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## Riggers pack more than chutes at new facility

Spc. Tony Williams (left) controls the movement of the HMVEE, while Sgt. Heath Barber (center) directs the load and Sgt. Joshua Garner operates the crane. The 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team inaugurated the new heavy drop rigging facility at Aviano Air Base March 28. The \$9.7 million, 26,000-square-foot HDRF was built by the Italian contractor Impresa Pizzarotti and the project was managed by the Naval Facilities Engineer Command Europe and Southwest Asia. Work on a \$7-million, 40,000-square-foot parachute repair shop is scheduled to start in May. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Matthew Eakes)



## Italian, American military personnel celebrate Easter Mass

(Above) Chaplains (Lt. Col.) Eric Albertson, left, U.S. Army Africa and Maj. Jose Herrera, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza, took part in a March 24 Mass at Monte Berico held for the local military and police community. The Vicenza military community was represented by Catholic parishioners and military chaplains from U.S. Army Africa and the garrison. Presiding religious authority was Pietro Nonis, bishop emeritus of the Vicenza diocese. (Photo by Rick Scavetta, U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs)

## Paratroopers receive Bronze Stars with Valor

173rd Airborne Brigade  
Combat Team Public Affairs  
Press Release

Three Sky Soldiers were presented Bronze Star with Valor medals for their heroic actions during the battle of Wanat July 13, 2008.

Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III, U.S. Army Africa commander, presented the awards to Sgt. Hector Chavez, Spc. Tyler Hanson and 1st Lt. Aaron Thurman during a ceremony held on Hoekstra Field March 20.

### Sgt. Hector Chavez

Sgt. Hector Chavez and his Soldiers were already in the mortar pit with sectors of fire established for both the mortar  
See Bronze Star on page 2



## Brigade Soldiers honored for actions during Wanat battle

**Bronze Star from page 1**

tubes when the attack on Wanat began. When Spc. Sergio Abad was hit, Chavez continued to direct and fire both mortar tubes while another Soldier provided aid.

At this point the enemy had the Soldiers pinned down and Chavez told his Soldiers to use their personal weapons and grenades to engage enemy fighters trying to infiltrate the patrol base.

When a mortar round landed in their position, Chavez instructed his men to move back to the company area, with Chavez carrying Abad. After being wounded in both legs, Chavez continued to drag Abad toward the command post.

Chavez' valorous actions were decisive in breaking the enemy assault on Wanat. The timely and effective mortar fire he and his squad laid down early in the battle denied the enemy the initiative and the ability to freely approach the wire. He continuously placed his Soldiers above himself and showed incredible gallantry as he carried a casualty through a hail of bullets even after being wounded himself. His bold actions and selfless service epitomize the professional noncommissioned officer and sets a high standard for others to follow.

### Spc. Tyler Hanson

When patrol base Wanat was attacked, Spc. Tyler Hanson returned fire along with the other Soldiers at the tactical command post (TCP) despite the withering barrage of fire confronting them from an enemy that had infiltrated the high ground and the buildings surrounding their position.

Upon hearing of casualties at observation post Topside, he, along with two other Soldiers left to help reinforce the outpost. They engaged the enemy on the way, exchanging small arms fire.

When they found three casualties on the way, the decision was made to move

the casualties to tactical command post Bunker and out of the line of fire. Upon arrival, Hanson began rendering aid to the Soldiers.

When the enemy fire increased and it was feared that Bunker would be overrun from above, Hanson, along with Spc. McKaig raced to the terraces, braving withering fire. When they ran low on ammunition, Hanson again faced enemy fire to retrieve ammunition to continue the fight.

Hanson then helped move two Soldiers in an improvised litter down to the landing zone for medevac and while there, he noticed that 2nd Squad was under heavy fire with three Soldiers wounded, leaving three men to defend the position.

Hanson ran under fire to begin engaging the enemy. He made several runs to resupply the other troops before enemy fire pinned him down.

Upon arrival of Chosen Company's 1st Platoon, Hanson met up with the quick reaction force and directed the vehicles into place to help suppress the enemy. When a medic arrived, Hanson took him to Topside to assist with casualties while Hanson began to resupply the other Soldiers with ammunition and help defeat the enemy.

### 1st Lt. Aaron Thurman

When enemy forces attacked vehicle patrol base Wanat July 13, 2008, 1st Lt. Aaron Thurman led the quick reaction force (QRF) to the area to engage the enemy. The timing of the QRF was vital as nine Soldiers had died in the initial attack and more than 15 wounded required medevac.

As he employed his mounted force, they took heavy machine gun fire and rocket-propelled grenades from the enemy inside and north of the bazaar. At this point, the enemy was within 50 meters of the American Soldiers.



Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III (left), U.S. Army Africa commander, shakes hands with Sgt. Chavez (second from right) after awarding him a Bronze Star with Valor for his actions during the battle of Wanat that took place July 13, 2008. 1st Lt. Aaron Thurman (on Chavez' right) and Spc. Tyler Hanson (right) also received a Bronze Star with Valor medal for their actions during that battle. (Photo by Barbara Romano, 7th Army JMTC Photo Lab)

Thurman's calm demeanor under fire and brave, bold actions inspired his men and drove back a determined enemy. As he moved from truck to truck on the ground, he gained key situational awareness to paint the picture of enemy actions for his commander.

"The training I received at Fort Benning, and which was refreshed while downrange, did make a difference," said Thurman. "The saying that you don't rise to the occasion but fall to the level of your training is very true. My instructors, and later squad leaders and platoon sergeant helped me with many of the tasks where I was weak or needed practice. If you practice or rehearse tasks repeatedly then eventually it becomes almost instinct. Then you can immediately begin acting, versus thinking, about what you need to accomplish next and how."

As the battle continued, his direction and leadership repelled the enemy attack, enabling his troops to employ AT-4s and MK-19 fires on enemy forces in buildings and fighting positions further north. After clearing the bazaar buildings and marking their positions for supporting fire, he had his platoon mark targets with MK-19 fires for the attack helicopter to engage. This

action not only stopped the enemy's fire at observation post Topside, but destroyed many enemy forces.

"Before that day I never really understood what a close fight was," said Thurman. "Before, the enemy was usually several hundred meters away and couldn't effectively engage us with small arms."

"Everything that could happen that day did, so it really reinforced in me the need for everyone at each level to understand the basics," he said. "I had a squad leader and a forward observer in truck turrets engaging targets. Normally, those two Soldiers would not be in those positions. But because they were proficient in basic warrior tasks they performed admirably."

"I also had the need for reinforcement of execution and initiative at the lowest level. Staff Sgt. Kyle Silvernale made the initial decision to begin pushing through the bazaar on his own. He was in the lead truck and in the best position to make that call and he did what he felt was right at the time. If I had second-guessed or doubted him, things might have turned out differently. I always give people the opportunity to do their jobs without micro-managing them."

## Speak Out

## What are your plans for spring break?

-By Diana Bahr  
Outlook Staff



Iwona JeanBaptiste  
Army Post Office

"My family and I are going on a cruise to Greece."



Sgt. Stephen Tennant  
and son  
Chaplain's assistant

"That's a busy week for my office so I'll be working."



Latonya Oxendine  
Official Distribution  
and Mail

"I'm going to the U.S. to attend my sister's wedding."



Sgt. Maj. Reginald and  
Katyna Sampson  
Headquarters Support Company, SETAF

"We're going on a Greek cruise."



## The Noncommissioned Officer PATTERNS OF SUCCESS



**Staff Sgt. Johnny Jones**

**Unit:** U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza  
**Current position:** Training NCO  
**Age:** 30

**Hometown:** Baltimore, Md.  
**Years in Service:** 12

**What would surprise people about you:** I'm very shy and afraid of heights. Biggest mentor and why: Sgt. 1st Class Keith Wilson, who was my leader and brother. He did exactly what a leader should do. He coached and mentored me when I made mistakes and had questions. He let me know when I was doing great things and showed me how to be better than the next Soldier by going out for every challenge and never settle for second.

**Life's ambition:** To be the best role model and father figure for my children and Soldiers.

**Motto:** "You should look forward to everyday you wake up, because it might be your last."

**Your definition of an NCO:** A NCO is a teacher and student. They educate when it is needed and student when it comes to following orders and directions. They don't demand respect, they earn it.

List of major assignments/deployments: Friedberg, Germany; FT Polk, LA; FT Meade, MD; FT Lee, VA; USAHC-V, IT

**Advice for junior-enlisted Soldiers:** Never let anybody tell you that you can't do anything or be anybody. "The sky is the limit."

**Reason for your success:** Strong family, hard work, attention to detail, and dedication

**Your defining moment as an NCO:** I was an EFMB instructor at Ft Indian town Gap. And we had six Soldiers earn the EFMB badge and we took our EFMB Badge that we were wearing and pinned them on their chest at the reward ceremony. Best moment ever!!



Source: SETAF PAO OUTLOOKgraphic

### Correction

In the March 19 Outlook story regarding the Installation Materiel Maintenance Agency, the number of workers was reported as 43, with 42 being Italian. There are 44 workers, 41 Italian and three American.

# Construction on track for military community

By Anna Ciccotti  
*Transformation Construction Management Office*

## Enhanced Health Services Center

Construction on the \$30-million health center should be completed in the summer of 2010 and installation of furniture and equipment should take another 120 days, said Cmdr. William L. Whitmire, U.S. Navy resident officer-in-charge of construction for the U.S. Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Europe and Southwest Asia.

The new two-story health center will consolidate the dental, health-care and social work facilities scattered throughout Caserma Ederle into a single, state-of-the-art, environmentally friendly medical facility.

The 106,000-square-foot facility (approximately 13,000 square meters) represents the largest European Regional Medical Command health service construction project in the last 20 years.

"There are many rigorous requirements for us that ensure we meet both Italian and American building standards," said Frank Varano, project engineer for U.S. Army Health Facilities Planning Agency, Vicenza.

A ribbon-cutting is scheduled for the fall of 2010.

## Ederle Lodge addition

Completion of the \$13-million lodge addition is on track for this fall.

The three-story, 45,000-square-foot expansion (4,200 square metes), to the Ederle Inn consists of 58 family suites, laundry facilities, storage space, a breakfast room, free internet access and a new parking lot.

It will also offer pet-friendly rooms on the ground floor.

"Over all, we've been very happy with our working relationship with the NAVFAC representatives," said Tamala Faulkner, Ederle Inn assistant manager. "They've responded quickly to questions or concerns we've had."

## Villaggio school, child development center

The new Vicenza Elementary School and the child development center at the Villaggio della Pace housing area is

scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2010.

Work on this \$50-million project includes a school for 1,320 students and a child and youth services facility for 348 children.

Once completed, the project will deliver the best of education facility design and meet the needs of the 21st century learning environment.

## Dal Molin

The unexploded ordnance clearance at the Dal Molin site continues along with demolition of existing facilities and other site preparation activities.

Work on the \$289-million multiple facilities complex begins this month and is scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2012.

The project includes the construction on the west side of Dal Molin of barracks, battalion and brigade headquarters, a dining facility, physical fitness center, company operations space, vehicle maintenance shops and parking garages.



Cmdr. William Whitmire (right), U.S. Navy resident officer-in-charge of construction for the U.S. Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Europe and Southwest Asia, shows Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III, U.S. Army Africa commander, a blueprint of the layout of the new Enhanced Health Services Center during the general's visit to the construction site March 27. Assisting with the site visit was Frank Varano (left), project engineer with the Vicenza Health Facilities Planning Agency.



Left: Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III, U.S. Army Africa commander, listens to Cmdr. William Whitmire, ROICC for NAVFAC in Vicenza, explain what the tour of the new Ederle Lodge will encompass. In the back, Robert Fitzsimmons (left), Transformation Construction Management office project manager, talks to Col. Erik Daiga, USAG Vicenza commander, while Command Sgt. Major Jeffrey Hartless (second from right), USAG Vicenza, and Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice, U.S. Army Africa, listen in. "I'm very pleased with what I've seen," said Garrett after the tour. "The thought that has gone into the project shows the importance of collaborating with all the stakeholders early on." (Photos by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)

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## At your service Antiterrorism office

"The USAG Vicenza antiterrorism office, a section of the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, provides training, education and awareness on antiterrorism issues for the Vicenza military community," said Pete Huller.

The office publishes a monthly newsletter and brochures on antiterrorism. We're also spearheading

the Residential Security Initiative, which will provide important home security information for residents, said Huller.

The office is in bldg 4B, hours are 8 a.m.- 5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Call 634-8069/7146/8984. The staff may be reached 24/7 at 335-204-342.



Pete Huller, Carl Turner and Keith Horne work in the Antiterrorism section of the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security. They can be reached 24/7 at 335-204-342.



# Community camera

## Practice makes perfect

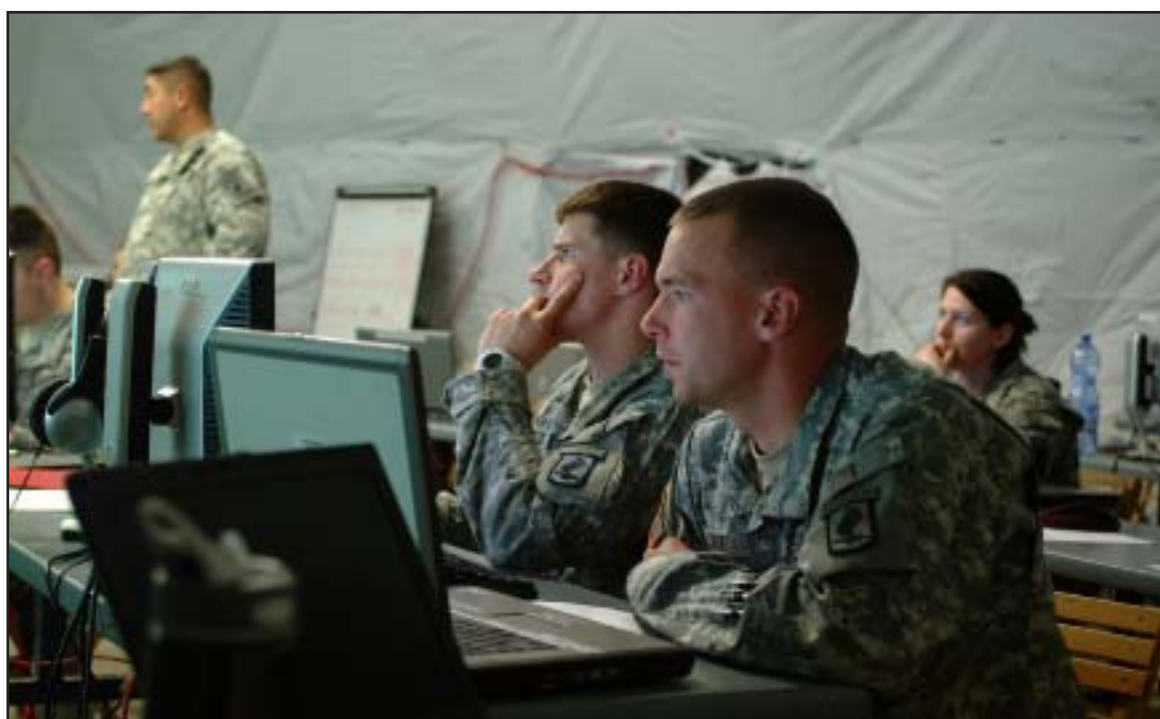
(Right) Paratroopers from the 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, practice moving an injured Soldier for medical evacuation during Bayonet Rapid First Response training held March 23 at Caserma Ederle. (Photo by Rick Scavetta, U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs)

Below) Soldiers from the S-2 shop, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, take a break from the action in the tactical operations command to brush up on their searching-a-detainee skills. Spc. Bryan Guerra searches Pfc. Dave Wittig. (Photo by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)



Senior leaders with the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team attended a counterinsurgency seminar held March 9-12 in the Arena on Caserma Ederle. The seminar was taught by a training team led by retired Gen. James Hill, a senior mentor with the Battle Command Training Program, out of Fort Leavenworth, Kan. The purpose of the seminar was to update the leaders on counterinsurgency practices successfully used on the ground in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. "The expertise of the training team, combined with the broad experience of the leaders in our brigade, will prove very beneficial to our units when we next deploy and are assigned the most challenging missions," said Col. James Johnson III. (Photo by Maj. Thomas Gilleran, 173rd ABCT Public Affairs)

(Right) Spc. Scott Ogle (right) and Spc. Carl Vitiello, Soldiers with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, participate in the tactical operations center (TOC) exercise held on Hoekstra Field March 16-20. "This is my first assignment in the military and it's really interesting," said Ogle, a radio telephone operator for the brigade. "Having a constant flow of activity keeps my attention level high and lends to an exciting atmosphere." There are role players in different areas sending specific messages out for the Soldiers in the TOC to react to, said Sgt. Maj. Richard Howell, HHC NCOIC. The goal of the exercise was to teach the Soldiers the basics of the system, to receive information, analyze the information and distribute the information back out, he said. "This TOC exercise is our brigade staff's first opportunity to train for our next deployment," said Col. James Johnson III, brigade commander. "This process begins with the basic requirements of command and control of the brigade, and progresses to staff battle drills which allow us to support the battalions of the 173rd ABCT." (Photo by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)





## Camp Darby programs enhance child safety

Story and photo  
by Chiara Mattiolo  
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Several initiatives are taking place in the Camp Darby community during April to enhance safety and celebrate the Month of the Military Child.

The Camp Darby Livorno Unit School is enhancing the social studies program by taking children on field trips to better know the community and their relative's workplaces, according to teacher, Stephanie Marra.

"We went to parents' workplaces so that the children know what the grown-ups do and what responsibilities they have," Marra said. "This type of program is meant to make children feel more comfortable and accept the change of a new duty station."

As part of the program a group of elementary children visited the USAG Livorno security office and had their thumb prints taken March 18.

USAG Livorno force protection officer, James Cole, talked to the children about the importance of fingerprints and

how they are useful to identify people, since they are unique and don't change.

"The force protection and school security programs work hand-in-hand to ensure our school is as safe as possible," said Cole. "With the support of the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) officer, who provides a valuable service to the school and the community, we try to cover all aspects of security and crime prevention."

The D.A.R.E. officer works at the school every day and helps to ensure safety awareness for the entire school environment.

The classes Staff Sgt. Thomas Garrard, military police and USAG Livorno D.A.R.E. officer teaches educate children on following safety rules for the Internet and bus, car seat and bicycle safety.

"D.A.R.E. offers free services for all children in the community," continued Garrard.

Other Month of the Military Child events included an all day child safety identification and general safety awareness day at the school gymnasium April 1.

During this event, fingerprint cards for children were offered



A child has his thumb print taken by USAG Livorno force protection officer, James Cole during the school visit to parents' workplaces March 18.

and parents took advantage of educational material available at the event.

Other events include a bicycle safety class April 11, at 2 p.m., in the Camp Darby photo lab parking lot.

April 16, from 4-6 p.m., a child car seat inspection will be offered by the USAG Livorno Safety

office in the parking lot in front of the post office.

"Safety programs run all year around, but we celebrate the Month of the Military Child by enforcing some aspects of child safety in an effort to recognize the importance of our children and show how much we care for them," said Garrard.

## SETAF property book office places second in logistics category

Story and photo  
by Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

When Army logistics units are honored in Heidelberg April 8, the SETAF Headquarters Support Company property book office will be there taking the runner-up award in the Category Level II Modified Table of Organization and Equipment (MTOE).

The office is not new to this award because it is duplicating the accomplishment attained in 2007.

"It's definitely a combination of our teamwork, professionalism and dedication for our unit and the U.S. Army," said Chief Warrant Officer Jessica Lee, SETAF property

book officer.

Three people including Lee work at the office. Their tasks primarily consist of requisitioning, receiving and distributing new equipment as well as redistributing excess and unserviceable equipment.

"We ensure property book accountability is established and all documents are properly maintained," she added.

Lee was a little disappointed by not achieving first place.

"I have a military and a civilian working with me and both employees love their job and have pride in their professions. They are motivated and dedicated. I know I have a great team," said Lee.



Sgt. Joseph Hernandez, left, and SETAF Property Book officer Chief Warrant Officer Jessica Lee pose for a picture at their office. (Not present was Daniel Brown)

## Villaggio town hall tackles kids, cats, coordinators, communication

USAG Vicenza PAO  
News release

The playgrounds on Villaggio will return sometime after June 30 when all the construction is done and related safety issues are resolved, said Col. Erik Daiga, garrison commander, in responding to a resident's question at a town hall meeting March 25.

"It's not easy living in a construction zone for the last year and a half," Daiga said. "Life on Villaggio will get better soon."

Though the speakers primarily focused on providing a construction update, town-hall topics included identifying and explaining the role of area coordinators and the latest child and youth services activities. Georgia Salyer, CYS sports and fitness director, reminded parents there is now a free shuttle bus from Caserma Ederle to the teen center on Villaggio for 6th graders and above.

While some of the issues raised require further research on the part of the subject-matter experts, answers to most of the residents' questions were provided on the spot:

- Yes, the Villaggio pool will open on time;

- There is a cat colony on Villaggio and it is protected by Italian law; however, if the cats

are not fed they will move on;

- Children too small to put trash into the proper containers should not take out the trash. Furthermore, garbage left outside the containers is another source of food for the cats.

- Residents should be notified 48 hours in advance of programmed utilities' outages during the construction project;

- Military police will receive refresher training on the requirement to stop for unloading school buses;

- Residents should always immediately report unsafe or improper activities by the construction crews;

- Portable restrooms are being installed on the Villaggio playing fields.

During his briefing about the role of area coordinators Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Hartless, the garrison command sergeant major, explained that coordinators can help residents in their areas resolve problems and disputes. He said they can also help with other situations that affect quality of life.

Dave Murr, the director of public works and the acting deputy garrison commander, reminded residents of the information bulletin board at the Villaggio Shoppette where the projected work schedules and upcoming outages are posted.

## Darby Dates

### Monday lunch

The Camp Darby Army Ball committee is selling hamburger and hotdog plates Mondays, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. by the commissary and post exchange plaza.

### Army Emergency Relief campaign

AER Campaign runs until May 15. To donate contact: Sgt. Ryan Hall, AFN Livorno, Staff Sgt. Kevin Yarbrough, MP Platoon, Staff Sgt. Stephen Walker, 3rd/405th AFSB, Staff Sgt. George Long, 839th Trans Bn., Spc. Keith Owens, Health Clinic or 1st Sgt. Ray Laverenz, HHD, USAG Livorno.

### 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.

### Chapel notes

Vacation Bible School is coming in June. This year's theme is ancient Rome. The chapel is collecting cardboard, robes, children's plastic swimming pools and cardboard rolls from paper towels and toilet paper.

### Call to Prayer

Join others to heed the Chief of Army Chaplain's Call to Fast and Pray for our nation and each other. Pray as you go, pray where you are and pray at the chapel April 8. Drop your prayer requests in the boxes placed around post April 7.

### Catholic announcements:

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.

**Holy Thursday Mass** is at 4 p.m.

**Good Friday Mass** is at 4 p.m.

**April 12 Mass** is at 10 a.m.

### Protestant

#### Announcements

April 10 at 5:30 p.m. "His Life & Ministry"

April 11 at 5:30 p.m. "His Suffering & Death"

April 12 at 11:15 a.m. "His Resurrection & Glory"



## Easter in Italy

Easter is celebrated April 12 and in Italy, Easter is a sacred season for Catholics and accompanied by several traditions and cultural customs.

For example, on Good Friday many communities remember the day with Passion processions.

Although Italians do not decorate hard-boiled eggs, the biggest Easter displays in bars, pastry shops, and supermarkets are brightly wrapped *uova di Pasqua* – chocolate Easter eggs.

They come in many different sizes and different prices and you can choose between milk and dark chocolate.

All except the tiniest eggs contain a surprise. Some producers distinguish between their chocolate eggs for children and grown-ups.

Adults often find their eggs contain little silver picture frames or gold-dipped costume jewelry.

The very best eggs are handmade by artisans, who offer the service of inserting a surprise supplied by the purchaser. Such surprises can vary from simple mementos to expensive gifts such as jewelry.

Among the typical Easter dishes are lamb and stuffed or layered pasta dishes such as lasagna manicotti and pasticcio.

You will also find special pastries such as Colomba. The dove, a symbol of peace, gives form to this traditional sweet bread that is to Easter what Panettone is to Christmas. It has the same consistency, without the candied fruits and it's covered with glaze and almonds. Other typical pastries are *focaccia* and *pastiera*. Pastiera is more common in southern Italy but it can also be found in some local pasticcerie (pastry stores).

**Pasquetta**, or Easter Monday, is another important holiday in Italy. It's more than an extra day off work.

It's the unofficial start of spring and a chance to go for a picnic with friends and family. Schools and most of the stores will be closed.

## Via Crucis

Live Stations of the Cross, April 10, 8 p.m., in Gallio, about 40 miles north of Vicenza.

The procession departs from S. Bartolomeo Church, and then goes through the town stopping in different stations each one representing an event surrounding Christ's crucifixion.

The first station is in Piazza Italia. The itinerary will be lit up with small oil-lamps. The tradition is that it is re-enacted by the children of Gallio.

## Tourism Village

Opens April 4–5, in Verona, Piazza San Zeno, about 38 miles west of Vicenza.

Find tourism information, exhibits and a market with local products.

Both days from 10:30 a.m. – 8 p.m. a giant video screen in the square offers a 3D interactive visit to the San Zeno Church and guided tours are offered.

April 4: Find games, entertainment and magic shows for children at the Kids Village. At 4 p.m. watch a parade and performance of the band "Mons. Aldrighetti" from Soave.

April 5: At noon watch band and flag wavers in traditional medieval costumes.

For details, go to the Web site [www.provinciadiveronaturismo.it/file-ing-2006/calendario-032-SanZeno.html](http://www.provinciadiveronaturismo.it/file-ing-2006/calendario-032-SanZeno.html) (In English)

## Palm Festival, donkey race

April 3-5, in Isola Vicentina, about 10 miles northwest of Vicenza.

Food stands and live music on Via Monte Grappa and carnival rides in Piazza Marconi e Mattei.

The traditional donkey race *Corsa dei Mussi* will be held Sunday afternoon in the park of Villa Cerchiari on Via Cerchiari.

## Olive oil fair, market

April 5, in Pove del Grappa, Via Costantina, 2, about 27 miles north of Vicenza.

The event starts at 9 a.m. with food stands and free tasting of bruschetta, slices of bread toasted and seasoned with garlic, salt and olive oil from Pove del

Grappa.

Find a Bonsai exhibit, organic products market and a photo exhibition "Olives between history and landscape" in San Pietro Church.

## Spiritual, Gospel, Jazz, Pop, Modern music concert

April 4, at 9 p.m. in Costabissara's G. Verdi Theater, Piazza Vittorio Veneto, 29, about seven miles northwest of Vicenza. Admission fee is 7.50 euro.

## Antique, collectors market

April 4, Marostica, Piazza degli Scacchi and Corso Mazzini, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. More than 120 vendors.

## Free concerts, exhibits, classes

Live music downtown, April 3, 6 p.m., in Torri di Arcugnano, Piazza M. Rumor, about five miles south of Vicenza.

QPF 5ET, April 3, 9 p.m., in Fimon di Arcugnano, Osteria Al Centro da Carletto, about four miles south of Vicenza, hear jazz and bossa nova music.

Welcome Home - Painting and photo exhibition open April 4-May 17. Held in Vicenza's SS. Ambrogio and Bellino Church, Contrà S. Ambrogio, 23. Hours are Tue. – Fri., 3-7 p.m.; weekends from 10 a.m. - noon and 3-7 p.m..

Meditation Concert, April 4, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, S. Paolo Church, Via Carducci, 13.

Conservatory students' concert, April 4, 5 p.m., in Vicenza, S. Chiara Church, Contrà Santa Chiara.

My Jah -Roots reggae concert April 4, at 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Equobar, Strada Marosticanan 350.

Radikanera in concert – Electronic & Funky rock, April 4 at 10 p.m., in Vicenza, Osteria Miles Davis, Strada di Polegge, 114.

A cradle for life – An Easter voice and harp concert, April 4, 8:30 p.m., in Vicenza, S. Chiara Church, Contrà San Tommaso. Music by Bellini, Rossini, Puccini, Verdi and Bizet.

Explore the sky, Astronomical Observatory of Arcugnano, April 7, 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.

Buena Vista Soccio's Club – Cuban and Latin American music, April 8, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Casa per la Pace, Contrà Porta Nuova, 2.

Holmes + A new silent Corporation, – Cuban and Latin

American music, April 8, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Bar Sarteia, Corso SS Felice e Fortunato, 362.

## Movies in English

April 6, *Seven pounds* plays at the Odeon Theater in downtown Vicenza, Corso Palladio, 176. Tickets are 6 euro.

Show times are 5, 7 and 9 p.m.

This is the last movie in English for this season. The new season will start in October.



## Skits talk about sending, interpreting sex signals

Fawzia Mirza (left) gets up close and personal with fellow actor, Chris Beier, during a scene from their interactive training, *Sex Signals*. As part of the military's campaign to address sexual assault, "Sex Signals," a sexual assault awareness program came to Caserma Ederle Monday, with actors Mirza and Beier using humor and audience participation to get the message across that 'no' means 'no.' Mirza and Beier are part of Catharsis Productions, and their interactive, humorous show gives Soldiers and civilians scenarios that target sexual assault situations and then asks the audience for their perception of what happens and why. "Rape is someone taking your choice [of whether or not to have sex] away from you," said Mirza after a scenario where a Soldier, who is under investigation for rape, gives his version of how the event happened. The show was also aimed directly at Army values of integrity and Soldiers looking out for one another — including when they see a woman being targeted for rape with alcohol, drugs and guile. (Photo by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)

## Now Showing

### Ederle Theater

April 2	Not Easily Broken (PG13)	6 p.m.
April 3	Bedtime Stories (PG)	6 p.m.
	My Bloody Valentine (R)	9 p.m.
April 4	Bedtime Stories (PG)	3 p.m.
	I Love You Man (R)	6 p.m.
April 5	Max Payne (PG13)	3 p.m.
	I Love You Man (R)	6 p.m.
April 8	Gran Torino (R)	6 p.m.
April 9	Frost/Nixon (R)	6 p.m.

### Camp Darby Theater

April 2	He's Just Not That Into You (PG13)	6 p.m.
April 3	The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG 13)	6 p.m.
April 4	Fired Up (PG13)	6 p.m.
April 5	Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (PG13)	1 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.

## Bike the hills, visit the Riviera, hit the slopes

Effective April 1, Outdoor Recreation and ITR combined offices.

Call ODR at 634-7453 for details on the trips below and upcoming trips.

### Mountain bike ride

It's time to hit the hills with ODR and your bike. This

local, level 1 (easy) trip is April 11, departing at 8 a.m.

### Riviera weekend trip

April 11-12, experience the Riviera, as ODR takes you to Genova, Nice and Monaco.

After spending the day in Genova, spend the night between Italy and France. The

next day there's free time in both Nice and Monaco.

### Snow is still here

ODR is still hitting the slopes with ski trips April 11 and 18.

Snowshoe trips are scheduled for April 12 and 19.





2008 summer hires raise their hand as they take the oath of Service on their first day of work. (Outlook file photo)

## Applications accepted for summer hires

**Civilian Personnel Office**  
Press Release

The USAG Vicenza Summer Hire program is now accepting applications.

Family members ages 14-22 can work in an office or

outdoors. The program runs June 22-July 31.

For details or to apply click on the Summer Hire link at: <http://cpolrhp.belvoir.army.mil/eur>. Select "Employment" then, "Summer Hire Program 2009."

### Tech Expo coming

April 8, 10-2 p.m. in the Arena. See demonstrations featuring the latest in communication technologies by more than 20 companies.

Entrance is free.

### Chapel Easter workshop date, hour change

The Protestant Chapel community is hosting an Easter workshop April 10, 10 a.m.-noon in the chapel activity room.

Call 634-7897 or 0444-71-7897 to register.

### Spring break bowling

The Arena offers 1½ hours of bowling and shoe rental for \$20, from 1-9 p.m. April 6, 7 and 9. For details stop by the Arena bowling counter.

### Eggstravaganza event

Hop to Hoekstra Field April 11, 1-4 p.m. for the annual Eggstravaganza. Children's activities include face painting, balloon creations, a bounce house, arts and crafts activities plus an egg race.

Call 634-5087 for details.

### Register now for 2009

#### College graduation

The Education Center is accepting applications for the 2009 College Graduation Recognition Ceremony scheduled for May 29.

If you are nine semester hours away from graduating or graduated last year, but were unable to participate, call 634-8933 or e-mail [vicenza.edcenter@us.army.mil](mailto:vicenza.edcenter@us.army.mil) for

details.

### Dining facility changes hours

The South of the Alps dining facility hours are Monday to Friday: breakfast: 7-9 a.m., lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.; dinner: 5-6:30 p.m.

Saturdays: Breakfast: 8-9:30 a.m.; lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.; dinner: 5-6:30 p.m.

Sunday brunch is 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and supper is 5-6:30 p.m.

### USO notes

The USO is looking for volunteers and Soldiers can get promotion points for volunteering.

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. Hours are Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-10 p.m., weekends, noon-6 p.m. Call us at 634-7156.

### VA briefings

April 10, 8:30 a.m. - noon, learn about VA benefits and from 1-3 p.m. attend the Disability Assistance and Transition Program briefing.

### Eagle Scout project seeks volunteers

Community volunteers are sought to help with an Eagle Scout project refurbishing picnic tables and benches.

Dates of work are April 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Call Matthew Calabrese at 329-191-8371 after 3 p.m. or e-mail: [matthew.calabrese1@us.army.mil](mailto:matthew.calabrese1@us.army.mil). Before 3 p.m. call

Anne Calabrese 634-8531 or 335-204-362.

### MOMS Club events

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

April 6 and 13, 10 a.m.: Walk the track

April 8: 11 a.m.: Recipe potluck

April 10: 10-11 a.m.: Infant playgroup

April 10: 4 p.m.: Park play date.

### FAP family breakfast, bowling

In support of Child Abuse Prevention Month and Month of the Military Child, Family Advocacy Program invites the community to a family breakfast April 2 at 7 a.m. in the school cafeteria.

Join FAP April 3, 3 - 6 p.m. at the Arena for free family bowling.

### 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.

### Cosmic bowling Thursday

Every Thursday after school the Arena offers the Cosmic Bowling special of \$6 per person.

Cost includes shoe rental, 1½ hours of bowling and a small hot dog and soda.

### Dirty cars cleaned for dirt cheap

FMWR Auto Skills Center offers car washing for as little as \$2 April 1- Sept. 30.

During this period you can save \$1 more off the lowest wash prices anywhere.

### Youth photo exhibit

CYS Services, partnered with Boys and Girls Clubs of America

and ImageMakers, is having a photography exhibit in the post library through April 10.

The community is encouraged to stop in and vote for a favorite photograph in each category. Deadline to vote is April 3.

### Library computers unavailable

All public computers in the library will be updated April 7 and 8 and unavailable to the public on those days.

Free computers are available at Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center, bldg 108. Children are allowed with a parent, but there is no CAC card access, USB or removable media allowed on these computers.

The building is open 24/7. Call 634-7500 for details.

The USO, bldg 9A, offers free computers but children are not allowed. The USO is open 11a.m. - 10 p.m., Monday-Friday and noon -6 p.m. on weekends.

### Library story time

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

### Military Youth Saves contest

Army Community Service, Financial Readiness Program has collaborated with the PTSA, Military Saves and other institutions for the first-ever Military Youth Saves contest.

Youth in any of four grade categories may submit an entry with a theme of saving money.

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 details on the contest, e-mail [kent.thompson@eur.army.mil](mailto:kent.thompson@eur.army.mil). Deadline for submissions is April 27.

## YS has free shuttle bus for members

A special shuttle bus for youth registered with Youth Services programs runs after



Shawn Rollins, child and youth program assistant with Child, Youth and Schools Services, rides the free YS bus.

school through the end of the school year.

YS staffers ride the shuttle bus and ensure the safety of the youth. The bus departs in front of the Caserma Ederle Teen Center at 3 p.m. to take participants to the Villaggio Youth Center. The bus departs from Villaggio YC at 4:45 p.m. and returns to the Caserma Ederle Teen Center. It departs the Ederle Teen Center again at 5:15 p.m. from Ederle Teen Center for the Villaggio YC.

For details call 634-7659.

## Religious activities

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

### Chaplain Crisis Line:

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

### Saturday services

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

5 p.m.: Roman Catholic mass

### Sunday Services

9 a.m.: Roman Catholic 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

### Call to Prayer

April 8: Chief of Chaplains Call to Prayer, post exchange. Unit ministry team members will receive prayers from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. At 3 p.m. a brief prayer service will be held.

### Passover Seder

April 8, 5:30 p.m. in the chapel activity room. Special guest Chaplain Jeffery Ballon will speak. Call the chapel at 634-7519 to RSVP.

### Lutheran Holy Thursday service

April 9, 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

### Protestant Holy Thursday service

April 9, 7 p.m. in the chapel activity room.

### Catholic Mass and Adoration

April 9, 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

### Good Friday services

Catholic: April 10, 3 p.m.  
Lutheran: April 10, 6 p.m.

### Catholic Holy Saturday vigil

April 11, 8:30 p.m.

### Easter Sunrise Service

April 12, 7 a.m. under the pavilion on Hoekstra Field

Guest speaker is Chaplain (Col.) Thomas MacGregor, 21st Theater Support Command. Join us for breakfast at the dining facility.

All briefs must be received at [editor@eur.army.mil](mailto:editor@eur.army.mil) noon Monday, or by Friday at 4 p.m. if Monday is a holiday.



# Sports Shorts

## Lifeguards needed

Sports, Fitness and Aquatics office is hiring lifeguards for the summer swim season.

Applicants must hold a current certification for American Red Cross and CPR for the professional or a nationally recognized equivalent. To apply visit the Web site: [www.cpol.army.mil](http://www.cpol.army.mil) or call 634-8347 for information.

## Mega paintball weekend

ODR offers an entire weekend of paintball right here on the Caserma in our ODR paintball arena.

Play April 25 and April 26, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Cost is \$60 and includes equipment, re-balls, and field fee.

Sign up is required by April 22 at ODR.

Call 634-7453 for details.

## Frisbee football tournament

Frisbee fans gather up 7-10 players for your team and sign up for the Frisbee Football Tournament April 17-18.

The mandatory coaches meeting is April 14 at either 2:30 or 5:30 p.m.

Call Sports and Fitness at 634-7009 for details.

## Tennis League forming

The USAG Vicenza Recreational Tennis League will begin soon.

The league offers both singles and doubles play.

Call Sports, Fitness and Aquatics at 634-7009 for information.

## Aqua aerobic instructor sought

The USAG Vicenza Sport and Fitness office is looking for certified aqua aerobics instructors.

Instructors will be needed beginning June 15, Mondays and Wednesdays each week for noon classes. Classes must be given in English.

Those interested should contact Joe Reeder at 634-5181 or 0444-71-5181 from off post.

## Womens' Basketball team forming

If you're interested in taking on an Italian Womens' basketball team (over 40s), call Julia Sibilla at 634-8525 for details.



From left to right: Chris Wolff, Luca Harbeson, Dallas McKay and Andrew Biberos, DENTAC team members, look closely to eliminate their opponents of the Doughnut Ninjas team toward the end of the game.

## Sweet, deadly Doughnut Ninjas keep grip on first place

Story and photo  
by Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

The Unit/Recreational Dodgeball league is still going

strong with games happening twice a week.

Tonight at the post gym the DENTAC team will meet AFN Vicenza and the Secret Squirrels will compete against top-seeded rivals, Doughnut Ninjas.

In recent action on the post fitness center court, the Doughnut Ninjas defeated Secret Squirrels 6-1 and then Dentac 6-1 during games played March 24.

Their victory run continued

when they shut-out AFN Vicenza 6-0 March 27.

The next games are at 7 and 8 p.m. on April 9, 14, 16, 21, 23 and 28.

No word yet on when the championships will be held.

### USAG Vicenza Sports Update

#### Soldiers' Volleyball league standings

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

#### Recent game results

##### March 25

Delta Rec: 20, 22 vs. USAHC: 25, 25

USAHC: 25, 25 vs. BSB Riggers: 16, 18

##### March 26

Delta Rec: 17, 12 vs. Lucky: 25, 25

Top Gun 0, 0 vs D Co, 1-503rd: 25, 25

#### USAG Vicenza Community Soccer team standings

Win	Tie	Loss
2	2	10

#### Recent Game Results

##### March 28

Grantorto: 1 vs USAG: 0

#### Dodgeball league standings

Team	Win	Loss
Doughnut Ninjas	5	0
Secret Squirrels	5	2
Dentac	1	5
AFN Vicenza	1	5

#### Recent Game Results

##### March 24

Doughnut Ninjas: 6 vs. Secret Squirrels: 1

Doughnut Ninjas: 6 vs. Dentac: 1

##### March 27

Doughnut Ninjas: 6 vs. AFN Vicenza: 0

Secret Squirrels: 6 vs Dentac: 1

## Vicenza Cougars make baseball history

By Pete Huller  
Special to the Outlook

The Vicenza High School Cougars made history in Naples March 28 with the opening of the first-ever baseball season in DoDDS Italy.

The team opened the inaugural campaign against the Naples Wildcats, falling short by a score of 9-5 despite a thrilling last inning rally.

The Cougars battled hard in a second game against Sigonella on Saturday, only to lose in tie-breaker last inning, 14-13.

Junior Jack Buffington got the

start in Friday's game, hurling four strong innings and striking out eight batters.

Down 9-0, Buffington and senior Micky Stoner sparked a five-run rally in the last inning. After an intentional walk to catcher Josh Rizzo, outfielder Arc Gaspar made Naples nervous with a base-clearing double.

In Saturday's game against Sigonella, freshman Jeremy Huller pitched four innings, striking out five and walking none.

The Cougars again rallied in the bottom of the last inning,

answering Sigonella's grand slam home run with three of their own, to tie the game at the end of regulation play, 12 all.

In the tie-breaker inning that followed, Sigonella scored two unearned runs off reliever Micky Stoner.

In the bottom half, the Cougars fleet-footed Shakael Skeete scored, but the team fell short, leaving the tying run on third.

"The team was excited and felt like they should have won both games, which is really encouraging," said coach Mark Wilson.



## Vicenza girls' basketball team makes second run at Italians

It takes courage to play a second game against a team that beat you 50-19, especially when you're not a real team. But that's exactly what 12 girls from the Vicenza military community did March 25 against Vicenza Squadra Femminile. "When the Italian coach called and asked if we were interested in a rematch, the girls didn't hesitate," said Julia Sibilla, who helped arranged the first game the girls played March 6 on post. "They called it their "revenge game." John Davis stepped in to coach. The girls had a better defensive game, with a score of 35-11 in favor of the Italians. (Photo courtesy of Julie Peterson)