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Sp. Jason P. Holstein, a light-wheel vehicle mechanic with B Company, 173rd BSB, teaches the steps of preventive maintenance checks and Services on an M-1025 HMMWV to Afghan National Army soldiers at Forward Operating Base Hughie, Afghanistan.

ANA mechanics learn tricks of trade

Story and photos by
2nd Lt. Monika Comeaux
173rd Brigade Support
Battalion

FORWARD OPERATING BASE FENTY, Afghanistan - Soldiers from Company B, 173rd Brigade Support Battalion paid a special visit to Forward Operating Base Hughie, to train Afghan Army mechanics.

More than 20 Afghan National Army soldiers, assigned to 5th Kandak, 3rd Brigade, learned how to properly conduct preventive maintenance checks and services on the M-1025 High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle.

Right now, the brigade has only a few humvees in its fleet, though, it is scheduled to receive more in the future.

The training followed the same steps any U.S. Army training would.

"You go from the crawl to the walk to the run phase," said Sgt. 1st Class George V. Castillo, a vehicle maintenance supervisor deployed from the 95th Training Division, Albuquerque, N.M. "You sort of hold them by the hand and show them everything. A lot of these guys can do a lot more things than we can."

Besides proper PMCS, the ANA soldiers also learned some small tricks of the trade used by U.S. mechanics.



Sp. Yariel Romanaviles, a light-wheel vehicle mechanic with B Company, 173rd BSB, shows Afghan National Army soldiers what different gauges are on the dashboard of a humvee.

"We gave them some quick troubleshooting guides on things," said Staff Sgt. Jabar C. Steward, a light-wheel vehicle mechanic. "If the vehicle overheats, we let them know that they can unplug the time delay (so the fan runs continually) and they will be able to continue the mission."

Castillo anticipated seeing maybe 10 ANA troops, and was pleasantly surprised when he saw the small crowd anxiously awaiting the arrival of the U.S. Soldiers.

One of the participants, ANA Sgt. Azbullah speaks fairly good English. He was able to ask his own questions and took detailed notes of the PMCS procedures.

"The HMMWV is a very good vehicle," Azbullah said.

ANA Lt. Col. Shamsuddine, commander of the Combat Service Support Battalion, 3rd Quick Reaction Forces Brigade, 201st ANA Corps, welcomed the training his troops received. As soon as his brigade received the trucks, he requested some assistance with training the operators and mechanics.

"I like the cooperation," said Shamsuddine through a translator. "There has been a war in Afghanistan for the last 30 years. We lost everything. Now we can have a stabilized government. With the assistance of the U.S., we can continue to improve."

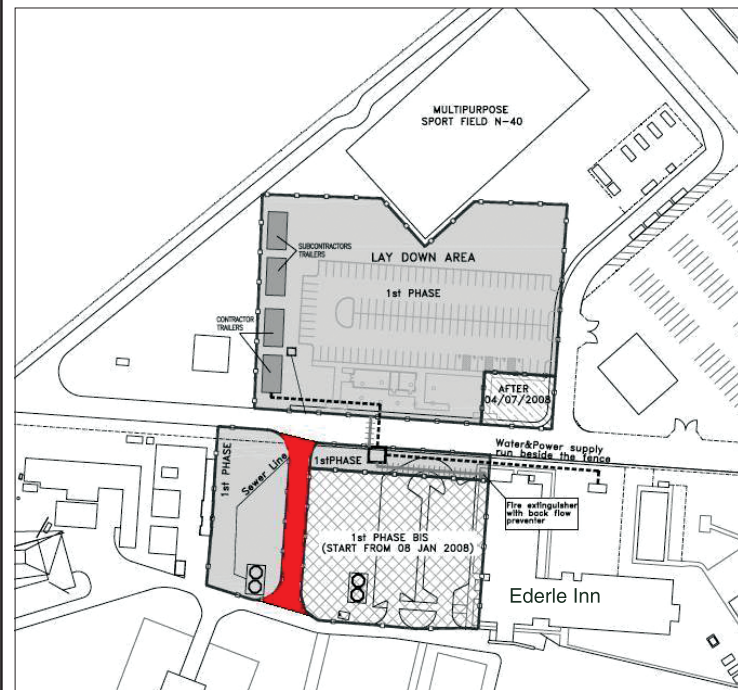
Steward jumped on the opportunity to train the ANA and brought two of his best mechanics with him.

"I enjoy working with other cultures," said Steward. "It would make the job real easy if I could speak Pashto, but that is not going to happen."

Both parties are looking forward to future training events. There are plans for translating the more important parts of the technical manuals and setting up more detailed maintenance training.

"It is very important for the ANA soldiers to learn how to use these vehicles, because we will one day independently provide security for our whole country," said Azbullah.

Road closure near Ederle Inn set



CASERMA EDERLE, Vicenza, Italy-The road that runs on the west side of the Ederle Inn (10th Street) will close Jan. 18 as part of the preparation for the construction project that will add 58 suites to the Ederle Inn.

The road will remain closed until a new access road is complete. Additionally, the road between the Ederle Inn and the Body Shop will close near the end of February.

The new access road for the Eco Center and training areas will go past the central processing facility, formerly the Golden Lion, and behind the Inn.



Narang sub-governor Haii Tahulam hands out school supplies at a school in Bar Narang. The supplies were donated by Destined Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne).

Destined Co. helps school in Bar Narang

Story and photos by
Sgt. Brandon Aird,
173rd ABCT Public Affairs

KUNAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan — Paratroopers from Destined Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne), known as "The Rock," visited a school nestled along the banks of the Pech River in Bar Narang, Afghanistan.

During the visit Capt. Michael T. Jackson and 1st Sgt. Mitchell Rucker, Destined Co. commander and first sergeant, talked with school teachers and village elders about possible future projects to improve the school.

"Education is very important," Jackson explained.

Afghan National Police helped Destined Co. provide security while Jackson, Rucker and Narang Sub-Governor Haii Tahulam toured the school.

Jackson spoke with school teachers about possible renovations of some of the existing buildings and also the potential to build some new class rooms.

"I need your input so I can sell the project and try to get funding," Jackson explained to the teachers.

After the tour Tahulam handed out bags containing pens, pencils, notepads and other school supplies, donated by D-Co. to local school girls. As they left, Destined Co. provided the school with additional humanitarian aid and promised to return soon.

Garrison news

Dealing with reality of life

A message from Chaplain (Col.) Dave Smith
SETAF command chaplain
Special to the Outlook

The holidays are over, the kids are back in school, the family has gone home and the decorations have been put back into boxes. We might have put our joyful spirits back into a box as well.

Reality of life sets back in where the storms we face rage on. Sometimes the day-to-day routine as well as the sorrows of life can be pretty overwhelming.

How can we move beyond the pain or numbness we may feel?

I remember reading about how a young widow of a Navy pilot shot down in Viet Nam managed to work through her grief.

It was not easy. It never is. But, she began to get hold of her life after breaking a glass that fell off her kitchen table and shattered on the floor.

As she glanced down at the pieces of broken glass, she thought it was like her life – shattered, broken, in pieces. But then she thought of the stained glass window at her church. That beautiful window was made with pieces of glass. From the image of the window, a healing process began.

She could pick up the pieces of her broken life and create a new reality. It would not be the same, but it could be as beautiful.

Faith does not prevent pain, tragedy, loss that breaks and shatters our lives. But, faith promises the power to pick up the pieces and put our life together again.

If you are having difficulties putting the pieces back together again, our community has many resources to assist you. Turn to a chaplain, a family life consultant, social work services, or a friend. Please, know that you do not need to pick up the pieces alone.

Out with the old... Army begins phasing out older uniform items as the ACU becomes more visible

By Sgt. Justin Nieto
SETAF Public Affairs

The battle dress uniform and many other uniform items are getting ready to go the way of the Dodo in today's Army.

As the Army moves toward filling its ranks with the relatively new Army combat uniform, Soldiers will see the BDU and its desert-colored cousin disappear, along with some of their accessories.

The wear-out dates are a ways off, but there are reasons for the Army's slow phasing out of older uniform items.

"One of the largest factors is financial. The Army must be capable of acquiring the assets and having them available throughout the Army to include National Guard, Reserves, Reserve Officer Training Corps and others," said Lt. Col. Carl Tucker, SETAF Logistics. "This is a huge volume of items when you are talking about a uniform item every category of Soldier must have and the process usually takes years to accomplish globally."

Wear-out date of April 30, 2008:

- * Battle dress uniform
- * Desert battle dress uniform
- * Brown t-shirt
- * Black, leather combat boots
- * Woodland and desert camouflage pattern caps
- * Olive drab green nametape and "U.S. Army"
- * Subdued olive drab shoulder sleeve insignias and subdued shoulder sleeve insignias, former wartime service
- * Black rigger belt



It's time to sort through your gear and set aside those outdated uniforms and equipment. (Photo by Gary L. Kieffer, Outlook Editor)

- * Web belt with open-faced black buckle
 - * Green and black jungle boots
 - * Black-knit and micro fleece knit cap
 - * Cold-weather, woodland camouflage pattern coat (field jacket)
- Wear-out date of Sept. 30, 2009:**
- * Black-knit and micro fleece knit cap
- Wear-out date of Sept. 30, 2010:**

Speak Out

"Why is it important for you to vote when overseas?"

By Spc. Kathryn Jorgensen



Susan Wong

Program magement
Voting is important for those of us overseas. It is a way for us to stay in touch with our country even if we are physically away.



Spc. Jose Santiago

SETAF G-1
People should always vote. It's not hard, it's easy, and it's a privilege.



2nd Lt. Rachael Shenk

SETAF G-1
Voting is important because we feel the depreciation of the dollar every day and we should vote to support the candidate who can influence our economic welfare.



Kenneth Johansen

SETAF G-4
Anyone who chooses not to vote has no business complaining when the elected administration makes decisions they do not agree with.



Maj. Arvie McDaniel

New HSC commander
Go vote. Many people have paid an expensive price for us to have this right. Do it.

Garrison news

Fallen Soldier gives back



Staff Sgt. Gabel shares a laugh with Capt. Jonathan Ng at one of the camping spots during the Polish Pilgrimage last August. Gabel was NCOIC for the trip and was in charge of more than 30 Soldiers.

\$20k donation left to Rear Det.

Story and photos by
Staff Sgt. David Hopkins,
SETAF Public Affairs Office

CASERMA EDERLE, Vicenza, Italy—All Soldiers, especially those who are deploying, want to take care of their families in the event something happens to them, but one Soldier took this one step further by including his fellow paratroopers in his family.

Staff Sgt. Michael Gabel, D-Co., 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, who died of wounds received in combat on Dec. 12, in Afghanistan, donated more than \$20,000 of his life insurance to the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team's rear detachment.

"It isn't a surprise that [Gabel] donated the money to the rear detachment because of the kind of person he was," said 1st Sgt. Richard Howell, 173rd South Rear Detachment first sergeant.

"But it is surprising that he snuck it past us and went through with putting it in his will," he said.

The donation originated as a way to help pay for flowers for memorial services, but is turning into a way to take care of injured Soldiers.

"When the brigade first started getting casualties we were unable to get the government to pay for flowers for the memorial ceremonies," said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Arroyo, S-3 NCOIC.

"We had to pass a hat to get the money, but before Staff Sgt. Gabel deployed he came to me and mentioned that he wanted to do something so the rear detachment wouldn't have to pay anymore."

After Gabel's death the rear detachment discovered the government will pay for the flowers. The money Gabel donated will now

go for a different cause, but the rear detachment leadership is still working out the details.

"We want to make it so wounded Soldiers get some comforts when they are recovering from their injuries," said Arroyo.

"We're working something out so we can set it up so the interest from the money goes toward helping Soldiers without depleting the original donation amount."

It may have been a surprise that Gabel actually went through with the donation, but his willingness to want to help others was no surprise.

"One of the biggest things [Gabel] ever gave to people was his time," said 1st Sgt. Richard Howell, 173rd South Rear Detachment first sergeant. "He put a lot of time and research in to helping people solve their problems."

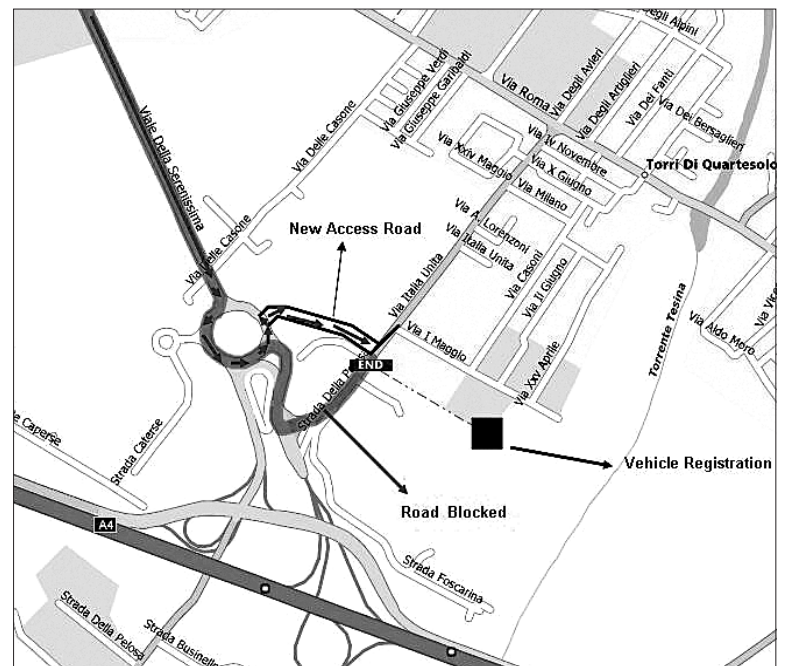
Howell continued by saying: "Whenever the brigade had a loss, Gabel did all he could to help.

"He helped organize things here on post, but he also helped families to make sure they were taken care of by donating his time to mow lawns and help with other household chores."

According to Arroyo, "He will be remembered as being a great person, noble, righteous. From small things to big, he did what was right and took care of people. Giving this money just shows how he cared about people and took care of them."



Staff Sgt. Gabel talks with a local girl during the Polish Pilgrimage last August. The pilgrimage offered SETAF Soldiers the opportunity to experience a different culture and meet other soldiers from five different countries.



Yet another road closure New way to vehicle registration

The left-hand turn from the autostrada (Vicenza Est) entrance road that leads to Vehicle Registration is currently blocked off. Previously you used the exit at the last traffic circle and turned left prior to the entrance to the autostrada. Now that road is blocked with a cable, but the fourth exit off of the last traffic circle is now open. This is a new exit and is actually easier to use. Be careful not to try using the old exit since it is closed and there is no turn around; you will have to enter the autostrada and exit on down the road and come back, paying a toll both ways if you do.



Mancini Giustiniano renders a salute to fallen Pfc. Brian Gorham, as AFN Vicenza records the event for broadcast to the community.

Alpini honor fallen Sky Soldier

Eleven Italian veterans from the National Association of Retired Officers and the Alpini National Association attended the memorial service for Pfc. Brian Lee Gorham, Thursday. When asked why they came to the service, Mancini Giustiniano, president of the group said; "It is important to be here to recognize the sacrifice made by this young man, who at 21 years of age, not only died to preserve the freedoms for United States' citizens, but of all freedom-loving countries throughout the World." (Photo by Barbra Romano, 7th JMTC-TASE)

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At your service

Fabio Maemeguzzo is a mechanic with the Installation Material Maintenance Activity located at Bldg. 207, the POV Inspection station. He is at your service 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

Maemeguzzo has worked on post for nine years now.

"I like to do my job here. I enjoy working with vehicles of all kinds and I have had a great time working here."

He is the man who will inspect your vehicle to make sure it is safe and has the proper equipment and is ready for Italian roads.



Fabio Maemeguzzo

Community events

495th MCT deploys to Afghanistan

Story and photos by
Gary L. Kieffer,
Outlook Editor

Amid hugs, kisses and tearful farewells, the Soldiers of the 495th Movement Control Team said goodbye to their loved ones and boarded the buses for Ramstein and a flight to Afghanistan.

"The 495th MCT is on our second rotation," said Capt. Jai Ahn, 495th commander. "Our first deployment was to OIF 05-07, and now we are getting ready to deploy for 15 months to Afghanistan in support of OEF 08-10."

The team consists of 21 personnel: three transportation officers and 18 transportation movement coordinators. Nineteen departed on Saturday and the rest will join up in about two months.

The mission for the 495th MCT is to provide movement control functions within specified geographic areas. The unit will be split between Salerno and Sherona, within the Afghan theater.

This means monitoring the status of in-bound, out-bound and throughput combat logistics patrols and other road and air movements; monitor in-transit visibility and submits recurring reports, said Capt. Ahn.

Randy Clark and Paul Douglas, both from the Directorate of Logistics in Vicenza were on hand to shepherd the unit on its deployment.

"We start two to three months before a unit deploys," said Clark, a DOL operations officer.

"This one was a bit of a challenge in that we had to coordinate two border crossings in Austria for Soldiers with weapons. We even have Carabinieri escorts up to the Brenner Pass," he added.

"It's not just Soldiers that we deploy," said Douglas, DOL plans and operations. "We have to send containers of equipment for the unit as well."

"It's always difficult to see the Soldiers go, especially when you've seen them do this before," he said.

"I am happy to be deploying now," said 2nd Lt. Beth Sutey. Having just graduated from West Point and her basic courses, Sutey has only been in Vicenza for a month.

"It's easier to deploy right away, rather than in the middle of a tour. This way I can come back and really enjoy Italy," she said.

Pvt. Victor Reyna was having a hard time saying goodbye to his fiancé, Pfc. Kaylani Mgirarois.

"I've been in the Army three years and this is my second deployment already," Reyna said. "I spent 11 months in Afghanistan last time and now I'm going back again."

"I really love my fiancé and we're going to get married when I come back on R&R," Reyna said. "I feel good about the deployment and the



Staff Sgt. Ricky Wise gets a warm kiss from his wife Rhonda before he leaves for Afghanistan.

unit, it's just hard saying goodbye." Acting first sergeant Sgt. 1st Class Carlos Lora has been through this before as well, having deployed three previous times to Turkey, Iraq

and Afghanistan. "My wife Yuley is a bit tense, especially with our son in Iraq already," Lora said. "A bunch of the Soldiers are new to the unit, including the officers. But

we all trained together and the unit has gelled. We'll see how it all goes," he added. "But we are all excited and ready to get the job done and come back."



(Above) Randy Clark, DOL operations officer, fills in the unit on last minute details before they deploy, with Capt. Jai Ahn, 495th commander and Paul Douglas. (Above, far right) 2nd Lt. Aaron Eagan has a last few mintues with wife Nancy and son Jaron. (Far right) There's still time for a last minute smallpox vaccination from Staff Sgt. Stackhouse, Vicenza Health Clinic, as Spc. Charles Ryan discovered. "It was hard leaving my wife and four kids," said Ryan. "She's going to be busy, but she's really involved in the FRG, so she has lots of support." (Right) USAG Vicenza Commander Col. Virgil Williams has a last-minute smile and words of encouragement for Spc. Ashly Flores as the 495th MCT boards the bus for Ramstein and Afghanistan.



Community events

Keeping busy helps keep misery at bay

With both a husband and son already deployed, Susan Ruggles finds ways of coping with the stress

Story and photos by
Amanda Grisgby,
HHC, 173rd ABCT FRSA
Special to the Outlook

The 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team has thousands of Soldiers serving their country in Afghanistan. And along with the Soldiers, there are spouses, children, fathers, mothers and other family members also serving their country by supporting their deployed Soldiers from the home front.

Sharon Ruggles, 46, of Chicago, Ill., has both a husband and son deployed with the 173rd ABCT. Her husband, Sgt. 1st Class Todd Ruggles, 43, from Phelps, N.Y., deployed to Afghanistan in August 2007 to join Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173rd ABCT in Jalalabad.

Her son, Spc. Jeremiah Peterson, 23, is in the Brigade's Fusion Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry attached to Battle Company in the Korengal Valley.

In addition, her eldest son, Eddie Peterson, 25, will be deploying in the next few months to Iraq with the Indiana National Guard.

Having multiple family members deployed isn't new to Ruggles. In 2005-2006, both Todd and Jeremiah were deployed with the 173rd ABCT in their first tour to Afghanistan. Two years earlier in 2003, Todd and Eddie deployed with different units to Iraq.

With nine years under her belt as a military spouse, Ruggles has learned from each of these experiences, developing techniques that help her support her men "in a good, positive way."

"I try not to worry about it because if I do it will really bring me down, and if I sit there and think about it, it will bother me," she said. "You need to be busy."

Ruggles stays busy working as a dental assistance at the Vicenza Dental Clinic, and raising her daughter's two children, Jonathan Peterson, 4, and Chyanna Peterson, 3, who came to stay with their grandparents when their mother had medical problems.

Ruggles also participates in family readiness group events like the 2-503rd Hooah Rock Day this

past August. At the event, family members got the opportunity to perform activities based on how their Soldiers' train.

"If there are things out there – activities for spouses, I recommend those," she said. "Even if you think you can't do it, be a part of them."

Lisa Preysler, wife of the 173rd ABCT commander, views Ruggles as a role model for others.

"Sharon sets such a positive example," Preysler said. "She's always happy and smiling."

Maj. Matt Ghiz, an orthodontist who works with Ruggles, said she has an amazing attitude despite all the stress she deals with during deployment.



Sharon Ruggles prepares the equipment for upcoming patients at the Vicenza Dental Clinic.

"She's always optimistic, always upbeat and is never in a bad mood," he said. "I could run over her with a truck and she'd still be smiling."

But there are times when Ruggles said feelings overcome her.

"The biggest part is if they see me break down, it wouldn't be good for (the grandchildren)," she said. "They know it's hard, but I don't want them to have to worry that I'm doing ok."

When Ruggles feels overwhelmed by her thoughts, she says she writes a letter.

"It isn't something I have to rush through," she said. "It's something I do throughout the

entire deployment. Thoughts of what I, at that time, felt."

But she doesn't plan to give the letter to her husband or sons when they return.

"It's just for me," she said. "It helps to write these things down – things I am feeling, but don't want to say to them on the phone. They already have a lot on their mind so if I can go the extra mile and show them things here are ok I feel like I'm doing my part."

Ruggles said the hardest thing is receiving the redline messages sent out by rear detachment when there has been a casualty.

"When I get a redline message, my heart just breaks and I cry," she said. "Even though they aren't my Soldiers, I support them and I'm proud of everyone. I'm very thankful for all of them and I appreciate what they do."

The redline messages also remind Ruggles of the dangers her husband and sons face while deployed.

"When the redline messages come I just think please God watch over them," she said.

Ruggles also relies on her strong relationship with God to get her through tough times.

"He's looking out for me as well," she said. "If it weren't for God being there for me, I don't know how I would do."

When it comes to the grandchildren, Ruggles said she tries not to discuss what's going on downrange due to their age.

"I try not to tell them too much," she said. "They do ask questions and I'll answer them as they come, but I don't like to tell them too much."

Ruggles said they usually turn to videos or pictures taken of grandpa and Uncle Jerry before the deployment when questions are asked or when they really miss them.

"I think it's best to look at the pictures and videos and remember the good times we've had and what's to come," she said.



Grandchildren Chyanna and Jonathan join Susan Ruggles in coloring.

Darby Dates

ITR trips

Ducati & Lamborghini museums

Jan. 18, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$55 for transportation
See first-hand the most spectacular 45 pieces of the unforgettable Ducati collection. The Lamborghini Gallery boasts an impressive display of autos such as the Miura, Diablo and F1 Lotus. Both museums are free, but bring Euro for lunch and souvenirs.

Antique market in Lucca

Jan. 19, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. \$15 for transportation.
One of the most popular markets in Italy with over 300 exhibitors of antique furniture, toys, clothing, linen and jewelry.



Carnevale in Viareggio

The infamous "Carnevale di Viareggio" boasts a mile-long street fair that includes decadent floats, great food, craft booths and a block party that continues well into the night. Every year the papier-mache floats parade around the two avenues along the beach front. Children and adults alike dress up in their favorite costumes.

Instead of battling for a parking space, catch a ride with ITR on Jan. 20, 3 p.m.-10 p.m. Transportation cost \$15 and the entrance fee is 15 Euro for adults and 10 Euro for children.

Assisi trip

Take a trip to Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis and St. Clair. Walk through a series of beautiful villages nestled in the hills of Umbria. The quiet churches, peaceful car-free streets and outdoor cafes are the perfect setting to take in history.
trip for \$25, Jan 21, 7a.m.-6:30 p.m.

City sightseeing tickets

Discover the wealth of history of Italian cities on board the "Hop On – Hop Off" buses. Get on and off as often as you want for the entire day.

Discover the lovely cities of Pisa, Florence and Rome at discounted prices for savings up to \$3.67 per person.

For more info or to make a reservation, contact ITR at DSN 633-7589/8231 or CIV 050 54 7589/8231.

Home of Pinocchio

Take a delightful trip to the picturesque town of Collodi- home of Pinocchio. Kids can work off extra energy at the Pinocchio Park, enjoy educational or romantic walks through the botanical gardens in Villa Garzoni or be captivated by the new Collodi Butterfly house.

ITR is providing transportation Jan 26, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., \$20 for adults and \$15 for children ages 3-10.

Convenience, low costs at Sea Pines Lodge

The Sea Pines Recreational Facilities located on Camp Darby offers a total of 39 new and recently renovated rooms. During the winter, prices for standard rooms begin at \$50 and deluxe room start at \$60. Sea Pines is located on Camp Darby in Livorno Italy, about an hour outside of Florence and 20 minutes from Galileo Galilei Airport.

For information about the Sea Pines or reservations call DSN 633-7225 or civilian 00 39 050 54 7225 or e-mail lodging@eur.army.mil. Payments can be made by credit card (visa, am-express, master or your military star card) cash, or travelers checks.

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www.autostrade.it

We want to know How do you find out what's happening on post?

In order to better serve our community, we at the USAG Vicenza Public Affairs office, AFN and DMWR Marketing offices are asking community members to please fill out the survey below and place in the box provided in the Community Mail Room, or fold in half, tape closed and put in mail box.

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 Villaggio Private rental Government rental Barracks

8. Is there anything not listed you'd like to see coverage of by AFN or the Outlook?

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- Three weeks before Four weeks before the event
- More than a month

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Caserma Ederle Theater

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| Jan. 16 | Fred Claus (PG) | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 17 | Martian Child (PG) | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 18 | First Sunday (PG-13) (1st run) | 6 p.m. |
| | Lions for Lambs (R) | 9 p.m. |
| Jan. 19 | First Sunday (PG-13) (1st run) | 3 p.m. |
| | Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium (G) | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 20 | First Sunday (PG-13) (1st run) | 3 p.m. |
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Camp Darby Theater

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| Jan. 17 | Martian Child (PG) | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 18 | Lions for Lambs (R) | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 19 | Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium (G) | 6 p.m. |
| Jan. 20 | The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep (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.

Movie Synopsis

MR. MAGORIUM'S WONDER EMPORIUM - *Dustin Hoffman, Natalie Portman*. Mr. Magorium's Wonder Emporium is the strangest, most fantastic, most wonderful toy store in the world. In fact, it's a magic toy store and everything in it comes to life - including the store itself. The emporium asks only one thing of its customers - you must believe it to see it.

FIRST SUNDAY - *Ice Cube, Regina Hall*. A pair of criminals who take a group of church parishioners hostage while attempting to rob the holy house, only to find their captives slowly convincing them to repent and give up their lawless lifestyles.

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And they're off; Zach Dickens, Jonathan Bowman and brothers Miguel and Gabriel Rosario lead the pack from the start line. They may have been quick off the line, but the young runners were soon caught up by their more experienced elders before the finish.

5km walk/run honors King

Story and photos by
Gary L. Kieffer,
Outlook Editor

Despite the damp cool weather, nearly 50 people turned out on the North-40 to run in the Martin Luther King Jr. 5 km walk/run.

"We have a core group of runners that comes out for every run," said Mike Garcia the event coordinator. "No matter the weather, they'll be here."

Others had more personal reasons. Archie and Twila Bates said: "We are here both to honor Rev. Martin Luther King and to maintain our physical fitness. So we have a dual purpose."

A group of four Vicenza high school students, Zach Dickens, Jonathan Bowman, Gabriel and Miguel Rosario said, "We wanted to support the ideals of King and his history. Also we like running and love life. This helps us keep in condition for soccer."

Many of the runners turned out as family events. Leilani Potasi brought out her three daughters aged 3, 4 and 6. While, Sally Lualenaga brought her two sisters and two children.

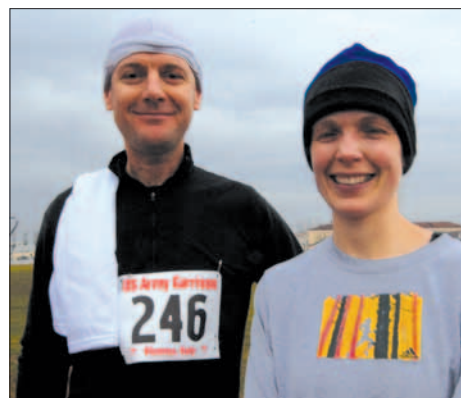
"I wanted to get the kids outside for some fun," said Lualenaga.

"We try to make this a family thing," said Potasi. "Just walking together outside is good for the family."

Laura McCracken, the race winner said: "Well I run every race. Although normally I do it with my two kids in a stroller. I ran a lot faster without them."

Second place finisher, and first for the men, was Antonio Pretto, an Italian worker. "I do triathalons, so this helps to keep me in shape," he said.

So for whatever reason they ran, the racers honored the memory of Martin Luther King by their participation. The base holds 5km fun runs every month.



(Above, top) Sally Lualenaga wheels her two children, accompanied by her two sisters, as Archie Bates makes his way past in the early stages of the run. (Left) Huseyin Kara is already on his way back as some participants reach the one-mile marker. A long distance runner, Kara a U.S. Army retiree, usually wins these events. "I took some extra laps. This was just a warm-up," he smiled. (Above) Race winners Laura McCracken and Antonio Pretto are all smiles after finishing the race one-two. "It's a bit easier without wheeling the kids," said McCracken. "But I really think I only won because Kara took a longer route than we all did."

Sports Shorts

Bowling Center Closes

The Ederle Lanes Bowling Center is closing. All game cards should be cashed out prior to Jan. 21, 2008. For information call 634-7013.

Bike around Vicenza

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Darby Outdoor Recreation skiing

Jan. 26, Abetone. Jan. 19 Monte Cimone.

Transportation- \$10

Transportation and one hour ski orientation costs \$10. Transportation with skis or snowboard rental- \$20

Bus Schedule to Abetone: Bus departs 6:30 a.m. Bus returns 6 p.m.

To Monte Cimone: Bus departs 6 a.m. Bus returns 6:30 p.m.

You must be registered by Friday at 3 p.m. Twelve participants maximum. Ski pass is not included.

Call Outdoor Recreation for more: 050-54-7775 DSN: 633-7775.

Hit the Snowy Slopes

Skiers and snowboarders, Outdoor Rec delivers again: This time to Cortina on Jan. 19. Get your name on the list by Thurs. to GO, call 634-7453.

Racquetball tourney

Bring your Racquetball game to the Post Fitness Center on Jan. 18, 6:30 p.m. This tournament is free to enter, open for adult men and women, singles and doubles, and features beginner, intermediate and advanced categories to place in. Questions? Call Sports & Fitness, 634-7009.

Women of Vicenza: Stand strong

Develop Self-Defense skills on Jan. 12 & 26, at 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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