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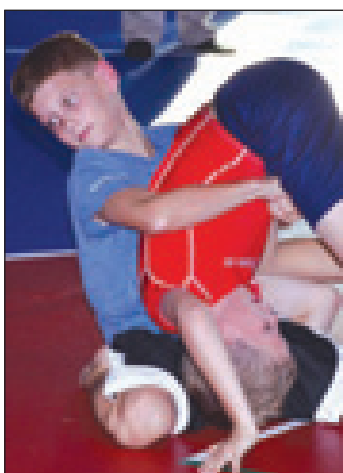


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U.S. Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg, speaks at the opening of the Theater Army Security Cooperation Conference on Caserma Ederle Aug. 29. Nearly 150 military and civilian personnel representing organizations from throughout Africa, Europe and the U.S. participated in the week-long conference that informed organizations on ongoing missions.

USARAF sponsors security cooperation conference

Story and photo by Rich Bartell
U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs

Nearly 150 military and civilian personnel representing organizations from throughout Africa, Europe and the U.S. participated in U.S. Army Africa's Theater Army Security Cooperation Conference held Aug. 29-Sept. 2.

The Office of Security Cooperation, Defense Attaché Office and USARAF personnel working in more than 30 African nations took part in the conference. Additionally, U.S. Air Force, Army Reserve and National Guard staff took part in the conference along with Soldiers and civilians from several major U.S. military commands.

USARAF Commander Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg, set the tone for the week-long conference in his opening remarks.

"We're going to roll up our sleeves and we're going to lay

down programs that are looking forward into the future. That way, we can start nesting and getting the resources that support those programs," Hogg said.

"We'll have Reserve and National Guard forces we can tap into to do missions on the African continent. We'll have more resources to accomplish missions on the continent, building partner capacity within our theater security operation mission," Hogg said.

One of the main goals of the five-day conference was to inform various organizations working for the U.S. in Africa of ongoing initiatives and missions from USARAF.

Additionally, conference participants worked together to plan strategies for upcoming events taking place in various African partner nations.

According to Col. John Crews, U.S. Army element commander

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Thrifty spending reaps benefits for whole community from VCC

By Kaarin Englemann
Vicenza Community Club

Shopping for bargains benefit the community, especially when it takes place at the Vicenza Community Club Thrift Shop. The store, located near BNL bank and across from the Post Exchange, is not only a source for discounted DVDs, clothing, toys, books, appliances, transformers and plug adapters; it also supports local service and community projects.

"VCC donates at least 70 percent of our profits from the thrift shop to organizations such as Vicenza High School, for scholarships and to help pay for graduation at the Teatro Olimpico, prom and sending

sports and academic teams to European championships," said VCC President Sherri Funk.

The club also supports Army Family Action Plan, Employment Readiness and New Parent Support programs, Bright Eyes, an organization that helps children who need prescription glasses, and the Boy and Girl Scouts. Last year, VCC donated about \$100,000 to the community, with 25 percent going to the schools and 25 percent to Family and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation.

"These organizations can function on their budgets, but we help make their programs special," says Stephanie Talley, VCC's Community Enrichment coordinator.

"We especially like being able to sponsor Soldiers who might not otherwise be able to participate in the BOSS winter ski and snow boarding trips."

Anyone wishing to request Community Enrichment funds can obtain an application from the VCC website at www.vccitaly.org or at the thrift shop. The next deadline is Oct. 7.

Benefits from the thrift shop extend beyond the Vicenza military community.

"We pull off the rack any clothing in the shop that is older than three months and send it to Afghanistan and local orphanages," says Heide Vaught, thrift shop manager. "Last year during the flooding,

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Army to commemorate 10th anniversary of 9/11 attacks

By Lt. Gen. Mark P. Hertling
U.S. Army Europe commanding general

There are dates taught in history classes many Americans will always remember. Dec. 7, 1941, is "a date that will live in infamy," as that day marks an unprovoked attack on Pearl Harbor. June 6, 1944, saw U.S. troops landing at Normandy and beginning the actions that resulted in the freeing of the continent of Europe from Nazi tyranny. Nov. 22, 1963, was the day President Kennedy was shot, and "the day the music died;" and on April 4,



1968, in Memphis, Dr Martin Luther King, Jr was assassinated.

But for those of us of this generation, Sept. 11, 2001, is a date we will always remember.

It has been 10 years since the attacks on the World Trade Center buildings in New York, the Pentagon in Washington, DC, and the crash of a plane in Shanksville, Pa., which had as its target either the White House or the Capital.

Many of us remember exactly where we were on that Tuesday morning and we remember what we were doing when the attacks occurred. Some of us had friends among the nearly 3,000 victims in those buildings, who were mostly American but who also represented citizens of more than 70 different

countries.

This was more than an attack on our country. It was an attack on liberty, human dignity and shared security.

On this 10th anniversary, I would ask all the Soldiers, civilians and Family members of U.S. Army in Europe to dedicate time for silence and remembrance, as a tribute to the victims of the 9/11 attack. I would also ask you to remember those Soldiers — and all those who strive to defend liberty and the dignity of mankind, who have dutifully served their country in the aftermath of those attacks, and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the 10 years since our country was threatened by violent extremism.

Local 9/11 remembrances

A memorial commemoration will be Friday at 3 p.m. at the Vicenza Community Chapel. The public is invited and encouraged to attend.

On Sunday at 4 p.m. a service will be held in memory of the tenth anniversary of the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. The service will be held at the "dei Servi"

church, Piazza Biade 23, Vicenza and will feature a music performance by the students of the music conservatory A. Pedrollo. The public is invited to attend and the dress will be memorial appropriate.

A prayer service of remembrance to honor those affected by Sept. 11 will be held Monday at Vicenza Elementary School at 3 p.m. by Cub Scouts. All community scouts are asked to wear their uniforms. For more information, contact Felisha Martinez at 327-889-1329 or email f4vigil@yahoo.com

Med Board, PEB help is available for servicemembers in U.S. Army Europe

By R. Charles Collica II
Soldiers MEB Counsel - Europe

Servicemembers new to the Medical Evaluation Board and Physical Evaluation Board process are most often confused and weighed down with questions concerning their legal rights. MEB Outreach Counsel and Soldiers Counsel (PEB Counsel) are licensed attorneys available to provide information, advice and representation to Soldiers throughout the MEB-PEB process.

The MEB Outreach Counsel is available to assist

each individual Soldier from the moment he or she is referred into the MEB process. At the beginning, general advice and assistance is provided in developing a strategy to reach the Soldier's desired outcome. As the Soldier progresses through the system, the MEB Outreach Counsel can provide more specific advice and representation. The Soldier's Counsel is available to represent the Soldier once the case progresses from the MEB to the PEB stage.

The MEB Outreach Counsel serving all Soldiers in U.S. Army Europe is located in the Wiesbaden Legal Center. Soldier's Counsel Offices are located at

Landstuhl and Vilseck, Germany.

If you reside in U. S. Army Europe and are undergoing an MEB-PEB, legal teams are available at the following locations:

- Heidelberg: DSN 371-2091, civ. 06221-17-2091
- Wiesbaden: DSN 337-4738, civ. 0611-705-4738
- Landstuhl: DSN 590-8907, civ. 06371-9464-8907
- Vilseck: DSN 476-3358, civ. 09662-83-3358

Don't try to navigate this complex process on your own. Take advantage of the free legal advice and representation available to you now. Your rights and benefits may be adversely affected if you don't.

CONFERENCE: Multi-nations come together on missions

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of Combined Joint Task Force Horn of Africa, the conference helped coordinate military-to-military and other events occurring in his area.

"The conference has been a wonderful opportunity for the J-5, Strategic Plans

and Policies division from CTJF HOA as well as the Army element to come here and synchronize events associated with theater security cooperation. We received some insights into key and senior leadership engagements as well," Crews, a native of Richmond, Va., said.

The conference featured break-outs for specific regions in Africa. Additionally, some sessions featured several brief presentations known as mad minutes.

"Mad minutes were an exceptional and
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Speak Out

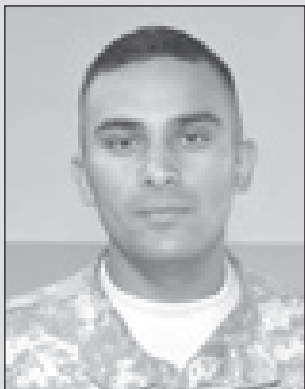
If you saw something suspicious, what would you do?



Vantony Robinson
Car Care Center

"I would notify the proper authorities, whether on or off post."

By Laura Kreider



Cpl. Jose Rodriguez
1-503rd Inf. Regt.

"I'd report it to the military police and chain of command. Give the detailed information, such as license plate, descriptions."



2nd Lt. Gregory Starr
2-503rd Inf. Regt.

"I would say something."



Ted Warden
USAG Vicenza, DPTMS

"Report the suspicious activity immediately to the military police, giving as much detailed information as possible."



Sonia Zanfaverio
VCCC Store associate, AAFES

"I would call the military police if on post, or the Italian Police and Carabinieri off post."

VCC: Returning profits to post organizations

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our doors to the Italian community and gave them anything they needed.”

VCC also supports local Catholic charities and animal shelters.

Recently, the thrift shop expanded dramatically — from about 2,100 square feet to almost 3,300 square feet — when it took over space formerly occupied by the Tax Relief Office.

“It allows us to spread out the merchandise and not be so cluttered,” says Assistant Manager Giovanna Toronto. “We’re looking forward to being able to take bigger things, like furniture, both as donations and on consignment.”

The expansion is not yet complete. More shelving will be added over the next few months.

Hours for the thrift stop are Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. It is also open one Saturday each month. The next Saturday opening is Sept. 17. Volunteers are always appreciated. Child care costs for volunteers is covered through CYS providers are covered by VCC and they earn \$6 per hour toward merchandise.

VCC’s Thrift Shop recently opened a Facebook page. Type “Vicenza Thrift Shop” into the search and click join to receive updates about sales and specials. Drop by the thrift shop or call 0444-71-7460 for additional details.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Arin Espinoza, Vicenza Community Club Thrift Shop cashier, sorts through items after the opening ceremony of the thrift shop renovated area Aug. 24. The Thrift Shop recently acquired more space, making room for more merchandise.

Health clinic educating on prevention, early detection of cancer

By Terry DiResta, RN
U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza

What can your health clinic do for you? You may think of it as the place to go when you or your family members are sick, but we also provide many screening services that can help keep you well. Screening means doing tests to look for a problem that may be developing. It means early detection, prevention of disease, and starting treatment early if it’s found. It’s catching disease before it can get worse. Your health center offers several screening services. Here are some of them:

- ♦ Pap test: to detect as early as

possible a developing cancer of the cervix, which is the lower part of the uterus. This cancer has a very high cure rate if caught early. Cervical cancer is one of the most successfully treated cancers. All women should start screening no later than age 21, according to American Cancer Society guidelines, which recommends a pap test every year. From age 30 onwards, women can get one every three years, as long as their last three pap tests were normal. You can call to schedule a “Well Woman” exam through the OB/GYN clinic at 636-9605, or talk to your primary care provider.

- ♦ Mammography: Did you know that the health center now has a full-

time, female mammography technician? Women aged 40 and older should be screened every year, according to the American Cancer society. Women can self-refer, meaning they don’t need a doctor’s order to get a screening mammogram if they meet the criteria. Call Shalanda Brewer at 636-9614 to schedule.

- ♦ Colonoscopy: this test screens for colon cancer. It can save lives. If a physician finds polyps in the colon, these small growths can be removed, which can prevent colorectal cancer from ever starting. A screening colonoscopy is recommended for people starting at age 50 and should be done once every 10 years as long as results are normal.

Colonoscopies are currently performed at Aviano Air Base, but the prescreening appointment is done at the Health Clinic. Call 636-9533 to self-refer or ask your health care provider.

The health clinic is focused on keeping you healthy and well. You will see us doing outreach to offer these screenings throughout the year.

If you come to our clinic for an appointment, we can offer to set you up for one or more screening tests if you’re eligible. For those who use a civilian medical facility such as San Bortolo, we ask that you bring a copy of your test results to us at the health center so we can update your records.

CONFERENCE: 5 days with nearly 150 personnel met up on Caserma Ederle work on goals

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informative segment of the conference that covered a full spectrum of topics from funding sources to military-to-military events. The one minute briefs were concise and offered opportunities to follow up later,” Crews said.

British Army Lt. Col. Matt Bazeley summed up his impressions of the TASC conference.

“I’m gaining an understanding of where the U.S. forces in Africa are beginning to engage in their

overseas security cooperation tasks,” Bazeley said.

“In terms of what we do, we are remarkably similar. As ever, the American and British interests are incredibly well aligned. Whether it’s improving stability across the region or developing military capability of African forces. I’ll walk away from this conference saying that we are aligned in our thinking and we are investing similar efforts for the best effect,” Bazeley said.

Bazeley is posted in London with the United Kingdom’s Ministry of Defence. He supervises all

security cooperation operations for the British military. Bazeley explained that the conference will help military planners to conserve efforts and resources throughout the African continent.

“While the U.S and U.K. have similar interests in Africa, there is little point in us double-tapping (efforts) in a given country. It’s a waste of resources and could potentially confuse the host nation. In terms of better managing our focus and efforts in Africa, it makes sense for us to de-conflict (efforts and resources) at this conference,” Bazeley said.

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At Your Service



Transportation Motor Pool

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Prep for unexpected during Emergency Preparedness Month

By Annette Fournier
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs Office

Earthquakes, tsunamis, outbreaks of disease, storms and flooding, riots and instability, active shooters and terrorism – all of these events and more have happened around the world in the past year. What would you do if one of these events happened in Vicenza?

Getting people to think about their options and plan for emergencies is one of the aims of Emergency Preparedness Month, observed every September.

“September is a good chance to remind people to prepare for emergencies,” said Shaun Miller, installation emergency manager, “but it shouldn’t just be during Emergency Preparedness Month. It should be 365 days a year of preparedness.”

The Army’s Emergency Preparedness “Ready Army” website at www.acsim.army.mil gives three main tips for helping

personnel prepare. Ready Army’s advice is: get a kit; make a plan; be informed.

Get a kit – Ready Army advises all personnel to have an emergency preparedness kit at home and in the office. You should also keep some basic emergency supplies in your automobile. The emergency kit includes everything you would need to survive for a limited time period, and items you could easily have on hand if you needed to evacuate. Included in the kit are items such as food and water, medications, first aid supplies, important personal documents, equipment for survival and communication in case of power loss and more. You should also remember to plan for those with special needs, such as infants, the elderly and people with disabilities, as well as pets. An emergency preparedness checklist can be found at the Ready Army website.

Make a plan – All families and individuals should make and practice

a family emergency plan. Consider local threats and what you and your Family members would do in those situations. Establish meeting places, and discuss where to meet whether disaster strikes while a Family member is at home, work, school or elsewhere. Agree upon a Family member or friend living somewhere else who you could all contact in case of separation. Most of all, discuss and practice your plan and make sure you are all familiar with what to do. Find tips for how to do this at Ready Army.

Be Informed – Finally, be informed. Living in Italy can present families with unique communication challenges. In case of an emergency, a few resources for information are: AFN radio; AFN TV; the USAG Vicenza website at <http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil>; the AFN and USAG Vicenza Facebook pages; the USAG Vicenza Twitter account (user name is USAGVicenza); the command

channel; the 24/7 Installation Operations Center at 0444-71-7867; and the “Big Voice” loud speaker system, to name a few.

Pay attention to the various sources for information and follow the directions given. Learn more tips at Ready Army.

September and Emergency Preparedness Month offer a reminder to be sure you are prepared for the unexpected. Emergency Preparedness Month also coincides with Caserma Ederle’s annual emergency management training exercise, Lion Shake.

Lion Shake 2011 is set for Sept. 28 and will take place mostly off-post near Villaggio, and focus largely on the coordination between the city of Vicenza, its emergency assets and the assets of Caserma Ederle.

During Lion Shake, community members may experience delays, brief gate closures, the presence of emergency vehicles and more.



Photos by Laura Kreider

Open house: Vicenza military community members and volunteers join the American Red Cross staff for the opening of their new location Aug. 24. The new Red Cross office is located in building 333 across from the gym. For information about registration for upcoming classes call 634-7089.



Bake sale: Members of the Vicenza Cub Scouts Pack 295 assist a customer during the bake sale held near the post exchange Aug. 26.



Career fair: Above, DoD Defense Commissary Agency Europe Region Human Resources specialists Jamie Stapler, left, and Marie Crisp, answer questions for some participants at the Department of Defense Operation Employment Career Fair held at the Luna Bubble Aug. 30. Left, community members get information about possible careers.

Keep your furry family members up-to-date

By Staff Sgt. Ross Salwolke
AFN Livorno

Anyone who has a pet understands that there will be visits to the veterinarian at some point, but at Camp Darby a vet from Vicenza visits once a month.

“When we come down, we do annual exams and vaccinations for dogs and cats, to include heartworm tests for dogs, tests for cats along with micro chipping,” said Maj. Tony May, Vicenza Branch veterinarian.

May added that having a pet in Italy is not like having a pet in the States, and that it is important to know the rules governing pets and their registration in Italy.

“Just as in the U.S. where different states and counties have different regulations, here in Italy- rules and regulations vary from province to province. In Tuscany, dogs must be registered at the ASL (Azienda Sanitaria Locale), the Italian equivalent of the USDA,” said May. “We are able to provide some help with inserting a 15-digit microchip, if they are available, then stamp and sign the Canine Registry form that you would then take to the USL.”

According to the Canine Registry Office (Anagrafe Canina Regionale), the owner must register the dog within 45 days of its birth or 10 days of acquiring it. Newcomers to the region should register their dogs within 10 days of arrival and be aware that a fine may be imposed for the non-registration of a dog.

“If your dog already has a microchip that can be read with European scanners, owners must provide proof of this to the ASL by having us review your pet’s record for microchip information and sign the bottom of the Canine Registry form or you can have the microchip read and certified by the Pisa



U.S. Army photo

Veterinarians, veterinarian technicians and Iraqi Police interact with an explosive detection dog at the Baghdad Police College Aug. 6. Students in the Iraqi Police Canine Program and Canine Handlers School monitor their explosive-detection dogs around the clock to provide instructors with daily health assessments. Pound veterinarian,” said May.

More information about pet regulations in Tuscany can be found at www.usag.livorno.army.mil/Vet.html. The next scheduled vet visit to Camp Darby will be Sept. 22. To make an appointment, call 635-4841.

Darby Dates

Visit the community calendar for upcoming events and details at www.usag.livorno.army.mil

Hispanic Heritage Month

- ◆ Cake cutting ceremony, Sept. 15 at noon at the DCC
- ◆ Salsa night at the DCC Sept. 17 at 8 p.m.

Quarterly Awards Ceremony

Join Camp Darby in recognizing the stellar performers of the quarter on Sept. 16 at 3 p.m. at the Darby Community Club. Afterwards, stay for Right Arm and Wing Man night.

Boy Scouts hiring

Transatlantic Council (Boy Scouts) is hiring a full time registrar. Main duties are processing youth and adult memberships, and filling in/helping out the other areas as needed. Office hours are Mondays-Fridays 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Send your resume to todvorak@bsaemail.org or drop it off at the Boy Scout building between the vet office and Sea Pines lodging.

Child & Youth events

- ◆ YS Monthly Geography challenge, Sept. 14.
 - ◆ CYSS Tennis registration is currently open
 - ◆ Parent’s Night Out and Youth Kick Back Night, Sept. 24
 - ◆ Keystone club, torch club, power hour homework club, photo & video club, sports and fitness are some of the many clubs available at YC.
- Call 633-7629.

Health Awareness Barbecue

The health clinic display and barbecue will be Sept. 12, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in front of the commissary.

Army Community Services

- ◆ Sponsorship Training, Sept. 13
 - ◆ Card Making Class, Sept. 14, 21
 - ◆ ADD workshop, Sept. 20
 - ◆ New parent support and EFMP playgroup, Sept. 21.
- Call 633-7084.

Bowling Alley

- ◆ Dollar Day Sundays, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
- ◆ The bowling alley hosts birthday parties. Call 633-7458.

Darby Community Club

- ◆ Community flea market and craft sale, Sept. 17. Reserve your table now at the DCC.
 - ◆ Oktoberfest at the Fest tent, Sept. 23
 - ◆ Live music by the Mimmo Mollica Band, Sept. 24 at 8 p.m.
- Call 633-7855.

Fitness Center

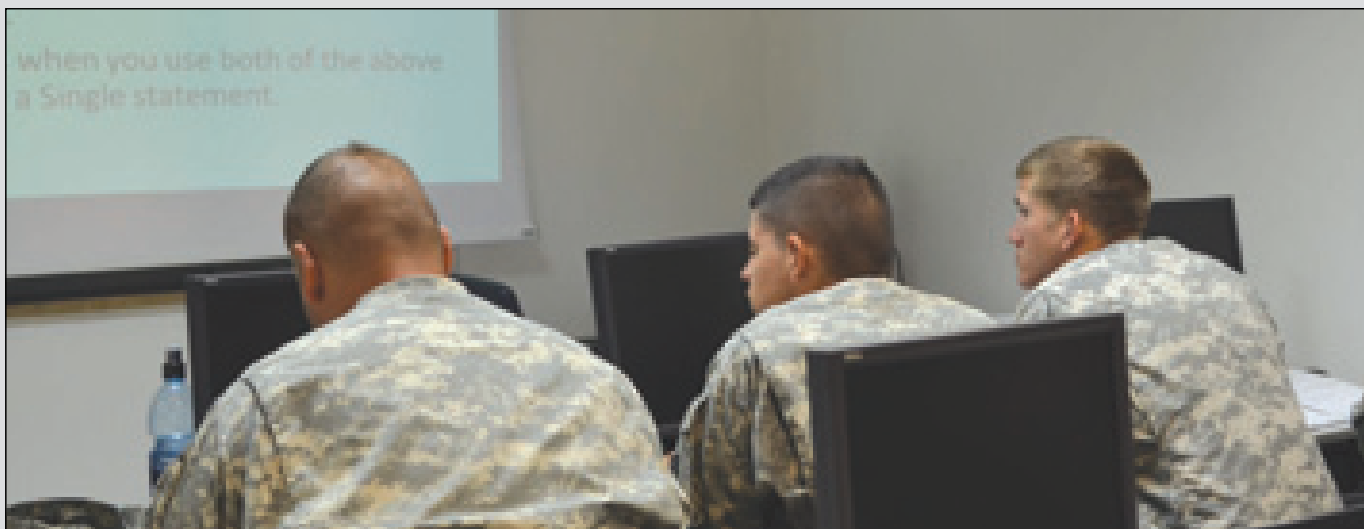
- ◆ Race across America exercise challenge registration is Sept. 6-16.
 - ◆ Register now for Children and Adults Duathlon Sept. 17.
- Call 633-7438.

Religious Activities

9:40 a.m. Catholic reconciliation
10 a.m. Catholic Mass
11:15 a.m. Protestant worship
11:15 a.m. Catholic CCD
Call 633-7267.

News notes

Check out who stars in the Photo of the Day everyday on www.usag.livorno.army.mil



Photos by Chiara Mattiolo

Law Enforcement Certification week: U.S. Army Garrison Livorno Directorate of Emergency Services ensures military police from the 511th MP Platoon are certified with the annual law enforcement training and certification to ensure senior commanders a balanced capacity of law enforcement professionals trained and ready to respond to any crisis.

836th Trans. Bn. Change of Responsibility:

A Change of Responsibility ceremony between the outgoing 839th Transportation Battalion Sgt. Maj. Angelia Keltz, left, and the incoming 839th Trans Bn. Sgt. Maj. Daisy Jackson Aug. 31 at the Darby Community Club. Visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/campdarby/sets/> to see more photos of the event.



Grisignano Fair :

Reenactors prepare for an equestrian show as part of the medieval village portion of the Fiera del Soco. The fair is ongoing through Sept. 15 in Grisignano, about 12 miles southeast of Vicenza. The event will feature carnival rides, food booths, music and dancing. Parking is available for €3 in Via Vittorio Veneto, Via Kennedy, Via Serenissima, and Via Immacolata.



Courtesy photo

Concerts

Black Angels: Wednesday in Trezzo sull'Adda (Milan)
Brooke Fraser: Sept. 27 in Bologna; Sept. 28 in Milan
Bruno Mars: Oct. 10 in Assago (Milan)
Alice Cooper: Oct. 14 in Trezzo sull'Adda (Milan)
Bob Dylan and Mark Knopfler: Nov. 9 in Padova; Nov. 11 in Florence; Nov. 12 in Rome
Machine Head: Nov. 13 in Milan
Fleet Foxes: Nov. 19 in Bologna
Lenny Kravitz: Nov. 20 in Villorba (Treviso); Nov. 21 in Assago (Milan)
Red Hot Chili Peppers: Dec. 10 in Torino; Dec. 11 in Assago (Milan)
Rihanna: Dec. 11 in Torino; Dec. 12 in Assago (Milan)
 Tickets available in Vicenza at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center or at www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing or <http://www.ticketone.it/EN/>.

ODR trips

Mount Pasubio hike, Sept. 17
Lipiza horse show in Slovenia, Sept. 17
Portofino, Sept. 18
Milan, Sept. 24
Oktoberfest in Munich, Sept. 24
Lake Maggiore, Sept. 25
Sea kayak Garda, Sept. 25
Oktoberfest express, Oct. 1
Poland shopping, Oct. 7-8
Garmisch hike and bike, Oct. 8-10
Beretta tour, Oct. 10
Perugia Chocolate Festival, Oct. 15-16
San Martino hike and bike, Oct. 15
Modena balsamic vinegar, Oct. 22
Asiago bike ride, Oct. 22
Pisa and marble shopping, Oct. 29
 Trips can be booked on WebTrac at <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/Vicenzarectrac.html> or by following the WebTrac link on www.vicenzaMWR.com or at ODR.

Local events

Fiera del Soco-Tree trunk Fair:

Friday-Sept. 15, in Grisignano, about 12 miles southeast of Vicenza. It's a large annual market with hundreds of booths, exhibitions, and carnival rides. Parking available for €3 in Via Vittorio Veneto, Via Kennedy, Via Serenissima, and Via Immacolata. For the second year in a row, Caserma Ederle will have its own stand at this fair.

♦ Friday: 6 p.m. fair grand opening, with carnival rides, local products and crafts booths and food stands

"Lo Borgo de lo Soco" – medieval village: 7 p.m. antique market and medieval games with jesters, fire-eaters, and stilt walkers

"So...Country Area" 7 p.m. horse shows; 8:30 p.m. live country music with Country Storm Group

"Show Area": 8:30 p.m. Tae Kwon Do demonstration presented by the TDK Team from Padova; 9:30 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Mauro Levrini

"Be Live! Area": Soul R&B and Hip Hop music and dancing with Maysa Band

♦ Saturday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. scenic helicopter flights – a six-minute flight costs €35/person.

"So...Country Area" from 6 p.m. working cow and ranch sorting horse shows; 8 p.m. Team Penning regional contest; 8 p.m. country music and country dance lessons

"Lo Borgo de lo Soco" – medieval village and medieval military camp open 6 p.m. with antique market and medieval games with jesters, fire-eaters, and stilt walkers; 9:30 p.m. historical costume parade; 10:30 p.m. flag-throwers and drummers show

"Show Area" 7:30 p.m. Caribbean, Latin-American, hip hop and belly dance shows; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Rita Del Mare Orchestra "Be Live! Area" live music with Velvet Dress – U2 best tribute band

♦ Sunday: "Area So...Country" 8 a.m.-6 p.m. exhibit of pure-bred cattle and horses raised in the Veneto region; 9 a.m. carnival rides open; 9 a.m.-4 p.m. horse

shows – trail horse, pleasure and horsemanship; 10 a.m. 6 p.m. scenic helicopter flights – scenic helicopter flights at the Sports Field. Six-minute flight costs €35; 11 a.m. food booths; 4-5 p.m. launch and landing of paratroopers from the Heli Service – Southlake Garda; 5 p.m. western gimkana demonstration for children; from 5 p.m. free country dance lessons; 8 p.m. Speed match; 8:30 p.m. live country music with Outgrass Band

"Lo Borgo del Soco" – Medieval village: 10 a.m. to sunset: horse rides for children and adults; medieval military shows, antique market and medieval games with jesters, fire-eaters, and stilt walkers; 9:30 p.m. medieval duels and military tournament.

"Show Area" 6:30 p.m. dance shows; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Souvenir Orchestra

"Be Live! Area" 9 p.m. dance show

♦ Monday: "So...Country Area" 6 a.m.-noon, traditional cattle market and local products exhibit and sale; from 8 a.m. old trades exhibit accompanied by the folk group "I Ruspanti" from Bassano del Grappa; 9 a.m. carnival rides open; 11 a.m. food booths; 8 p.m. gimkana western barrel shows; 8:30 p.m. country music and free country dance lessons; 9 p.m. acrobatic show

"Lo Borgo de lo Soco" opens at 6 p.m. with antique market and medieval games with jesters, fire-eaters, and stilt walkers; 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. "Imaginary circus" show presented by Thierry Parmentier

"Show Area" 7:30 p.m. Latin-American, Caribbean and Argentine Tango dance show featured by the Team Diablo Dance School; 9 p.m. live music and dancing with the California Orchestra

"Be Live! Area" live pop music with Kavour Band

♦ Tuesday: 4 p.m. carnival rides and market open; 6 p.m. food booths; "Lo Borgo del Soco" – medieval village: opens at 7 p.m. with antique market and medieval games with jesters, fire-eaters, and stilt walkers; 7-9 p.m. "Fairies and witches" – medieval dance and fire show;

"Show Area" 7:30 p.m. Latin-American, ballroom, Caribbean, hip hop and Argentine tango dance shows; 9 p.m. live music and dancing with I Rodigini Orchestra "Area So...Country": 8 p.m. horse show; 8:30 p.m. live country music and dance show with the Blu Rimmel Country and free country dance lessons; 9 p.m. the Navacho's Farm presents a demonstration of horse riding for disabled children

"Be Live! Area"; "The Others Band", '60's pop and rock cover Band

♦ Wednesday: 4 p.m. carnival rides, market; 6 p.m. food booths "Lo Borgo del Soco" – medieval village: opens at 7 p.m. with antique market and medieval games with jesters, fire-eaters, and stilt walkers; 9 p.m. Helna Ranch Cavaliers and flag-throwers show "Show Area" 9 p.m. live music with Made in Italy Orchestra "Area So...Country" 8:30 p.m. live country music and dance show with the Blu Rimmel Country and Outgrass Bands, and free country dance lessons

"Be Live! Area" 9 p.m. Smooth Criminals: Michael Jackson Tribute Band

Gnocco Festival:

Friday-Sunday, in Selva di Trissino, about 19 miles west of Vicenza. Bounce houses and parking available.

♦ Friday: 6-10 p.m. food booths and local products and collector items exhibit and sale

♦ Saturday: 6-10 p.m. food booths and local products and collector items exhibit and sale; 9 p.m. Gnocco Singing Contest: participation fee is €5; if you want to participate, call 338-335-0517. For assistance, call Anna Terracino at 634-7169 or email anna.terracino@eur.army.mil

♦ Sunday: 8 a.m. "Gnoccolando" – 6 or 12 km naturalistic walk. It starts from Piazza Selva. Participation fee: €5, free for children younger than 8. During the walk free tasting of gnocchi and wine. 10 a.m.-10 p.m. local products exhibit and market; noon-3 p.m. and 6-10:00 p.m. food booths; 9 p.m. music and entertainment with Popo, Valentina and Orlando

FREE concerts, exhibits & events

"Once upon a time" contemporary art exhibit:

Ongoing through Sept. 30, in Vicenza, Galleria Porti, Corso Palladio 3, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-7:30 p.m.

Art exhibit:

Ongoing through Sept. 18, Monday-Saturday, 8-10 p.m.; Sunday and holidays: 9 a.m.-noon & 4-10 p.m., in Cartigliano, Villa Morosini Cappello, Piazza Concordia 1, about 18 miles north of Vicenza.

S. Bertilla District – photo exhibit:

Ongoing through Sept. 15, weekdays. Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-noon; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3- 8 p.m. in Vicenza, Villa Lattes, Via Thaon di Revel.

Pottery Exhibit:

Ongoing through Nov. 13, Tuesday-Thursday - Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3-7 p.m.; Wednesday - Friday 3 - 7 p.m., in Vicenza, ViArt, Contrà del Monte 13.

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

Friday	Monte Carlo (PG)	6 p.m.
	Larry Crowne (PG 13)	9 p.m.
Saturday	Cars 2 (G)	3 p.m.
	Monte Carlo (PG)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Cars 2 (G)	3 p.m.
	Larry Crowne (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Wed.	Monte Carlo (PG)	6 p.m.
Sept. 15	Larry Crowne (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Sept. 16	Judy Moody/Bummer Summer (PG)	6 p.m.
	Horrible Bosses (R)	9 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Friday	Larry Crowne (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Saturday	Fright Night (R)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Monte Carlo (PG)	1 p.m.
Sept. 16	Transformers 3 (PG 13)	6 p.m.

Admission: Age 12 and older, \$4, younger than 12, \$2. The Ederle theater box office opens one hour prior to show.

View MOVIE TRAILERS and more online at www.shopmyexchange.com/ems/euro/vicenza.htm or www.aafes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm.

Special events

The Warriors' Challenge and Luau is Sept. 23 and will be a "Fun Run" where participants will tackle mud crawling, car-leaping and extreme obstacles in a twisted version of the normal five-kilometer race. The race begins and ends on North 40, but the obstacles are all around post. Everyone who finishes the race will receive a T-shirt and there will be special prize drawings for costumed participants. Following the race there will be a Luau in the Lion's Den for winners, runners and their fans. Sign up as a team or individual. There are prizes for first-third place for men and women, and the first team. Teams are comprised of four participants and captains can register their team at Outdoor Recreation. Only 300 contestants will be allowed to enter so don't wait. Registration is open now. Register on WebTrac or at ODR. Call 634-7453 for more information.

Estate claim

Anyone having any claims on or obligations to the estate of Staff Sgt. Christopher R. Jones, of the U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza, should contact the summary court officer, Maj. Charles Broomell, at 636-9601.

Job openings

The Army Wellness Center is hiring a part time health educator. Primary responsibilities will include fitness testing, metabolic testing, one-on-one counseling and facilitating group education classes for 20 hours per week. This position requires strong communication skills, discretion, judgment, analytical ability and strong organizational skills. Bachelor's degree in a health related field and a minimum of two years of experience in a related field is required. ACSM, NASM, or Cooper Institute Personal Fitness Certifications are highly desired. Submit resumes to Army Wellness Center, building 112, or email to lacy.wolff@us.army.mil For more info., call the Wellness Center at 634-8186 or 0444-71-8186.

ACS

- ◆ Freddy FAP visits Canada! Who is Freddy FAP? Freddy FAP is Family Advocacy's world traveler! He visits countries from all over the world and each month brings back activities and food for children and families. Join them Sept. 21 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Freddy FAP returns from Canada with fun activities and snacks. Call 634-6202.
- ◆ Coupon Social to be held Sept. 22-23 from noon-3 p.m. Light refreshments provided. For more information, call ACS at 634-7500.
- ◆ Space-A Travel Brief for Soldiers and military Families is Tuesday, 9 a.m.-noon, by the MOB/DEP Readiness Program. For more information, call 634-7500.
- ◆ The deadline to apply for the AER Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program for term two is Sept. 19. Spouses of active-duty Soldiers who are pursuing their first undergraduate degree and residing with the Soldier overseas

are eligible. Call ACS at 634-7500.

Arena

- ◆ Monday-Sept. 16, the Lion's Den holds their mini version of Oktoberfest. Enjoy good times with German beer and brats, every evening.
- ◆ Sundays this fall have something for the whole Family. Afternoon bowling is just \$2 per game plus \$2 shoes, from 1-6 p.m. Evening bowling is \$2.50 per game plus \$2.50 for shoes. Enjoy Family Movie Night from 6-8 p.m. Get two hours of bowling for up to 6 people, plus one large cheese pizza and a pitcher of soda, shoes and a movie on screen while you bowl all for \$34.95 (over a \$60 value).
- ◆ Texas Hold'em is Sept. 17, 8 p.m. in the Lion's Den.

Library

At the third Thursday this month the group discusses "Art". Are you and artist? Do you have a favorite artist, time period or painting? Come join in the discussion at the Library from 6-8 p.m. Feel free to bring examples to share. Call the Library at 634-8419 for more information.

CYS Services

- ◆ EDGE! Skateboard is back this fall beginning Sept 16. Youths can assemble and paint their own skateboard at the Villaggio Skate Park. Register with Parent Central Services or on WebTrac. For information, call 634-7502.
- ◆ Join the Youth Center and Club Beyond, as they head to Medieval Times Dinner Theatre Sept. 16, 5 p.m. Enjoy dinner theater featuring medieval style games, sword fighting and jousting performed by a cast of 75 actors and 20 costumed horses in a 11th century replica castle. Cost is \$30. Contact the Youth Center at 634-7659.
- ◆ CYSS Parent Advisory Meeting will be Wednesday at noon in the ACS Conference room. On the agenda: new CYSS fees, fall/winter Activities, intro of new CYSS managers, the annual CYSS inspection, plans and status of the construction of a new Youth Center

facility and any issues or concerns raised by parents. For information call 634-8347.

- ◆ The EDGE! Middle School Tennis Program runs Monday-Oct. 19, Mondays and Wednesdays, 3-4:30 p.m. The Volleyball Program runs Sept. 12- Nov. 4, Tuesdays-Fridays, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Register with Parent Central Services or on WebTrac. For information, call 634-7502.

There is also a two-part workshop just for youth which teaches how to function safely while at home alone. Sessions are Monday and Sept. 15, 3-5 p.m. in the Villaggio Child Care Center conference room. Youth need to attend both sessions to gain the full benefit of the program. Parents can enroll youth only after completing the Family Workshop. For additional information, call Parent Central Services 634-7206.

- ◆ Visit www.vicenzamwr.com for a complete listing or call Parent Central Services at 634-7219.

Soldiers' Theatre

Music Café is back Sept. 16, 7:30 p.m. It's a chance to relax in the café atmosphere with fellow music lovers and enjoy light snack and refreshments while listening to local musicians. You can also join in the fun onstage. Call 634-7281 to find out more.

Fall PWOC studies

Kick off for the fall Protestant Women of the Chapel studies will be Tuesday, 9:15-11:30 a.m., 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. and Wednesday at 5:30-7 p.m. in the Post Chapel. "Becoming a True Spiritual Community" by Larry Crabb will be Wednesdays from 5:30-7 p.m. with dinner provided but no child care. The studies are "Believing God" by Beth Moore, "Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven" by Dr. David Jeremiah, "Woman After God's Own Heart," by Elizabeth George, "Effective Parenting in a Defective World" by Chip Ingram, "Life in Balance Facilitated" by Titus 2 Ministry, "Lies Women Believe and The Truth That Sets Them

Free" by Nancy Leigh DeMoss and "Captivating" by John & Stasi Eldridge, Tuesdays from 9:15-11:30 a.m., including free food and free child care for children as old as 3. Also on Tuesdays from 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., "How Do You Walk the Walk You Talk?" study from Ephesians, including a free lunch, but no child care.

Arts & Crafts Center

- ◆ Intro. to Framing is offered Sept. 15 at 1 p.m. Learn the basics of framing and become certified to use the Frame Studio Equipment.
- ◆ The 2011 Army Digital Photography Contest runs Monday-Oct. 16. Military and other eligible patrons can enter up to three submissions in each of the following categories: People, Military Life, Nature and Landscapes, Animals, Still Life, Design Elements, Digital Darkroom and Monochrome. Pick up the entry forms at the Art Center. Find complete rules and load your images on the Army Arts and Crafts website at <https://Apps.IMCOM.Army.Mil/apprac>. You will need to log in with your AKO username and password. USAG Vicenza contest entries will be on display in the Library.

Free legal help

Navigating the MEB-PEB process is complicated, but free legal help is available. Visit the USAG Vicenza webpage at www.usag.vicenza.army.mil and click on "Community" then Staff Judge Advocate to read the article.

Catholic Women of the Chapel

Kick off for the fall meetings of Catholic Women of the Chapel will be Sept. 15 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Chapel Activity Room. This fall's study is "Signs of Life: 40 Catholic Customs and Their Biblical Roots" by Scott Hahn. Child care is provided and refreshments will be served. Email Kathy Sepanic at sep101@yahoo.com if you have questions or would like to get on the CWOC roster.

Religious activities

Chaplain Crisis Line

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

Sunday services

9 a.m.: Mass, Sacrament of Reconciliation following Mass, or during duty hours
11 a.m.: Protestant worship
1:30 p.m.: Full Gospel Pentecostal worship
5 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Tuesdays

9:15 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel.

Wednesdays

3 p.m.: Praise dance practice
3:15 p.m.: Middle School Club Beyond meets in Villaggio Youth Center
5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice
5:30 p.m.: PWOC Bible study. Dinner provided. No child care
5:30 p.m.: High School Club Beyond meets at the Teen Center for dinner; meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Call 340-139-4073 for information
5:30 p.m.: Catholic choir practice
6:45 p.m.: Gospel choir practice

Thursdays

9:30 a.m.: Catholic Women of the Chapel
5:30 p.m.: Gospel service choir rehearsal
7:15 p.m.: Gospel service Bible study

Faith group contacts

Islamic: Call 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for info
Jewish: Call Paul Levine at 345-907-2108
Latter Day Saints: Call Chance Wilson at 327-869-8107. Sunday services, 1:30-4:30 p.m. at Viale Trento 246, Vicenza.
Bahá'í Faith: Call Russell Menard at 389-133-4627 or 349-708-2535.

Call the Caserma Ederle chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for more information on religious activities.



Photo by Julie M. Lucas

Goods recovered: The Vicenza Post Exchange informed the Carabinieri that merchandise was missing from the store on Aug. 24. After obtaining a search warrant the following day, the Carabinieri recovered nearly \$32,000 worth of merchandise from an employee's home. Recovered merchandise included electronics, furniture and other household goods. The case is still under investigation.

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Know of an event we're missing? Email the *Outlook* at editor@eur.army.mil We gladly accept story ideas, photo and story submissions. All submissions are subject to editing.

Vicenza youths hit wrestling mats during challenge

Vicenza Kids Wrestling Club

“Take down, one point blue!”

These words echoed throughout the Vicenza Fitness Center’s wrestling room Aug. 26. Family, friends and wrestling enthusiasts gathered in the wrestling room to watch some hard-nosed 9-12 year-olds wrestle like they were competing in the world championships.

Seven Vicenza military community children participated in a three and a half-month wrestling camp taught by Coach Roddy Rieger and Assistant Coach Eddie King. Initially the program was designed to keep the skills of the Vicenza High School wrestlers sharp over the summer. However, that quickly transitioned into including the younger brothers of the high school students.

“Wrestling is a year-round sport and if you’re not on the mat every day your timing is off. You’ll likely have some mat rust, but more so, your competition is getting better and better because you never stop training,” said Rieger.

According to King, most of these children had never stepped foot on the mat before, but now they are wrestling like national champions.

“Coach Eddie and I trained these kids like they were getting ready for the world championships. Not only did we teach them wrestling, we tried to use the philosophy of developing young men into champions on and off the mat. We emphasized the importance of school, helping out their parents at home and getting along with their brothers and sisters,” said Rieger.

Rieger and King tested the wrestlers on several levels, the first being the rope challenge. The wrestlers had 18



Photo by Laura Kreider

The referee makes a call during the wrestling meet Aug. 26. Boys age 9-12 years old competed against each other after practicing during the summer.

minutes to climb a rope 10 times. Of the seven wrestlers, five were successful, earning a USA Wrestling T-shirt.

According to Rieger, the kids pushed and tested themselves and didn’t even know it. The last test was to showcase the skills they learned over the last several months in front of the most important audience — their Families.

Walking away with top honors were Thomas Clark and Dakota Stone who won their respective brackets.

Clark was also voted by his fellow wrestlers as “The Best Wrestler,” and Hayden Diaz earned the wrestling “Heart Award.”

“I was so proud of how they went out there and wrestled their hearts!” King said.

Although the summer camp is over, Rieger said he’d stay on the mat if there were one kid or 40.

“Wrestling is my life and if I can make a difference in some child’s life as did my coach, I’d do it full-time in the military if I could.”

His ultimate goal is to see if the local school would be willing to allow the youths to do some exhibition matches when the high school has home dual meets or tournaments.

The members of the Vicenza Kids Wrestling Team include: Peter Buckingham, Ian Christie, Sam Clark, Clark, Diaz, Stone and Dylan Stone.

Those interested in youth wrestling can contact Rieger at roddy.l.rieger.mil@mail.mil.

Mako Sharks swim team participates in early Aviano meet



Photo by Thomas Talley

Members of the Mako Sharks swim team battle against each other at a meet in Aviano Aug. 27. More than 20 swimmers from the team participated in the meet.

By John Casey

Mako Sharks swim team

AVIANO — With water splashing, an official on a bullhorn and volunteers shuttling kids to the correct lane, summer swim meets can look pretty chaotic.

More than 20 swimmers traveled to Aviano early Saturday morning to compete in a summer swim meet between the Vicenza Mako Sharks and the Aviano Sea Dragons.

“The kids had so much fun,” said Michelle Hughes, head coach of the Mako Sharks. “They all swam personal-best times. If this had been a regular season meet, some of our swimmers would have qualified for the European Championships already.”

As a swimming coach with more than 10 years of experience, Hughes said summer swimming is especially useful for attracting swimmers of all ages into the European Forces Swim League fall competitive season.

For those who would like more information on joining the swim team or volunteering to assist with coaching can visit <http://makosharks.homestead.com> or email John Casey at john.j.casey@us.army.mil.

Volunteers needed

The Mako Sharks Swim Team is looking for adult volunteers to assist the fall competitive season. Swimmers are elementary - high school ages and compete in the European Forces Swim League. For more info, contact John Casey at 0444-91-2612 or email john.j.casey@us.army.mil. Visit <http://makosharks.homestead.com/index.html>.

Unit & rec play

New players are always welcome. Call 634-7009 or individual POCs.

Rugby: Tuesdays and Thursdays 6-7:30 p.m., North 40 field.

Basketball: 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for 10 or more, Fitness Center.

Racquetball: 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for 16 participants, Fitness Center.

Men’s Soccer: 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for 24 or more players at the turf field behind the Ederle Inn. Email shaun.nurse@amedd.army.mil or call 636-9648/9120/9632.

Women’s Soccer: (not currently meeting) 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for 12 or more players at the turf field behind the Ederle Inn. Email sr_brasher@yahoo.com or call 634-8925.

Volleyball: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays for eight or more, Fitness Center.

Frisbee golf: 6 p.m. Wednesdays, North 40 field.

Become a ninja

Check out the new Ninpo Taijutsu class at the Fitness Center. Learn the ancient art of Ninja with classes Tuesdays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Fitness Center.

40 and older basketball

For those interested in playing against an Italian men’s 40 and older team, contact Sports, Fitness & Aquatics at 634-7009 or 7616, and leave your information.

Chapel Praise Dance Team

The Chapel’s Praise Dance Team will be resuming practice and is looking for new recruits to join the fun. Contact Stephanie Lewis at mrs.tallaslewis@gmail.com for more information.

Have information about sports? Email The Outlook editor at editor@eur.army.mil with photos, scores or upcoming information about having your team featured in the newspaper.