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Cougars battle
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Able Company disrupts smugglers

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KUNAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan - Paratroopers in 2nd Platoon, Able Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne) conduct tactical checkpoints on a near-daily basis on the only road leading into the Korengal Valley.

The Pech River Road is one of two paved roads in all of Kunar Province, Afghanistan. The road allows easy travel in an area dominated by mountains from the Hindu Kush Mountain Range.

The 2nd platoon works side-by-side with Afghan National Police and the Afghan National Army to keep the road safe for local Afghans, stop the smuggling of illegal goods and prevent movement of Taliban extremists.

"We're basically here to be a deterrent against those activities," said Spc. Trevor Petsch.

The platoon is strategically located at Forward Operating Base Michigan. The base is located at the mouth of the Korengal Valley.

Paratroopers from the platoon conducted a two hour snap TCP to look for weapons and ammunition that intelligence reports indicated would be coming into the Korengal Valley on the Pech River Road.

The spot chosen this day served two purposes: to try to intercept contraband and also to make a statement.



"We set up the TCP in an ambush spot to show the Taliban we can't be bullied," said Staff Sgt. Dawayne Krepel, a squad leader in 2nd Platoon.

The TCPs involve searching trucks, cars and motorcycles for ammunition, weapons and materials that can be used to make weapons. The results of the tactical checkpoints vary from day to day.

"Sometimes we find stuff and sometimes we don't," Petsch explained. "One time we got a call about some guys about to place an [improvised explosive device] on the road. So we set up a TCP and pulled over

a car with four guys in it — all four were from different areas. They had a video camera and \$80,000 cash on them."

While this snap TCP didn't

produce any weapons or ammunition, the Soldiers did gather valuable intelligence they will be able to use in future missions.



(Top) Staff Sgt. Dawayne Krepel, a squad leader in 2nd Platoon, Able Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne), searches a motorist on the Pech River Road in Kunar Province, Afghanistan. Krepel led a group of Soldiers trying to stop the movement of weapons and ammunition by Taliban extremists into the Korengal Valley. (Above) Staff Sgt. Dawayne Krepel (right), and Spc. Trevor Petsch (left), Able Co., 2-503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne), search a vehicle with the help of Afghan National Police on the Pech River Road in Kunar Province, Afghanistan. (Left) Krepel searches an Afghan during a snap tactical checkpoint on the Pech River Road in Kunar Province, Afghanistan. The purpose of this checkpoint is to stop the movement of ammunition and weapons into the Korengal Valley.

Garrison news

Rock holds halfway-home potluck



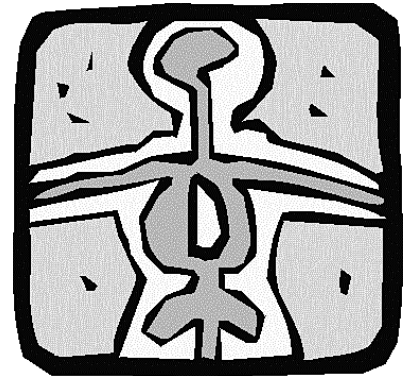
The Family Readiness Group of the 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team held a potluck for the families with a bit of a twist. Being halfway through their deployment to Afghanistan the FRG members wanted to do something to mark the event. "We thought that having everyone bring a dish that started with same initial as the initial of their company would be fun," said Cristin Pike, 2-503rd FRSA. "So they came up with asparagus wraps for A-Co., barbecued chicken for B-Co., chili for C, devilled eggs for D, Fusion brought fajitas and HHC brought hot dip and other things." Along with the potluck the unit spouses had an ice-breaker game of finding out about one-another which gave them a better opportunity to get better acquainted. (Photo by Gary L. Kieffer, Outlook Editor)



Lei Penland (center) pours tea for (L-R) Olena Lovett, Yulia Muenzeland Daniela Morandi, during an Intercultural Spouse Program event. The monthly meetings are held at the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center. This event focused on China and Penland talked about some traditions, prepared food and presented a visual presentation of her country. "This is the first time I had the chance to share with other people my culture and I enjoyed it," said Penland. She has been in Vicenza for six months, and she hopes she can do it again. For those interested in the ISP, it will be held on Feb. 22 from 10 a.m.-noon in the DFSRC Conference Center and will focus on Hawaii. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

5 simple ways to love your heart

By Betsy Walters
USAG Vicenza
Health Promotion
Coordinator



Heart disease is the number one killer of both men and women in the United States. Show support for heart disease awareness by participating in the National Wear Red Day on Friday, Feb. 1.

It's not hard to reduce your risk for heart disease.

Start today with small, simple actions like these:

1. Celebrate with a checkup. Let each birthday remind you that it's time for your yearly checkup and a talk with your doctor about how you can reduce your risk for heart disease.
2. Get up off the couch. Step, march or jog in place for at least 30 minutes most days of the week — you can even do it while watching TV.
3. Quit smoking in four steps. Can't go cold turkey? Cut the number of cigarettes you smoke each day in half; then cut that number in half; cut it in half again; finally, cut down to zero!
4. Drop a pound or two. Cutting out just 200 to 300 calories a day — about one candy bar's worth — can help you lose up to 2-pounds per week and gradually bring you closer to a heart-healthy weight.
5. Become a salt detective. Check out the nutrition facts panel on packaged foods to see how much sodium (salt) they contain. Aim for a total intake of no more than 2,300 milligrams (about a teaspoon of salt) per day.

For more information, visit the American Heart Association website at www.americanheart.org

Speak Out

"What did you find the most interesting about being a delegate at the AFAP conference?"

By Sgt. Justin Nieto



Sgt. Antoine Johnson
Employment / Benefits and Entitlements group

This gives me an opportunity to associate with members of my own community and work out our issues.



Mikela Sturati
Housing and Relocation group

It was a lot of work and we had to really work as a team to find common solutions to our community's issues.



April Clauda
Housing and Relocation group

This is an excellent opportunity to be a part of what is going on in the community and to really help.



Master Sgt. Troy White
Consumer Services/ Leadership Work group

I have a chance to make a difference for Soldiers' lives at home.



Reyna Dominy
Child and Youth/Family Support group

Being able to have a voice even though we are not directly connected to the officers and enlisted ranks.

Garrison news

Memorial stolen

By Lt. Col. Charles D. Lozano
Deputy Staff Judge Advocate
Special to the Outlook

There has been an apparent theft from the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate—a framed shadowbox honoring Cpl. Sascha Struble, a paralegal assigned to 1-503rd, who was killed in Afghanistan on April 6, 2005.

The shadow box was located in the entryway of the SJA office on the wall. The shadow box consisted of a triangular-folded U.S. flag, Bronze Star and Purple Heart medals, unit crest, and photo of Cpl. Struble.

The shadow box apparently disappeared between Tuesday afternoon Jan. 22 and Wednesday morning Jan. 23. Personnel in the office who noticed that the shadow box was missing on Wednesday did not report its disappearance as it was believed that the shadow box was taken down by members of our office.

It has been confirmed that the building was secured on Tuesday night. There has been an increase in traffic this week as the Tax Center has begun preparing returns as well as the presence of several maintenance personnel this week.

The military police have been notified and have taken an initial statement. Office personnel have been encouraged to give their full cooperation with the investigation and are reminded of the importance of building security.

Anyone having information on this incident is encouraged to call the MPs DSN 634-7626 or the SJA DSN 634-8486.

Age limits, spouse preference, teacher evaluations among issues raised by Vicenza AFAP delegates

By Jon Fleshman
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs
News Release

Six working groups presented 15 issues to Vicenza military community leaders during the closing session of the Army Family Action Plan conference held on Caserma Ederle Jan. 22-23.

“AFAP is a grass roots process that enhances readiness and increases retention by improving the well-being of Soldiers and their families,” explained Rose Holland, AFAP coordinator.”

Reservists, active duty Soldiers, spouses, civilians and retirees were among the 62 delegates that made up the five working groups at the conference, Holland said. The working group from the youth AFAP conference held in November also presented its issues.

The next step is for a steering committee led by the garrison commander to decide which issues will be worked locally and which will be forwarded to the Installation Management Command Europe AFAP conference to be held May 12-16 in Weinheim, Germany.

The following issues and recommendations were presented at the Caserma Ederle conference last week:

Teen post-to-post activities.

Recommendations:

- Arrange quarterly activities between military installations;
- Provide low-cost transportation for youth participating in teen exchange activities;
- Coordinate with agencies on the installation to organize and implement teen exchange activities.

Age limitations for fitness center.

Recommendations:

- Lower the age limitation in the fitness center so high school students may use the facility without parental supervision;
- Require guardian consent forms for students under 16;
- Require all students to complete a safety and equipment usage course.



Emily Rich, center, one of the facilitators for the annual Army Family Action Plan Conference introduces some of the topics to one of the five participating work groups. The event was held at the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center and Club V on Caserma Ederle. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

Evaluation process for DoDDS teachers.

Recommendations:

- Modify the current regulation to include external evaluation;
- Establish external quality assurance program for DoDDS teachers.

Employment for Summer Hire

Recommendation:

- Provide equal employment opportunities for all teens (regardless of citizenship).

Job security for spouses of wounded or deceased service members.

Recommendation:

- Non-competitively convert spouses of wounded or deceased service members to career status.

Flex hours for customer service facilities.

Recommendation:

- Extend office hours to support community member's needs.

Soldier installation taskings.

Recommendations:

- Consolidate daily area beautification tasks to after unit physical fitness training times and designate one installation-wide weekly period to complete these tasks;
- Restore dining facility cashier responsibilities to the responsible directorate.

Family member no-fee passport. Recommendation.

- Remove the identifying statement from the no-fee passport as a force-protection measure.

Temporary duty travel for required training.

Recommendation:

- Identify the courses that could be conducted on-site versus away from Vicenza;
- Provide on-site facilitators for required courses.

Long distance medical consultation and follow up care OCONUS.

Recommendation:

- Create a long-distance communication plan for meeting with specialists in Landstuhl for consults and follow ups;

Consolidated specialized appointments at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center.

Recommendation:

- Implement program for the primary care manager to coordinate and establish a pre-appointment checklist with LRMC specialist prior to the visit identifying all lab tests and procedures;
- Establish a liaison at LRMC to facilitate the scheduling within 24 hours of appointments that are identified as necessary once seen by a specialist.

Number of internet sites available for teens.

Recommendation:

- Collaboration between the school and the installation command to determine needed educational websites.

OCONUS sponsorship program.

Recommendations:

- Soldiers in transition from all TRADOC schools must receive a LEVY briefing;
- DA-mandated enrollment of Soldiers in SGATE as part of the out-processing checklist;
- Access SGATE upon receiving request for orders.

Property liability for inter-barracks moves.

Recommendations:

- Expand AR 27-20, chapter 11 to cover inter-barracks moves for Soldiers;
- Commanders place Soldiers on no-cost-move status when conducting command-directed move.

Reallocation of ACES funds to dependents.

Recommendations:

- Expand financial aid resources for dependents;
- Allocate unused active duty Soldiers' ACES annual funds to be made transferrable to dependents.

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At your service

Sgt. Jaime Barrera, the assistant operations NCO at the military police station is at your service 8a.m. – 5p.m. Mon.- Fri. Barrera has been in the military for five years now, working at Caserma Ederle for almost a year.

“The military police has a bad wrap,” said Barrera, “We are not all bad. We are out there trying to help the community the best we can. We are here for the community, but we have to enforce the standards.”

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Sgt. Jaimie Barrera

Community events

Going fishing

Wounded Warriors take healing process outdoors

Story and photos by
Gary L. Kieffer
Outlook Editor

They say that fishing is good for the soul. Even the guitarist Eric Clapton is known to spend time wading the streams of Wales fly-fishing to relax.

For the Soldiers of the Warrior Transition Unit here on Caserma Ederle a day-trip to Laghi Verdi in nearby Valproto di Quinto Vicentino was a way to relieve stress and enjoy a warm, sunny day among friends having a friendly bit of competition.

Richard Boudreau was the man behind the event, although he was well supported by a number of people and organizations.

"I tried to figure out something that would benefit the Soldiers and get them out of the barracks for some fun," said Boudreau.

"I figured fishing would be the easiest way to get the most Soldiers involved," he said.

He coordinated the event with the WTU and the local Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Boudreau wrote more than 35-letters to potential sponsors asking for donations of money and prizes. He received a number of responses especially from local businesses

and organizations such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars chapter, Global Credit Union, Community Bank, the Caserma Ederle post commissary and especially the Vicenza MWR Outdoor Recreation facility.

"I went to Chris Wolff at Outdoor Rec and explained to him what I wanted to do and what I needed from them. They just stepped up to the plate and said yes," he said.

"This was a no-brainer for us," said Chris Wolff, Vicenza Outdoor Rec.

"Dick headed this up and we supplied the funds necessary to get the licenses and pay for the fishing fees. This was a great way to help out our wounded Soldiers and invest our resources in a way that all of them could readily enjoy."

"This took a lot of coordination," said Staff Sgt. Patrick Chaplin, NCOIC of the WTU. "Boudreau has been so proactive, driving the entire event for us.

"This is all part of the healing process, we have different levels of injuries, so this is a good event to allow the maximum number of Soldiers to participate," said Chaplin.

"We get the guys out on a great day and stimulate their minds and challenge them a bit. They all seem to be having a good time, that's what it's all about for us. Many of them have never been fishing before," he said.

More than a dozen Soldiers took

the opportunity to visit the lake and try their hand at fishing.

"This was a good way for us to get out of the barracks and have fun as a unit," said Pfc. Aaron Parris. "The WTU folks take great care of us. I've been in the unit for six months now.

"I'm not an avid fisherman, but this was nice to get out here and enjoy some downtime together without anyone reinjuring themselves," he said.

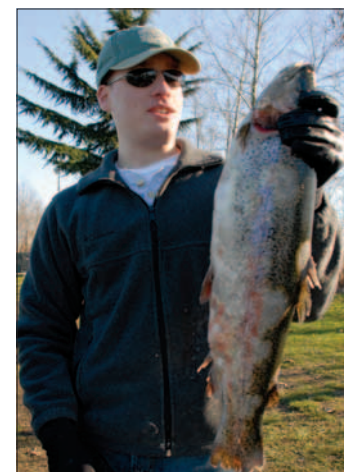
There was a contest for the most fish, by individuals and teams, also for the largest caught by a Soldier.

Prizes awarded included coolers, a rod furnished by Franco Sports Store in Marola and a reel from Ardent Fishing Reels in the states. There were also handouts of baseball caps from Mad-Dog Outfitters and a Handy-bag from the global Credit Union.

Different sized coolers were awarded to the three Soldiers catching the most fish. The prizes went to Sgt. Steve Lourigan, first place with 14 fish; Staff Sgt. Patrick Chaplin, second, with 11 (3.8 lbs.) and Spc. Ramon Avilesrosario, 11 fish (3.5 lbs). Pfc. Parris caught the largest fish weighing in at 7 lbs. He

received a spin casting rod and reel combination and a \$50 prize. A total of 86 fish were caught.

The Soldiers had various levels of expertise fishing, for Spc. Nancy Van Maaren, this was her first time. "I didn't get a chance to fish back in Texas. I had a great time," she said. "I'm hooked."



(Above left) Spc. Ramon Avilesrosario shows his first catch. Not quite as large as that of Spc. Aaron Parris above with his prize-winning catch. (Left) The Soldiers were also treated to a typical Italian lunch of pasta and grilled meats with potatoes. (Below) Soldiers of the Warrior Transition Unit enjoy a relaxing day in the sunshine fishing in the Laghi Verdi in Valproto di Quinto Vicentino.



Community events

Surviving mountains, cold and danger

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

TONALE, Italy—Amongst the jagged, snow-covered mountain peaks of the Italian Dolomites, Soldiers from Caserma Ederle work side-by-

side with Italian troops learning how to survive in harsh winter environments.

In early January, 11 Soldiers from SETAF, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza and the 13th Military Police Company started a four-week winter survival course to learn to survive the

elements and travel safely in snow-covered mountains.

“At the end of this training the Soldiers will better understand how to move in the mountains in Afghanistan,” said Cpt. Davide Maghini, G-3 training section chief and winter survival instructor. “They will use these

skills and will better be able to manage the bad weather and be able to move on snow.”

The Soldiers are learning about avalanches, rescue techniques, rescue equipment, building snow shelters, snow shoeing, skiing, skiing with a rucksack, night skiing and how

to identify and treat cold-weather injuries.

The location of the training, which was the highest frontline of fighting in WWI, is a good location for school because it offers a harsh environment that challenges the Soldiers.

“The environment is very hard,” said retired Italian Command Sgt. Maj. Domenico Greggio, ski master and trainer for the Alpini soldiers.

“You have a sort of natural selection because you can reach your limits here. When they leave here, if they make it, they can soldier better because of what they’ve been through,” Greggio said.

One of the reasons this training is important is because of the current war on terrorism and the terrain American and Italian forces are facing together in Afghanistan.

“We are preparing people to fight in Afghanistan,” said Greggio. “This looks like Afghanistan in the mountains. Working with the Americans here is good because we will be working side-by-side with them there.”

One of the toughest challenges the Soldiers had to face was learning to ski, but they made a lot of progress in their training.

“After just three weeks with little or no skiing experience, the Soldiers are all going down black diamond slopes (etremely difficult) with no problems,” said Cpt. Andrew Lutz, G-3 training officer and officer-in -charge of the winter survival training for the American Soldiers. “We have all come a long way.”

After all the classroom and hands-on training is over the Soldiers will be put through one final test, a test that will challenge them and show the instructors the Soldiers are worthy of graduating.

“The last week of the training will be the toughest,” said Maghini. “[The Soldiers] will have to build a snow shelter and spend the night. Then they will have to do patrols in the dark using their learned skills to move safely on the snow.”

The Soldiers learned many lessons about winter survival, but they gained something else that wasn’t on the lesson plan, friendship.

“I’ve made friends with a lot of the Italians over the last three weeks,” Sgt. Jaime Green, 13th MP Co. “They are always willing to talk with us even if they don’t speak much English. It’s a great training environment here with the Italians.”

(Right) Capt. Andrew Lutz, G-3 training officer, puts a block of snow on the edge of his poncho to secure it over his snow shelter. (Far right) Soldiers trudge through deep snow wearing snow shoes. (Below) Sgt. Margarita Gutierrez, 13th MP, shovels snow on her snow shelter to provide some natural insulation. (Bottom) Soldiers from Caserma Ederle leave the comforts of the lodge behind to trek into the mountainous backcountry. The location of the training was selected because it offers the Soldiers an environment that challenges them and helps prepare them for the what they may face during thier deployment to Afghanistan.



Out & About

By Dorothy Spagnuolo

Carnival pastries

Carnevale, as it is called in Italian, will be in full swing this weekend. During the first week of celebrations adults go to late night parties, *veglioni*, often wearing costumes and masks while children wear disguises to school and around the piazzas.

Carnevale pastries called *crostoli* are thin dough strips fried and dusted with powdered sugar or small looking donuts, called *fritelli*, which are filled with sultanas or with a thick custard or other, fill the stores.

The duration of the festivities varies from locality to locality but it usually lasts a week to 10 days. Below are dates that you can visit or take part in a carnival near you:

Vicenza activities in Piazza Castello starting at 4 p.m. to include music by the 'Original Kocani Orchestra' brass band.

Quinto Vicentino Carnival parade starts at 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 3 going through the main streets of the town.

Bassano on Feb. 2 at 9 p.m. there will be a carnival parade with floats starting from Piazzale del Mercato; Feb. 3 at 2:30 p.m. carnival parade.

Verona Carnival parade starts from Corso Porta Nuova going through the main streets on Feb. 1 at 1:45 p.m.; Feb. 2 carnival fun in Piazza Bra.

Venice events go through Feb. 5.

Malo carnival parades Feb. 3, 5 with start time of 2 p.m..

Ivrea, province of Torino celebrates this period with 'orange battles.' There are teams on carts drawn by two or four horses which engage in battle with teams of orange throwers on foot which number hundreds of members.

Oranges which amount to a total of 360,000 kgs, nearly 400 tons, are paid for personally by each participant. The fights will take place on Feb. 3, 4 and 5 at 2:15 p.m.

Full information in English on www.carnevaldiivrea.it

Cento is said to hold the largest carnival in Europe. It has their parades on Feb 10, 17 and 24 with a starting time of 2 p.m.

Arts and crafts fair and an exhibition

The Fiera di Sant'Orso Arts and Crafts Fair in the city of **Aosta**, to be held Jan. 30 and 31 is reckoned to be one of the most important street markets in the region.

You'll compete with thousands

of buyers – and almost as many vendors – for beautifully crafted objects in wood, wrought iron, lace, straw, wicker, household objects, wooden ladders, barrels and hand-woven fabrics.

The Fair is also an occasion for music, folklore and tasting the wine and food that is traditional to the area. Each evening there is a night of musical entertainment in the illuminated streets, which brings crowds of people there until dawn.

Also don't find it surprising if someone offers you a strange mug with many spouts full of steaming liquid, it the local *coppa dell'amicizia*, cup of friendship, a spicy coffee drink that is traditionally passed among friends.

If going by car you will have to park on the out-skirts of the city, a free bus ride is provided to and from the center of the city, the bus also stops at the train station. For more information visit www.fieradisantorso.it

Looking for furniture, paintings or maybe a fruit bowl for your house – dolls house that is. In **Milan**, on Feb. 2-3 the *4th dolls house and miniatures exhibition* 'Miniaturitalia' will be held in the Michelangelo Hotel, which is located on the left side of Milan's Central Railway station.

The dealers present, amongst others, will be from Belgium, England, Germany, Spain, Japan, there will also be a dealer from America who will be present with miniature teddy bears. For full details on dealers, times, tickets and location etc visit www.miniaturitalia.it

In short

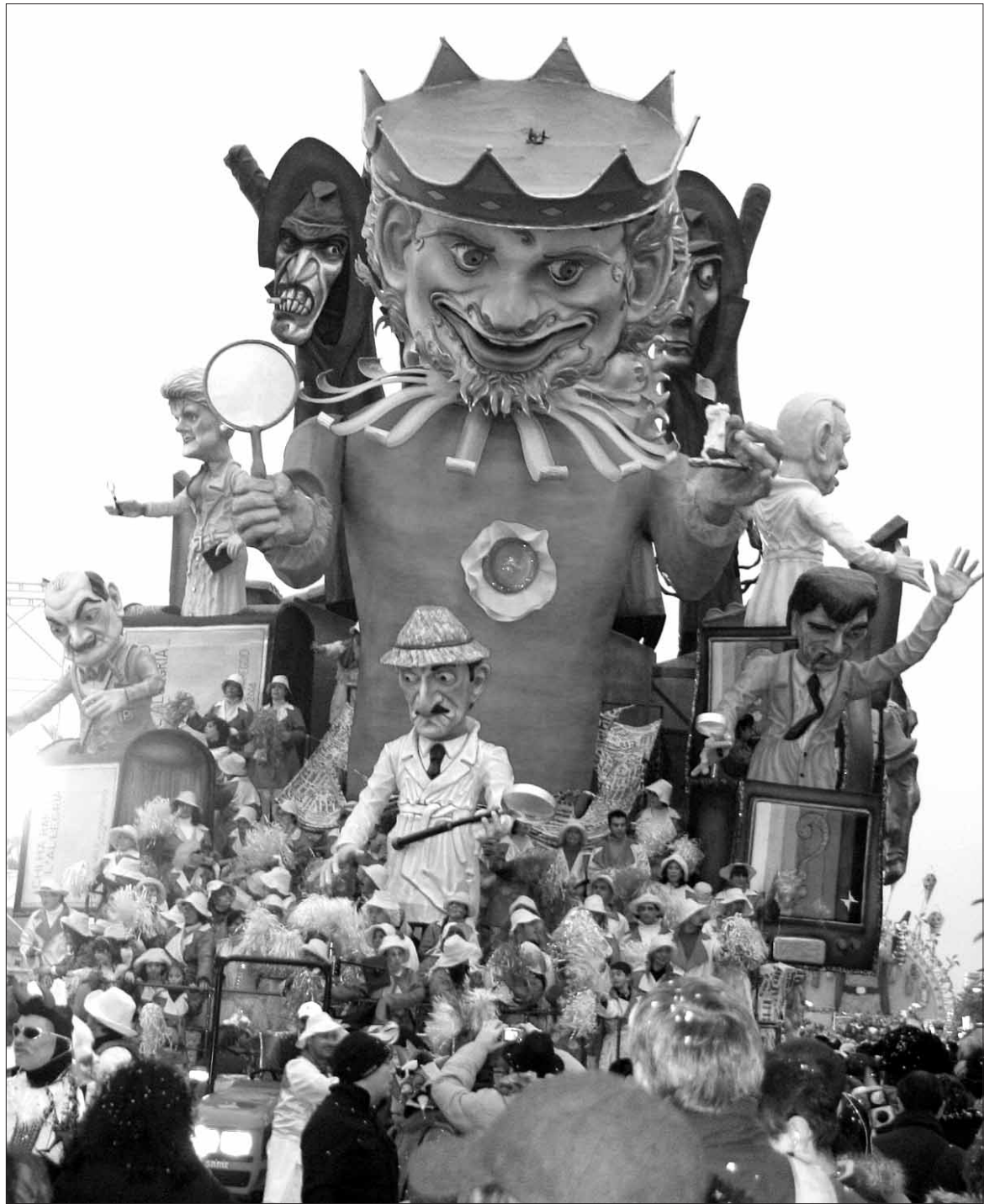
Vicenza Palladio mall will be open Feb.3 from 9:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m.;

Padova classical music will be played in the Auditorium Pollini Padova on Feb. 6 at 9 p.m. by the Padova and Veneto Orchestra, tickets cost 20 euro.

Verona - Works of art in the Palazzo della Regione from the 15th through the 19th century, are on display, works by, amongst others, Palma il Giovane, Reni, Magini, Zugno and De Chirico are on display.

Open every day from 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. until Feb. 3 entrance fee 9 euro.

Asiago – firework display with music for a duration of 25 minutes at the town's airport 'R. Sartori,' Feb. 1-3 with a start time each day of 9 p.m.



"Who has kidnapped our cheerfulness?" by Luciano Tomei is set on the background of a weird town, made up with newspapers and TV sets. There are four sinister-looking individuals that represent the daily bad news and five famous investigators of the fantasy world: Mrs. Fletcher, Poirot, Clouseau, Colombo and Derrick. The float represents the investigation in order to find the "kidnapped" cheerfulness again. If you are staying in the area, stay at the Sea Pines on Camp Darby. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Dante DeSagun)

For those living in the **Pisa, Livorno** area the carnival parades in the seaside city of **Viareggio** will be on Feb. 3, 5 and 10. The huge floats parading will includesome of the biggest floats; 20 meters high, as well as smaller floats from the town district festivals. Start time on Feb. 3 is 3 p.m., Feb. 4 at 2:45 p.m., Feb. 10 at 4:30 p.m. Entrance fee is 15 euro, children 9-12 years old 10 euro, under 9 years old: free. Camp Darby ITR also has trips scheduled every Sunday throughout carnevale.

More information on www.ilcarnevale.com.

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

Jan. 30	Beowulf (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Jan. 31	Enchanted (PG)	6 p.m..
Feb. 1	Meet the Spartans (PG-13) (1st run)	6 p.m.
	Hitman (R)	9 p.m.
Feb. 2	This Christmas (PG-13)	3 p.m.
	American Ganster ((R)	6 p.m.
Feb. 3	This Christmas (PG-13)	3 p.m.
	Meet the Spartans (PG-13) (1st run)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Jan. 31	This Christmas (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Feb. 1	First Sunday (PG-13) (1st Run)	6 p.m.
Feb. 2	Hitman (R)	6 p.m.
Feb. 3	August Rush (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

THIS CHRISTMAS - Laz Alonso, Chris Brown

This year, Christmas with the Whitfield's promises to be one they never forget. All the siblings have come home for the first time in years and they've brought plenty of baggage with them. As the Christmas tree is trimmed and the lights are hung, secrets are revealed and family bonds are tested. As their lives converge, they join together and help each other discover the true meaning of family. Rated PG13 (comic sexual content, violence) 118 min

Hello! I am back!

Marketplace

www.vicenzamwr.com/marketplace

new look • new categories • new login required



Community notes

Vicenza food court closures

Taco Bell will be closed through Jan. 30. The closure is due to regular maintenance and repairs.

Girl Scout cookies

Girl Scout cookies are coming to Vicenza and include : Samoas, Thin Mints, and Tagalongs, plus several new varieties. They will be sold on weekends in February at the post exchange and commissary, or order them from your favorite Scout.

Call Nancy at 349-520-9980 if you have questions.

Voice lessons

SKIES Unlimited is offering an all-new class: voice lessons for youth, ages 6-18, at Villaggio FCC room Mondays and Fridays by appointment. Call CYS for details at 634-8051.

VCC scholarships

Are you a Vicenza Community Club member or family member and interested in furthering your education?

This year's scholarship application packets are now available for pick-up at the post thrift shop, library or Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

High school seniors do not need to be VCC members and can pick up application packets from their high school guidance counselor.

All scholarship applications must be completed and postmarked by Feb. 29.

For details call Danielle Bentz at 320-378-1586 or ezds4fam@yahoo.com.

Need help paying for college?

Global Credit Union is offering two \$4,000 scholarships. Applicants must be primary members of Global Credit Union. For more details and to apply, stop by the Credit Union Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Deadline is April 1.

AFTB celebration

Army Family Team Building launches its new Level III classes "Make a Difference Through Leadership."

Stop by ACS Jan. 30, 1:30 p.m. in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center, bldg 108, for refreshments and a look at what this new series has to offer.

Classes will begin in February. Call 634-7500 for information.

CYS pre-school space available

Parents of children aged 3-5 who are not already enrolled in part-day or part-time preschool at CYS are encouraged to enroll now. Plenty of space is available in the 2-day program offered from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the three-day program offered from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Limited space is available in the

5-day program offered from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Enroll at the CYS Central Registration Office located in the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

Parents are encouraged to inform the Central Registration Office if they intend to enroll a child who will be turning three years old in the next two months. This is not a waiting list, but it will CYS plan for future space requirements.

Call the office (634-7219 or 7206), give the name and birthdate of the child, and the program in which they intend to enroll.

Security specialist needed

The DoDDS Mediterranean District Superintendent's Office is seeking applicants for a physical security specialist, GS-0080-11.

This is a full-time position, open to candidates currently residing in the Vicenza community.

The closing date of the announcement is Feb. 4, 2008. Stop by the DoDDS Mediterranean District Human Resources Office for a copy of the vacancy announcement, Bldg. 307, Second Floor, or visit <http://www.med-dso.eu.dodea.edu/vacancies.htm>.

Theater volunteers needed

Participate in all aspects of music and theater production. Volunteers needed to build sets, paint, construct costumes, run lights, serve refreshments and a host of other important duties which serve our arts community. Call Ross or Bonnie at 634-7281 or 0444-71-7281.

Rubber stamping class

Learn the latest techniques in rubber stamping and scrap book art. Class is for all levels Jan. 31, 12:30 p.m. Class includes tips on cleaning, storing, home decor and shopping tips, along with the ideas for creating your own artwork, gifts, invitations and memory pages. Sign up at the Art Center located inside ODR or call 634-7074.

Join Sports and Fitness team

The NAF personnel office announces an opening for a recreation assistant (sports officiating); flexible position; closing date: Jan. 31.

Stop by the office for an application or email your resume to: Vicenza.NAF@EUR.army.mil.

For detailed information about these and other positions please visit the Web site at: cpolrhp.belvoir.army.mil/eur/index.htm or call us at 634-7290/7349.

The office is located across the street from Gate # 2 on Viale Della Pace. Hours are Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed Noon-1 p.m. and Thursday mornings.

Use credit wisely

Not all credit is bad. ACS Financial Readiness teaches you the advantages and the pitfalls of using credit. Learn how to manage your credit, don't let it run your life.

Call 634-7500 to register for this informative class on Jan. 30 3-4 p.m. Reservations are required.

Interested in joining a book club

An book club for adults can be a great way to stay on top of the latest bestsellers and make new friends. Discussing the books read often brings new insight and appreciation to a favorite past time.

If you are interested in having a book club please see Steven Brown the librarian to express your interest and leave contact information. Teens why not have your own book club with books that interest you. Call Brown @ 634-8419 or e-mail Steven.Brown@eur.army.mil.

Discover Cremona

Join ITR in their Discovery Series and visit the town of Cremona Jan. 30, 8:15 a.m. -6 p.m. Cremona is located just north of the Po river southeast of Milan and is famous for the violin makers of the 16th -17th centuries.

Sign up at ITR 634-7094.

Journey series trips

You love deployments right? Of course not, that's why ACS Deployment Support has created these opportunities for you. Feb. 6 -Olive oil tasting tour, Feb. 9, Shopping and tour of Bologna, Feb. 11.

Scrap booking fun

Join Crop and Co. scrapbooking the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. 5-7 p.m. It's free but sign up two days prior is required. Share ideas and bring your scrappin' stash and photos and get working on your albums. Sign up at the Art Center located inside ODR or call 634-7074.

Women Standing Strong

Deployment Support and Sexual Assault Prevention team up to offer this women's self defense course, which focuses on safety, ability, protection, prevention, self-awareness, confidence and strength. The next session is Feb. 16, 10:30 a.m.

Call ACS at 634-7500 to register.

Speak and cook Italian

The Vicenza USO is offering: *Italian Classes*, Level 1; starting Feb. 26 through Apr. 24; cost \$112. *Mediterranean cooking class*; there's still time to sign up but it starts Feb. 1 and goes through May 2; cost \$176 for eight sessions plus \$120 for the ingredients. *Belly dancing* held every Wed.

Viareggio Carnevale

The Camp Darby ITR has a trip to the Viareggio Carnevale every Sunday through Feb. 10. Interested persons need to sign up by calling 633-7589 or e-mail itr-livorno@eur.army.mil.

Visitors from outside the area can take advantage of Sea Pines

Lodge's latest special offer. Stay three nights at Sea Pines and get the next night free.

Office manager in Rome

Ref. No. ABMC 08-01. The American Battle Monuments Commission, a U.S. government organization located in Rome, Italy, has a permanent position opening for an office manager-executive assistant available March 2008. Work schedule is 40 hours per week.

The following job requirements are essential and only qualified candidates will be considered: university degree or equivalent work experience; 5-7 years work experience in a high level administrative role such as finance and accounting, human resources, procurement or business management; mother tongue proficiency in both spoken and written English and Italian; proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite.

Supervisory experience is highly desirable. Non-EU applicants must have a valid residency/work permit at time of application, a copy of which must be attached to the application.

Submit complete applications in English to include a cover letter and a current detailed C.V. to: American Battle Monuments Commission, Human Resources Division, c/o U.S. Embassy, Via V. Veneto 119/a, 00187, Rome, Italy, or Fax: 06-4871624 or e-mail: simpsonc@abmc.gov and locastroi@abmc.gov.

Closing date is Feb. 3.

National Prayer breakfast

Feb. 7 at 7 a.m. at the PX food court. Contact your unit or the Chapel for tickets. All are invited - donations accepted at the door.

Parent child dance

Feb. 23, 6 p.m. Club V turns into a fantasyland for the annual Parent Child Dance. Purchase your tickets now so you and your family can enjoy a magical evening. Tickets can be purchased at the Tax Relief Office; \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Sales will end on Feb. 20. Call 634-5087.

Super bowl party

Club V hosts a super bowl party Feb. 3, 8 p.m.-5 a.m. on Feb. 4. Watch the game on the big screen or TV's throughout the bar. Enjoy free chicken wings and purchase your favorite beverage while you watch. Call 634-7685 for information.

ITR President's weekend trip

There is no place like Rome. Spend President's Day Weekend there, Feb. 16-18. ITR makes it easy by booking your hotel, transportation, tours and trip assistance. Call 634-7094 for details and reservations.

Religious Activities

Caserma Ederle Chapel

For details regarding any of these services or events, or for information concerning our other activities, call the chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519).

Chaplain Crisis Line: To speak with a Chaplain after hours call **634-KARE** (634-5273).

Saturday services

4 p.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation, or by appointment
5 p.m.: Vigil Mass

Sunday Services

9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass
9 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school and AWANAs (Sept. thru May in Vicenza High School)
10:45 a.m.: Catholic religious education (Sept thru 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: Weekday Mass
3:05 p.m.: Middle School Club in the high school cafeteria. (Sept. thru May)
5:30 p.m.: High School Club in the Teen Center. (Sept. thru May)
For details contact Jocelyn Cary at 634-7890 or 349-385-3476 or vicecb@yahoo.com.

Tuesday

9 a.m.: Protestant Women Of the Chapel (PWOC)

Wednesday

Noon: Weekday Mass
Noon: Protestant Men Of the Chapel (PMOC) bible study (at DFAC)
Noon: LDS Study
5:15 p.m.: PWOC evening bible study

Thursday

9:15 a.m.: Catholic Women Of the Chapel (CWOC)
Noon: Weekday Mass
5:30 p.m.: Gospel service choir rehearsal
7:15 p.m.: Gospel service Bible study

Friday

Noon: Weekday Mass
Noon: Muslim Khutba and prayer

Faith group POCs

Islamic POC is Mohamed Noeman at 634-6306.
Jewish POC is Dr. Stephen or Nancy November at 328-054-9709 or november6@msn.com.
Latter Day Saints (LDS) POC is Dr. Matt Ghiz at 349-500-7989.

Darby Chapel

For details call the chapel at: 633-7267 (50-54-7267).
8:30 a.m.: Catholic Reconciliation
9:30 a.m.: Catholic Mass
11 a.m.: Protestant worship

Upcoming events

Ash Wednesday - Feb 6.
7 a.m.: Mass, Giving of Ashes
Noon: Community service
5:00 p.m.: Catholic service

Vicenza lady Cougars stay undefeated

Story and photos by
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The Vicenza Cougars basketball teams played four hard fought games against the Naples Wildcats this weekend. The final scores left the girls' team with two more victories, while the boys went down to two more defeats.

"The girls were really focused, they stayed calm during both games," said Garret Barton, Vicenza's girls basketball coach. "Also the Wildcats' leading player was injured and didn't play. This seemed to have a big morale effect on their team."

The Naples coach Craig Lord had positive comments about the Cougars. "We tried, we did our best. They just out hustled us," Lord said. "They are a good bunch of kids. Last night we were closer, but they still beat us."

Final scores for the girl's games were Friday 49-47 and Saturday 56-20. The Vicenza Cougars girl's team is undefeated so far this season with a 10-0 record.

The boy's teams played some very physical games with plenty of good contact and defensive action. However, their best efforts just weren't enough to take down the Wildcats' fast break.

"Both games were a struggle up until the very end," said Richard Elliott, Naples Wildcats' coach. "The Cougars were very good. Most of the quarters we were tied or within a point of each other. It all came down to the last quarter."

Vicenza's coach Pat Hooper agreed. "We were very close throughout both games," he said. "We just ran out of time to execute our game plan."

The Cougars' boys team lost Friday 68-60 and Saturday 60-53. They are now 4-6 for the season.



(Top) Cougars' No. 42, Taylor Kier goes for a jump shot from the outside, as No. 52, Ebony Taylor guards her inside lane. (Above, Left) The Wildcats' No. 24, Omar Pemberton and No. 23, Eman Rawls can't stop the jump-shot of Vicenza's No. 33, Diego Pulido. (Above, Right) Defending Wildcats' No. 12, Irish Lardizbad and No. 44, Sheridan Farrell are unable to stop the hook-shot of Vicenza Cougar's No. 41, Shelby Gonzales. (Above) Xavier Taylor, No. 23, from the Vicenza jumps his shot over the defending Naples Wildcat No. 22, Vince Feazall.

Sports Shorts

CYS baseball season

Registration for CYS Baseball ages 3-14 will be Feb. 1-27. There are limited slots available so register early. Children born between 1994 - 1999 have the opportunity to play in an Italian baseball league April 12-June 7. Practice begins March 31. You must register and should bring a health assessment that is valid thru the season, and payment of \$46 with you to register at CYS Central Registration. Call 634-7219 for information.

Little League officials

The clinic will be held Feb. 11 - 15, at the Villaggio CYS Training area.

If you are 18 years and older and interested in earning extra money as a baseball official for the CYS Sports and Fitness program, you can earn \$25.00 - \$35.00 per game. Games are on Saturday during the months of April - June. This is a certification you can use in the States also. Call Georgia at DSN 634 - 6151 to sign up or email her at georgia.salyer@eur.army.mil

Cycling classes

Keep your bike in shape, so you can keep in shape too. Outdoor Recreation offers cycling maintenance classes and local bike rides. Check out this month's schedule. Chain maintenance Feb. 6, 5:30-7 p.m., Brake maintenance Feb. 13, 5:30-7 p.m., and overall bike check, Feb. 27, 5:30-7 p.m. Join local mountain bike ride Levels II and III, Feb. 9 noon-3 p.m. plus an all level local bike ride Feb. 23, 3-7 p.m. Call ODR for complete information, 634-7453.

February ski schedule

ODR takes you to the slopes every Saturday. They depart in front of ODR at 6 a.m. Signup by the Thursday prior to the trip. Ski/snowboard rentals are available. Call 634-7453 for information and reservations. Feb. 2-Kronplatz, Feb. 9-Alleghe, Feb. 16-San Martino, Feb. 23-Gardenia.

Soccer tournament

Get together for some soccer fun. The sports office is hosting a 5 vs. 5 soccer tournament on Feb. 15-16. Mandatory coaches meeting is Feb. 14, 3 p.m. at the Fitness Center. Call 634-7009 for information.

February 5k Fun Run

Need chocolate for motivation? Join Sports and Fitness in the Feb. 9 Fun Run/Walk and indulge in a piece of chocolate at the finish line. Race time is 11 a.m. with pre-brief at 10:45. This race is fun for everyone. Call 634-7009 to register.