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SETAF technology, experience help allies prepare for deployment

Story and photos

By Sgt. Kathryn Jorgenson
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Italian officers and noncommissioned officers from the 132 Tank Regiment, Pordenone, Italy, came to Caserma Ederle to take advantage of the technology available with the Engagement Skills Trainer and Military Operations Urban Terrain facility April 23-24.

The group of 22 Soldiers are learning new skills needed for combat so they can go back to their units and train their Soldiers, who are scheduled to deploy to Afghanistan.

"The brigade Soldiers supported the training with their experience and lessons learned in Iraq and Afghanistan," said Italian Command Sgt. Maj. Gennaro Noviello, SETAF G3 NATO, who taught the MOUT portion of the training. Noviello has trained with Americans for more than two years and completed the Expert Infantryman's Course as well as EST and MOUT training.

"We train 350-400 Soldiers a month here, approximately 100 are allied forces," said Paul McKenzie, training support technician who operates and maintains the EST facility.

By using the videotapes of the training at the facility, leadership can easily go back and evaluate Soldiers performance and train using the skills they have been taught.

The EST uses digital and video technology to afford Soldiers a realistic training experience. There are more than 30



Italian soldiers fire rounds on the Engagement Skills Trainer at Caserma Ederle April 24. The Soldiers are members of the 132 Tank Regiment from Pordenone, who are fine-tuning their battle skills before deployment to Afghanistan later this year.

different scenarios that can be used for training – from riot control and clearing houses, to simple ranges used to help with basic marksmanship.

During the training, the Italian leaders walked through scenarios they may encounter in Afghanistan when they deploy in December.

"This training combines safety and

training together," said Italian Capt. Davide Maghini, SETAF plans and exercise chief. "Training this way also saves money without having to go to a live range with a limited amount of ammunition, we can have unlimited firing with the EST."

With the focus of joint operations in Afghanistan, the training with the Americans helps Italian and allied forces learn the skills

needed to operate in a joint environment.

The Italian Soldiers are thankful for the training opportunities available here at Caserma Ederle.

"This training is always interesting because we get to train with the Americans," said Noviello. "This is always a great experience for us, and we thank the Americans for their continued support."

1-91st CAV farewells Germany, ready for Afghanistan

Story and photo by Kimberly Gearhart
USAG Schweinfurt Public Affairs

Paratroopers from 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry (Airborne), 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, bid farewell to their European home and looked ahead to their upcoming mission in Afghanistan, during a ceremony April 24 on Conn Barracks in Schweinfurt.

"On September 11, 2001, on a bright sunny day much like this one, a new darkness threatened humanity," said Lt. Col. Christopher Kolenda, squadron commander.

That darkness took the form of terrorism, and those terrorists, he explained, trained in

The squadron cased its colors in front of friends and family, and will unfurl them again in Afghanistan. Their mission is to support and defend the people of Afghanistan and keep terrorists from re-establishing a foothold there.

"If the forces of darkness are allowed to regain sanctuary in Afghanistan and resume global operations, they will certainly follow us home," Kolenda said.

For the paratroopers on the field, protecting freedom in Afghanistan is one way to guarantee freedom at home for the Families left behind – Families Kolenda praised as "indispensable" to the success of any military mission. In order to ensure the security and

well-being of the families back home, the CAV rear detachment, Eagle Troop, was activated.

Led by Capt. John Opladen, Eagle Troop will make sure that paratroopers on the ground can be battle-focused and mission ready, knowing their loved ones are cared for and home-front operations are executed professionally.

As the CAV troopers make their move into their new field of battle, Kolenda and his squadron plan to allow the Afghan people to rest easier.

"They will know that fear fades when we are nearby...the enemy, not the civilian, will know fear... We will not only defeat the enemy. We will make him irrelevant," he said.

Passport applications taking longer to process

From the U.S. Department of State Web site: travel.state.gov:

It is currently taking up to 10 weeks to process passports. If you are not traveling within the next 10 days, check the status of your application online at https://passportstatus.state.gov/opss/OPSS_Status_i.asp, however, it takes about three weeks for the system to start tracking your application.

If you are traveling within the next 10 days, e-mail the National Passport Information Center at http://travel.state.gov/passport/about/npic/npic_896.html

As we are experiencing a high volume of e-mails, it may take two-four days for a response.



Lt. Col. Christopher Kolenda and Command Sgt. Maj. Victor Pedraza case the 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry (Airborne) colors in preparation for deployment to Afghanistan, where they will again be unfurled.

Free concert May 6

The City of Vicenza and SETAF invite the public to a free concert Sunday, 9 p.m.-11 p.m. May 6 in Piazzale della Vittoria, Monte Berico, across from the church.

Parking will be limited and shuttle buses depart Caserma Ederle at 7:30 p.m. and 8:15 p.m. from the commissary parking lot. Return buses depart Monte Berico at 11:30 p.m.

The USAFE Concert Band and Check Six Jazz Ensemble will play a variety of classical and popular music that includes pieces by Giuseppe Verdi and Leonard Bernstein and a song made famous by Nat King Cole.

Bring the family and enjoy a free concert under the stars.

Despite renovations, show goes on at AFN

Story and photos by Diana Bahr
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

Those of us not in the television or radio business take for granted that by merely pressing a button, we can watch television or listen to the radio.

But take a tour of AFN South facilities and you might wonder how they manage to bring the community those 'seven minutes of information that matters to you' Monday-Friday, with a facility that has been under renovation for more than 16 months.

"We began renovations in January 2006," said Lt. Col. Donald Ross, AFN South commander. "The renovation will provide AFNS with a more efficient facility that will better handle the significant growth that has occurred within the organization over the past three years and facilitate possible future expansion as AFN becomes apart of the Defense Media Activity in October."

With a cost of \$1.65 million, the work brings the facility into compliance with Italian

building codes, which are enforced at the national and local levels, according to Ross.

"This building dates back to the 30's and as you peel away the skin of the structure it is amazing to see how it was constructed. Most of the walls are just rocks and boulders with nothing but mortar holding it together," said Ross. "During the renovation the building's original marble floors were discovered underneath several layers of tile and concrete. We found that the floors can be economically refurbished in many areas of the building to look as good as they did 80 years ago; and this will help cut down on renovation costs while simultaneously preserving some of the building's original Italian design."

The biggest challenge for AFN staff has been maintaining the AFN South network-wide radio and television broadcast missions while making the renovation project transparent to the audience, said Ross.

But getting to that point is the challenge faced by the servicemembers who bring us

our daily dose of military and community news, as evidenced by the camouflage van parked in the back lot of the facility and not having running water in the building.

Inside the broadcast van, Spc. Nicholas Anderson reads from his script and punches buttons to bring us the morning show.

"I have been doing the morning broadcast from the van for several months," said Anderson as he kept an eye on the monitor, watching for the end of the advertisement. "I also produce around four spots a week and do music scheduling."

"In all honesty, it's really not that different from doing a show in the studio, from my standpoint," he said. "I know countless man hours went into making sure the truck was operational long before I ever stepped foot inside the truck. The engineers who did all of that work deserve a lot of credit."

Working from the broadcast van has advantages and disadvantages - the advantage is the ability to be able to broadcast from essentially anywhere. The disadvantage is trying to do guest interviews, there simply isn't enough room, according to Anderson, so they now have guests call in and go on the air.

When the dust finally settles the new facility will empower AFNS to have the unprecedented ability to place theater-level command information spots and features over other AFNS channels like Xtra, Family

Movie, News and Freedom, according to Ross.

The eventual goal is to custom satellite radio and TV channels for U.S. military installations in Rota, Spain; Souda Bay, Greece; Incirlik, Turkey and Lajes Field, Portugal like the viewers in Italy, Iraq and Afghanistan receive currently, said Ross.



Contractors work on renovations to AFN South facilities. With a cost of \$1.65 million, the work brings the facility into compliance with Italian building codes, which are enforced at the national and local levels, according to Lt. Col. Donald Ross, AFNS commander.



Spc. Nicholas Anderson monitors the morning show while in the broadcast van parked in the AFN back lot. Anderson and other members of AFN South have been working without proper studios since the offices began renovation in January 2006.

Course teaches senior leaders Soldier skills

Story and photos by Sgt. Justin Nieto
SETAF Public Affairs

Active duty service members and senior civilians from all over DoD came to Caserma Ederle as one of the final "deployments" in the Executive Leadership Development Program April 19-20.

The 46 students, along with five instructors, came to train with 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team Soldiers for the Army phase of the program, which has the students train with various branches of the military.

"It is a group of senior-level employees and select military personnel who show potential for leadership," said Capt. Andrew Lotze, SETAF Operations. "The program is designed to expose the students to strategic issues DoD faces and gives them the opportunity to interact with Soldiers, experiencing the training Soldiers receive."



Laura Morandi (right), civilian personnel advisor for Headquarters, United States European Command, leads her team in a room-clearing drill near the MOUT training site on Caserma Ederle. Morandi and her fellow students are participating in the 10-month Executive Leader Development Program aimed to train future senior civilian and military leaders.

The students were given a crash course on SETAF's mission and the kind of training conducted here.

"They trained on the 34-foot tower, the Engagement Skills Trainer, the Battle Command training center and the Military Operations in Urban Terrain training facility," continued Lotze.

Lotze stated the course is an important one, especially as some civilians work alongside servicemembers but don't completely understand the military mission.

"It is important to show DoD civilians some of the training received by our Soldiers," said Lotze. "By giving them the opportunity to see what effect their decisions behind the desk have on 19-year-olds who execute the missions, we can assure that future requirements will be more realistic, decisions will be based on more facts, and the class will incorporate consideration of the Soldiers in the field."

The students themselves had nothing but rave reviews for the course and the experience garnered from it.

"The course has just been wonderful," said Laura Morandi, civilian personnel advisor for Headquarters, United States European Command. "Since the 10-month course began, I have learned a lot more about DoD."

Morandi said the course can be very difficult sometimes because the students have to balance the workload from their home stations in addition to navigating the unique challenges from the program.

"It's been quite a challenge, but this teaches you to be a better leader," said Morandi.

Even for the students who see active duty every day, the program can teach them new aspects of military life.

"How often does a communications officer get to clear a room with the Army?" said Air Force Maj. Bill Apodaca, an AWACS (Airborne Warning and Control System) mission crew commander stationed at Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma.

"I would say this course is especially important for the civilians as this will show them what we do on a day-to-day basis," said Apodaca. "These are the guys who will be making the decisions affecting you at your level, so it is important they know what life is like there."

Graduate school offered to select junior officers

SETAF G-1

Special to the Outlook

The Expanded Graduate School Program offers graduate school opportunities to outstanding junior officers to enhance development of the broader intellectual capital required in a joint and expeditionary Army.

This opportunity provides officers the ability to earn a high-quality graduate degree and return to the field for a follow-on key developmental assignment. This program has two reinforcing objectives: development of critical skills and long term retention of quality junior officers.

Officers are authorized to attend an accredited U.S. graduate school and are required to study in an approved discipline that enhances the competencies required in an expeditionary Army - emphasizing cultural awareness, regional knowledge, foreign language, governance, diplomacy, national security or social sciences that reinforce operational skills.

A complete listing of approved disciplines is available on the ACS web page at: <https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/protecti/active/opfamacs/acs00.htm>.

For details about eligibility considerations and application information, call Katrina G. Reyter, SETAF G1 section, at 634-7454.

The next CAC/Information Exchange is May 23, 10 a.m. in Club Veneto. Come and hear what's happening on Caserma Ederle from those who make it happen.

Volunteers receive additional training to help build strong families

Army Family Team Building
Special to the Outlook

The Army sent three local Army Family Team Building instructors to Disney's Magic Kingdom in Orlando to train them in additional skills to help build strong Army Families in the Vicenza military community.

"The most exciting part of the week was getting to know people from all over the world who are just as excited to help Army families as we are here in Vicenza," said Rose Holland, an AFTB volunteer and master trainer. Holland, along with fellow AFTB volunteers, Melissa Parkins and Comel Rooms, spent over a week honing their instructing and program management skills during the training sessions.

"The most valuable thing I'm bringing back to the Vicenza community is information on how to be a great leader and trainer," said Parkins.

Although the training was in the same location, the three Vicenza participants worked on different courses and areas.

Holland, an AFTB instructor since 2005, spent her week learning the in's and out's of managing an AFTB program at the program manager's course.

Parkins, also an instructor since 2005,

spent her week honing her teaching skills at the Master Trainer Course.

Rooms, a five-year veteran of AFTB, had the opportunity to further develop her training skills by teaching one of the master trainer tracts as part of the Core Instructor Team.

"In addition to being able to build strong Army Families, I like AFTB because it offers it's volunteers the opportunity for personal and professional growth," said Rooms.

The Vicenza Army Community Service AFTB program is offering opportunities for Soldiers, family members and Department of the Army civilians to become part of the organization by participating in AFTB Instructor Training, May 8-10 from 8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m. The training takes place in the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

In order to participate, volunteers must have completed at least one level of AFTB training either in the classroom or online at www.myarmylifetoo.com.

People interested in signing up for the instructor training course should contact AFTB at afb.vicenza@setaf.army.mil or call ACS at 634-8526 or 7500. Childcare is provided for children registered with Child and Youth Services.

Individual Security Awareness training classes set

Antiterrorism and Force Protection Office
Press Release

Individual Security Awareness Training (Level I Antiterrorism Training) is offered in the Ederle Theater to all assigned military and Department of Defense civilian employees, and to their family members over the age of 14.

This training will also be offered to DoD contractors and Italian post employees.

The training is held from 10:30-noon on the following dates:

May 2, May 7, June 20, July 18, Aug. 16, Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14 and Dec. 5.

No reservations are necessary; attendees must sign in and will receive their certificate of completion at a later date.

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

Cost is \$4 per child per hour and children must be registered at the CDC.

As space at the CDC is limited, reservations can be made at least two weeks in advance by calling 634-7559.

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

For details call Pat Hooper at 634-8984.

DPW goes dumpster diving

By Diana Bahr
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

In an effort to determine the approximate percentage of recycling done on Caserma Ederle, Carlotta Queirazza, Environmental Division, Directorate of Public Works, suggested to her coworkers that they go dumpster diving.

"The goal of the project was to survey current waste division, collect data and take photos of recyclable items," she said. "We picked a dumpster at random and went to work."

"I, along with DPW staff Reginal Gillespie, Alberto Cristoferi and Marcella Iaricci, sorted the waste into different groups – paper, cardboard, glass, plastic, cans, organic material, bulk items and others," she explained. The groups were then weighed and put into appropriate recycle containers.

The chosen dumpster was located next to the Italian dining facility and the results weren't too surprising – more than 60 percent of the contents were items that could have



DPW dumpster diving activity reveals trash that could have been recycled.

been put into appropriate recycling bins near by.

"It was actually my first dumpster diving attempt," Queirazza said. "What was unusual was the amount of organic materials (food waste), but that could be connected to the fact that the container we picked was next to the Mensa."

While a bit dismayed at the results, the environmental staff is determined to continue to get the recycling word out and, depending on resources, monitor the dumpsters once a quarter to see if recycling gets better on post, according to Michael Shaw, division chief.

One way the community can help recycling efforts is by recycling in the office and having the cleaning contractors remove the presorted items through a new custodial contract that went into effect in April, according to Jonathan Koch, chief, contract management section, DPW.

"Under the terms of this contract, the contractor will provide for the proper disposal of recyclables that have been sorted by the building occupants," he said. "We are expecting delivery of the separate containers for paper, plastic, and cans/glass in the next week and these will be delivered to various offices on post. Additionally, containers will be available on request from the Environmental Office at 634-8937."

These containers are not required for people to separate recyclables, said Koch, as many people on Caserma Ederle already use a separate box for paper or plastics, and these items will be taken away and recycled according to the new contract.

It should be noted that paper will not be shredded so no sensitive material should be placed in a bin that has not been shredded, he said. Also, another 30 of the four-bin aluminum recycling sets we already have on post, have been ordered and will set up to encourage more recycling, said Koch.

Take time to show mom you care

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Scott Carson
SETAF Chaplain staff

A few years ago while I was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, my children burst into our home with great excitement announcing they had found a baby bird and could they, "Please! Pretty please, keep it?"

I examined the poor little creature and it looked in good health. The children shared with me that they discovered it in an open field at a nearby school.

I asked if they had seen its mother but they had not. Suddenly we were in possession of this little bird that needed great care.

Knowing our young children, the responsibility of raising the bird would not be theirs but my wife's and mine. As we had no experience raising any kind of birds, I decided to walk over to the school yard and see if I could locate the frantic mother bird.

Sure enough, there she was, darting to and fro across the field searching for her missing chick. I went back home and explained to the children why the baby bird

needed to be with its mama and that the mother bird was very worried about her lost child.

The children agreed that we needed to return the bird to its mother. The mother bird was nowhere in sight, so we placed the chick near the location where it had been found. As we walked away mama bird swooped down and sat, as mother birds do, upon her chick looking very content that the whole ordeal was over.

May 14, we celebrate Mothers Day. Let's remember to show our gratitude to our mothers who lovingly nurtured us.

The bond between mother and child can be great and her concern for our welfare endures throughout our adulthood. Give thanks for your mom on this special day and know that in a greater way God also cares for us.

The Bible says in Matthew 6:26, "Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"

Missing medical appointments serious issue

From Maj. Gen. Frank G. Helmick
SETAF commander
Community Information

Failure to attend scheduled medical or dental appointments has become a serious issue in the Vicenza and Livorno military communities. When a Soldier, DoD civilian or family members fails to attend his medical or dental appointment, it effectively denies other individuals the opportunity to receive medical or dental care. Thus, failure to cancel an appointment 48 hours in advance of the scheduled time, or failure to show within 10 minutes of the scheduled appointment time, are both considered to be a failed appointment.

Exceptions to this rule may only be granted by the Vicenza Health Clinic commanders.

Effective immediately, all Soldiers, DoD civilians and family members who fail to attend or fail to timely cancel a medical or dental appointment will be required to attend a two-hour block of instruction before being eligible to schedule a new appointment. The instruction will emphasize the importance of attending medical or dental appointments and the negative impact of failed appointments.

The training will take place Thursdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Attendance at the training will not impede receipt of medical for dental care for emergencies or walk-in treatment.

Commanders and supervisors at all levels will support this policy and the overall campaign to reduce the occurrence of failed medical and/or dental appointments.

Points of contact for this policy are U.S. Army Health Center-Vicenza at 634-7484 and the U.S. Army Dental Clinic at 634-7272.

Discipline, drive pays off for Vicenza High School student

By Diana Bahr

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

When Zack Williams was young he saw his father jump out of airplanes at Fort Bragg and would sit and watch C-130s take off and land at adjoining Pope Air Force Base. Feeling the earth tremble as the huge transport planes took off and landed close by, fascinated him and instilled a love of planes and flying.

"I decided early on that I wanted to fly," said the tall blue-eyed blond Vicenza High School senior. "I don't care if it's as a pilot or navigator; in a glider or plane, I just want to be in the air."

The love of airplanes, coupled with a desire to serve his country, led Williams to apply to the U.S. Air Force Academy. He received a phone call a few weeks ago from the admissions counselor with the good news that, not only was he accepted, but he was offered a full scholarship.

"I was thrilled," said Williams, a huge grin spreading over his face. "I've been planning for college since middle school and to have all my hard work pay off is awesome."

Williams credits his parents and his own self-discipline for getting him to this point.

"I drive myself like crazy," he said. "My mom and dad seldom ask me about my

homework or if I'm ready for a test – instead, they sometimes tell me to take it easy. I'm rarely home before 8 p.m. because of the extracurricular activities I'm involved in."

Among the activities Williams participates in are Club Beyond, National Honor Society vice president, Student Council president, he's an Eagle Scout, took All-Conference in VHS boy's volleyball and is in Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps.

"I heard some where, 'Think of being paid to go to middle school and high school, because your hard work there means you will be offered money [in the form of scholarships] for college,'" he said. "And it's true. I was offered two scholarships from organizations on post, as well as a full scholarship from my other top college pick – Seattle Pacific University."

Williams also knows that his first year at the academy will be demanding—physically, mentally and emotionally. He's already received a bit of bad news—a physical has shown that he may not be pilot-qualified—but he's still upbeat saying, "It doesn't matter, I can be a navigator and still be in the cockpit and I'll still be serving my country and that's what matters to me."

Club Beyond trip lays foundations of playgrounds, relationships

Story and photos

By Megan Gafford

Special to the Outlook

About 900 teenagers from DoDDS schools across Europe loaded vans, buses and planes to trek their way to Slovakia.

The purpose was to build playgrounds and relationships at Slovakian elementary schools during the Club Beyond youth ministry program's annual service project April 8-14.

"I can describe the service project in one simple word: awesome," said Thomas Robertson, a sophomore at Vicenza High School. "I think what we did up there was very needed and good. We planted the seed of God. And as Jocelyn [Cary, Vicenza's Club Beyond director] says, we are the ambassadors of Christ; we went up there to show that we can be fun and that being a Christian can be fun."

For the first time since Vicenza has participated in the service project, the Vicenza teens were split into two groups and helped build two separate playgrounds.

One group constructed a traditional swings-and-monkey-bars playground and the other a large, wooden train complete with steering wheels, handles and bells.

"The cultural divide was interesting," said Cary. "We had young Slovakian men come and take the tools out of our girls' hands because they thought building was a man's task. We had to look up a polite kind way to say 'give us the tools back' in Slovakian."

More than laying the foundation of playgrounds, the teens laid the foundations of relationships with the Slovakian children.

"The kids were really shy at first," said

Kati Hunnewell, a VHS senior.

"[Interacting with the kids was] fun, but weird because we could both understand each other, but not by speaking – just by looking at each other. There was no need for translators, although it was nice to have them. I also found you can do wonders just by saying hello," said Robertson.

The lasting purpose of the trip, however, was more than a playground or memories of American friends; the Vicenza teens strove to show the Slovakian children the love of Jesus Christ.

"We can pray for this location, that Christ would use those swings and monkey bars to draw kids closer to Him," said Cary.

The two groups got together at the nightly Club, where the teens saw slideshows featuring photos of that day's work, sang songs, and had an inspirational talk about how they could live with Jesus Christ every day, which was the week's theme.

In tune with the theme, Vicenza teens found ways to apply the life lessons they learned every day.

"When we got to Club they talked about things we go through every day, and pointed you towards scripture that could help you," said Hunnewell. "To me, personally, it was like a spiritual reset...resetting me back on the path of Christianity."

"The most memorable aspect of the trip was probably realizing that I can be way nicer to people and realizing that we were not up there just to change the lives of the Slovaks, but also our own. I realized that I can be a better person, and that it's easier to be nice than to be mean, and it gave me a chance to start over," said Robertson.

It's a jungle (book) out there



More than 20 community children gave two performances of the "Jungle Book" April 21 at Soldiers' Theatre. The play concluded the week-long program brought over by Missoula Children's Theatre. Destany Schendel, 10, who participated in this program for her third time thinks it is really fun because you can be anything you want. "I played the character of Bagheera," she said.

Interpreting the main character—Mowgli—was 13-year-old Angela Pitts, who really loves acting. "It is a great experience to be able to express yourself in front of everybody," she said. "Acting as Mowgli, I am on the stage a lot and it is hard to memorize everything, but it's also a lot of fun." (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)



Italian Liberation Day

Ceremony spurs sergeant major to recount World War II friendship

By Staff Sgt. Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

On a hot spring Sunday in the rustic village of Tendola, elderly men wearing colorful scarves around their necks, clutching worn and weathered newspaper clippings and yellowed militia identification cards from years long past, slowly made their way up a dusty path.

They gathered with folks dressed in World War II reenactment costumes, politicians wearing Italian sashes, townspeople and guests to pay their respects to a fallen Soldier.

"It seemed like the ceremony really meant something to the townspeople," said Arleen Vieira, an American visitor. "The old women were crying and the old and very proud men were toasting us saying 'liberato.'"

The ceremony was for a special unveiling of a marble monument commemorating an American Soldier who died April 24, 1945.

"To see this ceremony is for one American Soldier and getting to meet some of the men who worked with the American Soldiers 70 years ago is absolutely amazing," said Capt. Renato Vieira, USAG Livorno provost marshal. "They hold the Americans so close to their hearts for what the Americans did; the patriotism and thankfulness was

incredible. I don't think there's a person in this village who doesn't know or understand the amazing history behind the monument."

Sgt. Maj. Sergio Bondielli, an Italian Folgore officer at SETAF, recounted the story behind the monument, a story of sacrifice and pain that is harder than the marble which memorializes it.

"On April 24, 1945, Sadaichi Kubota, a battlefield-commissioned platoon commander with I Company, 3d Battalion, 442d Regimental Combat Team, was ordered to scout out the area surrounding Tendola village. He was to try to locate pockets of resistant German troops.

"He ordered his Soldiers to secure the village and decided to recon the hill by himself. He knew the Germans had control of the mountains and getting up the hills and sharp inclines would be not only physically challenging, but that the Germans had the strategic advantage.

"His friend, Pfc. Tadao Hayashy asked to follow him. Sadaichi said no.

Tadao insisted, saying he had followed his friend everywhere from the beginning of the Italian campaign and they had always been together in times of danger.

"Finally, Sadaichi agreed and they started moving quickly up the hill.

"As they approached a ruined wall,

Joint cooperation makes mandatory training possible

Story and photo by Chiara Mattiolo
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Camp Darby Soldiers recently trained at the beach range in Marina di Vecchiano with the joint support of Carabinieri and Folgore forces.

"The Folgore Brigade is responsible for all ranges in the area," said 1st Maresciallo Giovanni Piseddu, Brigata Folgore range officer. "We also organize the safety aspect of the exercise. In fact, we are training in an Italian area and we have Italian Soldiers keeping the area secure."

The Folgore and the American military have a consolidated joint training procedure that helps U.S. Soldiers qualify on their weapons.

"There are also simulation training

opportunities in specific areas that the Folgore Brigade and the American military can utilize," said Col. Raffaele Iubini, Italian base commander.

"Working with two host nation units – the Carabinieri and Soldiers from the Folgore Brigade – in a combined effort to bring world-class training to Camp Darby Soldiers is just another aspect of the outstanding collaboration that exists between our two nations," said Sgt. 1st Class Theodor Fischer, USAG Livorno range NCO.

"With increased deployments, it is imperative that every Soldier remains ready," said Capt. Raul Rovira, USAG Livorno range officer. "Every Soldier is here today because they want to be prepared and we need to be always ready to deploy at a moment's notice."



Sgt. Maj. Sergio Bondielli, Italian Folgore (middle) translates for Capt. Renato Vieira, USAG Livorno provost marshal (right) how the local Italian militia members resisted the Germans. The Italians also served as scouts for the Americans in 1945. (Person on left is not identified)

Sadaichi heard a loud shot. He turned and saw Tadao fall down. Sadaichi called his friend's name, but was answered with silence. Sadaichi battled internally. He was torn between wanting to reach his good friend and following the strict training received at Fort Benning – training that said 'never go near a soldier shot by a sniper because you could be shot in turn.' He called for a medic team and quickly went to get more Soldiers to attack the Germans.

"When he got back, the medics told him Tadao was dead. Sadaichi didn't have time to mourn as events came fast. His platoon advanced quickly to the Po River and the war would end shortly after.

"Sadaichi was awarded a Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He went on to graduate from the University of Colorado. He worked for the Hawaii Department of Labor in Kona until he retired in 1973. But he always wanted to return to where his best friend died.

"In April 2004, he returned to Italy where Bondielli met and escorted him back up in to the mountains of Carrara.

"When he put his feet on that territory, I saw the light change in his eyes," said Bondielli. "He wasn't with me; he was back in time 60 years ago. He started walking fast through the village, urging me to follow him. Just out of the village, he started to climb the hill with a vigor that belied his 82 years.

"When he stopped in front of a ruined wall, he turned to me, his eyes full of tears

and said "Sergio it's here!"

"He had found the exact place in which Tadao died.

"Sadaichi got out a bag of items used to celebrate the funeral in Buddhist tradition, continued Bondielli. "He was focused and excited. Suddenly he cried out 'Beanie! Beanie!' That was his nickname for Tadao."

Bondielli said he was deeply moved. He understood what Sadaichi was feeling. Bondielli had lost his best friend, Sgt. Maj. Stefano Paolicchi (Italian Medal of Honor awardee) in Somalia in 1993.

"I understood the desperation of that shout as a Soldier and as a friend," said Bondielli. "I felt we were joined in the same emotion we felt when we were both young. The pain of a tragic loss never grows older."

During that visit, Sadaichi told Bondielli "Sergio, I lived 60 years with the desire to come back to this place and honor the memory of Tadao, because he lost his life to save mine. Now I'm happy and finally quiet. My good friend now rests in peace and me, too. If God wants, now I can die in peace."

Bondielli said tears fell down his face and he remembered the friend he lost in Somalia. He understood his American friend's pain and stated simply, "Soldiers are often joined by these kind of feelings, no matter which war they fought in."

Sadaichi returned to his home in Hawaii and died three months later. Three years later, Bondielli returned to Tendola to the unveiling ceremony to continue sharing the touching story of a friend's great sacrifice.



Soldiers from different USAG Livorno units qualified with their weapons at the beach range in Marina di Vecchiano with the joint support of Carabinieri and Folgore forces.

Children learn home safety



A Camp Darby firefighter helps a child down from the fire truck. The fire department gave a home safety class for youth ages 3-5 at Army Community Service as part of the Month of the Military Child awareness program. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Joyce Costello, USAG Livorno Public Affairs)

Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

Outlet shopping

There are several factory outlet centers in Italy – a few are:

Mantova: In the 'Fashion Outlet,' find the latest in clothes, shoes, sportswear and more with brand names such as Miss Sixty, Calzedonia, L.J.; Gucci, Valentino, Tommy and others.

There are also bars and restaurants available.

Open Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday-Sunday 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Directions leave the autostrada at Mantova sud and follow signs for 'Fashion Outlet.'

Serravalle Scrivia: 'McArthur Glen Outlet' has more than 170 stores, including some of the world's best-known names in fashion, sport and homewares to include Clarks/Lacoste, Levi's/Dockers, Nike, Fiorucci and more.

Open Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday-Sunday 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Directions are at: www.serravalle.mcarthurglen.it

S. Pietro di Legnago: A little nearer (in the province of Verona), but much smaller, is a factory outlet by the Max Mara group - a fashionable women's store.

For an idea of prices and what is on sale check out www.diffusione tessile.it although in Italian, it's easy enough to understand. Click on 'punti vendita' for directions.

Open Tuesday-Friday 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-7:30 p.m., open all day Saturday, and Monday afternoons.

Castel Guelfo: Outlet City, with 49 stores, is located 25 km east of Bologna on the A14. Exit at Castel San Pietro Terme and follow the directions.

Open Monday 2-7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; weekends 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Ospitaletto: Outlet Village Franciacorta has 160 stores and is located near Brescia.

Find details at the Web site: www.franciacortaoutlet.it.

Exhibitions

In **Bassano** there is a permanent exhibition 'Mondo animale, conoscerlo per proteggerlo' (The animal world, know them to protect them) located in three rooms in *Palazzo Bonaguro*.

The exhibit centers around knowing animals that have been classified as uncommon and rare. The exhibit is geared towards

children and is open Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. Entrance fee is 3 euro and children under 9 enter free.

Also in *Palazzo Bonaguro*, are paintings by Caravaggio, Rubens, Il Guercino and Murillo amongst the 70 works on display through June 10.

Most works are of a religious nature and the exhibit is open daily, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Entrance fee is 6 euro.

The art exhibition in the *Museo Correr* in **Venice** is dedicated to the artist John Sargent, who had a passion for Venice.

The exhibit, which closes July 22, is dedicated to various works of art and focuses on more than 60 pieces dating from 1880-1913.

The museum is open 9 a.m.-7 p.m. daily and the entrance fee is 13 euro.

Area events

May 5 in **Quinto Vicentino** at 9 p.m. the musical *Romeo and Juliet* will be performed in the town's *Palazzetto dello Sport*.

Tickets cost 10 or 15 euro and are available from the bank, Banco di Credito Cooperativo di Quinto Vicentino, on 34 Via Martiri della Liberta, Quinto Vicentino. Quinto is located 8km northeast of post.

Padova: May 1 is the European market in *Prato della Valle*.

Find more than 150 vendors from England, Austria, France, Germany, and Spain.

The market is open everyday from 9 a.m.-midnight.

Italian Holiday

As a reminder, May 1 is Labor Day and an Italian holiday. Many stores and services will be closed.

Ferrari gallery

Maranello: Ferrari enthusiasts can visit the Ferrari Galleria, located in this small town located just south of the city of Modena, on the street Via Dino Ferrari.

This modern two-story building houses exhibits of both racing and road cars, as well as the many trophies won by Ferrari in races all over the world.



If you go on a weekday you may find it is less crowded and be there while they're testing their Formula One car at the test track located nearby.

The museum and gift store are open daily from 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

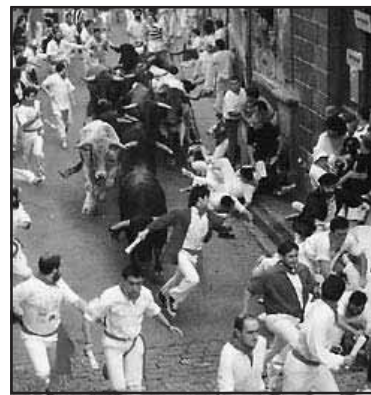
Entrance fees: adults pay 12 euro and children ages 6-10 pay 8 euro.

Directions from **Vicenza** (158 km): autostrada A4 west, A22, A1 exit Modena Nord (north), direction for the town of Formigine and then find Maranello on the SS9.

Running of the bulls

It's not too early to make plans for a visit to Pamplona, Spain to see or participate in the festival of San Fermin which takes place July 7-14.

This festival, which is also shown on TV world-wide often surprises, impresses or shocks each year the spectators as they watch



Scene of participants running in front of the bulls from the Web site: www.navarra.es

the spectacle of bulls running through the streets of the town and hundreds of young men and women, usually dressed in traditional white shirts and red belts, running ahead of them.

The race is 825 meters and run along certain stretches of the streets of the town along with six bulls as well as two herds of tame bulls. Start time is 8 a.m. every morning, although runners must be ready at the start line at 7:30 a.m.

In the races thousands of people participate every year and security measures are in place throughout the bull run, nevertheless, statistics show that since 1924, the time that official records have been kept, there have been 15 deaths and 240 horn injuries of which, last year, included six Americans.

Details on the race, and the dangers, are at www.tourism.navarra.es, which is available in English.

Now Showing

Caserna Ederle Theater

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| May 1 | CLOSED | |
| May 2 | Daddy's Little Girls (PG13) | 7 p.m. |
| May 3 | Norbit (PG13) | 7 p.m. |
| May 4 | Fracture (R) First Run | 7 p.m. |
| | Music and Lyrics (PG13) | 9:45 p.m. |
| May 5 | The Astronaut Farmer (PG) | 4 p.m. |
| | 300 (R) | 7 p.m. |
| May 6 | The Astronaut Farmer (PG) | 4 p.m. |
| | Fracture (PG13) | 7 p.m. |
| May 7 | CLOSED | |
| May 8 | 300 (R) | 7 p.m. |

Camp Darby Theater

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| May 3 | Norbit (PG13) | 6 p.m. |
| May 4 | Perfect Stranger (R) First Run | 6 p.m. |
| May 5 | Music and Lyrics (PG13) | 6 p.m. |
| May 6 | The Astronaut Farmer (PG) | 2 p.m. |

Movie Synopsis

FRACTURE - *Anthony Hopkins, Ryan Gosling.* When Ted Crawford discovers that his beautiful younger wife, Jennifer, is having an affair, he plans her murder – the perfect murder. Among the cops arriving at the crime scene is hostage negotiator Detective Rob Nunally, the only officer permitted entry to the house. Surprisingly, Crawford readily admits to shooting his wife, but Nunally is too stunned to pay close attention when he recognizes his lover, whose true identity he never knew, lying on the floor in a pool of blood. Although Jennifer was shot at point blank range, Nunally realizes she isn't dead. Crawford is immediately arrested and arraigned after confessing but nothing is as simple as it seems.

MUSIC AND LYRICS - *Hugh Grant, Drew Barrymore.* Alex Fletcher is a washed-up '80s pop star who's been reduced to working county fairs and amusement parks. The charismatic and talented musician gets a chance at a comeback when reigning diva Cora Corman invites him to write and record a duet with her, but there's a problem – Alex hasn't written a song in years, he's never written lyrics, and he has to come up with a hit in a matter of days. Enter Sophie Fisher, Alex's beguilingly quirky plant lady, whose flair for words strikes a chord with the struggling songwriter.

THE ASTRONAUT FARMER - *Billy Bob Thornton, Virginia Madsen.* From the time he was a child, Charles Farmer had only one goal: to be an astronaut. Earning his degree in aerospace engineering and joining the Air Force as a pilot, Farmer was a natural for NASA's astronaut training program and was well on his way when a family situation forced him to drop out. But Farmer was not a man to let anything stand in the way of a dream. He spent the next decade and every cent he had building his own rocket in a barn on his ranch in Texas, working toward the day when he could triumphantly launch it into space. Farmer knows this is his only chance – not only to reach his goal of breaking through the Earth's atmosphere but to instill in his children the courage to pursue their own ideals and never give up, no matter the odds.

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

Vicenza Art Center classes

Contact the Vicenza Art Center to register for any class below and other classes at 634-7074.

Basic Life-drawing: Four-part class held Sundays in May, 2:30-4 p.m. Cost is \$10 per session, plus supplies.

Drawing workshop: Individual Sessions are held Tuesdays and Thursday, 5-6 p.m. Cost is \$10 per session plus supplies.

May 1-7: National Pet Week - Mat your favorite pet photo for free when you have it custom-framed.

May 5: Woodworking certification class, 10 a.m.-noon. Cost is \$8 and safety equipment is provided. For ages 16 and up.

May 6: Learn Origami, 11 a.m.-noon. Cost is \$15 and supplies are included. Open to adults or adult/child pairs.

May 8: Celebrate Military

Spouse Appreciation Day with a handcrafted bath and body works class, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost is \$25 and supplies are included. For ages 14 and up.

May 9: Learn Origami, 5 p.m.-6 p.m. Cost is \$15 and supplies are included. Open to adults or adult/child pairs.

May 10: Intro to Picture Framing, 2 p.m.-6 p.m. Cost is \$30, plus supplies. Open to ages 16 and up. Bring a 4x6 photo.

May 11: Lunchtime *Art a la Carte*, 12:15 p.m.-1 p.m. Cost is \$8, plus supplies. Bring a bag lunch if you'd like.

May 12: Learn bookbinding by hand, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Cost is \$25 and supplies are included.

May 13: Mother's Day Tea Party ceramics glaze class, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. Cost is \$25 and supplies are included. Open to adults or adult/child pairs. Tea and pastries will be served.

Classified Ads

NOTE: The Outlook does not take classifieds; sellers must place ads on www.vicenzamwr.com.

Buyers must go to the Vicenza MWR Web site, www.vicenzamwr.com for details about items for sale below or call 634-7343 or 0444-71-7343 from off post.

1997 Mercedes CLK 200: Euro specs. \$7,999.

1991 Renault Clio: Very reliable car. \$2,000 OBO.

1996 Fiat Punto: Automatic, reliable. \$2,000 OBO.

2004 Volvo XC70: US specs. \$23,500.

Boots: Toddler girl, size 6. Two pairs. \$15 each.

Italian sofa: Like new. \$175.

Child bed safety border: \$10.
AFN decoder and satellite dish for sale. Authorized users only.

Computer desk: Like new. 70 euro.

1998 Lancia Dedra: Loaded. \$16,000.

1991 Saab Aero: Loaded, \$10,000.

Wanted: Propane tank for grill.

1995 Saab 900SE Turbo: Euro spec, good condition. \$1,500 OBO.

Ikea entertainment system: Large with several shelves/cabinets. Will deliver. \$300 OBO.

Futons for sale: Have two, \$50 each.

Large dog kennel: Good condition, \$30.

1998 Volkswagen: Reliable.

1996 BMW 318: Fast and fun. \$3,200.

White fox fur coat: Size M/L. \$260.

Small plastic dog house: Never used. \$20

1991 BMW 735i: Runs great, good condition. \$1,000.

1993 Fiat Uno: Good condition. \$1,800.

1992 BMW 520i: Loaded. \$3,000 OBO.

2000 Nissan Micra: Automatic. \$4,500 OBO.

1995 316i BMW: Dependable. Loaded. \$4,000 OBO.

Garden table w/4 chairs: \$100.

Room air conditioner: \$225.

Spring concert hits high notes with community



Vicenza High School held its annual Spring Concert April 19 for the community in the school gym under the direction of VHS Music director Geri Shimabukuro. Local Italian musicians and their students joined the VHS beginning band, concert band, high school chorus and string ensemble for the event. "Geri [Shimabukuro], the Vicenza High School director, contacted us last year to join the concert band here at the school for the annual concerts, and to support them with some extra instruments,"



explained Diego Zordan, a local musician who teaches woodwinds. "The difficult part was that we did not have much time with them for rehearsal, because of our working schedule and their school hours, but at the same time, it has been a great experience because music is a universal language." (Left) Italian and American musicians perform during the concert. (Above) The VHS chorus accompanied by the VHS concert band performed several songs including 'The Shadow Of Your Smile' by Paul F. Webster and Johnny Mandel (arr. Donald Moore). (Right) Italian and American musicians accompany the high school chorus in *When You Believe* from the 'Prince of Egypt' by Stephen Schwartz. (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)



Celebrating art in a family way

(Right) A child holds her horse created at Family Art Day. She and her brother worked on a common project focused on the theme of the day to visit a place using an imaginary transportation. "We want to visit Costa Rica and to get there we ride a beautiful horse to the airport and then we will get into the big blue plane," they said. (Below) A father and his daughter work together on their project during the Family Art Day held at the Body Shop April 13. The project focused on creating a paper boat to go to Sardinia. Family Art Day is offered once a month and it is for children from four and up. The next is scheduled May 5 from 10 - 12:30 at the Body Shop. To participate, call CYS Central Registration at 634-7219. (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)



Swim season almost upon us

Directorate of MWR
Press Release

It's time to dive into summer and MWR is readying its facilities for the season.

The fitness center pool will be closed for the summer while undergoing renovations that include a new pool cover. The pool is expected to reopen May 2008.

The Ederle Inn pool opens May 25 for weekends only until school ends, June 14.

There is no charge for use. Pool hours are Wednesday to Monday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

The Ederle Inn pool is closed Tuesdays for maintenance.

The Combat Water Survival Training pool, located on Villaggio, opens May 11 on weekends only until Memorial Day weekend. There is no charge for the CWST pool.

Pool hours are:

Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 6:30-8:30 a.m. for physical fitness training and open swim.

Tuesday and Thursday, 6 a.m.-8:30 a.m. for drownproofing classes, reservations needed.

Monday-Wednesday and Fridays, noon-7 p.m.

Weekends 10 a.m.-6 p.m. for recreation swim.

The CWST pool is closed every Thursday for maintenance.

Adult swim lessons begin June 18. Three sessions are offered at a cost of \$45 per person/per session. Classes are Monday-Thursday, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Session 1 runs June 18-29, register by June 14. Session 2 runs July 9-20, register by July 5. Session 3 runs July 23-Aug. 3, register by July 19.

Skies Unlimited offers swim lessons for youth. Preregistration runs May 25-June 8, registration opens again June 15-July 19. Cost is \$45 for 8 sessions. Sessions run June 18-Aug. 3 and are 45 minutes blocks between 9 a.m.-noon.

To register: Pick up registration packets at the CWST pool on Villaggio; have a lifeguard access skill level of child; and return completed packet to Child and Youth Services Central Registration.

For details, call CYS Central Registration at 634-7219.



Community members beat the heat at the Ederle Inn pool. The pool opens May 25 for weekends only until school lets out. The fitness center pool is closed this year.