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Soldier returns to welcome troops



Spc. Jesse Murphree, Destined Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne), greets his 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team comrades returning from deployment on the flightline at Aviano Air Base July 22. Murphree lost his legs in an improvised explosive device attack in the Korengal Valley, near Ali Abad, Afghanistan, Dec. 27, 2007, and has been undergoing treatment at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Story and photo
by Dave Melancon
USAREUR Public Affairs

July has been a month of homecomings for Soldiers of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team as they return here from a 15-month deployment in Afghanistan.

Spc. Jesse A. Murphree of Destined Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne), reversed that Afghanistan to Italy airflow July 22 when he traveled from the United States to rejoin his unit as it arrived at Aviano Air Base, Italy.

"The Rock" infantryman was among the first to greet the approximately 400 Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173rd ABCT and the

I was looking forward to that feeling you get when you see everyone all happy because they just got done with a deployment... I definitely miss being around all of the guys.

Spc. Jesse A. Murphree
D Co, 2-503rd Inf Reg (Abn)

503rd's 1st and 2nd Battalions on the air base flight line.

He shook their hands while standing on two artificial legs, steadying himself with a cane.

Murphree, 22, served as a gunner on an up-armored Humvee. His platoon was overwatching another platoon during a mounted patrol in the Korengal Valley, near Ali Abad, Afghanistan, two days after

Christmas 2007. As his convoy was preparing to move, his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device.

Murphree said he has few memories of the explosion. He lost his legs below his knees and suffered minor burns in the incident. Two other Soldiers were also injured in the attack.

Medically evacuated from Afghanistan, he arrived at Walter Reed Army Medical Center Dec. 30.

"I was hit on the 27th and woke up in Walter Reed on New Year's Day," he said as he awaited the first of two aircraft bringing his comrades home.

Murphree arrived in Italy July 20 and said he plans to stay until the first week of August to welcome the remaining 173rd Soldiers. Upon arrival at Caserma

Ederle in Vicenza, he was greeted by other Destined Company Soldiers, including his former platoon and section sergeants and two other Soldiers who were wounded in earlier incidents.

"I was looking forward to that feeling you get when you see everyone all happy because they just got done with a deployment. I came back for that feeling," he said. "I've always been thinking about what is going on and worrying. I definitely miss being around all of the guys."

He is staying in the Caserma Ederle Warrior Transition Unit quarters.

"It is pretty hooked up," Murphree said of his lodging at the WTU. "They are accessible; there are ramps and a shower that works for me."

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AFN keeps troops up-to-date during IR08

By Spc. Crystal Abbott
SETAF Public Affairs

VAZIANI TRAINING AREA, Georgia – It can be difficult for service members to get up-to-date news during deployments or exercises. However, participants in Immediate Response 2008 don't have that problem thanks to the American Forces Network.

A joint team composed of

Army, Air Force and Navy personnel from AFN Europe and AFN South have set up camp at the Vaziani training area to provide radio and news services, as well as quality music programming to the participants of IR08.

"The Tactical Mobile Radio Television System, or TMRTVS, we provide is a tool for leaders to use in order to put out command information and news that is good for the Soldiers here to know,"

said 1st Sgt. Carmen Daugherty, the AFN South first sergeant. "We also provide a source of entertainment for Soldiers in their downtime.

"We have the AFN signal on the radios in the dining facility, AFN programming on the televisions in the MWR facility and AFN News to the forward command post so commanders can get the latest information about what's going on in the world," said Daugherty.

"Sometimes when you go on deployments you feel isolated, so we offer our program to help our listeners connect with the rest of the world."

The command information AFN runs gives important safety messages, information on recreational activities and breaking news. Programming runs all day and the broadcasters can go live any time, 24 hours a day.

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Hey Potty Mouth

Respect one another
Watch your language
Keep it clean

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Murphree says this is the longest trip he has taken since arriving at Walter Reed. He has made three other three-day trips in that time — to his hometown in Colorado, a Texas fishing trip hosted by the 173rd Airborne Brigade Association, and a Memorial Day celebration in Pennsylvania.

He said he continues his routine of frequent stretching exercises and walking on his prosthetic legs here, adding that his two-week stay in Italy does not interfere with his treatment. In fact he says it's a plus.

"This is actually better for me," Murphree explained. "That's pretty much what I am doing here. I am walking around a lot. Being on my legs is doing more than therapy would do."

"I'm well past the critical stage of therapy," he said. "You have to keep your core strength up. You have to build tolerance and confidence in your legs."

The reunion night's agenda included going into town with friends and around the Vicenza military community, he said. "We'll have some drinks and stuff, go hang out and have a good time."

Later plans include returning to Vicenza in September for the 173rd's formal welcome-home ceremony and celebration, he said.

Murphree, who is still on active duty, said he will continue his treatment at Walter Reed while undergoing the Medical Evaluation Board process. He expects to be medically retired from the Army in February 2009.

"You can never predict how long you are going to be there, because there are always bumps in the road," he said.

He said he is considering attending college and studying counterterrorism, English or public speaking, and possibly psychology. Plans also include taking up competitive monoskiing, a sport that resembles snowboarding.

Murphree's return to Italy, where he spent his first and only Army assignment, is an inspiration and strength for all 173rd ABCT Soldiers and the Vicenza military community, said Capt. Matthew J. Heimerle, the 2-503rd rear detachment commander.

"To see him in person lifts everybody's spirit," he said. "Murphree will never quit on his ambitions and goals and will forever be a source of inspiration for the Soldiers of the battalion."

Heimerle said there were no difficulties in arranging for Murphree's reunion. Community and battalion leaders cleared the visit with doctors at Walter Reed and ensured there was a place for him to stay in the community and that his medical needs were met.

"This has been an extremely tough deployment for all in this battalion," Heimerle said. "Every one of us has lost close, close friends, and to see someone like Murphree get hurt the way he did and recover the way he has, and will continue to do, gives everyone a huge morale boost."

"To me his attitude, motivation, and character epitomize the young Soldiers that are in today's Army and it also

reflects our core Army values," he said. "Guys like Murphree are the ones that should be talked about in the news."

"It was good to see that he is alright," said Sgt. Nathan Thomas, the emergency medical technician who treated Murphree in the Korengal Valley.

It's also good for Murphree to see his friends, Thomas added. "He has been in Walter Reed for so long," the medic said.

The entire Destined Company — especially his friends — are boosting Murphree's morale, Thomas said.

"I'm not helping him. We are helping him," Thomas said. "This is our little band of brothers sticking together."

Scout team members Spc. Mitchell Raeon and Spc. Jay Liske, who witnessed the explosion, said they plan to get together with Murphree during his visit.

"He looked good," Raeon said. "We have not seen him in about 10 months, so we did not know what to expect."

"I can't wait to drink a beer with him tonight," added Liske.

"It's been incredible to see my buddies come back. It is one of the feelings I've been waiting for," Murphree said as 18 busloads of Soldiers pulled away from the flight line for the two-hour ride from Aviano to Vicenza. "You sit there at the hospital and you think constantly about your guys and what is going on. And when you finally get to see them and you know that they are OK, it is definitely awesome."

USO offers place to kick back, play games, eat



Story and photo by Jasmine Perry
Outlook Staff

If you are 18 years old or older and looking for a place to relax, play games, watch movies, surf the Web or eat for free — look no further. The United Service Organizations has all this and more.

"We offer eight wireless computers with built in Web cameras, speakers and microphones, an Xbox game room, Wii games, a 50-inch plasma television where you can watch movies and a full size kitchen where you can cook something," said the director of USO, Linda

Left: A Soldier kicks back and watches one of many movies available on the USO's 50-inch plasma television.

Lorenzana. There is often on hand free food such as popcorn, hot dogs, cookies, sodas, water and any thing that is in the kitchen.

"A couple times a week we cook homemade meals," added Lorenzana. "When the Soldiers come back we will be cooking more often and there will also be a lot of game tournaments."

The USO also offers a patio and grill outside which can be used for summer barbecues.

The USO is open Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. There are also some special weekend hours currently, but stop in at the USO located in the day room of the Warrior Transition Unit barracks, bldgs 9a and b.

Upcoming Events:

Back to School Bash will take place Aug. 23 from 1-3 p.m. in the USO parking lot. There will be food, give-aways, 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 planning events for the holiday season.

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

Speak Out

What is your favorite thing to do at the USO?

By Outlook Summer Staff



Spc. Tracy Keith
13th MP Company

I like to log onto Yahoo messenger so I can talk to my boyfriend who is deployed.



Sfc. Geoffrey Holt
D Co, 2-503rd

My favorite thing to do is surf because its free. You get free drinks and snacks — I love this place.



Spc. Jason Leehan
D Co, 1-503rd

I just got back from Afghanistan but [I like to] use the Internet.



Sgt. Jonathan Malone
HSC SETAF

Anything they have — watch movies, use Internet, video games.



Lauren Christian
USO information specialist

I like when Soldiers come in and just spend time here, hanging out and watching movies.

Preysler cases brigade colors, passes mission to 1st ID

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Adora Medina
3rd BCT, 1st ID Public Affairs

BAGRAM AIR FIELD, Afghanistan — When the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team paratroopers set foot on Afghanistan soil 15 months ago, the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division “Big Red One” was just reactivating at Fort Hood, Texas. Throughout the 173rd’s deployment they fought to reform Afghanistan while 3rd BCT, 1st ID was training to take their place.

On July 24, at Forward Operating Base

Thanks to the magnificent paratroopers of the 173rd and Task Force Bayonet for their blood, sweat and tears; fighting for a noble cause.

Never before have I known such a brave group of Soldiers.

Col. Charles Preysler
173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team

Fenty, a transfer of authority gave the Soldiers of 3rd BCT, 1st ID the opportunity to put their training to work and continue

the mission the 173rd has been doing for more than a year.

“Thanks to the magnificent paratroopers of the 173rd and Task Force Bayonet for their blood, sweat and tears; fighting for a noble cause. Never before have I known such a brave group of Soldiers,” said Col. Charles Preysler, TF Bayonet and 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team commander. “Their tenacity and resolve, while fighting in some of the toughest terrain on Earth, is humbling to me as leader.

“I am in awe of their accomplishments and am proud to have walked the same ground they have,” said Preysler.

“We understand that while [we] have been handed a difficult mission, we are well trained and capable,” said Col. John Spitzer, Task Force Duke commander with 3rd BCT, 1st ID. “The task is important to our nation, to Afghanistan, to the people of [northeastern region of Afghanistan] and to each other.

“We look forward to the challenges ahead and will continue the work of Task Force Bayonet,” Spitzer said.

Sgt. Maj. of the Army Kenneth Preston also attended the ceremony. He came to Afghanistan to assist the Afghan National Army’s Sgt. Maj. of the Army Rashan Safi in developing the Afghan noncommissioned officer corps. Despite his busy schedule he stopped by, attended the ceremony and talked with the TF Duke Soldiers about the mission ahead.

“The Army’s been asked to do a tough mission and of course we’ve asked [3rd BCT, 1st ID] to also do a tough mission,” said Preston. “I’m very proud of all of them and what they’re going to do and accomplish over the next 15 months. I’m very confident that this brigade, the Soldiers and the leadership are going to do a phenomenal job over the course of their deployment.”

The unveiling of the Big Red One colors symbolized the beginning of TF Duke’s command in Afghanistan. The light infantry brigade plans to build on the foundation laid by the 173rd ABCT paratroopers during their time in Afghanistan.

The paratroopers are now headed home to their families in Europe after executing a mission of sacrifice and perseverance.



Col. Charles Preysler and Command Sgt. Maj. Lyle Womack, Task Force Bayonet’s commander and command sergeant major, case the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team’s colors at Forward Operating Base Fenty, Afghanistan, July 22.

AFN at IRO8

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“Command information is very important,” said Tech. Sgt. Chris Eder, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the TMRTVS. “We offer instant access, so if there’s an issue out there that one of the sergeants major, first sergeants, or commanders wants to get out immediately, we can ‘go live’ and put out their information immediately.”

But more than command information, AFN offers entertainment to the service members allowing them to relax and listen to music.

Marine Sgt. Rollie Cramer, a combat marksman with 3rd Battalion, 25th Marine Expeditionary Unit, and many of his fellow Marines have heard AFN playing in the dining facility and over the PA system and have enjoyed it.

“It’s a morale booster,” said Cramer. “When

you are out in the sun training all day, it is nice to get back and listen to some good music.”

“I think people have been enjoying our broadcast,” said Spc. Randall Pike, a broadcast specialist. “When people are walking or driving by you can see them moving to the music. It is nice to see the Georgians enjoying our music too.”

It isn’t just the broadcasters that make this mission possible. AFN also has two technicians out in the field to keep all the equipment working at top speed.

“We have two technicians here who are far and away the reason why we can do what we do,” said Eder. “Spc. Vladimir Morgun and Staff Sgt. Francis Mensah have been working really hard to keep things up in repair. They are truly the backbone to the success of the mission.”



Tech. Sgt. Chris Eder, Tactical Mobile Radio Television System NCOIC, shares important command information with his listeners during his morning show over AFN the Eagle-Georgia. Leaders can use the AFN show to get important information out to their troops immediately.

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Community events



Wendy Davis sculpts chunk of alabaster stone into a piece of art during the reopening of the Vicenza Arts and Crafts Center July 24. (Photos by Dave Melancon, U.S. Army Europe PAO)

Renovated Arts & Crafts Center opens doors

By Jasmine Perry
Outlook Staff

“Basically, the whole place was under renovation except the walls,” said Kelly Golden, manager, Vicenza Arts and Crafts Center. “The renovations produced a dramatic make-over.”

The result has transformed the facility from inside out.

According to Golden, all utilities were upgraded as well as the main entrance and restrooms. There is now a multi-crafts studio to hold parties, classes and events. The woodshop and pottery rooms were upgraded as well.

There is more working space for patrons, said Golden. Classes from picture framing, painting, quilting, scrapbooking, pottery, sewing and cooking will soon be offered in the facility.

Stop by the Arts and Crafts Center located near the post theater parking lot for more information on current programs and offerings, or call 634-7074.



Giada Sheets puts the final touches to a portrait of her husband during the reopening.



Above: Family members and friends prepare to welcome home the Soldiers of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team on Tuesday's homecoming.

Left: Soldiers wait patiently in formation for the redeployment ceremony celebrating Tuesday's homecoming of deployed units. Units of the 173rd ABCT are returning to homestations in Italy and Germany following a 15-month deployment to Afghanistan. (Photos by Melissa Martini-Calabrese, Outlook Staff)



Sky Soldiers returning



Sgt. Donald Torres, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, rushes to greet his family after being dismissed from formation July 21 in Vicenza, Italy. Torres and approximately 400 other Soldiers from HHC, 173rd ABCT and 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne), returned to Italy after a 15-month deployment to Afghanistan. Redeployment of all 1,900 Italy-based Soldiers should be complete around the first week of August. (Photo by Sgt. Maj. Kimberly Williams)

Apply for law school

The Office of The Judge Advocate General is now accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program. Under this program, the Army projects sending up to 25 active duty commissioned officers to law school at government expense if funding permits. Selected officers will attend law school beginning the Fall of 2009 and will remain on active duty while attending school.

Interested officers should review Chapter 14, AR 27-1, "The Judge Advocate General's Funded Legal Education Program," to determine their eligibility. This program is open to commissioned officers in the rank of second lieutenant through captain. Applicants must have at least two, but not more than six, years of total active federal service

at the time legal training begins. Eligibility is non-waivable.

Eligible officers interested in applying should immediately register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test. Applicants must send their request through command channels, to include the officer's branch manager at AHRC, with a copy furnished to the Office of The Judge Advocate General, ATTN: DAJAPT (Ms. Yvonne Caron-10th Floor), 1777 North Kent Street, Rosslyn, VA 22209-2194, to be received before Nov. 1. Submission of the application well in advance of the deadline is advised.

Interested officers can call Maj. Sean McGarry, SETAF Staff Judge Advocate's office, 634-8486/8553 for more information.

ACS celebrates 43 years serving Soldiers, families

Story by Ryan Hall
Special to the Outlook

While most adults don't look forward to turning another year older, the Camp Darby Army Community Service was happy to celebrate its 43rd birthday July 25.

"My husband, son and I have been at Camp Darby for two years and the friends I have today are the ones that I met at ACS's Benevenuti welcome to Italy program when we first got here," said Jenny Wassom, military spouse, about how ACS helped smooth her transition to life on the small post on the Italian coast.

"I really appreciate ACS because I think it's a wonderful place for families, spouses and military to visit [and receive assistance]. There is always a friendly face waiting to help you," Wassom said.

Community members are often not fully aware of the variety of services available at ACS.

"Whether you're looking for a parent-child playgroup, free



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Melissa Crisp (left) volunteers at the Darby Army Community Service 43rd birthday bash passing out information on ACS. (Photo by Joyce Costello, USAG Livorno Public Affairs)

Tuscan cooking classes, want to improve your resume or get financial advice—there is always something going on at Camp Darby's ACS," said Amber Gaglione, ACS Deployment and

Mobilization contractor. "All service members, civilians, retirees, contractors and their families are welcome to visit us."

Information about upcoming ACS classes and additional

services can be found in the monthly Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation brochure, "The Horizons" or the USAG Livorno Web site at www.usag.livorno.army.mil.

3/405th AFSB supports USAID mission to Philippines

405th Army Field Support Brigade
Press Release

S E C K E N H E I M , Germany – The 3rd Battalion, 405th Army Field Support Brigade, from Camp Darby recently supported a U.S. Agency for International Development mission to the Philippines after the country was hit by a typhoon last month. Typhoon Fengshen (Frank) made landfall in the Eastern Visaya region, delivering heavy rain and wind gusts of up to 175 kilometers per hour, according to the Philippines atmospheric, geophysical and astronomical services administration. The Philippines national disaster coordination council reported that nearly 2.9 million people across 46 provinces were impacted by the storm, and initial property damage is estimated at \$22 million.

In response to the storm's damage, USAID's office of U.S. foreign disaster assistance contacted the 3/405th AFSB, and requested immediate support for the shipment of humanitarian supplies to the region. The 3/405th AFSB is responsible for the storage and maintenance of USAID humanitarian supplies under an interagency agreement between the U.S.

State Department and the U.S. Army.

Lt. Col. Roger McCreery, new commander of the 3/405th AFSB, was surprised to learn the battalion had such an international reach.

"Prior to taking command of the battalion, I was unaware that an Army battalion in Italy supported missions on such a far reaching international scale," he said. "I'm extremely proud this organization is able to assist people in need

thousands of miles away, and I'm pleased that we can provide USAID the support it needs to accomplish its humanitarian relief missions."

Alberto Chidini, 3/405th AFSB director of supply, is responsible for coordinating the preparation of USAID supplies for transport to those in need.

"At the request of USAID, we prepared emergency relief supplies for shipment to the Filipino people who have been affected by the recent

typhoon," Chidini explained. "We packaged 340 rolls of plastic sheeting, 3,360 hygiene kits and 6,600 each of 10-liter collapsible water containers. USAID then transported the supplies to the Pisa airport and airlifted them directly to Iloilo Airport in the Philippines."

According to USAID, the value of the commodities sent to the Filipino people originating at the 3/405th AFSB was more than \$550,000, including transportation.



USAID humanitarian supplies heading to the Philippines to provide aid for those effected by Typhoon Fengshen is moved to be loaded onto an airplane at the Pisa Airport. Part of 3rd Battalion, 405th Army Field Support Brigade's mission is to pack the supplies for transportation. The unit is located on Camp Darby.

Darby dates

Oriental dance class

This free class is held Wednesdays from noon-1 p.m. at the Fitness Center. Call ACS at 633-7084 for more information.

Camp Darby ITR

Call ITR at 633-7589 or 050-54-7589 for details and reservations on the following upcoming trips:

Cinque Terre - Aug. 12, cost \$39 for adults and \$34 for children;

Volterra - Aug. 13, cost \$50 for adults and \$44 for children;

Rome - Aug. 14, cost \$65 for adults and \$59 for children;

Elba Island - Aug. 15, cost \$70 for adults and \$64 for children;

Florence - Aug. 16, cost \$45 for adults and \$39 for children; and

Cavallino Matto Amusement Park - Aug. 16, cost \$20 for adults and \$14 for children.

Upcoming at ACS

Call Army Community Service at 633-7084 for more information on these events:

Interview skills training - Aug. 15. Get tips on putting your best foot forward.

Reintegration, Relationships and PTSD on Aug. 23. Tips on how to better manage family relationships following a deployment. Particular attention is focused on how PTSD affects family relationships.

City sightseeing tickets

Discover the wealth of history of Italian cities onboard the "Hop On – Hop Off" buses available in Rome, Florence and Pisa.

Get on and off as often as you want for the entire day.

Discover the lovely cities of Pisa, Florence and Rome at discounted prices for savings up to \$3.67 per person.

For details or to make a reservation, call ITR at 633-7589/8231 or 050-54-7589/8231.

Grotte di Oliero

Story and photos by Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

It's not easy to find a naturally cool place during a hot summer, but not far from Vicenza the Oliero Caves, or *Grotte di Oliero*, offer just such relief and some natural history too.

Located in the Brenta Valley, the caves were formed during the last ice age about 10,000 years ago in an area characterized by karst composition.

In 1822 the naturalist Alberto Parolini, who was born in the nearby city of Bassano, discovered one of the four caves that make up the Oliero group and called them the *Grotta dei Siori*, or "Cave of Lords" in Venetian dialect. The main cave is reachable after a short walk that also introduces visitors into a path called *Sentiero Natura*. After passing a cave called *Covol dei Assassini*, or murderers' cave, visitors go down toward the embarkation point.

Here visitors board a small boat and after riding in darkness and crouching down in the boat for the first few meters, the view opens to beautiful stalactites, which form several shapes and reach the length of 14 meters in the room called *Colata*.

During the 20-minute tour, other significant stalactites appear, include the huge Elephant's Ear and the tiny Nativity Scene. The former is on view after the boat descends into the inner section of the cave and the latter is on the wall on the way back to the small embarkation point.

No matter how warm it is outside, bring a jacket because the temperature is steady at about 12 degrees Celsius, about 54 degrees Fahrenheit, all year long. In fact, the massive rocks that surround the visiting area prevent any temperature change inside. The water



Some visitors sit in one of the small boats used for the tour. Guides lead the boat into the Parolini Cave by pulling a rope. The cave takes its name from the botanist Alberto Parolini who discovered the cave in 1822.

Right: Visitors stroll through the park area.



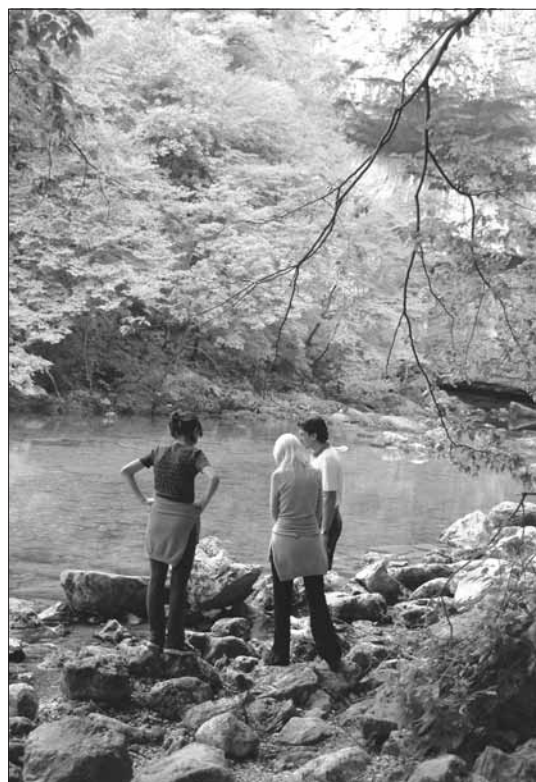
The main room of the *Colata*, where the biggest stalactites are about 14 meters long.

temperature is also fixed at 9 degrees Celsius (48 degrees Fahrenheit).

To reach the Caves of Oliero and the park, coming from Vicenza, drive in the direction of Trento on the SS 47. About 10 km after Bassano, cross the Brenta River at the bridge of Campolongo and go northwards in the direction of Valstagna for a few kilometers. Some brown signs also indicate the *Grotte di Oliero*. There is parking near the caves. For information call 0424-558250.

The *Grotte di Oliero* are open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily June 16-Sept. 14; for other times, days and months during the year, visit the Web at www.grottedioliero.it.

Cost is 7 euro 13-64 years old; 5 euro 5-12 and 65 and older; children up to 4 years old are free.



Cable car ride hosts majestic Italian views

Cable car

A cable car system uses state-of-the-art technology to bring visitors closer to the beauty of Lake Garda and the spectacular views of Mount Baldo, known as the garden of Europe for the rarity of its floral species.

A 10 minute climb takes visitors from the town of Malcesine (Verona) past Lake Garda and to the peak of Mount Baldo, 1,650 meters above sea level.

The cable car transports 600 people per hour and is divided into two sections, the second of which is covered by a cabin that rotates offering a 360-degree view to all the occupants.

The installation and its support facilities are modern, sporting light-weight, futuristic shapes of glass, wood and steel construction.

The station down in the valley has a 200-space parking lot mostly covered. The cable car runs every half hour and the cost round trip from the town of Malcesine to Mount Baldo is 14 euro.

Visit an island

Visiting the island Lazzaretto Nuovo, which is just off Venice, is one way to learn more about the history of Venice. From the environmental point of view the island is worth seeing for its typical lagoon plants and birds as well as the latticework of natural canals created by the currents and the ebb and flow of the tides.

The ruins on the island include those of lat-Roman and Medieval religious communities. The large quarantine facilities set aside the men, vehicles and goods who were required to stay there before entering the city on their way back from the Orient.

There is also the old fort built in part by the *Serenissima*, the old Venetian Republic, which was later turned into an enormous fort and gun powder magazine by the Austrians. This part of the island's history also reveals some of the everyday experiences of those who once lived there - like the large dormitory for sailors whose walls still bear drawings, personal symbols and scribbling with insults and abuse targeting severe commanders.

The island can be visited on Saturdays and Sundays in August from 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mimmo Paladino at Villa Pisani

Italian born artist and sculptor Paladino, now a resident of New York, has an exhibition in the magnificent Villa Pisani and in the gardens.

More than 70 masterpieces from the well-known *Dormienti ai Sette Scude* to statues exhibited at the Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art in Rovereto, and those expressly developed for this exhibition; all are sights to be seen.

Open everyday except Mondays until Nov. 2 from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Entrance fee is 10 euro.

The villa is located in Strà and can be reached from the center of the town by foot in five minutes.

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

July 31	The Chronicles of Namia: Prince Caspian (PG)	6 p.m.
Aug 1	The Incredible Hulk (PG-13)	6 p.m.
	Step Brothers (R)	9 p.m.
Aug 2	The Incredible Hulk (PG-13)	3 p.m.
	Step Brothers (R)	6 p.m.
Aug 3	The Chronicles of Namia: Prince Caspian (PG)	3 p.m.
	The Strangers (R)	6 p.m.
Aug 6	Hoodwinked (PG)	4 p.m.
	Sex in the City (R)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Aug 1	Sex in the City (R)	6 p.m.
Aug 2	Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG)	6 p.m.
Aug 3	Journey to the Center of the Earth (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.

Estates claims

Anyone having claims on, or obligations to the estate of **Sgt. Ryan Connolly**, A Company, 173rd Special Troops Battalion (Airborne), in Bamberg, Germany, must contact the summary court martial officer, Capt. Diane Collver at 469-8875 or email diane.collver@eur.army.mil.

Anyone having any claims on, or obligations to the estate of **Pfc. Willington Rhoads**, HHC, 173rd Brigade Support Battalion, should call the summary court martial officer, 1st Lt. Charles Wyatt at 389-781-0940 or email chuck.wyatt@us.army.mil.

No hourly care Aug. 15

Due to block leave and Italian holiday there will not be hourly care available on Aug. 15.

Emergency care will be provided on a space available basis. For further information call 634-7559 or 634-8433.

At ACS

Introduction to Stress Management, Aug. 4, Noon - 1 p.m. - Family Advocacy presents the causes and effects of stress, help participants identify personal stressors and to explore positive coping techniques.

Money Management, Aug. 5, 3-4 p.m. - Learn basic money management techniques to enhance your quality of life. Learn how to properly manage your cash.

Romp-N-Stop playgroup, Wednesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. at Youth Services in Villaggio. New Parent Support Program offers a fun and creative playgroup for children ages newborn through 3 years old.

Stress Relief through Guided Imagery, Aug. 6 and 20, 9-10 a.m. - This popular class teaches the benefits of deep breathing, progressive muscle relaxation, visualization and guided imagery.

Autism/ADHD support group, Aug. 7, 11 a.m.-noon - Share ideas and experiences. The Autism/ADHD is open to the community.

Basics of Parenting, Aug. 7, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - This workshop will explain the fundamentals of raising happy, healthy children while mapping out for parents not only techniques that work from pre-school to adolescence.

Most classes require reservations. Call ACS at 634-7500 for details.



Volunteer opportunities for American Red Cross

Amanda Rolsen, American Red Cross employee, **Christina Mastin**, ARC volunteer, and **Audrey McDonald**, ARC employee are ready to serve the community from their office in the **Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center**. Every month on the first Tuesday the American Red Cross holds its volunteer orientation in the **Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center, room 46**. The next orientation will be held **Aug. 5 from 1-3 p.m.** Registration is required. Call the Red Cross at **634-7089** for more information or to register. (Photo by *Jasmine Perry, Outlook Staff*)

MBA program

University of Phoenix is offering an on-site master of business administration program at the **Vicenza Education Center**. The first class is scheduled to start in late August. Registration is now open. The deadline to register is Aug. 13.

For more information, email **Ana LaForgia** at ana.laforgia@phoenix.edu or call 634-8928.

Fall registration

Fall registration for the University of Maryland will begin Aug. 11. Stop by the education center to get more information on available classes.

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.

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.

Parent 2 Parent

The **Vicenza Parent 2 Parent Team** will be conducting early literacy workshops at the post library Aug. 5 at 1 p.m. and Aug. 21 at 10 a.m. They will share ideas and show how families benefit from reading together. Open to the community.

For more information email vicenzaP2P@yahoo.com.

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 Aug. 19 and Sept. 23 from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Call 634-7500 for details.

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

Club V entertainment

Every Monday at 8 p.m. - **Game Night**.

Every Tuesday at 8 p.m. - **Movie Night**

Every Thursday at 8 p.m. - **Country Night** and every other week **Club V** is hosting mechanical bull riding.

Club Veneto is hosting the mechanical bull and country music Aug. 7 at 10 p.m.

Call 634-7685 for details.

Traffic changes

Through Aug. 4, parallel parking near the chapel is blocked and cars must enter the chapel parking lot on the outbound side.

ITR Trips

Aug. 16, **Merano**: Trauttmannsdorff Castle, receive a guided tour of the castle gardens in the morning and then enjoy free time in Merano

Aug. 17, **Northern Coast Lake Garda District**, enjoy free time to relax along the lake, shop and dine

Aug. 17, **San Marino and Rimini Beach**, enjoy an afternoon full of fun in sun and sand, then watch the sun set over the sea

Aug. 20, **Palazzetto Ardi**: Mom and the Kids, experience a guided tour of the farm. Pick produce, and then enjoy a meal of fresh produce from the farm.

Stop by ITR for details or call 634-7094.

Antiterrorism training

Individual Security Awareness training (Antiterrorism Level I) is offered in the Hall of Heroes to all military, Department of Defense and local national civilian employees and family members age 14 years old and older from 10:30 a.m. to noon on: Aug. 12, Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 12, and Dec. 10.

Those who may need child care while in the training, the Child Development Center offers hourly care. Children must be registered. Call 634-7559 or 0444-71-7559 for details.

Antiterrorism Level I training is an annual requirement for all military, civilian employees and family members 14 years old and older.

For additional details call 634-8288 or 634-8984.

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

4p.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

9:15 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.

YS major league baseball clinic at Villaggio



Baseball is a game, just like football or soccer – you’ve got to work at it. You can’t just go out and play; you have got to practice it.

Ralph Rago
Baseball clinic facilitator

Left: Tyler Yocum, 9, left, and Jacob Nantz, 10, get ready for infield practice during the major league baseball clinic held at the Villaggio field July 24.

Below: Kaitlyn Brink, 9, takes her turn at the bat during the two-day baseball clinic.



Story and photos by **Laura Kreider**
Outlook Staff

As part of the YS Sports activities a free major league baseball clinic was offered July 24-25 at the Villaggio baseball field. More than 30 children 7 through 11 years old participated in the event coordinated by Georgia Salyer, CYS Sports and Fitness director. “They had a great time,” said Salyer. “During the clinic, they learned proper fielding, throwing, batting and hitting techniques. They really loved the sliding drill,” she added.

Teaching and sharing his extensive knowledge of the game was Ralph Rago, assistance baseball coach, Solano Community College in Fairfield, Calif.

“He has 50 years of coaching experience and he is one of the original people who came up with the idea of sending professional coaches overseas to our military community,” highlighted Salyer.

“They are having fun while learning the fundamentals,” explained Rago, who has been all over Europe and also West Africa for major league baseball.

“They are young and that is the main idea. I show what to do, I demonstrate and I try to put them in that position. They are not going to learn overnight, they have to remember it and practice it. Baseball is a game, just like football or soccer – you’ve got to work at it. You can’t just go out and play; you have got to practice it,” he said.



Ralph Rago, assistance baseball coach, Solano Community College in Fairfield, Calif. assists Noah Hallam, 6, in batting position.



Above: Peter Perry, 12, center, slides in at home plate during the game that concluded the first day.



Brendan Barna, 10, center, gets ready to catch the ball at one of the practice stations held during the baseball clinic.

Right: Andrew Dawson, 7, hits the ball during the game. (Below) Baseball clinic participants and volunteers pose for a picture with Ralph Rago at the field.



Sports shorts

Summer league basketball

The summer league championship basketball games are scheduled for Aug. 15-17.

There will be a meeting for the coaches on Aug. 13, 2:30 p.m., at the fitness center.

Dates are subject to change, so call the Fitness Center at 634-7009 to confirm.

Second annual triathlon

The second annual triathlon for youth ages 6-18 will be held on Aug. 23, 8 a.m., at Villaggio.

The sign-up deadline is Aug. 20. Sign up at the Child and Youth Services Central Registration. The cost is \$10.

Call Georgia Salyer at 634-6151 for additional information.

Release the stress 5k fun run/walk

On Aug. 16, 8 a.m., there will be a free 5k fun run/walk at the N-40 track. Sign-up deadline is Aug. 13.

For more information, call Ricky Jackson at 634-7009.

Pasubio Hike

Come explore 52 World War I tunnels on a hike to Mount Pasubio. The group will leave from the Outdoor Recreation parking lot on Aug. 16 at 8 a.m. The cost is \$30. Sign-up deadline is Aug. 14. Call ODR at 634-7453 for more details.

Paintball

There will be a paintball event in Padova on Aug. 17, leaving at 10:30 a.m. from the ODR parking lot. The cost is \$10, which is for transportation only. Paintball markers are available for check-out, and paintballs are for sale.

Sign-up deadline is Aug. 16. Call ODR at 634-7453 for more information.

Kayak Fishing

There will be a kayak fishing trip in Chioggia on Aug. 23, leaving the ODR parking lot at 6 a.m. The cost is \$77, which includes transportation, kayak, fishing poles, tackle and bait.

Sign-up deadline is Aug. 20. Call ODR at 634-7453 for additional information.