

Parachute shop wins gold

Story and photo by Anna Ciccotti
Special to the Outlook

AVIANO AIR BASE, Italy – The Airborne Equipment Parachute Repair Shop, Aviano Air Base, Italy has been awarded a gold Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certification under the strict standards developed by the U.S. Green Building Council.

Exceeding its contractual requirement of a LEED-certified building, the AEPRS is the first Army facility to be certified Gold in Italy and stands as an example of the U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza’s ongoing efforts to support environmentally sustainable best building practices.

“We have many reasons to be proud of the AEPRS,” said Robert Fitzsimmons, architect and project manager of the Aviano projects that are in direct support of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team’s deployment capability. “The project fulfilled the functional requirements for the parachute riggers and met the Air Force architectural compatibility criteria for the Aviano Air Base,” Fitzsimmons said. “We are also particularly proud of the gold certification and this building is a prime example that gold can be pursued without adding to the costs.”

The accomplishment of the AEPRS can be greatly attributed to the thoroughness of the contractor who performed a detailed analysis of requirements to establish an array of strategies and develop a truly sustainable building.

“We are very glad to have worked with Army and the U.S. Naval Facilities Engineering Command,” said Jennifer Messing, an architect working for SKE-Vittadello, the design-build contractor for the

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Photo by Laura Kreider

Fast wheels : Ten-year-old Dominique Green, right, and Sabrina Groth, 10, members of Vicenza Girl Scouts, eagerly cheer for their cars with fellow scouts, during the Pinewood Derby event hosted by Cub Scout Pack 295 at the Teen Center pavilion Saturday. This was the first year the race was open to the public and Groth was the Girl Scout winner and Jacob Seganic was the Boy Scout winner.

VHS senior named Army Europe’s Youth of the Year



Photo by Julie M. Lucas

Taylor Curry, senior at Vicenza High School, dons protective gear to take photos of a live-fire qualify for the 839th Transportation Battalion while serving as an intern for the Outlook. Curry has recently been named Installation Management Command-Europe’s Youth of the Year.

By Tom Hlavacek
Special to the Outlook

Youth and Staff across Europe are congratulating the newly appointed Installation Management Command-Europe “Youth of the Year.”

Taylor Curry has been selected as the IMCOM Europe Region, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Youth of the Year. Curry was selected as the U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza BGCA Youth of the Year in February. Subsequently, he competed with other garrison Youth of the Year winners from Army communities across Europe. Now, with the help of the Vicenza and IMCOM Europe Child, Youth, and School Services, he will prepare to compete with other military services in Europe to determine who will compete in the continental

United States.

Chosen for his sound character, leadership skills, and willingness to give back to the community, Taylor is a strong candidate to represent the Army Europe against the selected Youth of the Year representing the Navy, Air Force, and the Marines for a chance to represent all services in the European Region. The 2012 national overall winner will represent the 4.2 million youth involved in Boys and Girls Club membership and community outreach programs around the world.

Taylor Curry’s story is about overcoming the greatest of obstacles when his father was killed as a Soldier in 2007 in Afghanistan. Paying the ultimate family sacrifice of losing your father, Curry says he has drawn inspiration from his

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project. “In fact we were able to get gold thanks to a very cooperative team that was readily available to answer questions and provide guidance to help us achieve and exceed the minimal requirements present in the contract,” Messing said.

Insisting on design excellence and innovation, the project incorporated criteria that emphasized siting, design and construction considerations such as water and energy use, materials used in construction and environmental quality inside the building.

The AEPRS earned an even distribution of additional credits from each of the vetted categories. Relevant credits include the use of recycled content from demolition debris, certified materials supplied by local vendors, water and energy efficiency and use of natural lighting.

On time and on budget, in June 2011 NAVFAC delivered the \$8.1 million project which is in direct support of the Vicenza Military Community mission. The project included demolition of an existing building and construction of a 40,000 sq. ft., one-story facility with



Hundreds of parachutes returned from the field await inspection, repair and repacking by riggers working in the Airborne Equipment Parachute Repair Shop before the next airdrop mission. Eco-friendly features adopted from design through construction of the facility ensure a high standard of indoor environmental quality and enhance the physical well-being and quality of life of the Soldiers who work there.

parachute drying tower, packing, repair and secure storage area. The facility features parking, core administrative and conference areas.

After the Heavy Drop Rigging Facility and the Personal Alert Holding Area both delivered in 2008, the

AEPRS completed the MILCON funded projects supporting Army Deployment Operations requirements at Aviano. All three projects were managed by NAVFAC, delivered on time and on budget and all LEED certified.

Neuropsychology evaluation necessary to aid in recovery

By Dr. Catherine Frantom

U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza

Neuropsychology is a subspecialty practice within the neurosciences that combines neuroanatomy, principles of behavioral neurology, and training in clinical psychology. The product of neuropsychology is an evaluation report, which involves formal assessment of cognitive functions and the psychological factors that may impact the ability to use them.

Cognitive functions originate in the part of the brain called cerebrum, the symmetrical mass of gray and white matter made up of two equal halves called hemispheres. Each hemisphere (right and left) comprises four lobes — a frontal, temporal, parietal and occipital lobe. These lobes have association with specific tasks and participate in complex neural networks that enable, for example, the ability to think, learn, speak, move, perceive, control actions, concentrate, read and remember. The brain is like a committee of experts. All the parts of the brain work together, but each part has its own special properties. Many functions require coordinated processing from multiple areas of the brain. They are typically performed effortlessly and easily taken for granted until we can no longer access them.

When individuals experience cognitive changes due to alterations within the brain, they may be referred for a neuropsychological evaluation. This evaluation can help determine which functions of the brain have been disrupted, to what extent, and what can be done to help. A neuropsychologist is responsible for the procedures used in an evaluation, which include a clinical interview, review of medical and radiology reports, collateral interview of family, behavioral observations, and noninvasive psychometric tests designed to assess the presence and severity of cognitive impairment.

While neuroimaging techniques like MRI and CT scans can provide information about a brain’s structural normality, the focus of neuropsychology is to describe how well the brain is doing its job.

The psychometric component to the evaluation may involve measures of intelligence, attention, memory systems, problem-solving, abstract thinking, executive functions, motor abilities, visual-spatial perception, and psychological health and personality factors. Test procedures are standardized and administered in a distraction-free environment for optimal performance. As such, a person’s

scores can be compared to those derived from a large normative sample of people with similar characteristics of the examinee. For example, the scores of a 32-year-old male with a high school education are compared to the scores of a large representative sample of men similar in age and years of education. In this way, a person’s cognitive test performance can be described as falling above, below or within expected limits for age, education, and gender.

Additionally, test scores are compared to groups of people within specific diagnostic categories (mild Traumatic Brain Injury) to determine how well a person’s scores fit with a diagnosis. The areas addressed in a given evaluation are determined by the referral question, What do the referring doctor and patient want to know?, the person’s history and presenting symptoms, and observations made during test administration. Although individual scores are informative, the data are also evaluated for patterns of strengths and weaknesses to better understand how the brain is functioning overall.

Actual or perceived cognitive decline can be related to a variety of neurological changes. Among the reasons for referral to a neuropsychologist are:

- ♦ To differentiate normal (aging) memory changes from a degenerative process like dementia
- ♦ To identify whether cognitive changes from neurological injury are more likely associated with psychological factors
- ♦ To assess cognitive consequences of an acquired injury such as traumatic brain injury from a fall, motor vehicle accident, concussive blast injuries, sports concussions, and assault
- ♦ To assess the cognitive severity and functional impact of changes due to stroke, cerebrovascular disease, tumors/resections, epilepsy, chronic alcohol abuse, toxin exposure, hypoxic events, probable Alzheimer’s dementia and decline that may accompany movement disorders such as Parkinson’s disease, neurological conditions such as hydrocephalus, meningitis, multiple sclerosis, encephalopathy, infectious diseases involving the central nervous system, brain radiation, and chemotherapy.

A neuropsychological evaluation is particularly useful in identifying cognitive changes from mild injuries that are typically invisible to neuroimaging. Neuropsychological services are offered at U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza. Contact the Behavioral Health Department for more information.

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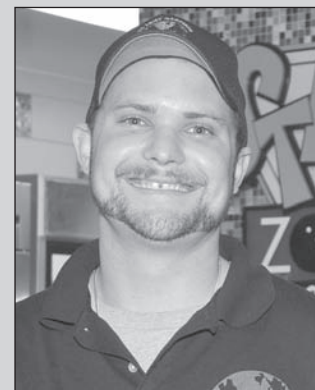
What do you like most about springtime?



Sgt. Demetris Gilbert
1st Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt.
“I love the great weather.”



Keoshia Rutledge
VHS
“Going out to enjoy the sun and the fact that the days are also longer.”



William Baker
Arena
“I like the chance to go to the beach and driving all over Italy.”

By Laura Kreider

VHS seniors learn life skills during Senior Week

By Taylor Curry
Outlook intern

The Vicenza High School seniors participated in a number of classes and activities during the annual "Senior Week" March 12-16.

During this week, students in the ninth through eleventh grades were busy taking the TerraNova, a standardized test used by many Department of Defense Education Activity schools. Seniors, who are not required to take the test, traditionally use this week to prepare for graduation and life after high school.

This year, students visited downtown Vicenza and its Teatro Olimpico, the venue for this year's graduation ceremony. The VHS seniors also attended lectures on credit cards and banking at the Global Credit Union and vehicle maintenance at the Auto Center. The most engaging activity of the week, however, was the cooking class with a professional chef, which included shopping for groceries, preparing the meal, learning proper table etiquette and tasting the food they prepared.

"I thought senior week was quite successful," said Senior Class Sponsor Darrell Hill. "In particular the cooking class was exceptional. It was one of the best classes we've had, mainly due to the two people presenting."

Several parents were involved throughout the week, serving as chaperones for the students.

Also part of the week's activities was an interactive self-defense class and a lesson on dating violence and abusive relationships. With these activities, students learned how to respond to threatening and potentially dangerous situations.

"I enjoyed spending time with my friends during senior week," said senior Ronaldo Reyter. "The lessons I learned are all things that I will be able to apply next year in college."



Above, three Vicenza High School senior girls receive instructions from a chef during a cooking class given to the seniors during Senior Week. At left, two VHS senior boys practice moves learned during self-defense class.

Photos by Tia Juliano

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mother and "tried to impact on my brother the traits of a strong moral character in addition to stressing the importance of service in the home." He wrote "Although at times I feel there is no service I can do to compensate for the sacrifices my mother has made for our family, I feel it is my moral obligation to do what I can to support (my mother) in running and taking care of the household."

Curry has done that and more. Some of his achievements include his service as Treasurer of the National Honor Society, assisting service projects to aid local Americans and Italians, planning and establishing an afterschool tutoring program and "proudly tutoring every day to contribute to the project's success." He is also vice-president of the Italian Honor Society. He also maintains a high G.P.A. above 4.0.

Out of the classroom, Assistant Principal Bernadine G. Camuso writes he is the captain of the high school soccer team and "he was given the MVP and coach's award for his leadership and athletic skills last season."

He also participates in national soccer programs, including the European Olympic teams in Germany and Italy. His soccer talent has been showcased worldwide as he participated on teams that traveled throughout Europe and to San Diego, Calif., where he was a member of the European team at the National Surf Cup Tournament.

With his remaining time Taylor serves as a volunteer writer for the Outlook newspaper and bags at the Commissary to earn extra money.

As the Youth of the Year for USAG Vicenza and Europe, Taylor is among hundreds of local youth across the United States and garrisons throughout the world recognized by Boys & Girls Clubs of America for sound character, leadership skills and willingness to give back to the community. Joe Marton, the facilitator of the Region BGCA YOY program wrote, "being named Youth of the Year is the highest honor a Boys & Girls Club member can receive." The title recognizes outstanding contributions to a member's family,

school, community and Boys & Girls Club (Teen Center), as well as personal challenges and obstacles overcome. This program was founded more than 60 years ago through the generosity of the Reader's Digest Foundation. Our Army Child, Youth and School Services Programs make the Youth of the Year recognition program available to Army Youth.

The Youth of the Year program encourages our youth to reach their full potential by achieving academic success, leading healthy lifestyles and contributing to their communities.

Curry won first place in the IMCOM Europe Region Youth of the Year against the other Army garrisons in Europe. The Army Regional winners will compete against the Youth of the Year winners from the other military services in Europe and the winner will advance to Washington, D.C., in September 2012 to compete for the title of BGCA's National Youth of the Year. The National Youth of the Year receives an additional \$50,000 college scholarship and is installed by the President of the United States.

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At Your Service



Family Advocacy Program

Frannie Packard is the Family Advocacy Program specialist for the Army Community Services. Packard works to provide support for victims of Domestic Violence, Child Abuse and Sexual Abuse.

"I specifically provide education and training in preventions of problems escalating to unfortunate results," she said. "I give classes on Anger Management and Stress Relief, and will be glad to organize any class that will help your unit or group in these areas."

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VHS JROTC holds traditional dining out

Story and photos by C/2LT Tia Juliano
Vicenza High School JROTC Public Affairs

Approximately 80 members of the Vicenza military community including cadets, students, parents and guests attended Vicenza High School's 10th Annual Battalion Army JROTC's Dining Out March 10 at the Golden Lion. The night was complete with a great dinner, a guest speaker, entertainment, dancing and, of course, "grog" stirred up in a toilet.

The evening began with cadets, dates and guests passing under a Saber Arch. All were properly introduced and greeted at the Reception Line consisting of Cadet Maj. John Camuso, host of the event; Sara York, hostess; Maj. Gen. David Hogg and wife, Martina; Principal and MCPO (Ret.) Lauri Kenney. The Colors were posted, the National Anthem sung, the Cadet Chaplain Darius Cade offered an invocation, and several toasts of sparkling grape juice, all setting a formal tone to the evening.

A ceremonial cutting of the evening's cake with a saber by the battalion's oldest cadet – Pfc. Johnny Suero and the youngest cadet, Pfc. Josh Bulgin, represented the transfer of tradition and responsibility from older cadets about to graduate to younger cadets who will remain.

As military tradition, the making of the grog by Cadet 1st Sgt. Charles Calabrese and platoon sergeants Shane Murrell and Marika Witt was full of fun and certainly a new experience for the first-year cadets to watch. The red, white and blue liquid ingredients mixed well, but when a jar of pickles and several other solids like seaweed crackers, fruit cocktail, Ramen and Cheerios were added, the grog was quite repulsive. The grog's odor itself was "punishment."

The evening's Mr. and Ms. vice (Cadet Capt. Will Pagan and 2nd Lt. Chelsea Miller) kept a sharp eye on the cadets for uniform violations and for any dining or social etiquette infractions. In due course, many cadets were called to the toilet to drink a cup of grog for their transgressions.

Maj. Gen. Hogg spoke insightfully about Africa and he encouraged cadets to continue their leadership and citizenship education in JROTC. The Cadet Battalion Commander, Maj. John Camuso presented Maj. Gen. Hogg with a Certificate of Appreciation for his support of JROTC and a bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Hogg for all that she has done for so many for so long at VHS.

Principal Kenney, who serves as the Honorary Commander of the 10th Battalion, received a plaque with the battalion's new shoulder patch that was recently approved for wear by the Institute of Heraldry at Fort Belvoir, Va. This new patch will begin to be seen on cadet uniforms shortly.

Entertainment consisted of Cadet Pfc. Ashley Edwards singing Whitney Houston's, "I Look To You" and of a trio of cadets – Johnny Suero, Will Pagan, John Camuso – doing a song and dance number to the sound of the Temptation's "My Girl".

Superlatives such as "The Cadet Most Likely to Become President" and "The Cadet Most Likely to Become a JROTC Instructor" were recognized with gag gifts.



Above, Vicenza High School JROTC cadets drink from the grog during the dining out for a punishment. At left, Johnny Suero, the battalion's oldest cadet, cuts into the cake with a saber during the dining out March 10.

In the end, the cadets were surprised with a very difficult "pop quiz" on military history.

After saying farewell to a PCS'ing cadet, thanking the Golden Lion for its great hospitality, and retiring the Colors, the evening became more informal and the dancing began.

All in all cadets enjoyed themselves with many laughs, a fine meal, sharing some time with friends in a formal venue, dancing and learning a few new things about military customs and traditions. The JROTC will continue the tradition again next year, but maybe without the jar of pickles in the grog.

106th Finance Company Soldiers on Afghanistan deployment



Photo by Paolo Bovo

Members of the 106th Finance Company stand ready just before leaving for a deployment to Afghanistan. The Soldiers will be in different parts of the country, while the rear detachment will maintain the finance office in Vicenza.

By Spc. Patrice Douglass

106th Financial Management Company

As C Detachment, 106th Financial Management Company is currently on their way to Afghanistan for an upcoming year-long deployment, they have one main mission to accomplish which is to provide full-spectrum, financial management services to the servicemembers, contractors, and Department of Defense civilians while deployed to northeastern Afghanistan. The Soldiers are anticipating this deployment and striving to get as much out of this experience as possible. As one eager deployer, Spc. Thomas Kimbrough said, "I'm really looking forward to getting to the forward operating base to help the Soldiers there get home. It'll be a great feeling to help the Soldiers' front line with pay support."

106th FM Co. has been preparing to deploy for weeks through training, classes, field exercises and a final technical evaluation/certification. They sharpened their warrior skills, excelled at all of the technical tasks and are more than prepared for the mission ahead. The finance Soldiers of C Detachment will be spread out in multiple locations around northeastern Afghanistan through the course of their deployment.

As the detachment leaves for this deployment, the rear detachment will consist of a handful of Soldiers and civilians that will be maintaining the finance offices here in Vicenza. The mission of 106th FM Co. rear detachment is to provide financial management services to the military communities in Italy while fully supporting the forward detachment and all Family members within the unit in order to ensure smooth transitions to and from theater. The Soldiers' loved ones are anticipating the unit's return home safely from theater next spring.

Camp Darby Post office receives face lift

Story and photo by Chiara Mattiolo
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

To become a one-stop shop is the goal of the newly renovated Camp Darby Postal Center, where customers can pick up mail or packages, ship mail or packages and also get their official mail.

“The building renovation helped give the community a better service and is making the Postal Center a more user friendly place,” said Cindy Newton, Livorno Post Office manager. “The plan is to move the official mail room into this building and consolidate all mail services.”

Camp Darby postal center customers are enthusiastic about the new building.

“The lock’s combinations are much easier to open,” said customer Ted Cieslak.

Some are a little nostalgic.

“I miss the old traditional mail boxes,” said Melissa Mechur. “I have to say these are much more functional, but still miss the old dear boxes.”

The pick up-drop off mail is now simpler, the post office and the mail room are now connected.

“This renovated building is much more functional,” said Vicki Long. “I love the sliding doors and the fact that the



Camp Darby community members enjoy the convenience of the newly renovated postal building.

post office and the mail room are connected, this is very convenient.”

According to Newton, the renovation project resulted in a significant improvement of the service.

“The postal personnel have more room to get organized and work even better to provide a first quality service,” said Newton.

Darby Dates

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

Job Openings

- ♦ The Girl Scouts is hiring a temporary full-time Finance Manager. The job will run from April 23-July 6 and pays \$12-16 an hour. Call 050-548696 or 633-8696 for more info.
- ♦ NAF has positions open for Recreational Aid and Lifeguard (pool). Call 050-54 7032 or 633-7032.

Save a chicken

Every Monday from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in front of the Exchange, the Army team is selling hamburgers and hotdogs. Proceeds will go towards the Army Birthday celebration.

Vet visiting Camp Darby

633-7438

Vicenza Veterinarian will be at Camp Darby for appointments on April 26 from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Make an appointment for your beloved pet today by calling 635-4841.

Easter Spring Fest

633-7681

Come & celebrate the Spring Fest Eggstravaganza Saturday, April 7 at the DCC. Fun begins at 11 a.m. with egg hunts, a visit from the Easter Bunny and a barbecue at noon. Volunteers are needed.

ITR

633-7589

- ♦ Ceramic shopping April 6
- ♦ Wine tasting at “Tenuta Agricola Pitti” in Cenaia April 7

Sports & Fitness

633-7438

Register for this season’s Recreation Volleyball League from March 5-April 5. Games begin April 11.

Religious Activities

633-7267

- ♦ April 1- Palm Sunday Protestant Service at 11:15 a.m. Catholic Mass at 5 p.m.
- ♦ April 5 - Holy Thursday Catholic Mass at 5 p.m.
- ♦ April 6 - Good Friday Catholic Service at 5 p.m.
- ♦ April 7 - Holy Saturday Catholic Mass at 5 p.m.
- ♦ April 8 - Easter Sunday Community Sunrise Service at 7:30 a.m. in pavilion just west of the chapel Protestant Service at 11:15 a.m. Catholic Mass at 5 p.m.

Livorno women ride the mammogram bus

Commentary by Marisa Gaona
AFN Livorno

It’s one thing that many women do not look forward to every year, and some will try to avoid it all together. So, the medical community at Camp Darby decided to take a different approach.

At o-dark-30 on a weekday morning in front of the U.S. Army Health Clinic-Livorno, I and 11 other women from the Camp Darby community are getting on a bus that will take us to the Vicenza health clinic for our annual mammography screening.

During the four-hour journey, I ponder, “I don’t know why people seem to have a real tough time with the word mammogram ... yeah, I know it’s not a fun thing, but it’s a necessary thing.”

Chief Nurse Maj. Kenneth Davis, explained the recommended age for mammograms is for women over the age of 40.

“What we recommend right now is every one to two years,” said Davis. “So, if you’ve had a negative mammogram, you can sometimes go two years, but right now the current recommendation is one to two years.”

Once we arrived, things moved rather quickly, but there are things that still weigh on your mind. We all talk about the discomfort of having to have one done. But, right now I think more-or-less, the discomfort level, again, is after it’s done and waiting for the result. It’s not the actual mammogram.

And because of this, Davis says both patients and providers need to deal with

this head-on.

“The key to beating any type of malignancy is early diagnosis,” said Davis. “And so when we do that, I’d rather be a little uncomfortable by talking about it now, than giving someone the terrible news that they’ve been diagnosed with a terminal cancer.”

Rather than fear, Davis says more military clinics are trying to promote a culture of wellness amongst its community members. And it worked, because knowing that I wasn’t alone somehow made this year’s mammogram much easier, even as I await the results.

Davis added that the Livorno health clinic leadership says based on the success of this first mammogram bus, they hope to offer it again later in the spring.

News Briefs & Happenings

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Photo by Susan Noga

Free USO Show rocks Darby:

Heavy metal band Seether entertained Camp Darby community members March 25 at the Darby Community Club. Harmony Hull, left, decided to start her musical career early in life when she helped lead singer Shaun Morgan play guitar during the concert.

“Allowing the kids to jam out with them and including them with the music and not just cater to the adults was nice,” said Beth Futrell.

“I had a great time at the Seether concert, its nice to rock out some times,” said Michelle O’Neal.

Folgore Commander visits Camp Darby:

David Duncan, right, Army Field Support Battalion-Italy, fields questions from Italian Folgore Brigade Commander Col. Massimo Mingiardi and his staff during their visit to Camp Darby, March 14.

“This was a very positive visit,” said Mingiardi. “I learned more about this installation and I am sure we will continue to improve our collaboration and training opportunities together.”



Photo by Chiara Mattiolo

Dance competition:

Teens and adults compete in a dance competition Friday at 6:30 p.m. in Villaganzerla, around nine miles south of Vicenza. The annual festival features spit-roasted quail and carnival rides and goes from Thursday-Sunday.



Courtesy photo

Sporting events

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>.

ODR trips

Rome overnight: April 6-8
Genoa Aquarium trip: April 7
Borghetto and Parco Sigurtà: April 11
Legoland in Germany: April 12-15
Walk with a hawk: April 14
Waterfall at Lake Garda: April 15
Sea kayak: April 21
Wine tasting in Friuli: April 21
Tuscan cooking and photography class: April 22
Florence and the Uffizi Gallery Tour: April 28
San Marino: April 29
Basic Open Water SCUBA course: April 30-May 6
Arezzo and Cortona: May 5
WWI fort hike: May 5
Bolzano Flower Festival and castle tour: May 6
Wine Down Wednesday in Valpolicella: May 9
SCUBA refresher course: May 10-12
Paragliding: May 12
Photo Travel Workshop at Lake Garda: May 16
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.

Local events

Palm Festival and Donkey race:

Saturday-Sunday, in Isola Vicentina, Piazza Marconi and Piazza Mattei, about eight miles northwest of Vicenza. Food booths, games and live music. A traditional donkey race will be held Sunday afternoon in Villa Cerchiari's park, Via Cerchiari.

March festival:

Saturday, 8 p.m., in Cesuna, Roana, about 34 miles north of Vicenza. Folk parade and traditional bonfire to welcome spring and celebrate the awakening of nature after its winter sleep.

Olive oil fair and market:

Sunday, in Pove del Grappa, Via Costantina 2, about 27 miles north of Vicenza. The event starts at 9 a.m. with food stands and tasting of bruschetta, slices of bread toasted and seasoned with garlic, salt and olive oil from Pove del Grappa; bonsai exhibition, organic products market and a photo in San Pietro Church.

Antique markets:

- ♦ **Thiene**, Saturday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Chilisotti, about 13 miles north of Vicenza. (about 50 vendors)
- ♦ **Marostica**, Sunday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Castello, about 18 miles north of Vicenza (130 vendors)
- ♦ **Noventa Vicentina**, Sunday, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza IV Novembre, about 20 miles south of Vicenza (120 vendors)

Modern and Contemporary Art Fair:

Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Monday 10 a.m. 2 p.m., in Pordenone, Viale Treviso 1, about 90 miles northeast of Vicenza. Admission fee: €8; reduced €5 for children aged 11-14; free for children younger than 10.

Haru no Kaze – Japanese Spring Wind Festival:

Thursday-Sunday in Vicenza. The free classes and workshops

will be held at the Youth Information Center, Contrà Barche 55, unless otherwise specified. Seating is limited for both free and paid classes. Reserve your seat by calling 345-6497944. An English speaking operator is available.

Friday

♦ Free beginning Japanese language lesson: 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Saturday

♦ Introduction to Ikebana, the traditional Japanese art of flower arrangement: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: €10. Reserve your seat by Friday.

♦ "Go" game (ancient board game): 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

♦ Free Origami workshop: 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

♦ Free Shiatsu treatment: 3-7 p.m.

Sunday

♦ Free Introduction to Shiatsu: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

♦ Free Shiatsu treatment: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

♦ Chadō – Japanese tea ceremony and tea tasting: 4 p.m., at the Astra Theatre, Contrà Barche 53. Cost: €5.

Movies

The Odeon Theater, in Vicenza, Corso Palladio 176, will be featuring movies in English through the winter. Monday: Immortals by Tarsem Singh. Tickets cost €6. Show times are 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Saint Joseph Festival & Spit-Roasted Quail Fair:

Thursday-Sunday, in Villaganzerla, about nine miles south of Vicenza. Carnival rides, fair trade market, craft show, painting and photo exhibitions, food stands and charity raffle.

♦ Thursday: 3:30 p.m. carnival rides' discount; live entertainment with Marameo clown

♦ Friday: 6:30 dances and shows regional competition (teens and young adults category)

♦ Saturday: 3:30 p.m. Dances and shows regional competition (baby and junior category). Dance show featured by Anthea Dance School.

♦ Sunday: 9 p.m. festival closing with Checco & B. Band Orchestra; 11 p.m. charity raffle drawing.

FREE concerts, exhibits & events

Piano Concert with Azumi Nishizawa:

Saturday, 8 p.m., in Longa di Schiavon, Chiericati Showa Villa, Via Peraro 23/1.

Acoustic night:

Monday, 8:30 p.m., Marostica, Panic Jazz Club, Piazza degli Scacchi. Enjoy live jazz and even feel free to join in the performance.

"Mixed fry":

Saturday, 8:30 p.m., in Costabissara, at the Middle School theatre, Via Baden Powell. Play performed by the amateur theatrical company of La Fraglia, an institute for disabled. An English script is available. To request it, email anna.terracino@eur.army.mil.

Ceramic Easter eggs exhibit:

Ongoing through April 9, in Nove, Museum of Ceramic Eggs, Piazza De Fabris 5, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. Each year Nove celebrates Easter with an exhibition of ceramic eggs made by Italian pottery artist. Saturdays, Sundays and Italian holidays 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.

Silver works exhibit:

Ongoing through May 9, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 3-7 p.m., in Vicenza, ViArt, Sala del Capitolo, Contrà del Monte 13.

Japanese art and photos exhibit:

Saturday through April 1; Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 3-7 p.m., in Vicenza, ViArt, Contrà del Monte.

Concerts

Lorenna McKennitt: April 16 in Padova
Steve Hackett: April 18 in

Florence

Sinead O'Connor: April 24 in Milan

Metallica: May 13 in Udine
Allan Holdsworth Band: May 23 in Milan

Coldplay: May 24 in Torino
Metalfest: June 5-7 in Monza

Marilyn Manson: June 7 in Padova

Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band: June 7 in Milan, June 10 in Florence, June 11 in Trieste

Madonna: June 14 in Milan, June 16 in Florence

Guns N Roses: June 22 in Rho (Milan)

Black Sabbath: June 24 in Rho (Milan)

Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers: June 29 in Lucca

Sting: July 10 in Piazzola sul Brenta

B.B. King: July 13 in Pistoia

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

The Beach Boys: July 27 in Milan

Alice Cooper: July 30 in 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/>.

Now Showing



Ederle Theater

Thursday	Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Friday	Red Tails (PG 13)	6 p.m.
	Haywire (R)	9 p.m.
Saturday	The Hunger Games (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	Underworld: Awakenings (R)	6 p.m.
Sunday	The Hunger Games (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	Underworld: Awakenings (R)	6 p.m.
Wed.	Red Tails (PG 13)	6 p.m.
April 5	Haywire (R)	6 p.m.
April 6	Big Miracle (PG)	6 p.m.
	Man On A Ledge (PG 13)	9 p.m.
Camp Darby Theater		
April 6	Man on a Ledge (PG 13)	6 p.m.
April 7	21 Jump Street (PG 13)	6 p.m.
April 8	Big Miracle (PG)	1 p.m.
April 13	The Grey (R)	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.afes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm

Community briefs

Special events

- ♦ The annual Eggstravaganza will be held on Hoekstra Field Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. This year's activities include games, arts and crafts, bouncy houses, photos with the Easter Bunny and an egg hunt sponsored in part by the Local VFW. Egg Hunts will begin at 11:45 a.m. and will start at 15-minute intervals for the following age groups; under age 3, 3-5 years of age, 6-9 years of age and 10-12 years of age. BOSS and USO will be selling hot dogs, sodas and chips and AFN will be recording "Shout Outs". Bring your camera, it's lots of fun for the entire Family. Call 634-5999 for additional information.
- ♦ Warrior Challenge II is ready for sign-ups. It's the most intense "Fun Run" of your life. Runners must leap logs, traverse tires, leap over and thru vehicles, squeeze through tubes and sludge through the gunk pit in this very twisted 5k race, beginning and ending on the track. A Viking awards ceremony and feast follows the event for winners, survivors and friends. Register on line or at ODR through the day of the competition, April 27 at 4 p.m. Registrations are cut off at 300 people or one hour prior to the event. Cost is \$15 and includes a T-shirt for race finishers. Awards for first, second & third (men & women) and for the first place team. Get your Viking costume on to qualify for costume prize drawings. And new this year — Junior Warrior Challenge for children and teens prior to the start of the race. Visit <http://www.vicenzamwr.com/rec.html> or call ODR at 634-7453 for more information.

CYSS

- ♦ Parent Connection Conference Tuesday in the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center will offer multiple sessions from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Subjects include changing behaviors, stress reducers for parents teens and sex, healthy kids, bullying, effects of deployment and more. Choose sessions that are relevant to your child's age and Family issues. Visit www.vicenzaMWR.com for complete schedule of sessions, or call 634-7219.
- ♦ April is Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month. Many exciting events are planned throughout the month for Families to have fun and celebrate. A Parent Connection Conference on April 3 offers a variety of workshops with relevant topics geared to parents of various age groups. The Junior Warrior Challenge is April 27. Other activities include National Library Week games and activities, Earth Day Celebration and recycling art activities, plus a FAP Ice Cream Social April 18 and a Sunrise Breakfast Social April 23. For a complete listing of these events visit www.vicenzaMWR.com.

Soldiers' Theatre

Music Café is back on April 6, 7:30 p.m. Relax with fellow music lovers; enjoy light refreshments while listening to local talent. If you would like to perform contact

Soldiers' Theatre at 634-7281 or sign up on the clip board that night.

Job Opening

The Army Wellness Center is seeking a health technician. This position is an administrative and clerical position that requires excellent oral and written communication skills and compliance with clinic procedures. Involves managing and synchronizing multiple provider schedules as well as clinic and community calendars. Detailed documentation of patient encounters requires knowledge of relational software. Knowledge of CHCS and AHLTS is preferred. Must encourage healthy habits among clientele. Send resumes to lacy.wolff@amedd.army.mil or directly to the Wellness Center in building 112. Call 634-8186 or 0444-71-8186 for more information.

Army Community Services

- ♦ The deadline to apply for the Spouse Education Assistance Program is Monday. Active-duty spouses who are pursuing their first undergraduate degree are eligible for up to \$2,500. Spouses of active-duty servicemembers pursuing their first undergraduate degree and residing with their spouse overseas are eligible for up to a \$500 scholarship grant. For more information, visit www.aerhq.org or stop by ACS.
- ♦ The 2012 AER Campaign is ongoing through May 15. The purpose of the campaign is to improve community awareness and provide Soldiers with the opportunity to donate. For more information, contact the campaign coordinator at 634-8743.

Arts and Crafts Center

- ♦ Celebrate Month of the Military Child and Earth Day with the Arts and Crafts Center throughout the month of April. Create your own recycled art sculpture or work on a collaborative piece for the community garden. Stop by the Arts & Crafts Center anytime Wednesdays-Sundays throughout the month of April to create a ceramic piece to be placed on a

community ceramic totem pole. Stop by the center or call 634-7074 to learn more.

- ♦ Learn to change old paper meant for recycling into something new and special. Paper making can be great fun, so give it a try April 6, 2 p.m. all supplies are included in this free workshop.

Post graduation ceremony

You have spent many long and hard hours studying, squeezing in college courses between deployments, PCS moves and through all the other rigors of military life or working for the government. Now you have completed your college degree or you're just a few classes away. U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza wants to celebrate your hard work and achievements with a ceremony. If you have completed a college degree or certificate, or are within 12 semester hours of completing your degree, then come participate in the USAG 2012 Graduation/Recognition Ceremony to be held May 10 at 10 a.m. in the Golden Lion Hall. To participate, contact the Vicenza Education Center and RSVP before April 27. Call: 634-8933 or email vicenza.edcenter@us.army.mil.

Girl Scout Flea Market

The Vicenza Girl Scouts will host a Flea Market Saturday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Vicenza Elementary in the Multi Purpose Room. Tables may be rented, \$15 for one or \$25 for two. Space only is \$10. To reserve your space or more information, email Annette Franklin at vicenzags@gmail.com.

Library

- ♦ As part of the celebration of National Library Week, the Library will host a Book Swap April 9. Drop off your gently used books the week of April 9-13 and receive a ticket for each one that you can use to purchase books at the event. Call 634-7291 for additional information.
- ♦ Drop off your entries for the Altered Book Contest before April 6. Entries will be on display

April 9-13 and the winning entry will be announced April 13 at 5 p.m. Call 634-7291 for additional information about the contest.

Housing survey

The Overseas Housing Allowance Utility and Move In Housing Allowance survey is online for active-duty military personnel who reside in privately leased quarters and receive an overseas allowance. The survey will be available until April 30 at <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/aprutilmha.cfm>. It may take as much as 45 minutes to complete the survey, but the results benefit Soldiers and Family members.

Middle school play

The Vicenza Middle School drama club will present a production of "Little Women" Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room on Villaggio. The production is approximately one hour and is free to the community. For questions contact angela.west@eu.dodea.edu.

Easter Sunrise Service

Chap. (Col.) David Moran will be the feature speaker on Hoekstra Field April 8 from 7-8 a.m. The dress code is casual and there will be no host breakfast following the service. For more info., call 634-6454/7515.

Arena

Free country line dancing classes will be offered from 8-9 p.m. Thursday night at the Lion's Den.

Info-X

A community information exchange meeting will be held Wednesday at the Arena from 10-11:30 a.m. and is open to the public. Members of the Caserma Ederle commands will be available to answer questions from the public. The meeting will be broadcast online at www.usag.vicenza.army.mil and on AFN for those who cannot attend. Questions maybe asked on the U.S. Army Garrison Facebook page.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Babysitting course: Two participants in the American Red Cross Babysitter Training learn first aid from instructor Jason Resto Feb. 18. The American Red Cross will offer a First Aid/CPR/AED (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation/Automated External Defibrillation) Training at Davis Hall April 7 from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

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

Mondays

5:30 p.m.: High School Small Group (sponsored by Club Beyond) meets at The CLUB House for dinner; Bible study starts at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesdays

9 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel
12:30 p.m.: Middle School Small Group (sponsored by Club Beyond) meets at the Middle School in room 1017
5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

Wednesdays

3:15 p.m.: Middle School Club Beyond meets room 1017 in VMS
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 340-665-3453 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

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

Community Camera

Sports shorts



Courtesy photo

Tough competition: Above, a Vicenza High School player attempts to deflect a shot from a Florence soccer player March 17. At left, a VHS player steals the ball from a Florence soccer player. The boys team tied the game 3-3 with a last-minute score.

Caserma Ederle youth basketball competes against locals

By Tom Hlavacek
Special to the Outlook

On a warm Sunday afternoon at the U.S. Army Garrison Post Fitness Center, the basketball court had all the sounds of the March Madness. Twenty-two EDGE! Basketball players were playing two friendly games against teams from Camisano and Caldogno.

In the girl's game, 5-11 center Adriana Lovelace led her team with a game high 20 points with 14 coming in the first half. The Vicenza team won 34-19. Federica Volk and Natalie Baratashvili netted four points each.

For pure sports entertainment, the boys game against Caldogno was

exciting especially for the Italian fans. With 2:20 remaining in the game, Caldogno was down 30-21 and fought their way back to win 32-31. Because of administrative technical fouls by Vicenza and Caldogno the game was decided on the free throw line. Vicenza's Louis Veazey scored the one free throw in the remaining seconds knotting the game at 31-31. Then Caldogno player Davide Seganfredo scored the final free throw for the win. For the U.S. boys, Beazey was the high scorer with 13 and James Ashley had 12.

Vicenza's coaches Daniel Scott, James Manning and Krista Cahill and Caldogno's coach Nick Nichols all praised their teams team work.

Following the game, Coach Scott said, "The whole event went well and we play well together."

On May 6 the women's post team will again host the Vicenza Italian Red Mamas. In the pregame, the CYSS EDGE! girls will host Vicenza Squadra Femminile.

Contact Coach Julia Sibilla at Julia.S.Sibilla.civ@mail.mil for info on the post women's team and practices. For girl's practice and game info, contact Krista.l.cahill2.naf@mail.com.

The boys have been invited to play at Camisano, May 18 and Coach James Manning will train the team. He may be contacted at James.I.Manning.mil@mail.mil.



Photos by Laura Kreider

Alternative fitness: Above, Chelsea Elkins teaches a yoga pose to a class Friday. Elkins teaches two classes, Tuesdays at 7 a.m. and Fridays at noon. At right, Spc. David Ashley, U.S. Army Health Center, top, and Sgt. Wesley Ulmer, 464th Military Police, battle during the combatives portion of the Soldier of the Year competition March 22.



Softball Officials Clinic

Tuesday-March 6 can give you the skills to become a certified umpire, score keeper or timer. Sports needs you and you can earn some extra cash officiating during the season. Call 634-7009 for additional information.

Softball team sign up

Sign up now for the male or female softball teams. Practice is on Tuesdays and Thursdays, female team at 5:30 p.m. and male team at 7 p.m. Call 634-7009 for information.

Lifeguard training

Get ready for a summer job at the pools. Lifeguard training will be held Wednesday-April 7, May 13-16 or June 7-10. Participants must be at least 15 years of age by the last day of the course. Call 634-8642 or visit www.vicenzaMWR.com for details about the course and the required pre-test.

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.

Yoga weekend

Neesha Zollinger Anusara Yoga Weekend still has available spaces for both the full weekend and either April 14 or April 15. Saturday sessions include standing poses and inversions and forward bends. Sunday sessions focus on hand balancing, hip openers, twists and forward bends. Call 634-7453 or visit www.vicenzamwr.com for additional information.

Women's basketball

Women's basketball practice held Sundays from 4-5 p.m. at the post gym. All female community members welcome to attend. Focus is on fun and having a great workout. POC: Julia.sibilla@us.army.mil.