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## Garrison budget cuts deep

IMA-EURO  
Public Announcement

As a result of guidance from the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army and Headquarters, Installation Management Agency, IMA – Europe has implemented a theater-wide hiring freeze and the release of temporary and term employees along with a number of other cost-saving measures. These measures are being taken to minimize impacts to the Army mission while sustaining the Global War on Terror.

“The entire IMA leadership is committed to applying all available community assets to ensure these actions cause the least amount of disruption,” said IMA-EURO Region Director Russell B. Hall.

“We are announcing these actions as early as possible to allow our affected employees and their families to prepare,” he said.

“The Army and the other services are engaged in a long and costly war on terrorism. We owe it to our troops to ensure they have everything they need to defeat the enemy. The money we get for installations is being prioritized so that support to the war and Army transformation are adequately funded.” Mr. Hall said.

Hall has directed Europe garrisons to take the following immediate actions:

### Hiring Freeze

A hiring freeze is in effect across the board except where firm offers have been accepted or where positions are paid with non-Army funds.

Exempt from the hiring freeze are permanent positions that support the following:

- ◆ Non-Appropriated Fund programs
- ◆ Child Development Center
- ◆ Child Youth Services
- ◆ Installation Access Control System
- ◆ Anti-terrorism and force protection

### Release of Temporary Employees

Temporary employees will receive as a minimum, seven-days notice before being released. Term employees are required to be released under Reduction in Force procedures. They will receive 60-days notice prior to the effective RIF date.

Local national temporary employees are not affected by these actions.

The only temporary and term positions exempt from separation are GWOT positions providing the most direct support to GWOT. These include:

- ◆ Food service
- ◆ Central Issue Facilities
- ◆ Personal Property Transportation offices supporting Permanent Change of Station operations
- ◆ Shuttle transportation for the 64th Replacement Company
- ◆ Fire prevention
- ◆ Installation Access Control System
- ◆ Child Development Centers
- ◆ Child Youth Services
- ◆ Temporary employees working Army Community Service at Baumholder and Giessen
- ◆ Temporary employees working housing at Grafenwoehr and Vilseck supporting the reception of 2d Cavalry Regiment (STRYKER)

To reduce the impact of terminating temporary employees, garrison commanders were directed to reduce hours as necessary and detail other full time employees to work shifts in the following activities:

- ◆ Community Mail Rooms (after proper

training and testing is completed)

- ◆ Physical Fitness Facilities/Gyms
- ◆ Swimming pools

### Contracts

No new contracts will be awarded and current contracts will be reviewed to determine cost of early termination.

Excluded from this are contracts for:

- ◆ Army Continuing Education System support to CENTCOM, the Balkans (EUCOM is being researched)
- ◆ Chapel service
- ◆ Security guards
- ◆ Temporary furniture drayage
- ◆ Motorcycle safety
- ◆ CDC/CYS
- ◆ Contracts already approved for health, life, and safety.

◆ Contracts required by law and will result in penalties to the government.

◆ Contracts supported with OSD or other non-Army funds may continue.

Other contracting actions include:

- ◆ Custodial contracts will be reduced by 50 percent as soon as feasible.
- ◆ Reduce IFMS fleet usage by 20 percent in garrisons beginning with those vehicles that are least utilized.

◆ Environmental: Remediation and cleanup contracts will be deferred to the beginning of FY07.

◆ “Summer Shout Out” performances will be cancelled.

◆ Grounds Maintenance and Between Occupancy Maintenance for both Unaccompanied Personnel Housing and Army Family Housing will be terminated.

### TDY and Conferences

All TDY will be cancelled unless it involves life, health, and safety and is required by law. TDY funded by outside Army may continue.

### Training

Military and civilian training will be deferred until FY07.

### Miscellaneous

All monetary incentive awards will be deferred and reviewed for execution in FY07.

Government Purchase Cards accounts will be reduced to \$1.

The Summer Hire Program will be postponed until funding becomes available.

### Recycling and Energy Conservation

Mr. Hall also directed commanders to implement a campaign soliciting increased energy conservation and support of recycling programs citing the high cost of energy on installations.

## Caserma Ederle streets closed for HomeFront celebration events

The Outlook  
Community Announcement

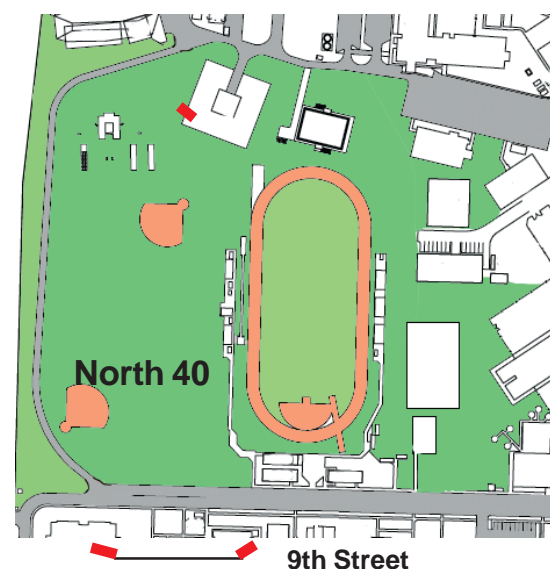
To ensure the safety of our community members during the Homefront Celebration and the 4th of July celebrations, several roads will be closed until approximately July 5.

The area commonly known as the “North 40” is closed to civilian vehicular traffic in order for contractors to begin placing stages and equipment to support the activities planned for June 12-14. This will include the parking lot adjacent to the Vicenza Health Clinic on the field side. This area will remain closed until after the 4th of July festivities (See Map).

On June 13, a pedestrian and bicycle lane will be established on Olson Avenue beginning adjacent to 8th Street continuing south to the Chapel Gate, which will allow runners and

bicyclist competing in the Tin Man Triathlon to exit Gate 2 (Chapel Gate) safely. The lane will be marked with red cones as personnel run and bike south on Olson Avenue toward the gate. Two-way traffic will still flow on Olson Avenue but everyone should expect minor delays during the morning hours.

For question on road closures, contact PMO Operations at 634-7248.



## How to save energy and maintain a healthy computer system

509th Signal Battalion  
Special to the Outlook

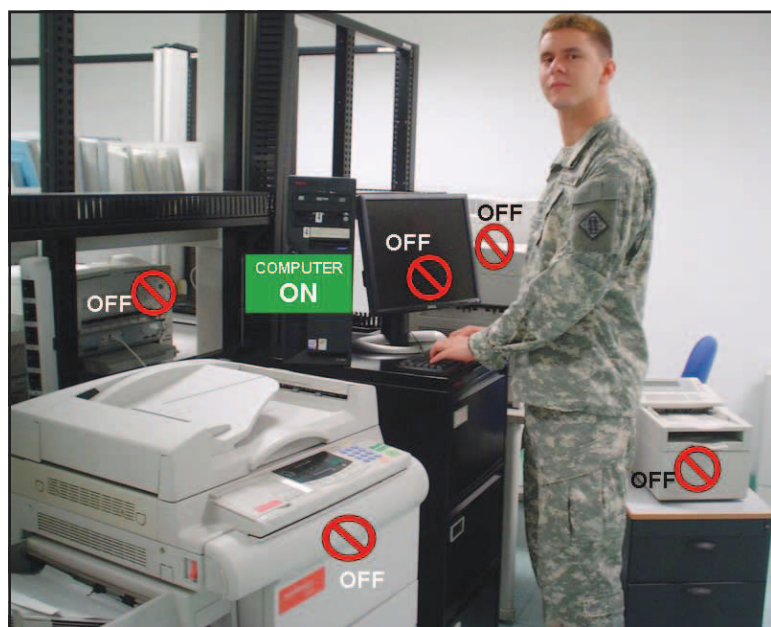
In order to properly maintain your U.S. Government computer system and save energy costs follow these procedures.

At the end of your duty day turn **off** all peripheral computer equipment (printers, computer screens, copier machines, digital senders, scanners) **but do not turn off your computer.**

The energy savings from turning off the all peripheral equipment will build up fast for your organization.

The computer is left **on** (and connected to the network) so that the 5th Signal Command, 509th Signal Battalion computer network managers can send operating patches, security patches, monitor for virus, and repair software applications while you are not using your computer.

It is important the network managers can work when you are not using your computer to save you from losing computing time during your duty day.



Spc. Jared Graham, a member of the 509th Signal Battalion, shows what equipment can be turned off at the end of the work day. By turning OFF all printers, computer screens, copier machines, digital senders, and scanners, you can help the Caserma Ederle community save energy and money.

Remember to refresh your entire computer system at least once a week by performing a “cold restart” on your computer. A cold restart means that you will have to turn your computer off and then on again at least once a week to ensure all the network managers security patching and maintenance work is accepted by your computer.

This is very easy to accomplish during a short five minute break in your duty day, perhaps at lunch time.

Direct any concerns or questions you might have about saving energy costs and your government computer system to your unit Information Management Officer.

There is also another way to help save energy and enhance the health of the government computers in your building.

Within each building is a master government communications cabinet (a locked metal box or rack with many network cables running back and forth to it).

In the summer time it is very important for the communications cabinet to be kept cool and free of surrounding clutter. If, during the hot summer months, the communications cabinet gets too hot, then the internal computer network switch will turn off, this is the nature of the equipment– it won’t operate when overheated.

In coordination with your IMO, you can assist with the cooling of the computer network switch by maintaining a clean surrounding area for it, ensuring the air flow around the area is unimpeded, and making sure the air filters in supporting air conditioners are clean.

Also, the cabinet should only be used to support government computer equipment.

Keeping this communications cabinet clean, cool and clear supports everyone’s computers working and staying healthy.

The above efforts on your behalf will also help save much-needed funds for our community.



## Space-A travel update for dependents of deployed active duty members

Department of Defense  
Press Release

Effective immediately, unaccompanied command sponsored dependents of deployed active duty uniformed service members, when the deployment orders indicate the deployment is for 120 consecutive days or more, are authorized to travel Space-A unaccompanied in Category IV.

There are specific implementation rules:

1. Unaccompanied command-sponsored dependents of deployed active duty uniformed service members, when the deployment orders indicate the deployment is for at least 120 consecutive days, are authorized to travel space-available unaccompanied in Category IV. This authorization is for one round trip during the deployment period of the sponsor.

2. Space-A travel is authorized to and from CONUS and within OCONUS. All travel will

be on a noninterference (nonreimbursable) basis.

3. Command-sponsored dependents may sign up for Space-A travel no earlier than 10 days prior to sponsor's deployment. Command-sponsored dependents are eligible to commence travel effective on the first day of sponsor's deployment.

4. Command-sponsored dependents must present to the air terminal personnel a verification letter signed by the sponsor's commander verifying the active duty member's deployment. The documentation must be in the dependent's possession during travel.

This change is effective immediately and will be incorporated into DoD Regulation 4515.13-R, "Air Transportation Eligibility," which is currently under revision. In addition, the change supersedes the waiver granted to USEUCOM in 1998 regarding Space -A travel for family members of deployed service members.

### Memorial ceremony set for Soldier

A memorial ceremony will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Caserma Ederle Chapel for Spec. Jared Leonard.

Leonard, 25, was a mortar man who arrived on post in September 2004 and was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion

503d Infantry (Airborne).

Leonard returned from duty in Afghanistan in March. Among his awards are the Combat Infantry Badge and Army Commendation medal.

He is survived by his parents, Robert and Pamela Leonard of Shamong, NJ.

### Community Action Council

This forum is to discuss issues affecting the community. If you have an issue you wish to submit, visit the USAG Vicenza Web site at [www.usag.vicenza.army.mil](http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil) and click on the Community Action Council link. This link provides you the opportunity to review issues that have been previously submitted and responded to by post agencies. There is also a form available for you to submit any new issue you would like addressed. If you have questions, call 634-5222 or 0444-71-5222 from off post.

The command encourages you to identify yourself when submitting a CAC issue in order to be able to answer your concern directly.

The command also reminds the community that CAC issues submitted containing vulgar, derogatory or inflammatory language will not be addressed.

Childcare is offered during the CAC at \$4 per hour, per child, for children ages 6 weeks old through kindergarten from 8:45-11:15 a.m. Preregistration is required. Children will be cared for in the Child Development Center, building 395. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services Central Registration. Call 634-7219 or stop by their location in the Davis Family Readiness Center.

The CAC will not be held in June.

**Issue: Civilian Employee/Family Dental Care** - My wife was experiencing tooth pain and when she called the dental clinic they said they can only see her during sick call hours. The problem is that we only have one car and we live far from post. Because of my work hours, it would be difficult for me to go back home, pick her up, and then come back and then take her and the kids back. They also told her she had to first go to Tricare to get some papers so she can go there as a paying customer and - if there were no emergencies - then they'll see her.

**Recommendation:** I understand that Soldiers are first, but I still serve my country in other ways. GS employees should have at least some benefits. There should be some

information for us so we know what we can do on this post and where to go for information or post it in the Outlook.

**Response from the Dental Command:** This issue has multiple concerns and will require multiple responses:

**I.** The U.S. Army Dental Command's primary mission is to maintain the dental readiness of active duty Soldiers and, as such, is not resourced to provide routine dental care to other than active duty patients.

A. The active military receive the number one priority spacing for appointments.

B. Space available care is prioritized: Active duty family members are first. Retired from active duty personnel are second. Family members of retired personnel are third, and all others (to include pay patients and GS employees) are fourth on the appointment list.

**II.** We have currently just completed the exam phase of the reintegration of 2,500 active duty personnel who have been without routine dental care for a year.

Our mission and focus is to return this force to a readiness state that will allow them to train and redeploy when needed.

Currently, the demand for active duty appointments is very high and space available care is at a minimum.

A. Any patient who contacts us with an emergency situation will be asked to report to our clinic during sick call. This is the only time during the day that a doctor is free of scheduled appointments and can adequately access each individual situation.

Active duty Soldiers who arrive for sick call have priority over any space available patients who may have arrived earlier.

B. Legally, we can not provide childcare for patients requiring treatment nor can we be held responsible for any transportation problems that patients may encounter. This is the responsibility of the patient.

**III.** Concerning fee for service patients, these cases will be treated on a space available basis. These patients must pick up billing paperwork from the TRICARE office at the Vicenza Medical Clinic. This is the same

## Ryan heads up Support Battalion

By Spc. Jon H. Arguello  
173d Airborne Brigade Public Affairs

The 173d Support Battalion (Airborne), in addition to a new location, its redeployment and reintegration, can add a new commander to its list of transitions since returning from Afghanistan earlier this year.

The battalion, which was officially activated days before deploying to Afghanistan, played a pivotal role during its deployment supporting troops throughout the southern regional command.

The ceremony, held on Hoekstra Field May 25, included a traditional pass in review and passing on of the battalions colors.

Under the leadership of Lt. Col. Cynthia Fox, the unit achieved accolades for its support and participation in the efforts to rid southern Afghanistan of Taliban influence and presence.

The battalion's Soldiers were spread throughout the 173d Airborne Brigade's area of responsibility doing everything from repairing and fueling vehicles to leading civil assistance missions to participating in direct combat with the enemy.

Fox leaves Caserma Ederle to attend the Army War College, after which her next assignment is to lead the 593rd Corps Support Group in Fort Lewis, Washington.

"I am very proud of the fact that I stand before one of the finest battalions in the United States Army," said Fox, during the ceremony. "And yet I am humbled to have had the honor and professional pleasure to have served with each member of this unit."

Fox also touched on the many accomplishments of the battalion during its deployment.

"We deployed to Kandahar and supported over 10,000 Soldiers, Coalition Forces and U.S. civilians covering an 84,000 square mile radius."

During their deployment the 173d SB was credited with accomplishments such as coordinating 11,000 Afghan local national truck contracts, moving 1,500 short tons of ammunitions, issuing more than 27 million gallons of fuel, and treating more than 12,000 patients.

The incoming commander, Lt. Col. James Ryan, who was previously the logistical officer for SETAF, made a short speech saying he was honored to command a unit as distinguished as the 173d SB.

"It is truly a honor and a privilege for me to command the 173d Support Battalion," he said. "Soldiers of the 173d Support Battalion, I pledge to you my untiring efforts as we come together to thrive as a team and provide the best support to the 173d Brigade Combat Team."



Lt. Col. James Ryan (left) accepts the guidon of the 173d Support Battalion from Col. Kevin Owens, 173d Airborne Brigade commander, signifying his acceptance of leadership of the battalion during the change of command ceremony held May 25 on Hoekstra Field on Caserma Ederle. (Photo by Barbara Romano, 7th ATC Photo Lab)

office that handles the actual payment for fee for service patients. This office can also provide patients with a fee schedule for dental procedures.

**IV.** Any non-active duty patient who is unable or unwilling to wait on space available care will be provided a list of English-speaking dentists in the area who will gladly allow patients to schedule appointments at their convenience.

TRICARE/United Concordia is an option available to Active Family members who are unwilling to wait on space available care.

**V.** The current policy on Dental Care and space available care is Europe-wide. In no way does our treatment policy reflect on an individuals patriotism. GS employees are Fee for Service patients and we have very few space available appointments available for any category of patient at this time.

**VI.** The final issue in this complaint addressed the utilization of "The Outlook" to address patient issues.

We cannot anticipate all of the questions that might be raised by multiple categories of patients concerning availability of care and the individual dental needs of this population.

Contacting the dental clinic, as this patient has done, is the best way to get questions answered.

**Issue:** Why is it that families have to pay to use the post swimming pool in Vicenza? Installations stateside do not charge family members or Soldiers for the use of the swimming pool.

**Recommendation:** Make it free to all U.S. ID cardholders.

**Response from DMWR:** After a thorough cost-benefit analysis, we are pleased to inform the community that starting this summer swim season, entry into all of our pools in garrison will be free of charge.

Please be advised that Soldier's dollars (Non-Appropriated Funds) are used to fund the majority of our expenses at our pools, so the entry fee is subject to change in the future.

**There is NO Community Action Council meeting held in June. The next CAC will be held July 26**



# Are you PSCing, ETSing soon?

## ITO offers tips for smooth transitions for soon-to-be travelers

By Carlos Lazo  
Special to The Outlook

After a year-long deployment, a brand new gas grill and a 36 inch television can make the transition of going back into a normal work environment that much easier. But for many of the returning servicemembers and their families, the time enjoying those new luxury items in Italy may be limited. Many, along with other servicemembers and civilians from the surrounding area, will soon be PCSing (Permanent Change of Station) back to the United States and all of their items are going with them.

Ensuring all those items are packaged and sent to the servicemember's next duty location is the duty of the Installation Transportation Office here. An estimated 4,000 pack-outs are expected this summer, said Marvin Key, ITO supervisor. An equal amount is expected to be coming in, he added. In order to more easily accommodate this, ITO is beginning daily Personal Property Mass Briefings. These briefings will include information on inbound and outbound worksheets, custom worksheets and all documents needed by servicemembers and civilians to make their move easier.

Key also recommends transitioning personnel and their spouses attend the briefings together. Most of the time, the spouse is the one present for pick-up, said Key. By the spouses attending, ITO can better explain the process to them, he added.

Before coming to ITO, the first thing people need are their orders.

"We need the orders," said Karen Juli, acting chief, Transportation Division, Directorate of Logistics. "We can't do anything without them."

Servicemembers must also ensure that when

they bring the copy of the orders, it has both the front and back side to it, she adds. That is mostly because the fund site is located on the back of the orders and is a necessary part of processing the servicemember's request. It is important to start this process as soon as possible, she said.

"Ideally, 30 days prior [to departure] is good," said Juli, when speaking about when servicemembers should come to ITO, although 40 or 60 days prior is also acceptable. "There have been cases when servicemembers come in with their orders one week and say they need to leave the following week," she said.

One way servicemembers can avoid this is by speaking to their unit personnel representative (S1) or to the 510th Personnel Services Battalion about getting their orders, especially if they know they will be leaving soon.

"The sooner the servicemember brings the orders to us the easier the process," said Juli. Since the office here is only a processing station, all requests go up to the Consolidated Personnel Property Shipping Office located in Grafenwoehr, Germany. CPPSO are the ones that book the carriers, she said, and that is why the sooner the servicemember comes in, the better.

Another way the servicemember can make the whole process easier for themselves and the ITO is by having an idea of the estimate weight of all their items, know what dates they want pick-up and bringing a strip map of how to get to their home.

A good way to estimate the weight, said Juli, is by giving each room in your house an automatic 1,000 pound weight, then multiply that by how many rooms you have.

"If they know how much they brought [from the states]," said Juli, is another way of knowing how much weight you will be sending back.

Servicemembers and civilians must also remember how much weight they are allowed

to ship. For servicemembers, this weight is determined by their rank, number of dependents and their time OCONUS, said Key. In some cases, servicemembers spend 18 months in Germany then move to Italy and spend another 18 months here, said Key. When it comes time to PCS, those servicemember's put down 18 months when estimating their allowed weight, but in reality should be putting 36 months, said Key. This is because the entire time spent OCONUS, not just in one location, is what determines your allowed weight.

For civilians, their allowed weight is easier to determine, said Key. Civilians are always authorized an automatic 18,000 lbs. An additional 350 lbs are authorized for unaccompanied baggage, he added.

Knowing what dates you want the pick-up to be is useful because you have to be there when the movers come, said Juli. An agent can charge for a missed pick-up, she added. If you want a certain date for pick-up, but can not be there for it, you can have someone else there representing you such as your spouse or roommate, said Juli. No power of attorney is needed, just a written document given to ITO containing the name of the person who will be at the pick-up on your behalf.

The pick-up cannot occur of course, if the movers do not know where you live or how to get there, said Juli.

"The exact area you live in is needed," said Key, emphasizing many servicemembers automatically believe they live in Vicenza because that is the location of post. The correct city or town is necessary since many of the surrounding cities have identical street names.

If you live in the downtown area, providing driving directions to the transportation office is extremely important, said Juli. This is because many areas downtown do not have sufficient parking areas for the trucks and planning arrangements must be made beforehand.

Transitioning personnel must be mindful of Italian holidays, when movers do not work, said Key. On certain holidays that fall on Tuesdays, the Monday before it may only have a limited crew working. That is because some of the workers may take an extended weekend with the holiday, he added.

Being aware of local holidays helps in choosing a more convenient day, an added plus considering summer is the peak time for the transportation office, said Key. It can take from 45 to 55 days for a shipment to the east coast to arrive, 70 to 75 days for the west coast, he added. If a POV (Privately Owned Vehicle) is being shipped, it is imperative the servicemember schedule a shipping date with ITO, said Key. Many servicemembers do not want to rent a vehicle when they get back, in which case they need to send their vehicles immediately so they can be waiting for them when they arrive, said Key.

For servicemembers who want to have their

### ITO Daily Personal Property Briefings

- **Inbound:** 8:15-9 a.m., 10-10:45 a.m., 1:15-2 p.m. & 3-3:45 p.m.
  - **Outbound Work Sheets** (Form 1797/ 30-3 Customs): 9-9:45 a.m. & 2-2:45 p.m.
  - **Outbound Documents:** 10:45-11:50 a.m. & 3:45-4:50 p.m.
- Closed Thursdays 8-10 a.m.*

### No Pickup/Delivery Days for 2006

- Aug. 15 (Tuesday)
- Sept. 8 (Friday)
- Nov. 1 (Wednesday)
- Dec. 8 (Friday)
- Dec. 25 (Monday)
- Dec. 26 (Tuesday)

**Call ITO: 634-8115/6990/6922/6923/6925/6926/6932**

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POV and or household items sent to offline places (outside the United States) either because of retirement or ETS, local taxes may have to be paid, said Key. As soon as the shipment arrives at the desired location, the servicemember may be required to pay the taxes, and their shipment can be held until they pay the amount, he added. This amount can be in the thousands, depending on the size of the shipment. More importantly, it can take up to two months for the government to acquire a company that will ship the items to the location, said Key, so it is important individuals wanting to do this come in and set it up in plenty of time before they leave. In case the shipment is over the allowed weight, ETSing servicemembers must pay on-the-spot, said Key. Retiring Soldiers may have the amount taken from their monthly pay, he added.

Transporting all of your household items does not have to be a big pain. With the right planning and preparation, it can go smoothly. The more smoothly the transportation goes, the more enjoyment from using that new gas grill and 36 inch TV will be.

For more information, call ITO at any of these numbers: 634-8115/6990/6922/6923/6925/6926/6932.

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### Tips & Facts

- ◆ Be sure to bring a copy of your orders (front & back).
- ◆ Bring a strip map of how to get to your house with exact names of the street and town/city.
- ◆ Have an estimated weight amount of all your household items before coming.
- ◆ If you need to ship a POV, ensure it has an EPA sticker (EPA sticker not necessary for vehicles 25 years and older).
- ◆ POV cannot have more than two spare tires and a fourth of the gas tank full.
- ◆ If you have any antiques, have the necessary customs forms filled out.
- ◆ Have a planned pick-up date, being mindful of Italian holidays when movers do not work.
- ◆ Estimate the weight of your professional gear and let ITO know this amount, since the weight of your professional gear does not count towards your overall weight allowance.
- ◆ If sending your shipment to an offline area (outside the states), notify ITO immediately. Acquiring a company to ship to some offline areas can take up to two months.
- ◆ Bring your spouse to the mass briefings, especially if they will be the one there for the pick up.
- ◆ Soldiers receive up to 180 days of storage time; civilians receive 90 days.

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### At your service

by Laura Kreider

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**How long at ACS:** February, 2006

**What do you do for the community:** The Employment Readiness Program (ERP) provides information on available employment opportunities, education and volunteer resources and support services which enable customers to make informed decisions on seeking employment. If you are looking for employment either here or at your next location, stop by the Employment Readiness Office located in the Davis Family Readiness Center.

For any information, call 634-6884.



South of the Alps Dining Facility serves up

# Not only Lunch



Story and photos by Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

More than 40 employees, including Soldiers, American and Italian civilians, work at the Caserma Ederle South of the Alps Dining Facility. This is the only place on post serving Soldiers and community members every day with no break for holidays.

Currently, with the Soldiers back from deployment, there is a peak at lunchtime with about 400-450 people served.

Starting Monday, the number probably increased because of the 'Grab and Go' section, which also serves fried chicken, pizza or hamburgers for a quicker lunch.

The new manager, Marshall Fowler, just restarted this section that was temporarily closed because of a shortage of personnel.

Fowler came to Vicenza after working at Fort Hood, Texas.

"For 20 years I worked as a dining facility manager for the Army," he said.

"Then I retired and I was content with my retirement, but once 9/11 hit, I felt compelled to get back into some form of the military to do my job.

"I was a little too old to carry my rifle and kind of out of shape, too, but I knew I could give back if I just tried to get back in the system to do the job I did before getting out."

Now, after coming to Vicenza, he thinks it is exciting to work and offer a good service to his customers, because across the whole United States Army a transition is taking effect.

"We are more high tech now, even though the

economy has changed and the price of food has gone up, the Army is bringing the dining facilities forward the way it happens in restaurants."

Focus of the attention is on the customer, according to Fowler.

Fowler explained that in addition to serving a variety of food products, it is also important to be creative in how the products are served.

"We want the Soldiers to enjoy their meal," he continued.

"The biggest thing I brought from the civilian world, while working for 'Red Lobster' in Hawaii, is to have an open mind when dealing with food. The civilian world taught me color, content and flavor. So the first thing when customers come in is they eat with their eyes first."

He also added that the dining facility is a benefit for everybody.

"It is a cheap meal for lunch and dinner, the cost is \$3.55 and \$1.95 for breakfast. You can't beat that anywhere. It's the best deal in town."

Some of the new offers include new beverages bars, new juice line with eight choices of juices and a different special for each month.

Specials are served every Thursday of the month.

"This month we are going into what we call the Soul Food or Country Style cooking. The specials help bring the taste of home to those ethnic groups and they enjoy it."

He also explained that they help other people to learn about other food and culture.

As part of the management of the facility, an important key is the fact of having good training and Fowler is going to pass all his experience to the employees. He is also planning for future special events, such as Thanksgiving, because some training classes like decoration classes need to start months in advance. He is also available for comments and suggestions.

"I want the diners to know that they can talk to me. If you have a comment I want to know it right now, so I can fix it right now."

One of the aspects of being successful in a dining facility is to have a good attitude, according to him.

"An artist with a good attitude can paint a beautiful picture. A cook with a good attitude can cook a perfect meal. You have to want to do it."

**SERVING HOURS AT THE VICENZA DINING FACILITY:**

**BREAKFAST:** Mon.-Tue.-Wed.-Fri. from 7:30-9 a.m., Thu. from 6-8:30 a.m. and Sat.-Sun. from 8-9:30 a.m.

**LUNCH:** Monday through Sunday from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**DINNER:** Monday through Friday from 4:30-6 p.m. and Sat.-Sun. from 3:30-5 p.m.

**GRAB-N-GO:** Open for breakfast and lunch.



Above: Marshall Fowler, Vicenza Dining Facility manager, left, helps customers during lunch time, the peak time at the facility. Left: Detail of the preparation of a cheese burger. An average of about 80 are prepared for the noon meal.

Above: Food Specialist Claudio Schiavon, prepares some cheeseburgers during lunch. Right: Soldiers use the self-serving line for vegetables. The facility has new beverage bars and also a new juice line with eight choices of juices. Far right: Rocio Ascencio and Ulderico Strucco, food specialists, serve customers at lunchtime.



Above: Customers eat in the dining room. Currently, more than 400 people eat lunch at the facility.

The South of the Alps Dining facility's Express Stop, commonly referred to as the Grab and Go, is one of the most popular places for lunch on post. Open for breakfast and lunch, the friendly staff serve up quick meals like hamburgers, cheesburgers, fried chicken, sub sandwiches, pizza and more.





## Camp Darby "Freedom Square" to be dedicated to Pvt. Masato Nakae

By Chiara Mattiolo

Camp Darby Public Affairs Office

The late George Watanabe, the historical voice of Camp Darby, together with his friend, Joe Kuroda, proposed to honor the memory of Pvt. Masato "Curly" Nakae with a dedication on Camp Darby.

"Originally the main gate was supposed to be named after him, then we thought the plaza would have been more appropriate," said Capt. Sean Duncan, U.S. Army Garrison Livorno S-3.

Pvt. Masato Nakae will be honored June 21 at 10.30 a.m. at Camp Darby's "Freedom Square." A reception will follow at the Camp Darby Community Club.

"We expect nine members from the Nakae family to arrive from Hawaii on the 18th and to continue their trip to Italy to Vicenza on the 22nd," explained Duncan. "The family is very anxious to come to Italy and to visit the place where their relative fought and lost his life as a hero," Duncan continued.

Anna Nakae Kuroda is the daughter of Pvt. Nakae and will be a guest speaker during the ceremony, together with her husband, Randall Kuroda, a retired lieutenant colonel, and his father, Joseph Kuroda (Randall's uncle) and best friend of Watanabe.

While the official citation awarding Nakae is available to read online at the U.S. Army's Center for Military History Website: [www.army.mil/cmh-pg/ap-moh2.htm](http://www.army.mil/cmh-pg/ap-moh2.htm), it is sometimes more enlightening to read what other historians have written about the event.

Maj. Orville Shirey in his "Americans: the Story of the 442nd Combat Team", quoting essentially from the medal citation wrote, "... The three rifle companies were disposed abreast, Company B on the left at the town of Oratio; Company C in the center near Badia;



Pvt. Masato Nakae

Company A on the right flank in the vicinity of San Lorenzo."

"On August 19 the enemy, suspecting that the line might be weakly held, launched a probing attack at Company A's positions, preceded by a mortar and artillery barrage. Private Masato Nakae, holding an outpost position, had his Tommy damaged by a shell fragment during the first stages of the attack.

He picked up a wounded man's M-1 rifle and fired rifle grenades at the advancing German infantry. When this failed to stop the attack Nakae threw six hand grenades into the enemy force and drove it back temporarily. In the next barrage Nakae was wounded by a mortar fragment. Despite his injury he continued to fire his rifle at the enemy, now attacking again, and inflicted such severe casualties that the attack was broken up. Private Nakae was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for exceptional heroism."

## Summer season underway at Darby

Camp Darby

Press Release

The Camp Darby American Beach, located in Tirrenia, opened Memorial Day weekend officially marking the beginning of summer – and the rush of eligible Department of Defense employees to the Livorno area.

The American Beach is open Monday to Sunday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. The post pool is open Monday to Sunday 11a.m. - 7 p.m.

One of the best deals in town, the Sea Pines Recreational facilities has 39 rooms, 20 trailers and 103 campsites. It also has three large overflow areas whenever there is no availability in the numbered sites or upon customer's request.

Prices are as follows:

For the summer season (April 1-Sept. 30) deluxe rooms cost \$65 for the first two people

in the room. Additional persons pay \$5 each, children under age three sleep three. The rooms comfortably hold four people.

Standard rooms cost \$55 for two, \$5 for each additional person. Again, children under three sleep free and the rooms hold four persons comfortably.

Trailers are two-bedroom and cost \$25 April-Sept. 30. Linen is not supplied and there is no water (i.e. no bathroom, sink, etc.). But bathroom facilities are close by and the trailers have a refrigerator, and a tv/vcr in the master bedroom.

Campsites cost \$20 for rank E-6 and above with electricity; and \$18 for E-5 and below.

The camping overflow area costs \$15 per night regardless of rank.

For reservations contact Sea Pines Recreational facility at 633-7225. But hurry, the facilities book up quickly!



Pedal Boat is just one of the several opportunities for fun at the American Beach. (Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, USAG Livorno Public Affairs Office)



Maurizio Trevisan, inspector at the Privately Owned Vehicle inspection point on Caserma Ederle, checks out the under carriage of a vehicle during a routine safety inspection. Trevisan checks an average of 25 vehicles per day.

## Inspection point helps keep driver, car safely on the road

Story and photo by Laura Kreider

Outlook Staff

Registering a privately-owned vehicle on Caserma Ederle requires some steps that those new to the community may be unfamiliar with.

The first step is to have a safety inspection at the vehicle inspection station, which is located in building 207 across from IMMA.

"It is an annual requirement to pass a safety inspection," explains Nevio Toich, Production Control Supervisor. "The safety inspection is valid for 30 days for registration purposes."

According to Toich, the POV inspection point will also inspect a vehicle as a courtesy service before the actual inspection, because it is recommended to have the vehicle fully-functional to pass the required USAREUR safety inspection.

Some of the most serious deficiencies occurring during the inspection according to Maurizio Trevisan, POV inspector since 2003 and former mechanic at IMMA for 20 years, are headlights, brakes and CV boots.

But he also focused on other standards and requirements. POVs equipped with tires extending laterally beyond the fender are prohibited, inside and left outside mirrors are required and must not be discolored, cracked or broken, and the exhaust system must be secured tightly and free from leaks.

Currently all the regulations in use for the safety inspection are under the Appendix C,

USASETAF Reg. 190-3, which has been in use since May 2005.

Any conflicts of opinion between the inspector and POV owner will be resolved under paragraph C-2 of this Appendix.

If there is a small deficiency, such as a broken light, the owner is given 10 days to repair it, but if the vehicle is mechanically unsafe, it must be repaired in order to pass the inspection.

According to Toich, a regulation will soon set up the limit of permitted noise. At this time, muffler cut-outs, and other similar devices that are not factory installed and permit the passage of excessive noise, are prohibited.

Vehicle owners also need to ensure they bring the proper documents to the POV inspection point.

This includes a valid ID card, SETAF driver's license, valid vehicle insurance and the current vehicle registration.

According to Italian Law, some equipment is also required in the vehicle for safety purposes, such as the reflective vest, the warning triangle and the first aid kit.

The vehicle inspection point is open Monday through Friday 8 – 11.15 a.m. and 12.30 – 4.45 p.m. No appointment is needed.

Once the vehicle has passed the inspection, the owner can then take the vehicle over to Vehicle Registration, located at the Torri compound. Call Vehicle Registration at 634-7001 for details on what to bring and hours of operation.

## VHS Chapter National Honor Society welcomes new members

Submitted by Desiree Henry

Sponsor: VHS National Honor Society

In a solemn ceremony held May 24 in the Vicenza High School's Information Center, the newest members of the VHS Chapter of the National Honor Society were chosen.

Congratulations to the 2006-2007 National Honor Society inductees:

Heather Bender  
Nicole Bissett  
Stanley Douglas  
Andrew Hepler  
Claire "Rosie" Malone  
Joseph Wiehe

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



# In Praise of Prosecco



## ITR trip visits famous Italian bubbly-producing region

Story and photos by Barb Bragiel  
Special to The Outlook

There aren't many better ways to spend a dreary day – or any day – in Italy than at a local winery. Caserma Ederle's Information, Tours and Registration office, had the perfect remedy to beat those rainy day blues with a recent trip to the "Prosecco Hills."

Located less than 90 minutes north of Vicenza, in the heart of the Trevisan and Valdobbiadene hills, this area is home to the renowned Villa Sandi estate and fertile land which yields the popular sparkling white wine – Prosecco.

Upon our arrival at Villa Sandi, we were met by our tour guide, Roberto. He ushered us into a room where we watched an informative video describing the history of Villa Sandi. The tour group was amazed to hear that 18 million bottles of wine and Prosecco are produced there each year.

In addition to being known for its high quality products, Villa Sandi has also hosted many special events including courses for Sommeliers, lectures on the wine world and wine tastings with prominent wine aficionados.

After the video, Roberto took us down to the wine cellar. Although Villa Sandi dates back to 1622, the cellars were constructed later in 1700. As we walked through the narrow, dark bottle-lined tunnels, we learned there were more than one million bottles of wine and Prosecco kept in the cellar.

We were impressed to learn that Villa Sandi supplies its wines to some of the most prestigious restaurants in the world; there was a stash for a couple of places in New York City (Le Cirque and The Rainbow Room) as well as Harry's Bar in Venice and another restaurant in Tokyo.

Afterward, we continued our tour inside the villa. The high ceilings allowed for gigantic paintings and huge, colorful Murano glass chandeliers. At floor level, most of the rooms were decorated with a variety of gorgeous antiques.

"The chandeliers were beautiful and I enjoyed experiencing the historic impact of the villa," said Audrey Barraco, visiting from Columbia, Mo.

Upon concluding our tour, we started the Prosecco tasting. We sampled at least three types of Prosecco, each a little different from the others in terms of dryness.

Rae Ann Betts, another tour participant, said, "I really liked the wine tasting. And, I was amazed to see all those bottles lining up the halls in the cellar."



Top: Prosecco produced by Villa Sandi set aside in their wine cellar for Harry's Bar in Venice.

Above: ITR tour participants prepare to sample some of the Prosecco produced at Villa Sandi.

Left: Participants taste Prosecco as well as snack on Italian meats and cheeses at the Ca Salina winery, which they also visited during the tour.

Below center: Bottles of Prosecco line the walls of the Villa Sandi cellar, built in the 1700s.

Below: Wine barrels also line the walls of the villa's cellar.

After Villa Sandi, we traveled down the road about 15 minutes or so to another winery, Ca Salina. Gregorio and Neva Bortolin warmly welcomed our group and gave us a tour of their facility.

Gregorio shared Ca Salina's wine and Prosecco making techniques. Because the land is so steep in this area, it is not possible to use machinery and the grapes are hand-picked.

Not only did we get to taste several other types of Prosecco, but we also snacked on a variety of Italian meats and cheeses.

"The best thing about this kind of trip is that you don't have to worry about anyone driving. You can enjoy yourself without worrying about the drive home. I'd definitely recommend this tour to others," said Betts.

ITR's next trip to the Prosecco Valley is scheduled for June 16. For more information, call ITR at 634-7094.



### A Little Bit of the Bubbly Villa Tour & Prosecco Tasting

Visit the magnificent Villa Sandi and experience prosecco like never before. Enjoy a guided tour of this spectacular estate including little taste of the bubbly. Afterwards, taste cheese and ham and visit another winery in the Prosecco valley.

**When:** June 16, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Cost:** \$35

**Includes:** Transportation, guided tour, Prosecco tasting, light lunch and escort assistance.

*This ITR trip is for adults only.*

A view of Villa Sandi from the outside.

