



# The Outlook

May 29, 2007

U.S. Army Garrisons Vicenza & Livorno

www.USAG.Vicenza.Army.Mil

Vol. 40 Issue 21



## On their way

Lt. Col. William Ostlund (left), commander of 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry (Airborne), and Command Sgt. Maj. Bradley Meyers, 2-503d Inf (Abn), case the battalion's colors on Caserma Ederle May 15. The battalion left for Afghanistan for 15 months in support of the Global War on Terrorism. (Photo by Sgt. Brandon Aird, 173d ABCT Public Affairs)



Col. Charles Preysler (right), commander of the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, boards a C-17 at Aviano May 22 on his way to Afghanistan.

## Brigade commander thanks community

By Col. Charles Preysler  
Commander  
173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team

On behalf of the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, I want to take a moment and thank everyone in the Vicenza military community for their outstanding support of the 173d during our deployment, pre-deployment training, and transformation these past few months.

The professionalism and flexibility of servicemembers and civilians in this community are a shining example of what a great military community should be. Just planning a normal deployment to what we thought was going to be Iraq was challenge enough. When our orders were changed with short notice to Afghanistan, this community reacted as only true professionals can. You took it all in stride, worked countless extra hours, and got the job done to the highest standard.

I also want to thank you for your obvious concern for the health and welfare of our families. The efforts put forth by family readiness groups, rear detachments, and community agencies here on Caserma Ederle, allow us to leave fully assured that our families will be in excellent hands while we are gone. Such peace of mind is invaluable and will make another long and difficult deployment that much easier to bear.

Once again, a huge thank you to everyone involved with standing up a fully transformed airborne brigade combat team and deploying us to combat. We look forward to coming home and seeing all of our friends and family in 15 months.

*Sky Soldiers!*



(Above) Martin Fano (left), Directorate of Logistics Arrival/Departure Airfield Control Group officer, Shay Morris, DMWR Special Events coordinator, and Lt. Col. Darryl Owens, director USAG Vicenza DPTMS, discuss ongoing garrison deployment support operations at Aviano Air Base May 22. The USO was also on hand to provide a last taste of home before the Soldiers deployed. (Photos by Jon Fleshman, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs Officer)

(Left) Randy Clark, DOLA/DACG operations officer, checks on airfield departure operations in the hangar at Aviano Air Base May 22 during the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team's deployment to Afghanistan. (Below) Soldiers of the 173d ABCT hold roll call May 22 in an Aviano hangar prior to deploying to Afghanistan. The brigade will be deployed for approximately 15 months. (See page 8 for more photos)



## Don't let nature get attached to you

By Capt. Matthew Perry  
Chief, Environmental Health  
Wuerzburg Army Community Hospital

German medical officials recently issued a tick bite alert for states of Baden-Wurttemberg, Bavaria, Hessen and Thuringen because they are high-risk areas for tick-borne encephalitis.

"Ticks are a low risk in urban areas of Vicenza," said Maj. James Madson, U.S. Army Health Center – Vicenza, Community Health nurse. "Outdoor activities in the area bring a moderate risk to people and pets in the immediate area. The risks increases as one goes north of here and into the wilderness regions of northern Italy and southern Germany."

While Europe lends itself to outdoor activities with its bike trails, volksmarches, and weekend camping trips, one tiny, blood-sucking parasite known as the tick can spoil it all. While these activities are a wonderful way to get attached to nature, they are also an easy way for nature to get attached to you.

Ticks can carry several potentially deadly diseases for you and your pets. Two common diseases are Lyme disease, caused by the bacteria group *Borrelia*, and tick-borne encephalitis. The bite of an infected tick transmits both diseases, but neither disease can be spread from person to person.

### Lyme disease symptoms

A person with Lyme disease may develop fever, headache, fatigue and a skin rash called erythema migrans. This rash is sometimes referred to as a "bull's-eye" rash because it is red and circular in appearance. As it continues to grow (up to nearly 12 inches in diameter), it will often lose the redness in the center of the rash.

If the disease is left untreated, it can worsen and cause swelling of the brain, facial paralysis and pain and numbness in the hands and feet and more.

In most cases, Lyme disease can be treated with antibiotics.

### Tick-borne encephalitis

Tick-borne encephalitis is a disease seen in Europe and other parts of the world. This disease, like Lyme disease, is spread by the bite of infected (*Ixodes*) ticks. Unlike Lyme disease, a person can get this disease by drinking the raw milk of sheep, goats and cows infected with the virus.

Because TBE is caused by a virus and not a bacterium, antibiotics are not effective in treating it.

### Prevention

Prevent tick bites by avoiding areas of overgrown brush, un-mowed yards and fields that back up into wooded areas with wild animals. Before going into these areas some simple precautions can significantly reduce your chances of becoming a tick's breakfast.

The new Army Combat Uniform does not come pre-treated with permethrin. There are

several methods to treat military uniforms, but the recommended method is using the Individual Dynamic Absorbent kit (NSN 6840-01-345-0237).

Additional ways to prevent tick bites:

- ◆ Wear light colored clothing. This makes it easier to see ticks attached to the skin and makes their removal easier.

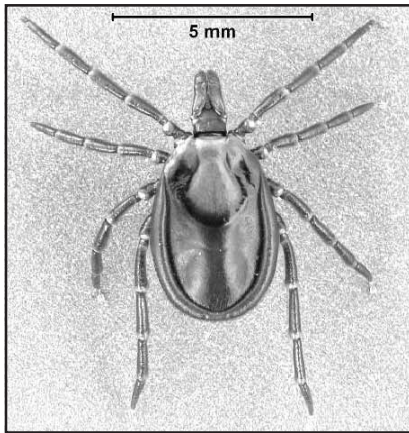
- ◆ Wear long pants and tuck them into socks or hiking boots.

- ◆ Treat civilian clothing with aerosol cans of permethrin, which are available in pharmacies.

- ◆ Look for permethrin-treated garments through mail or online outdoor clothing suppliers.

- ◆ Apply DEET to exposed areas of the skin as directed by the label, but do not apply to children under two months old.

- ◆ Do not drink non-pasteurized milk.



Enlarged photo of the teeny-tiny, blood-sucking tick.

### Tick removal

If you find a tick on your body, remove it promptly but carefully. To properly remove a tick, use fine-tipped tweezers to firmly grasp the tick's head as close to the skin as possible and pull up in a smooth, steady motion. After removal, clean the area with soap and water and apply an antiseptic. Avoid jerking motions or pinching off the head, as this could cause secondary infections.

Do not use home remedies, such as hot matches, fire, fingernail polish or other extreme methods to remove ticks. These techniques may cause the attached tick to regurgitate into the host.

Do not use flea collars meant for animals on humans; wearing them directly or over clothes can be dangerous. The pesticides in flea collars can cause skin and internal organ damage.

### Ticks on pets

Ticks can also spread bacterial infections to pets. Some of these infections are Lyme disease, Ehrlichia and Rickettsial infections. Pets are not at risk for Tick-Borne Encephalitis.

Several products like topical flea and tick medication and prescription tick collars (which last about three months at a time) are available for pets. Do not use DEET on pets.

Don't panic if you see a tick on your pet. You may still see ticks on your pet even with protective collars, but most likely the ticks are either dead or dying.

Tick removal for pets is the same as for humans. If your pet is too excitable or if you need an extra hand, call your local veterinary clinic for assistance. Always wash your hands after removing ticks from either yourself or your pet.

To find out more about ticks and tick-borne diseases, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

(Editor's Note: Col. John Grabenstein, Lt. Col. David West, Lt. Col. Carlheinz Stokes, and Capt. Kristina McElroy contributed to this article.)

## Authorized swimming areas, facilities

USAG Vicenza Policy 06-27  
Command Information

The following guidelines apply to all Army personnel in Italy, Department of the Army civilians and family members when participating in water activities.

Swimming is only authorized in approved areas and facilities. Swimming areas and facilities are approved when:

- \*Qualified lifeguards are on duty. The lifeguards possess a current American Red Cross Advanced Lifesaving Certificate or ARC Water Safety Instructor Certification or equivalent Italian certificate.

- \*Sufficient life saving equipment, communications equipment, first aid facilities, protective devices, etc., are available.

Swimming pools: All public or private swimming pools (including hotel and motel pools used with the permission of the management) are authorized swimming areas. Adult supervision of small children is required.

Sea beaches: All supervised ocean and sea beaches may be used for

swimming and bathing unless specifically placed off-limits by the local commanders or local officials for reasons of health or safety.

Lakes and rivers: Lakes may be used when a designated swimming area exists that has an on-duty lifeguard and established hours of operation posted and enforced. Rivers will not be used as swimming areas.

Commanders will ensure that the following requirements are implemented:

- \*Personnel will be briefed to swim only in authorized swimming areas.

- \*Personnel will be informed about safe swimming and safe boating practices as it applies to swimming.

- \*Personnel using any approved swimming area or facility will ensure proper and safe behavior of themselves, their family members and guests.

- \*Parents will provide supervision of young children at all times.

Direct any questions regarding this information to Robert Bessette, USAG Vicenza Safety manager, at 634-8109.

## Nutrition Tip from WIC Overseas

Are you trying to get five-a-day?

Here is some help:

- a. Add bananas to cereal (both hot and cold)
- b. Take two pieces of fruit to work, for an am and pm snack
- c. Add chopped broccoli to pasta
- d. Buy a fruit or vegetable you have never tried
- e. Slice a tart apple or a firm pear and add it to your salad

WIC is a nutrition and supplemental food program.  
Call WIC Overseas at 634-6258 for more information.

## Important numbers you need to know

Toll free Military Police (free from all phones) 800-064-077

Off post MPs: 0444-71-7626, 0444-71-7233 (SAFE)

MP Desk Interpreter: 0444-50-1800

Emergency Calls: 0444-71-7114

Off post Fire Department: 115

Off post Ambulance: 118

Off post Carabinieri: 112

Off post Polizia: 113

San Bortolo Hospital Interpreters:

0444-75-3300/0444-928-166.

Tighten up post

# Time to tighten up Villaggio

The deployment is underway and we realize that the next 15 months may be times of stress for many of us. But we are an Army family and here for each other.

As summer arrives, it is time for us to focus on our image of the Villaggio community.

Once the new Villaggio SOP is completed, a copy will be provide to each tenant on Villaggio.

Designated Block Coordinators will inspect yards and the exterior of your quarters every Tuesday so be sure that your areas comply with housing policies.

If your quarters do not comply, you will receive a personal or written notice.

Please take immediate action or contact your Block Coordinator and provide a fix-it plan and date.

At this time the following are the Block Coordinators:

Block 1: Sgt. 1st Class Gilbert and 1st Sgt. Harvey

Block 2: Sgt. 1st Class Womble and 1st Sgt. Woodall

Block 3: Sgt. 1st Class Mamaril and Master Sgt. Anderson

Block 4: Sgt. 1st Class Wilson and 1st Sgt. Fatuesi

The following listed issues require immediate attention.

**Motorcycles parked on sidewalks:** This creates a safety hazard and an obstacle for first responders in the event of an emergency. Use either a parking space or your hard-stand at the rear of your quarters for parking.

The only acceptable location for a bike barn is your patio hard-stand.

Never is it acceptable to park a vehicle on the grass.

**Wading pools:** An adult will supervise children in wading pools at all times and empty



**Command Sgt. Maj. Keith Filipp  
USAG Vicenza**

the pool when not used. Additionally, pools should not remain in the same location for extended periods to avoid killing the grass.

**Responsible pet ownership:** If you own a pet and keep the animal fenced in the back yard, you are responsible for cleaning up after your pet. It is unacceptable to cause undue odors to neighbors.

When it's hot outside, ensure your pet has adequate water and a shelter to keep cool. Do not leave your pets alone for extended periods and do not leave pets outside if you are not home.

If you are going on leave and need a pet sitter, contact the Veterinarian Clinic or the Vicenza MWR Marketplace Web site for a pet sitter or kennel.

**Toys:** It's fine to have toys in the front yard when children are playing, but when they children go inside, so should the toys – or they should be stored in the back yard.

## Bonuses offered to officers to extend

By Sgt. Matthis Chiroux  
USAREUR Public Affairs

The word is out. Captains are in high demand, and the Army's doling out unprecedented retention bonuses to keep them.

If you're an O-3 who's completed your initial active-duty service obligation – ADSO in Army-speak – and have less than eight years of active federal service, you may be eligible to receive a \$20,000 bonus for extending your service obligation an additional three years.

According to a memorandum from the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense: "Effective immediately, the following Army company-grade commissioned officer basic branches (are designated) as critical: Air Defense Artillery; Adjutant General; Armor; Chemical; Engineer; Field Artillery; Finance; Infantry; Military Intelligence; Military Police; Ordnance; Quartermaster; Signal; Transportation; Medical Service Corps; and Army Nurse. Officers (of specified branches can) execute a written agreement that provides for a three-year service obligation in exchange for a lump sum payment of \$20,000."

"This will most likely be offered to most basic branch captains with a date of rank between Aug. 1, 2005, and Jan. 1, 2007," said Col. David Ellis, U.S. Army, Europe's deputy G-1, or chief of personnel. "These officers will be reaching the end of their ADSO and the bonus is an incentive that may be offered to get them to stay in."

The Army has already offered other retention inducements to some junior officers, Ellis said, including expanded graduate and military school opportunities, choice of branch and choice of initial post of assignment.

The bonus announcement comes at a time when many worry that continued deployments may be hurting officer retention. But, as Ellis pointed out, attrition among captains has been lower since Sept. 11 than it was in the 1990s. He suggests the new bonuses may have roots in transformation and preparing the force for future requirements.

"The transformed Army has many more officer authorizations than what we began 2006 with," Ellis said. "Most of the growth is in captain and major slots, and the Army is expecting to be short more than 1,500 majors against new authorizations in 2009. Naturally, it takes many years to 'grow' a major, so the more captains we keep; the more we can close the gap."

Aviation and Special Forces officers are not eligible for this bonus, but according to an Army news release an incentive program for those officers will be developed later this year.

This bonus may again be offered to captains during fiscal years 2008 and 2009, subject to congressional reauthorization of the program.

According to Ellis, "this is all part of a very reasonable, well thought-out and researched strategy to maintain the outstanding quality officer corps our Army depends on today."

## Where 'o where can my bag 'o trash go



Along with these handy four-bin recycle centers, numerous other ECO-isles are located around post for your recycling needs and the ECO Center is open Saturday mornings.

USAG Vicenza  
Directorate of Public Works  
Environmental Division  
Press Release

As part of Maj. Gen. Frank G. Helmick's response to the DPW's dumpster diving project report, *The Outlook* is reprinting the following recycling guidelines for the community.

Residents who have questions or suggestions are encouraged contact the Environmental Management Office at 634-7166 or via e-mail to [eco@setaf.army.mil](mailto:eco@setaf.army.mil).

**Recyclable materials:** All recyclable materials must be recycled and must be clean and empty.

**Paper products:** Paper and small cardboard should be flattened and placed into the white or green cubical containers. *Do not put plastic bags in the containers.*

**Glass and metal:** Glass bottles and metal cans go in the green and gray cylindrical "bells."

Again, if items are in a plastic bag, empty them from the bag and put the plastic bag in the container for plastics.

**Plastic:** Typical plastic items that go in this type of container are drinking water and soda bottles, rinsed detergent bottles, plastic bags and pots.

Do not throw styrofoam in here. It goes into the dry waste bins.

**Organic or humid wastes:** Food scraps and pet litters should be placed in the brown bins. Use plastic bags to hold the organic items in order to keep containers clean and reduce odors.

**Trash:** Most other household dry trash items should be bagged and placed in the large green bins.

**The Eco-Center** is open Saturday mornings for all recyclable items, to include furniture, bulky items, mattresses, yard waste, household appliances, electronics and toner.

**Hazardous items:** All dangerous or hazardous items must be taken to the Hazardous Substances Control Center (bldg 275). These items include: batteries, medicines, cleaners, paints, antifreeze, oils, pesticides, etc. and containers which held those items.

**DO NOT**  
◆ Place wastes or any other items (except bagged yard refuse) on the ground or beside containers.

◆ Place liquid wastes in the waste and recycling containers.

◆ Pour liquid hazardous/dangerous/toxic wastes down the drain or release into the environment.

Free preschool

## Sure Start now taking applications

Vicenza Elementary School  
Press Release

Vicenza Elementary School offers the Sure Start Preschool Program, which is modeled after the Head Start program in the United States.

Sure Start is a full-day, high-quality preschool for 4-year-olds. It targets children who may potentially be "at risk" for not being ready for kindergarten the following year.

There is a mandatory parent education component that includes scheduled home visits, quarterly parent meetings and participation in the classroom.

Applications are being accepted now for School Year 2007-2008, and children must be four years old by Oct. 31.

The program is designed for children of sponsors the rank of E4 and below, but anyone is welcome to fill out an application.

There are two classes this year housing 16 students each and applications are taken all year long.

If the class is full, applicants are put on a waiting list and, when there is an opening,

the child most qualified is selected by the steering committee.

Considerations for enrollment may include one or more of the following conditions:

- ◆ Child will be four by Oct. 31.
- ◆ Sponsor is rank is E4 or below.
- ◆ Child had a low birth weight - below 5.5 pounds.
- ◆ Child has parent(s) whose primary language is not English.
- ◆ Parent(s) were teenagers when the first child was born.
- ◆ Parent(s) did not graduate from high school.
- ◆ Child lives in a single parent home.
- ◆ The child's sponsor is currently deployed.
- ◆ The child has an older sibling with a disability.
- ◆ At home there are three or more children close in age.

Interested sponsors should visit the Vicenza Elementary School office and get an application or call 634-7579 for more details.



Franco Lidron (left), Caserma Ederle environmental health technician, DPW entomology section, shows a male *Gromphadorhina portentosa* - an adult giant roach - to Vicenza Elementary School second-graders during the Safety Day event held Thursday on post.



Chris Wolff, Vicenza MWR Outdoor Recreation director shows Safety Day participants SCUBA equipment and goes over scuba diving safety tips. Wolff and his assistants also talked about other items such as staying safe while rock climbing, kayaking and cycling.

## Hey batter, batter...SWING!



Col. Virgil Williams, USAG Vicenza commander, hits a line drive to center field at the Sergeant Majors (Enforcers) vs. Colonels (Vipers) softball game Thursday at the North 40 softball field where the Vipers won 16 to 13. After three innings without scoring it was looking grim for the Vipers as the Enforcers had an 11-0 lead. At the top of the fourth, the Vipers struck out the Enforcers in four pitches, halting their streak. At the bottom of the fourth the Vipers pulled it together to tie the game 11-11. It stayed tied for the next three innings until the Vipers finally took the lead at the bottom of the 6th. The Enforcers scored two runs at the top of the 7th, hoping to strike out the Vipers and keep the lead, but the Vipers brought one runner home to tie the game and with the bases loaded at the bottom of the 7th, Col. Stephen Bentz, hit a home run securing the win for the Vipers. (Photo by Pfc. Crystal Abbott, SETAF Public Affairs)

# From bugs to swimming to nutrition to changing tires, Safety Day had something for everyone

Story and photos by Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

The ECO Center was one of the most popular locations to visit during Thursday's Safety Day held across Caserma Ederle.

Franco Lidron, Caserma Ederle environmental health technician, DPW entomology section (see photo at left), shows one of the male *Gromphadorhina portentosa*, an adult giant roach that attracted the attention of the Vicenza Elementary School second-graders.

The students visited the ECO Center to see Lidron's insect display and learn about insects as part of the Safety Day activities.

Lidron explained to the students and their teachers some peculiarities of these and other insects. He illustrated the differences in size and shape between male and female cockroaches and, after picking up one of the biggest specimens, he talked about the particular hissing the bugs use as a means of communication in response danger or a disturbance.

The children crowded around Lidron and some tentatively, others boldly, petted the huge bug and flooded Lidron with questions about names and habits of the insects on display.

While Safety Days are mandated by higher headquarters, how garrisons get the information across is up to the Safety offices.

"Simply put, IMCOM tasked all garrisons to have a Motor Vehicle Spring and Summer Safety Day," said Robert Bessette, USAG Vicenza Safety manager. "That said, there's more than one way to respond to the request. When we begin to talk vehicle safety with folks who have been around the Army awhile, they can quote "don't drink and drive and wear your seatbelt." So we wanted to be innovative to get the message out. By providing an approach that's both informative and fun, we could more effectively reach our target audience.

"Our command group was very supportive of expanding the mandated vehicle safety day to cover other areas as well," he continued.

"With all the latest Lean 6 Sigma push

toward efficiency, it just made sense to combine efforts of many functional areas," said Bessette. "Most garrison service-based organizations have mandates to provide awareness or outreach programs. By teaming up, we certainly gained community-wide support and an effective way to get the safety, health, fire prevention, environmental, and wellness messages out to the entire community."

In this case, the garrison Safety Office got together with Stephanie Ferretti, AAFES Auto Care Center manager, and Safety Day turned into a fun-filled information-packed day for the whole family to enjoy.

"We wanted to come up with a way to make Safety Day appeal to everyone," said Ferretti. "With the deployment underway, we know from past experience that it is mostly women left behind to keep up the home and vehicles. We wanted to ensure that they were aware of ways to solve any safety issue they may have during the deployment."

The event began at the post exchange where people could register and pick up a Safety Passport. By visiting the places listed on the card and having it stamped, they could turn in the completed Safety Passport and compete for prizes. Locations including the fitness center where they could sign up for the Walk to Afghanistan program and receive information about hydrating during workouts and nutrition; the Ederle Inn pool where they received swimming safety tips, to Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center where the American Red Cross had information about upcoming Red Cross trainings to the AAFES garage where free summer safety inspections were held.

Other locations included the Auto Skills Center where participants could learn the basics of car care to the Fire Department, Outdoor Recreation, Army Substance Abuse Program and finish up with a free hot dog at the commissary, while learning proper food handling and cooking safety tips.

Safety Day was a huge success because of command support and the dedication and hard work of the entire Vicenza community team, concluded Bessette.



Bryan Dorman, Driver's Testing Station supervisor and Motorcycle Safety Foundation rider coach, assists Sgt. 1st Class William Gill, AFN South, who is taking a Field Sobriety Test while wearing a pair of Fatal Vision goggles. The goggles simulate a drunken state of BAC level .07 to .10+.

# Camp Darby Insight

## Giving the gift of life

# Italian Navy draws blood for three days on Darby

### Story and photo

By Staff Sgt. Joyce Costello  
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Camp Darby community members had the opportunity to help the Italian Navy with some mostly liquid help.

More than 25 members of the community, ranging from military members, their families, U.S. and Italian civilian workers and even the Florence Consular officer, rolled up their sleeves to donate more than 10 liters of blood.

"The blood is collected for military and civilian components of the Italian Defense department to be used at Italian military hospitals and camps in areas of operations," said Italian Navy Capt. Raffaello Colalillo, director of the La Spezia Military Blood Bank.

"Additionally, there is an agreement that hospitals in the Liguria region that have emergencies can request blood from the Italian military blood bank," he said. "The priority, however, is for military needs and essential emergency operations such as cardiology, transplant surgery, orthopedics and hematology."

The Italian military has a large need for O+ and O- blood. Colalillo pointed out that blood for civilians depends on the

distribution of the population and in Italy the civilian need usually goes as follows: O+, A+, B+, A- O-, AB+, B- and AB-.

"We appreciate the chance to help our NATO allies who serve by our side in missions across the globe," said Capt. Stephanie Feagin, executive officer of U.S. Army Health Clinic-Livorno.

"There are many rules that govern Americans donating blood to outside organizations because of our own military needs, but we always ensure to help out whenever we can," she added.

Another rule that affects Americans donating blood is linked to Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy (BSE) also known as "Mad Cow" disease. Many American blood banks have refused to collect donations from Americans living abroad in certain areas and certain times. That is also true under Italian law.

"Relative to the "Mad Cow" disease, the Italian law does not allow for the donation of blood from individuals that visited or lived in Great Britain for six or more months between 1988 and 1996," said Colalillo. "In Italy, there has only been one reported case in humans, the derivative of BSE - Creutzfeldt-Jacob disease. Essentially, unlike other countries,

the risk of BSE in humans is practically non-existent in Italy."

People who came to the blood drive filled out the standard questionnaire to determine if they could donate.

But more importantly, their blood was tested before they were even allowed to donate blood.

"We test on-the-spot for HIV antibodies and also the RNA of the virus HIV with a PCR test in addition to testing for Hepatitis B and C," added Colalillo. "AIDS and Hepatitis are both very dangerous and we need to screen for this before we can allow someone to donate."

"Donating blood is crucial and saves lives," points out Feagin. "We are eager to enhance our relationship with our Italian NATO allies and I encourage everyone to donate whenever they have the opportunity."



Florence Consular Officer Michael Ma rolls up his sleeve at the Italian Navy Blood Drive.

## DES takes on Carabinieri



Servicemembers from the Directorate of Emergency Services and Carabinieri play tug of war on Emergency Services Sports day during National Police Week. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Joyce Costello, USAG Livorno Public Affairs)

## Camp Darby Briefs

### Youth Services

YS Summer Flag Football registration runs June 1-15. Current sports physicals are mandatory.

Coaches and chaperones are also needed.

Call YS at 633-7629 for details.

### Health Clinic notice

Secondary Dependents (parents and parents-in-law) are not eligible for TRICARE Coverage outside of military treatment facilities.

Their treatment at an MTF is on a space-available basis. If a secondary dependent is referred to the economy for an appointment, the patient must pay for the

appointment.

Sponsored are strongly encouraged to have additional insurance for any secondary dependent.

Secondary dependents must still have an active ID card and be on a secondary dependent status to receive care at an MTF.

### Ed Center

University of Maryland Term 5 registration is underway through June 1.

Classes offered include Introduction to Computer-Based Systems, Intermediate Italian and Pisa: Art and Culture.

### Darby Chapel

8:30 a.m.: Catholic Reconciliation

9:30 a.m.: Catholic Mass

11:15 a.m.: Protestant worship

Call the Ed center at 633-7386 for details.

### ACS classes

Italian as a foreign language: Wednesday at noon

English as a foreign language: Thursdays at noon.

Benvenuti welcome to Italy class begins June 4. Sign up at ACS.

## Darby Troop 76 named number one at Camporee

By Staff Sgt. Joyce Costello  
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Under the watchful gaze of Mount Vesuvius, Boy Scout troops from across Italy gathered for the Mediterranean District Boy Scouts of American Annual Spring Camporee at Carney Park in Naples.

Troop 76 from Camp Darby quickly took the lead during the competition portion of the camp when they took first place in the knot-tying competition.

Then came the emperors race; where they had to build a transportation device with four wooden poles and some rope. They used their training to quickly carry someone 50 meters and took first again.

The five boys were excited. They were the smallest troop and were excelling against all odds.

When it came time to make a fire with sticks, they focused on team work to get the strike just right. They had their rope burning, but another teams cord burned faster and Troop 76 had to settle for second place.

When it came to the fourth event - the spider web - it was very challenging.

"We had never done an event like that before," said Raul Rovira, Troop 76 Scout Master. "That was definitely something different for them. I'm proud they finished the challenge to the best of their ability."

The final event was to see who could build the highest tower using lashings.

Again, the scouts took first place and were named the Number One troop at the camporee.

"They were prepared, like every good Boy Scout strives to be," said Ted Fischer, Troop Chairman.



Boy Scouts work to get their fire going during the competition. (Photo by Raul Rovira, Troop 76 Scout Master)

# Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

## Santa Maria di Sala Palio

The Villa Farsetti in Santa Maria di Sala, Venice, heads backward in time to 1365 and the medieval age with a re-enactment of the feasting held for the appointment of the Magnificent Sir Paganino Sala to the post of Prior of Padova.

The celebrations are June 2-3, when this town returns to the civility and courtly feasts of medieval Europe.

June 2 events start at 6 p.m. in the courtyard of the Villa where a medieval market and a military encampment will open. At 6:30 p.m. watch a historical parade followed by a solemn mass at 7 p.m. during which the palio trophy is blessed.

At 8 p.m. the banquet of the Prior begins. Reservations are required to attend. But there will also be taverns where dishes of centuries past are served. At 10 p.m. live entertainment with dancing and fireworks.

June 3 the celebration begins again at 5:30 p.m. along with the market and medieval games.

Later in the evening a ring joust and a foot race will decide the palio winner, after which the banquet of the Prior is held for a second time.

## Butterfly Museum

In the Entomological Museum in Schio over 10,000 butterflies of 250 different species are on display.

The exhibition is divided into five sections: temporal, natural, geographical, scientific and ecological surroundings.

The show is an initiative of Giancarlo Paglia and his family who traveled throughout most of Italy searching for different butterflies in Italy.

The museum is located in the industrial area of Schio in the 'Tecnel' agency. Hours are 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 2-8 p.m. daily. Entrance fee is 5 euro for adults and

3 euro for children.

## Tortellini fest

A tiny knot of pasta linked to a romantic legend will be the guest of honor at a huge banquet June 19 for 4,500 people in the village of *Borghetto, Valeggio sul Mincio*, province of Verona.

The banquet table will stretch 1.5 km along the Visconti Bridge which crosses the Mincio River. Some 600,000 servings of tortellini and about 4,000 bottles of Custoza and Bardolino wine will be served by 25 restaurants and 400 cooks and waiters.

The event '*Festa del Nodo d'Amore*,' the Knot of Love fest, requires reservations for the 7:30 p.m. meal. Cost is 60 euro.

Also enjoy a medieval pageant, fireworks and flag-wavers.

Visit the Web site: [www.valeggio.com](http://www.valeggio.com) click on the banner ARV and telephone one of the restaurants or trattoria's sponsoring the event for tickets. The Pro Loco tourist agency, where English is spoken, can help to book a reservation at 045-795-1880 or e-mail [tourist@valeggio.com](mailto:tourist@valeggio.com).

## Trieste and the giant cave

A trip to the Italian port city of Trieste should include a trip to the nearby *Grotta Gigante*, giant cave.

Grotto Gigante is a fraction of the town of Sgonico which is located 17 km from Trieste. The main cavern is so immense St. Peter's Basilica in Rome could fit inside.

Open daily through September 10 a.m.-6 p.m. closed on Mondays.

Entrance fees are 7.50 euro for adults, military ID cardholders and children ages 6-12 years of age pay 5.50 euro.

Note for strollers: *The guided tour descends and*

*ascends about 500 steps.*

Near the entrance of the cave is a Museum of Speleology with geological, speleological and archaeological exhibits.

In Trieste the main attractions include the *Piazza dell'Unita'*, the heart of Trieste with its numerous cafes, restaurants, book and antique shops.

Close by is an ancient Roman amphitheater and the Castello di San Giusto, a fortress built in the 15th century by the Austrians.

The Revoltella Museum contains a gallery of modern art and a roof top terrace offering a sweeping view of the city.

Nearby is Miramare Castle which was constructed in the mid-1800s for Archduke Maximilian of Habsburg, and was his home until he left to become the Emperor of Mexico. The castle is now a popular museum and visitors can visit several of Maximilian's rooms, all of which contain the original furniture commissioned by Maximilian.

## Other happenings

A possible three-day gas strike throughout Italy may start June 6.

**Vicenza:** Free classical music concert is offered in the Filippini church June 1 at 9 p.m. and again June 5 at 6:30 p.m.

June 3 hear free classical music in the *Odeo of Teatro Olimpico* at 5:30 p.m.



Miramare Castle outside Trieste.

# Now Showing

## Caserma Ederle Theater

May 29	CLOSED	
May 30	Number 23 (R)	7 p.m.
May 31	Zodiac (R)	7 p.m.
June 1	Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (PG13)	7 p.m.
June 2	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG)	3 p.m.
June 2	Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (PG13)	6 p.m.
June 3	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG)	3 p.m.
June 3	Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (PG13)	6 p.m.
June 4	CLOSED	
June 5	Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (PG13)	6 p.m.

## Camp Darby Theater

May 31	300 (R)	6 p.m.
June 1	Lucky You (PG13)	6 p.m.
June 2	The Last Mimzy (PG)	6 p.m.
June 3	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG)	2 p.m.

## Movie Synopsis

**ZODIAC** - *Jake Gyllenhaal, Mark Ruffalo.* As a serial killer terrifies San Francisco Bay and taunts police with his ciphers and letters, investigators in four jurisdictions search for the murderer. The case will become an obsession for four men as their lives and careers are built and destroyed by the endless trail of clues.

**PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: AT WORLD'S END** - *Johnny Depp, Orlando Bloom.* Will Turner and Elizabeth Swann are allied with Captain Barbosa in a desperate quest to free Captain Jack Sparrow from his mind-bending trap in Davy Jones' locker. At the same time, the terrifying ghost ship, The Flying Dutchman and Davy Jones, under the control of the East India Trading Company, wreaks havoc across the Seven Seas. Navigating through treachery, betrayal and wild waters, they must forge their way to exotic Singapore and confront the cunning Chinese Pirate Sao Feng. Now headed beyond the very ends of the earth, each must ultimately choose a side in a final, titanic battle, as not only their lives and fortunes, but the entire future of the freedom-loving Pirate way, hangs in the balance.

**THE LAST MIMZY** - *Rhiannon Leigh Wryn, Rainn Wilson.* Two children discover a mysterious box that contains some strange devices they think are toys. As the children play with these "toys," they begin to display higher and higher intelligence levels. Their teacher tells their parents that they seem to have grown beyond genius. Their parents, too, realize something extraordinary is happening. Emma, the younger of the two, tells her confused mother that one of the toys, a beat-up stuffed toy rabbit, is named Mimzy and that "she teaches me things." As Emma's mom becomes increasingly concerned, a blackout shuts down the city and the government traces the source of the power surge to Emma's family's house. Things quickly spin wildly out of their control.

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

## Classified Ads

**NOTE: The Outlook does not take classifieds and we only print ads placed during the last week.**

**Sellers must place ads on [www.vicenzamwr.com](http://www.vicenzamwr.com).**

**Buyers must go to the Vicenza MWR Web site, [www.vicenzamwr.com](http://www.vicenzamwr.com) for details about items for sale below.**

Coffemaker: 220v, \$40.  
Transformers: Assorted.  
1991 BMW 525: Nice condition. \$3,500, OBO

1998 Honda Civic: Great car. \$3250, OBO.

1990 Fiat Tipo: Needs alternator. \$500 OBO.

Bass Guitar: Fender Precision. \$650, or buy separately: bridge cover, pickup cover, nylon strings, round wound strings, gig bag, Schaller strap locks. Just bass: \$525.

Sauder entertainment center: Good condition. \$50, OBO.

1986 Porsche 928S: European Specs. \$5000 firm. Will consider trade for comparable 4-wheel drive pickup.

Little girl clothes: 4T, 3T, 0-24 mos. Selling by the bundle. \$75/ bundle.

Six kitchen table chairs: \$420.  
DVDs: Assorted children's DVDs, call for prices.

Solid oak dresser and nightstand: \$350.

Little girls bike: \$15.

Jogging stroller (double): \$50.

Two Leapsters: Electronic game for 3-6 year old. \$35/ea.

Leap Pad: Electronic game for 1-3 year old. \$25.

Two Graco toddler child car seats: \$50/ea.

Blue, 3-light chandelier: \$95.

Samsonite hardcase luggage: \$45.

2 Vodaphone phone chips: \$5 each.

Wooden wine rack: Holds 12 bottles. \$15.

XLarge living room rug: \$20, OBO.

Ladies Fossil Watch: Silver w/ pink starburst face. \$20.

Vacuum: \$25.

Impact hammer drill - \$40

Two portable fans: \$10/ea.

Cordless Phone: \$20.

Nokia cell phone (Wind): \$20.

Panasonic CD/MP3 mini stereo: \$40.

220v DVD/VCR combo: Call for price.

19" TV: Call for price.

JVC camcorder: \$150

Hair dryer, curler, straightener: \$20.

Antique Oak clock: \$200

Antique Oak chairs: \$75.

2 Glass Vases: 1 for \$5, 1 for \$10.

Computer desk: \$40.

Wireless ADSL router: \$25.

Car audio equipment: Many types/prices.

220v appliances for sale: Coffee pot/microwave/toaster, etc. All for \$100.

Dvd/cd/tape/am-fm stereo: \$250.

29" Flat Screen TV: \$200.

99" Nissan Altima: Automatic. \$3,800, OBO.

Childrens Toys/Baby Toys: Assorted types/prices

Entertainment center-large: \$250, OBO.

1995 Toyota 4 Runner Sr5 V6: \$6,400, OBO.

Panasonic 29" Multi system TV: \$100.

Computer and Desk for Sale: Computer \$350, desk \$50.

Free lawnmower/weed eater: Free, call for details.

Solid Cherrywood bedroom furniture: Call for price.

18" racing wheels: Assorted types/prices.

Air conditioners: Assorted types/prices.

WANTED: Cat sitter.  
Hide-a-bed: Full size, \$50.  
2004 Honda Odyssey: \$19,000 OBO.  
Wanted: Queen-size bed.

## Vicenza Arts & Crafts events

Call the Vicenza Arts & Crafts center at 634-7074 to register for classes listed below or for information about other classes:

**June 1 - June 30:** DIY Open Studios - Use the Frame shop, Woodshop, Pottery and Textile Arts for \$2/hr.

*Do-It-Yourself frame shop closed on Thursdays.*

**Daily by appointment:** One hour Adobe Photoshop tutorial tailored to you. Cost is \$24/hour.

**June 4, 11, 18, 25:** Four-part basic life drawing class, 4:30-6 p.m. Cost is \$10/session plus supplies.

**June 5, 7, 12, 14:** Textile Arts, 1-3 p.m. or 4-6 p.m. Cost is \$10 per session plus supplies.

**June 1:** Precious Metal Clay Silver Jewelry, 5-6 p.m. Cost is \$35 and includes supplies.

**June 2:** Woodworking Certification, 10 a.m. - noon. Cost is \$8 and safety equipment is provided. Must be 16 and older.

**June 3:** Precious Metal Clay Silver Jewelry, 11 a.m. - noon. Cost is \$35 and includes supplies.

**June 9:** Origami, 11 a.m. - noon. Cost is \$15 and includes supplies. Available for adults or adult-child pairs.

**June 10:** Sew and Tell Club meets 10-11 a.m. Cost is \$10 and continental breakfast included.

**June 13:** Origami boxes, noon-1 p.m. Cost is \$15 and includes supplies. Available for adults or adult-child pairs.

**June 14:** Flag Day - Army Birthday. Flag shadowbox upgrade is free when you have it custom-framed.

**June 14:** Intro to Picture Framing, 2-6 p.m. Cost is \$30 plus supplies. Open to ages 16 and up, bring a 4x6 photo.

**June 17-19:** Father's Day "Love from home Greeting Cards," all day drop-in. Cost is \$2/card, supplies included.

# Americans, Italians celebrate Memorial Day on Ederle

By Sgt. Justin Nieto  
SETAF Public Affairs

American Soldiers, civilians and Italians celebrated Memorial Day with a ceremony on Hoekstra Field honoring those Soldiers who gave their lives in defense of our country.

The ceremony, which took place Thursday morning, featured a wreath-laying and color guards consisting of American Soldiers and their Italian counterparts.

Dr. Piero Mattei, the prefect of Vicenza, assisted Maj. Gen. Frank Helmick, SETAF commander, in laying the wreath at the base of the Fallen Warrior Memorial in honor of Soldiers who fell during Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom.

The event was open to the Vicenza military community. Also participating in the event were Italian veterans from the Alpini and Carabinieri units.

"The origin of Memorial Day goes back to the Civil War. It was meant as a way for a nation torn apart to heal, but it turned into much more," said Helmick. "It turned into a day of remembrance, a day to mourn the loss of the fallen by celebrating their sacrifice to their nation."

Memorial Day honors the sacrifices of numerous individuals who fought to preserve the freedoms all Americans enjoy and remembers those who gave their lives.

During a time when Soldiers of the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, along with elements of the 14th Transportation Battalion, are deploying or getting ready to deploy, the ceremony highlighted America's support for those who willingly choose to be placed in harm's way to defend the rights of every American back home and overseas.



Maj. Gen. Frank Helmick (third from right), SETAF commander, Dr. Piero Mattei, Prefect of Vicenza and Michael Murley, VFW past post commander, Vicenza VFW Post 8862, stand at attention during the playing of Taps at the Memorial Day service held Thursday on Hoekstra Field. (Photo by Barbara Romano, 7th JMTC Photo lab)

"In all, more than a million American war-fighters have died in our wars; each one of these great warriors was loved and remembered by someone," continued Helmick. "Every

one of those lost lives means the loss of a son, daughter, mother, father, brother, sister and friend...They are all important to us and we honor them all."

## One more busload, one final checklist, one last photo



(Above) 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team buddies get one for the photo album before boarding for Afghanistan. (Below left) Shaun St. Hillaire doing one of the many tasks he took on to ensure a smooth deployment. (Below right) Staff Sgt. Kathleen Joseph (left) and Staff Sgt. Juan Perez electronically manifest 173d ABCT Soldiers before they boarded aircraft at Aviano. (Photos by Jon Fleshman, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs Officer)



Sandy Segura, plans officer for the garrison's Directorate of Logistics, sees off yet another bus convoy bound for Aviano loaded with 173d ABCT elements deploying to Afghanistan. Sandy was up well before sunrise and kept at it well into the day to make sure the Soldiers were taken care of.

