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Ugly face of progress only temporary

Story by Jon Fleshman
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

CASERMA EDERLE, Vicenza, Italy—Temporary loss of parking spaces, closure of the sports field and dead-end roads in the area of the clinic and barracks building 170 are the results of preparation for the construction of the Enhanced Health Services Center, according to Robert Fitzsimmons of the Transformation Construction Management Office.

"Between now and the first part of November fencing will be going up to create an enclave of the construction site to allow the contractor's employees access without having to come onto post," Fitzsimmons explained. "This will cut down on construction-related traffic on Caserma Ederle and allow the work to proceed more efficiently."

As the temporary barriers begin to go up and parking and traffic circulation are impacted, Fitzsimmons encourages members of the Vicenza military community to consider the following:

* there will be less parking on 9th Street and no through traffic between 9th Street and the perimeter road next to barracks building 170.

* traffic in the northwest quadrant of the caserma should use the new road running between the track and the child development center in building 398.

* with limited parking near the clinic, able-bodied persons should park farther away and walk to appointments to leave spaces for expectant mothers, wounded warriors and emergencies.

Fitzsimmons said he also



Site preparation on Caserma Ederle for the Enhanced Health Services Center begins this week.

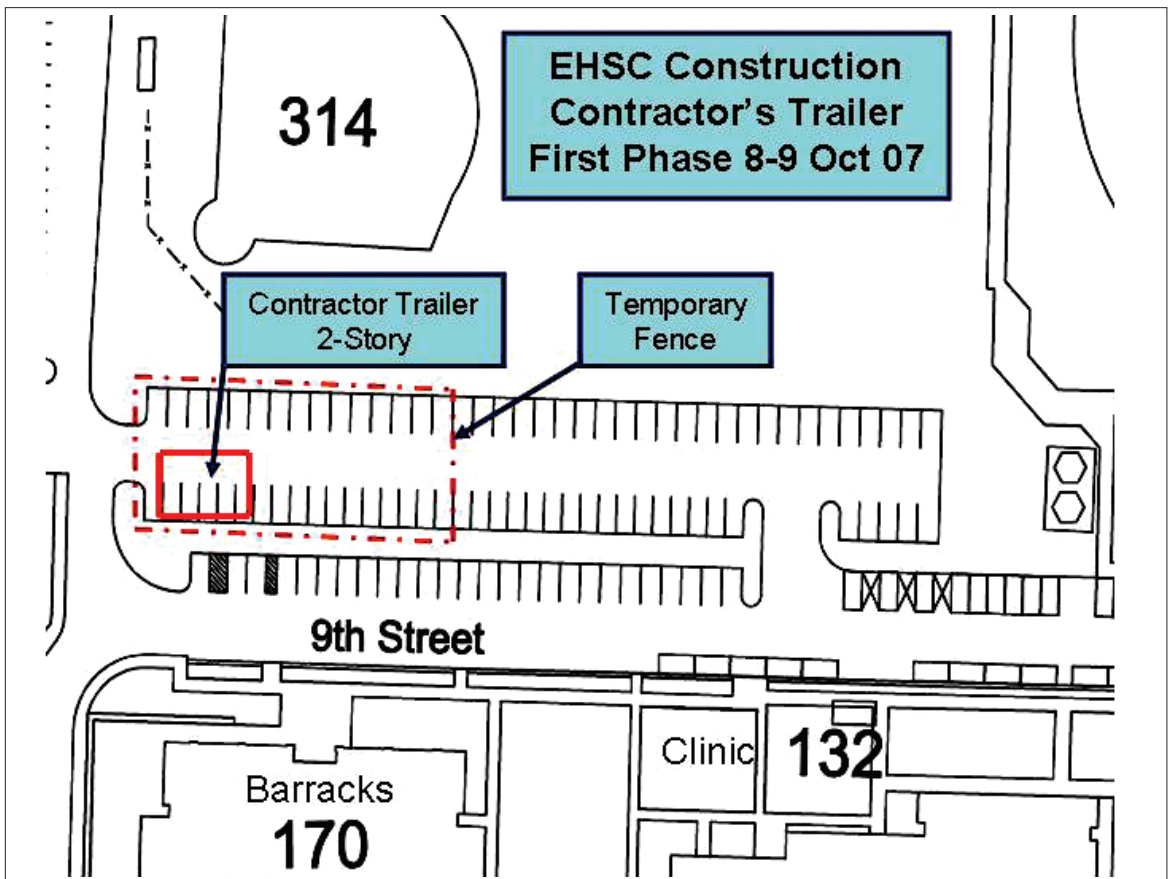
wanted to assure soccer moms that the tournament scheduled for Oct. 27 will be permitted to take place on the sports field as planned. A multipurpose sports field being built in the North 40 between the eco center and the prison should be ready for use in

December.

"The long-term benefits for the health and well being of our Soldiers and Army Families will far outweigh the short-term disruptions that are part of major construction projects like this one," Fitzsimmons said.

The Enhanced Health Services

Center is being built to replace aging infrastructure and to bring under one roof primary care, orthopedics, women's health services, pharmacy, radiology, physical therapy, optometry, social work and dental services. The center is scheduled to be completed in 2010.



TF King's mechanics keep Golf Battery moving

Story and photos by
Spc. Henry Selzer,
173rd ABCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE MEHTAR LAM, Afghanistan — Mechanics of Golf Battery, 4th Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, do everything it takes to keep their company moving forward.

Even though the first few months of the deployment were spent organizing the motor pool, and storage facilities, the soldiers of the 4-319th maintenance team did everything possible to make sure their company had the equipment needed to complete their missions, pulling 24-hour shifts and changing numerous engines and transmission for three months.

"I have been in the Army for 14 years, and have never had a maintenance team that worked this well together," said Sgt. 1st Class Raymond Stimson.

The heat and mountainous conditions that these trucks

encounter every day cause them to need attention more often, with Golf Battery mechanics doing anything from operator level to level-three shop work.

"This is the best crew and shop I have ever been involved with,"

said Spc. Donald Davidson, Golf Battery.

With constant attention needed by the trucks, the mechanics of the 4-319th have had to learn what to look for first and how to get the trucks turned around and back out

of the maintenance bay in a timely manner, according to Spc. Sherard Green.

"It was a lot of work. As we would get one truck done and pushed out, another one would be on its way in," said Green.



Spc. Sherard Green, Golf Battery, 4th Battalion-319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, fixes the brakes of an M1114 HMMWV at Forward Operating Base Mehtar Lam.

Garrison News



(Above) Paratroopers exit the C-160 Transall, while (Below) a member of the Tricolore makes a landing.

International paratroopers strengthen bonds

Story and photos by
Capt. Arvie McDaniel
Special to the Outlook

CAMP D'ASTRA, PAU, France- More than 100 paratroopers from seven countries came together to help the French Army celebrate its airborne school's 60th Anniversary Sept. 28. The Soldiers received French parachute instruction and then conducted airborne operations from a C-160 Transall and a DC-3 Dakota. Col. Eric Nantz represented the Southern European Task Force (Airborne) during the operation.

After the jump, Soldiers from Belgium, Cyprus, Great Britain, Ireland, Italy and the United States received their French Parachute Wings during a ceremony at Camp d'Astra, where the *école des troupes aéroportées* (Airborne School) is located.

While enjoying an impressive and tasty array of typical food from the south of France, military personnel traded insignia, patches, rank and war stories around the several burning bonfires before turning in for the night.

Early the next morning everyone took the time to get together for some exercise. Paratroopers ran six kilometers, jumping over obstacles from the combat course, and making a grand tour around the base.

After finishing the run and taking time to put on dress uniforms, the Soldiers came together for a spiritual ceremony in honor of St. Michael, the patron saint of paratroopers all around the world.

Afterwards, delegations from each country represented their units and services alongside the French Airborne School in formation on the parade field, representing the international fraternity that exists between paratroopers from different armies.

Lt. Col. Antoine Connac, the commandant of the school, addressed the formation, thanking everyone for coming from places as far away as Cyprus and Fort Benning, Georgia.

He explained to all that everyone on the parade field was now part of a larger family and always welcome at Camp d'Astra. He extended an open invitation for a return trip to all members of each delegation.

To conclude the ceremony, the French military freefall team conducted an accuracy and capability parachute demonstration jump, to include parachuting in their mascot, a 2-year old boxer pup.

Then paratroopers, French Airborne veterans, family members, and friends were able to learn more about the 11th Airborne Brigade's capabilities by visiting different tents and checking the displays.



The tents were organized in a very military manner and were neatly arranged in order along the main road of the camp.

Capability demonstrations allowed civilians and veterans to "chute up," learn about equipment delivery by parachute, climb on light armored vehicles, use binoculars and laser range finders, and basically just talk to French paratroopers to get an idea of how they live their lives.

It was sad to depart from Camp d'Astra and all of the new sets of friends, but good to feel the renewed strength and fraternity between old allies and to feel the confidence that it will be there for a long time to come.

Sky Soldier memorial ceremony set

A memorial ceremony for Sgt. 1st Class Blaskowski and Pfc. Taylor is scheduled at Caserma Ederle Chapel for 10-11 a.m. Wed., Oct. 10. The ceremony date for Pfc. Pfeifer has not yet been set.

Shelter in place

Exercise may disrupt traffic, on-post pedestrians

People who do not want to become part of the Lion Shake exercise should stay away from Caserma Ederle Tuesday, Oct. 16, according to scenario planners with the garrison's Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security. At some point Oct. 16 all gates on Caserma Ederle will close for the annual emergency response exercise. People on post may find themselves having to stop what they are doing and remain where they are until the exercise is complete.

Most agencies will be asked to implement their in-place shelter plan and remain in place until authorities declare their zone safe. What is a Shelter-in-Place? More importantly, how do I find or make one?

One of the instructions you may be given in an emergency where hazardous materials may have been released into the atmosphere is to shelter-in-place. This means selecting a small, interior room, with no or few windows, and taking refuge there. It does not mean sealing off your entire home or office building. If you are told to shelter-in-place, follow these instructions:

Close the business.

Bring everyone into the room(s). Shut and lock the door(s).

If there are customers, clients, or visitors in the building, provide for their safety by asking them to stay – not leave. When authorities provide directions to shelter-in-place, they want everyone to take those steps now, where they are, and not drive or walk outdoors.

Unless there is an imminent threat, ask employees, customers, clients, and visitors to call their emergency contact to let them know where they are and that they are safe.

Turn on call-forwarding or alternative telephone answering systems or services. If the business has voice mail or an automated attendant, change the recording to indicate that the business is closed, and that staff and visitors are remaining in the building until authorities advise it is safe to leave.

Close and lock all windows,

exterior doors, and any other openings to the outside.

If you are told there is danger of explosion, close the window shades, blinds, or curtains.

Have employees familiar with your building's mechanical systems turn off all fans, heating and air conditioning systems.

Some systems automatically provide for exchange of inside air with outside air – these systems, in particular, need to be turned off, sealed, or disabled.

Gather essential disaster supplies, such as nonperishable food, bottled water, battery-powered radios, first aid supplies, flashlights, batteries, duct tape, plastic sheeting, and plastic garbage bags.

Select interior room(s) above the ground floor, with the fewest windows or vents. The room(s) should have adequate space for everyone to be able to sit in. Avoid overcrowding by selecting several rooms if necessary. Large storage closets, utility rooms, pantries, copy and conference rooms without exterior windows will work well.

Avoid selecting a room with mechanical equipment like ventilation blowers or pipes, because this equipment may not be able to be sealed from the outdoors.

It is ideal to have a hard-wired telephone in the room(s) you select. Call emergency contacts and have the phone available if you need to report a life-threatening condition. Cellular telephone equipment may be overwhelmed or damaged during an emergency.

Use duct tape and plastic sheeting (heavier than food wrap) to seal all cracks around the door(s) and any vents into the room.

Write down the names of everyone in the room, and call your business' designated emergency contact to report who is in the room with you, and their affiliation with your business (employee, visitor, client, customer.)

Keep listening to the radio or television until you are told all is safe or you are told to evacuate. Local officials may call for evacuation in specific areas at greatest risk in your community.

Visit the American Red Cross Web site at www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared/shelterinplace for more information.

Speak Out

"What do you do to protect the environment, how do you recycle?"
By Laura Kreider



Pvt. David Gustafson

HSC, SETAF
Recycling is important. Glass, cans, paper, aluminum products all come back to benefit us. I make sure that all the products I use are handled properly and disposed of.



Shannon Kirby

Family member
I think it is important to recycle everything that can be recycled such as plastic, glass, paper.

I help by separating my trash every week and by using the specific bins situated in the local communities.



Rinaldo Todescato

Det. B, 208th Accountant
I am a member of LIPU. By focusing the sites and habitats on which birds depend, we are working to improve the quality of life for birds and preventing the extinction of any bird species.

Estate Claims

Anyone having claims on or obligations to the estate of Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Blaskowski, B-Co, 2-503rd Inf. (ABN), 173rd Airborne Brigade, should call the SCMO, 2nd Lt. Stephnie Avgerakis, at DSN 634-7065.

Anyone having claims on or obligations to the estate of Pfc. Mathew Taylor, D-CO, 1-503rd Inf. (ABN), 173rd Airborne Brigade, should call the SCMO, 2nd Lt. Joseph Casey, at DSN 634-7702.

Garrison news

Tighten up post

A message from Command Sgt. Maj. Keith Fillipp,
USAG Vicenza Command Sgt. Maj.

The fall season is here and school has been underway for sometime now. I want to touch upon some important administrative issues that need to be addressed again. We need all of the community to review the Garrison and SETAF policy letters so that everyone remains in compliance.

The first issue pertains to various aspects of driving on post. The driving speed in the zones of the schools, PX, commissary, shoppette and the general servicing areas is 10 kmph (about 6 mph).

If you're exceeding the speed and someone calls it to your attention, please respond appropriately.

Also, handicap parking is strictly prohibited for any other use. Handicap spaces are not drop off and pickup zones or emergency parking spaces.

Driving and using a cell phone (to talk or text message) at the same time is against Army Regulation AR 190-2. You will be cited and points added to your record. This is a serious safety hazard and is not worth the risk. Keep in mind your SETAF driver's license is a privilege, not a right.

The second issue pertains to pets, specifically dogs. Dogs are required to be on leashes at all times. A couple weeks ago two dogs were seen running loose on Villaggio and no owners to be found.

Let's look out for both the safety of each other and our pets. Pet owners will be held responsible.



Remember to always keep your dog on a leash, on or off post, and no dogs are allowed on any MWR fields.



Slow down to 10 kmph in the area of the schools and Post Exchange. Handicapped parking areas are for designated personnel only. They are not drop-off zones. (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

Also, keep in mind that dogs are not allowed at MWR fields, regardless if they are on leashes or not.

Thirdly, there have been numerous complaints about people smoking in the vicinity of buildings, resulting in the smoke and odor penetrating the buildings and personnel utilizing those entrances. Use designated smoking areas only and adhere to the distance rule of 50 feet (15+ meters) from buildings.

Another thing, the Lost and Stolen ID card class is a requirement if you lose your ID. We

have more than 30 people who have not attended this mandatory class. If you choose not to adhere to the SETAF Policy you must realize that you are placing your privileges at risk.

We have put a lot of effort in making a program to help our community understand the seriousness of controlling ID cards; it is your responsibility to take part. No one has immunity from the program.

Finally, I've noticed several children running around post with Heelys. Heelys are roller shoes with

a single removable wheel on the heel of each shoe. This does allow individuals to remove the wheel and walk normally where skating is not authorized.

The shoe itself can be worn, but by USAG Vicenza Policy Letter 06-32, the use of Heelys in any public or official building within the USAG Vicenza area of responsibility or the community Skate Park in Villaggio is prohibited with the wheels inserted. Individuals will remove the wheels from their Heelys prior to entering any establishment. Let's be safe out there.

Cops take in show

Ross Daniels, USAG Vicenza Soldiers' Theatre director, addresses the audience before the beginning of a special performance of "Billy Ball" performed at the theater Oct. 3.

About 100 students from seven countries attending the Center of Excellence for Stability Police Units, in downtown Vicenza, were invited to the show, which is an original compiled script by Daniels with works from Shakespeare's comedies, sonnets, songs and dances, and from some tragedies, including "Hamlet" and "Macbeth."

COESPU is a training course for



United Nations peace keeping forces.

The students were positive about this cultural exchange that offered them the opportunity to learn more about another culture.

"This helps us understand the

American culture better and when we understand our fellow officers better, than we can also work better," said Hasmukh Papal, Indian COESPU student.

(Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

New Selective Placement Program for disabled

U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza has established a Selective Placement Program designed to assist qualified individuals with disabilities obtain employment at the garrison.

This effort is a collective initiative that will require the full attention and support of the Equal Employment Opportunity Office and the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center.

The program focuses on utilizing special hiring authorities to recruit applicants who have targeted disabilities, to include

deafness, blindness, missing extremities, paralysis, seizure disorders, distortion of limbs or spine, mental illness and severe or intellectual impairments. The Selective Placement Program will also support Warriors in Transition objectives and accomplishments.

Establishing an applicant pool to refer candidates for selective placement and informing them of vacancies will allow for closer monitoring and tracking of candidates during the referral and selection process. (Released by USAG Vicenza)

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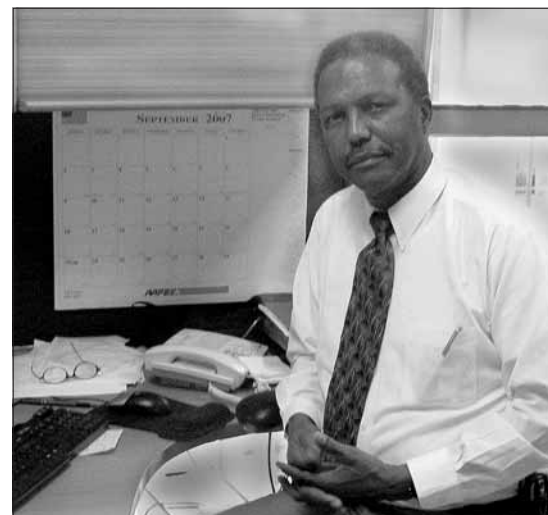
At your service

Tony Norwood, Chief of USAG Vicenza Housing Services, has been in federal service for 16 years and has been in Vicenza for 17 months.

Norwood focuses on difficult housing situations. He loves resolving housing matters outside the normal rules and regulations. Norwood explained how even though Italian is harder than jibberish to him, he managed a 30-minute conversation with an Italian landlord over an unsuitable rental, the end result being a hearty handshake and smiles all around.

If you have special circumstances or cannot come to a satisfactory agreement, Norwood is always there to help. The housing office is located right outside Gate 4 enclosed within a red fence.

Tony.Norwood@eur.army.mil or DSN 634-7608



Tony Norwood
USAG Vicenza Housing Services.

Community events

Good morning Romania



Staff Sgt. Randall "Action" Jackson, station commander for the American Forces Network Vicenza affiliate and Non-commissioned-officer-in-charge of the Tactical Mobile Radio and Television System deployed in Romania, broadcasts from the TMRTVS at the exercise headquarters at Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base, Romania. (Photo by Sgt. Justin Nieto, SETAF Public Affairs)

Story by Tom Saunders
U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs

MIHAIL KOGALNICEANU AIR BASE, Romania — The American Forces Network is on the air in Romania with deployable broadcasting capabilities supporting the Joint Task Force-

East "proof of principle" exercise ongoing here through Oct. 22.

"The system that we brought down here is the Tactical Mobile Radio and Television System," said Lt. Col. Donald M. Ross, commander of American Forces Network-South, based in Vicenza, Italy. "What this does for JTF-East

is bring immediate command information along with news and entertainment to everyone deployed here to support JTF-East."

The TMRTVS is capable of broadcasting on two radio and two television frequencies simultaneously. It also has the

capability of providing a cable head end to any austere location for any four AFN cable channels. A cable head end is basically a router for any combination of available AFN channels. Due to the length of the exercise, however, the common areas at MK Air Base are equipped with satellite receivers and decoders for televisions.

This marks the first time AFN has established broadcast operations in Romania and represents the first successful back-to-back deployment of its TMRTVS, Ross said.

The system, designed to be highly mobile and operational within two hours, recently supported exercise Immediate Response in Poland. Following Immediate Response the system was packed up and transported here within four days.

AFN-Romania began broadcasting two live radio shows daily at the air base from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on FM 107.0. The radius of the radio broadcast is approximately eight kilometers, and those live broadcasts are slated to continue through the exercise.

During times AFN-Romania is not airing a live show, the AFN broadcast signal U.S. Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen listen to in Italy, Germany and other countries in

Western Europe is available to the base.

"It's great, because this system is designed to support just this type of a mission," said Ross. "It is not intended to be a permanent facility."

The AFN-Romania team consists of six members trained on the use of the system through repeated exercises, leading up to a culmination event such as the JTF-East exercise or any number of other tactical exercises in U.S. European Command.

There are four military broadcasters on the team — three Soldiers and one Sailor — augmented by two audiovisual technicians whose job is to keep the system running.

The broadcasters are full-time AFN reporters and disc jockeys. Two members of the team are currently in Bulgaria working with U.S. and Bulgarian Soldiers at Exercise Lion Strike, the Bulgarian segment of the proof of principle exercise.

"I'm really glad to have the chance to be a part of this exercise, and doing this just reinforces why we're here," said Staff Sgt. Randall "Action" Jackson, AFN Vicenza station commander and TMRTVS team NCO-in-charge.

"We support the troops and help in some small way to tell the commander's story," Jackson said.



(Above) Dr. Joe Tafoya, DODEA director speaks with Shaun Mahadeo, Jack Buffington and Jasmine Perry about their Photoshop skills during a tour of the Vicenza schools Oct. 4.

DODEA director visits schools

Story and photo by
Gary L. Kieffer
Outlook Staff

In a week long visit of Mediterranean Dept. of Defense Dependents Schools in Europe, Dr. Joe Tafoya, Dept. of Defense Education Activity director, spent some time touring the Camp Darby and Vicenza schools facilities.

During his stop in Vicenza Tafoya visited a number of classrooms and spoke with some of the students and faculty.

"It is important for me to get around to the different schools in Europe.

"Vicenza is a model for school/military cooperation. I have always been impressed with the strong partnership we have here," he said.

"We have a lot of different programs to assist students of deployed Soldiers. Our job is not only to educate the child in school, but at home as well," said Tafoya. "We are their extended family. We can offer them a refuge from what their parents are going through downrange."

Our number one goal is student achievement, he explained. "We take this very seriously."

Tafoya began his tenure as DODEA director in September, 2000.

Dumpster diving

Story and photo by
Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

Diving into dumpsters may not sound appetizing, but for the members of the Vicenza Environmental Division it is a quarterly requirement. They began the monitoring last March.

"The purpose of the dumpster diving is to check the waste sorting efficiency of USAG Vicenza," said Carlotta Queirazza, Environmental Division, Directorate of Public Works, who works on the Pollution Prevention Program.

"The garrison's environmental program set a target of 60 percent solid waste recycled to be achieved by the end of 2007. The DD helps identify weaknesses and improvement opportunities of waste diversion," she added.

On Oct. 3, the chosen dumpster for the project was one located near Club V, to compare the items from dumpsters located in the same area tested previously.

The staff who worked along with Queirazza was aided in sorting by Marcella Iaricci, who also works for DPW, ED, and Reginal Gillespie, manager at the eco center.

The results of this second DD, showed that approximately 71 percent of waste in the selected dry waste container could have been



(Above, L-R) Carlotta Queirazza and Marcella Iaricci, of the Environmental Div., DPW, and Reginal Gillespie, center, Eco Center manager, sort through items during the quarterly dumpster dive at the Eco Center Oct. 3.

recycled compared to a 51 percent of the March DD.

Although not a good overall showing, "the positive result is that no metal or wood items were found and the percentage of paper has decreased from 10 to 8 percent," explained Queirazza.

She also said the major recyclable fractions were organic waste (28 percent compared to 18 percent) and glass (18 percent compared to 8 percent earlier).

Several expired medicines were also found, representing approximately 8 percent of the waste. After the sorting and the weighing of each type of waste, staff of AIM - the contractor in charge for the collection and disposal of the USAG's solid waste - placed the items in the proper containers.

For any clarification on how to sort your waste, call the Environmental Division at DSN 634-7166.

Community events

Vets return to base they built in 1951

Story and photos by
Joyce Costello

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Standing on a street corner near the Livorno dock, Al Fritsch was waving an American flag. He was trying to find the military vehicle that would take him and his fellow veterans back in time.

Fifty-six years ago, the former Pfc. Al Fritsch, Cpl. Edgar Tingley, Cpl. Joe Mularski, Cpl. Ed Napoleoni and 2nd Lt. Goldye Levi were part of the Quartermaster Detachment, 7617th U.S. Forces Austria Support Command that helped establish Camp Darby, Italy. Most of them arrived in 1951 on a train from Wels, Austria in full Army uniform, carrying M-1 rifles.

"When we got off the train in Livorno- it immediately caused an international incident between the American and Italian government," said Napoleoni.

"I guess the Italian stance was that we could not be in uniform and certainly not armed. We went back on the train and waited for several hours until they worked out an agreement," he said.

"Back then, the population of Livorno was 90 percent communist including the mayor. So you can imagine our reception wasn't all that great. After some time, we were able to win over these folks and it was very nice, especially the girls."

Levi took a more indirect route to Camp Darby.

"I landed in Bremerhaven, Germany and made my way down to Austria where I immediately went on Operation Snowshoes," said Levi.

"When I got back to Salzburg, my unit had arrived back at Bremerhaven so I packed my stuff went to go meet them. By the time I got there, they had already taken the train down to Italy. So, I picked up the unit car and turned around and drove down to Camp Darby.

"It took me two and a half days and once I got there, my unit had

wondered where I was and what I had been doing," he said.

In 1951, there were no post accommodations on Camp Darby, so the men stayed in a hotel in downtown Livorno.

"We had come from living in barracks at Camp Kilmer, N.J. where there wasn't a curtain or anything and we all thought 'oh boy this is upscale, this is living,'" said Fritsch.

"But you know how the Army is with its budget and they moved us down to an old orphanage summer retreat building.

"Now the bad thing is, they sent us in the winter and there was no heat in the building. We ended up knocking holes in the wall to vent the stoves. That was a big change to go from a hotel to an unheated building in the winter," he said.

"Besides not having any heat, we also had no hot water," added Levi. "I remember it being a very cold Christmas."

By springtime, the men had made a game of showering by jumping out of the buildings window into the sea. However, the Army had other living arrangement plans for the men.

"We were trucked to the Tombolo forest where Camp Darby would be built and built our own tents," said Napoleoni.

As Debra Lomi, an employee at the USAG Livorno Library took the Veterans for a tour around Livorno to visit the old sites, the Vets stories and laughter became more voluble.

"We had coffee and pastries by the train station and it's still there," exclaimed Fritsch. "Those girls just loved us."

"Do you remember the great turkey tragedy of 1952," Mularski asked the group.

"One of the ships got a crack in its hull and all the turkeys for Thanksgiving ended up floating in the sea. It was the funniest thing I did see.

"I remember seeing all these frozen turkeys bobbing in the sea. The Italians were smart and they



(Above, L-R) Joe Mularski, Edgar Tingley (back row), Ed Napoleoni (sitting with scrapbook) Goldye Levi and Al Fritsch look at a Camp Darby photo album from the 1950s. (Photo by Elena Baladelli, TATC)

grabbed their dinghies, boats, anything that would float and went out and scooped by the turkeys. But, the biggest loss to us GIs were the two foot lockers of liqueur that sunk."

After touring the old sites of Camp Darby, the Vets decided to see if Army grub had changed at all in the last 50 years.

"In the old days, we used to have a mess tent, downwind from the latrine," chuckled Mularski. "I remember once a week we would have to have a meal with leftover WWII C-rations."

Levi was curious to see the DFAC kitchen, to see how mess set up had changed over the years.

"I couldn't believe that the potato peeler that I delivered back in 1952 is still here," exclaimed Levi. "I was even more surprised that its still working and being used."

The veterans met with the USAG Livorno commander Lt. Col. Steven Cade and Command Sgt. Maj. Berrios, sharing their pride about Camp Darby.



(Above) Goldye Levi checks on the potato peeler he delivered in 1952 that is still being used by Ronald Yale, more than 50 years later.

"Most of these fellas here today worked for me and did such a tremendous job," said Levi. "At the time, none of us realized that this base would become such a strategic logistic operation for Europe and the Middle East."

Napoleoni attributed the successful reunion to the hard work

of Fritsch.

"If it wasn't for Al (Fritsch) we wouldn't have gotten on a cruise ship sailing to Camp Darby."

"After I retired, four years ago I decided to look up some of my old Army buddies," said Fritsch. "I contacted one after another and as we were talking, we decided to have our first reunion in 2004 in Atlantic City."

When asked when the next reunion to Camp Darby will be, Fritsch jokingly replied, "every 50 years we're going to come back, rain or shine."



(Left) Tombolo tent city was their humble abode for 15 months as Camp Darby was being developed. (Above) Al Fritsch is dressed to go out on the town, while his friend Don Glasson (sitting) nurses a hangover.

Out & About

By Dorothy Spagnuolo

Exhibitions

Vicenza exhibition being held in Palazzo Leoni Montanari, Contra' Santa Corona entitled *Arte paleocristiana tra Roma e Bisanzio, Early Christian art between Rome and Byzantium*, find over 90 works of art to include frescos, sculptures in marble and bronze, silver and glass. Open Tuesdays through Sundays until Nov. 18 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. each day.

Photo exhibitions in different locations in Vicenza and province, organized by the Fotoclub 'Il Punto Focale' and sponsored by the Vicenza commune can be found in Villa Lattes photos from Vicenza's 12th national photo competition, open Monday to Friday 9 a.m.-noon, Tuesday and Thursday also from 3-8 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday from 4-8 p.m. until Oct. 14, entrance is free; in the Nuovo Bar Astra, 14 Contra' Barche which is open everyday except Sunday from 8 a.m.-midnight see *Il giro sotto la pioggia* walking in the rain, until Oct. 15 photos are by Giuseppe Grassi. Full details from www.ilpuntofocale.it

In **Padova** the *Casa su misura*, furniture exhibition, is being held in the Padova exhibition grounds through Oct. 14. Find the latest in furnishings and accessories for your home and garden. Open weekdays: 5:30-10:30 p.m.; weekends: 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Entrance fee: 5€.

In the Parco Esposizioni Novegro *Novegro exhibition grounds* located near **Milan's** Linate airport, the monthly antique market takes place Oct. 12-14, open each day from 10 a.m.-7 p.m., entrance fee 8€. This exhibition is the only one in Italy to be strictly supervised by a panel of academic experts and

scholars. Buyers can resort to the team to ascertain the authenticity of their purchases. Find a large parking area nearby that holds over 4,000 cars. The next market will be held Nov. 9-11.

Events in Bassano del Grappa

Firework display on Oct. 13 at 9:45 p.m. three firework companies from Pescara, Salzano and Bologna will participate. Inclement weather the display can be seen the next day at the same time.

The opera 'La Tosca' by G. Puccini will be performed in the Palabassano on Oct. 26 at 8:30 p.m. and Oct. 28 at 3:30 p.m. Performing with the Orchestra Filarmonia Veneto directed by Tiziano Severini will be Isabelle Kabatu and Walter Fraccaro. Tickets available on line from www.vivaticket.it.

EuroChocolate festival

Had the writer Ronald Dahl ever found living inspiration for the world of Willy Wonka and his Chocolate Factory, it surely would have come from Eurochocolate, a week of chocolate antics and amusement taking place throughout the city of **Perugia**.

Chocolate lovers will be in heaven with a rich comucopia of chocolate exhibits, tasting and chocolate-themed attractions in this town that was the birthplace of the famed bittersweet chocolate and hazelnut concoction, **Perugina**.

This year will be the 10th anniversary of the event which will be held Oct. 13 through 21 and the hundreds of thousands of chocoholics coming to Perugia can enjoy numerous events.

The town also has a **Perugia Chocolate Museum** where the entrance is free. Visitors can walk in the center of the city taking in the incredible sight of artists sculpting

1,000 kilogram-blocks of chocolate into art. Clean sheets of canvas are placed under the pedestals so that onlookers can pick up and eat the slivers of chocolate that fall from the carvings.

There are also stalls in the main squares where you can get free samples. Check the website for times and events each day in Italian only www.eurochocolate.com

Venice Marathon

The **Venice** marathon is October 28 this year and you will find it is flat and basically downhill, it has a start time of 9:15 a.m. in the town of Stra, province of Venice, and will take you along the River Brenta in front of the Palladian Villas of the area.

The participants arrive in Venice via the *Liberty Bridge*, which links the mainland to the city. After

crossing a floating bridge 400 feet long over the Grand Canal which leads to St. Mark's Square, runners reach the Riva dei Sette Martiri where the finishing line is located. Full information and booking on line can be had at www.venicemarathon.it

Classical music

Classical music will be played by the *Anthos Quartet* on Oct. 14 at 9 p.m. in Villa Fogazzaro in **Montegald**, province of Vicenza. The Quartet is comprised of four young musicians, ranging from 27 to 32 years of age. Instruments played will be the piano, violin, viola and the violoncello. Entrance is free

Visit a garden

The Sigurta' Gardens, located in **Valeggio sul Mincio**, province of Verona has more than 30,000 plants, 18 ponds with tropical fish, a water

and a herb garden, and these are just a few of the features that can be admired and enjoyed when you visit. This park has been considered one of the five most beautiful gardens in the world.

The park can be visited on foot, by bicycle, in golf-carts or by taking a fun train ride along the seven-kilometer *Magic Route*. Find in the park four refreshment bars which are also designed for those wishing to take along a picnic.

The park is open everyday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. gates close at 6 p.m. Entrance fee: adults: 9 euro; children 5-14 years of age: 6 euro; children under 5: free.

Directions from Vicenza 80 km: Autostrada A4 exit at Peschiera del Garda the park is located approx. 8 km from there. The park will close on Nov. 5.



The lagoon at the Sigurta Gardens is a tranquil place to visit. (Photo courtesy Parca Sigurta' Giardino)

Classified Ads

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

Sellers must place ads on www.vicenzamwr.com.

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

Looking for a cheap cell phone. Nothing fancy, it just has to work.

Big dog needs home. 2 years old, healthy and microchipped. Free to a good home.

One year old long haired Male chihuahua for sale. asking \$80.

Cat needs home ASAP. Black kitten. Leaving, must find a home.

Wonderful puppy. Year-old cocker spaniel puppy needs good home and lots of TLC. \$25

Toddler door gates. (2) adjustable toddler gates for use in doorways. Each \$10.

7.5 ft. - 110V prelit Fir Christmas tree \$75

Jeep Grand Cherokee 1996 Laredo two-wheel drive, 17-23 MPG, good tires, good shape. \$3K OBO.

Still looking for a good home for Jade. 8 month old black pitt bull puppy.

Full size Mattress and Box

spring. Need a new or used full size mattress with a box spring.

1996 Saab 9000 Aero. Full loaded, leather interior. One owner. \$4200 OBO

2004 Volvo XC70 Cross Country AWD. 48K miles; Loaded, \$21,000 Kitchen credenza and table. Country style 3 doors, vetrinette credenza, 6,450 euros OBO.

Fridge Indesit 220v fridge, blue color, 70 euros

13" TV/DVD Combo 220 Volt \$50

Gateway 815 GM Desktop 250GB Hard drive Comes with Speaker, Mouse and Keyboard. \$450 w/15" LCD Flat Screen Monitor \$500

Pioneer 5 Disc DVD/Surround Sound Multi Region DVD Player Multi Voltage 110/220 Excellent Condition \$250

Toddler jean jackets, Old Navy 15\$ each. Size 2T.

Craft Wooden table with four wooden chairs. Chairs are in good condition. Table top has some dings. I'll help you load it in your car. \$20

HP Pavilion XT 963 (Desktop) with CDRW (8x/4x) \$99 OBO

Dining Room Set. Pecan table, five side chairs, one arm chair, double china cabinet. \$500

Water Bed. Oak queen size water bed and pump. \$150

Sky Digital Decoder \$200

Pedestal Fan, 220V Large Fan \$20

Transformers, large and small transformers \$20-\$75

Kitchen appliance. Braun Coffee Pot \$20

BMW winter tires plus mag rims Good condition tires excellent condition rims for BMW 225/55ZR 16 95w Rotax RS01. Make an offer.

Everything for sale. Must PCS soon.....all for sale rock bottom prices.

DVDs and VHS for sale. DVD \$1. VHS 50cents

Household for Sale, all must go, you haul it and pay rock bottom price.

Three Seat Sofa - Excellent Condition. I hate to sell it but I need the space. \$250 OBO

Refinishing project - Italian dining room table. Needs to be refinished, seats six, \$60 OBO

2004 BMW 325i 4 door, 15,000 miles. Loaded. Dealer maintained One Owner Available to see.

1999 Fiat. Runs great, new tires. Great with gas...Selling for \$3500.

T.V. for sale. Two tv's for sale. 19", they work great. \$20 obo each.

Stateside Cell. Bought solely for in the states. \$15.

College Math 103 Book. New Math 103 book. \$75

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

Oct. 10	No Reservations (PG)	6 p.m.
Oct. 11	The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Oct. 12	Daddy Day Camp (PG)	6 p.m.
	The Heartbreak Kid (R) (1st Run)	9 p.m.
Oct. 13	Daddy Day Camp (PG)	3 p.m.
	The Heartbreak Kid (R) (1st Run)	6 p.m.
Oct. 14	Bratz (PG)	3 p.m.
	The Simpson Movie (PG-13)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Oct. 11	Resident Evil: Extinction (R) (1st Run)	6 p.m.
Oct. 12	Bratz (PG)	6 p.m.
Oct. 13	The Simpson Movie (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Oct. 14	Daddy Day Camp (PG)	2 p.m.

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

Movie Synopsis

RESIDENT EVIL: EXTINCTION (Milla Jovovich, Oded Fehr) Alice once again joins forces with Carlos Olivera and L.J., along with new survivors Claire, K-Mart and Nurse Betty to try to eliminate the deadly virus and to seek justice. Since being captured by the Umbrella Corporation, Alice has been subjected to biogenic experimentation and becomes genetically altered, with super-human strengths, senses and dexterity. These skills, and more, will be needed if anyone is to remain alive. Rated R (violence, language, nudity) 121 min

Community notes

College Fair

Vicenza High School's College Fair will be held Oct. 24 from 5-7 p.m. This year the school will partner with MWR to make the event a community bash. Youth in grades 7 to 12, their parents and spouses of deployed servicemembers are encouraged to attend. There will be more than 75 alumni scheduled to present their colleges, to include American schools in Europe.

The school will also offer a MyRoad workshop, a parent panel, and an admissions workshop. A tailgate party ends the event.

Call Carol Kabonick, VHS guidance counselor at 634-7882 for details.

Holiday auditions for Soldiers' Theatre

Soldiers' Theatre will hold auditions for the *Gift of the Magi* and *A Mini Christmas Carol* Oct. 17, at 6:30 p.m.

Singers, dancers, and actors are needed for the show.

The *Gift of the Magi* is an operetta and has roles for a high soprano and a tenor who are able to play a young married couple.

A *Mini Christmas Carol* has roles for several adults and children over the age of eight. Also featured in the show will be a holiday dance and some choral songs.

Performances will be held Dec. 7-9, and 13-15.

Anyone interested in auditioning or working technically on the show should contact Bonnie or Ross Daniels at Soldiers' Theatre.

Tuscany Discovery Tour

See the hometown of Leonardo da Vinci and the town of Pistoia Oct. 13, 6 a.m.-10 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$39 and includes transportation, a guided tour, and an ITR trip assistant. The deadline for sign-up is Oct. 12. Call DSN 634-7094 to make a reservation.

Wine tasting & outlet

In the most industrialized and prosperous region of Italy, find Lombardy's sanctuary of sparkling wine Oct. 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Grapes are grown on the rolling Alpine foothills in vineyards that share gentle slopes with villas, manors, castles, abbeys, farms, and towns. Let ITR lead the way to this unique area. The cost of the trip is \$29. The price includes transportation, wine tasting and an ITR Trip assistant. Call DSN 634-7094 to make a reservation.

Family Fun Night

Family Fun Night at Club V is Friday, Oct. 12 & 26, from 6-8 p.m. Take the whole Family out for pizza and lemonade. Adult tickets are \$5 and for 5th graders and younger, tickets cost \$2.50. The DJ will play a variety of music. Kids will receive a club card and a special Glo-Jo Juice drink with a "glow in the dark" straw from the Bar. Get your tickets at the door.

Gas refunds underway

AAFES is now accepting unused portions of fuel coupons for refunds.

Customers have only three months to refund their unused

coupons. The last day for refunds will be Dec. 31. They will only refund up to 2 months rations.

Brenta River Ride

Take a ride along the Brenta River Saturday Oct. 13 from 6:45 a.m.-3 p.m. The trip also includes stops at the town of Borgo and the Castle Telvana. Stop by Outdoor Rec to sign up.

Hamburger Recall

To all DeCA patrons: If you purchased any variety and size of Topps Pure Ground Beef Hamburgers, please be aware that this item is being recalled by the manufacturer. Please return the product for a full store refund. The reason for the recall is the possibility of contamination with *E. coli* 0157:H7. If you have any questions please contact the store director at 0444-717997 or DSN 634-7997

USO Activities

Beginning Italian, Level 2; cost \$100; starts 27 Nov- 29 Jan

Pumpkin Carving Contest; starts 3 Oct

Intermediate Knitting Techniques; cost \$36 for six sessions; starts 29 Oct- 3 Dec

"Since You Went Away..." Video; holiday greeting for their soldier

Talk to your Soldier via Webcam For more information call DSN: 634-7156/CIV: 0444 71 7156 or stop by the USO.

VCC enrichment fall campaign

The Vicenza Community Club supports community activities that develop and foster a better society for our children and ourselves. The VCC financially assists organizations with a similar purpose that have specific needs and are unable to obtain assistance from other sources.

To make your organization's financial need known to VCC, complete a Community Enrichment Form which is available at the Thrift Shop. The forms need to be returned to the Thrift Shop or mailed by Tuesday, Oct. 23, to be considered at the November VCC board meeting.

Mailing address: Vicenza Community Club, Attn: Community Enrichment Chair, Unit 31401, Box 61, APO AE 09630. Or call VCC Community Enrichment Chair, Debbie Jordan (cell) 3890591061

Red Cross classes

The next American Red Cross Community CPR class is scheduled for Oct. 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The course fee is \$30.00 which includes materials.

First Aid Class is Oct 18, 5:00-9:00 p.m.

Baby sitters Training Oct. 20, 2007 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Registration and payment is required prior to the class. Please stop by the Red Cross office in the Davis Family Readiness Center, Bldg 108, Room 47.

For more information call DSN 634-7089 or CIV 0444-71-7089.

Family Adventure

There are several Family Adventures available in October.

On Oct. 11, stroll on the Pianezza from 3:30-7:30 p.m. Enjoy a fishing trip in Quinto Vicentino Oct. 18. On Oct. 25, take the family rock climbing in Gonya. Call Outdoor Rec at DSN 634-7453 to make a reservation.

Space-A briefing

AMC passenger travel representatives will discuss the new procedures for Space-A travel on Oct. 17, from 10:30-11:30 a.m., at the Post Theater.

Technology exposition

The annual Vicenza Army Community Technology Exposition is Oct. 18 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Club Veneto.

More than 25 exhibitors will demonstrate the latest in communication technologies, audio-visual equipment, hardware and software.

This event is hosted by the 509th Signal Battalion. For details or to request a specific company, please contact Jamie Koehler at koehler@ncsi.com.

Breast Cancer Awareness

Learn more about breast cancer: Thursday, Oct. 11 at the PX from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 23, at the Commissary from 3-6 p.m.

Health Center staff will be present to answer your questions and provide you with the information you need about breast health.

Questions? Contract the Health Promotion Office at DSN 634-8828 or health@setaf.army.mil.

MOMS Club Events

Everyone is invited.

Morning run: Stretch those legs at the track every Thursday morning. at 9:30 a.m., Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, 9:30.

Play park in Torri

Oct. 17, 3:15 p.m.

MOMS Club monthly meeting

Oct. 29, 10 a.m. at the chapel

Members Only, Halloween Party

Oct. 29, 3:15 p.m. at the chapel

For more information regarding MOMS Club and our activities e-mail momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com or contact Deanna at 0444945105 or Amber at 3347008443.

ROTC presentation

On Monday, Oct. 15, at 5 p.m. the 10th Cadet Battalion, JROTC, Vicenza High School will host a presentation from Lt. Col. (U.S. Army, Ret.) Keith Antonio. Antonio is the Director of Cadet Recruiting, North Georgia State College and University, one of six senior military colleges in the U.S..

The presentation will take place in the VHS library. The event is open to all community members. For more information call Major (Retired) G. Smiles, Senior Army Instructor, JROTC, DSN 634-7072.

U of M registration

University of Maryland University College Europe, Vicenza has rescheduled the following class to allow students more time to register:

Class: CMST100M Intro to Micro Computers: Web Page Design (HTML).

Schedule: Oct. 13-15, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Instructor: Pilar Pulido

For more info contact Mike

Leahy at the UMUC office, Education Center, Bldg L598, Room 208 Email: vice@ed.umuc.edu or call DSN: 634-7055

ACS classes and events

Join other spouses and learn more about the different cultures that make up the Army Family. This new group will have the first meeting Oct. 19, 10 a.m.-noon.

Oct. 9 Breastfeeding Class for Expectant Mothers

Oct. 9 Banking and Credit Union Information

Oct. 10 Resume Builder

For a reservation in any of these classes, call ACS at DSN 634-7500.

Club V Salsa night

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage month, Club Veneto will offer an evening of salsa music. There will be free snacks made from the recipes of different Hispanic cultures and specialty drinks. The fun starts Saturday Oct. 13, 8 p.m. until 2 a.m. Designated drivers always receive free non-alcoholic drinks at the Club V.

Domestic Violence Prevention

October is Domestic Violence Prevention month. The Army Community Service Family Advocacy will be honoring victims of domestic violence through a community Silent Witness Program.

The community is invited to the 2nd Annual unveiling of the Silent Witness Project on Oct. 4 at 1:30 p.m. at the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

The Silent Witnesses that will be displayed throughout post during October are red bust-sized silhouette posters. Each poster represents a victim that was killed by domestic violence.

ACS is also offering a chance for couples to compete for prizes, using their communication and problem solving skills.

The Couples' Challenge will be held Oct. 11, 18, 25. There will be a Couples' Scavenger Hunt, Relay Challenge, and a How Well do You Know Your Partner? Quiz Game.

Those participants with deployed spouses can bring a friend. To sign up or for more information contact Tammy Wilbur-Hoistad at DSN 634-7500.

Job Fair

ACS is sponsoring a Community Job Fair with representatives from local hiring agencies, ACS, and the Education Center. These representatives will be available to answer questions. The job fair is Oct. 25 at the Davis Family Readiness Center from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Call DSN 634-7500 for details.

Caregiver jobs

Be a part of Child and Youth Services staff. Here are a few reasons to work with us: earn up to \$13.15 per hour (starting salary is \$9.60 per hour), training will be provided, pay raises on completion of training modules.

There is a great potential for advancement, opportunity for professional certification and you can transfer across Army MWR installations and keep your career.

Religious Activities

Ederle Chapel

For details call the chapel at: 634-7519 (0444-71-7519).

Weekday Mass

Mass is now held at noon Wednesday-Monday.

Saturday services

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

5 p.m.: Roman Catholic Mass

Sunday services

9 a.m.: Catholic Mass

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

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

1:30 p.m.: Full Gospel Pentecostal worship and Children's church

4 p.m.: Lutheran Services

6 p.m.: Contemporary worship

Muslim services

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

Jewish services

Jewish services and traditional Sabbath meals are available each Friday night and Saturday. Please contact Dr. Stephen and Nancy November at november6@msn.com

Club Beyond

For details about Club Beyond youth activities, contact the chapel or Jocely Cary at 340-385-3476.

Darby Chapel

For details call the chapel at: 633-7267 (50-54-7267).

8:30 a.m.: Catholic Reconciliation

9:30 a.m.: Catholic Mass

11:15 a.m.: Protestant worship

We offer a variety of schedules to work with.

We have caregiver positions with children 6 weeks to 18 years of age. Being part of the CYS staff means working in a fun and exciting atmosphere, and providing service for the community.

For details and more info, contact the Civilian Personnel Assistance Center (CPAC) at DSN 634-6597 or from off post dial 0444-71-6597

Jobs at Outdoor Rec

Outdoor Rec is looking for two trip leaders, one for Golf, and the other for the Family Adventure series.

The Family Adventure leader will organize all aspects of a weekly adventure that is family friendly and available in the Veneto Region.

The Golf Trip Leader will organize all aspects of a weekly golf outing in the Veneto Region. Both leaders must have a valid SETAF Driver's License so they can drive participants to the activities and should speak Italian as well as English.

Injuries plague Cougars' homecoming

Story and photos by
Gary L. Kieffer
Outlook Staff

On a cold, rainswept field, the Hohenfels Tigers stopped the injury plagued Vicenza Cougars winning streak in a hard fought homecoming battle.

The Cougars were down three starters at the beginning of the game and their absence was felt as the Tigers racked up more than 500 rushing yards during the contest.

As the winds picked up and the rain poured down, the crowds for the Vicenza 50th anniversary homecoming scrambled for shelter. The game was delayed 15-minutes at half-time, but this just seemed to dampen the spirits further.

Vicenza's quarterback, No. 12 Micky Stoner couldn't find the rhythm with his running backs this time out.

While the Tigers' quarterback No. 10, Damien Odum rushed for 15 times with more than 200 yards to contribute to the 38-0 defeat.



(Above) Cougar quarterback No. 12 Micky Stoner scrambles to avoid Tiger defenders. (Below, Left) Vicenza running back, No. 22 Marc Bowman nearly finds daylight as he's swarmed by Tiger linesmen. (Below, Right) The Vicenza defense drop Tiger quarterback No. 10 Michael Tillberg for a loss.



Major League Baseball stars coach Camp Darby youth

Story and photo by
Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

LIVORNO, Italy – Several youth from Camp Darby recently received a chance that sports fans often dream about: spending time with former star athletes.

When Steve Parkhurst, the school liaison officer here, learned that several former Major League Baseball players – including Rod Carew, Lee Smith, Barry Larkin and several others – were holding an international clinic in Tirrenia, Italy, he quickly arranged a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for the Camp Darby group.

Along with members of the U.S. Army Garrison Livorno Youth Services baseball team, Parkhurst traveled to the Major League Baseball European Baseball Academy in Tirrenia, where the big leaguers – including some Hall of Famers – were instructing at the Italian National Olympic Training Center.

When former infielder and manager Jim Lefebvre blew his whistle and 50 European and African players ended their eight-hour training day with more laps around the field, the seven Camp Darby youth step forward warily. Obviously, they were excited and nervous about the chance of being coached by the diamond legends.

"I never thought I would ever get the chance to actually meet baseball history in the flesh," said Amanda Oliver, a 10th-grader. "It's an amazing opportunity that I'll never forget."

"My friends back in the states are going to be so jealous because I got to play with (the MLB group) and meet people who broke records," said senior William Berrios. "Maybe their skills will rub off on me."

Lefebvre has been in MLB for 24 years – playing many years with the Los Angeles Dodgers before managing the Chicago Cubs, Seattle Mariners and Milwaukee Brewers. Realizing that children of U.S. servicemembers are far from home, with few chances to see a ballgame, he relished the chance to greet them.

"Their parents are defending our country (that) we love and these kids deserve a lot," he said. "We are very fortunate to be in a position to hold this training day (for them). We want to do more things like this more often. We're available for these kids overseas if they ever need us."

As Lefebvre noted, playing a wide variety of sports or watching live games can be challenging for children of U.S. troops assigned to foreign countries. But they make the most out of every opportunity.

"When I moved here, (many) people told me I should try out for baseball," Oliver said, "because



Amanda Oliver receives advice from German Geigel, MLB International outfield and base-running instructor.

then there would be enough kids to have a team. Now, most of the time, I'm the only girl playing at our baseball games. But I feel good knowing that I can play with boys and still hold on my own."

Her teammate Berrios said he wants to pass on what he learned to others who couldn't attend the training session.

"Having MLB (members) show you skills to improve on and also to practice with you is awesome," he said. "I can use those drills to help teach youth when I get to

coach."

At the end of the session, Lefebvre encouraged the Camp Darby players to work hard if they want to improve.

"You've got to put the time in to it: the effort, the training, the dedication and focus," he said.

He added that the greatest lesson he hoped they left with was to understand that everyone needs one another, on and off the field.

"No one man carries a team," he said "Everybody does it together, and that is what is true in life."

Sports Shorts

Sports with neighbors

CYS Sports and Fitness Department is organizing games with Italian child and youth teams, in soccer, basketball, tennis, baseball, softball, and cross country.

Interested coaches or players on host nation teams call CYS Sports at 0444-71-6151.

Race for the Cure

Join the Race for the Cure and raise awareness about breast cancer in Bologna, Sunday Oct. 14.

Participants can walk, jog, or run in the beautiful city of Bologna.

The cost is 10 Euro for adults and 5 Euro for kids. Proceeds will go to cancer research.

Transportation to this event is free, the bus leaves Outdoor Rec at 5:30 a.m., Oct. 14.

5K Fun Walk/Run

The USAG Vicenza Fall into Fitness 5K is Oct. 13. Entry is free and it's open to all U.S. ID cardholders and Local National employees. This event is stroller friendly. On site registration starts at 7:30 a.m. and the race begins at 9 a.m. For more information call 634-7009

Cougars football 2007 schedule

Oct. 13	at Baumholder
Oct. 20	vs. Bamberg
Oct. 27	Div. III Playoffs
Nov. 3	Championships

Les Mills Body Pump, Body Combat, Body Step

The USAG Vicenza Fitness Center will launch its new session of classes.

Body Pump starts Oct. 23. There are four classes; 6:30-7:30 a.m., 9:15-10:15 a.m., noon-1 p.m., and 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Body Step begins Oct. 24 with two classes. The first session runs from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. and the second starts at 5:30 and ends at 6:30 p.m. Body Combat begins Oct. 25; 6:30-7:30 a.m., 9:15-10:15 a.m., noon-1 p.m., and 5:30-6:30 p.m.

All Group Fitness Classes will have limited free spaces in each class. Ask the Fitness Center for more information or call 634-7181.

CYS Coach Clinics

The National Youth Sports Coaches Association Introduction to Coaching Youth Sports is a membership program designed to train volunteer coaches in their responsibilities. Coaches clinics will cover basketball and cheerleading. Dates for coaching clinics are: Oct. 26, Nov. 6 & 15, 6-9 p.m. and Nov. 7, 16, 17, 20, Dec. 1, 9 a.m.-noon. Clinics will be held in the Villaggio CYS Sports Office, Bldg. 304. Call DSN 634-6151 for details.