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Photo by Mindy Anderson

More than 500 people attended the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony at the Memoria e Luce in Padova. Throughout the day, more than 3,500 Americans and Italians united to mark the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks at the Pentagon in Virginia, World Trade Center in New York, and Flight 93 in Pennsylvania. See the story and photos about all local ceremonies on page 4.

African Public Affairs officers tour DoD communications hub

Story and photo by Master Sgt. Christina Bhatti-Madden

U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs

Three Public Affairs Officers from both Tanzania and Mauritania were given a first-hand look at U.S. Public Affairs training and operations during a visit to the Fort Meade, Md., and Washington, D.C., area Aug. 23-26.

The four-day familiarization visit allowed the officers to tour the Defense Information School, Stars and Stripes headquarters, the Defense Media Activity, the Non Commissioned Officers' Academy and the Army Public Affairs Center.

"This trip allowed us to see a good way of doing things and put me in a better position to go back (to Tanzania) and tell my bosses how things should be done," said Tanzanian People's Defense Force Lt. Col. Kapambala Masoud Mgawe, director of Public Relations.

That "way of doing things" was demonstrated to the officers

through presentations, lectures, round table discussions, tours and the unexpected 5.8 magnitude earthquake, Aug. 23.

In the aftermath of the earthquake, the six officers got an unexpected look at the inner workings of how a crisis communications plan is implemented and how the Fort Meade Garrison Public Affairs Office effectively communicates with the surrounding communities when a problem strikes.

"The earthquake was unexpected, but it opened great discussion on our role in the community," said Chad Jones, Public Affairs Officer, U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Meade.

Mauritanian Armed Forces Col. Teyib Ould Sneiba agreed.

"I find it interesting that you reach out to the community," the MAF director of Public Relations said. "Learning how this is done will help me when I go back. Letting my commander know how it is done will hopefully change things in Mauritania."

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Mauritanian Armed Forces Col. Teyib Ould Sneiba, Tanzanian People's Defense Forces Maj. Joseph Mackezie Masanja and MAF Capt. Lif Mohamed Diadje, all Public Relations Officers take a look at an issue of Soldiers Magazine during their tour of the Defense Media Activity at Fort Meade, Md., Aug. 25.

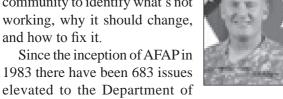
Opinion & Editorial

Committee reviews AFAP issues while working against budget confines

The Army Family Action Plan is an incredibly important program that allows senior Army leaders to understand the needs of Soldiers, civilians and Families and continue to deliver on the promise of

the Army Family Covenant. It's a grassroots effort by the Army community to identify what's not working, why it should change, and how to fix it.

the Army level. Of those, 500



have been completed, 144 were unattainable due to either legislative or budget constraints, and 38 remain active.

Twice a year, Army senior leaders and program representatives meet to review the progress made against the remaining active issues and assign a status of active, complete or unattainable. The latest review session was held at the beginning of this month. Of the 35 issues reviewed, it was determined that 22 of those should remain active as work is still being done, five are complete, and the remaining eight are unattainable. The results will make life better for Soldiers, civilians and their Families for years to come.

Now 38 states offer military spouse unemployment compensation compared to only eight in 2002 when this issue was introduced into the AFAP process. In addition, Maryland and the District of Columbia evaluate eligibility on a case-by-case basis. This issue arose because most states considered leaving a job due to military relocation as voluntary rather than involuntary. To get a complete listing of the participating states and to learn more about this issue, visit the Army OneSource website at https://www.

myarmyonesource.com/familyprogramsandservices and search for issue number 524.

Through issue No. 574, funding for the Reserve Component Strong Bonds Program is now available. Its mission is to increase Soldier and Family readiness through relationship education and skills training. Attendees voluntarily participate in a Strong Bonds retreat that provides an emotionally safe and secure environment to address the effects of military lifestyle stressors. To learn more about the Strong Bonds Program, visit www.strongbonds.org.

Three medical and behavioral health issues are nearing completion. Funding for issue 583 which mandates that all stateside installations, including Alaska and Hawaii, provide Advanced Life Support services on or near the installation has been requested for the fiscal year 2013 budget. Issue 646, once approved, eliminates generic mail order prescription cost shares beginning in fiscal year 2012. Lastly, an increase in authorizations of career coordinators assigned to Wounded Warrior Soldiers and their Families/Caregivers is also complete. Warrior Transition Units now have Military Career Counselors and Transition Coordinators to assist transitioning warriors with developing career and education goals.

Although some issues remain active, considerable progress has been made. An example is issue 641 which recommends a comprehensive strategy to optimize alternative treatment options to manage pain and prevent over medication. Three years ago, more than 95 percent of our Wounded Warriors at Walter Reed were on opioid narcotics. Today that number is 8 percent, and we're moving this practice across to other services.

Part of this year's process also includes improving

our resource management. As the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, it is my responsibility to ensure that the Army delivers on its promise to provide Soldiers, civilians and their Families a quality of life commensurate with the quality of their service. At the same time, it is also our responsibility to be good stewards of the taxpayer's

Currently we're funding hundreds of Family programs at approximately \$2.1 billion. As an Army we have to embrace a cost culture in order to sustain the force and accomplish our strategic imperatives effectively and efficiently. The three fundamental questions we must all ask ourselves are: Do we really need it? Is it worth the cost? What are we willing to do without?

Of those programs, what are we willing to do without? Which programs should be combined, and which should be eliminated? Which ones are no longer useful, and which programs need more resources?

Over the past few months through Army OneSource we have asked the Army Family what are our most valuable programs and which ones are least important. I've also received input from senior leaders at the garrison level.

This information collected at the grassroots level will be invaluable as we move forward in the ever changing fiscal environment. Be assured that Army leadership is fully aware of the sacrifices Soldiers and their Families have made over the past 10 years. With this awareness, we continue to fulfill the promise of the Army Family Covenant.

> - Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch Commanding General, **Army Installation Management Command**

TOUR: African public affairs officers tour facilities that train U.S. military, new technology

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These discussions with the visited agencies were a key part of the visit and helped not only the African officers, but enlightened the staff at DINFOS of some of the issues those officers face back in their home countries, staff members said.

Jimmie Bell, director of staff said, "These visits allow the foreign officers

to get an appreciation of our training, but also allows our staff to learn about the public affairs programs, or sometimes, lack of programs, in other countries."

The highlight for all of the participants was the visit and tour to the Defense Media Agency.

Their brand new facility on Fort Meade is the home of the AFN Network Headquarters Pentagon Channel and

Soldiers Magazine.

"We have nothing like this in Tanzania, and we won't for many years," said Lt. Abubakari Hemedi Msoffe, public relations officer, of the state-of-the art television and production studios.

Msoffe said he was in awe at the ability of DMA to quickly, effectively and professionally tell the stories of the servicemembers from around the world.

"It is something which we need to strive for," Msoffe said.

This was the first public affairs familiarization visit for U.S. Army Africa, and more are planned.

"There are many benefits of these visits," said Bell. "Giving these countries a taste of what we do and how we can help them builds relationships between the nations."

Speak

What do you recommend to reduce pollution or protect the environment?



Thomas Ballou Family member "I think the post should pick a day every month to close the roads to car traffic."



"Take care of water consumption."

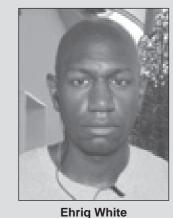


CW4 Tammy Drousche PHCD-South Europe "Recycle as much as possible."



DoDDEA "I suggest having our community ride more bikes and walking to reduce car

pollution and smog."



AAFES "For pollution, I'd recommend the use of bicycles for transportation instead of cars on the installation."

By Laura Kreider

1st Bn., 503rd Soldier dies after falling into coma

173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs Office

Army Sgt. Jonathan T. Pierce from the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, died Saturday. He had been in a coma since Sept. 7.

Pierce, 30, collapsed at his home and was rushed to San Bortolo Hospital in Vicenza. The cause of death has not been officially determined.

Col Andrew Rohling, 173rd ABCT commanding officer said, "Sergeant Pierce was a talented noncommissioned officer and a valued member of the Sky Soldier Family. Our concern and focus now is with his Family and assisting them during this difficult time."

A memorial service for Pierce will be held Friday at 10 a.m. at the post chapel.

For information contact Sgt. 1st Class John Heintzelman at 634-7279. The military uniform for the ceremony is ACUs and casual for civilians.



Sgt. Jonathan T. Pierce

Prepare for the unexpected during Emergency Preparedness Month

By Grant Sattler

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs Office

In an emergency event, authorities may order an evacuation, or they may determine it is safer for people to stay in their workplace, homes, or other indoor locations. Taking action to stay put is called "Shelter in Place."

Emergency Preparedness Month this September offers a reminder to think about preparation for the unexpected. If bad weather or an accident or event makes it advisable to stay inside and create a barrier between yourself and potentially contaminated air outside, how do you seal the room? This type of sheltering does require some preplanning.

After ensuring coworkers or family and pets are inside, lock doors, close windows, air vents and fireplace dampers. Turn off fans, air conditioning and forced-air heating systems.

Gather your emergency kit and supplies and move everyone to an interior room with no or as few windows as possible. Seal all windows, doors and air vents with

plastic sheeting and duct tape. If you've planned ahead, the pieces should be already cut to size and stored in the interior room for easy access. Continue to monitor the situation via TV, radio or internet for official news and instructions.

In an emergency situation, official instructions may direct the shut off of home utilities. You should know where electric, gas and water shut-off valves are located. Ensure adult family members know how to turn off valves and know the location of any tools needed. If you turn off the gas, a professional must turn it back on. Do not turn the gas back on yourself.

In the case you decide to leave or are ordered to evacuate by authorities, you should have already considered your options and developed an evacuation

Predetermine where your family will meet, both within and outside your immediate neighborhood. Keep at least a half tank of gas in your vehicle at all times. Pre route some alternate ways to leave the area and monitor traffic conditions if possible. Take your emergency preparedness kit. Lock your residence or workplace behind you.

Do not leave your pets behind, but be aware that only service animals may be allowed in public shelters. Ensure you have what you need to care for your pets in an emergency.

Some additional tips include: calling or emailing the "out-of-area" contact in your family communications plan and inform them of your destination. If there is damage to your home and you are instructed to do so, shut off utilities. Leave a note telling others when you departed and where you are headed. Check with neighbors to ensure they are not in need of assistance.

Emergency Preparedness Month 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.

Survey to help target best communication strategy for military Families

U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Public Affairs Office

"Staying connected" with what's happening in the community means different things to different people. To help U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza do a better job meeting the information needs of the Vicenza Military Community, the command is asking for your help.

A community-wide information survey is being conducted now through the end of September to help the command make information available in ways that community members want it. conducted both

members' information consumption habits and desires hasn't been done for several years," said Grant Sattler,

Garrison Public Affairs officer. "In fact, the last time it was conducted, social media was not even considered."

Recognizing the wide demographic of the Vicenza military community, the survey is being

"This type of pulsing of community electronically and with traditional USAGVicenzaSurvey or click on the in the community."

printed surveys.

"We are trying to reach individuals who may not be receiving information

> about community activities at all to see how they can be better served," Sattler said. "We also want to see how community members would prefer to communicate with the command on issues they may feel are important to the community."

The brief survey is available directly at www.

link at the garrison website at www. usag.vicenza.army.mil, the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation website at www.vicenzaMWR.com or by using the QR Code at left for Smartphone

Hardcopies will be available at a variety of locations around the community during the survey period.

"We really need to hear from as many people as possible to ensure we're providing for their needs and not wasting resources," Sattler said. "It just takes a couple of minutes to help us keep you SurveyMonkey.com/s/ better informed of events and activities

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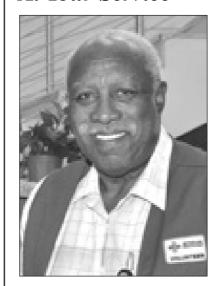
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At Your Service



U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza

Frederick (Fred) Williamson has been a volunteer for the U.S. Army Health Center since Sept. 2010. He greets and assists health center patients in locating the various clinics and services provided by the heath center.

"I like to consider myself as being a customer service representative, a job I truly like," he said.

According to Williamson, his main reason for volunteering is, "to get out of the house. But, I also felt the urge to become part of the community and I could see no better way of doing it than volunteering."

To volunteer at the health clinic contact the American Red Cross office at 634-7972. To suggest a new staff member or volunteer to be featured in "At Your Service," email their name, contact information and why we should feature him or her to The Outlook staff at editor@eur.army.mil.

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News



Photo by Mindy Anderson



Photo by Julie M. Lucas



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Above, LIsa Tietjen, assistant center manager for the Vicenza USO serves cookies to local scouts before a prayer service for 9/11. Above left, Mr. Antonio Gregolin, journalist and artist from Vicenza, shows a 9/11 exhibit in Piazza dei Signori to, from the left, Angela Balbo, interpreter; Maj. Gen. David. R. Hogg, commander, U.S. Army Africa and Mayor of Vicenza Achille Variati Sunday. Gregolin is the owner of the material from the exhibit.

At left, members of the Vicenza military community watch remembrance videos during a ceremony held at the chapel Sept. 9.

American, Italian communities unite to remember Sept. 11

By Mindy Anderson

U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs Office

A wreath was hung at the 9/11 Memorial in Padova, to begin the day. The afternoon brought prayers and hymns at the Chiesa di Santa Maria dei Servi in downtown Vicenza. The evening ended with hope for a better world at the Villa Cordellina Lombardi in Montecchio Maggiore.

Throughout the day, more than 3,500 Americans and Italians united to mark the 10th anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks at the Pentagon in Virginia, World Trade Center in New York, and crash site of Flight 93 in Pennsylvania.

"It is only fitting of our moral and ethical duty to honor victims of the attacks," said Maj. Gen. David. R. Hogg, commander, U.S. Army Africa. "Those victims include citizens who perished from over 90 countries - including 10 Italian citizens. Today we pause to remember victims of terrorism in every nation around the world," he said.

According to Hogg, individuals, communities, and nations have proven they are stronger than fear. He added that across Europe, countries have responded collectively over the last 10 years to

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reduce the threat of terrorism.

"The collaborative effort of many nations working across borders to support the common good has been instrumental in strengthening the efforts of the international community," Hogg said. "Together, we have reduced the capabilities of terrorists groups. The United States remains committed to working with our European allies and partners to confront and counter violent extremists and all transnational threats."

Mayor of Vicenza Achille Variati said there are sprouts of liberations arising in certain areas of the world, such as parts the Arab world, which for decades have experienced fierce oppression and civil, religious and military tyranny that restricted freedom.

"For all of these people who have recently experienced the recent wars, there now seems to have come the time to take the leading role again, this time on their own terms, this time infused with a genuine breath of liberation as a nation, as throngs of citizens, who claim for themselves the same rights that we as Westerners know and have grown with - sometimes not appreciating them enough - for decades or centuries now."

Variati said we are witnessing the rise of social tensions that seem to be coming

to the breaking point, almost ready to violently explode.

Every day we update the statistics on poverty, here in the wealthy West, in the rich Italy, in our rich Veneto land, and in our city, this city that has been the symbol of the coexistence of the Italian and American communities for over half a century, Variati said.

"Today we are called to rethink our world in order to save it, as it happened after the 9-11 attacks, after the wars and after the riots of the 'Arab Spring'," Variati said. "We are called to redefine our priorities and our choices. We are reminded of what the essential values are, for which it is right and even a duty to fight," he said.

Variati stressed the need for a brighter future that gives us the desire to be better and to make the world around us better.

"It is hope that makes us consider children the most precious thing and makes us fight the most important battles, that drives us to lift our eyes from the miseries and look up at the stars," Variati said. "And even more so in this time of crisis, in this uncertain times, in this time of fear. Pain and grief make men become brothers in the shadow of death. Hope makes us brothers under the luminous

sign of life," he said.

Honoring the resilience of individuals, families, and communities on every continent, whether in New York or Nairobi, Bali or Belfast, Victoria or Vicenza, resonated throughout Hogg's comments

"Vicenza is a wonderful city, with a long and proud history of community service and care for the less fortunate," Hogg said. "And Italy, like many other European countries, has demonstrated resilience over the past decade."

For more than 55 years of the Italian and American military partnership, the citizens of Vicenza have exercised mutual respect for and acceptance of other nationalities and cultures, and those who have traditionally shouldered the burdens of defending freedom and democracy.

"We take solace knowing that we are not alone in the experience or defense of freedom," Hogg concluded. "In distant lands far from Vicenza, young men and women, Italian and American, stand shoulder to shoulder in harm's way to preserve and protect our liberty, and we are grateful for the immense burden carried by the people of Italy in support of peace, stability, and universal human rights."

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Camp Darby

American and Italian soldiers lay a wreath at the Remembrance and Hope ceremony at the Camp Darby Chapel Sept. 9 to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

Additional photos of local Tuscany 9/11 remembrance memorials can be found at www.flickr.com/photos/campdarby/sets.



Camp Darby commemorates 10th anniversary of 9/11

Story and photo by Chiara Mattirolo

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

The Camp Darby Community gathered on Sept. 9 at the Camp Darby Chapel to commemorate the 10th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attack.

"I am sure everyone will still remember exactly where he was and what he was doing the moment they found out about the terrorist attack," said Lt. Col. Kevin Bigelman, U.S. Army Garrison Livorno commander.

The ceremony included a wreath laying and the lighting of

three candles symbolizing remembrance, comfort and hope for the firefighters, servicemembers and civilians who died in the attacks, their families and subsequent military operations.

"Even after 10 years," said Rosemary Musto, "the pain and sense of desperation is just as deep as it was that Sept. 11 at 8:46 a.m."

Bigelman added that the meaning of the gathering was to take a minute to pray together for the victims of the 9/11 assault and also for the victims of the Iraq and Afghanistanwars.

"That attack was just so devastating, it still affects all of us, left us with a feeling of fear for what we can risk every day," said Sharon Carter.

Local communities' hold 9/11 remembrance ceremonies

By Joyce Costello

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

On Sept. 10 and 11, the local Italian communities of Cascina and Pietrasanta paid their respects to the victims of 9/11 with ceremonies.

The Cascina local government along with Mayor Alessio Antonelli, unfurled a flag during ceremony Sept. 10 in the town square, representing the twin towers and the lives lost.

"Without a doubt, our generation will be remembered for the horrific event that took place on Sept. 11, 2001," said Lt. Col. Kevin Bigelman, U.S. Army Garrison Livorno commander.

"Americans were not the only victims; actions on that fateful day personally affected citizens from 90 different nations including Italy, which lost 10."

On Sept. 11, the city of Pietrasanta paid respect to the victims of 9/11 terrorist attack by laying a wreath at the town's marble 9/11 pillar sculpture by local artist Beatrice Fineschi in Marina Di Pietrasanta.

"The 9/11 memorial ceremonies were a respectful and touching observance and it was soul stirring to see local towns in Italy paying their respect to the victims," said Army Capt. Nathaniel Paschal, USAG Livorno HHD commander. "Even the Italians that I spoke with could tell you exactly where they were on that fateful day."

Bigelman said "Nineteen misguided madmen on an evil mission can't bring the U.S. or the world to its knees...good always prevails over evil."





Photos by Barbara Ranieri

The Italian cities from the top of Cascina, and Pietrasanta, to the left, paid respect to the victims of the 9/11 terrorist attacks Sept. 10 and 11.

Darby

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

Hispanic Heritage

- Enjoy Salsa dancing and lessons Sept. 21, Oct.
 1, 8 and 15 at the DCC.
 Lesson are from 8-9 p.m.
- Mark your calender for Hispanic Food tasting at the DCC Oct.14

Boy Scouts hiring

Transatlantic Council (Boy Scouts) is hiring a full-time registrar. Office hours are Mondays-Fridays 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Send resume to todvorak@bsamail.org or drop it off at our building between the vet office and Sea Pines lodging.

Women's Empowerment College Scholarships

The Women's Empowerment Award is a \$600 scholarship available to all women at Camp Darby who are official DoD ID cardholders and have completed high school. The next application deadline is Oct. 28. For more information visit http://friendsofcampdarby.com/

Army Community Services

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

CYSS

- CYSS Tennis registration is currently open
- Parents Night Out and Youth Kick Back Night, Sept. 24.
 Call 633-7629.

Bowling Alley

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

Darby Community Club

- 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

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.

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Hot air balloon fest:

Balloon races and rides
over the city will take
place through Sunday
in Ferrara, Bassani
Park, about 70 miles
south of Vicenza.
Entrance is free
during the week and
€3 Saturday-Sunday.
Children younger than
12 entrance is free.



Courtesy photo

Local events

Country & Horse Festival:

Friday-Sunday, in Marola, Torri di Quartesolo, Viale Vittoria, about five miles east of Vicenza. 7 p.m. Food booths featuring country western specialties, grilled meat, sausages, french fries, spritz, beer and wine; country folk craft exhibit and sale.

- Friday: 9:30 p.m. music and country dancing with Djs Luca and Alby
- ◆ Saturday: 4 p.m. horses and horsemen arrival; 5 p.m. halter, western horsemanship, and trail horse shows; 9 p.m. music and country dancing with DJ Eros, Steve, Luke, Nike and live music with Silverado New Country Band
- ◆ Sunday: 12:30 p.m. lunch featuring local specialties; cost is €18; reserve your seat by calling 328-221-8701; for assistance, call Anna Terracino at 634-7169 or email anna.terracino@eur.army. mil; 4 p.m. Quarter Horse Show: reining, barrel racing, pole-bending demonstrations; 9:30 p.m. music and country dancing with the Country Dance School

Fiera del Soco-Tree Trunk Fair:

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. 4 p.m. carnival rides, market; 6 p.m. food booths; fireworks at midnight.

- "Lo Borgo del Soco" medieval village: opens at 7 p.m. with antique market and medieval games with jesters, fire-eaters, and stilt walkers; 10 p.m. puppet show
- "Show Area" 7 p.m. Pilates, Tai Chi Chuan, Kettlebell, and Body Pum demonstrations featured by the Piramidi Fitness Club; 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Checco & B. Band Orchestra
- "Area So ... Country": 8 p.m. Gimkana and airsoft target-shooting competitions; live country

music with The Wranglers band and free country dance lessons at "Be Live! Area" 9 p.m. Riffraff Band – AC/DC tribute band

* Soco means "tree trunk" – The fair's name derives from a 1250 apparition of the Virgin Mary by a tree trunk.

Birralta Fest:

Thursday-Saturday, in Villalta di Gazzo, about 9 miles east of Vicenza. 8 p.m. food booths featuring typical specialties and a wide variety of beers. American bikers and cars are welcome.

- Thursday: 9:30 p.m. live music and dancing with Billy and the Crazy Dogs Band
- Friday: 9:30 p.m. AC Forever in concert AC/DC tribute band
- ◆ Saturday: 9:30 p.m. Lazy Child in concert – Deep Purple tribute band

San Vito Fair:

Friday-Monday, in San Vito di Leguzzano, about 14 miles northwest of Vicenza.

- Friday: 6:30 p.m. arrival of German and Austrian guests and concert of the Austrian Pindsdorf Band; 8 p.m. food booths; charity raffle; 9:30 p.m. music and dancing
- Saturday: 6 p.m. food booths; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Gli Habanera Orchestra
- Sunday: 3 p.m. district competition; food booths; 9 p.m. country music and dancing with DJH Denis
- ◆ Monday: 6:30 p.m. food booths – paella night; 8:30 p.m. music with Elvira & Mister; 9:30 p.m. charity raffle drawing.

Hot air balloon Festival:

Ongoing through Sunday, 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m., in Ferrara, Bassani Park, about 70 miles south of Vicenza. Admission fee: Saturday-Sunday €3 (free for children younger than 12); free entrance Monday-Friday. Balloon races, sports shows, music concerts, flights over the city and the Po Delta by balloon, bounce-houses and entertainment for children, Renaissance village, food booths

• Flights over the city and the Po Delta by hot air balloon, Monday-Friday, departing Bassano Park 7:30-9 a.m. & 5-7:30 p.m., 1 hour/flight for €150; €130 for kids younger than 13; Saturday and Sunday rides are €180

• Hot-air balloons tied-up flights: daily from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 5-8 p.m.; €5 and €3 for children younger than 12

Antique and collectors' items market:

Sunday, in Asiago, Via Trento and Via J. Scaiaro, about 34 north of Vicenza

Carnival rides:

Ongoing through Sunday, in Vicenza, Campo Marzo, weekdays 4 p.m.-midnight and 3 p.m.-midnight on Sundays and holidays.

Babybuskers – Children's Street Art festival:

Saturday and Sunday at 2:30-6:30 p.m., in Vicenza, Piazza dei Signori, & 4-7:30 p.m. Music and theatrical performances, puppet shows, clowns, magic tricks and much more.

Honey exhibit and sale:

Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., in Vicenza, Piazza Biade

Horse-drawn carriage tours:

Saturdays through September, 8-11:30 p.m. in downtown Vicenza. Enjoy this unique way of seeing the most beautiful sites in Vicenza. The 20-minute tours depart from and return to Piazza Biade. The cost is €15 for a maximum of four people at a time.

Mini cruises:

One-day excursions to the island of San Giorgio in Venice depart at 8:30 a.m. and return at 6 p.m. from Chioggia, Darsena Le Saline. The cost for January-April, and October-December is €75 per person. May-September, €85 per person. Children 5-10 pay half price and free for children younger than 5. It includes a typical Venetian lunch and local wine. The Monsier Dubois enterprise also offers sailing courses, cultural and naturalistic cruises and excursions in the Venice lagoon. For more info in English, visit http://www.monsieurdubois.it/uk/ charter1.htm

"Once upon a time" contemporary art exhibit:

FREE concerts,

exhibits & events

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 Sunday, Wednesday-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.

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.

Gold in Vicenza - exhibit:

Ongoing through Sunday. Thursdays, Saturdays-Sundays, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3-7 p.m.; Fridays 3-7 p.m., in Vicenza, ViArt, Contrà del Monte 13.

Concerts

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)

Hip Hop festival: Oct. 22 in Grugliasco (Torino) 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

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.

Bike Colli Berici, Oct. 8
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 Wine and purse shopping,

Pisa and marble shopping,

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.

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

Thursday	Larry Crowne (PG 13)			
Friday	Judy Moody/Bummer Summer (PG)	6 p.m.		
	Horrible Bosses (R)	9 p.m.		
Saturday	Transformers 3 (PG 13)	3 p.m.		
	Bucky Larson (R)	6 p.m.		
Sunday	Transformers 3 (PG 13)	3 p.m.		
	Bucky Larson (R)	6 p.m.		
Wed.	Horrible Bosses (R)	6 p.m.		
Sept. 22	Transformers 3 (PG 13)	6 p.m.		
Sept. 23	Zookeeper (PG 13)	6 p.m.		
	Harry Potter Part 2 (PG 13)	9 p.m.		
Camp Darby Theater				
Friday	Transformers 3 (PG 13)	6 p.m.		
Saturday	Horrible Bosses (R)	6 p.m.		

Saturday Horrible Bosses (R) 6 p.m.

Sunday Colombiana (PG 13) 1 p.m.

Sept. 23 Harry Potter Part 2 (PG 13) 6 p.m.

Admission: Age 12 and older, \$4, younger than 12, \$2.

View MOVIE TRAILERS and more online at

The Ederle theater box office opens one hour prior to show.

www.shopmyexchange.com/ems/euro/vicenza.htm **or** www.aafes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm.

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Community briefs

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.

Estate claim

Anyone having any claims on or obligations to the estate of Sgt. Jonathan Pierce, of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, should contact the summary court officer, 2nd Lt. Adam Wojciechowski, at 634-7346.

VCC

The Vicenza Community Club is sponsoring a country barbecue and membership drive Wednesday at 8 p.m. at the Golden Lion. This event is open to the whole community.

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

- Army Family Action Plan is collecting issues for the AFAP Conference. Submit your issues at: http://www.vicenzamwr.com/ acs_afap.html. The deadline for issue submission for the 2012 Conference is Nov. 1, 2011.
- Become a community volunteer, build your experiences

and resume and meet a new network of people. Call the Army Volunteer Corps to find out about the volunteer opportunities in our community. Register online at www. myarmyonesource.com and your volunteer hours will follow you to any installation. Visit the Army Volunteer Corps Office upstairs in ACS. Call 634-7500 for more information.

Arena

- Monday and Tuesday are "One Dollar Bowling Days" this fall. Bowl all day long for just \$1 per game. Shoe rental is \$2.50. Bring your friends and bowl a few.
- Texas Hold'em is Saturday, 8 p.m. in the Lion's Den.

Soldiers' Theatre

- Music Café is back Friday at 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.
- Auditions for the upcoming Comedy Improv will be held Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Soldiers' Theatre. There is a variety of parts available and no experience is necessary. Wear comfortable clothes and be prepared to play improv games, scenes and sketches that will be provided. The show will be directed by Aaron Talley. Last year's production was a huge hit, so don't miss the chance to be a part of so much fun for the audience and performers alike.
- Soldiers' Theatre presents "Tuna Fish Eulogy" by Lindsay Price, featuring the talents of; Donna Cassels, Dalton-Jesse Cummins, Bethany Hacker and Aaron Talley, directed by Jerry Brees. Twelve years after his death, Albert wants answers ... but is he really prepared to hear the truth? The tragedy of a young boy's death is examined. This is mystery and misery that is sure to generate conversation. Performances in Vicenza are one weekend only — Sept. 30-Oct. 2 at 7:30 p.m. and a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the Box

Office. Call 634-7281 or 0444-71- with three completed cards. 7281.

CYS Services

- Tweens and Teens can be a part of creating the second quarterly VicenzaZine Magazine. In this EDGE! Program youth will produce a magazine for their peers. Beginning Sept. 22 on Thursdays 4-5:30 p.m. through Dec 15. Call 634-7052 to sign up.
- Parent Central Services will be closed for renovation Monday-Sept. 25. Limited registration and enrollment services will be available during this time at the SKIES office located in building 395. For more information call 634-8051.
- Visit www.vicenzamwr.com for a complete listing or call Parent Central Services at 634-7219.

Hispanic Heritage

A Hispanic American Heritage Month Observance will be held Sept. 22 at the Vicenza Middle School from 1:30-2:30 p.m. This free event is open to the community. For information, contact Master Sgt. Richard Colon at 634-7914 or at richard.colon@eur.army.mil.

AAFES/DECA council meetina

A meeting with AAFES and the commissary will be held Sept. 26 at 10:30 a.m. in Davis Hall, building 108. The meeting is open to the community.

Arts & Crafts Center

- It's not too early to start thinking Halloween costumes. Costume designer Daisey Bingham is back with Little Critters on Wednesday. Learn some basic sewing techniques and make something for you, your child, or pet. Check out the samples in the windows.
- Try out all the great techniques you can do with rubber stamps Sept. 23. This beginner's class will get you started with types of ink, paper and stamps available, plus how to choose materials and embellishments. There is so much more you can do but you'll start with card making and walk away

Girl Scouts

Registration for the 2011-2012 year of Girl Scouts in Vicenza will be Sept. 24 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the park across from the Vicenza High School. Girls need \$30 in registration fees and a parent or guardian for sign up. Girls must be 5 years old by Sept. 30 to register for Girl Scouts this year. For more info., call Nancy at 349-5209980.

Boy Scouts

Due to a scheduling conflict with the VES and VMS Open Houses, the Cub Scout Pack 295 first pack meeting will now be Sept. 22 from 6-7 p.m. at the Caserma Ederle Chapel.

MOMS Club events

- CK Lunch play date, Friday
- Toddler play group, Monday, Sept. 28
- Book club, Monday
- Nove Zoo trip, Wednesday
- Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, Bologna, Sept. 25
- Monthly Meeting, Sept. 26
- Out-n-About, Sept 28 These events are subject to change. For further information email momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com.

White House Transportation Briefing

Soldiers with an MOS of 88M and 88N are invited to a brief by the White House at the Hall of Heroes, building 205, Sept. 22 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. For more info. contact Sgt. 1st Class Melissa Wakefield at 634-7387 or Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rundblade at 634-7108

SAT/ACT Testing

The ACT registration/test dates for SY11/12 will be Nov. 4/ Dec. 10, Jan. 13/Feb. 11, and March 9/April 14. The SAT registration/ test dates for SY11/12 will be Oct. 7/Nov. 5, Nov. 8/Dec. 3, Feb. 10/March 10 and April 6/May 5. These tests are administered at Vicenza High School. For more information, contact John Zaborek at 634-7882 or john.zaborek@ eu.dodea.edu.

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.

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.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kyle Davis

General wellness: Sgt. Brenden Hart, medic from Vicenza Health Clinic, ensures U.S. Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg is well-prepared for the upcoming flu season. More information on availability of flu shots will be released as it becomes available.

DON'T BE LATE: E-mail briefs to editor@eur.army.mil noon on Monday, or by 4 p.m. Friday if Monday is a holiday.

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Sports

Vicenza soft Baller's place third in Labor Day tourney



The Baller's Vicenza Community softball team recently placed third in a tournament at Camp Darby. Members of the team are pictured from the left, back row: Eric Stiles, Robert Straughn, Michael Robledo, Will DeLong, Bruce Griggs, Jason Thrall, James Manning; front row: Ryan Scheibley, Anthony Bechly; not pictured: Christian Lopez

By David Konop

Baller's Vicenza community softball team

Finishing on a strong note, the Vicenza community softball team placed third in Camp Darby's Labor Day Tournament by beating Naples 11-10.

Vicenza also beat teams from Bamberg, Aviano and Darby winning five games during the two-day tournament.

Three players were named to the all-tournament team; Christian Lopez, Ryan Scheibley and Anthony Bechly.

Since April, the Vicenza community softball team has practiced weekly in preparation for community softball tournaments hosted in Europe.

Earlier, Vicenza defeated Naples at Darby in a Memorial Day Tournament but failed to place. Vicenza did not place in a recent tournament hosted by Garmisch, either. In the end, it was Bruce Griggs who held the team together.

"We know we have the players in Vicenza for a solid community team," said Griggs. "With sixteen unit-level softball teams I got to see enough talent to have a solid community team, but a lot of potential players balk when they find out the tournaments are on the weekend."

The Vicenza community softball team is looking to organize next year's team early, they are seeking both players and coaches.

If you are interested, contact David Konop at david.konop@ eur.army.mil or Griggs at bruce.griggs@eur.army.mil or call Sports, Fitness and Aquatics at 634-7009/7616 and leave your information. The team plans on starting up earlier next year and participating in more tournaments.

VHS girls train with Olympic Soccer Development Program



Courtesy photo

Vicenza soccer coach Charity Smith assists a player with a dribbling technique.

By Tom Hlavacek Special to the Outlook

Maya Swinehart, Alex Frank, Tatiana Miranda and Rima Gasparini traveled to Kaiserslautern, Germany, this month and trained with the U.S. Youth Soccer Europe Olympic Development Program.

They were some of 65 American girls from across Europe training with players from the professional FC Kaiserslautern team.

According to coach Charity Smith, "This two-day camp involved lots of skill training. One session was show training where participants were able to watch or work out with the women's professional team. During the camp, Gasparini was ranked No. 2 among all goalies."

There is a full schedule of activities planned, starting in October. For more information, contact Smith at charity1725@yahoo.com.

Volunteers needed

The Mako Sharks Swim Team is looking for adult volunteers to assist during 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

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.

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The community is invited to come watch the games. Most games are Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. but schedules vary. Call the Fitness Center for specifics at 634-7616.

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