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Bamberg team briefs Soldiers, families moving to Germany



Following the briefing Wednesday from the Bamberg Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Mark Gatto, Soldiers and family members proceeded to the front of the Ederle Theater to raid the pamphlets-filled tables and speak with the school liaison and housing manager. (Photo by Sgt. Maj. Lawrence Lane, SETAF Public Affairs)

SETAF Public Affairs News Release

Soldiers and family members filed into the post theater Wednesday hoping the information they were about to get would ease their minds and anxieties about the quickly approaching move to Bamberg, Germany.

A team of Bamberg community representatives, including the

Bamberg Garrison Commander, Lt. Col. Mark Gatto, a school liaison officer, housing manager, and integration officer, was on hand to brief and answer questions the Soldiers and family members had about the Bamberg community.

Everything about the Bamberg post, as well as the host community and their services, was mentioned in an overview given by the commander. After Gatto spoke about the post, he fielded

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Maj. Gen. Jason Kamiya
SETAF Commanding General

questions from the sizeable crowd. The questions brought up ranged from whether there is an option for private and on-post family housing and the availability of pre-natal care on post or in the community, to how vehicles are getting moved to Germany and the job situation for spouses.

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less stressful and as easy for you as possible,” said Maj. Gen. Jason Kamiya, SETAF commanding general.

Along with the briefing and question/answer session, there were tables set up for registering children for school and talking to the school liaison, as well as a display with photos of the on-post housing.

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G6 outlines Army's licensing agreement with Microsoft

USAREUR Public Affairs News Release

U.S. Army, Europe's Chief Information Office (G6) has recently received queries from Army in Europe organizations concerning Microsoft software support. The information below outlines how units acquire Microsoft software.

Approximately two years ago, the Department of the Army entered into an Enterprise License Agreement or ELA with Microsoft to provide all Army organizations with a single mandatory source for acquiring their Microsoft software, which includes server and workstation operating systems (Windows XP) and many of their business applications (Office, MapPoint, SQL Server, MS Project, etc).

The purpose of the ELA with Microsoft is to save money through large-scale purchases and licensing, while also implementing improved standardization and security, and positioning the entire Army to operate as a highly collaborative and connected enterprise. The complete list of MS products available through the ELA can be found on the Army Small Computer Program Web site at <http://pmscp.monmouth.army.mil/home.asp>. The ELA separates MS software into three categories. The ASCP site clearly identifies which software is in what category, and whether the requesting unit has an obligation to pay for the software.

Eleven Microsoft software requests are ordered

through the ASCP Web site by each unit's information management officer, or IMO. The IMO must be on official duty appointment orders and a copy of the orders must be received by the USAREUR CIO-G6 to set up the ordering chain through the ASCP Web site.

One recent issue about which G6 has received queries pertains to the Microsoft Systems Management Server software. Some personnel incorrectly believed the SMS server software was a free issue item to any unit that wanted to install it. Each installation of the SMS server requires:

- Pre-approval by USAREUR CIO-G6 and the U.S. Army's Network Enterprise Technology Command, and

- Full payment through the system from the unit requesting the server before they can receive the license key which allows them to install the software.

The misunderstanding comes from the client (user) license which each user must also have to allow connection to the SMS server. This license is called a client access license, and is free for all users who have installed the ELA version of Windows XP for workstations and laptops.

The first step in acquiring Microsoft software should be to discuss your requirements with your IMO. Do not buy Microsoft software from any other source except the Army's ELA with Microsoft. For more information, check the ASCP Web site or contact the USAREUR CIO-G6 Policy and Governance Branch at 370-7361.

WARRIOR GAMES

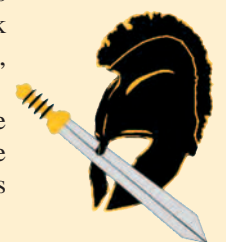
HomeFront Celebration

Warriors' Challenge

The Warriors' Challenge will be one of the toughest competitions of the three-day celebration. It relies heavily on teamwork, endurance and navigation as well as individual skills. Teams of four (same or mixed gender) will race together approximately five hours, through a series of checkpoints to get to the finish line, as quickly as they can. The course is off post and a secret until the competition begins. To assist them they could have bikes, kayaks and personal equipment. This event is designed to push the envelope of human endurance.

The rules are quite simple. The team must get from the start to the finish by themselves and with no outside help. They must carry with them what they need to survive. During the race they receive no hot food or morale support, they must provide for themselves. The pressure of racing must be dispersed through a solid team structure. If a person drops, the entire team must halt. When an individual reaches total exhaustion resulting in complete body shutdown the entire team is condemned to the same fate. If they dare, they can rest. Extreme situations cause emotions to develop in very quick sequences and even after hours of racing, success and failure almost touch.

Each member of the winning team will take home a brand new mountain bike. For more information or to register your team for this event stop by Outdoor Recreation.



BAMBERG:

Bamberg team briefs Soldiers, families moving to Germany

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"I am very excited about the move to Bamberg, and this briefing answered the questions I had," said family member Kim Messer. "They seem to have a lot to offer on top of what Italy has and the fact that everything is on post and within walking distance is great."

Welcome videos, including information and video clips of the post, the city of Bamberg, recreation activities available, school registration and youth services information, bus schedules and more, were available for the Soldiers and family members who were interested in a closer look at Bamberg. The students from the Bamberg schools also made "student-to-student" DVDs to give the incoming students a glimpse into the schools in Germany.

"The briefing was a great overview of Bamberg," said Chief Warrant Officer Monique Ryan, adding that one of her daughters is ecstatic to start first grade in Germany. "The amount of information given and handed out, not only about the schools but overall, will make the move a lot easier."

The tension and stress that weighed heavily on the crowd when they entered had vanished during the course of the briefing. And for those who missed the opportunity, visit the Bamberg Web site at www.bamberg.army.mil for all the welcome information.



A panoramic view of downtown Bamberg overlooking the Regnitz River. (Photo by Simon Hupfer, *The Point*)

Facts about Bamberg, installation

About Bamberg

The Bamberg installation is about one mile in length and one half to three quarters of a mile in width. Germany is a prime location being in the heart of Europe four hours from many major European landmarks. There are bus stations close to the post, as well as a train station. An airport is located nearby in Nurnberg. Wurzburg and Grafenwoehr are both located approximately 100 kilometers away. The host nation and the Bamberg military communities have long term, cordial relationships. The city of Bamberg is very touristy and was virtually untouched by the war.

Bamberg Installation

Post Facilities – The post facilities include the basics such as a PX, Commissary, but also a 24-hour Shoppette where gas coupons can be purchased. There is a 24-hour gas station on post, nine-hole golf course, and a brand new \$15 million fitness center. There is no swimming pool, but there are numerous public swimming pools located in the community directly off post.

Housing – There are 1,800 barracks spaces on post for single Soldiers all of which are located near dining facilities. There are four-, three- and two-bedroom quarters available for families on post as well. Government and private rental are available off-post and the choice of where to live is up to the Soldier and family. There are washer and dryers located in the common areas, basements, or the hallways of the housing buildings. Storage space is available with size varying on the housing building. There are play parks, gazebos and a dog park on post. Internet (DSL) is available on post and easy to pay and hook up. Furniture can be provided if needed.

Mail – There is no Community Mail Room. Mail goes to the unit.

Schools – The high school, which includes the middle school age students, has about 750 students and the elementary school has about 700. There is an active Parent and Teachers Association program and extensive athletic program. There is bus service for students residing off post with several routes but parents may have to drive their students to pre-approved pick-up points.

Child Care – There are six home child care providers in Bamberg, a Child Development Center with an 89-child

capacity, and a Short Term Alternative Child Care site which offers hourly care, 10-hour free child care for E4 and below, and Parents Night Out service for anyone.

Pets – Pet owners must register at the Vet Clinic on post within 12 days of arrival. The following dogs are not allowed in Germany: Pit Bull, Bandog, American Stafford, Bull Terrier, and Tosa. There are other dogs that must go through a "temperament test" to be allowed to stay in country.

Dental & Health Clinics – Both the Dental and Health Clinic use the host nation services. There are 24-hour patient liaisons at the four main German health clinics, which range in distance from 10 to 60 kilometers away from the post. Pre and post natal care will be given to mothers at the off post host clinics where they will also be giving birth.

PEP Group – There is an active group called PEP (People Encouraging People) where spouses get together and learn about the culture, transportation, sites, and restaurants. This is great to empower the spouse to get out and make the best of their time in Germany and be a part of the community.

Vehicle & Driving – The driving license from Italy will transfer to Germany; drivers will not have to retest. Drivers have 30 days to register vehicles. Drivers must drive vehicles to Germany and will be reimbursed mileage after arrival.

Note: The SETAF command is putting together a team from the SETAF community to hold a forum to answer the questions dealing with the issues on the Vicenza end of the move. The date has not been set and will be advertised.

A Sneak-Peek of Bamberg

There will be a free trip May 16-18 to Bamberg for those who will be moving there soon. Spend one and a half days in Bamberg, getting a look at where you and your family are moving. Check out the housing and other facilities available and go to an expo about the post and area. The trip is for any Soldier or family member (no children) moving to Bamberg in the upcoming months.

There will be some incidental costs, but transportation and billeting are free. RSVP to the Vicenza Information, Tours and Registration office by Wednesday. For more information, contact or visit ITR at 634-7094.

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 next CAC will be May 24 beginning at 9 a.m. in the Ederle Theater.

Issue: Wheelchair/Handicap Non-accessibility – Some buildings on post, such as the Education Center, Housing Office, and Legal Office are multi-level but don't provide elevator access for those unable to use the stairs. Parents with infants in strollers are also unable to access these offices without difficulty.

Recommendation: Install elevators in multi-level buildings or find another way to provide access for people unable to use stairs.

Response from the Directorate of Public Works:

The issue of improving the installation for "handicap accessibility" (physically impaired/challenged) has been a long-standing goal for DPW and the garrison. The facilities you mentioned are all leased facilities and pose slightly different issues than those buildings on-post, as far as modifying the facilities to meet our needs. The 2020 MasterPlan for Caserma Ederle will see most of those leases of non-compliant facilities go away, or at a minimum restrict their use to less public/community type activities.

We have addressed this issue at several of the facilities on-post with several more to follow pending funding. Typically we try to work these issues into collective projects to have some savings associated with bundling projects. Just recently we have added handicap accessibility to the 2nd floor of Building 2, the renovated dental clinic, with an elevator and have relocated the Tax Relief Office downstairs in Building 243 with an elevated sidewalk that provides a level entrance access into the new UTEP office as well as the Thrift Shop, BNL and the Global Credit Union.

We keep a list of all the common use public facilities and do attempt to correct these accessibility issues as funding allows. We appreciate the feedback.

Issue: Hells Angels Flyers in the Community Mail Room – I was recently in the CMR and noticed multiple post card sized flyers advertising a Hells Angels party in Vicenza. This type of advertisement does not seem appropriate to be displayed in our community. Wouldn't it be illegal for members of our military and civilian community to associate with a "club" that is known for its criminal activities?

Recommendation: Remove flyers such as these immediately from the CMR and enforce stricter rules for posting such

advertisements on the caserma.

Response from the Directorate of Human Resources:

Flyers and publicity announcing "Hell's Angels" functions and many other notices are being dropped off in the CMR lobby after hours. Each morning at 7 a.m. the Administrative Services chief walks through the lobby and constantly removes such items. Also, spot checks are done throughout the day to clean up the lobby area. The CMR is an area everyone visits and it should be noted that the only authorized items in the glass bulletin board are authorized; one exception to this policy is the MWR "take-one" boxes which they monitor. We will continue to monitor the lobby to eliminate unauthorized flyers, correspondence, etc., from being distributed in the CMR.

Issue: Restricted School Bus Routes – I live outside the current Vicenza schools bus routes. When I asked why bus service was not available in my area (Monti Berici region), I was told it was a safety issue. I drive these roads daily and see Italian school buses and regular city buses negotiating the roads without incident. Why are these roads more dangerous for the same buses; only because they carry DoDDS children? These restricted bus routes limit housing options in a market which is already limited. With the expected increases in assigned personnel to this community, this problem will intensify.

Recommendation: Re-evaluate the "safety" issue and provide bus service along all major roadways within a circular radius instead of zig-zagging along geographic features.

Response from the School Transportation Office:

On Feb. 22, the Student Transportation Office staff met with the Housing Officer to discuss the Vicenza School Commuting Area. Housing stated the zone does in fact encompass sufficient housing within the proximity of the school to meet the

needs of the Vicenza community.

In accordance with DoD Regulation 4500.36R, Management, Acquisition, and Use of Motor Vehicles, Chapter 6, para 10 a. (2), the commuting area shall be based on availability of adequate housing within the proximity of the school. Elapsed travel time via designated modes of transportation from the farthest point within the commute area should not exceed one hour, except as authorized in section 6-14.

If a locality or section otherwise within the commuting area has difficult or unsafe access; e.g., during the winter, it may be excluded from the commuting area. The area west of SS247 (Monti Berici) is unsafe during the winter months and is therefore, excluded from the commute area.

Each incoming sponsor is required to certify in writing (at Housing Office) that he or she has been advised by the installation or community commander regarding the commuting area and understands that, if family housing is obtained outside this area, transportation of any dependent student between residence and an existing school bus stop within the commuting area is the sponsor's responsibility. The certification will be filed in the housing referral office for the length of the sponsor's tour or extension thereof.

A commuting area is more than a simple arc on a map. It's seldom a perfect circle emanating out from a school. There are areas that pose difficult or unsafe access that must be excluded. They key is not to focus on shape, but to provide a service area that is safe and encompasses sufficient housing to meet the needs of the community.

The mission of DoDDS-Europe pupil transportation is to provide safe, responsive and efficient pupil transportation services for eligible students. Safety of the passengers is of the highest priority and is entrusted to the contractor.

Changes to EFMP policy affect overseas duty assignments

By Staff Sgt. Kelly Bridgwater

Europe Regional Medical Command Public Affairs

The policy that recommends family travel to overseas assignments based on health care availability in military medical treatment facilities in Europe was recently revised to include care at host nation medical facilities.

Brig. Gen. Carla Hawley-Bowland, Commander of the Europe Regional Medical Command (ERMC), said the revision of the medical policy for the Exceptional Family Member Program in Europe comes at a time when the number of military forces and supporting installations is being reduced.

"The loss of staff and medical facilities limits the number of exceptional family members who can be treated. This policy revision expands the resources that will be available to exceptional family members," said Hawley-Bowland.

The general explained that the revision was necessary so that recommendations for assignments based on EFMP considerations could be expanded. The change reduces lost duty time and decreases the number of inappropriate assignments because medical services are not available to exceptional family members.

An exceptional family member is a person (child or adult) with any physical, emotional, developmental, or intellectual disability that requires special treatment, therapy, education, training, or counseling. The purpose of EFMP is to identify their special medical and educational needs and determine the availability of services when military and civilian DoD employees are considering future assignments.

"EFMP assists in the assignment coordination process," said Becky Tucker, ERMC EFMP coordinator, "to ensure that service members and DoD civilians are assigned to locations where the necessary medical services are available and that sponsors are aware of the availability of these services at their future assignment location."

Tucker said that EFMP is a mandatory enrollment/screening program that works with military and civilian agencies to provide comprehensive and coordinated medical, educational, housing, community support, and personnel services to families with special needs.

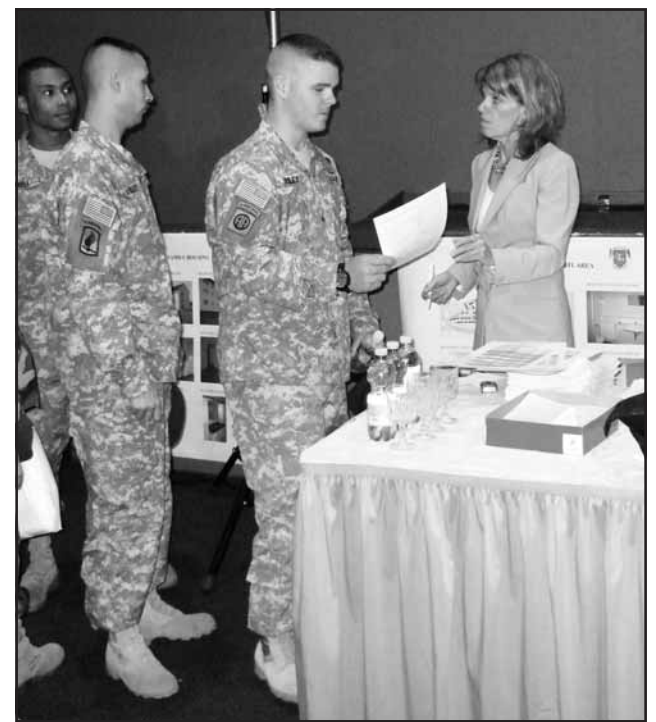
"Before the EFMP policy change, assignment recommendations of medical care for EFMP family members was based on care provided by the military treatment facility," said Tucker. "This new policy incorporates host-nation hospitals and providers within the TRICARE network and increases the availability of an overseas assignment for personnel with exceptional family members."

The majority of assignment recommendations made to personnel agencies are to locations where family practice, internal medicine, pediatrics, physical therapy, adult psychiatry, or child psychiatry are available, based on the needs of the family member.

"When a sponsor with exceptional family members receives an overseas assignment they will have to carefully weigh their options," said Tucker. "We want families to continue to seek overseas assignments but also want them to make informed decisions about assignment options based on the information provided through their personnel offices."

"The impact of the policy revision is that service members and their families have a wider range of overseas duty location options because of a broader range of medical treatment sources," said Tucker. Families already enrolled in EFMP will not see changes to their care. Things will stay in place until their next duty assignment, according to Tucker.

However, the policy change does not mean that everyone enrolled in EFMP is eligible for an overseas tour. "Not all families will be allowed to accompany their sponsor on an overseas tour," said Tucker. "Each case is still reviewed on



Vicenza Exceptional Family Member Program Manager Frances Packard speaks to Soldiers and assists them with the correct paperwork to do an EFMP screening following the Bamberg briefing held Wednesday in the post theater. (Photo by Sgt. Maj. Lawrence Lane, SETAF Public Affairs)

an individual basis. Sponsors who have exceptional family members must complete all the required forms before an overseas assignment. The screening process includes reviews by medical and educational professionals as well as the gaining command and personnel services," she explained.

"If a service member's EFMP case is not approved for an overseas tour there are still options," said Tucker. "Soldiers may request a deletion of orders, a deferment of orders, or they may accept an 'all others' tour, meaning the service member completes an overseas tour without family members."

Exceptional Family Member Program

For more information, call Frances Packard, EFMP program manager, Army Community Services at 634-8582 (0444-71-8582) or stop by her office in the Davis Family Readiness Center, Room #27. Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. or email frances.packard@setaf.army.mil

Nurse Advice Line offers medical help, 24/7

New feature allows direct appointment scheduling

By George Woodward
TRICARE-EU PAO

It's 2 a.m., and your 3 year old has a funny rash and a fever that just hit 100 – and climbing. Who do you call?

You call the nurse, of course.

More specifically, you call the TRICARE Nurse Advice Line at 800-87-7660 on and off post in Livorno, and off post in Vicenza. Choose Option 2, "Speak to a Registered Nurse."

The Nurse Advice Line gives TRICARE beneficiaries 24-hour-a-day access to professional nursing advice, so they can get answers to their medical questions, self-care advice, ask to have their primary care provider call them or – with a recently

added feature – even schedule an appointment at the military treatment facility.

"Previously, if the Nurse Advice Line nurse advised making an appointment, our patients would have to wait until morning to call the appointment line," said Maj. Eduardo R. Godoy, commander of the Livorno Health Clinic. "No more. Now the Nurse Advice Line can make the appointment directly. It's a great service for our patients."

Godoy stressed that the Nurse Advice Line is not intended for emergencies in which life or limb are in danger.

For on-post emergencies, call 633-7575 or commercial 050-54-7575 to the MP Desk in Livorno, or 634-7626 or commercial 0444-71-7626 to the MP Desk in Vicenza. Also in Vicenza you can dial 114 from a DSN phone on post for emergencies. These are the points of contact for all emergencies. Off post, call 118 for Italian

Emergency/Ambulance.

The Nurse Advice Line also offers information on hundreds of health topics in its Audio Health Library. And its nurses can even help patients manage chronic conditions such as diabetes or asthma.

"Anyone who has a family knows that health care issues don't follow a schedule," said Godoy. "Sometimes, you need to talk to someone in the middle of the night, or on the weekend. The Nurse Advice Line fills that need for our patients. No matter when you need them, registered nurses are just a phone call away."

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Livorno
off post in Vicenza**



A Job Well Done

Maresciallo A. S. UPS Ezio Schirato, Parona, Verona Carabinieri commander, receives the Army Commendation Medal from Lt. Col. Angela Haynes, executive officer, USAG Vicenza, Thursday. The award highlights Schirato's contribution to the security of the American compound in Parona, Verona, during a critical period of terrorist threat to U.S. Forces in Europe. Schirato's performance of duty from Oct. 31, 2000, to Dec. 31, 2005, was nothing less than outstanding in support of the U.S. NATO Forces in Verona. The Verona command thanks all who made contributions to the base security of the Joint Command South NATO forces in Verona. (Photo by Spc. Justin Nieto, SETAF Public Affairs)

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Adopt a pet



The Vicenza Vet Clinic has a cat for adoption. He is a 10 1/2-year-old male cat that is very friendly and loves attention and to be brushed. He does get along with other cats however he likes to be the center of attention so that may cause friction between the cats until they adjust. He is neutered, microchipped, and his vaccines are current until November.

He had a problem with bladder stones in the past and must be kept on a special diet to help prevent the stones from returning. The food can be purchased at the clinic and at local Italian pet stores. In the states, the food can be purchased only from a veterinarian.

This is an affectionate cat that would make a wonderful addition to a home where he is properly cared for.

The adoption fee is \$35 to offset the cost of treatment and food. Call 635-4841 (0444-71-4841) to set up an appointment to meet this beautiful cat since he is kept offsite.

Ladies, gentlemen of the jury

Trial exposes students to inner workings of law

Story and photos by Spc. Justin Nieto
SETAF Public Affairs

The arguments are prepped, the witnesses ready to be called and the trial ready to begin. The students of Vicenza High School participated in a mock trial Wednesday as a big part of their course grade and in honor of Law Day.

Law Day is an event created by the American Bar Association to "Focus on our heritage of liberty under law and learn how the rule of law makes our democracy possible."

"This is about as well supported an event as can be, thanks to the [Judge Advocates Office]," said Toni Boscacci, the Street Law instructor for Vicenza High School. "The JAG folks came in as guest teachers, explaining the roles of lawyers, how to develop a case and exposed the functions of the law to the students."

The students were also made aware of the numerous jobs, outside of being a lawyer, available to those interested; like a courtroom recorder.

"That's a big benefit to them," said Boscacci. "They are exposed to these new professions, and maybe they will think more about pursuing a career in the law field... and it gets them out of the classroom for a while."

The "trial" the students had to take on was only a civil case, yet the experience in a courtroom setting is the most valuable learning aid Boscacci could have asked for.

"Anytime students have an opportunity to role play, they can definitely learn more," said Boscacci.

Thanks in large part to a supportive Office of the Staff Judge



A Vicenza High School student cross examines a witness during the mock trial held Wednesday in the post courtroom. The trial was part of the students' Street Law course and coincided with Law Day, created by the American Bar Association.



A student gives his closing arguments to the jury, composed of his fellow students, during the mock trial.

Advocate, the students had a realistic stage for their trial: the courtroom here on Caserma Ederle.

"This year we wanted to work with the school more closely and try to have more of an impact than just helping them for one day," said Capt. Kimberly Barnard, with the OSJA. "We wanted to give the students an inside look at how the legal system and the trial process works, so we came in and gave classes and talked about different jobs in law as well."

The trial itself was a civil case, where third-party liability was the issue. A man was drinking at a party, left and got into an automobile accident, which led to the other person involved in the accident seeking compensation from damages from the host of the party. However, as the plaintiff already reclaimed the cost of vehicle repair from the driver and also couldn't prove the host negligently served alcohol to guests before they left the party, the defendant was found to be not at fault.

"I really enjoy working with students as I had an interest in law at 16," said Barnard.

"I originally didn't want the lawyer role," said Daniel Kempf, a senior at the high school, who enjoyed a short, successful



Capt. James Hill (right), with the Staff Judge Advocate, explains court procedures to the class before the mock trial begins. Hill acted as the judge for the trial.

stint as the defense attorney for the trial. "But being one in the trial makes you think about having a career in law, even though I never thought of it before."

Soldiers cut, rake, trim to beautify installation during Spring Clean-up

Post gets a face lift



Spc. Michael Amirault and Spc. Michael Gallagher from the 509th Signal Battalion clean between the cracks in a sidewalk during the post's Spring Clean-up activities.

Left: Pvt. Chris Haney and Pvt. Ashly Flores, Headquarters Company, 14th Transportation Battalion, sweep and rake the grounds of Caserma Ederle as part of the spring cleaning tasks. (Photos by Spc. Justin Nieto, SETAF Public Affairs)

Asian, Hawaiian, Pacific Islander

Asian Pacific Americans encompasses many ethnic groups

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 Photos by **Laura Kreider**
Outlook Staff

Celebrated during May, Asian Pacific American Heritage Month is a time set aside to acknowledge the contributions of Asian immigrants to the uniquely American culture. It also provides an opportunity for employees to learn about the history, culture and heritage of Asian Pacific Americans. May was chosen for the observance to commemorate the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States in May 1843 and the Chinese' contributions to the building of the transcontinental railroad.

The term "Asian Pacific American" encompasses many ethnic groups with diverse backgrounds, histories, languages and cultures. Because the racial and ethnic makeup of the country has changed since 1977, the U.S. Census Bureau revised the standards for federal data on race and ethnicity.

The Asian and Pacific Islander ethnic groups have been split into two categories: "Asian" and "Native Hawaiian and Other



Pfc. Huong Huynh (left) and Maj. Gen. Jason Kamiya, SETAF commanding general (right), cut the first slice during the cake-cutting ceremony held at the Vicenza Post Exchange May 5 to kick off Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. Huynh is the youngest member of Asian Pacific Americans on post. She works as dental assistant at the Vicenza Dental Clinic. They were helped by children and community members representing Asian Pacific Americans.



A family member wears a Filipino traditional dress called *Mestiza* in the Asian Pacific Americans Fashion Show. The skirt has a long train, which was, either pointed, oval or square and has also the traditional bell sleeves. The girl wears a Korean pink dress called *Chamorro*.

Pacific Islander."

The bureau defines "Asian" as a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent. It includes "Asian Indian," "Chinese," "Filipino," "Korean," "Japanese," "Vietnamese," and "Other Asian" ethnic categories.

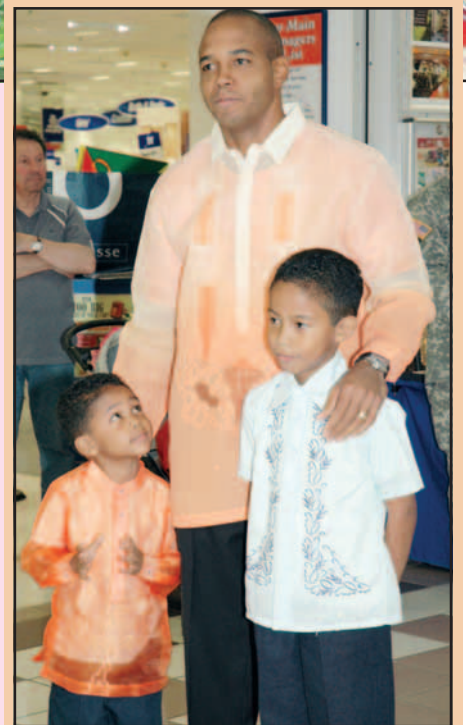
The "Native Hawaiian" and "Other Pacific Islander" category are persons having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands. It includes people who indicate their race as "Native Hawaiian," "Guamanian or Chamorro," "Samoa," and "Other Pacific Islander."

There are more than 14 million Asians and 976,000 Native Hawaiians and Other Pacific Islanders in the United States. Working in the Department of Army are over 8,000 civilians and 18,783 Soldiers of Asian/Pacific ancestry.

Locally, here at Caserma Ederle, there are 124 Soldiers and 15 civilians of Asian Pacific Islander ethnicity. Although small

in numbers, these individuals have played an important role in supporting the global war on terrorism and have contributed toward the well-being of our family members.

The community is invited to stop by the Ederle Library to view the cultural exhibit and attend the Caserma Ederle Asian Pacific Extravaganza on Friday from 4:30-7 p.m. at the Teen Center Pavilion. Other events planned are the AAFES Aloha Luau and karaoke contest on May 20 and the entertainment by the Vicenza Polynesian Reflection Dancers on May 24 at the main exchange. These events will give you the opportunity to learn about the history, culture and heritage of Asian Pacific Americans.



A family participates in the Asian Pacific Americans Fashion Show wearing the traditional orange *Barong Tagalog* and blue *Barong Tagalog* for casual wear.

Asian Pacific American Heritage events

- Asian Pacific Extravaganza: Friday 4:30-7 p.m. Teen Center Pavilion.
- The Ederle Library has a display of the culture and contributions of Asian Pacific people.
- AAFES Aloha Luau: May 20 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. in front of the PX. There will be fun and games for all ages and Karaoke from noon-5 p.m.
- Vicenza Polynesian Reflection Dancers: May 24 at the PX.

ACAP Web site sports new look

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Staying in tune with Army Transformation, the Army Career and Alumni Program has transformed its ACAP On-Line Web site to meet the changing needs of its various audiences.

This transformation gives the Web site a more modern look and provides eight user paths, each tailored to a specific client population. The paths are Army Leaders, Active Component, Reserve Component, Retirees, Army Veterans, DACivilians, Family Members, and Employers.

ACAP leaders point out that

reasons behind the new look and specific paths are more important than the changes themselves. The primary reason is to improve service to all users by giving them faster and more direct access to information they seek.

Another reason is to erase the perception of some that ACAP had tended to follow a "one size fits all" approach in reaching out to constituent client populations. Still another is the desire to more accurately reflect ACAP's basic mission to provide full employment assistance services while providing basic information and making appropriate referrals for other

transition assistance. The redesign essentially places all client groups on equal status as group members follow tailored paths to satisfy their information needs.

The transformed ACAP On-Line adds an Army Leaders path that explains the program from the leader's perspective. In addition to giving leaders basic information about ACAP, this path enables leaders to read or download a special PowerPoint presentation that provides a more detailed "Army leader perspective on ACAP."

The Web site redesign also highlights a feature designed for users who want more guidance as

they research transition and job assistance information. That feature, the Personal Coach, appears only on the Active Component path and guides the user more precisely through the various transition steps.

ACAP On-Line can be accessed at www.acap.army.mil. It complements the 36 ACAP Centers and 18 satellite offices worldwide that provide transition and employment assistance services to more than 70,000 transitioners annually. Persons familiar with the Web site see it as "a valuable Army tool that enables Soldiers anywhere in the world to access essential transition information."

Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

Mothers Day

Festa della Mamma, Mothers Day, is celebrated on the same day as in the states, May 14. Most children here, sometimes with the help of the father, remember their mother with flowers, a gift or special dinners. Find the stores full of gift ideas, large or small and restaurants/pizzerias fully booked.

Events in Vicenza

Alpini Rally: Vicenza is having their own Alpini rally on May 12-13 and all museums and exhibition halls will be open from 8-11:30 p.m. with a no entrance fee. Enjoy the Teatro Olimpico, Palazzo Chiericati, Santa Corona church, the Basilica Palladiana and others. On May 12 at 9 p.m. in the main square the *Cori Alpini*, Alpini Chorus, will perform. On May 13 at 4 p.m. there will be an Alpini parade starting at Viale Roma and going through the main streets of the town. At 9:30 p.m. enjoy jazz star Diane Schuur in the main square. Entrance is free. Also find many of the downtown stores open until midnight.

Antique Market: The monthly antique market will take place in the main squares downtown on May 14 with over 200 vendors; open sunup to sundown. This month also find under the *portici della Basilica Palladiana*, under the arches in the square, vendors of record discs and comic books and magazines.

Jazz Music: May 13 in *Piazza dei Signori* at 9:30 p.m. listen to jazz. Entrance is free, and on May 14 in the main streets of the city center starting at 4 p.m. sees Funk Off performing.

Art Shows: In the *Basilica Palladiana*, in the main square, see paintings and sculptures by the pupils of the English artists Neil Ferber and Phil Morsman and a photographic exhibition by Riccardo Schwamenthal and Roberto Polillo. The theme is "New Conversations - Vicenza Jazz." Open everyday, except Mondays, from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-7 p.m. until May 21. Entrance is free.

Fancy a ride in a plane: The AeroClub from *Vicenza* has flights that will give you a bird's eye view of

Vicenza's city center, Mount Berico and the Fimon Lake. On request the itinerary can be changed. Cost is 20 euro per person, with a minimum of three people. Phone 0444- 923-501; Italian spoken.

Events Around Vicenza

Asiago Alpini Rally: The Alpini rally in *Asiago*, where over 300,000 Alpini are expected, will take place May 13-14. On May 14 there will be the parade through the streets of the town. Expect crowds, and there are designated parking areas on the limits of the town with a shuttle bus service.

Gardening in Thiene: In the town of *Thiene* the city center will be transformed into a giant garden with vendors selling flowers, paintings and more on May 13 starting at 3-8 p.m. and May 14 from 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m.

Sagra, town fests: *Longare* holds its sagra town fair on May 13-14 this fair is very popular for its food tents serving dishes which main ingredients are *Piselli di Lumignano*, peas from *Lumignano*.

The town of *Ponte di Nanto* holds their sagra May 12-14. Find food tents serving *Prosciutto dei Berici*, ham from the Berici area. There is also rides for children.

Wine and food: *Lonigo* dedicates May 14 to biological products and wine tasting. Stands open at 9 a.m. The official opening ceremony is at 10 a.m. and from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. there will be guided tours of the stands explaining the different wines and foods.

Medieval Market: *Sandriago* will hold a medieval market on May 13 opens 7 p.m. in the main square of the town with the participation of flag throwers, knights and musicians.

Flower Show: *Noventa Vicentina* opens its flower show on May 14 where you may buy plants for the garden, balcony, house or garden furniture. In front of Villa Barbarigo see the *I falconieri del re*, the kings falconers, from *Siena* who will be giving exhibitions. In *Piazza Colonna* find craftsmen/women and artists in medieval costume working in long forgotten trades. At 3 p.m. a historical

parade will depart from Villa Cantarella dressed in 15th century costume who will escort Queen Caterina Cornaro, who arrived from Cyprus, to Villa Barbarigo where the doge Agostino Barbarigo will greet her. The parade will go through the town center, visit the medieval market to return to Villa Barbarigo to be greeted by the flag throwers.

Vicenza Jazz

The 9th edition of the Vicenza Jazz festival "New Conversations" is taking place this month. On May 15 in the Auditorium Canneli the Andrew Hill Quintet will perform; May 16 in the Teatro Astra an Italian quartet will play "Kind of Blue;" May 17 in the Teatro Olimpico sees Norma Winstone & Fred Hersch in the Janis Siegel Quartet; May 18 in the Auditorium Canneli "A Night with British Jazz." All performances start at 9 p.m. The full program that goes through May 20 can be found at the box office of the Teatro Olimpico where tickets can also be purchased.

Asparagus Dinners

Some of the restaurants in the city of *Bassano* and surrounding towns are offering dishes prepared with the vegetable which is now in full season - the asparagus. Specially designed ceramic plates have been designed for the occasion. Reservations are mandatory. List of the restaurants, dates and phone numbers can be found at www.ristorantibassano.com.

Exhibitions

The biggest all round exhibition will be held at the *Padova* exhibition grounds May 13-21. Find everything for the home, vacations, hobbies, sports, car, motorbike, garden furniture/swimming pools, camping equipment and more. Open weekdays 4:30 p.m.-midnight and weekends 10 a.m.- midnight. Entrance is free. Exit the autostrada at *Padova est*, east, and follow signs for 84th Campionaria. If going by train you will find the grounds 500 meters from the *Padova* train station.

Art: "Where Are We Going" is the name of the art exhibition being held

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

May 9	The Pink Panther (PG)	7 p.m.
May 10	Curious George (G)	7 p.m.
May 11	Firewall (PG13)	7 p.m.
May 12	V For Vendetta (R)	7 p.m.
May 13	Freedomland (R)	4 p.m.
	V For Vendetta (R)	9:30 p.m.
May 14	Eight Below (PG)	4 p.m.
	Date Movie (PG13)	7 p.m.
May 15	CLOSED	
May 16	Date Movie (PG13)	7 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

May 12	Date Movie (PG13)	6 p.m.
May 13	Madeas Family Reunion (PG13)	6 p.m.
May 14	Eight Below (PG)	2 p.m.

Movie Synopsis

EIGHT BELOW - *Paul Walker, Jason Briggs* - Inspired by a true story, EIGHT BELOW is an action-adventure about loyalty and the bonds of friendship set in the extreme wilderness of Antarctica. The film tells the story of three members of a scientific expedition: Jerry Shepard, his best friend, Cooper, and a rugged American geologist, who are forced to leave behind their team of beloved sled dogs due to a sudden accident and perilous weather conditions in Antarctica.

DATE MOVIE - *Allyson Hannigan, Adam Campbell* - The story of hopeless romantic Julia Jones, who has finally met the man of her dreams, the very British Grant Fonckyerdoder. But before they can have their Big Fat Greek Wedding, they'll have to Meet the Parents, hook-up with The Wedding Planner, and contend with Grant's friend Andy - a spectacularly beautiful woman who wants to put an end to her Best Friend's Wedding.

MADEA'S FAMILY REUNION - *Tyler Perry, Blair Underwood* - An unstoppable force of nature, southern matriarch Madea may have finally taken on more than she can chew. She has just been court ordered to be in charge of Nikki, a rebellious runaway, her nieces Lisa and Vanessa are suffering relationship trouble, and through it all she has to organize her family reunion. As the reunion approaches, secrets are revealed and tensions rise. Madea must use every tactic in her arsenal to not only keep the peace, but keep her family together.

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.

Mille Miglia car race

The *Mille Miglia*, thousand miles, is Italy's most famous vintage car race taking place in a loop circuit that stretches from Brescia to Rome, via Ferrara, and back May 11-14. There will be over 375 cars built between 1927-1957 participating belonging to sport, grand touring and touring categories. To see the route and were you could catch a glimpse of them go to www.millemiglia.it.

in *Venice's* Palazzo Grassi and has selected artworks from Francois Pinault. See works by artists such as Mark Rothko, Piero Manzoni and Donal Judd to international stars as Damien Hirst, Cindy Sherman and Maurizio Cattelan. It should be noted that visitors may be unsettled by some of the works exhibited. Adults visiting with children should be aware. Open everyday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. until Oct. 1. Entrance fee is 10 euro.

Cougar Track, Field finish strong in Aviano, place for European Championship



A Vicenza student runs the 200 meter dash during the track and field meet held in Aviano April 22. He took 2nd place in this race, 2nd place in the 100 meter dash, 3rd place in the long jump, and won with teammates Jereil McNealy, Stanley Douglas and Jordan Ehresman in the 4x100 meter relay.

The Vicenza girls won the overall competition with many of them qualifying for the European Championship in Germany. (Photo by Sheryl Loken, Vicenza High School)

Provided by Sheryl Loken
Special to The Outlook

The Vicenza High School Track and Field Team made an impressive performance against the teams from Naples and Aviano April 22 at the meet in Aviano.

The girls won the overall competition with many of them qualifying for the European Championship in Germany. Keisha Harrington placed 1st in the 100 meter and 2nd in the 200 meter. Volanta Stovall impressively won the 200 meter dash and placed 2nd in the 100 meter dash. Janaya Dash won the 300 meter low hurdles, placed 3rd in the 200 meter dash and 2nd in the 100 meter high hurdles behind her teammate Niasha Tate, who won the 100 meter high hurdles and finished 3rd in the 400 meter sprint. Tamika Smith finished 1st in the 400 meter sprint, and Mary Catherine Sughrue smoothly positioned herself to place 2nd in the 300 meter hurdles and 3rd in the 100 meter hurdles. The 4x100 meter relay team of Keisha Harrington, Janaya Dash, Tamika Smith and Volanta Stovall, along with the 4x400 meter relay team of Kenitra Harrington, Niasha Tate, Brennan Jeffries Cade and Tamika Smith, all cruised to a first place finishes and qualified for the European Championship. The Sprint Medley relay with Kenitra Harrington, Tamika Smith, Brennan Jeffries-Cade and Stephanie Meyers finished 3rd.

The Vicenza girls who participated in the field events had an impressive performance. Chakeira Gilbert and Jabrea James finished 2nd and 3rd in the shot put, and Jabrea James finish 2nd in the discus.

The girls 4x800 meter relay of Jasmine Perry, Gileris Aviles, Katanya Green and Stephanie Meyers finish 3rd with Volanta Stovall and Jasmine Perry placing 1st and 4th in the long jump.

The Vicenza boys had a tough but impressive performance, finishing second in the overall competition behind Naples. Darryl Alexander finished 2nd in both the 100 meter and 200 meter dashes. Stanley Douglas finished 3rd in the 110 meter high hurdles; Jordan Ehresman finished 3rd in the 400 meter sprint; and Brock Sierminski finished 2nd in both the 1500 meter and 3000 meter run.

Stanley Douglas and Darryl Alexander had very impressive long jump performances, finishing 2nd and 3rd place. The 4x100 meter relay team of Jereil McNealy, Stanley Douglas, Jordan Ehresman and Darryl Alexander held off Naples to win the relay. The 4x400 meter relay team of Jereil McNealy, Eric Canipe, Jordan Ehresman and Xavier Taylor finished 2nd. The 3rd place finish went to the Sprint Medley team of Jereil McNealy, Eric Canipe, Jordan Ehresman and Phillip Wiehe. The boy's 4x800 meter relay team of Chris Bender, Joe Wiehe, Malik Taylor and Phillip Wiehe finished with an impressive 3rd place position.

New dental clinic expansion opens

Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff



Lt. Col. Jamie Houston, Vicenza Dental Clinic OIC, views radiographs on the Digital Enterprise Viewing and Acquisition Application (DEVAA) system checking the relationship between wisdom teeth and the nerves. Right: Maj. Cathleen Sterling, dentist (left), and Sgt. 1st Class Jennifer Crook, senior dental NCO (right), test new equipment on Capt. Klaus Eastman, dentist, who sits in one of the new chairs, while Lt. Col. Jamie Houston, clinic OIC, looks on.



From left to right: Danira Weber, dental hygienist, Sgt. 1st Class Jennifer Crook, senior dental NCO, and Col. Thomas Jordan, U.S. Army Vicenza Dental Clinic commander, cut the ceremonial ribbon opening the clinic's newly renovated expansion on their second floor. The expansion includes the addition of 10 new dental chairs with supporting equipment and three new x-ray machines. During the event, Weber also received a Certificate of Appreciation for her 35 years of service at the clinic. Below: Col. Thomas Jordan, commanding officer, Vicenza Dental Clinic, visits one of the new rooms with Frank Powell, master planner, Directorate of Public Works.



May Classes at Vicenza Art Center

Sewing Class: Saturday and May 20, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. – This class is for individuals to create a fashionable spring outfit. Learn how to sew summer pants/skirt and matching top. Cost: \$20 (plus supplies).

Mothers Day Ceramic Tea Party: Saturday, 10:30 a.m.-noon – The Art Center will be hosting a special “Mom and Me Tea Party.” This is a perfect opportunity to spend some quality playtime with your child and enjoy a cup of tea while creating a family tea set. Cost: \$25 each pair and \$8 each addition cup.

Reintegration Framing Refresher Class: May 16, 4-5 p.m. – If it has been a while since you have been in the Framing Studio, come and brush up on your skills. For those 16 years old and older. Cost: Free.

Reintegration Framing Class: May 18, 4-8 p.m. – Class is only offered to returning Soldiers. This class is required to use the Frame Studio. Cost: Free (plus supplies). Hurry space is limited.

Reintegration Wood Safety Certification: May 26, 4-6 p.m. – This is a special class for Soldiers returning from deployment. This course is required in order use the Wood Shop. Cost: Free.

Intro to Picture Framing: May 27, 1-5 p.m.

– Do it yourself and save half the cost of custom framing. This class is required to use the Frame Studio. For those 16 years old and older. Cost: \$29 (plus supplies).

Scrapbooking: May 30, 4-6:30 p.m. – Do you have all the scrapbooking supplies you need but just don't know how or where to start? Or maybe you want to start but don't know what you need. Learn some basic techniques on layouts, cropping, and journaling. Share some of your ideas. Cost \$5 (plus supplies).

Children's Birthday Parties at the Vicenza Art Center: Creative children can enjoy a birthday party at the Vicenza Art Center. Ten children can enjoy creating a special art project of their choice. Two week pre-registration required. Cost: \$70-\$90, depending on project.

Registration and payment is required prior to all classes. Classes may be canceled if minimum enrollment is not met. Some classes require prior certification. Refunds on classes are given only with 48 hour notice. Call the Art Center at 634-7074 for more information on any of their programs, to volunteer or to inquire about teaching a craft class.