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## Community remembers Able Company Soldiers

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Soldiers, civilians and family members gathered in the post chapel Friday, to honor the memories of two fallen Soldiers.

Spc. Christopher Honaker, 23, from Havelock, N.C., and Pfc. Joseph Miracle, 22, from Ortonville, Mich., both assigned to Able Co., 2nd Battalion, 503d Infantry (Airborne), were killed in action in Watapor Valley, Afghanistan, July 5.

Both Soldiers were members of the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, currently deployed as Task Force Bayonet in support of the NATO International Security Assistance Force.

"Pfc. Miracle showed early on that he was the quality Soldier the airborne needed," said Sgt. Clayton Grigsby, Miracle's supervisor. "He was never satisfied with being average."

Grigsby said Miracle was always the funnyman of the group, yet when it came to Soldier skills and duties, he was always serious.

"His talents as a Soldier were most notable when he was placed on a M240B

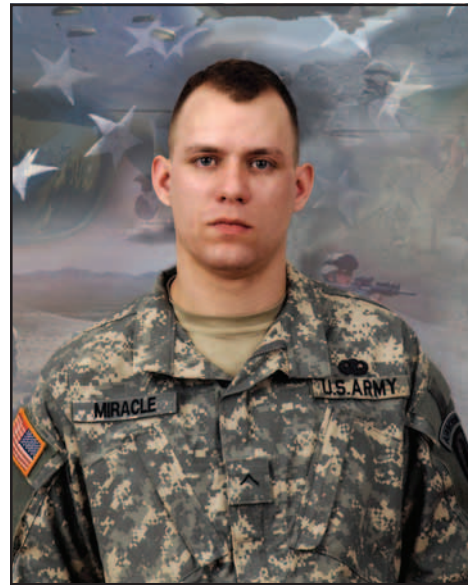


Spc. Christopher Honaker

machine gun," noted Grigsby. "He knew that weapon inside and out. He was always aggressive and always on target.

"Able Company will forever remember Pfc. Miracle and his dedication for excellence," said Grigsby. "He is a reminder of the standard we should all strive for and will be remembered as the man who came to us as a young paratrooper and left a hero."

Pfc. Ryan Normandin, who served in the



Pfc. Joseph Miracle

same squad as Honaker, reflected on some of the time he spent with the Soldier they called "Hardcore."

"When I first arrived in the unit, he didn't skip a beat. He let me in on all the information about my new squad," said Normandin. "What the guys were like, where they are from and what would tick them off."

Normandin said Honaker, like many of the Soldiers in his unit, took care of business

when it came to training.

"Like every Soldier, we make mistakes in training; that's why it is called training. But 'Hardcore' made very few, if any," said Normandin. "He loved his job and enjoyed every minute he was with the guys. It was about the guys next to him that mattered; he believed that down to his bones."

"I was privileged to work with and know Honaker. He was an amazing person and always made my day go smoother," said Normandin. "He was the definition of a true Soldier and infantryman."

Capt. Matthew Heimerle, 2nd Battalion, 503d Infantry (Airborne), spoke about the lives of his lost Soldiers.

"The tragic loss of such great warriors is a terrible reminder of the conflict we are faced with today," said Heimerle. "It is the direct result of the courage and bravery displayed by Soldiers like Chris Honaker and Joseph Miracle that we're able to continue to take the fight to the enemy."

Honaker and Miracle were both posthumously promoted and are both being recommended for the Bronze Star Medal.

## Task Force Rock prepares to tame 'Valley of Fire'

By Spc. Jon H. Arguello  
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**JALALABAD AIRFIELD, Afghanistan**—It's been almost 18 months since 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry (Airborne), 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, Task Force Rock, left Afghanistan after proving its capabilities against insurgents through operations in the southern part of the country.

The battalion's success was notable as it

established relationships with the population, helping Afghan authorities develop a respectable fighting force; all the while intensely finding, fixing and destroying large numbers of enemy on several occasions.

More than a month after replacing the 1st Battalion, 32d Infantry Regiment, TF Rock has once again been charged with completing the task of taming the area between the Pech and Korengal valleys called the "Valley of Fire" by the Soldiers who patrol it because of the frequency of fire fights.

"We conduct counter-insurgency operations in Regional Command-East to destroy and defeat the insurgents and build the capability of Afghan National Security Forces to enable the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan provide a secure and stable environment that deters the re-emergence of terrorism in the region," said 1st Sgt. LaMonta Caldwell, Battle Company, 2-503d Inf (Abn).

"The troops understand the task at hand," he continued. "First, to finish what the 1-32d already started, which was to work with local citizens establishing a sound living environment and to help train and work side-by-side with the Afghan National Army. Second, to eliminate forces that cause disruption to the process of a good, trustworthy government in our area of responsibility."

The Sky Soldiers are placed along the triangular-shaped intersection of the two valleys and have encountered firefights and repelled ambushes. But the attempts to challenge the Rock's paratroopers is a waste of the insurgents' time, according to Caldwell.

"This is not our first rodeo," said Caldwell. "We left Afghanistan 16 months ago and many of those veterans, like me, are still around. We've been shot at before, mortared before and we know what to do. 'Take care of your buddy to your left and your right,' this is a key to our success and our motto. It comes from the heart of these Battle Co. paratroopers and no insurgent can match that."

The Soldiers based in-and-around the dangerous valleys have proven they have heart — and much more — in the short time since their arrival.

As their war stories accumulate, their vested interest in the progress of the Afghan authorities becomes a personal matter.

"We have fought with these guys," said Sgt. Raul Padilla, a Battle Co. team leader at Firebase Phoenix in the Korengal Valley. "This has become personal to us. The people

— not just the Afghan Soldiers and policemen — of Afghanistan are depending on us to help them get control of their country."

Personal is the only way these hardened paratroopers can take the death of one Soldier and several combat injuries in their battalion. But not even the death of their fellow Soldiers will deter them, said Padilla.

"We won't leave this valley until the insurgents leave, and if they won't leave we'll make it personal for them, too," said Padilla, a veteran of TF Rock's last deployment to Afghanistan. "This area is now under the control of Afghan and Coalition forces. The Taliban is going to have to go away or go around us because they aren't welcome here anymore."

The sense of purpose these troops have gained goes beyond their specific jobs and ranks at this point, Spc. Jason Mace explained.

"Slowly, we are accomplishing things here," explained Mace. "We've already done things we were told were impossible. They said we couldn't go to this area or pass that line but we have. It's taking time, but it's not going to stop until we do something about it — and we are."

Knowing their importance and their role in Afghanistan are important, said a platoon sergeant from Able Company who lives at Firebase California in the Pech Valley, Sgt. 1st Class Jose Magaña.

His platoon's job is to secure an area that includes a road project, seven villages and an unknown number of enemies.

"I hope they know by now why they are here," said Magaña of his Soldiers. "To look out outside the base and see people doing every day things, selling items, children — even the girls — attending school, that's why we're here, so that the Afghan people can do things many take for granted. It's not easy to bear all the sacrifices these Soldiers are making, but their role is historic in granting people the same freedoms we have at home."

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The view from a gun position at Firebase Phoenix overlooking the Korengal Valley. Battle Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry (Airborne), 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team paratroopers occupy several small firebases along the valley in one of the most hard-fought areas in eastern Afghanistan's Regional Command-East.



# SETAF, USAG Vicenza thank community for deployment support

The Ederle Theater was filled to capacity Friday afternoon as more than 200 Soldiers, American and Italian post workers, volunteers and family members filed across the stage to receive a certificate of appreciation from SETAF Commander Maj. Gen. Frank G. Helmick and USAG Vicenza Commander Col. Virgil S.L. Williams.

The ceremony was to thank all those who helped support the recent deployment of the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team Soldiers.

Awardees are:

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Pierluigi Piazzon and Massimo Teodori.

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## Protect yourself, your family

### Caserma Ederle Fire Department Press Release

In the event of a fire, a smoke alarm can save your life and those of your loved ones.

They are a very important means of preventing house and apartment fire fatalities by providing an early warning signal – so you and your family can escape.

Smoke alarms are one of the best safety devices you can buy and install to protect yourself, your family and your home.

### Where do they go?

Install smoke alarms on every level of your home, including the basement.

Many fatal fires begin late at night or in the early morning.

For extra safety, install smoke alarms both inside and outside sleeping areas.

Since smoke and many deadly gases rise, installing your smoke alarms at the proper level will provide you with the earliest warning possible.

Always follow the manufacturer's installation instructions.

### How do I keep my smoke alarm from failing?

In standard-type battery-powered smoke alarms, the batteries need to be replaced at least once a year and the whole

unit should be replaced every eight to 10 years.

In hard-wired, battery back-up smoke alarms, the batteries need to be checked monthly, and replaced at least once a year. The entire unit should be replaced every eight to 10 years.

### What else should I know?

Some smoke alarms are considered to be "hard-wired." This means they are connected to the household electrical system and may or may not have battery backup.

It's important to test every smoke alarm monthly and replace the batteries with new ones at least once a year.

The USAG Vicenza Fire Department reminds the community of the following important fire safety and prevention information:

- Plan and practice escape plans several times a year.

- Make sure your whole family knows when and how to call fire emergency telephone numbers. **On post dial 117. Off post dial 115 (Italian Fire Department).**

- Buy and learn how to use a fire extinguisher.

- Install carbon monoxide detectors.

Contact your USAG Vicenza Fire Department at 634-7092 if you need help or have questions about fire safety in your home or quarters.

## Individual Security Awareness training classes set

### Antiterrorism and Force

#### Protection Office

##### Press Release

Individual Security Awareness Training (Level I Antiterrorism Training) is offered in the Ederle Theater to Department of Defense civilian employees and family members, military and civilian, 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: 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.

As a reminder for those who may need childcare while in the training, the Child Development Center offers hourly care for children ages six weeks-5 years of age.

Cost is \$4 per child per hour and children must be registered at the CDC. As space at the CDC is limited, make reservations at least two weeks in advance by calling 634-7559.

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

For details call Pat Hooper at 634-8984.

## Portability, travel with TRICARE Prime

By Kathryn L. Morse

TRICARE specialist

If you are enrolled in TRICARE Prime Europe and leaving the region in the near future, you should know that TRICARE Prime provides terrific coverage and reduced out-of-pocket expenses for you and your family – even when you are between assignments.

Transferring your enrollment in TRICARE Prime is easy. The first step is to let your current TRICARE Service Center (TSC) know that you are moving.

You can remain enrolled in TRICARE Prime Europe for a maximum of 60 days from your departure date so your coverage is uninterrupted until you re-enroll in your new region.

The Vicenza TSC can provide you with information about emergency and routine health care while in transit to your new duty station.

Once you reach your new duty assignment, stop by your new TSC as soon as possible for information about locally-available TRICARE programs so you can make an informed choice about your family's health care.

If you are planning to returning to the states for more than 60 consecutive days during your sponsor's deployment you are required to stop by your local TRICARE Service Center Enrollment Office in the U.S. Army Health Center-Vicenza prior to your fly-out date to fill out a TRICARE Portability form and receive important information that can help ease your transition.

Your TSC can assist you with pertinent information about your destination's TRICARE coverage options. TRICARE coverage varies with region and it is important to know how your coverage will change based on the time you are away from TRICARE Europe and the TRICARE plan availability within your destination's region. It is important to remember that not all regions have the same coverage benefits. Your Vicenza TSC can provide you with each region's phone numbers and web addresses along with other important information.

Remember that upon returning to Vicenza, you will need to return to the TSC to re-enroll in TRICARE Prime Europe.

The TRICARE Service Center is located in Room 21 of the health center.

Call 634-6656, or 0444-71-6656 from off post, if you have questions.

## InfoX happens July 25

There's been a name change for the community forum used to share information and resolve issues.

Formerly known as the Community Action Council, the monthly forum is now called InfoX, which stands for "information exchange."

The new name reflects the increased emphasis on getting out up-to-date community information to key publics, especially to family readiness groups and rear detachment leaders.

Concerns will still be solicited and solutions found. Community leaders will still be on hand to use their experience and guidance to cut through red tape and fix what needs fixing.

InfoX will be broadcast live on AFN 106 The Eagle (also available on AFN decoder channel 142) and listeners are still given the opportunity to participate.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend InfoX July 25 in Club Veneto at 10 a.m.

# Don't get burnt by summer

By Lauren Gardner

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Did you know that children rack up between 50 percent and 80 percent of their lifetime sun exposure before the age of 18?

Most sun damage comes from incidental exposure during day-to-day activities, not at the beach.

Even on cloudy, cool, or overcast days ultraviolet rays travel through the clouds and reflect off sand, water, snow, and even concrete. Regular use of sunscreen can reduce your child's risk for developing skin cancer by up to 78 percent.

For the best protection from the damaging rays of the sun:

- Be sure to use sunscreen with an SPF of 30 and make sure it says it protects from UVA and UVB rays.

- Limit sun exposure between the hours of 10 a.m.-4 p.m., or take many sun breaks.

- Apply sunscreen at least 30 minutes before going outside.

- Don't forget lips, hands, ears, feet and behind the neck.

- Apply sunscreen generously and repeat application every two-three hours, more often if children are sweating or playing in the water

- Wear protective clothing.

- Protect your child's eyes with sunglasses that have 100 percent UVA and UVB protection.

- Products with DEET (in most bug repellents) reduces the effectiveness of sunscreen, so apply more or use a higher level of SPF lotion.

Infants have thinner skin and less melanin in their skin so it burns more easily. However, sunscreen should **not** be applied to babies under six months of age. They should be kept out of the sun whenever possible or they should wear clothing that covers most of their skin, wear wide-brimmed hats, and sit under an umbrella.

What to do when your child gets a sunburn:

- Give child a cool (not cold) bath, or gently apply cool, wet compresses.

- Apply pure aloe vera gel.

- Give them ibuprofen or acetaminophen, but **not** aspirin.

- Apply a thin layer of 1 percent hydrocortisone cream to affected area, but **not** petroleum-based products.

For more information about sunburn and other skin problems, visit the National Institute of Health's Web site: [newsinhealth.nih.gov](http://newsinhealth.nih.gov).



Swimming is a great way to cool off during the hot summer months, but take care to wear a waterproof sun lotion and to limit exposure to sun between the hours of 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (Outlook file photo)

## Dental Clinic renovations may require patience

Story and photo

By Staff Sgt. David Hopkins

SETAF Public Affairs

Caserma Ederle community members can expect brighter things from the Vicenza Dental Clinic, but there will be some inconvenience in the meantime.

The clinic is in the beginning stages of overhauling its electrical system on the first floor to enhance the heating, cooling and light systems in the facility.

"Everyone needs to understand that we are trying to keep everything as normal as possible," said Col. Thomas Jordan, dental clinic commander, "but there may be some minor temporary disruption. We are expecting some days without power and we ask that people be understanding."

Customers may have only a short notice about clinic closures and will have to be cooperative with the clinic staff to reschedule appointments.

The construction is being done to replace the 40-year-old heating and cooling system, which caused the clinic to close at particularly hot or cold periods in the past.

The new heating, cooling and electrical systems should make the environment of the clinic more comfortable and all around brighter, said Jordan.

The construction is scheduled to be completed in January 2008.



Dental chairs are covered with plastic and the ceiling is removed, exposing wires and ducts. The heating and cooling system and electric in the clinic are being updated over the next few months to provide a lighter clinic and better climate control.





A Vicenza High School JROTC cadet low crawls through an obstacle course during summer camp at Grafenwoehr Training Area in June. (Photo by

By Bilyana Atova  
Bavarian News staff writer

"What challenges me most is to wake up early," said Alex Melendez, a Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps platoon leader. "Also it's a challenge for me being a leader, to have control and make my platoon listen to me," she said. "I like to take care of them."

Melendez, from Baumholder High School, was one of 117 cadets from 21 U.S. schools throughout Europe who participated in the annual 10-day JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge at Grafenwoehr June 17-27.

The camp is part of the Army JROTC program, created as part of the National Defense Act from 1916, that prepares high school students for leadership roles while making them aware of their rights, responsibilities, and privileges as American citizens.

"The camp is very physical but the program itself is not," said (Ret) Maj. David Schwab, a senior JROTC instructor.

He explained that JROTC classes are different from typical school classes, not as academically strict, putting more brainstorming and teamwork techniques to use.

"It is a four-year program, with ninth grade and higher allowed to participate," said Schwab.

The annual camp has taken place in the Grafenwoehr Training Area since 1995 and is a mix of leadership and physical challenge as well as fun for the teens.

"The purpose of the camp is to give [the cadets] an opportunity to challenge themselves physically and mentally," Schwab said.

Maj. Bob Hase, Director of Army Instruction for Department of Defense Dependent Schools-Europe JROTC, explained that the cadets rotate rank on a daily basis during the camp.

"Some days they are followers, some days leaders," he said.

In a friendly environment, supervised by professionals, the cadets were able to master

a number of challenges including drown proofing, canoeing, ropes course, rappelling and climbing, leadership reaction obstacle course, and urban orienteering.

Teamwork and emotional support was crucial to successfully completing each obstacle.

Teamwork is especially important during activities like canoeing in which two-person teams navigate the river and must work together to keep the canoe going straight.

"I liked canoeing because of the rapids," said Bryan Michel, age 15, Naples American High School. "I have never done anything like that before."

Another event was the high ropes course in Tannesberg, which pushed cadets to overcome their fear of heights.

"The high rope course was really challenging because I am afraid of heights," said second-year Vilseck High School JROTC cadet ShaQuana Harmon. "But I didn't want to give up, so I did it!"

"When I went up there I panicked, I thought I am going to fall," said Melendez about the rope course. "Everyone looked like little ants, but it also felt like, 'Oh, my God, I did it!'"

Despite the relatively long list of activities they were expected to master, the cadets seemed to enjoy themselves.

"The kids get out a lot," said Schwab. "For some it is just fun, it is not meant to be a tough course."

For the first time, the cadets had the opportunity to rappel from a 60-foot tower in the Grafenwoehr training area.

"We have never done this before. It has been here, but has never been used so we decided to do it," said Hase.

The tower had two levels, and the teens rappelled from both of them.

"The small one was scarier," said Ledesma, "because it is the first time you are doing it. You see the wall and you get nervous, but then it's fine."

"The hard thing is that you cannot call home, and I miss my family," said Harmon.

It is not only that the teenagers are not

## Summer camp instills physical, leadership skills



(From left) Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets held a fellow cadet reach the top of a five-meter wall at the Taennensberg Ropes Course. Only three cadets at a time are allowed on top of the wall to help the fourth get up; others push from below. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Michael Blair)

encouraged to call home, but for 10 days they also have to give up most of their hi-tech conveniences – Internet, i-Pods, and cell phones.

"We took all their candies when they got here," said Schwab, noting that the cadets had to substitute sodas for drinks such as milk, water and juice to promote a healthy lifestyle.

The teens had their individual motivations for participating in the program, as well as different plans for the future.

"Not more than 20 percent probably join the Army," explained Schwab. Schwab said

this year's group proves to be the exception to the rule. He said all of his seven graduates were entering the military.

For Reyes, JROTC was a means to an end. "I joined the program because it will help me to get into an Air Force Academy," he said.

Ledesma, who plans to be come a veterinarian, explained that she joined because she thought it would be exciting.



JROTC Company B cadets take a break at the first dam on the River Wiesent in Germany. The cadets had to portage their canoes around the dam. The cadets were part of 117 European high school students taking part in the annual summer camp.



Cadets experience canoeing down the Wiesent River in Germany during JROTC summer camp in June.



# Camp Darby Insight

## Where the wild things are; where they vacation

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

In the classic children book "Where the wild things are" by Maurice Sendak, the protagonist Max is sent to his room without supper and decides to set out to find where the wild things live.

At Camp Darby, we don't have a small boy dressed in a wolf outfit, our protagonist wears his fur naturally and seems to be curious about what community members on Camp Darby call home. He is often referred to as Boner or D.B. (Dumb Buck) the deer.

He makes the opposite journey from Max, traveling from the wild into the tranquility of the installation.

"I was jogging at 4 a.m. and saw D.B in front of the ATM at Community Bank," said Kevin Ellis, who works at the official mail distribution center. "I laughed and thought maybe the bank hooked him up with a free bushel of apples with every ATM withdrawal that he made."

Italian Marisciallo Capo Riccardo Brayon is responsible for woodlands on Camp Darby. Whenever a deer wanders onto post, he escorts it back to the wild.

"The deer is currently accessing main post by bolting through gate nine, so he is

generally seen over by the medical clinic," says Brayon. "The deer are reproducing quickly and are eating the available food at a faster rate than it can grow. So now, this particular deer likes to wander the installation looking for food. This is why it's imperative when people see any deer on post they should not feed it, but call our office at 633-8281 or 8361."

Brayon, along with the help of a volunteer, can often be seen taking D.B. back into the ammunition storage area.



"The biggest problem is when people feed the deer. He becomes friendly, like a dog, and if he finds the food interesting he will stay," said Elena Iacono, who helps reunite the deer with its natural habitat. "Deer can be dangerous when they are in a herd and pose a hazard when they cross the road. Drivers

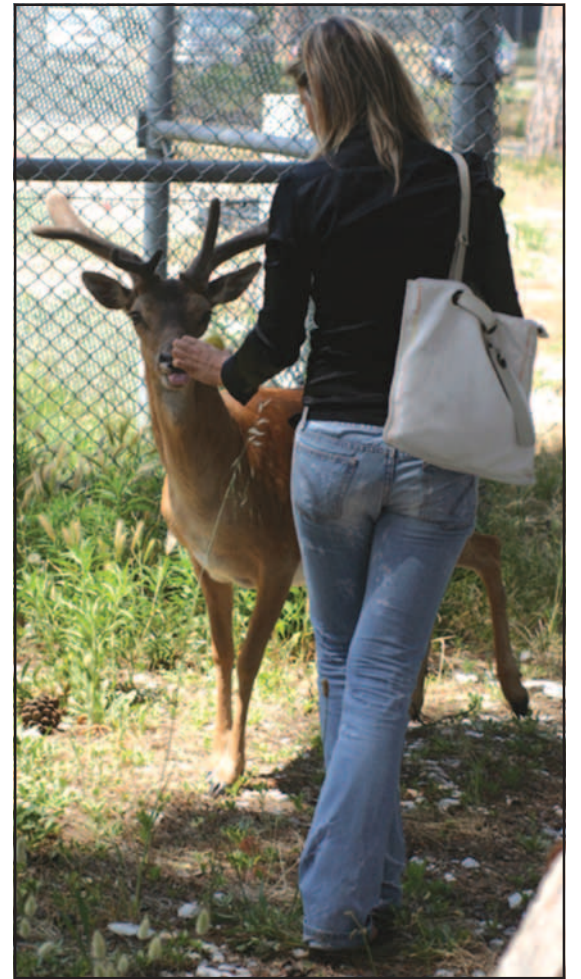
don't expect to see them, so it can end up badly for both the deer and the driver. D.B. has razor-sharp toes, and while he has never hit me, I'm always respectful of wild animals," added Ellis.

Over the last three years, Brayon has worked with *Ente Parco Migliarino* officials to control the population surge of deer in the ASA. "We do this by having an annual roundup with the help of American Soldiers and Airmen in conjunction with the national park," said Brayon. "The deer are relocated to other regions within Italy. Last year we removed 900. With the boars, it's too dangerous to try to round them up, so we use traps to capture them. After that, the park officials are responsible for the boars."

The park on Camp Darby is a protected area and without EPM approval, no one can cut down a tree or kill an animal. Doing so can result in being arrested.

"It's important to protect the wildlife and flora because it's the future of our life," said Iacono.

This time, D.B.'s journey ended without incident and with a military escort back to his home in the wild. And like Max, who returned from the wild back to his home – it reaffirms the notion that there's no place like home.



(Above) A Camp Darby volunteer tries to talk D.B. into returning to his natural habitat. (Left) D.B. bolts across the road on Camp Darby. Because food is plentiful and the deer have few predators, their population has swelled, causing problems on post. An annual roundup is held and captured deer are relocated to other Italian nature preserves.

### Camp Darby Briefs

#### Ed Center

Term 1 for the 2007-2008 University of Maryland University College school year is approaching.

Tuition Assistance applications are available now and due by July 27.

Class registration is Aug. 6-17.

Term 1 is also reintroducing the "Learn and Earn" rebate. If you spend \$100 or more in books this semester, you will receive \$50 off textbooks for Term 2.

Distance education classes have been shortened from 12 weeks to 10 weeks. This means that online

classes will no longer overlap and there is no longer a week-long break after midterm week.

#### NAF Jobs

Applications are being accepted by the Livorno Civilian Personnel Branch office for an Operations Clerk.

The deadline to apply is July 31.

Other opportunities include hotel clerk, child and youth program assistant, bartender, recreation aid and recreation assistant.

Applicants should apply at the NAF Personnel Office, located on

Camp Darby in Headquarters Front, 1st Floor, Room 11. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 9-5. Call 633-7032 for details. For details on the positions available, review the specific job announcements located at NAF personnel office.

#### Parent's Night Out

July 20: 5:45-11p.m. Parent's can enjoy an evening out. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services. Discounts for multiple children will apply.

Call 633-7642 or 633-7613 to register.

#### Outdoor Rec

Pool and beach passes are still available. Children under the age of 10 are not permitted into the pool unless they are accompanied by an adult.

#### Army Community Service events

A Hispanic Heritage Month planning meeting is set for Aug. 1, in the back room of the dining facility during lunch.

CAC issues and answers can be read in the library, post office, ACS or at the laundromat.

#### Darby Chapel

**8:30 a.m.:** Catholic Reconciliation  
**9:30 a.m.:** Catholic Mass  
**11:15 a.m.:** Protestant worship

Submit your issues online at [www.usag.livorno.army.mil](http://www.usag.livorno.army.mil)



Two Italian motorcycle riders attended the Italian-American motorcycle safety course ride. "We seek to bridge the gap between Motorcycle Safety Foundation courses and real life road skills," said Master Sgt. Jaron Tyner. Photo courtesy of Chiara Chelossi, USAG Livorno Safety)

## Letting the good times roll

**By Staff Sgt. Joyce Costello**  
*USAG Livorno Public Affairs*

Early on a Saturday morning, 26 Italian and five American riders met for a day of learning and riding.

Their goal was to reinforce motorcycle safety themes through a focused professional approach to continuing motorcycle education.

"We seek to bridge the gap between Motorcycle Safety Foundation courses and real life road skills," said Master Sgt. Jaron Tyner, a quality assurance representative for Defense Energy Support Center and a Honda CBR rider. "The post is working on a starting a mentorship program on Camp Darby. Since I'm a certified MSF instructor, I thought it would be good experience for inexperienced drivers to go on the road with more experienced drivers instead of just practicing around cones."

Tyner worked with the USAG Livorno Safety office to see what parts of the military's MSF curriculum could also help the Italians.

"All the Italians were very skilled and their idea of inexperience and ours are quite different," said Tyner. "They took everyone out on a ride in the afternoon around Lucca and it was great that our riders got to develop their real world judgment while operating motorcycles."

Tyner attributes the Italian's skill with their bikes at having been able to ride bikes under 50 cc once they are 14 years old.

"For me the fellowship and getting to see some of the countryside I've haven't ridden in before was the highlight of the day," said Tyner. "The folks who came to our event are good people."



One participant showed up on his scooter. He believes that, no matter what one rides, practicing the rules of the road are key to riding safely. (Photo courtesy of Chiara Chelossi, USAG Livorno Safety office)



# Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

## Art of the Orient

In the town of Brendola, province of Vicenza, Villa Orna has a museum that contains five rooms dedicated to Orient.

Visitors have the opportunity to see Feng Shui's principles applied and rooms decorated using a collection of antique Eastern furniture and objects d'art.

The first room contains antique furniture and objects from China.

The second room contains porcelain from a Thai ship that sank in 1440 near the Vietnam port of Hoi-An.

Two other rooms contain Oriental bells from China and Tibet; and the art and spiritualism of ancient Tibet.

The last room features objects and furniture centered around domestic life from China to the population of the Himalayas.

The museum is open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-noon and 4-7 p.m., entrance fee is 5 euro for adults 5 and 3 euro for children.

## Tomato fest

The 27th Festa del Pomodoro (Tomato Fest) is held July 20-30 in the town of Cappella del Scorze, province of Venice.

July 21, food stands open at 7 p.m. offering dishes with the tomato as the main ingredient, and at 9 p.m. dance to the Valentina Orchestra.

July 22 events start at 9 a.m. with an exhibition of tractors and agricultural tools. At 10 a.m. see a folklore exhibition by the Supresonic Band from Tombelle followed by a grand opening of the 28th Fruit and Vegetable market and a craft exhibition at 11 a.m.

Food tents open at 12:30 p.m. and

at 9 p.m. you can dance to music of the Le Idee Orchestra.

## Upcoming concerts

July 17: Pat Metheny and Brad Mehldau and others performing 9:30 p.m. in the main square at Monte Berico.

July 19: Franco Battiato also in the main square at Monte Berico.

July 20: Italian group 'Finley' plays at Monte Berico.

Sep. 23: Zuccherò at the Arena in Verona.

Oct. 20: Michael Buble in Bolzano and Oct. 21 in Padova.

Oct. 31 Dream Theater in Padova.

## Visit a botanical garden

Orto Botanico, the world's first botanical garden was created in Padova in 1545. The garden, which features more than 6,000 plants to include ponds with water lilies, cactus, ferns, ancient trees dating from 1585 and botanical plants is located just south of the Basilica di Sant'Antonio.

From the piazza in front of the Basilica, walk south on the street that parallels the front of the Basilica, also look for the sign, Orto Botanico.

Hours are 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. daily, entrance fee is 4 euro.

## Ice man exhibit

Oetzi - The Ice Man is on display in the northern town of Bolzano.

Over 5,000 years ago, a man climbed up to the icy heights of the Schnalstal glacier and died.

He was discovered in 1991 with his clothes and equipment all mummified and frozen.

An archaeological sensation and

a unique snapshot of a Copper Age man, Oetzi, named after the Oetzal valley where his was found, can be seen in Bolzano's South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology.

Open daily from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., closed Monday.

During July and August, the museum is open every day. Entrance fee is 8 euro.

Visit the Web site: [www.archaeologiemuseum.it](http://www.archaeologiemuseum.it) for details.



Oetzi, the Ice Man.

## Equestrian event

The European Jumping Championship takes place July 20-22 at the San Patrignano equestrian facility in Coriano, near Rimini.

More than 22 teams will compete to earn the title of European Champion, currently held by Germany. Speed, obstacles, jump-offs, against the clock and group competitions are spread over the three days of the event.

Details are available in English on the Web site: [eventi.sanpatrignano.org](http://eventi.sanpatrignano.org)

# Now Showing

## Caserna Ederle Theater

July 17	CLOSED	
July 18	Georgia Rule (R)	6 p.m.
July 19	Lucky You (PG-13)	6 p.m.
July 20	Harry Potter & The Order of the Phoenix (PG13)	6 p.m.
	28 Weeks Later (R)	9 p.m.
July 21	Harry Potter & The Order of the Phoenix (PG13)	3 p.m.
	The Condemned (R)	6 p.m.
July 22	Harry Potter & The Order of the Phoenix (PG13)	3 p.m.
	28 Weeks Later (R)	6 p.m.
July 23	CLOSED	
July 24	CLOSED	

## Camp Darby Theater

July 19	Georgia Rule (R)	6 p.m.
July 20	The Condemned (R)	6 p.m.
July 21	28 Weeks Later (R)	6 p.m.
July 22	Ratatouille (G)	2 p.m.

## Movie Synopsis

**GEORGIA RULE** - *Jane Fonda, Lindsay Lohan*. Rebellious teenager Rachel screams, swears, drinks and is, in a word, uncontrollable. With her latest car crash, Rachel has broken the final rule in mom Lilly's San Francisco home. With nowhere else to take the impulsive and rambunctious girl, Lilly hauls her daughter to the one place she swore she'd never return - her own mother's Idaho farm. Rachel's journey will lead all three women to revelations of buried family secrets and an understanding that - regardless what happens - the ties that bind can never be broken.

**HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX** - *Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson*. As his fifth year at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry approaches, Harry Potter is in full-blown adolescence, complete with outbursts of rage, a huge crush, and the blooming of a powerful sense of rebellion. It's been yet another infuriating and boring summer with the despicable Dursleys, this time with minimal contact from our hero's non-Muggle friends from school. Harry is feeling especially edgy at the lack of news from the magic world, wondering when the freshly revived evil Lord Voldemort will strike. Returning to Hogwarts will be a relief - or will it?

**28 WEEKS LATER** - *Jeremy Renner, Harold Perrineau Jr.* Six months have passed since the rage virus has annihilated the British Isles. The U.S. Army declares that the war against infection has been won, and that the reconstruction of the country can begin. As the first wave of refugees return, a family is reunited - but one of them unwittingly carries a terrible secret. The virus is not dead, and this time - showing no outward symptoms - it is more dangerous.

**THE CONDEMNED** - *Steve Austin, Vinnie Jones*. A select group of death row inmates are offered the opportunity to compete in a deadly game on an abandoned island for one week. The winner of the game will have his or her sentence dropped down to life imprisonment and avoid execution.

**LUCKY YOU** - *Eric Bana, Drew Barrymore*. In the world of high-stakes poker, Huck Cheever is a blaster - a player who goes all out, all the time. But in his personal relationships, Huck plays it tight, expertly avoiding emotional commitments and long-term expectations. When Huck sets out to win the main event of the 2003 World Series of Poker - and the affections of Billie Offer, a young singer from Bakersfield - there is one significant obstacle in his path: his anger toward his father, L.C. Cheever, the poker legend who abandoned Huck's mother years ago.

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 and we only print ads placed during the last week.**

**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.**

1989 Audi 100: Good condition. \$1,000.

1992 Honda Accord: Excellent condition. \$2,000.

Cellphone: Samsung tri-band w/ camera. \$50.

Motorola cell phone: Dual-band. \$15.

Double Stroller: Excellent condition. \$250

Computer / Office Desk: Mint condition. \$200.

1992 Alfa Romeo: Runs well. \$800.

Pit Bull puppy: 5 mos. old. Good with children. \$200.

A/C units: Have two, 220v. 200 and 100 euro.

Free to good home: Two month-old playful puppy.

TVs for sale: 21" w/built-in DVD player \$75. 19" US, \$50.

Help wanted: I have a Ford Sport Trac which needs repair work so I can get on the road again.

Electric griddle: Never used. \$20, OBO.

Free young female cat to good home. Playful and friendly.

1992 Fiat Tempra: Runs well.

\$2,450, OBO.

Wireless Router: Linksys Wireless-G Broadband Router. \$50, OBO

1998 Fiat Punto: Good condition. \$5,000, OBO.

Dog sitter/house sitter wanted. Playful boxer needs attention while I'm away.

Wanted: Glider rocker. Will pay reasonable price.

Portable hook-on high chair: Very good condition. \$15.

1980 Kawasaki 250cc motorcycle: Runs well. \$400.

AFN Decoder Box and Satellite: \$200, OBO.

Transformers: 2000v, \$75. 1600v \$50.

Free hamsters to good home: Cute, peaceful and friendly.

Graco stroller and car seat: Never used. \$100, OBO.

1994 BMW 318i: \$3500.

American-spec car wanted: Must be dependable, sporty and small.

Cat and kittens: \$25 each. Loveable and looking for homes.

Queen size bed with linens: \$120.

Outdoor table and chairs: \$180.

American spec car wanted: Will pay \$3,000 or less.

Disney comforter/sheets: Excellent condition. \$25.

Severin microwave/grill: \$40.

Smoker grill: Char-broil. Used twice. \$110.

Ryobi blower: \$45.

\$500, OBO.

Free small storage shed in Villaggio.

TV stand: \$50, OBO.

1999 Ford Ranger XLT Supercab: Great condition, automatic, w/bedliner. \$7,500, OBO.

Vacuum: Canister, 220v. \$30.

Needed: House/pet sitting or rental. House fell though, need a place to stay until Aug. 14.

Stroller: Sit-n-stand, great condition. \$70

2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited: Loaded, US specs, \$17,500, located at Camp Darby.

Girls twin bed: W/mattresses and canopy. \$250.

1992 Lancia Thema: Well maintained. \$3,000.

Dell PC w/Flat screen monitor. All program disks and product guide. \$800, OBO.

Riding Mower: Murray, 10hp, Great condition. \$500.

AFN Decoder and transformers: Decoder w/remote \$100. Transformers \$75 and \$50.

Baby stroller: Sit-n-stand. Near perfect condition. \$120.

Bike: HM Cross SE Exotec, excellent shape. \$250.

Kantan foldable bike: 6 speed. \$50.

Bathroom vanity: Small in good shape. \$25.

Baby crib w/mattress: \$75.

Gateway flat panel computer monitors: \$150 each.

## Vicenza Arts & Crafts

It's Christmas in July at Vicenza Arts & Crafts Center. Save on frame chops, mat fallouts, craft supplies and more.

The Vicenza Arts & Crafts Center is offering the following free classes:

July 25: Art Attack! Kid's crafts. 1-2:30 p.m. Free for adult/child pairs.

July 28: Precious Metal, Clay, Silver jewelry, 11 a.m. - noon. Sign up by July 26.

The classes listed below are not free of charge:

July 21: Intro to Picture framing: Noon-4 p.m., \$30.

July 24: Refresher Picture framing: 5-6 p.m., \$10.

July 26: Day after Christmas in July - Call about special savings at 634-7074.

Aug. 4: Wood working safety certification class, 10 a.m.- noon. \$8, safety gear provided.

Aug. 18: Process Painting workshop. 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. \$25, supplies included.

Call the Vicenza Arts & Crafts center at 634-7074 to register for classes above or for details about other classes.

The Vicenza Arts & Crafts Center is open Monday-Wednesday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday and Friday, noon-6 p.m. and weekends, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.



## Caserna Ederle Briefs

### Hair models sought

AAFES Vicenza seeks models for an ethnic hair training class July 24 at the Family Hair Care Center and July 25 at the beauty salon in the post exchange food court.

If you are interested in a free hair design, call 634-6097.

### The end for Harry Potter?

The food court will open at 11:30 p.m. Friday to celebrate the final chapter in the Harry Potter series.

Activities include cake and Dragon Snot punch, a costume contest, pinata contest, Harry Potter glasses and temporary tattoos and trivia contests.

AAFES Bookmark will open its doors at midnight when the book goes on sale.

### Proper bike fit class

Back by popular demand, Outdoor Recreation offers the class on proper bicycle fit July 27, 5-6 p.m.

Learn how to adjust your bicycle to best suit you. Class size is limited so register now by calling 634-7453.

### Saturday Childcare

The Child Development Center, bldg 395, is open for hourly care on Saturdays from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Reservations must be made two weeks in advance. Walk-in care will be provided if space is available.

The cost is \$4 per hour or parents can use their deployment card to pay for care.

For details call 634-7559.

### ACS Classes

July 19: Bringing Baby Home - For expectant parents.

July 24-26: AFTB Level III - Making a difference through leadership.

July 24: Brown Bag Workshop: Helping Your Teen Cope with Deployment.

July 24: Using Credit Wisely.

Reservations are required so call 634-7500.

### ACS Birthday carnival

ACS celebrates their birthday July 20, noon-3:30 p.m. Enjoy free

food and carnival activities in the parking lot behind Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

In case of inclement weather, activities will be moved indoors.

### Lost or Stolen ID Card Security and Awareness Seminar

Anyone in the Vicenza military community who loses or has his ID Card stolen is required to attend a seminar.

The training is held every Thursday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the Central Processing Facility (bldg 311) classroom.

### Teen Center Open Saturdays

The Teen Center, located across from the Ederle Inn, is now open every Saturday, noon-8p.m. for grades 6-12.

You'll find basketball, soccer, billiards, video games, movies, computer labs, board games, art, photography, music and more to fill your time.

Youth must be registered with Child and Youth Services to use the Teen Center facilities.

For details, call 634-7266.

### Army Career Alumni Program events

July 24-25: Job Assistance workshop, in ACAP, bldg 333, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. both days.

July 30: Veterans Administration benefits briefing ACAP Center, bldg 333, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Call ACAP at 634-7188 or 7189.

### Soldiers' Theatre auditions

Calling all experienced and novice actors, singers and dancers to schedule a private audition for the new 2007-2008 theatre season at Soldiers' Theatre.

The season's first show will be *Billy Ball*, an exciting script that employs the works of Shakespeare within a sporting context.

Four males and three females are needed to fill the cast for this year's official entry in the IMCOM-E One Act Theatre Festival held in



Ron Reynolds, VFW Post 8862 member packs up books collected on post. (Outlook file photo)

### VFW book drive

VFW Post 8862 is collecting books, DVDs, CD and VCR tapes to send to the Soldiers in Afghanistan.

Community members wishing to donate items can drop them off at Official Mail and Distribution facility, located by the Finance Office, bldg 28.

Call Ron Reynolds at 634-7451 for details.

Heidelberg, Germany Oct. 6-8.

Vicenza performances will be held the last week of September.

Those not cast in *Billy Ball* may qualify for the Monologue Fest held the same weekend.

Call 634-7281 to schedule your audition.

### Child and Youth Services notes

CYS has added two more programs starting in July.

There are now two free Family Readiness Group meeting nights each month.

The procedures to book meeting space and childcare remain the same.

Please note that requests for meeting locations as well as the child names from the FRG Leader and/or FRSA must still be received by the 1st of the month in order to make the system work best.

Call CYS at 634-7740 for details.

### Outdoor Rec rentals

Vicenza Outdoor Recreation now rents jogging strollers for \$5 a day.

Also available for rent are mountain, touring and cruiser bicycles for \$5 a day or \$20 a week. Bicycle helmets are available for \$1 a day, \$4 a week.

Rock climbing, SCUBA equipment, skis, golf clubs and camping equipment, tents and other items are also available.

Call Outdoor Rec at 634-7453 for a complete rental list.

### MOMS Club events

MOMS Club of Vicenza's next park days are July 18 in Monticello at 10 a.m. and July 27 in Piazzolo at 10 a.m. Non-members are welcome.

Meet us at the Ederle Inn pool July 20 at 11 a.m.

The next monthly meeting picnic is July 30, 10:30 a.m. at Villaggio Park. Bring a picnic lunch.

For details about MOMS Club and activities e-mail [momsclubofvicenza@yahoo](mailto:momsclubofvicenza@yahoo) or contact Deanna at 0444-945-105 or Amber at 334-700-8443.

### Coaches Needed

Child and Youth Services needs coaches for youth sports.

The next coaching clinic is July 24, 6-9 p.m. Register by July 21.

Call CYS Sports and Fitness for information 634-6151.

### Youth Basketball clinic

Enrollment for the Aug. 13-17 Basketball clinic for ages 8-18 begins July 23.

Youth must bring two complete emergency contact information sheets, Social Security number for child, valid ID card and current health assessment. Cost is \$25.

Register at CYS Central Registration, bldg. 108 or call 634-7219 for details.

### Explore Germany with Freddie FAP

Family Advocacy Program takes your family north (without leaving Vicenza) to explore German culture with games, songs and activities for the whole family July 18, 10:30 a.m.-noon.

Have fun designing wooden puzzles, making pretzels and non-alcoholic *Gluwein*.

A reservation is required, so call 634-7500 for details.

### Share your college knowledge

College Night, hosted by MWR and DoDDS, seeks college students and graduates to share their experiences with Vicenza High School students and parents Oct. 18.

If you are interested in sharing knowledge about your college, contact Sarah Penhallegon, 634-5087, by Aug. 10.

### Operation Helping Hands

CYS will begin collecting items July 19 to send to single Soldiers and children in Afghanistan.

Donation boxes will be located in facilities throughout post and in all CYS buildings.

For details contact Tamara Browning at 634-6678.

### Youth Italian classes

Central Texas College and SKIES Unlimited are offering Gateway to Italian for youth.

For children ages 5-12, classes

## Ederle Chapel

For details regarding any of these services or events, 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

\*NOTE: Sunday School services are not held over the summer.

9 a.m.: Roman 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

### Club Beyond

Club Beyond is a non-denominational group serving all the teens in the Vicenza community.

For details contact Jocelyn Cary at 634-6546 or 348-385-3476 or [vicecb@yahoo.com](mailto:vicecb@yahoo.com).

### Muslim Services

The khutba and prayer will take place in the post chapel conference room Fridays, just after 12 p.m.

For details, contact the chapel at 634-7519.

### Jewish services

For details regarding Jewish services, contact Dr. Steven or Nancy November at [november6@msn.com](mailto:november6@msn.com).

are Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9-10 a.m.

Classes for youth ages 13-18 are held from Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9-11 a.m.

Two sessions are offered for each age group: July 23-Aug. 3 and Aug. 6-17.

For information or to register call Child and Youth Services Central Registration at 634-7219.

### Job announcement

Non-Appropriated Funds has a part time opening for a Custodial Worker leader.

Deadline to apply is July 23.

Stop by the NAF office for an application or e-mail resumes to [Vicenza.NAF@EUR.army.mil](mailto:Vicenza.NAF@EUR.army.mil)

For detailed information about these and other positions visit the Web site [cpolrhp.belvoir.army.mil](http://cpolrhp.belvoir.army.mil), or call 634-7290 or 7349.

### Summer Pool Hours

The Ederle Inn Pool is open Wednesday-Monday, 11 a.m. -6 p.m. Closed Tuesdays for maintenance.

Villagio pool is open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday noon -7 p.m. weekends 10 a.m. -6 p.m. Closed Thursday.

For information on all pool activities, contact Sports and Fitness at 634-6222.



Get in the swim at the Ederle pool. Sports and Fitness offers water aerobic classes Wednesdays at noon. For details call Sports and Fitness office at 634-7009.



## Class of its own Soldier, Family Center to serve variety of tastes

By Jon Fleshman  
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

"World-class" is a good way to describe the Soldier and Family Entertainment Center that will be ready to serve Vicenza military community members by October 2008.

"The two-story, 30,000-square-foot (2,800-square-meter) center will include 16 lanes of bowling, snack and sports bars, a lounge, pro-shop, video arcade, slot machines, billiards area, kitchen, meeting rooms and offices," explained David Sherrick, chief of the community recreation division for the Vicenza garrison's Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Other features include a patio at ground level, an upstairs terrace and a 7-meter-long serpentine counter at the main bar.

Sherrick said the \$10-million dollar (8.1-million euro) structure is 100 percent Army MWR-funded. The center will meet American Disability Act requirements and the lanes will be built to bowling industry standards. It will consolidate the current Ederle Lanes and Club Veneto bar and ballroom and those spaces in their respective buildings will be converted to other uses.

"The project began in 1998, so you can see major construction like this takes many years from conception to funding to design to opening," said DMWR director Annette Evans. "It was approved initially only as a bowling center, but after an assessment team spoke to community members, the Army decided to expand the concept to a complete entertainment center."

Evans said at the time the project went to Army headquarters for approval there was only \$25 million (20.3 million euro) available for non-appropriated fund construction Army-wide. The center received almost half of that year's total, she said, which illustrates the importance of this project.

"This is the first of its kind in the Army," Evans added.

The state-of-the-art entertainment center rising along 9th Street next to Club Veneto on Caserma Ederle is being built by the Vicenza firm of *Maltauro Costruzioni*, said Christopher Menia, resident officer in charge of construction for the Naval Facilities Engineering Command. NAVFAC is overseeing the building construction for the U.S. Army.

Menia said NAVFAC is responsible for building the structure and installing the utilities systems and DMWR will contract for the furniture and entertainment equipment. Sherrick said the building should be ready for the furnishings phase by July of next year.

"DMWR is excited to open the doors of the facility to improve off-duty recreation opportunities," Evans said. "We're working hard to make this the best community in the Army and we think our Soldiers and families deserve it."



(Above) Artist rendition of the new Soldier and Family Entertainment Center showing the 16 lanes of bowling with the glass-enclosed area above. (Below) Artist rendering of one of the sports bars.



## EFMP Roundtable meeting whips up treats to talk about



Frannie Packard, Exceptional Family Member Program manager, and her cooking assistant mix up a special recipe of fruit smoothies to share with attendees at the Army Community Service EFMP Roundtable June 26. The Roundtable began about two years ago and is an informal forum for community members and members of EFMP to discuss and address issues or concerns with services on the installation or to provide suggestions for improvement. The Round Table usually has about 14-20 people who attend and meets for about an hour in the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center. The free Roundtable takes place monthly and is open to the community. During each Roundtable, Packard conducts a cooking demonstration to share new recipes with the group. Attendees are encouraged to bring copies of their own favorite recipes to share with the group. The meeting is open to all members of the community. For details on services provided by EFMP or to visit the next EFMP Roundtable, call Packard at 634-8582 or 634-7500. (Photo by Kelli Covlin, ACS)

## Valley of Fire contained by Sky Soldiers

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One of the platoon's specific tasks is focused around a road project linking several population hubs through three districts.

"Our job is to secure an area of the Pech River Road," said Magaña, also a veteran of the battalion's last rotation to Afghanistan. "The strategic location and purpose of this road makes it very valuable. We need to ensure the road's progress moves forward. This road will improve the lives of the people who live here, enhance the Afghan security forces' ability to control the area and stimulate economic and social development."

Just hours after Magaña's interview, Firebase California fended off an insurgent attack. Despite persistent, but apparently futile attempts to disrupt TF Rock's work, the battalion continues to push economic and social development. A good relationship with the local populace is a goal the battalion is working hard to achieve.

"It's important to concentrate on both lethal and non-lethal aspects," said Maj. Scott Himes, TF Rock's plans and operations officer. "Historically, this has been an area of safe haven for the insurgents. If we don't

have a lot of positive interaction with the people, they will be susceptible to the Taliban's leverage. We have to rely on a partnership with the people."

"We have to prove to them that there is a positive alternative," Himes continued. "As we build trust with the people and the people trust more in the capacity of the Afghan governmental agencies, we can build long-term partnerships. They'll know we are going to stay and provide security."

A recent flooding of the Pech River, which killed three people and destroyed one home and nine bridges, may have demonstrated the local government's commitment. As coalition forces came to offer aid, they were already in full swing of planning repairs. The Pech district's sub-governor not only planned, but with coalition help, repaired the only road leading to the victims of the flood and delivered emergency relief.

Even with the 2-503d's tremendous efforts to develop Afghanistan's security forces, the trust of the locals, and to stimulate their living conditions in a positive direction, it's impossible to ignore the kinetic side of the war, especially in the "Valley of Fire."



A paratrooper from Able Company, 2nd Battalion, 503d Infantry (Airborne), 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team scans the ridgelines across the Pech River as he helps guard Firebase California. One of the platoon's specific tasks is focused around a road project linking several population hubs through three districts. (Photo by Spc. Jon Arguello)