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SETAF Chief of Staff, Col. Gordon Davis explains the meaning of "Hooah" to Romanian paratroopers before they conduct a combined, joint airborne jump with U.S. soldiers and airmen Oct. 5 in Romania.

SETAF jumps in Romania

Story and photos by
Pfc Crystal Abbott
JTF-East Public Affairs

MIHAIL KOGALNICEANU, Romania — U.S. and Romanian Soldiers have spent the last few months conducting tactical training on the ground for the Joint Task Force-East "Proof of Principle" exercise at MK Airbase in Romania.

However, the exercise was brought to new heights on Oct. 5 as Soldiers and airmen from Southern European Task Force (Airborne) conducted combined, joint airborne operations with the Romanian Soldiers from the 60th Airborne Battalion.

Jump preparation started Oct. 4 with a review of the safety procedures required throughout the phases of the airborne operation. The briefing included a review of actions in the aircraft, how to properly exit the aircraft, what to do in case of malfunctions or entanglements and how to land properly.

The briefing was followed by a walk-through exercise, where the Soldiers practiced proper airborne procedures and landings.

Early the next morning, the U.S. and Romanian paratroopers gathered near the flight line to prepare for the jump.

A few words of inspiration were offered from Col. Gordon Davis, SETAF chief of staff, then the 23 U.S. and 34 Romanian jumpers boarded two C-130 airplanes.

"We are looking forward to jumping with you today," said Davis to the Romanian soldiers. "Have a great jump."

After a short flight to the Babadag Training Area, the doors were opened and both Romanian and U.S. Soldiers became airborne.



Romanian and U.S. Soldiers wait patiently for instructions from their jumpmaster after hooking up their static lines in preparation for the jump into the Babadag Training Area.

This jump was a special occasion for many paratroopers, not only because it is the first time SETAF Soldiers have jumped with Romanian Soldiers, but also for many personal reasons.

"It is one of the most exciting exchanges I have done," said Sgt. Edwin Laboy, G-3 executive assistant at SETAF. "I have never done an exchange at a national level like this."

For Air Force 1st Lt. Chandra LeCompte, SETAF staff weather officer, the jump was her first with SETAF since her graduation from airborne school.

"This jump signifies not being someone who just went to airborne school, it signifies being a paratrooper," said LeCompte. "It is an awesome experience to get to be a part of this. A lot of people will go their whole careers and never earn their foreign exchange wings, and I

will get them on my first unit jump."

In the end, the U.S. and Romanian paratroopers not only earned their foreign jump wings, but they also developed a mutual understanding and respect of each others' abilities.

"This exercise has been a great chance for us to meet our NATO partners," said Capt. Michael Stewart, JTF-Exercise planner.

"It builds up partnerships between allied militaries so somewhere down the road, if we have to work together, we will understand each other," he said.

"It is good to learn things from the American Army," said 1st Lt. Silviu Neacsu, Romanian platoon commander. "It is our mission here to learn from each other and learn how to work together."

Laboy agreed saying, "It will foster better relations when we go forward together in combat."



AF Staff Sgt. Mario Luna (right), a SETAF special operations weather forecaster, performs a jumpmaster pre-inspection for AF 1st Lt. Chandra LeCompte, SETAF staff weather officer, which will ensure her gear is properly fitted for the upcoming operation.

Garrison News



Staff Sgt. Jerred Coleman, 2nd-503rd, 173rd ABCT waits his turn to begin the shotgun course. Coleman took first place in individual marksmanship in the Veneto 2007 patrolling competition. (Photo by Capt. Matthew Heimerle)

Sky Soldiers take 2nd place

Story by Master Sgt. Kimberly Williams
SETAF Public Affairs

Six Sky Soldiers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team represented the U.S. Army during the Veneto 2007 Patrolling Competition in Verona, Italy, Oct. 5-7.

The actual competition, which lasted 13 hours, focused on skills used by scout patrols in peace enforcing operations. Thirty-three teams from five countries conducted continuous operations in day and night conditions, completing such tasks as a 25-kilometer land navigation course

with skill tests, combat patrols using soft-air weapons and shotgun trials.

Staff Sgt. Jerred Coleman, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry, received an individual marksmanship award for first place on the shotgun range.

Cpt. Matthew Heimerle, 2-503, and Coleman accepted an award for their team's second-place finish in the active-duty category for outstanding performance as a team.

"The Veneto Patrolling Competition was a great opportunity for American soldiers to compete side by side with many other nations in Europe," said Heimerle. "It was a unique experience for us not only to

compete against those other countries, but also to learn from and teach each other new tactics and techniques associated with Infantry and Scout skills. It was a great experience and one that I think each participant would gladly do again in the future."

Represented nations included Italy, France, Latvia, Great Britain and the United States. The event concluded Sunday afternoon with a ceremony and lunch with the Mayor of Verona, Claudio Melloti, and Gen. (Ret) D. Antonio Leoci, president of the Veneto/Trentino UNUCI group, an Italian Reserve officers association that organized and sponsored the event.

PMO Blotter

Reported by Sgt. Jamie Barerra
USAG Vicenza Dept. of
Emergency Services

The following crimes and reports were made to the Vicenza Provost Marshal's Office between Sept. 19-26; all crimes occurred off post unless otherwise stated.

1. Two vehicles were broken into in the communities of Vicenza and Grisigano Risigano di Zocco. The following items were stolen: debit cards, social security cards, passports, fuel coupons, Soggiorno, housekeys, Power-of-Attorney, state driver's license, and check book.

2. One case of shoplifting from the AAFES main exchange.

3. Two cases of damage to government property.

4. Two cases of damage to private property.

5. One stolen Military or Dependent ID.

Crime prevention tip of the week. The number of vehicle break-ins has gone down over the last three months. However, we still receive a couple of cases per week and have the following advice for you. Do not leave anything of value in your automobile to include spare change, fuel coupons and CDs.

You should always attempt to park in a well lighted area at night, ideally parking off of the street and in a fenced area.

New Italian traffic laws

The Italian government passed a new set of laws that went into effect Oct. 4.

The following are a list of the infractions and their respective sanctions:

*DUI or driving under the influence of drugs: fines up to €6,000

*Driving with more than 1.5 promille: arrest.

*Driving without or with expired license: fines up to €9,000 and incarceration of up to one year.

*Exceeding the speed limit: fines up to €2,000 and license revoked for up to one year.

*Exceeding the speed limit at night: Fines up to €2,200 and license revoked for up to one year.

*Driving and talking on cell phone: five points off your license and fine of €600.

*Idling an engine while parked: Fines of €200 - €400.

The sale of alcoholic beverages after 2 a.m. will be illegal. This is intended to fight the many deaths on the streets following visits to discos and nightclubs.

CFC needs your help

Story by Monita Alacantara
Outlook contributor

The Combined Federal Campaign consolidates fundraising efforts under one umbrella. Started during the Eisenhower administration, the CFC comes around once a year for your donations. The CFC contributes to over 1,900 national and international causes, which include medical research, international

relief, environmental protection etc.

To contribute donate any amount through a payroll deduction. This donation will be taken in increments throughout 2008 starting January 1. This year the CFC organization is also conducting a giveaway regardless of donations. Winners will be notified in March by phone and/or in writing by the CFC-O.

For more information contact Capt. Pope: DSN: 634-7015 email: jeremiah.pope@setaf.army.mil

Speak Out

"How do you celebrate ethnic observances such as Hispanic Heritage Month?"

By Laura Kreider



Maj. Myong Woo

Benincaso Health Center
I like to participate in community activities such as, this month, the Chili Cook-Off, which promotes National Hispanic Heritage Month.



Spc. Brandon Sparks

Vicenza Dental Clinic
I always like to celebrate all ethnic observances because it is good to know other cultures and the way other people live. Any knowledge is good knowledge. I also like trying the different foods.



Lynda and Cody Brothers

Family member
I feel celebrating ethnic observances is important because it shows that you support others in their ethnicity. Being supportive plays a major role in the community.



Adrian Gonzalez

Family member
Being Hispanic, we socialize with other Spanish speakers, my family and I share our music, literature and knowledge. I volunteer for activities and try to enhance the participation of others.



Angela Donald

Management Analyst
By actively participating in various festivities and ceremonies. I find it quite rewarding to learn about other cultures. It is an exploratory experience that promotes togetherness.

Garrison news

Warrior Transition Unit helps injured Soldiers heal

Story and photo by
Sgt. 1st Class Eugene Pomeroy
SETAF Public Affairs

CASERMA EDERLE, Vicenza, Italy-U.S. Army Europe Soldiers who need extended medical care will no longer have to return stateside for treatment, thanks to the creation of Warrior Transition Units. The WTU came about as a means to provide local care for injured servicemen and women, easing the strain on stateside facilities. The program removes them from their assigned units while they await a determination on their future.

"They're placed wherever they can go and be useful, be that back in their unit or at some other job on post," said Staff Sgt. Johnny Jones, Vicenza WTU platoon sergeant. After six months with the WTU, Soldiers are sent back to their unit or transitioned to civilian life. This allows units to fill slots with healthy soldiers.

"I feel bad not being there (downrange), but this is a way I can do something," said Sgt. Geary Sookbirsingh of his role as squad leader in the WTU.

Both Sookbirsingh and Jones are

stationed with the U.S. Army Health Clinic - Vicenza. Sookbirsingh was a combat medic with the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team for five years in both Iraq and Afghanistan before being transferred to the clinic in April.

"We currently have five soldiers in the program here," said Jones, "with seven more waiting to come on board." He added that there were about 27 additional soldiers at Caserma Ederle who may qualify to join the WTU. Of the current number, only one was wounded "downrange" by a landmine in Afghanistan in 2005. The others are non-combat injuries awaiting final judgment on their status with the army.

Jones said that the Soldiers eligible for WTU in Vicenza have minor injuries, including bullet and shrapnel wounds. The seriously wounded, wheelchair-bound and amputees are transferred stateside for recuperation. Currently soldiers in the WTU are housed in Bldg. 170 next to the clinic. In the future, all WTU designated buildings will be wheel-chair accessible, especially Barracks 9A and 9B, which will accommodate more Soldiers.



(Above, L-R) Spc. Larry Elkins confers with WTU platoon sergeant Staff Sgt. Johnny Jones of USAGHC. Elkins suffered a lower back injury when his HMMWV hit a landmine in 2005.

The Soldiers Family Activity Center adds another important component to the program. "I have spoken to each of the wounded soldiers" said Rita Bonamega, Mobilization/Deployment Program Manager at SFAC, who added that

these soldiers are often provided with \$200 from the Army Emergency Relief Fund as they have, in many cases, lost wallets and identification when they were injured.

SFAC's function is to make sure

that the WTU soldiers are re-integrated into the military community, providing them with services or putting them in touch with people who can help them transition to their new lives, said Bonamega.

Breast cancer awareness tips



Story by Jo Penhallegon
Patient Advocate
Special to the Outlook

What is breast cancer awareness? It's a lot of things:

1) It's knowing that you can detect a breast cancer when it's the size of a pin-head, just by getting

your mammogram done.

2) It's knowing that early detection of a breast cancer significantly increases your likelihood of surviving breast cancer.

3) It's encouraging your spouse/loved ones/friends to take that extra step and schedule their mammogram. Here in Vicenza, it can be inconvenient to go to Aviano for this, but if you combine the mammogram with a shopping trip to the AF BX, it can be a nice get-away.

4) It's knowing that Vicenza Health Center provides a van to Aviano every Thursday to take people to their scheduled medical appointments.

5) It's knowing that, if you prefer, you can have your mammogram done here in Vicenza at a local Italian facility.

6) It's knowing that if you were to live to the age of 70 years, you

have a 1 in 9 chance of getting breast cancer at some time in your life.

7) It's knowing that the older you get, the greater your likelihood of getting breast cancer.

8) It's scheduling an appointment for a clinical breast exam every year after age 40. Your Vicenza Health Center provider can order your mammogram.

9) It's knowing that if you breastfeed your children, you will decrease your risk of getting breast cancer.

10) It's knowing that drinking more than 1 alcoholic beverage per day increases your risk for breast cancer.

11) It's knowing that obesity and a lack of exercise will increase your risk for the disease.

There are a lot of things to be aware of during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. We hope to have given you at least one good



(Above) Loriann McKeever, OB/Gyn Clinic registered nurse, Betsy Walters, USAG Vicenza health promotion coordinator, and Janet Lundquist, OB/Gyn Clinic registered nurse, discuss material with Cristin Pike and Monita Alcantara, at the Breast Cancer Awareness display at the Vicenza Post Exchange Oct. 11. Health center staff will also be available to answer questions and provide information about breast health on Oct. 23 at the Commissary from 3-6 p.m. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

reason to schedule your mammogram appointment.

To be referred for a mammogram,

you can schedule an appointment with your primary care provider by calling 634-7484, or 0444-71-7484.

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At your service

Paola Cavion and Angela Spagnuolo, Department of Public Works customer service representatives are at your service 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday- Friday. Cavion has been in federal service for 24 years, while Spagnuolo has done eight years so far.

The ladies start work orders for minor maintenance and repairs all the way to new building approvals, in Villaggio, Longare, ASP7 and on Caserma Ederle.

There is never a dull moment at DPW, Paola recounts a memorable story, "One lady wanted us to send someone out to replace the flowers in her front yard with ones that didn't attract bees."

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Community events

Soldiers' Theatre among best in Europe



(Above, L-R) John Beamish, Linda Dahlstrom and Aaron Talley perform during *Billy Ball II*, one of the most honored productions in this year's Army Europe Festival of One Act Plays.

By Jim Sohre
IMCOM-Europe Entertainment
Director

HEIDELBURG, Germany—“Billy Ball II,” presented by Vicenza’s Soldiers Theatre was named third place Best Show, and was among the most honored production, as it also earned acclaim as the Best Ensemble, Best Director (Ross Daniels), and Best Stage Manager (Bonnie Daniels), Sunday Oct. 7 at the annual Army Europe Festival of One Act Plays sponsored by Installation Management Command – Europe Region.

Held Oct. 5-7 at Heidelberg’s Roadside Theater, the 13th annual festival of One Act Plays featured performances by 14 U.S. Forces community theatre groups. Rounding out the top three, Stuttgart Theatre Center scored big with their musical “Listen to My Heart,” a collection of songs by

noted tunesmith David Freidman, which grabbed the title of second place Best Show, while its cast was named third place Best Ensemble.



Stage Manager, Bonnie Daniels

Also worth mentioning, Bamberg Stable Theatre garnered three top acting honors, and their production of “Twenty-seven Wagons Full of Cotton” merited a special first place

award for novice stage director Major Bill Keltner. Military community theatre participants from sites in Germany, Belgium, Italy, and Turkey came to Heidelberg not only to entertain their fellow enthusiasts but also to hone their skills in acting and stagecraft through classes and critical observation of other productions.

The educational dynamic of the festival continued throughout the event as three judges offered a 15-minute verbal critique to the cast, crew, director and audience immediately following each performance. Morrie Enders (Artistic Director, Kalamazoo Civic Theatre, Michigan), Brid McBride (freelance Irish arts critic), and David Diamond (New York arts career coach, La Mama Umbria Coordinator) offered their observations to the participants and audience, with the intent of reinforcing good work while

offering suggestions for improvement. Theatre skills workshops conducted on Sunday also provided tools for field staff and volunteers to carry with them to improve the programming in their home theatres. Enders offered a class in directing musical theatre; Diamond showed how to channel theatre skills to enhance creativity; Paul Bourne (Menagerie Productions, Cambridge, England) instructed actors in presenting effective monologues; Michelle Robison (Kalamazoo Civic Theatre) helped train stage managers; and Broadway star Jerry Dixon (“Once on This Island”) coached theatrical singers.

Following the festival’s competition, was a traditional showcase performance featuring the celebrated Denton (Texas) Community Theatre production of the heart-warming musical play “Crowns,” first place winner at past



Director, Ross Daniels

June’s national theatre festival sponsored by the American Association of Community Theatre. “Crowns” features a septet of gospel singers who use song “standards,” humor, and monologues to convey a tale of sociological transition, spiritual identity, and life-affirming vision.



Demolition has already begun on the new construction site for the South of the Alps Dining Facility. This area used to be the Regimental Dining Room. All Soldiers, not just meal card holders, can again use the DFAC under expanded operating procedures starting Oct. 15. (Photo by Gary L. Kieffer, Outlook Staff)

Ederle construction contracts awarded

By Sgt. 1st Class
Eugene Pomeroy
SETAF Public Affairs

Contracts valued at about \$28 million were awarded to local Italian construction companies in the final days of fiscal year 2007 to ensure the completion of certain projects before the return of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team from Afghanistan in 2008.

“This is by far the best year we’ve ever had for funding,” said David Murr, chief of the Vicenza garrison’s Directorate of Public Works.

“Special thanks should go to the Installation Management

Command-Europe for providing the funding, and the great team effort from the contracting office and the resource management office.”

The contracts awarded are for:
*upgrading barracks
*installing an energy monitoring local area network
*upgrading the swimming pool by the Ederle gym
*renovating the dining facility
*renovating a motor pool
*upgrading furniture.

Murr added that contracts were awarded for every project scheduled and included the full scope on the Warrior Transition Unit barracks 9A and 9B.

Downrange

1-91 Cav joins PRT to supply schools

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

KUNAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan — The Kunar Provincial Reconstruction Team and Charlie Troop, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment (Airborne), 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, donated school supplies to a boys-and-girls school Oct. 2. in Asmar, Afghanistan.

The 2nd Kandak, 201st Corps, Afghan National Army helped hand out the school supplies, and also provided security while the Soldiers talked to the kids.

“We brought the school supplies here to show that the Kunar PRT believes in the importance of your education,” said Capt. Steve Fritz, during a small speech at the boy’s school.

Fritz and Spc. James Cook, both members of the Kunar PRT, organize school supply donations on a monthly basis.

“We asked our families back in the states to send school supplies to us,” explained Cook. “When we get enough boxes we visit a school to hand them out.”

Families back in the states send notebooks, pencils, pens, erasers, and even book bags with the Kunar PRT’s name stitched on the side.

“It’s good to be handing out these school supplies,” said Cook. “Whole families are getting together and mailing stuff out to us. It’s great seeing everything come together.”

In the last few months Cook and Fritz are averaging one school supply drop off to five or six different schools per month.

“It all just really depends on the amount of school supplies we get,” said Cook.

The school supplies are sent to Fritz and Cook through the mail. As



the boxes show up, Cook and Fritz talk with the school teachers to organize drop offs.

Fritz and Cook plan on continuing the school supply donation program for as long as they can.

“We got a call from a local Afghan telling us some of the kids wanted to write letters to our families back in the states to say ‘thank you’,” explained Cook.

“As long as we continue to get the school supplies,” said Cook, “we’ll keep visiting these schools,” explained Legree.



(Above) Capt. Jason Pieri, Commander of Charlie Troop, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment (Airborne), 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, teaches English words to school kids in Asmar, Afghanistan.

(Left) A Soldier from the 2nd Kandak, 201st Corps, Afghan National Army, pulls security at a boy’s school while members of the Kunar Provincial Reconstruction Team talk to the kids about the importance of education.

Paratroopers from Charlie Troop, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment (Airborne), provide security during a visit to the future site of the Kunar Trade School in Shigal District, Afghanistan.



Trade school bringing new jobs to Kunar Province

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

KUNAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan — The last thirty years of war in Afghanistan have left the country

in dire need of skilled laborers to help rebuild the devastated infrastructure.

Fighting over the years by Russians, Mujahedin, Taliban and other groups have left key structures damaged or destroyed.

The vast majority of the skilled laborers that were once abundant in Afghanistan during the 70s fled to nearby countries to practice their trade in safety.

The International Security Assistance Force is working with Afghanistan to rebuild the countries skilled-labor force within the country.

The Kunar Provincial Reconstruction Team is building the Kunar Trade School in Shigal District, Afghanistan to help speed up the process in Kunar and Nuristan Provinces.

March 1st, 2008 is the scheduled opening date for the Kunar Trade School.

The school will teach general construction trades to local Afghans at no cost to the student. Students can take additional curriculum, which is tied directly to local construction needs.

The trade school site is located at a central location on the Pech Road between Nuristan and Kunar Province.

“We’re trying to get the bread winners of the family to come to the

school,” explained Navy Lt. Cmdr. Larry LeGree, Commander of the Kunar PRT.

The site already has pre-existing buildings that were once used by construction workers during the Pech Road construction. The Kunar PRT is planning to refurbish the buildings.

Two new classrooms are also being built on the site, said Capt. Steve Fritz, a Civil Affairs Team leader with the PRT. Fritz is overseeing the construction and initial setup of the school.

Each trade will have two instructors teaching the class. The Kunar PRT plans on the school having 10 classes a year with 1250 graduates. The 125 student class will be broken down into small trade groups.

The trades taught will be decided by a locally appointed apprenticeship counsel. The counsel will own the school and also live on the site.

“We wanted the school to be independent from the government,” explained Fritz, from Massapequa, New York.

The counsel will guide the trade school growth, curriculum and graduate progression. Graduates will receive a tool kit and assistance with job placement.

Graduates will also be eligible for scholarship based advanced follow-on training.

The Kunar PRT plans on the trade school to become an economic development center and regional construction center.

The center will develop a quick-reaction force that will be able to go to construction sites to help when problems arise.

After the school opens, it will become self-sustainable through fee-based advanced classes, QRF fees, material-testing facilities and private business ventures.

“We want to have a cement factory here,” said LeGree while giving a tour at the trade school Sept. 29.

Currently cement found in both Kunar and Nuristan Province comes from nearby Pakistan.

“Hopefully, soon Pakistan will come here for their cement needs,” explained Legree.

Out & About

By Dorothy Spagnuolo

Events in the area

Thiene: 'Profumo di Pane,' *bread festival*, in the town center from 9:30 a.m.-sundown on Oct. 21, also find stores open;

Isola Vicentina: 'Festa dello Spiedo,' *meat on the spit*, on Oct. 21 in Piazza Marconi, food tent opens at noon and again at 5 p.m., also find fresh mushrooms, cake and beverages;

Costabissara: In the grounds of Villa San Carlo find an exhibition of mushrooms and medicinal herbs, open 9 a.m.-7 p.m. entrance is free.

Bassano: 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 or www.italianticketoffice.it

Upcoming concerts

In Padova: on Oct. 21 Michael Buble' and his orchestra plus Gospel Choir; Oct. 30, Dreamtheater; Dec. 1-2, the musical Scooby-Doo; Dec. 8, Zuccherò.

International rally of hot-air balloons

An international rally of mongolfiere, *hot-air balloons*, will be held in the parco del Castello di Masino, **Caravino**, province of Torino Nov. 1-4 from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. each day.

There is the possibility to take a ride in the balloons for 160€ a person, the ride has a duration of one hour. Entrance fee to the park: 4 euro, children 4-12 year old: 2 euro. Website: www.mongolfiere.it in Italian only.

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

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 pace 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, Perugia.

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.



Runners in the Venice Marathon have the unique opportunity of not only running along the canals but over the Grand Canal itself on a floating bridge during the run. (Photo courtesy A.S.D. Venicemarathon Club)

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

Waterfalls Park

There is a Parco delle Cascate, *waterfall park*, in the proximity to the little village of **Molina**, province of Verona and, as its name says, the element of major interest is represented by a series of waterfalls.

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

A further element of attraction, is represented by the richness in plants and herbs that the park boasts and by an exhibition in the Botanical Museum. The museum is situated in a building attached to the main entrance and offers the visitor the opportunity of learning to recognize the countless existing species of plants.

Other things to see in the park are an old dairy, mill ruins and mysterious crosses engraved on rocks. There is a bar and picnic areas.

There are three different routes you can take: half an hour; one or two hour route, you can find the routes online and other information, in Italian only, at www.cascatemolina.it.

Open: Oct. 1-31 on weekends 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.; The parks are closed from Nov. 1-Feb. 29/ Entrance fee: 4.50€; children 6-11 years old, 3€; under 6 years of age: free.

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.

Belgian Malinois needs a good home. One year-old purebred male. Extra large dog kennel. \$40.

Looking for a canopy round crib. Gateway Pentium 60 computer, 17 inch monitor and modem. \$25.

Free dog to a good home. Mixed breed. Good with kids.

Queen size four-poster. Include Sealy mattress, wooden slats and frame. \$500.

55 inch GE television. Works well. \$480 OBO.

Kitchen/Cucina. We'd like to buy a small kitchen for a taverna.

Tools Wanted We'd like to buy some tools for woodworking.

Nokia 5200 slider cell phone. 120€

Avent bottles. \$20

Stroller. Can be used as a bassinet.. Folds for storage and mobility. \$60.

Bouncer chair. Fisher Price aquarium theme bouncer chair \$15.

Kick and crawl playmate. \$15.

Express Microwave Steam Sterilizer. Sterilizes up to 4 bottles. \$15

Toddler bed wanted. Must be in good condition.

2003 Kawasaki ZX-6RR (Racing Addition) Pearl White Bike - \$5750. Brand New Hoodies.

Antique five-drawer dresser. Solid wood, \$100.

White bunny for free to a good owner. Does really not require too much care but she does needs love.

Steel frame pool 112'x32", \$100.

Six-foot chain link dog kennel with sun shade. \$250.

Round table and four chairs, perfect for basement poker nights. \$25

Tall dresser with 5 drawers. \$30

Two-seat sofa, beige. Very comfortable, excellent condition, \$600.00 OBO.

Wine rack, barrel shape, wood, holds 12 bottles. \$30.00 OBO.

Free to a good home, Golden Retriever and a Dachshund. .

LG Turbo S 1600W canister vacuum, 220 volt, good. \$20 OBO.

Elta standing fan in good condition. 220volt. \$5.

Holmes standing fan 220 volt standing oscillating fan. \$10.

220 volt clock/radio alarm clock. \$10.

220 V standing oscillating fan for sale. \$5.

Laura Ashley table lamps, two white lamps 220 volt, \$25 for both.

Elta cordless/rechargeable dust buster, 220 volt. \$15.

Iron, 220 volt. \$10.

Microwave, 220 volt, \$25.

CD/tape/radio, 220 volt. \$15.

220 V transformer, Two 110V plug transformer for 220V. \$40.

Braun hand mixer. 220 volt. \$10.

Hand blender. 220 volt. \$5.

Blender. 220 volt. \$15.

Ibanez Artcore AFS75T Electric Guitar. Coffin Case can purchase together for \$300 Guitar by itself: \$250.

Ovvio Coffee Table. \$50.

Bamboo Rug. 94 x 73 inches \$50.

Severin Steamer, 220 volt. \$20.

1994 Alfa Romeo. Silver 4 Door, 5-speed, AC, power front windows, runs great. Asking \$1500.

Miniature Pinscher, looking to adopt.

Vet Clinic has kittens. The Vicenza Veterinary Clinic in Longare currently has 4 kittens for adoption. Stop by or call the Clinic.

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

Oct. 17	Bratz (PG)	6 p.m.
Oct. 18	The Simpson Movie (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Oct. 19	Rescue Dawn (PG-13)	6 p.m.
	We Own the Night (R) (1st Run)	9 p.m.
Oct. 20	Star Dust (PG-13)	3 p.m.
	We Own the Night (R) (1st Run)	6 p.m.
Oct. 21	Star Dust (PG)	3 p.m.
	Rush Hour (PG-13)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Oct. 18	Stardust (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Oct. 19	The Kingdom (R) (1st Run)	6 p.m.
Oct. 20	Rush Hour (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Oct. 21	The Game Plan (PG) (1st Run)	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

RESCUE DAWN - Christian Bale, Steve Zahn
Based on the true story of German-born Dieter Dengler, who dreamed of being a test pilot and thus made his way to America, where he joined the military in pursuit of his obsession to fly. On his first mission in Vietnam, he is shot down and captured by Vietcong guerrillas. Rated PG-13 (war violence, torture) 120 min

Community notes

SETAF town hall meeting

The SETAF Commanding General will host a town hall meeting with all U. S. employees on Oct. 17 at 3 p.m. in the Post Theater. Place of duty for employees will either be at the town hall meeting or their work site during this time. The theater will be open starting at 2:30 p.m.. Everyone must be seated by 3 p.m.

DFAC changes

Effective Oct. 15 all Soldiers can use the South of the Alps Dining Facility.

After evaluation during the first few days of renovation it was determined that they can increase the number of people that are being feed in the facility during construction.

Both meal card holders and those that receive basic allowance for subsistence are eligible.

They will still not be able to feed civilians and family members until further notice.

College Fair

Vicenza High School's College Fair will be held Oct. 24 from 5-7 p.m.

"Take the Next Step" College Fair is an opportunity for the entire community to gather information about continuing their education.

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 or MWR at 634-6731 for details.

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

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.

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.

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.

Red Cross classes

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..

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.

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"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.

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.

For more details and applications contact the NAF Contracting Office at DSN 634-7234.

Travel for Less

ACS Financial Readiness is offering a class that will teach attendees how to travel for less. Learn how to make your money go farther, while you see more of the world. The class is Thurs. Oct. 25, from 10 a.m.-noon. Call DSN 634-7500 to make your reservation.

Jobs working with kids

If you enjoy working with children and youth you can have fun and earn between \$9-\$13 dollars per hour. CYS needs caregivers and CYS will provide all the training that you need.

Pay raises are provided upon completion of the training modules so there is lots of potential for advancement and you can become professionally certified. Caregivers are needed worldwide so there is always a job at your next duty station.

A variety of schedules are available and you can work with children 6 weeks to 18 years of age. Kids know where the fun is, so why not work with them in an exciting atmosphere and get paid to provide a much needed service to our community.

Call the Civilian Personnel Assistance Center at 0444-716597 or DSN 634-6567 to apply. There are also opportunities to become a childcare provider in your own home. Call 634-7615 to find out more about the Family Child Care Program.

Family Fun Night

Family Fun Night at Club V is Friday, Oct. 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.

Ljubljana, Slovenia

Ljubljana, the capital of Slovenia, is a lively Central European city lying in a basin at the meeting point of the Sava and Ljubljanica rivers, between the Alps and the Adriatic Sea. Join ITR in Ljubljana on Oct. 27. The trip lasts from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. The deadline for sign-up is Oct. 26.

Club V Halloween Party

Celebrate All Hallows Eve, with costume contests, a haunted hallway, and special "enchanted" beverages. The party will be Friday Oct. 26, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. at Club V.

Passport info

Passport applications are currently taking between four and six weeks for service. Fall is traditionally the low demand season, so you are urged to apply now.

January historically marks the beginning of the busy season, and demand may cause a longer processing time. You are urged to

check <http://travel.state.gov> <<http://travel.state.gov/>> <<http://www.travel.state.gov/>> regularly, or apply now if contemplating international travel.

Also, getting no-fee passports for a new-born is now a two step process. First you need to get the Consular Report of Birth Abroad from Milan, then you must apply for a no-fee passport.

VA benefits

ACAP is hosting Robert Patterson, Veteran's Administration representative, who is conducting one VA General Benefits briefing Oct. 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the new ACAP Office Bldg 28.. Reservations are requested but not required.

Patterson is available for private counselings on Oct. 23 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Call ACAP at 634-7189/88 to schedule a private counseling. Counseling is also conducted at the ACAP office in Bldg 28.

CWOC evening group

Have you been interested in attending Thursday morning's Catholic Women of the Chapel meetings, but are just too busy during the day?

Right now, Vicenza's CWOC is seeking women who are interested in participating in an evening study group.

This group will offer Catholic women the opportunity to learn and grow in their faith together through study, prayer and fellowship. If interested, please contact Ginger Fleming at 328-886-5154 or flem_06@yahoo.com.

MOMS Club Events

Everyone is invited.

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

Library events

It Is Almost Halloween, Oct. 23-25. PreK-K: The Monster Bed by Jeanne Willis & Susan Varley, Frankenstein's Dog by Jan Wahl, and When I feel Scared by Cornelia M. Spelman School Age: Heidelberg Castle w/cassette by Cynthia Todd, Halloween by Jerry Seinfeld, and Bats at the Beach by Brian Lies Activity for Pre-K-K - Video: Herbert the Timid Dragon or Mercer Mayer Stories.

Activity for School Age - Video: The 1st Halloween Ever or Teeny-Tiny and The Witch-Woman and other scary stories.

Craft for all ages: Create Treat Bags.

Pumpkins and Jack-o-Lanterns, Oct. 30- Nov. 1. PreK-K: Snow Pumpkin Patch by Elizabeth King, Snow Pumpkin by Carole Lexa Schaefer, and Halloween by Gail Gibbons

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.:

Some of the Around the Pumpkin sung to the tune of Ring around the Rosie School Age: Sir William and The Pumpkin Monster by Margaret Cuyler, and Froggy's Halloween by Jonathan London Activity for All: Create 3-D Pumpkin.

Soldier's Theatre auditions

Auditions for the Gift of the Magi and A Mini Christmas Carol on Wed. Oct. 17, at 6:30 p.m. Singers, dancers, and actors are needed for the show.

The Gift of the Magi 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 634-7281.

Fall into Fitness 5k Fun Run

By Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

More than 60 people participated in the Fall into Fitness event taking advantage of the good seasonal weather and temperature.

"This is my third 5K Run", said Danna Benitez. "I like to do it because all my family can participate in the race."

The next 5K Fun Walk/Run is scheduled for Nov. 17 at 9 a.m. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m.. For details call 634-7009.

(Right) On the North-40 track participants take off at the start of the 5K Fun Walk/Run sponsored by USAG Vicenza Sport and Fitness Oct. 13. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)



Vicenza CYS soccer nears season end

Photo feature by Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

Despite their largest goal scoring this season, the Vicenza Vipers lost a close game against the Aviano Fury, 5-4.

"We scored four times, which is the second highest score so far," said Vicenza Vipers coach Mario Solis.

According to Solis, the team will have to focus on the local tournament, which will take place on Nov. 3. The winner of the tournament will advance the following week to the Championships in Stuttgart, Germany.

The second game was played in the afternoon between Vicenza Spartans and Vicenza Sand Blasting Camel Jokeys, with the Jokeys taking it 4-0.

Three teams from Vicenza CYS competed on Saturday as part of the Juniors league (13-15 years old), which will end on Nov. 3.



(Above) Ronaldo Reyter, Vicenza Vipers, drives home one of his two goals past Aviano goal keeper, Perry Adams, catching him off-balance during the second period of the game.



(Above) Dario Hita, Spartans, prepares to pass the ball while Victoria Inman, Sand Blasting Camel Jokeys player attempts to stop him.



(Above) Taylor Curry, Vicenza Vipers, left, works at setting up a play in the midfield. Curry scored twice in their match versus Aviano Fury. (Left) Ronaldo Reyter, Vicenza Vipers, appears to balance the soccer ball with his forehead during the match played against the Aviano Fury.

Sports Shorts

Racquetball tournament

The USAG Vicenza Sports and Fitness Center is sponsoring a Racquetball Tournament Oct. 26-27.

The competition is open to all U.S. ID cardholders and local national employees. There is a mandatory meeting Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m.

Cougars football 2007 schedule

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. The first session runs from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. and another 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

These clinics are designed to train volunteer coaches in their responsibilities. 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. Call 634-6151 for more details.

Adult basketball

The Coaches meeting is scheduled for Oct. 24, 2:30 or 6 p.m. The Pre-season Tournament is Oct. 31, 6:30 p.m. at the Post Fitness Center.

Team Try-Outs for all players is scheduled Nov. 7 and 14 at 6 p.m. Players must be U.S. ID card holders and 18 years old or out of high school. Basketball league play will begin Nov. 14 and continue through Feb. 6. For more information call 634-7009.

Cheerleading and Basketball

Enrollment for CYS Sports & Fitness cheerleading and basketball starts Nov. 1 and ends Nov. 30. These activities are open to children 6-18. The age cutoff date is Oct. 31, 2007.

Participants must be CYS members, have a valid health physical, Valid I.D. Card, and have two emergency contacts.

The season for both sports lasts from Jan. 5-March 8. Practices begin Dec. 10.

Volunteer coaches are needed. For details, call DSN 634-6151 or DSN 634-7219.