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## Daily maintenance keeps UAV eyes in the sky

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

**FORWARD OPERATING BASE FENTY, Afghanistan** - One of the assets commanders in the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team use to view the battlefield is the RQ-7 Shadow 200 Unmanned Aerial Vehicle.

The UAV is able to provide the combat team with video coverage of an area of interest for hours at 50 kilometers (31 miles) from the launch and recovery site.

The airborne vehicle uses a pneumatic launcher and is recovered by a tactical automatic landing system on the runway. The air vehicle is stopped using an arresting hook and cable system, much like how jets land on an aircraft carrier.

The first launch of an RQ-7 Shadow UAV in the 173d ABCT was by Col. Charles A. Preysler, 173d ABCT commander, in Germany during training for preparation to deploy to Afghanistan.

The UAV is a new asset to the combat team and keeping it operational is essential.

By the time the Shadow gets into the sky, it gets checked a minimum of six times, said Army Staff Sgt. Pablo Villanueva, maintenance chief for the Shadow, Bravo Company, 173rd Special Troops Battalion (Airborne).

"We take it apart to make sure everything is tightened down, verify all the electronics work and conduct preflight checks," Villanueva said.

The UAV is also inspected by the flyer and again by the mechanics when on the launcher.

Villanueva's crew of mechanics performs maintenance, which is called "preventive maintenance daily," every day.

"I enjoy doing this," said Army Sgt. Christopher Johnson, a UAV mechanic in Bravo Company, 173rd STB.

The 173rd's Shadow operation is non-stop mission, which doesn't end until the deployment is over.

"We work in 12-hour shifts," explained Villanueva. "Eight hours are spent doing PMD and the other four are doing preflight inspections."



Staff Sgt. Pablo Villanueva, Bravo Company, 173rd Special Troops Battalion (Airborne) conducts preventive maintenance daily on a RQ-7 Shadow 200 Unmanned Aerial Vehicle June 19 on Forward Operating Base Fenty in Jalalabad, Afghanistan.

Once the UAV gets back from a flight the work starts all over again.

"We have to check to make sure no parts fell off or loosened

during flight," Villanueva said. He and his crew open the plane, take it apart and make sure everything is right. PMD is a daily process, which doesn't end until the mission is over.

## PMCS is vital for equipment, Soldier safety, readiness

Story and photo by Pfc. Crystal Abbott  
SETAF Public Affairs

Every day Soldiers and civilians dispatch military vehicles for a variety of missions throughout the Vicenza military community.

Sometimes, though, an integral part of the dispatch process does not get the attention it deserves.

Preventive Maintenance Checks and Services – or PMCS – is the first step in the process of dispatching a vehicle, and it is vital for equipment safety and readiness, according to Master Sgt. George Duenas, G4 maintenance NCOIC.

The SETAF Consolidated Motor Pool,

which is a part of SETAF G4, manages all orphan units within SETAF, providing maintenance resources so each unit can perform the necessary maintenance on their equipment, said Duenas.

"We have an established program that abides by Army regulations," he said.

The first step of dispatching a vehicle is to pick up a dispatching packet from the motor pool.

"When a Soldier comes here to dispatch a vehicle we give him a checklist, which contains a risk assessment," said Duenas. "Everybody in the chain of command is informed of the dispatch and will have to sign the dispatch request form, from the senior

occupant, the platoon leader or platoon sergeant, the commander or first sergeant to the battalion commander, if applicable."

Before the vehicle can be dispatched, however, a Soldier must first complete a PMCS on the vehicle and fill out a DA Form 5988, the Equipment Maintenance and Inspection Worksheet that needs to be signed by a supervisor to verify that the operator has correctly performed the PMCS.

All PMCS must be done to standard using the appropriate dash 10, which is the operator-level technical manual, said Duenas.

"If there are any mon-mission capable (NMC) faults noted per the dash 10, let us know," he said. "We will assist the unit in getting the vehicle repaired."

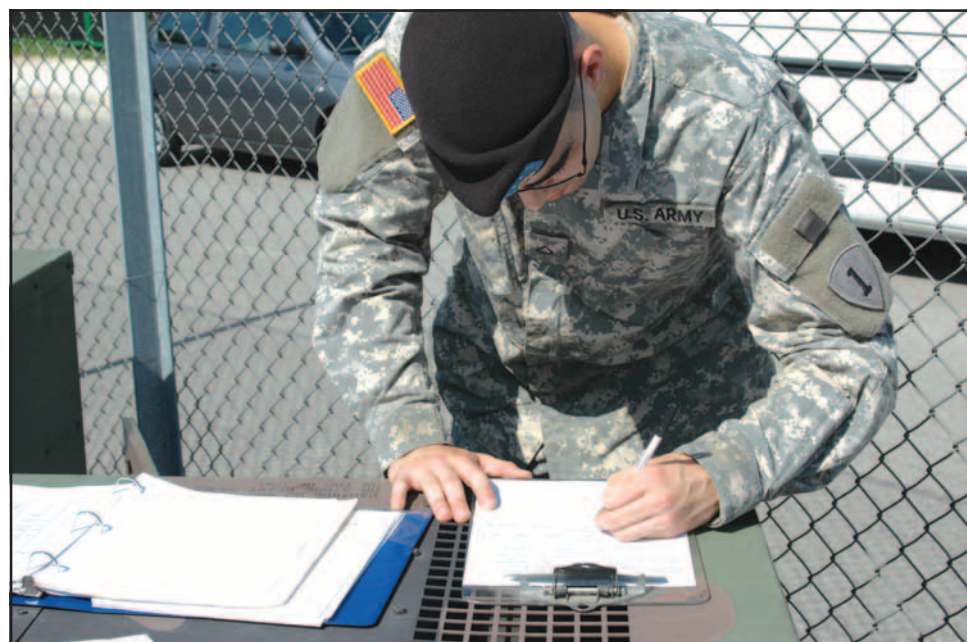
Once the request form has been signed by the chain of command, the Soldier has completed the DA Form 5988 and no NMC faults have been found, the vehicle will be dispatched.

Duenas stressed the importance of properly conducting PMCS and filling out the paperwork.

"If the paperwork doesn't get done correctly, then it will be a shortfall on the chain of command," he said. "The commander or first sergeant will lose sight on the readiness of their equipment."

The USAREUR Maintenance team is scheduled to visit the Caserma Ederle community next month to provide instruction on PMCS certifications.

Soldiers can also receive PMCS training in conjunction with the Master Driver Training Program or through SETAF's Headquarters Support Company Humvee PMCS class, which helps train personnel who haven't had the opportunity to attend drivers training.



Pfc. Ian Queen, a generator mechanic for 1st Platoon, 111th Postal Company, fills out the DA Form 5988 during the Preventative Maintenance Checks and Services of the generator. PMCSs are important in maintaining equipment readiness and safety and should be performed each time a vehicle is dispatched, according to Master Sgt. George Duenas, G4 maintenance NCOIC.

### Gate Information for July 3, 4

By the Office of the Provost Marshal

Gate #4 (via Casermette) will be closed July 4 for the festa.

The back gate to Villaggio will be open until 1 a.m. for July 3 and 4 events.

### Independence Day celebration activities

Independence Day celebrations begin July 3, 2-10 p.m., for ID cardholders only. Families can enjoy displays of U.S. Army and Carabinieri vehicles and military working dogs in action.

A DJ, childrens carnival rides, bounce houses and other fun activities round out the fun.

Booths from AAFES and other organizations will offer food items for sale.

On July 4, the fest area is open to the public from 2 p.m.-midnight with the above activities and stage entertainment.

Rounding out the celebration will be a dramatic fireworks display at 10 p.m.

As a reminder, there is no alcohol, glass bottles, roller skates, skate boards, heeies, bicycles, mopeds or pets allowed in the fest area.

## Hear from our Soldiers in Afghanistan Mondays on AFN

Hear our Soldiers in the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team tell their story.

Soldiers will be calling into AFN every Monday during the 7 a.m. hour

Being a split-based unit, Soldiers from HHC 173d ABCT, 1-503d Inf (Abn) and 2-503d Inf (Abn) will call back to AFN Vicenza, The Eagle.

Soldiers from the 1-91 CAV, 4-319 AFAR, 173d STB and the 173d BSB will call back to AFN Franconia.

AFN Franconia serves both the Bamberg and Schweinfurt communities.

July 9, the 2-503 and 4-319 AFAR will call in. July 16, hear from 1-503d Inf (Abn) and the Special Troops Battalion.

## General's response to graduation disturbance

*Editor's note: Below is the English-version of the letter Maj. Gen. Frank G. Helmick sent to local Italian media the day after the Vicenza High School graduation ceremony at Teatro Olimpico was marred by Dal Molin demonstrators.*

*This letter generated much interest by both the Italian media and Italian public.*

June 10, at Teatro Olimpico, the American High School on Caserma Ederle held its graduation for the

High School Class of 2007.

When I arrived, I was appalled to see that there were demonstrators standing at the entrance with flags and banners, whistling and chanting.

What I saw was completely out of character for the majority of the citizens of Vicenza.

Vicenza is a dignified city. The demonstration Sunday night during an event for our children, their high school graduation was classless.

I realize that demonstrations

are allowed in a democracy but, in this case, the demonstrators clearly displayed an ignorant and uncaring attitude toward children. Unquestionably, inappropriate and reprehensible behavior.

I am embarrassed, not only for the citizens of Vicenza, but for the graduating seniors and their families.

This behavior saddens me and, in my opinion, a few spoiled what was to be a fond, memorable event.

Signed,  
**Maj. Gen. Frank Helmick**  
Commander, SETAF

## SETAF, garrison honor military, civilian retirees

By Master Sgt. Kimberly Williams  
SETAF Public Affairs

The Caserma Ederle community said farewell to one Soldier and four Italian post employees during the Vicenza military community Quarterly Retirement Ceremony Wednesday at 4 p.m. on Hoekstra field.

Retiring were Lt. Col. Robert L. Krcelic, Angela Clara Fortunelli, Boris Gallio, Giovanna Vidale and Margherita Frigo, whose combined service to the U.S. government totaled more than 170 years.

"As I look out at the audience, I realize that our post and our command is made up of civilians and military members from our host nation of Italy and from the United States who serve and sacrifice alongside one another," said Col. Jeffrey McKittrick, host commander for the ceremony.

"It is fitting that this retirement

and the individuals retiring represent much of that team," he said.

McKittrick presented each retiree with a Certificate of Retirement, an Army retiree lapel pin and a commander's coin, in addition to individual awards.

He also took time to recognize their family members as well.

"I doubt I would have to remind anyone in this audience that the milestones and service that we speak about today are not only focused on our retirees, but on their families as well, who have served alongside of them these many years," McKittrick said.

"Thank you for your many years of service," he said. "Your contribution has been a great gift to the past, present and future military and civilian personnel serving in the Vicenza military community and in the United States Army."

## Yard of the Month winners for May



**Congratulations to the Yard of the Month awardee for May, Sgt. 1st Class Bobby Smith, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 503d Infantry (Airborne). Smith, along with the first and second runners up received cash awards from AAFES and the commissary, along with certificates of appreciation. (Photos by Sgt. Jason Gomez, USAG Vicenza)**



**Second place went to Sgt. 1st Class Andrew Guerrero, HHC, 2d Battalion, 503d Inf (Abn).**



**Third place went to Master Sgt. Gilberto Aviles, USAG Vicenza.**



**Honorable mention to Sgt. Jason Lusby, 509th Signal Battalion.**



**Honorable mention to Sgt. Joel Hart, HHC, 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team.**



**Honorable mention to Sgt. Mckely Rentas-Salome, B Co, 2-503d.**

## Holiday message from SETAF commander

On this American holiday, Melissa and I wish each and every one of you a safe and happy Independence Day.

The word 'independence' reminds me of the sacrifices our forefathers endured in the Revolutionary War to secure a way of life where all of us have the ability to pursue our dreams.

From the private to the general, from the farmer to the executive, from the teacher to the student, we can be thankful for what our forefathers accomplished, just as our Soldiers and allies are doing in Afghanistan and Iraq today.

As you spend this weekend celebrating with your family and friends, remember the sacrifices of those who fought to secure the freedom we all enjoy. Without their efforts, life as we know it today would be very different.

Happy Independence Day to you wherever you are: Vicenza, Livorno, Bamberg, Schweinfurt or Afghanistan.



Maj. Gen. Frank G. Helmick

Be safe and enjoy your holiday, and thanks to you and your Family for being on the Army Team!

AIRBORNE!

## Soggiorno questions, answers

USAG Vicenza Directorate of Human Resources  
Press Release

**What is a Permesso di Soggiorno?** It is a Residence Permit, roughly equivalent to an American green card. Laws, rules and procedures are set by the Italian Ministry of the Interior.

**Who is required to have a soggiorno?**

All non-European Union dependents, as well as all non-military sponsors who are non-EU civilian employees of the U.S. government, DoD contractors, AAFES, and American Red Cross dependents.

**When and where must they apply?**

All of the above must apply for an initial soggiorno within eight working days from the date of entry in Italy, and apply for renewals before their soggiorno expires. Vicenza Military Community members should apply at the soggiorno office in CPF.

**What documents are needed to get a soggiorno?**

As each person and their dependents may have different criteria, the soggiorno office has a Soggiorno Application Requirement listing the various documents needed for your particular situation.

Call or visit the soggiorno office in the Central Processing Facility to ensure you know what you will need to begin the process.

The soggiorno office is checking all pending and current applications against the required list and sending out letters to people telling them what they need to bring in.

**Do soggiornos need to be current to travel in and out of Italy?**

You may travel in and out of Italy as a tourist for short stays without a soggiorno. If you intend to stay in Italy in a private house as opposed to a hotel for more than eight days, you must have or apply for a soggiorno.

**What about command-sponsored dependents returning from college for the summer?**

They must have a soggiorno or apply within eight days of arrival. Since they are typically here for less than 90 days, they do

have the option of applying for tourist soggiornos which are somewhat easier to get. See the soggiorno office if you are interested in pursuing this option.

**What sets the expiration date?**

The expiration date of your passport or ID card, whichever comes first.

**Can you send out reminders for expiring soggiornos?**

At present no reminders are sent out, but our office is working on implementing a database that will enable us to provide such a service.

**What do we do under the new soggiorno system?**

Italy recently changed the procedures for soggiornos. However, the application of the new procedures to the military component has not been resolved, and is currently under negotiation between the Italian and the American governments.

Until an agreement is reached, applicants will continue to apply for soggiornos at the soggiorno office.

The soggiorno office will prepare the application and all documents for submission, but will not actually submit the application until the governments agree on procedures.

The only document needed to depart Italy is a passport. To return to Italy, a soggiorno is required.

The Soggiorno Liaison Office will provide members of the U.S. community who have submitted soggiorno applications with a memorandum explaining the governmental situation. The memorandum is signed by Col. Virgil Williams, USAG-Vicenza commander.

**Who can I contact if the Soggiorno Office doesn't provide satisfaction?**

The Soggiorno Office is our liaison to Italian government which sets the laws for the soggiorno procedures, and the Soggiorno Office does not set procedures or grant exceptions.

If the people in the Soggiorno Office don't provide proper assistance, please call the Military Personnel chief, David Ott, at 634-7477 or the Central Processing Facility manager Anita Buchanan at 634-8706.

## America's Independence Day: Think of those who sacrifice so we may remain free

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Scott Carson  
SETAF Deputy Chaplain

The day I turned 16 I received my Texas driver's license. With great pride I presented my license to my father. In turn and with a big grin, he handed me a set of keys.

My mind went wild with excitement. I could see the keys were not new, but any kind of transportation would be great.

Finally, no more walking four miles to my friend's home in 102 degree weather.

I could drive to the next town and check out the girls.

I could go to the mall with friends and hang out.

So what were the keys to? A Mustang? A Camaro? The anticipation was too much.

Then my father said, "Here, you can't hurt yourself with this!"

Oh no. He couldn't mean...but yes, he did...the keys were to our family's 1949, 25-year old, 16-passenger Chevrolet bus.

Yep, a cut-down version of the regular yellow school bus seen in towns all across America.

This vehicle wasn't yellow. It was

mostly green and white with a nice complement of rust patches.

It had been converted into a camper, but now, except for the driver's seat, it was a completely gutted shell.

Basically, my new freedom came with a price - not of money - but of responsibility and humiliation.

I realized quickly enough though that it was a small price to pay for the access to friends and good times.

My teenage independence is trivial in comparison, but as Americans, we are a free people with a heavy sense of humble responsibility.

The saying goes, "Freedom isn't free." It is earned with the blood of brave warriors and we must always keep in mind those who willingly sacrificed their lives in order to protect our independence.

This Fourth of July, reflect on God's gift of freedom that He has blessed us with.

And in humbleness, give thanks for those who have defended the principles of democracy in the past and faithfully pray for those who are still fighting for that freedom in foreign lands today.

*Pro Deo and Patria!*

## Summer hire season officially starts



Col. Virgil Williams administers the oath of office to the 90 Summer Hire employees during a ceremony June 25. The youth will be working in a variety of offices and positions during the five-week program to include administrative and labor work. (Photo by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)

## Take care if running during thunderstorms

SETAF Safety Office  
Amber Gram

Running is a part of Army life, but it can also be dangerous if the weather turns bad. Protect yourself during summer thunderstorms.

- ◆ Run in the morning when thunderstorms are rare.
- ◆ If you can see lightning or hear it, head for cover.
- ◆ Move away from tall tree and poles.
- ◆ Seek shelter in a car, but roll up the

windows and don't touch any metal surfaces.

◆ If you're caught in a forested area, crouch under a group of the shortest trees available.

◆ If you're caught in the middle of a field, crouch on the balls of your feet, cover your ears, and tuck your body into a small mass - do not lie down.

◆ If you're running in a group in an open area, assume the position above, but stay at least 15 feet away from other people.

## Green Tips

- Ways you can cut waste and save money:
- Print and copy double sided.
- Do not buy beverage cans but use recyclable bottles.
- Use your own bags for shopping.
- Buy fresh food that does not contain a lot of packaging.

- Use long-life products instead of single-use items.
- Buy products that are made of recycled materials.
- Use the Thrift Shop and ECO-Center for usable items that you don't need or want anymore but someone else could.

From the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental division  
For more information call 634-8937, 8939, 5023 or 7166

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## Benefits of Thrift Shop more than just monetary for community

By Vicki Kahler  
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Thrift Shop Manager  
Special to the Outlook

The Vicenza Military Spouses and Civilians Club Thrift Shop, located across from the post exchange, has two missions.

First, it provides a great service to Caserma Ederle by providing a place where 220v electronics and appliances, household items and clothing can be bought by newcomers and sold by Soldiers PCSing.

The second mission is to raise funds that are distributed through community enrichment donations to organizations such as the USO, Army Community Service, Vicenza health clinic, Child and Youth Services and many other organizations, as well as offering college scholarships to our youth.

Last year the VMSCC Thrift Shop made more than \$100,000 in profit – all of which is returned to the community.

### Volunteers are key to success

The main reason for the success of the Thrift Shop is the terrific volunteers who give their time sorting, pricing and putting merchandise out to be sold. Last year our volunteers logged in about 3,570 volunteer hours.

We are always looking for volunteers and welcome youth volunteers. To volunteer, stop by the Thrift Shop and fill out a volunteer registration form. How many hours you wish to volunteer are up to you. As long as you have a spare hour here or there, just stop in and help out. You can volunteer Mondays through Thursdays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Thrift Shop volunteers receive several benefits to include paid childcare while you volunteer, first dibs on new items that come in and the ability to consign items when the store is closed to the public. But perhaps the best benefit is you're supporting the Caserma Ederle community.

### Consignments

If an individual wishes to sell items through the Thrift Shop, it's called a

'consignment.' The item is brought in and the seller sets a price. When the item is sold, the Thrift Shop keeps 20 percent of the price and the individual receives 80 percent in the form of a check.

The checks are made out once a month and available at the Thrift Shop after the 6th of each month.

To consign an item, call the Thrift Shop at 634-7460 for when we are open to take consignments. As the consignment room is staffed by volunteers, if there are no volunteers available, the consignment room is closed.

If you are PCSing, call or stop by to make a consignment appointment.

Consignments make up a small percentage of our merchandise; the bulk of Thrift Shop sales are from donated items.

### Donations

At the back of the Thrift Shop (in the shoppette parking lot) there is a wooden storage shed used to house all of the donations to the Thrift Shop. Donations can be dropped off at any time.



A Vicenza Military Spouses and Civilians Club Thrift Shop cashier helps a customer during operating hours.



A volunteer arranges clothing items consigned at the VMSCC Thrift Shop. She is one of many volunteers who dedicate their time sorting, pricing and putting merchandise out on the floor to be sold. (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

However, if you have large items like furniture, call to set up a drop-off time. That way the item can be placed directly into the store for a faster sale. Please to not place garbage in this area.

Please do not donate broken electronics, appliances or clothing that is torn and stained. Sorting these items is a waste of our volunteers' time and takes up what little space we have in the donation bin.

If donating toys, try to ensure all the pieces are there and in an enclosed box or plastic bag so they don't spill out if other donations are placed on top.

If donating clothing, try to donate seasonal items in season. Out of season items do not sell quickly and we are unable to store them until the appropriate season.

### What happens to unsold items

Donations that the Thrift Shop is unable to sell are bagged and donated to the Italian community.

Currently, two Thrift Shop volunteers pick

up these donations and then distribute them to such places as the orphanages, churches and social services that can use these donations.

Since January 2007, we have given an estimated \$26,120 in donations to the Italian community. This is always appreciated by the people in need.

The Thrift Shop is always looking for ways to improve its service to the community. If you have a suggestion, let us know.

### Thrift Shop's Christmas in July

Mark your calendar for July 17 and 19 when the Thrift Shop is selling Christmas trees, lights and decorations. Beat the Christmas rush and find some great items on sale.

The Thrift Shop is open Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Soldiers in uniform are welcome to shop early and have priority in line at the cash register.

For questions about the Thrift Shop, call 634-7460.



A child picks up one of the items to remember it while participating in Remember the Clues. Like the board game Concentration, the children looked at the objects for a specific amount of time, then the items were covered up and the children would have to list what items were on the tray. As a group, the children remembered more than 20 items and won individual prizes.

## Children Get a Clue at library reading kickoff

Story and photos by Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

They came dressed as Superman, fairies, pirates and more for the Caserma Ederle Library's Summer Reading program kick off Thursday.

Children ages 3-11 rotated through eight different stations at the Disguise Party where they received their special

detective ID card, enjoyed the fingerprint workshop and created their own spy glasses.

Get a Clue is the theme for this year's Summer Reading program and every week on Tuesdays and Thursdays children can play detective learning about codes, ciphers, ancient mysteries and more. Children will receive a log book to record the titles of books they read. For details about dates, times and locations contact the post library at 634-7192.



Laura Walker, Library Technician, right, shows some images to the many children that listen to the story "And the Dish Ran Away with the Spoon," by Janet Stevens and Susan Stevens Crummel.

Learn how to say "NO" to drugs

# D.A.R.E. returns to Darby

Story and photo by Chiara Mattiolo  
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

D.A.R.E. is a nationally-recognized program taught worldwide in many Department of Defense Dependent Schools.

D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) is a long-range solution to drug free schools and communities with the goal of preventing substance abuse among school children by reaching them at an age when they are likely to have been led by their peers to experiment with tobacco, drugs and alcohol.

Camp Darby has been without this program as there has not been a qualified military police officer assigned to Camp Darby since 2003.

All that's changed with the assignment of Sgt. Thomas Garrard, Camp Darby's new D.A.R.E. officer.

"Only police officers can become D.A.R.E. officers because of their experience with fighting crime, drugs and violence," Garrard

explained. "We go through an intense two week course on teaching the program to the students and parents. As a D.A.R.E. officer I was able to gain the students', parents' and teachers' trust. This helps me gain their attention and thus, I've been able to teach the D.A.R.E. program with great success."

The D.A.R.E. officer has the responsibility to help equip elementary and junior high students with the skills necessary to recognize and resist social pressures to experiment with illegal substances.

"As a D.A.R.E. officer, I play multiple roles," said Garrard. "In the classroom, I play a teacher of law and drugs. With parents my role is to be a mediator and counselor. My role with the students is to be a mentor."

Another responsibility Garrard feels strongly about is to help the students develop high self-esteem, to build interpersonal and communication skills and to teach positive alternatives to substance use.

"Only by building a strong trust and loyal



Livorno Unit School 5th and 6th graders proudly show the diploma they received upon completing the D.A.R.E. program.

relation with them this could be possible," Garrard said. "I had an amazing, intelligent, attentive and energized group of students. I will never forget my students and how this position has touched my heart. It is one of the most rewarding and challenging assignments of my career," he said.

At the completion of the 17 lessons, the students participated in an essay contest, this year's winners are: 5th graders: 1st place went to Lydia Kessinger and 2nd place went to Brooke Hoag. The 6th grade 1st place went to Elizabeth Escalona, and second place went to Matthew O'Brien

## Camp Darby Briefs

### Dental Clinic visits

Dr. (Maj.) Sterling will be at Camp Darby July 11 - 13 and 18-20 to see patients.

Call 633-7881/7461 to schedule a routine exam or appointment. On the dates above, sick call and walk-in appointments are scheduled from 7:30-8 a.m.

Call the dental clinic at 633-7881 to make an appointment or ask questions

### School, Sports physicals

If you are a parent bringing in your child for a school, sport, or Child and Youth Services sports physical and are a civilian or pay patient, as long as you have a memorandum from the school/CYS, you will not be charged for the physical.

However, if during the physical, the provider finds an issue or prescribes a medication, then the parent is responsible for paying the extra charge for that medication or medical diagnosis.

NOTE: Please keep in mind that this policy

applies as well to the CYS physicals for the children of the Italian work force on Camp Darby.

### ITR trips

Florence guided tours: July, 7, 14, 21 and 28. Leave at 8:30 a.m., return by 6:30 p.m. Enjoy a morning of endless possibilities in this city of Renaissance beauty and culture.

In the afternoon, take a two-hour professionally-guided tour that includes Dante's house, Baptistery, Duomo and Giotto Tower.

Rome trips: July 5, 12, 19 and 26. Leave at 5a.m., return by 11 p.m.

At your own pace, visit some of Rome's most important sites. You'll be dropped off near the Vatican Museum.

Check out St. Peter's Square, the Vatican, the Vatican Museum (where you'll find the Sistine Chapel), Castel Saint'Angelo and whatever else you can squeeze in.

Cinque Terre trip: July 18. Leave at

6:30a.m., return by 6:30 p.m. The *Cinque Terre* consists of five beautiful fishing villages connected by trails that hug the coastline. You can hike the trails or take the narrow-gauge train from village to village.

Train service is additional cost.

San Gimignano and Siena: July 11 and 25. Leave at 7a.m., return by 6 p.m.

See both urban and countryside Tuscany, you'll spend a half-day in each city and then decide which one is your favorite.

Wine Tasting trip in San Miniato: July 17 and 31. Leave at 8:30 a.m., return by 5 p.m.

Tour the grounds and vineyards of villa *La Selva* before tasting some of the region's most prestigious wines.

Afterward, enjoy a light lunch made with locally-produced foods.

Call ITR at 633-7589 or 8231 to sign up or for details about upcoming trips.

### ACS Classes

**Benvenuti - Welcome to Italy:** July 9. Are you new to Camp Darby? Are you struggling with the language? Haven't made any friends yet?

Sign up for this Benvenuti session. Attendance is mandatory for Army newcomers and childcare is provided, but advance registration is mandatory.

Call Army Community Service at 633-7084 for details.

### Darby Chapel

#### Sunday Services

8:30 a.m.: Catholic Reconciliation

9:30 a.m.: Catholic Mass

11:15 a.m.: Protestant worship

## SETAF commander recognizes efforts of 3-405th AFSB maintenance division



Maj. Gen. Frank G. Helmick, SETAF commander, shakes hands with an Italian post worker during a ceremony at Camp Darby. Helmick was on the installation June 27-28 and recognized a team of 3d Battalion, 405th Army Field Support Brigade Maintenance Division workers for exceptional service during the 3/405th AFSB M2 Bradley Fighting Vehicle reset mission. Workers honored include Andrea Comito, Sauro Alfaioli, Bruno Barletta, Fabrizio Barsacchi, Alessandro Donati, Marco Gragnani, Giuseppe Laudicina, Simone Norscia, Claudio Pazzaglia and Curtis Dabney. (Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, USAG Livorno Public Affairs)

# Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

## Antique markets

The monthly market will be held in the main squares in downtown Vicenza, July 8 from sunup to sundown.

The antique market in Asolo is suspended in July and August.

## Venice Biennale

With more than 100 exhibitions from the 76 countries represented, from Moldova to Azerbaijan, from Kazakhstan to Kyrgyzstan, the 52nd Venice Biennale, 'Think with the Senses - Feel with the Mind' is the world's most important art exhibitions.

This year the event is curated by U.S. artist and art critic Robert Storr.

The exhibition is open six days a week, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. until Nov. 21. The exhibition is closed Mondays and entrance fee to the different exhibition varies.

## OperaEstate in Bassano

The 27th Summer Opera Festival is underway in the city of Bassano and 30 other towns surrounding the city.

The program includes opera, classical music, jazz, dance and cinema.

Find full program details on [www.operaestate.it](http://www.operaestate.it) in Italian only.

## Military Band tattoos

The 16th edition of the International Military Band Tattoo will take place July 9-14 in the city of Modena.

There will be three bands from Italy: the Central Band of the Army, the Fanfara of the Alpines 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](http://www.modena.festivalbande.it).

## Medieval times

Watch a tournament between medieval knights while you are being served dinner. Medieval Times, part of CanevaWorld entertainment center, offers a show, dinner and unlimited beverages included in the admission ticket.

Prices are: For those over 1.40 mt tall, 26 euro; under 1.40mt only 16 euro. During the months of July and August there are two shows a day: 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Booking before the show is mandatory, full information, in English is available on the Web site: [www.canevaworld.it](http://www.canevaworld.it).

## A visit to Milano

Life in Milan centers around the area of the Duomo.

A huge Gothic cathedral, with more than 2,000 statues and 140 spires features a large gold Madonna at the top.

The best time to visit the duomo is on a sunny day, when the light penetrating the windows creates a kaleidoscope of color through the interior of the church.

Then there's the world's most

famous opera house *La Scala*, first opened in 1778 and has, since that time, entertained generations of opera fans from around the world.

Opera lovers who visit the La Scala museum will find numerous mementos and items of opera memorabilia. This includes two rooms devoted to Verdi featuring, among other things, Verdi's scores in his own hand and his jewel-encrusted baton.

Art lovers can find Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, *The Last Supper*, in the refectory at the *Basilica of Santa Maria delle Grazie*.

The painting has deteriorated over the years and has undergone a number of restorations. The most recent restoration lasted about 20 years and has been the subject of much debate and controversy.

To view the painting, visitors must make reservations in advance. This can be done by calling the booking office in Milano at 02-894-21146. The office is open Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Or book tickets online at [www.cenacolovinciano.org](http://www.cenacolovinciano.org).

Only small groups are allowed inside at a time and only for 15 minutes. Cost is about 8 euro.



Milan's fairy-tale Duomo. (Outlook file photo)

# Now Showing

## Caserma Ederle Theater

|         |                                                |        |
|---------|------------------------------------------------|--------|
| July 3  | CLOSED                                         | 6 p.m. |
| July 4  | Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer (PG) | 1 p.m. |
| July 5  | Fracture (R)                                   | 6 p.m. |
| July 6  | Next (PG13)                                    | 6 p.m. |
|         | Disturbia (PG13)                               | 9 p.m. |
| July 7  | Ratatouille (G)                                | 3 p.m. |
|         | Ratatouille (G)                                | 6 p.m. |
| July 8  | Ratatouille (G)                                | 3 p.m. |
|         | The Invisible (PG13)                           | 6 p.m. |
| July 9  | CLOSED                                         |        |
| July 10 | CLOSED                                         |        |

## Camp Darby Theater

|        |                  |        |
|--------|------------------|--------|
| July 5 | Vacancy (R)      | 6 p.m. |
| July 6 | Surf's Up (PG13) | 6 p.m. |
| July 7 | Next (PG13)      | 6 p.m. |
| July 8 | Surf's Up (PG13) | 2 p.m. |

## Movie Synopsis

**RATATOUILLE** - *Patton Oswalt, Ian Holm*. A rat named Remy dreams of becoming a great French chef despite his family's wishes and the obvious problem of being a rat in a decidedly rodent-phobic profession. When fate places Remy in the sewers of Paris, he finds himself ideally situated beneath a restaurant made famous by his culinary hero, Auguste Gusteau. Despite the apparent dangers of being an unlikely - and certainly unwanted - visitor in the kitchen of a fine French restaurant, Remy's passion for cooking soon sets into motion a hilarious and exciting rat race that turns the culinary world of Paris upside down.

**NEXT** - *Nicolas Cage, Julianne Moore*. Las Vegas showroom magician Cris Johnson has a secret which is a gift and a curse which torments him: he can see a few minutes into the future. Sick of the examinations he underwent as a child and the interest of the government and medical establishment in his power, he lies low under an assumed name in Vegas, performing cheap tricks and living off small-time gambling "winnings." But when a terrorist group threatens to detonate a nuclear device in Los Angeles, government agent Callie Ferris must use all her wiles to capture Cris and convince him to help her stop the cataclysm.

**THE INVISIBLE** - *Justin Chatwin, Margarita Levieva*. Nick, is a high school senior with a bright future until, in a tragic case of mistaken identity, he is brutally attacked by a troubled girl, Annie, and his body is left for dead. Now in limbo, not quite dead but invisible to the living, his spirit can only watch as his mother and the police search frantically for him, unaware that he is only hours away from truly perishing.

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

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

**Buyers must go to the Vicenza MWR Web site, [www.vicenzamwr.com](http://www.vicenzamwr.com) for details about items for sale below.**

Fish Tank: 40 gal w/accessories: \$250.

Cat sitter needed: Mid-September through Jan. 5. Will pay for food, litter and time

Barbecue propane tank: Small tank, make offer.

1996 Rover: Five-speed manual, runs great. \$1,000 OBO.

Free cat to good home: She's three years old, spayed and microchipped.

British Spangle: Free to a good home, good with kids.

Kittens free to good home.

1994 Fiat Uno: \$800.

Dell Inspiron 7500 Wireless

Laptop: Has two WiFi cards. \$150.

Girls Clothes 4t-6r: Large bag of girls \$30.

Free baby items: Swing, excersaucer, walker, infant car seat and more.

220v Microwave: Excellent condition. \$30.

Free Miniature Beagles: Brother and sister miniature beagles need a good home.

Italian armoire: Has drawers and a rack. \$75.

Aquarium: Comes with fish. \$150.

Italian suit hanger: \$60.

DVDs and PS2 games: Many titles, \$5 or \$250 for everything.

Skill 8.0 AMP Reciprocating Saw: 110v w/blades. \$35.

1993 Fiat Tipo: PCSing. 750 euros, OBO.

Portable A/C: 220v, \$50.

Electric Guitar Strings wanted.

Free cat: Hammy's a one-year old male, neutered and microchipped.

He is very good company and loves attention.

PCS sale: Must sell by July 6.

Glider chair wanted: Please contact me if you have one or if you know where I can get one.

Xbox 360 w/2 controllers and 6 games: \$500.

1995 Fiat 500: Great second car \$550.

Dog wanted: Want to adopt/buy a loveable, energetic, small breed female dog.

GameCube games: \$5 each.

XBox games: \$5 each.

Motorola phones: Have two, \$20 each.

Vodafone Cell phone: Tri-band w/camera. \$100.

1997 Honda Civic: Good condition. \$3,700.

1993 Honda Civic: Runs great. \$1,000, OBO.

Free loveable rabbit: Black and gray floppy-eared bunny to good home.

## Caserma 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.

The NAF Office has a variety of full and part time positions available to include: child and youth program assistants, Recreation aide and assistants, lifeguards, lead child and youth program assistants, custodial worker and hotel desk clerks.

There are also special vacancy positions to include: A target-level Child and Youth Program assistant.

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

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

### Health Center holiday hours

July 4: Closed  
July 5: Open 1-6 p.m.  
July 6: Open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
July 7: Open 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

For medical emergencies at any time go directly to the San Bortolo Hospital emergency room.

Contact the Patient Liaison at 0444-753-300 or 0444-928-166.

Pregnant patients with any concerns can call the Benincaso Pavilion at 634-6667, or 0444-71-6667 from off post.

Patients needing an ambulance should call 0444-71-7114 from off-post, or 114 from on post.

Direct any questions to the health clinic patient representative at 634-7952 (commercial 0444-71-7952), or e-mail [VZHCPatRep@amedd.army.mil](mailto:VZHCPatRep@amedd.army.mil).

### Making the most of your money

July 10, 3-4 p.m. learn about banking and credit unions in a class offered by ACS.

Register by calling 634-7500.

### 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 10: Brownbag Workshop: Helping your Preschooler Cope with Deployment. From noon-1 p.m.

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.

### 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.

### Italian classes

The USO offers Beginning Italian, Level I. Classes run July 10-

### Caserma Ederle Post Office changes hours

The Caserma Ederle post office is now open Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Packages received after 4 p.m. will not go out until the following day and the cut-off for Registered or Express mail items is also 4 p.m.



Aug 30.

For details or to sign up, stop by the USO or call 634-7156.

### Project TRUST needs you

Project TRUST (Teens Reaching, Understanding, Supporting Teens) is program run by the Adolescent Substance Abuse Counseling Service with the purpose of providing prevention and awareness to the youth of our community.

This program is for any student who will be in 7th, 8th or 9th grade this fall. Teens will learn qualities of leadership, communication styles, negotiation skills and qualities of being a team player.

Project TRUST meets Tuesdays from 1-3pm at the ASACS office, located in Room 61 in Vicenza High School.

Permission forms are available at the VHS, VES offices or the Teen Center. Forms must be turned in by July 6.

### 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 LNs are not required to attend.

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

### Teen Center Open Saturdays

Teens don't just lay in bed on Saturday morning, meet your friends at the Teen Center.

Located across from the Ederle Inn, you'll find basketball, soccer, billiards, video games, movies, computer labs, board games, art, photography, music and more to fill your time.

So no need to be bored come join the fun!

The Teen Center is now open every Saturday noon-8p.m. for grades 6-12.

Youth must be registered with Child and Youth Services.

For details, call 634-7266.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:november6@msn.com).

### Tennis Tournament

July 10 is the deadline to sign up for the Sports and Fitness Tennis Tournament.

Tournament dates are July 13 and 14. Awards will be given for first and second place for both Male and Female in beginners, intermediate and advanced categories, as well as open and mixed doubles.

Call the Sports Office at 634-7009 for details.

### Child and Youth Services soccer season begins

A soccer skills clinic will be held Aug. 6-10. Enrollment for the clinic begins July 16. Soccer season enrollment is Aug. 1-24. The cost is \$36 for ages 3-18. The season begins Sept. 4. Youth must be registered CYS members, have a valid ID card and Social Security number, two emergency contact phone numbers and a current health assessment. For details call CYS Sports and Fitness at 634-6151.



## Transformation

# Healthy buildings, pedestrian zones cut costs, reduce impact

By Jon Fleshman

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

Environmental stewardship is one of the hallmarks of the master plan guiding the transformation of the Vicenza area installations to support the brigade-based Army.

It involves all of us, benefits everyone and we're already putting it into practice, said Kambiz Razzaghi, chief of the Transformation Construction Management Office.

Separating and recycling trash, preventing oil spills in our motor pools and renovating or building facilities that conserve energy in construction and operation are current initiatives we're also designing into the transformation program, Razzaghi said.

Two key features on the transformation road map are the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System, called LEED, and the emphasis on

pedestrian areas.

"The sustainable design of buildings under the LEED umbrella emphasizes not only environmentally responsible construction," said Robert Fitzsimmons, a TCMO project manager, "but plans facilities so that over their life cycle they will consume less energy and provide a more healthy and productive environment for their occupants."

Fitzsimmons said the master plan calls for new construction to be built to LEED standards. Some of the goals to meet those standards are:

- ◆ Protect natural areas
- ◆ Reduce the building's need for water
- ◆ Maximize energy efficiency
- ◆ Use materials with less environmental impact
- ◆ Reduce waste
- ◆ Reduce the amount of materials needed
- ◆ Establish and maintain good indoor air quality

- ◆ Efficiently keep indoor air temperatures comfortable

- ◆ Eliminate the hazards of the glues, sealants and paints used.

"LEED-certifiable buildings not only have lower maintenance costs, they're also a lot healthier for the users," Fitzsimmons said.

A campus-style setting for the new and renovated buildings is also part of the SETAF commander's vision.

"We're designing areas with perimeter parking in conveniently located multi-story garages and mall-like centralized green spaces with trees that encourage walking and bicycling," said master planner Frank Powell. "The campus-like areas and spaces help the environment by reducing



Above is an artist's rendering of a pedestrian-friendly area which reflects the downtown centers in Italian towns and cities that have pleasant walking areas where vehicles are frequently prohibited altogether to improve air quality and promote the well being of their residents.



Above is one of two new LEED-certified barracks built for the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team Soldiers. (Photo by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)

automobile use and the associated energy consumption and exhaust pollution."

The pedestrian-friendly areas are gained by building vertically rather than horizontally, Powell said, which is a necessity given the size of the installations and the urban settings that surround them. He said the zones reflect the downtown centers in Italian towns and cities that have pleasant walking areas where vehicles are frequently prohibited altogether to improve air quality and promote the well being of their residents.

"In most cases it's good for the environment and it's good for people's health to make that trip from the post office to the workplace and back on foot or by bike rather than in the car," said Powell.

He also pointed out that our largest installation, Caserma Ederle, is less than 3/4 of a mile long (1.2 km) at its longest, and only a little more than 1/2 a mile wide (.88 km) at its widest.

For the few emergency and service vehicles that do need to circulate, in addition to the perimeter road more efficient traffic circles will replace many of the crossroads.

Though the concept is not part of the current master plan, Fitzsimmons said, environmentally friendly transportation such as a propane or electric mini bus may be considered.

And with an eye on safety, Powell added, perimeter roads keep much of the vehicular traffic out of the boulevard-like green areas.

## MOMS Club of Vicenza celebrates three years of supporting parents

By Laura Kreider

Outlook Staff

It has already been three years since a group started meeting in the Vicenza community. The name of the group is MOMS Club, the acronym stands for Moms Offering Moms Support.

"We are a nonprofit organization and a local chapter of the International MOMS Club," explains Deanna Buscema, president of the MOMS Club of Vicenza.

"Most of our activities occur during the day when at-home mothers need the most

support, so our activities are best suited for moms with young children who work at home, or have part-time jobs.

"All of the members of our organization are mothers of young children and are free to participate as little or as much as they are comfortable with," Buscema continued.

She explained that the club is open to everyone in the Vicenza community regardless of race, religion, or gender. "Dads are welcome and encouraged to join, and we also have two Italian members," she said.

As part of their agenda, the club set up several activity groups to best meet the



Members of the Moms Offering Moms Support (MOMS) Club enjoy a mom's night out. The club is open to everyone in the Vicenza community - even dads!



Little girls play in a toy cart during a MOMS Club Park Day on Caserma Ederle. Park days are held several times a month at different locations. (Photos courtesy of Stephanie Christensen, MOMS Club administrative vice president)

interests of the participants such as a book-sharing club, an exercise group, a toy and clothing swap, Moms Night Out, Toddler music group, Infant playgroup, Toddler playgroup and Preschool playgroup.

"In addition to the various activity groups, we also plan park days, zoo days, indoor play park days, even the occasional McDonald's in the mall...whatever the current weather dictates," said Buscema.

"On a Saturday in March we arranged through Devon Woodard of the Travel Shop of Vicenza in which we took a chartered bus to Francia Corta Outlet mall. We had lunch, went to *Lago d'Isola* and took a lake cruise followed by a walk around it. It was an all day kid free event voted on by our membership. We hope to continue having a yearly "one day out" just for moms," Buscema added.

The club also performs at least one service project annually to help needy children.

"Last year we provided new and used toys for the waiting room at San Bortolo Hospital. This project won the international service project award from the MOMS Organization," she said.

This year we provided care packages that had crayons, books, small toys and other items to the Vicenza Health Center to give to the American children who are sent to San Bortolo for treatments, she said.

Currently, the club has about 50 active members, but the number varies because of deployment and summer PCSing.

"We have events scheduled all summer long," said Stephanie Christensen, MOMS Club administrative vice president.

The registration fee is \$20 and covers publications and supplies and is good for a year.

Members need to fill out an application, which is available at any club event or by e-mailing [momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com](mailto:momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com), where it is also possible to ask questions about the club. MOMS Club has also a new Web site: [www.freewebs.com/momsclubofvicenza/index.htm](http://www.freewebs.com/momsclubofvicenza/index.htm)

"The site is still very new, but has some general information in it," said Christensen.

For details about the International MOMS Club, you can also visit its Web site at: [www.momsclub.com](http://www.momsclub.com).