

ANSF, Battle Co. secure Highway 1



A Soldier from 2nd Platoon, Battle Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, Task Force 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, pulls security outside the village of Yusof Khyel July 26 as part of Operation Assaly II.

Story and photo by Sgt. Michael Sword
173rd ABCT Public Affairs

LOGAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan - Every day, thousands of cars, buses and highly-decorated trucks travel Afghanistan's Highway 1, the ring road that connects the country's largest and most populated cities. The 300-mile stretch of road between Kabul and Kandahar is the main focus of the area's Afghan National Security Forces and Battle Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, Task Force 173rd.

Trees, grass and fields of deep green provide the impression of rich farmland safe from the frequent violence along the road. However, the ANA and the men of Battle Company know the real story of small-arms fire, improvised explosive devices and ambushes that plague the area, which led them to conduct Operation Assaly II from July 23-27.

"We have some Taliban fighters that attempt to engage us and we also have a unique situation here, in that there are criminal networks that actively engage the fuel trucks and the supply trucks that come out of Kabul down to Kandahar," said Capt. Colin Layne, commander of Battle Company and a native of Albuquerque, N.M. "So we have two groups of people out there that are firing weapons and setting off improvised explosive devices.

"Operation Assaly II is focused on clearing patrols with the ANA going into villages and searching specific houses that could be associated with the Taliban," he said.

The ANA led the patrols during the operation, start to finish. Two units participated, the 4th Toli and Weapons

Toli from the 3rd Kandak, 201st Corps. Tolis are the ANA version of a U.S. Army company.

"Much like we would send two U.S. platoons out, it's an ANA platoon and an American platoon working in conjunction with each other, not three ANA with

four of my guys or us just throwing them in a squad," Layne said.

1st Lt. Chris Philhower, a native of La Crosse, Wis., and the platoon leader for Battle Company's 2nd Platoon, has worked closely with one of the companies in his time at COP Sultan Khyel.

"I've only worked with Weapons Toli, but I've been incredibly impressed with them," he said. "They are some awesome warriors, especially their commander. I really enjoy working with him."

Since the operation was conducted during Ramadan, the ANA patrolled without eating or drinking between sunup and sundown, surprising some of the U.S. Soldiers on patrol with them.

"I was pretty surprised today," said Spc. Jacob Wood, a Roundrock, Texas, native and radio transmitter operator for 1st Platoon, Battle Company, after a patrol July 27. "Because its Ramadan, they're fasting and they're not drinking water, so we thought they'll check a few houses and then head back, but it ended up being a longer mission and that was impressive, to see them put that much effort into it."

Spc. Caid Snyder, a rifleman in 1st Platoon and a native of Spokane, Wash., who was with the 173rd during its last deployment to Afghanistan, has noticed a difference between the ANA he remembers and the ANA he works with now.

"We worked with them quite a bit and that ANA group wasn't as squared away as this ANA group," he said. "They're professional when they're out there and it doesn't seem like they have any problem with the villagers at all."

"They're more motivated and they seem like they want to make a difference," he said.

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Sky Soldiers Memorial today

A memorial ceremony will be held today at 3 p.m. at the Caserma Ederle Post Chapel to honor four Sky Soldiers killed while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom with the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team.

The fallen warriors are: **Spc. Justin L. Horsley**, 21, of Palm Bay, Fla., and **Pfc. Brenden N. Salazar**, 20, of Chuluota, Fla., who died July 22 of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked their unit in Pul-E Alam, Afghanistan, with an improvised explosive device. Horsley and Salazar were assigned to the 1st Battalion, 503rd

Infantry Regiment.

Pfc. Adam C. Ross, 19, of Lyman, S.C., who died July 24, in Wardak Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when he encountered small arms fire. Ross was assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment.

Pfc. Theodore M. Glende, 23, of Rochester, N.Y., who died July 27, in Kharwar, Logar Province, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit with small arms fire. Glende was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment.

All are welcome to join the Sky Soldier Family in honoring their service.



Horsley



Salazar



Ross



Glende

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Festivals galore, concerts, trips and more as dog days of summer approach



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DPW will conduct a power outage in the Villaggio housing area Saturday from 9 a.m to 3 p.m.

SOFA rules Italy employment possibilities

By USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

Just arrived in Italy and have a great idea about how to make some extra cash? Before you start, make certain you understand the implications of doing business as a foreigner, officials in the Office of Staff Judge Advocate warn.

The NATO Status of Forces Agreement declares that any profitable enterprise other than employment as a member of the armed forces or civilian component is subject to taxation by the Italian authorities. A non-European Union citizen subject to Italian income tax must have a valid work visa and permit, said Brent Fitch, chief of the International and Operational Law Division, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

“Anyone choosing to obtain an Italian Work Visa or Work Permit is declaring to the Italian government that they desire status as an ordinary resident of Italy,” said Fitch. “Ordinary resident status cannot be maintained at the same time as ‘SOFA protected’ status, regardless of whether the individual is a military member, civilian employee or a dependent.”

Trading “SOFA protected” status for that of an ordinary resident of Italy in order to run a business has a number of impacts on privileges.

“Remember, you must give up all the ‘SOFA protected’ privileges as well, including shopping in the Exchange and commissary, sending mail through the Military Postal System, driving SETAF registered vehicles and purchasing gas coupons,” Fitch said. He added that you would also be responsible for the additional business expenses (e.g. any applicable health inspections, reports,

fees) and other costs that ordinary Italian residents incur, such as Italian income taxes, contributions to the Italian social security system and the Italian television tax. “But perhaps most importantly, ordinary residents cannot avail themselves of foreign criminal jurisdictional assertion or waiver rights under Article VII of the NATO SOFA,” Fitch said.

So how can someone who would like to work or maintain job skills, comply with the NATO SOFA and other applicable international agreements?

“An individual providing a service may be reimbursed for the cost of supplies in order to maintain a skill,” Fitch said. “Activities such as baking at home or coloring hair for free would not be considered a ‘profitable enterprise’ so long as any reimbursement is limited to the cost of supplies.” However, any payment for time, labor, or expertise would be considered profit and would require a valid work visa and permit.

Tutoring for pay is a “profitable enterprise”, Fitch said, whether on post, at Villaggio, or off post.

Swapping services, such as trading babysitting for tutoring, falls under Italian rules for barter or exchange. “Italian law requires that a Value Added Tax (VAT) be imposed on the exchange of goods and services (Presidential Decree no. 633, 26 Oct. 1972). Individuals exchanging goods or services may be required to secure an Italian VAT registration and collect VAT on the fair market value of their transactions,” Fitch said.

A work visa and permit are not required to operate a website or blog that does not generate a profit through either monetary compensation or barter/exchange. “However, if you are

generating income from advertising revenue on your website, that would qualify as a ‘profitable enterprise’ and be subject to taxation by the Italian government,” Fitch said. Similarly, Italian law requires a valid work visa and permit in order to maintain clients for a Stateside-based business via computer, even if products are transported only within the United States, if you are generating profit by work performed while living in Italy.

Sale of possessions at a garage sale would generally not be considered profit generating activity, so long as the items are sold for less than you originally paid for them.

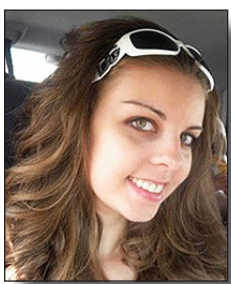
“Both the U.S. and Italian governments have the right to enforce the provisions of the NATO SOFA,” Fitch said. Punishments can include administrative actions (e.g., rescinding privileges or a ban from post), loss of SOFA status (e.g., revocation of Soggiorno or Missione Visa), or even monetary fines or imprisonment. “Penalties will vary depending upon the seriousness of the offense, and whether U.S. or Italian authorities exercise jurisdiction,” Fitch said.

“Members of the force and their dependents must remember that they are guests of Italy. Violating the obligations of the NATO SOFA and other applicable international agreements affects the standing of all U.S. forces stationed in Italy.”

Punishments have the potential to go beyond the offender, resulting in additional rules, restrictions and obligations on service members and their dependents, Fitch said. “If you see someone violating the NATO SOFA, you can report it to the Garrison Commander.”

Inside Point of View

Space-A travel: Great tool for handling deployments



By Jennifer Morales
Special to the Outlook

Being in the military, as a sponsor or a family member, you often find yourself needing or wanting to fly home. Sometimes you just want to travel. One of the many benefits of being in the military is the advantage

of Space-Available, often called Space-A, travel.

This also happens to also be one of the most widely misunderstood programs available to the community, so if you, or you family member want to travel using Space-A, here are some of the basics.

Space-A is not based on rank, so regardless of whether you are a private or a general, everyone flies by the same rules. However, Space-A does go by the date and time at which a traveler requests a flight. If you put your name on the list three minutes earlier than another person, then you become eligible first for a space.

And while Space-A is not based on rank, it is structured by categories of travel necessity. The six categories of eligibility are as follows:

1. Emergency leave,
2. Temporary Duty (TDY),
3. Soldiers on leave and family members whose sponsor is deployed more than 365 days,
4. Family members whose sponsor is deployed more than 120 days,
5. Spouses who want to fly and unaccompanied, command

sponsored dependents, and
6. Retirees.

Using Space-A is a great way to shorten the feeling of a deployment. You can visit family, travel and sightsee or take that long awaited vacation or honeymoon. For less than \$30 (\$29.30, to be exact) you can fly back to the United States.

Once in the continental U.S. you can take HOPS, to get to your final destination. That means taking regular commercial flights. Some are lush, while others may be regular coach seats. Either way, the price of this program is invaluable, when you know how to use it correctly.

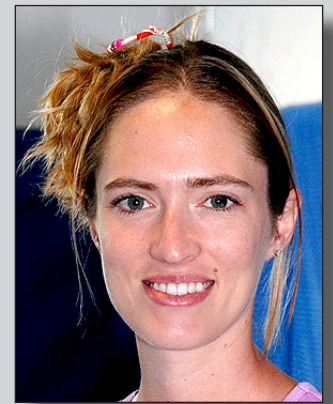
Complicated as it may sound, the main point is: the sooner you put your name on the flight request list, the better your opportunity to fly.

“Space-A travel is just another way for us to take care of our military families,” said Shannon Reynolds of USAG Vicenza Mobilization and Deployment Readiness program. “When my Soldiers come to me asking about wanting to visit family, or letting their dependents visit their families, I remind them to use what is available to them without having to use their hard earned money. Take advantage of one of the benefits and privileges that you earn while fighting for America’s freedoms.”

Caserna Ederle has one of the best programs for Space-A travel going. Not only are there knowledgeable staff to assist you, but they hold briefings to answer any and all questions related to Space-A travel, so inform yourself and firm up your travel plans. The next Space-A briefing will be held Sept. 11 from 9 a.m. to noon Davis Hall, Building 108. Call DSN 314-634-7500 or commercial 0444-71-7500 for details.

Speak Out

What is your favorite summer Olympic Games sport?



Amanda Allen
Family member

“I love to watch the floor exercises. The artistic ability of the athletes is amazing and their flexibility is unreal.”



Carabiniere Domenico Mangione
SETAF Carabinieri

“I plan on watching pentathlon because I started this five-sport activity two years ago.”



Gysell Carteret
DFMWR

“I like to watch soccer and swimming. They are interesting and intriguing.”

By Laura Kreider

Puma pride

Vicenza Middle School principal welcomes all

By Dr. Julio Gonzales
Vicenza Middle School principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year, a pivotal third year at Vicenza Middle School, the only middle school in the Mediterranean District. VMS is an outstanding school where the SODA principle is applied: a place where Safety, Order, Discipline and Amore (genuine care for students) rules.

I want to extend a special welcome to our new sixth-graders, and to those of you who are first-time middle school parents. Middle school is a very special time, with tremendous growth for children, socially, intellectually and physically.

Helping your children grow through this period of their lives to become healthy, whole and caring people who know how to use their minds well is rewarding work. I am delighted to be in partnership with you to maximize your child's potential. We are a fully accredited school and we practice Continuous School Improvement (CSI) to ensure we meet each student's needs. All staff and faculty members are part of the CSI team and we welcome and need your participation as well.

Through reviewing student achievement data and the CSI process, VMS has identified two primary academic goals for the 2012-2013 school year: (1) improving writing and (2) increasing math skills. While focusing on these two goals, we also work to improve student achievement through after-school help to students, consistent communication with parents and using data to differentiate instruction in the classroom. VMS has a variety of course offerings that provide a very special experience for our students.

Students will receive their schedules for the entire year on the first day. I expect most students will be pleased with their schedules, and believe that this will be a very successful year both academically and socially for all VMS students.

The beginning of every new school year is an exciting time. A tremendous amount of energy goes into this beginning on everyone's part: parents, students, faculty and staff. We all want to start it right, to give students the best possible beginning to help them make this a successful, productive and happy year.

To that end, we will help both new and returning students understand their role in making VMS a school that is free from teasing and bullying as well as a safe

and productive environment for everyone. Please help us by reinforcing these expectations at home. With your help, VMS will continue to foster a community in which every person feels respected and valued, and is encouraged and challenged to achieve at the highest levels.

We recognize that without your support we will not be able to reach our full potential as a school. I encourage you to become involved, in whatever way works for you: by talking with your children about their experiences and schoolwork, volunteering to help with an activity, serving on a committee or your thoughts and ideas with us.

Please be aware that we have openings for parent representatives on our School Advisory Council and our Community Parent Teacher Student Association.

Again, welcome to the new school year at VMS. Please feel free to stop by my office or contact me at any time via phone or email if I can be of assistance. And be sure to come to our new student and family Sneak-A Peak orientation on Thursday, 23 Aug. 23, from 4-5 p.m.

Reach Dr. Julio Gonzalez at DSN: 634-5701 or via email at julio.gonzalez@eu.dodea.edu

At Your Service



Name: Jeff Carpenter

Job title: MWR Partnership Specialist (EDGE! and HIRED!)

What do you do for the community?

I work within the EDGE! Program, which establishes partnerships with MWR Activities to provide extracurricular

enrichment options for children and youth.

The EDGE! Program offers four specific packages, Art EDGE!, Life EDGE!, Adventure EDGE!, & Fit EDGE!. These programs are available for School-Age children, Middle School youth, and Teens. A variety of programs are offered on a monthly basis. Children can enroll in EDGE! programs at the CYSS Parent Central Services Office.

I also coordinate the HIRED! Apprenticeship Program, a workforce-preparation and apprenticeship enterprise designed to meet the employment and career-exploration needs of Army teens 15-18 years of age.

Teens are able to participate in two 12-week terms per year for three consecutive years thus exploring a variety of job placement sites. At the end of the term, the teen receives a stipend for participation in the program.

What are your office hours and contact information?

Operating hours are Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Building 308. Phone contact is 335-818-6927.

Vicenza Elementary School supply list

Courtesy of Vicenza Elementary School

Kindergarten

Mead primary writing journal, soft eraser, eight small or four large glue sticks, glue bottle (optional), backpack or book bag, tissues (one large box), crayons: one eight-pack and one 16-pack small (please, no 24-pack), pocket folder, bath size towel for quiet time. Note: All items will be shared; there is no need to label child's name.

First Grade

Three packages of No. 2 pencils (standard diameter), rubber erasers: one block type and two packs of pencil top erasers, one glue bottle, one glue stick, four plain pocket folders, book bag or backpack, one bound composition book (primary type), bound composition book (not primary type), one box washable colored markers, one box tissues (230-count), child-size scissors (Fiskars), two 24-color boxes of crayons, one box watercolor paints, large white T-shirt for art.

Second Grade

Three packs of #2 pencils, two large rubber erases, two boxes of 24-pack crayons (no other size), one box of colored pencils (24 colors), one box of eight washable markers, three large glue sticks, one small bottle of glue, scissors (child's Fiskars), two Mead primary bound composition books (half-page ruled, no other kind), one 8-color tray of watercolor paints, one large box tissues, book bag or backpack.

Third Grade

Two red and two blue pens, 20 pencils, rubber eraser, one pack colored pencils, watercolors, colored markers, one 24-pack Crayola crayons, scissors (preferably Fiskars), bottle of Elmer's glue, large glue stick, two pocket folders, yellow highlighter, backpack, plastic supply box, two Mead official composition books, gym shoes, tissues, one oversized or old T-shirt for messy work.

Fourth Grade

One pack (10-12) No. 2 pencils, one pack wide-ruled loose leaf paper, rubber eraser (white Staedtler or Pentel hi-polymer are great), five single-subject spiral notebooks, four pocket folders, one red or blue ballpoint pen, one highlighter (any color), one box of 24 crayons, scissors, two glue sticks, one zippered supply bag, book bag or backpack, large box of tissues. Please, no Trapper Keepers or 3-ring binders. Optional: colored pencils, water-based markers, bottle of white glue, over-sized T-shirt to use as a smock for art.

Fifth Grade

Two packs No. 2 pencils, hand-held pencil sharpener, one red pen, two black pens, rounded-point scissors, block style erasers, two large glue sticks, one bottle of glue, lined loose leaf paper, five pocket folders, five thin spiral notebooks, highlighter, 24-color box of crayons, set of colored pencils, set of washable markers, soft plastic zippered pencil case, large box tissues, backpack, a white T-shirt for art. Please, no Trapper Keepers or 3-ring binders.

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Community News

Puppy run hosts playdates at new Villaggio park

By Joyce Costello
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs Office

Behind the Vicenza Elementary and Middle School playground are a group of different parents that meet up with bottles of water and lots of plastic baggies in their separate playground. Some parents throw balls while others chat about which food is the best. The new dog park in the Villaggio housing area has “the kids” barking with pleasure and their parents happy to be able to easily arrange play-dates.

“My dog loved all the smells, and was so into smelling everything, that he did not want to chase a stick,” said Katy Allin.

“We were pleased to have a place for our girls to run, but would have liked to have some playmates for them,” added Michelle Neal.

The dog park isn’t the easiest place to find, but if one can find the back walk-in gate on Villaggio, then the smaller playground for the dogs is near at hand. Typically, community dog members post up on their Facebook group that they are getting ready to take their dog to the playground if anyone else wants to meet up.

USAG Vicenza Directorate of Public Works finished building the Villaggio dog park earlier in July as a result of customers requesting it at a previous garrison Info-X meeting.

“DPW does their best to fulfill needs identified in the community and we think this park is really value-added for the Villaggio community members,” said Bill Delozier, DPW deputy director. “Owning a dog myself, I can appreciate a need for the park and am happy that it is being used.”

Ashley Baugh, dog owner, advises those going to the dog park to “make sure to bring your own water and pick up bags with you.”

Fellow dog owner Angela Durrett added she and her dog really enjoy playing with the others in the park, but hoped that some form of fountain or water supply could be added in the future.



Penny Villalvazo plays with her 3-year-old English Pointer mix, Jak, at the Villaggio dog park July 24.

Photo by Laura Kreider

New club in town: Green Knights MMC 93 on Caserma Ederle

By Grant Sattler
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

For some, the vistas of Italy are best seen from the saddle of an iron steed.

Now motorcycle riders in the Vicenza Military Community can mount up with the Green Knights Military Motorcycle Club Chapter 93, newly formed on Caserma Ederle to promote camaraderie and safe riding.

“Italy is a fantastic place to ride,” said Chad Scoggins, GK93 club president. “Being part of a local club, or just joining group rides, is a great way to meet other motorcyclists and learn all the best routes and places to see you might otherwise miss out on.”

Joining a Green Knights event is also a good way to make connections that help with locating the best deals on parts, service and motorcycling accessories here in Italy, Scoggins said.

“We’re not about any particular brand or type of motorcycle that people ride,” said Corey Kerzmann, club VP. “If it’s classified as a motorcycle, it’s in.” Kerzmann said GK93 is what in motorcycling circles is known as a one patch club, not a three-part patch club like those sometimes associated with anti-social one-percenters or outlaw motorcycle gangs.

GK93 is a local chapter of the Green Knights Military Motorcycle Club International, a fraternity-based 501(c)(3) group for military members who share similar backgrounds and a common interest in motorcycling, mirroring the Blue Knights MC for law enforcement and Red Knights MC for firefighters.



Scoggins said, “The club itself has formed initially as a garrison-approved private organization with some of us older guys as the officers, but we’re really here for the newer riders. Green Knights exists to support camaraderie and motorcycle mentorship, to help riders new to the sport of motorcycling to improve their skills and gain experience so they can enjoy what attracts us all to riding, but do it with a minimum of risk.” Like the cliché points out, gray-haired riders don’t get that way from pure luck.

The GK93 organizes group riding events to bring experienced riders together with new riders or experienced riders who are new to riding in Italy.

Kerzmann said, “We put on a couple of organized rides each quarter, but almost any weekend on a Saturday or Sunday there will be an impromptu ride that’s put out on our Facebook page and emailed out for those that want to join.”

Some rides will be focused on touring and others on twisty roads for sport bike pilots.

“We absolutely recognize that people have busy schedules and different interests in riding, so we try to have as many opportunities as possible for people to join us,” Kerzmann said.

GK93 meets once a month at the Old Soldiers Bar at the Golden Lion Conference Center to conduct club business. Anyone interested in the clubs activities is welcome to come to a meeting or a group ride to meet other members. Check the group’s Facebook page at “Green Knights MMC 93 Vicenza” for meeting dates.

Community News

Tough as Nails at Darby

Story and photos by Chiara Mattiolo
Darby Military Community, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

Tough as Nails, a program to determine who are the toughest man and woman of all at Camp Darby, came to an end Friday and the winner has been announced. The top three qualified contestants in male category were Aaron Valdez, Steve Massie and John Rhodes. The top three qualifiers among the female contestants were Megan Tierra, Tia Valdez and Cara Parker.

“This is a program I developed when I was still working in Florida,” said Ken Owen, Camp Darby fitness specialist. “This is the first time that it has been brought to Camp Darby, and I think it was a great success.”

Owen explained that most programs are generally oriented toward cardiovascular exercise, but this time he wanted to focus more on the tougher side of fitness, lifting weight.

“The format for this contest is bench press, leg press and push-ups for total maximum number of repetitions. In this competition, the amount of weight lifted is based on each athlete’s body weight,” said Owen.

The object of the competition was not only to compete against one’s own best performance, but to push it to the limit in competition with other participants.

“This was a great occasion to measure myself, but also another way of doing sports while having fun and being well trained,” said Tough as Nails participant Derrick Bolden.

“It was fun and I encourage anyone to participate in the next initiative. This is a unique way of implementing esprit de corps and growing a better community,” he said.



Summer Hire makes the difference

The Summer Hire Program 2012 ended July 17 with a recognition ceremony to thank Camp Darby students who took part in the program and helped the community with their superior contribution.

“The Summer Hire Program is unique in that it allows students to work directly with civil service employees, local nationals and contractors,” said Julie Gresco, Plan Analysis and Integration Officer. “It provides them with an opportunity to apply themselves, learn how to take direction and gain experience with the procedures and processes of a military organization.”

For the student, the summer hire program is a way to have fun while learning, but for the community their support is really precious, she said.

“Although the tasks they’re assigned aren’t necessarily high visibility, they are vital and essential to the accomplishment of the Darby Military Community mission. They make a difference,” said Gresco.





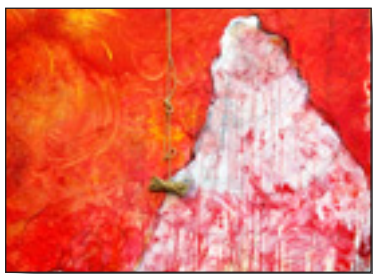
Photo by Laura Kreider

Helping out the neighbors: Sky Soldier Nathan Samplawski sands a metal fence during a community outreach visit to Caldogno Tuesday. More than 10 Soldiers pitched in on the renovation project. "These experiences develop and help integrate our two communities," said Mayor Marcello Vezzaro.

Local events

Labor Day outings

The South of the Alps Warrant Officer Association Chapter will lead a shopping excursion in Vicenza Sept. 1 that will include ceramics ware, a tour of an olive oil factory, and a local winery. Children under 8 can come along for free; reduced cost for children 8-16 years old. Follow it up Sept. 2 with a pirate-themed cruise in the Venice Regatta onboard a replica of boats launched by the Serenissima Republic during the 17th and 18th centuries. Reduced price tickets are available for children. RSVP by Aug. 19 for either event by email to joe.consiglio67@yahoo.com.



Modern art in Venice

The exhibit L'idea e la MATERIA – The Idea and the Matter – presents an overview of post-avant-garde Italian art of the past several decades Saturday through Aug. 15 at Zenobio Palace, Dorsoduro 2596, in Venice. Open to the public daily except Mondays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Email barbara.vin@libero.it for details.

Celtic Festival

Thursday – Sunday in Cesuna, about 34 miles north of Vicenza. Reconstruction of typical Celtic village, folk arts, historical re-enactments, activities for children, crafts exhibit and sale.

- ♦ **Thursday:** 7:30 p.m. military camp re-enactment;

8:30 p.m. Alessandro Trombesi Ensemble

- ♦ **Friday:** 7:30 p.m. military camp re-enactment; 8:30 p.m. Berseker Group; 11:30 p.m. Vinigallia bonfire

- ♦ **Saturday:** opens at 10 a.m.; 3 p.m. crafts exhibit; 5 p.m. Greek warriors re-enactment; face-painting and more for children; 6 p.m. Celtic-Greek battle re-enactment; 7 p.m. Doroty and Panf; 8 p.m. Celticax Group; 10 p.m. Scotia Shores Band; 12:30 p.m. fireworks

- ♦ **Sunday:** opens at 10 a.m.; 3 p.m. games and more for children; 4:30 p.m. children's archery and engraving workshops; 5 p.m. Celtic pipe workshop; 5:30 p.m. battle re-enactment; 8 p.m. Maggie's Pancakes Band

Fish Festival

Friday – Tuesday in Noventa Vicentina, about 21 miles south of Vicenza. Food booths at 7 p.m.; live music at 9 p.m.

- ♦ Friday: Country music
- ♦ Saturday: DJ Omar
- ♦ Sunday: Michele & Michele
- ♦ Monday: pop music
- ♦ Tuesday: Rossella Ferrari and I Casanova Orchestra

Threshing Festival

Saturday – Monday in Mossano, Via Olivari 1, about 12 miles south of Vicenza. Food booths at 7 p.m.; crafts and vintage threshing-machine exhibits; music and dancing at 9 p.m.

Sopressa Festival

Saturday – Sunday and Aug. 10-15 in Valli del Pasubio, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza. Sopressa is a famous Vicentine sausage whose history goes back two centuries. Food booths featuring sopressa and other local specialties, traditional crafts,

bonsai exhibit, handicrafts sale, live music, bingo and fireworks.

Sant'Anna Festival

Friday-Sunday in Villaga, Via San Michele Arcangelo, about 14 miles south of Vicenza. Food booths open at 8 p.m.; music at 9 p.m.

- ♦ **Friday:** Uscita d'Emergenza Band
- ♦ **Saturday:** DJ Romeo Leopardo
- ♦ **Sunday:** Michele and Michele Orchestra

Sunday antique markets

Marostica: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza Castello, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. (130 vendors)

Noventa Vicentina: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Piazza IV Novembre, about 20 miles south of Vicenza. (120 vendors)

A Walk with Palladio

Weekends through Sept. 30. Discover architectural master Palladio's works in downtown Vicenza on foot with an English speaking guide. Fee: Saturday €12; Sunday €10; Saturday + Sunday: €18

For reservations, call 0444-320854 (English operators area available), or send an email to iat.vicenza1@provincia.vicenza.it

Living Chess in Marostica

Sept. 7-9 in Marostica, Piazza degli Scacchi, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. This chess match, commemorating an historic match of 1454, is like no other in the world. Tickets range in price from €10-70. For details in English visit http://www.marosticascacchi.it/a_2_EN_9_1.html. Purchase tickets at [http://www.vivaticket.it/index.php?nvpg\[sell\]&cmd=tabellaPrezzi&pcode=1508240&tcod=e=tl013834](http://www.vivaticket.it/index.php?nvpg[sell]&cmd=tabellaPrezzi&pcode=1508240&tcod=e=tl013834).

Free concerts, exhibits, events

Jeff Harris plays Vicenza

Armed Forces Entertainment presents contemporary country singer Jeff Harris in concert at the Arena Saturday at 8 p.m.

The Roamies at the Arena

California-based jazz-pop duo Alexa James and Rory Partin, AKA The Roamies, play the Arena Aug. 16, 8-10 p.m.

Concerts

Foo Fighters: Aug. 13 in Codroipo (Udine)

Norah Jones: Sept. 18 in Milan

Opera on Ice: Sept. 22 in Verona

Leonard Cohen: Sept. 24 in Verona

Jennifer Lopez: Oct. 11 in Casalecchio Sul Reno (Bologna)

The Cranberries: Oct. 28 in Padova

Europe: Oct. 29 in Milan

Andrew Bird: Nov. 14 in Milan

Kris Kristofferson: Nov. 26 in Milan

Cirque Du Soleil - Alegria: Nov. 15-18 in Assago (Milan)

Tickets available in Vicenza at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center or at www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing or

ODR trips

Waterpark Paradise Island: Aug. 5

Basic open water SCUBA: Aug. 6

Trieste, Grado, Aquileia: Aug. 8

Rimini beach: Aug. 11

Paragliding: Aug. 12

Cinque Terre Cruise: Aug. 18

Water sports at Lake Garda: Aug. 19

Venice photo workshop: Aug. 19

Riccione Beach: Aug. 22

Monteriggioni and Siena: Aug. 25

Trails of Veneto: Aug. 28

Jesolo Beach: Aug. 29

Aperitives in Valpolicella: Aug. 31

Labor Day in Prague: Aug. 31

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.

All event particulars are as reported to the *Outlook* office by press time. Events and times are subject to change due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

Now Showing



Ederle Theater

Thursday	Chernobyl Diaries (R)	6 p.m.
Friday	Men In Black 3 (PG-13)	6 p.m.
	The Dictator (R)	9 p.m.
Saturday	Step Up Revolution (PG-13)*	3 p.m.
	The Watch (R)*	6 p.m.
Sunday	Step Up Revolution (PG-13)*	3 p.m.
	The Watch (R)*	6 p.m.
Wed.	Mirror Mirror (PG-13)	Noon
	Men In Black 3 (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Aug. 9	Men In Black 3 (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Aug. 10	Snow White and the Huntsman (PG-13)	6 p.m.
	The Dictator (R)	9 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Aug. 10	Men in Black 3 (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Aug. 11	Snow White and the Huntsman (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Aug. 12	The Dark Knight Rises (PG-13)*	1 p.m.
Aug. 17	The Dark Knight Rises (PG-13)*	6 p.m.

Admission: *First run, adult, \$5.50, under 12, \$2.75; regular release, \$5/\$2.50; repeat releases, \$4.50/\$2.25; special pay \$3.50/\$1.75.

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



Photo by Laura Kreider

I made it myself: Instructor Jacinda Lovejoy fills molds during a soap-making class at Arts & Crafts July 25. Call 634-7704 for classes.

USARAF changes command

Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg will relinquish command of U.S. Army Africa to Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Donahue II tomorrow at 10 a.m. on Hoekstra Field. Donahue has most recently served as deputy chief of staff at U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command in Virginia. Hogg moves on to serve as the U.S. military representative on the NATO Military Committee in Belgium.

No Outlook Aug. 16

Please note: There will be no issue of the *Outlook* Aug. 16 when the publication's printer closes for Ferragosto holiday. Publication will resume Aug. 23. Deadline for submissions for that issue will be Monday, Aug. 20, at noon.

Lock your box

The Vicenza Postal Service Center reminds all community members to take one simple precaution to protect their mail and identity: Ensure your CMR box is locked after checking your mail. Simply turn the combination knob two complete turns after closing the door and check to make sure it will not open.

Keep your AT up to date

Have you completed AT Level I training in the last 12 months? If not, you have three ways to do so: 1) attend a condensed AT Level I briefing and a free showing of

All methods will include a training certificate.

Birth abroad briefings

Monthly briefings at the Vicenza Health Care Center for couples expecting a baby while stationed in Italy cover important topics including applications for the child's passport, Consular Report of Birth Abroad and Social Security number. Call DSN 634-7721 or email maria.c.marcantonio2.civ@mail.mil or joni.elliott2@us.army.mil for information.

509th Signal competes for Supply Excellence

The 509th Signal Battalion was recently selected by NETCOM/9th Signal Command (Army) to compete in the Chief of Staff's 2012 Supply Excellence Award Competition. The 509th team came out on top in both the 2nd Signal Brigade and 5th Signal Command competitions, besting teams from more than 50 battalions worldwide. Department of the Army level competition is scheduled for later this summer.

New AAFES movie prices

Moviegoers will notice an uptick in ticket prices at AAFES theaters this week. First-run films will cost \$5.50 for adults and \$2.75 for children under 12; regular release tickets will be \$5/\$2.50; repeat releases, \$4.50/\$2.25; and special play screenings, \$3.50/\$1.75. Prices for 3-D films, where available, will be an additional \$2 for all ticket categories.

Pre-school Story Time

Pre-school Story Time gets under way every Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the library for children ages 3-5 and their parents. The program is free of charge.

Sweepstakes winners

Kudos to **Sonia Graham**, winner of the AAFES 117th Anniversary Gift Card drawing, to Imperial Deltah Sweepstakes

winner **Eileen Pfaff**, and to Hershey Playhouse Sweepstakes winner, **Shannon Tach**.

As flu season approaches

August is National Immunization Awareness Month. Army medicine is committed to ensuring that every Soldier, Family member, civilian, health care provider and retiree receive the vaccines they need to stay healthy. Check with your healthcare provider to see whether you need the pneumonia vaccine (PPSV). Also discuss applicability of TDAP and HPV vaccinations for you and your family.

USARAF Organization Day

U.S. Army Africa's Organization Day will be celebrated throughout Caserma Ederle Aug. 30. For information contact Capt. Terri Mason at terri.a.mason@mail.mil or Sylena Schendel at sylena.l.schendel.civ@mail.mil.

Wellness goes mobile

The Army is making significant health promotion resources available via mobile applications. A Tactical Breather app, from the National Center for Telehealth and Technology (T2 Health), promotes stress relief through improved breath control techniques. Go to <http://t2health.org/apps/tactical-breather> for resources.

CID seeks agents

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is actively seeking qualified Soldiers to become CID special agents. To apply, contact the local CID office at 634-7723/7828 or go to www.cid.army.mil for additional information.

Villaggio power outage

A power outage is scheduled for the Villaggio housing area this Saturday, Aug. 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., to improve the current electrical system. DPW regrets the inconvenience, but is taking these necessary steps now to help decrease future random outages.



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And the winner is: Vicenza Main Store manager Charles Eaves bedecks Imperial Deltah Sweepstakes winner Eileen Pfaff with her pearl necklace prize during a presentation at the Caserma Ederle PX Friday during which several community members received prizes. See 'Sweepstakes winners' above for details.

ACS job opening

ACS is recruiting for an Army Emergency Relief Specialist in Vicenza. The position closes Aug. 10. Go to <http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/322562800?share=email> to apply.

Health Assessments

School physicals will be conducted Aug. 14 and 21 at the Vicenza Pediatric Health Clinic for children ages 5 and up, by appointment only. Forms are available at CYSS registration and at the high school office or online.

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 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m.: PWOC Bible study. Dinner provided. No child care

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

Bahá'í Faith: Call Russell Menard at 389-133-4627 or 349-708-2535 or Giacomo Baravalle at 348-603-2283

Islamic: Call 634-7519 (0444-71-7519)

Jewish: Call Paul Levine at 345-907-2108

Latter Day Saints: Sunday services, 9:30 a.m. in Vicenza. Call Chance Wilson at 327-869-8107 for details.

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

DON'T BE LATE: Email briefs to julie.m.lucas.civ@mail.mil by noon on Monday, or by 4 p.m. Friday if Monday is a holiday.

Softball, raquetball competition comes to a head:

Despite the dark clouds threatening rain and storm, softball diehards from 464th MP Platoon, AFN and the hard-hitting Honeybaggers took the field at Caserma Ederle July 25 for the penultimate round robin of the **USAG Vicenza Unit-Recreational Softball League** season. The 464th defeated AFN 14-9. AFN in turn shut out the Honeybaggers 16-0.

Final standings for the season:
 464th MPs: 12-2
 USARAF: 12-1
 AFN/DoDDS: 5-9
 Master Batters: 7-5
 USAG-V Females: 1-7
 E Company, 1-503rd: 2-5
 Honeybaggers: 0-7

The **USAG-Vicenza Racquetball Tournament** took place this past weekend. Winners by category were:

Beginners: Champion - Devin Hoke,
 Second Place - Matthew Runyon

Intermediate: Champion - David Allen,
 Second Place - Jeremy Boquist,
 Third Place - Federick Norman

Advanced: Champion - J.D. Lattuca,
 Second Place - Scott Mckintosh,
 Third Place - Brandon Drake

Open: Champion - J.D. Lattuca,
 Second Place - David Allen,
 Third Place - Frederick Norman

Doubles: Champions - J.D. Lattuca and Al Meyers,
 Second Place - Scott Mckintosh and Brandon Drake,
 Third Place - Jeremy Boquist and Dustin Aymond

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HIGHWAY 1

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As the U.S. begins to transition out of Afghanistan, the ANA units that work with Battle Company are giving the Soldiers at COP Sultan Khyel and the villagers nearby confidence in the capabilities of the ANSF in the area.

“They’re leading all the patrols, and where we can help them, we do,” said Philhower. “Otherwise, they’re on a good track to sustain themselves when we leave.”

With Operation Assaly II now complete, there is still more work to be done, but the operation did serve its purpose.

“More than anything it was to give breathing room to the

ANA,” said Layne. “We deny the enemy safe haven, push them further off Highway 1, and that allows the ANA to better establish some of their outposts and make Highway 1 that much more secure.”

In the short time that they have been there, the motivation of the ANA has continued to impress the men of Battle Company and as they continue to improve, Layne sees a mutually supporting relationship of their goals in the area: To assist the ANSF and help secure their stretch of Highway 1.

“Luckily those two goals go hand in hand,” Layne said. “Going with the ANSF to secure Highway 1 secures the road and it builds their capacity. They get better and security gets better because they have already developed that level of proficiency.”

Family Float Night

Bring a picnic and floats for a family night out at the Villaggio Pool Aug. 11 from 5-8 p.m.

Register for flag football

Flag football registration is ongoing through Aug. 15. League play takes place from Aug. 27 till Oct. 17. Coaches must attend an organizational meeting Aug. 16 at the Fitness Center. Call 634-7009 for details.

Army MOVE! Weight Management

A three-part Army MOVE! Weight Management class will begin Tuesday at 8 a.m. at the Wellness Center. Topics covered include nutrition, exercise and diet. The program is designed for active duty Soldiers, but is open to adult dependents, retirees and civilians on a space available basis. Call DSN 636-9519 for information.

National Ski Patrol training

Skiers interested in joining the Vicenza Ski Patrol and being trained and certified to the standards of the U.S. National Ski Patrol System should attend an orientation meeting Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Outdoor Rec. Basic EMT training takes place in Vicenza; outdoor training will take place on local slopes and with other European Division patrols in Bichlbach, Austria. Call Chris Wolff at 634-7453 for details.

CYSS summer activities

- ◆ Edge! Outdoor Adventure Programs offer snorkeling and SCUBA, Aug. 6 and 8; mountain biking, Aug. 13 and 15; and kayaking, Aug. 22. Enroll at Parent Central Services or on WebTrac, or call 634-7219 for information.
- ◆ A Table Tennis Clinic will be held Aug. 6-10 for ages 8-18. Register by Aug. 3; cost is \$20. Call 634-6151 for information.
- ◆ SKIES Unlimited offers a gymnastic workshop Monday through Thursday, Aug. 6-16, for children ages 3 to 14.
- ◆ Youth Center Summer Camps feature waterpark outings Aug. 6-10; kayaking and rafting Aug. 13-17; and an open water trip to Croatia Aug. 20-24.
- ◆ School Age Center Summer Adventure Camp field trips will visit Parco delle Cascate Aug. 8; and Parco Acquatico Cavour Aug. 15.