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Live-fire lights up Graf

Paratroopers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry (Airborne), fire a mortar during a platoon live-fire exercise March 9 in Grafenwoehr, Germany. The battalion is training in Grafenwoehr preparing for its upcoming deployment to Afghanistan. (Photo by Pfc. Travis S. Schaa, HHC, 1-503d Inf (Abn))

509th Signal Battalion changes leadership

By Diana Bahr
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

The post fitness center was the setting for the change of command ceremony that found Lt. Col. Richard Kempf handing the reigns of the 509th Signal Battalion to Lt. Col. Joseph Angyal.

Angyal's most recent assignment was Combined Endeavor exercise director and International Interoperability branch chief, EUCOM, J9, Stuttgart, Germany.

Presiding over the event was Col. Joseph Brendler, 2nd Signal Brigade commander, from the battalion's higher headquarters in Germany. Also in attendance was Brig. Gen. Dennis Via, commander, 5th Signal Command.

After the officers reviewed the battalion, Chaplain (Capt.) David Stoner read the invocation, honors were rendered, national anthems played and the ceremony took place.

"There's been one constant throughout

my time as commander," said Kempf in his farewell address to the Soldiers and civilians present, "the extraordinary professionalism and dedication of every member of this battalion – officers, noncommissioned officers, enlisted Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, Italian employees and even the contractors. We have a very unique mission – providing professional information technology services across a very geographically dispersed area, for a very diverse set of customers...and every one of you does it better than anyone else in the Army. I am proud of every one of you and humbled by what you accomplish every day. And 509th, you have accomplished a lot in the last two years.

"Like a family, an organization meets challenges, experiences events and moves on," he continued. "What remains is a record of events – what lives on is a legacy. A legacy of leadership instilling into individuals what

and how to do things right, regardless of who is, or is not, watching. This battalion has been and is blessed with quality leaders with technical know-how. My personal thanks go to each and every one of you. You have all made a positive impact for our Soldiers, our employees, our families, our battalion and our community."

Kempf will be working at SETAF pending a follow-on assignment.

Following the reception, another ceremony took place, this time on Hoekstra Field where Via had the honor of attaching a streamer to the 509th guidon.

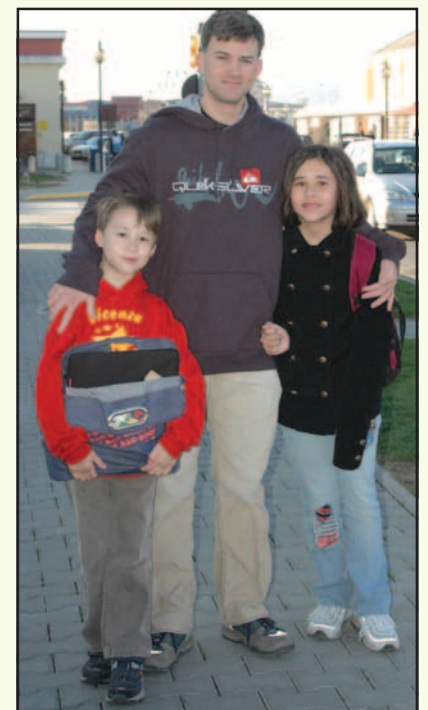
The streamer was the Meritorius Unit Commendation, which is roughly equivalent to the individual Legion of Merit award, on a unit level. The unit received this award for its work establishing critical secure communications under austere and hazardous hostile fire conditions.

The support provided by this signal task force included secure and non-secure Internet protocol router networks, Defense Switched Network lines, and video teleconferencing capability. This ability to communicate with Warfighters on the ground allowed the higher command to continue executing battlefield operations in all of Northern Iraq.



Lt. Col. Joseph Angyal (left), incoming 509th Signal Battalion commander, takes the unit guidon from Col. Joseph Brendler, 2nd Signal Brigade commander, during the change of command ceremony held Thursday. (Photos courtesy of Barbara Romano, 7th JMTC Photo Lab)

Walk your Kids to School day



Walk Your Kids to School day held March 12 included a post-wide late call for work so parents could spend some time with their children and spouses. (Photo by Sgt. David Hopkins, SETAF Public Affairs)

Spring forward March 25

Daylight Savings Time arrives across Europe 2 a.m. Sunday.

Make sure you set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday night.

Most of the U.S. moved to Daylight Savings Time March 11. This will bring us back in line with time differences.



Brig. Gen. Dennis Via (left) attaches the Meritorius Unit Commendation streamer to the unit guidon during Thursday's ceremony on Hoekstra Field.

Tighten up post Electronic items interrupt cell phone signals

This is my monthly column about how we can make the Vicenza Military Community a better place to work and live. I send my thanks for doing your part; it's a pleasure to have you on the team.

Sometimes it's not how we look, but what we own and use in our households.

An unusual problem came to my attention from Vodafone representatives located next to the Villaggio housing area. Apparently something inside Villaggio was causing significant disruptions to frequencies used to support the Vodafone telephone network.

I dispatched a team made up of 509th Signal Battalion Soldiers and Vodafone representatives to investigate the problem. It turns out that there are some electronic items in households that use frequencies that interfere with both the cellular telephone network and emergency service systems.

As a result, a remote sensor that turns the porch light on by the front door was identified as malfunctioning. This item is being repaired.

A second item that was identified was a remote baby monitor.

The problem with baby monitors, cordless phones and other wireless devices purchased in CONUS is they operate on frequencies not approved for use in Europe.

In the case of the baby monitors, they were not in compliance with European

standards. These frequencies are reserved for different purposes in Europe such as emergency response infrastructure.

All electronic items used must be compliant with European standards. To ensure devices are compliant check for the letters "CE" on the electronic device (See photo). The letters "CE" are an abbreviation of Conformité Européenne, French for European conformity.

The letters "FCC" are for the United States which is the abbreviation for the Federal Communications Commission. In some cases, you may find both sets of letters, FCC and CE, meaning the device is approved for use in Europe and North America.

While AAFES stocks its shelves with approved items, sometimes items are ordered through a catalog, or received as a gift, and the recipient is not aware that the item is not approved for use in Europe. The purchaser and recipient are responsible for ensuring compliance.

In the future, this information will be briefed during in-processing to newcomer's of the Vicenza military community.



Command Sgt. Maj.
Keith Filipp

Soldiers render final salutes



Master Sgt. Vanessa Burkhead (right), Office of the Provost Marshal, talks to Col. Virgil Williams, USAG Vicenza commander, during the retirement ceremony Wednesday on Hoekstra Field. Burkhead retired after almost 23 years of service.



Sergeant 1st Class Daniel Page, 13th Military Police Company, shakes hands with Williams during the retirement ceremony. Page leaves the military after 21 years of service. (Photos by Barbara Romano, 7th JMTC Photo Lab)

Government secret agents speak with Caserma Ederle students

Story and photo by Sgt. David Hopkins
SETAF Public Affairs

Special agents from the U.S. Secret Service and Drug Enforcement Agency visited Caserma Ederle High School March 12 to talk with teens about careers with the government.

The seniors gathered in the school's media center and listened to stories about government law enforcement.

"We're here to plant seeds in the teen's heads," said Karen Gerstbrein, Secret Service special agent, "not necessarily about the

Secret Service, but about government jobs in general."

The students listened to stories ranging from guarding the president to busting drug runners and then asked questions about how they could get involved in the career field.

The agents, who are stationed in Italy, tour around American schools in the country to help recruit for the future of the Secret Service and the DEA.

"We go around to many different schools," said Gerstbrein, adding that some of the students could be future agents.



Civilian fitness program has incentives to get out, get moving

By Diana Bahr
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

Many people in our community would like to enjoy a healthier lifestyle by exercising and getting fit, but finding the time to workout can be difficult. With time-consuming careers, as well as situations that may arise in an individual's personal life, working out is just, well, too much work.

The Civilian Fitness Program gives civilians up to three hours per week to participate in fitness activities during work hours.

Did you get that? Three hours a week for six months, motivated civilians can use an hour of their workday to pay attention to their fitness needs.

"This program was developed to increase the well-being of our civilian population and to help implement healthy lifestyles," said Lesley Gómez, USAG Vicenza Health Promotions coordinator.

"Participants must request an enrollment package and have their supervisor's approval to participate in the program. They also should coordinate with their supervisor for the days and times they will exercise.

Once that is completed they can contact me to schedule a fitness assessment March 28 at the Vicenza fitness center and March 30 in Camp Darby," said Gómez. "We meet at the gym to get baseline measurements — height, weight, blood pressure, body composition and cardio-respiratory recovery rate. Once that's done, they can begin the program."

Sign-in cards are available at the front desk of the gym in order to document that a person was there to exercise and what activities they

performed. All participants in the program must conduct their exercise training on post and violations will be considered workplace infractions. The gym, pool, track, etc., are considered places of duty.

"If you are not working out, you should be in the office," said Gómez. The integrity system that the civilian fitness program operates on has proven to be effective. "We haven't had any reported offenses, and that's a good sign. The people who sign up want to participate and they take it seriously."

Civilians who are involved in the program tend to have a positive view on their experience. "I think it's wonderful, especially for people who have children and after work have to tend to all the family needs and have no time to exercise after duty hours," said Frances Packard, USAG Vicenza Exceptional Family Member program manager. "And for singles it's great because you get to workout even more. You also increase productivity and get things done faster because you are energized."

At the end of the six months another fitness assessment is taken to record the individual's improvement.

"We redo all of the measurements to show them where they have improved," said Gómez. "The creators of this program believe that, after exercising on a consistent basis for six months, working out will become a habit and people will stick with it. That's why the program is a one-shot deal. Then it's up to the participant to continue on his or her own."

Civilian employees who have not previously enrolled in the program and wish to participate must e-mail or call the Health Promotion office at 634-8828 or Lesley.gomez@setaf.army.mil.



A Secret Service special agent, speaks to the senior class of Caserma Ederle High School on March 12. Representatives from the Secret Service and the Drug Enforcement Agency were at the school to speak to the kids about job opportunities in the government.

How to get your event into The Outlook

While the staff of *The Outlook* wishes they could attend every event on post, it just isn't possible. However, event coordinators are welcome to submit photos and articles about the event to *The Outlook* editor.

Call *The Outlook* editor at 634-7000 or e-mail editor@eur.army.mil and ask the editor what issue will have space available. The editor will need to know what the event is, how many photos will be submitted and how long the article is expected to be. The editor can then tell you procedures for submitting photos and articles.

Second, if you don't speak directly with

the editor, leave a message with a contact number.

Do not send photos inserted into Word documents or send powerpoint slides.

Most importantly, the deadline for submissions to *The Outlook* is noon Wednesday of the preceding week. However, if you haven't requested space for your information in advance, but still meet the Wednesday deadline, do not be surprised if your article does not appear. *The Outlook* schedule is made up several weeks in advance and there may not be room for last-minute submissions.

Registration for Vicenza Schools April 12, 13

By **Manuela De Muri**
Vicenza Elementary School registrar
Special to the Outlook

Registration for the 2007-08 school year begins in April and is mandatory for all students. Staffing for the next school year is based on the number of students registered.

Registration will be held in the Vicenza school gymnasiums on the following dates:

Vicenza Elementary School: April 12 and 13, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and 1:30-3 p.m. Portfolio conferences will be held at this time so there is no school for students.

Vicenza Middle and High School: April 13, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and 1:30-3 p.m.

Report card conferences are at this time, there is no school for students.

Requirements for returning students

Sponsor must:

- ◆ Sign a new registration form.
- ◆ Review and update, if necessary, any other form required.
- ◆ Provide a copy of DEROS extension if tour has been extended.
- ◆ Bring updated immunization records to ensure all required immunizations are current.

Requirements for new students

Sponsors must:

- ◆ Copy of sponsors original orders listing dependents.
- ◆ Child's Social Security number and ID card for middle and high school students.
- ◆ Previous school records.
- ◆ Immunization records.
- ◆ Birth certificate and passport. (kindergarten and first grade students only)
 - ◆ *Kindergarten students must be 5 years old prior to Oct. 31, 2007.
 - ◆ *First grade students must be 6 years old prior to Oct. 31, 2007.

Stop by the Vicenza Unit Schools Registration office beforehand to pick up the registration package for new students, so paperwork can be completed and presented at registration on the above dates.

Most importantly, all documents must be on file in order for the child to attend school.

If your child(ren) is registered for this school year, but is not returning for the next school year, ensure you notify the appropriate office so that records can be prepared for you.

A copy of your PCS orders is required. For details, call the appropriate offices: **Elementary school** (Kindergarten – grade 6), 634-7710.

Middle/High school (Grades 7 – 12), 634-7656 or 7072.

School bus office (Transportation), 634-8132/8366

School Liaison Officer (Free and reduced lunches, Bright eyes, etc.), 634-5998.



Community members take advantage of Walk your Kids to School day. (Photo by Sgt. David Hopkins, SETAF Public Affairs)

Green Tips

from the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental division

How can I save water?

In the garden:

- Collect storm water in a drum and use to water gardens.
- Never water plants or lawns between 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Water plants in root area

and not in leaf area to reduce evaporation.

Repairs:

- Report all water losses (broken pipes, sprinklers, abandoned free-flowing wells, etc.) to the DPW Work Order desk at 634-7491, 0444-71-7491 from off post.

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Keep our children safe; follow SETAF child restraint regulation

Directorate of Emergency Services
Special to the Outlook

Keeping the safety of our children in mind, the military police have been informing the public of the regulations concerning the use of child restraints on Caserma Ederle.

In accordance with USASETAF Regulation 190-2, all children 11 years of age or younger, or shorter than 150 centimeters (4 feet, 11 inches), are to sit in the back seat of a vehicle.

If your vehicle does not have a back seat, they are permitted to occupy the front seat as long as they have the safety equipment suitable for the child approved by the Department of Transportation or the Economic Commission for Europe.

DOT or ECE approved infant and child car seats are required in privately-owned vehicles for children 4 years old or under and not exceeding 45 pounds in weight (in accordance with Army Regulation 190-5).

The post exchange offers a wide variety of DOT-approved car seats.

If they do not have the size, shape or color of seat available, you can contact Army Community Service for a loaner car seat at no cost to you.

ACS has car seats available for infants and booster seats for older children.

If you need clarification on the regulations above, want more information on car seats, or want to know to how to properly install your car seat, call MP station operations section at 634-8891 or off post at 044-471-8891.



Two youngsters sit in appropriate car seats. (Outlook file photo)

SETAF captain nominated for MacArthur Leadership Award

Story and photo by Pfc. Crystal Abbott
SETAF Public Affairs

Capt. Jeremiah Pope, SETAF enlisted strength manager, has been nominated to represent USAREUR at Department of the Army-level for the 2007 MacArthur Leadership Award.

The General Douglas MacArthur Leadership award is given annually to recognize company grade officers who demonstrate the ability to motivate others, understand fellow Soldiers, and inspire commitment, teamwork and esprit de corps, as well as live the ideals of duty, honor and country. These are the very same ideals that Gen. MacArthur stood for.

Pope, a former enlisted Soldier who earned his commission through the Army's Green to Gold Scholarship program, expressed his pride in representing USAREUR.

"It's a great honor to represent USAREUR," Pope said. The award "is all about leadership and serving the people who serve under you."

Pope's supervisor, Maj. Roy Salyer, SETAF personnel strength manager, said it is a pleasure and an honor to work with, lead and mentor a junior officer who works as diligently as Pope.

"Every quality that you can see on an Officer Evaluation Report, he does on a daily basis," Salyer said.

"His Soldiers and NCOs look at [him] with pride and are proud to call him their boss," he added.

"It's always great to have a superstar on your team and Pope is a superstar," said Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice, SETAF command sergeant major. "He's one of those leaders who make things happen for our Soldiers, our unit and our families."



Capt. Jeremiah Pope (right), SETAF enlisted strength manager, talks to Spc. Joon Choi, about manpower issues. Pope has been nominated to represent USAREUR at Department of the Army-level for the 2007 MacArthur Leadership Award.

Nutrition Tip from WIC Overseas

Beware of super-size portions. You may get a lot of food for a small amount of money, but that is not all you are getting. Excess fat, sugar and calories pack on the weight and can contribute to heart disease and Type 2 diabetes.

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

Cinderella team takes second in hoops tourney

By Diana Bahr and Michael Kenney
Special to the Outlook

Child and youth services youth sports basketball team, the Rockets, came out of nowhere to take second place in the IMCOM-Europe Basketball tournament held March 10-11 in Wiesbaden, Germany. The team entered the tournament as the underdog after an 8th- place finish in last year's tournament, but surprised everyone with an opening round victory over heavily-favored Wiesbaden, 47-42.

The next competitor they faced and took down was Stuttgart, where they won by a wide margin, 42-33. This was a sweet victory as they lost to Stuttgart last year.

Round 3 found Vicenza losing Bamberg 33-23, and game four matched them up against tournament favorite and last year's defending champion, Mannheim.

"This was the most exciting game of the tournament for me, the kids showed their true hearts and guts in this game," said coach Michael Kenney. With about three minutes left in the game, Vicenza found itself down 12 points, and Kenney called a time out.

"I told them they had to step up and play hard – there were only three minutes left in the game – and those last minutes would determine the final outcome," said Kenney. They told me they weren't ready to go home yet and proved it by Mannheim 25-10 in the fourth quarter."

The team battled back and with less than a minute left in

the game and down by one point, Shakil Skeete nailed a 3-pointer, putting Vicenza up by two and in front for the rest of the game with the final score being 36-34.

"It [the ball] felt good after it left my hands," said Skeete about his 3-pointer after the Mannheim win. "I just knew it was going in, and when it did, I knew we were going to win the game."

The championship game found the boys again down by 10 in the fourth quarter. They battled back, but ran out of steam in the final minute of the game losing to Bamberg, 36-34.

"The kids played hard all weekend and were determined not to have a repeat of last year. I am so proud of all of them," said Kenney.

"Even though I was excited about winning the shootout," said player Anthony Davis, "my best memory will be beating Mannheim after the Mannheim players told us to pack our bags, because they were sending us home and actually we sent them home."

Davis went on to finish first in the 3-point shootout held



Child and Youth Services youth sports team the Vicenza Rockets. The youth took second place in the IMCOM-Europe Basketball tournament March 10-11 in Weisbaden, Germany. (Photo courtesy of Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Bowers)

Saturday night, scoring 12 out of a possible 20 points, with teammate Skeete placing second with nine points.



Army Emergency Relief campaign underway

Story and photos by Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

Army Emergency Relief is celebrating 65 years assisting active and retired Soldiers and their families with financial emergencies.

AER is funded primarily with contributions from active and retired Soldiers, repayment of AER interest-free loans, investment income and unsolicited contributions. The AER campaign is the only time Soldiers are asked to help their own organization and their fellow Soldiers.

Last year, AER disbursed \$117,324.13 to Soldiers and their families in the Vicenza community. This includes \$41,942.68 for emergency travel, \$28,947.28 for auto repairs, \$19,062.07 for utilities, \$13,130.44 for rent assistance, \$5,531.05 for food, \$320 for loss of funds, and \$8,390.61 for other.

Since it was established in 1942, AER has helped more than three million Soldiers and family members, and in 2006 assisted 50,000 Army people with more than \$49 million.

(Left) Staff Sgt. Kathleen Joseph, USAG Vicenza AER campaign coordinator, helps Col. Virgil S. L. Williams, USAG Vicenza commander, fill out paperwork to participate in the AER campaign.



(Above) USAG Vicenza commander Col. Virgil S. L. Williams, center, speaks to the community at Davis Family Readiness Center before the cake-cutting ceremony Thursday that officially kicked off the 2007 Army Emergency Relief campaign. This year's campaign runs through May 1. For details about AER or to contribute contact Angela Crosland, AER officer at 634-8524 or visit the Web site: www.aerhq.org.

BBQ-1: Any mission, any time, anywhere



(Left) Manning the spatulas on BBQ-1, as the grill is referred to, are Sgt. 1st Class Edward Hinojosa (left) and Staff Sgt. Brian Mading. Readying the burgers is Pfc. Aaron Dawson. All are members of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry (Airborne). The company spent quality time March 13 before the Soldiers left for training in Hohenfels, Germany. "The weather has been so nice we decided to take advantage and have a cook-out," said Julie Guerrero, family readiness group leader, as she signed in a Soldier at the cook-out. "We started planning this a couple of weeks ago with help from the company commander and first sergeant." Enjoying the food are 5-year-old community member (right) and a couple of brigade Soldiers. (Photos by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)



Poetic thanks to veterans

Breaking of the Gothic Line April 5, 1945

Translation by Barbara Ranieri
Community Affairs Advisor

To the brave veterans of the American Army who gave their contribution to the liberation of Italy. In particular, to the members of the 92nd "Buffalo" Infantry Division that freed the Versilia area, I send this poetry:

*They open at the first ray
Light blue curtains of morning
and clearly the Apuane appear.
In front of rough mountains,
At the bottom of the Folgorito
Of the Corchia, and of God,
As a serene pasture of herds,
Curved back, bend head,
There are the Corvaia
Còl of Ripa, Còl of Palatina.
"A big War" will be,
And will end
At Salto della Cervia"*

*Where a young girl was hunted
Escaped the follower
Changing herself in a deer.
Legendary, her step
From one hill to the other.
There, the history passed
And the fact ended,
During the century spread,
Holy sad theater
Still has reticulated
Communication trench
Post for grape-shots
Guns and tanks here fenced in
German army came from South,
Kept blushing fights
For seven hard long months.
In the Versilia plain,
The allied forces
passed the Versilia river,
Fanned out in front of the hill
In front of the enemy, Deployed.
Fresh of flowers was the wind,
In the tender green of the grass
Madness of pink and white.*

*It was spring, but gloomy.
Everyone was silent
None smiled, none commented
Waiting.
And one night
Exploded the violent,
great battle,
The sky limpid of stars
Changed in a hot oven.
A thousand of Bengal lights
Lightened the battle field
End every thing around
The Germans, with guns
From the fields of Massa
from the hills,
And the Americans from the sea
With the battleship
And by land with 4,000 guns,
They shot each other
No rest, madly.*

As a reminder of this great event,
Yours Faithfully,
Ileana Salvadori

Livorno Health Clinic makes changes

By Capt. Stephanie Feagin
Livorno Health Clinic
Executive officer

The U.S. Army Health Clinic-Livorno has new hours of operation:

Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 8 a.m.-noon, 1-4:30 p.m., Thursdays 1p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Schedule appointments at 633-7357 or online at www.tricareonline.com

General services include: general and family practice, minor procedures, social work, optometry, basic laboratory, audiometry, immunizations, pharmacy, basic radiology.

The clinic has a new medication reconciliation policy in place to improve medical safety awareness.

Patients need to bring a list of current medications they are taking when they come for an appointment at the clinic.

This includes medicine bought on the Italian economy, the Internet or any other outside source, as well as any supplements or vitamins.

When patients arrive at the clinic, they receive a medication reconciliation form where they are to list all medications they are taking.

This form is reviewed by the doctor during the patient's appointment and also by the pharmacist whenever new medications are prescribed.

This form must be brought back with patients on follow-up visits for continued review and evaluation by the doctor.

Camp Darby Briefs

ACS

Veterans Administration: A VA representative will be at Camp Darby March 27, for a community briefing from 9 a.m.-noon in the Sgt. Maj. Shields Conference room.

Camp Darby Volunteers: Make sure your monthly volunteer hours are recorded and kept current so you can get recognized at the Volunteer Recognition ceremony April 27.

Submit your hours by March 29.

April is Child Abuse Prevention month and Month of the Military Child: Our children need caring adults, safe homes and secure schools, healthy development opportunities, effective chances to learn and grow and a community committed to their protection and welfare.

To support these themes, Camp Darby is hosting the following events:

April 4: Family fun pizza-making at 1 p.m. for parents with or without children. Come and learn how to make pizza.

April 24: Safe home art projects are taught at 10:30 a.m. Come and learn about home safety.

Financial readiness classes: ACS offers the following free classes: Checkbook and ATM

Maintenance, Understanding Insurance, Credit and Budgeting, Credit Reports 101, Money Management, Holiday Spending and Thrift Savings Plan. Call 633-7084 to make an appointment.

Military Family Life consultants: There are professional stateside counselors here to talk about anything from deployment stress to parenting.

It's free, confidential and no records kept. Call 329-876-2168 or ACS for an appointment.

Darby Community Club

March 22: 11 a.m.- 1:30 p.m High School spaghetti dinner fundraiser

March 23: Cincinnatiben-Gals Meet the Cincinnati Bengals cheerleaders at 5:30 p.m. at the DCC. The show is free and open to the community.

Thursdays and Saturdays: Xbox 360 Nite with Perfect Dark Zero and Madden '07 to enjoy, or bring your Halo!

March 30: From 6 p.m. until closing it's Pack Man in the House spinning the tunes.

Single Service members Egg Hunt

April 6: The DCC hosts an egg

hunt at 5:30 p.m. followed by a free barbeque on the porch.

Find the golden eggs to win great prizes such as: waveboards, kites, backpacks, binoculars, rod and reel set, swim goggles, beach towels, soccer balls, volleyballs, beach monitors and hand weights.

Open to single service members only: Call Ernest Beezley at 633-7491 for more information.

Youth Services

Volunteers needed for Easter egg hunt: English and Italian-speaking volunteers are needed for this year's community Easter celebration held April 7.

Can you help with the Easter Egg Hunt, Face Painting, Fish Pond, Cup Cake Decorating, Egg Decorating, Egg Relay, or Balloon Toss?

Or maybe you'd like to help cook or be the playground safety time.

Call Kerry Lawrence at 633-8084 if you can volunteer your skills and talents in any capacity to help out

Education Center

UMUC Term 4: Registration is March 12-23 and term dates is March 26 - May 19.

UMUC academic advisor is here April 9, but appointments are

necessary; deadline is March 27.

Your assigned advisor will bring a copy of your evaluations so he or she can answer questions about classes, graduation requirements and more.

New students can receive a temporary evaluation by bringing old transcripts to their appointment.

Darby ITR trips

March 24: Florence guided tour - Enjoy a three-hour tour in this city of beauty and Renaissance culture.

March 31: Sesto Fiorentino market- Find everything you need from housewares to fresh produce to the latest fashions.

Fitness Center

March 30: 4th Annual Camp Darby 5k Fun Run - The run begins at 8:30 a.m. and is hosted by the Livorno High School personal fitness class and the fitness center. Registration is underway and open to the community.

Civilian Fitness Program: Department of the Army civilians may be authorized up to three hours of work time per week for six months with approval.

Enrollment and fitness assessment is March 30, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the fitness center.

Darby Chapel
Sunday Service

9:30 a.m.: Catholic Mass
8:30 a.m.: Catholic Reconciliation

11:15 a.m.: Protestant worship
March 23: Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m. followed by a soup supper at chapel.

Call 634-8828 for an appointment.

GSA vehicle sale

The Euro Intragency Fleet Management System, Consolidated Vehicle Processing center, Livorno will hold a sealed bid sale of GSA exchange sedans, caravans, pick-up trucks and medium trucks.

Vehicles are located at: Euro IFMS CVPC Livorno, via Aurelia, Tombolo. Inspection dates are March 20-27, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Bidding closes March 29 at 1 p.m.

All bids must be submitted on the VEBEG bidding form, found at www.vebeg.de.

Vehicles must be paid in euro within 10 days of date of invoice and customs purchaser must clear vehicles through the local Italian customs office prior to pick up. Vehicles must be removed by April 27.

Army Community Services Recipe of the Month

Recipe by Ann Hinckley
Army Community Service

This month's recipe comes from my Italian mother-in-law.

Despite the long ingredients list, it is an easy recipe.

Ingredients:

- 4 cups flour
- 2 cups almonds
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 pinch saffron
- 2 large eggs
- 2 large egg yolks
- Egg white for brushing
- Cold water

Combine flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and saffron in a large bowl.

Make a hole in the center and add eggs, egg yolks, and four tablespoons of cold water.

Mix well and form dough into a ball on a floured surface. Add a bit more water to the dry bits and knead together.

Push in half of the almonds on one side, flip the dough and add the rest of the almonds.

Blend well until the almonds are incorporated.

Divide the dough into eight parts and roll out into logs about 1 1/2 inches in diameter. Flatten into semicircles.

Brush logs with egg whites and place on a greased and floured cookie sheet.

Bake at 325 degrees for 50-55 minutes. Remove logs and immediately cut into diagonal slices about 1/2 inch wide. Return to oven and cook for another 15 minutes.

Cool on racks. Serve with a sweet dessert wine, such as *vin santo*, or coffee, dipping

cookies into the liquid as you eat.
Buon Appetito!



Camp Darby ACS offers a free cooking class every month. This month, they highlighted how to make Cantuccini, also known as Biscotti di Prato. Instructor Ann Hinkley was taught to make this recipe by her Italian mother-in-law. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Joyce Costello, USAG Livorno Public Affairs)

Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

Vicenza events

The circus is here through March 26. Located near Villaggio; shows are Monday-Saturday, 5 and 9:15 p.m.; Sundays at 3:30 and 6:30 p.m. Tickets for adults are 15 euro; children ages 2-9 pay 10 euro.

Tempolibero: The free-time exhibit is held in the fair grounds.

No less than four thematic sections characterize this event. *Plen Air*, *Gitando*, *Vivi il giardino* and *Shopper*, which interpret the themes of life in the open air from caravanning to camping, holidays for all tastes and pockets, outdoor furnishings and accessories and fancy goods and gifts, from the most fun to the most useful, from the most to the least expensive.

The exhibition takes place March 24-April 1, open weekends 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; week days 3:30-10 p.m. Entrance fees are 8 euro on weekends, 2 euro week days.

Free photographic exhibit: Located in *Basilica Palladiana*, in *Piazza dei Signori* until March 31.

The photos were taken by professional Italian photographers and high school students.

Open 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-7 p.m., closed Mondays.

Fiera Campionaria

The town of *Lonigo*, 22 km south of Vicenza, will hold this sample fair March 23-26.

Lots to see and do, especially on the weekend. View the latest in agricultural equipment, enjoy a large amusement park for adults and children alike, craft markets and exhibitions.

Medieval event

March 25, the castle of *Bevilacqua*, located in the province of Verona, will hold a medieval event in the castle gardens at 10:30 a.m.

The medieval fair features fire-eaters, knights, bowmen, musicians, fortune-tellers, jesters, a medieval encampment and a medieval market.

Children and adults will also be

able to participate in different games that have been organized.

These include a bow and arrow competition, duels and pony rides.

The castle gates open at 10 a.m. and tickets cost 7 euro for adults; children 5 - 10 years of age pay 3 euro; children under 5 years of age enter free. The fair is open to all.

However, at 12:30 p.m. there is a medieval lunch, complete with knights, dancers and musicians in attendance.

Cost is 33 euro for adults; children 5-10 years of age pay 15 euro; under 5 are admitted free and reservations are mandatory.

The castle is approximately 31 miles from Vicenza.

Vicenza's Information, Tours and Registration has a trip to this exciting event. Call ITR at 634-7094 for details.

Daylight Savings Time

In the European Union summer time begins on the last Sunday in March and ends the last Sunday in October.

At 2 a.m. March 25, Italy switches from *Ora Solare* (solar time) to *Ora Legale* (legal time) and moves clocks forward one hour.

Upcoming events

Treviso: April 20 WWE Smackdown's Wrestle Mania Revenge Tour will be at the Palaverde complex starting at 9 p.m.

Tickets cost from 40,20 euro to 115 euro. Visit the Web site: www.azalea.it for ticket vendors.

Brian Adams: March 23 in Milan; March 24 in Padova; March 25 in Bolzano; March 27 in Rome and March 28 in Ancona.

Elton John: Plays in St. Marks Square, Venice, June 5-6, not many tickets are available and prices start from 150 euro. Visit the Web site: www.redpiano.eu for details.

Red Hot Chili Peppers: June 28 in Udine.

Heineken Jammin' Festival takes place in Venice this year featuring performances by:

June 14: Iron Maiden

June 15: Pearl Jam

June 16: Aerosmith

June 17: Vasco Rossi.

Visit a garden with a maze

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

Planned in 1669 by the Venetian nobleman Z. F. Barbarigo, his son Gregorio, who was a cardinal and now a saint, inspired the symbolic meaning of the plan drawn by Vatican architect and fountain expert, Luigi Bernini.

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

The garden is open everyday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and from 2 p.m.-sunset.

Entrance fees are 8.50 euro for adults and children 6-14 years of age pay 5.50 euro.

There is also a store in the gardens that is open Wednesday-Sunday afternoons.

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



Aerial view of the maze at Valsanzibio gardens. (Photo from Web site: www.valsanzi.biogiardino.it)

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

March 20	CLOSED	
March 21	Alpha Dog (R)	7 p.m.
March 22	Primeval (R)	7 p.m.
March 23	Stomp the Yard (PG13)	7 p.m.
	Shooter (R)	10 p.m.
March 24	The Wild Thornberrys (PG)	1 p.m.
	Freedom Writers (PG13)	4 p.m.
	Shooter (R)	7 p.m.
March 25	Stomp the Yard (PG13)	4 p.m.
	Shooter (R)	7 p.m.
March 27	CLOSED	
March 27	CLOSED	

Camp Darby Theater

March 22	Children of Men (R)	6 p.m.
March 23	Wild Hogs (PG13)	6 p.m.
March 24	Freedom Writers (PG13)	6 p.m.
March 25	Happily N'Ever After	2 p.m.

Movie Synopsis

PRIMEVAL - *Dominic Purcell, Orlando Jones.* In one of the most remote places on earth, a bloodthirsty crocodile has claimed over 300 victims, and is still at large. An American news crew is determined to capture this terrifying murderer alive. The danger begins as producer Tim Freeman, cameraman Steven Johnson and their rag-tag team set out on a journey up-river in search of their subject. But the deeper they probe into the mystery of this elusive assassin, the deadlier their trip becomes. Inspired by a true story.

SHOOTER - *Mark Wahlberg, Kate Mara.* An ace marksman—living in self-exile in the Arkansas wilderness after causing the death of an innocent person—is convinced by his former associates that they need his help to prevent an assassination. But he is double-crossed and framed for the presidential assassination he was trying to prevent. He is forced to go on the run while trying to track down the real killer and discover the truth of who betrayed him.

FREEDOM WRITERS - *Hilary Swank, Imelda Staunton.* A dedicated California teacher finds a way to unify her disadvantaged, racially divided students, and to improve their academics, partly by having them keep journals about their violent, troubled lives.

STOMP THE YARD - *Columbus Short, Brian J. White.* DJ, a troubled youth from Los Angeles attending the historically black Truth University in Atlanta, Georgia. When adapting to his new environment proves difficult, DJ begins implementing his street-style dance moves in an attempt to help the step team win the coveted National Step Show Championship. Soon, he becomes the competing fraternity's main rival, while trying to pursue his new love interest, deal with his own troubled past and learn the true meanings of brotherhood and fraternity along the way.

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

Classified Ads

Editor's Note: Caserma Ederle community members may place free classified ads (**not personal or personal services ads**) on the MWR Web site: www.vicenzamwr.com/marketplace.

Every Tuesday at noon, MWR sends the ads to *The Outlook* for the next publication.

The Outlook and Directorate of MWR are not responsible for any errors in the advertisement.

Photos accompanying the advertisement will not appear in *The Outlook*. Because *The Outlook* has limited space available, the ad may be edited.

The Outlook does not take classifieds; sellers must place ads on www.vicenzamwr.com.

For details on an item you see listed here, visit the MWR Web site: www.vicenzamwr.com/marketplace.

Pokemon and Magic cards: All types of cards. E-mail for price.

3 PS2 Games: \$15 ea.

56k dial up modem for sale: \$30.

1989 Alfa Romeo 33: Runs great. \$700.

Free cats: Two, 1 yr. old female cats. Shots are up to date.

Need a foster family: Have two cats, I'm being deployed. Will pay monthly.

220v Air Purifier: Like new. \$20.

Foster family for dog during deployment: Patient with kids. House trained inside or outside dog. We'll pay board, food and any vet bills.

Free to good home: 8-mo-old loving puppy, full of energy, great with people and other animals.

Free to good home: Two year old Shepherd-mix, gentle and loving. Likes other dogs.

Wanted: Puppy obedience classes.

Wanted: Trampoline, jump house, or any kind of outside equipment for children.

Wanted: King size bed in good shape for reasonable price.

For sale: 3 rabbits and cage.

Wanted: 1-2 storage shelving units.

Wanted: Reliable, automatic transmission vehicle for commuting.

1994 Peugeot 106: Dependable car. \$1,500, OBO.

Drummer: Experienced rock, jazz, blues drummer seeks band.

Train table for tot: Trains and

tracks not included. \$100.

Wanted: Quality foosball table.

27" TV: 110 Voltage. Excellent Condition. \$150, OBO

Air Conditioner: 220v, portable. \$250, OBO.

1990 Alfa Romeo 164: Runs good.

Advent 20" Pure Flat Screen TV w/accessories: \$50, OBO.

Wanted: Weekly housekeeper in Villaggio. Discuss rates.

Free 2-year-old male cat: Neutered, current on shots.

Moving sale: Various household goods.

1994 Honda Civic coupe: Great condition. \$4,000, OBO.

1994 BMW coupe: Great condition. \$5,000, OBO.

House cleaner wanted.

1996 Honda Accord: 4-door, European specs, 122,000km. \$4,000.

Car wanted: Prefer automatic transmission.

Italian table: Inlay top w/2 leaves. 175 euro.

1999 Opel Tigra GPL: Registered in Italy, but can change. Good transportation. \$2,800 or equivalent in euro.



(Above) Two of the cast of the Soldiers' Theatre production of "Bleacher Bums" rehearse. This version of the play is the revised 1998 version, which includes a typical game between the Cubs and their arch-rivals, the St. Louis Cardinals. Players they react to include Mark McGuire and Sammy Sosa who had a major impact on the game during this time period. (Right) The actors rehearse lines while another member paints the backdrop to resemble the bleachers of Wrigley Field. "Bleacher Bums" opens Friday and tickets are on sale now. Call Soldiers' Theatre at 634-7281 for details.

Take me out to the ball game

Nine innings of fun at Soldiers' Theatre

Story and photos by Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

The Soldiers' Theatre upcoming production "Bleacher Bums," will open to the community March 23 and run through March 31.

"Bleacher Bums," a nine-inning adult comedy dedicated to Chicago Cubs fans was conceived by actor Joe Mantegna back in 1977. He also starred in the original production.

"The show was born through a group of theater actor/writers who also loved baseball and the Chicago Cubs," said Ross Daniels, USAG Vicenza Entertainment director.

He also explained that the characters are based on persons who inhabit Wrigley Field bleachers. Some are based on real characters, some on a composite of characters.

"Our version of the play is the revised 1998 version, which includes a typical game between the

Cubs and their arch-rivals, the St. Louis Cardinals. Players they react to include Mark McGuire and Sammy Sosa who had a major impact on the game during this time period," said Daniels.

The cast includes John Mendez, a Soldier who's been in several Soldiers' Theatre productions and won a major acting award at last year's IMA-E One Act Festival in Heidelberg. This time out he plays the gentle young man, Greg, who has been blind from birth.

Alan Peterson, who plays the role of Marvin, a professional gambler, is himself a huge baseball fan. He even owns two St. Louis Cardinals seats that he bought when the old stadium was torn down.

"You can't help but love the array of characters in the Wrigley Field bleachers," said Peterson. "Anyone who is a sports fan will have a great time at this comedy."

In addition to Mendez and Peterson, the "Bleacher Bums" cast includes John Beamish as Zig, a large man who bellows and chews on a cigar; Frannie Packard as Rose, Zig's wife of 30 years and a closet Cubs fan; Crystal

Abbott as Richie, an awkward, bit geeky young man; John Keating as Decker, a successful, energetic businessman; Audrey Crow as Melody, an attractive and serious sun-worshipper; Chris Wolff as the Cheerleader, a hyperactive and serious Cubs fan; Robbie Petersen and Luka Fatuesi as kid Cub fans (they will alternate performances) and Jabali Wamalwa as a Wrigley Field stadium guard.

Working behind the scenes to make all the magic happen are: John Beamish in scenic design and construction; Bonnie Daniels is the directorial assistant, Barry Robinson is the sound designer and Peggy Schadler plys the paint and brush as a scene painter.

Performance dates are Friday, Saturday, March 30 and 31 at 7:30 p.m. in Soldiers' Theatre. Tickets cost \$8 and are on sale now. For details call 634-7281. Sorry, but no peanuts or Cracker Jack are allowed inside the theater.



Vicenza shoppettes ranked first for sales Europe-wide

Story and photos by Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

"This store could not have the success it does without such a great team of workers and a really wonderful community," said Cindy Brown, Vicenza shoppette manager after finding out that the Vicenza shoppette was ranked number one in sales among Europe's shoppettes (without gas pumps) for the second time this year.

Every month a report comes out from AAFES headquarters and the Vicenza shoppette was in the number one spot from December 2006, according to Brown.

"This report shows that we are doing our job the way we should be and we are successful at serving our customers. The return of the troops and an outstanding team of shoppette associates helped us achieve this ranking," she continued.

Brown also explained that the primary

focus of their team is to take care of customers and make sure they can count on a clean, well-stocked store along with the help of a qualified staff.

"We have a dedicated, hardworking group of associates. Most of them have been with the shoppette for more than three years and some for more than 26 years," she said.

The post shoppette, which is located across from the Information, Tours and Registration office is open 24 hours, seven

days a week. For those who live in Villaggio there is another shoppette that is open seven days a week from 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

"Having a shoppette in Villaggio is very convenient," said Tikiya Hall, who is one of the two employees who run the facility located next to the teen center and the swimming pool. "Especially for customers who have just arrived but haven't received their vehicle yet. But it's also close for people to run in for quick items."



(Above) Workers of the Vicenza shoppette gather at the Vicenza facility.

