



Soldiers brush up on motorcycle skills



Soldiers take the necessary safety measures and don their helmets before they start the afternoon of practical exercises in the motorcycle course. Left: Sgt. Tony Anderson, SETAF command group, watches as a Soldier performs maneuvers in the practical part of the motorcycle course for redeployed Soldiers. For more information on Motorcycle Safety Courses call 634-6912.

Story and Photo by Sgt. Tara Teel
SETAF Public Affairs

Soldiers arriving home from Afghanistan can't wait to get back to the things they missed most. For some Soldiers it is their beloved motorcycle.

Sleek, shiny and very fast. But before they zip down the road on their bikes, the Soldiers must go through a motorcycle safety course to brush up on motorcycle basics and safety.

"The Soldiers just want to hop on their bikes and go," said Todd Johnston, course instructor. "Making them go through this course makes them go into it slow and get back into the groove and flow of riding and safety."

The first part of the course is classroom orientated focusing on the beginner basic of motorcycles and safety, while the second part is a combination of practical exercises where the Soldiers actually perform maneuvers on their bikes. They practice everything from taking corners to stopping. The entire course is about eight hours in length.

"I think this is a very important course for the redeploying

Soldiers to go through because they come out and see their leaders and NCOs out there with them, like Master Sgt. Anthony Garrett, one of the instructors, and that is who the Soldiers listen to and connect with," said Johnston. "It is the leaders and NCOs who are the best measure of safety out there."

"The course is not a bad idea because it makes us be responsible and take our time getting back saddle," said Sgt. Tony Anderson, SETAF command group. "It also made us focus a little more on safety, hazards and awareness in general."

SETAF Comptroller receives award for excellence

By Sgt. Tara Teel
SETAF Public Affairs

Congratulations are in order for the SETAF Comptroller section who received the Outstanding Resource Management Organization Award for fiscal year 2005.

The Army Resource Management Awards program gives the Army an opportunity to recognize the many contributions of individuals, teams and organizations whose accomplishments enhance the professional management of the Army's resources.

They were selected for performing above and beyond expectations beginning with monitoring the final stages of the 173d Airborne Brigade's refitting, reconstitution and retraining.

This included supporting civilian and military repair activities in five countries. Due to the intense management and close coordination with the Army Material Command and United States Army European Command, the reconstitution

was completed for about \$13 million less than the initial estimates.

During the deployment of SETAF and the 173d, the Comptroller established a database to track the status of the countless requirements during the acquisition process. They also acquired and trained 10 individuals augmented to serve as the core comptroller section for Combined Joint Task Force-76 in Afghanistan.

The seven-member section is comprised of both military and civilians including: Lt. Col. Jeffery Ford, Lt. Col. Jeffery Powell, Nuccia Cazzola, Rosa Ballarin, Marta Cinello, Olwyn Robertson and Stefano Deganello.

They were nominated by Cazzola who noticed, through the deployments and high operational tempo, the unparalleled resource management support to the command.

This is the first time the Comptroller has received this award, and one member will attend the awards presentation in San Francisco, Calif., at the end of May to claim their award.

POA changes for Naples, not Vicenza

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs
News Release

Changes to Powers of Attorney for selling vehicles of PCSing servicemembers and civilians do not apply to personnel serviced by Vicenza-based Vehicle Registration, according to Adeal Frater, director, Emergency Services.

PCSing servicemembers and civilians will still be able to use a POA to sell their vehicles upon leaving Italy in emergency situations only.

PCSing individuals need to know the following information when preparing for selling or shipping their vehicles:

- Out-processing Vehicle Registration is to be done seven days prior to your DEROS date.

- POA's for shipment or sale of a vehicle are **an exception to policy** based on emergency situations.

- POA's for shipment or sale of a vehicle **are only** done through the Vehicle Registration office. *All other POA are handled by the Staff Judge Advocate's office.*

- POA's for shipment or sale of a vehicle are valid for 90 days only.

- The seller and the POA holder (**Pay Grade of E-5 or above**), must both go to the Vehicle Registration office. There the POA holder signs a

statement accepting responsibility for the vehicle.

- To get a POA for shipment of your vehicle, an appointment with the shipping agent must have been arranged and all necessary documentation to ship a POV must be prepared from the Installation Transportation Office.

- To get a POA for the selling a vehicle, it must have a current, valid safety inspection.

- Bring in the license plates for the vehicle to Vehicle Registration.

- To register the vehicle to be parked in the BOSS for sale lot costs \$5 and takes place at Vehicle Registration.

- If the vehicle to be sold is a second or third vehicle, owner must pay the necessary taxes for the length of the POA.

- The car insurance must be valid to cover the length of the POA.

For more information on this policy or clarification, call Vehicle Registration at 634-7001.

Editor's note: In the March 14 edition of *The Outlook*, we ran an article titled "Changes on car sales for servicemembers, DoD civilians in Italy" which stated personnel would need to properly dispose, sell or ship their vehicles prior to PCSing from Italy. This policy is effective only in Naples at this time.

DoD needs more flexible civilian workforce

By Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON—One day senior defense civilians could perform jobs now only filled by generals or admirals, and rank-and-file civilians could be deployed overseas to free up military members for combat-related duties, a senior DoD civilian said.

"We need to be more deliberate in our thinking about the roles of each of those (positions) and where they are somewhat interchangeable," Patricia S. Bradshaw, deputy undersecretary of defense for civilian personnel policy, said during an American Forces Press Service interview in early March.

A senior civilian personnel expert with 27 years of DoD and Navy service, Bradshaw worked in the corporate world for six years after she retired from the government in 1999. She came back to DoD to help its workforce become more capable and relevant in the post-Sept. 11 era.

The Defense Department is looking to private-industry models to transform its management policies for senior-level and rank-and-file civilians so they can become a more capable and flexible workforce, Bradshaw said. For example, corporations rely

on business executives with broad experience to oversee many kinds of enterprises, rather than tapping managers possessing expertise in narrow specialties, she said.

DoD also wants its civilians to learn new skills so they can be more flexible and available to be deployed anywhere in the world, Bradshaw said.

Military leaders need to be engaged in "managing the troops," Bradshaw said, rather than pulling duty that can be performed by civilian counterparts.

This brave new world of military-civilian interchangeability hasn't arrived yet, Bradshaw noted, because the current culture is still immersed in old-style thinking. "We have not left our comfort zone," Bradshaw acknowledged.

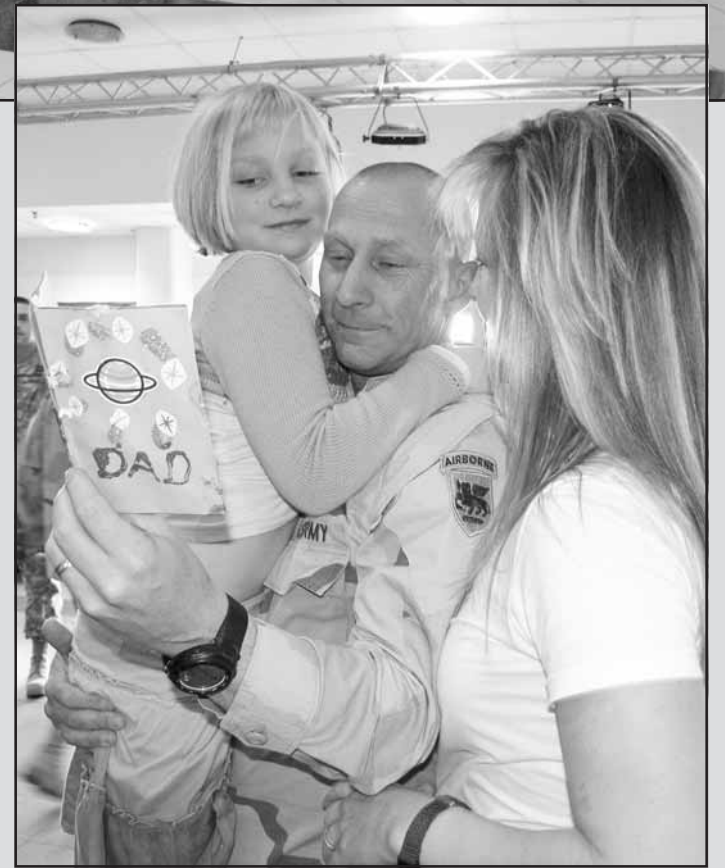
Today, "if you try to select someone who comes with an enterprise view of the world, who has experience in joint matters, the military will beat out the civilian (candidate) every time, because we haven't been deliberate in that."

It's time "to fix that," Bradshaw said, "not only at the Senior Executive Service level, but as we think about how we 'grow' our people below the SES level and prepare them for those jobs."



Camp Darby welcomes home deployed Soldiers

Families and friends gather at the Darby Community Club March 13 to welcome home Soldiers from the 13th Military Police Company from their yearlong deployment to Afghanistan.
(Photos by Chiara Mattiolo, USAG Livorno Public Affairs)



Civilian Fitness Program

Registration and Fitness Assessments will take place Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in the Ederle Fitness Center. If you are interested in enrolling in the Civilian Fitness Program, complete your online application at www.chra.eur.army.mil. For more information contact Lesley Gomez in the Health Promotion Office at 634-8828.



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 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 be hosted at the Caserma Ederle Chapel on March 22 beginning at 9 a.m.

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Issue: Violation of Dress Code – I know there have been some new rules on post about dress codes. My child was accused of violating a code that we are not aware of. Example: Gang affiliated attire. We really need this code broken down to us because what I would never consider as gang affiliated attire is considered a violation of the dress code.

Recommendation: I think a dress code should be handed out that breaks down what is considered gang affiliated. When this has been handed out and been out there long enough to understand it then I could see them stopping people for it; warnings first and contact of sponsor. Then contact units if it happens again. What about the people just arriving here or visiting? Shouldn't they be warned before involving the units if they are not aware of it?

Response from SETAF: The SETAF CG Policy Letter 05-16 "Unauthorized Clothing for Public Facilities on Post" & accompanying poster state in paragraph 2f: "No items that resemble any affiliation with gangs or any extremist organization."

Response from the Criminal Investigation Division: On Oct. 18, 2005, the Chief of Staff of the Army directed CID elements to continue to monitor and assess gang activity in or directed towards the Army, and to provide him an update on April 19.

CID personnel have been walking around the military installations looking for signs of gang activity. Within the Vicenza community no gang signs have been identified, other than personnel wearing clothing that portrays the appearance of being in a gang.

CID personnel, within the Vicenza community, have approached individuals and requested them to correct their attire.

Below are some indications that are indications of possible gang affiliation:

What are Gang Colors and Signs?

Gangs primarily use colors as a means of identity and to show associate membership. Colors, along with specific brands and styles of clothing, worn in a specific manner and style, and other identifying factors, may represent an individual's membership in a particular gang. Additional indications may include hairstyles, jewelry, bandanas, gang logos, sports team apparel and logos, and clothing accessories.

People Nation gang: Use the slogan "All is Well." They always represents to the left, i.e., hat worn or tilted to the left, arms folded to the left, pant leg folded on the left leg, hand inside the left pocket, earring worn in left ear, etc. Their symbols include five pointed stars and crowns as well as moons.

Factions of the People Nation:

- Black P Stone Nation – Their colors are red and black, and their symbol is a crescent moon and a pyramid. Many times they will wear Chicago Bulls clothing.

- Latin Kings – Their colors are yellow and black, and their symbol is a five pointed star or crown. Members will wear Chicago Bulls or LA Kings apparel.

- Vice Lords – Their colors are red and black, and their symbols are a five pointed star or the Playboy bunny. Members wear Chicago Bulls clothing.

- Conservative Vice Lord Nation – Their colors are red and black, and their symbols include a five pointed star and the Playboy bunny. They also wear Chicago Bulls apparel.

- Other People factions include: Bishops, Cobra Stones, Cullerton Dueces, El Rukn, Freaks, Gaylords, Insane Popes, Insane Unknowns, Jousters, Kenmore Boys, Kents, King Cobras, Latin Brothers, Latin Counts, Latin Dragons, Latin Pachucos, Latin Saints, Noble Knights, Party Gents, Party Players, Puerto Rican Stones, Spanish Lords, 12th Street Players, Villa Lobos, and Warlords.

Folk Nation gang: Use the slogan "All is

One." They always represent to the right, i.e., hat worn or tilted to the right, arms folded to the right, pant leg folded on the right leg, hand inside the right pocket, earring worn in the right ear, etc. Their symbols include six pointed stars and crowns as well as devils.

Factions of the Folk Nation:

- Gangster Disciples – Their colors are blue and black, and their symbols include a six pointed star or pitchfork. Members wear LA Raiders and Detroit Tigers apparel and anything with the script letter "D."

- Satan Disciples – Their colors are black and canary yellow, and their symbol is the devil with a pitchfork. Members wear Detroit Tigers clothing and anything with the script letter "D."

- Orchestra Albany – Their colors are gold and brown, and their symbol is the letter "O" over the letter "A." They wear Oakland A's and California Angels apparel.

- Latin Lovers – Their colors are red and yellow, and their symbol is a double "L" inside a heart. Members wear Kansas City Chiefs apparel and Chicago Bulls clothing (minus the "BU" in Bulls).

- Brothers of the Struggle: Black Gangster Disciples – Their colors are black and blue, and their symbol is the six pointed star and pitchfork. They wear LA Raiders apparel.

- Maniac Latin Disciples – Their colors are blue and black, and their symbols are a six pointed star, pitchfork, a heart, and a Playboy bunny. They wear LA Raiders and Detroit Tigers apparel and anything with the script letter "D."

- Other Folk Nation factions include: Ambrose, Black Disciples, Black Gangsters, Black Souls, Campbell Boys, Harrison Gents, Imperial Gangster, Insane Dueces, Latin Disciples, Latin Dragons, Latin Eagles, Latin Jivers, Latin Souls, La Raza (the race), Milwaukee Kings, Morgan Boys, Party People, Simon City Royals, Spanish 2-6 Boys, and 2-2 Boys Cobras, and Spanish Gangster Disciples.

Seeking assistance

More troops, families tapping into DoD counseling services

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – With high operational tempos and multiple deployments increasingly becoming the norm, more servicemembers and their families are seeking counseling services, the Pentagon’s family policy chief said.

DoD started expanding its array of counseling services shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, to help counter the stress military service places on servicemembers and their families, particularly during wartime, Barbara Thompson, director of DoD’s Office of Family Policy, told American Forces Press Service.

The result is a vast family-assistance counseling network that emphasizes problem solving and communications skills that help individuals and families get through difficult times. “This is a particularly challenging time for families and servicemembers,” Thompson said, noting the frequency of deployments that often separate families for 13 to 14 months at a time.

But deployments aren’t the only stressful times, she said. The busy period leading up to a deployment can be almost as difficult, and the adjustment time immediately after a deployment can be the toughest of all.

The National Mental Health Association identified symptoms affected people may experience:

- Difficulty completing tasks,
- Trouble concentrating,
- Fear and anxiety about the future,
- Apathy and emotional numbing,
- Irritability and anger,
- Sadness and depression,
- Feeling powerless,
- Extreme hunger or lack of appetite,

- Difficulty making decisions,
- Crying for no apparent reason,
- Headaches or stomach problems,
- Difficulty sleeping,
- Excessive drinking or drug use, and
- Feeling withdrawn.

Everyone experiences stress differently, and these and other symptoms aren’t unusual for people who have undergone deployments or had a loved one deploy, Thompson said. “These are normal reactions to difficult circumstances,” she said.

The goal, she said, is to address these issues before they escalate.

The National Mental Health Association recommends tips for coping during difficult times. They range from avoiding excessive exposure to news and talking with others to exercising, eating right and taking part in relaxing, soothing activities.

The group urges for people who can’t seem to shake these feelings to seek treatment.

Nearly every military post has a family service or support center, chaplain, child-development center or other service where families can get help, from crisis intervention to counseling, depending on their need. In many cases, non-medical counseling – educational and outreach sessions as well as individual, group and marriage counseling – is the best medicine, Thompson said.

Services extend beyond active-duty troops and their families to include two groups not always included in military programs: National Guard and Reserve members not on active duty and DoD civilian employees who have deployed overseas.

“This is a system of support as a servicemember and a family traverses the military lifestyle,” Thompson said. “It’s life

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Barbara Thompson
Director, DoD’s Office of Family Policy

coaching, problem solving, providing that extra level of support when a crisis occurs.”

Educational sessions, the broadest form of counseling provided, focus on basic life skills, such as stress and anger management, communications, decision making and financial stability.

Outreach sessions are a bit more targeted, with counselors or social workers attending town hall meetings and greeting troops arriving from deployments to ensure they know counseling services are available if they need them. Counselors also present briefings before, during or after deployments and offer group coaching.

In addition, trained social workers and counselors offer private counseling to help people who request it work through troubling issues. These issues can run the gamut, from deployment-related anxiety and family conflicts to emotional or financial difficulties.

“We realize that for many people, these issues are not in isolation,” Thompson said. “They’re often layered challenges that overlap. The trick is to address them as early

as possible before they become bigger challenges.”

Thompson emphasized that such programs augment rather than replace the military’s network of unit leaders, chaplains, child-development center staffs, and family support centers that have traditionally offered the first step in crisis intervention.

Troops or family members interested in these programs can get a referral from these base service providers. They can also request help directly by calling Military OneSource, toll-free from the states at (800) 342-9647 or overseas at 800-3429-6477.

Thompson calls it a positive sign that several thousand servicemembers have taken advantage of the non-medical counseling services offered and expressed hope others will follow their lead.

“We want to make sure everybody has access to this expertise,” she said. “It’s a way of helping families cope with the day-to-day issues that affect their lives.”

Who can I contact?

Caserma Ederle

- Chaplain’s Office: 634-7519
- Social Work Services: 634-7604
- Army Community Services: 634-7500
- Family Advocacy Program: 634-7489
- Army Substance Abuse Program: 634-7554
- Military Police Desk: 634-7626

Camp Darby

- Chaplain’s Office: 633-7257
- Social Work Services: 633-7933
- Army Community Services: 633-7084
- Family Advocacy Program: 633-7084
- Army Substance Abuse Program: 633-7933
- Military Police Desk: 633-7410



AER campaign kicks off with cake

Provided by Staff Sgt. Kathleen Joseph
AER Campaign Coordinator

“I take this opportunity to announce the dates for the Vicenza military community Army Emergency Relief campaign,” said Col. Virgil S.L. Williams, USAG Vicenza commander, in a letter to the community. This year’s campaign will run through May 6.

“AER celebrates 64 years of extending a helping hand to Soldiers, retirees, widows or widowers, and their dependents in the time of financial need,” said Williams. “AER exists solely to help the Army take care of its Army families. The need for AER has continued throughout the years and is not expected to diminish. This emergency financial assistance cannot be provided without your contributions.

“Thank you to all who make this program such a success for our families in need,” Williams said.

AER is a private non-profit organization

incorporated in 1942 by the Secretary of War and the Army Chief of Staff. AER’s mission is to provide emergency financial assistance to Soldiers. It is designed to assist active and retired Soldiers and their family members with unforeseen financial emergencies.

The purpose of the campaign is not only to solicit contributions, but also to educate and create awareness.

This year’s theme is “Soldiers Helping Fellow Soldiers” and the aim is to have 100 percent solicitation from all active and retired Soldiers.

Last year, campaign contributions of 6.9 million dollars helped provide more than 38 million dollars of direct financial assistance to some 42,000 Soldiers and their families.

For more information or to contribute contact: Staff Sgt. Kathleen Joseph, campaign coordinator, 634-7437; Sgt. Daniel Bregaglio, alternate coordinator, 634-7145; Angela Crosland, AER officer, 634-8524; or Doris Planas, Financial Readiness Program manager, 634-8634.

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Attack survivor shares message of joy

Story and photos

By Sgt. Carlos Lazo

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Special to *The Outlook*

Joy is a feeling everyone knows, often the result of having a good day at work or getting four out of the six lottery numbers right that night.

Some of these joy-producing occurrences are the same for the overall general public, while some need to be explained a little more to be fully understood by everybody.

A good example of this would be the day Carrie McDonnall, still recovering in a Dallas hospital from the terrorist attack that had not only taken the lives of three of her friends, but her husband as well, realized she still had her faith and her God.

"I felt joy," said McDonnall, founder of "Carry On" Ministries, as she spoke to members of the Vicenza community at the post chapel March 14. McDonnall spoke during a weekly Protestant Women of the Chapel meeting at the chapel.

McDonnall not only spoke of the attack during her speech, but also of her various trips to the Middle East and of her love of the Muslim world. A love that can still be felt whenever the Texas native with the soft southern accent recalls her travels.

She began speaking about her experiences about a year and a half



Carrie McDonnall autographs a copy of her book "Facing Terror" after speaking with the Protestant Women of the Chapel March 14 on Caserma Ederle.

ago after some encouragement from friends.

"It's good to hear how someone else made it through," said McDonnall. The trials are always there, but He will help us through, she added.

Dawn Norcross, PWOC president, recalls the old saying, "lemonade from lemons," after hearing McDonnall's speech. After looking at what she went through, said Norcross, and still she goes on.

The ability to go on is something McDonnall is showing to many people. Prior to speaking here, she spoke in Germany and at various chapel

services in the states, according to the Carry On Ministries Web site www.carryonministries.org

It was great to have her here and speak to us, said Norcross, and, "I appreciate the response from the community."

Following the speech, a free copy of McDonnall's book, "Facing Terror," was given to attendees, signed by the author herself, and provided by the chapel.

The book may not give the attendees the winning numbers to any lottery but it can remind them of how one woman realized that not all was lost and she still could find the joy to carry on.

Women's History Month Luncheon

The luncheon will be Wednesday at the South of the Alps Dining Facility. Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and program will begin at 12:15 p.m.

Congresswoman Loretta Sanchez, California 47th Congressional District and ranking woman on the House Armed Services Committee, will be speaking.

For more information, contact Cindy Pierson at 634-7976.

CIAO conference fun, informative



A representative from the vineyard Villa Sceriman, Antonietta, shares information on wines from dry to sweet and red to white, as well as bread and cheese, with attendees during the 2006 Combined Italian American Organization conference held March 3 at *Dai Gelosi* restaurant by the Vicenza Military Spouses and Civilians Club.

Right: Maj. Theresa Benchoff, Vicenza Health Clinic, facilitates Women's Health with CIAO attendees on topics such as Hormone Replacement Therapy, Breast Cancer and Osteoporosis. (Photos by Cynthia Giesecke, Special to *The Outlook*)



Women builders of communities, dreams

Community highlights exceptional local women

Cynthia Pierson

Equal Employment Office

This year's theme for National Women's History Month, "Women: Builders of Communities and Dreams" honors the spirit of possibility and hope set in motion by generations of women in their creation of communities and their encouragement of dreams. Building communities and dreams at Caserma Ederle are eleven women who will be featured in *The Outlook* during the month of March. These women have shown dedication, inspiration and leadership.

Family members Mikaela Cade, Nina Renee Johnson, Naomi Rios, and Bethanie Trent are fine examples of the self-sacrifice and dedication of military spouses. As they strive daily to keep the homefront strong, these capable and committed spouses are a vital part of winning the global war on terrorism.

Mikaela Cade, spouse of Staff Sgt. Keith Cade, SETAF, and pastor of the Vicenza Full Gospel Pentecostal service credits her mother as being the most inspirational and motivating person in her life.

My mother has never failed to inspire and challenge me to stand and to do. She gave me a strong sense of who I am as a person and taught me that barriers against my personal success and happiness were only what I allowed to hinder me.

Having said that, a woman with greater public influence who has inspired me was Shirley Chisholm. She was the first woman to run for the office of president and served as a representative of New York for many years. Chisholm was radically committed to serving others with integrity. She saw herself more as a person given to serve people than a woman. She motivated me to believe that what you do for others out of sincere love crosses all boundaries – gender, race, and nationality.

One of the most inspiring things she said during her run for president in 1972, still touches me, "I stand before you today as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency of the United States. I am not the candidate of black America, although I am black and proud. I am not the candidate of the women's movement of this country, although I am a woman, and I am equally proud of that. I am not the candidate of any political bosses or special interests. I am the candidate of the people."

The truth is we can all identify with a group and that makes us special but in the final analysis there is a greater bond that we have as human beings that transcends color, race, gender, nationality, and Chisholm really reflected that.

What have you accomplished in your personal life that you are proud of? I am privileged to have a truly loving husband; happy, healthy, thinking, God-fearing children; and a life and ministry that satisfies me on many levels. Life is precious and there is nothing more valuable or liberating than knowing you are doing exactly what you were created to do and in line with the principles of your faith. I believe everything I have accomplished has never been done solely by me; there has always been help whether spiritual, physical or material. I do believe though the results of the accomplishments are to be used to serve others. I am proud of our family; we love, respect and honor one another always with a view of God's plan for our lives.

Nina Renee Johnson is the spouse of Sgt. 1st Class Bruce Johnson, 173d Support Battalion. She majored in vocal performance in college and hopes to become a nurse someday.

What have you accomplished in the community that you are proud of? As the Family Readiness Group leader I worked very closely with the family members. I am very proud and privileged to be associated with the spouses of Alpha Company. They have supported one another during the past year, and they are the heroes behind the scenes. I am pleased I was able to help them by providing information relating to deployment and coordinating activities for the brigade family.

What woman has been the most inspirational and motivating person in your life? My grandmother, Ollie Camargo. She is a wonderful person who is always there for people, and you can talk to her about anything. She always makes people feel at ease, and her faith in God is enough to inspire anyone. She has beat breast cancer once and now is fighting it again with amazing results and all the while has never complained and is just proud of her "borrowed time."

Naomi Rios is the spouse of 1st Sgt. Reyes Rios, 173d Airborne Brigade, and works as an administrative assistant and travel clerk at the Mediterranean School District Office.

Do you have any personal, life, career goals that you have yet to accomplish? I wish to become a physical therapist. My original career goal was to be a nurse, but now I feel that as a therapist, I can work with a person on a more personal level and help them become rehabilitated and promote better health. Ultimately, I plan on volunteering and helping those that are less fortunate for the rest of my life while I have the means. I enjoy giving of myself and have much joy in helping others.

Who is the most inspirational and motivating person in your life? I come from one of the nation's most poverty stricken

counties and it is my mother who helped me during those hard times. Although she received only a middle school education and worked as a migrant farm worker, she was always able to feed, clothe and provide for the family and guide me through my toughest decisions. She has made many sacrifices and has accomplished keeping her family safe, close-knit in spite of the poverty we had to endure.

Beth Trent, is the spouse of Staff Sgt. Gregory Trent, Delta Battery, 319th Field Artillery Regiment, and works as the community's Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program coordinator. She has a background in psychology and worked as a volunteer advocate in social state programs of behavioral health, acute care patients and drug and alcohol rehabilitation. She has spent countless hours providing invaluable administrative support to family members.

What have you accomplished in the community that you are proud of? Between my government job and the Family Readiness Group leader for D Battery, I am grateful to be in positions where I can educate and help people. I like to be able to provide people with truthful answers to questions they may have. I enjoy helping people because I would always want someone there to help me.

What is one thing that most people don't know about you? I am a history buff and love visiting battlefields here in Europe and in the states. I enjoy reading history books and watching war movies.

Work, Work, Work

Employment searching on post made easier with ACS program

Army Community Services
News Release

Finding a job in a new community can be stressful for anyone facing the challenge of living in a new place. But finding it can be especially challenging for military spouses who must move often as a normal part of military life. Add on limitations due to being in a different country and the task can seem daunting.

The Employment Readiness Program, located in the Davis Family Readiness Center, can help. They provide you with the tools and information necessary to assist with your job search.

"We have an employment lab with four computers available for use to help prepare a resume, search for jobs and access the Army Resumix system," said Allie Vallery, the Employment Readiness Program manager. "We have a weekly workshop to help explain how the Army Resumix system works, and we can provide information and advice about how to apply for jobs with different organizations on post.

"There are more jobs out there than people realize, but it does take persistence and effort to find the right job. We can make that search much easier," said Vallery.

To set up an appointment or schedule a seat in the next Resumix workshop, call the Employment Readiness Office at 634-6884.

Looking for employment

There are steps you can take before and after the move to prepare for your search:

- Before you move, update your resume and print plenty of copies. You won't want to spend time updating it while you're unpacking and settling in to your new home.
- Hand carry your resumes to your new duty station instead of packing them. You don't want to lose them. It's also a good idea to email yourself a copy of your resume so



Allie Vallery, Employment Readiness Program manager, assists a family member with job searching online at the Davis Family Readiness Center. Vallery also assists people in developing their resumes and understanding the Army Resumix system. Stop by Vallery's office in the DFRC or call 634-6884 for more information on assistance offered through the Employment Readiness Program. (Photo by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)

you will have an electronic version when you arrive at your new location.

- Think about what type of job you're interested in. Maybe the move will be a good time to make a career shift or retrain for a new career.

On base

Once you've arrived and have settled in to your new community, there are a number of ways to look for job opportunities:

- Contact the Employment Readiness Program in Army Community Services. The program maintains information on employment opportunities and offers classes on how to prepare your resume.
- Pay attention to deadlines and requirements for any listings you find. If you miss any required paperwork, applications, or deadlines, you won't be considered for the position.
- Join a spouse's club or Family Readiness Group. It can be a great opportunity to meet new people and

to network. Let them know you are looking for a job. They may be able to tell you, for example, which families have recently received orders to move and put you in touch with them before they move. This can be a good way to learn of job openings before they become available.

Other options

Consider volunteering. If you can afford it, this can be a good way to gain valuable skills that can lead to paid positions.

Contact the local school system. They may be looking for substitute teachers.

Continue your education. This might be the perfect opportunity to pursue your education.

The most important thing you can do while looking for a job is to be flexible. You may not work in the same industry as your last job, but you may still be able to use many of the same skills while gaining valuable new ones for the future.

Job Hunting

Civilian Employment in Europe

Your first stop for information on all civilian jobs in Europe is the Civilian Human Resources Agency – Europe Web site at www.chra.eur.army.mil where a wealth of information on employment and job openings is available.

If you are in Vicenza, stop by the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center (CPAC) located on Viale Della Pace across the street from Gate #2 (the chapel gate) for information on job openings. It is a large building that has a gate in the front and the windows are barred up. You will need to ring for entrance. You may also call the office at 634-7266 or via email at vicenzacpac@cpoceur.army.mil for more information.

Non-Appropriated Funds (NAF)

Those looking for Non-Appropriated Funds positions should visit the NAF office at CPAC.

1. The NAF office posts open positions on announcement boards in the office and near the banks on post. People can visit the CHRA-E Web site at www.chra.eur.army.mil to search for new openings. Once on the site, click on "Employment" on the left-hand side and then click on the "NAF" button. New positions are posted every Friday.

2. The NAF office can accept both resumes or applications, which you can obtain at the CPAC office. Once you see a position you are interested in, you can email the NAF office at vicenzanaf@cpoceur.army.mil or drop your resume off at the office.

3. For every position you apply for, there must be a new resume and/or application submitted.

4. NAF offers benefits to Regular, Part Time, and Full Time employees. You may elect to retain FEERS or can switch over to the NAF retirement fund. It really depends on the length of time you have been in Appropriated Funds positions and how much you have already contributed to your retirement. When you transition you will be counseled on your options.

Stop by the NAF office or call 634-7349 or email the above address for more information.

The NAF office is accepting applications for the following jobs: full-time Accounting Technician, part-time Maintenance Worker, Recreation Specialist (Outdoor Recreation), flex-time Recreation Assistant (ODR), flex-time Administrative Clerk, and flex-time Recreation Aide (Bowling). The NAF Office also has a variety of Open and Continuous Intermittent, Part-Time and Full-Time Positions available to include: Bartender with Club Veneto, Child/Youth Program Assistant with Child Development Center, School Age Services, Youth Services and the Teen Center, Recreation Aide/Assistant (Lifeguard) with the post pools, Lead Child/Youth Program Assistant are needed at the CDC, Recreation Aide at the Body Shop and the Main Post Gym, Custodial Worker (Housekeeping) and Hotel Desk Clerk with Army Lodging.

The NAF Contracting Office is accepting proposals for the following Professional Services: Graphic Designers, Sports Officials, Instructors (fitness, arts/crafts, dance, music), Guides for Cultural Tours and Outdoor Adventures, Bartenders, DJs, Bands and Entertainment.

Department of Defense Dependents Schools

Where/how people can find out about employment opportunities available at DoDDS:

For information regarding open continuous vacancies, interested persons can inquire with the DoDDS Human Resources office, Vicenza Elementary and High Schools. The DoDDS Mediterranean District Human Resources office is located upstairs in Building 307, next to the schools.

Information about special vacancies can be obtained from the DoDDS Human Resources office. In addition, special vacancies are posted at CPOC and ACS and they are announced in *The Outlook* and on AFN. They are also posted on the Mediterranean District Superintendent's Office Web site: www.med-dso.eu.dodea.edu/index.htm. Click on "Employment."

Information about educator positions can be obtained from the following Web site: www.dodea.edu/offices/hr/employment.

Currently DoDDS has the following opening available: The DoDDS Mediterranean Human Resources Office on Caserma Ederle has a job opening for a full-time Human Resources Specialist, GS-0201-07/09. If you are interested, stop by Building 307, over the school bus office, to pick up a copy of the vacancy announcement and application packet. For additional information, call 634-8989.

AAFES

AAFES job opportunities and employment applications can be found and submitted online at www.aafes.com under "Employment."

The following positions are currently available at AAFES: cashier checkers, food service workers and stockers.

Interested applicants should have the required documents: No-Fee Passport, Mission Visa and the Missone Soggiorno.

Call 634-7729 for assistance or more information.

Fire Warden Classes

Matteo Spigolon, Fire Inspector for the USAG Vicenza Fire Department, explains the use of the fire extinguisher and how it can be sprayed onto a fire to Rosaria Villani, one of the participants in the Fire Warden class held at the Fire Department conference room March 8.

"Fire prevention is sometimes underestimated and these classes help us to bring fire awareness into buildings," said Spigolon. "Being smart about fire helps people to act in the proper way avoiding dangerous actions."

During the class, Spigolon went through procedures to follow in case of a fire and showed a video.

"I think that the class has been very clear and helpful," said Alessandro Lorato, who works at the Quartermaster Laundry, after he took the class.

Fire Warden classes are available at the Fire Department in English and Italian every six months. Call 634-8401/7092 for more information. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)



Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

Free Time

In the Vicenza fair grounds the exhibition *Tempolibero*, Free Time, is taking place. Find new ways to spend your free time from camping to hobbies and more. There will be sportswear and leisure goods, hobbies, cars, boats, and travel information. There will also be outdoor furnishings, accessories and fancy goods and gifts from the most fun to the most useful to the most valuable.

This exhibition opens March 24 through April 2. It is open weekends 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday-Thursday 3:30-10 p.m.; and other days 3:30-8 p.m. Entrance fees are: weekends 8 euro and weekdays 2 euro.

Upcoming events

Sagra: The town of Castegnaro is holding their sagra through March 26. Find rides, fishing for prizes, a small market, car show, heated food tents serving amongst other dishes, their specialty of quails on the split. There will be dancing each evening to different music groups.

A **medieval fest** is taking place on March 26 in the castle of Bevilacqua, province of Verona. Events start at 10:30 a.m. with flag throwers, musicians, fire-eaters, dames and knights and more. Box office opens at 10 a.m. and entrance fee for adults is 7 euro, children 5-10 years of age 3 euro, younger than 5 years of age free.

A medieval meal will be served at 12:30 p.m. at a cost of 33 euro, but reservations are mandatory and can be made by calling 0442-93655.

An **Antique and collector** items market will take place on March 26 in the town of Cerea, province of Verona, near their exhibition ground from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Find over 150 vendors.

Rome's marathon route passes

by some of the city's most famous monuments on March 26 including the Colosseum and St. Peter's Basilica. Rome begins celebrating three days in advance or the run with the Marathon Village, an initiative that includes concerts, show stalls and meetings throughout the city.

"Up and down the bridges" of Venice

The 28th non-competitive Venice walk called, *Su e Zo per i Ponti*, Up and Down over the Bridges" takes place this year April 2 come rain or shine. This event attracts a great number of Venetians, as well as substantial groups coming from different parts of Italy.

The route starts from the Ponte della Paglia and winds along the city *calli, fondamenta* and *campi*, passing through most *sestieri* as far as the finish post in Piazza San Marco.

There are two distances: 3 kilometers for children and 10 kilometers for adults.

Activities start at 9:30 a.m. in Piazza San Marco with performances by different folk groups, followed at 10 a.m. with the start of the march from Ponte della Paglia (located nearby).

Maximum time to finish the course is four hours. To see the

routes that will be taken, go to the Web site (in Italian only): www.tgseurogroup.it and click on "Su e Zu."

Registration is 4 euro and is available on race day in St. Marks Square, until the registration cards run out, or you can purchase your ticket before hand at Lucimar Viaggi Travel Office, 48 Contra' Porta Santa Croce, Vicenza, near the Questura. There the price is 10 euro and includes registration and a water bus ticket.

Fiera Campionaria

The city of Lonigo, 22 kilometers from Vicenza, is holding its 21st sample fair through March 27. On March 25 at 10 a.m. will be a horse and carriage procession; 10:40 a.m. opens the beer and products from the Bavarian region stands; 10:45 a.m. is an exhibition of the latest in agricultural equipment; and at 11 p.m. is a fireworks display.

On March 25-26 find a large fair ground for adults and children in Piazzale Tonelato; a craft market on Via del Mercato; a European Market in Piazza XX Settembre, where products from all of Europe can be found; a garden center in Piazza Garibaldi; a cactus exhibition in Palazzo Pisani; and a Bonsai exhibition in the Parish Institute.

On March 26 at 9 a.m. there will be wine tasting in Palazzo Pisani.

Spring Forward

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Remember to set your clock an hour forward before you go to sleep Saturday night. Daylight Savings Time springs forward early Sunday morning at 2 a.m. This takes place a week earlier in Europe than in the states.

For more information on Daylight Savings Time visit the Web sites webexhibits.org/daylightsaving or www.timeanddate.com.



Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

March 21	The Ringer (PG13)	7 p.m.
March 22	Fun with Dick & Jane (PG13)	7 p.m.
March 23	The Ringer (PG13)	7 p.m.
March 24	Big Momma's House 2 (PG13)	7 p.m.
	Grandma's Boy (R)	10 p.m.
March 25	Hoodwinked (PG)	4 p.m.
	Annapolis (PG13)	7 p.m.
	Big Momma's House 2 (PG13)	10 p.m.
March 26	Hoodwinked (PG)	4 p.m.
	Annapolis (PG13)	7 p.m.
March 27	CLOSED	
March 28	Casanova (R)	7 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

March 24	The Last Holiday (PG13)	6 p.m.
March 25	Hostel (R)	6 p.m.
March 26	Fun with Dick & Jane (PG13)	3 p.m.

Movie Synopsis

HOODWINKED - *Animated* - Furry and feathered cops from the animal world, Chief Grizzly and Detective Bill Stork, investigate a domestic disturbance at Granny's cottage, involving a girl, a wolf and an axe. The charges are many: breaking and entering, disturbing the peace, intent to eat, and wielding an axe without a license. Not to mention, this case might be tied to the elusive "Goody Bandit" who has been stealing the recipes of goody shops everywhere.

BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE 2 - *Martin Lawrence, Nia Long* - The continuing adventures of master-of-disguise FBI special agent Malcolm Turner. This time he must go undercover as Big Momma to nail his ex-partner's murderer. While undercover in the house of the suspected criminal, Malcolm grows attached to the suspect's three children.

ANNAPOLIS - *James Franco, Jordana Brewster* - A young man from the wrong side of the tracks has his dream come true when he is accepted to the Naval Academy. But once there he is not sure he measures up against the best and the brightest.

THE RINGER - *Johnny Knoxville, Brian Cox* - When Steve Barker finds himself running dead last in the corporate rat race, he sinks to an all time low - he attempts to rig the Special Olympics by pretending to be intellectually challenged. But, Barker is completely out-classed by his fellow Olympians, who are not only better athletes; they're just plain better people.

THE LAST HOLIDAY - *Queen Latifah, L.L. Cool J* - After being diagnosed with a fatal disease, a shy sales clerk goes on a European vacation to live out the rest of her life. With nothing to lose - or so she thinks - her behavior becomes more irreverent and outrageous each day, only to find out later she was misdiagnosed.

Admission: Adults age 12 and over \$4, children \$2.

The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time. Tickets to blockbuster shows are presold at Baskin Robbins.

School registration for 2006-07 year

Vicenza Elementary School

Press Release

Is your child returning to Vicenza Elementary School or starting kindergarten next school year?

Registration will be held in the VES gym on April 13-14 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. All students will need to be registered for School Year 2006-2007.

School registration is an annual requirement by DoD Regulation to determine continued eligibility for school enrollment. Accurate and complete school enrollment data assist school administrators and the District Superintendents Office to project appropriate resources to support the coming school year. It is a critical step for schools since funding and staffing authorizations are based on enrollment.

Kindergarten: The child must be 5 years old by Oct. 31, 2006, in order to be eligible for Kindergarten.

Required documents for registration are:

- Sponsor or spouse's signature on registration forms. Registration form must be signed in the presence of the school registrar.
- Child's social security number.
- Child's birth certificate and passport.
- Sponsor's military orders and dependent's orders, if dependents traveled separately; if your dependents do not have travel orders, a memo from your unit or organization stating that you are the sponsor of your dependents.
- Child's immunization record. Children not meeting immunization requirements cannot enroll.

1st Grade: The child must be 6 years of age by Oct. 31, 2006. If the child is being registered for the 1st time in VES,

all the above listed documents are required.

Returning Students: Parents of returning students will need to update the information on the preprinted registration and sign forms for the coming school year. Necessary documents include:

- Sponsor or spouse's signature on registration forms. Registration form must be signed in the presence of the school registrar.
- Extension of military orders showing extension of tour or change of unit, if applicable.
- Updated student's immunization record. Children not meeting immunization requirements cannot enroll.
- Sponsors or spouse will need to reregister with DETMO School Bus Transportation Office.

School Bus Transportation: Available during registration in the gym to assist parents with registering for transportation. Parents will need to register in order to ensure proper transportation for their children for the upcoming school year.

Call Manuela DeMuri, VES Registrar, at 634-7579 for more information or regarding registration questions.

High School Registration

Vicenza High School is holding registration for returning students for School Year 2006-07 on April 14 from 8:30 a.m.-12.30 p.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. in the high school gym.

Sponsors need to come to update their information and eligibility with a copy of extended orders and student shot records, if applicable. Your children are considered not enrolled for next school year until you sign the new registration packet.

For more information, call Paola Battaiola, VHS Registrar at 634-7072.

Keeping children safe

Do not pass school buses on installations, Villaggio

USAG Vicenza Safety Office

News Release

Passing a loading or unloading school bus is prohibited.

Passing a loading or unloading school bus is a condition for a potential tragedy and is also a violation of Army Regulations. Army in Europe Regulation 190-1 prohibits vehicles from passing a loading or unloading school bus on government installations.

Buses will turn on their emergency flashers to indicate they are loading or unloading. You are not allowed to pass a school bus during this time. Buses that arrive at their pickup points early will not turn on their flashers until it is time to load. Vehicles are allowed to pass a school bus if the flashers are not on. However, you must be alert for children when passing a school bus as children will be in the area.

The possibility of a child darting out from in front or behind a school bus is high.

While the loading and unloading of school busses may take a while - your patience is needed and mandated for the safety of children.

Managing your arrival and departure times from Villaggio during school bus pick-up and drop-offs can assist in eliminating the potential dangers as well as unwanted waiting.

Do the Right Thing! Have Patience - Don't Pass a Loading or Unloading School Bus

It may be your child that is placed in danger.



takes stage at Soldiers' Theatre

Soldiers' Theatre
Press Release

The Soldiers' Theatre production of the folk rock musical "Pippin" will open to the community on March 23 and run through April 1.

"Pippin" originally ran on Broadway in 1973 and was the recipient of five Tony awards. The show launched the career of Ben Vereen and solidified the talents of director Bob Fosse who went on to direct the autobiographical film "All That Jazz."

"Pippin" tells the story of the son of King Charlemagne who is trying to find his way in life. On his journey, he experiences war, politics, and partying before finally falling in love.

"I love being in 'Pippin,'" said Sarah Mihlfeld, who is enjoying her work on the show. "It gives me a chance to meet new people and provide a live form of entertainment that servicemembers

can't find anywhere else."

Making his debut at Soldiers' Theatre, Pfc. Michael Kimball said "This is my first time in a theatre production and somehow, I don't think it could be any more fun."

Featured in the role of Pippin for the Soldiers' Theater production is Pvt. James Kever. He shares the stage with Airman 1st Class Sarah Mihlfeld and Pfc. Michael Kimball. Sgt. 1st Class Tracy Jordan is serving as Stage Manager.

Also in the cast are Vicenza High School Teachers Linda Dalhstrom and Myreta Davis and Vicenza High School Students Jamie Kamiya, Rosie Malone, Sheri Mahadeo, Daniel Kempf, and Matthew Issertell. Rounding out of the cast are Eric Grosshans, Karen Hornstein, Gina Little, Chelsea Marcontonio, Jacob Mihlfeld, Frannie Packard, Joe Reeder, Aaron Talley, and Chris Wolff.

Playing in the "Pippin" band are



A performer sings "Corner of the sky," composed by Stephen Schwartz, while rehearsing the Soldiers' Theatre production of "Pippin." Performance dates are March 23, 25, 26, 30, 31 and April 1. Tickets are available at Soldiers' Theatre box office Tuesday-Friday 11 a.m.-1 p.m. or by calling 634-7281.



The entire cast of "Pippin" performs the opening scene of the folk rock musical during Thursday's rehearsal at Soldiers' Theatre. (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

Eric Weisel, Roberto Dalla Vecchia, Anna Pittaro, Spc. Nicholas Anderson, and Massimo Donadello.

Of key importance to the show is community volunteer John Beamish who has built sets and will operate lights for the production and MWR Marketing Director Peggy Schadler who serves as Scenic Painter for the show.

The show is directed by Bonnie Daniels, Tech Director is Ross Daniels, Choreographer is Linda Dahlstrom, Vocal Director is Aaron Talley and Stage Manager Tracy Jordan.

"Pippin" runs at Soldiers' Theatre on March 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, and April 1 at 7:30 p.m. with a special matinee performance on March 26 at 2:30 p.m.

Soldiers' Theatre is located at Building 11, right behind the Dining Facility.

Tickets can be purchased at Soldiers' Theatre Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or at the door one hour prior to performance.

All Soldiers returning from deployment in Afghanistan can see the show for free.

"We believe this is one production that is a great

opportunity for Soldiers to try community theatre with the free reintegration special," said Schadler.

For more information about "Pippin," call 634-7281.

Childcare: On March 31 parents can attend "Pippin" and receive free childcare at Child and Youth Services.

The free childcare program is offered from 6-10 p.m. Children (family) must be registered at CYS. Reservations for the service must be made by March 24 at Central Registration located at the Davis Family Readiness Center.



SETAF Lions beat local Italian team

A SETAF Lions Soccer Team Player (in blue) gets ready to pass the ball near the Cavazzale penalty area while attacking during Saturday's game in which the SETAF Lions hosted U.S.D. Cavazzale in the local Championship 2005/06 on the North 40. He scored twice in the game; both times in the first period. The Lions won 4-0 after scoring all the goals during the first period. The SETAF Lions Coach Angelo Baso was satisfied with his team in the last two of their games. He said the team also won their previous match against the Cittadella Calcio Club, who is currently second in the championship. Twelve teams participate in the soccer league that ends April 8. SETAF Lion players are American Soldiers and some Italian civilians and friends. This Saturday at 2:30 p.m. will be the Lions final home game against the Amatori Setteca. The Lions final matches of the season will be played in Montecchio Precalcino on April 1 and Grantortino on April 8. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)