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1-91 CAV Soldier works to save Afghan newborn's life

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KUNAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan – A Soldier with the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team attempted to save the life of an Afghan newborn June 24 in Kunar Province.

Pfc. Theodore Batdorf, a platoon medic assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment (Airborne) was credited with saving the baby's life after performing CPR on the child.

At about 10:30 a.m. near Tsunel, a small village in Ghaziabad District, the patrol came upon an ambulance stopped in the road.

A woman in the ambulance had just given birth to a boy while en route to the hospital.

As the newborn was not breathing, the patrol leader on the scene requested that Batdorf assist.

Batdorf quickly examined the child and realized the newborn was in critical condition. He assessed the child's breathing was restricted because there was fluid in his respiratory tract and that the child's circulation was poor.

Batdorf informed the patrol leader the baby needed to be evacuated to Forward Operating Base Naray for urgent medical treatment.

During the more than 40-minute drive over extremely rough roads, Batdorf stabilized the baby by administering CPR, maintaining an open airway, and stimulating circulation.

Upon arrival at FOB Naray, Batdorf took the infant to doctors at the Forward Surgical Team. The baby was treated for more than



A medical evacuation crew from the 82nd Airborne Division picks up a four-hour-old baby boy and his uncle and transports them from the Jalalabad Airfield to the hospital at Bagram Airfield. (Photo used with permission by Thorne Anderson, Corbis)

five hours by doctors there before clearance was given for the baby and his uncle to be evacuated to medical facilities at Bagram Airfield.

Army Col. Craig Shriver, a surgeon with

the FST at FOB Naray, credited Batdorf with saving the baby's life.

"The baby clearly would have died had (Batdorf) not taken the measures that he did," said Shriver. The baby and his parents were

reunited at Bagram Airfield, where he continued to receive care.

Unfortunately, despite all their efforts, the child passed away sometime later at the Bagram Airfield medical facility.



Paratroopers from 2nd Section, 2nd Platoon, Bravo Battery, 4th Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment fire their 155mm Howitzer from Forward Operating Base Blessing in eastern Afghanistan in support of multiple troops in contact. In a few hours the battery had fired 111 rounds simultaneously supporting three separate sites. The "king of battle," as artillery is called, has become increasingly important, being called upon as soon as possible when troops find themselves in contact and also being used to fix the enemy, which has become as important as finding them. Everything from the incredibly unforgiving terrain to the ability of insurgents to disappear into the civilian population has made clear the significance of indirect fire support.

Big guns play big part in Afghanistan

Story and photo by Spc. Jon H. Arguello
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JALALABAD AIRFIELD, Afghanistan – Few things are as frightening on the battlefield as incoming artillery. But these essential assets are more than loud bangs heard sporadically on the forward operating bases in eastern Afghanistan.

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"In this fight, fire support is very important," said 1st Lt. Duane Mantle, 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry (Airborne), 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team's assistant fires support officer. "As soon as we make contact, the first thing the Soldiers look for is to bring in fire on the enemy."

Although the manner in which wars are fought today are different in many respects from previously-fought conflicts, the adaptability of the 155mm Howitzers of Bravo Battery, 4th Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment on Forward Operating Base Blessing and other indirect assets providing support to paratroopers based along the Pech River Valley, has been proven and used extensively in just a short time after arriving in theater about a month ago.

"It's not like in previous wars when they lined up and we would mow them down," said Mantle. "Fires have a lot of different effects. When we fire the 155s from here the enemy doesn't hear the round coming in. It immediately puts the enemy on the defensive and has a tremendous demoralizing effect."

The rounds can also be used to fix enemy combatants.

"That's a huge part of this conflict, separating them from the population, but we can do it when they are on a ridge firing on us," said Mantle.

As artillery is called in it disrupts the enemy's movement or causes them to seek cover, providing U.S. or Afghan forces a variety of options.

"What we can do for example, is fix the enemy and cause him to hunker down in one location and then neutralize him with precision munitions from close air support," Mantle explained.

The Soldiers who man the guns at FOB Blessing understand the impact they have and their job of placing timely accurate fires on the enemy is a job they take seriously for good reason.

"Last deployment we had a fire mission to support some troops in contact," said Sgt. Stephen Murphy of Bravo Battery's 2d Platoon, 2d Section, who had just finished a fire mission with his section. "One of the Soldiers who was there came to us afterwards and said we had saved his life. He even showed us pictures of his family. I was like 'Roger. I'll be faster next time.'"

Just hours later the 155s at FOB Blessing pounded the mountains of the Pech River Valley in support of multiple troops in contact. In a few hours the battery had fired 111 rounds simultaneously supporting three separate sites.

Deployment Support Awards

The SETAF commanding general and the USAG Vicenza commander invite the public to the Deployment Support Awards ceremony Friday, July 13, 3:30 p.m. in the Ederle Theater.

Please join us as we thank all those who worked so hard to ensure a rapid and safe deployment of the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team to Afghanistan.



Caserma Ederle's Army Post Office is busy with Soldiers and family members mailing packages. The APO has changed its hours and is now open Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Mail received after 4 p.m. will not go out in that day's dispatch, it will go in the next day's mail. Also, 4 p.m. is the cut-off for Registered or Express mail items. (Photo by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)

NSPS news

Mock pay pool panel produces profitable results for post workers

By Jon Fleshman

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

If the mock pay pool had been for real, most U.S. civilian employees would be receiving pay increases and bonuses come January.

The mock pay pool panel that convened June 26-27 on Caserma Ederle awarded a rating that would have earned one share or more to the majority of appraisals reviewed, according to Renee Citron, USAG Vicenza deputy garrison commander and panel manager.

How much a share is worth depends on the employee's salary, explained Citron. In most cases, the percentages of each share paid as a pay increase and as a bonus are the same for everybody and reflect the garrison's business rules: 60 percent as a pay increase, 40 percent as a bonus.

Exceptions include employees who are at the top of their pay bands and therefore not eligible for pay increases. In such cases, Citron said, the total pay out would come in the form of a bonus.

To put the mock pay pool results in perspective, the majority would have gained at least as much as they would have under the old general schedule system; and some people would have gained 4 percent or more of their salary in pay increases and bonuses.

"Every civilian should be paying close attention to the National Security Personnel System," Citron said. "This is their new personnel system and it allows them to play a major role in the outcome of their salaries."

Citron said the panel carefully read the self assessments and considered them together with the supervisors' assessments in deciding the final rating. The panel sought consensus for each decision. Supervisors were called on the telephone - one was on holiday in Croatia - for clarification when their written assessments did not seem to match

the recommended ratings.

"The more specific the assessments, the better," Citron said, and added that employees as well as supervisors should make notes throughout the year to capture their significant accomplishments. In addition to recording the details, she recommended they apply the ABCs of writing to the end-of-year assessment: accuracy, brevity and clarity.

"Write them with the understanding that the panel has to read them," Citron said.

The panel comprises the top management of the directorates and special staff office chiefs and the primary members are those directors with the greatest number of employees. All received training run by the civilian personnel advisory center. For the mock pay pool, the panel was made up of five members, plus the manager, two pay pool administrators and a recorder.

"It was good to see that the panel worked so well together," said Richard Wilczek, one of the pay pool administrators and a plans specialist with the plans, analysis and integration office. "The panel members were very serious, deliberate and open-minded. As an employee, I wished the whole workforce could have witnessed the mock pay pool. I walked away with absolutely no doubt that at the end of the year all assessments will receive an unbiased, careful and fair review."

Since this is not only the first year of NSPS for the garrison but also a short appraisal period, Citron is encouraging everyone to stay engaged with the process, seek out training and pay attention to updates from all command levels.

"And start those end-of-year assessments early," she added. "September is not too soon."

The real pay pool for USAG Vicenza employees will be held the week after Thanksgiving and results of the pay out will be communicated in January.

Sending a package to your sweetie?

What you can't mail downrange

1st Lt. Tina Frazier-Winn
1st Platoon, 111th Postal Company
Press Release

Getting mail while downrange is a terrific morale-booster for our Soldiers, but there are restrictions on what may be sent through the mail.

The following items are prohibited in accordance with the U.S. Postal Bulletin:

- ◆ Securities, currency, or precious metals in their raw, unmanufactured state (official shipments are exempt from this restriction).

- ◆ Mail addressed to "Any service member," or similar wording such as "Any Soldier," "Sailor," "Airman," or "Marine," "Military Mail," etc. (Item must be addressed to an individual or job title such as "Commander," "Commanding officer.")

- ◆ Obscene articles, prints, paintings, cards, films, videotapes, photos, horror comics and matrices.

- ◆ Any matter depicting nude or seminude persons, pornographic or sexual items, or non-authorized political materials.

- ◆ Religious materials contrary to the Islamic faith in bulk quantities (permissible if only for the personal use of the addressee).

- ◆ Pork or pork by-products.

- ◆ Fruits, animals and living plants.

- ◆ All alcoholic beverages, including those available under DMM C021.

- ◆ Materials used in the production of alcoholic beverages (i.e. distilling material, hops, malts, yeast).

- ◆ Explosive and flammable materials, batteries

- ◆ Abortive and contraceptive devices.

- ◆ Contraband (i.e. switchblade knives).

- ◆ Express Mail Military Service is not available from any origin.

- ◆ Size and weight limitations for mailing: 130 inches, (length and girth combined) and 70 pounds.

Kleinholz takes reins at Finance Detachment



Capt. Carl Kleinholz (left), takes the Bravo Detachment, 208th Finance Battalion guidon from Lt. Col. Jackie Tillotson, 208th Fin Bn commander, during the change of command ceremony held June 28 on Hoekstra Field. Kleinholz takes over from Capt. Nicole Fischer who is slated to deploy to Afghanistan in support of the Global War on Terrorism. Kleinholz comes to Vicenza from the 266th Finance Command, Heidelberg, Germany, where he was the funding officer. This is his first tour in Italy. He is married to the former Stayce Inabinet, and they have two children. (Photo by Paolo Bovo, 7th JMTC Photo Lab)

Outstanding NCO leaders sought

By Master Sgt. Tamika Anderson
SETAF Equal Opportunity office

If you are a noncommissioned officer looking to excel, or know an NCO who is an outstanding leader, then the Sergeant Morales Club is looking for you.

The Sergeant Morales Club offers an opportunity for personal and professional recognition to its members.

SMC members exemplify a special kind of leadership - characterized by a personal concern for the needs, training, development and welfare of Soldiers. The club recognizes and rewards distinguished NCOs whose leadership achievement merits special recognition and who have contributed significantly to developing a professional NCO Corps and combat-effective Army.

To be eligible to compete for SMC selection NCOs must:

- Be in the grade of corporal through sergeant first class;
- Mentor at least two Soldiers. (This may be waived;
- Be mature and share the values of their profession and their unit;
- Display examples of Army ethics;
- Strengthen and develop the seven Army

Values in Soldiers; and

- Display exemplary physical fitness and marksmanship skills.

All NCOs who want to be considered for SMC membership must pass the four-phase selection process:

- Phase 1: Nomination by the NCO's first sergeant;

- Phase 2: Initial-selection board at battalion level or equivalent;

- Phase 3: Intermediate-selection board at brigade level or equivalent; and

- Phase 4: Final-selection board at the designated nominative command sergeant major level.

An honorary membership may be extended to Sgt. Audie Murphy Club members in the grade of corporal through sergeant first class who are members in good standing and who meet the SMC eligibility criteria.

If you are interested in an SMC membership or honorary membership, contact your unit first sergeant for more information.

For SMC members who are interested in joining the Vicenza Chapter of the Sergeant Morales Club, contact Master Sgt. Darrell Wade at 634-7040 or Master Sgt. Tamika Anderson at 634-7093.

Important numbers you need to know

Toll free Military Police (free from all phones) 800-064-077
Off post MPs: 0444-71-7626, 0444-71-7233 (SAFE)
MP Desk Interpreter: 0444-50-1800
Emergency Calls: 0444-71-7114
Off post Fire Department: 115

Off post Ambulance: 118
Off post Carabinieri: 112
Off post Polizia: 113
San Bortolo Hospital Interpreters: 0444-75-3300/0444-928-166.

Can you spot the problem?



Shopping carts are to be taken back to the store immediately, not left in parking lots taking up parking spaces where they can also roll into vehicles causing damage. Nor are carts to be removed from the shopping area and taken to barracks. If you borrow a cart, please return it immediately.

Tighten up post

Missing a scheduled appointment, means taking retraining class

Because the issue of missing scheduled medical and dental appointments was so serious in the Vicenza and Livorno military communities, that SETAF Commander Maj. Gen. Frank G. Helmick instituted a policy in May that stated: "Effective immediately, all Soldiers, DoD civilians and family members who fail to attend or fail to timely cancel a medical or dental appointment will be required to attend a two-hour block of instruction before being eligible to schedule a new appointment."

The instruction will emphasize the importance of attending medical or dental appointments and the negative impact of failed appointments.

The training will take place Thursdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Attendance at the training will not impede receipt of medical or dental care for emergencies or walk-in treatment.

Commanders and supervisors at all levels will support this policy and the overall campaign to reduce the occurrence of failed medical or dental appointments.

Points of contact for this policy are U.S. Army Health Center-Vicenza at 634-7484 and the U.S. Army Dental Clinic at 634-7272."

Recording of missed appointments began July 2 and the first class for retraining will be held July 12 from 3:30-5:30 p.m. at building 391 (Body Shop) classroom 4 upstairs.



USAG Vicenza
Command Sgt. Maj. Keith Filipp

Good news

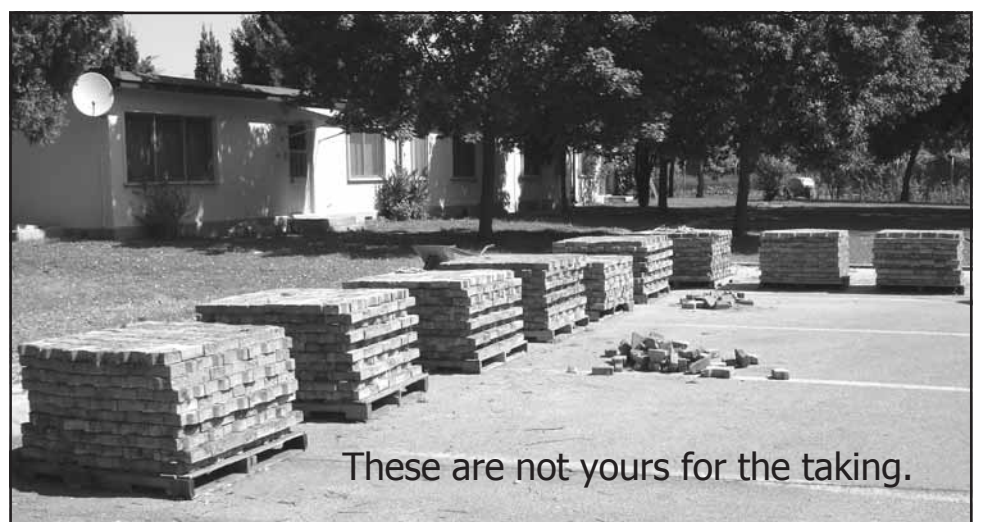
The new Villaggio Resident Handbook is published and in the hands of the block coordinators. Every resident should have already received his or her copy. If you have not received yours, contact your block coordinator.

As shown in photo below, many upgrades have taken place at the Combat Water Survival Training pool. We now have Astroturf and a nice patio area featuring tables, chairs and umbrellas.

Bad news

Unfortunately, we seem to have a problem on Villaggio with people taking items that don't belong to them. I'm referring to the brick pavers that have been stacked up and are waiting to be installed around the housing community.

If you want bricks to beautify your home, please go to Self Help and fill out a form – don't take the bricks that have been allotted to other projects.



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New additions to the Combat Water Survival Training pool on Villaggio include a seating area with umbrellas and Astroturf. (Photos by Sgt. Jason Gomez, USAG Vicenza)

Stressed out? Take time to work out

From Lesley Gomez

USAG Vicenza Health Promotion office

Studies are beginning to show that physical activity enhances psychological well-being and relieves symptoms of depression and anxiety.

Here are some of the factors involved:

1. Regular exercise helps one to feel in control. This sense of control over the body may translate to an improved sense of control over other aspects of life, a key defense against stress.

2. Exercise promotes well-being and relaxation. Regular exercisers demonstrate higher levels of self esteem and confidence and maintain a sense of self discipline. The individual acts upon the belief, "I am in charge of myself and can improve my health and fitness."

3. Moderate physical activity is a natural, physiological outlet for a body in the "fight or flight" state of arousal frequently associated with stress.

It cleanses the body of adrenaline, can lower the blood pressure, and relaxes tight muscles.

4. Exercise produces neurotransmitters called endorphins in the brain. These are the

body's own natural tranquilizers.

Endorphins can make one feel calm and relaxed during and for up to three hours after moderate physical activity.

This elevation in mood has been referred to as the runners' high but is also experienced by those involved in other forms of exercise.

5. Exercise can cause many people who are physically active to give up unhealthy and stressful habits that interfere with exercise. Smokers may cut down or quit because smoking hinders aerobic performance. Others may eat more nutritiously to improve performance.

The chronically busy individual may "work in" a workout to increase energy, alertness, and productivity – clearly a sound business investment with ample rewards.

6. Exercise can be a group or solo activity. Some individuals seek and develop alliances with other exercisers, which may provide social support - another stress reliever.

Others may prefer some private time to exercise alone to clear the head.

Still others prefer some of both, depending on mood and circumstances.

(Condensed from "Exercise and Stress" written by Maj. Leo Mahony, Master Physical Fitness Trainer)

Nutrition Tip from WIC Overseas

Are you trying to get five-a-day into your diet?

Here is some help:

- a. Add bananas to cereal (both hot and cold)
- b. Take two pieces of fruit to work, for an a.m. and p.m. snack
- c. Add chopped broccoli to pasta
- d. Buy a fruit or vegetable you have never tried
- e. Slice a tart apple or a firm pear and add it to your salad

WIC is a nutrition and supplemental food program.
Call WIC Overseas at 634-6258 for more information.

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From Afghanistan to Europe: Celebrating our independence

Boy Scouts from Vicenza Boy Scout Troop 295 hold United States state flags while waiting for the Salute to the Nation ceremony to begin Tuesday morning on Hoekstra Field. This ceremony, which pays honors to the United States and the 50 states that form the union, is the opening event for the annual Fourth of July celebration. (Photo by Pfc. Crystal Abbot, SETAF Public Affairs)



Baseball clinic benefits post youth

Story and photo by Pfc. Crystal Abbott
SETAF Public Affairs

Baseball, America's favorite pastime, has been played by children of all ages. These children can be found in vacant lots and fields all across the country. Anywhere there is a flat surface, you will see youth with their bats and baseballs, playing in the heat of the summer.

July 2 brought about a rare opportunity for the children of Caserma Ederle to improve their baseball skills and learn from an actual Major League Baseball Envoy coach.

MLB coach John Noce spoke to the children about the basics of baseball July 2 and 3 at the Villaggio baseball diamond.

Noce, a professional baseball player for the Stockton Ports and Ventura Oilers in the 1950s, turned his attention to coaching and managing teams after retiring. He served as an assistant coach for the Italian National team from 1977-1996 and was inducted into the American Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1993.

"If kids have an interest in it, they should first get grounded fundamentally," said Noce.

Noce spent the morning of July 2 teaching participants the fundamentals of throwing, catching and fielding a groundball.

The next day he taught the basics of batting, as well as infield and outfield play.

"When you start playing baseball, you have to have a good base," said Noce, "because in moments of stress you revert to form. If you don't have good form, you have nothing backing you up."

Georgia Salyer, Child and Youth Services sports and fitness director appreciated the work Noce was doing with the children.

"We have a lot of great coaches here, but their knowledge doesn't come close to touching [Noce's] knowledge and experience," said Salyer. "He has coached for 30-plus years, and he is able to share tips that a lot of people don't know."

Even the children appreciated the importance of Noce's teaching.

"He is molding the younger kids into the baseball sport," said C.J. Preysler, 12. "They are learning the basics so they can start the season right."

Noce was also able to help the children on an individual basis, giving them tips to improve their game play.

"I have enjoyed talking with Coach Noce," said Preysler. "He has been teaching me the little things that help, like how to hold my glove better, or how to move my wrist when I throw."

Even though it was a training session, the children still had fun.

"My favorite part," said Tristan Shimp, 7, "is playing baseball with my teammates."



Major League Baseball Envoy coach John Noce explains some fundamentals of catching, throwing and batting to children who participated in his baseball clinic July 2 and 3 on Villaggio.



The competition on the volleyball court was as hot as the day for Soldiers from 1-508th Infantry (Airborne) and 82nd Airborne Division during the Fourth of July celebration held at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan. Servicemembers from the multi-nation installation participated in a day of events that included a pistol marksmanship competition, dunk tank, games and barbecue. (Photo by U.S. Army Capt. Vanessa R. Bowman)



Spouses of Soldiers in the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team Brigade Support Battalion sell baked goods and other craft items at the Fourth of July celebration held at Friendship Park in Bamberg, Germany. Hundreds of people braved the mud, rain and hail to enjoy the festivities held July 4. (Photo by Krista Browning, USAG Bamberg Public Affairs)

Family PT Day kicks off Bamberg events

Story and photo by Krista Browning
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

More than 120 family members from the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team got a taste of the physical training their Soldiers experience daily during a Family Physical Training Day and mock PT test at the Bamberg Freedom fitness facility June 22.

"How far do we have to go?" "How many do we have to do?" were a few of the common questions overheard in the crowd gathered on the infield as they were led through a series of warm-ups and stretches. The mock PT test consisted of push-ups, sit-ups and a one mile run.

"An event like this gives the command a chance to gauge issues and check how families are doing around the one month mark of the deployment," said Lt. Col. Stoffels, 173d ABCT North commander.

Stoffels hoped families came away from the event with an appreciation of what their Soldier does every day, especially being in an Airborne unit where standards tend to be higher and physical training is very important.

By the end of the day it was apparent that everyone had a brand new level of respect for their spouse.

"I'm going to be sore for the next three days," said Mellisa Daar, 173d Special Troops Battalion spouse. "I didn't realize they had to be this physical every day."

There were a number of rear detachment Soldiers at the event including Pfc. Catharine Garcia, Charlie Company, Brigade Support Battalion. "We want to let the families know there's support available and Soldiers still back in Bamberg to help out," she said.

After the test there was an opportunity for everyone to participate in other types of fun activities including sack races, relay races, long jump, chin-ups, tug of war and a jumpy castle.

A certificate of achievement was awarded to all participants and medals to all children. Any participants registered with the Operation Walk 4 Freedom were given 25 bonus miles for competing in the events that day. Planners hope this will be the first in a series of monthly events and activities for families of the deployed 173d Brigade.



Bamberg community members take off for the one-mile run during a mock physical training test June 22.

July 4th crowd blown away

By Staff Sgt. Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

In what was supposed to be a bright, sunny day spent at the beach enjoying a barbecue, live music, games, volleyball tournament and fireworks instead ended up with winds and waves blowing away the crowd.

Wind gusts in excess of 40-50 miles an hour made 10-foot-high waves storm onto the beach.

"It was most unsettling seeing huge waves after waves crashing, it was if the waves were boiling in their intensity," said Bill Carpenter, USAG Livorno marketing specialist. "Plus, the wind was throwing sand everywhere and it was like being sand blasted in the Mohave desert, definitely not good for picnickers."

Carpenter recalled that back in 2004, the Independence Day celebration was cancel because of high winds and the fireworks were rescheduled for the big Labor Day celebration.

"If you can believe it, there were high winds again on Labor Day in 2004," exclaimed Carpenter. "Sometimes the weather is crazy, look at today, 24 hours after the



Bad weather doesn't dampen American spirits as they celebrate Independence day at Camp Darby's alternative site after a storm hit the beach. (Photo courtesy of Bill Carpenter, USAG Livorno Marketing specialist)

scheduled celebration and it's totally awesome."

Normally the weather in Tirrenia in the summer is bright blue skies, tranquil seas and daytime highs in the uppers 80s with the evenings dropping down into the low 70s and a gentle breeze blowing in off the Mediterranean.

However, USAG Livorno's MWR department wasn't about to let unusual weather ruin the celebration.

"We moved the barbecue to the Darby Community Club," said Carpenter. "But it wasn't the same as being at the beach and watching as the fireworks burst overhead."

Camp Darby Briefs

Main gate

Gate 4 is now open. Be patient with gate operations due to the new construction. We all ask that everyone takes it easy through Gate 4. Safety is a priority. The far right inbound lane is for privately owned vehicle traffic. The middle inbound lane is for tractor trailers and semi trucks. The left inbound lane is for oversized vans, busses and utility vehicles that don't fall under the semi truck category. The extreme far left lane is for outbound traffic only.

Beach Shuttle

There is a free shuttle on Saturdays and Sundays from Camp Darby to the American Beach. Times can be found at the bus

stops. Priority is as follows:

1st: Single servicemembers residing in the barracks

2nd: Local servicemembers and dependents.

3rd: Other I.D. cardholders, retirees and DOD/DA Civilians.

4th: Camp Darby visitors staying at Casa Toscana or Sea Pines lodge.

Parent's Night Out

July 20, 5:45-11p.m. Children must be registered with CYS. Discounts for multiple children will apply. Reserve your slot today by calling 633-7642 or 633-7613.

Outdoor Rec

Pool and beach passes are still available. Children under the age

of 10 are not permitted into the pool unless accompanied by an adult.

ACS

Military Family Life Consultants: Military Family Life Consultants are available at ACS to help servicemembers, DoD civilians, spouses, family members and children with problem-solving support for a variety of different issues that concern them.

This program compliments existing military services, therefore, individuals who already receive counsel care within the system cannot be seen by Family Life Consultants.

No records are kept of visits with Family Life Consultants, but consultants do have a duty to warn

if harm to self or others, child abuse, and/or violence are reported. This is a free service and is completely confidential. After-hours and weekend appointments are available as well, and group or off-site meetings can be arranged. Call 329-876-2168 or ACS at DSN 633-7084 for an appointment.

Language Classes

Every Wednesday there are free English as a second language class and Thursdays there are free Italian classes. Both classes start at noon at ACS.

Stand Up Against Sexual Assault: Sexual violence that occurs in our military families undermines our military values. You don't have to suffer in silence or alone. Report it today.

Darby Chapel

8:30 a.m.: Catholic

Reconciliation

9:30 a.m.: Catholic Mass

11:15 a.m.: Protestant worship

A-team wins Ammo Bowl



Members of the A-Team celebrates after they beat the Ramstein A-team at the annual Camp Darby Ammo bowl 40-22. The softball tournament brings Air Force teams from across Europe to Camp Darby during the Fourth of July celebration. (Photo courtesy of Tech. Sgt. Michael Fiyalko, 712th MUNS)

USAG Livorno members stop, think, then act

By Randall Ross
USAG Livorno Safety office

Throughout the month of June all organizations and activities on Camp Darby conducted safety-related events in support of Safety Day 2007. These events consisted of a Child Safety Day sponsored by the Military Police and D.A.R.E.. This event included a Bicycle Rodeo and Water Safety training taught by the Lifeguards at the Camp Darby pool.

We had an on-post Italian-American Motorcycle Mentorship Ride organized by a private mentorship organization that brought 25 Italian motorcycle club riders to Camp Darby.

The goal was to reinforce motorcycle safety themes through a focused professional approach to continuing motorcycle education. In this way, we sought to bridge the gap between Motorcycle Safety courses and real life road skills.

A Safety Day presentation was held to ensure that Soldiers, Airmen, civilians and Italian employees were trained and educated to recognize and mitigate the hazards associated with operating motor

vehicles in Italy and how to manage an emergency situation.

The common thread between all of the events was that the Composite Risk Management process does not always require a written risk assessment. Anyone can do it and it takes just a few seconds to accomplish once you know the process.

The initial step is to identify the hazards of what you are going to do. Then, assess those hazards to determine the worst case scenario. Next, develop controls to reduce the worst case scenario and make decisions on what is acceptable risk and what is not.

Finally, you implement the controls you developed and evaluate their effectiveness.

By conducting proper Composite Risk Management, accidents and incidents can become less probable and tragic. However, in the event one does occur, it must be reported to the supervisor and Safety office.

Any Army or Air Force operation that results in an injury requiring medical attention beyond first aid or an incident that causes damage to

government property, regardless of the person being Italian or American, military or civilian on duty is considered an accident that must be documented.

All incidents are reportable including: near misses, heat injuries, illnesses (duty related), carpal tunnel syndrome, irritations and infections from work-related exposures. Incidents must be reported to your supervisor, Safety and CPAC.

You never want to delay medical attention in order to report an injury. For duty related accidents: notify your supervisor immediately, get medical attention (first when an emergency) and then contact the safety and personnel offices.

Before non-emergency treatment, you must ask your supervisor to sign a CA-16 form. Only emergency treatment may be sought without prior written approval from a supervisor. All personnel should review form CA-10, "What a federal employee should do when injured at work."

At USAG Livorno, all other safety activities will continue throughout the summer using the Army in Europe summer campaign, the Army in Europe motorcycle safety campaign, and the USAG Livorno Leader Engagement Safety Campaign.

Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

Feast of the Redeemer

One of the best-loved Venetian feasts, *Festa del Redentore*, the *Feast of the Redeemer*, celebrates the city's redemption from a devastating plague in 1576.

In a desperate attempt to ward off the worst, the Senate decreed that if the city were to be saved, a temple would be built in honor of Christ the Redeemer.

The city duly survived and the Church of the Redentore was built.

Since then an annual pilgrimage has been held to commemorate Venice's delivery from ruin, a tradition that Venetians are proud to continue today.

This year the festivities begin on the evening July 14 when hundreds of gaily-decorated boats gather in the Giudecca canal and in front of St. Mark's.

This display of lights and sounds culminates in a spectacular firework display over the water.

Traditionally, the night ends with all the boats going over to the Lido to await the sunrise.

On July 15 the feast revolves around a solemn procession to the church of the Redentore, which lies on the island of Giudecca.

Temporary "votive" bridges made of boats are formed across the Grand Canal and the Giudecca canal to enable the faithful to reach the church. There are also gondola regattas on the *Canale della Giudecca* from 4 p.m. onwards.

Check out the Web site: www.turismovenetia.it for details.

Upcoming concerts

July 20: Classical music will be played in *Palazzo Barbaran da Porto* in downtown Vicenza.

The Padova and Veneto Orchestra, directed by Romolo Gessi, plays music by Beethoven.

Tickets are available from Vicenza.com store in *Piazza dei Signori* and cost 12 euro.

Classified Ads

NOTE: The Outlook does not take classifieds and we only print ads placed during the last week.

Sellers must place ads on www.vicenzamwr.com.

Buyers must go to the Vicenza MWR Web site, www.vicenzamwr.com for details about items for sale below.

1987 BMW convertible: Needs some TLC. Call or email for details.

7 Month old German Shepherd: All shots and accessories. Needs a good home, good with kids. \$600.

Fence wanted: Live in Villaggio and I need a fence.

Free 6 mo old pitbull: Just had a baby and can't care for two!

Ikea tv stand: Never used. \$35. Will deliver.

Kangaroo Climber: \$75, OBO.

Chests: Have two, 3-drawer chests. \$20 each, OBO.

Shelf: Ikea-brand. New, \$15.

Microwave stand: Like new. \$60, OBO.

Salvador Dali and other prints: In great condition. \$70, OBO, each.

1991 BMW 520: Good mechanical condition. \$1550.

Kitchen drawers: New: \$35, OBO.

Futon: Used once. \$175, OBO.

July 17: Joe Cocker performs in Mantova's *Palazzo Te*.

Sept. 10: Maestro Ennio Morricone directs the Rome Symphonic Orchestra in *Piazza San Marco*, Venice at 9 p.m.

Tickets are on sale from www.ticketone.it and cost from 77 to 187 euro.

Military Band tattoos

The 16th edition of the International Military Band Tattoo takes place through July 14 in *Modena*.

There will be three bands from Italy: the Central Band of the Army, the Fanfara of the Alpini Taurinense and the Mounted Band of the Police.

From Great Britain the Regimental Band of the Coldstream Guards will participate. From Canada its the Vancouver Police Pipe Band and Latvia sent the Staff Orchestra of the National Armed Forces. The New Zealand Army Band will also perform.

Tickets and the program are available online at: www.modena.festivalbande.it.

The 58th Edinburgh Military Tattoo 2007 takes place Aug. 3-25. The program and tickets are available online at www.edinburgh-tattoo.co.uk.

Visit a maze

Several mazes can be found in the Veneto area and visiting one of them can be an enjoyable and educational family day out.

One is in the gardens of *Villa Pisani*, in the town of *Stra*. Created in 1720, the maze is formed of a thick hedge and is about 500 meters long.

In the center of the maze is a small panoramic tower with a spiral staircase on the outside topped by a statue of Minerva.

At the top you can plan your route back out of the maze.

The villa is open daily, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. closed on Mondays. Entrance

fee for the villa and gardens is 5 euro, the garden only is 2,50 euro.

The maze in the *Giardino Giusti* in Verona (10 minutes away from the



Giardino Giusti

Arena) was designed in 1786. It is 400 meters wide, geometric in style and is formed of a thick hedge which is over a meter in height.

The gardens are open daily, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Entrance fee is 5 euro; children under age 10 enter free.

You can also enjoy *grotte acustiche*, or echo cave with mythological statues, fountains, the flowers and trees.

In the gardens of *Villa Arvedi*, located in *Grazzana*, (nine km from Verona) designed in 1650, the maze is in the shape of a butterfly 20 cm high. Also find an aviary with a bird fountain, a lily pond, statues and a cave.

Appointments are necessary to visit the gardens and or villa. E-mail arvedi@sis.it for appointments and information.

The garden in the town of *Valsanzibio*, province of Padova, ranges among the most important and unspoiled gardens in the world.

In the gardens find fountains and fishponds, a large maze, the rabbits island, statues galore, lots of trees and more.

The garden is open everyday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and from 2 p.m.-sunset. Entrance fees are 8,50 euro for adults, children 6-14 years of age 5,50 euro.

Valsanzibio is located 36 km from Vicenza, before you visit the gardens check out the map and get directions from www.valsanzi.biogiardino.it

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

July 10	CLOSED	
July 11	The Invisible (PG13)	6 p.m.
July 12	Disturbia (PG-13)	6 p.m.
July 13	Transformers (PG13)	6 p.m.
	Georgia Rule (R)	9 p.m.
July 14	Spiderman 3 (PG13)	3 p.m.
	Transformers (PG13)	6 p.m.
July 15	Spiderman 3 (PG13)	3 p.m.
	Transformers (PG13)	6 p.m.
July 16	CLOSED	
July 17	CLOSED	

Camp Darby Theater

July 12	Disturbia (PG13)	6 p.m.
July 13	Fantastic 4: Rise of the Silver Surfer (PG)	6 p.m.
July 14	Lucky You (PG13)	6 p.m.
July 15	Fantastic 4: Rise of the Silver Surfer (PG)	2 p.m.

Movie Synopsis

TRANSFORMERS - *Shia LaBeouf, Josh Duhamel*. The earth is caught in the middle of an intergalactic war between two races of robots, the heroic Autobots and the evil Deceptions, which are able to change into a variety of objects, including cars, planes and other technological creations. The interstellar battle between the Autobots and Deceptions rains destruction down on planet Earth - enormous aliens have chosen the third rock from the sun as their ultimate battleground, and as the villainous Deceptions struggle to obtain the key to unlimited power, a young Earthling named Sam Witwicky may stand as mankind's last hope for survival.

DISTURBIA - *Shia LaBeouf, Carrie-Anne Moss*. After his father's death, Kale becomes sullen, withdrawn, and troubled - so much so that he finds himself under a court-ordered sentence of house arrest. His mother works night and day to support herself and her son, only to be met with indifference and lethargy. The walls of his house begin to close in on Kale. He becomes a voyeur as his interests turn outside the windows of his suburban home towards those of his neighbors, one of which Kale begins to suspect is a serial killer.

GEORGIA RULE - *Jane Fonda, Lindsay Lohan*. Rebellious teenager Rachel screams, swears, drinks and is, in a word, uncontrollable. With her latest car crash, Rachel has broken the final rule in mom Lilly's San Francisco home. With nowhere else to take the impulsive and rambunctious girl, Lilly hauls her daughter to the one place she swore she'd never return - her own mother's Idaho farm. Rachel's journey will lead all three women to revelations of buried family secrets and an understanding that - regardless what happens - the ties that bind can never be broken.

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

Wanted wireless laptop computer.

Wanted: Trampoline with safety net: Will pay up to \$150.

Bathroom Cabinet: Great condition. \$50, OBO.

PCS Sale: Selling all sorts of 220v household items.

Suzuki 1998 TL1000R : Comes with matching Shoei helmet, racing boots and jacket. \$2,200.

Wanted: Inexpensive car.

PSP game and movies: \$10 each.

1996 Fiat 500: Great condition.

\$1,200.

1999 Daewoo Nubira: Perfect condition. \$1,800.

Bicycle wanted: Prefer one with a basket for riding around post.

BOSS AC-2 acoustic simulator \$70 and Samson wireless \$250.

Host family needed for summer student working on post.

Carol Criggs watercolor print: Professionally framed. \$50.

Scottish Terrier: AKC registered, 2 years old. Needs to be an only dog. Has shots, microchip and is neutered.

2005 Mustang GT convertible: Perfect condition. \$27,000.

Snow Skis w/poles: Have two sets, \$100 for both.

Bloch ballet shoes: Size 2.5 B, \$20.

Power Wheels Kawasaki Ninja Quad: Two-speed bike. \$100, OBO.

V-Tech V-Smile game console: Has two controllers and six games. \$120, OBO.

Disney Princess CD player/jewelry box: \$75, OBO.

Girl Shoes: All size 3, assorted styles and prices. Size 4 girls sandals, never worn, make offer.

Motorola SLVR L7 cellphone: Still under warranty. Has accessories. \$175.

Acoustic Authority three-piece subwoofer system: 110v, never used. \$50.

Hardcover books: Have 16 assorted titles. \$39 for all.

Water dispenser 220 volts: Never used. \$80, OBO. Microwave 220v: Used. \$25.

1991 BMW 735iL: Mechanically sound. \$2,995.

UMUC Textbooks: Various titles/prices.

2000 Mitsubishi Eclipse GT: Automatic. \$6,800, OBO.

Sofa and recliner: Red plaid. Good condition. \$150, OBO.

Queen Bed frame: No mattress. 300 Euro, OBO.

Caserna Ederle Briefs

Job opportunities

Graphic Designer needed: The MWR Marketing office is looking for a marketing assistant with graphic design experience in Adobe Photo Shop and Dreamweaver Web design.

For details about positions or to apply, send information to the new e-mail: vicenza.naf@eur.army.mil. For more information about jobs available, visit the Web site: www.chra.eur.army.mil or call NAF at 634-6597.

NAF personnel is located in the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, off post on via Della Pace.

Proper bike fit class

Back by popular demand Outdoor Recreation offers the class on proper bicycle fit July 27, 5-6 p.m.

Learn how to adjust your bicycle to best suit you. Class size is limited so register now by calling 634-7453.

Saturday Childcare

The CDC in Bldg 395 is open for hourly care on Saturdays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. beginning July 7.

Reservations must be made two weeks in advance and walk-in care will be provided if space is available.

The cost is \$4 per hour or parents can use their deployment card to pay for care.

For details call 634-7559.

ACS Classes

July 11: Reducing Stress Through Massage, 2-3 p.m.

Reservations are required so call 634-7500.

Lost or Stolen ID Card Security and Awareness Seminar

Anyone in the Vicenza military community who loses or has his ID Card stolen is required to attend a seminar.

The training is held every Thursday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the Central Processing Facility (bldg 311) classroom.

Army Career Alumni Program events

July 24-25: Job Assistance workshop, in ACAP, bldg 333, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. both days.

July 30: Veterans Administration benefits briefing ACAP Center, bldg

333, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Call ACAP at 634-7188 or 7189.

VFW meeting

VFW Post 8862 will conduct a business meeting July 12, 5:30-6:45 p.m. at the Italian retiree center *La Rondine* on *via Calvi*.

The swearing-in of next year's officers, support for the veterans, soldiers, family members, military community and other important topics will be discussed.

For directions, more information or to join, contact 2007-08 Post commander Tom Buffington at 634-7857 or 0444-71-7857 from off post.

SKIES Unlimited summer classes

SKIES Unlimited offers lots of classes for youth during the summer months ahead.

The line up includes Tae Kwon Do, Capoeira, swimming lessons, professional cooking classes, Little Hands Art classes, music lessons, woodworking, dance classes, academic tutoring and SAT prep.

Call CYS Central Registration 634-7219 for more information.

Managing government property training

July 13, 9:30-11:30 a.m., a briefing for hand receipt holders for USAG Vicenza Installation Property Book office will be held in the Hall of Heroes.

This briefing is open to community members who may be interested in this type of training.

Topics include: Controlling property, POL coupon accounting and Financial Liability - Investigation of Property Loss.

Direct questions to Homer H. Washington, Directorate of Logistics, Supply and Services Division, at 634-3931.

Ethics training offered

Ethics training is an annual requirement mandated by the Secretary of the Army for all DoD personnel.

All employees must attend once per calendar year.

Contractors and Italian post workers are not required to attend the training.

Ethics training is held at 10 a.m. in the Ederle Theater.

Below are the scheduled ethics training dates for the remainder of the year: July 13, Aug. 8, Sept. 5

Selling a vehicle or going on leave?



As a reminder: The B.O.S.S. car sale lot, located behind bldg 28 (Finance) is where individuals who want to sell a car, and for those on overnight trips, must park vehicles. First, however, sellers must contact Vehicle Registration where they will be given the necessary forms and pay \$5 to sell the vehicle. Once these steps are taken a car can be on the lot for up to 90 days.

and 19, Oct. 3 and 17, Nov. 7 and 21 and Dec. 5 and 12.

Teen Center Open Saturdays

The Teen Center, located across from the Ederle Inn, is now open every Saturday noon-8p.m. for grades 6-12.

You'll find basketball, soccer, billiards, video games, movies, computer labs, board games, art, photography, music and more to fill your time.

Youth must be registered with Child and Youth Services to use the Teen Center facilities.

For details, call 634-7266.

Final Harry Potter book on sale July 21

AAFES Bookmark, located in the PowerZone, will open its doors at 11:30 p.m. to celebrate the final Harry Potter book.

Activities include cake and Dragon Snot punch, a costume contest, pinata contest, Harry Potter glasses and temporary tattoos and trivia contests.

The book goes on sale promptly at midnight.

The post exchange will be open from midnight till 2 a.m.

Soldiers' Theatre auditions

Calling all experienced and

novice actors, singers and dancers to schedule a private audition for the new 2007-2008 theatre season at Soldiers' Theatre.

The season's first show will be *Billy Ball*, an exciting script that employs the works of Shakespeare within a sporting context.

Director Ross Daniels is looking for four males and three females to fill the cast for this year's official entry in the IMCOM-E One Act Theatre Festival held in Heidelberg, Germany over the Columbus Day weekend.

Vicenza performances will be the last week of September.

Those not cast in *Billy Ball* may qualify for the Monologue Fest held the same weekend.

Call 634-7281 to schedule your audition.

Child and Youth Services notes

CYS has added two more programs starting in July.

There are now two free Family Readiness Group meeting nights each month. The procedures to book meeting space and childcare remain the same.

Please note that requests for meeting locations as well as the child names from the FRG Leader and/or FRSA must still be received by the 1st of the month in order to make the system work best.

Call CYS at 634-7740 for details.

Rent a baby jogger from ODR

Jogging my way back to sanity

By Lacy Wolff
Outdoor Recreation staff

After the birth of my son I found myself in the same situation many new mothers find themselves in – overweight and depressed. I have always been an active person but this was the heaviest I had ever been and I was not in running shape.

So here I was, in a foreign country with a new baby, incredibly overweight and unhappy with my body.

My life turned around when I got a baby jogger. It was a gift from a friend and I really thought it seemed crazy to run with a baby. I thought it would be too difficult. I didn't like running before I had a baby, why in the world would I like running with one?

However, I made friends with a

runner who still pushed her five-year-old when she went on long runs.

She encouraged me to get out and run with her and I felt so empowered when I started running. I didn't have to schedule a babysitter or ask my husband to watch the baby. I could do this with my baby and he was benefiting from the fresh air and getting outside to seeing new things.

Pretty soon I was hooked. I started increasing my mileage each week. I ran a half marathon within six months of giving birth – my greatest physical accomplishment ever. For me, running became a passion. I love running now and I give all of the credit to my supportive friend, Lindsay, and my jogger. I found the trick is to work through it very slowly and walk when I need to.

Ederle Chapel

For details regarding any of these services or events, call the chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519).

Weekday Mass

Mass is now held at noon Wednesday-Monday.

Saturday Services

4-4:30 p.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation, or by appointment

5 p.m.: Roman Catholic Mass

Sunday Services

*NOTE: Sunday School services are not held over the summer.

9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass

10:45 a.m.-noon: Catholic Religious Education

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

1:30 p.m.: Full Gospel

Pentecostal worship and Children's church

4 p.m.: Lutheran Services

6 p.m.: Contemporary worship

Club Beyond

Club Beyond serves all the teens in the Vicenza community.

For details contact Jocelyn Cary at 634-6546 or 348-385-3476 or vicecb@yahoo.com.

Muslim Services

The khutba and prayer will take place in the post chapel conference room Fridays, just after 12 p.m.

For details, contact the chapel at 634-7519.

Jewish services

For details regarding Jewish services, contact Dr. Steven or Nancy November at november6@msn.com.

Free Bowling

The Bowling Center offers free bowling every Monday, 3:30-10 p.m. Offer does not include shoe rental fee.

For details call 634-7013.

The last half-marathon I completed I found myself running next to a mother and father pushing their children in a double jogger.

They finished right with me at just over two hours. That means they ran 13 miles at a little over a 9-minute-mile pace.

That, as they would say in the Outdoor Recreation world, is hardcore.

Vicenza Outdoor Recreation now rents jogging strollers at a cost of \$5 a day. If jogging is too extreme, Outdoor Rec offers mountain, touring and cruiser bicycles for \$5 a day or \$20 a week. Bicycle helmets are available for \$1 a day, \$4 a week.

Rock climbing, SCUBA equipment, skis, golf clubs and camping equipment are also available.

Call Outdoor Rec at 634-7453 for a complete rental list.

Window of opportunity

Work proceeds on projects linked to well being

By Jon Fleshman

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

More than a 100 quality-of-life projects are in the works to be completed before the Soldiers return from Afghanistan, according to Greg Vallery, chief, engineering services section, Directorate of Public Works.

"Many are repair or renovation projects and some are new construction," Vallery explained. "Some are as simple as redoing an office floor or upgrading a restroom, while others combine major repairs with new construction. For example, the pool next to the fitness center. We're going to fix leaking pipes and the sundeck, install a toilet and shower and put up a permanent covering with a heating unit."

SETAF Commander Maj. Gen. Frank Helmick said that doing such work while the Soldiers are deployed gets the work done faster and with less inconvenience to the customer.

About 100 projects are slated to be underway by the end of September, Vallery said, and about the same number will be added by the end of fiscal year 2008.

Some of the major projects on the list are:

◆ **South of the Alps Dining Facility renovation:** replace the heating and air

conditioning, electrical and emergency lighting and fire alarm systems; replace the false ceiling with new lights; upgrade the restrooms and greenhouse room and enlarge the Grab & Go area.

◆ **Physical fitness center renovation:** upgrade the gym, add steam rooms and replace the saunas with ones capable of holding eight persons each; put in a second floor mezzanine exercise room over a racquetball court and convert that court into storage; replace windows and install air conditioning and a sprinkler system and repair skylights.

◆ **Gym and bowling renovation:** convert the bowling center into space for weight equipment; build a new entrance and main hallway connecting the facilities; relocate the utility room and reception area; expand the locker rooms.

◆ **Multipurpose North-40 sports field construction:** build a fenced field with synthetic turf; new special pavement, night lights, drainage and a fence to contain the game ball.

◆ **Arts and crafts center renovation:** install new electrical, plumbing, heating and cooling and fire alarm systems; replace the dust collection system and upgrade the ventilation system in the woodworking area.

◆ **Barracks renovation:** based on feedback from Soldiers, the work will include a room by room repair of all deficiencies; additional built-in furnishings and innovations for better storage.

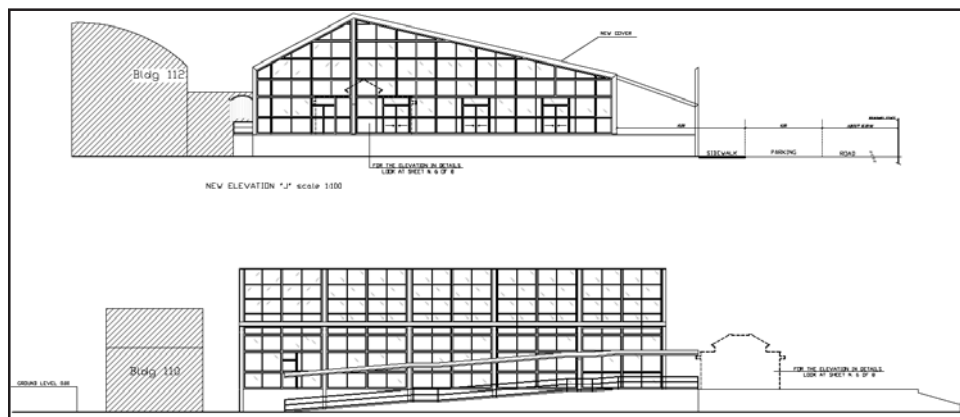
◆ **Via Aldo Moro queue lane extension:** add 350 meters of asphalted road; new sidewalks; upgrade of boundary fence and a new fence between Aldo Moro and the new road; new street lights and drainage.

◆ **Subway conversion:** convert the Subway restaurant in Club Veneto into a recreation center that will include 24 internet

stations and a children's play area.

The list also includes a new warehouse for vehicle maintenance and major components rebuilding, an addition to the simulation center, an upgrade of the fire station and work on the Villaggio della Pace housing area sewers.

"Whatever the project," said DPW Director Dave Murr, "they are all about the well being of our Soldiers and Army families, about giving them the best places to work and live in, and doing the work with as little disturbance as we can manage."



Above are technical drawings showing two views of the fitness center permanent pool covering. Other work includes fixing leaking pipes and the sundeck and the installation of a toilet and a shower.

Youth Volunteer Corps allows Caserma Ederle youth to give back



(Above) Youth participating in the Youth Volunteer Corps workshop held Thursday start the workshop with a team building activity. "It was a team building activity to illustrate the importance of teamwork," said Tammy Wilbur-Hoistad, Family Advocacy, Army Community Service. "I tied this activity into the concept that many times in life we work with people which we do not know or do not usually work with but we have to learn to work together to get the job done."



(Above) Youth participating in the first meeting of the Youth Volunteer Corps fill out the Volunteer Registration forms. (Right) Allie Vallery, program manager, Employment Readiness, Army Community Service, leads the Dreamscape section of the Youth Volunteer Corp workshop held Thursday with help from Michael Morris, director, Teen Center (not in photo). "We reviewed how the children can determine the skills, preferences, values that will help them determine their future occupations and the requirements necessary to obtain their "dream" job," said Vallery of her section of the workshop. Youth who are interested in being part of the YVC, contact Gibson at 634-7942 or via e-mail at randie.m.gibson@eur.army.mil.

By USAG Vicenza Army Volunteer Corps
Photos by Army Community Service

Special to the Outlook

A new program for youth on Caserma Ederle kicked off June 27 with the goal of getting young people involved in their community through volunteerism.

Youth Volunteer Corps is a new project under the umbrella of USAG Vicenza's Army Volunteer Corps, according to Randie Gibson, Army Volunteer Corps coordinator, Army Community Service.

"The YVC will provide the youth in our community with volunteer opportunities, trainings, workshops and ongoing guidance," she said. "The purpose is to provide a foundation for community youth to develop and understand the spirit of volunteerism."

To kick off the new program, Gibson along with Allie Vallery, Employment Readiness manager, Tammy Wilbur-Hoistad, Family Advocacy Program manager and Michael Morris, director of USAG Vicenza Youth Services, held their first YVC workshop at the Teen Center with 17 youth participants ranging in age from 12 to 16 years old.

The workshop consisted of an activity in which the youth explored their future job preferences and values, an overview on the importance of volunteering, completing their volunteer registration paperwork to become

official post volunteers, and creating a volunteer summer project.

"The workshop went very well, and the children showed great interest in being involved," said Gibson.

The goal for the YVC is to meet regularly to help the youth go through all the planning stages from idea to completion of a volunteer project.

YVC plans to have different projects which the youth develop on a quarterly basis, so those who may not have the opportunity to participate now can join in any time throughout the year and be a part of a YVC project.

This also provides more structure to the youth volunteer efforts and will help the students develop team working skills, according to Gibson.

All the participants became registered installation volunteers and will have their volunteer hours collected and tracked for their volunteer efforts.

During the workshop, the youth voted on a beautification project for post which will take place from July 9-Aug. 4.

The group planning a second meeting for Monday at the Teen Center to begin working on the project.

Youth who interested in being part of the YVC, contact Gibson at 634-7942 or via e-mail at randie.m.gibson@eur.army.mil.

