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Lt. Col. Richard Price (left), Combined Joint Task Force-76 communication director, and Sgt. Maj. Elizabeth Stubbs, CJTF-76 communications sergeant major, unveil the plaque on the door of the communications conference room that bears the names of Maj. Edward Murphy, Sgt. Stephen High and Spc. Crystal Stout. The Soldiers all hailed from South Carolina and perished in an April 6 CH-47 helicopter crash in Afghanistan. Inside the conference room are photos of the Soldiers. "We wanted to remember them and make sure the follow-on Soldiers CJTF personnel will also remember the contributions they made," Price said at the ceremony held May 1. "We wanted to make sure there is something significant we can put in this workplace to represent that."

Conference room dedicated to fallen comrades

Story and photo by Sgt. Adrian Schulte
CJTF-76 Public Affairs

They were three Soldiers proudly serving their country in Afghanistan. They were all co-workers in the Combined Joint Task Force 76 communications shop.

They were sons, a daughter, husbands and fathers. They were all proud of the fact that they hailed from South Carolina.

And they were all honored, May 1, when the troops from CJTF-76's communications shop dedicated a conference room in their memory.

Maj. Ed Murphy, Sgt. Stephen High and Spc. Crystal Stout perished in an April 6 CH-47 helicopter crash.

The conference room located in the Joint Operations Center on Bagram Airfield, was dubbed the "Carolina Pride" conference room in honor of the shop's fallen Soldiers and in remembrance of the pride they shared for their home state.

"All of us will remember them throughout the years, throughout our careers and throughout our lives," said CJTF-76 communications director, Lt. Col. Richard Price at the dedication. "I don't think anyone will forget the contributions that they have given us and how they touched us. They were proud Americans, they were proud of what was going on in the [communications] shop and they were proud of what they were doing for CJTF-76."

Along with a plaque on the door of the conference room bearing their names and the title "Carolina Pride," the Soldiers unveiled pictures inside the room of their fallen comrades.

Vicenza-based Soldiers tackle mission in Afghanistan

Story and photos by Sgt. Tara Teel
CJTF-76 Public Affairs

Soldiers from the 13th Military Police Company have taken on a variety of roles in their first deployment since Vietnam upon arriving in Afghanistan at the end of March.

The Vicenza-based unit deployed to three locations in Afghanistan – Kandahar, Bagram and Kabul. While the units' law enforcement tasks are similar at each location, the groups have unique missions.

"At the end of the day, we try to do our part to allow the government to extend their reach and keep their people safe," said Capt. Seamus Garrett, 13th MP commander. "For example, the simple act of interacting with the local police, speaking in the same law enforcement jargon is the way we do our part in the big picture."

The Soldiers at Bagram Airfield and Kabul are focused on law enforcement and day-to-day issues, while a platoon of Soldiers

attached to the 173rd Airborne Brigade in Kandahar provides combat support pulling security and patrolling the area.

"Being deployed has given me the chance to sharpen my skills and focus on our mission here," said Sgt. Joel Culver, 13th MP supply sergeant. "Also, I am getting chances to experience and try things that I would not get to do in Italy, like train on the different weapon systems."

An additional group of Soldiers from the Mississippi National Guard deployed in support of the 13th MPs and help provide security around the Bagram base.

For many of the MPs, it is not their first deployment. About one third of the Soldiers of the 13th MP Company are seasoned veterans from either Iraq or Afghanistan, according to Garrett.

"It is pretty hard to find an MP who has not been deployed these days," Garrett said. "They bring different backgrounds and experiences here to this deployment, such as

how they ran military police operations in Mosul, Iraq. They bring a lot of diversity to the table."

The MPs have been training since January for this deployment. Although their duties on Bagram are not much different from those back in Italy, they focused on training together as a team and unit cohesion.

"We worked on team building, live fire training in Germany, Common Task Training, and field training exercise," said Garrett.

One thing that is different in Afghanistan is the handling of the local people, explained Spc. Daniel Macumber, 13th MP liaison officer of law and order. "We are much stricter with the passes to get on the base; even for the smallest offense they can be banned from coming back and an entire group can be punished as well."

The biggest threat the MPs have to think about around Bagram are Soldiers violating General Order #1, which includes bans such as alcohol consumption, or the sporadic attempts of the insurgents in the area, according to Garrett. The Kandahar-stationed MPs have to keep a watch out for vehicle-borne improvised explosive devices.

"We are here for a good reason, helping the people secure a form of government and a safe environment," said Staff Sgt. Loyd Reding, 13th MP desk sergeant on Bagram.

The cornerstone of the 13th MPs is the Family Readiness Group back in Italy, which is available for any spouse who wishes to partake and has the opportunity to do so. The members are in the process of setting up a website for those families who returned to the states.

"We have a robust Family Readiness Group back in Italy," explained Garrett. "To keep the communication open and flowing

between families and their Soldiers is important because they have the tougher of the two jobs back home."

Like many other units, the 13th MPs have just begun their yearlong journey in Afghanistan and look forward to the road ahead.

"The hours are long and hard, but the Soldiers have positive attitudes and are happy to be here," Garrett said. "They are hands down the best group of Soldiers I have ever worked with. I am so proud of them."



Caserma Ederle road work update

Throughout the month of May, Olson Avenue, from the post chapel to the Ederle Inn, will experience ongoing paving operations, as will the post exchange parking areas.

From May 27 through June 4 traffic will be restricted to one lane from the Post Office to the Ederle Inn.

Motorists driving past the post office toward the Ederle Inn will be required to continue driving down past the sports field and come back along 9th Street-the road that runs in front of the U.S. Army

Health Clinic-Vicenza and Fitness Center. There will be no parking on Olson Avenue near the post office and parking at the Vicenza Schools will be extremely limited.

These dates are subject to weather conditions, naturally if we experience rain, the road may be closed longer.

The command asks that community members use caution while driving or walking in these congested areas and be alert to construction vehicles and pedestrians.

Blalock takes reins of Red Horse



Capt. Jack A. Blalock (right) accepts the guidon of the 712th Red Horse Flight from Col. Robert E. Pecoraro, commander, 712th Air Base Group in Spain. Maj. Aaron G. Orluck relinquished command of the 712th Red Horse Flight April 29, during a ceremony held at the Livorno Depot. Blalock comes to Camp Darby from Malmstrom Air Force Base, Mont., where he was the chief of the Maintenance Engineering section. Blalock received a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Montana State University and a Masters in Engineering and Environmental Management from the Air Force Institute of Technology. (Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, Camp Darby Public Affairs)

State Dept. travel advisory for Tunisia

From U.S. Department of State
Public Announcement

This Public Announcement is being issued to alert Americans to the potential for terrorist actions in Tunisia. This Public Announcement expires July 19, 2005.

The U.S. government has strong indications that individuals may be planning imminent terrorist actions in Tunisia. We have no further information on specific targets, timing, or method of attack, or capabilities of these individuals.

In the past, terrorists have not

distinguished between official and civilian targets. As always, we take this information seriously. Terrorist attacks may occur on or around dates of religious significance. U.S. government facilities remain at a heightened state of alert.

Americans living or traveling in Tunisia are encouraged to register with the U.S. Embassy through the State Department's travel registration Web site: <https://travelregistration.state.gov>. U.S. citizens are encouraged to consult the Consular Information Sheet for Tunisia on the Department's Web site at travel.state.gov.

Community Action Council

This forum is to discuss issues that affect the community.

If you have an issue that you would like to submit, visit the 22nd Area Support Group Web site at www.22asg.vicenza.army.mil and click on the Community Action Council link. This link provides you the opportunity to review issues that have been previously submitted and responded to by post agencies. There is also a form available for you to submit any new issue you would like addressed.

If you have any questions, call 634-5222 or 0444-71-5222 from off post. The command encourages you to identify yourself when submitting a CAC issue in order to be able to answer your concern directly.

Childcare is offered during the CAC at \$2.50 per hour, per child for children ages 6 weeks through kindergarten from 8:45-11:15 a.m. Preregistration is required. Children will be cared for in the Child Development Center, Building 395. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services Central Registration. Call 634-7219 or stop by their new location in Davis Hall.

The next CAC is May 25 at 9 a.m. in the Ederle Theater.

Issue: The water was recently moved from the entrance of the commissary. People should be able to get their water

before anything else since they can't set it on top of their other groceries. If there is a problem with people paying for water and then picking up extra water when they leave, then the commissary should simply not allow anyone to get any water that isn't in the cart when they checkout.

Response from Defense Commissary Agency: Due to pilfering, and as a security precaution, the water was moved to the queuing line in front of the checkout stands.

Patrons can pick the water up as the last item, or have the bagger retrieve it for them.

Issue: Recently the chairs and benches for the baggers to sit on at the commissary were taken away. Baggers work all day and into the evening and they should be able to sit and rest whenever they need to. Many of the baggers are older women who should not be forced to stand up all day long.

Response from DeCA: Chairs were removed due to unprofessional appearance and conduct in this area. The bench was reinstated with a Memorandum of Understanding with the Head Bagger that baggers would receive appropriate discipline if the baggers violated DeCA sanitation standards and established business practices.

Issue: Accident and Loss of Life reports, which describe the injuries or deaths of Soldiers all over the world, are sent out to this community.

The reports contain details and information about the loss of life or injury that could be unsettling to a spouse or other family member reading the e-mail.

You are not an accident

This is the second in a series of 40 articles written by the 22nd Area Support Group Chaplain's Family Life office, in partnership with deployed SETAF and 173d Airborne Brigade chaplains. This series of devotional articles is based on the book, "A Purpose Driven Life," by Pastor Rick Warren.

The intent of these articles is to offer the deployed soldiers and their family members a devotional meditation which can be used as weekly discussion and to deepen their spiritual connection during their separation.

Rev. Warren's book is a 40-chapter spiritual journey that seeks to transform your answer to life's most important question: "What on earth are we here for?"

Knowing God's purpose for creating you will reduce your stress, focus your energy, simplify your decisions, give meaning to your life, and, most importantly, prepare you for eternity. The book is a blueprint for living in the 21st Century – a lifestyle based on God's eternal purposes, not cultural values.

By Chaplain (Capt.) Buddy Hammil
14th Transportation Battalion

"I am your Creator. You were in my care even before you were born."

Isaiah 44:2a (CEV)

"God doesn't play dice."

Albert Einstein

If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

Most of us are not satisfied with who we are. We think if we could just have been designed slimmer or prettier or stronger, then we would be happy.

We often think we got the short end of the straw – by accident.

Know this. You are no accident. God has designed you intentionally and specifically. He has designed everything

about you: your body, your talents, the uniqueness of your personality. You are uniquely you for a purpose.

God determined where you would be born and where you would live. You are not here in Vicenza, Italy by accident. You are here for a purpose.

Rev. Warren says: "If there was no God, we would all be accidents, the result of astronomical random chance in the universe. There would be no right or wrong, and no hope beyond your brief years here on earth." (page 26).

But God does exist. He has created us for His purpose. Our life is no accident, but rather full of purpose – God's purpose.

The only way to truly discover our purpose for life is through discovering God. By getting to know the One who so painstakingly designed and created you, you come to learn your own reason for existence. And also come to accept yourself even with your self-perceived blemishes.

"The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us." Romans 12:3 (The Message)

Rev. Warren gives us this question to ponder: "What areas of my personality, background, and physical appearance am I struggling to accept?" (page 28)

Knowing that God has uniquely created me means that none of these are by accident.

So why might God have created me this way? For what purpose has He designed me?

A great way to discover the reason for your unique design is join with us on Sundays as we worship at the chapel. There is no better place to discover God's reason for you.

Join together with the people of God as we look at the truths of God contained in the Bible.

A co-worker read one such notice and was visibly shaken with regards to the information she read.

To add insult to injury, there is more than one person sending out this information, which means we get it twice. Is it possible to disseminate the information by some other means?

Response from the Safety Office: Preliminary Loss Reports are disseminated throughout the Army by the Combat Readiness Center to ensure commanders are aware of the accident trends and have appropriate and timely information to take necessary actions to prevent like occurrences. The SETAF commanding general directed the 22nd Area Support Group Safety Office to disseminate these reports down to the local command and directorate levels. The information contained in PLRs is disturbing and intended to provide the impact that we are needlessly losing Soldiers through preventable accident losses.

This information is short and provides just enough details to allow commanders to take actions as required. PLRs do not contain any more information than can be read in the Stars and Strips or seen on AFN television. They are published more frequently and contain both combat, on duty and off duty accidents.

However, knowing the sensitivity of having loved ones deployed, the Safety Office will now only distribute PLRs to Commanders and Key Staff.

Issue: I would like to know if Caserma

Ederle can offer a shuttle bus service to the airport for families. It is very difficult to get there on our own, and if need be, we could also pay a fee.

Response from Directorate of Logistics: Currently, there is in place an Airport Shuttle Service for personnel traveling on official travel orders. i.e.; TDY or PCS. This service is authorized IAW AR 58-1, paragraph 2-3. Paragraph 2-4, of this same regulation, precludes the use of Non-Tactical Vehicles for the conducting of personal and non-DoD related business.

Personnel requesting official travel should make their requests at the Installation Transportation Office located in the Central Inprocessing Facility, located in the Golden Lion. Personnel need bring with them a copy of their orders and flight information. This should be done at the earliest possible time.

Families may utilize the official Airport Shuttle service on a Space Available basis. Personnel wishing Space Available travel can contact the Transportation Motor Pool at 634-6916 to inquire as to the availability of transportation on the day they wish to go to the airport.

Personnel should realize that the shuttle service only runs if there are personnel traveling on official orders and at the times requested by the official traveler.

This also applies to any requests for Space Available travel returning from airports.

All Space Available pick ups will be made on post at either Davis Family Readiness Center or the Ederle Inn.

Supply Support Activity takes first for fourth time

By Diana Bahr
Outlook Editor

When you're good, your good and the Soldiers and civilians of the 22nd Area Support Group, Directorate of Logistics, Supply Support Activity, are very good indeed. For the fourth year in a row the Lerino-based section was recognized March 15 as the 2005 Installation Management

Agency-Europe, Chief of Staff Army Supply Excellence Award for Large SSA, in a ceremony at the Village Pavilion in Heidelberg.

The SSA went on to be evaluated in the Army's worldwide competition for supply excellence, where they were runners up.

"This year's competition was more difficult, due to the fact that there were only two categories in the competition," said

Chief Warrant Officer Jorge Mercado, accountable officer for the SSA. "Last year there were four categories. All the units who competed this year were broken down by either small or large SSA. It didn't matter if they were MTOE (Modified Table of Organization and Equipment), TDA (Table of Distribution and Allowances), or specific classes of supply. I think this shows that we are the best of the best."

The SSA isn't losing too much sleep over not finishing first at Department of the Army level this year, after all, they came in first in 2002, finished second place in 2003, and came in first in 2004.

What is the secret to their success? Personnel, according to Mercado.

"It's the dedicated professionals I have working for me, both Soldiers and Italians," he said. "We have an extremely proud team who enjoys working hard, serving customers, and is dedicated to being the best SSA in the Army. This is the attitude we try to instill in all new members of the SSA. Our achievements are truly a team effort."

But it's not all smooth sailing, as in all customer service-based organizations there are challenges.

"Educating our customers, most of whom are infantry Soldiers, on proper supply procedures is our biggest challenge," said Mercado. "We follow supply procedures in accordance with Army regulations and try

to get the customer do the same thing. I enjoy teaching and mentoring young Soldiers."

Keeping staff motivated can be a challenge, too. But, judging by the way this group wins competition after competition, Mercado must be doing something right.

"I try to motivate my staff by recognizing them for their hard work. I do this by rewarding them with time off, cash awards, etc.," said Mercado. "I think you should always treat your employees with respect and in the same manner you would like to be treated if you were in their shoes. But, we're human and we do have personnel issues and problems that any other organization has. We just try to deal with it the best way possible."

"I'm very proud of our accomplishments in the SSA since I've been the accountable officer. It's been almost three years and my staff has performed admirably—every single one of them."

"There's a good working relationship between civilians and Soldiers, we consider ourselves a family. I'm thankful for every single one of them," said Mercado.

The Chief of Staff Army Supply Excellence Award Program is designed to enhance logistics readiness and supply effectiveness.

Annually, CSASEA recognizes extraordinary supply operations, property accountability, and resource management.



The staff of the 22nd Area Support Group, Directorate of Logistics, Supply Support Activity proudly pose with their first place plaque and cup they received as the Installation Management Agency-Europe Chief of Staff Army Supply Excellence award for Large SSA. In no particular order are: Elena Andreoli, Giberto Berdin, Marcello Bon, Mario Carron, Delfina Cattelan, Marsilio Ceron, Carmen Civarelli, Michele De Toffoli, Margherita Frigo, Staff Sgt. Keisha Hoffman, Sgt. 1st Class Anthonette Horton, Antonio Lazzaro, Giuseppe Lazzaro, Sgt. Kendall Mahabir, Roberto Maschio, Chief Warrant Officer Jorge L. Mercado, Carlo Moscon, Flavio Munari, Dennis Severson, and Franca Tessari. (Photo courtesy of Valerio Andreazzi, 22nd Area Support Group)

Asian Pacific American Heritage month kicks off on Caserma Ederle

Equal Employment Opportunity office
Press Release

May is Asian Pacific American Heritage month and to kick off the event a brief speech was given in the post exchange food court by SETAF Rear Detachment chief of staff, Cmdr. Kenneth O'Brien.

O'Brien spoke about the sacrifices and support made on behalf of the Asian Pacific American community to the military, mentioning the Soldiers of the 100th Battalion 442nd Infantry, who were Japanese Americans and fought enemy forces near Livorno. The 100th/442nd suffered an unprecedented casualty rate of 314 percent and received more than 18,000 individual decorations. The 442nd Combat Infantry group emerged as the most decorated combat unit of its size in the history of the United

States Army.

After his speech, O'Brien, Cindy Pierson, Equal Employment Opportunity office director, and Sgt. 1st Class Tracey Johnson, 22nd Area Support Group Equal Opportunity NCOIC, cut a cake and served it to the crowd gathered for the event.

The South of the Alps dining facility will feature food from Asia during the lunch hour Thursday and again May 19.

May 19 is the main event of for Asian Pacific American heritage month and the festivities will be held at the Teen Center/ Youth Pavilion from 3:45-6 p.m. for entertainment, food and more!

AAFES is holding a luau May 21 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. with games, events and barbecue in the food court. May 24, AAFES presents "Dances from the Philippines" at 11 a.m. at the post exchange. AAFES also presents a martial arts demonstration in the post exchange May 28 at 11 a.m.

Anyone interested in helping with the events should contact the EEO office at 634-7976 or 7914 or the EO office at 634-7093.

Still time to sign up for Summer Hire program

Submitted by Vicenza CPAC
Press Release

The Vicenza Civilian Personnel Advisory Center is accepting applications for the 2005 Summer Hire Program.

The program runs June 27 through Aug. 5 and the salary is \$5.14 per hour.

Jobs are available in the areas of clerical, labor, and child development work.

Applicants must be a family member between the ages of 14 and 22, a U.S. citizen and if interested in child development positions, must be at least 16 years old.

Vacancy announcements, a web-based application form, and instructions are available on the Civilian Human Resource Agency-Europe Web site at www.chra.eur.army.mil through Friday.



Left to right: Sgt. 1st Class Tracy Johnson, Equal Opportunity office NCOIC, Cindy Pierson, Equal Employment Opportunity director, and SETAF Rear chief of staff, Cmdr. Kenneth O'Brien serve up cake to the crowd gathered at the kick off of Asian Pacific American Heritage month. The event was held May 2 at the post exchange food court.

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In Europe, health care is just a phone call away

By Amber Heston
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Special to the Outlook

It's a Sunday morning, and you awaken feeling queasy and a heaviness in your chest. Are you about to experience a heart attack...or was it just the pepperoni pizza you ate for dinner last night?

At your First Sergeant's going-away event, your buddy knocked back a few too many.

While driving him home, you notice his breathing seems slow. Upon arriving home, he begins persistently vomiting. Should you take him to Vicenza's San Bortolo Hospital for emergency treatment...or does he just need to

sleep it off?

Guidance to health questions and concerns such as these is only a telephone call away for U.S. military health system beneficiaries here in Europe.

TRICARE Europe offers a 24-hour a day, seven days a week, toll-free Nurse Advice Line. By calling 800-877-660 from any land line in Italy (when calling from a cell phone, charges may apply), patients can speak with a registered nurse who can help guide the patient to the most appropriate source of care.

Callers can also access an audio health library containing more than 450 recorded topics on all types of health matters.

The Nurse Advice Line is a free

service for TRICARE participants, DoDDS employees, Department of Defense civilians, and eligible contractors in Europe.

For members of the Vicenza military community, the Nurse Advice Line supplements the care offered at the U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza, which, unlike the telephone line, does not operate 24-hours a day.

Vicenza community member Suzi Boydston said the Nurse Advice Line proved useful to her one night when her teenage daughter suddenly began experiencing acute ear pain at a late hour, after the U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza was closed for the day.

"I felt fortunate that they were

there," Boydston said of the Nurse Advice Line staff.

"It was beneficial to call and find out if I should take her to the hospital, or wait until the morning," Boydston said. "They asked me all the right questions to get me to the answer they needed to find."

The Nurse Advice Line also allows patients to receive answers to routine health questions – such as whether to treat a particular injury with heat or ice, or how to tell if you have a cold or the flu – without having to make an appointment to see a doctor at the Vicenza health clinic.

"This direct contact with a health care practitioner who is trained at screening serious medical conditions from conditions that can

wait until the next morning or at a later time," said Col. Ronald Keen, Vicenza Health Clinic commander. "This ensures that the patients have the peace of mind that quality health care information is available to them around the clock."

Members of the Vicenza military community are encouraged to call the toll-free line to explore the topics included in the recorded audio health library, or to speak with a registered nurse about any health questions they may have. Now, any time of the day, health information is only a phone call away.

Volksmarch, pancake breakfast help celebrate Month of the Military Child

Story and photo
By Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

In celebration of Month of the Military Child, the 22nd Area Support Group Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation held a Volksmarch and Pancake Breakfast April 30.

The volksmarch was held on the track of the North 40 and was followed by the breakfast at Joe Dugans.

"It was a pleasure to be involved in the CYS Month of the Military Child Volksmarch and Pancake Breakfast this year," said Lizzie Sexton, 22nd ASG Child Development Center Training and Curriculum Specialist.

She explained that since 1986 the Secretary of Defense has designated each April as the 'Month of the Military Child.'

"Our children are an inspiration and source of pride to us all. It is fitting that we reflect and recognize the contributions and personal sacrifices our children make to our lives and mission," said Sexton. "Frequent moves and extended family separations make military life especially challenging. By celebrating 'Month of the Military Child,' we thank Caserma Ederle children."

The breakfast was especially meaningful to Sexton for, as a young child, her mother would serve a pancake dinner on nights when Sexton's father was called away on business and she remembers how happy the dinners made her feel.

Caserma Ederle Body Shop wants to 'pump you up!'

Story and photo
By Diana Bahr
Outlook Editor

Caserma Ederle wants to pump you up and now has another fitness facility geared to helping you do just that.

The plain, square yellow building located across the street from the Ederle Inn hides 13 new CYBEX Variable Resistance Strength trainer, 14 Hammer Strength trainers, three new sets of Iron Grip dumbbells that go up to 100 lbs in weight, and men's and ladies locker facilities.

On the upper floor, you'll find fitness, training and aerobics studios with 15 spin trainer bikes and aerobic steps.

Under a warm, clear blue sky, Col. Donald Drummer, 22nd Area Support Group commander, dignitaries from the Installation Management Agency's Morale, Welfare and Recreation division, along with community members, officially opened the Body Shop.

"We are taking another step forward in transforming the quality of life for our Soldiers and for our community," said Drummer. "This state-of-the-art facility

will have a tremendous impact on mission readiness, community harmony and the physical well being of all community members."

Drummer also thanked the following Vicenza community members for arranging the ceremony and to acknowledge those whose work made facility a reality: Leo Hargreaves, Regional Contracting Office engineer; Rudy Prischich, contracting officer; Kambiz Razzaghi, Director of Public Works; Silvano Rizzo, contracting officer representative, Marco Vicenzi, contractor's representative; and Jeff Leedy, chief, Community Recreation Recreation.

Drummer then called up several people from the audience to help cut the ribbon and the audience was invited to come inside the facility where they could have staff from the fitness center demonstrate the equipment.

The fitness center annex is open Monday-Friday, 6 a.m.-8 p.m.; weekends 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. and holidays from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and offers refreshments for sale such as water, power drinks and energy bars.



And they're off! Seventy-two Camp Darby community members participated in a 5k Fun Run held April 1. (Photos courtesy of Livorno Unit School).

By Vickie O'Brien
Livorno Unit School Public Affairs
Special to the Outlook

As the gun went off, so did 72 members of the Camp Darby community who were participating in a 5K Fun Run April 1. Among the group were 29 students from Livorno Unit School.

The run, hosted by the physical education class, sponsored by Global Credit Union and

A healthy way to begin the day

the Camp Darby Fitness Center, raised \$550 toward relief the Tsunami victims of Southeast Asia.

The cross curricular project proved to be a great experience for the high school students as it stressed the importance of life-long fitness.

The students coordinated, organized, and promoted the event.

They wrote letters to the various agencies, participated in the selection of the T-shirt logo design, drafted registration forms and produced a commercial with AFN.

Some students ran in the race, while others worked behind the scenes to ensure the event went smoothly.

Support for the race came from the Red Horse Flight in the form of a safety briefing, MEDDAC care, timers, recorders, and water stations under the direction of Master Sgt.

Sgt. Scott, Military Police, also provided personnel to regulate traffic control to ensure the safety of all runners.

Kendra Sexton, Fitness Center facility manager, was the official starter for the race.

The post exchange, Darby Theater, Burger King, bowling alley, ITR, and the Fitness Center also donated prizes, which were raffled off at the end of the race. Water and refreshments were provided by the commissary.

The final results were:

Girls, ages 12-14: 1st place Helen Delle-Rovere (25:50); 2nd place Francesca Harbison; 3rd place Georgina Wilde.

Boys, ages 12-14: 1st place Timothy Salerno (23:36); 2nd place Alexander Guerra; tie for 3rd Dunlap Hall and Steven Lamorie.

Girls ages 15-18: 1st place Chelsea Denkins (32:58); 2nd place Bianca Andrews; 3rd place Kren Cedeno.

Boys ages 15-18: 1st place and overall winner: DeAngelo Hall (20:04); 2nd place

Alessio Buccellato; and 3rd place Garrett Portwood.

Congratulations to the following community members who placed first in their age groups: Elise Holtan, Carlye Edward, Elena Coleman, Alex Cubas, Julie Houser, and Jerry Thompson.

The school hopes that the enthusiasm demonstrated this year carries through to next year, and the race becomes an annual event.

Livorno girls ACE multimedia class

By Chiara Mattiolo
Camp Darby Public Affairs

Interaction between service members and children can help foster good relations and a true insight into the military way of life.

Every week, Amanda Oliver, Chelsea Tutko, and Tamara Patterson get to learn a little more about the military through a Multimedia class at Camp Darby. As part of the class, the students learn photography, radio skills, and even clay animation.

The three students of Livorno Unit High School's ACE Productions come to AFN Livorno every Tuesday for a little broadcasting practice.

The ACE is taken from the first letters of Amanda and Chelsea's first names, and Tamara's middle name, which is Elizabeth (they say ACT just didn't sound right).

To get their message out to the

other students on Wednesday mornings, they record a radio announcement with one of the Soldiers, most often it's Sgt. Randall Jackson or Spc. Christopher Meadows, two broadcast journalists who working at AFN Livorno.

"They've taught us to pronounce our words correctly, and to stand close enough to the microphone to be heard, but not too far away," said Amanda.

It's also a time for the Soldiers to pass on some of the lessons they've learned.

"When the kids are here working with us, I hope they learn the technical parts of it; how to work with editing programs and broadcast-type terms and skills," said Jackson. "I also hope they enjoy coming here and being mentored by military personnel."

Chelsea enjoys the chance to learn something about the Army

she didn't know before, and appreciates the Soldiers taking the time to teach them what being a military broadcaster is all about.

"If they didn't, we wouldn't know how they do their jobs here, and how the radio station works," she said.

Jackson says it's also a chance for the broadcasters to make an impression on the young girls of how servicemembers perform their day-to-day jobs.

"Maybe they don't get to spend time at other people's jobs, or other Soldiers, so they get to come see us, and I think it's nice they see we have a professional job, and we interact pretty well with the children," he said.

The third student of the group, Tamara Patterson, realizes something like this might not be possible on a larger post.

"I know that I'm really grateful for doing all this - coming in here

and being able to do this, because it's one of those experiences that you don't get very often," she says. "And because we live in such a small area, with not a big class - it's just us three, we get the opportunity to learn and do these things."

Thanks to the class, not only do they get to have fun, but they also get a message out for the students, by the students.

(Editor's note: Spec. Keil Pflieger, AFN Livorno, contributed to this article.)

Junior ROTC drill competition brings out best

Submitted by Vicenza High School
Junior ROTC
Special to the Outlook

The Vicenza High School Junior ROTC, 10th Cadet Battalion, hosted a drill competition on Caserma Ederle April 30.

Because of costs involved in sending drill teams to Italy from Germany, it isn't often that Vicenza hosts the other members of the Southeastern Drill Conference, which includes schools from Hohenfels, Vilseck and Bamberg.

The competition began promptly at 9 a.m., unfortunately, Bamberg High School was unable to compete, and competitive events included Regulation Platoon (13 or more participants), Regulation Squad (7 or more participants), Individual Regulation, Individual Exhibition (Free Style) Team Exhibition and Color Guard.

The Vicenza team was led by Cadet Sgt. Reagan Womble, included Cadet Staff Sgt. Joey Flahaut, Cadet Cpl. Matthew Issertell and Cadet Pfc. Chad

Askins, Cadet Pvts. Efron Aceves, Cameron Garrett and David Myers.

After the competition, the VHS Junior ROTC drill squad was announced as the winners. This was followed by another first place finish by the Color Guard, which consists of Womble, Flahaut, Askins and Aceves.

In the Individual Competition, VHS Junior ROTC Cadet Command Sgt. Maj. Noel Fernando came in first, and Womble finished third.

These victories ensures the team has secured an invitation to the European Drill Championships conducted in Mannheim May 14.

The judges included Sgt. 1st Class Roderick Dowdell, 13th Military Police, as Senior Judge, Staff Sgt. Kevin Buhler, 22 Area Support Group, Staff Sgt. Todd Baum, 24th Quartermasters, and Sgt. Sanagustin of Vicenza Health Clinic.

These NCO's volunteered to work on a Saturday in order to support the competition, and the participants thank them for their support.

AFN celebrates 50 years of service

Story and photo
By Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

American Forces Network-South, celebrated 50 years of service to Soldiers and civilians April 29 with a huge party on Hoekstra Field. The event began by dedicating the AFN-South building in honor of a former AFN commander, Lt. Col. Stephen Mason, who passed away in 2004.

Mason was remembered for his outstanding contributions and unwavering loyalty that made AFN-South what it is today. After the dedication ceremony the party began with food specialists from the South of the Alps Dining Facility preparing hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken and more. Members of the U.S. Navy Sixth Fleet Band "Protocol Combo" performed and a special appearance from "Elvis" (Kevin Boucher) had the crowd on their feet dancing and singing.



Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

Exhibition

The biggest all-round exhibition, the 83rd *Campionaria*, will be held at the Padova exhibition grounds Saturday through May 22. Entrance is free.

You can find everything for the home, vacations, hobbies, sports, car, motorbike, garden furniture and swimming pools, camping equipment and more.

There will also be demonstrations on spinning, horse riding, and music shows to name but a few.

Open weekdays from 4:30 p.m. to midnight and weekends from 10 a.m. to midnight.

To get to the exhibit, take the A4 autostrada east, exit at Padova est, and follow signs for '83rd *Campionaria*.' If going by train you will find the grounds 500 meters from the Padova train station.

Flower and plant exhibition

In the gardens of Villa da Schio, located in the town of Costozza (near Longare), Saturday and Sunday, there is an exhibition-market of plants and flowers, some of them rare.

Among the items are rose plants, garden furniture, gardening books (in Italian) and paintings.

More than 40 exhibitors will have on show and for sale orchids, water plants, sweet-peas, geraniums, grass seed, fruit trees, etc.

You can also find dried and decoupage flowers, engraved flowers on glass and flowers in natural soap (not too early to think about seasonal gifts).

The gardens will be open each day from 9 a.m. to sundown. Entrance fee is 6 Euro, but groups of 10 or more persons pay 4 Euro.

Vogalonga boat race

The Vogalonga in St. Mark's Basin is one of Venice's biggest events.

The race, held Sunday, is traditionally linked to the old ceremony of the Doge's symbolic marriage to the sea.

The course is a long one – 30 km – and leads across the lagoon to the island of Burano and back, winding through Cannaregio and the Grand Canal on the home stretch.

More than 50 rowing clubs take part, as well as people from all over the world. Past participants have included a Chinese crew in a dragon boat, Oxford and Cambridge rowing crews in straw boaters, and a hardy local who has twice swum the entire course of the race.

The boats gather in St. Mark's Basin and, after a few lusty and rousing hymns to Venice and St. Mark, set off, weather permitting, at about 8:30-9 a.m. Expect huge crowds.

Venice – disabled friendly?

Ever wondered if Venice is 'disabled friendly?' Wheel chairs are allowed on the Waterbuses No. 1, which runs every ten minutes,

and No. 82, only one wheelchair is allowed on the boat at a time.

For information on handicapped access to visit Venice's sights, call 041-2424.

Jammin and Jazz festivals

Imola (near Bologna): The Heineken Jammin' Festival takes place this year June 10-12 at the Imola racetrack.

Performing on June 10 are Vasco Rossi, Le Vibrazioni and Papa Roach.

June 11 listen to REM, Green Day and Garbage

June 12 brings Oasis, Velvet Revolver and Billy Idol to the stage.

Find information on the Web site: www.heineken.it.

Vicenza: Jazz New Conversations – Sunday, in the main squares of Vicenza at 4 p.m., catch Thelonious Big Band; Thelonious Music Ensemble and Sauro's Band.

Later Sunday at 9 p.m., enjoy the Manu Dibango & Soul Makossa Gang in the main square.

Vicenza: May 21 at 4 p.m. see the Funk Off Complessi band and majorettes in the town center.

At 9 p.m. in the Astra Theater, listen to Francesco Cafiso and Riccardo Arrighini, and the Lydian Sound Orchestra. Charles McPherson plays 'Bird at Massey Hall,' there is a cost of 15 Euro for the 9 p.m. performances.

Perugia: The Umbria Jazz Festival will be held in different locations in the city July 8-17.

Among the more than 50 stars to perform are: Elton John, the Count Basie Orchestra, Diana Ross, Bobby Jones & The Nashville Super Choir.

Information on the who and where performing are on the Web site: www.umbriajazz.com.

Concerts

Bruce Springsteen performs June 4 in Bologna, June 6 in Rome and June 7 in Milan.

Marilyn Manson performs his "Against all Gods" tour in Milan June 7.

Pat Metheny plays jazz in Castel Scaligero, Villafranca in Verona June 15, and in Milan June 21.

Alice Cooper plays in Torino July 21.

U2's World tour: Vertigo//2005! are scheduled for July 20 and 21 in Milan at Stadio Meazza, and July 23 in Rome at Stadio Olimpico.

Look for tickets online for these concerts and more at www.ticketone.com, or at your favorite music store in downtown Vicenza.

Medieval event

Soave, located between here and Verona, will celebrate its white wine that is produced in the area at a medieval fair Sunday.

Visitors will find the historical city center filled with characters in period costumes. The main focus is on the local wines, but also oils, cheeses and other produce are available.

Different events will be going on throughout the day starting at 9

a.m., to include a medieval market.

For more information about the city of Soave, see page 8.

Alpini rally

Don't we all just love a military parade? Not really far to go to see an Italian one when the 78th Alpini (Soldiers of mountain regiments) rally in the city of Parma Friday and Saturday

The Alpini Soldiers and veterans will be giving music concerts in the city and province, they sing unaccompanied and are great fun to hear.

The rally will conclude Sunday when more than 100,000 Alpini Soldiers and veterans ('once an Alpino always an Alpino') and others march through the streets of the city of Parma.

With a start time of the parade at 8:30 a.m. and with the schedule of the last march past at 5:30 p.m. a total of 500,000 spectators are expected from Italy and abroad to cheer the Soldiers and veterans on.

The Veneto section, which includes Vicenza, Bassano, Marostica and Verona, will march past with a start time of 10 a.m.

The President of Italy, Carlo Azeglio Ciampi will be in attendance on the reviewing stand.

Other events that day include music concerts, markets, exhibitions, and more.

The city of Parma is approx. 130 km south of Vicenza.

More information is on the Web site www.ana.it, but in Italian only.

Next year the Alpini rally will be held in nearby Asiago.

Verona Volksmarch

The road march 'StraVerona,' takes place Sunday with a start time of 8:30 a.m. from Piazza Bra, the main square of Verona.

There are three distances, 6, 12 or 21 km and the march is open to persons of all ages.

It is possible to register at a cost of 5 Euro, until 8 a.m. on the day of the race.

If visiting Verona expect several of the main roads to be blocked off to traffic until the end of the race.

Artisans and the Palace

Artigianato e Palazzo (Artisans and the palace) is a three-day fair, Friday-Sunday, in Florence that displays the arts and crafts of traditional artisans from all over Italy and Europe.

The fair is held in the gardens of the Palazzo Corsini.

More than 100 artisans prepare their stands as open-air workshops, where they demonstrate their skills in pottery, the making of straw hats and willow baskets, glass cutting and more.

The fair is open each day from 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m., entrance fee is 7,50 Euro.

In the gardens also find an open-air restaurant that serves traditional Tuscan food, snacks and drinks.

The Palazzo is located in the center of Florence; if going by train it is located a 10-minute walk from the Santa Maria Novella railroad station.

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

May 11	Because of Winn-Dixie PG	7 p.m.
May 12	Constantine (R)	7 p.m.
May 13	The Ring 2 (PG13)	7 p.m.
	Cursed (PG13)	10 p.m.
May 14	The Ring 2 (PG13)	2 p.m.
	Man of the House (PG13)	7 p.m.
	The Ring 2 (PG13)	10 p.m.
May 15	The Pacifer (PG)	2 p.m.
	The Ring 2 (PG13)	7 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

May 13	Robots (PG)	7 p.m.
May 14	Son of the Mask (R)	7 p.m.

Movie Synopsis

BECAUSE OF WINN-DIXIE - *Jeff Daniels, Cicely Tyson.* A 10-year-old girl, abandoned by her mother when she was three, moves to a small town in Florida with her father, a preacher. She also adopts a stray dog whom she names after the local supermarket where she finds him. With her goofy pooch by her side, she meets an eclectic group of townspeople, and re-kindles an almost lost relationship with her father.

CONSTANTINE - *Keanu Reeves, Rachel Weisz.* Based on the DC-Vertigo comic book "Hellblazer", Renegade occultist John Constantine has literally been to hell and back. He teams up with skeptical policewoman Angela Dodson to solve the mysterious suicide of her twin sister.

THE RING 2 - *Naomi Watts, Simon Baker.* Sequel to the horror flick *The Ring*, Naomi Watts reprises her role as Rachel Keller, who, six months after the events of the first film, moves to Astoria, Ore., with her son, Aidan, to escape their memories of what happened in Seattle. When a few locals start dying, however, and a strange videotape reappears, Rachel becomes aware that the creepy Samara is back and after Aidan.

CURSED - *Christina Ricci, James Brolin.* Ellie and her brother Jimmy are on their way home when they get into a car accident. While trying to help the other driver out of an overturned vehicle, the other driver is attacked by what Jimmy swears was a "huge man-like wolf". Both Jimmy and Ellie end up scratched and possibly bitten by the creature. When they begin noticing strange physical effects and behavior—including both of them suddenly becoming more assertive socially—they begin to wonder if a werewolf has bitten them. If so, will they turn into werewolves, too?

SON OF THE MASK - *Jamie Kennedy, Alan Cumming.* This newest film in the "Mask" series focuses on aspiring cartoonist Tim Avery who's feeling reluctant to become a father when he finds that he has to take care of a baby with amazing abilities.. somehow, the baby has the powers of the Mask of Loki, a mythological object that transforms its user into a manic shapeshifter alter-ego. As bad as a baby with godlike powers might seem, the 'really' bad news is that Loki wants his mask back...

MAN OF THE HOUSE - *Tommy Lee Jones, Cedric the Entertainer.* Hard-edged Texas Ranger Ronald Sharp is assigned to protect the only witnesses to the murder of a key figure in the prosecution of a drug kingpin — a group of University of Texas cheerleaders. Sharp must now go undercover as an assistant cheerleading coach and move in with the young women — possibly the most terrifying assignment in his 30-year career in law enforcement.

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.

How to help MWR help you

Submitted by 22nd ASG MWR Marketing Division

To better provide the Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs community members want, the 22nd Area Support Group is participating in the Army-wide 2005 MWR Leisure Needs Survey. The purpose of the survey is to obtain valuable information about customer leisure time activities, and use and satisfaction with MWR facilities and programs. The survey ends May 31.

Survey data is used in program planning and decision-making to improve the MWR activities that are important to quality of life in the community.

Soldiers and civilian employees selected through random sampling distribution will receive a survey through their unit or workplace. The survey will be mailed directly to spouses and military retirees.

Survey respondents will have the option to take the MWR Leisure Needs Survey in the traditional paper survey format or online through a secure Web site.

If selected to participate, community members are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to voice their opinion on Army MWR. All survey responses are anonymous and confidential.

Further information on Army MWR is available at the Web site: www.armymwr.com.



While visiting ancient castles, visitors may recall to their mind visions of what might have happened within their walls in the past, such as knights who saved the fortress thanks to their heroic actions, nobles who banqueted in the frescoed dining room by the light of the chandeliers and wedding ceremonies of the lord of the castle who married a beautiful princess.

This coming Sunday, the *Castello Scaligero* in *Soave*, east of Verona, will evoke an event called the investiture of the Lady of the castle, as part of the *Festa Medievale del Vino Bianco*, a feast that represents facts and traditions from the past, when the princess of Svevia became the bride of *Federico della Scala*, Count of *Valpolicella*, an area near Verona.

According to the saying, he discovered some revitalizing qualities in the white wine of Soave, and nowadays the town dedicates to this so-called nectar of the Gods an annual event scheduled the third weekend of May.

During this occasion, the castle becomes a destination where tourists, VIPs and authorities from all over Italy get a feel of the ancient times. Within its ancient walls, in the biggest courtyard, people wearing costumes evoke the medieval lifestyle by recreating a historical procession, a medieval market and representing ancient arts and crafts.

In addition to the cultural event, the town also presents the local production of wines and food.

The highlight of the feast takes place in the castle, a well-preserved fortress whose origins go back to the beginning of the X century.

The history of the fortress is intricate because many owners fought for the possession of it, since it was built on a strategic area. In less than 200 years, it belonged to the dynasties of the *Scaligeri* from Verona, the *Visconti* from Milano and the *Carrara*, Lords of Padova, until the inhabitants of Soave opened the gates and surrendered to the Venetians in 1510.

After being leased to the *Gritti* Family, of which Andrea was a *Doge* in Venice, the medieval construction lost its strategic importance because of some military changes in the way of fighting.

In the 1700s, the castle was used as a farm, and then it was abandoned until the 19th century when *Antonio Cristiani*, Verona Mayor for several years bought it.

Only in 1889, his grandson, *Giulio Camuzzoni*, started the process of a long restoration that allows visitors to enter the three courtyards,

the embattled main tower, probably used as a prison and a place of torture, and the *Casa del Capitano*, Captain's House, a medieval house built against the South wall. In addition to the rooms, some of which are still decorated with noble coat of arms and richly carved furniture of the 14th century, from the small study, the visitors may walk outside to the battlements and appreciate the view of the massive complex and the surroundings from the top of the tower.

The castle is open daily from 9-noon and from 3-6 p.m. during summer. It is closed on Monday. Admission for adults is 4,50 Euro and 3 Euro for children 3 to 12. For groups (at least 25 people) is 3,50 Euro. For info call the castle attendant at 045-768-



Far left: Northern view of the *Castello Scaligero*, immersed in the land of vineyards. Soave is well known for its wine production, and annually a feast is dedicated to its white wine. (See in the box below some details about the *Festa del Vino Bianco*)

Left: Students enjoy the view from the upper courtyard while touring the castle grounds.

Below: View of the castle battlements. Some areas are still open to visitors.

Center: Detail of the staircase of the medieval house built in the third inner courtyard against the South wall.



Left: An arched doorway located on the castle's battlements allows visitors to go up and access the main tower of the complex. Below: The main tower sits in the third courtyard. In the past it was used as a prison and a place of torture.



0036. Soave is reachable by car from Vicenza by taking the Autostrada A4 in the direction of Verona. After about 30 Km., take the Soave exit. Parking is available before entering the city walls and nearby the entrance of the castle.

The Vicenza ITR offers a trip to Soave in occasion of the Medieval Wine Fair on Sunday. The departure is scheduled for 9 a.m. from the chapel parking lot.

The trip includes transportation, Castle entrance fee, light lunch with wine tasting

and tour and escort assistance. The cost \$49 for adults, \$35 for children 3 to 12, and free for children under three years old.

For information call ITR, located across from the shoppette, at 634-7094.

The *Festa Medievale del Vino Bianco*, a Medieval Wine Fair opens on Friday with the Medieval Banquet in the castle (reservations at the Pro Loco at the 045-7680648).

Several events are scheduled in the historical downtown on Sunday including a medieval market, which will take place on *Corso Vittorio Emanuele* from 9 a.m.-7 p.m.,

There will also be a representation of medieval lifestyle and arts and crafts in the area downtown with characters in period costumes, and the investiture at the *Castello Scaligero*, the Castle, at 5 p.m.

