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Swim team competes in Aviano



Photo by Grant Sattler

Dal Molin progress: U.S. Army Garrison-Vicenza Commander Col. David Buckingham points out highlights to local mayors during a tour Sept. 29. More than 40 mayors from the Venato region attended the event co-hosted by the garrison Italian base Commander Col. Edoardo Maggian, at right.

USARAF exhibit among most unique at AUSA

U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs

WASHINGTON, D.C. — While 30,000 military members and civilians worldwide prepare for the upcoming Army Ten-Miler, an "Army of Others" are preparing for the three days following the road race. On the heels of Sunday's 10-mile running event, starts the Association of the U.S. Army Annual Meeting at our nation's capital, featuring seminars, presentations and the debut of more than a hundred exhibits from military units and defense organizations.

Among these unique exhibits is one from the Army's newest component command – U.S. Army Africa. From appearances, it is a stunning tribute to the accomplishments of the command; a visual and tangible symbol of what the Army is accomplishing in the African theater, said designers.

"Multiple designs began taking form six months ago," said Steve Sanderson, the command's deputy public affairs officer. "The Commanding General of U.S. Army Africa, Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg, selected the final design in the spring."

The design was drawn from the size relationship between the U.S. and Africa, and showcases the enduring partnerships being fostered daily.

Taking the military concept and engineering it into reality is an Austin, Texas,-based firm specializing in oneof-a-kind exhibits. Scott Amerie, vice



U.S. Army Africa photo

Finishing touches are made to the U.S. Army Africa's exhibit at the Association of U.S. Army's annual conference in Washington, D.C. Once the structural frame is in place, the printed graphics are stretched and wrapped to apply it. USARAF's exhibit (No. 2003) provides visitors with a personalized 'Passport,' Visas and photograph of the experience.

president of Xtreme Xhibits, has been working with the U.S. Army and many other large corporations for more than ten years.

"It's an honor and special privilege to be entrusted with building an exhibit for the military," Americ said.

"While I'm grateful for all of our

long-term clients, the military is a special customer and their designs and requirements are unique."

Fabricating the U.S. Army Africa exhibit this year, has been one of the highlights, Amerie said.

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Garrisons to focus on preventing domestic abuse in October

Installation Management Command Europe

HEIDELBERG, Germany — U.S. Army garrisons across Europe have a variety of activities scheduled in October as part of Domestic Abuse Prevention Month.

The theme for this year's campaign, "Together we can end domestic abuse: Act now!," zeros in on the idea that a focused Army community with focused individuals committed to building and maintaining physical, emotional, social and spiritual fitness can prevail over domestic abuse.

"The most important thing we do is to take care of Soldiers, civilians and families," said Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh, while outlining his 10 top priorities.

According to Brandi Stauber, Installation Management Command Europe, Family Advocacy Program manager "taking care of Soldiers, civilians and families is best achieved by community collaboration. Domestic violence is a challenge to our nation; one the military is not immune to."

The Family Advocacy Program is



dedicated to the prevention, education, prompt reporting, investigation, intervention and treatment of spouse and child abuse. The mission is accomplished through a variety of methods: seminars, workshops, counseling and intervention services. One such service, victim advocacy, provides 24/7 non-clinical advocacy services, crisis intervention, safety planning, information, referral, and support.

"Our prevention and education programs, as well as the Army's mandated interventions when abuse has already occurred, are designed to help Families cope with the stressors of transitions, deployments, and the innate challenges of military life and aimed to improve prevention and response to domestic abuse," said Stauber.

Despite these extensive and ongoing

prevention efforts, domestic abuse continues to occur, thus undermining family readiness and Army core values. "For example, Soldiers and their Family members may fail to recognize risk factors that affect their relationships" said Stauber. "Research shows that risk factors such as combat-related post-traumatic stress, substance abuse, exposure to violent video games, pornography, and behaviors related to risk taking and sensation seeking, all play into and complicate the problem of domestic abuse."

Stauber said she encourages Soldiers and their Families to participate in their garrison's Domestic Abuse Prevention Month activities and utilize the resources available to prevent domestic abuse.

Prevention and intervention can be achieved through a variety of actions such as strengthening your own relationships and connecting neighbors or Family members experiencing problems to reporting point of contact and referral sources.

For more information about Domestic Abuse Prevention Month activities in Vicenza, call Army Community Services at 634-7500.

Domestic abuse prevention month local scheduled events include:

Oct. 1-31: There will be a display Community Quilt of Hope & Silent Witness Silhouettes, in various locations around the post.

Oct. 13: The Mile Against Domestic violence dash (MAD Dash) Community Run/Walk. Registration is race day at 7:30 a.m. at the Arena. Following the race will be a raffle with prizes.

Oct. 15/22/29: Self Defense Classes for mothers and daughters will be offered in the Fitness Center, 10 a.m.-noon. To sign up, call ACS at 634-7500. Following the event will be a raffle with prizes.



Proclamation signing: Maj. Gen. David Hogg, commanding general, U.S. Army Africa, signs the Domestic Abuse Prevention Month proclamation at the Info-X meeting Wednesday as U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Commander Col. David Buckingham looks on. The proclamation states, "Every year, October is designated as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in the Army and the United States. Today, I want to highlight the command emphasis on prevention and encourage you to take part in the events and educational forums that will help us all fulfill the duty of taking care of the total Army Family. First, Army leaders are committed to effective prevention by creating a climate of safety and respect. We want to assist victims and educate others so they don't become victims. Domestic violence undermines the Army's core values and is unacceptable. The fact is domestic violence affects family readiness. The repercussions of domestic abuse can affect the unit, the command, and ultimately the entire Army community. This is Domestic Violence Prevention Month and we want to arm ourselves with knowledge and information that will make our Army community stronger. Remember, there are no bystanders when it comes to this issue, we all have a responsibility to intervene. If you are touched in any way by domestic violence you are not alone. There are many resources on this installation to assist you. The Family Advocacy Program located in Davis Hall can help you get started."

Photo by Laura Kreider

Speak Out



Staff Sgt. Eric Beach
USARAF
"I would like to get kids
more involved in sports
or extra curricular
activities and less time
playing video games."

If you had more time, what would you do to help the community?



Anabella Brock
Family member
"Spend more time volunteering in the CDC."



Bridget Craig
Family member
"Being more green
and riding my bike on
weekends."



Lisa Gray
CYSS
"I would like to help
create a big brother/big
sister program for all the
youth."



Patrizia Testolin
AAFES
"I would volunteer,
helping people who get
hurt in the field and their
families."

By Laura Kreider

Garrison news

Think P.I.N.K. this October to reduce breast cancer risk

By Theresa K. Jackson

U.S. Army Public Health Command

October brings with it many great things — the start of autumn, beautiful foliage, football games, candy corn, pumpkinflavored lattes ... and a lot of pink.

So why does the first full month of autumn take on a rosy hue across America? All of the pink we see from now through Halloween is to raise awareness for women's health because October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer in women worldwide. About 1 in 8 women in the United States (12 percent) will develop invasive breast cancer during the course of their lifetimes. In fact, this year in the United States alone, more than 230,000 women — or nearly 600 women per day—will be diagnosed.

Therefore, the U.S. Army Public Health Command encourages all of our

female Soldiers and Army wives, sisters, mothers, and daughters to Think P.I.N.K. this October: Men can also be victims of breast cancer and should also remember the tips below.

P – Participate in screening

The chances of survival are better if any cancer is detected early and before it spreads to other parts of the body. In fact, when breast cancer is found early and confined to the breast, the five-year survival rate is 98 percent. To promote early detection, the American Cancer Society recommends that women in their 20s and 30s receive a clinical breast exam every three years and that women age 40 and older receive a yearly CBE as well as a yearly mammogram.

I – Invest in prevention

Women often struggle with balancing family, work and taking care of themselves. In one study from the Women's Health Initiative, as little as 1 a fourth to 2 and half hours per week of brisk walking breast cancer by 18 percent.

N - Note your risks

All women are at risk for breast cancer. The two most important risk factors for breast cancer are being female and getting older. Most breast cancers and associated breast cancer deaths occur in women age 50 and older. Risk also increases if you have a first-degree relative (mother, daughter or sister) who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

K - Know your body

No matter your age, you should become familiar with how your breasts look and feel. If you notice any changes such as a lump, swelling, dimpling, pain or redness, see your healthcare provider right away. Finding a breast change does not necessarily mean that you have cancer; your provider will be able to offer you additional information and next steps.

If you or your family member would like additional information on Women's

reduced a woman's risk of developing Health Month and Breast Cancer Awareness, visit:

- American Cancer Society: http:// www.cancer.org/Cancer/BreastCancer/ index
- National Cancer Institute: http:// www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/types/
- National Women's Health Resource Center: http://www.healthywomen.org/

Susan G. Komen for the Cure: http:// ww5.komen.org/

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Office on Women's Health: http://www.womenshealth.gov/.

The U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza is sponsoring a free five-kilometer run/ walk Oct. 22 on the track. The event will feature refreshments, speakers, information booths, chair massages and prizes for best dressed Pink Spirit and 5k participant adults and teens. Registration begins is from 8-9 a.m. and the race begins at 9 a.m.

Military to find changes in pay, COLA reduced as euro value drops

By Lt. Tim Hawkins

Navy Region Europe, Africa, Southwest Asia Public Affairs

Servicemembers stationed overseas will see a reduction in their Overseas Cost of Living Allowance due to a decrease in the annual spendable income index, the Defense Travel Management Office announced Sept. 29.

Spendable income pay tables, updated at the start of each new fiscal year, are among many factors used to compute COLA. In addition, the euro's declining value against the dollar is also contributing to the new reductions in COLA for servicemembers stationed in Europe.

An E-6 Sailor with 10 years of service, two dependents, and stationed in Spain, Italy or Greece, is projected to receive approximately \$60 less than the COLA previously received for the Sept. 16-30 pay period.

Paychecks issued Oct. 16 will reflect COLAs for the Oct. 1-15 pay period.

According to DTMO, COLA amounts are not fixed and shift each pay period to reflect changes in spendable income, shopping patterns, prices of goods and services, and currency fluctuations.

Two months ago, COLA amounts across Italy changed when DTMO revised the cost of living index in Italy, following completion of the annual Retail Price Survey.

COLA is a nontaxable allowance designed to offset higher overseas prices of non-housing goods and services for uniformed personnel. Each servicemember can calculate their specific COLA online by visiting www. defensetravel.dod.mil/site/cola.cfm.

COLA amounts are based on a servicemember's rank, years of service, number of dependents, and location, along with the currency rate at the time.

For more news and information about the EURAFSWA region, visit www.cnic.navy.mil/europe or www.facebook. com/cnreurafswa.

AUSA: Unique display at annual conference

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Bringing the exhibit to life are a dozen members from the command, including U.S. Army Africa's Ten-Miler Team. Leveraging interactive displays, videos and hand-held Wi-Fi terminals showcasing the command's social media sites, this team is excited to share the Army Africa story and what's being done to help Africa.

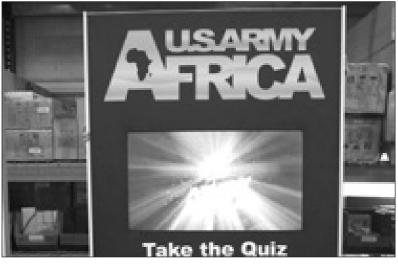
The display shows that despite many challenges, there are signs of progress and more is achievable. Importantly, Africa's development agenda is increasingly African-

Exhibit members have recent experience of the experience.

in support of the U.S. Government's efforts to promote peace and stability in Africa, Sanderson said. They can speak 'first hand' about working with African land forces.

The U.S. Army Africa exhibit will illustrate how major exercises demonstrate a multinational military approach, involving numerous Africanpartner nations, focused on humanitarian and civic assistance, disaster relief and regional security. In contrast, visitors can learn how even small teams are making big impacts in many ways.

Attendees are encouraged to receive their personalized "passport," Visas and photograph



An interactive, eight-question quiz will replace briefings at the U.S. Army Africa AUSA exhibit in Washington, D.C. in October. Following each quiz question and answer, an informative 30-second video will further explain the response.

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Community Camera



Hispanic Heritage:

Gloria Mendez, in a traditional costume, hands out some traditional food samples during this year's **Hispanic American Heritage Month** celebration held at the Vicenza Middle School Sept. 22. Before the food sampling, Vicenza Middle School Principal Dr. Julio **Gonzalez introduced** this year's theme, "Many Backgrounds, Many Stories, One American Spirit" at the Multi Purpose Room.

Photo by Laura Kreider



Photo by Julie M. Lucas

Lunch at the hospital: Sgt. Bradley Clark, right, operating room tech, serves lunch to employees at San Bortolo hospital. A few times a year, the U.S. Army Health Center and the Vicenza hospital join together socially to celebrate their combined service to the Vicenza military community.



Photo by Laura Kreider

VCC BBQ: Arlana Young, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Parent Central Services director, right, assists some children during the activities held at the Country Barbecue sponsored by the Vicenza Community Club at the Golden Lion Sept. 21.



Photo by Julie M. Lucas

Multicultural spouses: Keith Bracey, center, attorney with the Staff Judge Advocate General's office, speaks to members of the Multicultural spouse group at Davis Hall Sept. 30.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Coupon Social: ACS volunteers sort coupons during the Coupon Social held at ACS Sept. 23. The Coupon Program is part of the ACS Financial Readiness Program and currently consists of 30 volunteers, working with the direction of lead volunteer Tricia Bailey.

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Camp Darby

From left, Spc. James McLelland and Sgt. Jamiee Dziesinske, 509th Signal Battalion in Vicenza, prepare to splice cables as part of their cable systems installer and maintainer training at 509th Signal Bn. Network **Enterprise Center Livorno.**



Photo by Frank Maloney

Minimal costs bring high-speed training

By Marisa Gaona AFN Livorno

In the current environment of budget streamlining, unit training officers often have to find creative ways to keep their troops trained.

The cable systems installation and maintenance Soldiers assigned to the 509th Signal Battalion in Vicenza, got a chance for extra training for job that requires specialized training and practice said Gary Khan, dial central office chief and lead trainer at 509th Signal Bn. Network Enterprise Center Livorno.

"This is definitely hands-on type of work and on-the-job training is probably the best way to train cable

systems installers and maintainers," said but we assisted with some trouble, Khan. "A lot of this takes a lot of skill, especially in the fiber optics splicing. That's a \$30,000 machine and you're trying to splice a fiber that's the size of a hair."

The 509th Signal Bn. in Vicenza did not have the budget or resources to provide this kind of training for their Soldiers, so they asked their network enterprise center at Camp Darby for a little help.

Khan came up with a comprehensive 30-day plan that emphasized hands-on training.

"I liked how the training went beyond the classroom," said Sgt. Jamie Dziesinske, 509th Signal Bn. in Vicenza. "Not only do we get to train, some jobs around post."

"The Signal Soldiers were able to assist with the 839th Trans. Bn. by installing tie cables and patch panels, in order to ready their building so they could be cut over from a commercial phone system to the DSN network; this cost-saving initative is expected to save the 839th thousands of dollars annually in phone bills," said Frank Maloney, director of NEC Livorno.

Khan added that with logistical support from USAG Livorno, all of the training was conducted at minimal cost to the 509th Signal Bn. NEC and they are looking into utilizing other money saving measures to further the mission and quality of service.

J.S. Air Force Birthday (Left) Airman 1st Class Austin Lee: "Capoint; we are second to none." (Right) Kay and Megan Reyes with Wolfgang: "I like the Air Force because it gives me the opportunity to travel, they care for people" (Left) Capt. Ronald Marquez: "Air Force is about sharing camaraderie with other units in the Base, we can't accomplish the mission on our own." (Right) Tech. Sgt. Derrick Pounds: "Air Force is team, team, team." Check out who stars in the Photo of the Day everyday on www.usag.livorno.army.mil

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

Hispanic Heritage

- Enjoy Salsa dancing and lessons Oct. 8 and 15 at the DCC. Lesson are from 8-9 p.m.
- Hispanic food tasting at the DCC Oct.14

BOSS Birthday & Elections

Enjoy free food and cast your vote for the new BOSS council Oct. 20 at DCC. Call 633-7438.

Army Community Services

- Teen Dating/Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Class Oct. 18
- Single Soldiers & Dating Class
- Women's Self-Defense Class Oct. 27.

Call 633-7084.

Beauty and Spa

If you have tickets for services wtih Conny, redeem before Nov. 30. Call 633-7642.

- Shopping Trip to 'i Gigli' mall, Oct. 15
- Perugia Chocolate Festival, Oct. 16

Call 633-7589.

CYSS

Parents' Night Out and Kick Back Night Oct. 29. Call 633-7629.

Darby Community Club Adult Halloween Party, Oct. 29. Call 633-7855.

Outdoor Recreation

There are still spots and T-shirts available for the Run to the Tower Oct. 21. Sign up now to secure your place. Call 633-7775.

Fitness Center

The men's locker room at the gym is closed. Showers are available at the tennis courts or by the pool.

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

- PWOC has a morning group Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., evening Bible Study group Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. and a walking group Thursdays at 9 a.m.
- Men's Bible Study is Wednedays at 6:30 p.m. at the Bowling Alley. Call 633-7267.

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Soave chocolate fest:

The "Chocolando" festival in Soave this weekend from Friday-Saturday features free chocolate tasting, workshops and jazz music.



Courtesy photo

Local events

Saint Michael Fair, Wine and Pioppini Mushroom Festival:

Friday-Monday, in Costozza di Longare, about 8 miles south of Vicenza. Food booths feature a variety of dishes with local pioppini mushroom and other local specialties; Carnival rides for children and adults; charity raffle.

- Friday: 7 p.m. food booths; 9 p.m. Country night with Luka-Nike Country DJ
- Saturday: 6:30 p.m. food booths; 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Tortuga Dance &
- Sunday: 6:30 p.m. food booths; 7:30 p.m. Latin-American, Caribbean and ballroom dance shows with Team Diablo P&K; 9 p.m. live music and dancing with I Nuovi Delfini
 - Monday: 7 p.m. food booths

Corn Festival:

Friday-Sunday, in Marano, Sports Center, Viale Europa, about 14 miles north of Vicenza. Indoor food booths and dancing floor. Free entrance.

- Friday: 7 p.m. food booths featuring polenta prepared with Marano corn and fish dishes
- ◆ Saturday: 11 a.m. magic show for children with "The Queen of Flowers"; 9 p.m. singing contest
- Sunday: 9 a.m.-11 p.m. local agricultural exhibit and sale; 9:30 a.m. tractor parade; 3:30 p.m. agricultural products workshops; 5 p.m. fashion show; 8 p.m. Regional dances and songs with Saltamaran and Valleogrine groups

Autumn Festival:

Saturday-Sunday, in Noventa Vicentina, about 21 miles south of Vicenza. Downtown stores will be open all day.

- Saturday: from 8 a.m. in Piazza IV Novembre, vintage farm tools and tractors exhibit; 4 p.m. mushroom exhibit and sale
- Sunday: 8:30 a.m. booths featuring typical agricultural Berici products open; 8:45 a.m. farmyard animals exhibit; 9 a.m. old trades show; 9:30 a.m. mushroom and pumpkin exhibit; 10:30 a.m. stand

featuring a variety of local meats opens; 11:30 a.m. best pumpkin award ceremony; at noon sampling of local ham and wine; 2:30 p.m. market featuring items for children in Corso Matteotti; 3:40 p.m. "from milk to cheese" workshop; 5:30 p.m. cheese tasting; 7 p.m. free guided visits to Villa Barbarigo. English guide available upon request. If interested, call Anna Terracino at 634-7169 or email anna.terracino@eur.army.mil.

Chocolate Festival:

Friday noon-10 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-midnight, Saturday 10 a.m.-10 p.m., in Soave, about 23 miles west of Vicenza. Free chocolate tasting and chocolate workshops in Via Roma, free jazz and blues concerts, food booths in Piazza Mercato Grani.

Fish Festival:

Saturday-Sunday, in Malo, about 20 miles northwest of Vicenza. Indoor food booths featuring mixed fried fish, seafood salad, Vicentine dried cod fish, spaghetti with marinara sauce, and stewed cattle fish open at 6 p.m.

Black Truffle Festival:

Sunday, in Crespadoro, about 25 miles northwest of Vicenza. Black Truffle and local food products market and exhibition. Food booths featuring typical dishes prepared with black truffles from 8 a.m-7 p.m.

Chestnut Festival:

Saturday-Sunday, in Sossano, Via Collaredo. Food booths and charity raffle.

- Saturday: 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with I Pionieri Orchestra
- Sunday: 10 a.m. Veneto region dance competition; live music and ballroom dancing with Giacomo Zanna Orchestra

Chestnut Festival:

Friday-Sunday, in Lugo di Vicenza, about 14 miles northwest of Vicenza. Chestnut and walnut exhibit and sale; food booths at 7 p.m.; charity raffle

- Friday: 9 p.m. live rock with Stoneface Band
- Saturday: 9 p.m. disco night with Double-K Band
 - Sunday: food booths open

at noon; 2:30 p.m. holy mass and procession accompanied by Lugo's musical band; 9:30 p.m. live folkrock with Caso

Our Lady Fair:

Friday-Sunday, in Poleo, Schio, about 18 miles north of Vicenza.

- Friday: 8 p.m. food booths and charity raffle; 9 p.m. live music with The London Band
- Saturday: 7 p.m. food booths and charity raffle; 9 p.m. live music with the Comoria Band
- Sunday: 2:30 p.m. procession accompanied by the Schio musical band; 6:30 p.m. food booths; 9 p.m. live music with the Z29 Orchestra.

Apple and Pear Festival:

Sunday, 2:30-5:30 p.m., in Lusiana, Via Roma and Piazza IV Novembre, about 21 miles north of Vicenza. Local agricultural products exhibit and sale; 3 p.m. Veneto folk dances performed by Tirinballo Group; 3:30 p.m. pumpkin carving show; 4 p.m. apples pressing with tasting of freshly squeezed apple juice and chestnuts.

Home furnishing fair:

Saturday-Oct. 16, in Padova, Via N. Tommaseo, 59, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m., Monday-Friday 5-10:30 p.m. Entrance fee: Saturday and Sunday €7, Monday-Friday €5. Reduced €4. Classic and contemporary furniture, lighting, textiles and accessories.

Art Verona:

Thursday-Monday, in Verona, Viale del Lavoro, about 36 miles west of Vicenza. Thursday 4-7:30 p.m.; Friday- Sunday 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Monday 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Entrance fee: €16; reduced €5 (children ages between 6-12; senior citizens older than 65 years). For details in English, visit http:// www.artverona.it/articles/view/ presentation.

FREE concerts, exhibits & events

Photo exhibit:

Ongoing through Nov. 6.

Vicenza, Piazza Matteotti.

Autumn colors – art exhibit:

Saturday-Sunday, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 4-7 p.m., in Vicenza, Villa Tacchi, Viale della Pace 87.

Concerts

Alice Cooper: Oct. 13 in Padova JAx: Oct. 21 in Padova

David Crosby and Graham Nash: Oct. 29 in Padova

Bob Dylan and Mark **Knopfler:** Nov. 9 in Padova

Fleet Foxes: Nov. 19 in Bologna Christopher Cross: Nov. 20

Lenny Kravitz: Nov. 20 in Villorba (Treviso)

Smashing Pumpkins: Nov. 29 in Padova

White Lies: Dec. 2 in Padova Maroon 5: Dec. 9 in Padova Red Hot Chili Peppers: Dec.

11 in Assago (Milan) Rihanna: Dec. 12 in Assago

(Milan) Soweto Gospel Choir: Dec. 17

in Padova

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

Beretta tour, Oct. 10 Perugia Chocolate Festival, Oct. 15-16

San Martino hike and bike, Oct. 15

Modena balsamic vinegar,

Asiago bike ride, Oct. 22 Wine and purse shopping,

Pisa and marble shopping,

Mount Ortigara hike, Nov. 5

Wine tasting, Nov. 5

Hawk walk and olive oil,

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 Showin

Tuesday-Sunday, 3-7 p.m., in

Bassano del Grappa, Chiesetta

dell'Angelo, Via Roma 80, about

"Evolution" exhibit:

in Cartigliano, Villa Morosini

Cappello, Piazza Concordia 1,

about 18 miles north of Vicenza.

Monday-Friday 8 -20:30 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m.-

noon; 2-6 p.m.; 8-10:30 p.m.

Frecce Tricolori (Tricolor Arrows

- the Italian Air Force Aerobatic

Team) photo exhibit; handmade

wooden models of planes and

space shuttles, to include an "air

force one" model; space shuttle

photo exhibit; Shuttle astronauts'

Pottery exhibit:

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

The Italian Way –

between craft and

technology:

10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-9 p.m., in

Ongoing through Monday,

Ongoing through Nov. 13,

G-suit exhibit.

Monte 13.

Ongoing through Oct. 16,

22 miles northeast of Vicenza.

Ederle Theater

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Thursday	Friends with Benefits (R)	6 p.m.	
Friday	Captain America (PG 13)	6 p.m.	
	Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG 13)	9 p.m.	
Saturday	Captain America (PG 13)	3 p.m.	
	What's Your Number (R)	6 p.m.	
Sunday	Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG 13)	3 p.m.	
	What's Your Number (R)	6 p.m.	
Wed.	Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG 13)	6 p.m.	
Oct. 13	Captain America (PG 13)	6 p.m.	
Oct. 14	Cowboys & Aliens (PG 13)	6 p.m.	
	The Change Up (R)	9 p.m.	
Camp Darby Theater			

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Friday	Crazy, Stupid, Love (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Saturday	Straw Dogs (R)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Captain America (PG 13)	1 p.m.
Oct. 14	Cowboys & Aliens (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.

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Community briefs

Special events

Halloween is coming to Villaggio Oct. 31. Carnival activities will begin at 3:30 p.m. and Trick or Treating for everyone will begin at 6 p.m. Donations for candy are being accepted at the Youth Center in Villaggio until Oct. 21. Everybody deserves a sweet treat so please help. Call 634-5087 for information.

CYSS

Youth grades 6-12 can learn the lifetime skill of scrapbooking with your friends through the CYSS EDGE Scrapbooking Program Oct. 16-Nov. 7. Begin learning how to creatively remember memories with family and friends by enrolling on Web Trac or visiting Parent Central Services in building 108. Sign up has begun for the limited space class. For more information call Tom Hlavacek at 634-7502.

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 the ACS. Call 634-7500 for more information.

Soldiers' Theatre

Auditions for the annual holiday show are Oct. 17, 6:30 p.m. Roles for singers and dancers. Open to families and the community. Join in the fun and celebrate the holidays in an exciting, fast-paced holiday production. For more information call 634-7281.

VES Advisory Council

The Vicenza Elementary School Advisory Council will meet Oct. 13 at 3 p.m. in the elementary school. All parents and interested community members are invited to attend. For information, call the school office at 0444-71-7710.

Arts & Crafts Center

- Join the four-week Italian Cooking class beginning Oct. 14. Learn to make Italian sauces and pasta, plus recipes for fish, meats and vegetables. All materials are included and you get to eat the results. No cooking experience is needed.
- Create a darling no-sew tutu, fairy wand and wings for your childs one-of-a-kinda Halloween costume Wednesday. Call 634-7074 for more info.
- Soap Making Intro is Friday at 3 p.m. Learn the Basics of melting and pouring soaps. This class is required for the soap collection and workshop classes.
- Adult Wheel Throwing is

Oct. 16, 1 p.m. This two-part pottery class includes preparing the clay, centering, opening, pulling, shaping, firing, glazing and more. Come back the following Wednesday at your convenience to complete your piece.

EO volunteers

The Vicenza military community Equal Opportunity Office is seeking volunteers to lend their energy, experience and creativity in support of the National American Indian Heritage Month observances from Nov. 1-30.

For more info contact Master Sgt. Keith Cade, 634-6061 or Master Sgt. Richard Colon, 634-

Retiree Appreciation

Local retirees are invited to attend Retire Appreciation Day at the Luna Bubble, annex building 340, Oct. 20. Registration is from 8-9 a.m. and agencies will be available from 9 a.m.-noon. The list of agencies includes the health clinic, ID car renewal, AAFES, USAA, AUSA, DFAS-Finance and many others. A free lunch will be served and door prizes given away. For more information, visit http:// www.usag.vicenza.army.mil/sites/ community/retiree_service.asp.

Library

This month's theme for Third Thursday is music. Load your favorite tunes onto your iPod, bring it into the Library, plug it into the docking station and join the discussion. Call 634 8419 for more information.

UMUC courses

Autumn is in the air and time for Fall Session II at UMUC Vicenza. Registration is until Oct. 30. Classes run from Oct. 31- Dec. 16. The following classes are being offered locally: Italian 1 and 2, Principles of Accounting, Human Biology & Lab, Intro to Psychology, Intro to Statistics, Intro to Computers, Fundamentals of Writing & Grammar. Active duty

and military spouses can apply for a \$100 textbook scholarship. For more info call 634-7055 or email vice@europe.umuc.edu or visit www.ed.umuc.edu.

Christmas in October

Operation Christmas Child Event sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, Protestant Women of the Chapel & Catholic Women of the Chapel Wednesday, 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the chapel activity room. Families are welcome as there will be children's activities, Christmas music and light refreshments. Bring your wrapped, filled shoebox to place under the tree.

How to pack a shoebox: http:// www.samaritanspurse.org/index. php/occ. Shoe Box labels are located in the back of the chapel sanctuary. For more information about this event, emailvicenza@ PWOC.org.

MOMS Club events

- Fire station visit, Wednesday
- Bunco, Oct. 13
- Toddler play group, Oct. 17,
- Book club, Oct. 17
- Soave castle trip, Oct. 19
- Out-n-About, Oct. 21
- Monthly Meeting, Oct. 24
- Halloween party, Oct. 27

These events are subject to change. For further information email momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com.

DFAC closure

The South of the Alps Dining Facility will be closed weekends in the month of October beginning Saturday. It will be open weekdays for all three meals. Closure is due to the Joint Multinational Readiness Center rotation in Germany. Weekend operations will resume Nov. 5.

AFN HD sports

AFN is now providing limited high-definition programming to authorized audiences in concert with the fall 2011 National Football League season. The AFN Broadcast Center began transmitting an HD version of AFN|sports over decoder channel 801 as a test and the station becomes an official member of the AFN family this Sunday. The HD feed will only be accessible to viewers with the new CISCO D9865 decoders, currently on sale at the Vicenza Exchange. Viewers with the older decoders will still continue to receive all AFN channels, just not the HD feed. Working with partners in providing service to our authorized customers, the Defense Media Activity plans to expand the availability of AFN|sports HD to cover more, and eventually all, of the authorized users as quickly as fiscally and logistically possible. For questions, visit www. afneurope.net.

Tobacco cessation

USAG Vicenza has numerous resources to help community members quit using tobacco. Medications, biofeedback, oneon-one counseling and group education classes are available locally. Contact the Army Wellness Center to schedule attendance at the Tobacco Cessation Class, held every Tuesday from 4-4:45 p.m.

Food Handler's Course

The Food Handler's course has changed to a new time and location. The class will be 10 a.m. in the Pediatrics classroom of the Vicenza Health Center. Class will be conducted on the third Tuesday of each month. For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Craig Brown at 636-9516 or email craig.brown4@amedd.army.mil.

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.

Fall PWOC studies



Photo by Julie M. Lucas

Command breakfast: Command teams from around Caserma Ederle join together quarterly to enjoy breakfast and gain knowledge about Army Community Service programs.

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.

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.

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Sports

Soccer ends, basketball official clinic starts

By Tom Hlavaceck

Special to the Outlook

Signal Company won the U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza 7x7 championship going undefeated and beating the Health Center 5-3 in the finals last week. During regular league play, Signal also dominated the league with a 10-2 record.

In the championship game, players Wilmer Aguilar, Ivan Egusquiza, Erwin Jamieson and Randy Osborn all scored. Jamieson scored two goals and the others each netted one goal. Signal led 3-2 at the half. In the semifinals, Signal won a close 4-3 match over Finance.

The Health Clinic's three goals were by Aaric Alicea, Neville Rose and Chicharito Galvan.

The annual basketball officials clinic starts Tuesday-Oct. 15 and will be hosted in the new Post Fitness Conference Room. The participants will meet during the period 6-9 p.m. and discuss rules, points of emphasis, floor mechanics and take a written test. On Oct. 15, the participants will officiate in a practice game. Hall of Fame basketball officials Peter Webb and Ray McClure will again be this year's clinicians. Officials are needed for military, CYSS and high school games. This is a way to earn money and stay in shape. All officials and time keepers/scorers are required to attend this clinic to become certified for the upcoming season. Contact Mark Juliano or Ricky Jackson for more information at 634-6240 or 634-7009.

The Villaggio Middle School and CYSS teamed to



Courtesy photo

The U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza 7x7 championship was won by Signal Company, in the first row. Second place went to the Health Center team in the back row.

provide an after school fall tennis program for students in grades six, seven and eight.

Physical Education Instructor Martha Tomory said, "Tom Hlavacek and I taught the 15 participants the proper grips, service, forehand, back hand, and volleys."

Ten sessions were conducted Mondays and Wednesdays over a two-month period.

Mako Sharks swim team makes waves at first meet

Mako Sharks swim team

AVIANO — More than 60 swimmers from the Vicenza Mako Sharks traveled to Aviano to compete in their season opener Sept. 24.

The athletes swam against nearly 100 other swimmers from Aviano, Naples and Sigonella. Vicenza finished a strong second in the quad meet, placing behind last year's Southern Division Champions the Naples Tiger Sharks. Vicenza placed ahead of their Northern Italy rivals, the Aviano Sea Dragons, by nearly 200 points.

"The first meet is a great chance for us to see where the kids are compared to the rest of the swimmers in the EFSL.We learned a lot, both good and bad, and will continue to improve to have a better showing next time," said Assistant Coach Alex Hughes.

Nine Mako Sharks already qualified in 13 events for the European Forces Swim League Championships, being held in Eindhoven, Netherlands, over President's Day Weekend in February 2012. These swimmers include: Jamie Casey (8) 50 breast stroke; James Bonney (9) 50 back; Hayden Diaz (10) 100I meters, 50 butterfly, 100 free; Thomas Ballou (10) 50 free; James Jones (13) 50 Free and 100 back; Matteo Borsi (15) 100 butterfly and 100 free; Shane Murrell (15) 50 free; Ben Owens (16) 50 free; and Rima Gasparini (16) 100 breast stroke.

On Sept. 29, the Mako Sharks conducted a swima-thon to raise money for the team to purchase new equipment and offset the travel costs for away meets. Swimmers swam as many laps as they could during a two hour period.

"Many of our youngest swimmers swam over a mile during the event," said Head Coach Michelle Hughes, "while some of our older swimmers swam over 5,000 meters (3.1 miles)."

Several Sharks will be traveling to Sigonella to complete this weekend. The team will host their first home meet of the season at the Caserma Ederle indoor pool Oct. 16. If anyone is interested in volunteering during the meet, contact the team at makosharksswimteam@gmail.com.





Above, Hayden Diaz, 10, member of the Mako Sharks swim team swims during a meet in Aviano Sept. 24. At left, members of the Mako Sharks swim team battles against other swimmers at a meet in Aviano Sept. 24.

Courtesy photo

Sports

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 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.

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Soccer final standings:

Team Win Loss
SIGNAL 10 2 FINANCE
HEALTH CENTER 7 6 USARAF Lions
ABLE CO 6 6 USARAF Wings

The season has ended with Signal Company placing first and the Health Center second. Call the Fitness Center for information on other team sports at 634-7616.

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