

USARAF chaplains guide, partner with Liberians

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U.S. Army Africa PAO

MONROVIA, Liberia — Following more than a decade of civil war and destruction, citizens of Liberia are slowly recovering from traumatic events that disrupted their way of life. With the help of the U.S. Army, the Armed Forces of Liberia is being reconstructed to develop a more successful and modern military – one of those ways is through their chaplaincy.

Col. Scottie R. Lloyd, director of Personnel and Ecclesiastical Relations for the U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains, and Maj. Allen Staley, U.S. Army Africa chaplain, traveled to Edward Beyan Kesselly Barracks in the capital city of Monrovia to provide essential training on the basics of supporting a modern chaplaincy to 18 AFL chaplains and volunteers.

Lloyd said the AFL has a well established base of operations with an official chaplain, chaplain assistants and volunteers; however, they need more knowledge on the basics of chaplaincy.

“We want to help assist the Armed Forces of Liberia’s emerging chaplaincy to develop into a strong, viable force multiplier and a better trained and organized chaplaincy that supports the commander’s mission and provides the best religious support to soldiers and their families,” Lloyd said.

AFL Chief of Chaplains 1st Lt. Dessaline Allison said the AFL cannot build a military without religious support because the soldiers’ religious views are essential for morale. Since the AFL is in its foundational stages, most of their chaplains haven’t received training in the past.

“They have the desire to work, and they have the desire to serve and provide



U.S. Army Chaplain Maj. Allen Staley leads the Armed Forces of Liberia chaplain group in a learning exercise.

U.S. Army Africa photo

support to the troops, yet they lack the basic training skills to reach out. We were seeking an opportunity to help sharpen the skills of these volunteers to reach out to the soldiers,” Allison said.

Some of the classes included topics such as roles and functions of a staff, briefing skills, assessing religious needs, introduction to counseling, pastoral and counseling crises and grief counseling issues.

“We don’t tell people what they ought to look like. We don’t order them around; we don’t say ‘Hey you gotta look just

like us.’ We provide information, we provide our experiences and share that with them as they themselves make their own decisions on how their chaplaincy is going to look,” Lloyd said.

Staley said these classes are important so AFL chaplains can understand their role as chaplains to help the military have a successful chaplaincy and become successful armed forces.

“Partnering with us provides them with an opportunity to reach that goal so it’s important for them to know they have a partner who will work with them

in pursuing this goal. The end result for them is (to be more developed) as a professional military chaplaincy (so they can attain their) goals,” Staley said.

Future plans are being made to send AFL chaplains to the United States to attend formal schools for U.S. Army chaplains as part of the International Military Education Training program.

“We look forward to future trainings (and) future partnerships with the (United States) to help sharpen our skills and make our military a powerful one,” Allison said.

173rd ABCT trains females for special Afghanistan mission

Story and photo by Spc. Michael Sword
173rd ABCT PAO

GRAFENWOEHR TRAINING AREA, Germany – During the last 10 years of war, the U.S. Army has made many changes to the way battles are being fought in Afghanistan.

Most recent is the Army’s decision to develop an official program in order to more effectively engage an off-limits-to-men female population of Afghanistan and give the Army one more tool in the counterinsurgency fight.

As the Soldiers of the 173rd Airborne Brigade

Combat Team prepare and train here for their fourth deployment to Afghanistan, 21 of their female Soldiers have volunteered to participate in the training to be part of the brigade’s first Female Engagement Team. The Soldiers of the 173rd were also joined by nine Soldiers from 12th Combat Aviation Brigade, headquartered in Katterbach, Germany, who are preparing a FET of their own.

“Training is nine days of classroom instruction with multiple instructors. We brought in subject-matter experts for each class because it’s still so new,” said 1st Lt. Christina DiCicco, officer in charge of FET training for the 173rd. “I really want them to be prepared for

deployment, understand what a Female Engagement Team consists of, their role and the importance of it.”

With the help of several officers from the 173rd, DiCicco was able to develop an effective training session for the new Army program, enlisting several instructors including Chief Warrant Officer 2 Scarlet Granillo of Vilseck, Germany’s 2nd Cavalry Regiment, to assist with the training.

“I’ve done the Female Engagement Team for a total of four deployments so I have been teaching several of the classes here,” said Granillo. “When I found out this training was going on I wanted to go ahead and assist

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The U.S. Army Health Clinic Vicenza will have limited operations Monday morning.

TEAM: Females ready to assist Afghan people during deployment

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because I know how I felt when I had to go ahead and start this.”

Over those four deployments, Granillo has seen many versions of what will become the Army’s modern FET. While the early versions were more combat-focused, the new training focuses more on interaction and building trust with the women of Afghanistan, without losing sight of the necessity of security and combat-readiness.

“I would consider the cultural awareness and the historical portion the most important because it helps us understand them better and gives them the basis to trust us,” she said. “It’s very significant in Afghanistan and to the Afghan people that you understand the culture and their history because everything is intertwined in how they do business, how they react to us, and how they perceive us.”

The volunteers have come from different jobs, different ranks, including officers and enlisted Soldiers, all looking to be part of this opportunity. Spc. Angela Martin, a medic with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173rd ABCT, who deployed with the unit in 2009, is looking forward to a different experience during her next deployment.

“When Lieutenant DiCicco came up to me and asked me, I had not heard too much about it, but I thought that this is something I want to be a part of,” she said. “I can still help out medically, but this time it will be more about interacting with the people and the culture, not just from a medical perspective but also from a social perspective.”

Pfc. Crystal Campbell, a parachute rigger with HHC, 173rd Brigade Support Battalion, has been in the Army less than two years and although she was hesitant to volunteer at first, the training has her feeling better about the upcoming deployment and her possible role as a member of the FET.

“Before this class, I really had no idea about Afghanistan, and now I have a lot more knowledge of it, learning about the history and knowing what I’m getting into,” she said. “I actually feel more comfortable now.”

After nine days of classroom instruction, the FET Soldiers will



Col. Andrew Rohling, commander of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team congratulates the graduates of the 173rd’s Female Engagement Team training, Jan. 26. The nine-day training focused on Afghan history, culture and social interaction.

continue to train and prepare for their role in the 173rd’s next rotation. This first step has them excited, and they’re anxious to bring their training to the battlefield.

“I’m looking forward to going out and being able to sit down with the women, talk to them and try to make them more comfortable with the Americans being in their villages and being in their country,” said Campbell. “I want to let them know that we are there to help.”

According to Martin, “I think this program has a lot to offer for both us as Soldiers and also the Afghan people because when we go out there and interact with each other on a social level, on a casual level, we get to know about each other and each other’s culture. We’re both burdened by stereotypes of

each other.”

Though the Female Engagement Teams are not meant to be a cure-all for dealing with the female population of Afghanistan, the female Soldiers of the 173rd are aware of the effects this program can have and while the progress may be small, it will be well worth the opportunity.

“I’ll be nervous but I’ll also be excited,” said Campbell. “I think now is the time to make a difference, step out there, help out and make it safer for our guys to be out there.”

Martin continued by saying, “What I really think would make this mission an accomplishment for me is if I could get to know and help out one family. No one is going to change the country overnight but if we can help one group of people that would be something.”

VHS students travel to Prague for Model UN

Vicenza High School

The Prague Model United Nations Conference held numerous mind opening and thought provoking experiences for the hundreds of students, from 15 different schools, who attended. The goal of PRAMUN was for well-educated and highly motivated young people to simulate the United Nations by seeking for solutions to seemingly insurmountable global problems. Eighteen students from Vicenza High School, accompanied

by two sponsors, actively participated in PRAMUN which was hosted by a local Czech high school, Gymnazium Jana Nerudy. The delegates from Vicenza well represented four countries: France, Sudan, Portugal and Ukraine, throughout the course of the conference.

Upon arriving in Prague, the delegates made their way to The Youth Forum. The purpose of the Youth Forum was for the delegates to understand how their counterparts

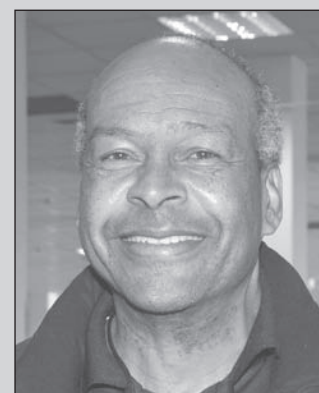
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Courtesy photo
A Vicenza High School student holds up a card with the name of a country they represented during a Model United Nations conference in Prague.

Speak Out

Who will win the Super Bowl and what will be the score?



Jim Leonard
Fitness Center
“Giants 20-17.”



Pfc. Dylan Kramer
1st Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt.
“I think the New York Giants 28-21. They are both good teams.”



LaVonna Mettler
Family member
“Giants, 25-19. I think it’s going to be a good game and I can’t wait.”

By Laura Kreider

New foreign policy advisor joins USARAF

by Rich Bartell
USARAF PAO

Alan B. Latimer, a career Foreign Services officer with more than 28 years of wide-ranging Department of State experience, recently joined the ranks of U.S. Army Africa as foreign policy advisor.

“As the senior civilian foreign policy advisor also known as POLAD, it’s my responsibility to advise the USARAF commander on all diplomatic, foreign-policy and interagency matters pertaining to the 54 diverse countries on the African continent,” Latimer said.

During his career with the U.S. government, Latimer has worked in various posts around the world to include diplomatic missions in Sierra Leone, Guinea, Kenya, Senegal and Nigeria. He has more than 18 years experience in nations on the African continent. Additionally, he is no stranger to working with U.S. military having served both in Iraq and Haiti. In many of his previous assignments Latimer has worked closely with U.S. and foreign government military representatives in joint task force operations.

He brings a wealth of diplomatic experience to his current assignment. In his last stateside assignment, Latimer was a senior advisor managing the Standby Component of the Civilian Response Corps in the Conflict Stabilization Operations Bureau.

“Our mission involved working with countries during post conflict periods to strengthen institutions following periods of instability. The CRC-S is staffed by nearly 800 civilians who are current and retired Foreign Service employees as well as civil service employees,” he said.

More recently, he served on a six month temporary assignment as a senior advisor to the African Union’s Peace and Security Department assisting establishment of a Civilian Response Corps for the African Standby Force. The CRC for the African Standby Force is a group of civilian subject matter experts who deploy to African countries during post conflict periods where

they use their expertise to address humanitarian relief issues.

In January of 2010, Latimer traveled to Haiti to assist in disaster relief operations after the 7.0 earthquake that resulted in more than 300,000 deaths and nearly one-million homeless. As the U.S. Department of State’s principal advisor on political issues, Latimer worked with Lt. Gen. Ken Keen, and Maj. Gen. Simeon Trombitas, commanders of Joint Task Force Haiti - Operation Unified Response.

“During Operation Unified Response more than one million meals were distributed in Haiti. It was a tremendously memorable and rewarding experience,” the 58 year old said.

While posted in Papua New Guinea, Latimer managed civil-military programs in Papua, Vanuatu and the Solomon Islands. Additionally, he had the opportunity to support recovery efforts for World War II U.S. Army Air Corps aviators.

“Working in Papua New Guinea was gratifying and fascinating. One of the most rewarding experiences I’ve ever had was assisting the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command from Joint Base Pearl Harbor in locating the remains of U.S. servicemen from World War II,” Latimer said.

As a lifelong Foreign Services officer, Latimer credits his initial interest in international diplomacy to one of his undergraduate college professors at Atlanta’s Moorehouse College.

“I have to thank Professor Hamid Taqui, my Comparative Politics instructor for sparking my interest in Foreign Services. He was a fascinating teacher and from Sierra Leone. I spent several hours after class discussing politics and foreign policy with him. He also gave me contacts to start my career,” Latimer said.

Dane Smith, former Ambassador to Guinea also had an influence on Latimer.

“While in Guinea, I worked for Dane Smith. He said everything we do as representatives of the U.S. in a host nation, no matter how small or seemingly



Courtesy photo

Alan B. Latimer, left, during a 2009 Iraq deployment. Latimer, recently joined the ranks of U.S. Army Africa as foreign policy advisor. He has served in several countries to include Iraq and Haiti.

insignificant, impacts our host nation mission. We must all be ambassadors of goodwill for the U.S. It’s a guiding principle for me,” Latimer said.

He looks forward to the challenge of being the policy advisor for USARAF.

“Africa is a vast continent with a myriad of cultures. There are 54 countries and I hope to provide the USARAF commander with advice and counsel on U.S. strategic diplomacy and whole-of-government solutions to regional challenges in our area of responsibility.”

Latimer also holds a Master’s degree in National Security and Strategy earned at the National War College at Fort Lesley J. McNair in Washington D.C. He is married and has six children.

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think. Quotes by Leo Tolstoy and Jean-Jacques Rousseau were discussed and debated on and philosophical questions arose, such as: “What is freedom?” The following day, students from the local schools guided the delegates on a tour of Prague. Monuments, churches, and history were uncovered as the students strolled through the streets.

The Opening Ceremony initiated PRAMUN with multiple speeches of inspiration for the hours of debates to come. The delegates were separated

into different committees: Human Rights, Economic and Financial, Environmental, Social, Cultural and Humanitarian, Disarmament, and Security Council. Each committee, consisting of delegations from the whole world, was responsible for devising several resolutions that could potentially solve current issues that affect the world.

Delegates were expected to come prepared with resolutions and policy statements that would assist them in the lobbying process. Sharing their

opinions with one another allowed them to strengthen their resolutions so that the most comprehensive solution would continue on to be debated and voted on. Although the debating procedure was long and heated, it was all in good nature.

The final day of PRAMUN highlighted the General Assembly and the Closing Ceremony. At the General Assembly, the delegations were to vote on the resolutions that were the product of long hours of hard work. Not only were many resolutions passed, Two

of Vicenza High School’s very own students had their resolutions passed. The General Assembly passed Marshall Perfetti’s, Sudanese’s delegate of the Human Rights Committee, resolution on the rebuilding and refinancing of Libya as well as Tia Juliano’s, France’s delegate of the Economic and Financial Committee, resolution concerning creating an international fund to finance and assist in natural disasters. PRAMUN was a success. A tough, but prosperous week came to an end at the closing ceremony.

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At Your Service



USAG Vicenza Chaplain’s Office

Chap. (Lt. Col.) Pete Martinez is the chaplain for the U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza. His duties include coordinating and facilitating all religious and related support functions for the community.

“I am the garrison commander’s primary staff officer for implementing his Title Ten responsibility for religious support.”

The next event will be a prayer breakfast Feb. 14 at the Italian Mensa at 8 a.m. Tickets are available for military through command or chaplains.

Martinez’s office is in the Vicenza Chapel, building 29. To contact Martinez, call 634-7023 or email pete.martinez1@eur.army.mil.

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Community Camera

Bee held at Villaggio schools spells success

Story and photos by Laura Kreider
Outlook staff

After 33 spelling bee rounds, with a total of 221 words given out, seventh-grader Anuk Dayaprema was the last student standing and took first place with two words, “reminiscent” and “weasel” at the second VES/VMS Final Spelling Bee held in the multi-purpose room in Villaggio Jan. 25.

In the event, sponsored by the Vicenza Parent Teacher Student Association, Dayaprema competed against 17 schoolchildren from elementary to middle school.

Third-grader Brandon Bess took second place and fifth-grader Naomi Wheeler came in third place.

“Competition was exciting with elementary students holding their own over older middle school students up to the very end of the competition,” said Teresa Taylor, VMS/PTSA sponsor.

Dayaprema, who also took first place in the MS Spelling Bee said he has been working hard to be ready for the final.

Now, he will advance to the European PTSA Spelling Bee, in Kaiserslautern/Ramstein, Germany, March 17.

He is not new at the European event since last year he won the regional bee and went on to represent DoDDS-Europe in the National Scripps Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

Brandon Bess is the alternate for Dayaprema, if he is not able to represent Vicenza in Germany. Naomi Wheeler will be the second alternate in the event that the other two winners are unavailable to represent Vicenza schools.

The event was followed by the awards presented by PTSA President Misty Reardon, who was assisted by VES Sponsor, Trina Downey and VMS Sponsor, Teresa Taylor.

Then, finalists, judges, and official “Word Pronouncer” Felix Vallone enjoyed a special “Spelling Bee” cake donated for the event by the Vicenza Schools PTSA.

Spelling Bee finalists were VES: Selomi Dayaprema (4th grade), Anna Pepper (3rd), Brandon Bess (3rd), Charlize Brasher (2nd), Samantha McDonald (5th), Olivia Peltier (2nd) Naomi Wheeler (5th), Christian Molina (3rd), Lusius Milne (4th), Kurt Metzger (4th); VMS: Machaela Simmons (6th), Linda Salinas (6th), David Barnes (7th), Christian Morales (7th), Anuk Dayaprema (7th), Ashley Frank (6th), Ethan Armstrong (7th), Lisa Marie Medrano (6th).

Judges were Col. Mike Balser, director of Logistics, U.S. Army Africa, Lt. Col. Robert McKenzie, Vicenza Health Clinic and Nori McCall, School Liaison Officer.



Above, Vicenza elementary fourth grader Selomi Dayaprema spells her word correctly during a spelling bee held Jan. 25. Dayaprema was one of 18 finalists in the contest. At left, Naomi Wheeler, fifth grade, receives her certificate and third-place trophy from the spelling bee.



CPR class: Above, participants in the American Red Cross CPR/AED (Automated External Defibrillation) and First Aid Instructors course watch a video during the class held at Davis Hall Saturday.

At right, ARC instructor trainer Jason Resto, right, explains some content to Jennifer Kandell, one of the participants in the two-day course.

Photos by Laura Kreider



Photo by Laura Kreider

Tax time: U.S. Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg cuts the ribbon that officially opens the U.S. Army Vicenza Tax Center Tuesday, while Capt. Derek Coyne, Client Services Attorney/OIC Tax Center Office of the Staff Judge Advocate SETAF/U.S. Army Africa looks on.

Livorno team saves unit thousands

by Frank Maloney
NEC Livorno Chief, 509th Signal Battalion

U.S. Army Garrison Livorno is home to many units, including the 509th Signal Battalion. Civilians from the 509th Signal Battalion at Livorno have a long history of saving units' money through numerous projects and initiatives. The battalion's recent project to support the 839th Transportation Battalion is just an example of this type partnership that supports the customer while saving the command valuable resources.

The 839th Transportation Battalion is headquartered at Leghorn Army Depot, part of USAG Livorno. The 839th Trans. Bn. serves as the single port manager for military operations in more than 180 seaports in 22 countries surrounding the Mediterranean Sea, Black Sea and North Africa. The headquarters building for the 839th Trans. Bn. was unable to be serviced with normal Defense Switched Network phones based on a faulty 100 pair cable. In order to work around this problem, the 839th Trans. Bn. contracted for commercial long distance service at a cost of \$40,000 a year. Given the 839th Trans. Bn.'s wide area of responsibility the number of long distance calls and the associated cost is significant. With increasing concerns on resources, the 839th Trans. Bn. was looking for help.



Photo by Joyce Costello

The Camp Darby 509th Signal Battalion, Dial Central Office Outside Cable Plant technicians work on manholes. The battalion has saved the U.S. Government over \$100K by pumping water out of Camp Darby, Camp Darby Leghorn, Ammunition Area, and Training Area's manhole's in order to keep the telephone cable splice cases dry from water damage.

The 509th Sig. Bn.'s NEC Chief Frank Maloney, approached the 839th Trans. Bn. with a solution to their problem. With help from 6981st Civilian Support Group, from the Germany based 2nd Signal Brigade, the faulty 100 pair cable was repaired. With the repair done, Maloney's outside and inside plant cable installers went to work. Through long hours, Maloney's teams were able to provide DSN service to

the 839th Trans. Bn. headquarters. This initiative has already begun to save the 839th money and over the course of a year will result in a savings of more than \$40,000.

The 839th Trans. Bn. Commander Lt. Col. Marcilyn Patterson, presented coins of excellence to those that made this effort possible. Those present coins include Gary Khan, Augusto Ferretti, Daniele Crews and Mario Poropat.

Colorful Carnevale ignites Italian entertainment

by Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

There is something brilliant about having a carnival during the coldest and gloomy parts of the year. Kids get to throw confetti eggs and silly string at others without getting into too much trouble and adults can dress up in wacky outfits without fear of ridicule. Marching bands can make all the noise they want and a spirit of childish joy seems to make you forget about winter.

In Italy, you'll find small villages crowded with tractors pulling floats of all sort. Kids really seem to get a kick out of riding in a cart behind the tractor around the main square. The carnevale near Vitolini-Vinci is a great place for children and takes place Feb. 5 at 2:30 p.m. in the town's main square. Entrance is free. The Orentano Carnevale at Castelfranco di Sotto will run ever Sunday until Feb. 26 at 3 p.m. in the town square. This carnevale focuses mainly on Walt Disney characters and floats.

If you are not adverse to crowds, visiting Venice during carnevale is a must. People from all over the world dress up in fabulous gowns and masks and promenade the streets, especially around Saint Mark's Square. You can try finding a hotel room, but its easier to either take the ITR bus or catch a train from Vicenza. Just make sure to check that there is not a scheduled train strike on the day you visit.

If you like political satire, then the Viareggio Carnevale will have you in stitches laughing. You don't need to understand Italian to understand the social commentary. Parking is non-existent, so either take the train or the ITR bus. This carnevale run every Sunday from Feb. 5- March 3 beginning at 3 p.m. The last day, the parade will begin at 7 p.m. There is an entrance fee.

At top, children enjoy Vinci Carnevale. In the center, Venice is full of classic costumes. At bottom, Viareggio Carnevale is massive street party centered on political satire.



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Photo by Edward Johnson



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Darby dates

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

Red Roses for Valentines

633-7438

Camp Darby's Better Opportunities for Single Service members are selling a dozen long-stemmed roses for Valentine's Day. The flowers will be delivered on Darby or the depot. Contact a BOSS representative to place your order.

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.

Dental Clinic Closure

633-7461

The Dental clinic will be closed Feb. 9-10. In/out-processing can still be completed during this time. The clinic will reopen Feb. 13. Community members are reminded to please arrive on time to their appointments. If need be, we will institute a suspension of elective dental treatment to dependents with multiple failed appointments/late notifications.

Parent's Night Out / Game Day

633-7681

- School Age Center Game Day Feb. 25 from 2-5:30 p.m.
- Parent's Night Out for CDC & SAC, Feb. 25 from 5:45-11 p.m.
- Youth Center Game Day / Kick Back Night Feb. 25 from 2-5:30 p.m. free of charge with plenty of fun games planned for indoor and outdoor play. After 5:45 p.m. the Kick Back night starts with even more fun.

ITR

633-7589

- Bus transportation to Viareggio Carnival Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26
- Pistoia Zoo Feb. 25

Darby Community Club

633-7855

- Taco Tuesday Feb. 7
- Texas Hold 'em Feb. 10

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

Sant' Agata Fest:

A medieval-themed parade will start at 9:15 a.m. Sunday in Tezze, Arzignano, about 12 miles west of Vicenza. The festival also features a craft market and historical re-enactments.



Courtesy photo

Local events

Sant' Agata Festival:

Sunday, in Tezze, Arzignano, about 12 miles west of Vicenza. 9:15 a.m. a medieval costumed parade departs from Rocca di Castello, Piazzale della Vittoria and arrives in Tezze, Via Montecchi, 1. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Medieval market; 2 p.m. local agricultural and craft products market; 2:30 p.m. Medieval entertainment with historical re-enactment and jesters. 3 p.m. bell concert presented by Tezze Bell Association; 6:30 p.m. fire show.

"Flakes of Light" - Musical Fireworks Championship:

Friday-Sunday, in Asiago, about 34 miles north of Vicenza. This year fireworks companies from Austria, Mexico and Italy participate in the music fireworks contest.

♦ Friday: at 9 p.m. at the Asiago airport, Via Cinque, grand opening with live entertainment; music fireworks contest at 10 p.m.

♦ Saturday: Linta area, at 9 p.m., the traditional Kopa KaruKola, a ski race whose participants ski wearing a Carnival costume and a ski jump exhibit; at 10 p.m. musical fireworks.

♦ Sunday: at the Asiago airport, Via Cinque, at 9 p.m. live entertainment and music and, at 10 p.m., musical fireworks and contest award ceremony.

Carnevale:

Sunday, in Malo, Piazza Zanini, about 11 miles northwest of Vicenza. Entrance fee: €3. Free for children younger than 11. Food booths featuring frittelle (deep-fried pastries), hot spiced wine and hot chocolate; 2:30 p.m. opening ceremony, live entertainment with Povolara town hall band concert, majorettes and samba dancers; traditional Carnevale float parade.

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.

Padova: Open until May 5. Ice-energy - Sports Center Plebiscito, Via Geremia Guglielmo, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. Open until May 5. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 5-7 p.m. and 9-11 p.m.; Saturdays and holidays 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; 2-8 p.m., and 9-12 p.m.; Sundays 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-8 p.m. Entrance fee: €7 weekdays, reduced €5 for children up to 12 years old; €9 euro weekends and reduced €7. Skate rental is €4.

Movies

The Odeon Theater, in Vicenza, Corso Palladio 176, will be featuring movies in English through the winter. Monday: The Conspirator by Robert Redford. Tickets cost € 6. Show times are 4 p.m. 6:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Fairs

Spazio Casa:

Exhibition of furnishing, home accessories and wedding articles: Sunday-Feb. 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:

Saturday-Sunday, 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/eventi.ticketDownload.login/

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:

Friday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., in Padova, Via N. Tommaseo 59, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. An exhibition for engaged couples, 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 Sunday, 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.

Wood for Africa - charity art exhibit:

Ongoing through Feb. 16, 6-8 p.m. in Vicenza, Spazio Interiors by Enrico Zola, Contrà San Silvestro 34. Proceeds from donations and sales will go to an orphanage in Tanzania.

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)

Oktagon - Kickboxing Championship:

March 24, in Assago (Milan)

WWE Raw Wrestlemania - Revenge Tour:

April 18, in Assago (Milan)

Superbike World Championship:

June 8-10 in Misano Adriatico (Rimini)

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

Metallic: May 13 in Udine

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)

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

Siena and Arezzo: Feb. 11

Ski and snowboard Folgaria: Feb. 11

Venice Carnevale: Feb. 12

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

Mystery ski/snowboarding trip: Feb. 18

Venice Carnevale: 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

Antibes and Cannes Express: March 4

San Martino ski/snowboard trip: March 10

Cinque Terre: March 10

Trips can be booked on WebTrac at <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/Vicenzarectrac.html> or by following the WebTrac link on www.vicenzaMWR.com or at ODR.

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

Thursday	J. Edgar (R)	6 p.m.
Friday	The Muppets (PG)	6 p.m.
	Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part I (PG 13)	9 p.m.
Saturday	The Muppets (PG)	3 p.m.
	One For The Money (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	The Muppets (PG)	3 p.m.
	One For The Money (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Wed.	Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part I (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Feb. 2	Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part I (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Feb. 3	Arthur Christmas (PG)	6 p.m.
	New Years Eve (PG 13)	9 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Feb. 9	Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part I (PG 13)	7 p.m.
Feb. 10	One For The Money (PG 13)	7 p.m.
Feb. 11	The Muppets (PG)	4 p.m.
	One For The Money (PG 13)	7 p.m.
Feb. 12	The Muppets (PG)	4 p.m.
	One For The Money (PG 13)	7 p.m.
Feb. 16	J. Edgar (R)	7 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

♦ 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.

National Prayer Breakfast

A free breakfast will be held at the Italian Mensa Feb. 14 at 8 a.m. Tickets are available for military personnel from their commanders, first sergeants, chaplains or chaplain assistants.

Vicenza military community town hall

U.S. Army Europe Commanding General Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling will be hosting a town hall for Soldiers, civilians and Family members Feb. 14 at 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the post movie theater.

Job openings

♦ The American Red Cross, a premier non-profit organization, is seeking a self motivated individual to provide emergency communications and casework services to members of the military and their families. Qualified applicants must have strong computer skills, bachelor's degree in business or public administration, human resources, management, community organization, social or health sciences or related field is required; or relevant equivalent experience. A minimum of three years related experience is required. Job seeker must have SOFA status and meet the Vicenza security background check requirements for access to installation's computer network. Experience with American Red Cross programs and services are desired. Familiarity with military culture, regulations and protocol is desired. Qualified applicants should submit resumes before Feb. 13 by going to www.americanredcross.apply2jobs.com/ and selecting position number NHQ18276

♦ The U.S. Army Wellness Center Vicenza is seeking a part time health educator for 20 hours per week. Under the US Army Public Health Command-South East District, the responsibility of a Health Educator is educating USAG Vicenza community members on various topics within the realm of health and fitness. The Army Wellness Center is focused on primary prevention and development of healthy behaviors. The Health Educator is responsible for age appropriate lifestyle education and interventions. All procedures are in accordance with Army Regulation 600-63. Primary responsibilities will include fitness testing, metabolic testing, one-on-one counseling and facilitating group education classes. This position requires strong communication skills, discretion, judgment, analytical ability, and strong organizational skills. Bachelor's degree in a health

related field and a minimum of two years of experience in a related field is required. ACSM, NASM, or Cooper Institute Personal Fitness Certifications are highly desired. Hours required are 8 a.m.-noon, Mondays-Fridays. Submit resumes by Tuesday to Army Wellness Center, building 112 or email to lacy.wolff@us.army.mil For questions, contact the Wellness Center at 634-8186 or 0444-71-8186.

Soldiers' Theatre

"What is This Thing Called Love?" starring professional cabaret artist and singer Jeanne Ragonese. There are two performances only Friday-Saturday. Tickets include Cabaret and complimentary beverages and snacks. For more information, contact 634-7281.

Community Bank closure

The Community Bank will close early Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. for mandatory staff training.

Arts and Crafts Center

♦ Intro to Soap Making is back. Take the Soap Making Intro class to learn the basics and then come back and make your own soap in our multi-crafts room at your convenience. Just in time for Valentine's Day — we even have heart shaped molds. Children's class Friday from 3:30-5 p.m. (ages 7 and up), and an adult class Saturday from 1-3 p.m.

Black History Month

A celebration will be held at the Villaggio Elementary School Feb. 28 at 1:30 p.m.

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.

634-5571.

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 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 Monday; the event will be Wednesday 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.

Veterinary Clinic

Have you been meaning to call? The Veterinary Clinic will be open Feb. 11, 8 a.m.-noon, for annual vaccines, micro-chipping and health exams. Due to limited time, we are unable to see sick call or emergency cases. Call 635-4841 or 0444-71-4841 for additional information.

Girl Scout cookie sales

This weekend will be the final for Girl Scout cookies sales. They will be selling at the PX and commissary Saturday-Sunday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

USARAF FRG

The U.S. Army Africa Family Readiness Group will be meeting Tuesday 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

Arena events

♦ 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 Sunday 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 Sunday 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 in the 509th area of responsibility. Training is conducted on Caserma Ederle in building 372.

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

Monday - Feb. 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.

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

Bahá'í Faith: Call Russell Menard at 389-133-4627 or 349-708-2535.

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, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Viale Trento 246, Vicenza.

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 Laura Kreider

Acoustic jamming: Roberto Dalla Vecchia, left, along with special guest Patrizio Bau' entertain Americans and Italians in the audience during the Sixth Acoustic Jam held at Soldiers' Theatre Friday. This weekend Soldiers' Theatre will have a special cabaret show.

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.

Canopy built in response to customer comments

by Tom Hlavacek
Special to the Outlook

The number one number complaint by fitness center customers in worldwide surveys was a dirty facility and dirty equipment. The Thursday morning ribbon cutting ceremony took place opening the reopening doors of the center.

Fitness customers will now have a protected area entry way which will keep them dry and reduce dirt tracked into the fitness center. Along with the new entrance is a bicycle rack with an extended canopy to help keep bikes dry.

According to Chris Wolff, the acting Sports, Fitness, and Aquatics director, "This is the completion of a two part project. The next phase will be the addition of a 2nd set of doors that will be an energy saver. With the additional sliding doors, we will keep the cool area in the facility in summer and keep the warm air from escaping in the winter months. This will be a win-win, both satisfying customers and saving energy dollars."

Access has returned to the front entrance again.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Users of the Fitness and Aquatics center enter under the newly installed canopy. The canopy was built as a response to public concern of cleanliness.

Sports shorts

Yoga for partners

The Fitness Center will be offering "Partner Yoga" classes Feb. 14.

Partner yoga is a fun way to bend, stretch, and share an experience with someone you care about. No experience necessary.

Class times are noon-12:45 p.m., and 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Cost is \$3/single ticket, or \$2.50/10 tickets and can be purchased at the front desk anytime.

Adult swim lessons

Adult Beginners Swimming Lessons begin Feb. 14 at 5:45 p.m. Learn rhythmic breathing, front crawl, back crawl and elementary back stroke. For more information, call 634-8642.

Adult Intermediate Swimming Lessons begin Feb. 15 at 5:45 p.m. This class will teach students basic techniques in freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke. Contact 634-8642 to register.

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.

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. For more info., contact John Casey at 0444-91-2612 or email john.j.casey@us.army.mil. Visit <http://makosharks.homestead.com/index.html>.



Cougars on the prowl: Vicenza Cougars No. 33, Al Vasquez releases a short jump during the game played against Naples at the post gym Jan. 21. At left, Vicenza High School's Tatiana Miranda dashes to the basket avoiding her opponent Laneisha Jeans of Naples during the game at the post gym Jan. 20. Miranda scored six points. In the Friday game the final score was close: Vicenza lost to Naples 41-45.

Photos by Laura Kreider

U.S. Soccer Italia sets indoor boys, girls camp date

by Tom Hlavacek
Special to the Outlook

Vicenza youth soccer players interested in trying out for the U.S. Youth Soccer-Italia should schedule Feb. 11 and 12 on their calendar. A camp will be hosted at the Luna Bubble, Feb. 11, 3-4 p.m. On Feb.12, training is from 8-11 a.m.

The purpose is to train the Vicenza, Naples and Rome athletes in order to qualify for the Italian Select Soccer team. This is the final training opportunity prior to heading up to Germany for an international tournament at Ansbach, Germany Feb. 18-19.

The purpose of the tryouts is to select boys' and girls'

teams for higher level competition. It is for boys and girls ages 10-18.

"This is the first indoor Vicenza camp," said Warren Frank. "U.S. Soccer Italia boys and girls teams consist of ambitious players interested in more competition and year round training. We train together about once a month in Rome, Naples and Vicenza."

Players selected will compete in advanced level soccer against international teams.

For additional information, contact:

Frank at frankcfrank@yahoo.com or Coach Charity Smith at Charity1725@yahoo.com or visit the website www.italiaselect.org.

COMMUNITY UNIT/REC OPEN PLAY BASKETBALL

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

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.