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## Sky Soldiers make first jump as ABCT

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**GRAFENWOEHR, Germany** – By the numbers: as eight C-130 Hercules transports slowed to 130 knots 800 feet above the ground, more than 700 U.S. and German paratroopers jumped from the aircraft, living up to the embroidered wings on their uniforms.

The Oct. 16 and 17 jumps marked the first mass tactical jump by the four Germany-based battalions of the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team since the ABCT's Sept. 15 designation as a modular unit.

The exercise will not be the last, though, for the troops located in Bamberg and Schweinfurt who are now part of a brigade that is now six battalions strong. The brigade headquarters and two remaining battalions are based in Vicenza.

"This is just the beginning," said Col. Chip Preysler, 173d ABCT commander.

The jumps kicked off a series of training events meant to build teams and mold unit leaders into an effective combat force, Preysler said, as the battalions progressed through small-unit live fire and artillery training on Joint Multinational Training Command ranges in Grafenwoehr.

These exercises "are the building blocks that enable our Soldiers to progress in their critical skills," Preysler said. "Getting boots on the ground safely is essential to being a paratrooper."

On the first day's jump, Soldiers contended with overcast skies, a slight breeze and communication problems.

The second day, however, was nearly perfect, with minimal winds and few issues, according to combat jump veteran Sgt. 1st Class Michael Levesque.

"It was a textbook operation," said Levesque, who, in his five years with the brigade has run more than 30 drop zones.

Levesque's team, which organized and oversaw the jump, included Air Force liaison officers from the 37th Airlift Squadron out of Ramstein Air Base, Germany; medics, and a detail of troops collecting parachutes on the drop zone.

"It was beautiful jump," said German Army Staff Sgt. Salvatore Grillo. "It's a beautiful day to be a Soldier."

Grillo was one of 29 German cadre and students from the German Army Parachute School to join the 173d Soldiers on the second day's jump.

The combined jump enabled the German soldiers to earn American jump wings – officially, the U.S. Army Parachutist Badge.

"We have been working with the German Airborne for quite a while, using their 34-foot jump tower," Preysler said. "Thanks to them, we have been able to complete all our Basic Airborne Refresher training."



The sky over Grafenwoehr was the scene of a mass tactical jump for more than 700 U.S. and German paratroopers Oct. 16 and 17.

Preysler also noted the value of JMTC's facilities. "This is one of the premier training spots in the world. It offers us a very large drop zone, and offers live fire training in conjunction with this airborne operation," he said. "We really couldn't do that anywhere but here."

One of many recently-assigned 173d Soldiers who participated in the event, 1st Sgt. William Groene of

Headquarters and Headquarters Troop 1-91 Cav., critiqued the exercise with the enthusiasm of a relatively novice jumper and the perspective of a senior NCO's.

Groene, completing his first jump since he earned his wings in 1986, said, "I waited 20 years to do this again. I volunteered for it. This jump is getting us one step closer to being combat ready."

## Native American Indian Heritage Month kicks off

Equal Opportunity office  
Press Release

"A Warrior's Tradition: Contributing to Our Nation's Freedom" is the theme for Native American Indian Heritage Month.

American Indians have participated with distinction in United States military actions for more than 200 years. Their courage, determination, and fighting spirit were recognized by American military leaders as early as the 18th century.

In keeping with this tradition, the Caserma Ederle community is invited to observe the many contributions of Native American Indians at the following events:

**Nov. 14 and 16:** Story Hour at the Ederle Library will feature Native American Indian culture

with books, songs and crafts from 11 a.m.- noon.

**Nov. 16:** A special free showing of the movie, "Wind Talkers", starring Nicholas Cage will be shown at 9 a.m. in the Ederle Theater. Wind Talkers portrays the unselfish contributions Native American Indians made to World War II. The code talkers were a Marine unit that had 17 Navajo Indians who frustrated enemy code breakers by translating Army messages into their native language. The enemy never broke the code.

A Native American Indian Heritage feast Day is also being planned.

For details about Native American Indian Heritage month activities, contact Staff Sgt. Haywood Banks at 634-8330.



Chere Harper (left) and Larry Comstock (right) look on while Staff Sgt. Michael Nestell, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 503d Infantry (Airborne), Col. Gordon B. Davis, SETAF Chief of Staff, center, and Staff Sgt. Conrad J. Begaye, Chosen Company, 2-503d Inf (Abn) cut a cake in the Vicenza food court to officially kick off Native American Indian History Month celebrations Thursday. (Nestell and Begaye are respectively Apache and Navajo) Harper, who is part Cherokee and part Comanche, introduced this year's theme for Native American Indian Heritage Month, 'A Warrior's Tradition: Contributing to Our Nation's Freedom.' (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)



# Livorno High School to close; parents, students seek alternatives

## Story and photo

By Staff Sgt. Joyce Costello  
AFN Livorno

In June 2007 numerous Department of Defense Dependents Schools, to include Livorno High School, are closing their doors forever.

For the 14 students in Livorno, who are affected by this closure, they currently have three choices: they may choose to apply for, and if accepted, attend the International School of Florence, parents may choose to home school their children, or find other suitable schooling in the area.

Parents, students, and teachers from Camp Darby visited the school in Florence to learn more about one of their educational options for next year.

Mingling with the staff and students of the International School of Florence gave the Livorno visitors a chance to soak up the atmosphere and see classes in action.

"If my son, Sebastian, could survive the International Baccalaureate courses they

offer, it would set him up for great universities. He wouldn't have any trouble getting into college," said Kari Miller upon learning that her son would be able to earn an IB, in addition to an American diploma.

Sebastian felt it would definitely help him get a better job, and do better in terms of preparing him apply to a good university.

Cathy Magni, Livorno Unit Schools principal, said it will certainly look good on the student's resume and, if they have a particular university in mind, it could make a good impression.

For military dependents, the International Baccalaureate is not a requirement, but if the students can meet the challenges of the program, it's strongly recommended.

But despite the strong academic attraction, some students like Christian Acosta said they weren't keen on uniforms and the long bus ride involved. And then there is the possibility that some of the students might not get accepted.

Dennis Bohannon, DoDDS Europe Public Affairs officer, stressed that DoDDS-Europe

does offer assistance for students when a DoD school is not available where they live. The non-DoDDS School Program has a mission to provide educational guidance, support, and financial assistance to help children access available educational programs comparable to those offered by the Department of Defense Education Activity.

"I'm glad to see that DoDDs came through, per our request, and we had a meeting with the school. Maybe, for the children who may not be accepted to the school, they can come up with another alternative, other than home schooling," said Miller.

"We know that these will be emotional and tense times for parents and students as they try to find the best programs for their child's

continuing education," said Bohannon. "We also know that Principal Magni and her competent and caring staff will do whatever it takes to ensure parents and students are given all appropriate information to guide them in the right directions. DoDDS-Europe is committed to helping parents as best we can. Therefore, if they have any need that cannot be answered by the school, they can contact the District Superintendent's Office in Vicenza."

The next step for Camp Darby parents and students is to send an application to the International School of Florence, and wait to see if the child is accepted.

For information about school closings, and what to do if your child's school is to be closed, visit the Web site [www.eu.dodea.edu](http://www.eu.dodea.edu).

## CAC strives to share key information with community

### USAG Vicenza Public Affairs Office

#### Press Release

The Community Action Council is changing venue and changing its focus. "We want to take the opportunity to get more pertinent information out to the community," said Renee Citron, deputy to the Garrison Command, USAG Vicenza. "This is a great forum for us to share important information and highlight community events. We want to encourage as many people as possible to attend."

The first new CAC will take place Nov. 21, in Club Veneto from 10-11:30 a.m. The new format will include time for each directorate and key agency chiefs to highlight important information such as events, changes in hours of operations for facilities, changes in policy and more.

"We want to make this a one-stop-shop for key information the community needs to

know," said Citron.

Even though the format is changing, key parts of the CAC will still take place, such as volunteer recognition, addressing specific CAC issues and the open forum. Not all CAC issues submitted will be addressed in the new CAC forum, but those submitting issues will receive personal responses from the agency directly.

Because of this new format, anonymous issues will no longer be accepted. Those submitting issues will need to supply contact information, such as a valid phone number and e-mail address.

If your issue is not addressed during the new CAC forum, you will be able to find responses posted to the USAG Vicenza Web site at [www.usag.vicenza.army.mil](http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil), where you can also submit an issue or search through past issues.

For any questions concerning the CAC, contact the Public Affairs Office at 634-6363.

## Boris takes reigns of 1-91 CAV



Lt. Col. Christopher Kolenda (right), commander of 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment (Airborne), passes the Alpha Troop guidon to Capt. David Boris (left), incoming Troop commander at a ceremony held at Conn Barracks Oct. 26. Also featured are 1st. Sgt. Kevin Briody and Capt. Ian Palmer, the outgoing commander. (Photo by Capt. Kevin Calkins, 1-91st Cavalry Public Affairs)

## Community

### Action Council

This forum is to discuss issues affecting the community. If you have an issue you wish to submit, visit the USAG Vicenza Web site at [www.usag.vicenza.army.mil](http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil) and click on the Community Action Council link.

This link provides you the opportunity to review issues that have been previously submitted and responded to by post agencies.

There is also a form available for you to submit any new issue you would like addressed.

If you have questions, call 634-5222 or 0444-71-5222 from off post.

The command encourages you to identify yourself when submitting a CAC issue in order to be able to answer your concern directly. The command also reminds the community that CAC issues submitted containing vulgar, derogatory or inflammatory language will not be addressed.

Childcare is offered during the CAC at \$4 per hour, per child, for children ages 6 weeks old through kindergarten from 8:45-11:15 a.m. Preregistration is required. Children will be cared for in the Child Development Center, bldg 395. Children must be registered with Child and Youth Services Central Registration.

Call 634-7219 or stop by their location in the Davis Family Readiness Center.

NOTE: The next CAC is Tuesday, Nov. 21 at 10 a.m. in Club Veneto.

**Issue:** The AFN FM107 broadcast is not acceptably receivable in the Vicenza area because of a disputed piracy broadcast in the same frequency. FM107 has not been

receivable in at least five years. Our community is being denied those broadcasts. SETAF efforts to resolve the pirated broadcast in court, I'm told, shows no signs of progressing.

**Recommendation:** Change the frequency, or modify the broadcast so it can be heard.

**Response from AFN:** The Italian Ministry of Communications has allowed AFN to broadcast FM 106 and FM 107 radio to the U.S. military community in Vicenza since 1982.

Since March 2000, AFN has encountered severe broadcast interference on FM107 from Radio Milano International (RMI) that broadcasts on the same frequency and asserts a greater right to do so.

In 2000, AFN requested the intervention of the Italian Ministry of Communications through the SETAF Legal Office and the U.S. Sending State Office (USSSO) in Rome to stop the interference from RMI. This issue has been in the Italian legal system since 2000, and RMI has been authorized to continue broadcasting on FM107 until the court states otherwise.

The U.S. would incur significant costs by leasing an additional frequency to broadcast FM107 in Vicenza.

Such a move could establish precedence with the Italian government that the U.S. can, and should, pay for all of its 13 no-cost radio frequencies near other U.S. installations in Italy.

This would likely cause a heavy financial burden on the United States and possibly decrease total AFN radio services offered to U.S. personnel.

SETAF SJA, USSSO and the Department of Justice continue to work within the Italian legal system to protect our interest in

broadcasting FM107 without harming our interest in other frequencies that we use in Italy. FM 106 and FM 107 are also available to authorized DoD customers with an AFN satellite decoder on channels 41 and 42 respectively.

**Issue:** The Outlook reported in its Back to School issue that the speed limit for Olson Avenue in front of the school is 10 kph while school is in session.

Our children attend activities well into the evening and I was under the impression that it was 10 kph at all times (flashing light) as the community does not know when school activities are taking place.

Please clarify if it is only during school hours and if so what the speed limit would be after school hours.

**Recommendation:** The flashing light in front of the school should remain (at all times) 10 kph. The sign should be in Italian as well as English.

Our Italian hosts do not practice these life-saving rules for schools and often speed along Olsen Ave.

**Response from the Directorate of Emergency Services:** The speed limit on Olsen Avenue in the school zone is 10km per hour when school activities are taking place. After coordinating with the school, this is between 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on school days. We have submitted work orders to change the signage to reflect the speed limit more clearly and have had the flashing lights changed to flash during these times. The recommendation of having the signs in Italian and English is a great one and is being incorporated into the solution.

**Issue:** What can be done about a dog that barks incessantly. It's not just annoying, but

also causes concern about the animal's well-being.

**Response from DES:** In cases like this, we encourage community members to contact the MP desk, so we can first ascertain that the animal is not in danger or injured. The MPs will contact the owner of the pet. Once the MPs have determined that the animal is stable, the owner will be asked to be considerate of neighbors. If the situation persists, the owner can be cited. If the situation continues, the animal can be removed from the housing area.

**Response from the Directorate of Public Works:** Sponsors are responsible for the conduct of their pets and must ensure that they are controlled in such a manner that they do not become a public nuisance or menace. Dogs that bark excessively are an imposition to neighbors and an unacceptable hindrance to housing area harmony and order.

Once aware of the problem, Area Coordinators need to advise sponsors of offending pets.

Should the situation continue, one option is to have the sponsor remove the offending pet. The other corrective action option, if the situation persists, is for the garrison commander to direct termination of sponsor assignment to government quarters.

**CAC day and location change! The next CAC meeting is Tuesday, Nov. 21, at 10 a.m. in Club Veneto.**



## Winter Safety Day scheduled

**Command Safety Office**  
Press Release

The Commanding Generals "Winter Safety Day" will be held Nov. 20 at the Ederle Theater.

There will be two sessions, allowing maximum participation for all Soldiers, civilians, dependents and community members. All presentations will be in English.

The first session is from 8 a.m.-noon, and the second session will be from 1-5 p.m.

Both sessions will provide the same informative briefings on winter safety topics from the following organizations:

AAFES, MWR Auto Skills, U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza, Outdoor Recreation, Directorate of Emergency Services, Driver's Testing, Chaplain, and Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program.

Some topics include:

- ◆ Winterization of your motor vehicle
- ◆ How to mount snow chains on tires
- ◆ Prevention of winter injuries
- ◆ Upcoming winter sport events
- ◆ Drinking and driving prevention
- ◆ Driving in winter conditions
- ◆ Depression and suicide prevention
- ◆ Alcohol and drug abuse - knowing the symptoms

Leaders will ensure that their staff are able to attend one of the sessions.

## Roll up your sleeve, flu shots are here

**By Maj. James Madson**  
Preventive Medicine Service chief

Along with fog and colder temperatures, the flu shot season is also here.

The flu shot is an inactivated vaccine (meaning it contains killed virus particles) that is given as an injection.

The shot is approved for use in people age 6 months and older. About two weeks after the shot has been given your body will produce antibodies.

It is these antibodies which will protect you against the actual influenza virus when

you come in contact with it.

The flu vaccination has arrived and will be given to active duty personnel today at the Ederle Theater from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

For all others wanting a vaccination can stop by the post exchange or commissare Wednesday and Thursday, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. After these dates, clients may also come to the U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza for a vaccine.

For information on the influenza shot, you can go to [www.cdc.gov/flu/gallery](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/gallery) or contact Preventive Medicine Services at 634-8010, 0444-71-8010 from off post.

## Time for holiday mailing hours, tips

**1st Platoon, 111th Postal Company**  
Press Release

Below is the holiday schedule for the Army Post Office.

Please note that these hours are not the same as the Community Mail Room.

From Nov. 20- Dec. 22, the Army Post Office is open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. and open Saturdays from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

The APO is closed Nov. 23, Thanksgiving day.

The deadlines for mailing packages back to the United States so they will arrive prior to Christmas are:

Space Available Mail (SAM): Nov. 20  
First Class / Priority: Dec. 11  
Express mail: Dec. 18

Stamps may be purchased at the Post Exchange, Shoppette, and the cash cage at the PX for your convenience.

The APO will open an express lane during holiday hours for money orders, stamps, express mail, and letter-size correspondence only.



A customer fills out a customs form at the Vicenza Army Post office. (Outlook file photo)

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## Safety Countermeasures

# What you can do to prevent cold weather stress injuries

**Command Safety Office**  
Press Release

Winter weather is just around the corner, but did you know cold stress, or "hypothermia," can occur any time of year? In fact, most cases of cold stress develop in air temperatures between 30 and 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

People who are exposed to lower temperatures are at risk for injuries ranging from frostbite to serious loss of body heat, which could result in brain damage or death.

Below are some ways to protect yourself from cold weather stress injuries.

### Dress warmly, in layers

Preserving an air space between the body and the outer layer of clothing will help retain body heat.

Choose fabrics such as or wool which insulate but also allow sweat to evaporate.

It is especially important to protect the feet, hands, head, and face.

These parts of the body are farthest from the heart and are the hardest to keep warm.

Almost half your body heat can be lost through the head, so cover it up as well.

### Keep dry

Wetness greatly increases the chance of cold stress. Always have extra clothing available if there's a chance you could get wet.

Keep your feet dry, they are susceptible to frostbite.

### Take a break

You may think it's wise to keep on working in cold temperatures. After all, working makes you break a sweat and you feel warmer.

But if you become fatigued during physical activity, your body loses its ability to properly retain heat. This causes rapid cooling which can quickly lead to cold stress.

When you take a break, be sure to replace lost fluids and calories by drinking warm, sweet, caffeine-free nonalcoholic drinks and soup.

### Eat right

A proper diet provides your body with the nutrients it needs to withstand cold stress.

A restrictive diet may deprive your body the ability to work well in cold temperatures.

### Don't work alone

In cold-stress prone environments, a buddy system should be used. Look out for one another and be alert for the symptoms of cold stress.

### Learn what to look out for

The effects of cold stress may not be apparent to its victim.

The first symptoms of hypothermia are uncontrollable shivering and the sensation of cold. The heartbeat slows and may become irregular, and the pulse weakens.

As the condition worsens, severe shaking or rigid muscles may be evident. The victim may also have slurred speech, memory lapses, and drowsiness.

Cool skin, slow, irregular breathing, and exhaustion occur as the body temperature drops even lower. This is a serious condition requiring immediate medical attention.

Frostbite can occur without accompanying hypothermia.

Frostbite occurs when the fluids around the body's tissues freeze. The most vulnerable parts of the body are the nose, cheeks, ears, fingers, and toes.

Symptoms of frostbite include coldness and tingling in the affected part, followed by numbness; changes in skin color to white or grayish-yellow, initial pain which subsides as the condition worsens, and possibly blisters.

Frostbite can cause irreversible tissue damage and requires immediate medical attention.

If you work in lower-temperature environments, always be alert for the possibility of cold stress.

Remember, it doesn't have to be freezing for cold stress to occur. Take steps to protect yourself.

## Expecting a package from Santa?

**USAG Vicenza Directorate of Logistics**  
Press Release

To ensure that you get your holiday packages without problems, inform folks who are sending packages from the states to follow these important steps:

**1. Do not place the word ITALY anywhere on the address of the box or on the customs form.**

Digital post office readers in the U.S. read parcel addresses from bottom up. Writing "Italy" in the address could cause your parcel to be routed through international mail, which may require you to pay importation taxes.

**2. Avoid using commercial carriers whenever possible.** Unlike U.S. postal service commercial carriers such as FEDEX, DHL, UPS, etc., will deliver your parcel via international route. This usually results in the receiver (you) having to pay import taxes.

**3. Ensure that the person sending the package understands the importance of the customs declaration.**

This form can be done online, and save them time in the post office. The Web site is: [webapps.usps.com/customsforms/welcome.jsp](http://webapps.usps.com/customsforms/welcome.jsp)

Instructions for filling out the form:

1. Select APO/FPO VERSION (this is for mailing to military addresses)

2. Select either Form 2976 or Form 2976-A and click on "Complete form online."

3. Fill out the Sender and Addressee information. Once completed click "Continue"

4. Enter the Package Information (usually Gift or other). The weight is the total weight of the entire package. Remember that when adding items, make sure the total weight equals that which you placed here.

**NOTE:** Only commercial senders (not family or friends) fill out the HS Tariff number or country or origin.

5. Add the description of the item, value, quantity and weight.

6. If you need to add another description do so now by clicking "add more items". If you have finished adding items click "add and continue."

7. Look over the summary review page to ensure all information is correct. When this has been verified as correct, click "Generate Form 2976" (or Form 2976 A)

8. Click on the PDF form link (directly under the words "Instructions")

9. Print form and place on the package.



## College, career night helps teens, parents plan futures

Story and photo by Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

Vicenza High School hosted its annual College & Career Night Oct. 26.

"We found it very informative for our children, so we can help plan their future education," said James Wood, who accompanied his daughter Natalie and son Kyle to the event.

"They plan on going to college and they are both excited about doing it. We appreciate the Vicenza High School bringing in these folks sharing their information with us," Wood highlighted.

VHS Middle School guidance counselor Carol Kabonick, who coordinated the event along with VHS counselor John Zaborek, explained that there were 11 representatives of various colleges to hand out materials to students in grades 7 to 12 and their parents.

"Some of the representatives are from local colleges to help students who chose to continue their education while their parents are here, and some represented the colleges that they attended," said Kabonick.

"My son graduated here last year and he

chose his college here on his own" said Mary Generelli, Vicenza Elementary School teacher who contributed to the event by representing her son's college.

"It was a very good choice, and he is doing really well; as a state college, tuition is not very high and he is really enjoying it, so I thought I would share the information I have. I even brought the tuition information just in case someone is interested," she said.

Allison Anderson, who represented the University of Maryland University College, was pleasantly surprised by the participation of students and their families.

"It is a very beneficial night and we are thrilled to have the opportunity to participate," she said. "We want to maintain a strong presence at Caserma Ederle. The University of Maryland has many programs we offer to facilitate the educational needs of Soldiers, their families and civilians, whether they are seeking a certificate, an associate, and a bachelor's or masters degree.

"And we will soon offer a program specifically for high school students who



Participants of the Vicenza High School College and Career Night talk about various career paths during the event held Oct. 26.

want to start their education while they are still in their senior year in high school so they can remain here in Europe," Anderson added.

Garret Barton, VHS Careers and Business teacher, is another source of information for students and their parents when it comes to discussing career paths and how students can utilize the opportunities offered by universities while they are still in high

school.

"The career pathways are a sort of high school major in which a student starts to specialize toward an area of interest focusing on a possible profession," said Barton.

"If they fulfill certain requirements while in high school, they can actually start going to work during the school day in a program called Career Practicum if they choose a job that is related to their course of study."



A Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) staffer, left, gives information to some participants in the Community Job Fair hosted by the ACS Employment Readiness program Oct. 25 in the Vicenza Davis Family Readiness Center.

## Job seekers attend Employment Fair

Story and photo  
By Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

If numbers are anything to go by, the Community Job Fair held Oct. 25 in the Davis Family Readiness Center, was a success.

"We had 11 agencies participate," said Allie Vallery, Employment Readiness manager, who coordinated the event. "And we had more than 60 community members come and talk to the agencies about job opportunities."

Among the organizations looking for potential employees was the Department of Defense Dependents Schools.

"Jobs with the school are great, especially for people who have children in the school," said Beth Mitchell, who works in Human Resources for DoDDS. "DoDDS also offers part-time positions."

In addition to DoDDS, other

representatives from the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, AAFES, Community Bank and other hiring agencies were on hand to offer advice to job seekers in the community, as well as representatives from the Education Center, Army Community Service and the Equal Employment Opportunity office, who explained their programs.

"The fair is a great opportunity for our community members to be able to talk directly to the individuals who handle the application process," said Vallery.

"It can be confusing because each agency uses a different process to apply for positions. The fair makes it easier to get the information in one place, at one time," she added.

"It is a good opportunity, I like to be here," said Tina Page, who works for Global Credit Union on Caserma Ederle. "I was here for the last job fair, too. It lets the spouses know what is open in the community."

## Soldiers' Theatre presents "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum"

Soldiers' Theatre  
Press Release

Soldiers' Theatre is pleased to present the Broadway musical, *A Funny Thing Happened On The Way To The Forum*.

"...Forum" is a marathon comedy performed in togas. Featuring beautiful girls and hilarious comics, the show is non-stop

laughter from curtain rise to fall.

Performances are Dec. 2, 8, 9, 14, 15, and 16 at 7:30 p.m. with a Dec. 10 matinee at 2:30 p.m. The opening night performance, Dec. 1 is already sold out.

Tickets go on sale at Soldiers' Theatre Nov. 14. Box office hours are Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. For reservations, call Soldiers' Theatre at 634-7281.



The cast of Soldiers' Theatre upcoming production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," rehearse. Tickets go on sale at Soldiers' Theatre Nov. 14. Box office hours are Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. For reservations, call Soldiers' Theatre at 634-7281. (Photo courtesy of Soldiers' Theatre)

## A reminder about school bus safety

Vicenza Schools Student  
Transportation Office  
Press Release

The Student Transportation Office will be closed for training Nov. 7-9. Parents with questions may call us at 634-8132 or 0444-71-8132 from off post, or e-mail message to Donald.Evans@eu.dodea.edu.

In case of an emergency, ring the outside bell and we will assist you.

Newly-arrived parents/students may pickup a registration sheet and handbook at either Vicenza Elementary or High School.

Please complete the form and our office will complete the registration form between 4:30-4 p.m.

### Going to the bus stop

1. Be at your stop five minutes before bus arrives.
2. Walk to bus stop using sidewalks and crosswalks.
3. Stay three feet away from the curb.
4. Never walk in front or behind the bus.

### Behavior at the bus stop

1. Stay three giant steps away from the curb and wait for the bus to arrive.

2. Don't push, shove or bully other students.

3. The bus driver will not stop until the stop is safe.

4. Elementary school children are to enter the bus first, then the middle and high school students.

### Behavior on the bus

1. Follow the "10 School Bus Safety Rules" in your handbook.

2. Show your bus pass to the bus driver.

3. Listen to the security guide and bus driver.

4. Sit down in your seat and fasten your seat belt.

### Exiting the bus at the stop

1. Gather all of your belongings and book bag.

2. Be careful going down the stairs (use handrails).

3. Stay three giant steps away from the bus.

4. Never walk in front of or behind the bus.

5. Let the bus leave the stop before crossing the street.





A little boy frowned when his mom told him that he couldn't eat all of his Halloween candy for dinner. They joined fellow ghouls and ghosts at the Camp Darby 'Trunk or Treat' for an afternoon of shocks and sweets. The annual trunk or treat competition was a great opportunity for the kids to get a taste of home and units and individuals got to compete by putting their vehicles filled with tricks and treats on display. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Joyce Costello, AFN Livorno)

## Camp Darby fall events



Lt. Col. Stephen Sicinski (center), USAG Livorno commander, congratulates the first place winner of the costume contest at the 3rd Annual Italian American Costume Ball Oct. 27. "Dressing as a woman has taught me that it is hard to walk around in stiletto heels," he said, as he tried not to tumble over while doing a victory dance. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Joyce Costello, AFN Livorno)



Members of the George V. Lottier Masonic Lodge #136 man the grill for the lodge during the Camp Darby Fall festival. The festival brings together the Livorno Italian and American military community to celebrate the friendships between the two countries and share traditional American food. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Joyce Costello, AFN Livorno)

November is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

## Don't be a 'Silent Witness', report domestic violence

Story and photo by Diana Bahr  
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Soldiers and civilians crowded into the lobby of Davis Family Readiness Center Wednesday and fastened purple ribbons on their chests in a show of support for the Domestic Violence Awareness campaign.

The event kicked off with a reading of the Domestic Violence Awareness proclamation by Tammy Wilbur-Hoistad, Family Advocacy Program manager.

Everyone can make a difference in preventing domestic violence, she said to the crowd. Don't stand by, don't be a 'silent witness.'

"Domestic violence knows no rank, no gender, no race or age," said Maj. Gen. Frank G. Helmick, SETAF commander. "Spouse abuse or child abuse - neither will be tolerated in this command.

"Think about what you say and what you do when you go home to your family at night," he said. "Think about what words you use and how you treat your family."

Wilbur-Hoistad then read the proclamation, which was signed by Helmick:

*"To the Caserma Ederle Community:*

*The Army policy is to prevent domestic abuse, including domestic violence, in all its forms, and to intervene and provide protection to victims.*

*Every member of this community needs to know the official definitions of domestic abuse and domestic violence:*

*• Domestic Abuse is (1) domestic violence or (2) a pattern of behavior resulting in emotional/psychological abuse, economic control, and/or interference with personal liberty that is directed*

*toward a person of the opposite sex who is: (a) a current or former spouse; (b) a person with whom the abuser shares a child in common; or (c) a current or former intimate partner with whom the abuser shares or has shared a common domicile.*

*• Domestic Violence is an offense under the United States Code, the Uniform Code of Military Justice, or state law that involves the use, attempted use, or threatened use of force or violence against a person of the opposite sex, or a violation of a lawful order issued for the protection of a person of the opposite sex, who is (a) a current or former spouse; (b) a person with whom the abuser shares a child in common; or (c) a current or former intimate partner with whom the abuser shares or has shared a common domicile.*

*"Domestic abuse" is the umbrella definition, describing acts that are both criminal (part 1 of the definition) and non-criminal (part 2 of the definition) in nature. "Domestic violence" focuses on acts that qualify as offenses or crimes.*

*I expect everyone—every day—to stand up to prevent domestic abuse.*

*Within relationships, prevention is based on love, respect and trust. Within the Army community, prevention starts with intensive public awareness, coordinated community education, and effective military and civilian partnerships.*

*As individuals, Soldier or family member, prevention starts with modeling correct behavior; demonstrating leadership support, and using the system to assure protection of victims and hold offenders accountable. Any domestic abuse should be reported.*

*In the Caserma Ederle community, the Army Family Advocacy Program is charged with this prevention mission. Contact the Family Advocacy Program at 634-7314 or 0444-71-7314 from off post, to help you Stand Up. Anyone in our community can also use the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233."*



Maj. Gen. Frank G. Helmick, SETAF commander, talks about preventing domestic violence to the group gathered for the Silent Witness proclamation signing Wednesday at Davis Family Readiness Center. Helmick signed the proclamation as part of Domestic Violence Awareness month and read from one of the "unknown man" and "unknown woman" posters. The red posters represent men and women who died as a result of domestic violence. For details about Domestic Violence Awareness Month, call Family Advocacy at 634-7314.



# Out & About



By Dorothy Spagnuolo

## Events in the Veneto region

**Vicenza** holds its monthly antique market Nov. 12 in the main squares downtown. Open from sunup to sundown.

In the town of **Schio** in **Palazzo Fogazzaro**, see more than 200 types of funghi on exhibit through Nov. 19. The exhibit is free.

The mushrooms are on show in their natural surrounding along with stuffed animals (bear, boar, fox, a pole cat, etc.). Open Wednesday and Friday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 4-7:30 p.m. Outside the 'Palazzo' find the sign 'Funghi come non li avete mai visti.'

**Bevilacqua**, in the province of Verona, is holding a medieval event Nov. 11. The dinner 'Can Grande della Scala,' begins at 8:30 p.m. and costs 35 euro for adults; 20 euro for children between 5-10 years of age; under 5 dine free.

Make reservations in advance by calling 0442-93-655 or e-mail [info@castellodibevilacqua.com](mailto:info@castellodibevilacqua.com).

In the **Padova** exhibition hall from Nov. 9-13 at the 'Arte Padova 2006,' see over 15,000 paintings, photos, sculptures and graphics, open Nov. 9-10: 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Nov. 11-12: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Nov. 13: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. From Nov. 9-11 there is another exhibition taking place in the same location called 'Young,' this is organized and shown by youth between 18-25 years of age, find info on travel, fashion, sport, music, art and other, open each day from 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

## Tractor parade

The town of **Ponte di Barbarano** will hold its 18th Palio this weekend. Starting the night of Nov. 11, four of the town's districts will compete against each other in five different games, to include a skipping competition and a 'carry an egg race.'

Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. a 'parade of tractors' from the four districts followed by a tug of war competition and the throwing of cornhusks.

At 5 p.m. the naming of the

winner of the palio followed by a fireworks display; 7 p.m. food stands open serving bigoli, gnocchi, meat and baccala, also on the menu are snails, stewed or served with speck and spinach.

Ponte di Barbarano is located 24 km southeast of Vicenza.

## International horse show and exhibition

Verona's 'Fiera Cavalli' is the biggest event of its kind in Italy, welcoming horse lovers and others to celebrate all things equine.

From Nov. 9-12 a host of events will take place to include an exhibition of Western-style skills and American breed showings, a Spanish horse area with performances of flamenco-dressed riders and their horses.

There will also be an Arab Horse Exhibition and an area devoted to horse tourism and ways to enjoy the great outdoors on the back of a four-footed friend.

Nov. 10: The only Italian leg of FEI World Cup competition. This is the prestigious show-jumping winter circuit.

Details are available from the Web site: [www.fieracavalli.com](http://www.fieracavalli.com). The exhibition grounds are located near the Verona sud autostrada exit.

## Human snakes and ladders!

Nov. 11-12, the town of **Mirano**, located in the province of Venice, will hold its annual human-scale *Gioco dell'Oca*, a sort of the board game Snakes and Ladders on the town's main square.

Six teams, representing the six neighborhoods of the town, fight it out in traditional costumes, climbing up ladders, jumping over geese, through the 63 squares and over multiple obstacles.

The reason this game was so popular lies in its simplicity and the fact it relies uniquely on dice, so whatever the age of the players, everyone had the same chance of winning (and losing) and everyone could take part.

Nov. 11 at 3:30 p.m., a market opens with vendors in medieval costume selling food and other items.

At 4 p.m., the streets fill with musicians, fire-eaters, clowns, and a puppet show performance.

Nov. 12, the market and street entertainment begin at 9:30 a.m.

At 3 p.m. there is a parade of all participants of the *Gioco dell'Oca* through the streets of the town, after which the game begins. There is an entrance fee to see the game.

The game on the main square is held Sunday, but the city celebrates all weekend with markets, street entertainment and music.

## Ancient fair

The ancient fair of **Santa Lucia di Piave**, in the province of Treviso, began in 1998 with cultural, social and charitable aims. It takes form in a commemoration of a 14th century ancient fair.

This year the event happens Nov. 11-12, where the market of the period is reproduced and is populated with musicians, storytellers, animal merchants and the reality of days gone by with vendors who skilfully prepare sausages, traditional cakes and sweets for the occasion.

Nov. 11, events begin at 9 a.m. when the medieval market opens; exhibitions on that day will include birds and animals that were used in the 14th century and a medieval art exhibit.

Nov. 12 at 9 a.m., the medieval market opens and performances of jesters, musicians, acrobats, duels between knights are held all day long. There is also an exhibition-market of goods typical of the time, where you can find textiles, plants, embroidery, purses and more.

At 2 p.m. a historical parade with participants in period costumes takes place. At 6:30 p.m. it's the closing ceremony with a firework display.

If the weather is bad, the events will take place Nov. 19.

The town of Santa Lucia di Piave is 77 km from Vicenza.

# Now Showing

## Caserna Ederle Theater

Nov. 7	CLOSED	
Nov. 8	World Trade Center (PG13)	7 p.m.
Nov. 9	Crossover (PG13)	7 p.m.
Nov. 10	The Wicker Man (PG13)	7 p.m.
	The Departed (R)	9:45 p.m.
Nov. 11	Invincible (PG)	4 p.m.
	The Departed (R)	7p.m.
Nov. 12	Invincible (PG)	4 p.m.
	Idlewild (R)	7 p.m.
Nov. 13	CLOSED	
Nov. 14	CLOSED	

## Camp Darby Theater

Nov. 9	The Guardian (PG13)	6 p.m.
Nov. 10	The Marine (PG13)	6 p.m.
Nov. 11	Idlewild (R)	6 p.m.
Nov. 12	How to Eat Fried Worms (PG)	2 p.m.

## Movie Synopsis

**THE DEPARTED** - *Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon*. Two men from opposite sides of the law are undercover within the Boston State Police department and the Irish mafia, but violence and bloodshed boil when discoveries are made, and the moles are dispatched to find out their enemy's identities.

**IDLEWILD** - *Andre Benjamin, Antwan Patton*. Set against the backdrop of a 1930s southern speakeasy, Percival, a shy piano player, and Rooster, the club's showy lead performer and manager, struggle to keep their dreams alive.

**INVINCIBLE** - *Mark Wahlberg, Greg Kinnear*. When the coach of Vince Papale's beloved hometown football team hosted an unprecedented open tryout, the public consensus was that it was a waste of time - no one good enough to play professional football was going to be found this way. Certainly no one like Papale - a down-on-his-luck, 30 year old, substitute teacher and part-time bartender who never even played college football. But against these odds, Papale made the team and soon found himself living every fan's fantasy - moving from his cheap seats in the upper deck to standing on the field as a professional football player.

**THE WICKER MAN** - *Nicolas Cage, Ellen Burstyn*. Police officer Edward Malus stops a station wagon to return a little girl's lost doll. Moments later, a runaway truck slams into the station wagon, igniting it into a fiery wreck with the mother and child trapped inside. Edwards fails to save them before the car explodes—and then spends months of his life choking down pills to get the image of their faces out of his head. But Edward is about to get a second chance.

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

## Classified Ads

**Editor's Note:** Caserma Ederle community members may place free classified ads (**not personal or personal services ads**) on the MWR Web site: [www.vicenzamwr.com/marketplace](http://www.vicenzamwr.com/marketplace).

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Photos accompanying the advertisement will not appear in *The Outlook*. Because *The Outlook* has limited amount of space available, editing of the classified ad may take place. **The Outlook does not take classifieds over the phone, by e-mail or fax.** For more information or to contact seller about items listed here, visit the MWR Web site: [www.vicenzamwr.com/marketplace](http://www.vicenzamwr.com/marketplace).

**1993 BMW 318i:** Runs good, 151+Km, 5-speed manual. \$2,200.

**Harley Davidson-Soft Tail Heritage Custom:** 15,000.OBO 1997/22,659 miles 1350 cc, many extras.

**Sofa & Loveseat:** Used.

**3-piece sectional sofa:** Great

condition \$400.

**Girl Princess Tricycle:** White and pink, for kids over age 3.

**Winnie the Pooh Tricycle:** For kids over age 1. Has handle for adult to use to push tricycle.

**1998 Ford Fiesta:** 4-Door, Manual, good condition, \$2,600.

**Graco Pack and Play Travel Crib:** \$15, OBO.

**Nike Boys Winter Vest:** Size XL (18-20) Excellent condition \$12.

**TV's:** 2 tv's for sale, both 15" multi-system 220V. 25 Euro each.

**Furniture wanted:** Looking for living room furniture.

**Dining room table:** Expandable w/4 chairs. Pine. \$450 or 360 Euro

**Furniture wanted:** Looking to buy new/used cherry dresser.

**1990 SAAB 900S:** 4-Door, 5 speed manual, runs well. \$500 OBO.

**Rims with new tires:** 20" chrome, 1000 Euros, OBO

**2003 Jeep Rubicon (Wrangler):** US specs, 40k ,many extras, \$13,500 OBO

**Treadmill:** Kettler 220V Treadmill. Works great.

**Heater/AC/Dehumidifier:** Uses window vent. 9,000 BTU/ 220V.

**Air Conditioner:** portable, 220V, 1200 BTU

**Exercise Bike:** ProForm upright stationary bike.

**Pioneer CD changer:** 50 CD Changer with remote.

**Bunk Bed:** Free, must pick up from Longare.

**2006 Trek road bike:** Has 2007 5.9 Madone SL frameset 58 cm. Asking 1950 Euro.

**Ohio State hooded sweatshirt:** New, Boys size medium. \$25

**Sony Trinitron TV:** 32", \$700

**Chicco Play Slide:** \$35

**Dog Feeder, Bench and House:** feeder, \$20 or OBO. Bench: \$20 OBO. Large dog house, \$50 OBO

**Women's Clothing:** Size 12. Assorted clothing.

**Dining room table w/4 chairs:** Pine, Excellent condition. \$450 or 360 Euro

**Dresser:** 2 large, and 2 small drawers. \$150 or 120 Euro

**Motorcycle Trailer:** New, European Spec, \$400 firm



# Accuracy is paramount for fire support teams

Story and photos

By Sgt. Brandon Aird

173d ABCT Public Affairs

Many battles have been turned around by the effect of indirect-fire support. The ability to accurately direct heavy fire support on enemy positions is an awesome responsibility – one that is not taken lightly by fire support crews.

During Oct. 19-26, forward observers in the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team sat patiently on a hill observing the explosions and reporting back their exact locations using a laser range finder in Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany.

“Our gun crews are running drills to get certified and combat ready,” said 1st Sgt. Damon Burnett, first sergeant of Alpha Battery, 4th Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery.

“Right now, we’re telling the artillery and mortar teams exactly how far off target they are,” explained 2nd Lt. Jack Benford, a fire support officer for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry (Airborne) while lying down in his foxhole.

The goal of the week-long training exercise was to certify the forward observers and fire support officers throughout the Combat Team. This included the 4-319th AFAR gun crews, and mortar teams in 1st and 2d Battalions, 503d Infantry (Airborne).

Their missions are always critical, as mental errors under stress can bring the massive firepower and ordinance they control down on friendly forces as well as the enemy.

The forward observers were also tested on other crucial elements of their job: reaction to contact, crater analysis, calls-for-fire and a written test.

The certification ensures that the 173d ABCT indirect-fire support crews are trained to standard and able to guide deadly and accurate fire onto enemy locations.

“We have to get each howitzer and mortar team qualified this week,” said 2nd Lt. Matt Frye, HHC, 173d ABCT. “We can’t leave here (Grafenwoehr) until everyone is trained to standard and certified on their heavy weapon system.”

The training was deemed a success, as all teams left Germany qualified.



Above: 2nd Lt. Matt Frye, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, and 2nd Lt. Jack Benford, HHC, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry (Airborne), observe incoming fire in Grafenwoehr, Germany, Oct. 24 as part of the certification exercises held Oct. 19-26. The goal of the week-long training exercise was to certify the forward observers and fire support officers throughout the Combat Team. This included the 4-319th AFAR gun crews, and mortar teams in 1st and 2d Battalions, 503d Infantry (Airborne).

Left: 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry (Airborne) consolidated mortar team fires a round during a training exercise in Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany. The mortar team trained to the brigade standard on each mortar system, while simultaneously certifying the brigade forward observers who were helping the teams direct rounds onto targets. The training was held Oct. 19-26.

## Fusion Company gets to train on more than just mission requirements

Story and photo by Sgt. Brandon Aird

173d ABCT Public Affairs

The cold could defiantly be felt the morning of Oct. 18 on Range 204 in Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany.

The blanket of frost was a drastic change to the still relatively-warm temperatures back at home station in Vicenza, Italy.

Soldiers from Fusion Company, 2d Battalion, 503d Infantry (Airborne), took a break from their normal role as a support element and instead, they took advantage of 173d Airborne Combat Team’s standard of “Riflemen first,” and attended weapons training.

“We’re training our forward security element, whose normal mission is making supply runs, to react to coming under fire,” said Capt. John Thyng, Fusion Company commander. Two 5-ton vehicles, mounted with crew-served weapons, practiced dry runs, blank runs and numerous live fire runs on targets controlled by Thyng.

“My company has to play a balancing act,” explained Thyng. “We have to continue our mission of supply support for ‘The Rock’ and still train on weapons and reacting to fire.”

“Today’s training is important to us,” said 2nd Lt. Charlie Jones, also in Fusion Company. “It gives the Soldiers a chance to fire the weapons from a moving vehicle, which is a lot different than firing from the



Spc. Steven Martin, Fusion Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry (Airborne), fires a 50 caliber machine gun in Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany, Oct. 18 during convoy operations training.

prone position or from a foxhole position.”

One thing Fusion Company is doing different from other supply units is that they are not running away from the enemy. Typically, if an improvised explosive device

goes off, supply runs just keep on moving toward their destination if no one is injured.

“But not my guys,” said Thyng. “I’m training my guys so that when they do get hit, they move out of the kill zone and bring

the fight to the enemy. Maybe we’ll make them think twice about attacking us.”

Fusion Company continued to train and support The Rock in Grafenwoehr, until The Rock finished their training mission.