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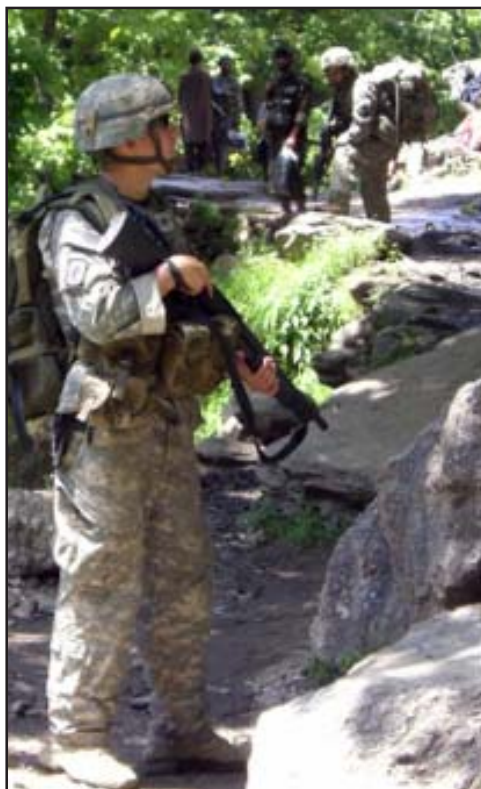


**AER Beat the**  
Leaders Run

## Medic recognized for actions during insurgents' assault

Story by Staff Sgt. Brandon Aird  
173rd ABCT Public Affairs

**Kunar Province, Afghanistan**—Sgt. Kyle S. Dirkintis, a medic attached to Chosen Company, 2nd Battalion, 503d Infantry Regiment (Airborne), also known as "The Rock," was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Valor April 1 for his actions at Ranch House Outpost in Kunar Province, Afghanistan.



Sgt. Kyle S. Dirkintis, a medic attached to Chosen Company, 2nd Battalion, 503d Infantry Regiment (Airborne), on patrol near Ranch House Outpost in the hills of Kunar Province Afghanistan. (US Army file photo)

Dirkintis, woke to the sound of gunfire at Ranch House Aug. 22, 2007. Something he hadn't heard in the first three months of deployment at Ranch House. Within minutes of the first shot Ranch House's perimeter would be breached by roughly 20 insurgents.

"We were pretty surprised," said Dirkintis. "We didn't know what was going on. It was the first time we had been in contact out there."

Dirkintis and the rest of 1st Platoon, Chosen Company, put on their gear while Soldiers manning the perimeter exchanged gun fire with the approaching insurgents.

The attacking insurgents were dressed in the same uniform as the Afghan Security Guards (ASG), which added to the confusion, making it difficult to tell friend from foe.

"I noticed the ASG commander and some of the ASG members started running down the hill as soon as the contact was started," said Dirkintis.

The attacking insurgents knew the layout of Ranch House, and where all the heavy weapons and tactical buildings were located.

As soon as the ASG passed Dirkintis, a

volley of rocket-propelled grenades and small-arms fire hit the aid station and tactical operations center. The insurgents had taken up positions at the ASG post.

The fleeing ASG left half the perimeter unguarded, which allowed the insurgents to breach the wire.

"Post 4, Post 3 and Post 2 had all called in and said they had made contact. At that moment in time we sustained our first casualty in the fight," said Dirkintis. "Our forward observer (Spc. Kain Schilling) received some shrapnel to his face."

Dirkintis treated Schilling while insurgent fighters approached 40 meters south from his position.

"I took Schilling's M-4 and ran down to the TOC to let the guys know what was going on with the casualty. Rounds were skipping by me and I could see rocks explode everywhere. You could hear RPG after RPG explode. I kept thinking is this really happening?"

After moving to the TOC to inform 1st Lt. Matthew Ferrara of the injured Soldier, the building was hit by an RPG.

"I remember the lights came down from the ceiling and it got really dusty in there. I can't remember if the radios had gone down or not, but the antennas had gotten blown off the roof and turned into a bunch of twisted metal."

After the RPG hit the TOC, Staff Sgt. Eric Phillips ran inside and informed Ferrara and Dirkintis that

Post 3 was under heavy attack and a Soldier had been shot at Post 2.

"I grabbed my aid bag and went outside with Phillips," continued Dirkintis.

Assaulting toward Post 2 Dirkintis and Phillips took cover behind Post 2's living quarters where they were pinned down for 15 minutes by PKM and small-arms fire.

Unable to advance, both Soldiers stayed put and returned fire. Fighting between the two forces was escalating and Phillips told Dirkintis to get inside the building.

"Rounds started coming through the building so I went back outside and got behind some sandbags," said Dirkintis.

Once outside, Soldiers manning Post 2 yelled down that insurgents were maneuvering around the living quarters. Phillips threw hand grenades around one corner while Dirkintis wheeled around to fire down another corner.

"As soon as I kneeled and looked around the corner I took a shot to the chest," said Dirkintis. "At first I didn't know I had been shot. My vision had gotten real blurry. It was difficult to breath. My entire body felt really, really numb."

"I tried to crawl to all fours and to get up, but that's when I started coughing up blood," said Dirkintis. "I just couldn't get up. It hurt so bad."

Dirkintis continued to try to get up and get back in the fight. Unable to stand, Dirkintis was dragged by  
**See Bronze Star on page 2**

## Top 10 AFAP issues go forward to Germany

By Rose Holland  
AFAP manager  
Special to the Outlook

The Vicenza military community held its annual Army Family Action Plan conference Jan. 22 and 23 in the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

Fifteen issues were brought forward to the community; 10 of those issues and two issues from the 2007 conference are being sent to the IMCOM-Europe conference to be held May 12-16.

Issues sent forward include:

- ◆ Teen post-to-post activities
- ◆ Age limitations for the fitness center
- ◆ OCONUS sponsorship program
- ◆ Reallocation of ACES funds to dependents
- ◆ Evaluation process of DoDDS
- ◆ Job security of spouses of wounded or deceased service members.
- ◆ Family member no-fee passport

- ◆ Summer Hire employment (for dual citizen Italian/American teens)

- ◆ Long distance medical consultation and follow-up care OCONUS

- ◆ Consolidate specialized appointments at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center

In addition, two of the issues from the 2007 AFAP conference will be forwarded:

- ◆ Employment for spouses upon PCS to OCONUS duty station
- ◆ Command sponsorship awareness

The following issues were closed:

- ◆ Number of Internet sites available to teens
    - a. DoDDS staff has been informed of the process to unblock legitimate Internet sites.
    - b. DoDDS schools have identified a liaison staff member who will coordinate with 509th Signal Battalion when educational sites need to be unblocked from post computers.
- See AFAP issues on page 2**

## Dental appointments for family members, retirees to be limited

By Diana Bahr  
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

As the Soldiers begin to return from Afghanistan and Iraq, the Vicenza Dental Clinic will have to limit its care for family members and retirees, according to Col. Andrew Jordan, Vicenza Dental Clinic commander.

"Soldier dental readiness is our primary mission," said Jordan. "When our Soldiers return from duty in Afghanistan and Iraq, they will require much-needed dental care and we anticipate being extremely

busy. For this reason, we will be reducing our space-available appointments until Soldier dental readiness is restored and we are then able to resume seeing family members and other eligible community members."

Because the clinic anticipates limited space available care for family members, it has asked Dr. George Schad, TRICARE Dental Program Europe representative, to visit the communities in Italy.

He will revisit TRICARE Dental providers in the Vicenza and Livorno  
**See Dental on page 2**



Dr. (Col.) James Houston, Vicenza Dental clinic, gives a shot of novocaine to a patient prior to working on his teeth, with the help of dental assistant Zina Flint. (Photo by Deniz Houston, Outlook volunteer)

## Brigade Soldier wounded in action receives Bronze Star for Valor

**Bronze Star from page 1**

Phillips 30 meters to the mortar pit. As the battle raged on, Dirkintis helped Soldiers find medical supplies in his aid bag, all the while struggling to keep conscious.

For the next hour and a half Soldiers used hand grenades, claymore mines, small arms and heavy weapons to repel the attacking Taliban.

A-10 Warthog jets were called in to strafe the section of the base occupied by insurgent fighters.

By the end of the fighting 11 out of 25 Soldiers defending Ranch House were injured.

Dirkintis suffered a gunshot wound to the chest and a collapsed lung.

He was medevaced to Germany where he recovered and against doctors advice volunteered to come back to Afghanistan.

Dirkintis now works in the pharmacy on Forward Operating Base Fenty in Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan.

**173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team commander, Col. Charles Preysler, pins the Bronze Star Medal for Valor on Sgt. Kyle S. Dirkintis, a medic attached to Chosen Company, 2nd Battalion, 503d Infantry Regiment (Airborne) April 1 on Forward Operating Base Fenty in Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan. Dirkintis received the medal for his actions at Ranch House Outpost in Kunar Province, Afghanistan, Aug. 22, 2007.**

**(Photo by Maj. Nicholas Sternberg, 173d ABCT Public Affairs officer)**



## January's Army Family Action Plan conference yields 10 top issues

**AFAP from page 1**

◆ Flex hours for customer service  
a. Civilian and military employers may allow staff to have flexible time in order to conduct necessary business with agencies on post.

◆ Soldier installation taskings  
a. Leadership needs to have the authority to determine unit schedules based on duty requirements.

◆ Temporary duty required for training  
a. Military and civilian employers

are doing the most possible to reduce the amount of TDY training.

Some circumstances require TDY, such as when specialized equipment is required or when only a select few personnel are trained to teach a course.

For more information about any of the AFAP issues, or to submit an issue for the 2009 community AFAP conference, contact Rose Holland at 634-8526 or [rose.holland@eur.army.mil](mailto:rose.holland@eur.army.mil).

## Six-hour Villaggio power outage set for April 22

**Directorate of Public Works  
Community Information**

An electrical power outage has been scheduled that will affect power to all Villaggio units and buildings. This outage will last for six hours and is scheduled for April 22 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

During this time, Villaggio residents should:

◆ Keep refrigerator and freezer closed as much as possible and close door immediately after use. This will help to maintain food in the refrigerator and items in the freezer can remain frozen for up to 24 hours without power.

◆ Power down any sensitive electronic or computer equipment prior to 9 a.m.

◆ This outage will impact network connectivity making e-mail and access to other Enterprise Information Technology services unavailable within the Villaggio housing area.

This power outage will not affect cellular telephone coverage, such as cell phones and BlackBerry devices.

Call the 509th Signal Battalion Network Operations at 634-8000, 0444-71-8000 from off post for more details.

◆ This period has been selected because weather should not be cold enough to warrant heating systems or too hot to be using air-conditioning.

Heat and air-conditioning units will be inoperative during the outage.

Hot water will also be affected

and only the hot water already stored in your tank will be available during the outage.

Once power is returned it will take approximately one hour for water to heat back to the correct temperature.

◆ When power is restored, it is recommended to check and ensure electricity to your outlets is back to normal before plugging in sensitive devices.

If the power is not on, the first area to check is the circuit breaker panel located in the living room area and ensure there are no tripped breakers.

If the problem still remains call 634-7491 or 0444-71-7491 from off post during duty hours or 634-7029, 0444-71-7029 from off post after normal duty hours.

## Dental patients urged to become familiar with TRICARE Dental Europe

**Dental from page 1**

Livorno areas and provide information to family members and Soldiers about the TRICARE Dental plan in Europe.

Dr. Schad will make his first round of visits in Livorno April 20-25 and will talk about the project April 23 on AFN Radio, 106FM.

Dr. Schad will visit Caserma Ederle May 11-15 and has planned for a call-in show on AFN radio May 14 at 9 a.m.

"I made the decision on which dentists to visit (in Livorno) based on Dr. Patterson, who had identified a number of dentists that he knew or felt were good providers, before he left the area," said Schad.

"The purpose of the visit is to reestablish a dialogue with local Italian dentists concerning the treatment of American military family members; to establish that the dentists meet the criteria that we have established for host

nation providers and to try to discuss and seek their agreement to become TRICARE OCONUS preferred dentists," said Schad.

**What does this mean to the patient?**

"Preferred dentists are a designation we have established for dentists who have agreed to file claims directly with the dental insurance company, UCCI, rather than making the patients pay for care at the time of treatment," said Schad.

"However, when cost shares are involved or when the cost of care surpasses the \$1,200 yearly benefit, the patients will have to pay for some of the care at the time of treatment," he continued. "This can be established by submitting a request for a pre-determination of costs to UCCI prior to getting the dental care.

"TRICARE Europe will then maintain that listing of dentists at

the TRICARE Web site: [www.tricaredentalprogram.com](http://www.tricaredentalprogram.com), and it will designate specifically the dentists who agree to be preferred dentists," he said.

"TRICARE can attest to the fact that all of the providers that we have listed at the TRICARE Dental Program web site will be licensed, will be graduates of an accredited dental school, will speak English if at all possible, will wear a mask and gloves when treating patients, and will sterilize instruments that are used in the treatment of patients. In addition, we have about 15 other criteria that we make sure the dentists accomplish," said Schad.

"The bottom line," said Jordan, "is after a 15-month deployment, our dental facilities will be very busy taking care of Soldiers. Our families will need to learn more about TRICARE Dental Europe and use the local TRICARE Dental providers."

## Speak Out

"What is your favorite Italian getaway?"

**By Laura Kreider**



**Chris Beane**  
Vicenza Middle/High School

My favorite place in Italy is Alghero in Sardegna. The beaches and wild life are marvelous.



**2nd Lt. Sellers**  
173d ABCT

Since I just arrived, I only had the chance to visit and enjoy some local places in downtown Vicenza.



**Tatiana Robles**  
Family Computer Center

Venice. I like the way it is built, I think it is a romantic city and I like to walk there since there are not cars. It's also very easy to get there because it is not too far.



**Pvt. Robert Switzer**  
173d ABCT

Asiago. The mountains are beautiful there.



**Zach Dickens**  
VHS 10th grader

Verona because it's awesome, and for its history.

## Financial Readiness: What have we done for you lately?

By Kent Thompson

ACS Financial Readiness program manager

The Financial Readiness Program is committed to improving the financial stability of the total Army through education, counseling, coaching and mentoring.

To the Soldier or family member - I am a financial mentor, leader, trainer and guide.

To the Army leadership - I am a combat multiplier, helping to ensure mission readiness.

To the student - I will help you to see how to become financially self-sufficient after leaving home and going off to college or starting life out on your own.

To some, I am the voice of reason. To others I show hope of a brighter financial future. To still others, I am the guy who tells it like it is and sets them straight.

Whatever the relationship with me is, there are certain facts that everyone should know.

One fundamental truth about finances is people don't like other people to know all the details. This is very often true even among married couples. One spouse may be secretive about where and how he or she spends certain amounts of money.

First, let me assure you that this is not always a bad thing. I have a separate account that my spouse has no access to. I use it to buy things for her - Christmas, birthdays, anniversary, Mother's Day, you name it. The money comes from the one account that she can't touch (at least until I'm dead).

Second, you should know that as an Accredited Financial Counselor™ I am bound by a code of ethics that requires me to keep

client data strictly confidential. Keeping money secrets from me may actually *cause* financial problems, instead of helping you to realize financial goals and dreams.

Just like Soldiers, I am required to train and constantly improve. As a retired Soldier, I know the issues facing our forces and the communities and families that support them.

I also know that prevention of financial problems is the single most valuable service I can provide to you.

I can provide you with personal financial basics, help you file consumer complaints, offer up-to-date savings advice, help you deal with credit issues, enlighten you on consumer laws, help you with banking matters, help you make wise major purchase decisions, help plan for a home or car, plan for your family financial future, and even plan for PCS.

All the sessions I provide through the Army Community Service are no cost to the community. Each of the training sessions offered by the Financial Readiness office provide you with specific information to assist you in establishing or increasing your financial stability.

The most common problem I see with individual clients is as old as America. Most

people just simply didn't learn a lot about money when they were growing up. School curriculum isn't usually flexible enough to allow financial classes, so mom and dad teach us what we know. If they didn't talk about it, or they were broke half the time, we learn to be quiet about our money and we learn to be broke and just deal with it.

I've been involved with financial counseling and education since I woke up one day nearly 12 years ago and almost \$130,000 in debt. It was then that I realized I was going to be broke when I got to retirement age if I didn't do something about it - fast. The first thing I did was start learning

from folks who were smarter about money than I was, and I'm still learning.

One of the biggest thrills I can get in my job now is to watch a client turn into a former client. Teaching and training is great, and I like seeing the light bulb go on when someone gets that "oh, yeah" moment; but when I can look at a client and tell that they no longer need my counseling services (usually they know anyway). That is a great moment.

Community members can reach me by calling Army Community Service at 634-7500, 0444-71-7500 from off post, or by stopping by my office located on the second floor of Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.



Kent Thompson (standing), ACS Financial Readiness program manager, talks to inprocessing Soldiers about what services he offers. Thompson's office is located in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center, second floor and he may be reached at 634-7500, or 0444-71-7500. (Photo by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)



A Soldier carefully cleans up the grill used for a battalion get together. (Outlook file photo)

## Think safety when cooking out

USAG Vicenza Safety Office  
Press Release

With more people lighting their grills than ever before, it's important to remember that a fun barbecue is a safe barbecue. The use of Composite Risk Management and planning will help reduce risks and help prevent injuries by simply following the control measures outlined below.

- ◆ Always read the owners manual before using your grill and follow specific usage, assembly, and safety procedures. Contact the grill manufacturer if you have specific questions.
- ◆ Barbecue grills are designed for outdoor use only. Never barbecue in your trailer, tent, house, garage, or any enclosed area because carbon monoxide may accumulate and kill you.
- ◆ Set up your grill in an open area that is away from buildings, overhead combustible surfaces, dry leaves, or brush. Be sure to

avoid high traffic areas and always barbecue in a well-ventilated area. Be aware of wind-blown sparks.

- ◆ When using a barbecue grill, be sure that all parts of the unit are firmly in place and that the grill can't be tipped over.
- ◆ If using electrically-operated accessories (rotisseries, etc.), be sure they are properly grounded. Electrical cords should be placed away from walkways or anywhere people can trip over them.
- ◆ Use barbecue utensils with long handles (forks, tongs, etc.) to avoid burns and splatters.
- ◆ Wear clothing that does not have hanging shirt tails, frills or apron strings that can catch fire, and use flame-retardant mitts when adjusting hot vents.
- ◆ To put out flare-ups, either raise the grid that the food is on, spread the coals out evenly, or adjust the controls to lower the temperature. If you must douse the flames with a light spritz of water, first remove the

food from the grill.

- ◆ Use baking soda to control a grease fire and have a fire extinguisher handy. A bucket of sand or a garden hose should be near if you don't have a commercial extinguisher.
  - ◆ Never leave a lit grill unattended. Especially if there are children or animals around.
  - ◆ Consider placing a grill pad or splatter mat beneath your grill. These naturally heat resistant pads are usually made of lightweight composite cement or plastic and will protect your deck or patio from any grease that misses the drip pan.
  - ◆ Stay away from hot a grill. Don't allow anyone to conduct activity near the grill when in use or immediately following its use. The grill body remains hot up to an hour after being used.
  - ◆ Don't move a hot grill. Never attempt to move a hot grill. It's easy to stumble or drop it and serious burns could result.
- Composite risk management - use it.

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### At your service

Rita Bonamego, Army Community Service Mobilization/Deployment Program manager has been with USAG Vicenza Army Community Service for four years and works with family readiness group leaders and rear detachment commanders.

"I teach family readiness classes, assist Soldiers during pre-deployment phase and teach reunion classes for spouses," she said. "I run a reception location for families waiting for their Soldier to return from the deployment and I'm the Family Assistance Center manager."

Bonamego's office is located in the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center, bldg 108. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., 634-8523, or 0444-71-8523 from off post. The Family Assistance Center, also located in DSFR is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-8 p.m. The main information number for ACS is 634-7500, 0444-71-7500 from off post.



Rita Bonamego  
Mobilization and Deployment  
program manager

# Community events

## Provide students with challenging lesson opportunities goal of School Improvement Process committees

Story and photo by Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

The School Improvement Process (SIP) Committee has been working throughout the year to implement and develop the instruction for Vicenza Middle and High School students.

The mission of Vicenza Middle/High School is to provide challenging learning opportunities that prepare students for the future, explained Patty Cowles, SIP co-chair.

As a systematic on-going process, the SIP includes periodic meetings, activities and strategies to achieve local goals.

Currently, VMHS focuses on developing critical thinking and information literacy skills across the curriculum and this focus will guide school decision-making over the course of the next years, according to Cowles.

"It is important that the community knows

how VMHS will reach our School Improvement Process goals over the next couple of years," said Sue Vanderbeek, school nurse, who is one of several faculty members on the SIP publicity committee.

"The SIP publicity committee is one of four interventions used in obtaining our school SIP goals," she added.

The four interventions are as follows: staff development/best practices committee, publicity committee, school/home partnership committee and the technology committee.

In each intervention, the faculty is finding new ways to instruct, to use technology and to communicate with the community VMHS school improvement goals, according to Vanderbeek.

The last staff development day, which took place in March, was a time for all SIP

committees to share ideas and verify their progress.

"The meeting provided an opportunity for us to meet as an entire staff," said Mike Smith, SIP co-chair.

"It also helped to see how our individual roles in the SIP process came together to move the entire school toward our school improvement goals," he continued.

The faculty of VMHS invites parents and community members to join them for the next SIP staff development day, May 15 starting at 1:20 p.m. in the information center.

"The focus of the event will be on scoring the students' local assessments in critical thinking and information literacy so we can

analyze trends in student improvement," explained Cowles.

"We would like to get the parents and community more involved in our School Improvement Process through participation in SIP staff development as well as on SIP committees and focus groups," continued Cowles. "Parent input is extremely valuable in our decision-making for school improvement, and this is a good venue for communication among all of our stakeholders."

On April 21, 28 and May 12 and 19, parents are also invited to join the SIP committees and focus groups that also meet in the information center at 3 p.m.



Above, VMHS teachers Roland Sturk (left) and Adam Ridgley analyze student data during the last SIP staff development day. (Photo courtesy of Patty Cowles – SIP co-chair) At left, School Improvement Process (SIP) committee leaders meet regularly at the Vicenza Middle/High School to track their progress.

## Robin Hood comes to Soldiers' Theatre

Story and photos by Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

The week of March 31-April 4 found more than 65 community children rehearsing for several hours a day for the play "Robin Hood."

The production culminated in two performances for parents April 4 in Soldiers' Theatre complete with full sets, lights, costumes and makeup.

The week-long program was brought over from the United States by the Missoula Children's Theatre, which was co-founded in 1970 by Jim Caron and Don Collins, who currently serve as chief executive officer and senior development officer respectively.

Caron and executive director Michael McGill supervise the intense training period for the tour teams and have created the eight original musicals that are currently touring with 33 teams of MCT tour actor/directors.

"It's fun and you have the chance to meet a lot of people," said 10-year-old Madison Steich-Haden, one of the children who played the role of a forester.

"This was the first time acting with the Missoula Theatre, but I have been on stage before because I like dancing and singing," she said.

Along with foresters, children performed different characters including Robin Hood, Maid Marion, the Sheriff of Nottingham, Prince John, aristocrats, horsemen, guards and skunks.

At right, a group of children wear costumes while performing in the role of skunks during the show, *Robin Hood*. The week-long theater program was brought from the United States by the Missoula Children's Theatre group, which after five days of rehearsals, culminated in two performances for parents April 4 in Soldiers' Theatre complete with full sets, lights, costumes and makeup. (Below) Robin Hood, alias Jon Luca Decaro (standing far right) and the group of foresters perform during the show. About 65 children participated in the show.



## Italian, American students explore cultures

Story and photos

by Joyce Costello

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Local Italian elementary students from the Carlo Collodi Elementary school in Musigliano, province of Pisa, visited Livorno Unit School students at Camp Darby March 28.

The 20 Italian students and their teachers visited classrooms, learned about the newest

technology in teaching, ate in the school cafeteria and spent the afternoon bowling with their new American friends.

Ilaria Guerrini, a translator at the U.S. Army Livorno Health Clinic, played a key role in this visit.

"My daughter is studying English in her Italian school and I thought it would be nice to learn about Americans and the English language first-hand," said Guerrini. "I asked the school principal if we could schedule a special visit for the children."

"We teach our students that being good guests and hosts is important when traveling around the world," said Cathy Magni, Livorno Unit School principal.

The Italian teacher, Marzio Cristiani, said his students study English several hours a week.

"Our middle schools learn short phrases and words," said Cristiani. "Bringing the Italian students here is an interesting experience for both countries to compare school systems and get a closer look at a different culture."

"As a commander and a father, I believe it's an important opportunity for these children to learn lessons that they don't



An Italian student from the Carlo Collodi Elementary school in Musigliano, province of Pisa, learns how to use the latest touch screen technology at the Livorno Unit School during a visit March 28.



Elementary students from the Carlo Collodi Elementary school in Musigliano, province of Pisa, look over a bowling ball at the Camp Darby bowling alley. The students were on post March 28 for a visit with Livorno Unit School students.

receive in a formal school setting," said Lt. Col. Steven Cade, USAG Livorno commander.

"Kids are kids no matter where they come from and it's nice watching them not worrying about language barriers or cultural differences and enjoying being kids together."

The visit ended with trip to the Camp Darby bowling alley for both groups.

"I had a lot of fun bowling and I really like

the special shoes you have to wear," said Denise, a 9-year-old Italian student. "The shoes have so many colors that I took photos to show my parents and friends."

When youth get a chance to meet children from a different culture, it helps open the mind and helps dispell racism and misunderstandings, said Italian base commander, Col. Raffaele Iubini.

### Darby Dates

#### Hotel booking service

Our database currently holds more than 40,000 hotels in all price categories everywhere: Italy, Europe, the U.S. and Asia.

Contact ITR at 633-7589/8231, or 050-54-7589/8231 from off post.

#### City sightseeing tickets

Discover the wealth of history of Italian cities onboard the "Hop On - Hop Off" buses available in Rome, Florence and Pisa. Get on and off as often as you want for the entire day.

Discover the lovely cities of Pisa, Florence and Rome at discounted prices for savings up to \$3.67 per person.

For details or to make a reservation, call ITR at 633-7589/8231 or 050-54-7589/8231.

#### Auto Skills Center

The Camp Darby Auto Skills Center is now offering a new range of services to include oil changing and other automotive services.

Call the Camp Darby Auto Skills Center for details at 633-7009, or 050-54-7009 from off post.

#### Send a deployed Soldier a video message

While our Yellow Ribbon Room is in transition stop by and send a message using our computers which are equipped with web-cams, Viditalk and IM capabilities.

Call ACS for additional details at 633-7084 or 050-54-7084.

## Youth Services receives graphic design grant

Story and photo by Joyce Costello  
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

For the second time in the 2008 fiscal year, Camp Darby Youth Services program has been awarded a grant from the Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

This time, YS received a Club Tech Graphic Design grant funded by Microsoft and the Best Buy Children's Foundation, valued at about \$800.

Youth Services program manager, Jennifer Kandell said grants like this make it easier to keep abreast of the constant changes in the technology field.

"I am grateful to the Youth Services staff who are vigilant in looking for these opportunities to improve the quality of our program," said Kandell. "We thank the Boys and Girls Club of America for offering these grants."



Austen Wheeler (left), Trevor Carson (standing) and Garrett Thweatt check out the newest computer design graphics programs at Camp Darby's Youth Services. The software will allow the youth to develop graphics for submission to regional and national contests sponsored by Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

## Caserma Ederle dining facility offers nutritional, tasty choices—more coming soon

Story and photo

By Diana Bahr

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

The secret's out - South of the Alps Dining Facility is the newest hot spot for lunch on Caserma Ederle.

"When the renovation is finished, this will be like a food court," said Marshall Fowler, dining facility manager. "We just opened up our sandwich bar and the next project is the pizzeria. Our goal is to offer the community all sorts of dining options that are not only nutritious, but a good value."

The sandwich bar opened to rave reviews as people lined up to choose from a menu that included grilled Reubens, roasted chicken, tuna fish and more.

"It was just like I remembered it," said a smiling Robert Schmidt, who works for the 509th Signal Battalion in Network Security, as he munched on a Reuben. "It's probably been four years since I last had a Reuben and this is great. Especially when it's served up fast and with a smile."

"I've been here for three years and eat at the dining facility Monday through Friday," said Schmidt. "The improvements I've

seen so far are great and the selection is terrific. I prefer to eat here as I feel it's a better deal and I'm eating more nutritiously."

The sandwich bar is only open Monday-Friday at lunch from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Marshall Fowler (left), South of the Alps Dining Facility manager hands a hot-off-the-grill Reuben sandwich to Robert Schmidt, 509th Signal Battalion in Network Security, Wednesday. Fowler opened up the new sandwich bar April 7. The sandwich bar is only available during lunch weekdays.**



## Primavera in Italia means gardens, mazes

### Garden exhibitions

The town of **Noale**, province of Venice, will hold its 29th celebration of *Festa dei Fiori* (Flower Festival), April 20.

In an area of 10,000 sqmt will be more than 150 exhibitors, vendors from the Veneto and other regions of Italy.

See and buy flowers, plants, trees, garden tools and garden furniture.

You will also have a chance to admire the geraniums at their best as the residents of the town compete for the recognition of having the best geraniums on their balcony or garden.

Also find the restaurants, trattories and stores open for the entire day. Noale is located 57 kilometers from Vicenza.

In the town of **Este**, province of Padova, April 18, 19 and 20 find a market of flowers, plants, trees and water fountains in the main square, *Piazza Maggiore*.

Find flower-theme exhibitions in the different halls open in the afternoon of April 18 and 19, and all day April 20.

In the town of **Sossano**, Vicenza on April 20 find a exhibition-market of flowers, fruit trees and garden furniture. The market opens at 8 a.m. until sundown and food is available.

### Model expo in Verona

The 4th Model Expo will be held in the **Verona** exhibition hall April 19-20.

This is the largest show of model boats, aircraft, cars, trains in Italy. Hours are 9 a.m.-7 p.m. each day with an entrance fee of 10 euro for adults, 7 euro for youth 13-16 years old and free for those under 13 years old. The exhibition grounds are located a few minutes from the Verona sud autostrada exit.

### Art exhibition

In Verona's *Palazzo della Gran Guardia*, the art exhibition 'Il Louvre' will be held Sept. 19 through Feb. 15, 2009.

See works of art from Leonardo to Botticelli, from Raffaello to Rembrandt, Tiziano to Veronese and other masters.

Tickets can be reserved now on line at [www.lineadombra.it](http://www.lineadombra.it) in Italian only.

### Upcoming concerts

Backstreet Boys at the PalaNET in Padova on April 20 and in Milan April 29;

Nick Cave and The Bad Seeds May 28 in Milan;

Jose Carreras at Villa Reale in Monza June 12

Find tickets online at the Web site: [www.ticketone.it](http://www.ticketone.it).

### Visit a maze

One nearby maze is in the gardens of *Villa Pisani*, in the town of **Stra**. It was created in 1720 and the maze is formed of a thick hedge and the route is approximately 500 meters long.

In the center of the maze is a small panoramic tower that has a spiral staircase on the outside and is topped by a statue of Minerva.

Once at the top, you can plan your route out again without running into thick hedges.

The villa is open everyday from 9 a.m.-7 p.m., closed on Mondays. Entrance fee to the villa and park is 5 euro.

The maze in the *Giardino Giusti* in **Verona** was designed in 1786, is 400 meters wide, geometric in style and is formed of a thick hedge which is over a meter in height.

The gardens, which are located 10 minutes from the Arena are open everyday from 9 a.m.-7p.m. Entrance

fee is 5 euro; children under 10 years of age enter free.

Apart from the maze, which is considered to be one of the most ancient in Europe also enjoy *grotte acustiche* - or echo cave-mythological statues, fountains, the flowers and trees. The gardens can take over two hours to visit.

The garden in the town of **Valsanzibio**, province of Padova, ranges among the most important and unspoiled gardens in the world.

Planned in 1669 by the Venetian nobleman Z. F. Barbarigo, his son Gregorio, a cardinal and future saint, inspired the symbolic meaning of the plan drawn by Luigi Bernini, a Vatican architect and fountain expert.

In the gardens you'll find fountains and fishponds, a large maze, the rabbits island, statues galore, lots of trees and more.

The garden is open daily 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2 p.m.-sunset. Entrance fees are 8.50 euro, children 6-14 years of age pay 5.50 euro.

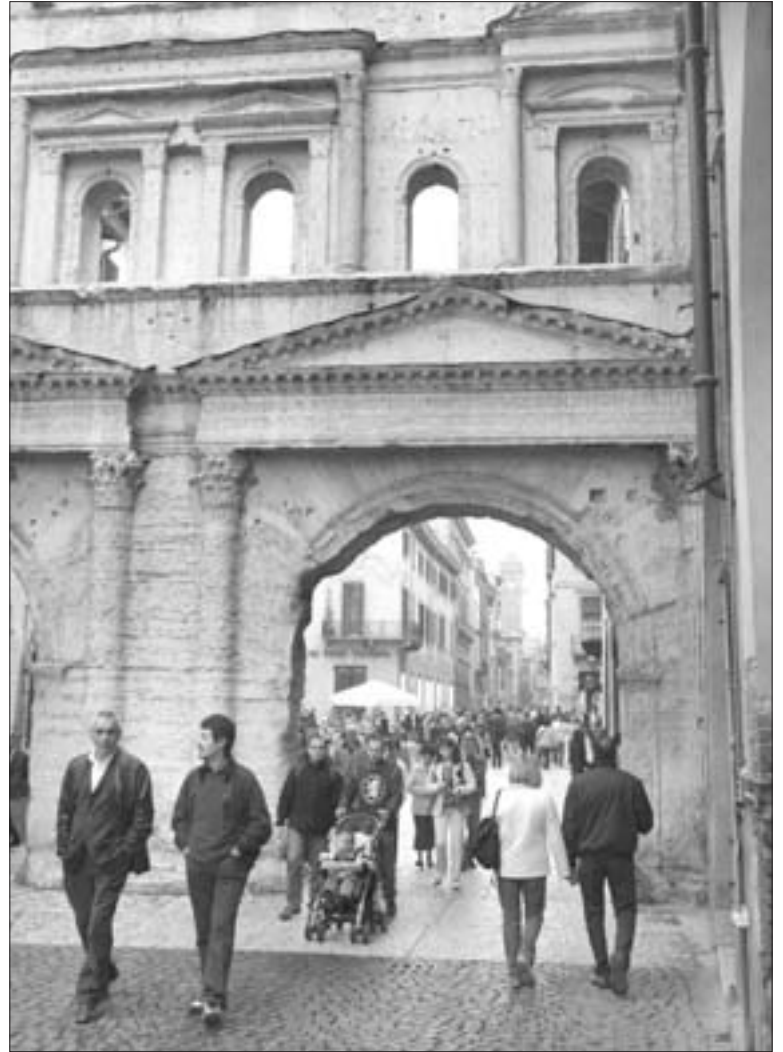
Valsanzibio is located 36 km from Vicenza, before you visit the gardens go to the Web site (available in English) for details [www.valsanzibigiardino.it](http://www.valsanzibigiardino.it).

### International handicraft fair

Tradition and innovation come together each year at the Fortezza da Basso in **Florence** for one of the most important European arts and crafts fairs.

The range of exhibits includes giftware, furnishing and home accessories, textiles, cosmetics, international food, clothing and accessories from Italy and around the world, fine jewelry, body ornaments and creative gadgets.

Open each day 10 a.m.-11 p.m. April 25-May 3. The exhibit closes May 4 at 8 p.m. Entrance fee is 8



If visiting Verona for the art exhibition, *Il Louvre*, take a stroll around the ancient city. Above, visitors enter through a Roman archway that's over 2,000 years old. (Outlook file photo)

euro. If going by train, you will find the exhibition hall 200 meters from the main station *Santa Maria Novella*.

### Vicenza fun for children

The inflatable bounce houses are back in *Campo Marzo* until May 4 in a fenced off and safe area.

It's a great opportunity for children (up to 12 years old) to have fun while their parents can relax in

an adjacent area set up especially for them.

### Park closure

Public access to Salvi Gardens downtown Vicenza is temporarily closed through September for major park renovation.

When it reopens, it will be a fully disabled-access area with new lighting, wooden fences and benches.

## Now Showing

### Caserma Ederle Theater

<b>April 16</b>	The Eye (PG13)	6 p.m.
<b>April 17</b>	Over Her Dead Body (PG13)	6 p.m.
<b>April 18</b>	Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins (PG13)	6 p.m.
	Prom Night (PG13) 1st Run	9 p.m.
<b>April 19</b>	Juno (PG13)	3 p.m.
	Strange Wilderness (R)	6 p.m.
<b>April 20</b>	Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins (PG13)	3 p.m.
	Prom Night (PG13)	6 p.m.

### Camp Darby Theater

<b>April 17</b>	Juno (PG13)	6 p.m.
<b>April 18</b>	21 (PG13) 1st Run	6 p.m.
<b>April 19</b>	Strange Wilderness (R)	6 p.m.
<b>April 20</b>	Welcome Home Roscoe Jenkins (PG13)	2 p.m.

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

### Movie Synopsis

**STRANGE WILDERNESS** - *Steve Zahn, Allen Covert*. Animal enthusiast Peter Gaulke and his sidekick Fred Wolf host an ailing wildlife TV show "Strange Wilderness, which is in a steep ratings decline. Desperate to save the show, Peter hatches a Hail Mary scheme to find the one animal that could truly turn the show around and change the nature-show landscape forever — Bigfoot.

**WELCOME HOME ROSCOE** - *Martin Lawrence, Louis C.K.* With a reality-TV-star fiancée and money to burn, there's no piece of the Hollywood dream RJ hasn't achieved. His parents request that he come home for their 50th wedding anniversary and he packs up his 10-year-old son and diva bride-to-be and heads back to Georgia for a chance to prove to his family that he's no longer the awkward kid they relentlessly picked on.

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## Change of Command ceremony

The Vicenza military community is welcome to bid farewell to Maj. Gen. Frank G. Helmick and welcome Brig. Gen. William B. Garrett III April 28 during a ceremony held at 11 a.m. on Hoekestra. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held in the Ederle Theater.

## Job opportunities

**Child & Youth Services** has numerous vacancies for Child & Youth program assistants to work in the child development centers (ages six weeks-5 years) and School Age Services (first - fifth grades) programs.

Only U.S. citizen ID cardholders or citizens of NATO-member countries with social security cards are eligible to apply. Interviews, reference and background checks are part of the hiring process.

Contact the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center for details at 634-7266 or 0444-71-7266 from off post.

CYS is looking for **camp counselors** for June-August. Stop by the office for an application or e-mail your resume to: *Vicenza.NAF@EUR.army.mil*

For detailed information about this and other positions visit the Web site at: *cpolrhp.belvoir.army.mil/eur/index.htm* or call 634-7290/7349.

The NAF office is located across the street from Gate #2 on Viale Della Pace. Hours of operation are Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., (closed 12-1 p.m. and Thursday mornings).

**Water Safety instructors needed.** SKIES Unlimited is looking for youth ages 16 and up to become water safety instructors. These are paid positions.

Training will be provided. Students who receive their certification will be able to teach American Red Cross swim lessons Level I-V.

Call 634-8051 for information.

## How to ace the interview

Discover what you need to do for a successful interview and land that job.

ACS's Employment Readiness program holds a class April 16 at 10:30 a.m. at Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

Reservation is required by April 15, call 634-7500, or 0444-71-7500 from off post.

## Vicenza Community Club seeks board members

VCC board meets once a month to plan the next month's events and conduct club business.

Board elections will be held in April and interested community members should contact Lisa Meyers 0444-910-075 *bkmeyers2@aol.com* or Betsy Walters 329-784-4630, *betsyjwalters@yahoo.com*.

## InfoX is April 23

The next Information Exchange is April 23 starting at 10 a.m. in Club Veneto. Come and hear what's happening in your community from the folks who make it happen.

Have an issue you want to bring to the attention of senior leadership? Come in person or call in your question to 634-7411 or 0444-71-7411 from off post.

## FAP April events

April is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.

April 16: Pooh Bear tea party with Freddy FAP at 3:30 p.m. in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center. Reservations required by April 15.

All programs require registration by calling 634-7500.

## MOMs Club activities

Infant Playgroup: April 18, Mary Jo Rooney will speak about baby sign language. Playgroup meets at 11 a.m. at the EDIS bldg 305.

Recipe swap is April 17 at 11 a.m. MOMS night out is April 19.

Book club meets April 21 at 10 a.m.

Park day is April 25 at 11 a.m. MOMS Club monthly meeting and board elections are April 28, 10 a.m. at the post chapel.

For details regarding MOMS Club and our activities, e-mail *momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com* or contact Deanna at 0444-945-105 or Amber at 334-700-8443.

## Cook Arabian cuisine

Prepare, cook and eat Arabian cuisine with FMWR's *SKIES Unlimited* April 24 from 5-7 p.m. Open to youth ages 7-18.

Call 634-8051 for details.

## Reconnect during R & R

Army Community Service offers Battlemind, financial readiness techniques and provides resources for a happy homecoming April 16, 23 and 30 at 11:30 a.m.

Lunch and child care are provided.

Reserve your spot by calling 634-7500 at least one day in advance.

## Learn about TRICARE Dental

Dr. George Schad, TRICARE Dental Program Europe, will be live on AFN 106 FM radio at Camp Darby April 23 at 8 a.m. talking about local TRICARE dentists.

Dr. Schad will have a call-in show on Caserma Ederle in May on the same topic, the date and time to be determined.

## Calling all graduates

USAG Vicenza is holding a graduation recognition ceremony June 10 from 10 a.m.- noon in Soldiers' Theatre.

If you earned a post-secondary credential (certificate, associate, bachelor's, master's or doctorate) from any U.S. Department of Education-accredited or Italian national equivalent school during academic year 2007-08 you are welcome to participate.

Students may be within 12 semester hours of earning their degree to participate. Family members may walk for deployed graduates

Deadline to apply is May 8 at 5 p.m. Bring a copy of your degree or transcripts to the Education Center.

For details contact Robert Cruce

at 634-8744 or e-mail *robert.cruce@eur.army.mil*.

## ITR April trips

Information, Tours and Registration offers the following trips:

April 19: Pisa and Carrara marble shopping.

April 20: Spend a day of fun and adventure at Gardaland amusement park. Children must be over one meter for most rides. Trip includes transportation and entrance ticket. Sign up by April 19.

April 20: Visit the oldest republic in the world, San Marino. The trip includes transportation and a guided tour of the city's historical sites.

April 23: Travel to the Verona area for an olive oil tasting and guided tour of *Villa Sagramoso*.

Call ITR at 634-7094 for prices, details and reservations.

## Charge for WiFi service

Wireless Internet access for Cafe Centrale and the bar in Club Veneto are no longer free.

Fees range from \$3.50 per hour to \$39 per month.

All payments are made directly over the Internet to the Army Recreation Machine Program portal.

Clients who have accounts with ARMP are able to use the service at Army locations worldwide.

## Stress Relief through Guided Imagery

Learn techniques to reduce stress in your life April 21 and 28 at noon in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

The class is free and offered by Installation Victim Advocate, Family Advocacy Program.

Call 634-6269, or 0444-71-6269 from off post for details.

## Benvenuti to Vicenza

Army Community Service offers a free Benvenuti to Vicenza class April 15-19. Class starts at 8:30 a.m.

Benvenuti is four days of fun, culture and adventure in the Vicenza area. Learn a bit of the local culture and language.

Reservations are required as places are limited. Call ACS at 634-7500 for details.

## Fitness center classes

The fitness center will launch the new session of the Les Mills classes:

April 16: Body Step

April 17: Body Balance

Participants can try one of the free sessions at 9:15 a.m., noon, 3:30 or 5:30 p.m. All classes are held in the Body Shop fitness studios.

For details call the fitness center 634-5181.

## Child Find

The Department of Defense Dependents Schools is looking for children who may need special learning plans.

Parents, do you have concerns that your child may have difficulties in learning that cannot be overcome by study and instruction in the regular classroom setting? Does your child seem to have

difficulty remembering what he or she reads, sees or hears?

Has your child entered our school with a special learning plan (IEP or 504) that our registrar might not be aware of?

If you answer yes to any of the above, call John Zaborek or Carole Kabonick, Vicenza High School, at 634-7228, or Myreta Davis, special education teacher, at 634-7235.

## Ethnic hair care seminar

AAFES is sponsoring Ethnic Hair Care training in the Vicenza Beauty Salon May 6-8, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

If you want to find out what is the latest hair style or are interested in being a model, call 0444-500-536 to sign up.

## Angels & Demons rock party

Club Veneto is hosting an Angels & Demons Rock Party April 19 from 8 p.m. to closing, and offering cash prizes for the best-dressed Angel and Demon.

For details call 634-7685.

## Amazing family adventure

Get your team together and face the challenge in Vicenza's version of the Amazing Race April 25.

There are five team categories, and prizes for the top teams in each category.

Sign up April 18 at CYS Central Registration.

For details, call 634-7219.

## Parrot Park trip

Take advantage of a School Age Services special deployment field trip to *Parco dei pappagalli* April 26 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Cost of the trip is \$32 and includes park entrance fee and regular hourly care fee.

You can also use the Deployment Care card to offset hourly care fees.

Call SAS for details at 634-8253.

## Infant massage class

Offered in conjunction with Educational and Developmental Intervention Service, learn the proper techniques to give your new baby a massage on April 25, 10 a.m. at Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

Call ACS at 634-7500 for details.

## Cost of reintegration

Learn how to buy the 'top nine' with your deployment dollars without going into debt.

ACS Financial Readiness program offers this class at 3 p.m. at Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center

Reserve your spot by calling 634-7500.

## Exception Family Member Program monthly roundtable

The community and EFMP members are invited to a fun forum April 22 to discuss a variety of issues to include children's programs, a healthy recipe demonstration and health issues.

Join us at 10 a.m. at Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center's conference room.

Call 634-7500 for details or to make a reservation.

## Religious activities

### Caserma Ederle Chapel

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

### Chaplain Crisis Line:

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

### Saturday services

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

5 p.m.: Vigil Mass

### Sunday Services

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

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

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

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

### Monday

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

5:30 p.m.: High School Club in the Teen Center. (Sept.-May)  
For details contact Jocelyn Cary at 634-7890 or 349-385-3476 or *vicecb@yahoo.com*.

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

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

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

### Thursday

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

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

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

### Friday

Noon: Weekday Mass  
Noon: Muslim Khutba and prayer

### Faith group POCs

**Islamic** POC is Mohamed Noeman at 634-6306.

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

**Latter Day Saints (LDS)** POC is Dr. Matt Ghiz at 349-500-7989.

### Passover services

The Passover holiday starts the evening of April 19 and ends the night of April 27.

Passover seders will take place at the home the November's the first two nights. RSVP at *november6@msm.com*.

### Darby Chapel

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

8:30 a.m.: Catholic Reconciliation

9:30 a.m.: Catholic Mass  
11 a.m.: Protestant worship

All briefs for this page must be received at *editor@eur.army.mil* by noon Wednesday, the week prior to publication.

Laura McCracken completes her run in 20:06.4 and places first in the event.

# Saturday's sport on post



Story and photos by Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

The skies cleared up just in time Saturday morning as about 150 people registered and 135 completed the April Showers 5K Fun Walk/Run.

The event began and ended on the North 40 and found many groups, parents with children, students with friends, taking part in this second spring event.

"This is not the first run I have done," said Laura McCracken, race winner. McCracken, who usually places first in the women's category, also won the run a couple of times before. "I try to run every race because it is such a nice family event. It is a great race for me.

"I usually run every day with my two children, Grace and Sam, who are in a double stroller. Today they were here supporting me. They are my training crew," she said. "I would like to thank the organizers who are fantastic, and very motivating."

The next fun walk/run will take place on May 17 at 10 a.m. For information call Sport and Fitness at 634-7009.



(Above, left) One of the family groups participates in the April Showers 5 km. Fun Walk/Run, the monthly event through Caserma Ederle. (Above, right) James Grady wheels his children accompanied by his wife Stephanie on their way back to the North 40.



## Beat the Leaders' run raises awareness, funds

By Cindi Unger  
Army Emergency Relief campaign coordinator

The annual Army Emergency Relief campaign is underway and several community events have helped raise awareness and funding for the program.

In conjunction with the DFMWR April Showers 5K Fun Run/Walk, community members had the opportunity to Beat the Leader's Run, and help Soldiers at the same time.

To establish the run time to beat, SETAF commander, Maj. Gen. Frank Helmick and SETAF Command Sergeant Major, Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice ran a pre-designated 5K course April 2 during physical training along with eight other senior leaders.

The group of 10 was timed by their SETAF AER key representatives, and the official time to beat was 21:08.

Congratulations to (in order they placed) Laura McCracken, Zach Dickens, William Foulks and John Harrison, who can now brag they beat the leaders.

So far, more than \$12,000 has been raised for AER.

(Above) Left to right: Col. Virgil S.L. Williams, USAG Vicenza commander, with the winners of the 'Beat the Leaders Run: William Foulks (placed 3rd 21:03.2), Laura McCracken (1st - 20:06.4), John Harrison (Honorable mention- He arrived fourth pushing the stroller and still completing the run with a time of 21:10.7), his children, three-year-old Ian, and Jonathan, 8, and Zach Dickens (placed 2nd -20:31.0). (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff) At right, Maj. Gen. Frank G. Helmick (left), SETAF commander, and SETAF Command Sergeant Major, Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice, (second from left), along with eight other Soldiers, set the pace for the Beat the Leaders Run during physical training April 2. Their group time was 21:08. The event was held to raise awareness and support for the Army Emergency Relief campaign fund. The campaign runs until May 1. People interested in donating to the campaign may do so by contacting their unit key leader or AER at 634-7500, 044-71-7500 from off post. (Photo by Sgt. Justin Nieto, SETAF Public Affairs)



## Sports Shorts

### Racquetball tourney for all levels

A racquetball tournament is set for April 18 and 19 for beginners, intermediate and advanced players.

A mandatory coaches meeting is April 18, 6 p.m.

### CYS track and field

CYS Sports and Fitness is offering track and field training April 14-May 22 for ages 6-12. Youth must be a member of CYS and have a current health assessment to participate.

Practice is held Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 5:30-6:30 p.m. Get ready for the big meet May 17.

Call 634-6151 for information.

### Scuba in Croatia

Learn to SCUBA with Outdoor Recreation the weekend of May 2-4.

Learning underwater photography plus search and light salvage. Call ODR for reservations before April 23, at 634-7453.

### ODR Cycling

Outdoor Recreation is offering Vicenza area bicycle rides, Tuesdays and Thursdays, in two categories.

Level 1 is for any type of bike rider and runs 4:30-6 p.m.

Level III and IV and mountain bike rides run 4:30 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$5 each ride, \$15 per month, or \$40 for the season.

Call Outdoor Rec for details at 634-7453.

### Bicycle maintenance classes

To help you keep your bike in good working order, Outdoor Recreation offers a six-session bike maintenance class. You can take one, two or all six classes. Cost is \$15 for the first class, \$5 for each additional class.

The first session, Level 1: Basic Lubing, is April 16, 5:30 - 7 p.m. Sign up by April 15.

Call Outdoor Rec for details at 634-7453.

### Lake Garda by bike

See Lake Garda by bicycle April 19 with Outdoor Recreation.

This ride is for Level III and IV mountain bike riders.

Sign up by April 16, cost is \$15.

### Here TDY? Rent a bike

If you're here on TDY orders and want an economical way to get around the immediate area, rent a cruiser bicycle from Outdoor Rec.

Bikes rent for \$5 a day, \$20 a week, or \$40 a month. Cost includes bike lock and helmet.

Stop by Outdoor Rec, located across from the Shoppette parking lot, bring a copy of your orders, and ride away.