

Sky Soldiers take part in Memorial Day ceremony

Story and photos

by Spc. Michael Sword

173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team

FLORENCE – White headstones stood strong, contrasting against the bright green of an immaculate lawn. More than 4,000 headstones mark the final resting place of Americans who died. American and Italian flags placed in the grass at each side marker indicate the the country they served and the country where they will forever be remembered.

During a Memorial Day ceremony at the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial, in Florence, May 28, Paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, American and Italian officials, veterans and citizens of both countries were present to honor the fallen servicemembers, past and present, and the heroes interred there.

“It’s really kind of sobering when you see all the crosses when you come in here,” said Spc. Anthony Dohmen, assigned to Legion Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd ABCT, who participated in the ceremony. “I was really proud to be a part of the ceremony.”

Every Memorial Day, servicemen and women all over the world take time to remember and honor those who came before them, their acts of strength and courage in the face of war, their memory and their sacrifice. For the Sky Soldiers stationed away from home, the ceremony allowed them a chance to stand on a piece of hallowed dedicated to America’s fallen.

“This property we’re on was given to us by the Italian people in perpetuity to use as

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Paratroopers from 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team prepare to lay down a wreath to honor America’s fallen servicemembers during a Memorial Day ceremony at the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial, May 28.

Oklahoma senator visits Del Din construction site



Sen. James Inhofe, left, gets a close-up view of the Del Din construction site May 27 by Kambiz Razzaghi, director of the Directorate of Public Works.

Story and photo by Anna Ciccotti
Special to the Outlook

U.S. Sen. James Inhofe (R-Okla.), a senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and co-chair of the Senate Army Caucus, visited the construction site at Del Din May 27.

“I never envisioned that it would look like this,” Inhofe said after his site tour, pleased with the tangible progress of the future home of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team. Commenting on the level of design and construction, he said, “it is being done to a level of perfection that I would not have anticipated. Everything, from the use of deployment area, standing on the top of the parking garages right now, looking down

at all of the facilities that are helpful to the quality of life. This is a quality you won’t find in many other places anywhere in the military services.”

Inhofe was pleasantly surprised to hear that while cost and schedule overrun are common with most Military Construction programs, the project in Vicenza is on schedule and even 10 percent below the programmed amount.

According to Inhofe, maintaining a strong national defense remains one of his top priority in Congress. Having travelled overseas on numerous occasions to visit the troops on the front lines, Inhofe said he will remain a strong supporter of our military and has worked to protect, strengthen, and improve the various military installations both in the U.S. and around the world.

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Congratulations to all the graduates and their families



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The 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team will case their colors June 14 at 10 a.m. on Hoekstra Field.

Recently earthquakes remind citizens to take precautions

By Shaun Miller

USAG Vicenza Installation Emergency manager

On May 20 and May 29, Northern Italy experienced two earthquakes measuring 6.0 and 5.8 on the Richter scale. Though considered a "Moderate Earthquake," with the proper awareness and preparedness you and your family will be able to safely get through a similar event.

Earthquakes are not uncommon for the country of Italy and the effects of an earthquake can sometimes be felt within the Veneto Region. Typically, these earthquakes measure 2.5 or lower on the Richter scale and are rarely felt. However, there are those occasions when a more intense earthquake occurs and its effects are intensified.

The following are things you can do to protect yourself, your family and your property in the event of an earthquake:

Before an Earthquake

To begin preparing, you should build an emergency kit and make a family communication plan.

Fasten shelves securely to walls.

Place large or heavy objects on lower shelves.

Store breakable items such as bottled foods, glass and china in low, closed cabinets with latches.

Fasten heavy items such as pictures and mirrors securely to walls and away from beds, couches and anywhere people sit.

Hold earthquake drills with your family members: drop, cover and hold-on are the three key words to remember.

Locate safe spots in each room under a sturdy table or against an inside wall. Reinforce this information by moving to these places during each family drill.

During an Earthquake

If indoors: Drop to the ground; take cover by getting under a sturdy table or other piece of furniture; and hold on until the shaking stops. If there isn't a table or desk near you, cover your face and head with your arms and crouch in an inside corner of the building.

Stay away from glass, windows, outside doors and walls, and anything that could fall, such as lighting fixtures or furniture.

Do not use a doorway except if you know it is a strongly supported, load-bearing doorway and it is close to you. Many inside doorways are lightly constructed and do not

offer protection.

Stay inside until the shaking stops and it is safe to go outside. Do not exit a building during the shaking. Research has shown that most injuries occur when people inside buildings attempt to move to a different location inside the building or try to leave.

Do not use an elevator.

Be aware that the electricity may go out or the sprinkler systems or fire alarms may turn on.

If outdoors: stay there. Move away from buildings, streetlights, and utility wires. Once in the open, stay there until the shaking stops. The greatest danger exists directly outside buildings, at exits and alongside exterior walls.

If in a moving vehicle: stop as quickly as safety permits and stay in the vehicle. Avoid stopping near or under buildings, trees, overpasses, and utility wires.

Proceed cautiously once an earthquake has stopped. Avoid roads, bridges, or ramps that might have been damaged by the earthquake.

If trapped under debris: do not light a match. Do not move about or kick up dust. Cover your mouth with a handkerchief or clothing. Tap on a pipe or wall so rescuers can locate you. Use a whistle if one is available. Shout only as a last resort. Shouting can cause you to inhale dangerous amounts of dust.

After an Earthquake

When the shaking stops, look around to make sure it is safe to move. Then exit the building.

Expect aftershocks. These secondary shockwaves are usually less violent than the main quake, but can be strong enough to do additional damage to weakened structures and can occur in the first hours, days, weeks, or even months after the quake.

Help injured or trapped persons. Assist infants, the elderly, and people with access or functional needs. Give first aid where appropriate, but do not move seriously injured persons unless they are in immediate danger of further injury. Call for help.

Look for and extinguish small fires. Fire is the most common hazard after an earthquake.

Listen to Armed Forces Network Radio and Television, the Command Channel, or the Installation's Mass Notification

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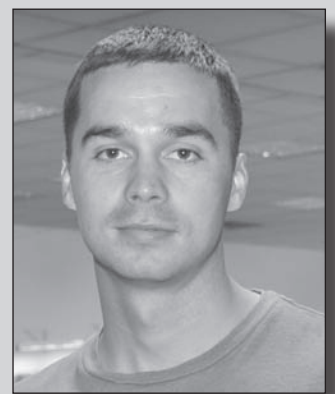
Speak Out

What book are you reading this summer?



Susan Swinehart
Health Center

"I like suspense, intrigue novels: I'll probably enjoy, 'The Lost Symbol' by Dan Brown."



Sgt. 1st Class Willis Wheeler
173rd HHC, SFA

"'The Five Love Languages' by Dr. Gary Chapman: It's a book for couples to identify their partner's love language."



Pvt. Heather Gleich
173rd HHC

"I like horror books, so maybe 'The Murders in the Rue Morgue.'"

By Laura Kreider

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a cemetery," said John Luncheon, superintendent of the cemetery. "The Italians lost a lot of people in the war also, so there's a feeling of unity, oneness with America's people."

As speeches were made, and wreaths were laid on the marble wall, inscribed with the names of more than 1,000 missing in action during World War II, the gravity of the day hit members of the audience.

"It's a very important ceremony to honor all veterans who have sacrificed, regardless of country, for freedom," said 1st Sgt. Peter Lentz, rear detachment first sergeant for 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd ABCT, who was in charge of the detachment of Sky Soldiers at the ceremony. "It is a great honor for me, especially growing up in the Old Guard."

The ceremony ended with a 21-gun salute and the playing of Taps, but many stayed around to walk the grounds and talk to those in uniform and the veterans who were in attendance.

"It's an American holiday for America's fallen," said Luncheon. "With a lot of help we made today's Memorial Day a success and it wouldn't have been a success without you guys (the 173rd)."



Paratroopers from 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, and members of the Italian defense services place wreaths to honor America's fallen service members during a Memorial Day ceremony at the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial, May 28.

CSM Rodriguez passes military legacy to son

Story and photo by Joyce Costello
Darby Military Community Public Affairs

Command Sgt. Maj. Felix Rodriguez and Maj. Felix Rodriguez Jr. celebrated Father's Day early when the younger Rodriguez was able to fly to Camp Darby for the casing of the colors ceremony May 29. The elder Rodriguez, who has served 32 years in the Army, is getting ready to retire. His son, who is currently a student at the Spanish Staff College in Madrid, said his father's service to country inspired him to join.

"Growing up I never had the intention to join the service myself and then I went to college and thought maybe there was the opportunity to join the service. When I spoke to my dad about it, he recommended ROTC and sure enough, it ended up being the right choice," said Rodriguez Jr.

His father has been an absolute example of sacrifice for him he said.

"My father has had to make decisions to take certain assignments on his own so the kids could stay in one place to finish school," said Rodriguez Jr. "My dad set the standard for me in order to measure myself up as a leader . . . his positive attitude and the way he inspires other people are attributes that all leaders aspire to have."

Rodriguez said, "My son has been a tremendous son, a wonderful father and husband himself; I am extremely proud of him for becoming an officer in the U.S. Army."

When Rodriguez Jr. became a father himself, the biggest lesson he learned from his father was "sacrifice for your family."

"I think what fathers need to do is be good role-models to their sons and daughters and it makes sense that if you treat them right that they turn out to be right and good citizens of America," said Rodriguez. "This Father's Day, I want to tell my son to continue to be the way you are, love your family infinitely and take care of them because they will take care of you."

Rodriguez Jr's Father's Day message to his father: "Dad, it's been an absolute honor to live and grow under your leadership, not just as your child, but as a serviceman. I've learned a lot from you and I appreciate all that you've done for our family. Happy Father's Day and have a wonderful retirement."

This Father's Day, Rodriguez will be moving to San Antonio, where he will retire after 32 years and Rodriguez Jr. will be joining his new unit 4th Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, in Bamberg, Germany.



Command Sgt. Maj. Felix Rodriguez salutes his son, Maj. Felix Rodriguez Jr., during an early Father's Day visit. Rodriguez will retire this month after 32 years of service.

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System for the latest emergency information.

Stay away from damaged areas. Stay away unless your assistance has been specifically requested by the Carabinieri, military police, or other U.S. and host nation first responders. Return home only when authorities say it is safe to do so.

If your home has been damaged contact the Military Police desk (634-7626/7233 or 0444-717626/7233) or the Installation Operations Center (634-7867 or 0444-717867) for assistance.

After it is determined that it's safe to return, your safety should be your primary priority as you begin clean up and recovery.

Open cabinets cautiously. Beware of objects that can

fall off shelves.

Inspect Utilities (Note: Ensure a professional inspects all utilities if you feel there is damage):

Check for gas leaks. If you smell gas or hear a blowing or hissing noise, open a window and quickly leave the building. Turn off gas at the outside main valve if you can and call the gas company from a neighbor's home. If you turn off the gas for any reason, it must be turned back on by a professional.

Look for electrical system damage. If you see sparks or broken or frayed wired, or if you smell hot insulation, turn off electricity at the main fuse box or circuit breaker. If you have to step in water to get to the fuse box or circuit breaker, call a professional first for advice.

Check for sewage and water line damage. If you

suspect sewage lines are damaged, avoid using the toilets and call a plumber. If water pipes are damaged, contact the water company and avoid using water from the tap. You can obtain safe water by melting ice cubes.

If you require more information the following websites have additional information on how to plan and prepare for an earthquake as well as other natural, technological and terrorist hazards: www.ready.gov, www.fema.gov, www.ready.army.mil, and www.redcross.org.

For more information contact the Installation Emergency Management Office at 634-6212/8699, or email: shaun.p.miller.civ@mail.mil, keith.d.horne.civ@mail.mil for more information.

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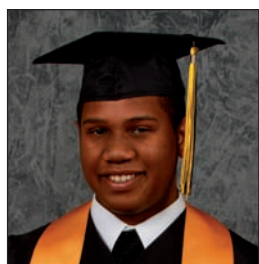


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.080-.099% BAC — Mandatory 180-day suspension of driving privileges and UCMJ action
.100% BAC and above — Mandatory 12-month revocation of driving privileges and UCMJ action
Refusal to submit a breath sample — Mandatory 12-month revocation of driving privileges and possible UCMJ action
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Crime stats for May 27-June 2

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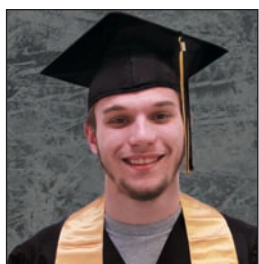
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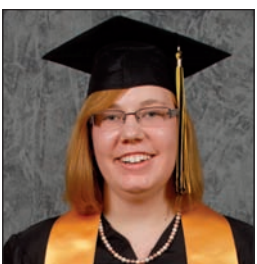
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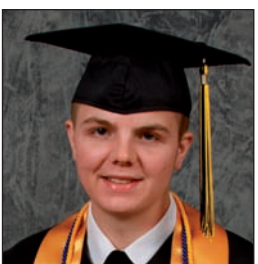
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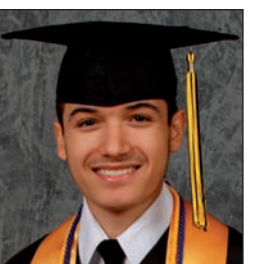
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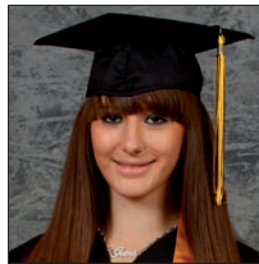
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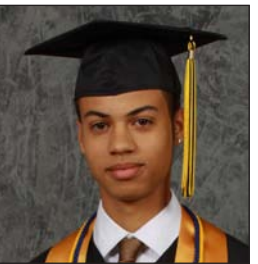
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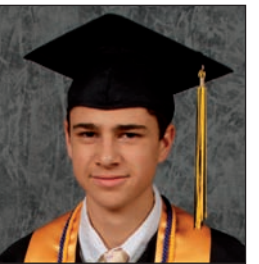
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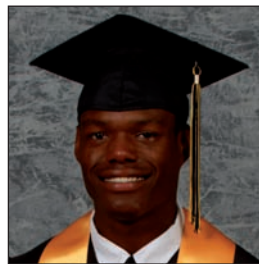
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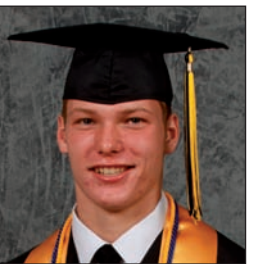
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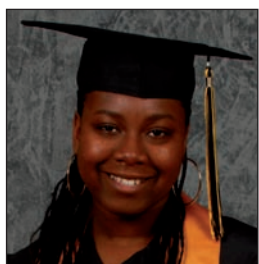
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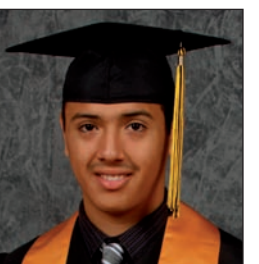
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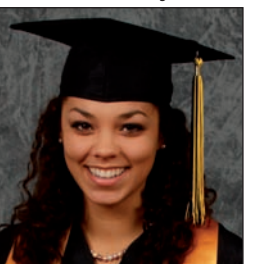
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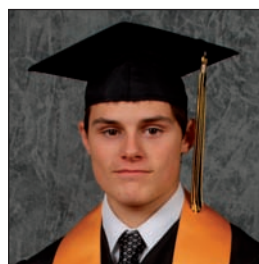
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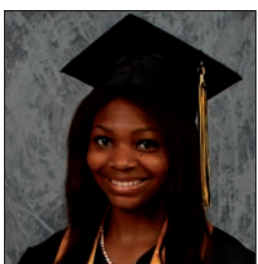
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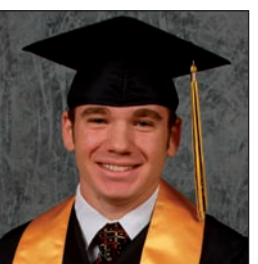
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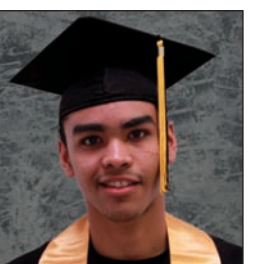
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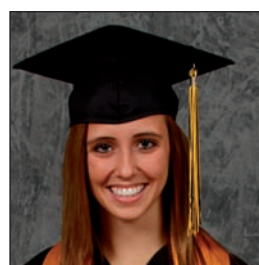
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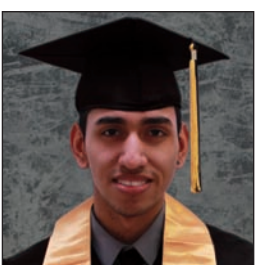
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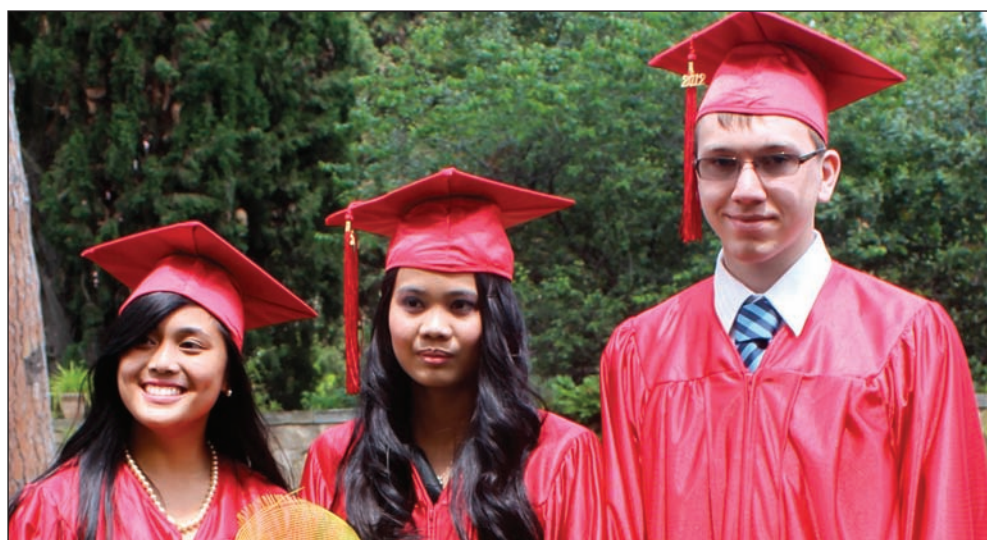
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Livorno's Class of 2012

Congratulations!



2012 International School of Florence graduates from the left, Jaymie Manio, Jaimes Perez and Clayton Walker.

Photo courtesy of Jane Walker

Community Camera



Photos by Julie M. Lucas

Banner Day: Above, 2nd Battalion, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team Soldiers from each company within 2nd Bn. participate in the Warrior Challenge at Caserma Ederle during Banner Day. To the right, Soldiers scramble to the line during a dodgeball game, one of the many activities May 24.



Photos by Laura Kreider

Safety Day: Julia Sibilla, left, and Loriann McKeever, Car Seat Inspectors, show parent Rich Gedeon how to adjust the seat belt during Safety Day activities in and around Caserma Ederle May 24. At right, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Fire Department Capt. Cory Prough, right, assists Spc. Summer Perrott from 95th Military Police Bn., K9, during the fire extinguisher demonstration held at the fire station.



CPAC Open House: Employees of the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center talk about living quarters allowance and return travel at an open house May 17. More Open Houses will be held June 14 and June 28. Topics at those will be Overseas Entitlements and assistance for Veterans and Family members.

Photo by Laura Kreider

Antique market:

Shoppers pass by the many wonders for sale in downtown Vicenza this Sunday at the antique market in Campo Marzo. Nearly 220 vendors will be out with their items for resale.



Courtesy photo

Local events

Trout Festival:

Saturday-Sunday, in Altissimo, Sports field, Via Garavoglia, about 24 miles west of Vicenza. Food booths open at 7 p.m. and feature grilled trout with polenta, deep fried trout, smoked trout sauce pasta and other local specialties. Bounce houses and charity raffle.

- ◆ Saturday: 9 p.m. live Latin-American music with Mihavana DF and Ache' Del Caribe Band

- ◆ Sunday: noon and at 7 p.m. food booths; live music and ballroom dancing with I Nuovi Delfini Band

Saint Anthony Festival:

Friday-Sunday and Wednesday in Zugliano, about 15 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths featuring local specialties open at 7 p.m.

- ◆ Friday: 7 p.m. spinning show; 9:30 p.m. 90s music with Yourban Music Band; come dressed in your 90s clothes

- ◆ Saturday: 12:30 p.m. pizza party stand; 9 p.m. live music with Luca e I Beehive Band

- ◆ Sunday: 10 a.m. painting exhibit; at noon food booths; 8:30 p.m. acoustic rock music with Andyslaves Band

- ◆ Wednesday: 7 p.m. Saint Anthony procession; 7:15 p.m. food booths; 9 p.m. song contest; 11:50 p.m. fireworks

Saint Anthony Festival:

Friday-Sunday, and Wednesday in Fara Vicentino, about 18 miles north of Vicenza.

- ◆ Saturday: 6:30 p.m. food booths; 9 p.m. spritz music party with DJ Damiano

- ◆ Sunday: 4:30 p.m. bounce houses; 6 p.m. food booths; 8:30 p.m. live music and dancing with Sonia Sipario Band

- ◆ Wednesday: 8:30 p.m. food booths; live music and dancing with Lucia e I Palladio Orchestra; 11 p.m. charity raffle drawing

Lerino Festival:

Friday-Tuesday, in Lerino, Torri di Quartesolo, Via Rimembranze, about eight miles southeast of Vicenza. 7 p.m. Food booths and exhibition of local products and

crafts. Charity raffle and carnival rides.

- ◆ Friday: 8 p.m. dance show; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Armando Savini Orchestra.

- ◆ Saturday: 8 p.m. dance show; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Rino e I Poeti Orchestra

- ◆ Sunday: 6 p.m. holy mass and procession accompanied by Zugliano Band; 8 p.m. jazzercise talent show; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Duca D'Este Orchestra

- ◆ Monday: 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Marco e I Niagara

- ◆ Tuesday: 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Castellina Pasi Orchestra

Gran Polu – Polenta & Luganega Festival:

Friday-Sunday, in Castelnuovo, Isola Vicentina, Via S. Antonio, about 10 miles northwest of Vicenza. 7:30 p.m. food booths featuring bruschette, horse meat, luganega sausage, bigoli with duck sauce, and gnocchi. Carnival rides and raffle.

- ◆ Friday: 9 p.m. Cuban-Brazilian music and dances with Alex el Cubanissimo

- ◆ Saturday: 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Mauro Levrini

- ◆ Sunday: food booths open at 12:30 p.m.; 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Marianna Orchestra.

Mexican Fest:

Friday-Sunday, in Costozza, about eight miles south of Vicenza. Food booths featuring Mexican and Tyrolean food and beers.

- ◆ Friday: 9 p.m. Country music and dancing

- ◆ Saturday: 9 p.m. Latin-American music and dancing

- ◆ Sunday: 9 p.m. Rock&Roll music and dancing

Schio Festival:

Saturday-Sunday, in Schio, SS. Trinità Church, Via dei Boldù 44, about 16 miles northwest of Vicenza. Food booths featuring local specialties; charity raffle.

- ◆ Saturday: 2:30 p.m. entertainment with Pasubio Archers' Club and archery try-

outs for adults and children; 7:45 p.m. dancing with Kevin Baby Dance Band; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Carlo ed Enzo Orchestra

- ◆ 3:30 p.m. magic show; 5 p.m. entertainment with Happy Apple; 7:45 p.m. dancing with Kevin Baby Dance Band; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Graziano Maraschin Orchestra

Local organic products exhibit and sale:

Sunday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Schio, Piazza Rossi and Via Cap. Sella, about 16 miles northwest of Vicenza.

Local Colors and Flavors - Organic and natural products exhibit and sale:

Sunday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., in Vicenza, Corso Fogazzaro.

Sporting events

Superbike World Championship:

June 8-10 in Misano Adriatico (Rimini)

MotoGP — Italian Grand Prix 2012

July 13-15, at Mugello Circuit in Scarperia (Florence).

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>.

FREE concerts, exhibits & events

Gregorian songs and antique and modern polyphony:

Sunday, 3-5 p.m., in Vicenza, San Vincenzo Church, Piazza dei Signori.

Sacred art exhibition:

Thursday, Saturday-Sunday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.; Friday 3-7 p.m. in Vicenza, ViArt, Contrà del Monte 13.

Concerts

Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band: Sunday in Florence, Monday in Trieste

Madonna: Tuesday in Rome, June 14 in Milan, June 16 in Florence

Black Sabbath: June 24 in Rho (Milan)

Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers: June 29 in Lucca
Cranberries: June 30 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova)

Joan Baez: July 4 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova)

Heineken Jammin' Festival: July 5-7 in Rho (Milan) Fiera Milano Live, Strada Statale del Sempione 28. For a list of performers go to: <http://www.venezia.net/heineken-jammin-festival/en/>

Billy Idol: July 7 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova)

Sting: July 10 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova)

Wolfmother: July 11 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova)

Anastacia: July 12 in Codroipo (Udine)

J-Ax: July 13 in Genova

ODR trips

Marche Region - Portorecanati, Sirolo and Numana: Saturday-Sunday

Sea kayaking: Sunday

Tuscany Road Ride: June 15

Slovenia weekend: June 15-16
Sports day at Lake Garda: June 16

Jesolo Beach: June 17

Wine-down Wednesday: June 20

Cinque Terre Cruise: June 23

Burano Island: June 24

Milan and the Last Supper: June 30

Croatia's Plitvice Lake: July 4-6

Slovenian beach: July 7

Jesolo beach: July 8

White water rafting: July 14

Water sports at Lake Garda: July 15

Caorle Beach: July 18

Monaco and Monte Carlo Express: July 21

Sea Kayaking: July 21

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	Mirror Mirror (PG)	6 p.m.
Friday	Wrath of the Titans (PG 13)	6 p.m.
	21 Jump Street (R)	9 p.m.
Saturday	Snow White and the Huntsman (PG 13)*	3 p.m.
	21 Jump Street (R)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Snow White and the Huntsman (PG 13)*	3 p.m.
	21 Jump Street (R)	6 p.m.
Wed.	Wrath of the Titans (PG 13)	6 p.m.
June 7	Wrath of the Titans (PG 13)	6 p.m.
June 8	The Hunger Games (PG 13)	6 p.m.
	American Reunion (R)	9 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

June 15	American Reunion (R)	6 p.m.
June 16	Men In Black 3 (PG 13)*	6 p.m.
June 17	The Hunger Games (PG 13)	1 p.m.
June 22	The Lucky One (PG 13)	6 p.m.

Admission: *First runs, age 12 and older, \$5, younger than 12, \$2.50
Regular release, \$4.50/\$2.25 Special pay \$3/\$1.50

The Ederle theater box office opens one hour prior to show.

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www.shopmyexchange.com/ems/euro/vicenza.htm or
www.afes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm

Community briefs

CYSS

- Enrollment for Summer Flag Football ends June 15. The season for ages 9-12 and 13-18 runs July 12-Aug. 16. Spaces are limited, and participants must be registered with CYSS and have a valid health assessment through the season. Enroll on Web Trac or by visiting Parent Central Services. Visit www.vicenzamwr.com or call 634-6151 for more information.
- Fall Soccer enrollment period is July 16-Aug. 3. If you are leaving for the summer you can enroll on line using Web Trac from anywhere in the world with just your user name and password. For help call 634-7206.
- Summer Hires come and enjoy lunch at the teen center 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. It's free and you'll enjoy games and fun with your friends and save your money for other things. Call 634-7659 for more information.

EFMP

- Art with Anything classes will be every second and third Friday of the month this Friday and June 15 at the Arts and Crafts Center. A fee of \$3 will cover the cost of supplies. Siblings are welcome. For more information or to register call 634-7500/8582.
- EFMP Families enjoy some modern dance planned just for you! Dance instructor Kristen Jeppson Groves will be on hand to guide you. Siblings are welcome to join in the fun. It's free but call 634-8682 to let them know you are planning on attending.

Arena

- Dress up in your toga and head to the Lion's Den for a Toga Party June 15, 8 p.m.-until closing. Enjoy the fun and specially priced theme drinks.
- Calling all school age kids! Beat the heat all summer long with the Kids Summer Bowling Special, Monday thru Friday 11 a.m.-6 p.m. School age kids can bowl for \$1 per game and the shoes are free. Offer good June 1-Aug. 31.
- Family Night Bowl and Bring a Friend Special June 3-24 from 5-8 p.m. daily. Bring a friend and beat the summer heat. Get two hot dogs, two small sodas, two games of bowling and two shoe rentals for just \$10. Check out all the special games and pricing for Family Time, Sunday Special, Family Movie Nights, Evening Bowling, Saturday Special and Cosmic and Bowling parties. Visit <http://www.vicenzamwr.com/arena.html> or stop by the Arena for a complete schedule of bowling specials.

Arts and Crafts Center

- Father's Day is just around the corner and they have something perfect to make him. Stop by on Saturday between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to create a gift of your choice and a card to go with it. The cost of \$10 will cover all materials and studio time.
- Kids Craft Club is back for the summer. Stop by June 22-29 between 2-4 p.m. Children of all ages are sure to enjoy the use of our abundant supply of crafting

materials. Cost is just \$2.50 per hour.

Estate claims

Anyone having any claims on or obligations to the estate of Spc. Dustin G. Allen of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, should contact the summary court officer, 1st Lt. Henry Donnelly, at 634-6303 or Henry.j.donnelly2.mil@mail.mil.

CTC Registration

Central Texas College's Term 5 registration has begun. Face to face classes consist of a Criminal Justice course entitled, CJSA 1312: Crime in America, which runs from June 12-Aug. 2 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They are also offering an Early Childhood course called CDEC 2341: The School Aged Child on Saturdays from July 21-Aug. 11. For more information, call 634-6514, email vicenza@europa.ctcd.edu, or visit room 6 in the Education Center.

Health Assessment appointments

School physicals will be June 19, Aug. 14 and Aug. 21 at the Vicenza Pediatric Health Clinic for ages 5 and up by appointment only. Forms are available at CYS registration and the high school office or online and must be filled out and signed before appointment.

A shot record is necessary. These appointments are not for patients with chronic medical conditions, such as asthma or ADHD. Children ages 14 and older may be unaccompanied. To register call 0444-61-7000 or go online to www.tricareonline.com.

Mosquito spraying in Villaggio

Spraying for mosquitoes in Villaggio will be conducted on the following days: June 7, July 5, July 19, Aug. 2, Aug. 30 and Sept. 20 between 7-9 p.m. This is routine, but outdoor activities should be cancelled on these days. Children and pets should be kept inside with doors and windows closed. In

case of rain, the treatment will be rescheduled.

Health Center training holiday hours

The U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza will have limited operations June 15 from 8 a.m.-noon. They will resume normal hours Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. with no prescription refills. The center will be closed Sunday, returning to normal hours Monday. The birthing center will remain open over the weekend. In case of an emergency, call 118 for an ambulance or go directly to San Bortolo. They can be reached at 0444-75-3300.

Job opportunities

The U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza is seeking a Licensed Practical Nurse for labor and delivery. Those interested should email Lt. Col. Randel Cassels at randel.cassels@us.army.mil.

The USAHC is also seeking a nursing assistant for primacy care or pediatrics. Interested parties should go to the Vicenza CPOL website and apply.

UMUC summer classes

University of Maryland University College is offering some new classes and few regular favorites for the summer session: Art History of the Western World, Human Health and Diseases, Elementary Italian I and Foundation of Oral Communications. With the exception of Italian, all classes are in the hybrid format, where half of the course is done in the classroom and the rest online. New students earn \$700 by applying for "New Student Scholarship." There is also a \$150 textbook scholarship and 25 percent off all textbooks offered this term. Registration for classes runs from now to June 3 and classes run June 4-July 27. For more info call: 634-8927 or email: vice@europa.umuc.edu

Soldiers' Theatre

Enjoy Music Café June 15, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Relax with fellow music lovers and enjoy light refreshments and snacks while listening to local

musicians. If you would like to perform call 634-7281 or sign the clip board when you come in that evening.

Single Soldier dinner

"A Good 'Ole Southern Cooking" dinner will be held Tuesday at the chapel for single Soldiers, regardless of unit or rank. There will be two serving times at 5:30 and 7 p.m. Food donations will be accepted. Suggestions include roast, fried chicken, pork chops, ribs, veggies, cornbread, salad, desserts and rolls. For more information contact Dana Brue at 327-131-6510.

PWOC

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will begin their Summer Study Series through July 17, 10-11:30 a.m. in the chapel activity room. The choices include: Espresso with Esther by Sandra Glahn; Loving God and Loving Others: The Heart of True Faith by Kay Arthur; Tuned In: Hearing God's Voice Through The Static by Jen Hatmaker.

Library

- Sign up for this year's Summer Reading Program "Reading is so Delicious!" begins June 18. The program runs June 26-July 31. Children ages 3-5 meet on Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-noon. Children ages 6-11 meet on Tuesdays 11 a.m.-noon. Teens also can participate by reading one book per week at their own pace and filling out an entry form. Entry forms will be entered in the prize drawing on July 31 and the year end party. For more information visit www.vicenzaMWR.com or call 634-7291.
- Have you downloaded your three free songs from Freegal this week? If not stop by the Library and ask them how.

Single Soldier retreat

A Single Soldier Strong Bonds retreat will be held July 16-18 at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort. This event is free and is open to all units on Caserma Ederle. To register contact the chapel at 634-6454.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Talent show: Eleventh-grader Mackenzie Roche performs during the annual Vicenza High School Variety show held at the Post Theater May 15. Several VHS students had the chance to sing, dance and act in front of their peers and a teacher panel.

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 or Giacomo Baravalle at 348-603-2283
Islamic: Call 634-7519 (0444-71-7519)
Jewish: Call Paul Levine at 345-907-2108
Latter Day Saints: 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: Email briefs to julie.m.lucas@mail.mil by noon on Monday, or by 4 p.m. Friday if Monday is a holiday.

Lady Cougars softball wins 3rd at Europeans

By Bryan Morvay
Special to the Outlook

After finishing off their season with a record of six wins and six losses, the Vicenza Cougars softball team headed to Germany as an eighth seed in a 10 team pool. The Lady Cougars won three of their four games in pool-play to advance to the quarterfinals. After a heartbreaking loss against N. 2 seed AFNorth Lions, they kept their heads up to win an exciting game against the Ansbach Cougars, becoming the first Vicenza softball team to place in the European tournament.

The three-day tournament started off with a hard-fought win against the Hohenfels Tigers on Thursday morning. Vicenza got off to an early 5-1 lead but got a scare in the bottom of the sixth inning with a three-run homerun by Hohenfels. Megan Buffington then struck out five of the next six batters to cement the win for Vicenza, 5-4.

Later in the day, the Cougars faced off against their undefeated division rival, Naples, in what turned out to be the game of the day. Again, Vicenza got off to a fast start behind three RBI's by Lorena Somera, taking a 4-3 lead going into the bottom of the seventh inning. With two outs and a strike away from winning the game, Naples battled back, getting two runners on and a walk-off 2-run single to left field by the eventual tournament MVP Vicky Krause. In day two of pool-play, Vicenza won both of their games, rallying behind the winning arm of Buffington and powerful hitting by Cynthia Goodwin, Katie McKeever, Somera, Celist Jimenez and Abbie Stone.

In the first game against the Bitburg Barons, Buffington threw a 1-hit shutout, with a final score of 12-0. In the Cougars second and final game of the day, they faced the Buccaneers from Baumholder. Stone started their hitting spree off with a 3-run homerun in the first inning which turned into a 13-7 win for the



Courtesy photo
Vicenza High School Lady Cougars softball team poses with their third place trophy after the Europeans tournament in Germany.

Cougars. With 3 wins and 1 loss in pool-play, Vicenza advanced to the quarterfinals along with Naples, Ansbach and AFNorth.

As the number two seed in their group, Vicenza faced off against AFNorth (9-3 in the regular season, 4-0 in pool-play) in their first game. Again the Cougars' bats got hot early, and with some aggressive base-running they scored 6 runs in the second inning. AFNorth's bats were going strong all day as well though, and eventually they fought back to a two-run deficit going into the final inning.

With two outs in the bottom of the seventh, AFNorth handled the pressure with a one-run homerun, followed by back-to-back doubles to win the game with a score of 11-10. They would eventually go on to lose to the Naples Wildcats, with a final score of 15-11, in an unbelievably exciting Championship game. The Lady Cougars still had one game left in their season though, and needed a win to secure a third place finish in the tournament. Their game versus Ansbach turned out to be a

battle of the bats, with Vicenza scoring 8 runs in the third inning to win another close game, 11-10.

To cap off a great weekend, two Vicenza Lady Cougars took home All-Tournament honors for their exemplary performances. Buffington threw 42 strikeouts in 33 innings and on the offensive side had seven RBI's on 12 hits with a .632 batting average. McKeever, .524 batting average, knocked in six RBI's off of 11 hits and stole six bases throughout the tournament, all while playing phenomenal defense at shortstop during every game.

After the final game, Coach Julie McClellan said, "our girls played great, to be right there at the end of our games with both the first and second place teams says a lot about their resilience. We were 1 out away from competing in the Championship and plan to be in that game next year."

With only one graduating senior, the Lady Cougars look to build on their great season and have high hopes for 2013.

Sports shorts

Swimming pool hours

The Villaggio Pool is now open the following hours:
Sat & Sun 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 3-8 p.m.
Closed on Wednesdays

Beginning June 14, when school is out the hours will be:
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat & Sun 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
Closed on Wednesdays

The Post Pool hours are as follows:
PT Swim Tues-Fri 6-8:30 a.m.
Open Swim 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
Open Swim Sat & Sun 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.
Closed Mondays

Adult swim lessons are available June 19-July 12 at the Post Pool. Class meets Tuesday and Thursday 5:45-6:30 p.m. Sign up before June 18.

Summer Strong

Earn a T-shirt this summer in the "Summer Strong" program. Pick up a card at the Fitness Center desk and each time you participate in a fitness class or use a personal trainer through Sept. 19, have the instructor initial your card. When your card is full you can claim your T-shirt. Call 634-7616 for more information.

Unit & rec play

New players are always welcome. Call 634-7009 or individual POCs.

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. 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.

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

Volunteers needed

The Mako Sharks Swim Team is accepting resumes for head coach and assistant. For more info., contact Chiara Murrell at VicenzaMakoSharks@gmail.com.



Photos by Laura Kreider

Summertime ball: Above, a pitch is thrown by a C Co. 1-503rd MOD player. At left, a member of the C Co. 1-503rd MOD team makes a connection during a game against USAG Vicenza May 16. The U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza is currently in first place.