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U.S., Afghan doctors team up

Story and photos by
Spc. Gregory J. Argentieri,
173rd ABCT Public Affairs

JALALABAD AIRFIELD, Afghanistan—U.S. Army doctor, Maj. Lee J. Trombetta, a general surgeon for the 555th Forward Surgical Team on Forward Operating Base Fenty reaches out with Afghan doctors to treat the neediest and most impoverished local people in Jalalabad.

On Trombetta's first trip to the Jalalabad Public Health Hospital, he met Dr. Akmal Pardis, director of JPHH, and together they came up with a partnership program where local Afghan doctors would work side-by-side with the 555th FST.

"To me the most important thing, the purpose of the program is to treat the poorest of the poor," said Trombetta.

It also fosters a working partnership between the local Afghan doctors and the 555th FST.

"In order for us to go home we need competent people who can take over for us," said Maj. J. Stephen Birchfield, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team surgeon.

"So in essence we are providing medical training for our Afghanistan partners," Birchfield said.

"This partnership makes it easy to communicate with the JPHH," said Trombetta.

Every Sunday the 555th FST gets a list of consultations from the Afghan surgeons from JPHH.



Spc. Amy Long, (Right) Charlie Co., Brigade Support Battalion, 173rd Airborne Combat Team, prepares to screen an Afghan man before he is x-rayed, at Forward Operating Base Fenty.

Each week a different Afghan surgeon and anesthesiologist from JPHH are assigned to the FST clinic. The local national patients with the Afghan doctors come on the FOB, and the patients are screened Monday mornings. The doctors perform surgery on Tuesday and Wednesday.

"We have the capacity to perform six operations a week here fairly easily," said Trombetta. "The goal is to have the program increase through the winter as the trauma tempo predictably drops."

Dr. Obaid Dost, an Afghan

plastic surgeon says he likes what he sees.

Obaid said, "A son of one of the patients who was treated here said, 'They are good kind people, even better than our doctors.'"

U.S. Army doctors' operating on local Afghan citizens does not change the fact that a war rages on.

While a little girl with an infected bone fracture is being operated on, and a young Afghan man with a hand deformity from a childhood burn waits calmly, an Afghanistan Border Patrol Guard MEDEVACed to FOB Fenty interrupts the tempo

with a serious gunshot wound.

Later the same day an American Soldier, is also MEDEVACed in with possible shoulder fractures.

"We are attempting to show them that the Americans here want to help them," said Lt. Col. Patricia A. Fortner, 555th FST commander. "Maybe they will think a little bit better of the Americans and coalition troops."

"The real hero of this is Maj. Trombetta," said Birchfield. "Trombetta went out of his way. He saw a need and he saw a way to fill the need."

Kunar boxing tournament draws hundreds



A boxer is declared winner during a boxing tournament in Chowkay, Kunar Province, Afghanistan. Locals called the tournament the first ever to be held there and the event drew nearly 500 people. Sporting events were forbidden under Taliban rule but have proven extremely popular since their demise.

Story and photo by
173rd ABCT Public Affairs

KUNAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan – Task Force Bayonet Soldiers and the citizens of Kunar Province gathered for what locals there are calling the first boxing tournament

ever conducted in that region Oct. 27 in the District Center of Chowkay.

The Chowkay High School boxing team, under Coach Abdulmalick Safi, hosted the tournament. The visiting coach, Zaid Ullah from Jalalabad, brought

fighters from Nangarhar Province and Laghman to compete with the Chowkay Boxing Club, according to Capt. Michael Jackson, Destined Company commander, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry (Airborne).

The match featuring 22 boxers participating in 11 matches was a

hit with the local community drawing an estimated five hundred enthusiastic spectators, according to Jackson.

"It was an exciting day for the young boxers," said Jackson, "It was a proud day for the coaches and Afghan elders who had the opportunity to see the future of Afghanistan display their courage, sportsmanship, and dedication."

During the tournament, another teacher commented that sporting events were not possible under Taliban rule; he was excited to see his students have opportunity to compete freely without fear. He plans to hold a similar volleyball tournament in the near future.

ISAF service members also supported the event as paratroopers from D-Co., watched the event.

Reporters from Kunar Television video-taped the entire competition for future broadcast and reporters from BBC narrated the matches for future radio broadcast.

Interpreter Sardar Mohamed was visibly overwhelmed by the event, stating that the tournament and the local support was "a sign of prosperity for Afghanistan and a sign of strengthen friendship with America."

Garrison news

Letter to the editor

CONSIDERATE.....1.) *Marked by or consideration ...2.)* **Thoughtfulness and the rights and feelings of others.**

As I drove around the parking lot in front of the PX, I noticed a driver getting into his car and I waited patiently for him to back out so that I could park. He saw me stop so surely he knew I was waiting for his space. He started the car and placed it in reverse (the backup lights came on) but he didn't move.

I waited longer thinking he is putting on the seat belt, but still he did not move. After three or more minutes, I moved on but as I went by I noticed that the hold up was not a faulty seat belt but the driver setting there with the motor running reading his mail. Naturally my thought was that with parking so limited why wasn't he considerate enough to move on and read his mail later.

As I was driving back to the office I was still thinking of the inconsiderate driver, and being brutally honest with myself, I tried to remember if I too were inconsiderate of others. When I got back to the office I started a list of considerations that I'm sure is not conclusive but it is a start.

Do you move over and let the car pass or hold to the center of the road?

Do you quickly finish up and allow other to use the facilities?

Do you grab the daily newspaper in your grip or share it with others?

Do you demonstrate consideration by simply saying good morning, how are you?

Do you share in the cleaning of the area, making the coffee, replacing supplies?

Do you contribute to office functions, listen and care about a coworkers problems?

Do you stop at the crosswalk for pedestrians?

Do you play your music loud?

Do you talk vulgar and display yourself as the ugly American?

Do you leave trash lying around?

Do you leave doors and windows open that someone else must close?

Do you open the door, hold the door or close the door for another person?

Do you try to have the right change so that you will not hold up the line at checkout?

Do you return articles you have borrowed?

Do you offer a ride to someone walking?

Do you allow someone handicapped to go in front of you?

Do you consider that everyone wants to be correct, not just you?

Do you park outside your parking space causing others to squeeze in?

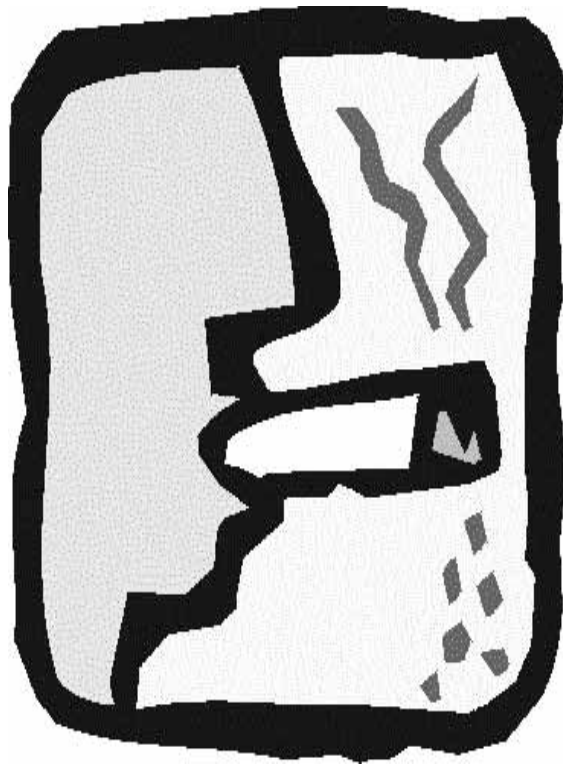
Do you , do I or do we forget that consideration is a normal act by civilized people?

It is very apparent; that many have forgotten that consideration of others will influence consideration for you as well. It's like a habit once it becomes the practice it will become the standard. Oh, and those of you that live on post, don't forget you live in a residential area, the fence is not a wall, be respectful of your neighbors. In dress, language, loud music and conversation. Yeah, sort of like you would if you lived next to the commander?

Ron Reynolds,
Dept. of the Army Civilian

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Is your money going up in smoke?



By Col. James Houston,
Vicenza Dental Clinic
Special to the Outlook

Is smoking affecting your health or finances? What is your two-mile time? does your breath or do your clothes smell like cigarettes? what does your financial portfolio look like? Why not make money off those very same companies that sell tobacco products to you, instead of those companies making money off you? Why allow these companies to take advantage of your addiction?

Let's say you purchase 10 shares of Tobacco Co. A @ \$70 per share. It has a dividend of \$3.40 per share. The cost is \$700, plus a \$10 commission fee for a total of \$710. Each year, whether or not the stock goes up or down in price, you will receive \$34 in dividends. If you own 100 shares @ \$7,000, then you will receive \$340 in dividends. That is a 5 percent Return on Investment, beating the current rates given on most savings/checking accounts by 70 percent.

If you buy Tobacco Co. B. You will receive a \$4 dividend per share. The stock price is \$60 per share, but it started 2005 @ \$40 per share. It skyrocketed by \$37 dollars, or 35 percent, in 2006. Could you use that type of money to send your spouse or children to college?

Think about the money you spend on tobacco

products. Cigarettes cost \$4 per day, or \$28 per week, totaling \$1,568 per year. Instead of standing out in the cold for smoke breaks, you could have taken an annual trip to Cancun. If you started to invest in yourself (with a roth IRA) @ 22, instead of cigarettes, your investment could be substantial. If you haven't died of lung cancer due to lungs as black as tar, you may be thinking 'retirement.' to satisfy your 'nicotine habit', your nest egg isn't great, and your retirement is on hold. What if you had quit smoking and saved \$4 per day over these 30 years? You'd have \$67,040. Not too bad for exercising a little discipline. What if you made your money grow by adding it to an IRA?

If you invested that \$1,568 in stocks for 30 years (using a Roth IRA to get tax-free growth) and managed an average annual return of 8percent, you'd have more than \$500,000 by the time you were 50. That's like paying yourself half a million dollars not to smoke. Half-million deaths vs. half-million in cash. It's a no brainer.

Your Vicenza medical providers think long term. If you're not well enough to enjoy retirement, what's the point? If you die, you lose all your military retirement pay. Stick around. Reap those benefits that you've sown. Think about it. Who cares more about your health and your hard-earned money than you? Hopefully, no one.

Call the Vicenza Health Center Army Public Health department (Raymond Hernandez) at 634-8010 to get information on smoking cessation classes given every Tuesday at 4 p.m. in the Vicenza Health Center classroom.

It's never too late to start.



Speak Out

"How do you prepare for winter safety?"

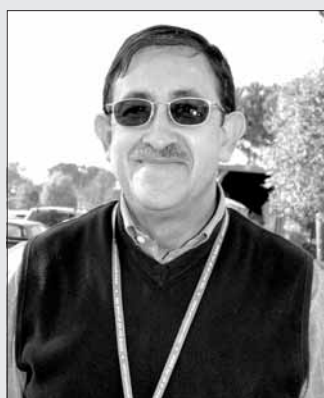
By Laura Kreider



2nd Lt. Aaron Eagan

495th MCT

I make sure I have the right coolant in my engine, and that I have a scraper/brush in the car. Also an umbrella, and I try to give myself more time just to warm the car up.



Raymond Hernandez

public health nurse

I have my car winterized. Antifreeze check, correct motor oil, belts checked, blanket in trunk, monitor tires pressure, all weather tires.



Stacey & Scarlett Swilley family members

I have to make sure I have the right clothes for my one year-old daughter, and this year I have to get the car ready since my husband is deployed.



Kobie Johnson

outdoor recreation

I will check my snowboard clothing for rips and tears to make sure they are water proof. I think the most important thing in cold weather is to stay dry.



Norie McCall

school liaison officer

I lived in Fair Banks, Alaska for nearly 10 years. In our vehicle we always have a kit with extra warm clothing, food and water, flashlight, sorrell boots and blankets.

Garrison news

Missing movement draws 4 months

SETAF staff judge advocate hands out punishments for 5 Soldiers

By SETAF Chief of Military Justice
Special to the Outlook

During the month of October 2007, three Soldiers were convicted at courts-martial and two Soldiers received non-judicial punishment for driving under the influence of alcohol and/or illegal drug use. The following is a break-down of the punishments they received:

General Court-Martial: Pfc. James Blanks, HHC, 173rd ABCT (Rear), pled guilty to the following charges: absbt with out leave for 31 days;

intentionally missing the movement of HHC, 173rd BSB; and disobeying a superior commissioned officer.

The military judge sentenced Pfc. Blanks to: reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$867 pay per month for 6 months, confinement for 6 months, and a bad-conduct discharge. In exchange for pleading guilty, Pfc. Blanks will be confined for a maximum of four months.

Summary Courts-Martial.

(1) Sgt. Jamar Robinson, HHC, 173rd (Rear), pled guilty to the following charges: assaulting his

wife, communicating a threat to his wife and self-injury. Sgt. Robinson was sentenced to reduction to E-4 and was administratively separated from the service with a general discharge.

(2) Sgt. 1st Class Irving Sosa, HSC, USASETAF (ABN), pled guilty to the charges of adultery and false official statement. He was sentenced to reduction to E-6, forfeiture of \$1,029.90, restriction to Caserma Ederle for 90 days.

Non-Judicial Punishment (Article 15)

(1) Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol (DUI): One NCO received punishment under Article

15 during this reporting period for DUI. Punishment included a reduction to E-4, forfeiture of \$1,031, extra duty for 45 days, and restriction for 30 days.

The Soldier's vehicle was impounded by the Military Police and driving privileges were suspended or revoked. The Soldier was also issued a reprimand by the Commander, USASETAF (ABN).

(2) Drug Use and/or Possession: One Soldier was punished under Article 15 for the wrongful use of marijuana. Punishment included a reduction to E-1 and forfeiture of \$650. The offender is also pending administrative separation.



Red Cross holds open house

Red Cross volunteer Pia Manetti shows some visitors around the office during the open house. The Vicenza American Red Cross held an open house at the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center for the military community to meet the ARC volunteers and staff.

"We gave out trick or treat bags, and offered refreshments to all. We wanted the community to get to know who we are and what we do, and to let them know our doors are always open," said Shebree K. Dean, Vicenza American Red Cross field office assistant. "Feel free to stop in to learn about our services, and the classes we offer."

For more information call 634-8596. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)



SETAF thanks San Bortolo staff

Maj. Gen. Frank G. Helmick, SETAF commander, greets some of the participants in the annual barbecue held at the San Bortolo Hospital in downtown Vicenza.

"The reason why we have this barbecue annually is to say thank you for the services that we receive here at the San Bortolo Hospital," said Vicenza U. S. Army Health Center Commander Col. Lorraine Breen.

"This is our community hospital and we have a wonderful relationship and rapport with it. We are grateful for the services that they provide, and the care that we receive here is exceptional and provided by physicians, staff members that are very caring and are concerned about the welfare of our

U.S. Soldiers and family members, so it has been a great relationship, and we want to say thank you annually."

According to Breen, the services that are provided are incredible. "It is world-renowned for its nephrology or kidney services, they have exceptional surgery OBGYN, pediatric care, it has a wide variety of services and it is really exceptional care that we receive here," she said.

"This event offered by Caserma Ederle and promoted by Maj. Gen. Frank G. Helmick shows the strong relationship and friendship between the two communities," said Dr. Antonio Alessandri, general director of San Bortolo. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

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At your service

Bryan Dorman, driver's testing supervisor is at your service Mon - Fri 8a.m. -5p.m., with driver's orientation every Wed at 2 pm. Dorman has lived in Vicenza for 11 years; seven of those were spent as an active duty Soldier. Dorman is a car fanatic through and through. He describes his position as, "the middle man to certify drivers in order to drive any vehicle from a sedan to a bus." Dorman has seen everything at testing from hyperventilating to cheating through modern technology. For any driving questions Dorman and his coworkers are there to help in any way they can. "Our best, nothing less."

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Bryan Dorman
driver's testing supervisor

Community events

During this time of thanksgiving, what are you thankful for?



"I'm thankful to be surrounded by good friends and family"
Ashlie Searles and daughter,
Family members



"We are thankful for good friends and family this time of year."
Stacy and Anna Rowe,
Family members



"I'm thankful for being able to see the people around me who I love."
Greta Rigolon,
Gifts Galore manager



"I'm thankful for my circle of family and friends that get me through the stressful and emotional times."
Robin Gonzales,
173rd ABCT commander's secretary

"I'm thankful for this job. Outdoor Rec. gives the deployed Soldiers something to look forward to and I'm glad to be a part of it."
Jen Mueller,
Outdoor Recreation



"I'm thankful to have a husband who loves and supports me no matter what. I'm thankful for the best friends and family anyone can have."
Monita Alacantara
Family member



"I'm thankful for my husband and all the other heroes that defend our freedom. Also for my friends that give me strength through this extended deployment."
Amanda Mohr,
Family member



"I'm thankful for having my health and for having such a great family. My family is always there for me."
Cristina Zacchino,
DMWR Marketing

Community events

Pisa pro gets Darby kids kicking



Peter Rajczi of the Pisa Calcio, runs the Camp Darby junior team through a series of drills that Italian professional teams do. Weston Jackson charges to slam the ball into the goal as teammates wait their turn.

Story and photos by
Joyce Costello

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

A visit by one of Pisa's top professional soccer players turned into an impromptu training session for the Camp Darby Youth Services junior soccer team Oct. 31.

Peter Rajczi is a forward for the Pisa soccer team known as Pisa Calcio S.p.A, one of the top teams in the B league, and said he wanted to use his teaching experience from his days as a teacher in Kaposvár, Hungary.

"I believe it's a very good thing to take time to teach something to the younger generation and I was very happy to come show the children some tips to use at their final match," said Rajczi. "In Hungary, where I used to teach physical education, it's a big problem because the schools don't have soccer fields and there aren't many fields for the kids to play on. Here in Italy there are many fields, but those are mostly for the clubs and not for the schools. At Camp

team's managers Marcos Scarpelloni approached Italian Base Commander Col. Raffaele Iubini and U.S. Army Garrison Livorno Commander Lt. Col. Steven Cade to request use of the military installation's soccer fields.

The Italian team normally practices at the Cosmopolitan in Tirrenia, but the grounds are being re-done. The team's 44 members, including managers, coaches and specialty technicians, train on Camp Darby three times a week and also share a lunch with the community once a week.

"We are committed to building positive relationships with the communities surrounding our bases," said Cade. "This is a wonderful chance for us to help out and I am really glad that they were able to have a player come help our youth after a full day of his own training session."

Camp Darby's community-wide adult team is practicing to play in a friendly tournament between the Pisa and the Pisa town hall teams. The exhibition game is planned for the end of November and it will be open to the public.

Darby, there are very nice fields and these kids are very lucky."

For high school senior William Berrios, a member of the Darby youth team, this is not the first time he's been coached by a professional.

"Since my family has been stationed at Camp Darby, I've gotten basketball tips from the Harlem Globe Trotters, Major League Baseball hall of famers helped me smooth up my pitch and now I get to have a professional player to help me with scoring. Maybe we can the Jets from the National Football League come visit."

According to the junior team's coach Chris Pearson, Rajczi's visit to today's practice really helped to mentally psyche up the youth. "I've had Italian community members that voluntarily come to our practices to help and any extra help makes a difference to the kids," Pearson said.

The Pisa soccer team has been training on Camp Darby since the beginning of September. One of the



Peter Rajczi, forward for the Pisa soccer team, teaches Amanda Oliver how to improve her heading the ball, while teammates Damien Ranger, Frank Hernandez and Madeline O'Brien wait for their turn.

Sand Blasting Camel Jockeys advance to championship



Charles Austion dribbles the ball past the defense as he heads downfield.

Story and photos by
Georgia Salyer
USAG Vicenza
CYS Sports and Fitness
Special to the Outlook

Child and Youth Services Sports and Fitness soccer season came to an end with the USAG Vicenza junior soccer tournament. Vicenza entered three teams while Aviano

entered two teams and Camp Darby one.

The tournament started with one game in Aviano and three early games in Vicenza. So when all of the teams arrived on Nov. 2 they were already into game four of the tournament.

Games were played on Friday starting at 12:30 p.m. and ended with the final game at 6:30 p.m.

Saturday Nov. 3 was the semi-final game at 10 a.m. with Vicenza 2 (Inter Vicenza) vs. Aviano 1 (The Smurfs).

The winner was Inter Vicenza and they advanced to the championship game to play the undefeated Vicenza No. 3 team, the Sand Blasting Camel Jockeys.

The championship game was a close game with the score tied 3 - 3 with less than 10 minutes left in the game. The Sand Blasting Camel Jockeys then scored with a corner kick followed up by another quick goal.

Both teams played great soccer but in the end the Sand Blasting Camel Jockeys walked away with

the first place trophies.

With this final win the Sand Blasting Camel Jockeys were invited to play in the IMCOM-

Europe Championship in Stuttgart, Germany over Veterans Day Weekend. We wish them the best of luck and safe travel.



Alex Miller kicks the ball away from the attackers after saving a goal.

Darby dates

Darby Club events

Nov. 30, 6:30 p.m. - Texas Hold'Em Nite.

Weekly happenings: Tuesdays - Margarita Tuesday;

Wednesdays - Double-Dog Day;

Thursdays - Gamer Thurs: Xbox 360, Dominoes, Cards - Get Your Game On.

Fridays - TGIF

Camp Darby ITR trips

Christmas Shopping at I Gigli Mall, Nov. 17, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., visit over 100 stores. You're sure to find that perfect holiday gift.

Ferrari Museum

Nov. 23, 7:30am- 6pm, explore this famous museum dedicated to the Ferrari racing dynasty, along with vintage and contemporary examples of the cars. Bring Euro for entrance fee and your military ID.

Florence day trip

Nov. 24, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., spend the day in Florence at your leisure. Visit the Uffizi Museum, shop in the outdoor market or just enjoy the scenery of this magnificent city at an outdoor café.

For more info or to make a reservation, contact ITR at DSN 633-7589/8231 or CIV 00 39 050 54 7589/8231

Fitness Center

Biggest Loser Competition registration starts Nov. 26. This weight loss competition designed to help you get in shape. Call the Fitness Center at 633-7440 for information.

ACS Classes

Free Language Classes Learn English or Italian as a second language. The class instruction is free; but the Italian class books cost \$40. The book can be purchased at ACS.

New schedule starts Nov. 5:

English: Thursday, noon-1 p.m. Education Center.

Italian: Monday, 5pm-6pm.

ACS Wednesday, noon-1 p.m., DFAC

Italian Extra: Fridays, noon-1 p.m., DFAC

Cooking Classes are back Nov. 15, 1p.m.-2p.m. learn how to cook frugal and delicious Tuscan recipes.

Youth Services

Join Youth Services for its annual Dessert Fest, Nov. 14 at 4p.m.

Out & About

By Dorothy Spagnuolo

Art

Vicenza 'The Butterfly Stoke' is the name of the art show that is taking place in the church SS Ambrogio e Bellino, downtown. The works by Enrico Mitrovich can be seen until Dec. 23 on Thursday and Friday from 3-7:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Entrance is free.

Bassano In the church 'Chiesetta dell'Angelo' art by Riccardo Galoppo is on display. In aquarelle the works on Bassano's landscape will be printed in the 2008 Veneto calendar. Open Tuesday through Sunday from 3-7 p.m. Entrance is free.

Verona In the African museum located on the road Vicolo Pozzo find sculptures from that country that include animals to African men. Open Tuesday-Saturday 9 a.m.-noon and 2:30-5:30 p.m., Sunday 2-6 p.m. Entrance fee adults 3 euro, children 2 euro.

Musical

A musical will be performed in the Sala Palladio, located in the Vicenza exhibition hall on Nov. 17 at 9 p.m. and Nov. 18 at 5 p.m. The musical 'L'Orco,' The Orge, is especially designed for children to enjoy. Tickets available at Teatro Astra until the Nov. 16 and cost 6.50 euro, children under 14 years old 3.50 euro.

Exhibitions

In **Vicenza** 'BENE' *The road to wellness* takes place Nov. 16-19 at the exhibition grounds, at this fourth edition find information, which is divided into seven sections, all color coded, on fitness equipment-violet, sport-light blue, nutrition-orange, treatment-red, cosmetic products-yellow, wellness design-navy blue and health spas-

green, at this station find information on beauty farms, thermal hotels, day spas, agriturismo, fitness centers and more. Located in the exhibition also find a restaurant serving food based on the seven principle charkas, e.g. 2nd chakra: orange-cream of carrots with ginger decorated with flower petals. Open Nov. 16-18 from 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Nov. 19: 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m. There will be an entrance fee.

Vicenza in the Laura Rigo Showroom, Palazzo Povigliani-Spargella on Contra Zanella find English Victorian silver objects from the 18th century, included are tea and coffee pots, trays, and chandeliers. Open 9 a.m.-noon and 3-6:30 p.m. alongside the silverware see jewelry from the 19th century designed by Cartier, Van Cliff, Tiffany and other American and French designers.

Padova it's 'Tutti in Fiera,' *Everybody to the exhibition*, on Nov. 17-18 find market-exhibition on health ideas, cooking for the festive season, antique furniture, stamps, coins, toys, a small Christmas market, nativity scenes and other. Open Nov. 17 from 9 a.m.-10 p.m.; Nov. 18 9 a.m.-8 p.m., entrance fee adults 5 euro, children 3 euro.

Florence marathon

The Florence marathon, to be held on Nov. 25 is one of the top 20 international marathons which stages men's and women's events, as well as a non-competitive 10 km fun run and a special mini-run for children, in front of a supportive crowd. Half the course winds through the historical center, starting at Piazzale Michelangiolo going over and past places like the Ponte Vecchio, the Cascine Monument and the National Park,

the marathon ends at Piazza Santa Croce. Runners come from all over the world to compete and last year there were over 6,000 foreign professional runners in the marathon. The marathon starts at 9 a.m. in Piazza Michelangelo. Information and enrollment in English from www.firenzemarathon.it

Christmas markets

Mark you calendars for taking a trip to the following Christmas markets:

Bussolengo, province of Verona, Christmas village open through Dec. 23;

Trento, in Piazza Fiera, Nov. 11 through Dec. 24, open Sunday through Thursday 10 a.m.-7:30

p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m.;

Arco Nov. 16-Dec. 23 open Friday, Saturday, Sunday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Levico Nov. 25-Jan. 6 open each day 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Dec. 23, 24, 26, 30, 31 and Jan. 1 through 7 at 2-7 p.m.;

Venice Dec. 1-23 in Campo Stanto Stefano from 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. with over 30 vendors, some from other countries;

Mestre Dec. 14-24 in Piazza Ferretto, and the main streets from sunup to sundown;

Brunico Nov. 11-Jan. 6 in Piazza Municipio, Monday-Friday 2:30-7 p.m., Saturday, Sunday 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.;

Merano Nov. 30-Jan. 6 from 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Bressanone Nov. 30-Jan. 6 Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Sunday 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

Graz, Austria: The oldest Christmas market in Graz takes place around the Franciscan church this year from Nov. 23-Dec 23 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, Dec 24 it is only open in the morning. Styrian arts and crafts, regional farm products, hot punch and mulled wine warm the hearts of curious visitors. Near the church entrance, a children's paradise with a merry-go-round, toy stands and a live crib enchant the little ones. Those who would like to see the rest of the Old Town can get on the Advent train.



Chalets fill the streets in the *Parco degli Aburgo*, a park located in **Levico** - one of the towns in the Trentino region which houses annually a Christmas market. Visitors may find ornaments and decorations for the Christmas tree or the house and gift ideas for the holidays. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

Now Showing

Caserma Ederle Theater

Nov. 14	Balls of Fury (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Nov. 15	Balls of Fury (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Nov. 16	The Brave One (R)	6 p.m.
Nov. 17	Mr. Bean's Holiday (G)	3 p.m.
	Fred Claus (PG) (1st Run)	6 p.m.
Nov. 18	Fred Claus (PG) (1st Run)	3 p.m.
	Shoot 'em Up (R)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Nov. 15	The Brave One (R)	6 p.m.
Nov. 16	Dan in Real Life (PG-13) (1st Run)	6 p.m.
Nov. 17	Shoot 'em Up (R)	6 p.m.
Nov. 18	Dan in Real Life (PG-13) (1st Run)	2 p.m.

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

Movie Synopsis

FRED CLAUS - Vince Vaughn, Paul Giamatti
When Fred, Santa Claus' deadbeat older brother, is forced to move in with his brother at the North Pole, he screws everything up but ultimately redeems himself. Rated PG (language, rude humor) 95 min

DAN IN REAL LIFE
Steve Carell, Juliette Binoche
Advice columnist Dan Burns is an expert on relationships, but somehow struggles to succeed as a brother, a son and a single parent. Rated PG-13 (innuendo) 98 min

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Community notes

SETAF Holiday Ball

The SETAF G4 is hosting this year's Holiday Ball at Ristorante Dai Gelosi in Quinto Vicentino, Dec. 15.

The event is open to all SETAF service members, civilians, family and invited Italian guests. The event begins at 6 p.m. and ends with the retiring of the colors at 10 p.m.

There will be a DJ and dancing in the discothèque for those wishing to keep the holiday party going. The attire for the evening is dress mess, dress blues, class A's or formal gown and suit and tie for civilians.

Tickets are available through each staff section representatives, and the cost is E1-E4, 10€; E5-E7, 17€; E8-E9, WO1-CW2 and O1-O3, 20€; and O4 and above, CW3 and above, and all civilians, 25€ each. Host nation and DA civilians and contractors 25€. For more information call SGM Ochart at DSN 634-8702 or 634-7720 amaury.ochart@us.army.mil.

USO classes

Beginning Italian: Level 2; cost \$100; starts Nov. 27-Jan. 29.

Thanksgiving Essay/Poem Contest: "Why I'm Thankful for My Soldier." Entries must be turned in at Capitol Motors no later than Nov. 16. Winners will be announced Nov. 19, at Capital Motors.

"Since You Went Away" video. Make a free 30 minute video message greeting to send to your Soldier.

Talk to your Soldier in Afghanistan via *WEBCAM*.

For more information call DSN: 634-7156/CIV: 0444 71 7156 or stop by the USO.

Entertainment Center name contest

Got the perfect name for the new Entertainment Center? Be eligible for prizes when you enter your choice. Choose one of the following names or submit your own idea; Mountain View Center, Victory Center, Ederle Hub, Heroes, High Point Center or Patriot Center. To be eligible for prize drawings your entry must include your name, age and phone number. Send entries to BOD@vicenzamwr.com or drop your green entry form in the box at the Post Library. Entries will be collected on Dec. 14 and the winners will be notified before Jan 1st. The name will be announced and prizes awarded when the center open in the fall of 2008.

Challenge ACS Night

Come out to "Challenge ACS Night" at Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center, Thursday 15th, 5:30p.m.-7p.m. Call Catherine Hurst at ACS for more info, 634-7500.

Jobs working with kids

If you enjoy working with children and youth you can have fun and earn between \$9-\$13 dollars per hour. CYS needs caregivers and CYS will provide all the training that you need.

Caregivers are needed worldwide so there is always a job at your next duty station.

Call the Civilian Personnel Assistance Center at 0444-716597

or DSN 634-6567 to apply. There are also opportunities to become a childcare provider in your own home. Call 634-7615 to find out more.

Support Wounded Warriors

Our wounded Soldiers at Landstuhl are required to pay for their own haircuts.

Take a moment to support our troops through "Clip to Cut" sponsored by Frito-Lay. Just purchase any Frito-Lay bag item in November and clip the UPC code from the bag. Drop your UPC code off at the Frito-Lay display in any European Commissary.

Up to \$10,000 will be donated by Frito-Lay to provide free hair cuts to our Wounded Troops

Family Child Care homes available

FCC homes offer a warm, homelike environment with fewer children so more personalized care is possible. Developmental care and programming is also provided. Often a FCC provider has more flexible hours than the CDC can offer. These homes in Villaggio receive the same health, fire and safety inspections as the CDC does and the providers are certified and have cleared background checks.

Commissary closure

The Vicenza Commissary will be open on Monday Nov. 19, from 10a.m. to 7 p.m. and it will be closed on Thursday Nov. 22, Thanksgiving Day.

For further information call store director, DSN 634-7997

Holiday mail dates To ensure delivery of holiday cards and packages by Dec. 25, mail must be sent by the mailing dates listed below:

Nov. 27-SAM parcels
Dec. 4-PAL parcels
Dec. 11-Priority mail
Dec. 11- First Class mail
Dec. 20-Express mail

Mail early to ensure delivery.

Christmas mailing advice from DOL Customs:

The following are simple rules to follow to avoid customs issues on your packages arriving by the U.S. Postal Service/CMR.

Always ensure that the shipper uses the complete APO address only. Do not place words such as Vicenza or Italy anywhere on the address or customs forms.

Never write country of destination on customs paperwork or the package address. Always use U.S.A. in place of any blocks requesting country.

If you have a package which was routed through the international channels and you need assistance, contact customs.

For assistance, e-mail your name, phone number and a brief description of the issue you require

assistance with at: Vicenzacustoms@eur.army.mil. Customs will contact you as soon as possible. Or stop by the office located in Warehouse Door No. 8 at the Torri Di Quarto Solo Facility.

For more info call DOL Customs at DSN: 634-7978 or FAX: 634-6938.

Dining facility changes

Effective Nov. 1, all active duty military personnel and their family members are authorized to dine in the South Of The Alps DFAC, no guests are authorized. Military personnel on leave and their family members are not authorized to dine in the DFAC.

Questions concerning this policy should be directed to John Clouse, DSN 634-6804.

Vicenza Health Center Thanksgiving schedule

Thursday, Nov. 22, Thanksgiving Day, Closed.
Friday, Nov. 23, Closed
Saturday, Nov. 24, Open 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 25, Closed

For urgent concerns or for medical emergencies at any time, go directly to the San Bortolo Hospital Emergency Room. call Patient Liaisons at 0444-75-3300 or 0444-928166). Pregnant patients can call the Benincaso Pavilion at 0444-71-6667 (DSN 634-6667).

To request an ambulance call 0444-71-7114 from off-post, or 114 from any DSN phone on post

For any comments or concerns, call the Clinic Patient Advocate at DSN 634-7952 (commercial 0444-71-7952), or e-mail VZHCRep@amedd.army.mil

Thanksgiving at Ca' Bruzzo

Join ITR for lunch at Ca' Bruzzo Winery on Nov. 22, leaving at 11:30 a.m. Sign up with ITR by Nov. 21. Call 634-7094 for more information.

Thrift Savings Plan limits

The 2008 Thrift Savings Plan deferred limit is \$15,500. This limit is established by the Internal Revenue Service and remains unchanged from the 2007 deferred limit.

The 2008 TSP total contribution limit is \$46,000. This limit includes all TSP contributions (deferred & exempt) and has been increased from the 2007 limit of \$45,000.

The limit on TSP catch-up contributions for 2008 is \$5,000.

If you are at least age 50 (or will become age 50 during the calendar year) and if you have made or will make the maximum amount of deferred contributions for the calendar year, you can make catch-up contributions to your TSP.

For more information regarding the TSP visit the TSP website at www.tsp.gov or the myPay website at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx> or stop by the finance office.

Christmas in Austria

Travel to Vienna, Salzburg with ITR for Christmas markets, Dec. 23-Dec. 26. Enjoy shopping, guided tours and an optional Sound of Music Show. Cost per adult, \$399. Sign up deadline is Dec. 3.

Battlemind Training

Learn techniques and how to tap into resources that will help you and your Family reconnect during upcoming R&R. Childcare is available. Several dates are available for this training; Nov. 14, 21 and 28, 11:30a.m. -1 p.m. Reservations are required so call ACS 634-7500.

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Surviving and Thriving in the Army

AFTB will hold Level 1 classes Nov. 19-20 At Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center. Nov. 19, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and on Nov. 20, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free Child Care is available. Soldiers can earn promotion points for attending this course. Call 634-7500 to make your class reservation.

New SKIES Unlimited music lessons

SKIES *Unlimited* now offers music lessons in violin and flute. Lessons are available by appointment on Mondays and Thursdays for violin and Tuesdays for Flute. Enroll at CYS Central Registration 634-7219.

Start Smart Basketball (Mom and Me)

A new class that is designed to teach the basic motor skills of basketball to youth ages 3-5, coming in January from 10am-10:45am at Villaggio Gym at a cost of \$10.

These motor skills will help them build confidence, coordination, and a base of knowledge for the game of basketball.

Moms must attend the class one-on-one with the child. We will have an FCC provider providing care if the child has a younger sibling that needs child care during the class.

The cost for the FCC provider is \$4/hr and they will be onsite in the FCC room right next to the gym. We will need to schedule this service in advance if needed. Please call Lacy Wolff at 634-6151 for more information.

Signup to vote

Voting signup station from 11a.m.-1p.m. in the AAFES food court every Thursday from now until the half day schedule, except Thanksgiving Day.

Dates are Nov 8, 15, 29, Dec 6, 13. Stop by and get your Federal post card application.

173rd holiday potluck

The 173rd Airborne Brigade is hosting a Holiday Potluck for soldiers and family members of HHC, 1-503rd and 2-503rd, from 2-4 p.m. Dec. 2 at Club Veneto.

Religious Activities

Ederle Chapel

For details call the chapel at: 634-7519 (0444-71-7519).

Weekday Mass

Mass is now held at noon Wednesday-Monday.

Saturday services

4-4:30 p.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation, or by appointment
5 p.m.: Roman Catholic Mass

Sunday services

9 a.m.: Catholic Mass
10:45 a.m.-noon: Catholic Religious Education
11 a.m.: Protestant worship
1:30 p.m.: Full Gospel Pentecostal worship and Children's church
4 p.m.: Lutheran Services
6 p.m.: Contemporary worship

Muslim services

The khutba and prayer will take place in the post chapel conference room Fridays, just after noon.

Jewish services

Jewish services and traditional Sabbath meals are available each Friday night and Saturday. Please contact Dr. Stephen and Nancy November at november6@msn.com

Club Beyond

For details about Club Beyond youth activities, contact the chapel or Jocely Cary at 340-385-3476.

Darby Chapel

For details call the chapel at: 633-7267 (50-54-7267).
8:30 a.m.: Catholic Reconciliation
9:30 a.m.: Catholic Mass
11:15 a.m.: Protestant worship

Santa Claus will drop by to take pictures with the kids which can then be fitted to a holiday frame that may be decorated.

There will be additional arts and crafts stations to include making footprint reindeer, graham cracker houses, snowflakes or fluffy snowmen. Children can also try to put Santa back together with a Santa puzzle.

Families will also be able to record a video message to send to their soldier downrange.

Please bring a holiday dish to share. Food dishes may be dropped off as early as 1:45 p.m.

For more information contact your company level Family Readiness Group.

Discover ITR

Shop, tour, taste, explore with ITR this December. Discover the Miracoli Antique Market in Venice, Christmas Markets in Austria and the Modena Balsamic Vinegar Factory. Reserve your spot and get more information from ITR at 634-7094.

Cougars end promising season, more to come

Story by Coach John Parker
Photos by Brad Polensky
Special to the Outlook

The Vicenza Cougars completed a season to remember. After several years in which the players, coaches and fans wanted more, it all came together in the 2007 season.

A post which has endured very difficult times this year and continue to do so with the Brigade deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Taking a lot of minds off of the deployment, the men of the Cougar Varsity football team set out to give everyone else something to focus on. It came in the way of a 4-2 regular season record and a conference record of 2-1. A shot at the Division III championship swayed in the grasp of the Cougars right up until the final 2 minutes of the game in Baumholder.

The Buccaneers went on to win the championship game and although the Cougars didn't play that Saturday Vicenza players were mentioned by the Buccaneers players when interviewed after their win over Rota.

All-European receiver Styles commented, "I got popped by Vicenza...I wasn't going to drop this one". Coaches and players from both teams know that we play a good game of football and it is understood that next season teams will be preparing for us knowing we will come to play.

This season was one of many in terms of accomplishments. Perhaps too many to single out individually but we would be remiss if we did not address those that were recognized both locally and theater wide.

Offensively the team provided ample excitement racking up over 153 points of offense during the regular season. Defensively we allowed an average of less than 21 points a game. This was a big step in the right direction for a team that has had a difficult time stopping opponents in the recent past.

The Cougars' offensive line provided key blocks and allowed Vicenza running backs and their



(Above) Kyle Kaus, No. 21, runs for his second touchdown in the Div. III championship game with Baumholder.

team's MVP quarterback, Micky Stoner, to accumulate over 1500yards of rushing and nearly 300 yards of passing. In addition to Micky on offense there was the electrifying running of Kyle Kaus and Nic Williams. Kyle achieved the honor of Offense MVP and Nic was the Honorable Mention recipient of the award.

In addition, Kyle received recognition from Division III coaches for his efforts during the season which included total offensive yardage of over 800yds and 14 TDs. Nic was second on the team in Touchdowns with five. These three weapons wouldn't have had the success they had if it weren't for the five guys that anchor that offense...the line.

Although they all deserve recognition, two folks stood out. Bobby Unger was presented with the Lineman MVP and Steven Merlino was identified as the Honorable mention in this department. You could count on seeing at least one if not multiple key blocks which freed up Micky, Kyle and Nic for some awesome TDs.

The Cougars' defense was anchored by a rising star who some thought might have been outsized at the position, but don't tell sophomore linebacker Shaun Mahadeo that. He received the Cougar Defense MVP and also recognition for Division III South for outstanding play at the position. Shaun ended the season with



(Above) Xavier Taylor, No. 5, Vicenza safety, makes a move around the defense.

approximately 80 tackles but most impressive was the fact he started every game at the defensive captain position...not missing a play. James Erickson, who played both DE and Tackle for the Cougars, was presented with Honorable mention for his efforts. Erickson led the team with tackles and provided sparks through batted balls, sacks or the occasional fumble cause/recovery.

The Cougar Award which is awarded to the player that emulates the values and character of one that is worthy of being followed was presented to Miguel Rosario. Miguel also was selected by the coaches in the conference as one

of the best CBs in the Division. Like Shaun, Miguel was a constant on the defense and also carried out double duties as the starting RB.

The last individual awarded at the banquet was probably the toughest award to single out. There were so many worthy recipients that it took the coaches several agonizing days to come to a consensus.

The Cougars' most improved player was presented to Shakael Skeet who started the season demonstrating speed but uncertainty in pretty much everything else. Shaq worked hard in practice and came along midway through the year eventually replacing an injured Conner Hooper at Safety not relinquishing the position.

Next season there will be a competitive bunch for the defensive back position on a team full of high expectations for the 2008 season. Others in the consideration of most improved were Mike Weston, Reginald Sweed, Matthew Parrot and Mike Niccoll. Mike Niccoll did receive recognition from the Division III South coaches as a defensive lineman worthy of praise. And again, as stated above all these men will be back next season.

It will be exciting next year to see how much more this team can build from where they left off.

The following individuals were recognized by the coaches of the Division III South for;

All Conference – European Division III South.

Defensive Line:

Nick Williams – Vicenza

Mike Niccoll – Vicenza

Linebackers:

Shaun Mahadeo – Vicenza

Defensive Backs:

Miquel Rosario – Vicenza

Running Backs:

Kyle Kaus - Vicenza

Offensive Line:

Drew Owens – Vicenza Tight

End

Robert Unger – Vicenza Tackle

Receiver:

Xavier Taylor - Vicenza Safety



(Left) Shakael Skeet, No. 26, Vicenza safety, leaps high in the air to break up a Bamberg pass. (Above) Mickey Stoner, No. 12, Vicenza quarterback scrambles for another first down.

Sports shorts

CYS coach clinics

These clinics are designed to train volunteer coaches in their responsibilities. Clinics will cover basketball and cheerleading.

Dates for coaching clinics are: Nov. 15, 6-9 p.m. and Nov. 16, 17, 20, Dec. 1, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 634-6151 for more details.

Community basketball

Attention all Male and Female Basketball Players, check this out: a community team is being organized to start play for Nov. 15-April 1 at the Fitness Center, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:45 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Completely free and absolutely fun, so don't miss out.

Thanksgiving Val Senales trip

Hit the slopes with ODR to Val Senales, Italy on Thanksgiving Day at 5:45am for a cost of \$250.

Cost includes double room and half board. Reserve your spot by Nov. 16.

Turkey Bowl

Win a Thanksgiving turkey from the Ederle Lanes. The Bowling Center is having its annual Turkey Bowl competition Nov. 11-20.

The turkey goes to the highest score in a single game between Nov. 11-20. Go try the Ederle Lanes and earn a Thanksgiving dinner the old fashion way, bowl for it.

More free bowling

Ederle Lanes adds two more nights of free bowling. You now get free lane rental on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays and bowl up to three games per person.

Shoes are still only \$1. Call Ederle Lanes for information 634-7013.

5k race

World's Apart, Together We Run Race will be held on Nov. 17 at the N-40 Track.

Register for this 5k competitive run by Nov. 14 in the Sports and Fitness Office.

This is a very special race because while we run in Vicenza others in our command will be running in Germany and downrange at the same time.

Individual categories for male and female will be awarded for ages.

Thanksgiving football

Catch all the action of Thanksgiving Football on the huge TV screens at Club V, 5pm on Nov. 22.

Also, enjoy free nachos and appetizers, so mark it on your calendars.