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## Newly-enlisted Soldiers practice battle skills with veterans

Story and photo

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Fresh out of basic training, new Soldiers could quite possibly hesitate in the heat of battle, their minds racing with bad scenarios of a round getting stuck in the chamber or accidentally taking out a civilian instead of the sniper up the hill raining down fire.

Such was not the case when Attack Company, 1st Battalion, 503d Infantry (Airborne), 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, participated in a company-sized cordon-and-search exercise March 24 in Hohelfels, Germany. During their mission, the newly-enlisted Soldiers proved to be unshakable when the action began in the realistic training site of Raversdorf.

The newcomers, many of whom joined after the company's return from Afghanistan last year, currently account for 75 percent of the paratroopers. The large-scale realistic exercise, was designed with the intent to prepare these young recruits for their upcoming deployment to Afghanistan.

"The training was awesome," said 1st Sgt. Mario Cockrell, Attack Co. "It gave younger Soldiers, who have never been downrange, the opportunity to see company synergism in action."

Their mission was to conduct a search for a high-value target located within the confines of the city. In the first steps of the day-long operation, humvees secured points around the south, east and west sides of the village, then set up a perimeter to cover the ground troops moving in to search the buildings. After infiltrating the village, each team moved quickly from one house to the next, questioning the occupants and searching for weapons. Of all the homes searched, only armed citizens were detained.

"We were striving for the most realism we could get," said Pfc. Daniel Cruz, grenadier for 2nd platoon and humvee driver for the exercise. From Cruz's firing position, a sniper was spotted in the hills. Continuing to face all obstacles, the paratroopers locked down the insurgent without suffering any casualties.



Paratroopers from 1st Battalion, 503d Infantry (Airborne), 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, stormed the city of Raversdorf March 25 in a cordon-and-search exercise at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center, Hohelfels, Germany. 1st Platoon, Attack Company, searched homes and questioned citizens to apprehend a high-value target as part of their training for the upcoming deployment to Afghanistan.

The cordon-and-search training was their largest exercise yet completed, and it was also the first time many of the soldiers trained with foreign forces. Also involved in the exercise were Polish forces from the 6th Air Assault Brigade from Krakow, Poland. Attached to the 1-503rd for the remainder of the training cycle, the Polish forces aided in the exercise by searching two buildings and providing cover fire for troop movements.

"We don't have the capabilities to train in such a realistic

place," said Lt. Wojciech Ciborowski, staff officer for the 6th Bde. "Every time I have the opportunity to train with the U.S., I will."

Training with foreign troops was a tremendous opportunity for the newer troops, since they will work with Afghan troops during their deployment, according to Cockrell.

"It was an awesome asset to work with an allied coalition," he said. "And the boys are just happy to be here to train."

## Reservists learn winter survival skills

By Sgt. Allison Anderson

SETAF Augmentation Unit

The SETAF Augmentation unit took to the mountains for training with help from Italian Soldiers assigned as liaison officers in the SETAF G3.

"The weather was harsh and the training tough, but with the help of the Italian Alpine Soldiers, the unit had the opportunity to learn valuable winter survival skills," said Capt. Kevin Czarkowski, G3 operations officer for the Vicenza-based unit.

During the unit's March Battle Assembly, the group met up with Alpini Soldiers from the 6th Alpine Regiment in

Dobbiaco, Italy, who helped train the reservists on snow survival techniques.

The training consisted of recognizing the different types of snow and weather conditions that can hinder unit missions, how to survive an avalanche, tactical field instruction on building foxholes and using snow as protection and insulation.

"The snow can be beautiful," said Lt. Euro Annis, Italian training officer with the Dobbiaco-based battalion. "But it is variable. There are different types of snow packed differently within the layers. With weight, temperature or wind, the snow can slip causing an avalanche. For over 30 years, we have been learning how to better recognize this.

"Knowing the weather risks and what type of snow you are in is important," said Annis. "Your survival from minute-to-minute can depend on that knowledge."

Italian Soldiers, Capt. Gregorio Lordi and Cpl. Paolo Verardi, taught search and rescue skills. Snowshoes and skis were the vehicles used to teach the Americans how to maneuver more easily through the mountains.

"It looks easy, but it's not," said a winded Lt. Col. Javier Rivera, SETAF Aug's G4 logistics officer, after snowshoeing through a trail lightly packed from a fresh snowfall.

On a downhill slope, it took Lordi just a few minutes to demonstrate how to protect oneself from the cold using only a balaclava, twigs and branches, a shelter-half and the most vital asset, the snow itself. If built incorrectly, he said, a person could freeze, or worse, never be found if an avalanche occurs.

The Italian Alpini Soldiers have been a vital asset to the mountain rescue missions, managing the training areas in Trentino Alto Adige. They provide training activities for all Alpine troops, logistical and technical support to all units training in the region, along with vehicle and equipment experimentation for cold weather missions.



Lt. Col. Robert Krcelic (left), SETAF Augmentation Operations office, and 1st Sgt. Matt Davis, SETAF Aug Headquarters Support Company, learn how to snowshoe during a training weekend for the unit. The group spent their March Battle Assembly learning snow survival skills from their Italian counterparts in the SETAF G3 liaison section. (Photo by 1st Sgt. Chris Constantino, SETAF Aug)

## Parking illegally will cost

Office of the Provost Marshal

Community Information

We understand finding a parking spot is difficult on post, however, there are some places where parking is strictly prohibited for safety reasons.

The red curb across from the Central Processing Facility next to the fence of the Vicenza Elementary School playground indicates NO parking is allowed along that curb. The road is not wide enough for parking and two way traffic. Also, parking will impede the fire trucks movement if there is a fire in that area.

Tickets will be written to violators and points will be assessed against their SETAF POV driver's license. The new regulation states the following sanctions for parking: Park in a prohibited space/area three points, parking in a handicap/fireline four points and parking overnight on the installation without authorization is three points. Twelve points within a 12-month period or 18 points within a 24-month period will result in suspension of driving privileges for one year. The new point system can cause one's points to add up real quick for parking violation.

The last thing we want to see is someone lose their license for traffic violations but, we all have to respect and enforce the rules of the road for our safety.



This vehicle is parked illegally and will be ticketed when the military police come by. (Outlook file photo)

## Fire safety tips for babysitters

From the Command Safety Office  
Special to the Outlook

The Vicenza office of the American Red Cross is holding babysitters training classes April 14 and below is additional useful information for students about what to do if fire strikes.

### An escape plan

Does the family who hired you have an escape plan? You'll find out what they expect you to do, and you'll be reminding them to plan ahead for fire emergencies.

- Have them give you a home tour. Learn where all the windows and doors are and make sure you can open them.

- Find two ways out of each room – especially bedrooms.

- Make sure the family has decided on an outside meeting place where everyone is supposed to go when they've escaped a fire. (So you can count heads and make sure everyone is out.)



Jennifer Wessner, Red Cross volunteer trainer, demonstrates checking to see if a child is breathing during a Babysitter's training class held at the Red Cross office. (Outlook file photo)

- Don't scare the kids, but talk to them about escaping a fire. Find out how much they know, and whatever you do, don't confuse them by changing their household's escape plan.

### Stay with children

Supervise the children when they're awake and check on them often when they're in bed. Once they're sound asleep, stay close enough to hear them if they wake up.

### Basic precautions

- Don't smoke. Put matches and lighters away – up high where children can't reach them.

- Keep space heaters at least 3 feet (1 meter) away from anything that can burn.

## Procedure for bringing Italian minors on post

Below is one of the issues brought before Caserma Ederle leadership through the Community Action Council. The answer was given during the March 28 CAC.

**Issue:** My daughter is enrolled in a local Italian school and it would be nice to occasionally entertain her friends on post with a meal at Burger King or a movie.

When I tried to bring a friend of her's here, I was told I needed special permission from the parents because the girls are 11-13 years of age. So I brought a letter from the parents, and at the gate, the Carabinieri told me that what I had provided was still insufficient.

What is the exact policy is concerning

(And keep the children away from space heaters, too)

- If you're allowed to cook, declare a "kid-free zone" 3 feet (1 meter) around the stove or microwave. Turn pot handles in toward the center of the stove so children can't grab them. Never leave the room when you're cooking and keep toys, clothing, paper and other clutter off the stove.

- Follow the instructions for microwave meals and never put any container in a microwave unless you're positive it's safe. Never microwave anything for longer than the instructions say to. If you're not sure how to use a microwave, don't. Let foods cooked in microwaves cool, then open containers carefully.

### If there's a fire

Your first job is to get yourself and the children outside.

- Then stay out.

- Don't go back for anything. When everyone's arrived at the meeting place, take the children with you to call the fire department from a neighbor's phone or call from a portable phone if you have one.

Give the fire department the exact address of the fire and stay on the phone until they tell you it's okay to hang up. Then call the adults who hired you.

### Escape tips

- If you run into smoke while you're escaping, try another way out. If you can't avoid the smoke, crawl on your knees with your head 1 to 2 feet (30 to 60 centimeters) above the floor.

- Test doors before you open them – if there's fire on the other side, it will feel warm around the cracks.

Kneel down, reach up as high as you can and touch the door – at the knob and around the frame – with the back of your hand. If the door's cool, open it with caution. If it's warm, try another escape route.

### If you can't get to the children

If smoke or flames are blocking the way to the children's bedrooms, leave the building and call the fire department from a neighbor's home or a portable phone. Tell them where the children are trapped.

### Red Cross classes

The American Red Cross offers a Babysitter's Training class April 14, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

Immediately following will be a First Aid class, 5-9 p.m. CPR class is offered April 21, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Call the Red Cross at 634-7089 for details on cost and other classes.

this issue?

**Response from the Directorate of Emergency Services:** Local Italian children are allowed to enter the Caserma when sponsored by an adult DoD ID cardholder. The sponsoring adult can drop off an access roster to the Installation Access Control office located in the same building as the provost marshal, bldg 4.

The roster will be sent to Gate 1 where the child will enter and be met by the sponsoring adult. The only restriction we have for children being signed on is that they will not be allowed on the installation after 11 p.m. unless escorted by a parent.

## Army launches wounded Soldier, family hotline

American Forces Press Service  
Press Release

Army officials this morning launched a new hotline to help wounded warriors and their family members to get information or assistance with medical or other issues.

The "Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline," 1-800-984-8523, also will help Army leaders improve services to wounded soldiers and their families, officials said.

"We have designed this call center to be able to collectively hear what the soldiers say about their health care issues, so as issues are raised, we can identify systemic faults or problematic areas and senior leaders can better allocate resources," said Maj. Gen. Sean J. Byrne, commander of U.S. Army Human Resources Command.

"It's all about serving our wounded and injured soldiers and their families," he added. "If we can find a way to improve our system, we will. It's that simple."

In a statement, Army officials acknowledged that many soldiers wounded in the global war on terror and their families are "enduring hardships in navigating through our medical care system."

"The Army is committed to providing outstanding medical care for the men and women who have volunteered to serve this great nation," officials said in the statement.

Care of wounded soldiers has been in the spotlight since a February series of

articles in the *Washington Post* revealed shortcomings in outpatient care at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, here. Since then, the hospital's commander was relieved, Army Secretary Francis J. Harvey resigned, and the service's surgeon general submitted his retirement request over the issue.

"Recent events made it clear the Army needs to revise how it meets the needs of our wounded and injured Soldiers and their families," Army officials said in yesterday's statement. "In certain cases, the soldiers' chain of command could have done a better job in helping to resolve medically related issues."

Officials stressed that the hotline is not intended to circumvent the chain of command, but is "another step in the direction of improvement."

"Wounded and injured soldiers and their families expect and deserve the very best care and leadership from America's Army," officials said. "The Army's intent is to ensure wounded and injured soldiers and their families that they receive the best medical care possible. The Army chain of command will ensure every soldier is assisted in navigating the military health care system."

The Wounded Soldier and Family Hotline can be reached from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday at 1-800-984-8523. As additional personnel are trained to receive calls and refer them to the proper organization or agency for resolution, the hotline hours of operation will expand to 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, officials said.

## Important numbers you need to know

**Toll free Military Police (free from all phones) 800-064-077**

**Off post MPs: 0444-71-7626, 0444-71-7233 (SAFE)**

**MP Desk Interpreter: 0444-50-1800**

**Emergency Calls: 0444-71-7114**

**Off post Fire Department: 115**

**Off post Ambulance: 118**

**Off post Carabinieri: 112**

**Off post Polizia: 113**

**San Bortolo Hospital Interpreters: 0444-75-3300/0444-928-166.**

## When adversity strikes, look to God

Chaplain (Col.) Dave Smith  
SETAF command chaplain

I read a story long ago of a well-known woman who invited a few guests to dinner.

She decided to prepare a huge crab salad as the main entrée. Just before her guests arrived, she set the crab salad on the dining table.

Upon entering the room the next time she was horrified to discover her cat feasting on the crab salad. Jerking the cat away, she realized that she had no time to make another salad.

Throwing the cat out of her house, she raced back to carefully scoop away the crab meat from around the cat's feeding place. She made up her mind not to tell anyone about her feline banqueter.

The guests arrived. They dined on the delicious crab salad. All was going well, until...the hostess glanced out the window after dinner. She saw her cat stretched out stiffly on the lawn.

She raced to see if the cat was dead...he was! "Oh no, it's the crab salad," she thought in terror. "It's poisoned the cat. All my guests have eaten it. We'll be next!"

She rushed back into the house to tell her guests the secret. They all quickly made haste to the hospital emergency room to have their stomachs pumped.

After the excitement died down and she had returned home, her neighbor dropped by to say, "I have a confession to make. As I was pulling into the driveway tonight, your cat ran in front of my car. I accidentally ran over him and killed him. I am so sorry!"

The well-known lady managed to mumble to herself, "Not half as sorry as I am!"

Which brings me to ask, How do you react to adversity? Do you 'throw the cat outside' and hope the problem goes away? Or, do you 'rush to the emergency room' when it is not necessary? Or, do you turn to God seeking guidance as you face the problem?

Whether it is in our personal lives or our work experiences, we can better handle adversity if we are honest with ourselves, think through the situation, and seek God's assurance.

We have as a role model from scripture; the leader, warrior, general, David. As he experienced numerous adversities, David turned to God, writing, "I call to you in times of trouble, because you will answer me." (Psalm 86:7)

Over the next year or so each of us may look adversity in the face; deployment, separation, danger, depression, and loneliness. We can face adversity as we turn to God because God will answer us!

## Garrison workers honored at quarterly awards ceremony

**The Outlook**  
Press Release

USAG Vicenza held its quarterly awards ceremony Thursday at the Ederle Theater, honoring more than 120 workers for their hard work on behalf of the Army mission.

Receiving the top award, Commander's Award for Public Service, was Joe Woodard, a retiree who mans a desk in the Retiree Resource and Assistance center several days a week.

Other awardees were:

*Installation Management Command, Europe, Achievement Medal:* Holly Gifford, Army Community Service.

*Installation Management Command, Europe, Certificate of Appreciation for Patriotic Civilian Service:* Kelly Walker, Army Family Team Building.

### Office of Public Affairs

*Length of Service award, 10 years:* Laura Kreider.

### Directorate of Logistics

*Certificate of Achievement:* Michael Busatta, Chuck Calabrese, Matt Calabrese, Darren Eldredge, David Eldredge Ellen Eldredge, Alli Littleton, Master Sgt. Greg Littleton, Kyle Littleton, Timothy Loney and Lt. Col. Tim Loney.

*Length of Service awards:*

15 years: Gregory Finch.

10 years: Bryan Dorman and Huseyin Kara.

Five years: Gianluca Chiarato, Giovanni Comiati, Alessandro Franchi, Yamil Lopez, Luisa Segnini and Omar Zanotto.

### Directorate of Human Resources

*Commander's Award for Civilian Service:* Richard Hendrickson.

*Certificate of Achievement:* Joshua Benitez, Madeline Diaz, Christopher Hess, Jewell Lankford, Giorgio Lovato, Madeline Mojica-Lopez, Donald McGriff, Samantha McClure and Calce O'Leary.

*Scroll of Appreciation:* Louis Bryant, Ron Gurnell, Joe Manetti and Joe Woodard.

### Directorate of Public Works

*Commander's Award for Civilian Service:* Steve Lindell.

*Special Act Award (Group):* Leila Alberti, Gail Batman, Carlo Beninca, Cinzia Bianchetto, Massimiliano Bozzolan, Miranda Carosini, Annamaria Morando, Thomas Patten, Teresa Puggioni, Ferruccio Ronzan, Lewis Smith and Gregory Vallery.

*Special Act Award (Group):* Claudio

Adamo, Mansueto Baghin, Gail Batman, Miranda Carosini, Marilena Furlan, Michele LoVerde, Annamaria Morando, Sarah Peruffo, Frank Powell Jr., Teresa Puggioni, Giampaolo Rizzo, Gregory Vallery and Stefania Villanuova.

*Special Act Award (Group):* Uberto Frigo and Alberto Todero.

*Special Act Award:* Marilina Cortivo.

*Certificate of Achievement:* Armando Gobbo, Carlotta Queirazza.

*Performance Awards:* Alice Andretta, Eric Baltes, Alessandro Bauce, Claudio Bevilacqua, Giorgio Bortolon, Marco Bortolon, Maurizio Campesan, Andrea Cavaliere, Maurizio Cavaliere, Serafino Cera, Luca Dal Lago, Franco Dalla Massara, Francesco Dona, Erich Fattori, Elia Ferraro, Giancarlo Fraccaro, Michele Fracaro, Giuseppe Giacon, Mauro Gregolin, Massimo Libera Enzo Maron, Vanni Miotello Antonio Pauletto Silvio Pedon, Luciano Rampazzo, Lorenzo Rigo, Luca Ruzzante, Livio Scalco, Mirko Segato, Simone Todesco and Silvio Visona.

*Length of Service, 30 years:* Gaetano Zandona.

### Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation

*Commander's Award for Civilian Service:* Mike Garcia, Ronald Grinnell, Ricky Jackson, Robert Johnson and Joe Reeder.

*Certificate of Achievement:* Arianna Boarina, Paul Brownlee, Danielle Clark, Dee Dee Collins, Jillian Croff, Anthony Daniels, Luca Defort, Antonio Fontana, Alphonso Forrester, Francesca Gasparini, Haynes Geonte, Beatrice Giometto, Austin Greer, Elisabeth Hardwick, Eric Henson, Jay Hughes, Charles Ingram, Howard Johnson, Mike Locke, Linda Miller, Matt Miller, Michael Morris, Ana Mutter, Sean Penhalegon, Yacine Pezzan, Dawn Polensky, Jason Resto, Jennifer Roberts, Cristina Salas, Elizabeth Sexton, Toure Siddiq, Sarah Stepps, Luca Urbani, Vergilia Velez, Robert Williams, Rueben Young Michela Zanotto.

*Certificate of Appreciation:* Anna Barana, Amanda Mysko, Rebecca Orders, Margie Planas, Ramona Stendardi, Barbara Todescato, Arianna Toniolo and Silvia Trevisan.

*Officially Commended:* Archie Johnson and Richie Johnson.

*Length of Service awards:* 20 years: Margherita Frasson.

Five Years: Vincenzo Biondo, Rita Bonamego, Cristina Lanaro and Renata Sartori.

## Retiree honored for service

By Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

During the USAG Vicenza civilian awards ceremony held at the Ederle Theater Thursday, Caserma Ederle volunteer and retiree, Joseph D. Woodard found himself on the receiving line several times.

Presenting Woodard with a Commander's Award for Public Service was USAG Vicenza commander Col. Virgil S. L. Williams.

The award was given on behalf of Woodard's volunteer work with the Veterans of Foreign War Vicenza Post 8862 and the Retiree Resource and Assistance Center.

Despite being confined to a wheelchair, Woodard is one of the most active recruiters for the VFW and works three-to-four days a week at the center advising clients.

"It is a privilege to be recognized by such distinguished people, people who I admire, people who I see throughout the community," said Woodard still emotional after being recognized. "It is just a great feeling to be receiving these awards. I thank the

community for their personal assistance. I don't know people, but I get the feeling I do. Being handicapped and in a wheelchair, when I am offered assistance, whether I need it or not, it just makes my day, and today has been especially made."

His wife of 42 years, Nella, was at the ceremony along with their son, Devon Sergio, his wife and granddaughters, Elena and Alice.

"I feel very proud and I did not expect such a great demonstration of affection. It was an honor, really," she said. "I am grateful, that I have been his wife for 42 years and that I have been a Soldier's wife for all these years."

Other awards included the VFW Vietnam Service Appreciation certificate presented by Peter H. Luste, past commander VFW Department of Europe; and a commemorative plaque for being selected the Service Officer of the Year from the VFW Department of Europe. Woodard was also awarded the *Medaglia Europea*, presented by Cav. Sergio Cheggia, president of *Federazione Italiana Dei Combattenti Alleati* (F.I.D.C.A) Sezione Vicenza.



USAG Vicenza commander Col. Virgil S.L. Williams pins a Commander's Award for Civilian Service pin on the chest of Joseph Woodard, who works at the Retiree Resource and Assistance center. Standing at right is Woodard's wife of 42 years, Nella, and one of his granddaughters. (Photo by Paolo Bovo, 7th JMTTC Photo Lab)

## Individual Security Awareness training classes set

**Antiterrorism and Force Protection Office**

Press Release

Individual Security Awareness Training (Level I Antiterrorism Training) is offered in the Ederle Theater to all assigned military and Department of Defense civilian employees, and to their family members over the age of 14.

This training will also be offered to DoD contractors and Italian post employees.

The training is held from 10:30-noon on the following dates:

April 4, April 11, May 2, May 7, June 20, July 18, Aug. 16, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov.

14 and Dec. 5 No reservations are necessary; attendees must sign in and will receive their certificate of completion at a later date.

As a reminder for those who may need childcare while in the training, the Child Development Center offers hourly care for children ages six weeks-5 years of age. Cost is \$4 per child per hour and children must be registered at the CDC.

As space at the CDC is limited, reservations can be made at least two weeks in advance by calling 634-7559.

This is an annual requirement for all military and DoD civilian employees.

For details call Pat Hooper at 634-8984.

## Early registration set for upcoming school year

**Vicenza Elementary School registrar**  
*Special to the Outlook*

Registration for the 2007-08 school year begins in April and is mandatory for all students.

Registration will be held in the Vicenza

school gymnasiums on the following dates:

**Vicenza Elementary School:** April 12 and 13, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and 1:30-3 p.m.

Portfolio conferences will be held at this time so there is no school for students.

**Vicenza Middle and High School:** April 13, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and 1:30-3 p.m.

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# Daisy Girl Scouts earn a petal on way up Girl Scout ladder

Story and photos by Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

The Caserma Ederle Fire Department was ready for Vicenza Girl Scout Daisy Troop 62 when they paid a visit March 27. Daisy Girl Scouts are girls ages 5 and 6 who are in kindergarten. Daisy Girl Scouts is the first level in Girl Scouting.

Visiting the post fire department was part of their weekly meeting, according to Lisa Meyers, one of the leaders of Troop 62.

"Our troop meets each Tuesday," said Meyers, who accompanied the girls and their siblings to the station along with the other leaders, Meyers' daughter, Stephanie, Lori Sonsalla, and a few parents who were acting

as chaperones for the visit.

"Today we were completing one of the Daisy petals: Magenta, which is Respect Authority. The girls complete the requirement by visiting the fire department."

There are a total of 10 petals, Meyers went on to explain, each a different color and corresponding to each of the Girl Scout Laws, and one blue Daisy Promise circle.

Meyers also said the Promise circle is what all Girl Scouts recite as they raise the three fingers of their right hand and say, "On my honor I will try to serve God and my country, to help people at all times and live by the Girl Scout Law."

In addition to earning their 10 petals, the Daisy Troop has eight main activities each

year to complete before they can move up to the next level of Girl Scouting, becoming a Brownie.

The activities are: Investiture, Christmas caroling, Thinking Day, Tea Party, Police and Fire Department, Camping Experience, Daisy Play Day and Bridging.

"Our Daisies also have two service

projects, delivering Girl Scout cookies with our Girl Scout director, Nancy Hacker, and cleaning the elementary school playground," Meyers added.

Although this Girl Scout year ends in May, registration for next year will start late August-early September timeframe and will be announced in *The Outlook*.



Lt. William Session (right), Caserma Ederle firefighter, explains how the equipment firefighter Luca Giaretta (center) is wearing works in case of emergency to Girl Scout Daisy Troop 62.



A group of Girl Scout Daisy Troop 62 and their siblings show off the hats received from the firefighters during their visit to the Caserma Ederle Fire Department March 27.

## New playground unveiled for Month of the Military Child



Saturday may have been gloomy and rainy in Vicenza, but it didn't seem to matter to the children participating in the unveiling of the new School Age Services playground (above) and kick off Month of the Military Child. Other activities kept the children and parents busy. Among them were a canine demonstration conducted by Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Bly, SETAF Military Working Dog Kennel master, fingerprinting, face painting and piñatas.

"Lots of great activities are going to follow throughout the whole month of April," said Eric Weisel, Child and Youth Services coordinator. "We have a talent show, Missoula Children's Theatre event and baseball season opens April 12."

(Right) Sgt. Joseph Willie, USAG Vicenza Office of the Provost Marshal, Drug Abuse Resistance Education officer prepares to fingerprint a little girl during Saturday's event. (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)



## Vicenza Cougars host track, field event

Vicenza High School Cougars hosted Aviano, Naples, Sigonella, Livorno and Mary Mount Saturday to a day of track and field events at the North 40. Because of the rain, the boys' triple jump was cancelled. It was a bad day for the Cougars girls' team as they failed to place in any of the events entered. Vicenza Boys' Track team placed fourth overall, with individual's scoring as follows: Napolian Myhand placed 6th in the 100M dash with a time of 12:36. Kyle Stammer placed 5th in the 1500M run with a time of 5:15:01. 400 m Dash: Antonio Harris took 1st place in the 400M dash with a time of 53:90:00, which qualifies him for the European championships. Shaun Mahadeo placed 5th in the same event with a time of 1:01:57. Taking the top two spots in the 200M dash were Antonio Harris with a time of 24:49:00 and Napolian Myhand hot on his heels with a time of 24:86:00. The 3000M run found Kyle Stammer placing 3rd with a time of 11:56:46. (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)



# Darby Community Club changes to keep up with community needs

Story and photos  
By Staff Sgt. Joyce Costello  
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

U.S. Army Garrison Livorno, as an installation, has undergone many changes



A player decides to raise the ante at Camp Darby's first Texas Hold 'Em tournament.

in the last decade. Mike Monti, the Darby Community Club manager, was also stationed at Camp Darby from 1992-1993 and has seen some changes first-hand.

"The biggest change since 1993, is that I don't have a kitchen, a ballroom or the 20 employees I had before," said Monti. "But the best surprise I had when I came back here was that the most of the staff are still working here and still a fantastic group of folks. It's like picking up a conversation from 10 years ago as if it were yesterday."

Monti has a successful track record as a club manager serving in Germany, Greenland, Turkey, Philippines, Japan and Saudi Arabia. He is using this experience to creatively improve the DCC.

"I'm a strong believer in programming," said Monti. You've got to have programs that attract folks and since there is no community center, DCC functions as a quasi NCO, enlisted and officer recreation center. We truly try to have something for all."

The first thing he did was to change the feel of the lounge into a more sports bar relaxed atmosphere.

He contacted every NFL team and some were very generous in responding with sports paraphernalia.

When he found out World Wrestling Entertainment was going to be in Florence April 14 doing a wrestling match, he tried to get them to come down and do a show. While



The Cincinnati BenGal cheerleaders pose with Livorno Unit School teens during their visit to Camp Darby.

they couldn't come to Camp Darby, they did donate items for the DCC lounge.

But life isn't just about sports at the DCC. "When I found out about the possibility of hosting the Texas Hold 'Em tournament, I aggressively sought out this opportunity to bring exposure to Camp Darby," said Monti. "Amazingly, Camp Darby was one of 50 bases chosen worldwide and was chosen over larger installations in Italy."

Because of the success of the tournament, every Friday at 6 p.m., non-structured players come in and play with poker chips and cards provided by the DCC. Plus, there is a tournament once a month at the club.

Other new programs and renovations include the Thursday and Saturday night Xbox 360 games and funding has been approved to renovate the patio.

Once the contract is awarded, a new snack bar and gazebo grill will be built between the two patios. Monti is also trying to obtain a new karaoke system and furniture.

"To be successful in the club system, you have to concentrate on family programming and single service member programs" adds Monti. "I believe in direct feedback to the managers because we can make a difference. When you come here, let us know what it is you like and need."

## Camp Darby Briefs

### No Parking zone

Effective immediately, there is no parking along Kessler Avenue on the side of the street housing the USAG Livorno headquarters buildings.

The only authorized parking on Kessler Avenue is on the side of the street opposite the buildings.

Citations will be issued to vehicles found on parked on the wrong side of the street.

### Early School registration

Early registration for Livorno Unit School year 2007-2008 is held April 19 - 20 at the Livorno Unit School.

### Army Community Service notes

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and Month of

**the Military Child:** Our children need caring adults, safe homes, secure schools, healthy development opportunities, effective chances to learn and grow and a community committed to their protection and welfare.

**April 4:** 1 p.m. is "Family Fun Pizza Making" for parents with or without children.

Come and learn how to make pizza special.

### Community egg hunt

**April 7:** Come to the Darby Community Club, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to celebrating Easter with egg hunts, games, food and fun for all.

### Single Service members Egg Hunt

April 6 at the Darby Community Club at 5:30 p.m. followed by a free barbeque on the porch.

Find the golden eggs to win

great prizes! Open to single service members only. Call Ernest Beezley at 633-7491 for more information.

### Changes to AFN radio

Check out AFN's Saturday Eagle show with Sgt. Trevor Pedro on 106FM.

### Darby Community Club

**Thursdays and Saturdays:** Enjoy Xbox 360 Nite with Perfect Dark Zero and Madden '07, or bring your Halo!

### Youth Services

**Volunteers Needed for Easter Egg Hunt:** English and Italian-speaking volunteers are needed for this year's community Easter celebration April 7.

Call Kerry Lawrence at 633-8084 if you can volunteer your skills and talents in any capacity to help out.

**Spring Break April 9-13:** YS is

open from 8 a.m.-6:15 p.m.

There is an additional charge for the morning, but afternoon is free. Youth services also offers other fun trips like biking in Lucca or climbing the Tirrenia rope course.

Call 633-7629.

### Special Agents sought

If you are motivated and ready for the challenge, and are an E-5 or below, a U.S. citizen, have a GT score of 110 or higher, at least 60 college credits and no court martial convictions, we want you.

Visit the Web site: [www.cid.army.mil](http://www.cid.army.mil) for more information.

### Darby ITR trips

**April 7: Pistoia Zoo** - Leave at 8 a.m., return by 6 p.m.

**April 10: Rome trip** - Visit some of Rome's most important sites at your own pace.

**April 11: Florence guided tour-**

### Darby Chapel

**8:30 a.m.:** Catholic Reconciliation

**9:30 a.m.:** Catholic Mass

**11:15 a.m.:** Protestant worship  
Easter Service schedule is available at the chapel.

Enjoy a morning of endless possibilities in this city of Renaissance, beauty and culture. In the afternoon, take a two-hour professionally-guided tour.

**April 12: Cinque Terre** - enjoy hiking between the five villages connected through trails that hug the Italian Riviera coastline.

**April 13: San Gimignano and Siena** - Explore these unforgettable Tuscan towns.

Let Information, Tours and Registration book you a hotel in Europe, the U.S. or Asia at a great price.

Call 633-7589 for details.

# "Slippin' a mickey": 120 year history still alive today

By Dr. Tamera Cox  
Livorno Health Clinic Pharmacist

The term "slippin' a mickey" comes from the whiskey row of Chicago in 1896. Mickey Finn, the bar owner of the Lone Star Saloon, in coordination act with his employees or "house girls," would slip a drug (chloral hydrate) into unsuspecting patron's drinks. Once the patient was incapacitated, they would carry him to a back room where they would rob him and dump him in the alley. The victim would wake up remembering nothing of the event.

Over the last 120 years, chloral hydrate has been used primarily to induce sleep for people with insomnia and sedation in children prior to uncomfortable procedures such as dental work, but still comes up as the "slippin' a mickey."

It has also gained notoriety as a 'date

rape' drug. Other popular date rape "drugs of choice" include Rohypnol, GHB, and ketamine. However, alcohol remains by far the most widely-used substances implicated in date rape.

Illicit use of Rohypnol started appearing in the U.S. in the early 1990's, where it became known as "rophies," "roofies," "roach," and "rope."

In Italy, under the trade name Alcover, GHB is used in the treatment of alcoholism both for acute alcohol withdrawal and medium-to-long-term detoxification.

GHB and Rohypnol are predominantly central nervous system depressants. Because they are often colorless, tasteless, and odorless, they can be added to beverages and ingested unknowingly.

These drugs also emerged several years ago as "date rape" drugs. Because of concern about their abuse, Congress passed the

"Drug-Induced Rape Prevention and Punishment Act of 1996." This legislation increased Federal penalties for use of any controlled substance to aid in sexual assault.

Ketamine is an anesthetic that has been approved for both human and animal use. It can be injected or snorted and is known as "special K" or "vitamin K."

Certain doses of ketamine can cause dreamlike states and hallucinations. In high doses, ketamine can cause delirium, amnesia, impaired motor function, high blood pressure, depression, and potentially fatal respiratory problems.

It can be difficult to prove if you've been a victim of unsuspected drugging. Inability to remember events, including sexual encounters, is not conclusive evidence of having consumed a drugged drink.

The good news is there are ways you can be proactive before you imbibe. There is a

commercial test available that detects the presence of some drugs when dissolved in a drink.

In the event you suspect you may have been a victim of a drug-induced rape, immediately contact a doctor and talk about your suspicions, ask for antibiotics to prevent gonorrhea, Chlamydia, bacterial vaginosis, trichomoniasis, and syphilis, post-exposure preventive treatment for HIV, emergency contraception, inoculation with hepatitis B vaccine and consider herpes preventive measures with an antiviral medication.

Camp Darby Army Community Service sexual assault response coordinator, Deon Cobaski, can provide preventative education to units and individuals and provide assistance in event of a rape.

Call her at 633-7921. All information will be kept confidential.

# Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

## Vicenza markets, more

April 8: Market in the main squares downtown are open sunup to sundown; plans are also to have a craft market in *Piazza dei Signori* April 6-9.

## Bike trails book available

The Tourist Information office near *Teatro Olimpico*, mountain bike riders can get a book identifying 26 different itineraries. The book, by journalist Giulio Ardinghi, costs 1 Euro.

## Museum combo ticket available

The Tourist Information office near *Teatro Olimpico* offers a combination museum tickets for 8 euro, which is valid for three days.

The ticket is good for the *Pinacoteca in Piazza Matteotti*; the Archeological museum and the art gallery in *Palazzo Leoni Montanari on Contra Santa Corona*; the Museum of Risorgimento and Resistance, located just past the Mount Berico Basilica; the Diocesan Museum in *Piazza Duomo*.

There is also a 'family' ticket valid for a minimum of three persons at a cost of 12 euros.

## Art exhibit

**Bassano** – More than 70 paintings are on loan from different European museums in this city's *Palazzo Bonaguro*.

Included are works of a religious nature by Caravaggio, Rubens, Il Guercino and Murillo.

The exhibit is open daily through June 10, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. The ticket office closes at 6 p.m. Entrance fee is 6 euros.

## Wine tasting

The town of *Santa Maria di Negrar*, in the province of Verona, holds its *55th Palio del Recioto* in April.

The main day is April 8 and

stands for food wine and exhibits open at 10 a.m.

Exhibitions include art, sculpture, photo exhibits and antique cars. At noon the food tent opens; at 4 p.m. there's a band concert; at 5 p.m. find entertainment in the main square.

There will also be a large fair ground for the young and old alike.

Directions: Take the A4 autostrada west, exit at Verona Nord, take the Cisa SS toward S. Piegro in Cariano, when near S. Piegro, turn right for Santa Maria di Negrar.

## Easter in Italy

In a country still bound to tradition and to the produce of the land, Italian tables at Easter obviously favor a combination of seasonal and symbolic ingredients that welcome in the spring as much as they celebrate the Christian feast of Easter.

Tender green vegetables play an important role, whether they appear in delicate savory tarts as starters or in the form of sauces or stuffing for first courses.

The most classic tart is *Torta Pasqualina*, layers of puff pastry covering a ricotta and artichoke mixture with the added surprise of whole eggs baked into the filling.

Tender spinach leaves can be used instead of the artichokes, and the effect is again that of springtime freshness.

The first course for an Easter dinner is often composed of rich egg pasta, such as ravioli stuffed with a mixture of ricotta, parsley, parmigiano, etc., or a subtle dish of lasagna filled with asparagus, another of the seasonal delights.

Lamb is the traditional meat for Easter. Whether in the guise of roast leg of lamb, flavored with rosemary, thyme, and white wine, as a visually impressive *corona di carré d'agnello* rack of lamb shaped into a guard of honor, or in a mouthwatering casserole with artichokes, it provides a delicious highpoint for a family occasion.

For dessert, Italians often enjoy a slice of *Colomba*, a delicate dove-

shaped sweet cake that originally came from Lombardy.

This yeasted dough comes with fragrant candied fruit and a crunchy topping of almonds and sugar.

Nowadays you can also find the modern colomba with chocolate, lemon, cream or other fillings.

This is a perfect way to round off a meal, accompanied by a glass of a sweet dessert wine.

## Visit a garden

The Sigurta' Gardens located near *Peschiera* is known to be one of the most beautiful gardens in Italy.

There is a large parking area near the gardens, on Italian holidays and Sundays it gets full very early, in this case, you will be directed to another car park, where a free shuttle bus awaits.

For those who do not want to visit the gardens by foot, a small train is available to take you round the park, at a cost of 2,50 euro per person, the ride lasts one half hour the train does not stop.

Electric three-wheeler bikes and golf carts are also available for hire.

Food stands are located in the gardens and picnics are not allowed.

Visit the Web site: [www.sigurta.it](http://www.sigurta.it) (in English) for directions.

The park is open 9 a.m.-6 p.m., but entrance gates close at 5 p.m.

Entrance fee: adults-10 euro; children ages 5-14 years old-6 euro, no charge for children under age 4.



Sigurta' Gardens

# Now Showing

## Caserma Ederle Theater

April 3	CLOSED	
April 4	Dreamgirls (PG13)	7 p.m.
April 5	Smoking Aces (R)	7 p.m.
April 6	Epic Movie (PG13)	7 p.m.
	Blood & Chocolate (PG13)	9:45 p.m.
April 7	Meet the Robinsons (G)	1 p.m.
	Epic Movie (PG13)	4 p.m.
	Catch and Release (PG13)	7 p.m.
April 8	Meet the Robinsons (G)	4 p.m.
	Catch and Release (PG13)	7 p.m.
April 9	CLOSED	
April 10	CLOSED	

## Camp Darby Theater

April 5	The Queen (PG13)	6 p.m.
April 6	Shooter	6 p.m.
April 7	Catch and Release (PG13)	6 p.m.
April 8	Epic Movie (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."

**EPIC MOVIE** - *Kal Penn, Adam Campbell*. A parody that spoofs recent mega-blockbusters, the comedy centers itself around four orphans who visit a chocolate factory and are transported to the wonderful land of Gnarria, after stumbling upon an enchanted wardrobe. There they battle pirates, encounter earnest wizards and attempt to defeat Gnarria's dastardly witch.

**MEET THE ROBINSONS** - *Angela Bassett, Spencer Fox*. When Lewis meets a mysterious boy from the future named Wilbur Robinson, the two travel forward in time where Lewis discovers the amazing secret of the Robinson family. Lewis is a brilliant 12-year-old with a surprising number of clever inventions to his credit. His latest and most ambitious project is the Memory Scanner, which he hopes will retrieve early memories of his mother and maybe even reveal why she put him up for adoption. But before he can get his answer, his invention is stolen by the dastardly Bowler Hat Guy. Wilbur Robinson whisks our bewildered hero away in a time machine and the two travel forward in time to spend a day with Wilbur's eccentric family. In a world filled with flying cars and floating cities, they hunt down Bowler Hat Guy, save the future and uncover the amazing secret of Lewis' future family.

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

## 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](http://www.vicenzamwr.com/marketplace).

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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](http://www.vicenzamwr.com).**

For details about items go to the MWR Web site: [www.vicenzamwr.com/marketplace](http://www.vicenzamwr.com/marketplace).

**Free dog:** Medium-size, needs good home by April 19. Loves kids, up-to-date on shots, etc.

**Two female cats:** Free to good home.

**1998 Lancia Dedra:** Loaded. 1,800 Euro.

**1994 BMW 540-I:** Automatic. Good condition. \$2,000, OBO.

**1994 Ford Fiesta:** European

specs. \$700, OBO.

**Window A/C:** 220v. \$175.

**Treadmill:** Energetics Power Run 1200, still under two-year warranty. 220v. 350 euro.

**1991 Ford Escort station wagon:** Good condition. \$1,400.

**Transformers:** Different types.

**1989 BMW 318:** \$500, OBO.

**2000 Renault Twingo, 1.2 Special Edition:** Good condition. \$2995, OBO.

**1988 BMW 316i:** Very clean. \$1,000, OBO.

**750 Watt transformer:** \$50.

**1990 Nissan 300ZX:** Right-side-drive.

**Entertainment center:** Sauder, large. \$400, OBO.

**Wanted:** Standard twin-size Bunk Bed.

**1996 Nissan Maxima GLE:** Very reliable vehicle. \$3,300 OBO.

**1996 Nissan Quest GXE Minivan:** Great family vehicle, \$3,900 OBO.

**1992 BMW 320i:** Good condition mechanically. \$3,000.

**1994 Mini Rover:** Runs great

and has new tires. \$4,000 OBO.

**Gardener wanted:** Pay is negotiable.

**1992 Mercedes 190 E:** Runs like a champ. \$1000, OBO.

**Two love seats, one with bed:** Asking \$500.

**Dining room table:** Steel base w/glass top and four chairs. \$150.

**Sleep couch:** Haitian cotton, rust fabric. \$250.

**Looking for girl's clothing:** Sizes 6 and 8.

**1993 BMW 840CI:** Needs some work. \$3,000.

**Puppy for sale:** German Shepherd, 3-mos-old, loves to play, \$500.

**1995 Opel convertible:** Fully loaded, good \$2,000, OBO.

**Xbox 360 with accessories:** Comes with some games. \$700.

**Childs Powerwheels motorcycle:** Harley Davidson, comes with charger. \$30.

**Plastic storage sheds:** Have 2, \$200 each.

**Metal storage shed:** 8' x 8' x 7' tall steel shed.

# One hour: 6,600 butts

*Kick Butts Day volunteers help clean up smoker's trash*

Story and photos by Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

More than 45 members of the Caserma Ederle community volunteered their time Wednesday to pick up cigarette butts around post.

Kick Butts Day is a national event focusing on youth advocacy, leadership, and activism in the fight against tobacco.

According to statistics, tobacco use kills more than 400,000 Americans each year, and each day about 4,000 children (under 18) try smoking for the first time, and another 1,000 children become regular smokers.

KBD is an initiative of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids and was initiated in 1995.

"Project TRUST (Teens Reaching, Understanding, and Supporting Teens), a program run by the Adolescent Substance Abuse Counseling Service, planned an event for Kick Butts Day to bring awareness about tobacco use in our community," said Judy

Crow, ASACS counselor.

Project TRUST invited members of the community to help pick up cigarette butts around post.

"With more than 45 volunteers from the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, the [VHS] girls soccer team and other individual volunteers more than 6,600 butts were picked up within an hour. Some of the youth got a chance to discover more effects of smoking from Col. [Bradley] Harper [U. S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza commander], who joined the effort of picking up cigarette butts and shared his knowledge," Crow continued.

"Judy Crow talked about this event about one month ago," said AJ Petersen, Pack 295 Cub Scouts Webelos, Den leader, who accompanied about 10 children, mostly fourth-graders, who helped clean up the butts. "This is the first time we participated in this activity. It is something quick that they can do. They can feel like they are contributing a little and be part of the community."

The next Project TRUST event will focus on the effects of alcohol.



(Above) Pack 295 Cub Scout Webelos participate in Kick Butts Day March 28 by picking up cigarette butts around Caserma Ederle. The goal of KBD is to bring awareness about tobacco use in our community. The event was planned by Project TRUST (Teens Reaching Understanding and Supporting Teens), a program run by Adolescent Substance Abuse Counseling Service.

(Left) ASACS counselor, Judy Crow, right, gives details about what Kick Butts Day is about to volunteers from several groups, including Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts and the Vicenza High School girls' soccer team. More than 45 volunteers participated in the annual event that took place on Caserma Ederle. Project TRUST is open to students in grades 9-12 and features prevention education through classes on coping with stress, decision-making skills, relationship issues, gangs, crime and more.



Dulkaada 'Shriners' Temple #226 president, Carlos Johnson, who works at Aviano Air Base, trims the grass near the Vicenza Child Development Center during playground clean up March 24. Temple members volunteered their time as part of the community service activities conducted regularly by the organization. (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)

## CDC benefits from service project

Members of Dulkaada 'Shriners' Temple #226, volunteered time March 24 to help clean up the grounds around Vicenza's Child Development Center. The organization, established in the Vicenza community in early 1990s, focuses on community youth. "We have been in the European theater since the early to mid 60's, and each year we identify who and what we will focus on for that elective year," said William Barber, organization member. In 1996, the group decided to adopt the CDC and the members check on the facility regularly. "As far as our frequency of cleaning or doing whatever is needed, we try to check on the CDC once a month but, we are always available if they call us," he continued. "We also participate and conduct mentorship programs, scholarship programs, and anything that could provide positive impact on our youth." More than 80 members frequently visit the local hospitals in Aviano and the orphanages throughout the Italian region, where other members are located including Sigonella, Naples and Aviano, explained Barber.

