

Caserma Ederle Airmen train with Alpini

by Rich Bartell
U.S. Army Africa PAO

Recently, Airmen from U.S. Air Force's Detachment 3 of the 7th Weather Squadron based at Caserma Ederle, trained in the deep snows of Passo Tonale in the Southern Alps with Italian Army soldiers of Truppe Alpini Servizio Meteomont, during a week-long Project Partnership event.

Selected members of Det. 3 and six Italian Army Alpini instructors, along with military allies from Germany, Albania, Slovenia and Argentina, strapped on snow skis and headed to the slopes to gain first-hand knowledge of avalanche forecasting, mountaineering, search and rescue, as well as Alpine weather forecasting and mountain navigation.

It was a stark difference for the weather forecasters, who frequently support U.S. Army Africa operations in hot and arid settings. According to Air Force Staff Sgt. Jason Thrall, winter weather added to training challenges.

"This training is a change of pace for us. With the wind chill factor, it was often 20 degrees below zero and snowing so much our visibility was nearly zero," Thrall said. "The weather conditions made for some of the most demanding training I've had."

The partnership program between Det. 3 and the Italian Army Alpini of Truppe Alpini Servizio Meteomont began in 2002 and features two annual training events. The Italian Alpini host a winter event and Det. 3 hosts an event in the spring.

"The overall purpose and impact of this partnership centers on the goal of developing relationships with our NATO allies in support of theater security cooperation," said Air Force Capt. Jason Scalzitti, Det. 3 commander. He



U.S. Air Force photo

From left, U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Thrall, Senior Airman Brian Zwiers and Italian Army Truppe Alpini Servizio Meteomont instructors examine snow-layer consistency to determine its ability to hold moisture, weight and susceptibility for avalanche movement.

noted the program builds strong bonds with the Italian Alpini through mutually challenging training events. Additionally, events are linked to current operations and missions.

"The skills we learn bear impact in current contingencies, such as Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan, where mountain forecasting requires specific knowledge of terrain impacts

on forecasting, particularly the threat of avalanches and other mountain-induced environmental disasters," Scalzitti said.

Scalzitti further explained the benefits of the partnership program.

"We value this opportunity as a capstone annual event to feature our capabilities as Air Force weather personnel supporting USARAF here at Vicenza and other U.S. Army and Air

Force units in deployed environments. Our Italian counterparts get the opportunity to observe our methods and capabilities, strengthening our allies' confidence in United States Airmen and Soldiers," Scalzitti said.

The U.S. Airmen are scheduled to train again with the Italian military on weather skills, airborne operations, and soldier skills later this year.

USAG Vicenza tax center opens for business Wednesday

by Capt. Derek Coyne
U.S. Army Africa JAG

Tax season is here again. The U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Tax Center officially opens Wednesday for free tax preparation and e-filing services.

While the filing deadline might be a couple of months away, this month you will begin to receive all the required documents to file your taxes. Wage and earning statements (W-2s) for Soldiers and DoD civilians are available online at www.mypay.dfas.mil.

In 2011, the USAG Vicenza Tax Center assisted more than 2,300 tax filers and processed more than 3,600 returns. The Tax Center saved our military community more than \$500,000 in tax preparation fees and generated over \$5.45 million in refunds.

To help make sure that your taxes are filed accurately and on time, keep in mind the following information.

The tax center is located on the first floor of the U.S. Army Africa Judge Advocate General office in building 241. It is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., including during lunch. You will need to make

an appointment if the following scenarios apply: you have rental property; have capital gains; received self employment income; you are claiming foreign income exclusion; need to amend a prior year's return; you are itemizing deductions; or have received a letter from the IRS. In unique circumstances, such as an upcoming deployment or filing a Puerto Rico Tax return, you will be able to drop off your documents for processing and you will be contacted when complete.

Military ID cardholders, family members, Department

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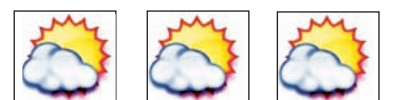
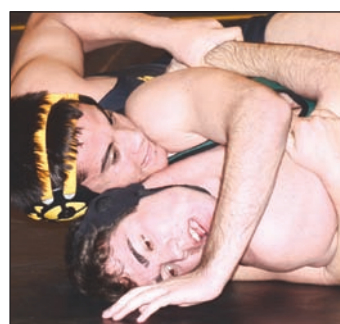
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The Vicenza PTSA is sponsoring a movie day Friday at 11 a.m. Popcorn and drinks for \$2.

Snow removal mandatory for homes in Vicenza

by Lewis Smith

USAG Vicenza Housing Division chief

The city of Vicenza has issued a new special ordinance that requires all residents to clear snow and ice from the sidewalks in front of their homes or be ticketed with a fine of 50 euros.

In the past, this has always been an expectation, but due to many residents not complying, city hall decided to make this an obligation with failure to comply being punished with a fine.

Officials at Caserma Ederle are trying to find out if other city halls or comune have followed suit with similar special ordinances but in the meantime to be sure, and also as a common courtesy to pedestrians, regardless of where they live, residents should ensure that sidewalks in front of their homes are cleared of snow and ice. Exceptions to this would be personnel who live in private rental multi-apartment buildings where normally the building administrator should organize having the sidewalks cleared as part of the condominium expenses. However, in buildings with only two apartments, each family should clear a stretch of the sidewalk. If you are not at home, you should ask a neighbor or friend to check for you, as you could still be fined.

Government leased quarters for families and unaccompanied

personnel are also affected. However, in multi-apartment buildings, the building coordinator will have to organize work parties to clear the snow and ice. In single-occupancy houses, duplexes or townhouse type homes, individual residents will be responsible.

The Directorate of Public Works will perform snow removal on the streets in Villaggio however occupants must clear the sidewalks in front of their homes and the access path to their quarters. For residents of Villaggio and leased-government quarters, snow shovels and salt may be signed out from the U-Do-It center in Villaggio.

Do not use water to clear snow as this will form ice. For occupants of private-rental housing, snow shovels and salt are available at the shoppette as well as most Italian hardware stores. Shovels at the Shopette range from \$9 to \$12.

In the case of heavy snow, occupants should also look up at roofs to see if there is any danger of blocks of snow sliding off and causing damage to persons or property. If it looks risky, occupants should call the housing help desk at 0444-71-8283/7845 during working hours and they will coordinate with landlords for assistance. In case of an emergency after normal duty hours, contact the IOC at 0444-71-7867 and they will contact the on-call housing representative to provide coordination of assistance.

TAXES: Doors open for customers Wednesday, bring all paperwork

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of Defense civilians and retirees who wish to use the tax free preparation and e-filing services should have all their documents ready when they meet with preparers. These documents include:

- ♦ Military I.D. card, W-2, 1099 and 1098 forms and Social Security Card (self, spouse, and dependents)
- ♦ Individual Tax Identification Number card/letter (for foreign spouses)
- ♦ Copies of your 2010 tax returns (if available)
- ♦ Bank account information with routing and account number if e-filing (blank check)
- ♦ Power of attorney if you are married filing jointly and your spouse is not present

If you do not have the required documents, you will be turned away. The preparers cannot begin a return without the documents.

Often special situations arise that will require additional documentation in order to complete and file a return.

If your status is married filing jointly and your spouse is not a U.S. citizen or legal resident, your spouse must have an Individual Tax

Identification Number. If you spouse does not have an ITIN, you will need to apply for one and we will assist you in paper-filing your return.

If you plan on claiming an exemption for a child for whom you are not the custodial parent, you must have a signed written declaration (Form 8332) from the custodial parent releasing their claim to the exemption, or a divorce decree prior to 2009.

Every year brings new changes to the tax laws, whether it is a simple increase to the standard deduction or a brand new tax credit. This year is no different. Below are some changes that may affect you, as well as a few helpful reminders. For a complete list of updates and changes, visit the IRS website at <http://www.irs.gov>.

The IRS has designed a new Form 8489 for reporting capital gains and losses. A summary of the information listed on this form is carried over to your Schedule D. In addition, brokerage firms are now required to report to the IRS not only the proceeds from the sales of stocks and mutual funds, but also the cost basis of the investments sold.

Foreign financial assets are now reported on a new Form 8938. The foreign asset disclosure is different from the foreign bank account report. Taxpayers with foreign assets may need to file both documents.

The Making Work Pay Credit is gone. For the past few years, credits of \$400 for single and \$800 for married filing jointly were available against our tax liabilities.

If you are a United States citizen working overseas, you are still a legal resident of one of the 50 states or U.S. territories. You may or may not need to file a state income tax return based on your residency. The Tax Center can help you file your state returns as well.

The Tax Center will also have the common forms and instructions needed to complete your own taxes. The documents will be available in our waiting room.

For more information, contact the Tax Center at the USARAF OSJA building 241 Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. for walk-ins/drop-offs. Appointments can be scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays by calling 634-7316.

Speak Out

What is your favorite physical activity?



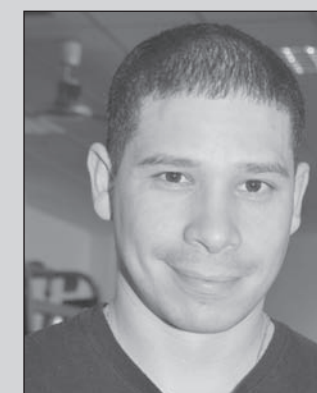
Sgt. Eddie Sherrod
USAHC

"Body building because you can sculpt your body any way you like it."



Sgt. Francisco Rodriguez
USAHC

"I enjoy football, baseball and wrestling. I love sports activities in general."



Sgt. Omar PerezRodriguez
USAHC

"Basketball because I love to stay active and the teamwork involved"

By Laura Kreider

CYSS, FMWR team up for youth 'Sew-Silly' class

Story and photo by Tom Hlavacek

Special to the Outlook

The Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Arts and Crafts Center and Child, Youth and School Services EDGE!'s "Sew-Silly" program that started last week is full. Instructor Daisy Bingham, after brief introductions had the participants cutting out patterns and designing their pillow projects from reclaimed materials. The class meets Thursday afternoon for four weeks and youth will learn all about using sewing machines and hand sewing techniques.

Bingham started sewing at age 11, guided by her mom. In college as a Fine Arts major, she assisted with costume design and fittings for many of the theatre productions.

To sign up for the next adult or youth class, stop by the Arts and Crafts Center or register online using WEBTRAC.



Youths learn about patterns during to Sew-Silly class.

Cabaret singer comes to perform on post

Soldiers' Theatre

Professional cabaret singer and performing artist Jeanne Ragonese comes to Soldiers' Theatre to perform "What is This Thing Called Love?", a high-energy, fast-paced cabaret show Feb. 3 and 4. Her performance is filled with wit and wisdom about the ups and downs of love told through beautiful ballads, soaring melodies and hysterical comedy numbers.

Ragonese has been living in Germany since 1990 where she has been a Department of Defense Dependent Schools first grade teacher at Patrick Henry Elementary School in Heidelberg for the past 21 years. She had no idea that the U.S. Army had theatre programs until she got her job with DoDDS.

"I've always been so grateful for the many wonderful experiences I've had due to the many communities (that) support these programs. While I've always lived in Heidelberg, it's never stopped me from driving all over the place to other (U.S. Army Europe) theatres because I've always enjoyed getting the chance to work with new people in different theatres."

Over the years she has driven thousands of miles on the autobahn to Frankfurt Playhouse, Rhein-Neckar Theatre, Darmstadt Performing Arts Center, Stuttgart Theater Center, Kaiserslautern's KMC Onstage, Mannheim's Off-Main Street Theatre and Heidelberg's Roadside Theater.

Ragonese has performed in more than 80 different productions in Europe, including a Gershwin Concert in Vicenza at Soldiers' Theatre a few years ago. She

also sang at Frankfurt's Alte Oper Opera House and has been annually performing as a "Topper Singer" at the USAREUR Tournament of Plays gala for 16 years.

Jeanne finds it difficult to choose a favorite show but "I'm proud to say I was a principal character in Heidelberg's production of 'Les Miserables,' which was the very first amateur production ever of that musical. Another highpoint was Heidelberg's production of the musical, 'Suburb' that was chosen as the USAREUR representative at the national AACT Theater Festival in Kalamazoo, Michigan and placed third at the national festival."

Ever in search of a new performance challenge, Ragonese auditioned at London's Royal Academy of Music for a cabaret workshop offered at Yale University. She was one of only two who were accepted from that audition and had the opportunity to study at the Yale Cabaret Conference, taught by a faculty that consisted entirely of Broadway and NYC cabaret singers, musicians and directors. It was an amazing experience and inspired her to write her own material to perform cabaret evenings in Europe, she said. Her current cabaret show is "What Is This Thing Called Love?" about the ups and downs on the journey to love.

"It's been an exciting, challenging and rewarding experience to draw on my own experiences and songs I love singing to put together my own shows. It's also opened up new performing opportunities and given me the chance to work with some great musicians like right here in Vicenza."

"What is This Thing Called Love?" is to be performed

at Soldiers' Theatre Feb. 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m. Jeanne will be accompanied by Ciriaco Colella on the piano. Soldiers' Theatre Director, Jerry Brees said, "Jeanne's beautiful voice and vivacious personality shines in her highly entertaining cabaret show. This is a great date night in an intimate atmosphere and a truly unique opportunity."



Courtesy photo

Jeanne Ragonese

Tickets for the Feb. 3 cabaret includes all refreshments as part of the ticket price which features a prosecco bar with unusual and delicious mixes, syrups and garnishes for creative prosecco cocktails with salty snacks and tasty treats. Tickets for the Feb. 4 cabaret include all refreshments as part of the ticket price, featuring a dessert and coffee bar with a variety of liquors to add to your steaming cup of coffee, complimented by a wide variety of delicious and beautiful desserts.

Tickets are \$18 for the show, all beverages and snacks. Reservations are available by calling Soldiers' Theatre at 634-7281.

Steps to take in preparing for earthquake safety

Emergency Management Office

The sudden and violent shaking experienced during an earthquake is caused by the shifting and breaking of subterranean rocks. Earthquakes can happen almost anywhere and anytime without warning, so you and your family should be prepared.

Prepare for earthquakes by minimizing home hazards by bolting shelves, bookcases, china cabinets and other tall furniture and strapping the water heater to structural elements in the walls (in coordination with your landlord). Identify a safe place in every room of your home where nothing can fall on you, such as under a table, against a wall or in a doorway. Practice earthquake drills as a family so everyone knows what to do, especially "drop, cover, and hold on." Get an emergency supply kit, and store it where it can be accessed by all family members. Develop an evacuation procedure as a family. Develop an emergency communication procedure in case family members are separated during an earthquake.

If you are indoors during an earthquake, do not run outside. There may be falling debris. If possible, drop to the floor; take cover under a table or sturdy piece of furniture and hold on until the shaking stops. If you are not near any sturdy furniture, crouch in a corner or in a stable doorway where there is less chance of things falling on you. Stay away from windows, light fixtures, unstable furniture or anything that could fall. Stay inside until the shaking stops and you are absolutely sure it is safe to go outside. The electricity may go out, so don't use elevators.

If you are outdoors, statistics show that the most injuries in earthquakes are caused

by falling debris. Move into an open area away from buildings, street lights, utility wires and anything else that could fall. Once in an open area, drop to the ground.

If you are in a moving vehicle, stop as soon as you can, away from buildings or anything that could fall. Stay in the vehicle. Proceed very slowly once shaking stops. Once you are in a safe place, report to your command if you are military or government civilian personnel.

When the shaking stops, first check yourself and others for injuries. Turn off any building gas supply if you suspect a leak. Stay tuned to AFN radio/television, the command channel, and the USAG Vicenza Facebook and website homepages for further information and instructions. Expect aftershocks, which can come minutes, hours or days after an earthquake. If an aftershock happens, "Drop, Cover and Hold On." Be very careful of falling debris in homes or outdoors. This is how most injuries occur.

If you are trapped beneath debris, do not light a match for light. There may be gas leaks in the area. Do not move around or kick up dust. Cover your mouth with a handkerchief or piece of clothing to reduce dust inhalation. Tap on a pipe (preferably with something that won't cause a spark) or use a whistle to help rescuers find you. Shout only as a last resort as it will increase dust inhalation.

Additional information can be found at: Ready Army — www.ready.army.mil, American Red Cross — www.redcross.org, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention — www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/earthquakes/ and Department of Homeland Security — www.ready.gov/america/beinformed/earthquakes.html

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Pest control available

Having problems with mice in your home on Villaggio or barracks room? Additionally, if you are having problems with stray cats or have questions about traps, call Franco Lidron or Davide Dona', Directorate of Public Works Operation and Maintenance Division's Entomology office at 634-8218/5446. Their hours of operation are 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays-Fridays and can be found in building 19.

Community Camera



Photos by Julie M. Lucas

First Rock baby shower: Thirteen of the estimated 50 babies who were born to Families of 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, were honored with a baby shower Friday. The shower was thrown to celebrate the unusually large number of babies born the year after returning from deployment. At right, Andreina Howard, Army Community Services New Parents Support program, walks the room with Evelyn Gasser, 9 months.



Tree trimming:

Above, in cooperation with the city of Vicenza, employees of the Directorate of Public Works, from left, Sergio Bisognin, Nicola Zancan and Pietro Zuffo prune the trees on Viale della Pace Jan. 19. Michele Orefice and Paolo Gabrele also assisted with the job. More than 50 'Cercis Siliquastrum' trees were pruned and the work took all the week.

At right, Bisognin prunes one of the trees.



Photos by Laura Kreider



Photo by Laura Kreider

Cookie time: Vicenza Girl Scout Troop 53's Elizabeth Wilson, right, sells Girl Scout Cookies outside the commissary Saturday. Cookies will be sold Saturday at the PX from 2-4 p.m., but the supply is quickly vanishing.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Jammin': From the left, Marco Cristanini, Barry Robinson and Andrea Foschi perform during the Music Café held at Soldiers' Theater Friday. This was the two year anniversary of the first Music Café.

Ski, snowboard season begins

by Sgt. Tony Brazier
AFN Livorno Multi-Media
Producer

Winter is now in high gear and for many of us, that means trying to overcome adverse weather conditions. For those of us who actually welcome the frost, it means it's time to grab the hat and gloves, put on a pair of boots and strap into those bindings. Whether your preference is snowboarding or a pair of skis, the slopes in Abetone are a hotspot. For Camp Darby community members, Abetone becomes a mission for fun.

"This whole month, every Saturday, we're going to come up here with ODR and we gotta ready to go at 6:30 in the morning," said Arthur Khan, Camp Darby youth.

Although that feels early on Saturday morning, the trip to the lower Appenines of Tuscany is only about an hour and a half's ride from Camp Darby and offers community members and vacationers an excellent opportunity to enjoy.

"The best thing about skiing is that you get to have fun," said Vivian Khan, Camp Darby youth.

Arthur Khan adds that when the solace of the brisk mountain air gets to be a little too much, there is a bar and restaurant at the top and bottom of the slopes that are a welcome relief for skiers and snow boarders alike.

According to Chiara Chelossi, USAG Livorno Safety office, there are some key Italian laws that will you need to know if you ski or snowboard in Italy.

"A skier or snow boarder coming from behind must choose his route in such a way that he does not endanger skiers or snow boarders ahead; the skier or snow boarder in front has priority," explained



Courtesy photo

Camp Darby's Outdoor Recreation has ski trips every Saturday through February. Sign up for the trips and rent your skis at the same time.

Chelossi. "Wearing a helmet while skiing or snowboarding is mandatory for children under the age of 14; parents are responsible and will be fined if their child does not wear a helmet."

Chelossi added that every skier or snow boarder is duty-bound to assist.

"Unless absolutely necessary, a skier or snow boarder must avoid stopping on the track in narrow places or where visibility is restricted; after a fall in such a place, a skier or snow boarder must move clear of the track as soon as possible," said Chelossi. "Immediate first aid shall be provided, the appropriate authorities alerted and the place of the accident

marked to warn other skiers and snow boarders."

Outdoor Recreation has a trip going every Saturday through February. You can even rent equipment from them when you sign up for a trip. They'll make sure it's put in the bus so you don't have to worry about lugging it around. And when you get there, beginner ski lessons are a possibility.

You could say that Abetone has something to offer everybody. So the next time you are looking to make your wintertime weekend getaway look no further than Abetone and ODR at Camp Darby.

Darby Dates

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

Job openings

- ◆ A test examiner substitute position at the Camp Darby Education center is open until filled. Salary is \$10 per hour. If you have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university, we will train you. Apply at Central Texas College. Call 634-8923 for detail on how to apply.
- ◆ The USA Girl Scouts Overseas is accepting applications for a resident camp health care manager for the camp held at Camp Lachenwald in Germany July 1-31 and Aug. 3-5 at Camp Darby. BSN, RN, LPN, EMT, Medic or equivalent preferred. Interested parties should contact amiller@usagso-na.org for an application prior to Feb. 15.
- ◆ CACI, a government contractor, is currently seeking a part-time on-call IACS registrar to support the Camp Darby office. Interested applicants can send their resume to psun@caci.com.

Sweet competition

633-8232

USAG Livorno Human Resources is hosting the second annual Valentine's Day Bake Off Feb. 14 at 4 p.m. All entries must be delivered to DHR by 3 p.m. Feb. 14. All entries must be homemade and the prize is bragging rights.

Fitness Center

633-7440

Free fitness orientation on proper techniques or how to train in the proper zone.

Extended Health Clinic Hours

633-7357

The health clinic now has a Thursday evening clinic, as a walk-in basis between 4 and 5:45 p.m. The pharmacy, radiology, and laboratory will also be open during this time.

ODR

633-7775

Ski trips every Saturday.

Religious Activities

633-7267

9:40 a.m. Catholic reconciliation
10 a.m. Catholic Mass
11:15 a.m. Protestant worship
11:15 a.m. Catholic CCD
Feb. 2 join the chapel at 8 a.m. at the Darby Community Club for the National Prayer Breakfast. Enjoy free food and fellowship.

News Briefs & Happenings

See new photos everyday on our web site or share yours with us on the Camp Darby Facebook page



Photo by Chiara Mattiolo

Maintaining readiness at all times: The 839th Transportation Battalion consolidates the storage of packages to expedite deployments. "This is a very productive process to speed the deployment readiness," said Staff Sgt. Delano Hamler. "We have to be (ready) for deployment within 36 hours from the call and finding all the needed package supply in one location is going to expedite the process." Learn more at www.usag.livorno.army.mil.

Tax time is here

By Army Capt. Daniel Hill
Camp Darby Command Judge Advocate

The Camp Darby Legal Office will be providing free tax preparation assistance beginning Feb. 6. When you arrive to your appointment, you should have in your possession:

- 1) A completed 2011 Darby Tax Intake Sheet;
- 2) Copies of Social Security Cards;
- 3) Copies of W-2s;
- 4) Copies of 1099s/1098s;
- 5) Any receipts necessary to substantiate itemized deductions;
- 6) Any other documentation you would like to have considered in the preparation of your tax return.

The required intake sheet is available for pick up at the Installation Legal Office or on the USAG Livorno web page under the taxes banner. Call 633-7920 or 7227 for an appointment.

If you are interested in preparing your own tax return, Military One Source, in conjunction with H&R Block, provides access to tax preparation software for qualifying individuals online at <http://www.militaryonesource.com/MOS/FindInformation/Category/TaxFilingServices.aspx>.

By visiting www.irs.gov, you can find out the latest tax credits and taxes benefits such as: first-time homebuyer credit, economic stimulus payments for military combat personnel and tax breaks related to military service, including two provisions that may require amended returns.

Papà del gnocco:

Part of Italy's history is the story of a man who donated money for the poor to buy flour to make gnocchi and he is celebrated with a parade. For more information, read below.



Courtesy photo

Local events

Carnevale is celebrated in Italy and many places around the world 40 days (not counting Sundays) before Easter. This year, Carnevale is Feb. 21, but celebrations in many parts of Italy will start Sunday.

Papà del Gnocco:

The "Gnocchi's dad" election for Carnevale is Sunday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., in Verona, about 36 miles west of Vicenza. The Verona Carnevale dates from 1531 when grain prices rose due to a food shortage.

Poor people, especially in the area around Saint Zeno, were facing starvation. A wealthy nobleman, named Tommaso Da Vico donated a large sum for poor people to buy flour and make gnocchi. Da Vico ordered in his will for gnocchi and wine to be given to the people of Saint Zeno every year on the last Friday before Lent, now called "Venerdì gnocolar" (gnocchi's Friday).

To celebrate, a costumed man appears in parades, representing an old king holding a large fork topped by a big gnocco, instead of a scepter. The man who wears this costume is elected in Saint Zeno's square a month before the event. Candidates try to buy people's vote by offering gnocchi and wine.

Carnevale float parade:

Sunday, 2 p.m., in Rosà, Statale Valsugana and downtown, about 21 miles northeast of Vicenza. In case of inclement weather, the parade will be postponed to Feb. 5.

Carnevale float parade:

Sunday, 1:30 p.m., in Chiampo, Piazza Zanella, about 16 miles west of Vicenza. The events features a float parade with prizes for the best mask and the best float. Entertainment with Malo's majorettes. In case of inclement weather, the event will be postponed to Feb. 5.

Children's Carnevale parade:

Sunday, 3 p.m., in Malo, Youth Center, Via Molinetto 16, about 16 miles west of Vicenza children's Carnevale parade.

San Biagio festival:

Saturday and Sunday, in Montorso Vicentino, Villa Da Porto, Via Luigi da Porto, about 10 miles west of Vicenza.

- ♦ Saturday: 4-7 p.m. local products exhibit and sale; Medieval shows with bow contests, sword fighting, dances, and games with audience participation; 6 p.m. food booths featuring bull on a spit and other local specialties; 8:30 p.m. live music.

- ♦ Sunday: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. local products exhibit and sale; 3:30-7 p.m. historical parade; horse show; medieval music, flag-flyers and medieval market.

Nativity sets exhibit:

Bassano del Grappa, in Piazza Garibaldi, ongoing through Sunday, 2:30-6:30 p.m.

Ice-skating rink

Vicenza: open through Feb. 12, Campo Marzo, Saturdays-Sundays and holidays 9 a.m.-noon and 3-8 p.m.; weekdays 3-8 p.m. Entrance fee: Monday-Friday: €7 and €5 for children younger than 12 (fees include ice-skate rental); €3 entrance only; Saturdays-Sundays and holidays €9; €7 for children younger than 12 (fees include ice-skate rental); and €3 entrance only.

Fairs

Spazio Casa:

Exhibition of furnishing, home accessories and wedding articles: Feb. 5-12, in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria, 16. Monday-Tuesday: 3:30-8 p.m.; Wednesday-Friday 3:30-10:30 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.-8 p.m. The show is dedicated to classical, country and ethnic furnishings, to modern and contemporary furnishings, to stoves and chimneys, garden and patio furniture, clothing and wedding articles. Admission fee: Saturday & Sunday: €5; €3 reduced; free entrance on weekdays.

EXPO'- electronics fair:

Feb. 4-5, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria

16. Computers, software, home theater, fixed and mobile telephony, accessories, audio-visual equipment, electronic musical instruments. Second hand electronic items market.

Admission fee: €8; reduced: €6. Download the form for the reduced ticket by clicking www.blunautilus.it/index.php/main/id/159/cols/2/data/2012-02-04. The instructions are in Italian. If you need help, call Anna Terracino at 634-7169 or email anna.terracino@eur.army.mil.

E' Sposi - wedding show:

Feb. 3-5, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., in Padova, Via N. Tommaseo 59, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. An exhibition for newlyweds, including wedding dresses and suits, formal dresses and catering for parties and weddings. Admission fee: €9. Free for children under 12.

FREE concerts, exhibits & events

Caravaggio, Lippi, and Bronzino art exhibit:

Ongoing through Feb. 5, in Vicenza, Palazzo Thiene, Contrà San Gaetano. Tuesday-Friday 3-7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Ceramics exhibition:

Ongoing through Feb. 19, in Vicenza, Casa Cogollo, Corso Palladio 165. Tuesday-Sunday 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.

Live concert with the conservatory students:

Saturday, 5 p.m., in Vicenza, Conservatory, Contrà San Domenico 33.

Yoga - free demo lesson:

Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., in Vicenza, Stradella del Teatro Olimpico 5, Ganapati Yoga School.

Live 90's music:

Saturday 9:30 p.m., in Vicenza, Equobar, Strada Marosticana 360.

Piano concert:

Wednesday, 8:45 p.m., in Vicenza, Via Rismondo 2. Arias by Chopin, Liszt, and Clementi.

Sporting events

American wrestling:

Feb. 18, in Grugliasco (Torino)

Motocross Freestyle Night of the Jumps:

March 2-3, in Torino

Fim X Trial Indoor World Championship:

March 17, in Assago (Milan)

WWE Raw Wrestlemania - Revenge Tour:

April 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 <http://www.ticketone.it/EN/> or <http://www.zedlive.com>.

Concerts

Gavin Degraw: Feb. 20 in Milan

Johnny Winter: Feb. 26 in Padova

Simple Minds: Feb. 28 in Milan

James Taylor and his band: March 24 in Padova

America: March 28 in Trieste
Lorena McKennitt: April 16 in Padova

Allan Holdsworth Band: May 23 in Milan

Coldplay: May 24 in Torino

Metalfest: June 5-7 in Monza

Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band: June 7 in Milan

Black Sabbath: June 24 in Rho (Milan)

Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers: June 29 in Lucca

Lenny Kravitz: July 16 in Sarzana (La Spezia), July 19 in Vigevano (Pavia)

Deep Purple: July 24 in Vicignano

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

Obereggen ski and snowboard trip: Feb. 4

Pisa and Certosa of Calci: Feb. 4

San Marino: Feb. 5

Siena and Arezzo: Feb. 11

Ski and snowboard Folgaria: Feb. 11

Venice Carnival: Feb. 12

Basel, Comel, Strasbourg, Nancy (Switzerland and France): Feb. 17

Mystery ski/snowboarding trip: Feb. 18

Venice Carnival: Feb. 18

Ducati and Maserati tour: Feb. 20

Alta Badia ski/snowboard trip: Feb. 25

Piedmont wine country/western Italy: Feb. 25

Parma and Pavia: Feb. 25

Torino and the Egyptian museum: Feb. 26

Antibes and Cannes Express: March 3

Brixen ski/snowboard trip: March 3

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

Day	Movie	Time
Thursday	Immortals (R)	6 p.m.
Friday	Happy Feet 2 (PG)	6 p.m.
	J. Edgar (R)	9 p.m.
Saturday	Red Tails (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Red Tails (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Wed.	Happy Feet 2 (PG)	6 p.m.
Feb. 2	J. Edgar (R)	6 p.m.
Feb. 3	The Muppets (PG)	6 p.m.
	Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part I (PG 13)	9 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Feb. 3	Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part I (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Feb. 4	Contraband (R)	6 p.m.
Feb. 5	The Muppets (PG)	1 p.m.
Feb. 10	Red Tails (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

CYSS

- ◆ EDGE! is offering a new EDGE Middle School/Teen Woodshop Program during the period Feb. 2-March 22, on Thursdays 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Arts and Crafts Center. Learn more about the woodshop including tools, machines and techniques. This is an excellent program for scouts who want to earn a merit badge for youth in grades 6-12. Class is free but you must register and enroll with CYSS. Call 634-7502 for information.
- ◆ The Youth and Teen Centers are conducting a Pet Food Drive until Feb. 17. Bring dog or cat food to the Villaggio Youth Center or the Caserma Teen Center 2:45-6 p.m. or drop your donation at the bin in the commissary. All donated items benefit the local Animal Shelter Gogna. Call 634-7659 for more information.
- ◆ It's Lock-In for 6th graders Friday-Saturday. Fun includes swimming, bowling, snacks and games all night long. Call 634-7659 for information.

Soldiers' Theatre

- ◆ Acoustic Jam 2012 returns. In its seventh year, popular acoustic guitar veteran and recording artist Roberto Dalla Vecchia and guest artists perform a flat-picking, folk, bluegrass acoustic concert on Friday at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.
- ◆ What is This Thing Called Love starring professional cabaret artist and singer Jeanne Ragonese. There are two performances only Feb. 3-4. Tickets include Cabaret and complimentary beverages and snacks. For more information, contact 634-7281.

Arts and Crafts Center

- ◆ Learn all about fondant at the extensive Fondant Workshop with instructor Dana Brue Saturday, 1-6 p.m. Fondant techniques, stacking construction and more will be covered during the class. Call 634-7074 for more information on these and other exciting classes coming up.
- ◆ Messy Art is Saturday from 10-11:30 a.m. Class is limited to 12 families so register quickly. Bring your messy clothes, a camera, and an open mind and watch your child create their first or hundredth piece of art. Open to children ages 6 months-5 years (older siblings welcome to join as well).
- ◆ Have some old ACUs in the closet and wanting to make something of them? Bring them to this class and make an "ACU Bag" out of them. ACUs will be available for those who do not have them. This four-part class runs from 9:30 a.m.-noon every Thursday in February.

Trial Defense Services

Soldiers: If you are questioned by law enforcement, CID or members of your command about suspected acts of misconduct, you have the right to remain silent.

If questioned, you should immediately demand to speak to an attorney. Let a U.S. Army Trial Defense attorney help you. Call 634-7043 to speak with a free Trial Defense attorney.

CTC registration

Come get registered for Term 3 at Central Texas College in our new location, building 113, room 6. This term CTS is offering an Early Childhood courses, including CDEC 1335: Early Childhood Development: 3 to 5 years from Feb. 4-25 on Saturdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m. They will also be offering Criminal Justice Seminar, CJSA 1177: International Criminal Justice, which will run Feb. 11-12 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, call 634-6514, email vicenza@europe.ctcd.edu, or visit room 6 in the Education Center.

Library

- ◆ Stop by the library and get the kids ready for Valentine's Day. Make Valentine's cards and a variety of crafts for your special Valentine. Register by Feb. 6; the event will be Feb. 8 3:30-4:30 p.m. All materials are provided for children ages 3-11 years.
- ◆ Every Wednesday, come hear stories, sing songs and make a craft at the library for Pre-School Story Time. Fun begins at 11 a.m.

MOMS Club events

Monthly Meeting with clothing swap, Monday at 10 a.m. To participate in the swap you need to be a current member.

For further information about the events, contact MOMS Club at momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com.

USARAF FRG

- ◆ U.S. Army Africa is having a Family Movie Day Friday from 2-5 p.m. at the post movie theater. All employees of USARAF and their Families are invited for free popcorn and drink. A "G" rated movie will be shown. RSVP by Thursday to Sylena Schendel at sylena.schendel@us.army.mil or call 634-5571 and include the number in your Family.
- ◆ The U.S. Army Africa Family Readiness Group will be meeting Feb. 7 in the Arena from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Lunch will be free along with free child care for those enrolled through Parent Central Services. Michael Olin

will be the guest speaker on the topic of Family safety. Door prizes given away. RSVP to Sylena Schendel at sylena.schendel@us.army.mil or call 634-5571.

Arena

- ◆ Wicked Wings Festival at the Arena weekends during the NFL Playoff Season. Americans consumed more than 13.5 billion wings last year, 1.25 million during Super Bowl Weekend. Enjoy the #1 appetizer served up at the Arena, wickedly, wacked, wicked wings. Wicked Wings Festival specials are available for the Feb. 5 Super bowl XLVI. If you can say "Wickedly, Wacked, Wicked Wings Weekend Combo" five-times fast, you'll be entered in the drawing to win one. Wicked wings are available on and off the bone. You just gotta come in and "Wing It"!
- ◆ Watch the biggest game of the year from the sidelines! Enjoy Super Bowl XLVI Feb. 5 at the Lion's Den. Projected on their 10 ft. screen, you'll feel like you're sitting in front row seats. The evening is chock full of games & prizes and a special \$10 buffet. For more information, contact the Lion's Den at 634-8257.

Computer training

The 509th Signal Battalion and the Army Europe Information Technology Training program offers training to all customers of the 509th area of responsibility. Training is conducted on Caserma Ederle, building 372.

Current course offerings, availability, dates, and points of contact are below:

Feb. 6-10 - Interconnecting Cisco Network Devices 2 (five slots available)

Feb. 13-17 - Information Technology Infrastructure Library Foundations (five slots available)

Feb. 22-23 - *Windows 7 User Training (10 slots available)

Feb. 27-March 12 - Security + (six slots available)

*Entire 509th Signal Battalion customer base will migrate to Windows 7 by June 30.

Contact your unit/org. training coordinator or email michael.k.gauthier.civ@mail.mil or call 634-6077.

Individuals can self enroll at the AEITT website <https://itt.eur.army.mil/>.

Personal finance course

The course, starting Tuesday, is designed to remove the stress that comes with financial problems by helping you put together a spending plan, get out of debt, secure an emergency fund, and confidently invest for the future.

Register for this free 13-week program by calling the chapel at 634-7519.

AFTB training

Army Family Team Building is offering Levels 1, 2, and 3 online. To access the classes, go to <https://www.myarmyonesource.com/FamilyProgramsandServices/FamilyPrograms/ArmyFamilyTeamBuilding/default.aspx>.

The next step in the program, the Instructor's class will be offered quarterly in a classroom setting at ACS. The next Instructor's training is scheduled for March. Contact the AFTB program manager at 0444-71-7942 for details.

Protestant Women of the Chapel

Calling all ladies — join PWOC this winter at the chapel as we continue to celebrate, "Your Kingdom Come." The group will run through May 15. For more info, email vicenza@pwoc.org or find them on Facebook by searching for PWOC Vicenza Italy.

On Tuesday mornings from 9-11:30 a.m. there will be Bible studies, music, food, friends, free child care for children ages 3 and under. The Bible studies will be either one 14-week study or two six-week studies.

Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7 p.m. is "Spiritual Gifts" Precept study by Kay Arthur Fellowship. No homework. Dinner provided at the chapel.

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.

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.

Protestant Confirmation – for young people ages 12-18 from liturgical Protestant backgrounds such as Episcopal, Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian and Reformed. The nine-week Confirmation experience is from February-April. For more information, contact Dr. Grace Yeuell at [grace.yeuell@eur.army.mil](mailto:yeuell@eur.army.mil) or call 634-7890 or 0444-71-7890.

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

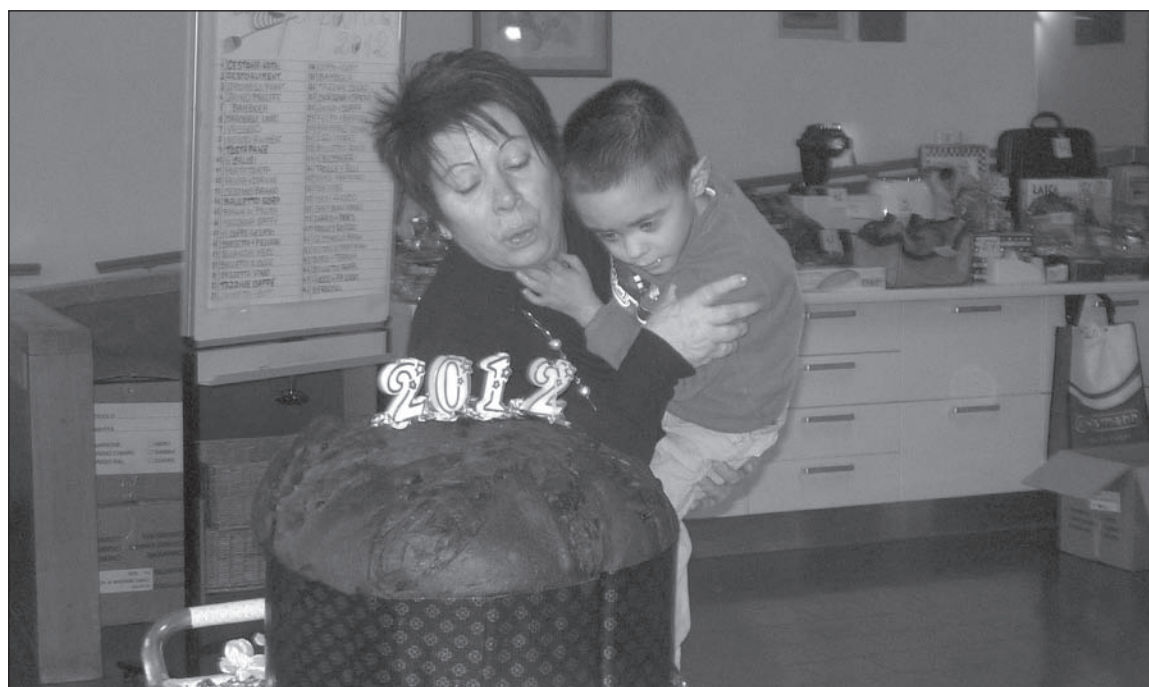


Photo by Anna Terracino

Happy Epiphany: Participants at La Fraglia, a local cooperative for people with disabilities, celebrated Epiphany Jan. 6 with members of Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, as well as volunteers from Caserma Ederle. The Vicenza military community works in partnership with the center on numerous activities.

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.

VHS wrestling program brings home silver

by **Jeremy Huller**
Vicenza High School senior

For the past number of years, Vicenza High School wrestling has taken a back seat to perennial powers Naples, Aviano and others; this year, however, the tide has turned.

According to VHS wrestling coach Travis Brinkman, "Our wrestlers took a big step forward this weekend and have proven that Vicenza wrestling is a team to be reckoned with."

On Jan. 14, the Vicenza wrestling team hosted its first home meet of the season and took second with 84 points to Naples, outscoring Aviano, Rota, Sigonella, and the American Overseas School in Rome. Notable performances came from co-captain Aaron Hogg (160 lbs.), Andrew Stiles (138 lbs.), and Will Pagan (170 lbs.), all of whom finished the day undefeated. C.J. Calabrese (145 lbs.) and Conner Smith (132 lbs.) each took second in their weight classes.

This past weekend, the Cougars traveled to Naples to wrestle most of the same teams, save Rota. The feisty Cougars took second once again to their hosts by a margin of 143-103, with Aviano coming in a distant third at 69 points. Hogg, Tyler Cepeda (120 lbs.) and Mikhail Schroeder (138 lbs.) each took first place in their weight classes. This year's ascent is intriguing given that just three years ago the team barely had enough wrestlers to be viable, having to piggyback bus rides with other teams. At some meets, Vicenza only competed with four high school wrestlers, constantly in the shadows of



Photo by Laura Kreider

Vicenza High School senior Jeremy Huller battles hard against Aviano's Alexander Ramos at the wrestling tournament sponsored by VHS Jan. 14. Vicenza won second place at the meet.

much larger programs from Naples, Aviano and Sigonella. The team now has multiple first place finishers and regularly comes in near the top of the pack.

Department of Defense Dependent Schools sponsor/coach John McKinney said, "Vicenza wrestling's intense conditioning regimen, our athletes' insatiable appetites for putting in hard

work to gain a competitive edge, and the outstanding technical instruction from the selfless dedication of highly experienced coaches, have all yielded tremendous results this season. Keep your eyes on us — big things are coming VHS' way!"

It looks like a bright future for the budding Cougars who travel to Aviano to wrestle Friday.

Vicenza hosts Little League Officials clinics

by **Tom Hlavacek**
Special to the Outlook

Umpires Jack Conway of Florham Park, N.J., and Russ Ruslender of Danville, Calif., will return to present this year's Little League Baseball and Softball Officials Clinic. This year's clinic will run Monday-Feb. 3, 6-9 p.m., at Villaggio School Age Services, building 703.

Both officials have worked the Little League World Series at Williamsport, Pa. Russ Ruslender has more than 30 years experience as a manager, coach and umpire in all levels of Little League baseball. Ruslender umpired the Little League World Series in 1999. For the past 15 years, Ruslender has been the umpire-in-charge of the European, Middle East, and African regional tournament in Kutno, Poland. For two years he umpired college division II baseball.

Conway has a similar track record to Ruslender. In the northeast, since 1975, Conway has umpired baseball and softball from Little League to semi-pro. He is the current president of the American

Legion Baseball, Babe Ruth Baseball and Florham Park LL umpires association. He is a graduate of the PRO-IMAGE umpire school, Little League Umpire Academy and has served as an instructor since 1993. Conway too has officiated the Little League World Series.

The annual clinic teaches participants to become an official, and if selected, and provide follow up clinics. The target audience is members that want to be officials and/or clinic instructors at their installations for Child, Youth and School Services. However, coaches are also invited.

During the training, clinic attendees will learn current rules, proper signaling, points of emphasis, rule changes, plate and field mechanics and procedures. The clinic will culminate with a written test and a practical examination. No experience is necessary to attend this clinic and it is free. Certified officials attending this training will qualify to be paid officials for CYSS games starting in March.

To register contact Alex Ruiz, at the Vicenza CYSS, 634-6151 or email *Carlos.Ruiz5@eur.army.mil*.



Photo by Laura Kreider

In your face: Lee Skinner, 21st TSC-I makes an easy layup against James Manning, U.S. Army Africa player during the game Jan. 18. USARAF's record is 6-1, while USAHC is undefeated.

Adult swim lessons

Adult advance beginner swim lessons meets Tuesdays and Thursdays until Feb 2. Adults with little or no swim experience can learn the front and back float, and the front and back crawl.

Adult Intermediate Lessons are available on Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:45-6:30 p.m. This class is for adults wishing to improve confidence in the water and develop front and back crawl strokes and begin learning the breast stroke and side crawl. Call 634-8642 for information.

Lunch hour fitness

Does your lunch hour need more excitement? Come join the Fitness Staff for the "Game of the Week" each Thursday afternoon at noon. Reminisce while you play old school recess games such as four square and kickball. The new game for each week will be posted at the Fitness Center on Tuesday.

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.

Tennis: Open play Singles and Doubles on Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Volunteers needed

The Mako Sharks Swim Team is looking for adult volunteers to assist. 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://mako-sharks.homestead.com/index.html>.

COMMUNITY UNIT/REC OPEN PLAY BASKETBALL

Team	Win	Loss			
USAHC	5	0	HHC 1-503rd	2	3
USARAF	6	1	21st TSC	2	5
LEGION 1-503rd	4	1	CHURCH BALL	0	2
THE THRONE	3	3	DESTINED 2-503rd	0	2
CHOSEN 2-503rd	2	3	C Co 1-503rd	0	5

The 2011 USAG-Vicenza Unit/Recreational Basketball League matches are Tuesday and Thursday at 6 and 7 p.m. Call the Fitness Center for specifics at 634-7009.