces of royal politics. English knight Tristan wins the hand of the daughter of the Irish King, but the love threatens the truce between their two countries.

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.

Spark* for Spouses Workshops

Reintegration is for spouses too! Come to a special workshop program called Spark*. Spark* workshops will be conducted in the Davis Family Readiness Center. Free childcare is available for children infant to preschool. Kindergarten through 12th-grade children and youth are encouraged to participate in Spark* for Kids. All participants must pre-register for both Spark* for Spouses and free childcare at least seven days prior by calling 634-7500 or stopping by the Davis Family Readiness Center. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services in order to participate or to be cared for by CYS. To register, call CYS Central Registration at 634-7206.

Sessions focus on information from community agencies, marital communication and some individual pampering activities such as makeup tips, cooking classes, travel ideas, and manicures/pedicures.

Spark* workshops are scheduled for April 3, 22, and 28 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Call to register.

Mako Sharks finish strong, win 8 medals in championships

Tom Buffington

Special to The Outlook

The 2005-2006 swim season culminated with the European Championships held in Rimini, Italy, Feb. 18-19. The Vicenza Mako Sharks were well represented with a total of 31 swimmers participating under the coaching of Jane Higgins and Cheryl Canipe. The team earned a total of eight Gold, Silver and Bronze medals including:

Gold for Jonathan Higgins, Savannah Owens, Caroline Sughrue, and Steve McCroary in the 11-12 year olds 200 FR Relay; Silver for D.J. Schendel in the 200 IM; and Bronze for Savannah Owens in the 50 FR, Jonathan Higgins in the 50 FLY, Taylor Higgins in the 100 BR, Meghan Higgins in the 100 BK, D.J. Schendel in the 100 FR, and Jonathan Higgins, Savannah Owens, Caroline Sughrue, and Steve McCroary in the Medley Relay.

Several Mako Sharks earned a Championship Medals for finishing in the top six places including: D.J. Schendel in the Pentathlon, Kyle McCann in the 100 BR, Lindsey McCann in the 50 FR, Steve McCroary in the 50 and 100 FR, Trevor Canipe in the 50 FR, Bryan Febbo in the 50 and 100 FR, Sara Febbo in the 200 FR, Jefferson Hando in the 50 BK, Allie Bell in the 50 BR, Bailey Butler in the 50 BR and John Williams in the 50 BR.

Other swimmers swam great races and dropped time in almost every event including Ryan Boll, Melissa Febbo, Rebecca Febbo, Ryan McCann, Matt Williams, Abigail Williams, Maria McGuire, Patrick McGuire, Ben Owens, Molly Owens, Callie Brown, Jonathan Bowman, and Margie Mayville.

Alternates who cheered on the team were Erin McGuire and Christina Brown.

Upon return to Vicenza, the Mako Sharks had their end of the year awards banquet on Monte Berico. Award winners were: Most Improved - Ryan Boll and Megan Alvarez (10 years old and younger), Steve McCroary and Caroline Sughrue (11-12 year olds), Jonathan Bowman and Kelsey Roche (13-19 year olds); High Points - Bryan Febbo (10 years old and younger), Jonathan Higgins (11-12 year olds) and Matt Williams (13-19 year olds); Most Outstanding - Bryan Febbo and Destiny Schendel (10 years old and younger), Jonathan Higgins and Rebecca Febbo (11-12 year olds) and Taylor Higgins and Meghan Higgins (13-19 year olds); and Most Valuable Player - Matt Williams.

Also honored were the Vicenza High School Letter earners including Taylor and Meghan Higgins, Margie Mayville, Kyle McCann, Cristina Buffington and Brad Werley.

Additional Mako Sharks who practiced hard, competed throughout the season and made important contributions to the team included Megan Alvarez, Timmy Barteau, Jack Buffington, Megan Buffington, Will Butler, Eric Canipe, John Canipe, Sam Chambers, Adam Coombs, Andrew Fantacone, Rachal Garcia, Francesca Gonzales, Sheridan McKittrick, Emily Murphy, Than Nguyen, Kelsey Roche, Tiffany Saddler, Mia Segura and Tess Segura.

The Sharks would like to say a special thank you to Anita Febbo, Nell Brown, all the coaches and volunteers, parents and sponsors, and the entire Vicenza community. It was a great season and set a high standard for next year's team to strive for.

"Thanks to all the swimmers for their hard work and commitment to the team," said Coach Jane Higgins, who will be departing the community this summer. "Coaching you guys was always exciting. 'Thank you' Coach Cheryl for all the good times we spent together on deck, and the Mako Shark families for their never ending support. As I always say; 'What are you waiting for? You're faster than this! Don't think you are... know you are! MAKO SHARKS ATTACK!'"

You can find the individual stats on the Mako Sharks Web site at www.vicenzamakosharks.org.

Sanchez thanks military families, wives for sacrifices

Story and photos by Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

Caserna Ederle celebrated National Women's History month with a luncheon at the South of the Alps Dining Facility March 22.

Special guest, Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez, representative from the California

47th Congressional District of California, shares some life experiences with Soldiers and community members in the packed dining room.

Strong women set examples and they pass their roles onto us, said Sanchez, highlighting the strength of her mother and grandmother. During her speech she talked about her family, her education, and how her parents made

sacrifices so all their seven children could go to college.

Sanchez began her congressional career in November 1996 and is serving her fifth term in the House of Representatives. Born and raised in the districts she serves, she has focused much of her time on issues such as education, public safety and crime reduction, economic development and protections for senior citizens.

"I want to thank all of you," said Sanchez. "First of all because in these very, very difficult times; you have taken the brunt of the sacrifice in the war on global terrorism.

"I want to thank, in particular, the family members," she said, "an in particular many of the ladies.

"I see it over and over, the sacrifice that these families, that your families, and that you make.

Congresswoman Sanchez is the ranking woman of the House Armed Services Committee.

"Much of the work that I do on the Armed Services reflects towards the family life and trying to honor the service that you give to us, because many of us understand how difficult it is," she said. "You are strong women and strong men for supporting the mission here."

Sanchez has also served on the Terrorism Panel of this committee, where she joined other members to investigate intelligence progress and terrorist threats to the United States.

Following Sanchez's speech, two Vicenza High School students were recognized as the Women's History Month essay winners.

"I could not believe it," said 11th Grade

Crystal Buhler, who wrote "A Woman of True Compassion," which focused on Mother Theresa. "This person was a teacher, a religious leader, a saint, a friend, a peace barer, and above all a woman," introduced Buhler in her essay.

"One notable person who had a powerful gift of easing the suffering found among others with her persistent giving of compassion. Being the founder of the order of Missionaries of Charity, she brought hope to the young, old, sick and poor of the suffering. She brought communities together by opening schools, orphanages and homes for the needy. Not only did she bring communities together, but she brought the world together by conducting 517 missions in over 100 countries."

"Women: Builders of Communities and Dreams" was this year's theme for Women's History Month and the second essay winner, 12th Grade Quanae Watson, focused her essay, "Nothing Short of Amazing," on a person who has really inspired and helped her all her life – her mother.

"During the times of adversity, she did more than stick a community together; she made contributions more important than any amount of money could give," Watson wrote of her mother, Beverly Ann Burnett, in her essay. "If I could place any degree or value on it, then I would say that my mom has the Ph.D. in life.

"She is my mom, and I say that if there were more like her, our world could definitely learn a thing or two. She is the rock of my community, the builder and protector of my dreams. She is my mom, nothing short of amazing," she wrote.



Lt. Col. Angela Haynes, executive officer, USAG Vicenza, presents Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez, representative from the 47th Congressional District of California, a gift in thanks for being the guest speaker during the Women's History Month Observance and Luncheon held at the South of the Alps Dining Facility March 22.

Women builders of communities, dreams

Community highlights exceptional local women

Cynthia Pierson
Equal Employment Opportunity Office

This year's theme for National Women's History Month, "Women: Builders of Communities and Dreams" honors the spirit of possibility and hope set in motion by generations of women in their creation of communities and their encouragement of dreams. We want to thank the many individuals who nominated the women featured in the Outlook during the month of March. These women have shown dedication, inspiration and leadership to the community's well-being of family members and the global war on terrorism.

Helping to rebuild Afghanistan and furthering the cause of freedom are six Soldiers who have made a difference down range. They have performed their duties with their male counterparts in the forefront and behind the scenes. They are Spc. Ambjor Anderson, Sgt. Jennifer Bunn, Staff Sgt. Jessica Ernst, Spc. Dixie Hall, Sgt. Elizabeth Perez, and Staff Sgt. Jamila Shiggs.

A Soldier in a male dominated occupation is Spc. Ambjor Anderson, B Company, 173d Support Battalion. As a private first class, she was the forward base NCOIC for the armament shop servicing and repairing over 5,000 weapons fired by thousands of Soldiers in Afghanistan.

What have you accomplished down range that you are proud of? Working down range gave me the opportunity to be in a leadership position, a role that is uncommon for a private first class. Running the armament shop was difficult at times, but I learned so much more about my military occupational series in small arms repair. Safety was of utmost importance as it was our duty to ensure the Soldiers' weapons were functioning and in good working order.

Working behind the scenes is Sgt. Jennifer Bunn, A Company, 173d Support Battalion. As the NCOIC of supply on post, Bunn credits the supply team for ensuring the Soldiers had the necessary tools to perform their jobs in the motor pools.

Transportation is critical in Afghanistan so in order for the 15 mechanics to repair the vehicles, it was vital that they had the parts to perform their jobs. We set up prescribed load lists, conducted repairs parts inventory and mainly provided supply support to the units and Soldiers moving out.

An outdoors person, Bunn hopes to someday hike the Appalachian trail.

A platoon sergeant for 4th Platoon, 13th Military Police Company, Staff Sgt. Jessica Ernst was the only female in a leadership position in a battalion made up of field artillery and infantry down range.

In the forefront, she was the squad leader for an all-male Soldier squad attached to Headquarters Company, 173d Airborne Brigade, and her primary missions included combat patrols, battalion operations, Afghani police officer training and convoy escorts. She also conducted several battalion and company operations with B Co, 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry (Airborne).

Is there anything else she wants to accomplish in the future? Become a drill sergeant and a mother (Ernst said beaming).

Upholding the Uniform Code of Military Justice and providing legal services to the hundreds of military and civilian personnel of the Combined Joint Task Force-76 Area of Operations were Spc. Dixie Hall and Sgt. Elizabeth Perez of the Staff Judge Advocate Office.

As a paralegal specialist, Hall provided client services addressing such issues as divorces, marriages, immigration and the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Act. She found it very rewarding to go on missions to distribute medical and school supplies to one of the orphanages and especially proud of her efforts toward rebuilding a girls school in Afghanistan.

What is one thing that most people don't know about you? My brother was deployed to Iraq from December 2004 to December 2005, my father was deployed to Iraq in December 2005 for a year, and I was deployed to Afghanistan from February 2005 to February 2006 and for about three weeks; we were all deployed at the same time.

Perez is particularly proud of doing her part to ensure the Uniform Code of Military Justice was upheld throughout the CJTF-76AO.

What woman has been the most inspirational and motivating person in your life? My mother and grandmothers for the many life-lessons and for ingraining in me the importance of upholding values in one's life. Also, my first NCOIC, Warrant Officer Tijuana Salaam, 25th Infantry Division, who exemplifies the ideal paralegal NCO and all-around Soldier.

What was it like working down range? I learned a lot from



Left to right: Sgt. Elizabeth Perez, Spc. Dixie Hall, Staff Sgt. Jessica Ernst, Staff Sgt. Jamila Shiggs and Spc. Ambjor Anderson (separate photo). (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

my peers, the personnel in all the staff sections, military members from other services and other countries and from the Afghan nationals. The interaction amongst personnel professionally and personally is different in a deployed environment. The focus on the mission and the drive towards mission-accomplishment is much more steadfast; timelines are more condensed and the impact of decisions made are witnessed more immediately.

On her way to Drill Sergeant School this summer is Staff Sgt. Jamila Shiggs, platoon sergeant, 13th Military Police Company. While in Afghanistan, she supervised 21 Soldiers with additional duties as Equal Opportunity leader, unit prevention leader, unit movement officer, training NCO, personnel, supply sergeant and information management officer.

What was it like working down range? It was very busy and demanding. I was pushed to limits I never thought I could handle. I was supported by so many people and because of it, I look at myself in a different way. I now know the only limitations I had were those I had placed on myself.

So many female and male Soldiers have expressed goals they want to accomplish or know they can because I accomplished mine. Although the Army is dominated by men and adapting to the conditions down range for females at times is hard; I feel my downrange experience has made me an equal.