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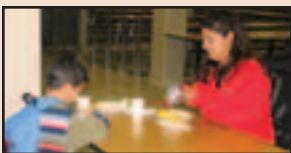
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Bravo Troop traverses mountains to help keep peace

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

NURISTAN PROVINCE, Afghanistan – “We got a guy with an AK-47 400 meters from your position,” crackled over the patrol leader’s radio. With that news, Marine Chief Warrant Officer Byung Kim, shouted for everyone to get down.

Kim was leading a group of 20 Afghan National Army soldiers up a mountain to Combat Outpost Warheit in Nuristan Province, Afghanistan when the report came over his radio March 2.

Kim and the Afghan National Army works with Bravo Troop, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment (Airborne) to help spread Islamic Republic of Afghanistan influence in this remote region of the country.

Before Kim’s patrol left Forward Operating Base Keating, the FOB was placed on high alert after a Taliban radio communication was intercepted. Extra vehicles were placed around the perimeter with 50 Cal. machine guns and Mark 19 grenade launchers locked and loaded.

Two days earlier near the same location, a large-scale fire fight broke out between a patrol from Bravo Troop and Taliban extremists.

Kim continued the mission after a radio report said a squad from Bravo Troop was in an over-watch position covering the patrol’s movement. The individual spotted with an AK-47 disappeared back into the mountain side.



Forward Operating Base Keating to Combat Outpost Warheit in Nuristan Province, Afghanistan March 2. The patrol originated on the valley floor and ended near the top of the mountain.

Kim and the 20 ANA soldiers walked three and half hours up the mountain to check on ANA soldiers living at COP Warheit.

“I just wanted to go up and see how my ANA troops were doing,” explained Kim.

Combat Outpost Warheit is nestled near the top of a mountain. The muddy-slushy trails leading in and out of Warheit are worn into the snow-covered hillside by patrolling troops.

When Kim and the rest of the patrol left FOB Keating the temperature was in the low 70’s. By the time the patrol got near the top of the mountain the patrol was

struggling through snow drifts three feet deep and much-lower temperatures.

The outpost is so remote supplies can only be delivered by helicopter, or supplies are hand-carried from from FOB Keating, which isn’t feasible.

Bravo Troop manages both FOB Keating and COP Warheit, American and ANA Soldiers working side-by-side to accomplish missions.

“We fight together. We patrol together. We live together,” said Sgt. 1st Class Mike Burns, platoon sergeant for 1st Platoon, 91st CAV.

“The hardest part of being up here is not being able to shower on a regular basis,” explained Burns, whose last shower was 29 days ago. 1st Platoon has been operating out of COP Warheit and the outpost’s only running water is the melting snow line.

“We have Spartan living conditions up here,” he continued. “However, I think my Soldiers and I like it a bit better because it’s away from the flagpole. Not that we relax more but that we have a tendency to govern ourselves a little bit different.”

A platoon from Bravo Troop rotates monthly to COP Warheit along with a platoon of ANA soldiers. The soldiers help provide over-watch security for FOB Keating and patrols in the valley below.

“Probably the most important thing we provide is a link to the local population with coalition forces,” explained Burns.

Bravo Company and the ANA are helping keep the peace between the villages of Nagar, Papristan, Jimjuz, Binuz, Upper and Lower Kamidesh.

The villages have been fighting amongst each other long before Coalition Forces entered the area.

“You see that village over there,” Burns pointed out. “The buildings were destroyed and the farms were

mined by the other villages. The Kushto tribe used to live in those homes. The only thing left standing is that mosque. They now live over behind the next ridge.”

1st Platoon and ANA met with the local village elders to help promote local development and build working relationships between the villages and Coalition Forces. ANA soldiers also hand out humanitarian aid supplies to help the villagers during the winter.

“The village elders tend to support us,” explained Burns, “but their sons want to declare *jihad* against us. The village elders say ‘You can’t declare jihad because they (Coalition Forces) haven’t broken any Islamic laws.’”

The fighting amongst the villages, and also foreign fighters who enter the area to attack Coalition Forces, has slowed down during the winter months.

“They’re fair weather warriors in a manner of speaking,” said Burns. “They’re not going to go out in the bad weather. The snow limits their movement so they hunker down and wait for better weather.”

The receding snow line around COP Warheit marks the approaching spring and the beginning of a new fighting season.

“They’ll (foreign fighters) regroup, resupply and when spring comes they’ll come back with fresh fighters,” explained Burns. “We’ll be ready for them.”

1st Platoon only had one day left at COP Warheit before flying to FOB Keating. Soldiers from Bravo Troop have endured one fighting season in Afghanistan this deployment, and have one more to go before they can head home.

“In the 10 months we’ve been here we improved the outpost and our relationships with the locals, explained Burns. “The progress takes a lot of hard work, but we’re getting there.”



An Army medic from Bravo Troop, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment (Airborne), crosses a bridge outside of Forward Operating Base Keating in Nuristan Province, Afghanistan March 1.

If dollar to euro rate hurts, survey can help

Soldiers who reside in privately-leased quarters and receive an overseas housing allowance have until April 17 to take the 2008 Overseas Housing Allowance (OHA) Survey.

The survey is available on the 266th Finance Command Web site, 266fincom1.hqusa.army.mil/ and takes about 10 minutes to complete.

The information generated from the OHA survey is used to update Overseas Housing Allowance utility/recurring maintenance rate for our area.

As a result of last year's survey, OHA went up roughly 30 percent based on more than 7,700 surveys being completed.

Summer hire program now accepting applications



This local teen worked as a summer hire for the FMWR Marketing department and help design and distribute flyers advertising community events. (Outlook file photo)

Civilian Personnel Advisory Center - Vicenza
Press release

The Civilian Personnel Civilian Human Resources Agency, Europe Region, is accepting applications for the 2008 Summer Hire program from through May 16, for jobs that run June 23 through Aug. 1.

The Summer Hire program offers youth, ages 14-22, employment for the summer in Vicenza.

Information on the program, including vacancy announcements and application instructions, are posted on the CHRA, Europe Region Web site: cpolrhp.belvoir.army.mil/eur/employment/index.htm

The Summer Hire Program is designed to provide young people an opportunity to gain meaningful job experience, prepare for future education and career goals, and support the Army mission.

Jobs are available in clerical, labor, and child development. Examples of clerical work include

typing, computer work, filing, receptionist work, customer service, and answering telephones.

Child development involves childcare duties and labor positions may include working indoors/outdoors, light to moderate lifting, or yard work.

Salary is to be determined, but should not be less than \$5.14 per hour.

Requirements include:

- ◆ Summer hire is open to family members between 14 and 22 years of age.

- ◆ Participants must be unmarried family members of an active military member or DoD civilian who will turn age 14 before June 23, the official start of the program, and will not be age 23 when the program ends Aug. 1.

- ◆ Summer hires employed in child development positions must be a minimum of 16 years old.

Youths interested in applying for the Summer Hire 2008 Program are required to submit an automated web application form.

DIMHRS: Helping Soldiers help themselves

By Sgt. Justin Nieto
SETAF Public Affairs

The Department of Defense is setting up to move forward with the new Defense Integrated Military Human Resource System (DIMHRS) designed to change the way all service members handle their personnel actions.

The system is geared to replace all the various personnel systems across the branches of service, making for a one-stop shop for a service member's personnel needs.

"This system will be great because we will not have to jump across various systems to complete one personnel action like we used to," said Maj. Tim White, SETAF Personnel. "Many folks in the personnel field think something like this is long overdue and are glad to see it getting off the ground."

DIMHRS, in addition to melding

the various active duty systems together, will also take on the reserve and guard components' personnel systems, solving many pay issues those Soldiers faced when mobilizing and deploying, according to Capt. Joshua Boone, a reservist with the SETAF Augmentation Unit.

"In the past, as part of the [Global War on Terror], we were basically unable to perform actions for those Soldiers so this new program will definitely help alleviate those roadblocks," said White.

According to the DIMHRS Web site, the system will also:

- ◆ Be operational in deployed, as well as garrison environments.
- ◆ Provide internal controls and audit procedures that prevent erroneous payments and loss of funds.
- ◆ Significantly decrease the

amount of time needed to complete your human resource transaction.

- ◆ Enable greater flexibility for the service member through self-service capabilities.

- ◆ Provide seamless transition of personnel between components.

- ◆ DIMHRS will provide each Service Member with a single, comprehensive record of service that will feature a self-service capability that allows the service member to update portions of their personal information.

"We are really looking forward to this as it is a great change for the Army and all services, and will provide great customer service to the Soldier," said White.

Visit the Department of Defense Web site at: www.defenselink.mil/dbt/products/2007_BEA_ETP/etp/App_E/QuadCharts/DIMHRS_Chart.html.



Staff Sgt. Wilmer Aguilar (left), SETAF Enlisted Strength Management office, G-1, and Capt. Joshua Boone, a mobilized SETAF Augmentation reservist, review records. Both Soldiers will be involved with the new Defense Integrated Military Human Resource System, which is designed to replace all the different personnel systems used throughout the various branches of service. (Photo by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)

Speak Out

"Does the dollar-to-euro exchange rate affect you?"

By Diana Bahr



Master Sgt. Tamika Anderson
Equal Opportunity advisor
I'm not buying much from off-post establishments. Even the Italian vendors at the PX are too pricey.



Bob King
Resident Office in Charge of Construction
We don't eat out as much as we use to, but we still buy fresh fruits and vegetables from local stores.



Bunny Kraemer
SETAF G-4
It's really affecting me in many ways. I don't go out as often or shop on the economy.



Dominic LaForgia
Internal Review office
We eat at home more and purchase goods on post.



Katrina Reyter
SETAF G-1
It's made me more conscious of my spending habits. I now limit my off post dining and shopping.

Beat leaders run time, get three-day pass, bragging rights

By Cindi Unger
AER campaign coordinator

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

One upcoming event, "Beat the Leader's Run," will be held in cooperation with the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation April Shower's 5K Fun Run Saturday. The run begins and ends at the North 40 field.

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 Wednesday 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.

The April Showers run begins at 10 a.m. and registration opens at 9 a.m.

Units may participate before Saturday's run during unit PT, in groups of 10, to try to beat the leader's time.

Or they can run as a group or an individual during Saturday's event.

Soldiers who beat the leader's run time as a group of 10, will be recognized with a three-day pass.

The first 20 individuals who beat the leader's time Saturday receive an AERT-shirt.



(Left to right) Sgt. Lawanda Harry, Maj. Gen. Frank Helmick, SETAF commander, and Sgt. Lucky Tagaloa sign their Army Emergency Relief Fund checks last week. The fund was established in 1942 to provide emergency funds to Soldiers in need. (Photo by Sgt. Justin Nieto, SETAF Public Affairs)

(Far right) Vicenza High School senior and Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps student Gileris Aviles-Serrano mans the JROTC bake sale table in front of the post exchange Friday. The bake sale, set up together with Army Emergency Relief, helped bring awareness to the AER annual campaign. (Right) Troy Price, USO volunteer, washes a truck Saturday at a joint USO and AER awareness promotional event. "We're supporting the AER campaign and promoting the new USO location at the same time," said Linda Lorenzana, USO director. "Volunteers from both agencies are out here raising awareness and funds."



April 15 deadline to take Information Assurance test

USAG Vicenza
Command Information

In an effort to raise Information Systems Security awareness, the Department of the Army has mandated system administrators and information management officers to validate all employees who have EUR network accounts by April 15.

All personnel who require access to the EUR network will validate their account either by sending a Digital Signed e-mail to their organization SA/IMO or by going to them and presenting some type of picture identification.

In addition, users also need to take the online Information Assurance Refresher training by the April 15 deadline, or their accounts will be disabled.

The official Web site for all IA training is: <https://ia.gordon.army.mil/dodiaa/default.asp>

Users must have a CAC or AKO account to take this training.

Italian national workers, contractors, or non-DoD personnel who do not have an AKO account must request one before taking this training. An AKO account can be sponsored by supervisors (U.S. military or civilian), co-workers or spouses who may be in the military or are DoD civilians.

Employees who do not comply with these two requirements by April 15 are subject computer account deactivation.

Villaggio power outage set for April 22

Directorate of Public Works
Community Information

An electrical power outage has been scheduled for April 22 and affects power to all buildings on Villaggio. The outage is set for 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Villaggio residents should:

- ◆ Leave refrigerators and freezers closed during these six hours.
- ◆ 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. Please contact the 509th Signal Battalion NetOps phone at 634-8000 if you need details.

When power is restored, it is recommended to check to ensure electricity to your outlets is back to normal before turning items on. If power is not on, the first area to check is the circuit breaker in the unit; ensure there are no tripped breakers.

If power is still not on, call DPW at 634-7491 for help.

Help planning success in high school available through Parent 2 Parent

Nancy November (standing), Parent 2 Parent contractor, goes over the free Chart Your Course information with Doug Yocum, attorney with Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, during the Family Advocacy Program Breakfast Bash Wednesday morning. Chart Your Course helps parents and teens plan a successful journey through high school and beyond. "My daughter, Naomi, will be 12 in June," said Yocum. "And she's already asking about where she should go to college." Parent 2 Parent is sponsored by the Military Child Education Coalition™, which offers professional workshops through the program.



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At your service

Dr. Grace Yeuell is the director of Religious Education for the post chapel and has only been in the community for a couple of months. This is her first experience working for the U.S. government.

"I work with the chaplains and all of the different faith groups on post to help provide opportunities for education, spiritual growth and nurture that are appropriate to each faith tradition," said Yeuell. "This includes Sunday school, Bible studies, helping prepare youth for their bat and bar mitzvahs and other events."

Yeuell also offers training on understanding how faith develops in people from childhood through adulthood, how to lead faith-based discussions and how to get the most out of a particular curriculum resource. Dr. Yeuell may be reached at the post chapel at 634-7519, 0444-71-7519 from off post or at grace.yeuell@eur.army.mil.



Grace Yeuell
Ederle Chapel Religious
Education director

Community events



CIAO Conference 2008

A celebration of women



Story and photos by Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

As a tradition developed among the Caserma Ederle community women, the annual Combined Italian American Organization offered 115 registered participants the chance to spend a special day enjoying a variety of workshops. The event, hosted by the Vicenza Community Club, took place at "Dai Gelosi" a local restaurant in Valproto March 28.

"I volunteered to take on the position at last year's conference because I saw an opportunity to do something big for the women of our community," expressed Erica Sergent, CIAO conference coordinator.

"We spend so much time worrying about others – our husbands, our children, and other family members and friends – that I felt it was important to make this year's conference a relaxing and rejuvenating experience. I wanted everyone to have fun," she continued. "I thought it was important to organize the workshops based on what kinds of classes I would like to attend. And I also felt it was important to include the Italian community and a bit of the Italian culture that surrounds us."

The attendees participated in a variety of workshops, and were able to choose three different workshops from a total of six workshops offered.

"Our presenters and their assistants did a fabulous job in making their classes fun and interesting, which helped make the whole conference an interesting and enjoyable experience," continued Sergent.

From creating delectable desserts and great ideas on table settings with Linda Carson, and wine tasting with presenters from *Villa Sceriman*, to learning about fitness and nutrition with Col. Lorraine Breen and Amy Kerksick, and secrets of make up and hair styling with *Fiore di Loto* presenters, or homemade bath products with Louise Bly, the participants had the chance to focus on informative and educational as well as enjoyable workshops.

"I hoped to open some doors of experience for many in our American community who may be too nervous about their language abilities to venture to far off post," Sergent said. "Many of us want to get out and into the Vicenza and surrounding communities but don't know where to start. Hopefully, classes such as the cheese, wine, and olive oil tasting and Devon's "Day Trips and Cultural Events" class will help encourage our ladies to get out and enjoy Italy," Sergent said.

Volunteers for the conference included Rich Breen, Jenny Downes, Sarah Gavin, Andi Fehl, Shannon Kirby, Kathi Hunnewell and Debbie Jordan.

The committee met several time working on the event that offered women in the community an outing complete with childcare, transportation, breakfast, lunch and prizes for each participant.

"I have had an overwhelming positive response to the conference. The entire day ran smoothly thanks to the people I had on my team," added Sergent. "There is no way I could have put something like this together without the help of the seven individuals on the CIAO conference committee. Each person made a huge contribution to the success of the conference and it could not have been done without them," she said.



Luca De Franceschi explains how to pair different cheeses with different wines.



(Top left) Linda Carson, one of the presenters at the CIAO Conference prepares a Mediterranean table setting during her Creative Hospitality workshop. (Above) Sonja Blue Brown looks at her make up at the end of the Make-up, Hair and Essential Oils workshop.



(Far left) Katie Rice shows how to create a homemade card during the Art of Stamping class. (Above) Louise Bly explains how to make homemade balms, lotions and soaps. (Left) CIAO participants receive prizes while having lunch.



(Above) Jenny Downes (right) holds one of the prizes, while Erica Sergent (center) and Sarah Gavin pick up the winners' names. Prizes were possible thanks to donations by organizations on and off post.

Celebrating Month of the Military Child

EFMP movie bash big hit with little children

Story and photos by Cristina Zacchino
Army Community Service Marketing

There couldn't be a better way to end the school week for about 75 children than with the Exceptional Family Member Program Movie Bash held March 28 at the Ederle Theater.

EFMP children and their parents lined up early in front of the theater in anticipation of the free showing of the film, "VeggieTales: The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything."

Program manager, Frannie Packard, thought up Movie Bash with the intent of giving children something they can enjoy with their parents. "It's a wonderful way to get everyone together and have a lot of fun," said Packard.

Several Army Community Service staff members assisted in the event, making sure all the children entered the movie theatre with a bag of popcorn and a drink.

Thanks to the Vicenza Community Club, the movie, popcorn and drinks were free to all EFMP children and their families.



Mariah Perez waits with her mother outside the Ederle Theater for the Exceptional Family Member Program Movie Bash to begin March 28.

"It's a really fun time for the children to get together with others in a very casual setting. The children loved the free popcorn and drinks," said Dana Tucker, family member.

The ACS Exceptional Family Member Program provides assistance and advocacy for active duty families who have children with physical, emotional, developmental or



Children enjoy free popcorn and a drink before the movie begins at the Exceptional Family Member Program Movie Bash held March 28. EFMP, with funding donated by the Vicenza Community Club, hosts a free movie for all EFMP family members on a quarterly basis. For details about EFMP contact Frannie Packard, EFMP manager, at 634-8582 or 0444-71-8582 from off post.

intellectual needs. The next EFMP movie bash will be in celebration of the end of school during the first week in June. For details about EFMP, contact Packard at 634-8582 or 0444-71-8582 from off post, or stop by her office, in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.



Boys take 3rd Annual Sugar Bowl in squeaker

Story and photos by Deniz Houston
Special to the Outlook

April 3, two fifth grade classes from Vicenza Elementary School were invited to attend and compete in the 3rd Annual Sugar Bowl competition presented by Dr. (Col.) James Houston, Preventive Dental officer for the Vicenza Dental Clinic.

Houston spoke to the 50 fifth grade students in attendance covering such topics as Oral Hygiene and Nutrition.

The children also learned a bit about anatomy so they could understand the difference between the number of teeth children have as compared to adults, when tooth

(Left) Dr. James Houston, Preventive Dental officer for the Vicenza Dental Clinic, talks to Vicenza Elementary School fifth-graders about proper dental care during the 3rd Annual Sugar Bowl held Thursday.

eruption occurs and how to best keep their teeth for a lifetime.

Lively and informative discussions about nutrition included the four most damaging soft drinks – Mountain Dew®, Dr Pepper®, Coke® and Pepsi® – in that order.

This was followed by listing the cereal that is most-damaging to teeth. The top four? Capt'N Crunch®, Count Chokola®, Frosted Flakes® and Froot Loops®.

"This is a very good approach, he (Dr. Houston) lectures the children, then the children give it back to their parents and friends," said VES teacher Eddi Addams. "I think this is a better way of teaching about dental care because everyone is involved and enjoys it. It also gives the children the opportunity to take lessons on dental care back

to their family and friends."

After Houston finished speaking, it was time to put the children's listening and memory skills to the test with the Sugar Bowl competition. A team of five boys took on four girls and each team was allowed a 'lifeline' from the audience. The girls jumped to a commanding early lead only to see the boys tie it up, 9-9.

The girls had a chance for the victory with the question, "What are the three most common causes of decay in children's teeth?" Unfortunately, they couldn't come up with the correct answer, giving the boys a win with the answer, "Raisins, sugared cereals and candy."

Both teams came out winners as each received free movie passes and candy donated by AAFES.



Above left to right) Julian Sweed, Robbie Peterson, Alexander Rakas, Antonio Tartaglia and Austin Casper, confer over the correct answer for a question during the Sugar Bowl contest held Thursday at Vicenza Elementary School.



Sugar Bowl Girl's teammates (left to right) Caitlin Fleming, Maddie McKeever, Noe Rollins and April Sainz show off their free movie passes and bag of candy they won.

FAP Breakfast Bash starts day off right

To celebrate Month of the Military Child, Family Advocacy Program held a Breakfast Bash for Vicenza Elementary and Middle School students and their parents. "The goal of the Breakfast Bash is to encourage parents and their children to spend some quality time before they begin their work days," said Sandy Schoenberg, ACS Family Advocacy Program Emergency Placement Care manager, who is responsible for coordinating the event. "We hold this event twice a year, in April and November." FAP offers programs to prevent/reduce incidents of domestic violence, child abuse/neglect and spouse abuse, and promote healthy families. FAP is also an advocate for families with special needs. For details, call FAP offices at 634-7500, or 0444-71-7500 from off post. At right, Brandon Rhodes, age 12, reads to his mother, Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen Joseph, a member of the USAG Vicenza Military Personnel Detachment, as they enjoy



breakfast April 2 in the Vicenza Schools cafeteria. (Photo by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)

Markets and gardens and bulls – Oh my



A couple looks over the antiques and other items at a weekend market. Many towns in the Veneto region hold antique/flea markets on Sundays. (Photo by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)

Markets

Vicenza: Antique market Sunday in the main squares open sunup to sundown, you'll find more than 200 vendors.

Camisano: Regular Sunday market takes place from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. with more than 250 vendors.

Asolo: In the town center Sunday the antique market has been a ritual event for all antiques lovers for more than 20 years.

More than 100 exhibitors from all over Italy present some of the most interesting offerings from the antiques world: furniture, jewels, silverware, prints and books, modern antiques and collectable items in general.

Parrots park, Research center

A parrot's park, located in the town of **Latisana**, province of Udine,

can be visited everyday from 9 a.m.-sunset.

For anyone who wants to learn about the fascinating world of parrots, in the park you can find more than 1,000 birds.

Entrance fees: adults, 8 euro, children 3-14 years old, 5 euro.

For directions, photos of parrots or more information, visit the Web site: www.parcodeipappagalli.com/eng.

Garden center-village

See gnomes at work in the garden center at **Bussolengo**, in the province of Verona.

The center has been transformed into an exhibition/market for spring and visitors can see gnomes, wooden marionettes – seven in all – about a meter in height working away in the garden or in a forest.

There is also an exhibition where you can see nests and eggs belonging to various birds.

Every weekend you will find the gnomes near a giant gnome tree giving a performance.

Behind the working gnomes, you will also see brightly colored parrots and a cheeky troll.

You can also find, for the joy of the children, on a weekend a gnome-marionette show.

And because it's a garden center, you'll find everything to decorate your home for spring, and plants to brighten up your home and garden.

The Flover spring village is open April 8-13 from 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Mondays 3-7:30 p.m. Entrance is free.

Directions for the Flover garden center: it's located on Via Pastrengo, in the town of Bussolengo. Take the A4 Autostrada west toward Verona, exit at Verona nord, then take north

tangential exit toward **Bussolengo-Lago di Garda**, in the direction of **Lazise**.

Find more information in Italian only on the Web site: www.flover.it.

You will also find a detailed map by clicking on Bussolengo when you are in the site.

Giotto frescos

In **Padova**, the **Capella degli Scrovegni** (Scrovegni Chapel), offers reservations-only visits to its famous cycle of Giotto frescoes.

The prized frescoes are the Euganean city's only works by the artist.

The artist's paintings are visible in a display designed to protect them from the ravages of time and, most of all, humidity.

The church itself is located in full view of an ancient Roman arena and sits in a park in the heart of the city.

Construction began in the late 1200's on orders from the Scrovegni family, in particular, Enrico Scrovegni.

The building was completed and consecrated in 1305, the year in which the frescoes are presumed to have been done. The cycle of pictures, divided into panels, covers the entire surface of the chapel's interior.

From these images, one can 'read' about the life of Mary and Christ, see the allegorical figures representing Virtues and Vices, gaze upon the Last Judgment, the Eternal Father and the Madonna and Child.

There are also images of the Evangelists and the fathers of the Church. Art historians consider this to be the best-preserved cycle of

frescoes by Giotto and the **Capella degli Scrovegni** is used as a key point of reference for the attribution and dating of all of the artist's works. As Enrico Scrovegni wished, the chapel is dedicated to the Madonna.

Find details and tickets on the Web site: www.cappelladegli.scrovegni.it.

Running of the bulls

It's not too early to make plans for a visit to Pamplona, Spain, to see, or participate in the festival of **San Fermin** that takes place July 6-14.

This festival, which is also shown worldwide on TV, often surprises, impresses or shocks viewers as they watch the spectacle of bulls running through the streets of the town, with hundreds of young men and women, usually dressed in traditional white shirts, red belts and neckerchiefs, running ahead of them.

The race of 825 meters is run along certain streets of the town along with six wild bulls and two herds of tame bulls.

Start time is 8 a.m. although runners must be ready at the start line at 7:30 a.m. There is no running of the bulls on July 6, but there are lots of festivities and parades.

Thousands of people participate every year and security measures are in place throughout the bull run, nevertheless, statistics show that since 1924, when they began keeping official records, there have been more than 15 deaths and more than 240 horn injuries. Details on the race, and the dangers, are at www.navarra.es.

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

April 9	Meet the Spartans (PG13)	6 p.m.
April 10	Rambo (R)	6 p.m.
April 11	Over Her Dead Body (PG13) The Eye (PG13)	6 p.m. 9 p.m.
April 12	Nim's Island (PG) Untraceable (R)	3 p.m. 6 p.m.
April 13	Nim's Island (PG) Over Her Dead Body (PG13)	3 p.m. 6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

April 10	Untraceable (R)	6 p.m.
April 11	Shutter (PG13)	6 p.m.
April 12	The Eye (PG13)	6 p.m.
April 13	Over Her Dead Body (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

NIM'S ISLAND - *Jodie Foster, Abigail Breslin*. Anything can happen on Nim's Land, a magical place ruled by a young girl's imagination. It is an existence that mirrors that of her favorite literary character, Alex Rover – the world's greatest adventurer. But Alexandra, the author of the Rover books, leads a reclusive life in the big city. When Nim's father goes missing from their island, a twist of fate brings her together with Alexandra.

OVER HER DEAD BODY - *Paul Rudd, Eva Longoria*. Devastated when his fiancée Kate is killed on their wedding day, Henry reluctantly agrees to consult a psychic named Ashley at the urging of his sister Chloe. Despite his skepticism over her psychic abilities, Henry finds himself falling hard for Ashley, and vice versa. But there is a big snag. Ashley is being haunted by Kate's ghost, who considers it her heavenly duty to break up Henry and Ashley's fledgling romance, if it is the last thing she does on this earthly plane.

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Job opportunities

The **Distributed Learning System** has a part-time on-call position for a digital training facility manager. This position guarantees 10 hours per week with the opportunity for advancement.

For details, call Lakesha Hawthorne at 634-7989 or 0444-71-7989, from 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

Child & Youth Services has numerous vacancies for Child & Youth program assistants to work in the Child Development Centers (ages six weeks-five years) and School Age Services (first - fifth grades) program.

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.

The NAF personnel office announces opening for a lead recreation assistant, **Arts & Crafts facility operations manager**.

This is a full time position and deadline to apply is April 11.

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-Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and 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

Just in time for the summer hire season, 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 to reserve your spot.

Run, jump, swing with CYS sports and fitness

CYS Sports and Fitness is offering track and field April 14-May 22. Practice is held Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Tennis runs April 15-May 20. Practice is Tuesdays 6-7 p.m.

Enrollment runs through April 10 at Central Registration for ages 6-12.

Call 634-7219 for information.

Fitness center classes

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

April 14: Body Combat

April 15: Body Pump

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.

FAP April events

April is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.

April 10: Internet safety for parents from 10 a.m.-noon at DSFRC.

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

All programs require registration by calling 634-7500.

Unit drivers' training

USAG Vicenza Directorate of Logistics drivers' testing office offers bus driver training during the month of April.

Forklift training is also available on an appointment basis.

Unit master drivers can contact DOL drivers' testing, 634-6912/6913, for details about training materials/requirements and testing.

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 bkmeysers2@aol.com or Betsy Walters 329-784-4630, betsyjwalters@yahoo.com.

MOMs Club activities

All activities are cancelled April 7-11 for spring break.

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 10 and 24 from 5-7 p.m. Open to youth ages 7-18.

Call 634-8051 for details.

Month of the Military Child

FMWR honors America's Military Children this month and is hosting a number of fun and

educational events for the Vicenza community.

Call 634-7219 for details.

Reconnect during R & R

Army Community Service offers Battlemind and financial readiness techniques and provides resources April 9, 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.

Mysteries of Resumix revealed

The Employment Readiness Program manager is hosting a workshop April 9, 10:30 a.m. at Davis Soldier & Family Readiness Center.

Learn the skills necessary to create, edit and review your resume in the Army resume builder and ANSWER programs.

Reserve your spot by April 8, call 634-7500.

Learn about TRICARE Dental

Dr. George Schad, TRICARE Dental Program Europe, will be live on AFN 106 The Eagle at Camp Darby April 23 at 8 a.m. talking about TRICARE Dentists in the Livorno area.

Dr. Schad will have a call-in show on Caserma Ederle in May, 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.

Mega Family Art day

April 12 Child and Youth Services celebrates Month of the Military Child with a free Mega Family Art day.

There is a session at 10-11:30 a.m. for ages two through four, and a session 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., for ages five and up.

Parents are encouraged to stay and play with their children.

For details and reservations call 634-7219.

Venice photo safari

CYS and Venture Crew 3 are teaming up and taking youth in grades 9-12 to Venice for a photo safari May 10.

Sign up deadline is May 8. For details call the Teen Center at 634-7659.

ITR April trips

Information, Tours and Registration offers the following trips:

April 12: Disney on Ice

April 13: Verona and Guiti Gardens

April 16: Palladio Villa tour

April 19: Pisa and Carrara marble shopping

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

Charge for WiFi service

Effective immediately, the Army Recreation Machine Program has taken over wireless Internet access for Cafe Centrale and the bar in Club Veneto. As a result, WiFi is no longer complimentary at either location.

Service plans are available to all users once they turn on their computer, and range from \$3.50 per hour to \$39 per month.

All payments are made directly over the internet via the ARMP portal. Clients who have accounts with ARMP are able to use the service at Army locations worldwide.

A portion of the proceeds from this program go back to Vicenza FMWR.

Stress Relief through Guided Imagery

Learn techniques to reduce stress in your life starting April 14, 21, 28 noon at Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

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

Call 634-6269 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.

Money, money, money

What does your financial future hold? The ACS Financial Readiness class can help you answer that question April 15, 3 p.m. at DFSRC.

Reservations are required by April 14. Call 634-7500 for details.

Child Find

The Department of Defense Dependents Schools is looking for children that 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.

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

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Whatever your biking style, Outdoor Rec has trips to fit



Rider Jeff Dekony (front), followed by Brian Oconnor, Dave Schendel and the rest of the Outdoor Recreation group ride along the Adige River March 29. The riders did a 28-mile roundtrip from Mori rode to Mattarello and back. (Photos by Rudy Corral, Outdoor Recreation)

By Diana Bahr
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

There seem to be two types of bicyclists in this world: the lycra-clad Lance Armstrong-wannabe's racing down busy roads, flying past Fiat 500s driven by the elderly; and those who prefer to roll casually along low-traffic back roads taking frequent breaks to nosh on snacks from the picnic basket mounted to the rear of their bike.

Regardless of what category you fit into Outdoor Recreation has a bike trip for you.

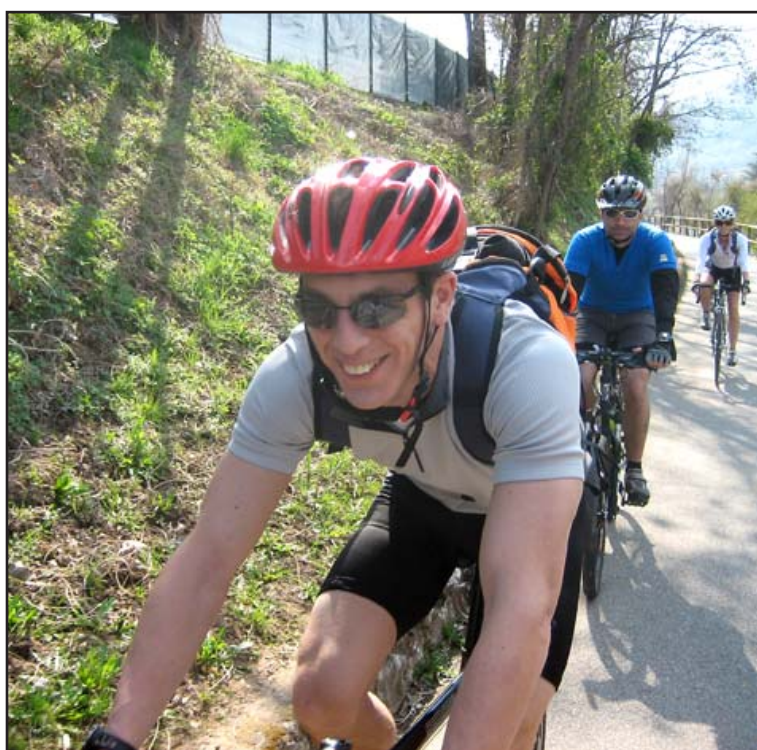
"We offer four levels of bike trips," said Rudy Corral, Outdoor Recreation specialist and biking enthusiast. Corral has been leading bike trips for Outdoor Rec for two years and has seen a slow but steady increase in trip attendance.

"For example, March 29 we had an 'all-level' 28-mile trip along the Adige River. I advertised it as a moderately-paced trip as the terrain was mostly flat and we filled the 12 slots quickly."

"I thought it was an easy ride," said Chris Constantino, Adige River ride participant, who's been biking for only a year. "It was all flat. But of course, one could make it harder by making the pace fast, but on this ride, it was held to a pace where everybody could make it."

The group left Caserma Ederle at noon and returned by 4 p.m.—when you subtract the roundtrip driving time of two hours, you're left with an average speed of about 14mph for the ride.

"I have been a 'casual' biker for the past few years but have never biked competitively," said Amy



Hot on the trail of Lance (Rivera, not Armstrong) are Dave Schendel (center) and Amy Rowland. The riders were among the group of 12 who participated in Outdoor Rec's March 29 Adige River trip.

Rowland, who also took the trip. "I would say that on average, I probably go for a long bike ride two to three times a month and I considered last Saturday's bike ride to be an easy ride, because it was almost flat the whole way and the mileage was relatively low."

"The best part of the bike ride was the magnificent scenery along either side of the path. Though I have frequently driven the A22, I am often so focused on the highway that I miss the beautiful view surrounding me," she said. "We had towering mountains on either side of us and castles/fortresses perched on the tops of the hills all around. It was just amazing."

"The most difficult part of the ride was probably the endurance factor," Rowland continued. "Although it was not an extraordinarily long ride, I have not been riding since the fall, so I was a little sore by the end of the ride. Overall, though, the trip was beautiful and refreshing. I would recommend this bike trip to anyone who is just starting out or is a regular cyclist because it's such a

scenic trip."

Corral also leads short, all-level local bike rides Tuesdays and Thursdays. Riders leave post at 4:30 and return by 7 p.m. These trips cost \$5 each, \$15 for the month, or are a bargain at \$40 for the year.

Upcoming trips include:

April 19: Level 3/4 mountain bike ride along Lake Garda, cost is \$20.

May 10: All level ride along the Po River, cost is \$20.

June 7: Level 3/4 Road ride in Enego, cost is \$15.

Outdoor Rec also offers multi-day biking trips such as the May 16-18 Level 3/4 road trip in Alba, cost is \$320 and includes hotel, transportation and some meals.

Want to make sure your bike is road-worthy? Outdoor Rec offers bicycle maintenance classes where you can learn chain, brake and tire maintenance, how to make sure your bike fits, and other items.

For details about upcoming bike trips, or other Outdoor Rec events, call their office at 634-7453, 0444-71-7453 from off post, or look up their events on the Web site: www.vicenzamwr.com/odr.html, or get on their e-mail list by e-mailing odr@vicenzamwr.com.



Sheep graze along the bike bath that runs beside the Adige River. "It's neat to see the sheep, but we have to be on guard to make sure they don't go running across the road in our path," laughed Rudy Corral, Outdoor Rec specialist who led the March 29 Adige River bike trip.

Sports Shorts

Fun Run/Walk

The "April Showers" Fun Walk/Run will be held April 12 at the North 40 track.

Sign up by April 8.

Pre-brief is 9:45 a.m. and the race begins at 10 a.m.

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.

Softball officials clinic

Softball officials clinic is April 14-18. This course offers certification for the following positions: official, scorer or time keeper. All coaches should also attend.

Adult frisbee football league

Frisbee football league for adults begins April 16.

There is a mandatory coaches meeting April 10, at 3 p.m. or 6 p.m.

Call 634-7009 for information on any of these programs.

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.

CYS tennis

Tennis season begins April 15 and runs to May 20. Practice will be on Tuesdays 6-7 p.m. Enrollment runs through April 10 at Central Registration for ages 8-12. Youth must be a member of CYS and have a current health assessment to participate.

Call 634-6151 for information.

Tennis & Racquetball ladder

USAG-Vicenza Tennis & Racquetball Ladder program starts April 15.

FMWR's Sports and Fitness offers awards for the top eight players in Men's, Women's, beginners, intermediate, and open categories. Sign up for session one by April 10. Call 634-7009 for details.

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.