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Operation Mountain Highway II deals blow to insurgents

Story and photos
by Staff Sgt. Brandon Aird
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NURISTAN PROVINCE, Afghanistan – Soldiers from 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry (Airborne) and Legion Company, 1st Battalion, 503d Infantry (Airborne), teamed with the Afghan National Army and Afghan Border Police to conduct

Operation Mountain Highway II in eastern Nuristan province, Afghanistan in April.

The operation began April 22 when Soldiers from the International Security Assistance Force and the ANA simultaneously air-assaulted at night onto three mountains above Gowerdesh bridge.

Afghan and American Soldiers created observation



Sgt. Shawn Seymour, M-240B Machine Gun Operator in Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment (Airborne), has a curious visitor while pulling security during Operation Mountain Highway II in Nuristan Province Afghanistan April 27.



Afghan National Army Soldiers and paratroopers from Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry (Airborne), walk across the Gowerdesh bridge during Operation Mountain Highway II in Nuristan Province Afghanistan April 27. The ANA, Afghan Border Patrol, U.S. Army and Marines worked together during the operation to rebuild an ABP check point at the bridge, which was partially destroyed by insurgents last summer.

posts Mace, Hatchet and Brick, which enabled the ABP and ANA to drive up from the south and seize the Gowerdesh bridge April 26.

“It was an in-depth synchronized air-assault to get everybody in,” said Capt. John Williams, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1-91st CAV. “More than four months of planning was put into this operation.”

“We got them ready to seize the bridge for good this time,” said Gwira. “The ABP will now maintain a presence at the bridge at all times.”

The ANA built three local observation posts near the bridge during the first few days of the operation, which were handed over to the ABP a few days later.

“The reason this bridge is so critical is that it’s one of the last ones left insurgents use,” said Williams. “If they can’t use the Gowerdesh Bridge, this severely limits their capabilities in this area.”

The bridge is part of a route used by insurgents to travel from Pakistan into the interior of Afghanistan, according to Williams. Last summer, insurgents drove off the ABP and destroyed their security check point. The Gowerdesh Bridge has been a key altercation point between insurgents and Afghan forces over the last year. Numerous fire fights between ISAF and insurgents have occurred near the bridge.

“They need strong positions, which is why we provided the engineers to build the bunker positions at the bridge,” said Williams. “They also needed local OPs, which we’re building near the bridge. So now, we can see all the area around us. The enemy can’t come here unimpeded like they have been.”

ISAF will continue to operate two of the three larger observation posts to support the ABP, but once the bunkers and fighting positions are built the ABP will take over operations.

Asian Pacific American Heritage celebration

Polynesian dancers perform at the Caserma Ederle Post Theater Friday as part of the community’s Asian Pacific Islanders American Heritage Month celebration. (Right) The girls perform a dance known as “Lilo and Stitch” and the boys (above) dance “Talofa Teine” or, loosely translated, “Hey girl, what about taking a ride in my new car and listen to my radio?” The guest speaker was Gen. (ret.) Eric Shinseki, a former chief of staff of the Army. (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)



Motorcycle season starts with help from above



Chaplain (Maj.) James Sheil, USAG Vicenza priest (left) gets ready to bless motorcycles and riders during the post chapel's first motorcycle dedication ceremony, "Blessing of the Bikes." The event took place Saturday in the post chapel parking lot. The special event was coordinated by Chaplain (Capt.) David R. Stoner. "This is something that we traditionally do in the states," explained Stoner. "There are many riders on post and this is a good opportunity to meet with them and spend a good afternoon socializing. We plan to do this annually," he said. After a short briefing on safety and information about the itinerary, participants read the Motorcyclist's Prayer followed by the bike blessing. After the ceremony, the bikers went to *Passo di Riva*, a town located north of Vicenza and had lunch. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook photojournalist)

Safety day includes Italians

The Outlook
Press Release

May 22 the USAG Vicenza Safety office will hold a safety stand-down to kick off the summer safely.

"Safety is important within our community to reduce accidents among of Soldiers, civilians and family members," said Chris Sheets, USAG Vicenza Safety manager. "Many accidents incurred were preventable. We must raise awareness and recognize contributing factors about accident prevention as we prepare our travel plans and spring and summer activities."

One new event this year is the participation by the Italian staff safety representatives who will brief their fellow Italian employees at 9 a.m. in the Ederle Theater.

"Our Italian employees are critical to mission accomplishment. We are

engaging our workforce with the knowledge necessary to reduce accidents," said Sheets. "This safety briefing will provide safety training and general safety information on a wide array of topics for both our English and Italian speaking workforce."

"This year, our host nation safety representatives will actively engage our host nation workforce with safety training. We are hoping to raise safety awareness throughout the command," said Sheets.

Safety Day involves more than just briefings as displays and exhibits will be set up around the post exchange and commissary parking lots beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Safety training for Soldiers, civilians and family members will begin at 1 p.m. in the Ederle Theater on such topics as heat injuries, summer driving and substance abuse.

For details on Safety Day call 634-7045.

Speak Out

"What safety precautions do you take for work and home?"

"Che tipo di precauzioni legate al tema della sicurezza adotta al lavoro e a casa?"

By Laura Kreider



Michele Bogo
USAG Vicenza DOL, IMMA

Valuto l'attrezzatura prima di iniziare ogni lavoro per evitare qualsiasi rischio. Ad esempio utilizzo il mezzo piu' adeguato, l'uso di guanti quando si e' vicini a lamiere che possono tagliare o essere pericolose.

A casa, prima di uscire, controllo tutto due volte, ripasso e ricontrollo ogni stanza per vedere se tutto e' a posto. (Gas, acqua, tubature)

(I make sure that all the equipment is efficient to avoid any possible risk before starting any new job. Also, I utilize the appropriate tool, and the correct protection, such as the use of gloves when I work near some sheet metal that may cut or be dangerous.

At home, before going out, I check every room twice to see if everything is O.K. (Gas, water, plumbing system)



Matteo Faccio
Caserma Ederle Firefighter

Personalmente, indosso l'equipaggiamento protettivo adeguato per il pronto intervento, che include tuta ignifuga, elmetto con visiera, guanti e stivali.

A casa, applico alcune norme che ho acquisito al lavoro, come ad esempio non lasciare acceso il gas o fuoco incustodito. E naturalmente non andare in un'altra stanza quando pentole od altro sono sul fuoco.

(Each firefighter, including myself, has to wear personal protective equipment (PPE) when responding to any emergency call. This PPE is mainly composed of fire resistant coat, helmet, gloves and boots.

At home I apply the same modus operandi that I have learned at work, such as I make sure the gas is always off, and I don't go to another room when something is on the stove.)



Fabio Meneguzzo
USAG Vicenza DOL, IMMA

Da quando ho iniziato a lavorare qui, sono ormai 10 anni, ho preso l'abitudine di uscire dallo spogliatoio gia' equipaggiato.

Con i corsi frequentati qui in caserma, rispetto le norme anche a livello stradale.

(Since I have been working on post, I started 10 years ago, I established the habit of coming out from the changing room already wearing all my equipment.

I had the chance to attend some safety courses here and I apply all the safety regulations I have learned, especially on the road.)



Massimo Maddalena
Caserma Ederle Firefighter

Con gli altri componenti del nostro dipartimento, controllo l'efficienza dell'attrezzatura, in particolar modo dei mezzi di soccorso.

A casa, avendo un bimbo di tre anni appena, rivolgo particolare attenzione a qualsiasi oggetto come accendini, fiammiferi, e faccio in modo che non si metta in situazioni di pericolo.

(This is team work with the other members of my crew. We make sure that all tools and emergency response vehicles are up and running and meeting the safety standards.

At home, since I have a 3-year-old son, I take particular care that he stays away from lighters, matches and any other potentially dangerous items to prevent possible hazards.)



Tiziano Zaffaina
USAG Vicenza DOL, IMMA

Per prima cosa, dico ai ragazzi di controllare la sicurezza e di pensarci due volte; inoltre controllare che gli strumenti siano idonei.

A casa, controllo sempre le cose che non funzionano, soprattutto gas e prese elettriche e se ci sono problemi le faccio sostituire e mettere a norma subito.

(First thing, I say to my co-workers to consider safety regulations and think twice before starting the job. I also make sure that all the equipment works and the safety regulations are observed.

At home, I check the electrical system and the gas to make sure that everything works, replacing any piece as soon as it looks outdated or damaged.)

Vicenza High School National Honor Society inductees *cream of crop*

Story and photo
by Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

The Vicenza High School chapter of the National Honor Society welcomed 12 new members during a ceremony held May 7 in the school's information center.

Congratulations to: Zachary Bishop, Elizabeth Buffington, Darren Eldredge, Zachariah Dickens, Bianca Le, Sarah Madson, Thomas Nantz, Jonathan Ochart, Miguel Rosario, Allegra Tartaglia, Lauren VanDerLugt and Natalie Wood. (See photo at right)

"Vicenza High School has inducted the *cream of the crop* into the National Honor Society,"

said Desiree Henry, VHS National Honor Society advisor. "This group of young boys and girls will be the leaders of the school and our society."

The National Honor Society is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students.

"NHS members are very service-oriented," continued Henry. "Sometimes the projects that they come up with involve helping community organizations like Club Beyond or the American Red Cross and help with projects such as playgrounds or any kind of community improvement."

She also added that, within the school, the NHS members



perform school service projects by helping teachers with different activities that include

helping the elementary teachers by assisting them with tutoring. The selection for NHS is based

on criteria that include not only academics, but also extra curricular activities.

Passport procedure changes

Effective immediately, adults needing to renew an existing passport can use form DS-82.

If applying for your first passport, whether tourist or official, use form DS-11.

These forms are found on the Department of State's Web site: www.state.gov, look under Passports and follow the instructions.

All forms must be typed online using the passport application assistant, which prints the form with a 2-D barcode.

Clients may receive a phone call regarding this change and may need to submit a DS-11 and may incur additional processing fees. Direct questions to the Directorate of Human Resources, Passport office at 634-7721.

Winning Yard of the Month a snap with Self-help

USAG Vicenza Directorate of Public Works Housing Division
Special to the Outlook

Occupants of Villaggio and



Alessandro Busato, Self-Help manager, uses a leaf blower, which is also available for check out from the center. (Photo courtesy of Self-Help center)

government leased quarters have a helping hand in meeting their responsibilities to maintain their yards.

The Self-Help center located in Villaggio has a wide variety of equipment, materials and supplies which may be signed for.

Gardening equipment such as lawn mowers, weed eaters, rotor tillers, hedge trimmers, edgers, rakes, spades, forks, garden hoses and sprinklers may be signed out for up to 24 hours and then returned to the Self-Help center.

Materials such as grass seed, wood chips, top soil, and fertilizer

are also available and reasonable quantities may be picked up without charge.

Anyone requiring a large quantity for a special project will need to sign a request outlining the purpose of the materials and receive approval from the Housing Division, Support Branch at 634-8570/8579.

Occupants of private rental housing may also sign out non-expendable equipment for up to 24 hours, subject to availability. This would include lawn mowers, weed eaters and other garden equipment in addition to power tools or ladders.

This is especially handy to newly-arrived personnel who have moved into private rental housing. They may have shipped some of these items over but not yet received household goods and can simply borrow the items for 24 hours from Self-Help.

The Self-Help center cannot issue expendable items such as grass or fertilizer to occupants of private rental quarters because they already

receive housing allowances to help pay for those items.

Hours of operation for the Self-Help are Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m.-noon and 1-6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday hours are 8 a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. open Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 634-8888 for details.

What does Self-Help have on hand?

Garden hoses, rototillers, rakes, hoes, clippers, shovels, pruning shears, grass seed, wood chips, top soil, fertilizer, sprinklers, trash bags and more.

To help keep the inside looking as good as the outside, Self-Help carries paint, brushes, rollers, sand paper, toilet brushes, shower heads, nails, and more.

Get the complete list at the Self-Help center.

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At your service

Gloria Arato and Umberto Franceschini are at your service 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday-Friday in the Soggiorno office in the Central Processing Facility. The office is open during the lunch hour.

The Soggiorno office is asking that everyone who has a 2007 DICHIARAZIONE STATEMENT (the receipt for your application) to come to the office and inquire as to the status of their application. Bring this receipt with you when you go to the office. Some applicants merely need to sign the new form and others need to update some of the required documents.

"We prefer that you not call to inquire about what is needed," added Arato and Franceschini.

Appointments are available for large families of four or more applicants. And clients should sign up at the CPF reception and information desk and wait to be called for service.



Gloria Arato and Umberto Franceschini
Soggiorno office

Community events

P.S magazine searches Caserma Ederle for material

Story and photo
by Spc. Crystal Abbott
SETAF Public Affairs

The managing editor of *P.S* magazine spent two days interviewing Caserma Ederle Soldiers who work in the motor pools and arms rooms May 5-6 looking for new material for the magazine.

"I like to talk to Soldiers in the field," said Jonathan Pierce, a retired Army master sergeant who was once the chief of Army newspapers. "I want to find what the Soldiers using the equipment need information on, then I get solutions to their problems and share their experiences with the readers."

Pierce, who has worked with

P.S. magazine for a little over four years described it as a technical bulletin designed to keep service members up-to-date on maintenance and supply issues.

"We are the post script to what is in the technical manuals and what was taught in the school house," he explained.

The articles in the magazine are based directly on interviews and interactions with Soldiers in the field or questions that are received by e-mail.

"We answer every question that is sent to us and when we receive a question that affects the general population we consider doing an article," said Pierce. "If two or more people ask the same question, then we will do an article to address the situation."

Spc. Keith Montgomery, the 509th Battalion armorer, finds *P.S* magazine a helpful tool in the workplace.

"I think the magazine has its useful points," said Montgomery. "It gives me good pointers on how to maintain the weapons in the arms room and it is a good source of information. It also has entertaining cartoons from time to time."

"It's a great tool," said Sgt. 1st Class Patrick Brown, maintenance supervisor at the consolidated motor pool. "It helps us know what changes



Staff Sgt. Catherine Gonzales, the consolidated motor pool sergeant, gives *P.S* magazine managing editor, Jonathan Pierce, a tour of the motor pool while explaining some of the difficulties the motor pool personnel face to keep all the vehicles in top shape.

are made in the TM and will give us the do's and don'ts for different pieces of equipment."

P.S magazine has a staff of 12 – nine writers, two editors and a production manager.

The illustrations and the magazine layout is done by Joe Kubert a former *DC Comics* cartoonist.

"The illustrations of the magazine help readers absorb

the information inside," said Pierce.

"The cartoon-style captures the readers' attention," agreed Brown. "It makes Soldiers want to read the publication more."

Although the interviewees from Caserma Ederle may not become cartoon characters for the magazine, the information that Pierce gathered while he was here could influence one

of the articles.

"Over the course of my travels I will go through my notes, work some story ideas from what I have seen, then pass those ideas to the writers who will develop the articles," said Pierce.

To view the latest issue of *P.S* magazine, visit: <https://www.logsa.army.mil/psmag/pshome.cfm>



The cartoon-style of *P.S* magazine makes it attractive to its young audience. The illustrations are by former DC comics artist, Joe Kubert.

Lending a helping hand



Nelson Nunez (left) mows a lawn in Villaggio with help from Shawn Werder. The men are Masons with Zillah Lodge #167 on Caserma Ederle. Lodge members spent May 10 on Villaggio volunteering to mow lawns for Warriors in Transition and spouses of deployed Soldiers. The group of nine volunteers mowed lawns for 15 families. "I am recently pregnant, have been sick and my husband is in the field," said Jamie Scott. "This service really helps out. I didn't know anything about the Masonic Lodge and you guys are a blessing." Zillah Lodge #167 has been operating on post since 1993. The Masonic Lodge is a non-profit fraternal organization with the purpose of helping the community and members share the common goal of making themselves better people. In the past Zillah Lodge has sponsored field days for Vicenza Elementary School and performed numerous volunteer activities within community. The organization will have other events to help the community in the next few months. Community members who are interested in the lodge or in volunteer activities should call lodge president Nelson Nunez at 340-538-4310. (Photo by Randy A. Bare Jr.)

Ederle Inn, Villaggio pools open Saturday

Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation
Special to the Outlook

Summer's here and the Ederle Inn and Villaggio pools will officially open May 24 in time for the three-day Memorial Day weekend.

The best part - both pools are free of charge.

The Ederle Inn pool is open weekends 10 a.m.-6 p.m. until school closes.

Beginning June 14 the Ederle Inn pool hours are Wednesday through Monday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and closed Tuesdays for maintenance.

The Villaggio pool is open Monday and Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, noon-7 p.m., weekends 10 a.m.-6 p.m., closed

Wednesdays for maintenance.

The Villaggio pool is open for Combat Water Survival Training by appointment only 6-8:30 a.m.

Contact Child and Youth Services SKIES Unlimited at 634-6151 or 0444-71-6151 for details on youth swimming lessons.

For details on adult swim lessons and water aerobics call the DFMWR Sport and Fitness office at 634-7009, 0444-71-7009 from off post.



The pool at the Ederle Inn (left) on Caserma Ederle is often used for water aerobics and other classes. The pool opens Saturday for weekends only until the post schools close for the summer. (Outlook file photo)

Riding the rails in Italy

Traveling to Venice by train - fast, easy

Story and photos
by Anna Terracino

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

The best way to reach Venice is by train because it is inexpensive and drops you off in front of the Grand Canal.

A bus stop is located right outside Caserma Ederle's gate 2, the chapel gate, on the right.

On bus number 1 you can get to the Vicenza main train station in less than 15 minutes.

You may ask the bus conductor *Per favore, mi dica quando arriviamo alla stazione* (Please, notify me when we get to the train station). The station is just across the street from your bus stop.

Buying the train ticket

There are a number of locations to buy a train ticket.

◆ On post, at SATO travel, bldg 249.

◆ At the train station at the *biglietteria* (ticket window). If you do, arrive well ahead of your departure time because ticket lines may be quite long at times.

When requesting your ticket, ask *Un biglietto di andata e ritorno per Venezia, per favore*. (A round ticket for Venice please.)

◆ At one of the ticket machines (*Biglietteria automatica*) inside the train station using cash or credit card. These machines are easy to use and you can avoid long lines at the ticket window.

Information is written in

Italian and in English. Do not use the ticket dispensing machine if you see the sign *Fuori servizio* (out of service).

◆ You can buy a ticket from travel agents if they're equipped to handle train tickets. An extra fee will usually be added to the price.

◆ You can get your train ticket in advance online at: www.trenitalia.com/en/index.html.



This woman is validating her train ticket by stamping it in one of the many yellow validation machines in the train station. It is mandatory to validate your train ticket.

[trenitalia.com/en/index.html](http://www.trenitalia.com/en/index.html). (this link is in English).

The fare and the length of your trip to Venice may vary according to the type of train. Let's take a look at the Italian train categories:

ES*: EuroStar - High speed trains where seat reservations are mandatory.

IC: InterCity - Relatively fast trains that run the length of Italy, stopping at the large cities.

Seat reservations are optional.

EC: EuroCity - European inter-city rail network - some require reservations.

D: Diretto - These trains travel regionally, but also connect cities and towns in adjacent regions.

EXP: Espresso - They are the same as direct trains, but usually travel longer distances.

IR Interregionale and **R Regionale** - Local or regional slow trains serving smaller towns. They are cheaper, but really slow.

A regional train (IR or R) may take as long as 1 hour 30 minutes from Vicenza to Venice while, if you travel by IC or ES*, the trip may last only 46 minutes.

Accordingly, tickets vary from 4.25 euro to 12 euro one way.

You need to validate

is the best way to appreciate its beauty and uniqueness. If you decide to go around by boat, you need to board a *vaporetto* (water bus). You can purchase a one-way ticket for 6.50 euro, which allows travel for 60 minutes with changes allowed from one water bus to another going in the same direction.

Validate your water bus ticket like you do on regular buses. Just look for a yellow stamping machine near the walkway that leads to the floating platform.

You may also buy special tourist travel cards. For example, the 12-hour ticket is ideal for those who have only one day at their disposal to visit Venice. It costs 14 euro and may be purchased from the Hellovenezia ticket desks and the authorized resellers.

For details on boat tickets and to find out where to buy them, check www.hellovenezia.com/jsp/en/tariffe/index.jsp.

Another option is buying your ticket at the ticket window on

the platform before boarding.

You can also travel by water taxi. Keep in mind that water taxis are more expensive than water buses. Even a short ride could cost more than 50 euro.

Venice is famous also for its gondolas that take you down some of the tiny canals inaccessible to bigger boats. Gondolas, however, are not cheap. The average ride lasts 40 minutes and costs 85 euro. It's always better to confirm the rate before boarding and to hire one only from the official stands which are clearly marked.

For a list of upcoming events in Venice check out the Web site www.meetingvenice.it/en/venice-events.

When you decide to return to Vicenza, just walk or take a water bus to the train station. Trains run to Vicenza every hour during the day, but after about 10:30 p.m. the trains stop running until morning. On Sundays and holidays the trains do not run as frequently.



Signs like this *partenze* (departures) are located by the tracks and in the train stations. They tell what city the train is going to, what type of train it is, when it's due at the station and what track it is arriving on. Under *Ind.suss.* it also tells you if the train is late (*retardo*) and how long it is delayed.

your train ticket before getting into the train at the special yellow stamping machines located within the train station. Stamped tickets have to be used within six hours.

Next, you need to find out which *binario* (track) your train is departing from.

If you are not sure, you can ask *Scusi, da quale binario parte il treno per Venezia?* (Excuse me, from what track does the train for Venice depart?)

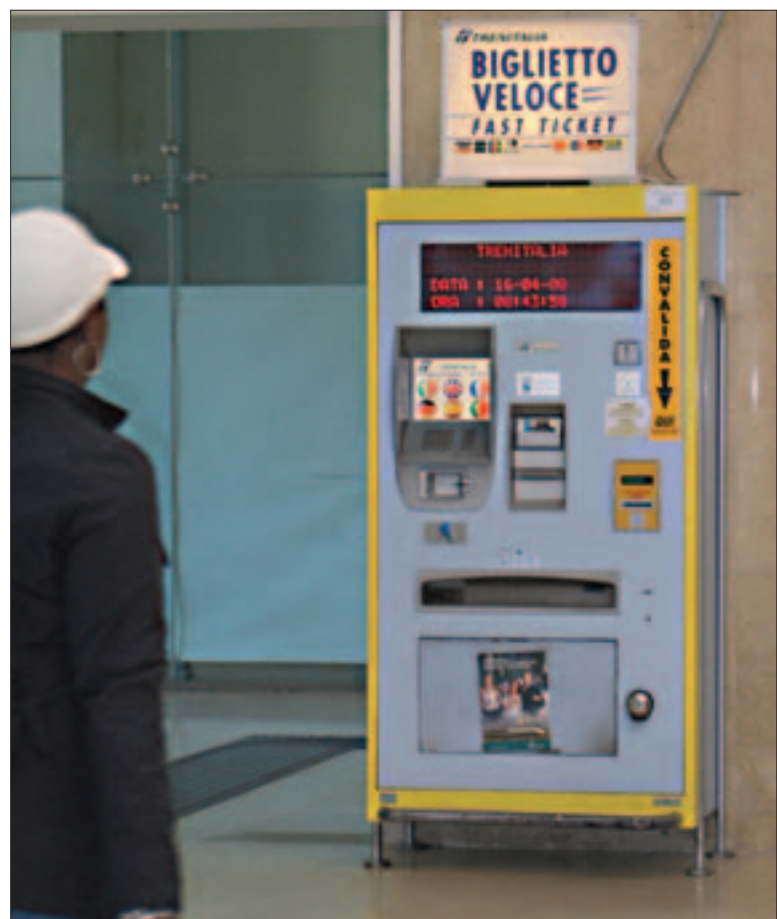
It's customary to greet fellow passengers when you sit down. A simple *buon giorno* will do. If you want to know if a seat is vacant, simply ask *E' occupato?* or *E' libero?*

You are nearing your destination when the train crosses a bridge and you see the lagoon both on your left and your right.

Discovering the city by foot

Helpful words and phrases:

ENGLISH	ITALIAN
Train Station	Stazione
Ticket	Biglietto
Ticket window	Biglietteria
Train	Treno
Track	Binario
Surcharge	Supplemento
Departure	Partenze
Arrival	Arrivi
Time Schedule	Orario
Direction	Direzione
Delay	Ritardo
First/Second Class	Prima/Seconda Classe
One ticket to..., please.	Un biglietto per..., per favore
Which track?	Da che binario?
Round trip	Andata e ritorno
One way ticket	Solo andata
Out of service	Fuori servizio
Strike	Sciopero
Water bus	Vaporetto
Please, notify me when we get to the train station.	Per favore, mi dica quando arriviamo alla stazione.
Have a nice trip.	Buon viaggio.



It's often faster to use the automatic ticket machine (*Biglietteria automatica*) inside the train station. You can pay by cash or credit card and instructions are available in English.

Annual *Cantine Aperte*, opera, free concerts await visitors

Flower show, market

In the grounds of Villa Giustiniani, located in the town of San Pietro Viminario, province of Padova, an exhibition and market of flowers, especially roses, orchids, cacti, water plants and garden furniture takes place May 24-25, 8:30 a.m. to sundown.

Entrance fee is 6 euro for adults, 4 euro for students and free for children under age 12.

The town of Noale takes *Corpus Domini* very seriously. On that day, which falls on May 25 this year, men and women will meet up early in the morning on the road that lies between the two medieval towers of the town.

They bring with them thousands of flowers and tree scents gathered in the days earlier.

The villagers lay down sand and sketch out the lines of a grand image, while others work to divide up petals and separate them in various baskets.

The great floral carpet features seven religious scenes and is different every year.

The carpet covers 160 meters and a continuous spray of water holds the petals to the ground and keeps them fresh.

The carpet remains till sunset, when the religious retinue that carries the Eucharist in its triumph passes the length of the carpet, proceeding down the sides so as not to spoil this floral homage.

Noale is located 57 km east of Vicenza.

Free Gospel concert

Calvin Bridges will hit Vicenza this month on his European tour *Feel the Spirit!*

with concerts and workshops.

May 23 at 8:30 p.m. he will perform free in the square of the Lisiera church, 10km east of Vicenza. In case of inclement weather he will perform in the church.

May 24: Bridges holds a workshop at the hotel/restaurant Giada, located in Grumolo delle Abbadesse.

Registration for the workshop is 9-10 a.m. Cost is 80 euro and includes entrance to the May 25 concert. Workshop times are 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2:30 -5:30 p.m.

May 25: Bridges and workshop participants perform in the cinema Aurora located on Via Roma in Malo. Entrance fee 7 euro and tickets available one hour before the concert at the box office.

Upcoming concerts

Nick Cave-May 28, Milan
 Duffy-June 8, Milan
 Rage Against the Machine-June 14, Modena
 Bob Dylan- June 15, Trento
 Vasco Rossi-June 21, Venice
 Sex Pistols, Q.O.T.S.A. and Iffy & The Stooges-June 20, Venice
 Bruce Springsteen-June 25, Milan
 Gods of Metal-June 27-29, Bologna
 Iron Maiden-June 27, Bologna
 Elton John-July 9, Venice
 International choruses perform in Marostica at 9 p.m. in *St. Antonio's* church May 30 with the Cosacchi Chorus of Don Wanja Hlibka from Russia.
 June 13 the University of the East Chorale from the Philippines.

Wine cellars open

Wine cellars in the province of Vicenza will open their doors

on May 25, in the towns of Longare, Montebello Vicentino, Gambellara and Montecchio Maggiore.

In the Verona province of Dolce, Fumane, Marano di Valpolicella, Negrar, San Pietro in Cariano and Sant'ambrogio di Valpolicella, visitors can enter from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

For a complete listing of those open in this area visit the Web site: www.mtvveneto.it/elenco_soci.pdf

Exhibitions

Free entrance to *Campionaria* held at the Padova exhibition grounds through May 25. More than 1,000 vendors have everything for the home, vacations, hobbies, sports, cars, motorbikes, garden furniture, swimming pools and camping equipment.

They also demonstrate spinning, horse riding and music shows.

Open Tuesday-Friday, 4:30 p.m. to midnight and weekends, 10 a.m. to midnight.

Exit the A4 east autostrada at Padova est and follow signs for *Campionaria*. If going by train, the grounds are 500 meters from the Padova train station.

Verona: *Veronafil 1* is a free exhibition of stamps, postcards, franked envelopes, coins and medals at this city's exhibition hall from May 23-25. Hours are Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m.-2 p.m., entrance is free.

Take the A4 west autostrada, exit at Verona sud and follow signs for *Fiera*.

Sea life aquarium

Gardaland will be opening a new sea life aquarium in June;

see jelly and star fish, sharks, seahorses, angel fish and other aquatic life.

The aquarium is located opposite Gardaland. Visit the Web site: www.sealifeeurope.com, for details.

Opera, classical music

The opera *Le Nozze di*

Figaro (the Marriage of Figaro) by Mozart, will be performed in Vicenza's Teatro Olimpico May 24 and May 28. Tickets are on sale at the theater box office for 25 euro.

June 17: Beethoven's *L'Indipendenza Affermata* is held at the teatro. Tickets cost 15 euro.

Darby's American Beach awaits



Camp Darby's American Beach officially opens Memorial Day weekend with the Men's and Women's European Open Softball tournament. The American Beach is a five-minute drive from Camp Darby in the seaside resort town of Tirrenia. The beach is offers a guarded parking lot, umbrellas, chairs, cabanas, covered pavilions, beach volley court, kayaks, pedal boats, boogie boards, playground equipment, showers and a snack and drink bar. Besides fun in the sun, Camp Darby offers accommodations for every group and price range. The Sea Pines Recreational Facilities feature

standard and deluxe rooms, a spacious campsite, log cabins and RV sites. To make reservations call Sea Pines Recreation facility at 633-7225 or 050-54-7225 from off post. So whether you're a sports enthusiast, want to relax by the sea or want to honor American veterans, Camp Darby has something for everyone this Memorial Day weekend. For the latest events or to plan your vacation, visit www.usag.livorno.army.mil or USAG Livorno DFMWR's Web site at www.livornomwr.com. (Photo courtesy of Ryan Haraschak, AFN-South).

Explore Europe with Information, Trips, Registration

May 24: Gulf of Genoa, 6 a.m.-10 p.m. Enjoy a five-hour cruise while dolphin watching with a stop in Portofino.

May 25: Aqua Paradise water park, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Family fun and adventure.

May 26: Asiago agricultural farmhouse visit, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Enjoy a youths' workshop, farm tour and lunch.

May 30: Medieval Times dinner and show, 5-10 p.m. Dine with lords and ladies. Free entrance for children less than three feet tall.

May 31: Slovenia cave and castle tour, 6:30 a.m.-9 p.m. Enjoy guided tours but note that strollers are not allowed. Free to children under age 3.

June 1: Republic of San Marino. Visit the smallest republic in the world, tour the city with a guide and enjoy free time to explore, dine and shop. Children age 4-12 pay \$32, no charge for under age 3.

Call ITR to register at 634-7094.

(Right) Visitors to the tiny republic of San Marino stroll along the walkway in front of the clock tower. (Outlook file photo)



Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater		
May 21	10,000 B.C. (PG13)	6 p.m.
May 22	The Bank Job (R)	6 p.m.
May 23	Never Back Down (PG13)	6 p.m.
	Shutter (PG13)	9 p.m.
May 24	Horton Hears a Who (G)	3 p.m.
	Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG13)	6 p.m.
May 25	Horton Hears a Who (G)	3 p.m.
	Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG13)	6 p.m.
Camp Darby Theater		
May 22	The Bank Job (R)	6 p.m.
May 23	Iron Man (PG13) (1st Run)	6 p.m.
May 24	Never Back Down (PG13)	6 p.m.
May 25	College Road Trip (G)	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.

Looking for the movie synopsis? Check out the AAFES Web site: www.aafes.com, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Movie Schedule.

Looking to sell or buy items? Check out MWR's Marketplace at www.marketplace.com.

Veterinary clinic closure

The Veterinary Treatment Facility will be closed May 22 through May 26.

Call 635-4841 or 0444-71-4841 from off post.

ACS events

Financial Class, IRA'S & 401(K)'s: Army Community Service is holding a financial class on Individual Retirement Accounts and 401(K)'s May 20, 3-4 p.m. To make reservations or for details call Employment Readiness at 634-7500.

Community job fair: ACS Employment Readiness program is hosting a job fair 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. May 21 in the lobby of the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

Family members may meet with the hiring agencies on post. Representatives from CPAC, AAFES, DoDDS and more will be available to answer your questions.

Career Discovery Workshop: May 21, 10-11 a.m. in DSFRC. Meet and talk with people on post who can get your started on your career journey. Call ACS for details 634-7500.

Child and Youth Services notes

CYS Parents Advisory Group: CYS is holding a Parents Advisory Group meeting May 20 at noon in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center's large conference room.

The meeting will include a range of topics on plans and programs, and address concerns raised by parents.

For details call 634-8347.

SAS Summer Adventure Sensation: This year School Age Services Summer Camp allows campers to create their own personalized camp. Campers choose between five

specialty camps that are held in one-week-long blocks.

Youth currently enrolled in before, or after-school care can sign up in advance. Open signup begins May 28.

For details call 634-8253.

Library events

Story hour: Pre K-kindergarten meets at the library Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m.; Toddler-Pre-K meet in Villaggio Thursdays at 11:15 a.m., and school age children meet at the library on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

Book Club meets: The first discussion group will be held June 10, 6 p.m. and the book to be discussed is *Liars Club* by Mary Karr.

If you are interested in joining this reading group see Steve Brown at the Library.

For details on the above post library events call 634-7291.

InfoX date changed

The date for the May InfoX has been changed from May 28 to May 27. The InfoX is held at 10 a.m. in Club Veneto.

MOMS Club events for May

Exercise: Walk the Track Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m. at the North 40, weather dependent.

May 23: Park day at 10:30 a.m.

May 30: MOMS night out.

For details about MOMS Club e-mail momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com or contact Deanna at 0444-945-105 or Amber at 334-700-8443.

USO events

The USO is no longer offering belly dancing classes.

Level one Italian classes will be held July 8 to Sept. 4 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:45-7:45 p.m. Course cost is \$118 plus 11 euro for the book.

The USO has teamed up with AFN 106FM "The Eagle" and is giving away two tickets a day for Gardaland. You'll have to tune into AFN 106FM (or 142 on your AFN decoder) to win.

Villaggio town hall

A town hall meeting is set for Villaggio residents Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Youth Services gym.

Directorate of Public Works representatives will update residents on the construction projects.

ACS events

Journey Series: Career Discovery Workshop

A Career Discovery

Workshop is set for Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

Community Job Fair: May 21 11:30-1 p.m. family members have the opportunity to speak with representatives from Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, AAFES, DoDDS and other agencies.

Journey Series: Car Maintenance: May 28 from 10:30 a.m.- noon, learn the basics of car repair from Charlie and the gang at Auto Skills Center. Advance registration is required, call 634-7500.

Community volunteer orientation: Community members who are interested in volunteering for ACS or as a community volunteer should attend the next volunteer orientation May 22, 10:30-11:30 p.m.

Call the Army Volunteer Corps coordinator for details at 634-7942.

AFTB training Level 1: Learn how to survive and thrive in the Army May 28 and 29. 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

If you are active duty, ask about promotion points.

Childcare is available. For details and reservations call AFTB at 634-7500.

Balancing Stress Through Creative Expression: Learn to balance good and bad stress at this class May 23 and 30 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

This two-part class teaches you stress management skills in a fun and creative way.

For details and reservations call 634-7500.

CYS activities

SKIES Swim Lessons: Register your child for swim lessons this summer with SKIES Unlimited.

Early registration is May 26-June 6. Call 634-8051 for more details.

SAS Saturday field trip: School Age Services is going to Molina May 31. The cost is \$29, which includes the entrance fee and the \$24 hourly care. Parents may use the free deployment hours to offset the hourly care fees.

Signup by May 23, call SAS at 634-8253 for details.

ODR trips, classes

Sea Kayaking: Outdoor Rec is offering trips May 31 and June 14. The cost is \$35 and the signup deadline is May 28.

Bungee Jumping: At Enego on May 31. The cost is \$35, and the signup deadline are May 28.

Paintball: June 1 at 7:30 a.m. The signup deadline is May 30.

Extreme weekend: Join

Outdoor Recreation for an extreme weekend in Kobarid, Slovenia June 14 and 15.

The cost is \$300 and includes transportation, accommodations and one rafting and canoeing activity per person. Passports are required.

For details on these and other Outdoor Rec events call 634-7453 or 0444-71-7453 from off post.

June cycling maintenance: The following classes are offered:

June 4: Level II wheel truing

June 11: Proper Bike Fit

June 25: Handling and safety.

The first class in a series is \$10, and \$5 for any subsequent class in the series. All classes are 5:30-7 p.m.

For details, call 634-7453.

Project TRUST seeks teens

Teens Reaching, Understanding, Supporting Teens (TRUST) is a program through the Adolescent Substance Abuse Counseling Services. The purpose of Project TRUST is to provide prevention and awareness on teen topics to the youth in the Vicenza community.

Members receive community service hours through the American Red Cross. It is a commitment through the entire school year.

Applications are being accepted for students who will be in grades 9-12 in the 2008-2009 school year.

Interested teens can pick up an application at Vicenza High School or the American Red Cross, located in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center. Applications are due May 30 to Judy Crow. Put applications in her VHS mailbox.

Commissary open Memorial Day

The Vicenza commissary will be open May 26, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Retiree Appreciation Day

2008 Retiree Appreciation Day is May 30 in the Central Processing Facility. For better service, all retirees and annuitants are requested to do their blood and glucose testing prior to May 30. Participants will have to fast for at least 12 hours before this testing can be done.

To get testing done prior to May 30, participants need to give their name to the Preventive Health office at 634-8010/8011 or 0444-71-8010/71-8011 from off post, so they may enter this information in the computer prior to your arrival. Then go to the clinic that week and have blood drawn.

Religious activities

Caserma Ederle Chapel

Call the chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for details on post religious activities.

Chaplain Crisis Line:

To speak with a chaplain after hours call **634-KARE** (634-5273).

Saturday services

4 p.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation, or by appointment.
5 p.m.: Vigil Mass

Sunday Services

9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass
9 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school and AWANAs (Sept. thru May in Vicenza High School)

10:45 a.m.: Catholic religious education (Sept.-May in Vicenza High School)

11 a.m.: Protestant worship
1:30 p.m.: Full Gospel Pentecostal worship

4 p.m.: Lutheran worship
6 p.m.: Contemporary Christian worship

Monday

Noon: Weekday Mass
3:05 p.m.: Middle School Club in the high school cafeteria. (Sept.-May)

5:30 p.m.: High School Club in the Teen Center. (Sept.-May)

For details contact Jocelyn Cary at 634-7890 or 349-385-3476 or vicecb@yahoo.com.

Tuesday

9 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC)

Wednesday

Noon: Weekday Mass
Noon: Protestant Men of the Chapel (PMOC) Bible study (at DFAC)

Noon: LDS Study
5:15 p.m.: PWOC evening Bible study

Thursday

9:30 a.m.: Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC)

Noon: Weekday Mass
5:30 p.m.: Gospel service choir rehearsal

7:15 p.m.: Gospel service Bible study

Friday

Noon: Weekday Mass
Noon: Muslim Khutba and prayer

Faith group POCs

Islamic POC is Mohamed Noeman at 634-6306.

Jewish POC is Dr. Stephen or Nancy November at 328-054-9709 or november6@msn.com.

Latter Day Saints (LDS) POC is or Frank Petty at 634-3907/340-899-2218.

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 a.m.: Protestant worship

Ongoing ACS classes

The following classes are offered on an ongoing basis and most require reservations in advance:

♦ Guided Imagery for stress management

♦ Thrift Savings Plan financial planning class

♦ How to Ace the Interview

♦ EFMP Round table

♦ Autism / ADHD Support Group

For a complete list of Army Community Service classes and events go to www.vicenzamwr.com Web site. Call ACS at 634-7500 or 0444-71-7500 from off post for details and to make reservations.

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Armed Forces Day 5K Fun run

Story and photos
By Laura Kreider
Outlook staff

More than 100 community members participated in the Armed Forces Day 5K Fun Walk/Run sponsored by USAG Vicenza Sport and Fitness.

“Although it was an overcast and rainy day, we still had 143 sign-ups and 108 finishers,” said Mike Garcia, USAG Vicenza Sports, Fitness and Aquatics chief.

“This is my fourth 5K run,” said 11th-grader Miguel Rosario, who placed first completing his run in 19:44.0 and reducing his personal result by 1:25.3.

“I enjoy doing it because it helps stay in shape and also to play soccer,” he said.

Many of the runners brought out their children as a family event. Some of them were also pushing a double stroller.

“The last time it was easier because I didn’t have to push the stroller with my two children Carlos and Johnny,” said Maria Lopez after finishing the run while wheeling her two children, respectively 4 and 3 years old. “They really enjoy the event,” she added.

The next 5K Fun Walk/Run is scheduled for June 14 at 9 a.m. Registration starts at 7:30 a.m.

For details call 634-7009.



(Top) More than 100 families and groups participate in the Armed Forces Day 5 km Fun Walk/Run under a cloudy, rainy sky Saturday.

(Above) Young runners lead the group after the beginning of the run. Among the first row runners is Miguel Rosario, No. 711, who placed first in the event. (Left) Ten-year-old Jacob Nantz runs accompanied by his dad Eric, left. “This is my fourth run,” said Jacob. “This time I improved by about two minutes. I practice by running with my dog,” he said.

CYS holds first track and field meet

Story and photos by Laura Kreider
Outlook staff

Child and Youth Services Sports and Fitness held the Spring Track and Field meet at the North 40 Saturday.

The track and field activities included long jump, 50m dash, 100m dash, 400m dash, 4x100m relay, 800m run, 1600m run and softball throw for youths ages 6 to 13.

“This is the first year we organized this event,” said Lacy Wolff, CYS Sports and Fitness staff, who coordinated the meet. “We would like to have this as a seasonal spring event.

Participation has been very good, we have about 50 children coming from Vicenza and Grafenwoher. Without the rain, we would have had more participants, but I think the children are having a good time despite the damp weather,” she added.

“I am participating in more than one activity,” said 13-year-old Luka Fatuesi, one of the meet participants. “Probably my favorite event is the 100-meter dash,” he said.



(Above) Nine-year-old Lia Myhand participates in the long jump as part of the track meet activities. Myhand placed second with a jump of 50” in the 8-9 age group. (Right) Boys participate in the 50meter dash for their age group. Despite the rain, children enjoyed the sport activities held at the North 40 Saturday during the first CYS track and field meet.



Sports shorts

Soccer official certification

Get your soccer official certification or renew your certification June 9-13 at Sports and Fitness.

This course is a requirement for officiating soccer during the 2008 season. Officials must be 18 years old or older; signup by June 9. For details call 634-7009.

Post pools open

The Combat Water Safety training pool on Villaggio is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, noon - 7 p.m.

Combat Water Safety Training is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays: 6-8:30 a.m.

Saturdays and Sundays: 10 a.m - 6 p.m.

Federal holidays: noon - 7 p.m.

Closed Wednesdays for maintenance.

Ederle Inn pool is open weekends, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., until June 13.

Starting June 14- Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturdays and Sundays: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Federal holidays: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Closed Tuesdays for maintenance.

Racquetball tournament

Sports and Fitness is holding a racquetball tournament June 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the post gym. The participant meeting is 6 p.m. June 6. There are categories for beginners, intermediate and advanced players. Call 634-7009.

5-on-5 basketball

5-on-5 basketball starts June 9. Call Sports and Fitness at 634-7009.

Soccer officials clinic

U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza, Italy, is hosting a soccer officials’ clinic June 9-14 at the Body Shop.

The clinic trains students to become officials and trains others to become officials for programs hosting soccer tournaments, such as Child and Youth Services, Unit Level and community games.