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# Downtown demonstrations

USAG Vicenza PAO release

**Vicenza, Italy**-The Caserma Ederle community is advised that a demonstration is planned for the Vicenza area Saturday, Dec. 15. This event will disrupt traffic and the community is advised that entrances and exits to post may be closed and off-post establishments and areas put off limits.

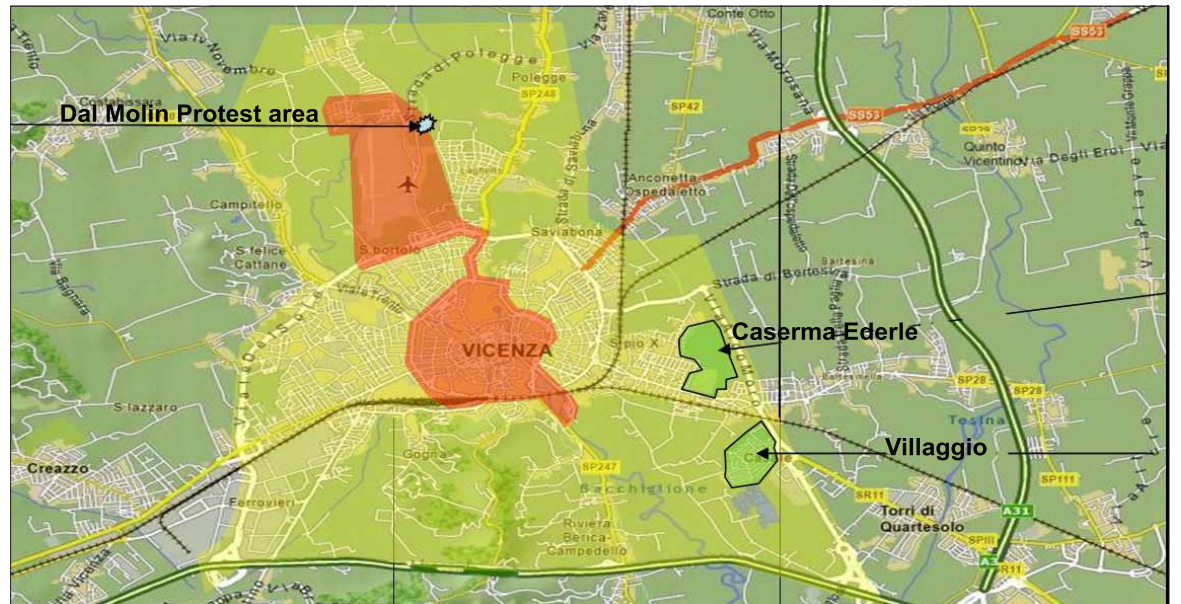
The area around the downtown train station should be considered off-limits from the evening of Dec. 14 through the morning of Dec. 16 as this will be the main assembly area for the march.

Details regarding these and other safety measures will be announced through AFN, the command channel, fliers, e-mails and MWR Information channels as they become available.

For things to do on post and around the area while avoiding downtown Vicenza, check Out & About, Community briefs and the Sport Shorts on pages 6-8.

**Emergency phone numbers**

- \*MPs toll free: 800-064-077
- \*MPs off-base: 0444-71-7626
- \*Safe ride 0444-71-SAFE (7233)
- \*Emergency call: 0444-71-7114
- \*Information: 0444-71-7113
- \*Vicenza hospital interpreter:



Avoid the redzones and use extra caution in the amber areas due to the planned demonstrations.

0444-75-3300 OR 928166

\*MP desk interpreter: 0444-501800

**Demonstration awareness tips**

- \*Avoid planned gatherings or demonstrations and maintain awareness of your surroundings so you will recognize conditions which may lead to a spontaneous demonstration.
- \*If you happen to come upon a demonstration, remain calm and disengage from the situation, avoid speaking loudly.
- \*Try to be inconspicuous. Do not draw attention to yourself.

- \*Travel in small groups (never alone) and vary movements.
- \*Always let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.
- \*Stay away from high risk areas (clubs, train station, park across from train station).
- \*Know emergency numbers and potential safe areas.
- \*Carry a cell phone if possible.
- \*Keep vehicle in good working order and fuel tank full.
- \*If in a travel status and an incident occurs at your destination or any location on your itinerary, inform your unit of your status as

- soon as possible.
- \*Monitor AFN when possible for updated information.
- \*Avoid parking car in unlit areas.
- \*If handed a flier be polite accept it, say thank you and continue on your way (remember you are an ambassador for the United States).
- Those residing in downtown Vicenza should stay clear of the march route and downtown Vicenza Saturday.
- Park your car in a garage; if one is not available, get a parking pass from the military police and leave your vehicle on Caserma Ederle.

# Construction ups and downs



## Longare tower comes down

The Longare tower came down Dec. 4. The tower has dominated the landscape from the 1970s; however, its use was discontinued in the 1980s. The tower was about 65 meters high and weighed around 30 tons. It took a day and a half to disassemble the tower in sections. (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)



## Recreation center rises over North-40

The new Soldier Family Entertainment Center being built here on Caserma Ederle. The project is an estimated 70 percent complete, with an estimated completion time of summer 2008 according to the Naval Facility Engineering Command, responsible for the construction of the facility. The building will feature a 16-lane bowling alley, a full-service bar, a slot machine room, two 50-person meeting rooms and two birthday rooms, with more to come. (Photo by Sgt. Justin Nieto, SETAF Public Affairs)

## Garrison news

# Drunk driving hurts

Story and photo by  
Spc. Kathryn Jorgenson  
SETAF Public Affairs

*This is the final installment in a three-part series on the consequences of drinking and driving.*

With the impending Article 15 hearing, Sgt. Smith began the process of gathering his achievements together to take with him to the Trial Defense Services office in order to build his defense packet for driving under the influence. He never thought that he would find himself trying to defend his character this way.

Sgt. Smith was instructed to get letters from anyone who would write on his behalf in an effort to make the punishment less severe and to let his commander know what kind of Soldier he was before he chose to drive that night.

The commander has several options under a field grade Article 15.

This entire experience has been a hard one, but asking people to write on his behalf has Smith thinking why he would even deserve a break. He broke the law. He should pay the consequences. Many of his friends have said: "Well other people have gotten away with it", but for Smith that excuse just doesn't hold water. Everyone has different circumstances, his was that he drank and chose to drive home.

Everyone in his office was more than willing to write on his behalf, but his former commander refused.

"I have always told Soldiers in my command that drinking and driving will not be tolerated and I have to live up to that. You are a great Soldier with great potential, but I cannot in good conscience recommend a lesser punishment for you than I would any other Soldier."

As Smith looked through the

packet gathered together he couldn't help but think of all the time he had spent earning those awards, the trust he had gained, and the incredible feeling of betrayal.

"Everyone knows not to drink and drive," he said to himself. "What made me think it was okay just this once?" Just once or not, Smith is realizing more than ever, that even one wrong decision can change the course of many lives.

While waiting for his supervisor to exit the commander's office, the pit of Smith's stomach felt like a rock. The waiting and wondering were eating at him for what felt like hours, when finally they emerged and Smith was called in to report.

The commander looked at him and expressed his feelings about Smith's behavior, and explained how the command felt about alcohol related incidents, especially drinking and driving; then he proceeded with the punishment.

"Sgt. Smith, I am ordering a reduction to pay-grade E-4, 45 days of extra duty, 45 days restriction to post and \$600 a month for two months. This is effective immediately."

His immediate chain of command tried to make the sentence lighter. They tried to explain that he was a good Soldier who made a huge mistake. Even with those pleas, the gravity of the offense won out over an unblemished military career.

Smith left the office with his head hung low and an overwhelming sense of disappointment. He knew he was wrong for driving that night, but was hoping for a less harsh punishment. The message was clear: this command will not tolerate drinking and driving, under any circumstances.

In his Army Substance Abuse Program counseling, he confided in his counselor, "I deserve the punishment, and I just do not



**Reduction in rank is just the beginning of the punishment for DUI.**

understand how I could end up here."

His counselor replied, "Well that's why we are here now, to help you understand and cope with your choices."

So many questions and emotions to deal with, on top of extra duty and the financial burden added because of his new debt and decrease in pay.

During his counseling sessions Smith determined that he may have been a little bit more reckless with his decisions knowing he was going downrange. He was trying to enjoy every minute of being home that he neglected to think about the consequences of his actions. Of course now, those consequences are amazingly clear to him. He lost his rank, his car, his financial stability, the opportunity to go home and see his family before deploying and the respect of his peers.

Extra duty begins at 6 p.m. and ends at 11 p.m. and on the weekends it begins at 9 a.m. That certainly doesn't leave much time for anything else. In a way, the now Spc. Smith thinks it's a good thing, because with the cut in pay and the debt, he isn't going to have any money to do anything anyway. As he is doing his punishment he can't help but constantly think about how different things would be right

now if he had just called a cab.

For one thing he would still be a non-commissioned office. He would be home with his family instead of picking up trash and pulling weeds on post. His mom wouldn't have that regretful tone in her voice when he calls her. Even when he gets through the 45 days extra duty and restriction, he still will not be able to drive for a year and he goes right into a deployment that may cost his life, without having been able to see his mom before he left.

One mistake and his life is in complete disarray. The excuse of only having two or three drinks seems so far away now and he knows just what just a few drinks can mean.

His days of trying to rationalize his decision to drive are over. According to the law he was drunk, regardless of how he felt at the time.

Smith said to one of his friends at lunch, "This is one lesson I wish I never had to learn.

"No one should have to learn it anymore, we all know better don't we? We have all been told over and over again about the dangers and consequences of drinking and driving, yet there are still so many people who do it. Do you think people will ever learn or does everyone have to learn the hard way as I did?"

*This story, is based on actual events. Chances are that everyone who has read this knows someone who has been involved either directly or indirectly in an alcohol related incident. In this tale no one was hurt or injured, but in real life, hundreds lose their lives or their loved ones every year because of drinking and driving.*

*Mothers Against Drunk Driving estimates that, each year nationally, more than 1,000 people typically die during Thanksgiving to New Year's in drunk driving crashes.*

*Before you drive, think about the lives that could be lost or ruined forever because you thought you or a friend were sober enough to get behind the wheel. Even one drink could cost a life or livelihood.*

*With the holiday season going into full swing, have a plan when you attend parties, or go out celebrating. Use designated drivers, call a taxi (the cost of taxi fare and a parking ticket are far less than the costs of a DUI conviction), get a hotel room close to where you will be drinking, or choose not to drink at all when you have your vehicle with you.*

*For our Soldiers who are returning home for the holidays from a tough deployment, please, do not drink and drive. Even one drink can change the course of your life or career forever. Drink responsibly and have a wonderful holiday season and enjoy your time home.*

*If you or someone you love are struggling with drinking or drug related issues there are several programs available to get help. The counselors at the Army Substance Abuse Program, a chaplain, or your chain of command can answer any questions you or a loved one may have about getting help.*

## Speak Out

### "What do you like about celebrating the winter holidays overseas?"

By Laura Kreider



Archie Bates

**DoDDs**  
I enjoy seeing how the various cultures celebrate the holidays and what emphasis they give to some of our Judeo/Christian beliefs.



Katie and Jacob Field

**Family members**  
Sledding and spending time with our chapel family.



Pvt. William Mew

**FHC SETAF**  
Being with family and celebrating the holidays, talking about all the memories of past holidays.



Tiffany and Emily Ingledue

**Family members**  
My kids and I are looking forward to spending time with all the friends we have met while being stationed here in Italy, while keeping my husband close to heart.



Sgt. Amanda Zahn

**173rd ABCT**  
I like how people go out of their way to make it enjoyable. They understand how hard it can be away from your family and try to make it better here.

# Garrison news

## Mandatory items



## for your car

By Bryan Dorman  
USAG Vicenza, DOL Drivers Testing Station Supervisor  
*Special to the Outlook*

The Following items must be in your vehicle at all times:

- First Aid kit (Allowed in trunk)
- Warning triangle (Front cab)
- Reflective vest (Front cab)
- Flash light with batteries (Front cab)
- Disco Orario (mini parking meter) on dash

Italian road code requires that snow chains be available in your vehicle when traveling in areas which are designated with this sign (blue circular sign with picture of tire w/ chains on it) or marked as areas requiring snow chains. Failure to have snow chains in these areas can result in heavy fines.

Other recommended items such as:

- Rock salt, kitty litter or sand
- Jumper cables
- Emergency blanket
- Dried foods
- Bottled water

Although these items are not required by law, it's a good idea to build a winter emergency kit for your automobile.

## Tighten up post

A message from Command Sgt. Maj. Keith Fillipp,  
USAG Vicenza Command Sgt. Maj.

As we near the holidays I wanted to take this opportunity to touch upon a few issues.

First, the command will be visiting Villaggio to judge and recognize the residents with the best decorated homes for the holiday season; judging will take place on Dec. 14.

Ensure that as you decorate your homes, you take into account all safety precautions to prevent injuries, fire hazards and electrical hazards. If you have any questions, please visit any of our safety professionals on the second floor of Bldg. 3 Caserma Ederle.

Secondly, for some the holidays can be a lonely time. Single Soldiers and civilians are away from home and there are spouses and children who have loved ones deployed. The holiday season is a time for giving and caring for one another.

If you know someone who may be alone or having a difficult time, I would encourage you to take action in order to provide them with a family away from family. If you know or happen to be someone that is having a difficult time and do not know where to turn, let someone know – let the chain of command know or use the chaplains hot line

at 634-CARE.

No one is immune to loneliness. There are numerous agencies on the installation that can help such as the chaplain's office, MWR and ACS. There are also countless members of our community that want to be involved in spending time with others. Together as a community we can make the holidays not just bearable, but an enjoyable time.

Always keep safety in mind. Lots of folks embark on winter sports, parties and travel during the holidays. Do not take unnecessary risks on the slopes and make sure you have the proper clothes, gear, and training.

Many people decide to celebrate holiday events through social gatherings. Be mindful of the amount of alcohol that is consumed by yourself and your friends. If you plan on drinking, make transportation plans in advance and leave your car keys at home.

If you are traveling here in Italy or abroad, be alert of your surroundings, take the appropriate rest stops and protect your military ID and passport.

Be aware of the dangers of fireworks. Every year, hundreds of people become injured or killed by improper use or being within dangerous proximity of fireworks, especially in Naples and Sicily. Keep



Command Sgt. Maj. Keith Fillipp  
USAG Vicenza Command Sgt. Maj.

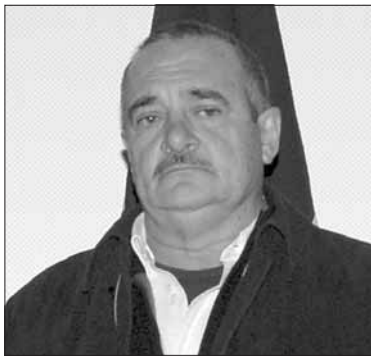
this in mind during your celebrations – we definitely do not want to end the holiday season on a somber note due to alcohol, traffic accidents or fireworks.

Finally, I just want to thank everyone for their continued efforts in the community. There are a lot of challenges, hardships, and work constantly facing our Soldiers, employees and dependents.

Together though, we've overcome all of these obstacles as a team, and we need to continue to do that throughout the remainder of this calendar year into the next year, and throughout the remainder of this deployment period.

Thank you and happy holidays.

## Awardees receive recognition in local ceremonies



Nevio Toich



Ross Daniels

The USAG Vicenza quarterly awards ceremony was held Dec. 6 in the post theater. About 170 garrison staff were presented awards from the garrison commander, Col. Virgil S.L. Williams. Taking home top awards were: Ross Daniels, director of Soldiers' Theatre the Commanders Award for Civilian Service for his leadership of the Entertainment Program in the U.S. Army for Medium Installations. Nevio Toich, the Superior Civilian Service Award for his consistent and extraordinary level of duty performance while serving in numerous positions of increasing responsibility, with the latest being supervisory production controller IMMA, DOL, and USAG Vicenza.



Staff Sgt. Patrick Malone, American Forces Network South, was selected to be a member of the Sergeant Morales Club. The Sergeant Morales Club was created in 1973 to promote integrity, professionalism and leadership for the enlisted personnel.



Staff St. Edwinli Figueroa, a telecommunications officer with the 509th Signal Battalion, from Kissimmee, Fla., won NCO of the Quarter, while Pfc. Richarda V. Amaya, a human resource specialist S-1 assistant with the 509th Signal Battalion, from Muskegon, Mich., won Soldier of the Quarter. (Photos by Paolo Bovo, 7th JTMC/TSC photo lab)

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## At your service

Judy Crow is the Adolescent Substance Abuse Counseling Services counselor for Vicenza. If you're a teen, or concerned about your teen, Judy can help. Her services are strictly confidential and she does not report to the command or school. Besides substance abuse, she covers school issues, social skills, rebellious behavior, bad life choices, handling peer pressure and stress management. She can also cover deployment issues. If your teen has abused drugs or alcohol or has problems dealing with stress, peers or the deployment, call her. Judy also offers programs such as Project Armor - a skills-building course mostly for middle-schoolers. They learn the skills of a specific coping mechanism for life: such as decision-making or dealing with stress and peers. Another, more well-know program is Project TRUST - Teen Reaching Understanding Supporting Teens. Finally, there is an 18-week program called Life Skills for sixth-graders.

Judy Crow can be reached at 0444-71-7127, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Judy Crow  
Adolescent Substance Abuse Counselor

# Community events

## Holiday carnival highlights Vicenza tree lighting



(Above) The VMH School Band/Chorus directed by Geri Shimabukuro, VHS Band and Chorus Director, plays holiday carols for the Caserma Ederle community at the annual community tree lighting ceremony Dec. 6. (Above, Right) Margherita Frasson, CYS employee, helps Jerome Cook Pin the Nose on Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer. The children activities also included a craft project where the children created ornaments and picture frames and face painting. (Right) Mrs. Claus (alias Beth Wills) reads a story to children at Club Veneto as part of the activities held at Club Veneto before the tree lighting ceremony.



Santa Claus greets the children assembled for the tree lighting and carnival.



Photo feature by Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

The Vicenza community kicked off the festive season with the annual Holiday Tree Lighting ceremony Dec. 6.

Vicenza's Directorate of MWR's event began at the Club Veneto. The activities offered to the children in the community included a craft project where the children made ornaments for the Christmas tree, created some picture frames

and participated in pinning-the-nose on Rudolph the Red-Nose Reindeer.

All the activities were held at Club Veneto as part of the pre-tree lighting ceremony. The children had the opportunity to sit and have their photo taken with Santa Claus.

From there the crowd moved to Olson Avenue where a stage was ready for Santa and hot beverages and cookies were served by the USO.



The VHS Band directed by Geri Shimabukuro, VHS Band and Chorus director, and the Vicenza Elementary School choir directed by Angela Hartwig, VES music director, performed for the assembled audience. After brief remarks SETAF

Commander Maj. Gen. Frank G. Helmick, with several children joining him to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season, helped turn on the lights of the holiday tree and wish everyone a merry Christmas.

Carriage rides for the families ran from the Post Theater around the area providing a festive atmosphere for the holiday carnival. Santa and Mrs. Claus were on hand as well to greet the children and listened to their Christmas wishes.

# Community events

## Green to Gold scholarships available

Story and photo by Spc. Kathryn Jorgenson,  
SETAF Public Affairs Office

The Army Reserve Officer Training Corps' Green to Gold Division Commander's hip pocket scholarship program provides selected enlisted Soldiers the opportunity to complete their baccalaureate degree requirements and obtain a commission as an Army officer.

The Southern European Task Force (Airborne) commander can award three scholarships.

Financial assistance is awarded for two, three and four years depending on the Soldier's military science class. ROTC scholarships will provide:

- College tuition or room and board support.
- \$1,200 per year for books and supplies.

- Monthly stipend of \$300-\$500, depending on academic status, up to ten months per year.

All applications must be received by USASETAF, G1 NLT 22 February 08.

Complete application and procedures can be downloaded from, [www.goarmy.com/rotc/enlisted\\_soldiers.jsp](http://www.goarmy.com/rotc/enlisted_soldiers.jsp).

To apply, Soldiers must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Must be a U.S. Citizen (non-waiver able).
- Be under 31 years of age on Dec. 31 of the year you will complete all requirements for a commission and a college baccalaureate degree (non-waiver able.)
- Can not have been convicted of a domestic violence crime.
- Have a minimum of two years active duty as well as three months of active duty service for every one month of specialized service (waiver

can be requested).

- GT score of 110 or higher.
  - Pass the APFT within the last six months with a score of 180 or higher (60 points in each event)
  - Must be a high school graduate or equivalent.
  - Cumulative high school or college GPA of 2.5.
  - Letter of acceptance to school of choice offering ROTC program.
  - Letter of acceptance from the PMS of that Army ROTC battalion.
  - Favorable National Agency Check (or have initiated the action).
  - Department of Defense Medical Examination Review Board Medical qualification.
  - Be eligible to reenlist.
  - Not be a conscientious objector.
  - No more than three dependents including spouse (waiver able).
- For additional information call Katrinia Reyter at 634-7454.



Luz Andriolo, the lead technician at the Vicenza Child Development Center, helps her students learn the basics of color.

### Vicenza CDC receives certification

Story and photo by Pfc. Crystal Abbott,  
SETAF Public Affairs Office

Many child development centers provide safe and healthy environments for their children, but the Vicenza Child Development Center has a new reason to boast. The CDC received accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children Sept. 30.

"Of the five installations in Europe that were assessed for potential accreditation," said Emma Lamb, director of the CDC, "the Vicenza CDC was one of three that received accreditation."

"The NAEYC Accreditation represents the mark of quality in early childhood education," reads the NAEYC web site.

"To achieve accreditation, the early childhood education programs volunteer to be measured against the most robust and rigorous national standards on education, health and safety."

As a candidate for the NAEYC accreditation, the program must be sure it meets the candidacy requirements and is prepared for the site visit by the NAEYC Academy.

During the site visit, NAEYC

assessors see if the program meets the NAEYC's early childhood program standards.

"The observation was the most difficult part because you don't want to make a mistake while the observer is there," said Eva Cuello, a program assistant. "But we all continued to do what we do everyday, and everything turned out fine."

"There are over 400 criteria to prove a program meets NAEYC standards," said Lamb. "This process was a joint effort requiring many extra hours to improve and enhance the classroom environments and programming to ensure they met the high standards required by NAEYC for accreditation."

This accreditation shows that the Vicenza CDC has well-trained teachers, excellent teaching materials, and a curriculum both appropriately challenging and developmentally sound, as well as a safe and healthy environment for your children, said Lamb.

"Getting this accreditation means that we are working the right way, and we were able to accomplish our tasks through teamwork," said Cuello. "Together we are working for the good of the children."

## New SFAC opens

By Theresa Zahaczewsky  
IMCOM Public Affairs

ARLINGTON, Va. (Army News Service) - Key personnel responsible for the establishment of the Army's new Soldier and Family Assistance Centers on Installation Management Command garrisons gathered this week to train for the new mission and to discuss the way ahead for SFAC implementation.

The three-day conference covered a diverse array of topics ranging from legal issues to post-traumatic stress disorder, to casualty and mortuary affairs to Social Security and health insurance. Attendees included the new SFAC directors and Army Community Service directors from the installations where SFACs reside.

Brig. Gen. John Macdonald, IMCOM's deputy commanding general, told participants that, in standing up these SFACs on their installations, they will be taking a unique place in history.

"No one will have a greater impact on the culture of these SFACs than you -the people who are first on the ground, in setting up SFAC operations."

Earlier this year, the Army Medical Action Plan directed IMCOM to establish 29 SFACs located on installations in the continental United States that have military medical facilities and are home to Warriors in Transition Units.

These WTUs and SFACs were established to provide critical support services to Soldiers who have sustained injuries or combat wounds while serving in defense of the nation.

Europe will also serve a widely-dispersed population of warriors in

transition through garrison assets, officials said, operating under guidance from three SFAC directors at critical sites.

The Vicenza community SFAC interim coordinator is Rita Bonamego from Army Community Service Mobilization and Deployment.

SFACs are a holistic approach to the needs of wounded warriors and their families, officials said, because they consolidate the most frequently-needed services in one location to reduce the time required to access programs aimed at helping Soldiers heal.

Those services include providing information and referral services to Soldiers and their families; transition and employment assistance; social services; legal assistance; military personnel services; pastoral care; education services; invitation travel claims for families; and numerous others.

Installations are currently building or renovating structures that will become the SFAC hubs. The facilities, often referred to as campuses, are intended to provide a positive and user-friendly environment where officials said

warriors in transition and their families can devote all their energies to the mission of healing and transitioning - either back to their units or to new lives as productive citizens. Most of the SFACs report being on track to operate fully by January and IMCOM officials said any with challenges will get help as the command monitors and enables the process.

USAG Vicenza officially opened the two recently remodeled offices at the Davis Family Readiness Center Dec. 7. The Family Readiness Center is open Mon-Fri. 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

The main purpose for the SFAC is to provide a dedicated location for the wounded Soldiers to get assistance and meet representatives of different agencies, instead of having to travel all over post to meetings.

"This way Soldiers come to one place and the service providers will come to them," said Rita Bonamego. It is a warm and welcome environment where warriors in transition and their families will be in a comfortable environment that makes our heroes, our wounded warriors, want to get better."



"This unit is not only for wounded Soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan, but for all our wounded troops to help them in their mission to heal," said Maj. Gen. Helmick, officially opening the new SFAC offices. (L-R) Maj. Gen. Frank Helmick, SETAF commander, Spc. Justin Varnes, 173rd ABCT, Col. Virgil Williams USAG Vicenza commander and Col. Lorraine Breen, Vicenza Health Clinic commander. (Photo by Sgt. Justin Nieto, SETAF Public Affairs)

# Out & About

By Dorothy Spagnuolo

## Events in the Veneto region

**Vicenza:** Stores open every Sunday in Vicenza and province through Dec. 24;

In the Teatro Olimpico on Dec. 22 at 9 p.m. music by Gershwin and Rota with the Teatro Olimpico Orchestra directed by Giancarlo De Lorenzo.

In Salvi Gardens Christmas market until Dec. 24 open weekdays 3-8 p.m., weekends 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Plans also for a skating rink which will be open until Jan. 10 weekdays 3 p.m.-midnight, weekends: 10 a.m.-midnight.

**Bassano:** Christmas market, find over 40 chalets between Piazza Garibaldi and Piazzotto Montevicchio open everyday from 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Closed on Monday mornings until Dec. 24; also find a train for the young and old alike to take a ride around the city center on Dec. 8, 9, 15, 16, 22 and 23; in Piazza Liberta' enjoy an antique roundabout.

**Marostica:** Ice rink in the main square open until Jan. 6 from 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.-midnight, entrance fee 5 euro, possibility to rent skates: 2.50 euro; Christmas market open until Jan. 7 from 10 a.m.-noon and 4-7 p.m.;

**Schio:** Christmas music and chorus at 4 p.m. on Jan. 16 in Piazza Rossi and P.ta Garibaldi with the junior high school 'Fusinato' and the Lions Chorus;

**Verona:** *Natale sui pattini*, Christmas on roller skates is a show that will take place in the city's Palasport on Dec. 22 at 8:30 p.m. See World, European and Italian roller skate champions perform. Tickets cost 13 euro for adults and 5 euro for children.

**Jesolo:** Visit the sand nativity where a teams of sculptors - three each from America and from Russia, one each from England, Holland and the Czech Republic have used over 850 tons of sand to create eight scenes to include the Three Kings, the birth of Jesus, the trip to Bethlehem and the angel and the shepherds.

To be seen in Piazza Marconi until Jan. 13 it's open everyday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-7 p.m. Although there is no entrance fee contributions are accepted which goes to charity.

The Nativity scene in the Scalabrini Institute, Bassano has an interesting layout, not only shown is the nativity but it starts with Adam and Eve and goes through to Pentecost, there are 31

scenes in all.

Open on Sundays through the month of Jan.: 9 a.m.-noon and 2-7 p.m. note that it will be open until the end of Jan. The Institute is located near the Alpini bridge.

*Note: You will find that normally most nativity scenes that are sponsored by a church have no entrance fee, but you may find a box for donations.*

The town of **Thiene** is holding it's 2nd Fairytale Christmas with events that the whole family can enjoy. On Dec. 15-16 see a parade of over 400 persons dressed in 'fairytale' costumes, not only, but in the following squares, Piazza Montello find a big whale where you can visit Geppetto, in Piazza Chilesotti find Santa Claus' town and in Piazza Ferrarin see Winnies forest and Heidi's town.

Food stands serving chocolate fritters, grilled salami and vin brule' and soft drinks are set up. In the fountain in front of the town hall see a floating nativity scene.

On Dec. 15 events are from 3-7 p.m.; Dec. 16 from 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. All proceedings will go to the *Citta della Speranza*, City of Hope.

Also find an ice rink open through Jan. 20 in the parking lot 'Bosco,' open 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-10 p.m. cost is 5 euro with includes skate rental.

## Things to see and do in Bolzano

**Oetzi - the ice man**— Over 5,000 years ago, a man climbed up to the icy heights of the Schnalstal glacier and died. He was found by accident in 1991, with his clothes and equipment, mummified and frozen: an archaeological sensation and a unique snapshot of a Copper Age man.

The iceman, Oetzi, so called after the Oetztal valley where his was found can be seen in the city of **Bolzano's** South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology.

Open daily from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., closed Monday. During the months of July, Aug. and Dec. open every day. Dec. 24 and 31 the museum will close at 2 p.m.; Jan. 1, May 1 and Dec. 25 closed. Entrance fee: 8 euro. Website:

[www.archaeologiemuseum.it/index\\_f.html](http://www.archaeologiemuseum.it/index_f.html)

Christmas market in Piazza Walther open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Sunday open 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Food stands open each day until 8 p.m.

## Bologna motor show

The 32nd **Bologna** International car and motorcycle exhibition is

open though Dec. 17 with more than 92 product previews and the main highlight this year is the worldwide preview of the Hummer H3 Black Edition, of which just 50 unit will be sold in Europe starting from the end of the year.

Being held in the city's exhibition grounds this show also offers visitors a glance at the latest models of the Ford Focus Style Wagon, Hyundai i10, the six-seater Goa GIX 2.5 CDR Common Rail Turbo Diesel and the Martin Motors' Bubble. For opening hours check

out the website [www.motorshow.it](http://www.motorshow.it). Entrance fee adults 24 euro, children 7-13: 20 euro, children under 6 free. For further information on events and test drives consult [www.motorshow.it](http://www.motorshow.it)

## Art exhibition

In the Museo di Santa Giulia in the city of **Brescia** an art exhibition 'America! Storie di Pittura dal Nuovo Mondo' America! history of art from the new world,' is taking place. Over 231 works of art by 19th century artists who opened the world's eyes to the grandeur of the

American landscape and life in the West include art by F.E. Church, W.M. Chase, J. Trumbull and S.F. Morse.

Also find on the same subject 60 photos, 10 sculptures, and 80 objects showing the life of the American Indians and of Buffalo Bill.

Open Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday-Sunday 9 a.m.-8 p.m., closed on Dec. 24, 25, 31. Jan. 1 open from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. The exhibition ends on May 4. Entrance fee: 12 euro, children under 5 free.



Vendors sell Christmas items from wooden chalets located in **Piazza Garibaldi**, one of the squares of **Bassano del Grappa**, where an annual Christmas market is held. On weekends, Santa may appear in the squares and surprise children with candies, while street musicians fill the air with Christmas carols. (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)



The 5,000 year-old Oetzi Iceman was discovered in 1991. He is on display in Bolzano's South Tyrol Museum.

## Now Showing

### Caserma Ederle Theater

Dec. 12	Good Luck Chuck (R)	6 p.m.
Dec. 13	Eastern Promises (R)	6 p.m.
Dec. 14	Elizabeth: The Golden Age (PG13)	6 p.m.
	The Heartbreak Kid (R)	9 p.m.
Dec. 15	Elizabeth: The Golden Age (PG13)	3 p.m.
	The Golden Compass (PG-13)(1st Run)	6 p.m.
Dec. 16	The Golden Compass (PG-13)(1st Run)	3 p.m.
	We Own the Night (R)	6 p.m.

### Camp Darby Theater

Dec. 13	Eastern Promises (R)	6 p.m.
Dec. 14	The Game Plan (PG)	6 p.m.
Dec. 15	Elizabeth: The Golden Age (PG13)	6 p.m.
Dec. 16	Enchanted (PG) (1st Run)	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

**ELIZABETH: THE GOLDEN AGE** - Geoffrey Rush, Clive Owen  
Growing keenly aware of the changing religious and political tides of late 16th century Europe, Queen Elizabeth finds her rule openly challenged by the Spanish King Philip II — with his powerful army and sea-dominating armada — determined to restore England to Catholicism. Preparing to go to war to defend her empire, Elizabeth struggles to balance ancient royal duties with an unexpected vulnerability in her love for Sir Walter Raleigh. But he remains forbidden for a queen who has sworn body and soul to her country. Rated PG-13 (violence, sexuality, nudity) 114 min

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# Community notes

## Sign up to vote

Voting sign-up station from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the food court Dec. 13. Stop by and get your federal post card application.

## Holiday mail dates

To ensure delivery of holiday cards and packages to the U.S. by Christmas, mail must be sent by the dates below:

Dec. 11-Priority and First class mail

Dec. 20-Express mail

The post office has extended holiday hours until 6 p.m. Mon-Fri.

## Kron Platz ski trip

Join Outdoor Rec for skiing at Kron Platz, Dec. 15 from 6 a.m.-7:30 p.m. The \$25 cost includes transportation. Equipment is available for check-out from ODR. Reserve your spot by Dec. 12.

## Balsamic Vinegar Tour

Travel to Modena for a guided tour of a traditional balsamic vinegar factory Dec. 15 leaving at 6 a.m.

Call ITR at 634-7094 by Dec. 14 to reserve your seat.

## U.S. Army Health Center holiday hours

Dec. 21, Friday Open 8 a.m.-3 p.m. (closed for the rest of the day for holiday party)

Dec. 22, Saturday Open 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Dec. 23, Sunday, Closed

Dec. 24, Monday, Closed (USAREUR Training Holiday)

Dec. 25, Tuesday, Closed (Christmas Day)

Dec. 26-30, Wed-Sun, Normal duty hours.

Dec. 31, Monday, Closed (USAREUR Training Holiday)

Jan. 1, Tuesday, Closed (New Year's Day)

Jan. 2, Wednesday, return to normal schedule.

For urgent concerns when the clinic for medical emergencies at any time, you may go directly to the San Bortolo Hospital Emergency Room. Call the Patient Liaisons at 0444-75-3300 or 0444-928166, DSN 634-8384).

Pregnant patients with any concerns can call the Benincaso Pavilion at 0444-71-6667 (DSN 634-6667).

For an ambulance call 0444-71-7114 from off-post, or 114 from any DSN phone on post

For further information call the clinic patient advocate at 634-7952 (commercial 0444-71-7952), or e-mail VZHCatPat@amedd.army.mil.

## Fitness Center entrance closure

The main and east side entrances of the Sports and Fitness Center are temporarily closed due to construction work.

Access to the facility can only be made from the west end cardio room area alleyway.

## Protestant Women of the Chapel

PWOC invites you to join us every Tuesday morning at the Post Chapel from 9:15 a.m.-11:30. Join in on selected Bible Study groups while enjoying the fellowship of others. Childcare provided for

infants 6 weeks through age 5.

Wednesday Evening Study group are at the Post Chapel from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Contact:

Antoinette Samuel  
[asamuel.csamuel@hotmail.com](mailto:asamuel.csamuel@hotmail.com)

## Army Community Service

Dec. 11, 12 and 13, 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.: Seven habits for effective military families - Learn techniques to better cope with being separated from your loved ones during the holiday season.

Dec. 12, 3-4:30 p.m.: Cooking with kids and travel the world with Fraddie FAP. Freddie FAP visits England.

Find the complete ACS event schedule online at [www.vicenzamwr.com](http://www.vicenzamwr.com), click on ACS, or call 634-7500 for details.

## Jingle Bell Fun Run

Run for the Jingle Bell fun of it Dec. 15 starting at 6 a.m. on the North 40 Track. Dress up in festive costume and be eligible for wonderful prizes.

Sign up by Dec. 12. Call Sports and Fitness at 634-7009.

## Pentecostal program

The Vicenza Pentecostal Full Gospel is hosting Present Your Gifts program on Dec. 20, in the post chapel at 7 p.m. It is an opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate the gifts and talents God has blessed us with. All are welcome to come out, enjoy, and fellowship with us.

## Commissary notes

Please aAr special orders (cakes, deli platters, fruit/vegetable trays) during the holidays.

If you wish to order boneless prime rib roasts for the holidays, place your order by Dec. 17.

We will have two deliveries prior to Christmas: Dec. 18 and 21.

## USO classes

*Beginning Italian*, Level 1: cost \$112; starts Jan. 7-Mar. 10.

*Stocking Contest*: pick up a free stocking from Capitol Motors, decorate it and then return it no later than Dec. 21 for a chance to win a \$50 AAFES Gift Card.

*Mediterranean Cooking Classes*: cost \$296 for 8 sessions (ingredients included in price); starts Jan. 18-May 2.

For more information call DSN: 634-7156/CIV: 0444 71 7156 or stop by the USO.

## Christmas caroling

The Vicenza Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts will be Christmas caroling in Villaggio on Tuesday, Dec. 11 from 6:15-7:30 p.m.

Join us for songs, hot chocolate, and cookies. We will leave the YS building in Villaggio at 6:15 p.m. Hope to see you there. (Rain cancels this event.) For more information, call Nancy Hacker at 349-5209980.

## Tax clerks needed

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will hire two individuals to serve as clerks at the Tax Center. The positions will begin in January, 2008 and end in April, 2008.

Tax clerks will receive training and then prepare and electronically file state and federal tax returns for

at the Tax Center.

Interested persons may contact Mark Christensen at [tax@eur.army.mil](mailto:tax@eur.army.mil) or DSN 634.8483 for position information, and should contact CPAC for information about submitting an application.

## Get Your Dance On

January evenings is the time to hit the dance floor and learn some new moves in a variety of dance styles. Soldier's Theatre leads the steps for advanced and beginners, but adults only. Cost: \$7 per class. Call Soldier's Theatre for details, 634-7281.

## Benvenuti, welcome to Vicenza

Allow ACS to treat you to four days of free fun, culture, orientation and adventure—including a trip to Venice! Call ACS at 634-7500 for information and reservation.

## I Love Deployment

Um, yea. About that. Truth is, you don't love deployment. It's tough. No way around that. But why go through it alone? ACS invites you to hang with others who understand the unique battle you're fighting daily on the home front. Take "The Journey Series" a brand-new, 100-percent free series designed to educate, build life-skills and empower your self-reliance, making the time apart from your loved one go faster. Call Catherine Hurst at 634-6162 for details.

## Kick off your New Year's resolutions now

Setting up a budget, managing a check-book, nailing an interview - ACS equips you with "hands on" workshops to build up those life-skills, Dec. 18-28. Get a head-start on your New Year's Resolutions, call ACS at 634-7500 for details.

## Café Centrale hours change

In order to better serve the community, Café Centrale's new hours include: Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m., 5 p.m.-10 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-3p.m., Closed Sunday.

## Gingerbread takes over the library

Gingerbread storyhour, gingerbread crafts and gingerbread activities. Dec. 10-14, at the Library. Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m. (Pre K-K) at Main Library, Thursdays at 11:15 a.m. (PreK-K) at Villaggio Youth Center, and Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. (School Age) at Main Lib

## American Red Cross

Now is the time to become a certified babysitter. For a limited period, this course will be offered for free to the Youth of the Camp Ederle community.

Visit our office for more details on this offer or the courses listed below.

Tues., Jan. 8: Volunteer Orientation 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Thurs., Jan. 10: First Aid 5 p.m.-9 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 12: Adult, Child and Infant CPR 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sat., Jan. 26: Babysitter's training 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The American Red Cross,

Vicenza

Mon. - Fri., 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; Davis Hall Bldg 108, Room 47

From the Vicenza Community call DSN: 634-7089 or COMM: 0444-71-7089

An emergency communications caseworker can be reached 24/7.

## December MOMS Club

Everyone is invited to join in. Exercise class (bring kids) at the Post Gym 2nd Floor Dec. 14, 1:30 p.m., Dec. 21, 1:30 p.m.

MOMS Club monthly meeting and potluck luncheon Dec. 17, 10:30 a.m. at the chapel

For more information regarding MOMS Club and our activities please email [momsclubofvicenza@yahoo](mailto:momsclubofvicenza@yahoo) or contact Deanna at 0444945105 or Amber at 3347008443.

## Winter Safety driving training

Mandatory winter safety training is scheduled for Dec. 12 at the Post Theater.

There will be two sessions. English version: 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Italian version: 1:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.

This training is required for anyone who drives military vehicles. Remember to bring your 348 and 346 to the training so that they can be updated upon completion of the training session.

Any questions about the training please call Mr. Bryan Dorman, Driver's Testing Supervisor, 634-6912/6913.

## University of Phoenix

Univ. of Phoenix is offering an onsite Master of Business Administration (MBA) program at the Vicenza Education Center starting in January 2008.

Classes will meet one evening a week at the Education Center. Registration is now open.

Additionally, the university offers continuous enrollment for MBA and Master of Arts in Education programs online.

For more information, contact Ana Laforgia in room 211 at the Education Center, call DSN 634-8928 or send an email to: [Ana.Laforgia@phoenix.edu](mailto:Ana.Laforgia@phoenix.edu).

## UMUC open for registration

UMUC is starting registration early, on Dec. 3 and will run till Jan. 18. Term runs from 21 January 2008 to 15 March 2008. Register early, before the holidays, and you won't have to worry about school till next year.

UMUC has scheduled some first time classes for Vicenza in Term 3. These great classes are being offered:

ITAL211: Intermediate Italian 1 (Italian 3)

HIST217K or HIST317K: History of Venice

PSYC355: Child Psychology

STAT200: Introduction to Statistics

WRTG391: Advance Expository Writing

IFSM201: HYBRID Intro to Computer Base Systems (Combines face to face and online learning).

UMUC is giving two different rebates to students enrolling in Term 3 classes.

## Religious Activities

### Ederle Chapel

For details call the chapel at: 634-7519 (0444-71-7519).

### Weekday Mass

Mass is now held at noon Wednesday-Monday.

### Saturday services

**4-4:30 p.m.:** Sacrament of Reconciliation, or by appointment  
**5 p.m.:** Roman Catholic Mass

### Sunday services

**9 a.m.:** Catholic Mass  
**10:45 a.m.-noon:** Catholic Religious Education  
**11 a.m.:** Protestant worship  
**1:30 p.m.:** Full Gospel Pentecostal worship and Children's church  
**4 p.m.:** Lutheran Services  
**6 p.m.:** Contemporary worship

### Muslim services

The khutba and prayer will take place in the post chapel conference room Fridays, just after noon.

### Chanuka

Tuesday, Dec. 11 is the last night of Chanukah. Please let the Novembers know if you are interested in Shabbat in Venice Dec. 14-15. Traditional Shabbat meals and services will be at the Novembers the last two weeks of December. For more information, please e-mail them at [november6@msn.com](mailto:november6@msn.com)

### Club Beyond

For details about Club Beyond youth activities, contact the chapel or Jocelyn Cary at 340-385-3476.

### Darby Chapel

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

**8:30 a.m.:** Catholic Reconciliation

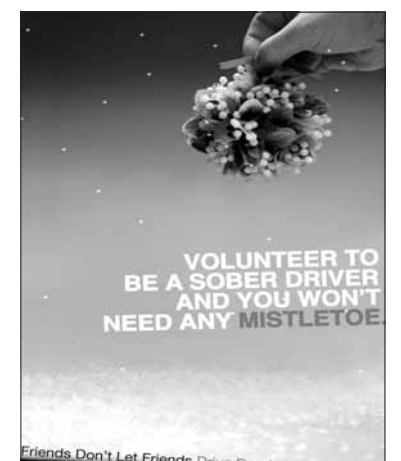
**9:30 a.m.:** Catholic Mass

**11:15 a.m.:** Protestant worship

"MyUMUC Get Started Bonus"- If this is the first time you are registering for a UMUC course you will receive up to a \$50.00 bonus that can be immediately used towards your textbook purchase.

"Learn and Earn" Rebate- Enroll in a UMUC class during Term 3 and purchase \$100.00 in textbooks and receive a \$50.00 rebate to be used towards textbooks in Term 4 or 5.

Enroll in a UMUC class today. For more information and assistance contact: Mike Leahy at the UMUC office, DSN: 634-7055, COMM: 0444-717055 or E-mail: [mleahy@ed.umuc.edu](mailto:mleahy@ed.umuc.edu)



# Vicenza splits basketball games with AOSR



(Above) Vicenza Cougar No. 23, Chakeria Gilbert, goes in for a jump shot over the defending AOSR girls' team during the third quarter romp. (Right) Seeming to levitate, all five players are off the floor as the Cougars' No. 23 Xavier Taylor drives for a layup over the defense of AOSR No. 33 Sge Kahm. Although leading the team in a fourth quarter rally, Taylor and the team just couldn't make up the score. "We can't rely on one player," said Vicenza coach Hooper, "but Taylor does motivate his teammates."

Story and photos by Gary L. Kieffer  
Outlook Editor

In four hard fought, physical games, the Vicenza High School Cougars split the wins 2-2 with the America Overseas School Rome Dec. 7-8.

The Vicenza girls won two games, 51-22 and 49-16.

"We won with our defense," said Garret Barton, Vicenza girls' coach. "Roma had difficulty with our man-to-man press. We just shut them down."

"These were rough physical games," said AOSR girls' coach Frances Neely. "We have a new team and our shooting was way off. We couldn't get through

their defense."

The Vicenza boys' team had directly opposite results, losing both games, 44-35 and 48-29.

AOSR boys' coach Pat Davis described their winning strategy this way, "we worked hard, played hard. We stayed focus on the game."

"We always try to show good sportsmanship and just come out and have fun with the game," Smith said.

"Mainly we failed to execute," said Vicenza boys team coach Pat Hooper. "We need to improve our game this season and the next."

The Vicenza high school basketball teams will travel to Sigonella for their next games, Dec. 14-15.



## Bamberg wins IMCOM-Europe junior soccer title

### Children of 173rd Soldiers dominate winning team



Story and photos by  
Brandon Beach

USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs

**STUTT GART, Germany**—Like any soccer-playing teenager, Nick Cuevas doesn't like being stuck in goal.

"It's boring," said Bamberg's back-up keeper. "You just stand there."

Boring was the last word to describe his play at the finals of this year's Installation Management Command Europe under-15 soccer championship, held earlier this month in Stuttgart.

Cuevas tallied 15 saves and blocked a first-half penalty kick to help Bamberg blank tourney host Stuttgart 5-0.

Chase Milhorn carded two goals, and Sean Cuevas, Daniel Seamrin and Tesos Dones each found the back of the net.

Despite a 3-0 deficit at half, Stuttgart kept up pressure in the second as forwards peppered Bamberg's goal with shot attempts. Weather conditions during weekend play didn't make Cuevas' work any easier either.

Snow flurries dampened fields on Friday. By Saturday, temperatures had risen from 35 degrees to about 45, leaving many passes stuck in the mud.

During the two-day tourney, Bamberg recorded wins over Mannheim, 4-2, and Landstuhl, 3-2, but dropped its opening round game to Stuttgart 4-2. The team also

lost starting keeper, Aaron Mumford, to a broken finger when he blocked an incoming shot.

Athansios Dones, Bamberg's coach, had no choice but to tap Cuevas. "He gripes about it all the time," said Dones, "but it's the best he's played all season. And look, we are champs."

The team of 13 players was dominated by children of deployed 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team Soldiers. The nine children are Ben Berbach, Kevin Bolling, Nick and Sean Cuevas, Kelsea Heard, Logan and Lacy Prudhome, Dillon Leudtke and Wismary Vazquez. The team coach was also assisted by Jessica Prudhome, the 173rd ABCT, Brigade Support Batt. Family Readiness Support Assistant.

Seven Child and Youth Services teams took part in the annual tourney representing U.S. Army garrisons throughout Europe.



(Top, Right) Stuttgart forward Rich Pastore races past a Bamberg defender during the IMCOM Europe Under -15 soccer championship final game, held earlier this month in Stuttgart. (Above) Bamberg soccer players celebrate winning the tourney's first place trophy.

## Sports shorts

### More free bowling

Ederle Lanes adds two more nights of free bowling. You now get free lane rental on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays and bowl up to three games per person.

Shoes are still only \$1. Call Ederle Lanes for information 634-7013.

### Italian soccer league

Play adult community soccer for free Tuesdays and Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m., until April 1. Round up all your soccer friends and enjoy this opportunity to play in the Italian soccer league.

### New Year's Day Folgaria ski trip

Join Outdoor Rec for skiing at Folgaria, New Years Day, from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. The \$15 cost includes transportation. Equipment is available for check-out from ODR. Reserve your spot by Dec. 26.

### Ski in perfect peace at Panarotta

Located near a tranquil spa town, skiing at Panarotta offers an ideal experience for those who wish to relax and ski. Join Outdoor Rec, Jan. 19-21, from 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

The \$200 cost includes transportation. Equipment is available for check-out from ODR. Reserve your spot by Jan. 5.

### Folgaria ladies day ski trip

Ladies, get free lift tickets Dec. 15 at Folgaria, courtesy of Outdoor Rec.

Folgaria is an excellent ski area for beginners.

Call 634-7453 for details.

### Walk-4-Freedom

Earn 200 Walk-4-Freedom miles. Quarterly fitness assessments will be conducted at the Post Fitness Center on Thursday, Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Participants will earn 200 miles for completing their assessments. You can pick up new mileage logs and turn in your mileage count.

If you have any questions, contact the Health Promotion office at 634-8828 or [health@setaf.army.mil](mailto:health@setaf.army.mil).