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## Happy Birthday Army



Brig. Gen. William B. Garrett III, SETAF commander, reads to one of the preschool classes during the Army Birthday Celebration held at the Child Development Center on Caserma Ederle June 13.

"I like Birthday cakes and I liked the one that was in the Army Birthday book," said Zian Ringold, 4, one of the preschool children who attentively listened to the story. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)

## Universities hold combined graduation ceremony



Krystal Adebayo (left), civilian pay control clerk, Family Morale Welfare and Recreation Division, USAG Vicenza, reads her diploma during the Graduation Recognition Ceremony held June 10 at Soldiers' Theatre for adult graduates. Adebayo, mother of 5-year-old Adegboye, 3-year-old Kamiyah and 11-month-old Kaleb, said, "My father always told me I could do anything I put my mind to, and that is what was instilled in me as a child. Now I can say to my kids the same thing and tell them things don't always happen the way you would like them to, but you have to stay focused on what you want out of life. I know education is the key that will open many doors in the future – God willing." Adebayo completed her bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Maryland while her husband is on his third deployment, currently with 14th Transportation in Kuwait. (Photo by Barbara Romano, 7th JMTC)

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## Sky Soldiers keep Bayonet out of black

By Staff Sgt. Brandon Aird  
173rd ABCT Public Affairs

**NANGARHAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan** – Six Soldiers work around the clock at the ammunition point on Forward Operating Base Fenty in Nangarhar Province, Afghanistan, to supply Task Force Bayonet with ammunition.

The Soldiers from Alpha Company, 173rd Brigade Support Battalion, work day and night to move ammunition to International Security Assistance Forces working in Nuristan, Kunar, Laghman and Nangarhar provinces.

*"Just one fire fight can leave the guys black [short] on ammunition."*

Spc. Matthew Harvey  
Alpha Company  
173rd Brigade Support  
Battalion

Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne), 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment (Airborne), 4th Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, and the 173rd Special Troops Battalion, all rely on these six Soldiers for their ammunition.

The Soldiers also help supply elements from the U.S. Army Special Forces, other government agencies, Army National Guard, Marines and Air Force.

Supply and demand in the area is extremely high, according to Staff Sgt. Dana Green, a Soldier in Alpha Company. In one day, over 200 tons of ammunition was recently pushed to numerous forward operating bases.

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## Emergency Numbers

### Off Post

Carabinieri - 112  
Local Police - 113  
Ambulance/hospital  
emergency - 118  
Italian Fire and Emergency  
Services - 115  
Military Police - 044471SAFE  
0444717233/7626/7114  
Caserma Fire Department -  
04447171117

### On Post

Military Police - 634-SAFE  
634-7233/7626/7114  
Fire Department - 634-7117  
Carabinieri - 634-7522



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“Units in our AO (area of operation) tend to go through ammunition really fast,” said Spc. Matthew Harvey, a Soldier in Alpha Company. “Just one fire fight can leave the guys black (short) on ammunition.”

Artillery, rockets, mortars, small arms and machine gun ammunition are accounted for and delivered by Alpha Company. Alpha Company conducts sling loads, hot loads (loading ammunition onto a helicopter while the blades are spinning), and convoys to help get the ammunition across an area the size of Maryland.

“We’ve had our forklifts break on us, but that didn’t stop us from completing the mission,” said Green, “No matter what, you’re going to get the ammunition. Even if we hand load it onto the helicopters.”

The small team of Alpha Company Soldiers worked long hours and in extreme conditions to keep the ammunition flowing. In September the entire ammunition point was flooded.



Alpha Company, 173rd Brigade Support Battalion Soldiers load ammunition onto a Chinook Helicopter on Forward Operating Base Fenty in Nangarhar province, Afghanistan. They are responsible for supplying an area the size of Maryland with ammunition. (Photo courtesy A. Co, 173rd BSB)

Heavy ammunition crates were hidden under brown murky water.

“We had to get a water pump to get all the water out,” said Chief Warrant Officer David Fabuman, Alpha Company, 173rd BSB.

Even with the long hours and extreme conditions, the Alpha Company Soldiers stay positive about the mission.

“We do a lot of work, but this is a critical part,” said Green. “The units we’re supporting really appreciate what we’re

doing for them.”

“I’ve gotten coins, certificates, even a buck knife from guys who are happy to be getting this ammo,” said Harvey, who’s from Littleton, Colo.

Alpha Company has been in Afghanistan for 14 months and

since September has handled over 23 million dollars worth of ammunition.

In the next few months Alpha Company will hand over the ammunition point to Soldiers in the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

# Team visit explains Soldiers’ new personnel system

IMCOM Europe  
Press Release

**HEIDELBERG, Germany** – To prepare for the March 1, 2009, implementation of the Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System, representatives from the Army’s DIMHRS Program Office will be visiting installations throughout Europe in June.

Every Soldier will be impacted by DIMHRS, as each person’s record will be a single, electronic file, with personnel actions being electronically routed and signed, said Maj. William Anderson, of U.S.

Army, Europe G1. DIMHRS will establish a Web-based, unified system for personnel and pay issues across all ranks, elements and components of the Army.

Since DIMHRS will impact Soldiers of all ranks and occupations, the briefings are to prepare the Army for implementation of this congressionally-mandated military personnel and pay system. According to the program’s Web site, DIMHRS is the largest single change to manning and finance that the Army has ever undergone.

The DIMHRS Program Office team will visit and hold group briefings: June 23 – Schweinfurt (senior leaders, Soldiers,

Change Network); June 24 – Schweinfurt (Soldiers) and Wiesbaden (senior leaders, HR and pay professionals, Soldiers, Change Network); June 25 – Bamberg (senior leaders, HR and pay professionals, Soldiers, Change Network); and June 27 – Vicenza (general officers, senior leaders, HR and pay professionals, Soldiers, Change Network).

People living outside of communities that are receiving these presentations are encouraged to attend the appropriate briefings available closest to them.

Units should contact the following community points of contact to confirm

briefing times, locations, and the number of personnel the unit expects to send.

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469-7522

Schweinfurt –  
Victor.M.Roman@eur.army.mil  
353-8698

Vicenza –  
John.Belme@eur.army.mil  
634-6467

Leaders are responsible for ensuring their organizations are prepared for DIMHRS implementation. To learn more, visit [www.armydimhrs.army.mil](http://www.armydimhrs.army.mil).

## Speak Out

### “What are you doing with your tax rebate?”

By Diana Bahr



Juana Prados  
USAG Vicenza DPTMS

I’m saving it for a rainy day.



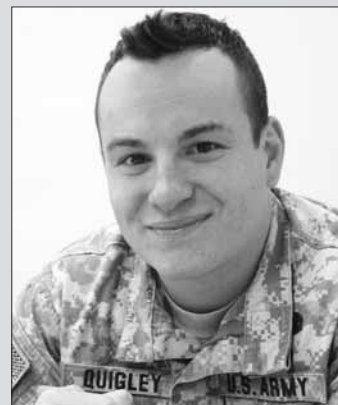
Command Sgt. Maj.  
Amaury Ochart  
SETAF G-4

I’m retiring this month, so we’re saving the money for any emergency that may arise.



Sarah and Emily,  
Luke and Grace Tucker  
Dependents

Our mom and dad are taking us on a vacation to the Center Parc in the Netherlands.



Capt. Brian Quigley  
SETAF G-6

My dad’s a financial planner so I’ll give it to him to invest it in mutual funds for me.



Master Sgt. Javier Abad  
SETAF G-6

I split the money between my three children and put it in their savings account.



## High debt, suicide linked

By Kent Thompson  
Army Community Service  
Special to the Outlook

On Oct. 20, 1890, a famous architect killed himself. The news reported “financial troubles probably the cause.”

Since 1997, some 160,000 farmers in India have committed suicide. The papers report “... generally attributed to a toxic blend of slashed subsidies, tougher global competition, drought, predatory moneylenders and expensive genetically modified seeds.”

In other words – money troubles.

Many suicides and attempted suicides have a financial theme in common. What’s sad is financial help is available, and these people could have overcome the financial difficulties instead of taking their own lives. In many cases, they just caused yet more financial stress upon those left behind.

Of course, money isn’t the only reason some people contemplate, attempt, or commit suicide. However, it does show up as a major contributing factor far too often.

Money troubles shouldn’t

equal death for anyone.

Army Community Service has several programs the whole community can use, and the best part is they’re free. The Financial Readiness Program manager and Army Emergency Relief officer consistently provide quality services to community members.

Since debt and high rate moneylenders tend to be at the root of many financial problems, the debt liquidation program has a proven success rate. Classes cover more than 14 topics including rip-off and scam avoidance. If you’re looking for help specific to your situation, individual and couple coaching/counseling is also available.

If financial problems or worries have got you down, visit ACS or call for an appointment. There are no magic potions or solutions, but there is help. It will be work, but the results are worth every penny.

If you’re feeling stress, financial or otherwise, there are resources available on post. Call ACS at 634-7500 or 0444-71-7500 to learn more about programs and services available. Or you can call the Chaplain 24/7 at 634-KARE(5273)/0444-71-5273.



**Special guest shares story with CDC youth**

Diane Devens, director, Installation Management Command-Europe, reads to children in the preschool class while visiting the Child Development Center on Caserma Ederle June 13. “We were given some ideas from the Headquarters for the Army Child and Youth Services program to recognize the Army 233rd Birthday,” said Eric Weisel, CYS coordinator. “One of the ideas was to include celebrity readers and bring them in, and we were so fortunate we had Mrs. [Diane] Devens visiting at this time, so it was perfect timing, and also Brig. Gen. [William B.] Garrett and his wife came to visit and read to the children. In the other child care center, we asked the parents to come in as our VIPs readers because we think that parents are the most important people for the children. They have been coming to read the whole week.” (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)

## Ederle’s EMS strives to reduce waste

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs  
Press Release

Many have seen the light-hearted AFN advertisements about recycling – but at the heart of the matter is the serious business of recycling, trash disposal and being better stewards of our environment. The Army’s answer to this is the Environmental Management System. EMS sets the standards for Army environmental programs for posts worldwide.

“The aim of the EMS is to identify significant environmental impacts related to everyday activities, develop and implement standard operating procedures for the garrison and educate and encourage the community to take a proactive role in EMS implementation,” said Thomas Blackmer, chief, Environmental Division, DPW, USAG Vicenza.

“One of the biggest issues

facing Caserma Ederle is recycling,” said Blackmer. “Our goal of 60 percent recycling was established in the Environmental Management Program (EMP is part of the EMS) for December 2008.

“In December 2007, we reached a rate of 51 percent. We are now identifying further actions, together with the ongoing initiatives [awareness training, recycling containers for offices, dumpster diving], which will help us achieve our goal.”

Hazardous material and hazardous waste is also a main focus area of the EMS and training in Italian and English is provided regularly to employees and Soldiers to assure safety and environmental compliance while dealing with these items, said Blackmer.

“Goals on energy consumption reduction and the use of renewable energy are also set by

the EMS,” said Salvatore Fazio, contractor, Environmental Division, DPW, USAG Vicenza. “There are also small ways that yield big results with the use of energy saving lamps (available in one size for free at the Villaggio U DO IT center) and turning off your computer monitor and printer when you leave the office at night,” Fazio said. “Computers need to be left on so they can receive system updates, but there is no reason to leave on monitors and printers, both of which draw a significant amount of electricity.

For more information on this, or any other aspect of the Environmental Management System, contact Thomas Blackmer, chief, Environment Division at 634-8941, [thomas.blackmer@eur.army.mil](mailto:thomas.blackmer@eur.army.mil) or Salvatore Fazio, contractor, Environment Division at 634-5023 or via email at [salvatore.fazio@eur.army.mil](mailto:salvatore.fazio@eur.army.mil).

## GRADUATES

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Twenty-eight adult graduates with a variety of degrees from 10 universities were recognized during the Graduation Recognition Ceremony held June 10 at Soldiers’ Theatre. Graduates consisted of Soldiers, civilians and family members. University of Maryland President Susan C. Aldridge was the keynote speaker for the ceremony.

The graduates (alphabetical):

Krystal Adebayo  
Priscilla Arambula  
Sgt. Danna Benitez  
Dustin Buckland  
Sergio Di Pierro  
Andrea Fehl  
Rachel Finley  
Michael Ftacek  
Carmen Gentile  
Thomas Glassmire  
Sgt. Christopher Gomez  
Sgt. 1st Class Alejandra Guerra  
Roger Hartly  
Rose Holland

Shannon Kirby  
Sgt. Brian Landis  
Angela Mathias  
Sgt. 1st Class Anthonette Melvin  
Staff Sgt. Keith Meyers  
Sgt. Megan Pashalek-Gomez  
Sarah Polanco  
Dawn Polensky  
Spc. Thomas Reha  
Jason Resto  
James Rogenski  
Elyse Roques  
Erica Sergent  
Maj. Kenneth Walters

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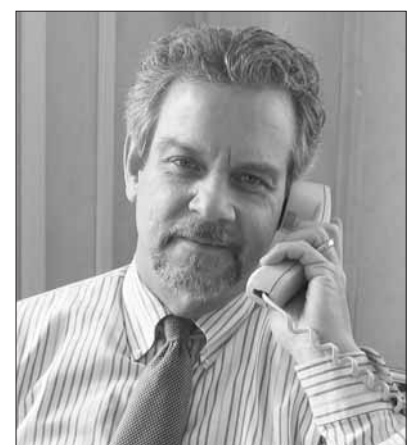
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## At your service

Thomas Blackmer, chief, Environmental Division, Directorate of Public Works, USAG Vicenza, has served the community since reporting in May ‘08. Blackmer is responsible to ensure USAG Vicenza maintains its environmental stewardship and protects the natural resources of the garrison through pollution prevention initiatives, recycling and energy awareness.

For details about the garrison’s environmental program and to report issues, call 634-8941; 0444-71-8941 from off post.



Thomas Blackmer  
chief  
Environmental Division, DPW,  
USAG Vicenza



# Community events

## Soldiers, NCOs compete for top title

Story and photos  
By Spc. Crystal Abbott  
SETAF Public Affairs

**F**ive Soldiers and five NCOs from various units here on Caserma Ederle competed in the SETAF Soldier and NCO of the Year competition June 9-12.

The winners, Spc. William Foulks, an automations specialist with the 509th Signal Battalion, and Sgt. Jonathan Higgs, a military police squad leader with the 464th Military Police Co., will both move on to represent SETAF in the USAREUR Soldier and NCO of the Year competition later this year.

“This event sets Soldiers apart from their peers,” said Sgt. Maj. Matthew West, SETAF operations sergeant major. “To step up and compete says ‘I want to prove myself, improve myself, and show others that I am a cut above.’”

The Soldiers and NCOs participating in this event found themselves facing many difficult and daunting tasks.

“Each participant had to complete a PT test, weapons qualification, a common Army knowledge exam, an appearance

before the board, a written essay, a land navigation event in Asiago, and several warrior tasks including the loading and unloading of a Mark 19 machine gun, employing a claymore, identifying terrain features on a map and several other tasks,” said Sgt. 1st Class Grant Beyl, SETAF operations. “The week concluded with the Soldiers participating in a 12-mile ruck march and a mystery task.”

“The ruck march was very challenging,” said Foulks, “as was the land navigation course. But as a whole I found this competition a great opportunity to represent my unit and the Army.”

“It was an honor to compete against SETAF’s best Soldiers and NCOs in this competition,” said Higgs. “I felt there was good sportsmanship and camaraderie all around. I am honored to be chosen as SETAF’s NCO of the Year.”

An award banquet was held at Club Veneto June 18 to announce the winners of the competition.

“Every Soldier and NCO did an outstanding job and should be proud of their accomplishments,” said West. “I don’t believe any of them will forget this event anytime soon.”



Spc. William Foulks, an automations specialist with the 509th Signal Battalion, conducts a radio functions check prior to leading a squad through building clearing maneuvers. This event was the “mystery” task and final event for the participants of the Soldier of the Year competition June 12.



**Sgt. Jonathan Higgs**  
SETAF NCO of the Year



**Spc. William Foulks**  
SETAF Soldier of the Year

Spc. Samantha Williams, a patrolman with the 464th Military Police Company, looks over a map to identify terrain features for a warrior challenge during the Soldier of the Year competition. Of the 40 warrior tasks available, nine were chosen at random for competitors to accomplish.



Sgt. Chad Heck, a military policeman with the 464th Military Police Company, renders a salute when reporting to the president of the board.



After completing the 12-mile ruck march, Sgt. Jonathan Higgs (right), a military police squad leader with the 464th Military Police Company, offers moral support to fellow NCO and competitor Sgt. Melissa Up, a military police team leader, by jogging the final leg of the march with her.



## A special touch

# Bamberg youth design flag for Sky Soldiers

By Terri Hofstetter  
USAG Bamberg MWR  
Special to the Outlook

**BAMBERG, Germany** – The Bamberg Community Library and the high school's Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps pulled together to help create a flag dedicated to deployed Soldiers of the 173rd Brigade Support Battalion.

As part of their volunteer program, Bamberg High School JROTC cadets led a library story time for 30 community children – some as young as 3 years old – and created a banner afterwards. The cadets read a Charlie Brown story, "What Have We Learned?" and "The White Table," a children's book about Soldiers who are missing in action.

"These books ... present military history in a way children can understand," said Maj. Madonna Roberts, JROTC instructor.

As for the flag, it is being sent to Forward Operating Base Fenty in Afghanistan, "where the Brigade Support Battalion will fly it as a (symbol)



Jasper Smith places his handprints on a banner with the aid of JROTC cadet Pvt. Sara Bookout during a Bamberg Community Library project. The flag will be sent to 173rd Brigade Support Battalion Soldiers deployed to Afghanistan. (Photo by Trecia Wilson)

of our defense of freedom," said Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy Weatherspoon of the 173rd BSB, who received the flag during a special presentation at the library.

"With the BSB being vital to the logistical support of 173rd Sky Soldiers," Weatherspoon added "and timely logistics being critical to the success of our mission, it is fitting that (the unit) keep guard of this flag ... which represents the charge of our nation to defend freedom at home and abroad."

When the 173rd unit redeploys from participating in Operation Enduring Freedom, the flag will return along with it and then be returned to some of the community's youngest members, who personalized the project by putting their handprints on the banner.

Karen Lazzeri, Bamberg Library director, said the cadets explained the process well, as the children were very excited about a project which connected them with deployed Soldiers from their community.

"They only wished they had more flags to paint," she said.



From left: Kylee and Justin Copeland, children of Capt. Corbin Copeland, rear detachment commander of the 173rd Brigade Support Battalion, present a personalized flag to Command Sgt. Maj. Timothy Weatherspoon at the U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg Community Library. (Photo by Terri Hofstetter)

## Make a difference

### EPC program looking for caring providers

Army Community Service  
Press Release

The Emergency Placement Care program, in collaboration with Family Advocacy, and the installation Army Volunteer Corps, is looking for family-oriented people to become part of a professionally-trained team.

"EPC endeavors to strengthen the military by keeping children and families together," said Sandy Schoenberg, EPC coordinator. "As an Emergency Placement Care provider, opening a home to a child in critical need can assist the process of reuniting children with their families if it is in the best interest of the children."

EPC is intended to be a short-term placement, usually from two to four days only, said Schoenberg.

"Our EPC providers must be at least 21 years old. They can be active duty or retired military or DoD civilians. As well as the family-

member dependents of these groups; so this includes families with a deployed service member," Schoenberg said.

According to Schoenberg, as an EPC provider, 24-hour care for children placed with a family is required.

"Participation in the initial in-service training provides all the resources needed to enable a provider with the skills, tools and competency to make a difference in a child's life," she continued.

Advice and guidance from social service agencies supports the management of these children, if needed, said Schoenberg. The provider's observations and insight regarding the foster child is valuable in moving towards a reconciliation of the child with his or her family.

For more information or an application, call Sandy Schoenberg, EPC coordinator at 634-6202, or drop in at the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.



### Darby celebrates Army birthday

Pfc. Marcus Cyriaque, 511th Military Police Platoon, Lt. Col. Steven Cade, U.S. Army Garrison Livorno commander, and retired Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Washington, a World War II, Korean War and Vietnam veteran, cut the Army birthday cake at the annual Italian-American Carnival on Camp Darby. The event was open to the entire community and the carnival is ongoing through June 22, 7 p.m. to midnight. (Photo by Joyce Costello, USAG Livorno Public Affairs)



## Upcoming Concerts

Scream in Your Face Festival in Milan-June 24; Alanis Morissette in Torino-June 25; Mercedes Sosa in Milan-July 11; Afterhours in Padova-July 11; Marlene Kuntz in Padova-July 12; Deep Purple in Pistoia-July 12, Torino July-13 and Milan July 15-16; Johnny Winter in Piazzola sul Brenta-July 12. Check on line for tickets or at your usual ticket office.

## Music Lovers

*Festa della Musica*, the Vicenza music festival, will take place on June 22 from 6 p.m. to midnight. Pop, rock, jazz and classical music will be playing in all squares to include Piazza dei Signori, Campo Marzo, Piazzetta Santo Stefano and Piazza Castello.

The A. Palladio male chorus and orchestra with baritone Yiannis Vassilakis will be performing in Palladio's Villa Caldogno, in Caldogno, on June 21 at 5:45 p.m. The performance contains lyrics by Giacomo Zanella 1820-1889 and music by Francesco Canneti 1807-1884. Entrance is free.

In Padova, Italian singer Angelo Branduardi will perform in front of the *Basilica di Sant'Antonio* on June 20 at 9 p.m. Also, the Italian comedian Roberto Benigni will be in Prato della Valle on June 22 at 9 p.m. Entrance is free.

## Humor in Art

The International Festival of Humor in Art is taking place in the *Castello Inferiore of Marostica* through June 22. See works of art by 261 artists from 38 countries. This year's theme is Time.

## Medieval event in Chioggia

In medieval time, Chioggia was at war with neighboring kingdoms over its famous salt flats, a valuable commodity.

On June 21-22 the war ended in a peaceful pact, and the townspeople have been celebrating ever since.

Residents of the town's six major boroughs dress as they did in medieval times and engage in a variety of contests.

Competitions include displays of bow-and-arrow skills and boat races in Chioggia's lagoon.

The events taking place on both days are from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5 p.m.-midnight, when the center of the town will be transformed back to medieval times with the selling of salt, craftsmen and women working, taverns open, and music and dancing.

June 18 amongst the other events, catch the historical parade at 7 p.m., with flag wavers at 9:30 p.m. Chioggia is located 80 kilometers from Vicenza.

## Treasures of Palma the Younger

The *Oratorio dei Crociferi di Venezia*, Oratory of the Crucifers of Venice, opens its doors to the public to admire the decorations created by Jacopo Palma the Younger.

The Venice oratory was built around the 12th century to care for the sick and for pilgrims.

The original architectural design, simple and Spartan, underwent a series of restructuring operations in the 16th century, culminating in the decorative work commissioned from Jacopo Palma the Younger between 1583 and 1592.

The paintings on exhibit consist of eight canvases which cover all the walls of the oratory. The works narrate the history of the crucifers and their hospital, a number of episodes from the Christian tradition and portions of the liturgy.

The oratory is part of a single structure including the adjoining Church of the Jesuits in the Fondamente Nuove zone.

The stop on the water bus is Ca' d'Oro, where works by Tintoretto and, once again, Jacopo Palma the Younger are kept.

For more information or hours of operation, call 041-532-2920.

## Jousting in Faenza

This month on June 22 the town of Faenza in Emilia-Romagna region will host the *Palio del Niballo*, a colorful jousting competition that represents a modern-day version of an ancient struggle between medieval boroughs.

In this competition, five teams of horsemen use their lances to pierce a target set on opposite arms of the *Niballo*, a huge iron figure representing Hannibal.

Competing in pairs, they set off from opposite ends of a horseshoe-shaped track and gallop at great speeds in an effort to be the first to hit the target and win the shields with the colors of their adversaries.

The team which obtains the greatest number of shields wins the embroidered banner or *Palio*.

The *Palio del Niballo* starts at 7 p.m. It is preceded by a procession in historical costume through the streets of the town by 400 characters.

The procession starts from the medieval Piazza del Popolo at about 5 p.m.

Faenza, located past the town of Imola, is 150 kilometers from Vicenza.

## Gardens of Trauttmansdorff castle

The town of Merano, in the region of Alto Adige, has long been famous as a tourist resort and was a favorite with the Hapsburg royal family back in the

## Money, money, money

# Teens play market in Investment Challenge



Brenden Sullivan, Donovan Houston, Col. Jamie Houston, Vicenza Dental Clinic, Deniz Houston and Luka Fatuesi pose for a picture after receiving their financial awards at the end of the Investment Challenge at the Teen Center Pavilion June 2.

Story and photo by Laura Kreider  
*Outlook Staff*

It is never too early to learn about investing, so Child and Youth Services Teen Center, with the aid of Col. Jamie Houston, a financial advisor, hosted its first Investment Challenge.

After an initial investment seminar, each student participating in the challenge was given a fictitious \$3,000 to invest in three stocks of their choosing.

Participants monitored their "investments" for a two-month period throughout the challenge, culminating with the calculation of

their profits at the end of May.

In the end, Donovan and Deniz Houston and Luka Fatuesi saw gains in their investments, while Brenden Sullivan was the only one with a loss.

"I wasn't really surprised about the loss," said Sullivan. "I picked some really risky stuff, where you really make a good profit or you loose. I might try again next year."

First place winner was Donovan Houston who received \$100; second place Luka Fatuesi received \$50; and third place Deniz Houston received \$25.

Although there were prizes, the purpose of the event was to teach post youth about finances and the benefits of investing early.

days of the Austrian Empire. It has earned its fame mainly from its mild climate, rich thermal springs, and the beauty of its parks and gardens.

Another attraction not to be missed is the splendid botanical garden in the park of *Castel di Nova* or *Trauttmansdorff*, its German name in this bilingual region.

Divided into four main areas, the garden offers an incredible range of plants and flowers, especially considering the latitude and altitude at which these master gardeners are working.

The sections include Forests of the World; Gardens of the Sun with Mediterranean and tropical varieties; Landscapes of Alto Adige featuring Alpine plants; Italianate and English gardens, and an herb garden.

Open everyday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. until Sept. 15.

See the Web site for directions and entrance fees at [www.trauttmansdorff.it/botanischergarten](http://www.trauttmansdorff.it/botanischergarten).

## Verona by bus

Enjoy Verona sitting on a tourist bus and seeing the main sites. The bus is air-conditioned and head-phones are provided

with the possibility to choose from five different languages to include English. The bus leaves from Piazza Bra in front of the building of the Gran Guardia, Tuesdays through Sundays at 10 and 11:30 a.m., 1 and 3:30 p.m.

Additionally, on the weekend the bus runs at 9 p.m. The tour at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday has an official guide on board who

speaks English and part of the tour is on foot.

Ticket: Adults - 15 euro, children ages 5-18 years of age - 7 euro, and children younger than 5 are free. The tour lasts approximately 1 and 1/2 hours. More information is available from the info office located in the Verona train station or by telephone at 045-800-0861.

## Now Showing

### Ederle Theater

June 19	21 (PG-13)	6 p.m.
June 20	The Ruins (R) Street Kings (R)	6 p.m. 9 p.m.
June 21	The Incredible Hulk (PG-13) The Ruins (R)	3 p.m. 6 p.m.
June 22	The Incredible Hulk (PG-13) Prom Night (PG-13)	3 p.m. 6 p.m.
June 25	Street Kings (R)	6 p.m.

### Camp Darby Theater

June 20	Sex and the City (R)(1st Run)	6 p.m.
June 21	Street Kings (R)	6 p.m.
June 22	Prom Night (PG-13)	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.

Looking for the movie synopsis? Check out the AAFES Web site: [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com), scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Movie Schedule.



## Corrections

The following two briefs have corrections from the June 12 *Outlook* edition. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by the errors.

## Family Childcare Amnesty Plan

The Family Childcare Amnesty Plan is designed to allow individuals who are providing child care in their Villaggio Housing Area homes for more than 10 hours per week without being certified as FCC providers, to continue providing care as long as they register with FCC and begin steps to become certified FCC providers.

For details call 634-7615.

## Weekend child care hours

Saturdays care is still available from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. for all authorized users, based on space availability.

Sunday care is authorized only for those attending or working the seven-day reset briefings and/or operations.

It is necessary to bring documentation from your supervisor verifying participation in reset to use child care services on Sunday.

Call 634-7559 or 634-8433 for details and reservations.

## Health clinic closure

The Vicenza Health Clinic will be closed July 4-7.

For urgent concerns when the health center is closed, or for medical emergencies at any time, you may go directly to the San Bortolo Hospital Emergency Room (you may call the Patient Liaison at 0444-75-3300 or 0444-92-8166).

Patients requesting an ambulance should call 0444-71-7114 from off-post, or 114 from any DSN phone on post.

## Dental clinic hours change

Starting July 1, the Vicenza Dental Clinic hours are: 7:30 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m. Sick call is 1-2:30 p.m. There will not be a morning sick call during reintegration.

## Tax Relief office hours

The DFMWR Tax Relief Office is open from 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mondays-Fridays, closed on holidays. These operating hours will continue until Aug. 8. For more information, call 634-7905.

## Power outages

Power outages affecting a number of post facilities will take place on Friday, June 27 from 6-11:30 p.m. and June 28 from 4:30 a.m.-noon. The outage will be post wide on June 28 from 4:30-6 a.m.

## DFAC hours change

Starting July 1 the dining facility hours of operation will be: Mondays-Fridays open 7:30-9 a.m., 11:30-1 p.m., and 5-6:30 p.m.; Saturdays open 8-9:30 a.m., 11:30-1 p.m., and 4-5:30 p.m.; and Sundays open 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5-6:30 p.m.

July 4 open 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-4:30 p.m.

## Military Pay Customer Support changes

As a result of finance transformation, all pay inquiries normally answered at the Customer Service office, located in building 28, will be processed by the Finance Support Team located in the Central Processing Facility, building 311. The Finance Support Team can be reached at 634-7255/7531.

There is no change to service for unit PACs/S-1s. Finance support for unit PACs/S-1s will still be available at building 28 in the Processing and Receiving office. The Processing and Receiving office may be reached at 634-8851.

## Job opportunities

The Education Center has the following openings: Full-time test examiner, substitute test examiner, full-time counselor aide, full-time administrative assistant and Army Learning Center operator.

Applications are available at the ACS employment office, Central Texas College office or the Ed Center.

Caregivers are needed in the Child Development Centers and School Age Services programs.

A lead teacher is sought for the CDC pre-kindergarten program.

CYS is looking to hire a cook.

For more information on NAF positions call off post at 0444-71-6597 or 634-6597 or visit the Web site: [cpol.army.mil](http://cpol.army.mil).

## CDC Closure

Both Child Development Centers are closing the holiday weekend, July 4-6. For more information, call 634-8433.

## License plate installation

IMMA is no longer installing or removing license plates from POVs at the Vehicle Inspection Station. Frames can be purchased at the AAFES Car Care Center and installed or installed by owner.

According to USAREUR regulation, "License plates will be secured to the front and rear of the vehicle with bolts or screws only, at a height not less than eight inches from the ground with numbers in an upright position in a manner and location that permits easy identification."

Plates must be mounted prior to vehicle inspection.

## Community Mail Room open Saturday

The CMR will be open Saturday, June 21, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. for personnel to receive boxes and footlockers.

## Hot water outage date change

June 21 a steam system outage is scheduled which affects all of Caserma Ederle. This is expected to take place from 8 a.m.-midnight.

The main impact will be loss of hot water by midday. Residual hot water in the system will provide hot water for the morning hours.

## Military & Family Life Consultants

Learn how to transform conflict into opportunities for self-development and deepening relationships.

Monday, June 23 from 10-11:30 a.m. at ACS, a Military & Family Life Consultant will help enhance communication skills between you and your Soldier.

Military & Family Life Consultants are anonymous and free. Make reservations for the Conflict Resolution session by calling ACS at 634-7500. Military & Family Life Consultants are available by calling 333-489-8967.

## AAFES fashion show seeks models

AAFES Back to School fashion show is Aug. 16. Models ages 6-18 are sought. The first rehearsal is Aug. 1. Register at post exchange customer service desk by asking for Monique or Elena.

## ACS offerings

Relocation Readiness offers English and Italian as A Second Language classes to family members, which teach basic conversational skills.

Stress Relief through Guided Imagery is offered 9-10 a.m. on July 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 and from noon-1 p.m. on July 14, 21, and 28. The class teaches basic relaxation techniques to help manage stress.

Volunteer Orientations are taking place in July. Get information on becoming an ACS or community volunteer. Orientation classes are July 2 at 9-10 a.m., July 9 at 3-4 p.m., and July 24 at 11 a.m.-noon.

Journey Series offers a single Soldiers trip to the Latin American Festival featuring Marc Anthony on July 1.

Call ACS for details at 634-7500.

## Wednesday Night Writers Group

The WNWG invites all interested writers – published or not – to join us in designing and launching our new *webzine*.

For meeting locations and times and to join our e-mail list, send an e-mail to [tamarapessah@hotmail.com](mailto:tamarapessah@hotmail.com).

## Relief for moms

The post chapel and Malachi, the children's ministry of Cadence International, provide relief for moms by offering MOKI for three weeks in July. Registration required. Call 634-7519 for details.

## USO

Level 1 Italian class will be held from July 8- Sept. 4 on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:45-7:45 p.m. Course cost is \$118 plus 11 Euro for the book. Stop by the USO to sign up.

## Religious activities

### Caserma Ederle Chapel

Call the chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for details on post religious activities.

### Chaplain Crisis Line:

To speak with a chaplain after hours call **634-KARE** (634-5273).

### Saturday services

4 p.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation, or by appointment.

5 p.m.: Vigil Mass

### Sunday Services

9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass  
9 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school and AWANAs (Sept. through May in Vicenza High School)

10:45 a.m.: Catholic religious education (Sept.-May in Vicenza High School)

11 a.m.: Protestant worship  
1:30 p.m.: Full Gospel Pentecostal worship

4 p.m.: Lutheran worship  
6 p.m.: Contemporary Christian worship

### Monday

Noon: Weekday Mass  
3:05 p.m.: Middle School Club in the high school cafeteria. (Sept.-May)

5:30 p.m.: High School Club in the Teen Center. (Sept.-May)

For details contact Jocelyn Cary at 634-7890 or 349-385-3476 or [vicecb@yahoo.com](mailto:vicecb@yahoo.com).

### Tuesday

9 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC)

### Wednesday

Noon: Weekday Mass  
Noon: Protestant Men of the Chapel (PMOC) Bible study (at DFAC)

Noon: LDS Study  
5:15 p.m.: PWOC evening Bible study

### Thursday

Catholic Women of the Chapel do not meet over the summer.

Noon: Weekday Mass  
5:30 p.m.: Gospel service choir rehearsal

7:15 p.m.: Gospel service Bible study

### Friday

Noon: Weekday Mass  
Noon: Muslim Khutba and prayer

### Faith group POCs

**Islamic** POC is Mohamed Noeman at 634-6306.

**Jewish** POC is Dr. Stephen or Nancy November at 328-054-9709 or [november6@msn.com](mailto:november6@msn.com).

**Latter Day Saints (LDS)** POC is Elder Openshaw, 334-665-6845 or Frank Petty at 634-3907/340-899-2218. Scripture study is held Monday, noon-1 p.m.

### 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 a.m.: Protestant worship



## Start your engines

Participants in the Army Birthday 5 km. Fun Walk/Run start their run under a rainy sky on the North 40 June 14. Read more on page 8. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)

All briefs must be received at [editor@eur.army.mil](mailto:editor@eur.army.mil) noon Monday, or by Friday at 4 p.m. if Monday is a holiday.



# Spartans capture IMCOM-E crown

By James Madson  
Spartans Head Coach  
Special to the Outlook

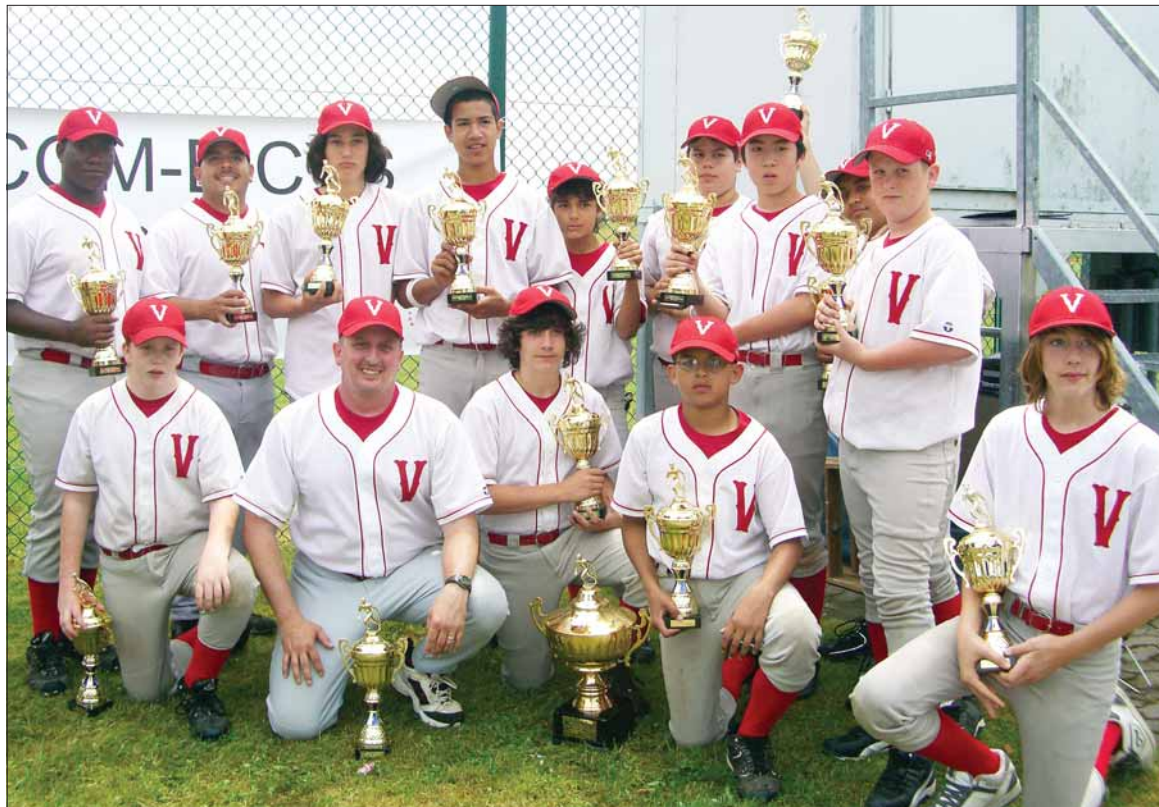
Spartans Alex Cruz and Will Forsyth scored two runs each aiding to clinch what turned out to be the IMCOM-E youth baseball tournament championship game thrashing Bamberg 17-9.

The three-day tournament held June 6-8 in Vilseck, Germany, was cut short due to severe weather conditions leaving Vicenza the only undefeated team in the tournament and crowning them the tournament champions.

The 13 and 14-year-old Spartans went 3-0 in the tournament. Bamberg took second, defeating Stuttgart 6-0 just prior to the turn in weather.

In the first game, Spartans faced host-team Vilseck. Shusuke Nagata served as Spartan's starting pitcher, and Viane Burke and CJ Preysler contributed to the offense with two runs batted in and three runs scored apiece. Spartans captured the win 16-14.

Game two pitted the Spartans against Wiesbaden, where they had to earn their money as the game went two extra innings. It was a pitcher's duel with David Shimp starting on the mound for the Spartans and Shayne Meyers



IMCOM-E Baseball Champions, the Vicenza Spartans, pose with the championship trophy. From left to right: (Back row) Coach Richard Capers, Coach Ryan Blas, Daniel Madson, Viane Burke, Alex Cruz, Jason Bly, Shusuke Nagata, Chris Reyes, and David Shimp. (Front row) Lance Erickson, Coach James Madson, CJ Preysler, Jesse Rivas and Shayne Meyers. Not pictured is William Forsyth. (Photo courtesy the Spartans)

coming in for solid relief.

Going into the top of the final innings, the Spartans were down 4-5, but quickly pulled to the lead with the score of two runs.

Wiesbaden followed up with the one run to tie the game at 6-6.

The Spartans, up to bat, scored four runs thanks to Jason Bly's timely walk, but Wiesbaden wasn't going to give

up that easy. They got base runners on and scored three times with one out.

With a sharp hit fielded by second baseman Chris Reyes, Spartans shut down the Wiesbaden team with a game-ending double play leaving the score 10-9.

In game three against Bamberg, the Spartan's final game of the tournament, Daniel Madson took the mound as the

starting pitcher and recorded the win. Jesse Rivas pitched the final inning and Lance Erickson had an important RBI.

The Spartans became eligible for the IMCOM-E tournament when they defeated the Aviano Cardinals 9-4 in Aviano June 1.

They end their American play undefeated with 11 wins for the season. They will play seven more games in the Allievi Italian League.

## Ederle community celebrates Army birthday with fitness

Story and photos  
By Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

Either with rain or shine, community members took part in the Army Birthday 5K Fun Walk/Run, the monthly event sponsored by USAG Vicenza Sports and Fitness that took place on the North 40 and throughout Caserma Ederle June 14.

"About 120 community members signed up, but only 73 showed up," said Mike Garcia, USAG Vicenza Sports, Fitness and Aquatics chief. "Mostly due to the rainy weather we experienced throughout most of the morning and race time," he added.

First place finisher Laura McCracken completed the run

in 19:23.2, reducing her personal best by 0:23.3.

"It was like my hometown weather - I am from England," she said following the race. "It is better than when it is hot."

Many of the runners and walkers participating were family groups.

"This is the second run we have done as a family since April," said Gretchen Bullock who ran wheeling 2-year-old Matthew, one of her sons, while her husband was pushing a double stroller with Jacob, 4, and Caleb, 18 months.

"It is fun and we plan on coming again," Bullock said.

The Summer Time 5K Fun Run/Walk will take place on July 12. For information call Sport and Fitness at 634-7009.



Mark Bullock, center, wheels two of his children, Jacob, 4, and Caleb, 18 months, while his wife Gretchen runs and pushes the stroller with 2-year-old Matthew. Mike Garcia, left, USAG Vicenza Sports, Fitness and Aquatics chief, records their times.

Right: Laura McCracken, a regular at these events, heads to the finish line to place first in the event with a time of 19:23.2.



## Soccer refs in the making

Dan C. Heldman, United States Soccer Federation, National Instructional staff member, conducts the USAG Vicenza, Sports & Fitness Soccer Referees' training clinic. The required yearly training certification was held at the Body Shop June 9-14. Seven participants completed the course to receive U. S. Soccer Federation officials' certification. The training is required to ensure the safety of all participants in the soccer sports program and ensure proper enforcement of all current rules and regulations stipulated by the 2008 U. S. Soccer Federation standards. The training also emphasizes promoting physical fitness and highlights the associated benefits of being involved in a structured, high quality sports program. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)

## Sports shorts

### Summer soccer league forming

Sports and Fitness is gearing up for soccer season, so get your unit or recreation team roster together.

The soccer league starts July 10. Teams can have up to 12 players and two coaches.

There are two coaches' meetings to choose from, July 8 at 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Bring your team roster.

For details, call 634-7009.

### Summer basketball league forming

Get your team together for the 5-on-5 Summer Basketball League starting July 1. Sign up deadline is June 26.

Coaches will need to have completed team rosters and attend one of two mandatory coaches' meetings held June 26, at 2 p.m. or 5:30 p.m.

For details call Sports and Fitness at 634-7009.

### Youth Sports

Flag football enrollment runs until July 11. Practices start June 30, and the season runs from July 12 to Aug. 16.

Soccer enrollment runs from July 14 to Aug. 15. Practices start Aug. 25, and the season runs from Sept. 13 to Nov. 1.

Triathlon enrollment runs until Aug. 24.

Call Youth Sports at 634-6151 for details on any of these programs.

### Free ODR local area cycling trips

Tuesdays and Thursdays Outdoor Recreation leads bike rides in the local area for all levels of riders.

The beginner, Level I/II, is approximately one and a half hours on a course eight to 10 miles with level, paved surfaces at an easy pace.

The intermediate and advanced, Level III/IV, mountain bike ride lasts approximately two and a half hours on a 25 mile course through the hills south of Vicenza on paved surfaces, gravel roads and single-track at a moderate-to-fast pace.

All riders should have the appropriate bike for the ride, and in good working order.

Sign up at ODR at least one day before the ride. For details, call 634-7453.