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## 173rd ABCT loses three Soldiers

CASERMA EDERLE, Vicenza, Italy – The 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team lost three of its paratroopers this past week.

Sgt. 1st Class Matthew D. Blaskowski, 27, from Levering, Michigan, died Sept. 23 in Asadabad, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire during combat operations.

Blaskowski was a member of Battle Company, 2nd Battalion

(Airborne), 503rd Infantry, 173rd ABCT.

Pfc. Christopher F. Pfeifer, 21, of Spalding, Neb., died Sept. 25 in San Antonio of wounds suffered when insurgents attacked his unit using small arms fire Aug. 17 near Kamu, Afghanistan.

Pfeifer was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment, 173rd ABCT, Schweinfurt, Germany

Pfc. Mathew D. Taylor, 21, of Cameron Park, Calif., died Sept. 26

in San Antonio of wounds sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle July 23 in Sarobi District, Afghanistan. Taylor was assigned to the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry, 173rd ABCT, Vicenza, Italy.

A memorial ceremony for Blaskowski and Taylor is tentatively scheduled at Caserma Ederle Chapel, Wed., Oct. 10. Services for the Pfeifer has not yet been set.



A 13th MP Soldier prepares to rappell down the tower face while fellow Soldiers watch from below.

## 13th MPs earn Italian wings

Story and Photos by Spc. Kathryn Jorgenson SETAF Public Affairs Office

FORLI, Italy-Its not very often that Soldiers can claim that they were the very first to do something, but the Soldiers from the 13th Military Police Company have earned the bragging rights, along with a new set of Italian Air Assault wings.

The 66th Infantry Regiment, Aeromobile in Forli, Italy put 18 Soldiers through the nine-day Air Assault course where Soldiers learned rappelling skills, mount and dismount on helicopters, and finished with a nine mile road march.

"The Italians are very passionate about their air assault course. The training went very smoothly and was very safe and professional", said Sgt. 1st Class Kenton Peterson.

While the 66th Infantry Regiment has a long history, the air assault capability is only six years old and it is the only air assault unit in the Italian army.

"A lot of their training is based on U.S. doctrine so it is very similar to our training, just a little more laid back", said Peterson.

Yet another first went to Sgt. Melissa Potter who had the honor of being the first and only American female to complete the training.

"I feel very honored to do this. I did not know that this was the first Italian air assault course. I just thought it would be some good training and it's a good partnership with the Italian Army. It strengthens our bond," said Potter. "I'm excited to be the first female to go through this course."

No other foreign nation has previously participated in this joint training with the Italian Army and in today's coalition deployments;

the need to understand each other is greater than it has ever been, the Soldiers stated.

"I hope the Soldiers basically learned how other countries and militaries operate so when we do work with them downrange, we will

understand more of the culture and the military tasks, and technical procedures so we can work closely and smoothly in future downrange operations", said Cpt. James Towery, 13th MP commander. (Continued on Page 2, MP wings)



(Above) Italian Soldiers practice hand-to-hand maneuvers while Staff Sgt. Burton Jaille offers guidance.



## New school complex contract awarded

CASERMA EDERLE, Vicenza, Italy – Naval Facilities Engineering Command announced the award for a new school complex Sept. 25.

The contract was awarded to construction company CMC di Ravenna, from Ravenna, Italy. The amount of the award is \$50 million (€45 Million).

The construction will include the building of a new child development Center, elementary and middle schools. The school complex will be built on Villaggio della Pace and will provide capacity for approximately 350 CDC students, 1,000 elementary students, 300 middle school students, music and art classrooms, a gymnasium and special education areas.

The facilities will replace the aging buildings on Caserma Ederle with modern, environmentally responsible structures and sports fields in the American housing area. About 100 of the older row houses will be demolished to provide space for the campus.

Later projects will include a new high school at the same site. The projects will ultimately lead to more green space on both Villaggio della Pace and on Caserma Ederle.

Construction is to begin this winter and is scheduled to be completed summer 2010.



# Garrison News

## MPs earn wings



(Above) Soldiers dismantle the UH-1 Huey helicopter during training.

(Continued from Page 1) Training with a foreign military has its challenges, language barriers being one of the most obvious. The 66th Training Co. commander, Cpt. Michele Sciannamea spent hours pouring over an English dictionary before teaching to ensure he had everything just right.

The U.S. Soldiers presented

Sciannamea with a certificate of appreciation for his hard work and dedication ensuring the Americans could get everything they needed out of the instruction.

"We had very good results from the training and we would like to repeat this again in the future. This training helps build cooperation between our two nations," said Sciannamea.

While the U.S. Soldiers were training in Forli, 18 Italian infantrymen came to Caserma Ederle to live the life of an American Soldier for eight days. The Soldiers from the 66<sup>th</sup> were trained and certified for Combatives Level I, conducted Military Operations Urban Terrain training, and qualified on the M-4 Carbine, earning U.S. Army marksmanship badges that they will be able to wear on their uniforms.

The Italians learned that in the US Army the days begin early and the pace of the day is demanding. Maresciallo Ordinario (Chief Warrant Officer) Mario Nunziata said, "Now I understand why Americans have so much for breakfast. They get up early and train hard to work up such an appetite before breakfast."

"These guys learned a lot in a very short time," said Pfc. Sean Thomas a 13<sup>th</sup> MP Co Soldier who acted as an interpreter during the training. "They were very

motivated and I think they also had a lot of fun training here."

For the Italians the chance to learn some of the skills such as hand-to-hand combat and MOUT was a great opportunity. In Italy they do not have the structures to perform MOUT training, and yet they are fighting along side us in Afghanistan and Iraq.

"For us Italians this training is very important," said Nunziata. "Before in Iraq I was afraid of hand-to-hand combat. Now I have confidence, and the knowledge to defend myself."

The training ended for the Italians with a graduation ceremony where they were presented their marksmanship badges, a SETAF Certificate of Training, and the Combatives Level 1 Training certificate.

"There is no doubt that the friendships made during this joint endeavor are sure to leave a lasting impression that will sustain the warrior spirit of all these Soldiers for

a lifetime," said Sgt. 1st Class Steven Hahn, 13<sup>th</sup> MP Co. Operations Sergeant.

Both units would like to conduct more of this type of training in the future. The importance of understanding other cultures and being able to train with allies has benefited members of both armies personally and professionally, said Hahn.



Pfc. Fernando Herrera gets his equipment checked out by the Italian safety NCO before he rappels off the jump tower.

## Practice your escape plan

Safety message from  
**Giancarlo Fattori**  
USAG Vicenza Fire Chief  
*Special to the Outlook*

At one time or another, it's happened to all of us: You're in a public setting -maybe shopping at the mall or eating at a restaurant-when suddenly the fire alarm sounds. The first thing you do is look around to see what everyone else does, if anything. According to experts at the nonprofit National Fire Protection Association, this hesitation may be a common response, but it could prove deadly.

Too often, people don't react when a fire alarm sounds. Particularly in public settings, people tend to wait to see how others respond; we know from tragic fire incidents that quick, decisive response is often what makes the difference between life

and death in a fire.

This year National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 7-13, the theme is: "Practice your escape plan". This is to help change the public's attitude toward fire alarms in their house and public settings, making everybody aware how important it is to know your "way out" anywhere you are.

The USAG Vicenza Fire Chief and our Fire and Emergency Services Division strongly support these efforts to improve public responsiveness, and stress the importance of escape planning in any location.

"No matter where you are, or what type of building you're in, if a fire breaks out, it's too late to start developing a plan," says Chief Fattori. "You've got to know how to respond immediately in a variety of situations, and take early warning signs of fire seriously".

An important component of this

year's Fire Prevention week campaign will focus on smoke detection and home escape, since NFPA estimates that approximately 80% of all U.S. fire deaths occur in the home. In addition, this year's theme will address instances where it may be safer to stay where you are if a fire occurs, such as in some high-rise buildings.

Chief Fattori urges everyone to develop home escape plans with all members of the household, and to practice fire drills regularly. He says an adequate escape plan for one and two family dwellings includes everyone in the household knowing two ways out of every room, establishing an outdoor location in front of the home where everyone will meet upon exiting, and knowing the emergency number of the local (115) and installation fire department (0444-718911), which should be contacted immediately from a nearby phone.



This fire happened in a Vicenza military rental quarters just last week.

## Kitchen fire safety tips

If a grease fire erupts in a pan on top of the stove, carefully slide a lid over the pan to smother the flames. This action will extinguish most stove top fires.

Never attempt to remove the burning pan or pot from the stove to the outside. Many fires have spread and serious burns occurred by individuals dropping the flaming oil. Never apply water to a grease fire.

Turn the controls off and close the door tightly if the fire is in the oven. This will smother the flames.

Always keep pot handles turned inward and away from the edge of the stove.

Always keep flammable fabrics such as towels, dish rags, curtains and loose fitting clothing away from the stovetop and burners.

## Speak Out

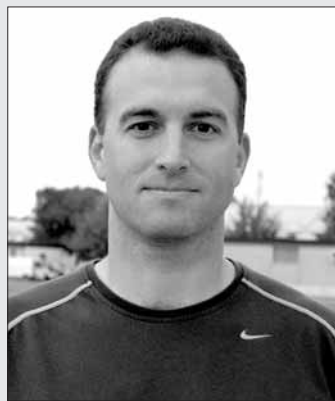
"Where do you volunteer and why do you do it?"

By Laura Kreider



Jil Hinds-Nicholson,

**AFN radio**  
I recently joined AFN as radio production volunteer, writing and producing radio news and commercials. Working at AFN gives me an opportunity to utilize my background while serving the community.



Chris Buscema

**Physical therapist**  
I volunteer at the Vicenza HS football program. Kids get a positive influence from sports. I graduated from a DoDDS school, my dad deployed to the first gulf war so I can relate to what many are going through.



Simona Bryant,

**Family member**  
I am the chairperson for the Translator Interpreter Program Services. We provide written and oral translations, it's a good opportunity to help families in the community and also to meet new people.



Lorenzo Felisatti

**USAG Vicenza, ACS**  
I've been volunteering at Soldiers' Theatre since 2007. That gives me the opportunity to get in touch with the English language theater, it allows me to contribute to the American and the Italian communities.



Dawn Polensky

**Fitness Center (MWR)**  
I volunteer for the Red Cross as a CPR/FA Instructor. I wanted give back to my community. Everyone should know CPR. You never know when you might need some training to help a member of your family.



# Garrison news

## First joint celebration for Saint Michael's Feast Day



Col. Gordon Davis, SETAF chief of staff, addresses the audience during the first joint St. Michael's Day celebration. (Photo by Barbara Romano, 7th JMTA Photo Lab).

Story by Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

Saint Michael's Feast Day has been observed since the Middle Ages, but on Sept. 29, for the first time, a joint celebration took place in the presence of the *Questore*, the chief of police of Vicenza, Dario Rotondi, and Col. Gordon Davis, SETAF chief of staff.

"Today SETAF American personnel and the Vicenza State Police celebrate together, for the very first time their patron, Archangel Saint Michael," said Rotondi after the scripture reading by Father Roberto and SETAF Chaplain David Smith.

"Thanks to this fortuitous coincidence, Maj. Gen. Helmick, today represented by Col. Davis, and I, decided to have this joint celebration to honor first of all our patron saint, but also to remember our casualties and to reinforce the great spirit of service of the U. S. Army and state police's personnel," Rotondi continued.

During his remarks, Rotondi also explained how both chaplains agreed with enthusiasm to the shared celebration and together they decided the religious ceremony that would be compatible with their liturgies.

"This shows that different religions help to create harmony among countries instead of dividing them, and in our world, which can be defined more and more as a global village, there is a better chance for peace in the future," he said.

Davis also addressed the

audience.

"Saint Michael's Feast Day is an occasion for celebration of a number of professions. In particular, Saint Michael is the patron saint of police forces and paratroopers.

"But he is also the patron saint of paramedics, emergency medicine technicians, mariners, and others," he said.

Davis described how the saint is one of the principal angels, and he is at once protector, defender, advocate, warrior, leader of the forces of good, and characterized by justice, tolerance, and mercy.

Before his closing remarks, Davis recalled the 16 paratroopers of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team who have made the ultimate sacrifice during the past four months and with the crowd honored them during a minute of silence.

"The policemen, the paratroopers here today or elsewhere in our ranks are the focus of today's celebration. They represent noble and honorable professions in our two countries. Highly respected by our citizens and our leaders and feared by those of malicious intent," Davis added.

Davis thanked Rotondi for the idea of a co-celebrated event and making it a reality.

"It is a perfect occasion to commemorate our professions, and to underline our common values, our common goals, our common sacrifices. We look forward to continuing our cooperation and working together here and abroad to protect and defend what we hold dear."

## Soldiers', families' garden dedicated

Story and Photo by  
Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

On Sept. 26, in honor of Military Spouses Appreciation Day, a special community event took place at the Vicenza Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

To recognize the families of the Vicenza military community, a permanent garden located in front of the center has been dedicated to the Soldiers' and families' in honor of Margaret Williamson, wife of the first 173rd Airborne Brigade commander.

Her daughter Nan Williamson made a special trip to Vicenza to attend the ceremony.

"The garden will be a visible reminder of who we are, military spouses," said Lisa Preysler, wife of 173rd ABCT commander Col. Charles Preysler, during the ceremony.

"Women and men, the spouses of those serving our nation in the



(Above, L-R) Lt. Col. Todd Johnston, 173rd ABCT Rear Detachment commander, Carla Atkinson, ACS director, Nan Williamson and Lisa Preysler, get ready to cut the ribbon during the garden dedication held at the Vicenza Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

Armed Forces, who have left a legacy of caring and service that continue to be role models for our military," said Preysler.

"It is appropriate that Margaret's (Williamson) life work is

remembered by us here in Vicenza. Our Army spouses have made difficult sacrifices and adjustments of their own so their Soldiers can focus on the mission," she said, adding; "You meet these challenges and keep the home fires burning. You do more than tread water or mark time. You share your talents and encourage each other and press on, and on, and on. Like Margaret Williamson, you are Army Strong."

The dedication was followed by a special concert performed by pianist Mirco Bruson at Soldiers' Theatre. Bruson a local pianist who completed his studies at the Conservatory in Padova played the unique Double Borgato concert grand-piano built by Luigi Borgato of Lonigo.

A portrait of Mrs. Williamson was also placed at Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.



(Above, L-R) Mirco Bruson and Luigi Borgato explain the complex piano used in the concerto to Col. Skip Davis, SETAF chief of staff.

## National Disability Employment Awareness month



Story by Lizz Gunn,  
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Special to the Outlook

"Across America, individuals with disabilities are making important contributions in the workplace. This month, we celebrate their accomplishments and reaffirm our commitment to ensuring that the opportunities of America are available and accessible to every citizen."-Pres. George W. Bush

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month, a time to recognize both the contributions made by workers with disabilities and the employment barriers still present. We can help increase awareness by learning about the experiences of these often overlooked American workers.

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that 49.7 million Americans have at least one disability. This large number shows that disability issues need to be on the minds of the general public.

People with targeted disabilities are losing ground in Federal employment. They are less than one-percent of the Federal workforce. Targeted disabilities include deafness, blindness, missing extremities, paralysis, seizure disorders, distortion of limbs or spine, mental illness and severe or intellectual impairments.

Disability issues in America encompass social and political rights, social inclusion and citizenship. The country as a whole has made progress over the years in recognizing disability issues, but there are still barriers to full social inclusion.

In the realm of employment in particular, persons with disabilities have trouble receiving appropriate recognition. They are often overlooked for positions or promotions, perhaps because employers assume the accommodations - such as computer screen reading software for a person without vision and interpreter relay services for a person without hearing - will be too

difficult or costly. Quite the contrary, as the Defense Department's Computer/Electronics Accommodations Program (CAP) purchases and delivers hardware, software and services needed by disabled employees to function in the workplace. CAP partners with 64 other federal agencies, including Veterans Affairs.

Barriers to social inclusion can also be caused by attitudes of people without disabilities. Like many other negative social attitudes, these can be the result of underexposure to the situation. A person without a disability may be uncomfortable interacting with those with disabilities out of a fear of not acting appropriately.

It is important to recognize the contributions, skills, and talents of people with disabilities not just during this designated month but throughout the year. There will be National Disability Employment Awareness Month events on Caserma Ederle throughout October to give us the push we need to think about these issues. These events will also help us take some time as a military community to appreciate the efforts of those workers with disabilities who hold a special place in our hearts; disabled veterans and the Army's wounded warriors.

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# Community events



Stand-up. Hook-up. Shuffle to the door. These First Rock women get a basic airborne refresher before they exit the "aircraft."

## First Rock spouses shine despite weather



Story and photos by  
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1-503rd FRSA  
Special to the Outlook

The women of First Rock proved they were Army Strong on Friday when they braved the elements and participated in the inaugural First Rock Spouse to Soldier Day. A cold rain fell as they were briefed on the modified PT test. Puddles the rain created were a constant companion through the sit-ups, push-ups and two-mile run. "I can't believe I took a day off for this," a drenched Guilia Grant, Charlie Co., 1-503rd said.

Spirits lifted as the clouds

disappeared and clothes dried. The women were able to participate in five different stations.

The events included a hand grenade assault course, time in the EST trainer, and a ride and simulated rollover in a Humvee. Their hard work was rewarded with a cookout prepared by the Battalion's Rear Detachment non-commissioned officers.

"This event was a great opportunity for the spouses of First Rock to march a day in their Soldiers' boots and enjoy each others company," said Lt. Alex Furlong, rear detachment commander of 1st Battalion-503rd Infantry (Airborne), 173rd ABCT.

"In the difficult and sometimes trying times a spouse experiences during the course of a long deployment, it is important to keep a positive attitude and make the best of the situation. Today was a great example of the positive attitude and competitive spirit that the First Rock family thrives on. Our battalion is very proud of all the ladies who participated today," said Furlong.



(Above, left) Liz Garcia of Charlie Co. and Jenny Downes of HHC have a little fun with camouflage. (Above, right) Adrian Intile of HHC, high crawls through the hand grenade assault course. (Above) Carol Zist of Easy Co. readies her weapon in the EST trainer. (Right) (L-R) Randie Gibson, Sandy Weik, Megan Hammonds, Erin Thompson and Nancy Polwort show their First Rock spirit.





# Community events



## Hearts Apart brings 173rd STB family together

Story and photos by  
**Amy L. Bugala**  
*USAG Bamberg Public Affairs  
 Special to the Outlook*

All eyes were on the skies as the families and friends of the 173rd Special Troops Battalion gathered in Memorial Park at Warner Barracks, Bamberg for the “Hearts Apart” balloon release Sept. 23.

Thirteen white balloons, representing the fallen heroes of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, were released into the sky during a moment of silence followed by 400 yellow balloons to honor the deployed Soldiers of their battalion.

Sheltering their eyes from the

late day sun, children stared up into the sky long past letting go, tracking their balloon and message to their mom or dad. Through the crowd one could hear occasional shouts “That’s mine” or “I can still see it”, “Where do you think it will land?”

“In a child’s heart anything is possible,” says Debbie Milhorn, 173rd STB family readiness group advisor about the strength and meaning behind the first time event. “One of these balloons just might make it to Afghanistan and that belief can bring mom or dad closer to a child’s heart, even momentarily.”

Donna Shultz, FRG member and spouse came up with the balloon release idea while watching a memorial service on television and

shared it with Milhorn. As the details came together, they both realized how powerful this could be for their STB family and decided to make this the next event for the group.

Just now approaching the sixth month mark of a 15-month deployment, the balloon release is one of the many morale boosting events put together by the 173rd STB family readiness group leaders.

“At the battalion level we come together every two to three months, but at the company level, groups meet at least once a month,” says Jessica Prudhomme, 173rd STB family readiness staff advisor. “We’re 178 spouses strong here,” she added.

Milhorn is sincere when she refers to the 173rd STB as a family and believes that strength is in numbers. She says that opportunities to come together like this to support our Soldiers wouldn’t be possible without the help of the FRG leaders, volunteers and the rear detachment Soldiers. “Our Soldiers stand alongside one another and so do we. With courage and strength we will get through the rest of this deployment together.”

Within minutes, the sea of yellow balloons flew higher eventually fading from sight; their mission giving everyone a sense of hope, a moment to reflect and renewed strength to focus on the future.



(Top) Families and friends of the 173rd STB release yellow balloons in support of their Soldiers. (Above) Children take time to write messages to attach to their balloons. As a bundle of white balloons representing the fallen Soldiers of the 173rd ABCT, floats above.



The Festa Italia Bazaar hosted by the Vicenza Community Club Sept. 22-23 brought in more than 60 vendors from around the world to offer their products. Nearly 1,500 people visited the bazaar this year. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

## Elementary School Garden Club



The Vicenza Elementary School got a bit of brightening up last week as the the Elementary School Garden Club used its skills in front of the school house. The garden club is composed of fifth and sixth graders interested in nature and gardening. They planted flowers and decorative grasses in a small area near the entrance of the elementary school. (Photo by Gary L. Kieffer, Outlook Staff)



# Out & About

By Dorothy Spagnuolo

## Market and exhibition

Bassano on Oct. 6 and 7 in the center of the town large market open each day from sunup to sundown;

In Padova the 'Casa su misura,' furniture exhibition, is being held in the Padova exhibition grounds Oct. 6-14. Find the latest in furnishings and accessories for your home and garden. Open weekdays: 5:30-10:30 p.m.; weekends: 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Entrance fee: 5 euro.

## Distilleries

Grappa distilleries will be open for a visit Oct. 7 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. in the following towns in the province of Vicenza: in Ponte di Barbarano find Dal Toso Rino; in Montegalda - F.lli Brunello; in Villaga - Li.dia; in Schiavon - Poli and in Costabissara the Schiavo distillery.

## One man

Stefan Berkoff will perform at the Teatro Olimpico on Oct. 5-6 in a show named 'One Man', he will recite, in English, 'Tell-Tale Heart' by Edgar Allan Poe and 'Dog' by Steven Berkoff. Tickets range from 18-25 euro and are available from the Teatro's ticket office which is open from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. closed on Mondays or from [www.vivaticket.it](http://www.vivaticket.it).

## Medieval event

The historical center of Thiene, located 25 km from Vicenza is preparing for another medieval Oct. 6-7, the town, will be the setting for a renaissance market, the vendors, all in medieval costume will be selling agricultural produce of the area, handcrafted products, herbs and spices and more, purchase of the items can be made in the antique money of 15th century which is available at exchange booths.

Both days the market opens at

9:30 a.m. and closes at 10 p.m. Entertainment will be provided in the various squares of the town by jugglers, story-tellers, poets and street artists, as well as popular games songs and dances of the time. Food stands and 'taverns' will be in operation. Full information on [www.comune.thiene.vi.it](http://www.comune.thiene.vi.it), in Italian only.

## Truffles in Alba

The 77th White Truffle Fest is taking place in the city of Alba through Oct. 11. Main events of Oct. 7 the truffle market that opens at 9 a.m., 2:30 p.m. historical parade at 2:30 p.m. with over 1,000 costumed participants and at 4:30 p.m. a palio of asini, *donkeys*.

Alba is 300kms from Vicenza.

## It's chestnut season

October is the month for chestnut hunting when Italian families take to the forests armed with plastic bags and gardening gloves to gather the prickly burrs from under the trees.

Because they are so abundant, good chestnut hunting grounds are not subject to the same type of tight-lipped secrecy that good mushroom spots tend to encourage and you won't have any problem in finding a forest floor crammed with ripe chestnuts.

So, what can you do with your haul once you have put down your hours in the woods? For the most simple and traditional solution, you can roast the chestnuts over an open fire (or in the special chestnut pans) to obtain the much-loved "caldaroste."

However, if you end up with a real glut, you can either boil them to serve as a side dish: cover large, sound-looking chestnuts in a large pan with a small amount of salt, a

bay leaf and, if desired, fennel seeds. Cover with cold water and cook over moderate heat until soft.

Discard any chestnuts that float to the top.

On the other hand, if you want

to use them in a sweet or savory purée or in a dessert dish, you should first make a small incision in each shell and then blanch the chestnuts in boiling water for 10 minutes. You then remove them from the heat, drain, and remove the tough outer shell. To remove the fiddly inner membrane more easily, cook for another 10 minutes in fresh boiling water; drain and peel. At this point, you can either glaze them in butter or sauté them briefly in flour and butter and then deglaze with white vinegar and cook for 10 minutes.

For delicious desserts, you should cook the peeled chestnuts in milk and vanilla extract and then purée them. Then add sugar and some brandy and cook until thickened.

By pushing the purée through a potato ricer and making a soft mountain, you have the basis of the famed dessert *Montebianco*, which is then topped with whipped cream. Alternatively you can make chestnut soufflé, mousse, or bavarese.

The list is really endless; all you have to do is go out there and start gathering.

There again for couch potatoes, chestnuts are readily available in the supermarkets where you can also find *farina di castagne* (chestnut flour) for your cakes.



View of *Piazza Liberta'*, a square in downtown Bassano, from the *Torre Civica*, the city tower, during a market day. Bassano holds a market twice a week, on Thursday and Saturday. The annual *Fiera*, fair, also is held in the three squares located downtown. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

## Classified Ads

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

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

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

Fuji Fine Pix Digital Camera. Six mega pixels, 3x zoom sell for \$80.

Magellan GPS. Works great. \$65  
1994 BMW 318i. Great car. Runs well. Must sell because of upcoming PCS \$2400.

1990 Volvo, 740 Turbo, US specs, manual transmission, \$2500

5 month old kitten, cute, playful, 5 month old male, black and white tiger stipe.

1996 Ford Taurus navy blue 4 doors automatic. 900.00 euro

Free pet needs home. She's a good dog, house trained and good with kids and other dogs.

Lawn mower for \$80.

Need Fence. If you have any fence that you would like to get rid of please call.

2005 Dodge Caravan SXT, \$14,000

Miniature longhair Dachshunds for sale. \$100-250 for him.

BMW 320i Convertible (Price

reduced) \$4000 OBO

Bicycle seats brand new, for adult bikes. \$5 each

1992 Fiat Tempra station wagon. 1500 EURO

Big 4x4 wanted. SUV. I'm looking for a 4x4 SUV in good shape. I have cash or can work a deal for a trade with my awesome 1984 Corvette.

Baby sling. I am looking for a baby sling. I can only find carriers in the economy.

2001 Toyota Yaris. This is an all purpose vehicle with room for 5 people. \$4900

1980 Cadillac Coupe De Ville. Car has rebuilt engine. Transmission not working. \$1500 OBO

2002 Ducato Monster 620 Dark, perfect condition, still in 3400 Euro.

1998 Hyundai coupe. 3 doors 1900 Euro

1994 Fiat Uno 4-door automatic, 151,000km. \$800

Treadmill. Proform 995. Great condition \$300

1992 Ford Fiesta, 5 speed, 1.8 liter 4 cyl. engine, \$800 or best offer Rottweilers. Two females about 10 months, nice pets \$300 ea.

1994 Rover 620si. Good condition, air condition, great car, 2,000 euro OBO

XBOX 360 with: Two Controllers XBOX Live Camera and Four (4)

Games \$300 or with Eight (8) games \$400

Nokia 5200 cell phone. 130 Euro Dogmobile. Looking for a station wagon or small SUV. We need something that our dog kennel and two dogs can fit in.

JVC 56" High Definition (HDTV) CRT Rear Projection Television. Model # AV-56P777 Sell \$1200 OBO  
Mag Innovision LT576s 15 inch LCD Monitor. sell for \$150

19" RCA Color TV no remote but works well.

Dining Room Chairs & Table \$75  
Glass top dining room table and four matching chairs. \$75

1997 Volvo S70 w/ 167,000+ km excellent condition an- runs great \$5000

Epson R260 photo printer with cd/dvd labeler. \$50.

Chihuahua for sale. One year-old. Good with kids. \$100

1994 Saturn 4 Door Sedan, U.S. Specs with 123,000 miles. Gold exterior and tan interior. \$500.00.

Fisher-Price Butterfly Garden Papanan Cradle Swing. The greatest swing you will ever buy. \$100

Printer wanted. Must be dual voltage and a decent price.

Sony TR-880 Hi8 NTSC Handycam Camcorder 48X digital zoom, and steady shot. Only \$100

## Now Showing

### Caserma Ederle Theater

Oct. 3	Hairspray (PG)	6 p.m.
Oct. 4	Who's Your Caddy? (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Oct. 5	The Game Plan (PG)(1st Run)	6 p.m.
	The Kingdom(R) (1st Run)	9 p.m.
Oct. 6	The Game Plan (PG)(1st Run)	3 p.m.
	The Kingdom(R) (1st Run)	6 p.m.
Oct. 7	No Reservations (PG)	3 p.m.
	The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13)	6 p.m.

### Camp Darby Theater

Oct. 4	Rescue Dawn(PG-13)	6 p.m.
Oct. 5	The Brave One (R) (1st Run)	6 p.m.
Oct. 6	The Bourne Ultimatum (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Oct. 7	No Reservations (PG)	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

**THE KINGDOM** - Jamie Foxx, Chris Cooper.

A team of U.S. counter-terrorism investigators set out to find the perpetrators behind a deadly attack on Americans in a Middle Eastern country. In order to work through the bureaucracy and cultural hostility, the team enlists a local police officer, but still finds itself target for the terrorists. Rated R (violence, language) 122 min.

**RESCUE DAWN** - Christian Bale, Steve Zahn. Based on the true story of German-born Dieter Dengler, who dreamed of being a test pilot and thus made his way to America, where he joined the military in pursuit of his obsession to fly. On his first mission in Vietnam, he is shot down and captured by Vietcong guerrillas. Rated PG-13 (war violence, torture) 120 min



# Community notes

## YS homework center

The Youth Services Homework Center in the post library is a place where youth can sit down and work on their homework in a quiet environment.

There is a YS staff on-hand to assist with homework. The center is equipped with four computers for youth to work on homework (priority) or simply check email.

The Homework Center is open school days from 3-6 p.m. for grades 6-12.

## College Fair

Vicenza High School's College Fair will be held Oct. 24 from 5-7 p.m. This year the school will partner with MWR to make the event a community bash. Youth in grades 7 to 12, their parents and spouses of deployed servicemembers are encouraged to attend.

There will be more than 75 alumni scheduled to present their colleges, to include American schools in Europe.

The school will also offer a MyRoad workshop, a parent panel, and an admissions workshop.

A tailgate party ends the event. Call Carol Kabonick, VHS guidance counselor at 634-7882 for details.

## Holiday auditions for Soldiers' Theatre

Soldiers' Theatre will hold auditions for the *Gift of the Magi* and *A Mini Christmas Carol* Oct. 17, at 6:30 p.m.

Singers, dancers, and actors are needed for the show.

The *Gift of the Magi* is an operetta and has roles for a high soprano and a tenor who are able to play a young married couple.

A *Mini Christmas Carol* has roles for several adults and children over the age of eight. Also featured in the show will be a holiday dance and some choral songs.

No preparation is needed for the auditions.

Performances will be held Dec. 7-9, and 13-15.

Anyone interested in auditioning or working technically on the show should contact Bonnie or Ross Daniels at Soldiers' Theatre.

## Tuscany Discovery Tour

See the hometown of Leonardo da Vinci and the town of Pistoia Oct. 13, 6 a.m.-10 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$39 and includes transportation, a guided tour, and an ITR trip assistant. The deadline for sign-up is Oct. 12. Call DSN 634-7094 to make a reservation.

## Seeking Volksmarch coordinator

Outdoor Rec is seeking a contractor to coordinate the Sunday Volksmarch program.

Applicants should be bilingual (English-Italian), have extensive experience participating in Volksmarches in the Veneto region and possess previous experience as a trip guide.

Applicants should have good interpersonal skills and be proficient in MS Office applications.

Interested individuals should contact NAF Contracting at 634-7234, or 0444-71-7234 from off post

## Wine tasting & outlet

In the most industrialized and prosperous region of Italy, find Lombardy's sanctuary of sparkling wine Oct. 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Grapes are grown on the rolling Alpine foothills in vineyards that share gentle slopes with villas, manors, castles, abbeys, farms, and towns. Let ITR lead the way to this unique area. The cost of the trip is \$29. The price includes transportation, wine tasting, and an ITR Trip assistant. Call DSN 634-7094 to make a reservation.

## Gas refunds underway

AAFES is now accepting unused portions of fuel coupons for refunds.

Customers have only three months to refund their unused coupons. The last day for refunds will be Dec. 31. They will only refund up to 2 months rations.

## Finance closure

B-208th Finance will be closed from Oct. 5 - 8. The Disbursing Office will remain open from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Oct. 5 and will be closed Oct. 8. On future training holidays, the Disbursing Office will be opened from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for service.

## Tax Relief fee increase

Due to a recent realignment of accounting functions, the Tax Relief Office has been required to manage accounts receivables. This new requirement has increased operating expenses, which must be recouped in user fees.

Annual fees will increase from \$110 per year to \$232. These fees will be invoiced on a quarterly basis (\$58 per quarter).

Italian government entities (state & region) levy taxes on natural gas at the rate of 48-54 percent, depending on the location.

Purchasing these utilities tax free provides savings that range from \$1,200 to \$3,600 per household, over the course of a year. The collective benefit to our community is in excess of \$1.4M per year.

It should be noted that this number can vary greatly as there are a significant number of variables. It saves the U.S. government and you as a taxpayer.

Deployed Soldiers, in FY 2008 will not pay this fee.

If you have questions about the Tax Relief Office, please stop by our office in bldg 243, next to BNL Bank, call 634-7080 or e-mail the office at [working@vicenamwr.com](mailto:working@vicenamwr.com).

## Inside Afghan culture

Find out more about the Afghan Culture from leading expert visiting Vicenza Oct. 4, 6-8 p.m. at Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

The 30-minute presentation will be followed by a question and answer segment from the audience. Call 634-7500 for details.

## Brenta River Ride

Take a ride along the Brenta River Saturday Oct. 13 from 6:45 a.m.-3 p.m. The trip also includes stops at the town of Borgo and the Castle Telvana. Stop by Outdoor Rec to sign up.

## Nutrition classes

Dr. Benchhoff will hold classes on nutrition on Wednesday from 4 p.m. at the Vicenza Health Center in classroom 26.

## AFN Schweinfurt radio signal

AFN Franconia does not have an FM radio frequency that reach the Schweinfurt area; however, all local AFN radio broadcasting comes to the Schweinfurt area on 1143 AM.



Turn to 1143 AM for all the latest news, entertainment and live programming from AFN Franconia.

According to the AFN Eagle Web site, since the AM signal is stronger, all of the live radio shows are broadcast on the AM frequencies.

## Education Center schedule

Term II runs from Oct. 22- Dec. 15 for Central Texas College and Oct. 29 - Dec. 21 for the University of Maryland University College. Registration begins on Oct. 8.

Contact the Education Counselor for details and assistance at 634-8933 or [vicenza.edcenter@us.army.mil](mailto:vicenza.edcenter@us.army.mil).

The Education Counselor office is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Closed for lunch, noon-1 p.m.

Gateway to Italian conversational language course runs Nov. 5.-Dec. 21.

For details contact Angelo Sibilla 634-7698 or [angelo.sibilla@europe.ctcd.edu](mailto:angelo.sibilla@europe.ctcd.edu).

The Army Learning Center computer lab and study lounge is open week days 10 a.m.-10 p.m.

Call 634-8926 to reserve classroom space.

The Testing office is open Tuesday-Thursday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Closed noon-1 p.m. for lunch (may vary depending on exam).

Academic and military testing is available. Call 634-8126 or [vicenza.testing@us.army.mil](mailto:vicenza.testing@us.army.mil) for details.

## Technology exposition

The annual Vicenza Army Community Technology Exposition is Oct. 18 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Club Veneto.

More than 25 exhibitors will demonstrate the latest in communication technologies, engineering and IT products, audio-visual equipment, hardware and software.

This event is hosted by the 509th

Signal Battalion. For details or to request a specific company, please contact Jamie Koehler at [koehler@ncsi.com](mailto:koehler@ncsi.com).

## Art Center relocated

As a reminder, the Vicenza Art Center is temporarily located in Outdoor Rec. The wood shop has not moved.

## ROTC presentation

On Monday, Oct. 15, at 5 p.m. the 10th Cadet Battalion, JROTC, Vicenza High School will host a presentation from Lt. Col. (U.S. Army, Retired) Keith Antonio. Antonio is the Director of Cadet Recruiting, North Georgia State College and University, one of six senior military colleges in the U.S. - meaning the entire student body is a part of a uniformed corps of cadets and most are in ROTC.

Antonio will present information on North Georgia, the campus, academic areas of study, admissions, college-level ROTC, scholarship and financial support. He will also be available for questions and answers. Additional information on North Georgia is available at: [www.ngscu.edu/](http://www.ngscu.edu/)

The presentation will take place in the VHS library. The event is open to all community members. For more information call Major (Retired) G. Smailes, Senior Army Instructor, JROTC, DSN 634-7072.

## Love from Home greeting cards

Stop by the Arts & Crafts Center, Sept. 26-30, to create a handmade card to send to someone special.

It's free and all supplies are provided.

## Still have time to register

University of Maryland University College Europe, Vicenza has rescheduled the following class to allow students more time to register:

Class: CMST100M Intro to Micro Computers: Web Page Design (HTML).

Schedule: Oct. 13-15, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Instructor: Pilar Pulido

For more info contact Mike Leahy at the UMUC office, Education Center, Bldg L598, Room 208 Email: [vice@ed.umuc.edu](mailto:vice@ed.umuc.edu) or call DSN: 634-7055

## Religious positions open

The Appropriated Fund Non-personal Services contracts listed below are for Oct. 2007 through Sept. 2008.

\*Catholic Priest  
\*Catholic Organist/Pianist  
\*Protestant Organist/Pianist  
\*Catholic Religious Education Coordinator  
\*Protestant Religious Education Coordinator

Applications must be received by Oct 5. For more information call Chaplain (Maj.) Tyree or Sgt. Tokovia at 633-7267 or 633-8336. Resumes can be sent to: [gregory.o.tyree@eur.army.mil](mailto:gregory.o.tyree@eur.army.mil) or [tokovia.n.sanda@eur.army.mil](mailto:tokovia.n.sanda@eur.army.mil)

## ACS Classes and Events

Join other spouses and learn more about the different cultures that make up are Army Family. This new group will have the first

## 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

Enjoy Venice for Simchat Torah, evening of Wed. October 3-Friday Oct. 5.

Contact Rabbi Banin at [Rami770@hotmail.com](mailto:Rami770@hotmail.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

meeting Oct. 19, 10 a.m.-noon.

Oct. 4 Kick Off of Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Oct. 9 Breastfeeding Class for Expectant Mothers

Oct. 9 Banking and Credit Union Information

Oct. 10 Resume Builder

For a reservation in any of these classes, Call ACS at DSN 634-7500.

### Family Fun Nights

Family Fun Night at Club V is Friday, Oct. 12 & 26, from 6-8 p.m. Take the whole family out for pizza and lemonade. Adult tickets are \$5. For 5th graders and younger, tickets cost \$2.50. The DJ will play a variety of music. Kids will receive a club card and a special Glo-Jo Juice drink with a "glow in the dark" straw from the Bar. Get your tickets at the door.

### Club V Salsa night

In celebration of Hispanic Heritage month, Club Veneto will offer an evening of salsa music. There will be free snacks made from the recipes of different Hispanic cultures and specialty drinks. The fun starts Saturday Oct. 13, 8 p.m. until 2 a.m. Designated drivers always receive free non-alcoholic drinks at the Club V.



# Cougars take two in-a-row

Story and photos by  
Brad Polensky  
Special to the Outlook

**SIGONELLA, Sicily**—The Vicenza Cougars have turned the corner this season with their second win and first Division victory in years.

Kyle Kaus led the team in scores for the second straight week with a 5 TD game giving him 10 for the season.

Mickey Stoner provided the Cougars with the leadership a team demands from its quarterback and team captain. His decision making and instinct kept the Jaguars off kilter much of the game and allowed the Cougars to remain in control throughout.

Vicenza Cougars traveled to Sicily with a limited squad that was down already due to injuries. Team captain Xavier Taylor watched from the sidelines for a second straight week but hopefully will be ready to go when the team travels to Wurzburg.

The sideline coaches of Wilson, Buscema and Stoner maintained the team's focus which allowed the team under Coach Ridgley to develop as a cohesive unit. Ridgley established a program that is starting to show promise

The Cougar defense was a force on the field with Safety Hooper picking off one pass and causing a fumble on another.

Sean Mahadeo had another solid game at middle linebacker in place of injured team captain Xavier Taylor, with several assists



Cougars No.21 Kyle Kaus lunges out-of-bounds for a first down during the second quarter of the game.

that helped shut down the opponent's offense in the first half. Kaus again proved his worth on defense with an interception for the second week in a row.

Williams, Unger, James Ericson and CBs Napoleon Myhand and Miguel Rosario were dominating forces that helped the defense achieve close to the level of perfection desired by Coach Stoner.

"We are good but we are not perfect. Not yet but we are striving in that direction", said Stoner.

Cougars will continue their travels with a road trip to Germany taking on Wurzburg.



(Above) Cougars quarterback No. 12 Mickey Stoner gets hit while attempting to pass (Left) Cougars No. 20 Sean Mahadeo tackles a Jaguar running back for a loss of yards.



## IMCOM-Europe holds basketball clinics

Story by IMCOM-Europe Public Affairs  
Photo by Christine June,  
USAG Kaiserslautern PAO

**HEIDELBERG, Germany**—Two veteran officials will be running a pair of basketball clinics for Installation Management Command-Europe in October.

Peter Webb and Ray McClure are conducting one clinic Oct. 9-13 in Schwetzingen, Germany, and another in Vicenza, Italy, Oct. 15-19.

Webb is a member of the National Federation of High School Hall of Fame and is the current commissioner for Maine Basketball. McClure serves the American Basketball Association as a crew chief and rules interpreter for a staff of more than 400 officials in the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

"If you want to learn basketball rules from two of the best in the business, plan on attending one of these two clinics," said Tom Hlavacek, a training specialist for IMCOM-Europe Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Participants will learn NCAA and National High School Federation rules – while studying points of emphasis, rule changes and floor work – before taking a written test and practical exam.

"We intend on having these top youth services, military community and high-school officials provide follow-up clinics at their installations," Hlavacek added.

For more information, call Hlavacek at DSN 379-6214, Tom Benson, Heidelberg Sports Office, at DSN 373-8032. In Italy, contact Chaz Ingram at DSN 634-7887.



## Sports shorts

### Sports with our neighbors

The CYS Sports and Fitness Department would like to organize games with Italian child and youth teams, with players 7-15 years old, in soccer, basketball, tennis, baseball, softball, and cross country.

Interested coaches or players on host nation teams can call CYS Sports at 0444-71-6151.

### Race for the Cure

Join the "Race for the Cure" and raise awareness about breast cancer in Bologna, Sunday Oct. 14.

Participants can walk, jog, or run past the monuments of the ancient and beautiful city of Bologna. The race starts and finishes at Piazzale Jacchia.

The cost of the race is 10 Euro for adults and 5 Euro for kids. Proceeds from the race will go to cancer research.

This trip is sponsored by Outdoor Rec. Transportation to this event is free and the bus leaves Outdoor Rec at 5:30 a.m., Oct. 14.

### Toronto Raptors scrimmage

See the Toronto Raptors in a preseason scrimmage in Treviso, Wednesday Oct. 3. The bus leaves the Vicenza Post Chapel Parking Lot at 4 p.m. The trip is free, but participants should bring Euro for food and a camera. Reserve your space by calling Outdoor Rec at DSN 634-7453.

### Family Adventure Series

There are several Family Adventures available at Outdoor Rec in October. On Oct. 4, take the family hiking around Lago di Fimon. On Oct. 11, stroll on the Pianezza from 3:30-7:30 p.m. Enjoy a fishing trip in Quinto Vicentino Oct. 18. On Oct. 25, take the family rock climbing in Gonya. Call Outdoor Rec at DSN 634-7453 to make a reservation.

### 5K Fun Walk/Run

The USAG Vicenza Fall into Fitness 5K is Oct. 13. Entry is free and it's open to all U.S. ID cardholders and Local National employees. This event is stroller friendly. On site registration starts at 7:30 a.m. and the race begins at 9 a.m. Call the fitness center for more information at 634-7009

### Cougars football 2007 schedule

Oct. 6	vs. Hohenfels
Oct. 13	at Baumholder
Oct. 20	vs. Bamberg
Oct. 27	Div III Playoffs
Nov. 3	Championships