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Mechanics battle Taliban, snow, terrain to keep vehicles working

Story and photos by
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173rd ABCT Public Affairs

NURISTAN PROVINCE, Afghanistan – Mechanics from Bravo Troop, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment (Airborne), complete numerous odd jobs beside their average nuts and bolts mechanic work in Nuristan Province, Afghanistan.

The mechanics are stationed at Forward Operating Base Keating located in a valley between a junction of two snow-melt fed rivers in the Hindu Kush Mountain Range.

Vehicle rollovers, flash floods, road wash outs, rock and snow avalanches are just a few of the hazards that make maintaining vehicles a challenge.

During the winter months, both the Taliban and Coalition forces are forced to stay near their home bases, or face battling the elements.

“One of the things about the snow, when it fell, it made things very difficult around here,” said



(Above) Paratroopers of Bravo Troop, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment (Airborne), recover a vehicle out of a river during the summer near Forward Operating Base Keating in Nuristan Province, Afghanistan. The road gave way during a patrol causing the vehicle to roll over. (Photo provided by unit)



(Above) Spec. Nathan Bolt-Ray, Bravo Troop, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment (Airborne), turns a wrench while fixing a radiator on Forward Operating Base Keating in Nuristan Province.

Spec. Larry Gonzales, a 33-year-old construction and vehicle repair mechanic.

During the winter more than four feet of snow fell in the valley. Combat Outpost Warheit, which overlooks FOB Keating, recorded over eight feet of snow. This made movement extremely difficult.

“Mobility-wise, air-wise, water-wise- everything was freezing up,” explained Gonzales. “The fuel even started to gel.”

When the snow receded, Soldiers on FOB Keating were able to restart on projects, which previously were hindered by the snow.

Gonzales and Spec. Nathan Bolt-Ray, a mechanic in Bravo Troop, worked on a HUMVEE that was damaged during a previous fire fight Feb. 22.

“We replaced the radiator in the HUMVEE,” said Bolt-Ray.

“The radiator took shrapnel from

a RPG (rocket-propelled-grenade) during a fire fight,” he said.

Bravo Troop, according to Bolt-Ray, has only taken the troop’s HUMVEE’s out a handful of times. Most of Bravo troop’s patrols are by foot.

“As you can see by the bullet holes in a lot of these vehicles, they’ve taken quite the beating,” explained Bolt-Ray.

“The roads... I guess you can call them that, also take their turn beating on the vehicles.”

The two mechanics worked through the day, and by nightfall were able to fix the radiator.

Without additional vehicles to fix the two mechanics went back to their odd jobs around the forward operating base.

Just a few days later, the fork lift broke down on the landing zone during an air resupply mission. Grabbing their tool bags the two mechanics went back to work.

Bayonet doctors save Afghan boy's life

Story by 2nd Lt. Monika Comeaux,
173rd Brigade Support Battalion

NANGARHAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan - At the Craig Theatre Hospital they call him “Zak.” He could be little Mohammad, any other child, but he is definitely one of the lucky ones who survived a life-threatening accident, thanks to the efforts of Task Force Bayonet medical personnel.

Zak was hit by a car in Kunar Province and was brought to one of the Coalition Forces bases, said Capt. Jess M. Christensen, medical services officer with the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team at Forward Operating Base Fenty. Christensen was responsible for coordinating MEDEVAC aircraft to

transport Zak from the point of injury to all of the facilities where he received treatment.

Zak had injuries to his head and legs, said Christensen. Zak was in critical condition and was administered CPR enroute on the MEDEVAC aircraft.

At first he was brought to FOB Fenty near Jalalabad, where he was stabilized by Company C, 173rd Brigade Support Battalion and the 555th Forward Surgical Team.

He then was evacuated to Bagram Airfield’s Craig Theater Hospital for a computerized tomography (CT) scan and continued care, Christensen said.

Sgt. 1st Class Timothy C. Crutchfield, medical operations liaison of the 173rd ABCT at Bagram

provided updates. Valentine’s Day wasn’t a happy day for Zak, at the time it didn’t look like he was going to make it.

By March 5, Christensen received a better report. “Zak was vocal and responsive. He was able to be wheeled outside and will possibly be discharged soon,” she said.

Zak’s uncle met up with him at Jalalabad Airfield within a day of his accident and accompanied him to Bagram. He expressed his gratitude for the assistance and care Zak received from the hospital.

Zak is still wheelchair bound with casts on both of his legs, but has a hopeful smile on his face.

For now all he wants is to go



(Above) Zak holds his new best friend in his wheelchair on March 6 at the Craig Theatre Hospital at Bagram Airfield. (Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Timothy C. Crutchfield)

home and be reunited with his mom. Thanks to the efforts of the medical personnel of Task Force Bayonet, that will happen very soon.

Vicenza schools Registration for school year 2008 – 2009

All students must register –
including all those currently registered.

School registration is mandatory every school year.

Registration for students will be held in the Vicenza School
Gymnasiums on the following dates:

Elementary School	High School
April 17-18	April 18

8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 – 3 p.m.

Portfolio Conferences – no school for students

Report Card Conferences – no school for students

Requirements for Returning Students - sponsor must:

- *Sign a new registration form
- *Review & update, if necessary, any other form required.
- *Provide a copy of DEROS extension if tour has been

extended.

*Bring updated immunization records to ensure all required immunizations are up-to-date.

Requirements for new students:

- *Copy of sponsors original orders listing dependents
- *Child's Social Security number / ID Card for MS/HS students
- *Previous school records
- *Immunization records
- *Birth certificate and passport (Kindergarten and first grade students only)
- *Kindergarten students must be five years of age prior to Oct. 31, 2008.
- *First grade students must be six years of age prior to Oct. 31, 2008

Important: All documents must be on file in order for the child to attend school.

Staffing for the next school year is based on the number of students registered. Please register on the above dates to ensure adequate staffing for next year.

If you have students currently registered for this school year but they are not returning for next school year, please ensure you have notified the appropriate office so that records can be prepared for you. A copy of your PCS orders will be required.

For further information, please call the appropriate offices:

Elementary School, Kindergarten – Grade 6, 634-7710
Middle/High School, Grades 7 – 12, 634-7656 / 7072
School bus office, School bus service, 634-8132 / 8366
School's liaison officer, Free and reduced lunches, 634-5998
From off-post replace the 634 with 0444-71.

Soldiers from 3-68 Transportation Platoon deploy to Iraq

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

The Soldiers of 68th Trans Co. were expressing their excitement for the upcoming deployment.

"I feel good, and I feel excited," said Pfc. John McCright, a transport vehicle operator. "I am confident



Pfc. Lee Silverman, a truck driver with 3d Platoon 68th Transportation Company, packs a ruck sack into the storage bin under the bus in preparation for a 15-month deployment to Iraq.

with our leadership."

"It's going to be an adventure," Pfc. Lee Silverman said. "I am looking forward to getting through it."

Platoon leader 1st Lt. Brian

Kinsella agreed with his Soldiers saying, "I'm motivated and have a great group of Soldiers and NCOs working for me. I am confident we will have a safe and speedy deployment."

Dealing with your car

Office of the Provost Marshall
Special to the Outlook

Looking to sell your car? Know that the only authorized place for you to sell your car on Caserma Ederle is the BOSS resale lot located adjacent to Building 49 in the south-east corner of Caserma Ederle.

You must telephone Vehicle Registration at Torri Di Quartesolo and pay \$5 to the BOSS account at the Global Credit Union prior to parking your car in the resale lot.

A vehicle cannot be parked anywhere else on Caserma Ederle with the for sale sign in the window.

Thinking about leaving your car on Caserma Ederle while you are TDY or on leave? You can come to the MP Station and get a parking permit. This will allow you to leave your car in the BOSS resale for as long as you are gone. You cannot, however, park your car on Caserma Ederle overnight unless you live

in the barracks or are staying at the Ederle Inn. If you do leave your car on Caserma Ederle overnight, you risk having your vehicle towed and impounded. You will also have points accessed against your driver's license.

Never allow a SETAF plated vehicle to be operated by an unlicensed driver. If you are not a SETAF driver's license holder, you are not allowed to operate a SETAF plated vehicle. If you allow a non-SETAF licensed person to operate an AFI plated vehicle, they stand to risk losing the vehicle. Should the host nation authorities stop an individual who doesn't have a SETAF license.

The police will at that time confiscate the vehicle and have it impounded. The owner as well as the driver will receive a fine of up to 800 euro plus the cost of the towing and storage, for violating the customs regulation pertaining to the tax-free status of AFI-plated vehicles.

The owner, after paying the fine, has the option of paying the adequate importation fees (30 percent of the current value of the vehicle). If they elect not to pay the importation tax, then the vehicle will be confiscated permanently. Additionally, they will be charged with allowing an unlicensed SETAF driver to operate their POV.

If you are having visitors from the United States, they may be allowed to operate your SETAF plated vehicle with permission from the Provost Marshall's office.

They must have a valid driver's license, passport, and International Drivers license, and do not plan to establish residence or seek employment in Italy.

This policy only applies to U.S. passport holders who are visiting for up to 90 days. All you need to do is come to the MP station, pick up a copy of the request form, fill it out, and submit it with the required copies.

Speak Out

"How does Daylight Savings Time affect you?"

By Laura Kreider



Pvt. Matt Hernandez
173rd ABCT

Daylight Savings Time helps because there is more light during the time people are up and outside.



Peggy Schadler
MWR Marketing

I know spring is on the way and soon every morning and evening there will be light.



Rachel Staley
Family member

It doesn't really affect my family because my children usually adjust easily.



Pvt. Kevin E. Pifer
173rd ABCT

I would say the greatest impact on me is that it affects my sleep by waking earlier.



Jennifer White
Child Development Center

It has an effect on having more light for class work in the evening.

Local Soldiers honored



Capt. Daniel P. Kearney, commander Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade combat Team. (Photo copyright, courtesy Tim Hetherington)

Kearney takes top Army award

Story Sgt. Aimee Millham
U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs Office

HEIDELBERG, Germany—Two U.S. Army Europe officers have been named as recipients of the Department of the Army-level 2007 General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award.

Capt. Daniel P. Kearney, commander of Bravo Company, 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry, and Capt. Daniel C. Enslin from the Operations Group, Joint Multinational Readiness Center, 7th Army Joint Multinational Training Command were among 28 winners selected Armywide.

The annual award was created by the

General Douglas MacArthur Foundation in 1987 to honor company-grade and junior warrant officers who embody MacArthur's ideals of duty, honor and country, and have exceptional records of performance, leadership and achievement.

The two captains had been named USAEUR-level MacArthur award winners in late February following their selection from a group of 11 nominees representing approximately 3,700 eligible officers in USAREUR.

A ceremony to present the awards is scheduled to take place in Washington, D.C. in May.

Former clinic commander receives award

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

Col. Bradley Harper, former commander of the U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza, now the chief of pathology at Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg, N.C., received an award March 13 for his efforts in the implementation of a combat lifesaver course for Italian soldiers.

Italian Col. Giacomo Mammana, director of the Italian Military Department of Legal Medicine, presented Harper with the award during a small ceremony held at the Department of Legal Medicine in Padova.

The award, a service ribbon is presented to those who serve in military medical capacity for peacekeeping operations.

When presenting the award, Mammana thanked Harper for his support and assistance in helping the Italian military to understand the value of the CLS course.

"I was very excited when I discovered this course," said Mammana. "Personally I think the Italian army may possibly introduce this technique to all the combat units in the future."

Harper agreed with Mammana's assessment of the course.

"Medical knowledge is not something that should just be kept to the medical community," said Harper.

"Appropriate, prompt first aid is better for a Soldier's long-term outcome than the best surgeon 30 miles down the road.

"The person who touches the wounded Soldier first probably has the single greatest impact on their ultimate survival and outcome," he said.

Upon accepting the award, Harper expressed his thanks to the many people who helped with the implementation of the program.

"I accept this award for myself," said Harper, "but with great humility. I acknowledge that many hands helped place it upon my chest."

Of the hands that played an integral part of this program were Col. Salvatore Bordonaro, Mammana, Max Scudeler and Roy Visona.

Visona and Scudeler, both Italians who work at the clinic, were the instructors for the course, said Harper. Bordonaro, Caserma Ederle base commander, and Mammana both saw the long-term benefits of CLS training for the Italian military.

"Without their foot in the door, pushing it open for this collaborative training to happen, we would have trained a few soldiers, they would have deployed and that would have been in," said Harper.

"Already we know of at least two people who are walking and talking today as a direct result of this course," he said.



Col. Bradley Harper, former commander of the U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza, receives an award from Italian Col. Giacomo Mammana, for his efforts in the implementation of a combat lifesaver course for Italian soldiers.

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At your service

Chris Sheets, USAG Vicenza Safety manager, is no stranger to the Vicenza community. Sheets originally came to the area in May 1988 as a Soldier with the 3rd Battalion, 325th Infantry Regiment (Airborne). Upon retiring from the military, he began working for the Training Support Center before moving on to the garrison safety office.

"The safety office is responsible for a myriad of issues," said Sheets from his second floor office in Bldg. 3. "We help commanders with risk assessments, perform facility inspections, hold summer, winter safety stand downs and safety days and work on occupational health issues."

Sheets may be reached Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. at 634-7045.



Chris Sheets, USAG Vicenza Safety manager

Community events

Living successfully

Home front spouse fills void with work, study, volunteering

Story by Jon Fleshman
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

True to her belief that “life doesn’t happen to you, you happen to life,” Jordan Talbot didn’t put her two lives on hold when her husband deployed to Afghanistan in April 2007.

“I’ve had two distinct lives, a student life and a snowboard life,” explained the 25-year-old native of Smithtown, N.Y., who is a full-time recreation programmer for the Bamberg, Germany, military community and is working on her doctorate in public administration.

Jordan said her sporting life has included almost seven years as a competitive snowboarder and coaching national snowboarding champions, at a world cup and at the professional level. Her academic life includes a bachelor’s in natural resource management from Cornell University and a master’s in public policy from the University of Albany.

Her husband is Capt. Nicholas Talbot, commander of Charlie Troop, 1-91st Cavalry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team. Jordan met Nicholas in a public speaking class when she was an undergraduate. While they were still just friends, then 2nd Lt. Jordan deployed to Iraq for 16 months and Jordan “promised to be the best pen pal he’d ever had.”

A couple of years later “pal” got upgraded to “partner” in a



(Above) Jordan Talbot's self portrait at Sport Gastein, her favorite snowboarding area in the Austrian Alps, during a President's Day weekend trip.

West Point wedding and Jordan joined Nicholas in Germany where he was assigned to a 173rd ABCT unit.

Eight months later Nick deployed.

Even before her husband headed downrange, though, Jordan said she had volunteered at their military community’s outdoor recreation center. She is a firm believer that military spouses who want to work

should try volunteering.

“You have to put yourself out there,” Jordan said. “You have to be proactive. Things don’t come to you. Sometimes it’s just as easy as walking up to a person and asking someone a question.”

Or, in Jordan’s case, making a statement.

“She walked in and saw me in the back {of the building} cleaning and setting things up

and she said ‘I can help,’” recalled her supervisor and the center’s director, Paul Calain, about how Jordan became a member of his staff. “She’s phenomenal at keeping track of a program. She makes it happen and then she follows up. She does all those little things that make the difference in the quality of a program,” Calain said.

She was soon putting her

snowboarding skills to use as she moved from volunteer to flextime employee, to part-time and then full-time recreation programmer. In addition to organizing leisure and cultural trips, Jordan said, during the winter months she works six days a week running the ski and snowboard rental shop and teaching snowboarding on the Austrian slopes. This month Jordan passed her exam for level two snowboard instructor certification after a three-day course at Garmisch in the Bavarian Alps.

When not teaching on the slopes or tackling her doctoral studies, Jordan has traveled to such places as Majorca, Paris and Venice, and still she finds time to volunteer her opinions about hemlines and haberdashery.

“Jordan has taken the mantle as costume designer for several productions, which is an intensive job coordinating, designing, choosing and altering or fabricating costume elements for shows with 50 or more costumes,” said Jack Austin, entertainment director for the Stable Theater in the Bamberg military community. “She has also helped with set painting and decoration, most famously the munchkin houses and the Emerald City for the *Wizard of Oz* this past fall.”

For the costume design she did for *Little Women* Jordan won a Topper Award in the Installation Management Command Europe Tournament of Plays. Austin said Jordan’s costumes competed with entries from 17 community theaters in military installations throughout Europe.

“She also has an uncanny knack of recruiting other people to help,” continued Austin, “including saving us by finding a replacement for the male lead after the original actor was sent downrange for a duty assignment nine days before the show opened.”

So it’s little wonder Jordan “I-like-to-be-doing-not-watching” Talbot claims: “I purposely don’t have a TV service at the house because I don’t like to sit around.”

Her good friend Jenny Reed is also the spouse of a deployed Soldier in the 173rd ABCT and she admires Jordan for her coping skills.

“She’s doing everything right,” Reed said. “She has a full-time job, she volunteers, she has friends over for dinner and she listens to us when we have problems.”



(Above) Talbot maintains equipment at the Bamberg military community outdoor recreation ski and snowboard rental shop. (Photo by James Fredrick, USAG Bamberg Public Affairs)

Livorno Unit School students help Ugandan orphans

Story and photo by
Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

In Uganda, a country whose borders are subject to fighting among hostile ethnic groups, rebel militias and armed gangs, more than 2,000,000 children are orphans, according to Ben Shumaker, founder of the *Book of Hope* program. Art students and the National Junior Honor Society at Livorno Unit School decided they wanted to help these orphans through a program called *Books of Hope*.

Suzanne Sperl, the art teacher, said the students draw and write books that are then sent through a non-profit organization called *Books of Hope* that delivers the books to the Uganda orphans.

"The students are making number books, letter books and visual dictionaries based on the Illuminated manuscript style during the Renaissance," said Sperl. "That is fitting because we are next to Florence, the birthplace of the

Renaissance and these students are imaginative and are taking the task of making 'teaching' books seriously."

As the fourth grade class was sketching out their first page, one student told her fellow classmate "it would be good if we could give them all of our crayons."

"We can always go to the store and buy crayons; but the orphans have nothing in their lives, not even families," the girl said.

A young boy offered to send his old video games until Sperl reminded them that the orphans probably didn't have electricity or money for batteries.

Besides the art students, the National Junior Honor Society, Shaina Tyner and Nicky Lucas, decided they wanted to help with *Books of Hope*. Because they are in eighth grade and don't get to take art, they decided to hold a book drive.

"With all the civil unrest and turmoil, books can help the children keep their minds off the effects of war," said Tyner.



(Above) Suzanne Sperl, Livorno Unit School art teacher, helps a fourth-grade student work on her *Books of Hope* art work. The art students are making books for Ugandan orphans.

Lucas added, "donating books appropriate for children ages six through 15 that have educational value helps educate kids who are less fortunate than us."

Books can be dropped off through May 16 in boxes at Headquarters front building, the post exchange and at Youth Services.

Their goal is to send 500 books to the Ugandan orphans from the art students by the end of May.

A thermometer tracking the book drive's success can be found on www.usag.livorno.army.mil. Community members can help offset the cost of shipping by donating stamps or money to the school counselor, Dale Thompson.

Saving the planet one tree at a time



(Above) Trevor Carson (left) and Fabrizio Guazzini, National Park ranger, prepare a new home for a young pine tree. The sapling will then be surrounded by a small fence so that it does not become food to the deer that roam the natural park.

Story and photos by
Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Camp Darby, located in the San Rossore Natural Park, has a special type of pine tree that often resembles a 150-foot-tall broccoli stalk. Visitors and community members like Eileen Laverenz often marvel at how unique these trees are.

"I jog by these trees all the time and it's amazing how powerful and big these trees are," said Laverenz. "When I saw a huge section being cut down by the camp grounds, I was really sad and wondered what was happening."

The Italian National Park rangers, who constantly monitor and evaluate the fauna and flora for

insect manifestation, safety and health problems, had released a report "Plan for the cutting and replanting of tree park within Camp Darby" that called for cutting down the trees that were 80-100 years old and at the end of their productive cycle. The report added that the old trees stability were very poor and could be a potential hazard.

Alessandro Caldari, U.S. Army Garrison Livorno buildings and structures branch chief, said the Natural Park Authority plan called for replacing each old tree with two saplings.

"Approximately 2,500 trees will be cut over the course of 10 years," said Caldari. "Once cut, a contractor will deliver them to storage."

In a collaborative effort, USAG

Livorno, the Italian National Park rangers, the Italian Base commander's office and fifth and sixth grade students from Livorno Unit School partnered up to help plant some of the replacement trees.

USAG Livorno commander, Lt. Col. Steven Cade, an engineer with an extensive environmental background, met with the students to emphasize the importance of being good stewards of the environment.

"We have a responsibility to take care of valuable resources like the natural park and the animals within," said Cade. "These pines that are being planted will be here long after we are gone."

Fabrizio Guazzini, National Park ranger, expounded on that idea and told the students, "the Sea Pines

could not grow in the woods alone."

"Man must trim these trees and ensure they have lots of light and the ground is dry," said Guazzini. "In return, these trees clean our air and produce pine nuts."

The LUS students planted more than 20 trees and were glad to have a science class held outside their classroom.

"This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience for me and it's humbling to think something so small today will be so large in the future," said Erin Laverenz, who wants to become an astronaut. "I want to come back 50 years from now with my grandchildren and show them my tree... I named her Naomi."

Laverenz's mother, said she was glad her daughter was able to help re-plant the majestic pines they both love.

The park rangers said they were pleased the students were able to learn first hand about the importance of protecting the environment.



(Above) Students tagged the new trees they planted with their name. The trees development is followed closely as the pines in the Tuscan region being ravaged by the *Matuscoccus feytau* virus.

Darby dates

Florence day trip

Apr. 11, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Transportation is \$45 for adults, \$39 for children (ages 3-10)

Spend a day in Florence at your leisure. Visit the Accademia Gallery, the Uffizi Gallery, visit many notable landmarks or just shop and enjoy a latte in the square.

Cavillino Matto Amusement Park

Apr. 12, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Transportation is \$20 for adults, \$14 for children (ages 3-10)

Euro 18 entrance fee not included

The biggest amusement park in central Italy. Roller coasters, kiddie rides, spectacular live shows, this park has something for the whole family.

Hotel booking service

Our database currently holds more than 40,000 hotels in all price categories everywhere: Italy, Europe, the U.S.A. and Asia.

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Discover the wealth of history of Italian cities on board the "Hop On – Hop Off" buses. 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 more info or to make a reservation, contact ITR at 633-7589/8231 or 050 54 7589/8231

Auto Skills Center

The Camp Darby Auto Skills Center is now offering a new range of services to include oil changing and other automotive services. Contact the Auto Skills Center for more information. Civilian phone number: 050-54-7009 or 633-7009

Send a deployed Soldier a video message

While our Yellow Ribbon Room is in transition stop by and send a message using our computers which are equipped with web-cams, Viditalk and IM capabilities.

Call ACS for additional info: 633-7084 or 050 54 7084.

Guitars, fancy eggs, boats, cars, jammin with concerts

Guitar concert

Three guitarists Paolo Bonfanti from Genova, Chris Newman from London and Roberto Dalla Vecchia from Vicenza will perform in Vicenza's Teatro Astra April 4 at 9 p.m.

Tickets are available online at www.robortodalla_vecchia.com or Radio Varsavia music store, 5 Contra do Rode and cost 14 euro, cost at the box office on the evening of the concert is 16 euro.

Exhibitions

Vicenza: *Tempolibero* (free time) exhibition is at the fair grounds March 29-April 6.

You can find ideas for vacations from camping to apartments to cruises for all tastes and pockets.

Also find outdoor furnishings and accessories and fancy goods and gifts from the most fun to the most useful from the most valuable to the cheapest.

Open March 29-30: 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; March 31 through April 4: 3:30-10 p.m.; April 5-6: 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m. entrance fee 8 euro, free entrance Monday through Friday.

Egg exhibit

The Ceramic museum in the town of **Nove**, has an exhibition of decorated ceramic eggs.

The exhibit closes March 31, hours are Tuesdays-Saturdays, 9 a.m.-noon and Sundays 3:30 to 7 p.m., entrance is 3 euro.

Special car show

The beach town of Rimini holds the fifth edition of My Special Car show March 28-30.

See how to tune and race vehicles, car audio and video, car entertainment, accessories and components when this seaside city becomes the Italian capital of car customization.

Open everyday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

March 28 -30, entrance fee for adults 12 euro, children 7-13 years old 10 euro, children under 7 free.

Visit the Web site: www.my-specialcar.it for details.

International boat show

The 10th International Boat Show will be held in Jesolo March 29-31 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. each day

at the Jesolo Marina.

Admire or buy the best Italian-made ocean-going products.

In addition to mega yachts, there will be motor boats, rubber boats and sailboats on display.

This year the exhibitors will offer the possibility for visitors, at their request, to test the boats at the



(Above) Roberto Dalla Vecchia from Vicenza plays during a past *VicenzAcustica - Chitarre in Concerto*, a concert which takes place annually at *Teatro Astra*, in downtown Vicenza. Dalla Vecchia also offers guitar lessons on post through *Soldiers' Theatre*. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

exhibition on the water.

Entrance fee for adults is 10 euro, children under 14 years old enter free.

Bolzano's Ice Man

Otzi (the Ice man) was preserved in ice for 5,300 years. Now the remains of a stone-age man who lost his life unexpectedly in his everyday clothing and with all his equipment on his person is on exhibit in Bolzano's South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology.

The 'iceman,' Otzi, was named after the Oetzal valley where he was found in 1991, with his possessions found on and near him.

The museum is open from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., closed Mondays. Entrance fee: 8 euro.

Airport parking

The main airports most of us fly from include: Venice Treviso - www.trevisoairport.it; Venice Marco Polo - www.veniceairport.it; Verona Valerio Catullo Airport - www.aeroportideltarga.it; and Milan Bergamo (Orlino) - www.orioaeroporto.it.

The websites all list the parking rates and maps showing long-term parking. As in the states, there are often long-term parking lots located close to the airports.

Two long-term lots just a few minutes away from Venice Marco Polo airport are Brusutti and Marco Polo 2002. But be warned that with Marco Polo 2002, you should make a reservation in advance as it's a smaller lot than Brusutti's and fills up quickly. Both lots charge less than half what you would pay parking at the airport and have free shuttle service to the airport.

See Website for information

www.marcopolo2002.com.

Jammin' Festival 2008

The Jammin' festival this year will be held June 20-22 in the San Giuliano Park in Mestre. On June 20 see Iggy & the Stooges, Chris Cornell, and at 9:30 p.m. the Sex Pistols - Linkin Park; June 21 is the turn of No Conventional Sound, Matmata, Mab, and Marlene Kuntz at 9:30 p.m. Vasco Rossi; June 22 the Counting Crows perform.

Upcoming concerts

Kiss in Verona Arena May 13; Glenn Hughes in Bologna May 26 and May 27 in Milan; Bruce Springsteen in Milan June 25;

Iron Maiden in Bologna June 27; Celine Dion in Milan July 3; R.E.M. in Perugia July 20, in Verona July 21, in Naples July 23, in Udine July 24 and Milan July 26; Metallica in Bologna July 22.

Harlem Globetrotters in Italy

The Harlem Globetrotters will be touring Italy in May.

The group are very popular here the tickets are going to be hard to come by if not bought early.

Their schedule is:

May 5: Trieste
May 6: Verona
May 7: Cremona
May 8: Milan
May 9: Torino
May 10: Cantu'
May 11: Cagliari
May 12: Sassari.

Games begin at 9 p.m., tickets range from 25 to 35.50 euro depending where they play.

Tickets available online from the Web site www.ticketweb.it. It's in Italian only but easy to understand.

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

March 26	Horton Hears a Who (G)	6 p.m.
March 27	Sweeney Todd: Demon Barber of Fleet Street (R)	6 p.m.
March 28	Mad Money (PG13)	6 p.m.
	Shutter (PG13)	9 p.m.
March 29	27 Dresses (PG13)	3 p.m.
	Shutter (PG13)	6 p.m.
March 30	Mad Money (PG13)	3 p.m.
	The Bucket List (PG13)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

March 27	The Bucket List (PG13)	6 p.m.
March 28	Mad Money (PG13)	6 p.m.
March 29	27 Dresses (PG13)	6 p.m.
March 30	College Road Trip (G)	2 p.m.

Admission: Age 12 and over \$4, under age 12, \$2.
The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time.

Movie Synopsis

27 DRESSES - Katherine Heigl, James Marsden. Jane is idealistic, romantic and completely selfless - a perennial bridesmaid whose own happy ending is nowhere in sight. But when younger sister Tess captures the heart of Jane's boss - with whom she is secretly in love - Jane begins to reexamine her "always-a-bridesmaid..." lifestyle.

MAD MONEY - Queen Latifah, Diane Keaton, Katie Holmes. Three ordinary women form an unlikely friendship and decide to do something extraordinary - rob one of the most secure banks in the world. The three devise a plan to smuggle soon-to-be-destroyed currency out of the supposedly airtight Federal Reserve Bank. As the unlikely crime syndicate amasses piles of cash, it looks like they have pulled off the perfect crime - until a minor misstep alerts the authorities.

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Fun Run kicks off Sexual Assault Awareness Month

April is Sexual Assault Awareness month the Vicenza military community will sponsor a 5k Run April 3.

The event is open to the community and begins at 6:30 a.m. on Hoekstra Field.

SETAF commander Maj. Gen. Frank Helmick will read the Sexual Assault Awareness Proclamation letter and a Sexual Assault Awareness quilt, designed by post units, will be on display.

Refreshments will be provided.

Army Emergency Relief campaign events

You can support the Army Emergency Relief campaign and satisfy your sweet tooth at the same time April 4 at 11 a.m. when the Junior ROTC students hold a bake sale at the post exchange.

Portions of your donation will help support the AER fund.

Then, April 5, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. you can help support AER and get a clean vehicle in the bargain when the USO holds a car wash in front of their building, 9A on Olson Ave.

Red Cross events

Red Cross volunteer orientation is held the first Tuesday of every month.

March 29: Adult CPR and First Aid, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

March 30 is the deadline to apply for the Red Cross dental assistant apprenticeship program.

Turn in applications to the American Red Cross office located in Davis Soldier & Family Readiness Center, bldg 108, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Call 634-7089, or 0444-71-7089 from off post for details.

ACS survey

The Army Community Service Needs Assessment is being given to military families all over the world.

They need your input to help develop and improve programs that will make military life easier and more satisfying.

Surveys and boxes will be at various events and venues on the post including the PX every Friday 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Call ACS for information 634-7500.

Veterinarian clinic closure

The Veterinary clinic will be closed for inventory March 31, but open for appointments March 30.

The clinic will also be closed April 11 from 2-4 p.m.

Woodshop closes for renovation

The Woodshop will close for renovation April 1. All projects must be completed and removed from the shop before this closure.

For details, call Arts and Crafts office at 634-7074, 0444-71-7074 from off post.

Talent show date corrections

CYS is sponsoring a Youth and Teen talent show April 17 and 18. If you sing, dance, act, read poetry,

do magic or gymnastics, or if you and your pet have a special trick, sign up now at the Middle School program, Teen Center or CYS central registration.

The Youth show is for ages 6-12 and Teen show is for ages 13-18.

Deadline to sign-up is April 4. Call CYS at 634-7206 for details.

Robin Hood auditions

Missoula Children's Theatre, a professional children's theater group, works with children ages 6-17 to perform a full musical production.

Auditions are March 31, 3:30 p.m. at Soldiers' Theatre.

Rehearsals will be after school 3:30-7:30 p.m. Children must be free of other commitments during this time frame. For details call 634-7281.

Job opportunities

There is an immediate full-time opening at the TRICARE Service Center in the Vicenza Health Center for a TRICARE Medical Service coordinator.

For details regarding the position and qualifications, go to the Web site: www.saic.com.

The Distributed Learning System has a part-time on-call position for a digital training facility manager. This position guarantees 10 hours per week with the opportunity for advancement.

Applicant will receive company paid on-the-job training.

For details, call Lakesha Hawthorne at 634-7989 or 0444717989, from 7 a.m.-5 p.m.

The Military Child Education Coalition™ is seeking individuals to provide professional workshops through the Parent to Parent™ program. These are contracted part time positions.

Details and application can be found on the MCEC™ Web site, www.militarychild.org/EmploymentParenttoParent.asp.

Deadline to apply is March 29.

Youth services spring break

Spend spring break in Garmisch and Heidelberg socializing with other teens April 7-10.

Join in Heidelberg's version of the "Amazing Race" and have time for shopping.

For details call 634-7659. Sign up deadline is April 3.

Run, jump, swing with CYS sports and fitness

CYS Sports and Fitness is offering track and field April 14-May 22. Practice is held Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Tennis runs April 15-May 20. Practice is Tuesdays 6-7 p.m.

Enrollment runs through April 10 at Central Registration for ages 6-12.

Call 634-7219 for information.

Couples' Challenge IV

Back by popular demand, Family Advocacy Program brings you "Couples Challenge IV" March 27, 5:15-7 p.m.

Couples' Challenge is based on the board game "Cranium" and is free, but prior registration is mandatory. Call 634-7500 or 0444-

71-7500 for details.

Lifeguard certification

Sports and Fitness offers lifeguard skills and certification classes April 7-11, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. Youth must be 16 or older.

Cost is \$140. Call 634-5181 to register before April 4.

Movie bash

Exceptional Family Member Program will host a movie for enrolled families at the Ederle Theater March 28 at 3:30 p.m.

Call 634-7500 to register.

ITR trips

April 1: *Adults only* visit to vineyards in the Prosecco Valley and enjoy a guided tour of the Villa Sandi plus wine tasting at the Bottego vineyard. Call 634-7094 for reservations.

April 5: Tour the city of Parma with ITR April 5. Visit this city in the Emilia-Romagna Region noted for its architecture and surrounding countryside and taste the Parmigiano-Reggiano cheeses famous in this region. Reserve by April 4.

April 4: Children and parents can experience medieval life for a day on the Italian countryside making bread, visiting the farm animals and hearing stories.

Families should bring their own picnic lunch.

Deadline to sign up is April 3.

April 6: ITR has 20 tickets available for the Classical Baroque concert at the famous La Scala opera house in Milan. The concert is for ages 12 and up. This is a dressy affair.

For details call ITR 634-7094.

Fitness center classes

The fitness center will launch the new session of the Les Mills classes:

April 14: Body Combat

April 15: Body Pump

April 16: Body Step

April 17: Body Balance

Participants can try one of the free sessions at 9:15 a.m., noon, 3:30 or 5:30 p.m.

All classes are held in the Body Shop fitness studios.

For details call the fitness center 634-5181.

FAP April events

April is Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month.

The Family Advocacy Program is sponsoring three events to increase community awareness.

April 2: Family breakfast bash at 7 a.m. in the school cafeteria.

April 10: Internet safety for parents from 10 a.m.-noon at DSFR.

April 16: Pooh Bear tea party with Freddy FAP at 3:30 p.m. in Davis Soldier & Family Readiness Center.

All programs require registration by calling 634-7500.

Unit drivers' training

USAG Vicenza Directorate of Logistics drivers' testing office offers bus driver training during the month of April.

Forklift training is also available on an appointment basis.

Unit master drivers can contact DOL drivers' testing, 634-6912/6913, for details about training materials/requirements and testing.

USO chili cook-off

Bring in your best chili recipe to our cook-off and win a basket of goodies provided by Capitol Motors.

Sign up starts April 1, at the USO. The cook-off will be held on April 19, at 1 p.m.

Infant massage

Learn the tricks to taming a fussy baby with an infant massage.

The class is taught in cooperation with EDIS and held from 10-11:30 a.m. in the New Parent Support program living room.

Call 634-7567 for details.

Wednesday night writers group

The first meeting of this group will be held April 2, 6-7 p.m. at the post library. All writers, published or not, are invited.

For details e-mail tamarapessah@hotmail.com.

Chart your course

April 2, Vicenza Parent 2 Parent invites middle and high school youth and their parents for a demonstration of Chart Your Course at 7 a.m. in the computer room next to the cafeteria. Participating parents will receive the kit for free.

For details contact Nancy November at vicenzaparent2parent@hotmail.com or 328-054-9709.

Know your VA benefits

Mary Marshall, Veterans Affairs representative, will give individual counseling sessions March 26, 8:30-noon. Appointments are necessary.

The next Army Career Alumni Program VA benefits classes will be April 9 and 10.

Call ACAP at 634-7188/7189 for details.

Quartermaster laundry closes to cash clientele

Effective Thursday, the quartermaster laundry will close to cash customers.

All personal laundry must be picked up by April 3 from the new location in bldg 304.

The laundry service for Unit and Organizational laundry authorized by AR 210-130 will continue to be processed through bldg 304.

Call Rodel Riel at 634-6893 for details.

Vicenza Community Club seeks board members

VCC board meets once a month to plan the next month's events and conduct club business.

Board elections will be held in April and interested community members should contact Lisa Meyers 0444-910-075 bkmeiers2@aol.com or Betsy Walters 329-784-4630, betsyjwalters@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. 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
9:30 a.m.: Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC)
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 Dr. Matt Ghiz at 349-500-7989.

Passover services
The Passover holiday starts the evening of April 19 and ends the night of April 27.
Passover seders will take place at the home the November's the first two nights. RSVP at november6@msm.com

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

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Run for your life, or just walk your cares away

5km Fun Run/Walk brings out entire families

Story and photos by
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With springtime just around the corner, several groups, including students, families with friends and their children took part in the Spring Fever 5km Fun Run/Walk, the monthly event that takes place on the North-40.

"This has been our most participated fun walk/run yet," commented Mike Garcia USAG Vicenza, chief, sports, fitness and aquatics, and run coordinator at the end of the event.

"We had many excited and satisfied participants. More than 135 people signed up, and 110 were the finishers," Garcia said.

"There's probably not a better way to start off a day or a weekend than coming out with your family and friends to one of our fun walk/runs," he said.

Amongst the newcomers, Kristina Ruiz brought her two children Kirsten and Xavier, ages six and three respectively.

"This is the first run I have done with my family, with both of my children," said Kristina Ruiz.

"It is wonderful getting involved with your family, set a good example and build life skills later for on in life. The whole family seemed to enjoy the event.

"The children loved getting up and working out today, especially my daughter felt very accomplished for running with her friends and my friends. They absolutely loved it," she added.

This will be a regular thing for us, because working out with your family is phenomenal and I love it," Ruiz said.

Another family who had the chance to run together for their second time enjoyed the event.



(Above) Individuals, groups, families and friends all came together for the monthly 5km Fun Run/Walk through Caserma Ederle. The events is held on Saturday mornings starting from the North-40 track.

"We did the one on Valentine's Day; we enjoyed it and decided to do it more often, also because the kids like it, said Michelle Stucky.

"We have a 14, seven and a two-year-old," she explained, arriving at the finishing line with her seven-year-old son Nate.

For their younger child, they have a big running stroller. "My

husband usually pushes it and that helps a lot," Stucky continued.

Nate thought that the run was similar to the last time he participated. This time, though, the shirt was different.

"I liked the shirt at the end of the run," he said.

The next fun walk/run will take place on April 12.

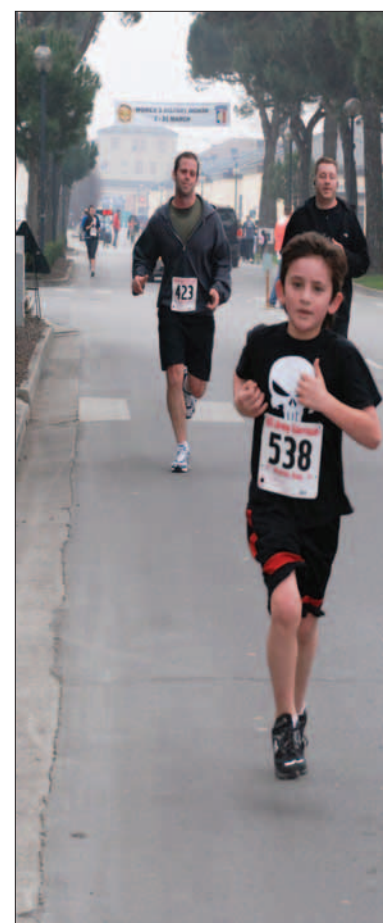
The start time will be at 10 a.m. versus the normal starting time of 11 a.m.

"The start time change is because the days becoming longer and warmer. An 11 a.m. start time in April would be too late in the day," explained Garcia.

For further information call 634-7009.



(Top, right) Several groups, including students, families with friends and their children in strollers took part in the Spring Fever 5 km. Fun Run/Walk. (Above, left) Participants in the Spring Fever 5 km Fun Run/Walk warm up prior to the start of the monthly event that took place on the North-40. (Right) Fourth-grader Sam Ostlund runs on Olson Avenue. He completed the run in 23:29.6 and ended up being the 14th on the overall finish list.



Sports Shorts

Sunday Volksmarches

Every Sunday Outdoor Recreation takes you to local Volksmarches for just \$3. The bus leaves and 7:30 a.m. and returns at 1 p.m. If you need a jogging stroller or a baby backpack, both are available for check out. Sign up deadline is the Wednesday prior. Call 634-7453.

Fun Run/Walk

The "April Showers" Fun Walk/Run will be held April 12 at the North 40 track.

Sign up by April 8.

Pre-brief is 9:45 a.m. and the race begins at 10 a.m.

Racquetball tourney for all levels

A racquetball tournament is set for April 18 and 19 for beginners, intermediate and advanced players.

A mandatory coaches meeting is April 18, 6 p.m.

Softball officials clinic

Softball officials clinic is April 14-18. This course offers certification for the following positions: official, scorer or time keeper. All coaches should also attend.

Adult frisbee football league

Frisbee football league for adults begins April 16.

There is a mandatory coaches meeting April 10, at 3 p.m. or 6 p.m.

Call 634-7009 for information on any of these programs.

CYS track and field

CYS Sports and Fitness is offering track and field training April 14-May 22 for ages 6-12. Youth must be a member of CYS and have a current health assessment to participate.

Practice is held Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Get ready for the big meet May 17.

Call 634-6151 for information.

CYS tennis

Tennis season begins April 15 and runs to May 20. Practice will be on Tuesdays 6-7 p.m.

Enrollment runs through April 10 at Central Registration for ages 8-12. Youth must be a member of CYS and have a current health assessment to participate.

Call 634-6151 for information.

Lifeguard certification

Sports and Fitness will offer lifeguard skills and certification classes April 7-11, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. each day.

Class is open to ages 16 and older. Call 634-5181 to register before April 4. Cost is \$140.