



## Battle Company, 2-503 Soldiers make presence known in Afghanistan

Story and photo by Sgt. Brandon Aird  
173d ABCT Public Affairs

**KORENGAL VALLEY, Afghanistan** - The paratroopers were keen for the mission despite their rough conditions. The difference between a tan line and dirty skin has long since passed. Bites from sand fleas and mosquitoes just add to the problem. Electricity, toilets and running water (a 45-minute patrol away) are long-forgotten conveniences.

The paratroopers are Sky Soldiers from Battle Company, 2nd Battalion, 503d Infantry (Airborne), 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team.

For the last month, 2d Platoon and a platoon from the Afghan National Army have been operating out of Fire Base Phoenix—the southernmost fire base in the Korengal Valley located in Afghanistan’s Kunar province.

The living conditions for the Soldiers are the least of their problems.

The Korengal Valley is a support area for Taliban extremists.

“The towns here are neutral at best,” said brigade 1st Lt. Mathew Piosa, 2d Platoon leader, “In the last eight days we’ve had five (enemy) contacts.”

Within days of interviewing Piosa, his platoon had two more enemy engagements—one of which was a coordinated ambush.

“We take steps to prevent the enemy from having the upper hand,” explained Piosa.

Even with precautions Soldiers still get hurt. During a night patrol June 5 Pfc. Timothy Vimoto was killed during an ambush by insurgents.

The platoon has not allowed the loss to deter them and they continue to conduct reconnaissance, counter improvised explosive devices and security patrols daily.

When the platoon isn’t out on patrols the Soldiers pass their time improving individual skills to improve their combat capability.

“We’ve had classes on all the weapons out here (on site) and today we’re training on the LLDR (Lightweight Laser Designator Rangefinder),” said Pfc. Sterling Dunn, 2d Platoon.

Even though the LLDR is used for indirect fire support, it is also being used to scan for enemy personnel, said Piosa.

Battle Company is working to improve the situation for 2d Platoon by getting a generator to Fire Base Phoenix.

But for now, the Sky Soldiers are going to have to make do with what they have, said Pfc. Matthew Moreno, a paratrooper in 2d Platoon.

The Soldiers of 2d Platoon plan to stay in the area to help the Afghan people for the next 15 months until they are relieved by coalition forces or the ANA.

Pvt. Miguel Cortez (left) and Spc. Aaron Johnson, 2d Platoon, Battle Company, 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry (Airborne), negotiate a hill during a patrol in Korengal Valley, June 10. The patrol is off the main road along a foot path to avoid following the same routine.

## SETAF military working dogs receive honors

By Staff Sgt. David Hopkins  
SETAF Public Affairs

Military Working dogs and handlers from the 13th Military Police Company’s K-9 Unit, based on Caserma Ederle, traveled to Hanau, Germany June 8 to compete at the U.S. Army Europe Command competition and demonstrate the team’s skill.

Two teams from SETAF, Staff Sgt. Jacob Ellison and his dog Baldo, and Staff Sgt. Melvin Cirilo and his dog Caesar, competed and came away with three awards. Ellison placed second in Explosive Detection and third in Outdoor Tactical Obedience, and Cirilo placed third in the Indoor Tactical Obedience event.

The 28 teams competed in six events in all, which tested their ability to negotiate obstacles outside in a tactical setting and inside confined spaces, explosives detection, subject apprehension, scouting and physical exertion.

“The [Military Working Dog] Combat Stress Course was a true test of character in which both handlers showed great physical and mental toughness,” said Maj. Keith Forsyth, Directorate of Emergency Services Provost Marshal. “Staff Sgt. Ellison led all others in the push-ups, sit-ups and run categories and Staff Sgt. Cirilo held his own.”

The dogs and their handlers are experts in their field, trained to deal with dangerous situations that can save lives. They have to be ready to deploy at any time and complete their missions in any situation. The events were set up to duplicate actual working situations so they could get an accurate idea of how the teams can perform in real life situations.

“The obstacles were designed for what Soldiers may experience during deployments,” said Ellison. “They wanted everything to be as realistic as possible.”

The dogs and their handlers share a bond that is necessary for them to

succeed at their job.

“In order for the dog to work with you, you need to have a good rapport,” said Ellison. “Building a strong bond with your dog is the most important thing for getting him to work with you.”

The USAREUR competition may not be the last competition for the SETAF teams. They could be selected to compete at the Training and Doctrine Command competition in October in the states.

“The USAREUR program manager will probably select four teams to go and I’m certain at least one team will come from Italy,” said Forsyth.

The competition did more for the teams than just earn them awards. They learned lessons that can help them perform their jobs better in the future.

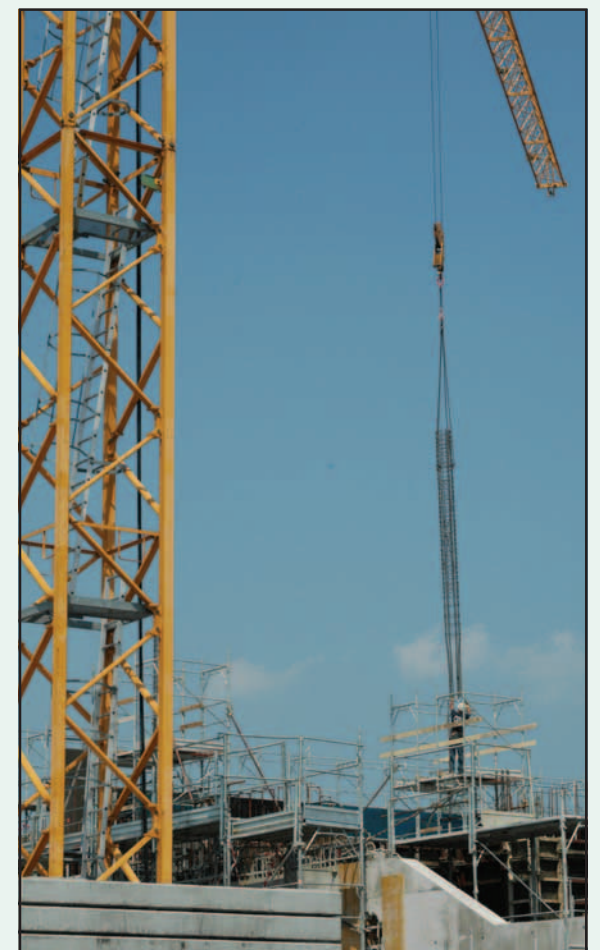
“I am proud of their performance and am grateful that we had this opportunity,” said Forsyth. “This experience has made us all better at what we do and has identified areas that we will continue to work on to set us up for success on the battlefield and for future competitions.”



Staff Sgt. Jacob Ellison (right), patrol explosives military working dog handler, 13th Military Police Company, apprehends a “suspect” with the help of his dog, Baldo. The team competed at the USAREUR Military Working Dog Competition in Hanau, Germany June 8. Ellison placed second in Explosive Detection and third in the Outdoor Tactical Obedience event.

Sneak peek...

## Command unveils master plan for construction



When Soldiers from the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team return from their deployment to Afghanistan next year, they’ll be greeted not only by friends and family who missed them, but several new construction projects, some completed, some in the works. In the photo above, a worker guides a crane to his platform on the site of the Soldier and Family Entertainment Center. See page 8 for a sneak preview of what’s coming to post. (Photo by Jon Fleshman, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)

## Soldier pinned with Purple Heart



Pfc. Kyle Finley (right), a Soldier with Legion Company, 1st Battalion, 503d Infantry (Airborne), shakes hands with Maj. Gen. Frank G. Helmick, SETAF commander. Helmick pinned Finley with a Purple Heart during the morning formation Wednesday. Standing next to Finley is his wife, Rachel. "Finley was wounded while on a mounted patrol in Afghanistan," said 1st Lt. Alexander M. Furlong, rear detachment commander of 1-503d Inf (Abn). "His element was on patrol when his convoy was ambushed with rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire." After being pinned, Finley sent a message to all his comrades here and in Afghanistan. "Stay safe," he said. Other members who received Purple Hearts for the same patrol include: Sgt. Todd Bennett, Pfc. Wayne Baird, Pfc. Frank Pecsek, Spc. Jacob Lowell and Sgt. Kyle Seitz, all with B Co., 1-503d Inf (ABN). (Photo by Pfc. Crystal Abbott, SETAF Public Affairs)

## New leadership for Veterinary Detachment



Lt. Col. Noreen A. Murphy (left) receives the Southern Europe Veterinary Detachment guidon from Col. Michael A. Buley, Veterinary Services Consultant U.S. European Command, during the change of command ceremony Wednesday on Hoekstra Field where she assumed command from Lt. Col. Timothy H. Stevenson. Murphy came from Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, where she was an assistant to the chief of the Veterinary Corps. Stevenson is moving to Falls Church, Va., where he will work for the Department of Defense Veterinary Service Activity. Murphy wanted the opportunity to return to Italy after having been stationed here before. "I was stationed here 10 years ago as a captain at the veterinary clinic," said Murphy. "I campaigned to come back." (Photo by Barbara Romano, 7th JMTC Photo lab)

### Tighten up post

## Help keep Villaggio clean; secure your bike

A major issue of concern for me is the dumpsters near the entrance to Villaggio.

Even though the dumpsters are emptied at least weekly, when completely filled, residents insist on leaving their garbage on top or to the side of it.

There are several things wrong with this. First, it makes our community look terrible and trashy. Second, it poses a health hazard for our residents and children.

Garbage left on the ground, and not properly disposed of inside a dumpster attracts rats, rodents, mosquitoes and wildlife.

Finally, the contract garbage disposal handlers do not pick up the trash that is over-flowing from or lying around the dumpsters—OUR SOLDIERS DO!

Please help our Soldiers from doing this unpleasant task – if the dumpster is full, hold on to your garbage until the dumpster is emptied or take to the Ederle Eco-Center at located behind the Ederle Inn.

Thank you for your assistance.

### Missing your bicycle?

Now that the weather is warmer, many people are riding bicycles to work, or once at work, use the bicycles to ride around post.

However, some people are not securing their bicycles properly.

It is not enough to lock the bicycle



USAG Vicenza  
Command Sgt. Maj. Keith Filipp

wheel to the frame - bicycles must be secured to a proper bike rack.

Bicycles left unlocked, or not secured to a bike rack are being collected by the Military Police and moved to the Directorate of Emergency Services impound lot located on Johnson Avenue, which runs parallel to via Casermette.

If your bicycle turns up missing, report to the MP station and request to be escorted to the impound lot to search for your bicycle prior to filing a missing bike report.

Please secure your bicycles so the MPs do not have to.

## 5th Signal Cmd dedicates room to fallen Soldier



Barclay Murphy (right), widow of Maj. Edward Murphy, and her two children, Elly and Luke, help Brig. Gen. Dennis L. Via, 5th Signal Command commander, unveil a plaque for the Maj. Edward J. Murphy Memorial Conference Room. The room was dedicated during a ceremony held in 5th Sig Cmd headquarters on Funari Barracks June 11. Murphy was the 509th Signal Battalion deputy J6 for CJTF-76, who helped ensure even the most remote locations throughout Afghanistan had their communication needs met. It was on April 6, 2005, when a CH-47 Chinook helicopter carrying 18 passengers and crewmembers crashed in southeast Afghanistan, killing Murphy and all others on board. (Photo by Sgt. Jonathon M. Gray, 5th Signal Command)

## Individual Security Awareness training classes set

### Antiterrorism and Force Protection Office

Press Release

Individual Security Awareness Training (Level I Antiterrorism Training) is offered in the Ederle Theater to Department of Defense civilian employees and family members, military and civilian, over the age of 14. This training will also be offered to DoD contractors and Italian post employees.

The training is held from 10:30-noon on the following dates: July 18, Aug. 16, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 5. No reservations are necessary; attendees must sign in and will receive

their certificate of completion at a later date.

As a reminder for those who may need childcare while in the training, the Child Development Center offers hourly care for children ages six weeks-5 years of age.

Cost is \$4 per child per hour and children must be registered at the CDC. As space at the CDC is limited, make reservations at least two weeks in advance by calling 634-7559.

Antiterrorism training is an annual requirement for all military and DoD civilian employees.

For details call Pat Hooper at 634-8984.

# What is a 'wet bulb?'

## Why should you care?

By Capt. Kedra Segler  
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 USAG-Vicenza and Livorno

As the temperature outside rises, so does the risk for heat injuries. Fortunately, the offices of Environmental Health and Preventive Medicine are at the ready with the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature machine. *The what?*

The Wet Bulb Globe Temperature is used to calculate three heat stress factors: dry bulb (normal temperature), wet bulb (humidity indicator) and black globe thermometer (radiant heat from the sun). What does this mean to you? Plenty as it turns out.

According to the Climate Glossary: Wet-bulb temperature is measured using a standard mercury-in-glass thermometer with the thermometer bulb wrapped in muslin, which is kept wet. The evaporation of water from the thermometer has a cooling effect, so the temperature indicated by the wet bulb thermometer is less than the temperature indicated by a dry-bulb (normal) thermometer. The rate of evaporation from the wet-bulb thermometer depends on the humidity of the air, as evaporation is slower when the air is already full of water vapor.

The difference in the temperatures indicated by the two thermometers gives a measure of atmospheric humidity.

The Preventive Medicine office receives calls every day for the current Wet Bulb reading from the Child Development Center, School Age Services office, Vicenza schools,

and SETAF staff in order to determine what activities are allowed according to the WBGT reading.

There are five heat categories for the WBGT, with heat category level 1 being the lowest. However, the heat categories differ between children and adults; and between Soldiers and civilians.

This means that activities that their charges undergo is temperature-dependent and has many limits. Those limits include how much water to drink for proper hydration, how long to work and how long to rest between work shifts.

As Soldiers, civilians or children we have activities to perform and standards to maintain, but we must be well-hydrated, and our core body temperature must remain at a safe level even while we perform our activities.

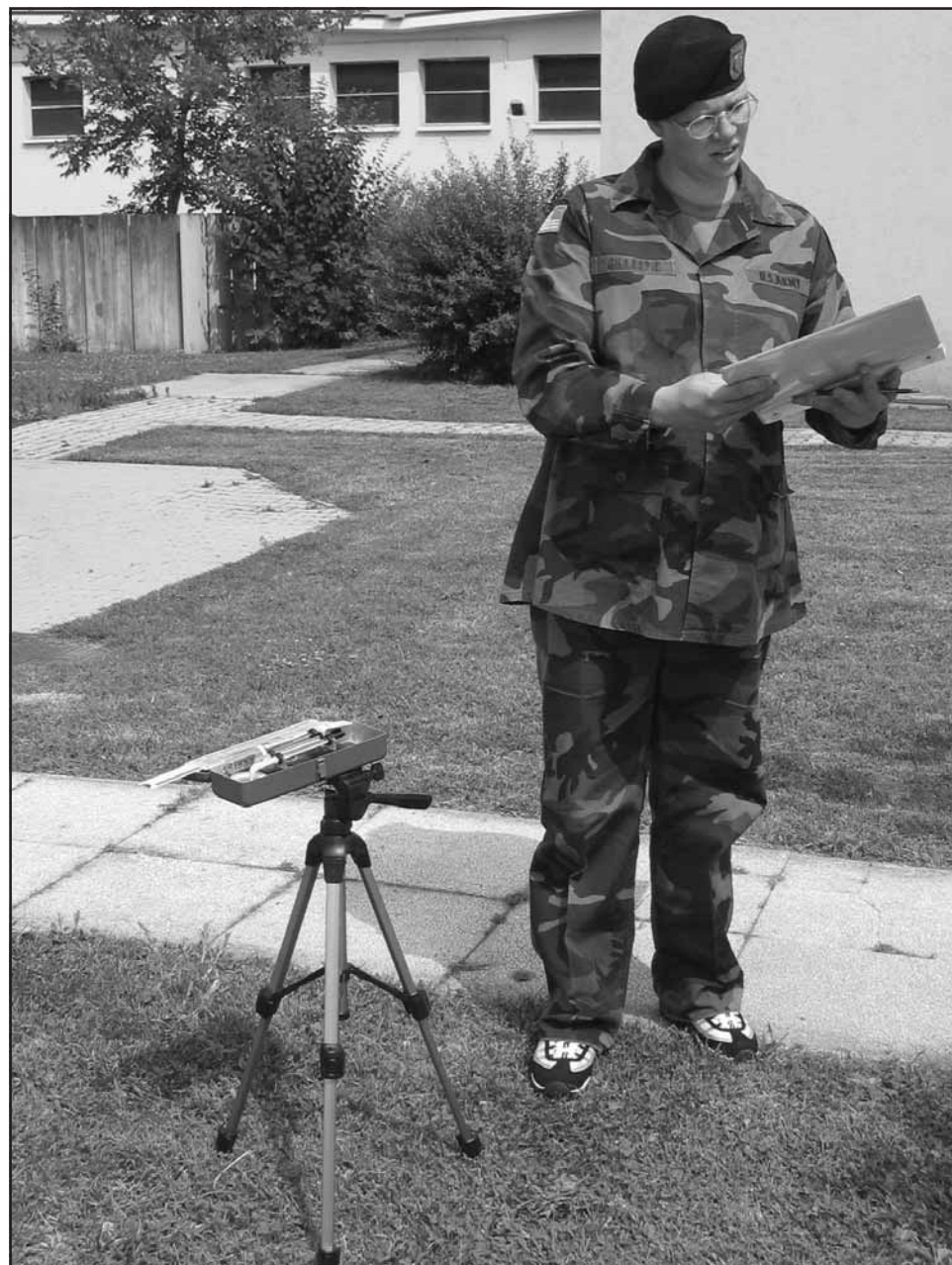
Ignoring the Wet Bulb reading can result in a heat injury or worse - death.

The tables below show the heat stress guidance for the three groups: children, civilian and Soldier.

Currently the WBGT reading is sent out to all SETAF and garrison key leaders by the USAG Vicenza Directorate of Plans, Mobilization, Training and Security.

The office has a digital WBGT machine in the process of being calibrated that will be online soon and the WBGT will be available as real-time data (24 hours/day, 7 days/week) on the garrison and SETAF Web sites.

For details about the WBGT, contact Environmental Health/Preventive Medicine office at 634-8010.



Sgt. Nicole Gillespie, U.S. Army Health Center – Vicenza Preventive Medicine section, notes the reading from the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature (WBGT) machine. The WBGT is used to determine the work-to-rest ratio in the summer heat. The office has a digital WBGT machine in the process of being calibrated that will be online soon.

Heat Injury Risk Level	WBGT (F°)	Restrictions on Activities
Low	<75	All activities allowed, but be alert for symptoms of heat-related illness in prolonged events.
Medium	75.0-78.9	Longer rest periods in the shade; enforce drinking every 15 minutes.
High	79-84	Stop activity of unacclimated persons and other persons with high risk; limit activities of all others (disallow long-distance races, cut down further duration of other activities).
Extremely High	>84	Cancel all athletic activities.

From the American Academy of Pediatrics, Committee on Sports Medicine and Fitness. (American Academy of Pediatrics, Committee on Sports Medicine and Fitness. *Sports Medicine: Health Care for Young Athletes*. 2nd ed. Elk Grove Village, IL: American Academy of Pediatrics; 1991;98)

(Above) School-Aged Children Heat Stress Guidance Table. Note Extremely High Risk Level is above 84 degrees Fahrenheit and this is when all athletic activities should be cancelled.

(At right) Civilian Heat Stress Guidance Table: Note Extremely High Risk Category is above or equal to 90 degrees Fahrenheit for Light Activity, 88 degrees Fahrenheit for Moderate Activity, and 86 degrees for Heavy Activity. The office has a digital WBGT machine in the process of being calibrated that will be online soon and the WBGT will be available as real-time data (24 hours/day, 7 days/week) on the garrison and SETAF Web sites. For details about the WBGT, contact Environmental Health/Preventive Medicine office at 634-8010.

Heat Cat.	WBGT Index, F°	Easy Work		Moderate Work		Hard Work	
		Work/Rest	Water Intake Qt/hr	Work/Rest	Water Intake Qt/H	Work/Rest	Water Intake (Qt/H)
1	78°F - 81.9°F	NL	1/2	NL	3/4	40/20 min	3/4
2	82°F - 84.9°F	NL	1/2	50/10 min	3/4	30/30 min	1
3	85°F - 87.9°F	NL	3/4	40/20 min	3/4	30/30 min	1
4	88°F - 89.9°F	NL	3/4	30/30 min	3/4	20/40 min	1
5	>90°F	50/10 min	1	20/40 min	1	10/50 min	1

**\*\* CAUTION: Hourly fluid intake should not exceed 1.5 quarts. Daily fluid intake should not exceed 12 quarts.**

Above is the Soldier Heat Stress Guidance Table: Heat Category 5 is above 90 deg F. Note the type of related work determines the work/rest cycle and Water Intake.

Heat Risk Category	Permissible Heat Exposure Threshold Limit Values for Adults	WBGT Cutoff for Indicated Activity Level		
		Work/Rest	Light Activity	Moderate Activity
Low	Continuous Work	<87	<82	<78
Medium	15 minute rest per hour.	87-88.9	82-84.9	78-81.9
High	30 minute rest per hour.	89-89.9	85-87.9	82-85.9
Extremely High	45 minute rest per hour.	>=90	>=88	>=86

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## Nutrition Tip from WIC Overseas

*Don't have time for breakfast? Here are some quick, nutritious options:*

- Yogurt mixed with whole-grain cereal or granola
- Frozen waffles topped with peanut butter
- Instant oatmeal with milk and dried fruit
- A whole wheat tortilla with a scrambled egg (easy in the microwave), salsa, and shredded cheese

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



(Actually it's yellow, blue and red)

## Caserma Ederle offices to go green

Story and photos by Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

Are you familiar with words such as recycle, pollution prevention program, Ecoboxes? If not, everything will be clearer thanks to colorful recycling containers that are coming to offices and buildings on Caserma Ederle.

The hope is that by using different colors and labels on the boxes will make them user-friendly.

"We will put them in all the offices to increase the percentage of sorting items to be recycled," explained Gaetano Zandona, Directorate of Public Works, Construction Management Branch Division, Custodial Contract contracting officer representative who, along with other members from the DPW Environmental Division, placed the first set of three sorting containers, called Ecoboxes in the Installation Materiel Maintenance Activity office Wednesday.

This project is part of the USAG Vicenza Pollution Prevention program focused on improving the recycling rate on post, in particular concerning plastic, paper, glass and cans.

"I hope it will help us achieve the target goal of recycling 60 percent of recyclable material," said Carlotta Queirazza, DPW Environmental Division staff, who works on the Pollution Prevention program. "So far, we are at 35 percent [for recycling], so we really need to work hard to achieve our target."

The IMMA offices were chosen to kick off the project as

they were also partially responsible for the Ecobox initiative.

"Not too long ago I solicited the environmental office to purchase these new types of containers to improve recycling, especially for paper, plastic, glass and cans," said Gianni Rigon, who acts as Environmental Compliance officer at IMMA-DOL.

"The Environmental Division provided us with these recycling containers in the hope that it will help us to understand and improve our sorting efforts," Rigon added.

By introducing the Ecoboxes into offices on post, the hope is that it will encourage workers to recycle items, instead of simply throwing can, bottles and other items into the trash, Queirazza said. "All this effort is supported by the new cleaning contract. Once a week, the cleaners will take the presorted recycled items from the office to appropriate recycle containers outside. This service should help us achieve our target goal of recycling 60 percent of items on post."

The goal is to distribute all 400 boxes that were purchased during the summer. Should the containers get damaged, they will be replaced. To request substitution of damaged Ecoboxes or to receive additional ones call Zandona at 634-6248, or Alessandro Sallustio at 634-8937.

It is also essential to separate the items properly. For any further clarification on how to sort waste at your office, call Queirazza at 634-7166, or Sallustio at 634-8937.

Recycling is mandatory in Italy, and each contribution is important to increase the post objective of recycling at least 60 percent of our trash by the end of 2007.

(Above) Gianni Rigon, IMMA-DOL Environmental Compliance officer (left) and Carlotta Queirazza, DPW Environmental Division, Pollution Prevention program, check some of the 400 recycling containers, called Ecoboxes. The boxes were purchased to improve Caserma Ederle's recycling of plastic, paper and glass and cans. The first set of Ecoboxes was first introduced at the IMMA building June 20. (Right) Queirazza attaches a sign in English and Italian to the glass and cans recycling bin at the IMMA office. According to her, this will help people to start sorting material inside the offices. "All this effort is supported by the cleaning service, so we really hope that this will contribute achieving the target of 60 percent recycling," she said.



Michela Rossi from *Ditta Helyos s.r.l.* cleaning contractor supervisor looks at one of the three Ecoboxes placed at the IMMA entrance while Carlotta Queirazza, DPW Environmental Division – Pollution Prevention Program, right, explains how to empty the containers once a week. Three different types of Ecoboxes will be introduced in each building throughout summer. For any clarification on how to sort your waste, contact Alessandro Sallustio at 634-8937 or Queirazza at 634-7166.

## Bamberg community walk, run to support deployed Soldiers, spouses

Story and photo by Amy L. Bugala  
USAG Bamberg Public Affairs

USAG Bamberg community members are asked to lace up their shoes and put on miles by participating in Operation Walk 4 Freedom.

More than 50 spouses, many with children in tow, gathered last week at the Bamberg Freedom fitness facility track (see photo below) to show their support for a community-wide health initiative beginning in June.

"The objective of the program is to accumulate enough miles in one year to equal the distance to Afghanistan, or Iraq or wherever your loved ones or friends may be deployed, by walking, running or other physical activities," said Angela Hunter, Bamberg Health Promotion coordinator. From Bamberg, that's approximately 3,245 miles one way to Afghanistan and 2,000 to Iraq.

Lauren Kemp, 173rd Special Troops Battalion spouse said she'd walk, "Forever ...screaming kids and all, even to see him for only one minute."

Kemp said this is their fourth deployment and a program like this motivates her to keep going, physically and mentally.

"It's definitely a stress reliever for me" said Susy Roe, 4th Battalion, 319th Field Artillery Regiment spouse, who plans to log most of her miles with her Family Readiness Group by walking, biking, and rollerblading.

All participants who register for the program during the Operation Walk 4 Freedom assessments will receive a free pedometer, log book, and assistance with goal setting, fitness, and exercise plans.

For more information, call Bamberg Health Promotion office at 469-7043 or e-mail [Bamberg-Health-Promotion@cmty@mail.98](mailto:Bamberg-Health-Promotion@cmty@mail.98).



## Technology helps families stay in touch with deployed Soldiers, friends

Story and photos by Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

As part of Soldier and Family Assistance Center services, the Communication Center and the Media Center can help community members maintain contact with their loved ones. Both centers, located in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center, are open weekdays, 8 a.m.-10 p.m. and weekends, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. and offer families the opportunity to communicate by using computers installed in the Communication Center, or to record up to a 30-minute DVD message to send to the Soldiers downrange.

"The DVD messaging kits are a wonderful tool for families to stay in touch with their Soldiers while deployed," said Christie Kehoe, who was scheduling an appointment to make her second DVD to her husband.

"I plan to use this tool probably every other week. It is very helpful in keeping in touch while he is away," she continued.

Scheduling an appointment is easy and it helps the staff be

prepared for the customers as soon as they arrive at the center.

"It takes only seven minutes to finalize the DVD," said Michael N. Marshall, Communication and Media Center contractor.

Marshall showed how, once the equipment is set up, the family members can use a remote control and start their message in the quiet room used just for this purpose.

"I would encourage all family members take advantage of this messaging system," added Kehoe.



Christie Kehoe, a family member, left starts her video message while Michael N. Marshall, Communication Center/Media Center contractor, explains the last details on the use of this equipment.

Ukrainian officials arrive at Camp Darby

# Reciprocal inspections ensure Warsaw treaty compliance

Story and photo

By Chiara Mattiolo

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

To walk in a U.S. military installation and hear people talking in Russian sounds a little strange, especially after the end of the cold war. But it happened at the Livorno Depot recently when a team of Ukrainian military members recently arrived for a training inspection.

The Conventional Forces Europe Treaty allows for both NATO and former Warsaw Pact countries to inspect each other's compliance with treaty-limited equipment (Bradley Fighting Vehicles, Abrams tanks, howitzers, etc.)

The purpose is to ensure that no country goes over their allowed maximums in each theater.

"Last year, we did a training inspection with members of the Treaty Compliance Office

in USAREUR," said Maj. Sean Duncan, USAG Livorno Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security-S3. "This time, by adding a step to the process, we performed a training inspection with nine members of the Ukraine military.

"Although this was only training, it was handled in every way as if it were a real inspection. The inspection ran smoothly and no deficiencies were noted," he added.

After a short briefing, the training inspection began this means that all buildings with an opening of over two meters had to be inspected.

Sgt. 1st Class Jon Graig performed as interpreter for the delegation.

"All it takes is study, study, and more study," he said about his ability to speak Russian. "I buy newspapers and magazines so I can practice the language by reading different articles. This makes it more challenging than just studying."



Ukrainian military members go over the list of sites to be inspected with site guide, Peter Specchio. The Ukrainian's are part of Conventional Forces Europe Treaty, which allows for both NATO and former Warsaw Pact countries to inspect each other's compliance with treaty-limited equipment (Bradley Fighting Vehicles, Abrams tanks, howitzers, etc.)

## Ceremony may be last for Darby Girl Scouts



"On my honor, I will try, to serve God and my country, to help people at all times, and to live by the Girl Scout Law." When the Girl Scout Oath ended, a sadness came over the participants in the Darby Girl Scouts Bridging and end of year ceremony because the Girl Scout program will end on Camp Darby. Chaplain (Capt.) Charles Barna, and wife, Andra, who is the overseas Girl Scout Committee chairperson and has been running the program for the last two years, are PCSing. This leaves the Camp Darby Girl Scouts without a leader. (Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, USAG Livorno Public Affairs)

## Camp Darby Briefs

### Bicycle safety tips

Bicycles are the most vulnerable of all vehicles on the road. As a bicyclist riding in traffic or on the sidewalk, you should take extra precautions to protect yourself.

Vehicles on the road, especially large trucks and buses, may not see you on your bike.

Crossing the street or making a turn can be dangerous in traffic if others do not see you or your signals.

The following tips can help keep you riding safely:

- Wear your helmet.
- Always be aware of the traffic around you.
- Always check your brakes so that you are prepared to stop.
- Ride on the right side, with the flow of traffic. Riding against traffic may cause you to miss traffic control devices, such as traffic signs and stop lights.
- Beware of riding too closely to large trucks.

### Beach concert

Armed Forces Entertainment presents

Sole Function July 12 at the American Beach. This top 40 band performs at 5 p.m.

### ITR offerings

Elba Island-June 29

Rome Trip-June 28

Florence-June 30

San Gimignano-June 27

June 27: Friday night on the town. Let us do the driving. Start your evening with a dinner buffet and dance the night away on the beach.

Sign up by 3 p.m. Wednesday.

July 3, 17 and 31: Wine tasting trip in San Miniato: Leave at 8:30 a.m., return by 5 p.m. Tour the grounds and vineyards of villa La Selva then taste some of the region's most prestigious wines. Afterward enjoy a light lunch made with locally-produced foods.

Call 633-7589 to sign up the day prior to the trip.

### Outdoor Recreation

Celebrate 4th of July with free barbecue, fireworks and beach fun. The beach opens at 10 a.m. and a DJ starts spinning cds at 7 p.m. The fireworks kick off at 10 p.m.

## King takes command of 839th Trans Bn



Lt. Col. Robert E. King (left) receives the guidon from Col. Janet L. Cobb, commander, 598th Transportation Terminal Group, Rotterdam, Netherlands. King assumed command of the 839th Transportation Battalion in a ceremony at the Camp Darby post Gym, June 13. Outgoing commander, Lt. Col. Gene R. Sullivan has moved to Norfolk, Va. King's last assignment was as the chief, Strategic Communications, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, Fort Monroe, Va. (Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, USAG Livorno Public Affairs)

## Livorno Health Clinic changes leaders



Capt. Gregory Iverson speaks to the crowd gathered at Camp Darby June 7 during the change of command ceremony. Iverson took command of U.S. Army Health Clinic-Livorno from Maj. Eduardo Godoy. Godoy leaves Camp Darby and the U.S. military for a position with the U.S. Public Health Service. Iverson comes to Camp Darby from Schweinfurt, Germany where he has been deployed in support of the Global War on Terrorism. (Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, USAG Livorno Public Affairs)

# Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

## Art Exhibitions

**Verona:** In the recently restored *Palazzo della Regione*, in Piazza dei Signori, see more than 180 masterpieces divided in six 'seventh heaven' sections.

Works by Botticelli, Pontormo, Giorgione, Lotto, Titian, Tintoretto, Parmigianino, Carracci, Caravaggio, Guercino, El Greco, Canova, Piranesi, Böcklin, de Chirico, Modigliani, Carrà and Pistoletto and more are on display until July 27.

Open 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; weekends 9:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Entrance fee is 12 euro.

**Padova:** The free exhibition *'l'arte di David Hamilton* is held at the Contemporary Photos store, located on *Via Dondi Dall'Orologio*, see still-lives, Venetian views, and portraits of Ingres, Delacroix, Curbet and Degas by this British photographer.

Open Monday 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.; Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3:30-7:30; Sat. 9:30-1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

## Camisano's Palio

The town of **Camisano**, province of Vicenza, which is also famous for its Sunday morning market, will hold a free medieval event June 30.

Starting at 6 p.m. the six teams competing will meet on Via Vittorio Veneto. From there, dressed in medieval costumes from the 13th century they will form a procession, led by drummers and flag throwers, through the main streets of the town and meet the grand court in front of the townhall.

From the townhall they go to the local soccer field, where they will compete in different competitions for the famed *paliotto*.

## 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.**

Small male dog: Free to good home. Neutered, not good with young children or other dogs.

AFN Decoder wanted with satellite dish.

Baby boppy pillow: \$10.

DVD/VCR combo: European, \$40.

Furniture Sale: Sofa, loveseat, coffee and end tables. Call for prices.

Pet Carrier: Excellent condition. \$20.

Metal Storage Shed: Great shape, no rust. \$400.

Samsung DVD/VHS: Like new, 220v, \$30.

Help wanted writing a resume.

Wrought iron patio set: With four chairs. \$100.

BMW: Needs work, but runs. \$500.

Water bed: King size, w/heater. 110v. \$250.

Dining room table: Seats up to 12. \$75.

Window A/C unit: Like new. \$150.

Chest: Solid wood. \$45.

Entrance to all these events is free. Inclement weather calls for the event to be held on the next day at the same time.

Residents in the town should be aware that certain roads in the center of the town may be closed to traffic from 5 p.m. until the players reach the soccer field.

## Safari and park

The *Safari and Faunistico Park* is located between Bussolengo and Pastrengo, north of Verona.

Entrance to the safari is by car or bus only and takes over an hour to visit.

Visiting the faunistico park on foot will take just over two hours.

Apart from the animals, you'll also find an aquarium, a tropical conservatory and a dinosaur park.

Tickets for those 12 years of age or older cost 16 euro for both the safari and the park; children ages 3 to 11 pay 13 euro.

Open daily April-October, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For details and directions in visit [www.parcnaturaviva.it](http://www.parcnaturaviva.it) available in English.



A lynx kitten hides in the grass. (Photo courtesy of Parco Natura Viva)

## Movie studio theme park

Movie fans, young and old are in for a treat at the "Movie Studios" theme park located in Lazise, Lago di Garda.

There you can visit the Tomb Raider Machine, Horror House, the Rambo Action Show, Blues Brothers 2000, the Stuntman Academy, Mr. Movie, Peter Pan and more.

Open daily 10 a.m.-6 p.m. until the end of June. From 10 a.m.-7 p.m. July and August. Cost for those over 140 cm tall is 21 euro; under 140 cm pay 18 euro; under 1m enter free. Full details on the Web site: [www.moviesstudios.it](http://www.moviesstudios.it) or you'll find pamphlets in the Palladio mall.

## Waterfall Park

There is a *Parco delle Cascate*, waterfall park, near the little village of Molina, province of Verona.

Smooth and safe paths lead the visitor to the edge of deep ravines, where the water falls noisily; at other points, the stream flows slowly and forms little green lakes.

Another attraction of this park is the vast array of plants and herbs the park exhibits in their Botanical Museum.

The museum is situated in a building attached to the main entrance and offers the visitor the opportunity to learn and recognize the countless existing species of plants. Other things to see in the park include an old dairy, mill ruins and mysterious crosses engraved on rocks.

There is a bar and picnic areas as well as three different walking routes: half hour; one hour and two hour routes.

You can find the route maps online, as well as other information, (written in Italian only), at [www.cascatemolina.it](http://www.cascatemolina.it).

The park is open everyday from April 1 to Sept. 30 from 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Entrance fee: adults four euro, children 6-11 years of age three euro; under six years of age: free.

# Now Showing

## Caserna Ederle Theater

<b>June 26</b>	CLOSED	6 p.m.
<b>June 27</b>	Blades of Glory (PG13)	6 p.m.
<b>June 28</b>	Blades of Glory (PG13)	6 p.m.
<b>June 29</b>	Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer (PG)	6 p.m.
	Fracture (R)	9 p.m.
<b>June 30</b>	Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer (PG)	4 p.m.
	Fracture (R)	7 p.m.
<b>July 1</b>	Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer (PG)	3 p.m.
	In the Land of Women (PG13)	6 p.m.
<b>July 2</b>	CLOSED	
<b>July 3</b>	CLOSED	

## Camp Darby Theater

<b>June 28</b>	Vacancy (R)	6 p.m.
<b>June 29</b>	Ocean's 13 (PG13)	6 p.m.
<b>June 30</b>	Fracture (R)	6 p.m.
<b>July 1</b>	In the Land of Women (PG13)	2 p.m.

## Movie Synopsis

**BLADES OF GLORY** - *Will Ferrell, Jon Heder*: Chazz Michael Michaels was the rock star of the skating arena. The only competitor who could match Michaels' scores was the former child prodigy, Jimmy MacElroy. These two fierce competitors erupted into a no-holds-barred fight at the World Championships, resulting in a ban for life. To skate again, all Chazz and Jimmy have to do is set aside their long festering hatred of one another and join forces—as the first male/male figure skating pair to compete in the history of the sport.

**FANTASTIC FOUR: RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER** - *Ioan Gruffudd, Jessica Alba*. The enigmatic, intergalactic herald, the Silver Surfer, comes to Earth to prepare it for destruction. As he races around the globe wreaking havoc, Reed, Sue, Johnny and Ben must unravel the mystery of the Silver Surfer and confront the surprising return of their mortal enemy, Dr. Doom, before all hope is lost.

**IN THE LAND OF WOMEN** - *Adam Brody, Meg Ryan*. For as long as he could remember, Carter Webb had been falling in love with women. And for as long as he could remember, he'd been searching for the right one. He found everything he was looking for in Sophia and for a little while he was happy. When Carter is dumped by Sophia, he escapes Los Angeles, heading across the country to suburban Michigan to care for his ailing grandmother. An eccentric and complicated personality, Grandma offers Carter a uniquely different perspective on life and especially death.

**FRACTURE** - *Anthony Hopkins, Ryan Gosling*. When Ted Crawford discovers that his beautiful younger wife, Jennifer, is having an affair, he plans her murder – the perfect murder. Among the cops arriving at the crime scene is hostage negotiator Det. Rob Nunnally, the only officer permitted entry to the house. Surprisingly, Crawford readily admits to shooting his wife, but Nunnally is too stunned to pay close attention when he recognizes his lover, whose true identity he never knew, lying on the floor in a pool of blood. Although Jennifer was shot at point blank range, Nunnally realizes she isn't dead. Crawford is immediately arrested and arraigned after confessing but nothing is as simple as it seems.

**OCEAN'S THIRTEEN** - *George Clooney, Al Pacino*. Danny Ocean and the gang would have only one reason to pull off their most ambitious and riskiest casino heist—to defend one of their own. Ruthless casino owner Willy Bank never imagined that the odds were against him when he double-crossed Danny Ocean's friend and mentor Reuben Tishkoff. Willy may have taken down one of the original Ocean's eleven, but he left the others standing. Danny Ocean tries to take Willy down on the night of what should be his greatest triumph—the grand opening of his new casino.

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

## Free Arts & Crafts classes

The Vicenza Arts & Crafts Center is offering the following classes free.

Call the Vicenza Arts & Crafts center at 634-7074 to register for classes below or for details about other classes:

July 8: Process Painting, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

July 11 and 25: Art Attack Kid's Crafts, 3:30-5 p.m. Sign up by July 9.

July 16: Precious Metal Clay Silver jewelry, 5-6 p.m. Sign up by July 14.

July 18: Powderpuff

Woodworking Workshop, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. For ages 16 and up, sign up by July 16.

July 20-24: World Cup Finals, greeting cards kickoff, drop in anytime.

July 28: Precious Metal, Clay, Silver jewelry, 11 a.m. – noon. Sign up by July 26.

The following classes are not free:

July 10 and 11: Book Binding 10 a.m.-noon, cost is \$25.

July 14: Scrapbooking for beginners July 14, 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$20.



## Master plan overview

# Transformation vision much more than facilities' facelift

By Jon Fleshman

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

You don't need a crystal ball to see the future taking shape in the Vicenza military community. Down Caserma Ederle's 9th Street just past Club Veneto the Soldier and Family Entertainment Center is under construction and progressing toward its completion date in the summer of 2008.

"U.S. Army Europe has designated the Vicenza installations as an Enduring Community, home to SETAF, the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza and its tenant organizations," explained Maj. Gen. Frank G. Helmick, SETAF commander.

"The Army in Italy needs new facilities, as well as the modification of existing ones, to accommodate the associated population growth of our Soldiers and their families, and for our Italian and U.S. employees," Helmick said. "To accomplish this transformation we've developed a road map that sets out short- and long-term objectives."

The road map calls for a mix of renovation and new construction to ensure energy efficient, attractive facilities that support the new rapid-response, brigade-based Army.

One of the central features of the plan, Helmick said, is that small, scattered buildings will be replaced by right-sized facilities unified into campus-style layouts. There will be a lot of green space and outdoor recreation opportunities, as well as plenty of parking in a few strategic locations to favor walking.

Major construction projects in this multimillion dollar, multi-year transformation include the following:

- ◆ The **Ederle Inn addition** on Caserma Ederle with 58 family suites, laundry, breakfast room and parking – estimated completion summer 2009;

- ◆ The **Enhanced Health Services Center** on Caserma Ederle with health and dental clinics, minor surgery, OB/GYN, preventive medicine and physical therapy – estimated completion autumn 2010;

- ◆ The **DoDDS elementary and middle school complex** in Villaggio housing community for 1,050 elementary students and 270 middle school students with classrooms, gymnasium, special education and administrative areas – estimated completion autumn 2010;

- ◆ The **Child Development Center and School-aged Services** in Villaggio for 348 children with full and part day care, infant and toddler programs, school-aged programs and administrative areas – estimated completion spring 2010;

- ◆ The build-to-lease **family housing complex** in Quinto Vicentino providing a gated community with 215 three-, four- and five-bedroom townhouses, recycling areas, sports fields and picnic areas – estimated completion 2010.

In addition to the above projects, there are many minor projects and many of these will be executed while the brigade is serving in Afghanistan.

Examples include the South of the Alps Dining Facility upgrade, the physical fitness center improvements and the modifications to the central processing facility.

Helmick said doing repairs and renovations while the Soldiers are downrange gets the work done faster and with less inconvenience to the Soldiers.

To oversee this special construction program that also incorporates facilities for the brigade consolidation, Helmick has created the Transformation Construction Management Office.

The TCMO is headed by Kambiz Razzaghi, formerly USAG Vicenza Directorate of Public Works director, and he's picked a formidable A-team to manage the many projects comprising the master plan.

Razzaghi's experience as a public works director in Italy has prepared him to coordinate effectively with the host nation's approving authorities.

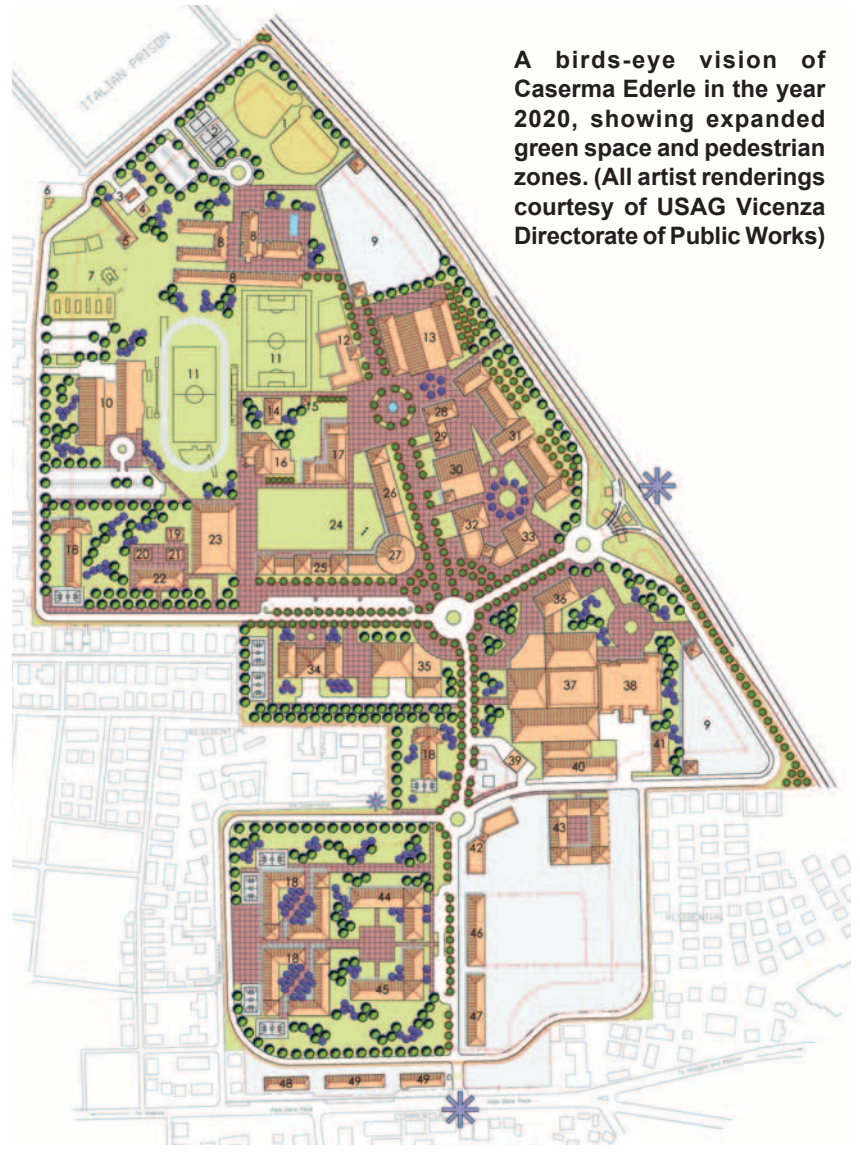
"Approximately \$190 million (approximately 167 million euro) has been programmed for the projects at Caserma Ederle, Villaggio and Quinto Vicentino," Razzaghi said. "All projects will be designed and constructed by Italian engineers and architects and meet all Italian building, safety and environmental norms."

Environmental-friendly design is an integral part of the overall plan according to one of Razzaghi's A-team members, project manager Robert Fitzsimmons.

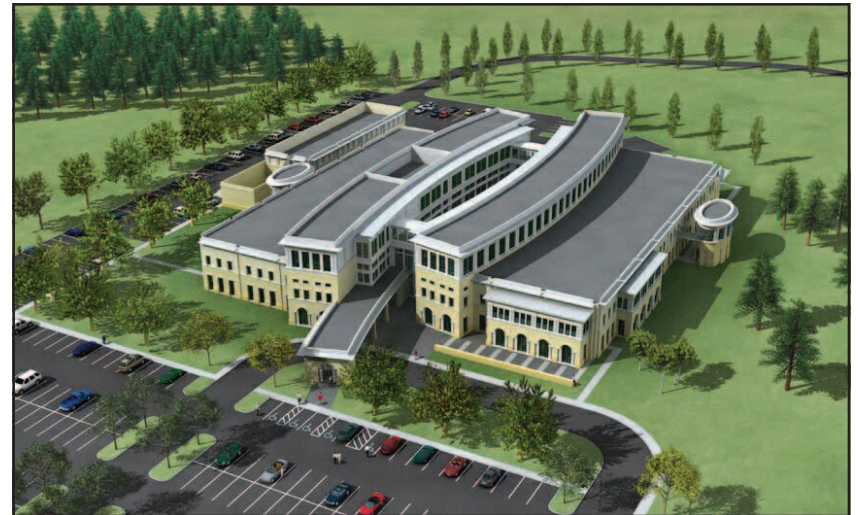
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part of the SETAF commander's vision for a modern and innovative military installation, Fitzsimmons said.

As part of the long-term plan, multi-story parking garages will compliment the campus-style layout and foster energy savings and improved air quality by encouraging people to drive less and walk more. Master planner Bill Delozier was quick with a simple yet effective example of an environmentally-friendly feature: "When the windows are opened the air conditioning will turn off."



A birds-eye vision of Caserma Ederle in the year 2020, showing expanded green space and pedestrian zones. (All artist renderings courtesy of USAG Vicenza Directorate of Public Works)



Above: The Enhanced Health Services Center on Caserma Ederle is expected to be completed in autumn, 2010. The new facility will consolidate in one location the health and dental clinics and allow for minor surgery, OB/GYN, preventive medicine and physical therapy.

(Left) The Soldier and Family Entertainment Center is under construction and progressing toward its completion date in the Summer of 2008. When completed, the center's amenities will include 16 bowling lanes, snack and sports bar and conference rooms.

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(Right) An artist rendering shows the Ederle Inn addition on Caserma Ederle that is estimated to be completed the Summer of 2009. The new edition will have 58 family suites, laundry facilities, a breakfast room and parking.

