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## Realistic training prepares 1-91 Cavalry troops to deploy

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Special to the Outlook

**SCHWEINFURT, GERMANY** – We approached the gate to find a razor-wire serpentine and a stop sign. After pulling to a stop, and seeing that no one was coming through the other way, we continued on.

Suddenly, three Soldiers in full battle gear were in motion, guns up and ready, two fanning out to flank the car, one directly in front of us shouting “stop” and holding up one hand, clenching his fist.

The questions were fast and direct. Do you have identification? What’s your business here? The Soldier on the passenger side relayed answers back and barked out questions of his own.

It struck me that, although I was sitting just outside Camp Robertson, one of Schweinfurt’s large training areas, I wasn’t in Germany anymore.

I was entering Afghanistan.

Soldiers with 1st Squad, 91st Cavalry are deploying to Afghanistan with their teammates of the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team later this year, but for the moment, they’ve transformed Camp Robertson into a little Afghanistan, complete with an Afghan village and Arabic-speaking role players.

These “civilians on the battlefield” (COBs) were initially contracted when the unit’s mission was to take them to Baghdad, but are now playing the part of Afghani villagers.

“This training teaches the Soldiers how to gather intelligence and how to interact with the locals,” said Sgt. 1st Class Frankie Harris, from the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, who was on hand as an observer/controller for the simulation.

Upon leaving the village, Soldiers face more COBs, both in combative and non-combative roles. Small groups of “farmers” populate the area where intelligence suggests there may be insurgent threat.

“We’re trying to teach them that not everyone’s a bad guy on the battlefield, and make sure they identify what they are shooting at first,” Harris said.

Simulated improvised explosive devices are hidden along the convoy paths, and “insurgents” hide among the tree lines with rocket-propelled grenades.

Avoidance, suppression, and recovery techniques are paramount for troops on the move in the battlefield.

Soldiers working in the tactical operations center aren’t immune to attack either.

“This morning, we did an incoming drill to simulate an enemy mortar attack. In the toc, we have to make sure things are running smoothly – even under attack,” said Pfc. Travis Sandlin, who is facing his first deployment.

“It really helped us get a grasp of how you have to react. You can’t hesitate,” he said.

That level of realism is what the 1-91CAV is striving for, in hopes to better prepare the Soldiers for what is to come.

“We’re preparing our Soldiers for deployment to Afghanistan. We’ve had to change our mindset because of the change in mission,” said platoon leader 1st Lt. John Meyer.

In order to affect that mindset change and prepare troopers for a new battlefield, 1-91 CAV has pulled out all the stops. When others need help, they “call in the cavalry.” So who does the cavalry call?

Everyone they can.



Members of Charlie Company 1-91 CAV dismount and pursue enemy combatants into the tree line after a truck in their convoy was disabled by an IED during training March 21 at Camp Robertson in Schweinfurt.

In addition to JMRC teams, 1-91 CAV troopers are accompanied by engineers, military intelligence, and a detachment from the 364th Civil Affairs Brigade, which flew over from the states to observe and make recommendations.

“They’ve got so many great assets here. I’ve been really impressed by the level of readiness and high morale,” said Capt. Chip Sell, 364th Civil Affairs.

The civil affairs team will not deploy with the Schweinfurt Soldiers, but some civilian members training with the 1-91CAV will. This includes some retired law enforcement officers like retired federal agent Bill Powers.

Powers and others like him will help the Soldiers interpret intelligence from a law

enforcement point of view.

“We will be primarily working with military intelligence and S-1, trying to meld together the incoming operation,” Powers said. Powers has the added value of having spent time in Afghanistan before, and hopes that his area and cultural knowledge will be helpful as well.

Soldiers are training on everything from mounted and dismounted group movements to intelligence gathering to air assault missions and cultural considerations.

“We’re rolling everything up into one. It’s been really good. The guys are getting a lot out of it,” said Staff Sgt. David Benoit, platoon sergeant with Charlie Troop, 1-91 CAV.



Maj. James Pugh helps Soldiers exit the door of the aircraft as they parachute to the ground in Aviano as part of an international airborne operation with the French and Italians. The paratroopers all received certificates and coins from Maj. Gen. Frank G. Helmick, SETAF commander, upon completion of the successful jump.

## French, Italian troops stand up, hook up with SETAF

By Sgt. Justin Nieto  
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Photos courtesy of Carolo Perazzolo

Aviano Air Base, Italy – Paratroopers with the French and Italian armies joined up with the Soldiers of SETAF April 12 and 13 to sharpen their parachuting skills.

The troops were presented with certificates and coins from Maj. Gen. Frank Helmick, SETAF commander, shortly after their jumps April 13.

“There is a special bond between Soldiers, wherever you go,” said Helmick. “But there is a special common bond

between paratroopers and I feel that with you all here today.”

For the French soldiers involved, this meant earning their American jump wings after the successful jump.

“This is a great opportunity for me to be here today and give these guys their wings,” said Col. Gordon Davis, SETAF chief of staff, who pinned the wings on the French troops shortly after landing at the drop zone.

“I have had many chances to work with the French troops over the years, and they have always performed professionally and admirably,” continued Davis. “While our governments may not always see eye to eye on political issues, our militaries have always seen eye to eye on Soldier issues.”



Staff Sgt. Paul Makwakwa, SETAF G3 Operations section, instructs foreign military personnel on proper procedures inside the aircraft before a jump at Aviano Air Base.

# To help cut energy costs, USAG Vicenza gets a bright idea

Directorate of Public Works  
Environmental Division  
Special to the Outlook

With the summer season upon us and budget restrictions looming, one of the biggest expenditures on this post is electricity. To save energy, specifically electrical energy, the Environmental Division, together with the Operations and Maintenance Division and Housing, is promoting the introduction of Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs (CFLs) in place of the traditional incandescent ones.

This initiative is part of the Department of Defense's Pollution Prevention (P2) program and is just one way the garrison is helping to keep costs down while helping to improve the environment and save taxpayers money.

A few of the benefits the P2 program and replacement of lightbulbs are:

- ◆ Through an AIM energy-savings

initiative USAG Vicenza received 2,000 free CFLs to be distributed through the Self Help shop on Villaggio and O&M electrical shop for replacement in offices on post;

- ◆ This project saved the residents about 9,500 Euro in immediate equipment costs and will realize further savings in energy costs in the future. Saving costs of about \$74,000 are anticipated over the entire life cycle of the CFLs.

- ◆ CFLs also offer other benefits as they use about two-thirds less energy than standard incandescent bulbs (a 100W traditional incandescent light bulb is equivalent to a 21W CFL); users save \$30 or more in energy costs over each bulb's lifetime; and they generate 70 percent less heat than incandescent bulbs.

## More energy/money savings tips

1. When selecting a compact fluorescent replacement bulb decide how much light

output (lumen) you desire based on the wattage you are currently using. Then choose the lowest wattage replacement possible for the highest energy savings.

For example: replacing a 60 watt bulb with a 13 watt would be more cost efficient than replacing the bulb with a 15 watt and the light output will be virtually identical.

2. Switch off all unnecessary lights and use natural lighting when possible;

3. Unplug equipment that drains energy even when not in use (i.e. cell phone chargers, fans, coffeemakers, desktop printers, radios, etc.);

4. Choose efficient ENERGY STAR products whenever possible. An ENERGY STAR qualified computer monitor uses up to 85 percent less electricity than standard models.

5. When you leave your office for the day, turn off the computer monitor, printer and any other electrical appliance that doesn't need to be running.



The Vicenza commissary stocks the new compact fluorescent light bulbs, as well as the traditional incandescent ones. While CFL bulbs may cost more initially, they last longer and take less energy to use.

# Vicenza student selected for All European Cheer squad

By Christie Rawlins  
Vicenza High School  
Cougar Scene Assistant Editor

There was a time when cheerleading was only about chants, jumps, rooting for the school team and – of course – pompons. While all that is still a big part of it, cheerleading has progressed to a serious, competitive sport, requiring high-level athletic skills and a determined attitude.

One cheerleader who exemplifies all this is Vicenza High School senior Jessica Boydston, who was selected to the All European Cheer Squad. Boydston is the first Vicenza cheerleader to be selected for the team.

To nominate Boydston for this award, VMHS cheerleading coach Nicole Mansfield was required to submit a packet including videos of Boydston's performance. A panel of cheerleading coaches met to watch videos of performances and determine which kids were the best cheerleaders in all of Europe

without regard to division.

"It took incredible dedication, natural talent, and commitment to practice to win this award," said Mansfield. "I am very proud of Jessi, and I'm not surprised she won this award. It was very well deserved."

As this year's Cougar cheerleading captain, Boydston learned that hard work brings achievement. She worked many hours with her squad to perfect the dance and cheer routines for the All European Cheerleading Competition in Mannheim, Germany in February.

"Our squad did better than other years," said Boydston. "We were more intimidating to other teams. I was really nervous for us as a team and individually, yet I felt like we were very prepared."

At the tournament, Boydston was selected for the "All Tournament Team" out of approximately 80 cheerleaders in Division III.

Boydston attributes her success to cheerleading coach Nicole Mansfield, who



dedicated her time to the school cheerleaders and counseled them throughout the fall and winter seasons.

"I had an awesome coach who helped me," she said. "I feel that she prepared me for the competition as well as in other aspects."

"Many people do not realize how much dedication cheerleading requires and how

physically strenuous it is until they actually participate in the sport," said Boydston.

"Winning this award makes me feel proud because I feel like I accomplished a great honor in cheerleading," said Boydston. "My dedication for the past four years has paid off."



# Fitness center offers pre-deployment sports specials

Story and photos  
By Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

The USAG Vicenza Sports & Fitness office is doing their part to help Soldiers and their family members spend some quality time before the upcoming deployment.

Among the sports events offered were 3-in-3 basketball tournament, Parent vs Youth

Hoops tourney, Run & Gun 3-point competition and 5-on-5 indoor soccer match.

A participant shoots one of his baskets during the Run & Gun competition held at the fitness center April 13.

In the category (Boys ages 14-17), 1st place went to Diego Pulido with 19 points. Third was Anthony Davis with 16 points.

In the Men's 18 & over category, 1st place went to Jay Mclean with 29 points; 2nd place went to Reginald Sweed with 23 points; and 3rd place went to Michael Bolton with 22

points.

Jay Hughes (photo at bottom, left) scores during practice for the 5-on-5 soccer game that was held April 14 in the fitness center gym.

Unfortunately, the actual indoor soccer Tournament was cancelled for lack of participation, but some Italian and community members decided to form a couple of teams and enjoyed playing scrimmage and pick up games.

For information about upcoming tournaments and how to participate in future 5 on 5 Indoor Soccer practices call the Sports Office at 634-7009.



**April 25 Community Action Council/ Information Exchange has been cancelled because of spring break. The next CAC/Info Exchange will be May 23, 10 a.m. in Club Veneto.**



Maj. Gen. Frank G. Helmick, SETAF commander, with the help of Vicenza Elementary School students, cuts a cake. April is Month of the Military Child and events were held in Vicenza and Livorno to celebrate, honor and thank our children for their support and understanding. (Outlook file photo)

## Community celebrates its youngest patriots in Month of the Military Child

By Maj. Gen. Frank G. Helmick  
SETAF commander

Many of us, myself included, have been a child of a father or mother who was in the military. Our children are our legacy, so spending time with them and listening to them is important.

We have many programs available at Livorno and Vicenza we are hosting for our children; but only you and your spouse can give them something we cannot...and that is time being with them.

I thank those of you in our Vicenza and Livorno military communities who have been doing just that.

Many of you have been putting a lot of work and creative energy into a number of fun events for our children and, so I've noticed, for our parents as well.

Even before the month began, staff from the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation had organized a youth art display, a multicultural fair and a playground grand opening.

April events so far have included everything from a talent show to something called an "Eggstravaganza" that joined an egg hunt to a barbecue and other activities.

AAFES gave 50 of our own children the experience of modeling clothes in front of a live fashion-show audience and Child and Youth Services Youth Sports kicked off its baseball season.

Wednesday DoDDS sponsored *Army Kids Strong* to let our young people have fun while learning more about what their Soldier-parents do. (See page 8)

April 21 you can see many of our young people perform in Soldiers' Theatre's play, *The Jungle Book*, produced by the visiting Missoula Children's Theater group.

In the hustle and bustle of training up and packing out for another important deployment, I encourage all of our parents to fit in the time to be with their children.

After all, our children are the future; whether they go into the private sector or the military. Quality time with them is worth every minute.

## Vicenza Middle students win National History Day competition

By Pfc. Crystal Abbott  
SETAF Public Affairs Office

Vicenza Middle School students took first place in the European-level National History Day competition held at the Patrick Henry Pavilion in Heidelberg March 27-28.

Eighth-grader April Petersen won first place in the junior division, individual documentary category, with her documentary: "Leni Riefenstahl: Triumphant Artist or Tragic Propagandist?"

Also taking home first place in the junior division group, documentary category, were eighth-graders Timothy Loney, Kyle Wood and Kosta Muller with their documentary: "The Triumph and Tragedy of the Myall Creek Massacre."

"This is the third year that Vicenza Middle School has brought home winners from the National History Day competition," said Noni Hoag, education generalist at the district superintendent's office. "We are very proud of them."

National History Day competition takes place in schools all across America. Engaging

students in topics relating to a common theme, NHD pushes students to become historical researchers as they examine and analyze primary and secondary sources related to their topics. This year's topic was "Triumph and Tragedy."

"The students who participated in this competition gained a lot of confidence in themselves," said Dana Keller, a Vicenza school librarian. "They were able to hone their researching skills as they learned to evaluate sources of information."

To start off the project, each student had to choose what style their project would be presented in. With a range of styles acceptable from documentaries, exhibits, or performances to traditional papers, all of which were expected to be presented in a professional format.

Next, the students chose their research topic.

"I chose to research Leni Riefenstahl after watching a documentary on the history channel," said Peterson. "She is an interesting person, but not many people have ever heard of her, and I thought other people

would be interested in her."

Each student spent a lot of time sorting through different sources of information, carefully choosing the information to add to their documentary, which was created with a movie-making program that all the students learned on their own.

Mike Smith, a social studies teacher at VMS guided the students as they were constantly revising their documentary scripts.

"The students worked all year on these projects," said Smith. "A tremendous amount of time was dedicated to the research and presentation of the material."

After the documentary presentation, the judges formed a panel to question the students on their topics.

"The boys went first answering questions on their project," said Hoag. "They set a high bar. However, when April was finished answering the judges' questions she asked them 'Is that all you have for me?', further impressing the judges with her knowledge of the subject."

Peterson began work on her project in September and felt she learned a lot about

conducting research better and producing quality work.

"This project gave me a lot of confidence," said Petersen. "I loved watching my documentary become more complete every time I worked on it."

"This project gives them confidence in their abilities to put together a professional documentary," said Smith. "They should all be proud of their finished products."

The winning students now have the opportunity to compete in the stateside NHD competition, which will be held June 10-14 at the University of Maryland in College Park, Md. Students who wish to participate at this level are required to get their own transportation to the event.

Petersen learned more than researching skills through this process, and is looking ahead to more competitions.

"I learned that people should keep an open mind to history," said Petersen. "And I am looking forward to competing at the next level."

## How to get the numbers you need

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs Office  
Command Information

Community members who don't have access to official e-mail often find it frustrating when it comes to finding the telephone number for a specific office.

There are several ways to get help:

1. If you need directory assistance and have access to a DSN (official) telephone, dial '0' or 113 from any official phone.

2. If you are off post, dial 0444-71-7111. This will send you to the directory assistance operators. Please NOTE: When you dial this number, you will NOT hear the telephone ring. DO NOT HANG UP. The operator will answer the phone as soon as they can. The Switching Control Center is aware of this problem and is trying to fix it.

3. The USAG Web site: [www.usag.vicenza.army.mil](http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil) has listings and links to many of the most-requested telephone numbers, as does the Directorate of MWR Web site: [www.vicenzamwr.com](http://www.vicenzamwr.com).

As a reminder, all numbers that have a 634 as the prefix may only be called from on post. To dial that number from off post, dial 0444-71 and then use the last four digits of the number.

### Annual Individual Security Awareness training classes set

Protection Office  
Press Release

Individual Security Awareness Training (Level I Antiterrorism Training) is offered in the Ederle Theater to all assigned military and Department of Defense civilian employees, and to their family members who over the age of 14.

This training will also be offered to DoD contractors and Italian post employees.

The training is held from 10:30-

noon on the following dates:

May 2, May 7, June 20, July 18, Aug. 16, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 5

No reservations are necessary; attendees must sign in and will receive their certificate of completion at a later date.

This is an annual requirement for all military and DoD civilian employees.

For details call Pat Hooper at 634-8984.

### Where to go to get local news

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For information about post events, the community has numerous venues.

You're reading one of them. Another venue is the Command Information Channel. This is a slide show that appears over the cable system on post and in Villaggio. Televisions with the CIC are in the Community Mail Room, the commissary, post exchange food court and lobby of Davis Family Readiness Center.

Also, each AFN station across Europe has a dedicated satellite channel focused on its specific community.

If you live in Villaggio or in the barracks and have a cable system, the AFN channel dedicated to Vicenza is AFN Atlantic Prime. If you live off post and have a satellite decoder, it is channel 14.

This is where you'll find breaking news on post closures, gate closures, opening times, etc.

While the programming comes from AFN Prime Atlantic, the channel's news breaks and spots focus on the military community and surrounding areas.

Another source for local news is AFN's 106FM, *The Eagle*.

# Knight reveals harsh realities of medieval times

Story and photos

By Pfc. Crystal Abbott

SETAF Public Affairs Office

Brave knights, beautiful maidens, powerful and caring kings are all common misconceptions about the Middle Ages.

The reality is considerably darker and one post Soldier is trying to set the record straight.

Sir John Peregrine of Restormel (a.k.a. Maj. John Woodard, SETAF Knowledge Management officer), resident knight of the Society of Creative Anachronisms (SCA), and his lady, Countess Honor of Restormel (a.k.a. Gloria Woodard), spoke with Vicenza Middle School 7th-grade students, coloring the middle ages as a world where humans struggled for survival, women were severely oppressed and at the mercy of their husbands, and kings could kill on a whim.

Walking into the school library wearing his armor, Woodard passed around his plate helmet, allowing students to see how heavy it was and try it on.

He also spent time explaining to the students what their life would be like if they were in the middle ages, pointing out that all girls – provided they lived to the age of 13, would be married.

The boys would either be learning how to tend the fields of their fathers or would be going off to join the clergy.

"[The presentation] was very interesting," said Derek Braughton. "My favorite part was getting to see some armor, it was neat!"

Classmates Melany Gelabet, Mayra Maura, Sheridan McKittrick and Brenda Sanchez all agreed with Braughton's observation.

"The way he dressed was our favorite part," said the girls.

Woodard's involvement in medieval reenactment began in 1996, thanks to his wife.

"My wife signed me up for the SCA while I was deployed," said Woodard. "When I got back I had a suit of armor waiting for me. It was very exciting."

The SCA is an international organization dedicated to researching and re-creating pre-17-century European history, according to the SCA's Web site: *SCAdemo.com*.

The SCA has many different subjects for members to study, everything from combat arms, which encompasses heavy sword fighting, fencing and archery, to the arts and sciences, which covers calligraphy, brewing, heraldry, costuming, dancing, cooking and music.

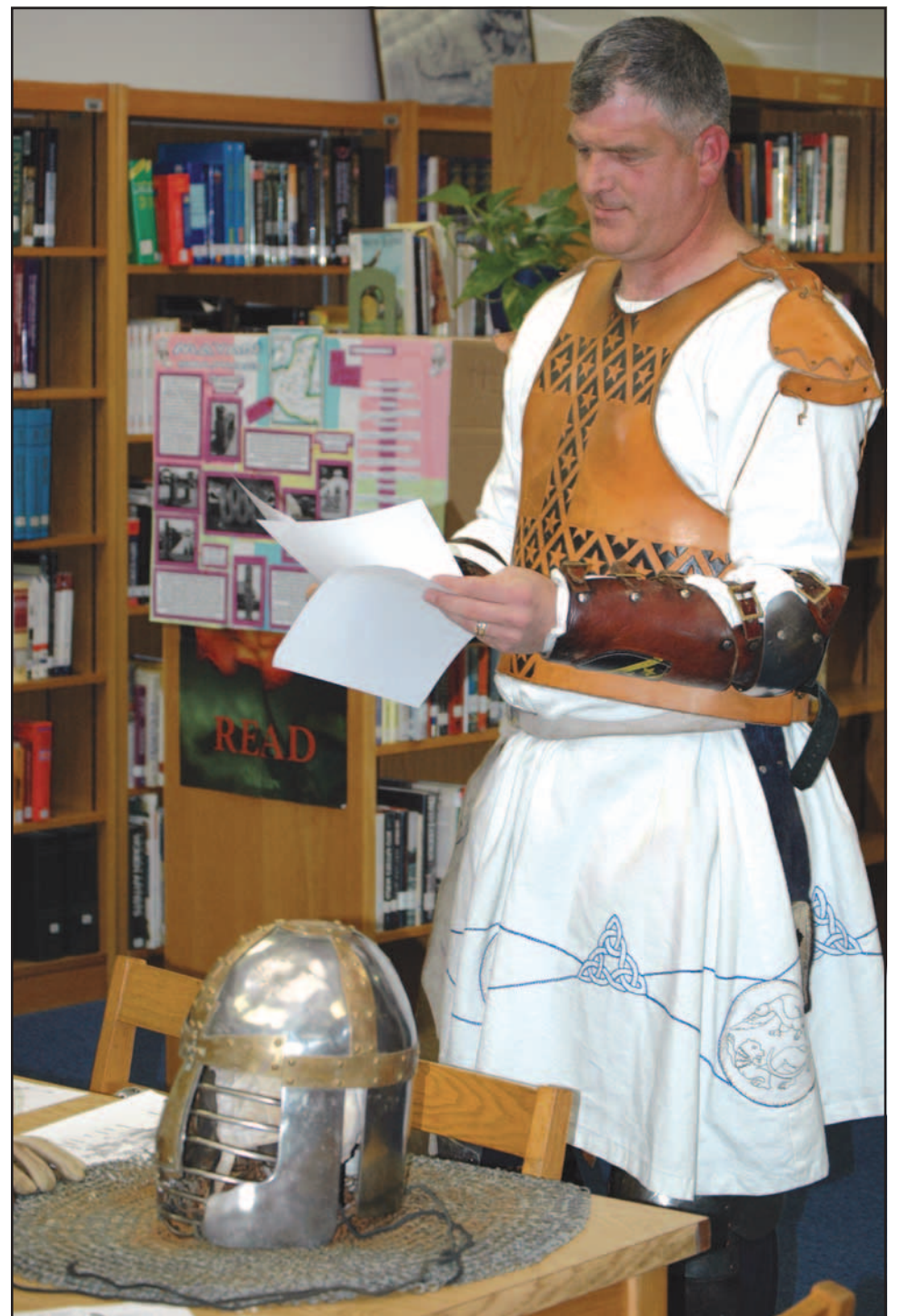
Having always been interested in the world of knights and chivalry, Woodard began actively studying the history of the middle ages.

"In my studies I came to find my favorite period is around 1066," said Woodard. "The Battle of Hastings, when the Normans invaded and took over England from the Saxons, is the beginning for me."

Because of his interest in chivalry, Woodard worked on achieving knighthood.

"Becoming a knight is a long process. You have to be a good fighter, but you also have to be well-rounded; participating in the arts and sciences is a must," said Woodard. "Once you become recognized, the existing chivalry will make a recommendation to the king, who will decide whether or not to knight you."

Knighthood is an achievement that usually takes 12 years, but Woodard's dedication to training



Sir John Peregrine of Restormel (Maj. John Woodard) addresses the 7th grade students at Vicenza Middle School explaining the harsh realities of the middle ages.



One student, impressed by the armor that was brought in, tries on the plate helmet that was brought in by Woodard.

allowed him to achieve knighthood after only six.

"I would try to practice a least twice a week," said Woodard, "plus I would go to an event every weekend."

While in Italy, Woodard spends time fighting to maintain his skills. Woodard holds

fighter practice at 5:30 p.m. at the North 40, offering lessons in either broadsword fighting or fencing to anyone who is interested.

"I would encourage people to come out and see us on Thursdays," said Woodard, "or contact us if you have any questions about SCA or medieval times."

## Exercise ensures firefighters are ready to roll

Story and photos by Laura Kreider

Outlook Staff

Once the alarm went off, it took less than 10 minutes for the Caserma Ederle fire engine to arrive at the incident scene



situated in Villaggio. The firefighters quickly secured the truck and the area after positioning cones to limit the area and, after cutting the power line located outside, they entered the house to look for victims.

The fire was not real and Villaggio was not a set for a movie. But the firefighters were authentic Vicenza Fire Department members. They were performing a routine exercise while under the watchful eyes of an inspector.

"This is an inspection, which takes place every three years," said Gerald Adams, Fire Protection Specialist Installation Management Command -Europe, after the April 11 drill.

"I can see from watching the firefighters execute the drill, that the fire department here is ready and postured to handle any type of emergency that may arise, so, job well done," he added.

"It's a good opportunity for us to show what our capabilities are," said Christopher Bender, USAG Vicenza Directorate of Emergency Services deputy fire chief. "We don't often get called upon to do our job, so when somebody comes down to inspect us, we actually get to perform our real duties."

"Our job is to respond as quickly as possible and obtain the best result. We need to be ready to extinguish a fire or to save a life – whatever the situation calls for," said Luca Giaretta, a firefighter involved in the drill.

"During today's exercise I was charged with the responsibility of extinguishing the fire. After entering the house where the incident took place, I found a victim. As an after action observation, I can point out that to successfully solve a situation like this requires good training. Everyone needs to know their individual tasks, what to perform at the time, and on top of that, have good teamwork," added Giaretta.



Above) Firefighters Marcus Nielsen (left) and Luca Giaretta, found and took the "victim" outside the house during the drill exercise held at Villaggio April 11. The drill was part of the inspection conducted by Gerald Adams, Fire Protection Specialist IMCOM-Europe, which takes place every three years. (At left) A view of the kitchen a couple of minutes after a portable smoke machine was turned on to generate some non-toxic artificial smoke. The situation was prepared for the exercise to create a condition similar to what firefighters would find in an emergency situation. The whole operation, from receiving the call at the post station, to arriving in Villaggio on the area of the exercise, to the location and transportation of the victim and the extinguishing the fire took less than 15 minutes.

## Camp Darby Insight

### Italian Liberation Day

# Italian town honors fallen American Soldiers

Story and photos by Barbara Ranieri  
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In a small, medieval town in the Liguria region of Italy, the townspeople of Nicola joined together with Americans serving at the NATO base in La Spezia and Capt. Raul Rovira, USAG Livorno HHC commander, for a ceremony of remembrance.

Together, they unveiled a plaque honoring 161 fallen soldiers from the 473rd Infantry Regiment who died during the liberation of *Terre Di Luni* April 5-25, 1945.

The idea for the ceremony came about when Elio Gentili, president of the Nicola Cultural Association, was writing a book called *"Vita e morte dietro la linea gotica la battaglia di Ortonovo (14 - 17 aprile 1945)"*. Life and death behind the Gothic line, the battle of Ortonovo.

During his research, he discovered exactly how much the American Soldiers sacrificed in liberating the area of Ortonovo.

"The men of the 473d Infantry Regiment demonstrated their love of country and their desire for a better future for mankind in a manner that no man can challenge," said Gentili. "I am sorry that we didn't know earlier how many people died and what they did to free our town; but from now on, we will remember them each year."

"To think I was out there representing Camp Darby and the U.S. Army, was a thrill and a honor," said Rovira. "To them, I represented all the Soldiers who died



The plaque honoring the fallen American Soldiers was made by those whom society considers fallen. The Rainbow Institute, a recovery program for women who were drug addicts or prostitutes, teaches women new life skills so they can stand up again without the chains of addiction.

liberating them."

While at the ceremony, Rovira met a man draped in an American flag.

He learned that in 2002 during an Anti-war protest Agostino Cavarani, a town hall counselor from Ortonovo, walked through the protestors to the town hall council meeting while wrapped in an American flag to show his support for America.

"I was so overwhelmed to know that this Italian man, who barely speaks English, had the guts to walk through a protest the way he did," said Rovira. "I really respect men and women who stand up for what they believe in."

To further honor the fallen American Soldiers, the Nicola Cultural Association is requesting that a street be named after the heroes of 473rd Infantry Regiment.



Capt. Raul Rovira, USAG Livorno HHC commander, thanks Agostino Cavarani for supporting America. Cavarani, a town counselor from Ortonovo, walked through an anti-American protest in 2002 draped in the flag to show his support.

## Every day is Earth Day at Camp Darby

Most household cleaning products and chemicals are not permitted to be transported in household goods or on commercial airliners. Instead of disposing these hazardous products illegally or improperly in the trash, community members can drop them off at the HCRC. Likewise, military ID cardholders can come by Tuesdays, 9-11 a.m., and Thursdays, 1-3 p.m, to pick up supplies. The facility is located in the parking lot between Global Credit Union and the post exchange along the back fence line. You can even make an appointment by calling 633-8074.

## Veteran's flag flies where he once once flew

Story and photo  
By Staff Sgt. Joyce Costello  
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

In 1954 Leroy Londowski was stationed in Italy doing construction work in the Air Force. He always wanted to come back to the Italy of his youth.

"My husband and I were planning on returning to Italy to visit our daughter for Christmas last year," said his wife, Arline, as she delicately rubbed a copy of his American Legion membership card. "Leroy passed away in December so I had to bring his flag instead of him."

Her son-in-law suggested that she ask to have Leroy's flag flown at Camp Darby.

"When I was in Iraq with the 95th Military Police Battalion, Soldiers and civilians would bring us their flags and we would fly it in front our battalion tactical

operations center," said Capt. Renato Vieira, Camp Darby Provost Marshal. "Some wanted to send it to their families and others had it framed with a brass plate stating the date and place [it was flown]."

Vieira added that service members stationed at Camp Darby can contact the PMO and see if it's

possible to fly their flag on a specific day; if it's possible, the provost marshal will fly it.

"The flag has to be within regulation size," said Vieira.

"As I watched my husband's flag being lowered, my daughter and I started to cry," said Londowski's widow. "It felt like he was there with us...in Italy...like he wanted."



During flag call, Carabinieri salute the flag of Leroy Londowski held by his widow, Arline. Londowski had hoped to return to Italy for a visit, but died in December.

# Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

## Italian Holidays

April 25 is the 62nd anniversary of the Liberation in Italy and May 1 (Labor Day) are Italian holidays.

Be aware that stores and shops will be closed and traffic may be heavy on the autostrada.

## Medieval events

April 29, in Romeo's castle there is a medieval archers contest from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The archers will come from different Italian regions.

April 30, at 8 p.m., in Villa Cordellina Lombardi, in the town of Montecchio Maggiore, see typical food and drink that was served during medieval times. Free entrance.

At 8:30 p.m., enjoy a medieval meal at the villa. Make reservations at the bank 'Cassa Risparmio Padova e Rovigo' located on Via IV Novembre in Montecchio Maggiore.

May 1 the land between the castles of Romeo and Juliet will be transformed in medieval villages and military encampments from 2:30-7 p.m.

April 28-29, in the town of Este, south of Padova, there will be a re-enactment of a battle to free the town complete with medieval pageants, traders row, merry-go round, a medieval banquet and the Torre del Soccorso fire.

## Soave guitar festival

The 16th National Festival of the Electric and Acoustic Collectable Guitar takes place in Soave April 28-30.

Events include a guitar exhibition and market at the town hall, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m., entrance will be allowed until 5 p.m., with qualified dealers and collectors from Italy, Europe, U.S.A. and Australia.

Clinics and workshops at the

medieval Black Friars Church from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. held by outstanding guitarists and evening concerts at the basketball palace that start at 9 p.m.

Find details in English on the Web site: [www.guitaranch.com/soave\\_uk.htm](http://www.guitaranch.com/soave_uk.htm)

## Market

A European market is set for April 29-May 1 in Prato della Valle, downtown Padova. More than 150 vendors will be present from Austria, France, Germany, England, Spain and other countries. It's open everyday from 9 a.m.-midnight.

## Marathons

May 13: The 8th International Marathon takes place in Custoza, Sommacampagna, in the province of Verona.

This "Wine Marathon," starts and finishes at Villa Venier.

Start time is 8:30 a.m. and registration ends May 11.

Find details in English from [www.maratonadelcustoza.it](http://www.maratonadelcustoza.it).

May 6: Trieste's marathon is one of the city's major events. It's run on the area's panoramic roads and is considered one of the finest races in the whole of Europe.

The marathon has three

sections, in addition to the official marathon itself – open to professionals and certified athletes – are the non-competitive marathon and the panoramic walk, all starting from different places in the city.

Last year, the three events altogether had a record of 9,500 participants.

The Baisela Marathon proper is open to over 18s, and the maximum time allowed to run is 5 hours 30 minutes.

Get details and register at [www.bavisela.it](http://www.bavisela.it).

## Upcoming concerts

May 19: Dee Dee Bridgewater in Vicenza

June 7-9: Zuccherò in Milan

Sept. 21-22: Zuccherò in Verona

May 12: Free performance by jazz group Ray Manteilla Space Station in Campo Marzo

## Area events

April 29 in Rosa, 9 a.m.-11 p.m. it's the 22nd Asparagus Festival.

April 28, 8 p.m. in Lonigo: World Speedway Gran Prix race at the Santa Maria race course. Ticket prices range from 30-53 euro.

April 28 in Malo at 9 p.m. enjoy classical music by Verdi in the townhall. Free entrance.



A scene from last year's Wine Marathon in Custoza.

# Now Showing

## Caserma Ederle Theater

<b>April 24</b>	CLOSED	
<b>April 25</b>	Breach (PG13)	7 p.m.
<b>April 26</b>	Hannibal Rising (R)	7 p.m.
<b>April 27</b>	Daddy's Little Girls (PG13)	7 p.m.
	Vacancy (R) <b>First Run</b>	9:45 p.m.
<b>April 28</b>	Bridge to Terabithia (PG)	1 p.m.
	Daddy's Little Girls (PG13)	4 p.m.
	Vacancy (R)	7 p.m.
<b>April 29</b>	Bridge to Terabithia (PG)	4 p.m.
	Norbit (PG13)	7 p.m.
<b>April 30</b>	CLOSED	
<b>May 1</b>	CLOSED	

## Camp Darby Theater

<b>April 26</b>	Letters from Iwo Jima (R)	6 p.m.
<b>April 27</b>	Are We Done Yet? (PG13)	6 p.m.
<b>April 28</b>	Daddy's Little Girl (PG13)	6 p.m.
<b>April 29</b>	Bridge to Terabithia (G)	2 p.m.

## Movie Synopsis

**HANNIBAL RISING** - *Gong Li, Gaspard Ulliel*. In Eastern Europe at the end of World War II, a young Hannibal watches as his parents violently die, leaving his young sister in his care. Alone and without any means of support, he is forced to live in a Soviet orphanage. He flees to Paris to find his uncle has died but his Japanese widow, Lady Murasaki welcomes him. Even her kindness and love cannot soothe the nightmares and sorrows that plague him. Showing a cunning aptitude for science he is accepted into medical school, which serves to hone his skills and provide the tools to exact justice on the war criminals that haunt him day and night.

**DADDY'S LITTLE GIRLS** - *Gabrielle Union, Idris Elba*. A single father lives in a poor neighborhood and struggles to make ends meet as he raises his three young daughters on his own. But when the courts award custody of his daughters to his corrupt, drug-dealing ex-wife, Monty desperately tries to win them back, enlisting the help of Julia, a beautiful – and hard-nosed – attorney he meets during his short stint as a chauffeur.

**VACANCY** - *Luke Wilson, Kate Beckinsale*. When David and Amy's car breaks down in the middle of nowhere, they are forced to spend the night at the only motel around, with only the TV to entertain them... until they discover that the low-budget slasher movies they're watching were all filmed in the very room they're sitting in. With hidden cameras now aimed at them... trapping them in rooms, crawlspaces, underground tunnels... and filming their every move, David and Amy must struggle to get out alive before whomever is watching them can finish their latest masterpiece.

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

## Classified Ads

**NOTE: The Outlook does not take classifieds; sellers must place ads on [www.vicenzamwr.com](http://www.vicenzamwr.com).**

**Buyers must go to the Vicenza MWR Web site, [www.vicenzamwr.com](http://www.vicenzamwr.com) for details about items for sale below or call 634-7343 or 044-71-7343 from off post.**

**Cell phone wanted:** Need a cheap phone.

**Two round trip tickets to Dublin, Ireland:** \$442.

**'97 Saab 900 S convertible-price reduced:** Euro specs, 3,500 OBO.

**German furniture:** Kitchen cabinet and storage cabinet. \$125 each.

**PCS Sale:** All items must go! Bikes, VCR, DVD player, transformers and more.

**Futon:** Great condition. \$200  
**1997 Ford Explorer:** Great condition. \$3,500.

**Six adjustable shelves:** Good condition. \$10.

**Six adjustable shelves:** Good condition. \$20.

**Portable AC unit:** 220v \$250.

**Black & Decker electric lawn mower:** \$60.

**Continental winter tires (2):** New. \$25 for both.

**1600 and 750 Watt transformers for sale.**

**Greco Infant Snuggly carseat with base for sale.**

**1998 TL1000R Suzuki:** Always garaged. Selling for \$3200.

**SHOEI helmet:** Large, never worn. \$700.

**SDX riding boots:** Never worn. \$500.

**Bike rack:** Fair condition. \$15.

**Free cat:** Female, Siamese mix. Spayed, about one year old

**FIAT 500 F 1967:** Restored in 2004. 5,500 euro.

**1993 Maroon BMW 318i:** Excellent condition. \$3,500 OBO.

**BMW 316i:** Need work, runs. \$500.

**Graco baby swing:** Taking offers.

**PCSing sale:** All items are 220v. Cooling oscillators, portable fans, portable cooling unit, iron and board, toaster.

**New maternity stretch skirt:** Size XS. \$10.

**New cargo pants:** Size 6. Khaki. \$45.

**New tank tops:** Small. \$10; medium, \$8.50.

**Colin Stuart 3" heels:** New. \$50

**1998 Lancia:** Never fails to start. \$1,000, OBO.

**UMUC Books:** Assorted books and prices.

**Blue rug from Ovvio:** Never used. \$50

**Coffee Pot:** 110v \$5.

**DVDs:** Assorted titles and prices

**Italian phone:** \$3.

**Rubbermaid outdoor shed:** Excellent condition. \$200.

**Trundle bed:** Excellent condition. \$400.

**Transformers:** Assorted sizes and prices.

**13" TV:** \$40.

**15" radial tires:** Good condition. \$80 for all four.

**Speakers and amplifier:** \$200.

**Lancia Thema:** Great mechanical condition. \$1,800.

**Wine demijohns:** Have lots. \$10 each.

**Water bed:** King size, includes heater, headboard and side rails. \$250.

**Dining table:** \$65.

**Gazebo:** Black wrought iron. \$50. Call 634-8317.

**Cappuccino maker:** Great condition. \$75.

**300 watt transformer:** \$25.

**Metal shed:** Excellent condition. \$400.

**Metal Shed:** \$250.

**Silver 2004 Volvo XC70:** Loaded. \$24,000.

**1991 Fiat Uno:** Great for local travel. \$1,000.

**Entertainment center:** Solid walnut. \$750.

**Bike rack:** Attaches to vehicle towing hitch. \$40.

**Assorted 3-D puzzles:** \$5 each.

**Satellite dishes:** Have two. Call for details.

**Free-to-air satellite receiver:** \$70, OBO.

**Diamond ring:** 1 carat, still in box. 3,500 euro, OBO.

**Small refrigerator:** \$100 OBO.

**Outdoor furniture:** \$100.

# Army Kid Strong Day



(Above) An Vicenza Elementary School teacher accompanies first graders during the morning rotation.



Nicholas Williams jumps from the 34 ft. tower. After the experience he said he would recommend trying it even if using the strap is the most difficult part.



Detail of the T-shirt given to all the participants in the event



Sgt. Shawn Walker, 3rd Battalion, 68th Transportation, helps a child down from an M915 Tractor trailer.



Participants in the Walk-a-Thon held at Villaggio at the end of day activities

“Army Kid Strong” allowed Caserma Ederle students from kindergarten to 12th grade to celebrate, honor, and learn more about the job their parents do for their country.

The event took place on April 18 and covered various aspects of military organization, structure, mission and equipment.

Parents, teachers and volunteers assisted the students throughout their rotation from station to station, according to their age. Army Kid Strong Day offered participants the opportunity to run an obstacle course, to experience the jump from the 34-foot tower, and for about 800 students to taste MREs.

Also during the day, other events, such as the Vicenza Elementary School All-Stars concert were coordinated for the event.

“Army strong is a good thing, and I think strong sounds like song, but strong does not mean you have big muscles, it means you have a big heart,” wrote third-grader Ian Perez on his drawing prepared for the display on view at the Vicenza High School Gym during the VES All-Stars concert. As a culminating activity of the day the Walk-a-Thon, a mile long walk throughout Villaggio concluded the Army Kid Strong Day.

“The main goals of the walk were to promote fitness and to raise money for the Presidential Fitness Program and for gym equipment at Vicenza Elementary School,” said third grade teacher Cindy Kight who organized the walk for the first time. Almost 150 community members participated in the event sponsored by Global Credit Union. All the children received frisbees and some prizes including two bicycles, toys, backpacks with school supplies, a \$50 voucher for a class with SKIES Unlimited and free admissions for Soldiers’ Theatre were drawn at the end.



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(Above) HSC SETAF Master Sgt. Darrell Wade (left) assists ninth-graders positioning the rifle before shooting at the Engagement Skills Trainer station. At the EST station students received instruction on the proper way to lock and load a weapon followed by a short lesson on basic rifle marksmanship. After their lesson, they went into the EST building where they experienced what it would be like to shoot on an outdoor range using the computer simulator.

“It was fun,” agreed both Nick McCormick and Jayson Richald, ninth-graders, after their experience. “The rifle got heavier at the end,” the two students added.

(Right) A boy shows his winning ticket for one of the two bikes offered at the end of the Walk-a-Thon held at Villaggio as the final activity of Army Kid Strong Day. About 150 people including parents, children and community members participated in this event.



(Above) First and second-graders directed by Angela Hartwig, Vicenza Elementary School music teacher, (not pictured) perform *Grand Old Flag* to conclude the VES All-Stars concert as part of the Army Kid Strong Day program. The program took place at the VHS gym with a large crowd. Songs were performed by students from kindergarten to sixth grade and the program included many patriotic songs.

(Left) A student participates in the Obstacle course as part of the activities held at the North 40. Students grouped in different ages moved from station to station located in the field.

