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Sgt. 1st Class Paul Makwakwa and fellow 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne) Soldiers step off the plane Saturday at Aviano Air Base. Approximately 150 Soldiers returned to Italy after a 14-month deployment to Afghanistan. (Photo by Sgt. Justin Nieto, SETAF Public Affairs)

Sky Soldiers coming home

By Dave Melancon
USAREUR Public Affairs

Advanced elements of U.S. Army Europe's 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team's six battalions began returning home from a 14-month deployment to Afghanistan this month.

Saturday, that trickle of "Sky Soldiers" began to grow into a torrent as about 250 Soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne) and the 173rd Special Troops Battalion arrived to the cheers, hugs and kisses of friends and families at their home stations in Vicenza and Bamberg, Germany.

The rest of the brigade is scheduled to return through the

rest of this month and August.

After taking Sunday off, the Soldiers will spend the next seven days completing "reintegration" where they will undergo health screenings, safety briefings, record checks and administrative tasks.

Brig. Gen. William B. Garrett III, Southern European Task Force (Airborne) commanding general, and Command Sgt. Maj. Isaia T. Vimoto, the 173rd's command sergeant major, were first to greet the Soldiers at Aviano Air Base.

"This is very impressive and great to see the team coming back home," Garrett said. "They achieved amazing things over there and we are all very proud of them."

It feels really good to be back... Getting back never gets old.

Sgt. Louis Levesque
C Company, 1-503rd Inf Reg (Abn)

After shaking hands with Garrett and Vimoto, the Soldiers were ushered into a nearby building where they received information about the sensitive items turn-in process, information about U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza services and were handed their reintegration check lists.

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TF Repel holds final board

By 2nd Lt. Monika Comeaux
173rd Brigade Support Battalion

F O R W A R D OPERATING BASE FENTY, Afghanistan — Paratroopers of the 173rd Brigade Support Battalion (Airborne) showed off their skills by participating in a three-day competition, the final one for the unit prior to redeployment.

The Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Quarter board provided a good opportunity for participants to exhibit their soldiering skills and distinguish themselves among their peers.

"This quarter board is unique in the fact that the sergeant major, being new to the brigade support battalion, opened it up to anyone that wanted to compete," said Spc. Zachary R. Wierman, a signal support systems specialist with Company B, 173rd BSB.

Participating Sky Soldiers had to take a physical fitness test, a written exam and were tested on their knowledge of their warrior tasks.

They also conducted a 7.4-mile road march with full "battle rattle" as Soldiers would say, meaning their individual body armour, helmet, M-4 rifle, basic combat load of ammunition, and they carried a 35-pound rucksack on their backs.

They had to qualify on the M-4 rifle as well. Besides being quizzed on their military knowledge in front of a formal board, participants also gave a two to four-minute speech on a military topic of their choice.

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Post-wide power outage

A power outage is scheduled for Saturday, July 12, from 3-6:30 a.m. to perform maintenance on the Caserma Ederle transformer station. The entire base is going to be affected.

Electrical generators will support key facilities.

Performance time is estimated; electricity maybe restored before the set time.

TF Repel holds final board

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Paratroopers were scored on a point system, where the maximum attainable points are 900. With events starting at 4:30 a.m., participants were physically and mentally exhausted by the end of the competition.

"The hardest and most challenging for me was the ruck march," said Wierman. "The heat out here in Afghanistan and especially in this valley near Jalalabad is unbelievable. The humidity is up there and even when it is dark and the sun is not out, it is extremely hot."

His fellow competitor, study partner and fiancé, Sgt. Amy M. Long, a radiology specialist with C Co, 173rd BSB agrees that the ruck march was the most

demanding event. "I have blisters still from the week before, I started out with blisters and it just got worse, but I finished," said Long. "It was just a lot of weight; I am not a very big girl either."

Long was the only female competitor. "I guess you just get used to it [being the only female in certain events] in the Army. It is like that a lot."

The two competed against each other in the past and prepared for the board by studying countless hours and working out together.

"Study, study, study," said Long about preparing for the board. "Know your material and don't procrastinate."

When she was interviewed Long didn't

know that her and her fiancé's hard work and dedication paid off for at least one of them. Wierman won the Soldier of the Quarter title. The NCO of the Quarter is Sgt. Edward Dewayne Haynes, a water treatment specialist from A Co, 173rd BSB.

The winners will be presented with an Army Achievement Medal, a 173rd BSB coin and a four-day pass.

Spc. Zachary R. Wierman, a signal support systems specialist with Company B, 173rd Brigade Support Battalion, demonstrates applying a combat tourniquet on a casualty during the 173rd BSB's Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter competition June 25 at FOB Fenty. (Photo by 2nd Lt. Monika Comeaux)



School-age summer camps offer fun, exploration

Story and photo by Jasmine Perry
Outlook Staff

Now through Aug. 27 School Age Services is hosting Summer Adventure Sensation, a program for first-through sixth-grade children.

"There are five specialty camps a week children can choose from [such as] basketball, crafts, photo tech, candy making and baking, but 45 [specialty] camps for the whole summer," said Emily Murphy, SAS director. "The children choose what camp they want to participate in [for] the week.

"Specialty camps are really good for children because it gives them the opportunities to explore their interests and develop knowledge and skills by the end of the week," said Murphy.

In addition to the specialty camps, the program offers a weekly field trip, according to Murphy. Children are broken into two groups, with half participating on Tuesdays and half on Thursdays. Upcoming trips include Gardaland, the Verona Zoo and Parco Mini Italia.

Breakfast, lunch and snacks are also provided daily.

Youth must be registered with Child and Youth Services Central Registration to participate in the SAS program. Once registered, parents can sign up their school-age children to participate on a weekly basis, hourly basis, or for specific trips.

Parent volunteers are needed for field trips and to assist with specialty camps. Parents who would like to



Camp Adventure intern, Jenny VanBlarigan, helps 7-year-old Mackenzie Sweeton (left) and 8-year-old Samyra Newman sew projects during Arts and Crafts specialty camp.

volunteer or would like more information on SAS programs, call SAS at 634-8253.

For middle schoolers, teens

By Melissa Martini-Calabrese
Outlook Staff

The Teen Center is hosting the middle school teen summer camp Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., open to youth in seventh through 12th grade.

The camp offers daily activities and field trips every other Tuesday and every Thursday. Activities, which are planned for every hour during the day, are based on programming from four service areas: art, recreation and leisure; sports, fitness and health; mentoring, intervention and education support; and life skills, citizenship and leadership.

All registrations take place at CYS Central Registration in the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center, said Michael Morris, Youth Program director. Cost for trips is included in the registration fee for the week.

Youth must be registered by close of business the Friday prior to the week they want to participate in, and they can register for one or more weeks at a time. A minimum of five people are required to hold the trips.

For more information contact Michael Morris at 634-7659.

Speak Out

"What is your favorite part of SAS Summer Adventure Sensation?"

By Jasmine Perry



Jeremiah Evans
9 years old

I always play and get active and be healthy.



Mia Rodriguez
7 years old

I like to see different things on different adventures and go to other places to see other things.



Malik Donald
7 years old

Going on trips, and we got to go to the pool.



Tyree Murphy
8 years old

I like it when we get to go on the field trips and do crafts, going outside to play different games.



Gabriel Regan
8 years old

I get to play outside and to go explore around post.



Tammy Wilbur-Hoistad, Family Advocacy Program specialist with Army Community Service, shares anger-coping strategies with teens during a Courage Group workshop.

Courage Groups – Reintegration for youth

Story and photo by Jasmine Perry
Outlook Staff

Deployment and reintegration are challenging periods for all members of the family. Courage Groups, a program designed to help children cope with changes in their life due to the separation and reunion of a parent, are being offered now by the Family Advocacy Program of Army Community Service.

“The primary goal is to help children of our community cope with the changes

deployments create in their lives and families, while building self esteem and leadership,” said Tammy Wilbur-Hoistad, FAP specialist. “This also helps youth to understand what their parents are going through and can help strengthen their relationships with their parents.”

Courage Groups are educational workshops in which youth discuss age-appropriate material to help them understand the cycle of deployment and reunion, according to Wilbur-Hoistad.

The program, for youth in kindergarten through 12th grade, has hand-on activities and learning scenarios allowing participants to openly discuss their concerns, anxieties and feelings.

The class is fun and very helpful because you learn to understand what parents go through and communicating with them, echoed the teens who participated in a recent workshop.

An upcoming workshop will be held July 17. For more information on Courage Groups or to sign your youth

up to participate in an upcoming workshop, call ACS at 634-7500.

Top tips for parents during reunion:

- Talk to your child - create an environment where they can ask questions and answer as honestly as you can
- Support your child - take time to get to know each other again
- Try to keep your child’s normal routine
- Being patient.

More ACS classes to help

Children Under Stress – The Family Advocacy Children Under Stress and the Power of Play class is July 28, 9 – 11 a.m. Family Advocacy teaches community members how to recognize and anticipate stress, based upon developmental stage, in children from infancy through adolescence.

In addition, they will explore how play is used as a tool to help children relieve stress. Participants will receive an activity packet of “tension tamers.”

Cost of reintegration – ACS is offering Cost of Reintegration July 22, 3-4 p.m. In this class Soldiers returning from deployment, and families who have been waiting, learn what pitfalls to avoid, and methods of establishing financial rules that can help in dealing with rapid and massive income changes.

Call 634-7500 for details or to register for these classes.



Car bar reopens

The Caserma Ederle Carabinieri Cafe’ in bldg 4 has reopened. Owner and manager Marcello DiMauro (right) and his assistant Moise Contado are ready to serve you Monday-Friday 5:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. and Saturday 5:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (Photo by Jon Fleshman, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)

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At your service

As the coordinator for the Soldier and Family Assistance Center, Army Community Service, I’m the service broker for the wounded Soldiers of the Warrior Transition Unit.

My job is to help these Soldiers with any needs they have in healing emotionally, mentally, physically and help find and provide them with the right resources.



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Community events

Sky Soldiers coming home

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Photos by Sgt. Justin Nieto, SETAF Public Affairs

After securing their weapons and night vision gear, they boarded buses for the two-hour trip home.

“It feels really good to be back,” said Sgt. Louis Levesque, C Company, 1-503rd Inf Reg (Abn). “Getting back never gets old. I plan to get my bike tuned up and go out for a nice long ride the first chance I get.”

Relaxing topped Spc. Jason Leehan’s agenda.

“It’s just an unbelievable feeling to have being back,” the Company D, 1st of the 503rd Soldier said. “This wraps up my first deployment, now that it is done, I just want to relax a while.”

While the Soldiers made their way south, about 250 spouses, children and friends anxiously waited for their approximately 150 1st of the 503rd Soldiers to return.

For some family members, it was a reunion with a spouse, in-law or friend. For others, it was a first-time meeting.

Fifteen-month-old Ariel Roy met her dad, Spc. Adama Roy, for the first time. She and her sister, Jasmine, have been patiently waiting for the last several months, said Angela. Dad was on hand for his daughter’s birth but has never seen her at home.

“He is going to meet her for the first time tonight,” Angela said.

While wives and husbands were in the majority, there were a few in-laws in the welcome home gathering.

Gail Nelson festooned her family van with flags and a banner welcoming home Spc. Brandon Gruenberg, her son-in-law. She said she is also planning a second home coming in August for Chaplain (Maj.) Lee Nelson, the 173rd’s chaplain.

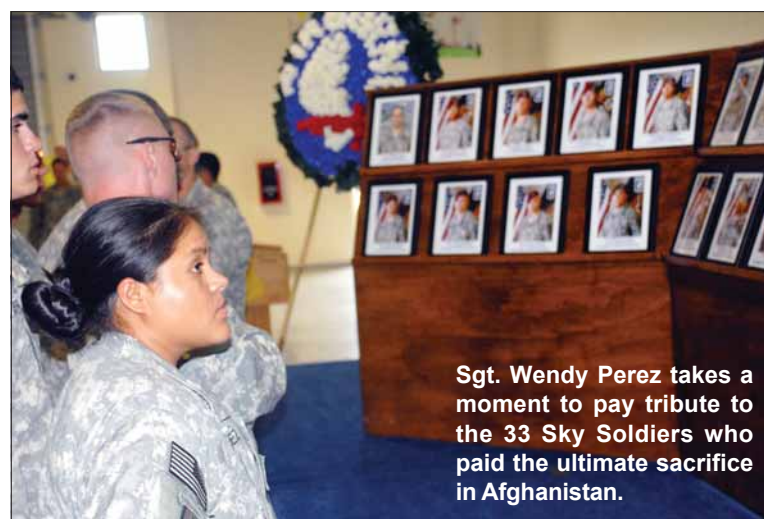
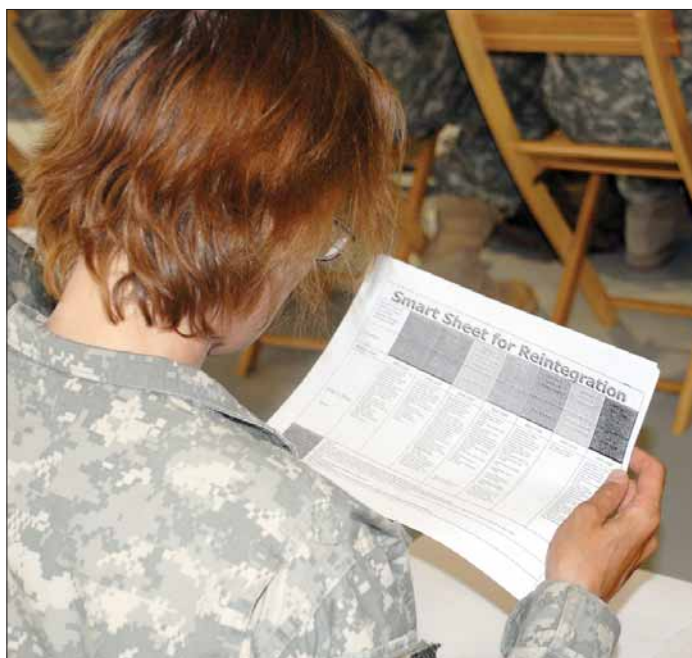
Right: Spc. Cathy Orr looks over a handout that breaks down the reintegration process the Soldiers will go through when they arrive at Caserma Ederle.

Below: Ready to get home, the Soldiers board the buses that will take them back to Caserma Ederle, where their spouses, family and friends are waiting to greet them.



Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne) arrive Saturday at Aviano Air Base ending 14-month deployment to Afghanistan.

Right: Command Sgt. Maj. Isaia Vimoto (right), 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team command sergeant major, welcomes Spc. Jacob Rusch back to Italy.



Sgt. Wendy Perez takes a moment to pay tribute to the 33 Sky Soldiers who paid the ultimate sacrifice in Afghanistan.



Gail Nelson, decorates her van welcoming home Spc. Brandon Gruenberg, her son in-law. She said she is also planning a second home coming in August for Chaplain (Maj.) Lee Nelson, the 173rd’s chaplain. (Photo by Dave Melancon, USAREUR Public Affairs)



Angela Roy introduces 15-month Ariel to her father Spc. Adama Roy while Jasmine Roy gives her dad some long-overdue hugs. (Photo by Dave Melancon, USAREUR Public Affairs)

Real time wet bulb reading goes live on Web



Randy Ross, Safety and Occupational Health manager for USAG Livorno, examines the Wet Bulb Globe Temperature monitoring system on Camp Darby. The system is now linked to the garrison Web site, www.usag.livorno.army.mil, in order to provide instantaneous monitoring to leaders, employees and virtually the entire Camp Darby military community.

Feel the heat

Story and photo by Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Leaders and community members can now get instantaneous Wet Bulb Globe Temperature heat index readings on the U.S. Army Garrison Livorno Web site, www.usag.livorno.army.mil, thanks to the new live Web monitoring system, said Randy Ross, Safety and Occupational Health manager for USAG Livorno.

"When someone visits the Web site, they will see the WBGT icon to the far right with the current WBGT temperature, color and number coded heat category, dry temperature and humidity levels. If they click on the icon it will bring up the water consumption table and work-rest cycles established by the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine," explained Ross. "This information is key in the prevention of personnel heat injuries."

Prior to this initiative, the Camp Darby Safety Office had to take temperature readings and do the calculations hourly through the course of the work day, then send it via e-mail. This process became very time consuming and did not provide the data when the customer needed it. In addition the information generally only reached about half of the community. Ross added they would get an average of 8-10 calls-a-day asking about the heat category. So last summer, the safety office started

working on a project to offer an automated service that would be available to the entire community online.

"We realized that in the past we could not reach everyone with the e-mail system. Also we wanted to make sure leaders and individuals could get accurate and up to date heat index information when they need it," said Ross. "The hard part was getting the right equipment and then the technical aspect of getting it to automatically update on the garrison Web site every five minutes."

"Vincenzo Leto, IMO for the garrison, used his technical expertise to write software that was in compliance with Army Information Technology security computer requirements to help us reach our goal of live monitoring," said Ross.

The system has been on the Web for only a few days and already Ross is receiving positive feedback.

"We have people that are exposed to work heat conditions, ground personnel in particular, and this [information] is very helpful to instruct and manage our personnel safely," said Alessandro Caldari, Buildings and Structures Branch chief.

Ross emphasized that the WBGT live monitoring on the Web is currently operational 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday with plans to make it a 24 hours system in the near future. Ross added since the temperatures are taken at garrison headquarters on Camp Darby, there may be a variance out in the training areas.

"Units still need to bring their portable systems with them and conduct WBGT readings at their actual training sites," said Ross.

New commander takes hold of 3/405th AFSB reins

405th Army Field Support Brigade
Press Release

SECKENHEIM, Germany – The 3rd Battalion of the 405th Army Field Support Brigade (AFSB) changed commanders during a ceremony July 2 at Leghorn Army Depot, Camp Darby. Lt. Col. Roger McCreery took command from Lt. Col. Harvey Robinson.

The ceremony, which was officiated by Col. Bobby Ray Pinkston, commander, 405th AFSB, was a heartfelt ceremony during which the outgoing commander praised

his battalion for all of their endeavors during his tenure.

"Everybody in the battalion contributed to the success of the battalion, no matter what your job was. It took everyone coming together to meet the mission," Robinson said. "Everyone here made a difference."

"It was an honor to serve as your battalion commander, and it remains an honor to serve in the United States Army," Robinson continued. "Most of all, it was an honor to serve here in Italy with great people."

Robinson's appreciation for the Italian workforce was reciprocated.

"He was not a commander of people," said Emma Sardella, who works in quality assurance for the battalion. "He was a people's commander. He always made us feel like we were the reason for any success."

As the battalion bid farewell to Robinson, Pinkston

spoke on the significance of change of command ceremonies.

"This is a solemn and serious event, but also a joyous and happy one," Pinkston said. "We never forget a comrade who has departed us, but likewise, we never hesitate to welcome a new comrade to our family. One leader departs, another arrives, and the Army continues its mission."

Pinkston also commended Robinson for his service and welcomed McCreery to the brigade family.

"I would like to express my personal gratitude to Lt. Col. Harvey Robinson," Pinkston continued. "His accomplishments in transforming the depot, while providing flawless support to the American Soldier have been truly commendable...Lt. Col. Roger McCreery has a tough act to follow, but I know he is up to the task. He is ready for the assignment, and we are ready for him."



Col. Bobby Ray Pinkston (right), commander, 405th Army Field Support Brigade, passes the battalion colors to Lt. Col. Roger McCreery, 405th AFSB Incoming Commander. Lt. Col. Roger McCreery, symbolizing the command's faith in McCreery's leadership during the change of command ceremony held July 2 at the Leghorn Army Depot, Camp Darby. (Photo by Elena Baladelli)



Darby community celebrates Independence Day

Alexandra Lemme, Autumn Pryor and Michael Lemme wave their American flags during the Camp Darby community July 4th celebration at the Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation American Beach in Tirrenia. Unfortunately the fireworks were canceled due to high winds and waves, but are now scheduled for the Labor Day holiday weekend. (Photo by Joyce Costello, USAG Livorno Public Affairs)

Sights, sounds of Italia

Art exhibitions, jazz, wrestling

Verona – More Is More maximalist paintings exhibition showcasing artists Clayton Brothers, Lilian Garcia-Roig, Mark Messersmith, Grant Miller, Jim Barsness and more will be held in Verona's Byblos Art Gallery, 25-27 Corso Cavour, through July 26.

The exhibit is open to the public from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2:30-7:30 p.m.

Umbria – Umbria Jazz 2008 is ongoing through July 20 in Perugia.

Amongst the stars to perform are Chip Wilson, Harry Allen, Joe Locke and the Bill Frisell Trio.

The full program, including the free concerts, and tickets are available online from www.umbriajazz.com.

Milano and Roma – The Raw Survivor Wrestling Series Tour will take place on Nov. 6 in Milano and Nov. 7 in Roma.

Cost of tickets ranges from 34.50 to 80.50 euro and they are available from www.ticketone.it.

At Jesolo

Aquarium Reptilium – This exhibition being held in Jesolo's *Palazzo del Turismo* is organized over a 500-meter long tour with numerous animals from all over the world ranging from brightly colored tropical fish to the most dangerous deadly stonefish, piranhas and moray eels.

Reptiles include pythons, boas, anacondas and more.

Also find tropical spiders, poisonous scorpions, stick and leaf insects, praying mantis, and beetles.

The exhibit is open everyday from 10 a.m.-noon and 8-11 p.m.

Entrance fee is 8 euro for adults, 5 euro for children 5-12 years old and free for children younger than 5.

Sandcastles – The 11th International Festival of Sand Sculpture being held in Jesolo is dedicated to China and the Olympics.

See 20 sculptures, to include the Great Wall, the terracotta soldiers, pagodas and other symbols of Chinese culture, designed by 18 sculptors from all over the world.

Open daily through July 20 from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. There will be a small entrance fee but free admission for children shorter than one meter in height.

Feast of Redeemer in Venice

One of the best-loved Venetian festivals, the *Festa del Redentore*, Feast of the Redeemer, will be held July 19-20. The festival celebrates the city's redemption from a devastating plague in 1576 when, in a desperate attempt to ward off the worst, the Senate decreed that if the city were to be saved, a temple would be built in honor of Christ the Redeemer.

The city duly survived and the church of the *Redentore* was built as a result. Palladio and Da Ponte were just two of the famous architects linked to its completion.

Since then an annual pilgrimage has been held to commemorate Venice's delivery from ruin; a tradition Venetians are proud to continue.

This year the festivities begin Saturday evening when hundreds of decorated boats gather in the *Giudecca* canal and in front of St. Mark's square. The banks of the canals traditionally are thronged with crowds of people who come to watch this display of lights, sounds and a spectacular fireworks display over the water.

Traditionally, the night ends with all the boats going over to the *Lido* to await the sunrise.

On Sunday, the feast revolves around a solemn procession to the church of the *Redentore*, which lies on the island of *Giudecca*.

Temporary bridges are formed across the Grand Canal and the *Giudecca* canal to enable the faithful to reach the church.

There are also gondola regattas on the *Canale della Giudecca* starting at 4 p.m.

Visit www.turismovenezia.it for full details.

Medieval times

Watch a tournament between medieval knights while eating a hearty meal with your hands.

The show, dinner and all beverages, without limit, are included in the admission ticket costing 26 euro for those taller than 1.4 meters and 18 euro for those shorter than 1.4 meters.

During the months of July and August there are two shows a day at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Medieval Times is part of the *CanevaWorld* entertainment center near *Lake Garda*.

Booking before the show is mandatory. Full information, in English, is available at www.canevaworld.it.



Three-year-old Savannah McBride has a butterfly mask painted on her face by "Lala" the face-painting artist at the carnival on the 4th of July. (Photo by Dave Melancon, USAREUR Public Affairs)



Post
celebrates
Independence
Day

Boy Scout Austin Brown from Troop 295 carries the North Carolina state flag during the Salute to the Nation ceremony held July 3 on Hoekstra Field as part of the 4th of July festivities. (Photo by Jasmine Perry, Outlook Staff)

Aviation park

Located in Rimini, this aviation park offers visitors a rare collection of some of the most significant moments of the post-war period. On display are over 40 planes including the Phantom Fighter, the Lockheed F-104, a MiG-23 and one once owned by Clark Gable. Find an aviation museum containing uniforms and flying suits presented in chronological order from 1900s. There are hundreds of medals, decorations and photos on display.

Open daily from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Entrance fee is 10 euro. Children 5 years and younger are free. The park is situated by the main Rimini-San Marino road. Arriving from the A-14 autostrada, the park is about 8.5 kms in the direction of San Marino and can be seen on a hill to the right.

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

July 10	88 Minutes (R)	6 p.m.
July 11	Speed Racer (PG)	6 p.m.
	Made of Honor (PG-13)	9 p.m.
July 12	Speed Racer (PG)	3 p.m.
	Hancock (PG-13)	6 p.m.
July 13	Made of Honor (PG-13)	3 p.m.
	Hancock (PG-13)	6 p.m.
July 16	Iron Man (PG-13)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

July 11	Get Smart (PG-13)	6 p.m.
July 12	Made of Honor (PG-13)	6 p.m.
July 13	Speed Racer (PG)	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.

Looking for the movie synopsis? Check out the AAFES Web site: www.aafes.com, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Movie Schedule.

Looking to buy or sell items? Check out MWR's Marketplace at www.mwrmarketplace.com.

Health clinic hours change

The Vicenza Health Clinic will operate under modified conditions during reintegration.

For the most of July and early August, the clinic will be open 1-4 p.m. Mondays-Fridays for normal operations. On days when reintegration does not occur in the clinic, morning appointments will be available to our community.

Call 634-7484 to see about availability of appointments. The clinic will be open Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on days when reintegration is not occurring.

Also available is the advice line at 800-877-660 for questions related to health. The call is free of charge.

Soggiorno office closure

The Soggiorno office will be closed Monday, July 21, for training. Normal operating hours will resume on Tuesday, July 22. Call 634-8706 for more information.

Levy briefings

The next community Levy briefing is scheduled for Aug. 7 from 1:30-5 p.m. at the Central Processing Facility, bldg 311 in the ITC classroom. Spouses are encouraged to attend with sponsors. Call Glenda Demma, 634-7370 for more information.

USO happenings

Back to School Bash will take place Aug. 23 from 1-3 p.m. in the USO parking lot. There will be food, give-a-ways, the dunk tank and more.

Labor Day Give-a-way – Starting Aug. 18 there will be a give-a-way of two tickets each to five winners who can name that tune on AFN during the designated time. Tickets are for entrance to Gardaland, Aqua Paradise and Movieland Studios. Listen to AFN for more information.

The USO is also looking for volunteers. Stop by the USO for more information.

VA benefits briefings

ACAP will be hosting a Veterans Administration representative who will conduct the following briefings on Friday, July 11, 8:30 a.m.-noon, a general benefits briefing, and 1-4 p.m., a briefing on the Disability Transition Assistance Program. Those interested in attending the DTAP briefing should attend the general benefits briefing first. Call ACAP at 634-7189 for more information.

Benvenuti

Sign up for the July 22-25 ACS Relocation Readiness Benvenuti class. Learn some Italian language, culture, customs, during four days of fun, and adventure. Call 634-7500 for details.

“The Arena Entertainment Center will be like nothing anybody has seen,” said Tod Scalf, Arena manager. “We will be the happening spot on post for all forms of entertainment, including Ultra Cosmic Bowling, parties, and live entertainment. Upstairs has our large bar area, and private parties and events can be held in our two high-tech banquet rooms.”



(Photos courtesy Peter Craig)

Arena job fair

FMWR is hosting a Job Fair July 16, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the new Arena Entertainment Center. Many new positions are opening.

Complete your application and interview on the spot. For more information contact Tod Scalf, Arena manager, at bowling@vicenzamwr.com or by phone at 634-7013.



Transportation briefings

The Installation Transportation office is holding groups briefings for incoming and outgoing personnel. PCSing personnel should bring a copy of their orders to ITO 30-45 days prior to the PCS date to arrange movement of your property.

Outgoing personnel briefings are held Monday-Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. and Thursdays at 2 p.m.

Incoming personnel briefings are held Mondays-Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. and Thursdays at 1:15 p.m.

ITO is located in the Central Processing Facility. Call 634-8753 for more information.

AER education assistance

The deadline to apply for the AER Overseas Spouse Education Assistance for Term 1 is July 21. The program is available to spouse of active duty Army Soldiers who reside with the Soldier at the overseas command and is for the first undergraduate degree. Call Valerie Sweed, Army Emergency Relief officer, at 634-8524, or stop by AER in the Davis Soldier & Family Readiness Center for more information.

AFFES employment

AFFES is recruiting for many jobs. For detailed information visit www.aafes.com and check under employment. Find assistance at the PX or contact human resources at 634-7729.

Journey Series

Auto Skills – The ACS Journey Series is offering Level 1 and Level 2 auto skills classes. Level 1 classes are Aug. 5 and Sept. 9 from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Level 2 classes are July 22, Aug. 19 and Sept. 23 from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Call 634-7500 for details.

Trips – July 19, Umbria Jazz Festival, for single Soldiers

July 23, Asiago Cheese Tasting, for community members

July 27, Paintball, for single Soldiers.

ACS staff members will accompany every trip and assist with any program questions participants have. Call 634-7500 for details or to sign up.

I'm so poor

Financial Readiness is offering I'm So Poor, I Can't Save, on July 29, 3-4 p.m. Financial Readiness will help to build wealth and not debt. This session will show how no matter what your income is, you can begin to build a financially strong future. Call 634-7500 for details.

ITR Trips

July 25, Gardaland by Night for adults

July 26, Gulf of Genoa Cruise, enjoy a five-hour cruise and dolphin watching

July 26, Jesolo Beach by Night for adults

July 27, Portorose, Slovenia,

a relaxing beach day for all

July 30, Verona and Risotto, tour a rice factory, learn about rice and try some at a restaurant.

Stop by ITR for details.

Summer reading

The Library's summer reading program runs Tuesdays at 12:30 p.m. for pre-kindergarten and Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. for school-age children.

There are special programs and activities, encouraging youth to keep up reading skills while having fun.

Each week has a theme, and youth keep track of the books they read to earn prizes and certificates. Call 634-8419 for details.

July MOMS club

Exercise Tuesdays: Walk the North 40 track at 9:30 a.m.-weather dependent.

Zoo Day – July 11 at 10 a.m.
Movie Date – July 14 at 4 p.m.

Beach Day – July 18, Sottomarina beach, meet at the Shoppette at 9 a.m. to carpool.

Pool Day – July 25, Ederle Inn pool at 10 a.m.

Park Day and MOMS Club monthly meeting – Villaggio park July 28 at 10:30 a.m. Bring lunch.

For more information regarding MOMS Club and our activities e-mail momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com.

Religious activities

Caserma Ederle Chapel

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

Chaplain Crisis Line:

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

Saturday services

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

5 p.m.: Vigil Mass

Sunday Services

9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass

9 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school and AWANAs (Sept. through May in Vicenza High School)

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

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

1:30 p.m.: Full Gospel Pentecostal worship

4 p.m.: Lutheran worship

6 p.m.: Contemporary Christian worship

Monday

Noon: Weekday Mass

Noon: LDS Scripture Study

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

5:30 p.m.: High School Club in the Teen Center. (Sept.-May)

For details contact Jocelyn Cary at 634-7890 or 349-385-3476 or vicecb@yahoo.com.

Tuesday

9:30 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC)

Wednesday

Noon: Weekday Mass

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

5:30 p.m.: PWOC evening Bible study

Thursday

Catholic Women of the Chapel do not meet over the summer.

Noon: Weekday Mass

5:30 p.m.: Gospel service choir rehearsal

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

Friday

Noon: Weekday Mass

Noon: Muslim Khutba and prayer

Faith group POCs

Islamic POC is Mohamed Noeman at 634-6306.

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

Latter Day Saints (LDS) POC is Elder Openshaw, 334-665-6845 or Frank Petty at 634-3907/340-899-2218. Scripture study is held Monday, noon-1 p.m.

Darby Chapel

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

8:30 a.m.: Catholic

Reconciliation

9:30 a.m.: Catholic Mass

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

All briefs must be received at editor@eur.army.mil noon Monday, or by Friday at 4 p.m. if Monday is a holiday.

Steelers head into season home stretch 8, 4



Vicenza Steelers first baseman Patrick Hooper swings during the Steelers match against the Castelfranco Dragons June 28. Dragons beat the Steelers 14-2.

Right: Steelers pitcher Riccardo De Antoni throws the ball during the game held at the *Campo Baseball Salvatore Tantillo* located in Castelfranco.



Story by Mike Holt
Steelers Catcher
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The silence of a quiet afternoon in the Veneto region is broken with the sound of a ball slapping a leather glove, a base hit and the screaming of a coach for a player to slide.

These were the sounds of a Saturday baseball game pitting the Vicenza Steelers against the Castelfranco Dragons on the Dragon's home field.

The Dragons came into the game undefeated, and no matter what Steelers' starting pitcher Riccardo De Antoni or relief pitcher Luca Moro threw at them, they would not be denied.

Dragons beat the Steelers 14 to 2 during the June 28 game, knocking the Steelers to eight wins and four losses for the season. With just two games left there is a possibility of the Steelers finishing second in the division. Not too shabby for a team in which it was predicted would see only six or seven wins this season.

The Vicenza Steelers C2 team, comprised of both Italians and local U. S. military and civilian personnel, started the season with two strong victories, but turned sour losing three games in a row. However, the Steelers team quickly turned it around and was on a winning streak of six straight games until their loss Saturday.

Steelers player, Michael Perry, joined the team only

a few games into the season and has shown to be an asset on and off the field with out fielding skills and vast knowledge he uses to assist the younger players.

Steelers Patrick Hooper joined early in the season and hasn't let being one of the team's oldest players slow him down as he covers first base. His knowledge and never-quit attitude has helped keep the team motivated through tough times.

Mike Lococo, another oldie but goodie on the team, has been involved with Vicenza baseball on and off for several years. Lococo works diligently for the team and has recruited a majority of the team's American players.

Michael Holt, no stranger to Italian baseball, has played for the Romano Crowes (1998 and 1999) and the Vicenza Steelers (2003, 2004, and 2008). As another American with experience, he helps the team and the younger players from teaching proper form to providing motivation. As an out fielder for 20 years and a second baseman for about five, he was thrust this season into the catcher's spot. At 38, most catchers are headed toward retirement, but Holt rose to the challenge.

Steelers practices are held in the Vicenza baseball stadium Wednesdays and Fridays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. For more information on the team or how to get involved in Steelers baseball, call Lococo at 634-7189.



Steelers catcher Michael Holt catches the pitch. Holt played for the Steelers in their 2003 and 2004 seasons as well.

Sports shorts

Major league baseball clinic

YS Sports is offering a free Major league baseball clinic July 24 & 25 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. for youth ages 6-18 and CYS volunteer coaches.

Ralph Rago, assistance baseball coach, Solano Community College in Fairfield, Calif., will be here to share his extensive knowledge of the game. Rago has extensive international coaching experience with both adults and youth.

Call 634-6151 for details and to register for the clinic.

Flag football officials clinic

Become a flag football official. The Post Sports and Fitness office is offering a flag football official's clinic July 28. Earn your certificate, and get paid. Signup before July 25. Call 634-7009 for details.

CYS Youth Sports soccer seasons

Soccer enrollment runs July 14 - Aug. 15, practice Aug. 25 - Sept. 12, and the season runs Sept. 13 - Nov. 1

Enroll at CYS Central Registration in the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center. Call 634-7219 for more details.

Tennis & racquetball ladder

Sports and Fitness' Tennis and Racquetball Ladder starts July 15. There are categories for all skill levels.

Sign up by July 14. Stop by the Post Fitness Center for details, or call 634-7009.

Soccer, basketball leagues forming

Sports and Fitness is gearing up for soccer and basketball seasons, so get your unit or recreation team roster together.

The leagues are scheduled to start soon, but there is still time for teams to sign up.

For details, call 634-7009.

Ederle Inn pool hours change

The Ederle Inn pool is now open 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Mondays, and Wednesday through Sunday until Aug. 3. The pool will continue closing Tuesdays for maintenance.

Running Aug. 9- Sept. 7, the pool will open weekends only. On Sept. 8, the pool will close for the season.

The Villaggio Pool hours will remain the same.

Call 634-5181 for details.