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Due to an ongoing computer virus problem within the U.S. Army computers, this issue of the Outlook is published in an abbreviated form. This is caused by the restriction of introducing elements into the computers via USB ports, to include photographs. Therefore, the imagery used in this issue was downloaded from the internet. We will return to our normal format as soon as the issue has been resolved. -Editor

Combined training adds to interoperability

Rock battalions together for Team Leader Course

Story and photos by
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VICENZA, Italy - Thirty paratroopers each from 1st and 2nd Battalions, 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne), joined together for the first time to take part in a combined Team Leader Course Nov. 17 - Nov. 21, here at Caserma Ederle.

Senior Sky Soldiers from both battalions, with the help of subject matter experts from around post, taught a week long assortment of administrative courses to the new infantry team leaders. The courses included: leadership, finance, physical training, Soldier actions, sponsorship, counseling and more.

The infantry team leaders not only gained useful knowledge, but were encouraged in an open forum to ask the instructors/senior NCOs any questions they had.

"Both battalions were planning a TLC, so it was definitely a joint decision between Sgt. Maj. Womack and myself to come together," said Command Sgt. Maj. John Bagby, command sergeant major, 1st-503rd. "The purpose was to teach our NCOs and those about to enter the NCO Corps the basics of that job."

According to Bagby, the two battalions have not done a lot of training together in the past.

"They've been like two separate units, and the coming together for the TLC was very significant," he added.

"I will never say this battalion has all the answers or the best way of doing things, so we need to compare notes with our sister battalion," said Bagby. "They have some great experiences and a lot of knowledge over there, and you'd be a fool not to share experiences."

An infantry team leader is usually a sergeant, but can also be a specialist or corporal.

"A team leader is arguably the most critical person as far as a leader in an element (company)," said Bagby. "A team leader is that first piece in the pie that's got to be right because if not, it's just going to hurt everybody on up the chain."

According to Bagby, the key thing is constant mentoring at all NCO levels. Only the constant mentorship of team leaders and future team leaders will get them where they need to be, he added.

"The TLC helps refresh some of the stuff you forget, and there was a lot of stuff I didn't know," said Sgt. Joshua A. Ochoa, a three-deployment veteran with the 2nd-503rd. "Even at Warrior Leader Course they didn't go in depth like they do here. S-1 (human resources) actually came down and brought all the paperwork and went through it all step-by-step."



173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team Command Sgt. Maj. Nicholas A. Rolling addresses his paratroopers prior to the Team Leader Course graduation ceremony Nov. 21, in the Veneto Room, at Club "V", here on Caserma Ederle.

According to Ochoa, you make brothers everyday while serving in the Army and you constantly learn from them. Ochoa liked the combined training because it gave him a chance to meet his brethren from the other battalion.

"Everyone was there to learn. We were all helping each other out," he added.

"When I went through the S-1 brief and some of the finance briefs, I was like wow, that blew my mind, I didn't know that," said Ochoa.

"Honestly, I didn't know our sergeants major too much, but if this is how it's going to keep going in the future, I think it's great for this unit because all this TLC training is awesome," he said.

Getting everybody on the same page, and clearly identifying the knowledge needed for the new team leaders coming into the brigade, is why Ochoa thinks the TLC was awesome.

"A team leader has five Soldiers in a regular line company," said TLC instructor, Sgt. 1st Class Gary L. Branscum, 2nd-503rd. "A team leader is the first and the most hands-on leader of all the chain of command."

According to Branscum, this generation of team leaders is a lot smarter than when he was a team leader. The Soldiers today coming right out of school can do more with computers than he could even dream of, said Branscum, and everything in the Army is getting computerized.

"It's more knowledge and knowledge is power. So, the more knowledge they give us,

the more we can make everyone else's job easier by taking care of our Soldiers," said Spc. Ryan Leighton P. Normandin, a team leader with Able Co., 2nd-503rd. "I think the integrated TLC is good because we get to meet and greet all the other guys, I think it's good to intermingle because it lets us know who else is out there."

According to Normandin, the team leader is not a guaranteed position. He says "it's not like you make rank and hey you're a team leader, it's a selective process. If you're a team leader you have worked your way up, and they trust that you can get the job done."

The 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Nicholas A. Rolling, addressed his paratroopers midway through the TLC.

"You can have a cool platoon sergeant, you can have a hooah first sergeant, but it's the team leader who's going to kick that door down and go after it," said Rolling. "A team leader, 'do as I do' is the motto, and he'll live by it."

According to Rolling, the key is building aggression, and having the attitude of, "I'm going to jump out this window and go get them," while at the same time having the discipline to know when to turn it on and turn it off. This is the essence of what team leaders have to capture, he added.

"Are you going to be the NCO who wears the rank or are you going to be the person of inspiration and character?" asked Rolling. "That's what I challenge you with."

Sky Soldiers join Sgt. Morales Club



SETAF Command Sgt. Maj. Earl L. Rice decorates two paratroopers, Staff Sgt. Michael T. Snipes (left), a scout team leader, and Staff Sgt. Phillip Rodriguez (right), a section sergeant, both assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd - 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne) with the Sergeant Morales Club medallion and membership Nov. 21 at the 2nd - 503rd Headquarters, on Caserma Ederle. Sergeant Morales Club members are outstanding and elite NCOs who exemplify the highest ideals of integrity, professionalism, and leadership. (Photo by Spc. Gregory Argentieri, 173rd ABCT)

Winter sports safety tips



By Frank Marcantonio
USAG Vicenza Senior Safety Specialist

The ski season here in Italy officially opens Dec. 6 and many members of the Vicenza military community will soon rush to the mountains to enjoy a day of

skiing, snowboarding, or sledding. These cold weather activities, which can be exhilarating, can also result in many injuries. You can reduce the chance of becoming injured while skiing, snowboarding, or sledding if you follow these safety tips from the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, and the National Ski Areas Association.

*Obtain proper equipment. Be sure that your equipment is in good condition and have your ski or snowboard bindings adjusted correctly at a local ski shop.

*Children 14 years or younger are now required to wear a helmet in Italy while skiing or snowboarding. (Helmets can be rented from ODR for \$1.)

*Before you get out on the slopes, be sure you're in shape. You'll enjoy the sports more and have lower risk of injury if you're physically fit.

*Take a lesson (or several) from a qualified instructor.

*Ski or snowboard with partners and stay within sight of each other.

*Stay on marked trails and stay within you limits, not everyone is a Picabo Street.

*Dress in layers, and be prepared for changes in the weather.

*Drink water. Don't consume alcohol while on the slopes.

Following these few safety tips may prevent you from spending the holidays in a cast. Have a great holiday season.

Shopping In Lugano, New Year's Eve in Munich with ITR/ODR trips

ITR

Shopping in Lugano Switzerland

Join iTR. Trips to Fox Town Outlet Mall for a shopping experience in Switzerland. During this trip you will also visit the chocolate museum to sample and purchase chocolate gifts for the holidays. Trip is Dec. 13 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m.

New Years Eve in Munich

Make your reservations now to ring in the New Year in Munich with iTR. Trips. Transportation and trip assistance is provided to ensure you'll enjoy this splendid holiday experience. Call 634-7094 now to reserve.

Christmas Time in Florence

Enjoy the holiday magic in Florence with iTR. Trips guided tour on Saturday Dec. 14.

Browse "Il Mercato di Natale" in Piazza Santa Croce where forty nine exhibitors from thirteen different European countries sell their holiday traditions.

Piazza della Republicca is famous for beautiful tree decorated with 16,000 lights.

You might also want to try ice skating in Piazza della Liberta' Call 634-7094 for reservations.

Ring out the year in style with ITR in Munich.



Out&About

By Anna Terracino

Christmas marts, fairs, shows, concerts

Local fairs, exhibitions

Christmas market, Dec. 4 - 8, in Cavazzale, Piazza Trieste, about 4 miles north of Vicenza. Starts at 7 p.m. Food booths, Christmas merchandise and gifts, entertainment for children and adults.

Christmas market, Dec. 7, in Vicenza, Viale Milano. Christmas gifts, games, crafts, homemade ornaments and decorations, live music, entertainment and magic show at 4 p.m.; stores open all day long; free cotton candy and balloons to children.

Saint Lucia market, Dec. 7, in Vicenza, Contrà Santa Lucia.

Snail Fair, Dec. 8, in Crespadoro, about 25 miles northwest of Vicenza, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Food booths, crafts, local products exhibition and market, folk music. Free entrance.

Our Lady Festival and Almond Cake Fair, Dec. 8, in Solagna, about 27 miles north of Vicenza. Starts at 9 p.m. Local products markets, food stands featuring the renowned *mandorlato* (almond cake). Live music. Free entrance.

Mineral Show Geo Shop, Dec. 5-7, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., in Verona, Viale del Lavoro 8, about 38 miles west of Vicenza. Admission fee: 5 euro; reduced 4 euro (children younger than 14). Free for children younger than six. Exhibition of gems, hand-crafted golden and silver jewelry or in other less precious

metals, minerals, fossils, collection shells; moreover, a big department will be dedicated to the "do-it-yourself:" some jewelry firms will give visitors a chance to create some real jewelry with their own hands. Entrance fee: 5 euro; reduced 4 euro for children under 14.

International Dog Show, Dec. 5-7, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., in Verona, Viale del Lavoro 8, about 38 miles west of Vicenza. Admission fee: 6 euro; reduced 3 euro for children younger than two. **Free local concerts and classes**

Dec. 5 - 14, *Nuestro Norte es el Sur*; contemporary painting exhibition by Latin American artists, in Vicenza, Villa Lattes, Via Thon di Revel 44. Mon 10:30 - 12:30; Tue - Sun 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Dec. 5, 8:30 p.m. *Silva - Lord Walkman Acoustic concert*, in Breganze, Via Castelletto, north of Vicenza.

Dec. 5, 9:30 p.m. *Smoke of Fire + Fake Problems Indie Country, Florida + Anger HCM from Vicenza*, in Vicenza, Via dell'Edilizia, 128.

Dec. 6 - 14, *La luce nel colore*, painting exhibition by Fulvia Andriolo, in Vigardolo, at S. Maria Assunta Church, about 4 miles north of Vicenza. Mon - Sat 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.; Sun and holidays 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Dec. 6, 5 p.m. *Organ concert*, in Vicenza, Araceli Church, Borgo Scroffa, 24. Music by Witte, Bach, Luchesi, Guilman and Stella.

Speak Out

What is your five year goal and how are you preparing for it?

By Lourdes Fenandez
Outlook Volunteer



Sgt. Gregory DeNichelle
HHC, 1-503rd

"I want to go to college and study education. So I will be getting out of the Army."



Spc. Nelson Sanjuro-Rodriquez
HHC, 1-503rd

"I want to go Special Forces and then try to be an officer. I need to increase my GT score and I study on my own time."



Spc. Misha Pemble-Belkin
Battle Co., 2-503rd

"I want to study photography in college. I'm taking lots of pictures to practice."



Staff Sgt. Gerald Ward
Echo Co., 1-503rd

"I am preparing myself for retirement. I am raising my GT score to better my opportunities."

Holiday hours

Family Computer Center
Dec. 24: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Dec. 25: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Jan. 1: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Health Clinic

Dec. 4 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Dec. 5 8 a.m.-Noon
Dec. 6 9 a.m.-1p.m.
Dec. 25 Closed
Dec. 26 Closed
Dec. 27 9 a.m.-1p.m.
Jan. 1 Closed
Jan. 2 Closed
Jan. 3 9 a.m.-1p.m.

The advice line is available at

800-877-660 for questions related to your health. The call is free of charge.

Vehicle Registration

Dec. 25, 26 and 31: Closed
Jan. 1, 2, 5 and 6: Closed

Individuals who are PCSing will need to make arrangements to clear Vehicle Registration prior to its closure. Failure to properly clear could result in unnecessary delays in your PCS.

Normal work hours are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday
For details, call Vehicle Registration at 634-7001 or 0444-71-7001.

Army Community Service

Dec. 25: Closed
Dec. 26: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Jan. 1: Closed

NAF job opportunity

ODR is seeking individuals with knowledge and experience in cycling or rock climbing to join the ODR team as either a contractor or staff member.

Interested applicants should have extensive knowledge in the

field and experience leading participants. Contact ODR at 634-7453 for more information.

VCC Christmas market

Support community artisans and shop for holiday gifts at our Christmas market Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Club V (next to Mensa). If you're interested in being a vendor or have questions, contact Jennifer Reverri at jyf328@aol.com.

Club Beyond annual pancake dinner

Dec. 8th is our Pancake Dinner at the chapel from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Bring friends to support our teens who want to serve in the Czech Republic this spring.

Suicide prevention class offered

USAG Vicenza chaplain's office will conduct a suicide prevention training Dec. 15 at 2:30 p.m. in the chapel. Space is available for community members to attend.

Leaders, if you would like members of your unit to attend, call the chapel at 634-7519 or e-mail Spc. Andrea Fifer at andrea.fifer@eur.army.mil to reserve space. Units are responsible for maintaining rosters.

Army Community Service classes

Financial Readiness: Money and Divorce in the Military is a new service offered by Financial Readiness. This is a three-part class for couples who are contemplating divorce. Husband and wife may attend separately or together.

Look at finances before, during and after the divorce to avoid financial ruin. Call ACS for details at 634-7500.

Basics of Investing: Dec. 9, 9-10 a.m.

The Investment Club: Dec. 17, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the post library. Call Financial Readiness for details at 634-7500.

ID theft prevention: Dec. 17, 9-10 a.m.

EFMP Roundtable meets Dec. 16, 11 a.m. - noon. Share ideas and experiences. The roundtable is open to the entire community.

Family Advocacy Program:

Relaxation techniques: Take a stress free lunch break, Dec. 8, noon to 1 p.m. in ACS.

Parent-Child Play: Build a strong relationship with your child through play. Dec. 9, 10 - 11 a.m. Call Family Advocacy for details and reservations 634-7500.

Communication Miracles for Couples: Create more love and less conflict, Dec. 12, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Stress Management: Learn the basics of stress management, and learn about the profound effects of stress on your life. Dec. 15, noon - 1 p.m.

Freddy FAP is at it again. Dec. 17, 3 - 4:30 p.m. join Freddy FAP returning from Morocco with fun family activities and snacks. Please make reservations, call ACS 634-7500.

Anger Management with Family Advocacy Dec. 18. Anger Management for adults will be 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., and for children ages 6 to 12, 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Soldiers' Theatre notes

Nominations for the 2009 Army Soldier Show are being accepted by Soldiers' Theatre for performers and technicians.

The deadline for submissions is Dec. 31. Call Soldiers'

Theatre, 634-7281.

Soldiers' Theatre production: Dec. 12-14 Soldiers' Theatre presents "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" a two-act song-and-dance revue filled with joyous music of the season.

Tickets on sale now. Box office is open 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., call 634-7281.

Welcome to Italy

Benvenuti begins Dec. 16. Enjoy four days of fun, culture and adventure. Reserve your spot by calling ACS at 634-7500.

Volunteer orientation

A mandatory orientation and registration class is open to community members interested in volunteering on Caserma Ederle.

Check out what opportunities are available for you Dec. 11, 1 - 2 p.m., and build your experience and resume by supporting your community.

2008-9 DoDEA Customer Satisfaction Survey

Improving school with your input.

Parents, DoDEA invites you to participate in its on-line biennial customer satisfaction survey, Nov. 1-Feb. 28.

www.dodea.edu and www.eu.dodea.edu

Please contact the school if you need access to a computer.

Present your gifts unto the Lord

What: Present your gifts

When: Dec. 18, 7-9 p.m.

Where: Caserma Ederle Chapel

Any special talent you would like to present unto the Lord. To include: singing, dancing, acting, poetry, musical instruments, even baking.

Sign-up in the back of sanctuary. Rehearsals will be conducted Dec. 10, 5:30 p.m. at the Caserma Ederle Chapel.

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

Dec. 4	Burn after Reading (R)	6 p.m.
Dec. 5	Ghost Town (PG-13)	6 p.m.
	Nights in Rodanthe (PG-13)	9 p.m.
Dec. 6	Tyler Perry's Family that Preys (PG-13)	6 p.m.
	Australia (PG-13)	9 p.m.
Dec. 7	Igor (PG)	3 p.m.
	Australia (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Dec. 10	Igor (PG)	3 p.m.
	Nights in Rodanthe (PG-13)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Dec. 4	Burn after Reading (R)	6 p.m.
Dec. 5	My Best Friend's Girl (R)	6 p.m.
Dec. 6	Quantum of Solace (PG-13) (1st Run)	6 p.m.
Dec. 7	Igor (PG)	2 p.m.

Admission: Age 12 and over \$4, under age 12, \$2.

The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time.

Looking for the movie synopsis? Check out the AAFES Web site: www.aafes.com, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Movie Schedule.

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Religious activities

Caserma Ederle Chapel

Call the chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for details on post religious activities.

Chaplain Crisis Line:

To speak with a chaplain after hours call **634-KARE** (634-5273).

Saturday services

4p.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation or by appointment.

5 p.m.: Vigil Mass

Sunday Services

9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass
Mass is held weekdays at noon.

9 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school and AWANAs (Sept. through May in Vicenza High School)

10:45 a.m.: Catholic religious education (Sept.-May in Vicenza High School)

11 a.m.: Protestant worship
1:30 p.m.: Full Gospel Pentecostal worship

4 p.m.: Lutheran worship
6 p.m.: Contemporary Christian worship

Monday

Noon: LDS Scripture Study
3:05 p.m.: Middle School Club in the high school cafeteria. (October -May)

5:30 p.m.: High School Club in the Teen Center. (October-May)

For details contact Jocelyn Cary at 634-7890 or 349-385-3476 or vicecb@yahoo.com.

Tuesday

9:15 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

Wednesday

Noon: Protestant Men of the Chapel Bible study (at DFAC)

5:30 p.m.: PWOC evening Bible study

Thursday

9:30 a.m.: Catholic Women of the Chapel

5:30 p.m.: Gospel service choir rehearsal

7:15 p.m.: Gospel service Bible study

Faith group contacts

Islamic: Mohamed Noeman at 634-6306.

Jewish: Sandy Schoenberg at 634-6202 or sandy.schoenberg@eur.army.mil.

Latter Day Saints (LDS): Sean Peterson at 329-034-3451 or Elder Openshaw at 334-665-6845. Scripture study is held Monday, noon-1 p.m.

Darby Chapel

For details call the chapel at: 633-7267 (50-54-7267).

9:40 a.m.: Catholic Reconciliation

10 a.m.: Catholic Mass

11:15 a.m.: Protestant worship

Protestant Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. and Catholic CCD is at 11:15 a.m.

All briefs must be received at editor@eur.army.mil noon Monday, or by Friday at 4 p.m. if Monday is a holiday.

Athens Classic Marathon runners all smiles with finish

(Left) Sky Clarke, Huseyin Kara, coach of the 10-miler team, and Malynda Beeman celebrate after completing the Athens Classic Marathon on Nov. 9. Beeman said, "it's hard to explain why" she likes running, but that she likes "to see how far I can push my body. Most of all running is my escape; I always find myself during a run." Beeman adds that a quote that often inspires her is by Bart Yasso, world-known runner: "Running is an affirmation of life."



Jingle Jog annual tradition

By Vera Morgan
Vicenza MS/HS coach



The annual middle school Jingle Jog is Dec. 19th at 1:30 p.m. All middle school students are invited as well as the entire Caserma Ederle community. Come prepared for the weather as we jog no matter what. Santa will be joining us too. If you wish you may wear a holiday hat. The walk/run takes about 30-minutes around part of the base. The Jingle Jog will end back in the gym where we watch the 8th graders try to beat the teachers in basketball. Santa Claus and Coach Morgan will referee the game. After the game of basketball we all go home for the holidays. PTSA has provided us all with candy canes as a holiday treat.

Milan: masterpieces, shopping

Story and photo by
Lourdes Fernandez
Outlook volunteer

Members of the Caserma Ederle community had the opportunity to experience a guided tour of Leonardo Da Vinci's "The Last Supper" ('Il Cenacolo') on Nov. 26. The ITR-guided trip allowed for some free time in Milano, followed by a tour of the church and the Dominican dining room where Da Vinci painted his masterpiece from 1494 to 1498.

Lorenza, the local guide, explained the 21-year restoration process as she guided the group through the climate-controlled room. Kristine Thiessen, who has been on many ITR trips, said she always wanted to see the painting. Participants learned about different ways to interpret the painting, including light, geometry and Biblical history.

At the *Piazza Duomo*, some had the

chance to see hundreds of fans of the Greek soccer team *Panathinaikos Atene* celebrate in preparation for the game against *Inter*, the Champions League Italian team. The Greeks defeated the Italians 2-0 later that night at *Stadio Meazza* in Milano.

Milano provided memorable experiences to many in the group. For Mary Singleterri, who was visiting family in Italy, the highlights of the trip were "the church itself and the shopping area, because of the architecture and the great shopping."

But for Henrietta McKee, who has been to more than 50 trips with ITR and to Milano once before, her favorite part was seeing the *Duomo* again because she "has a feeling for it" that is different from other cathedrals in Italy.

Admission tickets for *The Last Supper* must be bought in advance. For more information about visiting "The Last Supper" or Milano call 634-7490.



La Galleria, the famous shopping area of Milan, just across Piazza Duomo from the famous church from the cathedral and the painting of the Last Supper.

Sports Shorts

Fitness class schedule

The fitness class schedule effective Dec. 8 is available on *Vicenza MWR.com*.

Classes include yoga, body balance, body attack, body pump, body step, body jam and unique physique. For details call 634-5181.

New hours for fitness center

The fitness center has expanded their hours. Monday – Friday 5 a.m. – 11 p.m. Sat – Sun. 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Federal holidays from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. and training holidays from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. For details call 634-7616.

CYS basketball, cheerleading

Enrollment for CYS basketball and cheerleading continues through Dec. 8. For complete details on what you need to register your child, call 634-7219.

Jingle Bell 5K run/walk

Put a jingle in your step with the annual Jingle Bell 5K Run/Walk Dec. 13. Registration is from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Sign up is before Dec. 9, call 634-7009.

Attention wrestlers

Sports & Fitness needs your help to build a competitive wrestling team.

Whether you're a coach or wrestler, meet at the Fitness Center Dec. 10, 2:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. Questions? Call 634-7009.

Are you a boxer?

Sports & Fitness needs your help to organize and build a competitive boxing team.

Whether you're a coach or boxer, meet at the Fitness Center Dec. 9, 2:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. Questions? Call 634-7009.

Group fitness classes

New prices for group fitness classes in December. Single passes are \$3 but if you purchase 10 passes in advance you can save \$5, 10 passes for \$25.

These passes include all the Les Mills Body series classes. For a complete schedule of classes visit www.vicenzaMWR.com.