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## Know Advance Return of Dependents facts

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Press Release

As the Soldiers of the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team prepare for their deployment to Afghanistan, questions regarding Advance Return of Dependents (ARD) have reached the command staff.

Families should be aware of their options should they decide to return to the states under ARD.

Personnel actions referred to as ARD authorize dependents to travel at government expense, provided certain criteria are met.

Although the term ARD is often used interchangeably with Early Return of Dependents (ERD), ARDs are used for personal situations while ERDs are used for official situations, often involving misconduct.

ARDs/ERDs may be appropriate in numerous situations, but the most common involve family situations.

In these situations it must be determined that the best interests of the Soldier, or family members, and the government are served because of compelling personal reasons such as financial difficulties, marital difficulties, unforeseen family problems, death or serious illness of close relatives, or for reasons of a humanitarian or compassionate nature; or because of other situations which have an adverse effect on the member's performance of duty.

A deployment, in and of itself, would not

be a sufficient basis to support an ARD. However, if the deployment would create personal or family situations which fall into the above categories, then the ARD may be in the best interests of the Soldier or family and the government.

Because of the expense involved, ARDs must be used only as a last resort. It must be determined that the situation arose after the family arrived overseas, and that all

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**Returning at personal expense to Vicenza would be problematic due to the Italian visa and soggiorno requirements.**

community resources are unable to resolve the situation. The request must be justified with documentation from appropriate agencies (e.g. chaplain, financial or marital counselor, legal or medical authorities, etc.) recommending that return of the family members to the states would be in the best interest of the government and family.

ARDs are normally initiated by the Soldier/

sponsor through the Soldier's S-1/G-1, but may be initiated by a family member if the sponsor is unavailable or unwilling to start the process.

The garrison commander is the approving authority, but recommendations from the sponsor's commander and chain of command are important.

If an ARD is approved, the family members are entitled to travel at Government expense to CONUS. Transportation of household goods and POV may also be authorized.

Foreign-born family members may be entitled to travel to their native country, but would be very limited in using facilities on any U.S. military posts in the native country as their sponsor is not stationed in that country. For example, an Italian spouse who is ARD'd from Germany to Vicenza would have very limited access to facilities on Caserma Ederle.

Once family members are ARD'd they are not entitled to return to the sponsor's overseas duty station. Returning at personal expense to Vicenza would be problematic due to the Italian visa and soggiorno requirements.

Once a new duty location is selected by the Department of the Army for the Soldier, family members must submit a request to travel at government expense to the new duty assignment. The Soldier can do this once his new assignment is confirmed.

The decision to request an ARD is one that does not get blanket approval. Each case is taken on its own merit.

### Passport applications taking longer to process

From the U.S. Department of State  
Web site: [travel.state.gov](http://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](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](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.

## Veterans Affairs secretary visits Caserma Ederle



Secretary of Veterans Affairs, the honorable James Nicholson, addresses Soldiers and veterans at the Ederle Theater April 26. After his talk, he took questions from the audience. (Photo by Barbara Romano, 7th JMTC Photo lab)

By Pfc. Crystal Abbott  
SETAF Public Affairs Office

James "Jim" Nicholson, Secretary of Veterans' Affairs, addressed Caserma Ederle Soldiers and veterans at the Ederle Theater April 26, explaining what the Department of Veterans Affairs has to offer.

"We have three areas of coverage," said Nicholson, "health, benefits and burial."

VA offers veterans many different benefits from the GI bill and vocational training to no-down-payment home mortgages.

"We exist to serve the Soldiers' needs," said Nicholson, "as General George Washington once said, 'The character of a society can be measured by the way it treats its veterans.'"

Nicholson thanked the Soldiers and veterans for their service and explained that Veterans' Affairs is well funded, well staffed and ready to serve the needs of the Soldiers.

"You are the reason we have our freedom," said Nicholson. "On behalf of VA, we are grateful for what you are doing and we feel privileged to serve you."

## Only authorized drivers may use SETAF-plated vehicles

Directorate of Logistics  
Community Information

For the upcoming deployment of the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team to Afghanistan, the 173d ABCT Rear Detachment will be handling the storage of privately-owned vehicles for single Soldiers. Oversight of the operation will be executed by the Directorate of Logistics.

For those Soldiers who are not leaving their vehicles with an authorized driver, the tasks to prepare the vehicle for storage are:

- ✓ Clean exterior/interior
- ✓ Vehicle is Operational – no leaks
- ✓ No hazardous materials or pilferable items
- ✓ Leave ¾ of a tank of gas
- ✓ Provide a set of keys
- ✓ Complete DD Form 788 (Joint Inspection) with Storage POC

Vehicles that are not put in the authorized POV storage area must be left with authorized individuals only. An authorized individual is someone who has:

- ✓ A valid SETAF Driver's License
- ✓ Power of Attorney for the vehicle
- ✓ Current insurance coverage visibly displayed on vehicle, listing additional personnel covered to drive vehicle

Vehicles that are left in the possession of an authorized individual not living on post or in Villaggio, cannot be left overnight on Caserma Ederle without a permit from the Office of the Provost Marshal. Violations of the overnight parking can result in towing/disposal as an abandoned vehicle and possible UCMJ action, according to the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

There have been issues in the past where Soldiers have left their vehicles in possession of Italian citizens who do not have a SETAF driver's license. At no time should a Soldier leave their SETAF plated vehicle with an

unlicensed driver. If you are not a SETAF driver's license holder, you are not allowed to operate a SETAF-plated vehicle. *If the non-SETAF authorized driver is stopped by the Italian police or Carabinieri the POV will be impounded and the Soldier will have to pay a fine, plus accumulated storage fees upon return from deployment, said the SJA.*

Additionally, they will be charged with allowing an unlicensed SETAF driver to operate their POV.

Do not think that giving a non-SETAF licensed person a Power of Attorney to drive the car is adequate – it is not.

### Rear Detachment tasks

- ✓ Inspect vehicle insuring operational, clean, and has no leaks
- ✓ Conduct joint inspection with Soldier on DD Form 788
- ✓ Ensure all Power of Attorney documentation is correct if used
- ✓ Accept, sign for, and secure vehicle keys



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- ✓ Ensure security and maintenance of POV storage area
- ✓ Maintain visibility of stored POVs at all times
- ✓ If requested, return POVs to Soldiers on R&R
- ✓ At the end of R&R repeat inspection/storage process
- ✓ Secure, fenced area
- ✓ Provide verified list of POVs for storage to the Directorate of Logistics, Installation Transportation Office
- ✓ Provide consolidated list by unit, name, and license number for de-registration to the Office of the Provost Marshal

### Motorcycle Storage

- ✓ Stored as Household Goods
- ✓ Requires registration, bill of sale, and title (or Copy of Lien)
- ✓ No gas and no oil in tank of motorcycle.

## Safety Countermeasure

# Think safety when cooking out

USAG Vicenza Safety Office  
Press Release

With more people lighting their grills than ever before, it's important to remember that a fun barbecue is a safe barbecue.

Remember, anytime you work with fire, there's a chance of getting burned. The use of Composite Risk Management and planning will help reduce risks and help prevent injuries by simply following the control measures outlined below.

◆ Always read the owners manual before using your grill and follow specific usage, assembly, and safety procedures. Contact the grill manufacturer if you have specific questions. (Be sure to locate your model number and the manufacturer's consumer inquiry phone number and write them on the front page of your manual.)



A Soldier with 509th Signal Battalion carefully cleans up the grill used for a battalion get together. (Photo by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)

◆ Barbecue grills are designed for outdoor use, only. Never barbecue in your trailer, tent, house, garage, or any enclosed area because carbon monoxide may accumulate and kill you.

◆ Set up your grill in an open area that is away from buildings, overhead combustible surfaces, dry leaves, or brush. Be sure to avoid high traffic areas and always barbecue in a well-ventilated area. Be aware of wind-blown sparks.

◆ When using a barbecue grill, be sure that all parts of the unit are firmly in place and that the grill can't be tipped over.

◆ If using electrically-operated accessories (rotisseries, etc.), be sure they are properly grounded in accordance with local codes. Electrical cords should be placed away from walkways or anywhere people can trip over them.

◆ Use barbecue utensils with long handles (forks, tongs, etc.) to avoid burns and splatters.

◆ Wear clothing that does not have hanging shirt tails, frills, or apron strings that can catch fire, and use flame-retardant mitts when adjusting hot vents.

◆ To put out flare-ups, either raise the grid that the food is on, spread the coals out evenly, or adjust the controls to lower the temperature. If you must douse the flames with a light spritz of water, first remove the food from the grill.

◆ Use baking soda to control a grease fire and have a fire extinguisher handy. A bucket of sand or a garden hose should be near if you don't have a commercial extinguisher.

◆ Never leave a lit grill unattended. Especially if there are children or animals around.

◆ Consider placing a grill pad or splatter mat beneath your grill. These naturally heat resistant pads are usually made of lightweight composite cement or plastic and will protect your deck or patio from any grease that misses the drip pan.

◆ Stay away from hot grill. Don't allow anyone to conduct activity near the grill when in use or immediately following its use. The grill body remains hot up to an hour after being used.

◆ Don't move a hot grill. Never attempt to move a hot grill. It's easy to stumble or drop it and serious burns could result. Composite risk management – use it.

## Changes made to garrison alcohol policy

The USAG Vicenza Garrison Command Policy concerning the consumption and purchase of alcohol has recently been revised.

This article addresses a section of the policy, which is seen for the first time:

Paragraph 7. Purchase, consumption and distribution of alcohol are prohibited for:

a. All individuals under 18 years of age; and,

b. All individuals, regardless of age, currently enrolled in a secondary school (examples include DoDDS High School, home school, Italian High School equivalent, international school) but excludes a dependent working toward a GED.

Numerous factors were considered before this provision was added to the policy.

One such factor is the concern expressed by community leadership and parents about the use of alcohol by youth. There have been incidents involving under-age youth and alcohol.

Three other factors are 1) The very lenient laws in Italy which permit youth to purchase packaged alcohol and alcohol by the glass; 2) Growing research that youth who consume alcohol are more negatively impacted by that use than are adults (for instance, intoxication); and 3) That addiction later in life correlates with drinking at a young age.

Violations of this policy will be sent to the Juvenile Review Board, which will recommend courses of action for consideration by the USAG Vicenza commander.

The full policy (Policy Memorandum #07-01 (Version 4)) may be read on the USAG Vicenza Web site: [www.usag.vicenza.army.mil](http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil).

For details, contact Judy Crow, Adolescent Substance Abuse Counselor, at 634-7127 or Ann Campbell, Army Substance Abuse Program chief, at 634-7554.

### Special Soldiers sought

## Criminal Investigation Division seeks special agents

Criminal Investigation Division  
Public Affairs Office

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command (USACIDC), commonly known as CID, is seeking qualified applicants to become highly-trained criminal investigators.

Army CID Special Agents are responsible for investigating felony-level crime of Army interest, conducting protective service operations and working with other Federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to solve crime and combat terrorism.

"The best part of being a CID agent is seeing a case from cradle to grave," said Chief Warrant Officer Paul Arthur, special agent in charge, Vicenza CID. "And by helping the victims by identifying subjects through investigative activities. That's when we go out and talk to people in the area to gather information on the crime in question, process crime scenes, conduct interviews, and coordinate with other government agencies."

Agents receive the very latest in criminal investigative training at the U.S. Army Military Police School and advanced training in specialized investigative disciplines.

"During the four-month school agents are taught how to conduct interviews, take photographs, cast impressions, fingerprint subjects and understand the legal system," said Arthur. "Students also learn how to conduct economic crimes

investigations, drug investigations, death investigations, sexually-related investigations and child abuse investigations.

"We are taught how to collect and evaluate evidence from crime scenes, obtain standards and exemplars, qualify on assigned weapons, process crime scenes, use CID Reporting systems and touched bases on other areas such as protective service and polygraphs," he said.

For fans of CSI and other television shows, Arthur remind them that in the real world, investigations are not solved in 60 minutes. There is investigative activity used to gather pertinent intelligence to solve the crime, he said.

Selected agents receive advanced training at the FBI National Academy, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center and the Canadian Police College. Agents also have the opportunity to pursue a master's degree in Forensic Science at George Washington University.

For details about what it takes to become a special agent, contact the Vicenza CID at 634-8898 or visit the Web site: [www.cid.army.mil](http://www.cid.army.mil) to download applications or obtain more information.

## How to get post information

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs Office  
Command Information

Community members who don't have access to official e-mail often find it frustrating when it comes to finding the telephone number for a specific office.

There are several ways to get help:

1. If you need directory assistance and have access to a DSN (official) telephone, dial '0' or 113 from any official phone.

2. If you are off post, dial 0444-71-7111. This will send you to the directory assistance operators. Please NOTE: When you dial this number, you will NOT hear the telephone ring. DO NOT HANG UP. The operator will answer the phone as soon as they can. The Switching Control Center is aware of this problem and is trying to fix it.

3. The USAG Web site: [www.usag.vicenza.army.mil](http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil) has listings and links to many of the most-requested telephone numbers, as does the Directorate of MWR Web site: [www.vicenzamwr.com](http://www.vicenzamwr.com).

As a reminder, all numbers that have a 634 as the prefix may only be called from on post. To dial that number from off post, dial 0444-71 and then use the last four digits of the number.

## Where to get local news

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For information about post events, the community has numerous venues.

You're reading one of them. Another venue is the Command Information Channel. This is a slide show that appears over the cable system on post and in Villaggio. Televisions with the CIC are in the community mail room, the commissary, post exchange food court and lobby of Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

Also, each AFN station across Europe has a dedicated satellite channel focused on its specific community.

If you live in Villaggio or in the barracks and have a cable system, the AFN channel dedicated to Vicenza is AFN Atlantic Prime. If you live off post and have a satellite decoder, it is channel 14.

This is where you'll find breaking news on post closures, gate closures, opening times, etc. in the form of a scroll across the bottom of the screen.

While the programming comes from AFN Prime Atlantic, the channel's news breaks and spots focus on the military community and surrounding areas.

Another source for local news is AFN's 106FM, *The Eagle*, which is also available on your television, through decoder channel 142.

## Nutrition Tip from WIC Overseas

*Did you know that when you watch TV, your body slips into a hypnotic state and your metabolism decreases?*

*Here is a healthy challenge: Cut the amount of time you watch television in half.*

*If this is too drastic, be intentional about what you watch. Sit down for the program you want and turn it off when the program is over.*

*Use the re-claimed time to read, work on a project, or talk to your family.*

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

# Wearing appropriate head gear, clothing helps keep bicyclists safe

**Directorate of Emergency Services**  
*Special to the Outlook*

During the past few weeks, many children and adults have been seen riding bicycles in Villaggio, on Caserma Ederle and off post without wearing appropriate head protection.

Head injuries are the most serious and potentially life threatening injuries that can be sustained by bicyclists (adults and children).

■ Each year about 900 bicycle riders are killed in the U.S. About 90 percent involve collisions with cars, and 75 percent of them die of brain injuries.

■ May, June and July have the highest percent of bicycle-related deaths.

■ Forty-nine percent of the deaths occur between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. This is when most children are out riding their bicycles.

■ Bicycle accidents are most likely to occur within five blocks of home.

■ Almost half of all bicycle crashes occur in driveways and on sidewalks.

■ Ninety-six percent of bicyclists killed were reportedly not wearing helmets.

■ Medical research shows that properly wearing a helmet would prevent 88 percent of the brain injuries that occur to cyclists' each year.

Ensuring your child wears their helmet is both a moral and legal responsibility.

a. In accordance with Department of Defense Instruction (DODI) 6055.4, Department of Defense Traffic Safety Program, active duty military must wear approved bicycle helmets when riding bicycles on and off U. S. military installations. DoD Civilians, U. S. contract employees and family members must wear approved bicycle helmets when riding bicycles on U. S. military installations – this includes Villaggio.

It is highly recommended that DoD Civilians, U. S. contract employees and family members wear approved bicycle

helmets when riding bicycles off U. S. military installations as well.

b. An approved bicycle helmet is one that has been designed for bicycling and is approved by the American National Standards Institute, the Snell Memorial Foundation Standards for Bicycle Helmets, or the host-nation government. The military kevlar helmet and hard hats are not approved for use as a bicycle helmets.

c. Bicycle riders must wear helmets that fit properly. Instructions are provided with helmets on how to determine correct fit. Riders must wear helmets correctly and use chinstraps.

d. High visibility/reflective clothing (PT Belt, Vest) will be worn at night or during periods of low visibility. The same type clothing is recommended during daylight to assist in recognition from other traffic.

e. The riding of bicycles on any sidewalk is prohibited. This provision does not apply to small children learning to ride bicycles with the use of training wheels.

f. Bicycles must be equipped with working lights, reflective markings and a bell.

g. Loose fitting clothes should not be worn that may be caught in moving parts. Slip-on shoes such as slippers or shower shoes will not be worn when riding bicycles.

Obey the rules of the road just like any other vehicle. Ride on the right side of the road going with the traffic not more than one meter from the curb or edge of the road.

Villaggio is a congested housing area where many small children live and play. The potential for a vehicle related accident involving a child is always present. Parents must protect themselves and their children in the event of an accident. One of the best ways to do that is to ensure you

and your child wear a properly-fitted and fastened helmet. Military Police will cite personnel in violation of this directive. Do the right thing for yourself and your children – wear a helmet and obey the rules of the road.



**This Soldier is obeying the rules for riding a bicycle on post. She's correctly wearing an approved helmet, her bicycle has a bell and her tires have reflectors in them and her light works. (Photo by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)**

## Insurance, claims information for deploying Soldiers, family members

**By Mark Christensen**  
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*Special to the Outlook*

In accordance with Army in Europe and USASETAF Regulations, SETAF-plated vehicles are to have insurance on them at all times. Personnel are advised that they should not discontinue insurance coverage during a deployment or other extended absence.

In addition, any vehicle subject to a lien may have lienholder requirements that insurance coverage be continued throughout the life of the lien. Individuals who discontinue lienholder-required insurance coverage may violate their vehicle loan contract, and risk additional fees, penalties, or foreclosure on the note and repossession of the vehicle.

Prior to departure and storage of a vehicle, individuals and unit personnel should inventory and note the condition of stored vehicles. Use inventory sheets and digital photographs to identify or verify the absence or presence of pre-storage damage. Personal items not necessary for the storage of the vehicle should not be stored in the vehicle, and

valuable items, including stereo face-plates, should be removed from the vehicle.

Reasonable precautions may be taken to protect the vehicle, including securing a tarp or other covering over the vehicle. Time and winds can cause tarps to come loose or off the vehicle, so take care to insure the tarp will remain in place through inclement weather.

Army Claims Regulations do not provide for payment of maintenance damage to stored vehicles. Claims cannot be paid for dead batteries, flat tires, mold, rust, sun damage, mechanical damage, or other lack-of-use damage to stored vehicles.



**Do not leave personal items in the car when you put it in storage. (Outlook file photo)**

## Changes made to Venice airport shuttle

**Directorate of Human Resources**  
*Command Information*

The USAG Vicenza Venice Marco Polo airport shuttle has changed hands, but the transition should be seamless to riders.

Priority for shuttle seats is given to individuals on official travel: PCS, TDY and emergency leave.

All others are on standby. Standby space is not guaranteed at any time.

For information on seating, call the Central Processing Facility at 634-8706 or 0444-71-8706 from off post.

If an emergency arises after hours, call

the CPF at 334-600-4375 or 340-651-2880.

Monday-Friday the shuttle leaves from the Ederle Inn starting at 4:05 a.m. and running every three hours after that, ending at 7:05 p.m.

The second pick up spot is Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center beginning at 4:10 a.m. and every three hours after that.

On weekends and American and Italian holidays the shuttle also begins at 4:05 a.m. from the Ederle Inn, but the last run is at 1:05 p.m.

The pick up from DSFRC begins at 4:10 a.m., and the last pick up is 1:10 p.m.

### Monday-Friday schedule

	<u>1st run</u>	<u>2nd run</u>	<u>3rd run</u>	<u>4th run</u>	<u>5th run</u>	<u>6th run</u>
Leave Ederle Inn	4:05	7:05	10:05	13:05	16:05	19:05
Leave Davis SFRC Bldg 108	4:10	7:10	10:10	13:10	16:10	19:10
Arrive Venice*	5:00	8:00	11:00	14:00	17:00	20:00
Leave Venice	5:20	9:15	12:15	15:15	18:15	21:15
Arrive Davis SFRC* Bldg 108	6:15	10:10	13:10	16:10	19:10	22:10
Arrive Ederle Inn	6:20	10:15	13:15	16:15	19:15	22:15

### Weekend, American/Italian holiday schedule

	<u>1st run</u>	<u>2nd run</u>	<u>3rd run</u>	<u>4th run</u>
Leave Ederle Inn	4:05	7:05	10:05	13:05
Leave Davis SFRC	4:10	7:10	10:10	13:10
Arrive Venice airport*	5:00	8:00	11:00	14:00
Leave Venice airport	5:20	9:15	12:15	15:15
Arrive Davis SFRC*	6:15	10:10	13:10	16:10
Arrive Ederle Inn	6:20	10:15	13:15	16:15

*\*Arrival times to Venice Marco Polo airport and back to Caserma Ederle are approximate depending on traffic and weather conditions.*

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# NCO saves Soldier's life

Story and photo by Pfc. Crystal Abbott  
SETAF Public Affairs Office

Saving the life of another Soldier brought a SETAF noncommissioned officer to the attention of his commanding general.

Maj. Gen. Frank Helmick, SETAF commander, awarded Staff Sgt. Ringo Wilson, G-4 motor pool maintenance supervisor, a coin in recognition for his quick actions April 10.

It was like any other day at the Consolidated Motor Pool. Wilson had just sent a Soldier outside to conduct routine maintenance on some equipment. A few minutes later, when the Soldier returned to the shop, Wilson noticed something was wrong.

"I looked at him and noticed that he was pale and kind of slow in movement," said Wilson. "I asked him if he was okay and he replied, 'Yes.' I then told him to tell me what was really wrong and he opened up and said that he was feeling ill and having difficulty breathing."

Wilson decided the best course of action would be to immediately take the Soldier to the health clinic.

"He was hesitant when I told him that he needed to gather his things and go to the medical center," said Wilson. "I gave him a direct order to gather his belongings because he was going to the TMC."

Getting the Soldier to the health clinic as quickly as he did very possibly saved his life, according to medical staff.

"I do know that if he had been allowed to simply sleep it off, he probably would never have woken up," said Col. Bradley Harper, commander of the medical clinic, adding that his condition was so severe that "at one point, I told the general his chances were 50-50."

After arriving at the Vicenza health clinic, the Soldier was placed on a respirator and transferred to San Bortolo hospital in Vicenza.

As his condition was deemed critical, his family flew in to stay by his side.

"The Italians did everything right," said Harper. "They were very aggressive in treating him."

Wilson attributed his quick decision making to the Combat Life Saver training he completed. The skills he learned in CLS helped him make the quick and necessary decisions that very likely saved the life of the Soldier.

"Being a CLS graduate helped a lot during the initial assessment of [the Soldier's] behavior," said Wilson. "You really have to take a different approach when dealing with those kinds of behaviors and attitudes. Soldiers today are more vulnerable to pride and upbringing; they won't tell you something is really wrong until you dig down their throats for the truth."



Staff Sgt. Ringo Wilson is given SETAF Commander Maj. Gen. Frank Helmick's commanders coin of excellence April 19 for potentially saving a Soldier's life April 10.



## Post celebrates National Prayer Day

Story and photo by Diana Bahr  
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

May 3 was National Prayer Day and on Caserma Ederle the event was celebrated with a half-hour program in the post chapel.

The program began with a welcome by Chap. (Maj.) Bill Schneider, USAG Vicenza Family Life chaplain, who relayed a Civil War anecdote about a captain who complains to Gen. Stonewall Jackson about Soldiers making noise in the camp. The captain tells the

(At left) Chaplain (Maj.) Bill Schneider, USAG Vicenza Family Life chaplain, starts off National Pray Day with an Civil War anecdote.

general that the men are praying and singing and that the articles of war order punishment for those making unusual noises. The general replies, "God forbid that praying should be an unusual noise in the camp, young man."

The anecdote set the tone for the rest of the program as the audience was encouraged to join in during the scripture reading and when the Gospel Service choir sang. The participants were also treated to a solo of "He's got the Whole World" by Vanessa Royer.

Prayers were said on behalf of our nation's leaders, our world, our nation and for our Soldiers and their families.



(Above) a Caserma Ederle player returns a shot from Renato Cegalin, a member of the Palladio Tennis Club, during one of the single matches. The players were part of a scrimmage match held on post April 20. (At right) American and Italian players talk about the last technical details to the Sports and Fitness coordinator before the beginning of the USAG Vicenza Tennis Team scrimmage held at the Caserma Ederle tennis court April 20. (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)

## Matchup between American, Italian tennis teams

Participants from the local Palladio Tennis Club joined American players from Caserma Ederle for a tennis matchup on post April 20. Scrimmage games were conducted among the following players and results were: Doubles Match: Jamie Houston & Mark Sullivan (6) vs. Loris Daltoso & Andrea Bertollo (8) Single Matches: Albin Bertold (1) vs. Stefano Guerra (8); Andrea Bertollo (5) vs. Mike Listopad (8); Kate Jimenez (6) vs. Claudia Zaltron (8); Kirk Madgic (7) vs. Renato Cegalin (9); and Mariga Augusta (6) vs. Paul Saldano (8).

The planned U. S. Army Garrison Vicenza Tennis Tournament set for April 27-28 was not conducted due to lack of participation. For information on how to participate in the tennis team or for the upcoming USAG Vicenza Unit Level Championships on June 23-24, and for the European Championships that will take place in Heidelberg July 20- 22 contact the Sports Office at 634-7009.



Volunteers make it happen

# 1 out of 10 volunteer on Darby

Story and photo

By Staff Sgt. Joyce Costello  
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Small communities like Camp Darby often have limited resources and rely heavily on volunteers.

"Without volunteers, some Camp Darby events would be degraded or non-existent," said Stephen Zglinicki, Army Volunteer Corps coordinator. "Things like 'Run to the Tower' wouldn't work as smoothly, the Easter egg hunt would be jeopardized without volunteers and our annual haunted house relies solely on these fine folks."

Volunteering is not limited to just adults in the community; Camp Darby youth have a huge impact.

"We have 15 out of the 45 youth at Youth Services who volunteer through the Passport Promise programs," said Kerry Lawrence, Child and Youth Services coordinator. "To have one-third of the youth volunteer truly reflects on how dedicated these children are to having the best youth services possible."

Among the many events youth help with include post clean up, volunteering at YS dances, car washes, bake sales and even help out at the basketball games.

Once a youth has logged 50 volunteer hours, they receive a certificate.

"By volunteering and getting this certificate, it can help a youth when they're trying to get into a good university," adds Zglinicki.

The Camp Darby leadership and community thanked volunteers with free coffee and pastries during National Volunteer Week April 16-20, and later recognized volunteers at an award ceremony.

"Population wise, it's amazing that we have 87 registered volunteers and 52 who reported their hours, in a community as small as this," said Lt. Col. Steven Sicinski, USAG Livorno commander.

"I decided to volunteer because I wanted a sense of community away from home," said Riki Claudio, Army Community Service volunteer.

People who are interested in volunteering on Camp Darby need to log on to [www.myarmylifetoo.com](http://www.myarmylifetoo.com) to self-register.

On this site, various volunteer jobs are posted under the Volunteer Management Information System.

Organizations that need or want volunteers must post job descriptions on VMIS. This system will allow volunteers to



The outstanding contributions of Camp Darby volunteers and members of Youth Service's Passport Promise program were recognized at an awards ceremony April 27.

register and keep track of their hours. Plus, Army volunteers may transfer from one post to another without transferring any paperwork.

"If you do not have Internet access, come by Army Community Services and you can use our free computers," adds Zglinicki. "I can help answer any of your questions."

Volunteers are needed for future events – like the Italian-American carnival in June –

and for organizations like Parent, Teacher and Students Organization, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and AFN Livorno. Youth volunteers are needed for the May 11 Spring Fling dance and an upcoming car wash in June.

"It's pretty amazing that we have such a great community of volunteers," said Lawrence. "I am grateful that the volunteers have been so amazing this year and look forward to working with them again."

## Camp Darby Briefs

### In memory of Fernando Porciani

The Camp Darby community regrets to announce the passing of Fernando Porciani. He contributed to the foundation and development of Camp Darby with unselfish dedication and professionalism.

Donations for charity purposes in memory of him can be made at Quatermaster laundry with Simona or Donatella.

Offers and names of the contributors will be provided to the Porciani family.

### Army Community Service events

May 11: Military Spouse Appreciation Day - come by ACS

for a surprise.

**May 16: Cooking Demonstration** - 3 p.m. Get ready for summer picnics by learning how to make quick and easy summer salads.

**May 16: Asian Pacific Heritage Luncheon** - 11:30 a.m. at the dining facility with guest speaker Consular officer Michael Ma.

### Darby Community Club

**May 18:** Camp Darby's very own live band "Drunken Mistake" will play their first DCC concert at 7 p.m.

### Library

Camp Darby's library now has online research databases (Newsbank, Gaylord and Ebsco)

and down-loadable books.

### Livorno Unit Schools

Livorno High School will hold a closing ceremony May 11, 10 a.m. in the Camp Darby theater.

Preregistration packets for the next school year are due to the administration office as soon as possible.

For details, call Livorno Unit Schools at 633-7573.

### College Scholarships

2007-2008 UMUC scholarship applications year are available at the Education Center, or download a copy at [www.ed.umuc.edu](http://www.ed.umuc.edu).

**Commissary Scholarship:** A \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded

at every commissary location where qualified applications are received.

Only dependent unmarried children under age 21 (23 if enrolled as a full time student) of active duty personnel, Reserve, National Guard and retired military members, or survivors of deceased members, may apply for the scholarship.

Visit the commissary or log on to [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org) for an application.

### Fitness Center

Starting May 8, stop by the Darby fitness center for an safety and orientation class on proper use of gym equipment.

Classes are held 8:30-10 a.m. and again 2-3:30 p.m.

### Darby Chapel

Sunday Services

8:30 a.m.: Catholic Reconciliation

9:30 a.m.: Catholic Mass

11:15 a.m.: Protestant worship

### Cooking class features awesome artichokes

A teacher shows how to peel off the external leaves of artichokes during the monthly cooking demonstration at Army Community Service. The next cooking class is May 16, 3 p.m. and focuses on the preparation of cold summer salads. For a copy of the recipe and details of upcoming classes, call ACS at 633-7779, or go online at [www.usag.livorno.army.mil](http://www.usag.livorno.army.mil).



### Beach, pool passes on sale now



A girl tests her surfing ability during Beach Splash held at the Darby Community Club April 20. This year's event was a success with more than 200 umbrellas sold on the spot. The official opening of the American Beach in Tirrenia is May 26. May 25 is Darby Day with free parking, free entrance and a free barbecue for Darby community members. The Camp Darby pool is open weekends, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. The pool will open daily May 26. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult. There are still umbrellas and cabanas available for long-term rental. Call Outdoor Rec at 633-7491. (Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, USAG Livorno Public Affairs.)

# Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

## Vicenza Jazz 2007

Vicenza Jazz 2007 features many international performers May 12 through 18.

The following concerts are free:

**May 12:** Campo Marzio, 9 p.m. the Ray Mantilla Space Station performs.

**May 13:** Campo Marzio, 4 p.m. hear Ivo Papazov and his Wedding Orchestra.

Also at 4 p.m. but in downtown Vicenza, the Mitokasamba e Sauros's Band will parade through the city center then give a concert in the main square.

**May 13:** Campo Marzio, 9 p.m. Orquestra Do Fuba.

The following concerts have admission fees:

**May 14:** The Guinga-Mirabassi Duo, Carla Bley Quartet and Paolo Fresu perform at the *Teatro Olimpico* 9 p.m.

**May 15:** Listen to the William Parker Septet and the Anthony Braxton-William Parker Duo in the *Auditorium Canneti*, 9 p.m.

**May 16:** The Dudek-Kuehn-Lillinger-Fasoli Quartet, the Schlippenbach-Lovens-Parker Trio and the Zentral Quartet perform in the *Teatro Astra* at 9 p.m.

**May 17:** at 9 p.m. Irio De Paula, Fabrizio Rosso and Abdullah Ibrahim perform in *Teatro Olimpico* at 9 p.m.;

**May 18:** Vicenza Jazz's final performance the Egea Orchestra at the Odeon Cinema at 9 p.m.

## Exhibition, market, music concerts and alpine rally

**May 12-13:** Thiene, located 19 km from Vicenza, holds a flower exhibition-market May 12 from 3 p.m.-10:30 p.m. and May 13 from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Garden furniture and food stands are also available.

**May 13:** Vicenza's monthly antique market is held in the main squares sunup to sundown;

**May 13:** In Bassano in the Angelo Church at 6 p.m. a free performance of classical music will be played by Michele Lunardi on

the accordion.

Listen to music by Mozart, Bach, Paganini and other composers.

Dee Dee Bridgewater will be in the Vicenza exhibition hall at 9 p.m.

**May 24:** Cheryl Porter performs at the MaxLive establishment in Costabissara at 9 p.m. All proceedings go to help children in Haiti.

**May 26:** Italian singer Renato Zero perform in the Padova soccer stadium

**July 17:** George Michael performs in the Padova soccer stadium.

## Padova exhibition

The biggest all-round exhibition, *85th Campionaria*, will be held at the Padova exhibition grounds **May 12-20**.

Entrance is free and you'll find everything for the home, vacations, hobbies, sports, cars, motorbikes, garden furniture, swimming pools, camping equipment and more.

There are also demonstrations on spinning, horseback riding, music shows and more.

Open weekdays, 4:30 p.m. to midnight and weekends, 10 a.m. to midnight.

Directions: Take the A4 autostrada, exit at Padova est and follow signs for '85th Campionaria.'

If going by train, the exhibition center is 500 meters from the Padova train station.

## Giro d'Italia

**May 12-June 3:** *Giro d'Italia* is the Italian version of the *Tour de France*.

More than 20 dedicated teams of professional cyclists compete in a three-week long race for the 'pink shirt,' the chosen symbol of victory.

Starting in La Maddalena, the race criss-crosses the length and breadth of the Italian peninsula and finishes in Milan.

The 'tappe' nearest Vicenza will be in Treviso June 1 and Bardolino, Verona June 2.

The event is televised on Italian national TV. Web site in Italian [giroditalia2007.gazzetta.it](http://giroditalia2007.gazzetta.it).

## Ferrari cars

In the town of 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.

The museum is less crowded during the week and you may be there while they're testing a Formula One car on the track nearby.

The museum and gift store are open everyday from 9:30 a.m.-7 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.

## Travel to Germany

All personnel who drive government/IFMS vehicles to and from Germany must request border clearance and insurance activation a minimum of three working days before departure date from the Directorate of Logistics IFMS Fleet manager. Border clearance is for Austria only. Travel through Switzerland and France is not authorized.

Traveling through these countries in a government/IFMS vehicle can lead to serious consequences should you be stopped by French or Swiss authorities for any reason or involved in an accident. They have the right to impound the vehicle. This not only leaves you stranded but you are held liable for reimbursing the government for the cost of the vehicle. Do not drive through Switzerland or France.

Austrian law requires a valid stateside driver's license accompanied by an International Driver's license or a license issued by another European Union member state. SETAF driver's license or an OF 346 is not recognized by Austrian authorities.

# Now Showing

## Caserma Ederle Theater

<b>May 8</b>	300 (R)	7 p.m.
<b>May 9</b>	Music and Lyrics (PG13)	7 p.m.
<b>May 10</b>	The Number 23 (PG13)	7 p.m.
<b>May 11</b>	Spiderman 3 (PG13)	7 p.m.
	Ghost Rider (PG13)	9:45 p.m.
<b>May 12</b>	Ghost Rider (PG13)	4 p.m.
	Spiderman 3 (PG13)	7 p.m.
<b>May 13</b>	Wild Hogs (PG3)	4 p.m.
	Reno 911: Miami (PG13)	7 p.m.
<b>May 14</b>	CLOSED	
<b>May 15</b>	CLOSED	

## Camp Darby Theater

<b>May 10</b>	The Number 23 (R)	6 p.m.
<b>May 11</b>	Vacancy (R)	6 p.m.
<b>May 12</b>	Reno 911: Miami (PG13)	6 p.m.
<b>May 13</b>	Ghost Rider (PG13)	2 p.m.

## Movie Synopsis

**300 - Gerard Butler, Lena Headey.** Set in the midst of the Persian-Greco war during the Battle of Thermopylae, where Spartan king Leonidas led his army of 300 soldiers into battle against the invading Persian army. According to legend, their valor and sacrifice inspired all of Greece to unite against their Persian foe, leading to the origins of democracy.

**SPIDERMAN 3 - Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst.** Peter Parker has finally managed to strike a balance between his devotion to M.J. and his duties as a superhero. But there is a storm brewing on the horizon. When his suit suddenly changes, turning jet-black and enhancing his powers, it transforms Peter as well, bringing out the dark, vengeful side of his personality that he is struggling to control. Under the influence of the suit, Peter becomes overconfident and starts to neglect the people who care for him most. Forced to choose between the seductive power of the new suit and the compassionate hero he used to be, Peter must overcome his personal demons.

**GHOST RIDER - Nicolas Cage, Eva Mendes.** A motorcycle stuntman, Johnny Blaze, makes a pact with a dark force, selling his soul to save his girlfriend. When the bargain goes sour and the girl isn't saved, Blaze is transformed, gaining raging superpowers. Based on the Marvel comic series.

**RENO 911!: MIAMI - Robert Ben Garant, Thomas Lennon.** The officers of the Reno police department visit a national police convention in Miami Beach. When the convention center is bio-attacked, it's up to Reno's "finest" to save the day.

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; 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 or call 634-7343 or 0444-71-7343 from off post.**

**Ferrets:** Have 2, two-year old ferrets, 1 male, 1 female. \$300 for the two ferrets, and two cages.

**2002 Navigator:** Loaded. \$27,000 OBO.

**Ikea bookshelves:** Have three. 1 for \$40 or all 3 for \$100.

**Chair and Ottoman:** \$75.

**Kitchen cabinets w/ countertop(s):** \$200 for all pieces

**Corner cabinet:** \$160.

**Two end/side tables:** \$50 for both.

**220v appliances:** Hairdryer \$5. Toaster \$5. Iron \$10.

**Bathroom cabinet:** Tall. \$50.

**Storage chest:** \$30.

**AC/Dehumidifier/heater:** 220v \$150.

**Slip cover:** For three-seat sofa. \$10.

**Renault 19:** Many extras. \$1200.

**2 Ikea Bookcases:** 70 euro each.

**Breadmaker:** \$10.

**Carol Griggs watercolor print:** \$50.

**Women's clothing:** Size 12, numerous items. Call for prices.

**Rizzato multifunction bench and weights:** \$150.

**Panasonic cordless phone:** Italian specs. \$25, OBO.

**JVC Microcomponent System:** \$25, OBO.

**Books for sale:** Numerous titles, \$2 each.

**Microwave:** 800w \$25 OBO

**Black dress:** Women's small. Never worn. \$10.

**Pimsleur Level One conversational Italian:** \$50.

**1994 Honda Civic:** European specs, \$1,600.

**1994 Alfa Romeo 155:** Great condition. \$1,300 or 1,000 Euro.

**Microwave:** 900watt, 220v. \$30.

**Lamp:** 6 ft tall w/glass shade, 6ft tall. \$20.

**220 Volt transformers:** Assorted. Call for prices.

**Fans:** 220v, assorted. Call for prices.

**Recovered loveseat:** \$250.

**36" Christmas metal candle tree:** \$40.

**Rattan dinette set:** W/four chairs. \$110.

**Italian phone:** \$10.

**Small marble top chest:** \$90.

**1989 Rover 216 S9i:** Good condition. \$1,000.

**1994 Opel Astra:** Pristine condition. \$2,500.

**1991 BMW:** Good condition. \$2,500, OBO.

**Various Disney VHS movies and others:** \$5 each or all 36 for \$160.

**Dr. Seuss books:** About 26 books \$50.

**Kitchen table and two bar stools:** \$45.

**1995 Lancia:** Runs well. \$800.

**Swing set:** Call for details.

**1989 Honda Shadow:** Runs well. \$1,200, OBO.

**Wanted:** Baby items in good condition.

**Wanted:** Office equipment.

**Culligan water unit:** \$75, OBO.

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(Above) View of the balcony above the museum.

(Right) A bust and historical documents are on display in the first room of the two-floor museum.

(Below) View of the vaulted rooms where historical documents, photos and items about the Alpine Corps and the events which occurred during the wars are on display.

(Far right) Some Italian canteens.



A 1936 model of an Alpini helmet on view in the main room.

(Right) Sign above the entrance of the *Museo degli Alpini*, which is located in two floors under the *taverna*, a typical bar on the western side of the *Ponte Vecchio*, the historical bridge also called *Ponte degli Alpini*.

The Alpini is an Italian Army unit, which helped to reconstruct the historical bridge bombed in 1945 at the end of WWII. A plaque on the wall at the entrance of the bridge also commemorates the date of its reconstruction in 1948.

Story and photos by Laura Kreider  
*Outlook Staff*



A place to visit anytime, *Bassano del Grappa* is a town about 35 kilometers northeast of *Vicenza*. It's situated on the *Brenta River* with *Monte Grappa* in the background. Throughout the changing of the seasons, it offers its visitors a variety of events, markets, gastronomic specialties and history to satisfy multiple interests.

Amongst its museums placed in the heart of the city, which include the Civic Museum, located in a 13th century Franciscan convent, a Ceramic Museum, not far from the river, and even a Grappa Museum, which displays old equipment for distilling the *grappa* - the local liqueur - another unique museum also finds its site on the western side of the *Ponte Vecchio*, the wooden covered historical bridge, built the first time in the 12th century and rebuilt several times throughout the centuries.

(The bridge was rebuilt several times, most of them because it was destroyed by the *Brentana*, the so-called strong *Brenta* flood.)

The museum is called *Museo degli Alpini*, where *Alpini* stands for a special unit of the Italian Army, which was established on Oct. 15, 1872 after the approval of a royal decree. After the war fought between Italy and Austria in 1866, a captain understood the importance of creating a specialized army within the King's troops, a sort of local corps who would focus especially on the defense of the just acquired borderlands located in the mountainous territory of the two regions of *Veneto* and *Trentino*.

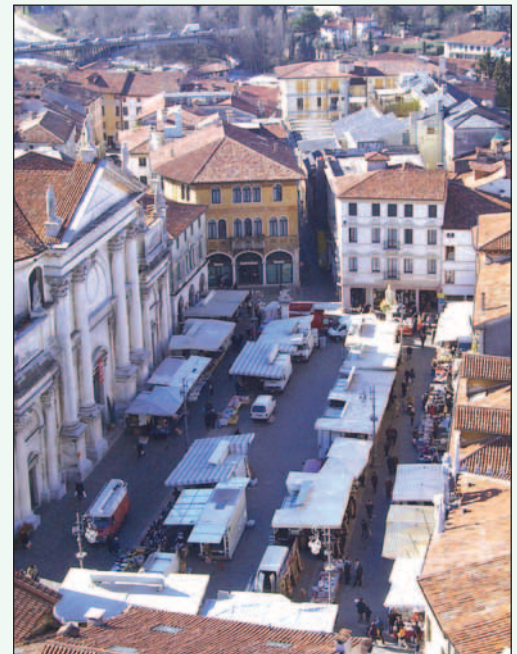
The Alpini had an important role in the history of the town of *Bassano*, which was a war zone during the *Grande Guerra*, World War I, and also in WWII. After what the city experienced throughout the wars, the names of the city and the bridge itself changed. In fact, "*del Grappa*" the mountain where the Soldiers fought, was added to the name of the city and the bridge became "*degli Alpini*" because in 1948 they helped to rebuild it along with other groups on the same place and the way it was before being bombed by the German troops in retreat. Because of this close relationship between the Alpini corps and the bridge, the *Museo degli Alpini* was created by ANA (*Associazione Nazionale Alpini*), the local section of the Alpini Association.



The museum's distinctive entrance is from the *Taverna*, tavern, whose flowered balcony overhangs the river and it is located in a below-ground two-floor setting whose windows look toward the trapezoid wooden piers of the bridge. Several historical documents, photos and items referred to the Alpine corps and the events that occurred during the wars are on display. In the lower floor there is also the reconstruction of a *trincea*, or trench. It is open daily - except on Mondays - from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Entrance is free, but donations are accepted for postcards that are displayed near the guest registry.



(Above) A craftsman weaves the seat on a chair during a day of the market in downtown Bassano.



(Above) View of *Piazza Liberta'* from the *Torre Civica*, the city tower, during a market day. *Bassano* holds a market twice a week, on Thursday and Saturday. (Left) A stand of flowers during a Saturday market.