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319th AFAR Artillerymen hone skills on big guns

Story and photo
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Sky Soldiers from Bravo Battery, 4th Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery, 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, are bringing out the big guns for their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan.

Using borrowed M198 Howitzers, the artillerymen got a chance to sharpen their skills during a mission-readiness exercise in Grafenwoehr, Germany.

"This system is unique for us," said Capt. Jeff Bogaerts, battery commander. "Being light field artillery, we normally use the 105mm system."

Unlike the M119 – the military's 105mm Howitzer – the M198 uses 155mm rounds. It shoots farther, is more accurate and has a bigger kill zone. For these paratroopers, that means a more effective weapon against the enemy.

"Instead of jabbing them a couple times, now we can just throw one big punch," said Spc. Ryan Harris, the number one man with the battery's first section.

The purpose of the training is section certification and safety training as almost 90 percent of his Soldiers are not trained on the new equipment, according to Bogaerts. Using knowledge from their training, the section sergeants gave classes and conducted crew drills before they were able to send live rounds downrange.

It takes three men to load the round the

roughly 90-pound round into the tube. The weather created even more of a challenge during the March training. Sloshing through the thick mud and wet snow, the Soldiers struggled to be efficient as well as safe during their fire missions.

"The heavy rounds are a challenge, but the rain, snow and mud make it precarious," said Bogaerts.

Weather can also impact the range and trajectory of the weapon. The cold air causes the powder to burn slower and decreases how far the round will go. The speed of the wind can blow the round around and put it off of its course, according to the Soldiers.

The battalion's fire direction center takes these and other factors into account when determining fire directions for each section during a fire mission, according to Bogaerts.

The battalion recently augmented its teams with more Soldiers. The recent training also served to bring the teams together. Despite cold feet, runny noses and adverse weather conditions, unit morale and cohesion were at their best.

"Everybody works well together, these Soldiers fit right into the unit," said Pvt. Matthew Hooper, a Soldier who joined the unit in November.

When the time for live-fire finally came around, the Soldiers sprang to life. Each Soldier performs a specific task to make the mission come together. Between the explosions, it becomes apparent- these Soldiers are the most motivated when the rounds are being fired.

(Left) Pvt. Ryan Paris (top) and Spc. Ryan Harris (bottom) of Bravo Battery, 4th Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery, 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, push a 155 mm round into the tube of a M198 Howitzer during training in Grafenwoehr, Germany.

Sky Soldiers become first responders

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HOHENFELS, Germany - A convoy is traveling on a dangerous road in Afghanistan. A huge explosion goes off and the vehicles shake like they are in an earthquake. A humvee has been hit by an improvised explosive device, and the driver's legs are severed, and he is losing massive amounts of blood, would you know what to do?

Soldiers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team would be able to save the driver using training methods from the Bayonet First Responder Course at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany.

"The course is designed to give Soldiers the ability to respond to severe casualties out in the field," said Maj. David L. Hamilton, physician's assistant for the 173d Support Battalion (Airborne).

The course was created in the 1970s to help Soldiers prevent deaths down range. Over the past two years, the course has changed dramatically due to newly developed combat tactics.

"Medical skills are becoming more essential out in the field, so it's critical for everyone to be certified," said Sgt. Lamar A. Adams, a medic for the 173rd Support Bn and a First Responder Course instructor.

In the class, the Soldiers learn three steps in saving a casualty. The first step is care under fire. During this stage, the soldiers disable the threat in order protect the casualty from further injury, said Hamilton.

Tactical treatment is the second step, which is where the Soldier diagnoses and treats the casualty. Whether the casualty is in shock, needs a tourniquet, or a head

dressings, the Soldiers will be able to treat the casualty.

The last step is the casualty evacuation. In this stage, Soldiers learn how to load litters on trucks, call in a medical evacuation and how to keep the casualty comfortable and warm. There are thermal sleeping bags that casualties can be put in to help prevent hypothermia, said Adams.

"The training helps put Soldiers in the state of mind to be prepared for fellow soldiers being injured downrange," said Pfc. Luis L. Gonzalez.

This class is essential training for pre-deployment, said Hamilton.

Most combat deaths are from loss of blood, but items such as the new tourniquet, which gives the Soldier the ability to put it on with one hand in less than 30 seconds, QuikClot powder, and the Hexpan protein fluid, are being issued to troops in the field. Soldiers experiencing excessive blood loss now have a better chance of surviving, according to Hamilton.



A Sky Soldier practices giving an IV in the first responder course at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany.

Two G's for enlistees

By Sgt. Aimee Millham
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All Soldiers and retirees are one successful recruit away from making \$2,000.

The Referral Bonus Program has doubled its payout to sponsors from the original \$1,000, and recruiting command leaders expect it to help meet the Army's growing needs by encouraging more referrals.

Julia Bobick, U.S. Army Recruiting Command public information specialist, outlined the program: To get the bonus, a sponsor refers a prospect online, and once the Defense Finance and Accounting Service confirms that the recruit is, in fact, in Basic Training, it pays the sponsor the first \$1,000. Once the recruit graduates from Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training, DFAS pays the second \$1,000. Should the recruit not complete Basic Training, the sponsor may keep the first lump sum.

Eligible sponsors are Army retirees, active duty and Reserve Soldiers not serving as recruiters, and Delayed Entry Program Soldiers. However, sponsors cannot refer immediate family members or personnel in their chain of command.

Recruits with prior military service or at any stage of the enlistment process – including having met with a recruiter – are not eligible for the program, according to USAREC.

To refer someone, logon to the Army Referral System for the Sergeant Major of the Army Recruiting Team Web site at https://smart.goarmy.com/danana/auth/url_6/welcome.cgi, and follow the prompts. In order to submit their referral via the site, referring sponsors must establish either an Army Knowledge Online account at www.us.army.mil/suite/login/welcome.html or a Self-Registration account through www.goarmy.com/accounts/register/.

Ask AFTB

Full bird, mosquito wings - military rank explained

Army Family Team Building
Special to the Outlook

Mosquito wings, chevrons and rockers, butterbars, and a full bird. Another health-crazed diet recipe?

Not quite. These are some visual aids people use to identify rank insignia in the Army.

The insignia rank of a private resembles mosquito wings, or if you prefer, upside-down birds' wings.

Chevrons and rockers pertain to the insignias that sergeants all the way up to command sergeants major wear on their uniforms.

The distinction between the ranks are the number of rockers and the presence, or lack of, an emblem in the center.

Officer rank starts with a plain gold bar for second lieutenants and ends with four stars for a general. In between you'll find gold leaves, eagles and more.

And then there's the warrant officer group. Their rank is a solid silver bar with one, two or up to five black boxes inside signifying they are a warrant officer or chief warrant officer.

Confusing? Maybe. Hard to grasp and learn? Not at all. With the help of Army Family Team Building you can learn

military rank structure and be able to instantly identify where a Soldier falls in the rank structure at a glance.

Italian enlisted insignia also uses chevrons and rockers, but like the U.S. Air Force, the stripes are upside down and have the appearance of the letter V. Also, all Italian military wear a star on their collars.

The star signifies the Italian military is part of the United Nations.

Also, Italian officers use stars to signify rank. The Italian Army's *sottotenente*, (second lieutenant) *tenente* (first lieutenant) and *capitano* (captain) use stars to signify rank.

A crown and stars indicate an Italian field grade officer (major and above) and Italian general officers can be recognized by the appearance of a wreath and stars. Showing respect by saluting Italian officers should also be practiced on post.

This is just a small example of what participants learn in Army Family Team Building classes.

For details about upcoming AFTB classes call 634-8526 or 7500, or e-mail aftb.vicenza@setaf.army.mil. Army Family Team Building classes are also available online at www.myarmylifetoo.com.

Tax center here to help

By Mark Christensen
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Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

The USASETAF Tax Center is open with free services and include the following:

- ◆ Electronic preparation and filing of your 2006 state and federal income tax returns
- ◆ Direct deposit of state and federal refunds to your account
- ◆ Select IRS forms and publications
- ◆ Preparation of prior year returns
- ◆ Preparation of Puerto Rico returns
- ◆ Assistance obtaining Taxpayer Identification Numbers for non-U.S. citizen family members
- ◆ General information and assistance concerning income tax obligations

Individuals eligible for free tax assistance include active duty and retired soldiers, U.S. civilian employees and their family members.

For most Americans, deadline to pay taxes is April 16 this year. But if you served in a Combat Zone, your tax filing date is 180 days after you depart the Combat Zone, or your regular filing date (April 16 or June 15), whichever is later.

However, if you owe money on your taxes, you must pay the tax by April 16, 2007 to avoid any penalty or interest, even if you are outside the U.S. on that day.

Individuals with less than \$52,000 of adjusted gross income can electronically prepare and file returns for free at the IRS website, www.irs.gov and click on the 2007 Free File link.

Servicemembers can also electronically prepare and file 2006 returns online at no charge by going to the Military One Source site, www.militaryonesource.com.

Walk-in tax services

Walk-in services are available Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.

Complicated returns

Complicated return assistance for state, local and federal taxes is available as a drop-off service.

Individuals with complicated tax issues may drop off their tax documents any time the Legal Assistance Office is open, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - noon and 1-5 p.m. Complicated returns will be prepared in the order received, and will normally be completed within five business days.

For questions about taxes, call the Tax Center at 634-7041, 0444-71-7041 from off post, or stop by the office located in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate 6th Ave.

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	MAGGIORE	MAJOR		Appuntato Scelto	
	TENENTE COLONNELLO	LIEUTENANT COLONEL		Vice Brigadiere	
	COLONNELLO	COLONEL		Brigadiere	
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Clinic still uses Thursday mornings for critical Soldier, medical training

Below is an issue brought to the attention of the Community Action Council via e-mail and answered at the March 28 CAC/Information Exchange:

Issue: *USAREUR did away with mandatory Thursday morning Sergeant's Time training, but the Health Clinic still keeps its doors locked Thursday mornings until 1 p.m.*

My spouse recently had a medical problem and when I arrived at the health center at 9:30 a.m. to have her checked out, the doors were locked.

I understand that the enlisted soldiers in the Clinic may still conduct some cross-training Thursday mornings, but I do not see why the civilian employees cannot be on duty to service the community. It seems especially unreasonable now that the clinic has reduced Thursday evening hours.

Response from the U.S. Army Health Center-Vicenza: As we do not have an emergency department, we refer emergencies we are not equipped for to the Vicenza hospital. Symptoms you described, and any heart abnormality, are almost always referred to a hospital that has an emergency department with cardiology services and where we also have a 24-hour-a-day translator service and U.S. physician on call.

To respond to the first question, Gen.

McKiernan's intent to abolish the mandatory Thursday training time was to give units more freedom and flexibility to schedule training.

The health center has therefore decided to keep Thursday morning as training time. This training time allows providers to attend mandatory training required to maintain not only their skills but also their credentials.

As an example, we recently held classes in Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Pediatric Advanced Life Support, both of which are mandatory for providers and nurses working in our birthing center and immunization section.

In addition, Thursday mornings are dedicated to Continuing Medical Education (required for renewal of provider credentials), performance improvement meetings and other training.

This is required not only to maintain skills and knowledge, but also ensure the safety and well-being of our patients.

Regarding the reduction of health center hours on Thursday evenings, after careful analysis of our unused available appointments and workload, we decided this was necessary.

However, we did decide to keep the center open on Saturday, even though it is not fully utilized by our community.

Sea, city, island adventure awaits children of deployed parents

Installation Command-Europe
Press Release

Stress and resiliency take on a deeper meaning when you're a novice crewmember working watch on the deck of a sailing ship the first night at sea. You're challenged to face self-doubts and uncertainty, dig down into the core of who you are, rise to your ability to meet new tasks head-on, and learn the true meaning of teamwork.

This is just one scenario a Camp A.R.M.Y. Challenge participant may face.

Camp A.R.M.Y. Challenge—the acronym stands for Adventure, Resilience, Memories, Youth—offers several programs this year: City Adventure, Island Adventure and Tall Ship Sailing.

Camp A.R.M.Y. Challenge for middle school youth in grades 6-8 will be held July 16-21 in Heidelberg, Germany, and August 6-11 on a German coastal island.

The City Adventure session will include cultural awareness programs.

The Island Adventure session will feature an environmental awareness program.

The Camp A.R.M.Y. Challenge Tall Ship Sailing Program is a hands-on experience designed to challenge high school teens in grades 9-12.

Participants are only allowed to attend one session to ensure as many youth as possible have an opportunity to attend Camp

A.R.M.Y. Challenge this summer.

The camp is open to middle school and high school students in grades 6-12 (during school year 2006-2007) whose active-duty Army, Air Force, Navy or Marine parent deployed between June 1, 2006, and Feb. 28, 2008, are eligible to apply.

Complete information and the application form for Camp A.R.M.Y. Challenge are available online at www.mwr-europe.com. Applications will be accepted online only; the application deadline is midnight, May 4.



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Using home computers to access TSP may leave accounts vulnerable to theft

Army Criminal Investigation Command Press Release

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — Soldiers, family members and Army civilians using their home computers to access Thrift Savings Plan (TSP) accounts online can be vulnerable to having their personal information stolen, according to a recent alert posted on TSP's Web site.

According to the alert, TSP officials have identified customers who are victims of a computer crime known as "keylogging" or "keystroke logging."

Keylogging is a diagnostic tool used in software development that captures a user's keystrokes, but in the wrong hands, it enables criminals to record all the typing on a keyboard without the user's knowledge. The technique can capture a computer user's TSP Personal Identification Number (PIN) or other personal account information such as a Social Security number.

The director of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command's Computer Crime Investigative Unit, Michael Milner, said personal information is increasingly available on 'keylogger' lists for sale through criminal networks and so far, all of the TSP cases involve the transfer of electronic funds, since criminals normally prefer the 'paperless' way to steal money.

"Computer users should protect themselves from keyloggers and other malicious software and should promptly close the Web browser after they have checked their TSP account information," Milner explained. "Users must remember that logging off a Web site does not clear a browser's memory, and subsequent users might be able to access the TSP account information."

Milner said he is unaware of any Army victims at this point, but strongly recommends computer users review their

home system's security effectiveness to reduce exposure to these types of attacks.

According to the TSP's notice, external penetration testing determined the TSP record keeping system was not breached, but concluded personal information was compromised when keyloggers monitored each individual keystroke of some victims when they used home computers to enter their TSP PIN and Social Security number.

TSP was also able to identify participants who had relatively small amounts withdrawn from their accounts.

Users must remember that logging off a Web site does not clear a browser's memory, and subsequent users might be able to access the TSP account information.

As an added security measure, TSP has discontinued making electronic payments for online transactions, according to TSP officials.

Milner also explained that the best advice for

computer users is to follow general computer security principles at home and to download antivirus software.

Army personnel can download free antivirus software for their home computers by visiting the Joint Task Force-Global Network Operations (JTF-GNO) Web site at: https://www.jtfgno.mil/antivirus/home_use.htm.

They must access the JTF-GNO Web site from a ".mil," or military computer system and authenticate with their government Common Access Card and PIN. After downloading the software, they can then install it on their home computers.

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command will continually release notices such as TSP alert through their "CID Cyber Lookout" program, an initiative aimed at helping Soldiers protect themselves and their families from becoming victims of cyber crime.

To view the TSP Alert, visit www.tsp.gov/account/login_security-news-ab.html

Students sharpen leadership skills

By Pfc. Crystal Abbott
SETAF Public Affairs Office

Four students from Vicenza High School traveled to Oberwesel, Germany to sharpen their leadership skills at the International Student Leadership Institute held Feb. 25-March 2.

Jane Helmick, Rosie Malone, James Nausadis, and Danae Owens represented VHS at the event that hosted 75 DoDDs students along with 75 international students from countries across Europe.

When students first entered the Leadership Institute they were moved into groups of 10 called "color groups." Each color group was composed of a group leader and students who were strangers to each other, which helped the members establish a solid group identity.

The week-long training had students attending presentations, which were lead by other students. The color groups were then given a task to demonstrate their understanding of the leadership style or skill was presented.

While the students worked together to solve their task, the color group leader was there only to facilitate and watch the group's progress from the background – ensuring the students stayed on track.

Throughout the day, the groups met together in the great hall where they were given instruction in different styles and skills of leadership by the students who participated the year before.

Each group then had 15-20 minutes to come up with a skit or song to present to the whole group, reaffirming what they learned.

"The leadership institute was not only about studying leadership, but also about being with new people and meeting international students from other countries," said Rosie Malone, VHS junior. "It was an incredible feeling to be with so many different types of peers in one setting. I will never forget this extremely valuable experience."

Other students had the same sentiment regarding the leadership program.

"It was great getting to know people from

all different countries and to learn how to lead and work together despite our cultural differences," said Jane Helmick, another VHS junior.

"Having students from so many countries all working together is a good experience for our students," said Carol Kabonik, VHS guidance counselor and color group leader. "It is good to help break up the stereotypes the American students have of some countries. It was important for them to see



A teen sings while her father accompanies her on guitar during the International Student Leadership conference held in Germany.

that students are students fundamentally." All students in attendance were required to speak some English.

"Even though all the students spoke English, a lot of the English was broken, so American youth had to learn how to speak slower and work with some of the students for whom English was a second language," said Kabonik. "It made a lot of American students wish they had a second language."

"The participants gained the most by getting to know students from other European schools," said Kabonik. "They learned a lot about themselves in relation to others."



Students participate in a "Free Speech Zone" that was constructed to provoke discussion of the Issues Forum topic "Freedom of Speech - How should it be guaranteed or limited?" (Photos courtesy of Susan Davidson)

Mandatory SAEDA training classes scheduled

Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security Press Release

Subversion and Espionage Directed Against the Army training is a mandatory yearly requirement for all Department of Defense civilians and Soldiers in accordance with AR 381-12.

This briefing will cover individuals for FY07. Individuals who attended the briefings held in November and December 2006 are covered for training purposes until the next set of briefings this fall.

Community SAEDA training will be held on the following dates for the Department of

Defense civilians, host nation support staff, contractors, and Soldiers. There is no need to RSVP for this training. Please show up 15 minutes in advance to sign in and be seated.

Units are welcome to take advantage of this briefing in order to complete yearly training requirement for SAEDA. Training documentation will be disseminated to units upon completion of training when requested. Please call Albertina Littleton, DPTMS, at 634-8998 to do so.

Classes in Italian are set for April 18, 9:30-11 a.m. in the Hall of Heroes and again May 15, 1:30-3 p.m. in the Ederle Theater.

The English-language SAEDA class is held May 4, 9:30-11 a.m. in the Ederle Theater.

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Changes to free or reduced school lunches

Department of Defense Education Activity Press Release

The Department of Defense Education Activity is encouraging families of children attending its overseas schools to reapply for free and reduced-price school lunches.

Earlier this year, DoDEA requested an increase in the reimbursement rate USDA provides for school lunches. The USDA approved the request and also authorized the use of the Alaska Income Eligibility Guidelines in qualifying families to participate in the program.

As a result, more families may qualify under the new guidelines.

This change applies to families of children

attending DoDEA schools overseas in Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Italy, the United Kingdom, the Azores, Turkey, Korea, Japan, and Okinawa.

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service is the designated School Food Authorities for the Vicenza school system.

The school lunch program is designed to meet federal requirements for nutritionally balanced meals and to offer free or reduced price lunch and breakfast (where available) to eligible children.

Families can apply for eligibility to participate in the free and reduced price school lunch program by completing an application available through the School Liaison officer, Norie McCall at: 634-5998.

Children, parents share quality time at Story Hour

Story and photos by Diana Bahr
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

Just in time for spring, the Vicenza post library's Story Hour held April 3 featured *The Best Nest* by P.D. Eastman, read by Laura Walker, library technician, and *Peep*, by Kevin Luthardt and read by Sandy Schoenberg, Army Community Service staff.

Following the stories the children made a bird's nest by gluing strips of colorful shredded paper to paper plates. The children then chose plastic birds and eggs to complete the nest.

The final event for the children was an egg hunt held in the children's area, where Walker hid plastic eggs filled with toys and candy for the children.

Story Hour is held for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten age children Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m.

in the post library, Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. at the Villaggio Youth Center and again at 3:30 p.m. at the post library. Story hour features book, crafts and other activities.

April 10 and 12 Story Hour features *Bugs! Bugs! Bugs!*, with age-appropriate stories, songs and fingerplays and a video, *Bugs Don't Bug Us!*

April 17 and 19 Story Hour celebrates National Library Week featuring how to write your own mini-book and making hula skirts. There is no Story Hour during spring break.

The library will kick off summer reading enrichment with a big event June 25, according to Walker. "We're calling the event 'Get a Clue' because the summer stories will center around mysteries," she said. Call the library at 634-7291 for details.



(Above) A 6-year girl discovers two more eggs during the egg hunt held April 3 at the post library. The hunt was part of the Story Hour events that featured reading and making a bird's nest. (Far left) Beth Fischer (left) helps her daughters make a bird's nest as part of the Story Hour craft project. (Left) Preschool and kindergarten-age children listen to Laura Walker, library technician, reads from, *The Best Nest*, during Story Hour.

Caserma Ederle community takes a stand against sexual assault

Story and photo by Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

Caserma Ederle community members took to the fitness center gym to show support for sexual assault awareness.

The event was a basketball shoot-out sponsored by the Family Advocacy Program.

"April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month," said Tammy Wilbur-Hoistad, Vicenza Family Advocacy Program Sexual Assault response coordinator.

"The event was an opportunity for the community to take a stand against sexual assault as each basket made this evening represented a commitment to stop sexual assaults in our community and give victims a voice," she continued.

After the official opening with baskets shot by Virgil S. L. Williams, USAG Vicenza Commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Keith Filipp, USAG Vicenza Command Sergeant Major, participants split in several categories scored more than 300 baskets in honor of the event.

According to her, the teens played five rounds each, and they had 45 seconds each round to shoot as many baskets.

The two top scorers for the teen boys category were Anthony Davis, who placed first and Mike Weston who placed second.

The top scorer in the teen girl category was Sabrina Vimeto. The two top scorers for the adult male category were Staff Sgt. Sherman Crosland, USAG Vicenza, (1st) and Sgt. Nelson Nunez, Vicenza Health Clinic (2nd).



Anthony Davis (in orange jersey), 14, shoots one of his baskets during the Family Advocacy Sexual Assault Prevention Basketball Shoot-Out held at the Fitness Center April 4.

Students participate in exhibition meet

A Vicenza Middle School Cougars girls track team member, finishes the 400m dash at the track and field event hosted on the North 40 March 31. The VMS team could only take part in the exhibition races - not compete during the event - because only high school students are allowed to participate. The *Outlook* apologizes for any incorrect information published in the April 3 *Outlook*.

Vicenza Middle/High School Track and Field team thanks the following community members for supporting the Cougars track and field meet: Volunteer coaches, MWR staff, Sgt. Maj. Ken Wolfe, volunteer Soldiers, Howard and Sheryl Loken, Donna Stammer, Tim and Harriet Stevenson, JeanMarie Bell, Athena Hubbard, Melissa Helmick, Gene and Kristin Catena, the Vicenza Fire Department, the U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza, and to all the other parents who help support our children. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)



Enhancing international relations

Expanding joint training opportunities

Story and photo

By Chiara Mattiolo

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Italian and American military leaders are committed to building positive relationships with each other in order to conduct joint training in a realistic environment.

To establish a successful joint training foundation, Camp Darby officials met with Italian officers, Col. Paolo Semeraro, commander, Guardia di Finanza, and Col. Dionigi Maria Loria, commander, 6th Maneuver Regiment.

“In the overall picture of reinforcing, maintaining and enhancing strong relations with

the Italian civilian and military members, having the possibility to interact with the Italian military forces in a reciprocal exchange of training possibilities is mutually beneficial,” said Col. Raffaele Iubini, Italian Base commander

“I am new in this position,” Loria said. “I took command of the 6th Maneuver Regiment in Pisa November 24, and didn’t have an occasion to meet our American friends and neighbors. It’s a pleasure to be here and reinforce the already-strong relationship between our two nations.”

The Italian dignitaries toured the installation to see what training assets are available for

future training opportunities.

“It is extremely important for us to collaborate as military forces. One of the reasons for our visit is to enhance our international relations, and to evaluate the possibilities of training together on both Italian and American installations,” said Semeraro.

“Creating joint training opportunities with our military neighbors paves the way for successful future global operations,” said Lt. Col. Stephen Sicinski, commander, USAG Livorno. “I am positive this is the beginning of another fine example of successful joint allied cooperation.”



Col. Raffaele Iubini, Italian Base commander (second from left) briefs Italian leaders from the Pisa Guardia di Finanza and the 6th Maneuver Regiment about the Ammunition Storage Area. The Italian dignitaries toured the installation to see what training assets are available for future training opportunities. (Photo by Elena Baladelli, USAG Livorno Photo Lab).

Rain doesn't stop final 5K Fun Run



Livorno Unit School students and community members dash off at the start of the 4th Annual 5K Fun Run. The students hosted the run to increase their enjoyment of physical events. (Photo by Elena Baladelli, USAG Livorno Photo Lab)

Story by Vicki O'Brien
Livorno Unit School teacher

Livorno High School personal fitness class coordinated, organized and helped promote the high school's final 4th Annual 5K Fun Run. Instead of spending the event proceeds on their prom, the students decided to use the \$550 raised to help military families in need.

Despite slick streets and wind, Stephanie Feagin set a race record of 19:25.

Category event winners are male and female in the following age categories

- 11-14: Alexander Guerra 20:42
Mishal Catugno 24:53
- 15-19: Jacob Denkins 19:47
Denise Watkins 29:32

- 20-29 Jason Peay 20:25
Stephanie Feagin 19:25
- 30-39 Bart Ranger 22:33
Kerry Lawrence 24:59
- 40+ Robert Collodi 22:21
Gwen Ghezzi 23:13

The students thank everyone for their support, especially fitness specialist Arlene Viera, 712th Munitions Squadron under the supervision of Chief Master Sgt. Gerald Thompson, the commissary for donating water, the Provost Marshal and staff for ensuring the safety of all of the runners, school nurse, Julie McDounough, Cathy Magni, Livorno Unit School principal and Global Credit Union for funding the T-shirts.

Slovenian high school students explore wonders of Camp Darby



Students from Gorizia High School, Slovenia, pose for a photo during their visit to Camp Darby, Italy. The 15 and 16-year-olds study vocational subjects like tourism in their native Slovenian language at their school in the north of Italy. The youth said visiting Camp Darby and eating traditional American food at the dining facility was as exciting as visiting the Leaning Tower of Pisa. The students also visited AFN Livorno radio and television studios and the Military Police station. (Photos by Elena Baladelli, USAG Livorno Photo Lab).



(Above) Visiting Slovenian students explore an American fire truck.

Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

Noale and Este in flower

The town of **Noale**, in the province of Venice, holds its 28th celebration of 'Noale in Flower' April 15.

Over an area of 13,000 sm will be hundreds of firms coming from all over Italy to display their flowers, plants, and trees. There will also be an area dedicated to garden tools and furniture.

You will also have a chance to admire the geraniums at their best as the residents of the town compete for the recognition of having the best geraniums on their balcony or garden. Noale is located 57 kilometers from Vicenza.

In **Este's Piazza Maggiore**, April 21, 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m., visitors can see Botticelli's work 'La Primavera' created with flowers.

April 22 at 8:30 a.m. is the opening of the exhibition-market of flowers in the main squares of the town.

Different parts of the town will hold art exhibitions with the main theme, 'Roses, open the same hours.

Rolling Stones in concert

July 6: The Rolling Stones will play in Rome's Olimpico Stadium. Tickets are available online.

Brenta river boat trips

Just in time for Mother's Day, take a boat trip on the Brenta river and along the way stop and visit several of the Veneto villas.

There are several itineraries to choose from and some offer packed lunches or dinner.

Find all the information you need on www.booking-on-line.com, click on *Battelli del Brenta*.

Car show

My Special Car Show, the

customized car exhibition will be held this year in the **Rimini** Exhibition Center April 13-15.

See the latest in specialized and sports cars and accessories on the market.

Open each day from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., entrance fee for adults is 12 euro; children ages 7-14 years old is 10 euro; under age 6 enter free.

Details are on the Web site: www.myspecialcar.it, in Italian only.

Prehistoric park

Children, young and old, will enjoy this prehistoric park, located in the town of Rivolta d'Adda, 25 km from Milan.

Visitors will find life-size models of dinosaurs like the Tyrannosaurus Rex, Iguanodonte and other prehistoric animals such as the Mammoth and the Platybelondone.

A full list of all dinosaurs, with photos, is on the Web site www.parcodellapreistoria.it, in Italian only.

Also in the park visitors can see life-size cavemen and women in their natural surroundings, a bird

watching area, a maze and areas that are for the observance of wild and domestic animals, also popular is a museum where you can see a fossil and mineral exhibition.

A train is available to take visitors to see real animals rubbing shoulders with their prehistoric counterparts.

In this naturalist park, which is over 100 acres in size, visitors will find picnic areas, food stands, a restaurant and free parking.

Bring the dog, but bring a muzzle, too. Bikes are also allowed in the park.

Open daily 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Entrance fees are: adults, 10 euro; children ages 3-13, 7,50 euro.

Details are on the Web site.

Don't forget to validate train tickets

Remember to validate your ticket before boarding the train by sticking it into one of the yellow boxes located in various spots at the train stations.

Inspectors could demand a surcharge when checking if you haven't done so.

Time to switch from heat to cold

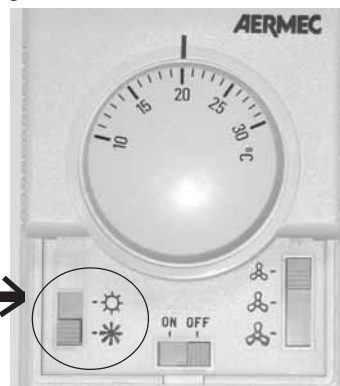
Directorate of Public Works
Community Information

In Northern Italy the heating season for homes ends April 15. This is governed by Italian Energy Conservation Law and the only exceptions are if the mayor of a municipality declares an extension.

However, it is up to occupants to switch their individual heating and hot water units to summer action.

This is usually a simple operation by moving a switch or lever on the heating unit itself from the snowflake (winter) symbol to the sun (summer) symbol or in Villaggio from Heat to cool.

If you are unsure on how to switch over your thermostat, call one of the housing numbers: Private rental housing: 634-8283/7845 or 0444-71-8283 or 7845 from off post. For government quarters call 634-8570 or 6794, 0444-71-8570 or 6794 from off post.



Classified Ads

Editor's Note: Caserma Ederle community members may place free classified ads (**not personal or personal services ads**) on the MWR Web site: www.vicenzamwr.com/marketplace.

The Outlook and Directorate of MWR are not responsible for any errors in the advertisement.

Photos accompanying the advertisement will not appear in *The Outlook* and ads are edited for space.

The Outlook does not take classifieds; sellers must place ads on www.vicenzamwr.com.

For details about items go to the MWR Web site: www.vicenzamwr.com/marketplace.

Kitchen cabinets: Italian style. 1,000 euro/negotiable.

Sofa and chair: Good shape. \$25

Golden retriever: Female, spayed, 1½ years old. \$200, OBO.

Car wanted: Automatic, will pay \$500-\$900.

2006 Ford Expedition: Eddie Bauer edition, Loaded. \$32,000, OBO.

1997 Peugeot 306 convertible: \$2,995, OBO.

Pet sitter wanted: Going on

vacation April 20-May 3. Small daschund loves to play and is house-broken.

Two white nightstands: Wood, 40 each.

Fence and dog house wanted: Live in Villaggio.

Kitten wanted: Have the good home, just need the kitten.

Dog sitter: To check on our friendly, litter-box trained Yorkie April 7, 8, and 9. \$15/day.

FREE Chihuahua puppy: Deployment means I must part with my 8-mo old puppy. Loves people and other animals. All shots and records are up to date.

Couch set: 3 pieces in excellent condition. \$450, OBO.

Dog house needed: For small to medium dog.

Kittens free to good home: Five kittens will be 6 weeks old April 15

2001 Harley Davidson: Electraglide Ultraclassic, like new. \$14,500, OBO.

Audi A6 Wagon: Loaded, dependable family car. \$3,000, OBO.

'97 Audi Quattro "S6 Plus": Incredible vehicle. Price dropped to \$10,000, OBO.

Men's mountain bike: Great

condition. \$50 OBO.

Aprilia Storm scooter: Lightly used. 200 Euro, OBO.

40-litre aquarium: Comes with accessories. \$70.

'03 K2 attack MTB: Recent tune-up, comes w/computer. \$300.

1995 Toyota 4Runner SR5: Clean, loaded. \$6,500, OBO.

Contemporary-style coffee table -42" square \$145.

Kitchen cabinet w/sink: White. \$45.

Kitchen cabinet: Overhead white metal cabinet. \$15.

2001 Chevy Malibu: Loaded, \$5,200 OBO.

1997 Ford Explorer: \$4,200, OBO.

Free puppy: 7-month old Jack Russell terrier. Will pay for first veterinarian visit, too.

Zenith 27" tv: Great condition.

Glass table w/ 4 chairs: \$100.

Playstation 2: Have 21 games for \$100.

Siemens, A60 cellphone: Wind chip included. \$15.

1994 Honda Civic: \$3500.

1994 BMW: \$4,000.

Siemens cell phone: Works great, have accessories. \$20, OBO.

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

April 10	CLOSED	
April 11	Blood & Chocolate (PG13)	7 p.m.
April 12	Epic Movie (PG13)	7 p.m.
April 13	Are We Done Yet? (PG) First Run	7 p.m.
	The Messengers (PG13)	9:45 p.m.
April 14	Are We Done Yet? (PG)	1 p.m.
	The Messengers (PG13)	4 p.m.
	Because I Say So (PG13)	7 p.m.
April 15	Are We Done Yet? (PG)	4 p.m.
	Because I Say So (PG13)	7 p.m.
April 16	CLOSED	
April 17	CLOSED	

Camp Darby Theater

April 12	Blood & Chocolate (PG13)	6 p.m.
April 13	Reign Over Me (R) First Run	6 p.m.
April 14	The Messengers (PG13)	6 p.m.
April 15	Because I Say So (PG13)	2 p.m.

Movie Synopsis

BLOOD & CHOCOLATE - *Agnes Bruckner, Hugh Dancy.* Ten years ago, in the remote mountains of Colorado, a young girl watched helplessly as her family was murdered by a pack of angry men for the secret they carried in their blood. She survived by running into the woods, and changing into something the hunters could never find - a wolf. Now, living half a world away, Vivian Gandillon is still running. Living in relative safety in Bucharest, Vivian spends her days working at a chocolate shop and nights trawling the city's underground clubs, fending off the reckless antics of her cousin Rafe and his gang of delinquents he calls "The Five."

BECAUSE I SAY SO - *Diane Keaton, Mandy Moore.* Daphne Wilder is a mother whose love knows no bounds or boundaries. As a single parent, she has raised three fantastic girls - klutzy, adorable Milly, stable psychologist Maggie and sexy and irreverent Mae - to become the kind of women any mom would die to have. The only problem is they're about to strangle her. In order to prevent her youngest, Milly, from making the same romantic mistakes she did, Daphne decides to set her up with the perfect man. The one thing Daphne decides not to tell Milly, however, is that she placed an ad in the online personals to find him.

THE MESSENGERS - *Kristen Stewart, Dylan McDermott.* A family moves into a run-down sunflower farm. As the farm begins to revive after years of disrepair, the family begins to notice uncomfortable and alarming changes in their father's behavior.

ARE WE DONE YET? *Ice Cube, Nia Long.* Comedy. Newlyweds Nick and Suzanne decide to move to the suburbs to provide a better life for their two kids. But their idea of a dream home is disturbed by a contractor with a bizarre approach to business.

Admission: Age 12 and over \$4, under age 12, \$2.
The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time.

Ederle, Italian youth rock Soldiers' Theatre crowd



(Left) An 8-year old sings *Crocodile Rock* imitating singer Elton John during the Month of the Military Child Youth Talent Show held at Soldiers' Theatre Thursday. The show, coordinated by Arlana Young, Child and Youth Services Liaison, Education, and Outreach Services director, gave the parents and friends of participating youth the chance to enjoy a variety of performances. More than 30

youth showed off talent ranging from dancing to acting to classic and rock music. (Below) An Italian student and her teacher, Michelle Willis, play Mozart's *La' Ci Darem La Mano* on the flute. The girl was one of several Italian students who came from off post to participate in the show. (Far below) D.A.R.E. Band 2 members, end the concert by playing rock and roll, bringing many audience members to their feet, dancing.



"We started planning the event the beginning of March," said Young. "We were able to coordinate the show in such a short time because of the outstanding cooperation with Soldiers' Theatre staff."

April 10, Soldiers' Theatre will also host the Children's Entertainment Show from 5:30-8:30 p.m.



(Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)



Sugar Bowl kicks off Dental Health month

Story and photo by Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

Explaining dental hygiene to fifth graders may seem tough, but for the second year in a row, children really seemed excited to participate in the Sugar Bowl, which is the Vicenza Dental's Clinic way to teach children how to take care of their teeth while having fun.

The event held at the Vicenza Elementary School gym Thursday is one of several activities planned in conjunction with the National Children's Dental Health Month, according to Lt. Col. Jamie Houston, Vicenza Dental Clinic, officer in charge.

Houston (photo at left) explained the new and improved way to brush and floss and talked about how some drinks and food can be dangerous for the life of their teeth, to about 60 students.

Based on the successful response from last year, the

introduction was followed by the competition between boys and girls.

Questions the teams had to answer included: Which of the products on display may affect the teeth; what type of toothbrush should be used; how many times they should clean their teeth daily; when do the wisdom teeth grow; and how many sets of teeth do humans have throughout their lifetime.

In fact the two teams – the Molarnators and Flossing Devils – answered at least 25 questions. The percentage of the correct answers was high, as well as their interest.

Houston also recommended going home and sharing their knowledge with their parents.

"This is a kind of a role reversal," he said. "Because the children are teaching the parents new things and I think the students really enjoy that."

Other Dental Health month events are scheduled and will be published in the *Outlook* when announced.



Linda Smith, a participant in the class provides rescue breathing during the Adult, Infant and Child CPR class held in the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center March 24. "I needed to take the course for re-certification for my job," said Smith at the end of class. "With the skills I learned today, I feel I would be comfortable responding to an emergency and providing care." (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)

Community members learn basics of CPR, basic lifesaving skills

"In times of emergency, people are often afraid to help because they do not know what to do in an emergency," said Laura Walker, American Red Cross volunteer instructor to the students taking her CPR course March 24 in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center. "Time is critical and when you know what to do, you could be the deciding factor in helping save a life. The skills acquired from this course empower you so that if you are caught in an emergency, you will have the confidence to take action and take charge of the situation."

With that encouragement, the students began learning, and in some cases - refreshing, basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) skills.

"I am willing to provide emergency care using the skills I learned," said Yuley Lora (photo at right). It's important everybody takes this class. It is also easy and fun."

The American Red Cross offers Babysitters' Training and First Aid classes April 14 and another CPR class April 21. Call the Red Cross at 634-7089 for details.

