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Outlook changes publication date

Starting with this issue, the new publication date for the Outlook will be Thursday. Deadline for submissions will be noon Monday; or Friday by 4 p.m. if Monday is a holiday.

Communities mourn loss of Sky Soldiers

SETAF Public Affairs
Press Release

The Department of Defense announced the death Monday of two Soldiers who were supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. They died May 31 in Jalalabad City, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when their vehicle encountered an improvised explosive device.

They were assigned to the 173rd Special Troops Battalion, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, Bamberg, Germany.

Killed were:

Spc. James M. Finley, 21, of Lebanon, Mo. and Pvt. Andrew J. Shields, 19, of Battleground, Wash.

As of press time, a memorial ceremony is planned for June 12, 10 a.m. in Germany followed by an echo ceremony in Italy at 2 p.m. in the post chapel.



Spc. James M. Finley



Pvt. Andrew J. Shields

Base ops experts partner in Botswana

By Jon Fleshman
USAG Vicenza PAO

The first military-to-military partnership training ever conducted in Africa by a U.S. Army garrison took place May 20-21 when members of the Vicenza garrison shared base support practices with senior officers of the Botswana Defence Force (BDF).

"What's really different is that one of the BDF's missions is wild animal conservation and preventing poaching," explained Renee Citron, deputy to the Vicenza garrison commander and a member of the team that deployed to Botswana. "They have an animal reservation right on post that includes lions, cheetahs and snakes. They use it as an education center to learn more about their country's wildlife."

The Vicenza garrison commander, Col. Virgil S.L. Williams, and Bill Murphy from the plans, analysis and integration office, were also members of



USAG Vicenza Commander Col. Virgil S.L. Williams (right) discusses Army garrison operations with officers of the Botswana Defence Force. (Photo courtesy of Bill Murphy, PAIO)

the training team. Their discussions with their BDF hosts, headed up by Col. WM Matshwa, included points about the garrison's organization, directorate functions, support to the tactical commanders, quality of life for Soldiers' families and resource management.

"The BDF is a well-organized military and its officers are well-trained and highly knowledgeable about military operations and world affairs," Murphy said. "Their bases offer many of the same services and programs that we do, including clubs, dining facilities, pre-school and recreation."

Sexual harassment prevention was one of the topics of particular interest to the group, Citron said, because the BDF's first class of female officer candidates was training in Tanzania at the time. Housing policies, energy savings and how Soldiers and civilians worked together also got their attention.

"They were so interested in everything we had to say," Citron said. "They had similar concerns about base support issues, everything from how long school buses take to get students to school on post to how you fund for emergencies."

Citron said the BDF officers

also wanted to know what the Vicenza garrison did to further relations with the surrounding civilian community. She said the Botswana military has an active community relations program that includes school visits, charity work, fundraisers and combined sporting events.

Though they're part of a new army that has only been around a few decades, Williams said, the BDF's base support providers do not have to go through the same growing pains as some of the world's older militaries. He said the BDF already focuses on making sure morale is high and it knows how important taking care of families is.

Citron couldn't say if another chance to work with the Botswana Defence Force would present itself anytime soon, but she was sure of one thing: "If there are other opportunities, we're raising our hands. We have a lot to offer (as a garrison) and a lot to learn."



The senior officer of the Botswana Defence Force contingent, Col. WM Matshwa (left), talks with USAG Vicenza Commander Col. Virgil Williams (center) and his deputy, Renee Citron at their meeting place in Botswana's capital, Gaborone. (Photo courtesy of Botswana Defence Force)

SETAF commander earns Italian wings

By Sgt. Justin Nieto
SETAF Public Affairs

SETAF Commander Brig. Gen. William 'Burke' Garrett III joined members of the 4th Italian Alpini Parachute Regiment as they hosted SETAF paratroopers for an airborne jump from a Dornier 228 Aircraft over *Alpe di Siusi* drop zone May 28.

"This was one of the best jumps I have had," said Garrett, who is wasting no time in getting to know the Soldiers – Italian or American – around him. "Not only because of the pristine conditions and the scenery, but because of the professionalism and hospitality of our Italian hosts.

"The bond between Soldiers is very strong, but even more so with paratroopers," said Garrett.

For three of the seven SETAF jumpers, this was the first time jumping with their Italian counterparts, based in Bolzano, Italy, and as a result, each also earned a pair of Italian jump wings.

Gen. Bruno Petti, commander of the 4th Alpini Parachute Regiment, presented Garrett and the other jumpers with their wings.

Alpe di Siusi drop zone is set in the panoramic Dolomite mountain range, 2,000 meters above ground level, making it one of the highest drop zones for military parachutists.



Green light, GO! Brig. Gen. William Garrett, commander of the Southern European Task Force (Airborne), exits the Dornier 228 airplane over *Alpe di Siusi* drop zone, near Bolzano. (Italian Army photo)

Community experts help to combat dark side of stress

USAG Vicenza PAO
Press release

Ever hear anyone say: "Just relax?"

According to Carolyn Parse Rizzo, when you're feeling overwhelmed, stressed or depressed it's much easier said than done.

"For many people, relaxing takes practice and patience," explained Rizzo, manager of the Army Community Service family advocacy program for the Vicenza military community.

"Chronic stress can lead to a variety of physical, cognitive and emotional problems - one of the most extreme results being suicide," she said.

She said that when we perceive the demands of our environment to be greater than our resources, whether they be financial, emotional, physical or spiritual, we experience stress. Though stress cannot, and should not, be entirely eliminated from our lives, Rizzo said, we must find ways to balance the harmful forms of stress with more positive forms.



Carolyn Parse-Rizzo
Installation victim advocate
Family advocacy program

"If you've been living with high levels of stress for long periods of time, you may need to make a conscious effort to relax," said Rizzo. "Just like any habit, it may take several weeks of practice before it feels natural."

Making the time to relax gives your mind and body a chance to rejuvenate so they can better handle events to come, she said. Taking a few moments to

breathe can mean the difference between reacting emotionally or taking control.

The family advocacy program provides regular educational opportunities for those interested in exploring different relaxation techniques and other stress management strategies. In June two classes are being offered on this subject matter:

* June 9, 16 and 23: *Stress Relief through Guided Imagery*, noon-1 p.m. at Army Community Service in the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

These classes focus on building skill in relaxation techniques such as deep breathing, progressive muscle relaxation, visualization and guided imagery.

* June 13: *6 Steps to Stamina: Balancing Stress through Creative Expression, Part II*, 10-noon at the Art Center. This is the final class in the *6 Steps to Stamina* stress management series.

Call 634-7500 to reserve space for all ACS classes.

USAREUR announces short-term fuel-ration card

The automated fuel-ration card system in Germany includes short-term fuel-ration cards that will allow authorized personnel to purchase tax- and duty-free fuel for rental vehicles and privately owned vehicles registered outside Germany.

Authorized personnel include military and civilian component personnel who are on temporary duty or leave in Germany and

military personnel who are on pass in Germany. Dependents must be accompanied by their sponsor to receive short-term fuel-ration cards.

Short-term fuel-ration cards will be valid for the duration of the rental contract, or, for vehicles registered outside Germany, the duration of the TDY, leave or pass, but not more than 30 days.

Personnel on leave or pass in Germany are also eligible for supplemental fuel rations.

Army and Air Force Exchange Service facilities will issue the short-term fuel ration card based on the information on the approved AE Form 550-175L.

(From USAREUR Memo for short-term fuel-ration card May 29, 2008.)

Speak Out

"What will you be doing 50 years from now?"

By Sgt. Justin Nieto



Charlie
Age 9

Well, I'll be a lot older, probably a grandma 50 years from now.



Dillon
Age 8

Planning on playing football because I love it. I will still be a Buffalo Bills fan then, too.



Devyn
Age 10

I'll be trying to travel around the world.



Patrick
Age 9

I'll be in Hollywood, retiring from acting.



Alex
Age 9

I'll probably be in New Jersey, working. Or maybe retired.

Devens takes helm of IMCOM-Europe Hall changes places

By Ray Johnson
IMCOM-Europe Public Affairs

HEIDELBERG, Germany – Installation Management Command-Europe welcomed its new region director, while bidding farewell to the man who had overseen the organization since its inception.

Diane Devens accepted responsibility of IMCOM-Europe from Russell Hall during a May 29 ceremony on the parade grounds of Campbell Barracks.

Hall is replacing Devens as director of IMCOM-Northeast, which is located at Fort Monroe, Va.

Keeping her remarks brief Devens said her focus would remain on supporting Soldiers and family members, using successful programs and policies already in practice.

Labeling her transition “smooth,” Devens said she looked forward to visiting garrisons located throughout the command as quickly as possible.

Addressing several hundred event

attendees, Maj. Gen. John Macdonald, deputy commander of IMCOM, called Devens and Hall “two very talented civilians who have worked hard, who have made huge contributions to (the Army’s overall) readiness.”

“You should be extremely proud that you are leaving your present regions a better place for Soldiers, civilians and family members,” Macdonald said to the two senior executives. “You have contributed greatly in supporting an Army at war; an Army that is undergoing tremendous change; an Army that is in persistent conflict.”

Recalling that Hall became Europe region director shortly after the Global War on Terrorism began, the general said Hall was placed at the forefront of ensuring Soldiers were trained and equipped to fight on two fronts – while also providing for families at home.

Consequently, IMCOM “was living the Army Family Covenant long before it became part of the Army lexicon,” Macdonald said.

Complimenting Devens as “a caring and dedicate leader,” the general said he knew her as “forthright and fair, always letting people know where she stands on the issues ... she understands the Army and what a good quality of life means to our (communities).”

Devens is replacing the only director that IMCOM-Europe has even known.

“It’s bittersweet memories,” Hall declared. “How do you leave something that has been a part of your life; that you’ve literally raised from infancy?”

Noting that IMCOM-Europe “has known nothing but war,” Hall has watched the organization mature as an institution – managing, leading and changing garrisons – while also being totally dedicated and wedded to taking care of combat-

bound Soldiers as they trained, staged, deployed, and then returned and reintegrated. “And we’ve been doing so as a constant way of life,” he added.

Hall pointed to the construction of Netzaberg housing, 830 family units, at U.S. Army Garrison Grafenwoehr as an example of command successes under his tenure.

IMCOM-Europe did so by negotiating a loan guarantee with the German government – with state support from Bavaria – of more than 230 million euros.

Now charged with taking on a new organization, Hall firmly believes “there is nothing IMCOM can’t accomplish for Soldiers and families; we’ve proven it time and time again under the most demanding circumstances.

“History will judge there is no higher calling and no greater privilege than serving Soldiers and their families,” he said.



Diane Devens
IMCOM-Europe director



During a change of responsibility ceremony May 29 at Heidelberg, Germany, Diane Devens (left) took over as director of Installation Management Command-Europe, replacing Russell Hall (right), who will replace Devens as director of IMCOM-Northeast, located at Fort Monroe, Va. Maj. Gen. John Macdonald (center), deputy commander of U.S. Army Installation Management Command presided over the ceremony. (Photo by Tom Saunders)



Vicenza Elementary celebrates 50 years

Students from Vicenza Elementary School perform during the school’s 50th anniversary celebration at the Ederle Theater Wednesday. The show featured musical performances from grades 1 through 6 covering the many different styles of music from the past 50 years. After the show the Parent, Teacher and Student Association put on a carnival with games and prizes. (Photo by Sgt. Justin Nieto, SETAF Public Affairs)

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Community events

Kids rock Caserma Ederle



(Above) Five-year-old Andrea is one of the children who jumped from the airborne training tower on the North 40 May 31. "It wasn't too high and I was not scared," she said after her first jump. "I want to do it again." (Right) Sgt. 1st Class Billy Vetten, SETAF G-3, checks equipment while assisting the children and make sure they are ready for the jump tower station portion of Rock Kids Day. Vetten was one of many community members who volunteered their time to make the event a success, according to Cristin Covington Pike, 2-503d family readiness support assistant.

Story and photos
by Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

About 60 children took part in the *Kids Rock Day* held on the North 40 May 31.

"The event was organized by Staff Sgt. Jerred Coleman, [2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry (Abn) Rear Detachment commander] and me," said Cristin Covington Pike, 2-503d family readiness support assistant.

"We worked together to organize the events and design

the T-shirts," she added.

The participants experienced several activities including camouflage, sandbag relay, physical training and the parachute jump tower.

"I hope they will do it again," said Arianna Rodriguez, mother of Daniel, 6, and Samantha, 11, who participated in the event.

"We found out about the event at the beginning of the month and my children were looking forward to spending a day like their daddy," she said.

"I was thrilled with how the

day went," commented Pike.

"Everyone seemed to be having a blast and that was what our goal was. We wanted to be able to get their minds off of the day-to-day stresses and just have fun.

"The laughter from the kids was worth all the planning," she said. "I had at least 10 children give me a hug and thank me for putting on the day, which brought tears to my eyes each time. I would consider the day a giant success for the Rock family readiness group."



(Top) Kaleigh Stevenson presents one of the blankets to Spc. Carl Vandenberg at the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center May 28, when a group of spouses presented 11 blankets they have made by crochet to the Warrior Transition Unit Soldiers. The ladies in the background are Karen Hampton, PWOC, left, who started the crochet group and Laura Lusby, crochet leader. (Above) Many spouses meet at the post library to crochet every Wednesday.

Warmth for warriors

Story and photos by Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

A unique presentation took place at the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center May 28 when a group of spouses presented 11 blankets they crocheted to WTU Soldiers.

"This group began when the husbands were deploying and I was really encouraging the women to grow, to thrive, not just survive but to learn new things," said Karen Hampton, a member of Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC).

The newly-created groups were not designed only for PWOC ladies according to Hampton.

Laura Lusby became the crochet leader in June 2007.

"As a group, we started to crochet at my house and I picked up some yarn and started to make my husband a blanket. He became ill, went into the hospital and spent 10 days on life support. I made him a blanket, which kept me from going crazy," Lusby said.

The group plans to provide blankets for about 30 Soldiers.

"They will each get a blanket and the chapel has provided funds for the yarn," Lusby said.

The group meets at the post library conference room Wednesdays from 1-3 p.m.



(Above) The crochet group works on creating some more colorful blankets that will be presented to the WTU Soldiers. They already presented a total of 17 blankets in two presentations that took place in February and at the end of May.

Beach blast opens American Beach

Story and photos
by Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Memorial Day weekend at Camp Darby, Italy, means the opening of the American Beach in Tirrenia.

The American Beach, the only one in Europe, is open from Memorial Day through Sept. 15 and is located just five minutes drive from Camp Darby in the seaside resort town of Tirrenia.

The beach is fully-equipped with a guarded parking lot, umbrellas, chairs, cabanas and covered pavilions according to

Diane Anderson, business and recreation manager for USAG Livorno FMWR. Also available are beach volleyball courts, kayaks, pedal boats, boogie boards, playground equipment and showers. There is also a snack bar that serves light Mediterranean fare as well as traditional American favorites and Oasis beverage bar, she said.

"Safety is always first, so we make sure certified life guards are on duty while the beach is open. The hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily," said Anderson.

Robert Collodi, American Beach manager, added that

there are daily umbrellas and seats available for rent.

"The American Beach in Tirrenia is a great place for families and singles to take a break and enjoy a relaxing vacation in the Tuscan sun by the sea," said Collodi.

"Camp Darby offers accommodations for every group and price range. Sea Pines recreational facilities features standard and deluxe type rooms, a spacious campsite, log cabins and RV sites.

Sun worshipers are encouraged to check their calendars early as the facilities

are popular and fill up quickly.

For the latest events or to plan your Italian dream vacation, visit the garrison Web site: www.usag.livorno.army.mil or USAG Livorno's Directorate of Family, Morale, Recreation and Welfare's new Web site at www.livornomwr.com.



Future engineers train on the American beach. Lilli (right), age 7, wonders if her friend Sheridan, age 2, is taking the approaching waves into consideration on their beach resort location. The girls were enjoying the opening day at the American Beach in Tirrenia. The American beach is open from Memorial Day through Sept. 15 and is located just five minutes drive from Camp Darby. For details on staying in the post facilities, call Sea Pines at 633-7225 or visit the Web site: www.livornomwr.com.



Surfs up for Caleb, 10, who enjoys an afternoon riding the waves at the opening of the American Beach in Tirrenia Memorial Day weekend.



Stephanie (left), a Brownie in Camp Darby Troop 101, and Maiyana, a Daisy in Camp Darby Troop 104, work together to help beautify Camp Darby May 28. Camp Darby is the new site of the Girl Scout summer camp.

Camp Darby to host pilot Girl Scout summer camp

Story and photo
by Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Girl Scouts USA Overseas-North Atlantic Council has decided to pilot a summer camp called *Campeggio Bosco Ridente* (Camp Laughing Woods) at Camp Darby according to GSUSA Chief Executive Officer Margaret Renwand.

"We will have a family camping event July 18-20 so the girls can come down with their family and enjoy the beach and fun at Camp Darby. Our resident camp program will then start the following Monday," said Renwand.

Renwand explained that girls in grades 7-12 will have an Italian tour called *Ciao Italia* that will visit Pisa, Rome, Florence and Cinque Terre. Other camps include *Aquatic Life* that focuses on water sports; *Chefs*, which centers on

outdoor cooking, *Teddy Bear* camp for the girls in 2nd and 3rd grade and *Sports Fever*, which will utilize all the sports venues on post.

"The girls will still do nature study, local exploration, camping and cookout no matter what camp they are in," added Renwand. "And we are running a day camp for the local girls in kindergarten through 6th grade. The girls in grades 7-12 can volunteer to be helpers."

"We believe girls of all ages can benefit from the Girl Scout program; it focuses on building confidence, strength of character and courage of their convictions while doing services," explained Renwand. "It's not just making crafts, but letting the girls do it themselves and build confidence in their abilities."

Girls and parents interested in learning more about Girl Scouts or the summer camp can log on to the Girl Scouts North Atlantic Web site: www.usagso-na.org.

Darby Dates

Outdoor Rec hours

Outdoor Recreation's new hours are 10 a.m.-8 p.m. daily.

Bringing Fido to Darby?

USAG Livorno's DFMWR offers a kennel for your pet while you visit. Make reservations at least two working days prior to your drop off date.

Cats and dogs are welcome in this new heated building.

Call Outdoor Rec at 633-7775 for details and prices.

Camp Darby ITR

Cinque Terre trip: June 19 and 24. 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$39 for adults, \$34 for children, this does not include the €8.40 train ticket and park entrance.

Cinque Terre is a remote piece of the Italian Riviera consisting of five villages connected by trails that hug the coastline.

There are no museums in sight, just sky, sea and some great hiking. Trails are easy to follow with varying degrees of difficulty and there is a train service for those that want to skip the hiking. Call ITR at 633-7589/8231, or 050-54-7589/8231 from off post.

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

Medieval events, palio, sports, reptiles, exhibits for all

Medieval events near Venice, Verona

A medieval event will take place, June 7-8 in the grounds of Villa Farsetti located in the town of Santa Maria di Sala.

The grounds, which are located between Padova and Treviso, will be filled with color and music for the event. Minstrels will sing tales of life at court, six local districts will compete for a Palio and a medieval banquet will revive the dining traditions of the period.

The nighttime festivities, *Feste Cortesi* include theatrical displays and fireworks that will involve spectators directly in the show. There will also be medieval-style markets, artisans, games among the children from various districts and taverns serving dishes from the Middle Ages.

Program: June 7, 6 p.m. historical parade and the opening of the medieval market; 8 p.m. medieval banquet- by reservation only; 9:30 p.m. fireworks display. June 8, 3:30 p.m. opening of the medieval market, guided tour of a Roman encampment, 5:30 p.m. historical parade; 8 p.m. medieval banquet by reservation only; 10:30 p.m. light and firework display.

The town is located by exiting the A4 at Padova Est and taking the SS 515 in direction for S. Maria di Sala. Website: www.prolocoitalia.it in Italian only.

The town of Affi, province of Verona will celebrate their medieval event June 7-8. Program: June 7 at 5 p.m. in the main square a flag twirling exhibition and historical procession; 6 p.m. *Guardie Nere* camp, camp of the Black Guards, will reconstruct battles and duels in the original costumes of Bartenstein, founded in the 14th century; 7 p.m. flag-twirling exhibition. June 8: 3 p.m. medieval procession and duels; 6 p.m. historical procession through the streets of the town; 7 p.m. food stands open; 9:45 p.m. torchlight procession through the main streets.

Affi is located 78 km from Vicenza; taking the SS248 will take you right there.

Biker fest

The 22nd Biker Fest takes place June 5-8 in Osoppo, Udine. Information can be found at www.bikerfest.com.

There will be an entrance fee and a camping area is located nearby with parking, warm

showers and toilets.

Directions: from Venice follow the A23 towards Udine and take the direction towards arvisio. Take the exit Gemona-Osoppo and follow the indications for the event.

Palio in Marostica

There will be a palio in the town of Marostica June 8. Program: 2:30 p.m. parade of contestants led by a band and majorettes, 3:30 p.m. start of the Palio; 7 p.m. events end with an award ceremony.

I love sport days

In the grounds of Villa Fabris, in the town of Thiene on June 7-8 there will be two days dedicated to sport.

The grounds will be divided into five areas: fitness, beach, combat, fun and dance and inflatable games. There will also be a dog show with children judging the most *simpatico* and the most obedient dog. June 8: live and DJ music for those who still have energy to spare.

Open each day from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 p.m. Entrance is free.

Reptile day in Longarone

The 8th exhibition/market of 'Reptiles Day' will be held in the exhibition grounds of Longarone, June 7-8. There will be 71 exhibitors from 15 of Italy's regions and four exhibitors from Germany, Austria, Belgium and Holland.

Find on exhibit reptiles, insects, tropical and carnivorous plants, such as the Venus fly catcher, and appropriate equipment and supplies for pets. Last year over 3,000 visitors attended. Open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. each day. There will be an entrance fee.

Longarone is located 151 km from Vicenza. Directions: Autostrada A4, A27 exit at and follow directions for Longarone.

Dinner on a bridge

June 15 at 8 p.m. the city of Mantova is offering dinner on a bridge, St. George's bridge that is. There will be 1,800 seats available, and the dinner, prepared by 40 chefs, will be served by 120 waiters. The cost is 50 euro.

Full information including how to book, the menu and directions at www.comune.mantova.it in Italian only.

Mimmo Paladino at Villa Pisani in Stra

Italian born artist and sculptor Paladino, now a resident of New York, has an exhibition in the



Army Soldier show performs on Ederle Saturday

The entire community is invited to the free **Army Soldier Show** in the Ederle Theater parking lot Saturday, June 7, 8-10 p.m. The show features Soldiers in a high-energy ensemble offering a wide-range of popular music and stage spectacle to Soldiers and families on Army garrisons worldwide. (*The Ederle Theater will have a late movie showing of Sex and the City at 10:30 p.m. due to this event*)

magnificent Villa Pisani and gardens in Stra.

More than 70 masterpieces will be on display, including the well-known *Dormienti ai Sette Scude*, the tower in terra cotta and the statues exhibited at the Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art in Rovereto.

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 Stra and can be reached from the center of the town by foot in 5 minutes.

What's a Sagra

Sagra denotes a local fair, usually a celebration of the bounties of the earth – meaning food, as in a preparation sagra *di torta di erbe* or a "raw ingredient" *sagra di pesce* fish.

Larger *sagre*, the plural of sagra, may feature musical bands, rides for children, a market and perhaps a competition of some sort, like a bike race. Attending a sagra is a way to get a taste of Italian country life. You order food to be cooked by locals with a passion for the local cuisine, then sit at communal tables to eat.

You'll probably need a car to attend a sagra, as most of them are held in small towns, usually in the main square or a nearby field. Look for the colorful posters at intersections with the locations, dates and times.

Sagre taking place on June 7-8 in the area are at Costozza, just past Longare along Riviera Berica and at the Stanga just down Viale della Pace from the Caserma chapel gate.

Events in Pisa

On the evening of June 16, the city of Pisa is illuminated by an unusual event known as the *Luminaria*. During this night the palaces lining the River Arno are outlined by thousands of candles set in wooden forms of various shapes.

The Leaning Tower and the wall around the Piazza dei Miracoli are also lit up.

The following day, June 17, Pisa celebrates the feast day of its patron, Saint Ranieri, with the San Ranieri Regatta.

This spectacular boat race involves four teams, each representing one of the city's

historical boroughs, in a 1 and a quarter-mile course. The boats are rowed by eight oarsmen, aided by a helmsman and a *montatore* climber, whose task it is to scale a 32-foot mast set on a barge stationed at the finishing line in order to grab the victory banner that hangs at the top. The finishing line is near the Ponte della Fortezza.

Later in the month, on June 29 you can enjoy the spectacle of the *Gioco del Ponte*, Bridge Battle, a spirited and entertaining variation of a "tug-of-war" for which six teams in medieval costume try to force a wagon across the Ponte del Mezzo.

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

June 5	Penelope (PG13)	6 p.m.
June 6	Superhero (PG13)	6 p.m.
	Sex and the City (R)	9 p.m.
June 7	Sex and the City (R) (one show only)	10:30 p.m.
June 8	Run Fatboy Run (PG13)	3 p.m.
	Superhero (PG13)	6 p.m.
June 11	Run Fatboy Run (PG13)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

June 6	Leatherheads (PG13)	6 p.m.
June 7	Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG13)	6 p.m.
June 8	Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian (PG13)	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.

VHS graduation ceremony

Vicenza High School's Class of 2008 graduation event is Sunday in *Teatro Olimpico* at 7:30 p.m.

The event will be available on AFN's Web site: www.doddsegradsnet. The login ID is 2008GRADS and the password is GOODLUCK08.

Baccalaureate service

The community is welcome to a baccalaureate service to honor the Vicenza High School graduating class of 2008. The event is set for Saturday in the Ederle Chapel at 1 p.m.

Seniors will read, sing and play music.

USAG Vicenza graduation ceremony

The community is invited to a graduation ceremony Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Soldiers' Theatre. The event is to honor those who have received a degree in higher education.

Fishing trip

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173d ABCT Family Readiness Group will host a kids fishing day June 16 from 2-6 p.m.

Cost is 10 euros to fish, 5 euros for fishing pole rental. Payment is due at the time of registration. Transportation is provided and a parent or designated adult must accompany children under 12-years-old.

Sign up in Amanda Grigsby's office in brigade headquarters by June 9. Prizes will be awarded for biggest and smallest fish caught.

For details call 0444-71-6058 or e-mail amanda.grigsby@eur.army.mil.

Club V entertainment

Club Veneto is teaming up with Army FMWR to bring you Vicenza Bunco Night June 14.

For details, call 634-7685.

Education briefs

University of Maryland: Term registration ends Friday. Term

dates are June 9 to July 19. Contact UMUC 634-7055 or vice@ed.umuc.edu.

Central Texas College: Term 5 registration ends Friday. Term dates are June 9 to Aug. 1. Contact Central Texas College at 0444-716514 or vicenza@europe.ctcd.edu.

University of Phoenix: Continuous enrollment with classes starting every Tuesday.

Online programs offered throughout the year. Contact Univ. of Phoenix at 0444-305496 or Ana.Laforgia@phoenix.edu.

Hot water outage

Due to necessary upgrades of the Caserma Ederle boiler plant, a steam system outage is scheduled that affects all of Ederle. This will occur on Saturday, June 14 and is expected to take place from 8 a.m.-midnight. The main impact will be loss of hot water by mid-day. Residual hot water in the system will provide hot water for the morning hours.

Volunteer appreciation event

All registered volunteers are invited to a movie at the Ederle Theater June 6 at 3 p.m. Enjoy free popcorn, candy and a drink courtesy of Army Community Service.

The movie will be a G or PG rating.

Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Call Randie Gibson at 634-7500 for details and reservations.

June MOMS club

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

Preschool playgroup: June 4 and 11 at 11 a.m.

Park Day: June 6, 10 a.m. at Villaggio park

Book Club meets June 9 at 10 a.m.

Recipe Swap meets June 12 at 11 a.m.

Pool Day- June 20, Ederle Inn pool at 10 a.m.

Beach Day - June 23, Jesolo beach, meet at the Shoppette at 9 a.m. to carpool.

Park Day and MOMS Club monthly meeting- Villaggio park June 30 at 10 a.m.

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

Chapel activities

Vacation Bible school is June 23-27, 8:30-11:30 a.m. in the Caserma Ederle chapel. School. The school is open to children in pre-kindergarten through

completion of 5th grade.

MOKI (Mothers Out/Kids In): The post chapel and Malachi, the children's ministry of Cadence International are joining together to provide relief for Moms by offering MOKI for three weeks in July.

Trained children's workers will care for and enrich your children from infants through age 12 at the chapel.

MOKI dates and times are: June 30, July 7 and 14 from 2-5 p.m. and July 2, 3, 9, 10, 16 and 17 from 9 a.m.-noon.

For details on these or other chapel programs contact Anh Hoang at 634-7519 or 0444-71-7519

ACS events

Benvenuti to Vicenza: New to the Vicenza Community? Join ACS June 17 - 20 for four days of fun, culture and adventure.

Call ACS at 634-7500 for information and to make your reservation.

How to Ace the Interview: June 18, 10:30-11:30 a.m. at ACS, discover what you need to do to have a successful interview.

Call Employment Readiness for details and to register at 634-7500.

Art Center grand opening

The community is invited to the grand opening of the renovated Art Center, June 16, 4-6 p.m. in bldg 306, behind the Ederle Theater. *(Please note date change)*

Join us for studio tours and craft demonstrations highlighting the new equipment.

Regular hours of operation are Wednesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

For details call 634-7074.

ITR trips

June 16, Venice: Tour a

gondola workshop with a gondolier, and enjoy free time in Venice.

June 18, Bolca: Fossil Museum and cave. Browse the museum and get a guided tour of the caves.

The caves are not stroller friendly and be sure to wear sturdy shoes

June 21, Innsbruck: Guided tour of the city then free time to explore, dine and shop. (Adults only)

Call ITR at 634-7094 for details.

ODR events

Bungee jumping in Enego June 22. Sign up by June 18.

Open water scuba certification: June 25-29. The cost includes certification, course materials, scuba equipment and transportation.

Call ODR at 634-7453 for details on these and other events.

USO classes

Level one Italian class is set for July 8-Sept. 4, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:45-7:45 p.m. Cost is \$118 plus 11 euro for the book. Sign up at the USO.

For details contact Lauren Christen, USO information specialist, lauren.christen@us.army.mil at 634-7156 or 0444-71-7156 from off post.

Health Clinic notes

The USAHC-Vicenza will be closed June 13 and 19.

For urgent concerns when the clinic is closed, or for medical emergencies at any time, go directly to the San Bortolo Hospital emergency room.

Call the patient liaison at 0444-75-3300 or 0444-92-8166.

Patients requesting an ambulance should call 0444-71-7114 from off-post, or 114 from on post.



Players along with some family members enjoy a barbecue held near the Caserma Ederle tennis courts after the matchup held on post May 31 between the local Palladio Tennis Club and the USAG Vicenza Tennis Team. See story on page 8. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

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

Wednesday

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

Noon: LDS Study
5:15 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

Army birthday celebration

The Caserma Ederle community is invited to celebrate the Army's 233 birthday with a cake-cutting June 12 at 10 a.m. in the Ederle Theater.

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

Tennis pairs American, Italian players

Story and photos
by Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

The weather cooperated for a pleasant tennis matchup held on post Saturday.

About 110 participants from the local Palladio Tennis Club joined the American players in the event sponsored by the USAG Vicenza Tennis Team.

The male division included the following matches:

Mike Listopad (5) vs. Anello Bizzarri (8); Stack Wojciech (8) vs. Stefano Guerra (3); Jamie Houston (7) vs. Alessandro Zambon (8) (tie breaker 8-10); Mark Clauda (1) vs. Paolo Piras (8); Major Wright (1) vs. Bruno Portelli (8); Sam Giles (8) vs. Paolo Pavan (3).

The female division results were:

Gloria Arato (1) vs. Marianna Rasotto (8); Emine Houston (4) vs. Claudia Zaltron (8); Allissa Beyer (8) vs. Mariga Augusta (5).

Doubles match:

Mark Sullivan & David

Besuden (1) vs. Paolo Piras and Paolo Pavan (8);

Mike Listopad and Stack Wojciech (8) vs. Enrico Voltolina & Stefano Guerra (6).

"This is the first time I've participated in this event," said Alessandro Zambon, one of the Italian players from the Palladio Tennis Club.

"My game lasted one hour and a half. Usually, I play on the clay field, so it was really hard to catch all the good serves. I enjoyed the event and the hospitality as well. Soon, we will meet them at our facilities to return the nice visit," he said.

"Our two best players defeated Palladio's two best in the doubles," said Jamie Houston, a member of the Vicenza military community team. "It might make up some for our overall five wins versus seven losses totals."

For information on how to participate in the tennis team or for upcoming events and for the European Championships that will take place in Heidelberg July 18-20 call the USAG Vicenza sports office at 634-7009.



(Top right) Mariga Augusta from the Palladio Tennis Club serves in the match she played vs. Allissa Beyer. Augusta lost to Beyer 5-8. (Above left) Jamie Houston, a member of the USAG Vicenza tennis club returns a corner shot from Alessandro Zambon of the Palladio Tennis Club during one of the single matches. Zambon won the match 8-7 after one hour and a half and the tie breaker 10-8. (Above right) Major Wright cooks hamburgers after the matches. The players, along with some family members, enjoyed a barbecue held near the tennis courts.

Sports shorts

Tennis Tournament

USAG Vicenza Tennis Tournament is June 20-22. A participants meeting is June 20, 6 p.m. There are categories for beginners, intermediate and advanced players. Signup deadline is June 17. Call 634-7009 for more information.

Post pools open

The Combat Water Safety training pool on Villaggio is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, noon - 7 p.m.

Combat Water Safety Training is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays: 6-8:30 a.m.

Saturdays and Sundays: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Federal holidays: noon - 7 p.m.

Closed Wednesdays for maintenance.

Ederle Inn pool is open weekends, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., until June 13.

Starting June 14- Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturdays and Sundays: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Federal holidays: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Closed Tuesdays for maintenance.

Sports physicals dates

Sports, CY5, and School physicals are available for athletes and students on a walk-in basis at the Health Center from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. June 17-18.

Doors open at 7:45 to grab a number in the queue. Appointment numbers are limited to 75 per day.

Students 15 and younger must have a parent or legal guardian with a medical power of attorney with them in the clinic at the time of the visit. Students 16 and older may be seen for a physical unaccompanied.

Physicals for these days may be done for children ages 2 and up.

Children should be dressed in shorts and T-shirt for their exams.

The required school or sports exams are free. Parents of children who are not TRICARE-enrolled or military beneficiaries should obtain a memo from the school administration office certifying their requirement of a physical for school or sports participation.

Vicenza takes silver in Europe 10-Miler

By Maj. Ryan Dillon
SETAF Public Affairs

Out of a field of more than 300, set in expansive and ever-growing Grafenwoher, nine runners from Vicenza toed the line in the United States Army Europe 10 Miler Competition.

After two straight years of gold, however, the Vicenza 10-miler team missed a step and succumbed to the 20-plus member Stuttgart team.

"I am very satisfied with the results of our team," said Huseyin Kara, coach of the Vicenza team. "I think they all put in their utmost efforts and ran the best they could."

Kara and teammate Sky Clarke were top finishers overall. Kara placed fourth overall and took first place in the men's 45-54 category. Clarke placed second overall for

women and first in the women's 18-24 category.

Runners competed for slots on the USAREUR team to race in Washington D.C. in October.

"Although none of our team members made the team for the Army Ten Miler, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Abel Chavez qualified as a stand-by sub and three of our team members would have made the team had they been active duty Army," said Kara. "Miss Sky Clarke (2nd finisher overall women) and Melany Molina (4th finisher overall women) did not make the team because they were civilians."

The Vicenza team consists of Abel Chavez, Sky Clarke, Ryan Dillon, Dave Hallem, Huseyin Kara, Andrew Lotze, Charokee Molina, Melany Molina and Chris Love.



Capt. Andrew Lotze, SETAF operations, crosses the finish line at the United States Army Europe Ten Mile Competition in Grafenwoher, Germany. The nine-member Vicenza team took silver overall in the competition. (Photo courtesy of Tess Peterson, Bavaria America)