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**Dec. 7 2011 , 10 – 11:30
am, THE ARENA,
Caserma Ederle**

**Next INFO X is Feb. 1 2012 –
The INFO X is held 1st
Wednesday of the month
(except January)**



View the archived video of the INFO X at
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BhhHU39g1Yw&feature=related>

December's 3D Month

December's designation as "National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month" (3-D) is about celebrating life; join the celebration by promoting drunk and drugged driving awareness in our community:

- 13 December – Promotional Booth at the Commissary during lunch hour with promotional items and alcohol-free holiday drink recipes.
- For those families traveling home to the US for the holidays , be aware of the medications that can cause you to get a DUI. Check out this website for a list of sober ride programs in your state:
- <https://www.facebook.com> search : buzzeddrivingisdrunkdriving community organization, Click Link on left for Sober Ride



Voting Information and Registration for Upcoming Primary and General Elections

- Deadlines for states' presidential primary elections are fast approaching
- Complete your mail in post card application today to receive your absentee ballot!
- Complete a new post card application whenever your address changes or based on state specific requirements
- Go to the Garrison website for your unit specific Voting Assistance Officers or contact MPD at 634-8743
- Go to www.fvap.gov for state specific voting information



Military Police Update on Villaggio and USAG Vicenza Community Suggestions

Traffic Control – Near Bank of America

1. Is it possible to get an MP directing traffic at the main intersection behind Bank of America between in the evening to alleviate congestion?
 - The PMO reviewed traffic flow at the B of A intersection. While traffic control is a viable option it has been implemented at this intersection before when the 173rd Bde returned from deployment and we found that it only slowed the flow of traffic on post. We will continue to evaluate this option.

Gate 5 - Opening

2. I would like to know if there's any possibility that Gate 5 (Health Clinic Gate) could be opened in the evening for an hour or to alleviate congestion at Gate 1 and Gate 2?
- To alleviate congestion during peak post exit hours the PMO has opened Gate 5 (near Health Clinic) from 1645 to 1745 Monday through Friday (with the exception of holidays) on a trial basis.

Speed Bumps and Crosswalks – Villaggio Elementary School and USAG Vicenza CDC

- 3. Can we put in speed bumps on either side of the crosswalks in front of the Villaggio Elementary School and the CDC on USAG Vicenza to slow traffic? Can crosswalks be repainted at the Villaggio Elementary School?**
 - PMO surveyed the Villaggio Elementary School and the CDC to determine proper placement of two speed bumps at each location. A work order was submitted to install the speed bumps.**
 - DPW will prioritize the repainting of crosswalks at the Villaggio Elementary School.**

Villaggio Elementary School Military Police Enforcement

4. What Military Police coverage is provided at the Villaggio Elementary School?
- Two dismounted Military Police Officers are provided in the morning from 0730-0830 and afternoon from 1445-1515 on school days. In the morning and afternoon one MP is posted in the vicinity of the student drop off point directing school bus traffic, monitoring crosswalks, and ensuring no vehicles pass the school busses during drop-off and pick-up operations.
 - The second MP is posted farther down on Via Cesare Augusto conducting traffic enforcement and assisting students at the crosswalk area.

Villaggio – Modification of Via Edison Street Routing

- **Via Edison will be rerouted beginning 3 December to accommodate construction of the Child Youth and School Services Youth Center**
- **This reroute is an excellent safety enhancement for children crossing from the Villaggio School area once the building opens**
- **This traffic reroute will not effect exiting vehicles from the Villaggio Elementary School**

Abandoned Bicycles

Issue: A number of bicycles are left in public area bicycle racks leaving no room for daily use

Abandoned bicycles will be tagged before 0600 with an Armed Forces traffic ticket giving the owner Seven days to remove the bicycle. On the eighth day the bicycle will be impounded by the PMO. The PMO will hold the property for 45 days, if not claimed within 45 days it will be disposed of IAW regulation.



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ARMED FORCES TRAFFIC TICKET				<input type="checkbox"/> WARNING (See Remarks Below)		NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)	
The person named below committed traffic violation set forth at the time and location, and on date shown, and was issued this traffic ticket.							
1. NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)							
2. RANK / GRADE		3. DATE OF BIRTH		4. SOCIAL SECURITY NO.			
5. ORGANIZATION OR ADDRESS							
6. DRIVER LICENSE NUMBER				7. ISSUING AUTHORITY (State or Military)			
8. MAKE OR TYPE OF VEHICLE		9. STATE LICENSE OR REGIS NO.		10. INSTL TAG NO.			
TREK		AB76728542G					
11. DATE (Day-month-year)		12. TIME		13. LOCATION			
1 DEC 11		0530		EXCHANGE			
VIOLATION	14. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SPEED OVER LIMIT (mph in a mph zone)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
				5 - 10 MPH		11 - 15 MPH	OVER 15 MPH
	IMPROPER LEFT TURN →			NO SIGNAL		CUT CORNER	FROM WRONG LANE
	IMPROPER RIGHT TURN →			NO SIGNAL		INTO WRONG LANE	FROM WRONG LANE
	DISOBEYED TFC SIGNAL (when light turned red) →			PAST MIDDLE INTERSECTION		MIDDLE OF INTERSECTION	HAD NOT REACHED INTERSECTION
	DISOBEYED STOP SIGN →			STOPPED WRONG PLACE		FAILED TO STOP	ROLLED / SPED THROUGH
	IMPROPER PASSING AND LANE USAGE →			AT INTERSECTION		CUT IN	WRONG SIDE OF PAVEMENT
				BETWEEN TFC		ON RIGHT	ON HILL
				LANE STRADDLING		WRONG LANE	ON CURVE
	FOL TOO CLOSELY FAILURE TO YIELD		OTHER VIOLATIONS (Describe)				
		ABANDON BICYCLE					
PARKING			OVERTIME		DOUBLE PARKING		
			PROHIBITED AREA		OTHER (Describe in Remarks)		
CONDITIONS THAT INCREASED SERIOUSNESS OF VIOLATION	SLIPPERY PAVEMENT	RAIN		AREA		TRAFFIC ACCIDENT TYPE OF ACCIDENT:	
		SNOW		BUSINESS		PD PI	
		ICE		INDUSTRIAL		FATAL	
	DARKNESS	NIGHT		RURAL		PEDESTRIAN	
		FOG		SCHOOL		VEHICLE	
		SNOW		RESIDENTIAL		HIT FIXED OBJ	
	OTHER TRAFFIC PRESENT	CROSS ONCOMING		HIGHWAY TYPE		RIGHT ANGLE	
		PEDESTRIAN		2 - LANE		SIDESWIPE	
		SAME DIRECTION		3 - LANE		REAR END	
	CAUSED PERSON TO DODGE	PEDESTRIAN		4 - LANE		INTERSECTION	
DRIVER		4 - LANE DIVIDED		HEAD ON			
JUST MISSED ACDT				RAN OFF ROAD			
15. REMARKS							
IN 7 DAYS THIS BICYCLE WILL BE CONFISCATED BY THE PMO IF NOT REMOVED. CONTACT 634 7626							
16. NAME OF PERSON ISSUING TRAFFIC TICKET							
CSM J HARTLESS							
17. ORGANIZATION AND INSTALLATION				18. RANK / GRADE			
USAG VICENZA				CSM			

TREK MOUNTAIN RABBER

TICKET NUMBER
E240880

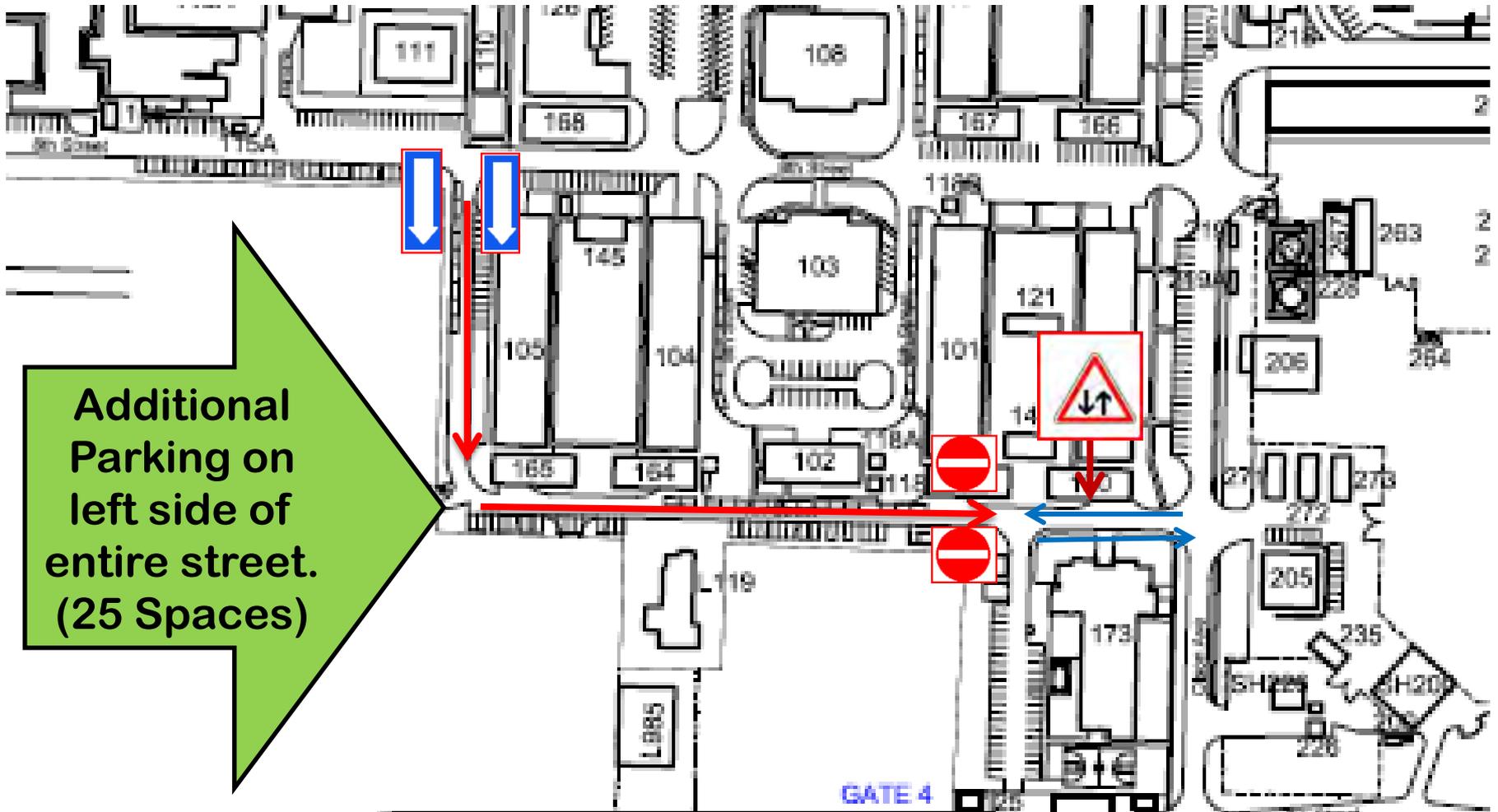
Electricity Supply on Villaggio

*View explanation at
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bmQEIbyMcDA>*

Parking Study

To provide an overview of parking problems we can improve in the short term and improve traffic flow, increase or redesign parking areas, or modify current parking enforcement activities that will encourage adherence to parking regulations and thus increase turnover in parking areas.

PROPOSED 7TH STREET PARKING / DIRECTION CHANGE



Additional
Parking on
left side of
entire street.
(25 Spaces)

Create Additional Parking Behind Commissary (Bldg. 290)



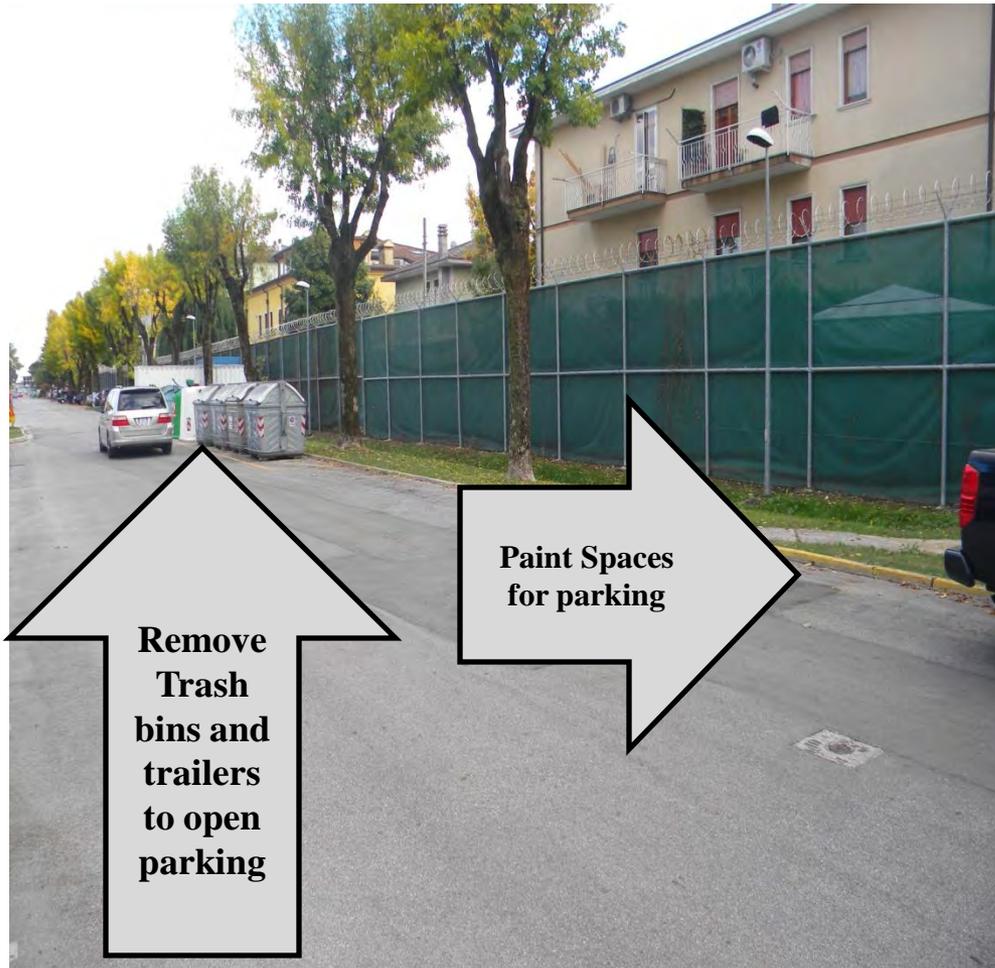
- Recommendations:
- Create 35 parking stalls behind Commissary
 - Requires work order to paint lines and move barriers

Create Parking Behind Building 113 (Off 8th Street near old Health Center)



- This area can accommodate approximately 35 vehicles. Request DPW paint area for parking.

8th Street



**Will be designated
as a parking area.
Work order pending
for parking spaces.
This will add
approximately 15
parking spaces
along 8th Street**

Additional Parking Enforcement Measures:

- **“No overnight parking” signs for PX, Commissary, Shoppette and CDC/Arena road parking areas**
- **Increased enforcement of 15 min, 30 min, and 2 Hour parking limits**
- **Vehicles parked in excess of 7 days in areas not designated as no overnight parking areas (exception of Barracks Residents) will be towed**
- **Enforcement of overnight parking restrictions in front of the Ederle Inn with the exception of Inn guests with parking passes**

The potential increase in parking based on this study are as follows:

- **7th Street Conversion to One Way – 25 spaces**
- **Lot Behind Commissary – 35 spaces**
- **Parking Behind Old Health Clinic – 35**
- **8th Street Parking – 15**
- **Total Spaces = 110**

Villaggio Town Hall

- An open discussion for all Villaggio residents to discuss any Villaggio issues, i.e. Halloween, crosswalks, parking, dumpsters and anything else that residents want to bring forward.
- When: Wednesday 14 December 2011
- Time: 0900
- Where: CYSS Gymnasium

Residential Security Program

Home surveys:

- are FREE.
- can take as little as 20 minutes.
- identify potential entry points for criminals.
- identify signs of previous/attempted break-ins.
- can assist you in better protecting your home against break-ins.

To schedule a Home Survey contact the Garrison AT Office @ DSN 634-8984/8069 or comm: 0444-71-8984/8069

Security Issues

- **Threat: Unmarked / Unlicensed Taxis.** There have been several incidents recently involving unmarked / unlicensed taxis in which community members have been set up and in some cases attacked. Community members can also be fined by the police for using unlicensed taxis - they are illegal.

Prevention:

- Don't take / use unlicensed taxis, avoid groups of men hawking taxis.
- Save the number for licensed taxi companies in your cell phone.

- **Threat: Vehicle Break-ins.** Vehicle break-ins are not unusual, both parked in commercial areas in the daytime and at private residences at night.

Prevention:

- Don't leave valuables in view in your POV - phones, iPods, GPS, gas coupons, loose change, etc. Also, don't leave the peripherals in view - GPS power cables, mounting brackets, etc.
- See Legal claims for claims assistance if your POV is broken into at your home.



Procedures for Shipping Alcohol

Traffic Manager, DOL

Alcoholic Beverage Transportation

1. Personally procured transportation and Government arranged transportation of alcoholic beverage is authorized when the member provides the required documentation to the Installation Transportation Office at the time of counseling.
2. Government transportation takes approximately 60 days during which time the alcohol is exposed to seasonal temperatures while stored in a warehouse and transported on a ship. If the wine requires temperature control there is no guarantee that the quality of the wine will meet expectations upon arrival at destination.
3. It is the member's responsibility to obtain required shipping documentation.
4. Carbonated beverages (i.e., Beer, Champagne and other sparkling alcoholic beverages) are prohibited.
5. Alcohol list must be present at the time of counseling.
6. Permits must be paid or proof of state notification at the time of counseling
7. Evidence of taxes paid must be provided at the time of counseling.
8. Service Member has option to Personally Procured Move (PPM) of the wine shipment and be reimbursed at the government rate.
9. Personally Procured Shipment of alcohol is specially packaged and shipped via air in temperature controlled setting. Quality of wine is guaranteed at destination.

Required Documentation

NOTE: ALL DUTY, TAXES, PERMIT FEES, AND BROKER FEES ARE THE SERVICE MEMBERS' RESPONSIBILITY

1. Wine List AND
2. A copy of the final destination state permit(*) OR
3. A paid invoice for the final destination state taxes(*)
OR
4. A letter of exemption from the final destination state Alcohol Beverage Control (*)

(*) <http://www.ttb.gov/wine/state-ABC.shtml>

For more Info:

http://www.ttb.gov/importers/personal_importation.shtml

Government Arranged

1. Bring completed required documentation to the Transportation Office to schedule Household Goods (HHG) shipment.
2. If required documentation is not provided at time of counseling, the alcohol will not be shipped.
3. At such time the required documentation is made available, a second HHG shipment may be scheduled if the weight is greater than 500 lbs; however excess charges (due to the second shipment), if applied, will be the Service Members' responsibility.

Personally Procured Shipment

1. Request Installation Transportation Office to prepare Personal Procured Move (PPM) shipment documentation.
2. Contact private company to arrange shipment of alcohol.
3. Present paid shipment invoice from commercial carrier to Installation Transportation Office to process PPM for reimbursement at Government Rate (normally ~1/3 of cost.)

<http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil/sites/local/DOL/transportation.asp>

Vicenza Much MORE

- Italian National Holidays in December and in January:
 - Dec. 8: Feast of Immaculate Conception
 - Dec. 25: Christmas
 - Dec. 26: St. Stephen's Day
 - Jan. 6: The Epiphany (La Befana)
- Christmas markets in Vicenza and surrounding towns:
 - Vicenza Dec. 3 – Jan. 8
 - Arcugnano Dec. 8-10
 - Asiago Dec 3-4; 9-11; Dec. 23 through Jan. 8
 - Bassano del Grappa ongoing through Dec. 26
 - Bolzano Dec. 9-13
 - Brendola Dec. 11
 - Lonigo Dec. 8- 24
 - Verona ongoing through Dec. 24
- Festivals:
 - Dec. 8 - Snail Fair – in Crespadoro.
 - Dec. 8 – Our Lady and Almond Cake Fair – in Solagna
 - Dec. 8-11– Red Radicchio Festival – in Asigliano

Facebook questions follow-up

* Some of the questions asked at the INFO X will be addressed at future INFO X forums. Please tune in or attend Feb. 1 for more information.

Question: Is there somewhere that I can view the Info X after the fact? I tried searching on YouTube and couldn't find it.

Answer: It takes us about 24 hours to post the video. Please visit http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=BhhHU39g1Yw

Question: Will you consider making Gate 5 (Health Clinic) an unmanned walk-in/bike-in, like on Villaggio...if we can't have it open full-time.

Answer: To make it a pedestrian gate would cost a lot of money and we're not budgeted for it at present. We will have to examine if it is possible at a later date.

Facebook questions follow-up cont.

Question: I missed what was solution "A" to transport wine back in the States. It is not through the postal services, not with the household goods...so what was it?

Answer: To answer questions about transportation of Alcohol see the USAG Vicenza Transportation Website at:

<http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil/sites/local/DOL/transportation.asp> or see the above slides in this briefing dealing with alcohol shipments. Go to about minute 50:00 in the Youtube video for the explanation.

Question: While in the DFAC one Sunday, a military individual came to our table and told my teenage son, not me, but my son, to remove his knit cap. Are there dress code enforcers on base? If not, what right does a military individual have to tell our children what not to wear?

Answer: The Garrison CSM responded: It is a Military dining facility and customs and courtesies apply to all who use the facility to include Family members or other Civilians ,both DA and LN employees, in the community.



Facebook questions follow-up cont.

Question: Can we please get free Wi-Fi in the food court? I have heard we don't have it because of Aafes, but I know it has been available at other post's in the food court. There are no places to access on post on Sunday's until after 1pm. It is difficult to track all over post with children and it would just be GREAT to have it in the food court-where I am all the time!

Question: People were talking on another thread about having WiFi in the Food Court. There is WiFi at the library, but it doesn't open very early. The USO is not always child-friendly. It would be GREAT if there was somewhere moms with kids could go at 8:00 in the morning on post to use WiFi.

Answer: This question was forwarded for later consideration.

Facebook questions follow-up cont.

Question: I am just wanting to know why the change to the schedule for the shuttle bus to Villaggio was changed. The original schedule had a bus leaving at 1727 which was perfect for those of us that work and need to rely on the bus in some instances to get home. The bus now leaves at 1702 which is not enough time for anyone getting off at 1700 to make it to the bus in time.

Answer: The timing of the bus leaving was an oversight which will be corrected within the next few weeks. The schedule was revised twice within the last 4 months. Runs were cancelled due to low ridership. We are currently working on a new schedule and expect it to be implemented before the end of December. We are also adding a bus stop near Gate 4 on Camp Ederle and relocating Stop 4 on Villaggio to the entry of CYS or middle school parking area.

Facebook questions follow-up cont.

Question: Is something being done about the parking on post? I think it's a little unfair that there are more cars than spots!! People are having to park in non-parking spots and getting tickets. I agree they shouldn't be there but what else are they supposed to do?

Answer: Parking will continue to be a problem for the foreseeable future because we just don't have a lot of space and we do not have funding for a parking garage. We are adding 110 new spaces and the MPs will be enforcing the time-limited parking zones and the no-overnight parking. It's not a perfect solution, but you may have to park farther away and walk to your destination.

Question: Regarding the BOSS parking lot... Would it be possible to put vehicles that are for sale up front and have the TDY vehicles parked at the rear? It's difficult to determine which vehicles are for sale and which ones are not.

Answer: We'll look into that.

Facebook questions follow-up cont.

Question: Have an issue with infant care at CDC. Understand they are prohibited from using baby bottle warmers because Installation Safety said that creates a hazard to children. Currently, they warm bottles using the “hot” water from the tap—but the “hot” tap water is really lukewarm so as to not scald children; this doesn’t really warm the milk. Can CDC and Safety please come up with a workable solution that allows the safe use of baby bottle warmers? Perhaps use them in the kitchen or another location not accessible to the children.

Answer: We will address the issue with the specialists who deal with this issue to find out more and see what solutions we can find.

Question: Why do you have to televise the Info X over Dr. Phil? There are other channels you can use.

Answer: AFN Vicenza only controls broadcasting on one channel. The others are controlled centrally in Germany, so we only have one channel we can use to broadcast the Info X.

Facebook questions follow-up cont.

Question: All these surveys on FaceBook are nice, but there are many community members who are not on FaceBook. Please make sure to get their input as well, through another website accessible to all.

Answer: Anyone can read the information on our Facebook page, but to comment or vote in the Facebook polls, you need a Facebook account. We decided to use Facebook as a central communication method because it is very popular, free and accessible to all. One suggestion for those with concerns about having an account is to set up a Facebook account that includes no personal information to use if they'd like to comment on our page. Many of the surveys we also post in other places, and anything that has an external link (such as the recent parking survey hosted on Survey Monkey), can be accessed without a Facebook account.

Question: Will there be any real Christmas trees coming to Aafes? and if so when?

Answer: AAFES will not offer real Christmas trees, however they are available off post.

Facebook questions follow-up cont.

Question: Question from work, is it possible to get a cell tower on post to get better cell reception on post like in the PX and other places? / Please see if you can improve cell phone service in the PX, Commissary, Clinic, Mailroom, and Fitness Center. I'm sure there are other places too, but those are some key ones where you can't get any signal at all.

Answer: Question was forwarded for consideration.

Question: Soldiers residing in the barracks aren't able to get all the channels that AFN provides. Do we have to purchase a decoder box to watch all the channels offered by AFN?

Answer: Question was forwarded for consideration.