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The free Toby Keith concert will be held at the N-40.

No coolers or pets are allowed on the field. Call 634-5087 for details.

### Apply for summer hire online

Applications are being accepted through May 8 for summer employment for military family members ages 14-18. Visit [cpolrhp.belvoir.army.mil/eur](http://cpolrhp.belvoir.army.mil/eur).



## Back in Time

Photo by Joyce Costello

**LIBERATION, THEN AND NOW:** (Above) Davide del Guidi and Steven Zglinicki point out German encampments to World War II veteran Noel Okamoto while they tried to pinpoint the exact location where he was wounded during the war. (Inset) Okamoto takes a break from repairing bridges and waterworks outside of Pisa during World War II. Okamoto visited Massa, Italy, earlier this month with Soldiers and Airmen from Camp Darby and attended the city's 64th annual liberation celebration. Okamoto, who attended with his family, was honored by the mayor. Vicenza will hold its 64th anniversary of the liberation of the Italian Republic by the Allies during WWII April 25 at Piazza Signori in downtown Vicenza. U.S. Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. William Garrett III will be among the dignitaries at the ceremony and SETAF Soldiers will also participate. **SEE PAGE 5 FOR FULL COVERAGE OF OKAMOTO'S VISIT.**

## 'Oscar' night success for Ederle theater

Special to the Outlook

Soldiers' Theatre's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* brought home four Toppers, including Best Musical, Best Musical Direction (Ciriaco Colella and Aaron Talley), Best Costume in a Musical (Linda Dahlstrom and Barbara Berger), and Best Choreography (Linda Dahlstrom and Jerry Brees).

The golden statues were

presented to the Soldiers' Theatre team April 18 during the Tournament of Plays "Topper" Awards Show in Heidelberg, Germany.

In addition to the four wins, Nathaniel Nelson was nominated for Best Actor in a Musical Title Role and performed "Any Dream Will Do" at the ceremony.

Soldiers' Theatre Director Jerry Brees and Entertainment

Director Barry Robinson, along with Vicenza community members JoAnne Mitchell, Mary Horning, Peggy Schadler and Jamie Nelson, were nominated for technical and artistic awards for sound, lights, poster design, scene painting, props, costumes and set design.

Joann Mitchell was also nominated for Best Director.

Performance awards included Best Orchestra with

special recognition to Michelle Willis and Ciriaco Colella.

Other performance awards were received by Sgt. James Kever, JonLuca DeCaro, Sgt Mitchell Bentley, Reggie Haines, Eric Torrence, Lorenzo Felisatti and Aaron Talley.

More than 600 people attended the annual "Topper" Show, which has become an important part of each community theatre's season.

## Post collections underway for Italy's earthquake victims

USAG Vicenza PAO

The **Vicenza Chapel Community** will be providing an opportunity for the Caserma Ederle community to assist with disaster relief for those who were victims of the April 6 earthquake in L'Aquila, Italy, the capital of the Abruzzo region. The natural disaster killed more than 280 people, injured more than 1,000 and left 28,000 residents homeless.

On April 30 the chapel will accept monetary donations from

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the chapel fellowship hall. Hotdogs and chips are offered to those who stop by.

On May 3 there will be a designated offering taken during all Protestant chapel services for the International Red Cross Italian earthquake relief effort.

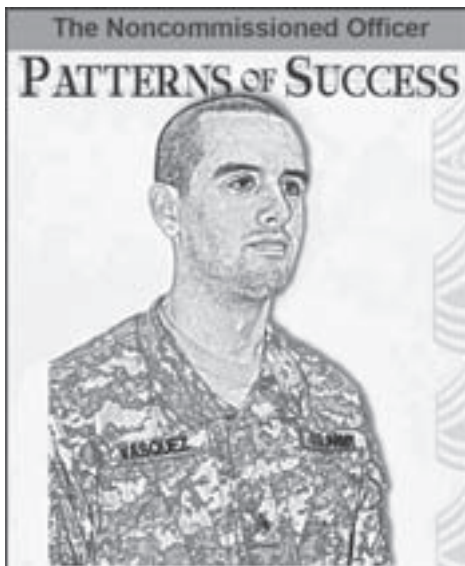
A designated offering will also be received at all Catholic services that will go to Caritas Italiana (Catholic Charities) for earthquake relief.

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## Earth Day & Spring Cleanup



1st Sgt. Gilberto Aviles, USAG Vicenza HHC, separates the root ball of a plant before placing it in the planter outside the HHC building at Caserma Ederle April 22. Post spring cleanup was scheduled to coincide with Earth Day so Soldiers and civilians could take time out to beautify their work areas.



**The Noncommissioned Officer**  
**PATTERNS OF SUCCESS**

**Sgt. Matthew Vasquez**

**Unit:** USAHC-Vicenza  
**Current Position:** Post Medical Readiness NCOIC  
**Age:** 25  
**Hometown:** Yamhill, Or.  
**Years in Service:** 6  
**What would surprise people about you:** I like the car I drive. (Chrysler New Yorker)  
**Biggest mentor and why:** My father. He is a good leader.  
**Life's ambition:** I would like to one day become a geographer.  
**Motto:** "Measure twice, cut once."  
**Your definition of an NCO:** An NCO is someone who always strives for the best, sets a good example for his/her subordinates and who understands that he works for his Soldiers so they can complete the Army's mission.  
**List of major assignments/deployments:** OIF 1/ Vilseck, Germany/ Fort Sam Houston  
**Advice for junior enlisted Soldiers:** Do not complain so much. It is never really that bad.  
**Reason for your success:** Investment in a diverse stock portfolio.  
**Your defining moment as an NCO:** It is rewarding for me to teach Soldiers and watch the "light bulb of understanding" turn on.

Outlook graphic

Visit the Army's Web site dedicated to the Year of the NCO at [www.army.mil/Year of the NCO](http://www.army.mil/Year of the NCO).

## U-Do-It offers self-help selection

Story and photo by  
**LAURA KREIDER**  
*Outlook Staff*

With the long-awaited arrival of spring and warmer weather, community members are tending their gardens and plants.

Military families who live in government-leased housing can find a variety of tools to do just that and many other self-help services at the U-Do-It Center in the Villaggio housing area.

"Now, the most requested items are lawn mowers and weed eaters," said Federica Moretti, resident project manager for the Housing Total Maintenance Contract, who runs the center.

"Resident, have to provide their own gas since we can only issue 2T oil to be mixed with gas for the weed eaters," he said.

The center is equipped with expendable (paint, light bulbs) and non-expendable items that include everything from rakes, drills and sprinklers to extension cords and ladders.

Customers who wish to take advantage of the center's equipment and services should bring a valid military ID card to the facility and fill out a form to verify their address at government leased,



Igor Brunello (at right), an employee at Villaggio's U-Do-It, is assisted by gardening contractor Fabio Crivellaro as they pile bags of top soil. The center offers everything from AC filters and door stops to zip ties and leaf blowers. For a full list of available items, call 634-8888.

Villaggio, or private rental housing.

Center restrictions include:

- Children under 16 cannot sign out power tools.
- Families in private rentals cannot sign out expendable items (call or visit the center for a list of expendable items).

"In general, it is highly appreciated if

the items signed out are returned clean and free from grass clippings," Moretti said. "It is also important that everybody honors the return time for the equipment signed out in order to allow everyone to use the tools available at the store."

Visit or call the center at 634-8888 for more information.

## Check your bike helmet for a safer ride

USAG Vicenza Safety Office

More than 700 bicycle riders die each year, and 75 percent of those deaths result from head injuries.

According to the Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute, a proper-fitting helmet can prevent 85 percent of head injuries to cyclists.

The majority of bicycle fatalities involve crashes with automobiles and the most important aspect of the crash is not the force of the crash, but the impact to the pavement. In many fatal accidents involving a rider and a vehicle, the rider was not wearing a proper-fitting and

secured helmet.

The initial impact with the vehicle caused the helmet to shift or come unsecured from the rider allowing the unprotected head to make contact with the pavement and causing a traumatic head injury.

A proper-fitting helmet should fit level on the head with foam touching all around. The straps should form a "V" just below the ear, and should be snug under the chin.

The helmet should not move more than one inch in any direction. Getting the right fit can take many adjustments, but the

reward is worth it.

Helmets should be replaced every three to five years, depending on usage. If the helmet has been impacted in type of accident, it must be replaced.

Bicycle helmets are mandatory for all U.S. personnel on military installations, including military service members, DoD civilians, DoD contractors and all dependants.

Bring your bike to Hoekstra field April 25 for a free safety check. Also register to win a bike.

## Speak Out

How do you get your local and international news?

-By Diana Bahr

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs



Pvt. Anier Marrero  
Fusion Company, 2-503rd

"I read CNN on the Internet."



Angie Turk  
Family member

"I get my U.S. news from Yahoo.com and my local news from AFN's channel 14."



Spc. Clifton Ralph  
HSC, SETAF

"I read the Outlook and Yahoo.com."



Spc. Joshua Hines  
Fusion Company, 2-503rd

"I watch the television in the dining facility."



Pvt. Tyler Nichols  
Fusion Company, 2-503rd

"I read Yahoo.com on the Internet."

## U.S. Army Africa NCOs mentor, motivate

Story and photo by  
**RICK SCAVETTA**  
*U.S. Army Africa*

**MONROVIA, Liberia**—Midday sun beats down upon a long line of Liberian infantry waiting for a ladle full of palm stew over rice.

The Soldiers from the Armed Forces of Liberia's Company C, 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Brigade, shuffles along the hot, dusty ground, exhausted and soaked in sweat from morning maneuvers.

Then Sgt. 1st Class Eddie King, a U.S. Army Africa mentor, walks up.

"Hey Charlie," King yells, using Soldiers' phonetic way of saying the letter C.

A few reply in tired mumbles, "Cobras." "Hey Charlie," King yells louder, smiling and pumping a fist in the air.

### The struggle

"Cobras," the Liberians begin to shout. "Cobras! Cobras!"

King, a 12-year infantry veteran from Prince George, Va., is one of two Vicenza-based Soldiers supporting the Liberia Security Sector Reform, a U.S. State



Soldiers from the Armed Forces of Liberia watch as Sgt. 1st Class Eddie King checks a range target during their marksmanship qualification.

Department-led program to rebuild Liberia's military. In recent years, the West African nation struggled through two civil wars.

Now it's making efforts to build a professional military that supports peace and stability.

In 2009, the U.S. Army Year of the NCO, SETAF – now U.S. Army Africa – is undertaking new assignments on the continent. The mission in Liberia is

indicative of the command's new role, sharing U.S. Army experience to enhance the security capabilities with African partner nations.

### Sharing ideas

Shortly after arriving in January, King began mentoring Company C soldiers, even suggesting they use the C-lettered name from the venomous viper to build esprit de corps.

"My role is not to show them how to

do things," King explains. "I simply share with them ideas based on my experience, so they can use that information to improve."

King's presence has inspired AFL soldiers, said Lt. Emmanuel Wisseh, a Company C officer.

"He always shares his experiences with us and the men prefer to have him around," Wisseh said. "Now they are highly motivated."

### Motivated to learn

King and Sgt. 1st Class Ringo Wilson, a senior U.S. Army Africa logistics NCO, will return to Caserma Ederle in May after spending four months in Liberia.

Wilson, a 17-year veteran from Pago Pago, American Samoa, uses his expertise in supply and logistics to coach AFL officers and NCOs assigned to the brigade logistics section. The Liberians are very eager and motivated to learn, Wilson said.

"They're constantly asking questions about the best way to solve difficult situations while dealing with supply issues," Wilson said. "I think our presence here has made a positive impression and created a relationship that will grow for years to come."

## Volunteer spotlight

**Federica Wade** is another star in the Vicenza military community who volunteers at the thrift shop and Vicenza Middle / High School.

"I volunteer around 20 hours a month," she said. "Helping others when there is a need is awesome, and I also love improving places."

"I've always loved seeing people happy where they're stationed," she said, "so I've been trying to improve the high school so students would accept Vicenza instead of disliking it (and not getting to

know the Italian culture)."

Wade has lived in Vicenza for nearly three years and enjoys the benefits of giving back to the community.

"Helping out when extra hands are needed is a reward of its own. I've met new people and can see how my efforts directly help the community," she said.

You can find her on Tuesdays from 3-4:30 at the high school in Toni Boscacci's room or at the thrift shop Mondays after 3 p.m. and Tuesdays after 4:30.



Wade is also the high school's student council president and a member of the National Honor Society.

## 173rd Soldier found guilty of intent to distribute cocaine during court-martial

**Lackley reduced to E-1, confined for 6 months, receives bad conduct discharge April 17**

Pfc. Charles T. Lackley, Fusion Company, 2nd Battalion, 503d Infantry, 173d ABCT, pled guilty to:

- two specifications of failure to report (Article 86)
- two specifications of

disobeying a direct order of a superior commissioned officer (Article 90)

■ two specifications of Article 91, one for disobeying the order of a noncommissioned officer and the other for disrespect to a noncommissioned officer

- possession of 4.1 grams of cocaine, three specifications of wrongful use of marijuana and
- three specifications of

wrongful use of cocaine.

Contrary to his pleas, Lackley was also found guilty of one specification of distribution of cocaine and intent to distribute the 4.1 grams of cocaine that he pled guilty to possessing.

A military judge at a general court-martial April 17 sentenced Lackley to be reduced to the grade of E1, to be confined for six months, and to be discharged with a Bad Conduct Discharge.

## Girl Scouts, Credit Union accepting donations

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■ On May 12, the Catholic congregation will hold a car wash for donations to be sent through the relief agency Caritas Italiana in support of the earthquake victims.

Community members can stop by one of these events to contribute to this worthy cause.

**Global Credit Union** has been a collection point for donations for the Vicenza/Pisa Red Cross in support of the Earthquake Victims. Spread the

word within your organizations that no amount is too small.

Donations will be accepted through April 24 at 5 p.m.

The **Vicenza Girl Scouts** will donate a portion of their \$5,000 cookie sale profits to earthquake disaster relief.

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## At your service Relocation Readiness



It's inevitable. If you've arrived at USAG Vicenza, it's likely you've had at some point contact with **Julia Sibilla**, the installation's Relocation Readiness program manager.

Sibilla provides assistance to Soldiers, DoD civilians and their families when relocating to or from Vicenza, including (but not limited to) providing welcome

packets and information, and overseeing the lending closet. She also assists with successful integration into the community by providing language and culture classes and programs, briefings on sponsorship, relocation and cultural adaptability.

Sibilla is at your service Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., but says she's always available to assist.

Call 634-8525 or off post at 0444-71-8525.

# Community events

## 173rd troops meet with Congressional delegates

Story and photo by  
**ADRIANE FOSS**  
*Outlook editor*

Several 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team Soldiers shared their concerns with U.S. Congressmen from their home states at the South of the Alps Dining Facility April 17.

The visit was the first face-to-face with an elected official for many of the troops, but one they feel had a positive impact.

“It was a very good visit, and very surprising,” said 1st Lt. Jason McPhee, an infantryman with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2-503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team. “It was definitely geared all toward the Soldier and what we do. I thought he might talk about political events in New Jersey,

like the economy and energy, or things that he was a big advocate on.

“But he was actually concerned with what we’re doing in Iraq and Afghanistan—what we’ve seen, what we want done, about equipment

**‘The delegate was actually concerned with what we’re doing in Iraq and Afghanistan—what we’ve seen and done.’**

**1st Lt. Jason McPhee**  
HHC, 2-503, 173rd ABCT

problems we’re having,” he said.

McPhee spoke with Rep. Rodney Frelinghuysen of New Jersey’s 11th district during the casual Friday afternoon luncheon.

McPheesaid Frelinghuysen was also familiar with RESET, an Army program that refurbishes worn Army equipment to like-new condition—a crucial task as vehicles return from the front lines, where several combat tours, harsh environments and age have taken their toll.

“He asked us what we

thought about the RESET program and what went well and not so well,” said McPhee. “We were able to let him know some of the equipment we thought needed to be replaced, ... what we needed more of, what equipment we felt was better, and what equipment we’d like to see down the road.”

As to whether or not McPhee felt his input would make it back to Capitol Hill, he feels pretty confident that it will.

“(Frelinghuysen) flipped over his name tape and started taking notes from us, and he didn’t just take notes; he also asked us to clarify our statements before he wrote them down,” said McPhee. “I firmly believe he’ll go back and address the issues we gave him.”

1st Sgt. Mark Patterson, also with 2-503rd Infantry, said the opportunity alone for him to sit and talk with a state representative—Rep. Steven LaTourette of Ohio’s fourth district—was a plus for him.

“He (gave us the floor), and opened up a forum to find out what he could do for the people back home,” said Patterson.

One of the Ohio Soldiers



**1st Sgt. Mark Patterson, Destined Company, 2-503rd Infantry, 173rd ABCT, talks with Representative Steven LaTourette of Ohio’s 4th district during an April 17 luncheon at the USAG Vicenza South of the Alps Dining Facility.**

Seated at Patterson’s table with LaTourette shared his concern about the jobs lost in his small hometown.

The Congressman’s response, said Patterson, was that “he was aware of that particular situation,” and that solutions were being worked.

“Overall,” said Patterson, “it was just a great opportunity ... for Soldiers to voice their concerns.”

The representatives received a 173rd ABCT command brief and a windshield tour of the installation during their daylong visit.

**Marilyn Barrera, 6,** adds some colorful touch to her drum at the Freddy FAP event.



## Local kids visit Nigeria through Freddy FAP

Story and photo by  
**LAURA KREIDER**  
*Outlook Staff*

On April 15 several children and parents participated in Freddy FAP, a monthly event held at the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

The event is part of the Family Advocacy Program, dedicated to helping families maintain positive relationships.

“I have been coordinating the Freddy FAP event for the past year and a half,” said Sandy Schoenberg, special programs coordinator.

This time, Freddy FAP visited Nigeria and the event included creating craft projects and snacks.

“We have been here several times,” explained Sylvia Barrera mother of Alexis, 4, and Marilyn, 6.

“Last month we came we enjoyed learning about Armenia and we prepared *Baklava*, a dessert form that area. It is always good to come, the children get educated while having fun,” said Barrera.

“They always enjoy what Sandy [Schoenberg] puts together. She really does good

work and research putting together this free event for the kids,” she continued.

Visiting Nigeria gave the opportunity to create a colorful drum and a rain stick.

“I put my name on the drum,” said Dalyn Sowell, 7, who participated in the event with his 5-year-old sister Leilani.

After designing their own musical instruments, participants also prepared a Nigerian fruit salad with coconut milk.

For more information or to sign up for the next FAP event, call 634-7500/0444-71-7500 off post.

## Prepping for spring

**Spc. Daniel Burke, a Soldier with USAG Vicenza Headquarters and Headquarters Company, tightens the nut holding the mower blade. Burke and other members of HHC spent Wednesday morning celebrating Earth Day by performing spring cleanup around the company and other areas on post.**

*Photo by Diana Bahr*



## Military heritage comes to life during journey to the past

### U.S. WWII vet travels to Italy, puts combat in perspective for local troops

Story and photo by  
**JOYCE COSTELLO**  
*USAG Livorno Public Affairs*

A bus full of young Soldiers and Airmen from Camp Darby listened intently as Pfc. Noel Yuzuro Okamoto recalled the time he was wounded in action in the hills by Massa, Italy.

He recollected how, during a rest period in Nice and Monte Carlo, he was caught taking his platoon leader's jeep to visit a girlfriend, which resulted in his only being allowed to drive large trucks.

The tales he told didn't happen yesterday, but more than half a century ago, when he was a Soldier fighting in World War II.

The trip back to Massa was a chance for Okamoto to try to find where he was wounded in action and for the young troops to learn more about their military heritage firsthand from a veteran.

Okamoto, a Japanese-American who was born in 1922 in Hawaii, joined the Army in March 1943. He was eventually assigned to the 442nd RCT, 232nd

Combat Engineer Company. He entered Italy from Naples and fought up through Anzio. When he arrived in Livorno, he took a boat to Marseille to "hold the line" and came back to Livorno where he would end up driving bulldozers and jeeps to Massa.

"Orders came down through Cpt. Nakada Pershing, the 232 Combat Engineer Company commander, to Tech. Sgt. Edmund Ezuka to lead a small group up to this certain spot in the hills above Massa and wait there for further orders," explained Okamoto.

A group of eight or so men



(Above) The Mayor of Massa, Dr. Roberto Pucci, presents Noel Okamoto with a medal as a token of appreciation for the liberation of Massa by Japanese American Soldiers assigned to the 442nd Infantry Regiment. The citizens of Massa celebrated the 64<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of their town April 10, 2009. (Below) Okamoto during a quiet moment outside of Pisa, Italy.

left Massa under the cover of darkness April 5 and traveled up a primitive road along the south side of the Frigidio River that runs into the hills.

"It was completely dark and we traveled under orders to keep absolutely silent," he said. "It was a very slow pace and there were no other platoons

around us. We were sent on ahead and ordered to wait in the specified area until daybreak."

He said it was just as dawn was beginning to break that they were hit with artillery fire.

"We could see a German patrol up on the mountain; the first shell was far off and the second even further off on our other side," recalled Okamoto. "We wondered who the Germans were shelling until the third one came straight towards us; I dove under our truck, but was wounded.

"A rescue jeep was sent up from Massa to gather us all up and it didn't seem to take long so we couldn't have been far from the town," he said.

He then spent several days in a hospital outside of Lucca before he asked to return to his unit, which was quickly moving

up toward Alexandria, Italy.

He never knew where exactly he was wounded and the town of Massa had sprung up over the years changing the scenery. Nevertheless, he decided 64 years later that he would again like to visit the location where he was hit.

Okamoto, his daughter and granddaughter flew from America to Italy almost to the date of when he was wounded.

In what felt like an amazing coincidence, the town of Massa was having their 64th liberation celebration and invited Okamoto and his family to

attend. The mayor of Massa, Dr. Roberto Pucci, presented him with a medal and many WWII survivors approached Okamoto in the town's main square and thanked him for his part in the liberation.

After speaking with a lady who recounted how she and her family hid in the hills as their home was bombed and how her brother was a partisan who helped the Japanese-American Soldiers, Okamoto remarked that "it felt good to see people were able to come back to where they were born and continue on with life."

After the ceremony's parade

and wreath-laying, two volunteers from Massa took Okamoto up into the hills to try and find the spot where he was wounded. For the accompanying Camp Darby servicemembers, it really brought the trip to life.

"I was aware of some of the battles in this area, but to come face-to-face and see the terrain he had to fight in, makes me

**I was aware of some of the battles in the area, but to come face-to-face and see the terrain he had to fight in makes me appreciate...**

**Sgt. Gerard Tate**  
511th MP Platoon

appreciate and have a better understanding of our military heritage," said Sgt. Gerard Tate, 511th Military Police Platoon.

Airman 1st Class Daryl Perales, 31st Munitions Squadron, had a grandfather who fought in WWII and the event gave him a greater appreciation.

"My grandfather never talked about the war, so I was excited to hear the stories first hand from Mr. Okamoto," said Perales. "Coming along on this trip definitely gives me a better sense of history and makes me appreciate being stationed here in Italy."

Although Okamoto was unable to find the exact location where he was wounded, he enjoyed the trip.

"(It was) a very wonderful experience," he said, "and a return journey I never thought possible."

## Darby Dates

**Summer hire program**  
Family members ages 14-22 are eligible for the Summer Hire program.

Visit <http://cpolrph.belvoir.army.mil/eur/select-employment-and-then-Summer-Hire-Program-2009> for details.

### Job hunting?

Looking for a job? Come to the NAF Job Fair April 30 in the Post Exchange square from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### ITR trips

■ Visit central Italy's biggest amusement park - Cavallino Matto - April 25.

■ Discount tickets available at ITR for City Sightseeing Hop-on, Hop-off buses.

Discover the lovely cities of Pisa, Florence and Rome. Call ITR at 633-7589 for more information.

### Darby Community Club

■ Come to the DCC April 24 for Texas Hold'em beginning at 6:30 p.m. Free pasta for all of the players.

■ Every Thursday is Karaoke Night at the Club.

Stop singing in the shower and impress your friends too. Fun starts at 6:30 p.m.

■ Need to say thanks? Bring your right arm/wing man to the Community Club on the third Friday of each month.

### Darby Religious activities

For details call the chapel at: 633-7267 (050-54-7267)

**9:40 a.m.:** Catholic Reconciliation

**10 a.m.:** Catholic Mass

**11:15 a.m.:** Protestant worship

Protestant **Sunday school** starts at 10 a.m. and Catholic CCD is at 11:15 a.m.

**Vacation Bible School** is coming in June.

The chapel is collecting cardboard, robes, children's plastic swimming pools and cardboard rolls from paper towels and toilet paper.

**Catholic confirmation** is being planned in Vicenza for the first week of June.

Contact the Catholic education coordinator for details.

**Choir practice** is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday before Mass.

The congregation is in need of a cantor.

Talk to Chaplain Porter or Father Roberto to serve.

## ColdPlay, Bruce Springsteen holding summer concerts; Harlem Globetrotters to perform April 30

### Some services closed for national holiday

April 25 is a national holiday celebrating Liberation Day in Italy.

It marks the anniversary of the 1945 liberation from the Fascist party and the end of World War II in Italy.

Schools and most services will be closed.

### Local events & festivals

#### Celestial show

The sky, the moon and the stars shown with a Magic Lantern, ongoing until Dec. 31 in Padova, Precinema Museum, Prato della Valle, 1/a, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza.

Open Wednesday-Monday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Admission is 3 euro but entrance is free the third Sunday of the month.

#### Antique market hosts hundreds of vendors

An antique market is set April 26 in Piazzola sul Brenta, (PD), Villa Contarini, about 16 miles east of Vicenza.

More than 700 vendors and food booths.

#### Celtic music, reenactments slated

In the Palio of Romano d'Ezzelino's districts April 24-26, in Romano D'Ezzelino, about 24 miles north of Vicenza.

■ April 24, 9 p.m., live Celtic music.

■ April 25, 11:30 a.m., show with the Romano Band and majorettes. 8 p.m., ballroom dancing with live music.

■ April 26, 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m., visit the old districts on foot or by free shuttle bus and enjoy reenactments of old trades in farmers' homes, barnyards and fields while the traveling band "Cevarias" plays unusual musical instruments.

Gastronomical stands and entertainment all day long.

#### San Marco Festival and Cuchi's Fair

April 25, in Canove di Roana, about 39 miles south of Vicenza.

Exhibition and sale of the traditional terracotta whistles (*Cuchi*), food stands with typical food. Carnival rides for children.

#### San Marco Festival

■ April 24-26, in Montegalda, about 17 miles southeast of Vicenza.

■ April 25, 3 p.m. free guided visit to Grimani Sorlini Castle. 4 p.m., free karate demonstration.

■ April 26, free guided visit to Grimani Sorlini Castle. 7:15 p.m. Latin American Dance Show.

Every day gastronomical stands starting at 7 p.m.; live music and dancing at 9 p.m.

You need to reserve your free guided castle tour by calling 0444-796413.

They will answer in Italian. If you need help, call Anna Terracino at 0444-717169 or send an e-mail to [anna.terracino@eurarmy.mil](mailto:anna.terracino@eurarmy.mil).

#### Get your antiques at collector's fair April 25

Collectors Fair: April 25, 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., in Grisignano di Zocco, about 14 miles southeast of Vicenza.

Antiques and collectors items for sale, including furniture, lighting, glass and tableware, vintage jewelry and fashion accessories, prints, rare books, coins, medals postcards, old advertising and more.

#### Concerts exhibits, classes

■ **Hablamos!:** in Vicenza, Italian-German center, Viale della Pace, 98. Intermediate Spanish conversation. For your free registration call 0444-512516.

#### Pay concerts & events

■ **Mamma mia** (in English): April 22-May 3 in Trieste. May 6-10 in Florence; June 15-20 in Forli.

■ **Jackson Browne:** May 8 in Padova; May 11 in Bologna.

■ **Dave Holland Quartet:** May 12, in Vicenza, Auditorium Canneli.

■ **Mingus Dynasty:** May 15 in Vicenza, City theater.

■ **Yellowjackets:** May 16 in Vicenza, Auditorium Canneli.

■ **Simply Red:** May 19 in Conegliano (TV).

■ **Lenny Kravitz:** June 3 in Collegno, Torino; June 5 in Rome; June 6 in Brescia; July 11 in Lucca. June 8 in Verona; July 14 in Rome.

■ **Depeche Mode:** June 16 in Rome; June 18 in Milan.

■ **U-2:** July 7 in Milan.

■ **Anastacia:** July 8 in Lucca; July 12 in Rome.

■ **Madonna:** July 14 in Milan; July 16 in Udine.

■ **James Taylor:** July 15 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova).

■ **Motorhead:** July 17 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova).

■ **Bruce Springsteen:** July 19 in Rome; July 21 in Torino and July 23 in Udine.

■ **John Fogerty:** July 28 in in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova).

■ **ColdPlay:** Aug. 21 in Udine, Friuli Stadium.

*Tickets are available from your local box office or online at [www.ticketone.it/EN/Home](http://www.ticketone.it/EN/Home).*

### FREE concerts & events

#### Alternative jewelry showcased April 26

A jewel exhibit is ongoing until April 26, in Vicenza, Casa Cogollo, Corso Palladio, 165. 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.; 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. Closed Mondays.

The exhibition features the creations of Barbara Uderzo, a Vicentine artist and designer, who makes jewelry with alternative materials, such as plastic, wood,

paper and even chocolate and sugar, ice and snow.

#### Photo exhibit open through June 20

The Oxford Project: Peter Feldstein's photo exhibition is open until June 20, Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 - 6 p.m., in Padova, Galleria, Piazza Antenone, 3, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza.

#### Sculptures on display

Sculptures Exhibition, works by Franco Mastrovita: April 24, 6 p.m., April 25-26, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m., in Vicenza, San Marco Chapel, Contrà San Francesco, 76.

#### Opera night - The Ballad in Vicenza

April 24, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Ferroviari conference room, Via Vaccari, 107.

#### Rock & Blues Music

April 24, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Strada Marosticana, 350.

#### Piano Concert with Stefano Marzanni

April 25, 9 p.m., in Canove di Roana, Town Hall's Council Room, Via Milano, about 39 miles south of Vicenza. Music by Scriabin, Liszt, and Beethoven.

#### Blue Grass

A Blue Grass band concert is set April 25 at 9 p.m. in Vicenza, Equobar, Strada Marosticana, 350.

#### Explore the sky at observatory April 28

Visit the Astronomical Observatory of Arcugnano April 28 at 9 p.m., Via S. Giustina, 127, about five miles south of Vicenza.

View the sky and the planets in great detail with the observatory's telescope.

#### Punk rock

The Bulemics + Radio Riot Right Now, Punk Rock from U.S. + Grindcore from Thiene: April. 23, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Corso SS Felice e Fortunato, 362.

### Outdoor Recreation

#### Learn about life in Vicena during walk

Take the #1 bus with an ODR trip assistant April 21, and receive personal tips about life in Vicenza.

This is not a guided tour but a fun and easy walk around the *centro* (downtown).

#### Tour 10-million year old cave in Trieste

Visit a 10-million-year-old giant cave with a guided tour from ODR April 25.

After exploring the cave you will head to Trieste, the beautiful port city near the Slovenian border. You will have free time in the city to sight see, shop or have lunch.

Sign up at ODR by calling 634-7453.

### Sporting Events

■ **The Harlem Globetrotters Italian Tour 2009:** April 30 in Bologna; May 2 in Verona and May 4 in Rome.

■ **Superbike World Championship:** June 21 in Misano.

■ **Road to World Boxing Championships 2009:** July 10 in Milan, Italy vs USA.

*For more information, visit your local ticket agent or [www.ticketone.it/EN/Home](http://www.ticketone.it/EN/Home).*



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Get your antiques at the collector's fair April 25 from 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. in Grisignano di Zocco.

## Now Showing



#### Ederle Theater

April 23	He's Just Not That Into You (PG-13)	6 p.m.
April 24	Pink Panther 2 (PG)	6 p.m.
	Friday the 13th (R)	9 p.m.
April 25	17 Again (PG-13)	3 p.m.
	Push (PG-13)	6 p.m.
April 26	17 Again (PG-13)	3 p.m.
	Friday the 13th (R)	6 p.m.
April 29	Pink Panther 2 (PG-13)	6 p.m.
April 30	Push (PG-13)	6 p.m.

#### Camp Darby Theater

April 24	Watchmen (R)	6 p.m.
April 25	Monsters vs. Aliens (PG-13)	6 p.m.
April 26	Hannah Montana (G)	1 p.m.
April 30	Push (PG-13)	6 p.m.

Admission: Age 12 and over \$4, under age 12, \$2.  
The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time.

Looking for the movie synopsis? Check out the AAFES Web site: [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com), scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Movie Schedule.

## MOMS Club events

For locations and additional information on the MOMS Club, parents may e-mail [momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com](mailto:momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com).

■ April 24, 9 a.m.: Verona Zoo field trip

■ April 27, MOMS Club Monthly meeting 10 a.m. at the chapel, open to all interested parents and children

■ April 28, Walk the Track 10 a.m.

■ April 29, Preschool Playgroup 10:30 a.m.-noon

## Apply for grants, assistance through VCC before May 6

The VCC Community Enrichment Campaign provides the opportunity for various community agencies and groups to apply for grants to financially assist their organization.

Applications are available at the Thrift Shop and due back by May 6 to be considered.

Complete instructions and details about funding are included in the application.

## NASCAR at the Arena

Watch your favorite driver on the big screen at the Arena.

NASCAR food and drink specials between 6-9 p.m. on race days.

## Preschool library story time held weekly

Bring your preschooler, age 3-5, to the post library's Story Time Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10-11 a.m. and Fridays from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

## Military Youth contest deadline April 27

Army Community Service, Financial Readiness Program has collaborated with the PTSA, Military Saves and other institutions on post for the first-

ever Military Youth Saves contest.

There is a grand prize of a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond for the winner in each grade category. Other prizes are available to runners-up.

For information, e-mail [kent.thompson@eur.army.mil](mailto:kent.thompson@eur.army.mil). Deadline is April 27.

## Job announcements

■ Science Applications International Corporation has an immediate full-time opening for a **TRICARE medical service coordinator** within the TRICARE service center at the U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza.

For a list of qualifications and details, visit [www.saic.com](http://www.saic.com).

■ **Civilian LPNs** are needed in Vicenza in support of the Army's TBI program. Compensation package includes, three weeks paid time off plus 10 federal holidays, including medical, dental, vision, life and 401K. Requirements: licensure in any of the 50 states.

Contact Ryan Tibbs at U.S. 001-513-984-1800 ext 157, fax 001-513-984-4909 or e-mail [rtibbs@sterlingmedcorp.com](mailto:rtibbs@sterlingmedcorp.com).

■ Resumes are being accepted for the position of **USAG Vicenza health promotion coordinator**. This position requires communication skills, discretion, judgment, analytical ability, and knowledge of administrative techniques and methods to include basic program management, in addition to general skills and knowledge of public health and wellness.

Call Betsy Walters, health promotion coordinator, USACHPPM-EUR, at 634-8828 or e-mail [betsy.walters@eur.army.mil](mailto:betsy.walters@eur.army.mil). Deadline is May 1.

■ The Community Bank in Caserma Ederle is looking for a **teller supervisor**.

You can use the "Careers" link at [www.DoDCommunityBank.com](http://www.DoDCommunityBank.com) for a detailed job description, the qualification requirements and to apply (online).

Candidates must be a U.S. citizen and a dependent of a U.S. military service member or DoD civilian stationed in Italy.

## Find out what spouse services are available

A guest speaker from the legal office will discuss services available to spouses April 24, 9:30 a.m. in the ACS conference room.

Call 634-7500 for details.

## Learn glamour tips from makeup artist April 25

On April 25 at 3 p.m. a makeup artist will show you how to take your makeup from day to night time glamour.

Learn tricks to enhance your appearance. Call 634-7094 to register.

## Military Spouse Appreciation set May 11

Join the celebration recognizing the many contributions our military spouses make May 11, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Concorde Area in the Arena.

Enjoy cooking demonstrations by Rita Bonamego and Frannie Packard, an Italian lunch, vendor shopping opportunities, and a special memories gift.

Tickets to the event are \$15 and should be purchased at Tax Relief Office before May 5th. Call 634-5087 for more information.

## Woodshop class scheduled May 2

Learn to operate all the new equipment in the woodshop May 2, 11 a.m. You need the class to be certified on the safety requirements before beginning a wood project.

Intro to picture framing is May 3, 10 a.m.

Learn the basics of oil painting in three sessions beginning May 3 at 2 p.m.

Call 634-7094 for info.

## Monthly EFMP Round Table set April 28

April 28 11 a.m. - noon is the next EFMP Round Table at the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center. This is the monthly discussion for those interested in the concerns of exceptional families. Call 634-7500 for information.

## Camp ARMY Challenge deadline May 4

Youth of deployed or soon-to-deploy parents can now register

online for Camp A.R.M.Y Challenge.

The weeklong camp in Germany will be held June 15-20 and provide concentrations in basketball, culinary arts, soccer and track and field.

Camp is for youth in grades 6-12. Information and registration is available online [www.mwr-europe.com](http://www.mwr-europe.com).

## Local student wins European art exhibit

Congratulations to Melvin Williamson, winner of the age 13-15 category of Monochromatic Drawings in the European regional exhibit.

The exhibit held in Garmisch, Germany, featured 28 joint service communities that submitted over 300 artworks in nine media categories in four different age groups.

## Bring bikes to Hoekstra for safety check, register to win a bike

April 25 from 1-3:30 p.m., youth are encouraged to bring bicycles to Hoekstra Field for a free safety check.

Try out the bike training course set up as part of the CYS Services Month of the Military Child celebration.

For details call 634-7219.

## Parents invited to PAG meeting April 28

Parents are invited to the Parent Advisory Group meeting April 28, noon -1 p.m. in the ACS large classroom.

Topics of discussion include summer programming, information on the new Child, Youth and School Services program "HIRED" and "EDGE" a CYS Services and FMWR partnership program.

CYS Services staff will be available to answer questions or discuss issues.

Call 634-8347 for details.

## Personal finance class slated April 28

Learn the basic approach to living a life free from financial worry. This session focuses on the fundamentals of building wealth while living well.

Bring your LES or other pay statements and monthly bills to get the most out of this session. April 28, 9 a.m. Call 634-7500.

## Learn Level 1 Italian

Come to the USO and sign up for our Level One Italian Class.

Classes run Mondays and Wednesday May 11 - July 8, 5:45-7:45 p.m.

Cost is \$118 plus book fee. Join us for a home-cooked, Tex-Mex Cinco de Mayo dinner May 5 at 5:30 p.m.

The USO is located in Bldg 9A. Call 634-7156.

## Religious activities

### Chaplain Crisis Line

To speak with a chaplain after hours call **634-KARE** (634-5273).

### Saturday services

4p.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation, or by appointment.

5 p.m.: Roman Catholic mass

### Sunday services

9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass. Mass is held weekdays at noon.

9 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school and AWANAs (Sept. through May in Vicenza High School)

10:45 a.m.: Catholic religious education (Sept.-May in Vicenza High School)

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

1:30 p.m.: Full Gospel Pentecostal worship

4 p.m.: Lutheran worship  
6 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

### Mondays

Noon: LDS Scripture Study

5:30 p.m.: High School Club in the Teen Center.

Contact Jocelyn Cary at 634-7890, 349-385-3476 or [vicecb@yahoo.com](mailto:vicecb@yahoo.com).

### Tuesdays

9:15 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

### Wednesdays

Noon: Protestant Men of the Chapel Bible study (at DFAC)

3 p.m.: Praise Dance practice

3:30 p.m.: Middle School club meets in VHS cafeteria Sept-May.

5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

5:30 p.m.: PWOC evening Bible study

### Thursdays

9:30 a.m.: Catholic Women of the Chapel

5:30 p.m.: Gospel service choir rehearsal

7:15 p.m.: Gospel service Bible study

### Faith group contacts

**Islamic:** Spc. Kasimov, 329-034-3511

**Jewish:** Sandy Schoenberg at 634-6202 or [sandy.schoenberg@eur.army.mil](mailto:sandy.schoenberg@eur.army.mil).

### Latter Day Saints:

Scripture study is held each Monday, noon-1 p.m. at the Chapel. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. downtown. Call Sean Peterson at 335-8219492.

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



Photo by Laura Kreider

## Tell Me a Story

Parents and children explore facts about America while listening to the reading of the book called "Our 50 States- A Family Adventure Across America" by Lynne Cheney, during Tell Me A Story.

The event was created by the Military Child Education Coalition and hosted by the Vicenza Parent to Parent team. Tell Me a Story was held at the School Age Services building April 18.

Each family received a hardbound copy of Cheney's book autographed by VES principal Martha Parsons.

**DON'T BE LATE:** E-mail briefs to [editor@eur.army.mil](mailto:editor@eur.army.mil) noon Monday or by Friday at 4 p.m. if Monday is a holiday.

Cougars boys soccer player Felipe Diaz, (No. 9) rejoices while running toward teammate Segun Awe (No. 8), who scored the second goal during their April 18 game versus Naples.



## VHS Cougars boys refuse to lose April 17-18

Story and photo by  
**LAURA KREIDER**  
*Outlook staff*

After defeating the Naples boys team 3-0 April 17, the Vicenza High School boy's team tied Sigonella April 18.

Both games took place at the artificial field.

After an even beginning against Naples, the VHS team scored twice in a very short period, outflanking its opponent.

Against Naples, scorers were Segun Awe, Felipe Diaz and Chris Stucky.

"I scored in the first game and today the ball just came to me and I scored again," said Awe after the April 17 game.

The VHS girls' team also played two games. On April 17 the Naples girls' team defeated VHS 5-1, but the Cougars won the April 18 game held on post against Sigonella 3-1.

"The girls played excellent," said Charity Smith, the VHS Cougars girls' assistant coach.

"They communicate well," she said. "They only need to work in midfield and complete their passes. We didn't have enough games yet, but the best way to practice is to meet other teams," she added.

The next soccer game will be played on post against Milan May 2. No game is scheduled

April 25.

### GAME SCHEDULE

**May 2:** Cougars at home vs. Milan  
**May 9:** Cougars at American Overseas School at Rome  
**May 16:** Cougars at home vs. Aviano  
**Championship:** Europeans at Kaiserslautern, Germany. May 20-23

### Calling all horse shoe pitchers

The next horse shoe tournament is May 8-10 at the N-40 track.

Men and women, singles or doubles can take home awards.

Participants must sign up by May 4 by calling 634-7009.

### Vicenza Runners' Club

Meet other runners and explore new places to run.

Join the Vicenza Adult Runners' Club, open to anyone in the community 18 years or older and out of high school. Meet at the fitness center every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m.

For more information, e-mail Ani Pry at [vicenzarunning@hotmail.com](mailto:vicenzarunning@hotmail.com) or call 634-7009.

### New Les Mills classes have begun

Check out the new music, routines, and times at [www.vicenzaMWR.com](http://www.vicenzaMWR.com).

You'll find your favorites: Body Pump, Combat, Step, Attack, Balance, and Jam, plus other favorites like yoga and self defense.

### Redeem your GYM RAT points

The current GYM RAT incentive program will end May 31.

All points must be redeemed prior to that date to claim prizes. Any points not redeemed will be null and void and no incentive prizes will be given.

Call 634-7616 for more information.

### Vicenza Middle/High School schedule

The Vicenza Middle/High School weekend game schedule is as follows:

#### BASEBALL:

**April 24-25** at Naples vs. Sigonella and Naples in Carney Park.

#### SOCCER: :

Idle

#### SOFTBALL:

**April 24-25** at Naples vs. Sigonella and Naples in Carney Park.

#### TRACK & FIELD:

**April 25** at Naples vs. Sigonella and Naples in Carney Park.

### USAG Vicenza Sports Update

#### Soldiers' Volleyball league standings

Team	Win	Loss
Lucky	7	0
USAHC	5	4
D Co, 1-503	4	1
Delta Rec	2	3
Top Gun	1	5
BSB Riggers	1	4
Angels	0	5

#### Recent game results

**April 10**

Top Gun: 0, 0 vs. BSB Riggers: 0,0

Lucky: 25, 25 vs. Angels: 0,0

#### USAG Vicenza Community Soccer team standings

Win	Tie	Loss
2	2	11

#### Recent game results

**March 28**

Grantorto: 1 vs. USAG: 0

**April 4**

US San Luca: 1 vs. USAG: 0

#### Dodgeball league standings

Team	Win	Loss
Secret Squirrels	10	2
Doughnut Ninjas	5	4
Dentac	3	6
AFN Vicenza	2	8

#### Recent game results

**April 7**

Dentac: 6 vs. Secret Squirrels: 5

Doughnut Ninjas: 3 vs. Secret Squirrels: 6

**April 9**

AFN Vicenza: 6 vs. Secret Squirrels: 4

Doughnut Ninjas: 6 vs AFN Vicenza: 2



Faamagalo Potasi, Delta Co 1/503rd, prepares the ball for a spike during the game versus USAHC held at the post gym April 16. Delta Co 1/503rd placed first in the competition after winning the final game against Lucky 27-24; 25-23; 15-12.

## Delta Co. 1/503rd wins unit championship

Story and photos by **LAURA KREIDER**  
*Outlook staff*

Local teams Delta Co. 1/503rd, Lucky, USAHC and Delta Rec. participated in the USAG Vicenza Unit Recreational Volleyball Championship at the post gym April 16-18.

Delta Co 1/503rd placed first in the competition after winning the final game against Lucky 27-24; 25-23; 15-12.

Delta Co 1/503rd was defeated by Lucky April 17. Lucky teammate Nelson Nunez was happy to compete and had high hopes for victory before the final game.

"The volleyball championship was

competitive and fun. Lots of morale, esprit de corps and unity were displayed," said Ricky Jackson, the USAG Vicenza sports programmer for the Community Recreation Division.

"A team cannot come better than having their leaders participating with them," he said.

"Maybe we are bringing back the old-time bonding, which will make a positive change and is good for our warriors," said Jackson. "We will try to continue with the volleyball games for another two weeks if possible, based on the participation."