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Garrison offices celebrate season

Most garrison offices will be operating with reduced staffing Friday afternoon, Dec. 12, so personnel may participate in traditional holiday activities.



SETAF focuses on Africa

By Sgt. Major
Kimberly Williams
SETAF Public Affairs

VICENZA, Italy – During the Southern European Task Force Transformation Ceremony Tuesday, SETAF cased its old colors, ending the airborne chapter of its history, and uncased its new colors, signifying acceptance of a new mission – serving as the Army component in support of U.S. Africa Command.

The ceremony followed an official announcement by the U.S. and Italian governments Dec. 3 in Rome that SETAF would become U.S. Army Africa.

“We are honored and privileged to be the first members of U.S. Army Africa,” said Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III, SETAF commanding general. “This is a huge responsibility, as our decisions and actions will establish the foundation that others will build upon in the years ahead.”

Both Gen. William E. Ward, commander of U.S. Africa Command, and Gen. Carter Ham, commander of U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army, attended the ceremony, which highlighted



Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III (left), commanding general of Southern European Task Force, and Gen. William E. Ward, commander of U.S. Africa Command, uncased the new colors for SETAF during a transformation ceremony Tuesday. The ceremony followed an official announcement by the U.S. and Italian governments Dec. 3 in Rome that SETAF would become U.S. Army Africa. (Photo by Barbara Romano, 7th JMTC Photo Lab)

SETAF’s long, proud history.

“I welcome all of you to the U.S. Africa Command team,” Ward said. “I am confident that this great command is up to the challenge.”

Garrett, who was promoted from brigadier general to major general in a ceremony the same day, said while SETAF’s mission has changed, its relationship with Italian partners will not.

“The enduring relationship between the United States and Italy will only get stronger; new opportunities will spring from common objectives and a shared vision for a prosperous Africa,”

he said.

SETAF, stationed in Italy since 1955, has a long history of operating on the African continent and partnering with African nations. During the past 15 years, SETAF has provided crisis response, disaster relief and humanitarian assistance on the continent.

During the next year, SETAF will learn and grow in order to lay the foundation for future success as U.S. Army Africa, Garrett said. This foundation includes building and strengthening relationships with African army organizations,

along with national and international partners, to promote peace, security and stability in Africa.

Check out the new SETAF web site at www.setaf.army.mil, where you can find photos, releases and facts about SETAF’s transformation to U.S. Army Africa, as well as useful information for newcomers to Italy.

Up Front on AFN Friday

How does the SETAF transformation affect you? Find out Friday in the 8 a.m. hour on AFN 106FM *The Eagle* when Maj. Gen. William Garrett III and Renee Citron, deputy to the garrison commander take your questions on *Up Front*.

Up Front is the monthly commanders’ AFN radio show that brings news and information to the community from the decision makers.

Can’t get 106FM on your radio? You can listen in on channel 142 on your AFN decoder.

Santa comes to town

Story and photo by
Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

The Vicenza community came out in force to participate in the annual Tree Lighting ceremony Dec. 5.

Events for children included several activities for children including photos with Santa, reading with Mrs. Claus, picture frame making, mural painting and face painting.

After taking part in the carnival, the crowd moved to Olson Avenue where a stage was ready for Santa.

Santa’s appearance was followed by performances from the Vicenza Elementary School



Santa speaks to members of the Vicenza Elementary School choir after their performance during the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony Dec. 5.

“Recess Rocks Choir.”

After opening remarks by SETAF Commander Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III, the community enjoyed free horse

drawn carriage rides, roasted chestnuts, *vin brulé* and hot chocolate and cookies offered by USO, according to Shay Morris, DFMWR events coordinator.

Longare reservists transform unit

Story and photo by
Sgt. 1st. Class Eugene Pomeroy
SETAF (Aug) Public Affairs

The Longare-based Army Reserve unit has begun its transformation into a Civil Support Team and a Civil Affairs Company.

The citizen-Soldiers of SETAF (AUG) took off maroon berets and donned the black berets of the Germany-based 7th Civil Support Command.

Of the two new units, the CST is the first one to stand up and expects to become fully operational toward the end of 2009. The CA company will be standing up in about a year.

Sergeants Richard Andriolo and Aldrin Coja were the first two members of the CST to attend the Civil Support Skills course making them chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear specialists.

Both men went through 76 days of Advanced Individual

Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., earlier this year for the 7D military occupational specialty. Most of the CRBN training was hands on with the Soldiers going through realistic training scenarios at the Chemical Defense Training Facility.

"We went through sealed rooms with different sealed scenarios, using real nerve agents," said Andriolo. "The best part was a field training exercise. We were attacked with CS gas and did a survey mission in HMMVs and trucks searching for CRBN agents."

The next phase of their training was technical escort at Redstone Arsenal, Al. There were frequent written tests, all of which required students to achieve 80 percent to pass.

"If you didn't study you didn't pass the test," said Andriolo. "The hands-on test was easy because I am a visual person. I see something one time and I can remember all the tests."

Wearing Level-A or Level-B suits with self-contained breathing apparatus, Andriolo and the other students performed a number of missions to stop spills and leaks from tanks and ammunition.

"In one mission I was part of the survey team and we checked a chemical laboratory in Level A suits," he said. "The [nerve agent] detector gave a maximum level reading. Our last mission was to rescue an injured worker in a confined space in Level B suits."

Despite being subjected to 200 Powerpoint slides a day, he declared his training "challenging and exciting."

The CST is beginning to take its place in the Vicenza military community.

On a recent Battle Assembly weekend, members of the unit were at the Caserma Ederle fire station getting an introduction to basic HazMat and personal protective equipment.



Firefighter Alex Christie and Sgt. Richard Andriolo demonstrate a protective suit to members of the newly formed CST at the Caserma Ederle fire station.

Under the watchful, experienced eye of firefighter Alex Christie, who said that he looked forward to working with the CST, the Reserve Soldiers were given a sense of what to expect if, and when, they are faced with an incident.

In spite of his extensive experience, Christie said he "hoped they will be teaching me" when the unit becomes fully operational.

For more information about the CST or CA units, call the Reserve Center at 635-4885.

Winter POV safety



By Robert Williams
USAG Vicenza Safety Office

The ski and snowboard season is underway and many of us will be heading to the slopes to enjoy the fun. However, the adventure may begin before you even hit the slopes.

If planning on driving to the snowy mountains, use these safety steps to reduce unnecessary risks:

- * Plan your route and check the weather
- * Conduct a thorough inspection of your vehicle to include tires, brakes, fluids and

seat belts, as well as ensuring that you have a reflective vest, warning triangle and flashlight in the vehicle.

* Carry snow chains that are sized for your specific tires and know how to use them.

* Pack extra items like clothes that can be layered, blankets, boots and water.

* Have emergency numbers available and make sure your cell phone is charged.

* Be aware that black ice looks exactly like a wet road, drive slowly and safely.

* Ensure that you have had plenty of rest before you drive;

fatigue is as deadly as alcohol when it comes to driving.

* Let someone know where you're going and the route you're going to take.

* Give yourself plenty of time to get there and slow down to a speed that is appropriate for the road conditions.

* Never drink and drive and always wear seatbelts.

There is a myriad of winter activities all over Europe to be enjoyed, and getting to them safely can be easy by following these simple steps. Remember that minutes and hours are not as valuable as a life.

Speak Out

What is your pet peeve?

By Samantha Smith
Outlook Volunteer



Bianca Le
VHS student

"When you ask someone a question, but they don't give you a direct response back."



Pvt. Christopher Graham
1st Brigade, 503rd Infantry

"People who always ask for things instead of getting it themselves."



George Hanby III
Teacher, VMHS

"People saying, Shut up."



Stephen Morrison
2nd Brigade, 503rd
Infantry

"I hate people blowing cigarette smoke in my face."



Tammy Robinson
Family member

"People who are inconsiderate of others. Be happy!"

AER scholarships

Free money toward higher education



By Valerie Sweed
Army Emergency Relief
Press Release

The **Maj. Gen James Ursano Scholarship Program** is for dependent children of active, retired and deceased Soldiers. The program offers scholarships based on financial need, academics and leadership or achievement.

To be eligible, applicants must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale; be full time undergraduate students for the entire academic year at a school accredited by the U.S. Department of Education; and be dependents of a Soldier on federal active duty, a retiree, or a deceased active or retired Soldier. To be a dependent you must be under the age of 23, registered in DEERS and unmarried for the entire academic year.

The 2009-2010 Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program is available on the Army Emergency Relief Web site: www.aerhq.org.

Applications are due by March 2. Hardcopy applications may be requested by contacting Kasey Phillips at 703-428-0035, kasey@aerhq.org or by mail to: HQ, Army Emergency Relief, MG James Ursano Scholarship Program, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332-0600.

The **Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program (OSEAP)** is a need-based education assistance program designed to provide

spouses, residing with the active duty Soldier in an overseas command only, with financial assistance in pursuing educational goals. The purpose of the program is to assist spouses in gaining the education required to allow them to qualify for increased occupational opportunities.

To be eligible, applicants must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale; be an undergraduate student at a school accredited by the U.S. Department of Education; be dependents of a Soldier on federal active duty and reside with the active duty Soldier in an overseas command. To be a dependent you must be registered in DEERS.

The 2008-2009 Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program Application is now available on our web site, www.aerhq.org. Spouses must renew every term. The deadline for each term application, renewal form and/or supporting documents to AER for AY 2008-2009 is:

- Term 3 = Dec. 22
- Term 4 = March 2
- Term 5 = May 11

Hardcopy applications may be requested by contacting Kristin Chapman at 703-325-0313, Kristin@aerhq.org or by mail to: HQ, Army Emergency Relief, Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program, 200 Stovall Street, Alexandria, VA 22332-0600.

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Italian neighbors enjoy American feast

Sandy Segura (left) and George Hanby (right) of the Vicenza military community help serve a Thanksgiving meal to Italian friends in the little town of Toara in the Colli Berici area south of Vicenza Saturday night Nov. 29. Allie and Greg Vallery, with help from other Vicenza military community members, prepared a traditional holiday meal for more than 120 guests, including 75 Italians from Toara and nearby Pozzolo. Local vintner and friend Tomasso Piovene donated the wine. Allie said she and Greg invited people they worked with at their annual town festival and also "the ones who Greg makes sausages with in December." (Photo by Jon J. Fleshman, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)

Too hot to handle

By Robert Williams
USAG Vicenza Safety office

A recent incident where a toddler received serious burns to the hand confirms that kitchen safety tips bear repeating regularly.

Most kitchen injuries are preventable with the application of some simple safety rules.

- * Keep children and pets away from the cooking area.
- * Smoke detectors should be working, and should never be disconnected while cooking.
- * Never leave cooking food unattended. Always supervise children in the kitchen.
- * Keep sharp knives where children can't get them.
- * Use cabinet locks.
- * Use a fork to hold food when cutting.
- * Keep loose-fitting clothing away from the stove top. Nothing you are wearing should dangle over the flames.
- * Use thick, dry, flame-resistant pot holders to handle cookware.
- * Open lids covering cooking food away from your face to prevent steam burns.
- * Turn pot handles away from the heat and from the edges of stove.
- * Keep your cooking area clear of anything that could burn.
- * Never use the oven to heat the room.
- * In the event of a range-top fire, turn off the burner, put on oven mitt and smother flames by carefully sliding a lid onto the



A child's hand burned on a hot oven door. (Photo courtesy USAG Vicenza Safety office)

pan. Leave lid in place until pot or pan is cooled.

*Never use water or flour to extinguish a grease fire and never carry the pan outside- you could spread flames throughout the house.

* In the event of an oven fire, turn off heat and keep oven door closed.

* Keep handy and be familiar with a multi-purpose fire extinguisher.

* If you can't control the fire,

evacuate everyone from the home and call the Fire Department from on post at 634-8911 or 0444-71-8911 from off post or the Italian emergency number of 115.

You can receive a free brochure with safety tips by calling 1-888-785-7233 (SAFE) or you can visit the National Safety Council Web site at: www.nsc.org for more information.

Keep safety at the forefront, especially in the kitchen.

Vicenza artists make their

Dibias takes Boys & Girls Club top award

Story and photo by
Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

Andre Dibias, a Vicenza High School 12th-grader was selected as one of 37 Boys & Girls Clubs artists from more than 222 finalists who participated in the 2008 National Fine Arts Competition.

With his work "Untitled" Dibias won the 16-18 age group in the multi-colored category.

Boys & Girls Clubs of America's fine arts program is a comprehensive initiative encouraging artistic skills and cultural enrichment.

As a participant in the fine arts program, the Boys & Girls Club of USAG Vicenza submitted artwork from four age divisions and 10 categories.

"Every December the youth program, in partnership with the Vicenza Middle and High School, sets up the local National Fine Arts exhibit in the post library," said Michael Morris, garrison CYS Youth Program director.

The NFAE program was created to help uncover the artistic talents of youth and motivate them to develop their creative skills and possibly explore related career opportunities.

At the beginning of last school year, "Untitled" was submitted by Dibias' art teacher, Kathleen O'Neill, into the contest.

"I didn't know much about it; this was an assignment, a simple drawing she [art teacher] gave us during class," Dibias said.

"We had to study a certain art movement, a certain period such as Pop Art and I chose to do Romantic art, which is from the 1800s," he explained.

"The artwork submitted by Andre was a self-portrait based on a Victorian view of himself at night," explained O'Neill.

Dibias also has a keen



Dibias' winning self-portrait. (Photo courtesy of Andre Dibias)

interest in the off-beat art of filmmaker Tim Burton and finds inspiration in his subject matter, according to O'Neill.

"Andre successfully captured the foggy night atmosphere found in the movie *Legend of Sleepy Hollow* in his self-portrait, giving it the dark



Andre Dibias, Vicenza High School artist.

mysterious impact he wanted," she said.

Dibias explained that he was surprised on being selected and then, later on, in the summertime, that he won in his category.

"I have always criticized my work," he said. "I would say that maybe it was selected because it is something different that they [judges] haven't seen before."

"I did the picture in black and white, but then I colored the flowers in the bottom, the roses are in red, and maybe the style I used was unusual," he added.

The National Fine Arts Exhibit is shown at BGCA's national conference and tours during the year.

Vicenza duo capture All Army awards

Story and photos
by
Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

For the second year in a row, the All Army (2008) Arts & Crafts contest awarded two first-place awards to Vicenza community members.

Recipient of the water-base painting award is Trisha Covarrubias, a family member.

Her winning piece is a watercolor drawing titled, *Always Airborne*, which depicts her husband Hilario (now retired) while in the Army.

"I wanted to do something very different for Father's Day this past summer, for my husband," said Covarrubias.

"He is a proud airborne ranger and I was looking through some old pictures that we had. I saw one and thought it would make a great painting and so I did it for him, out of love," she continued. According to her, some paintings guide the artist while working on them.

"I felt guided by the whole picture, and the composition was already there," explained Trisha.

This was the first time she drew something featuring her husband during his Army career.

Trisha pointed out how it was a very meaningful time in his husband's life.

"That's why it meant so much to both of us that we won," she said. "I was very surprised and excited when I won. I felt like a little girl again."

"That was very special," said husband, Hilario, "I had the feeling that people would like it because it speaks of the Army, it's a real picture taken from a real operation."

The other awardee in this year's awards is a teenager who participated in the contest with an oil-paint canvas completed after finishing one class at the art center.

"My work was entered with the title *Abstract*," said Leda Kreider, who won first place in the novice division.

Kreider attends the *Liceo Artistico, ISA De Fabris* in Nove and would like to continue



Trisha Covarrubias displays her prize-winning watercolor, based on her husband Hilario's Army service as a Ranger. She won the All Army water base painting, accomplished division art award.

in the fine arts field after graduating.

"I enjoy drawing, I think it is a way to continue the research and to learn from the great past artists who lived before us," she said.

"I love the Impressionism and Post-Impressionism Art Movements, but I am also fascinated by the Renaissance and the masterpieces by Leonardo Da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raffaello," she said.

As her first oil painting, the work depicts a personal idea of Africa, according to the artist.

"The colors and the landscape abstractly communicate my idea of Africa," said Kreider.

"The original title should have been *Africa Dreamin'*, but then it was inserted for the contest as *Abstract*, just because we ran out of time," she added.

For the painting she found inspiration in some of modern artists such as Joan Miro' and Salvador Dali'.

"I looked at some famous paintings and then I created my own composition, by interpreting and re-elaborating some images. It was a different process compared to some

drawings I accomplish in my school classes where for we focus on different coloring techniques, study of color and improving our accuracy," she continued.

"Both winning artists have accomplished works that are not only enriching creations for the artistic world, but also for our community," said Giada Sheets, oil painting instructor at the Vicenza Art Center, who taught courses to both the artists.

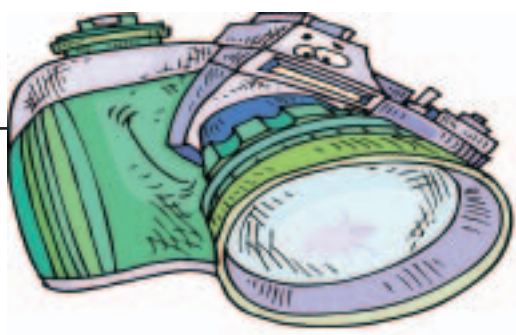
Because this was Kreider's first time participating in a contest, she was surprised to win.

"I was very happy to find out about this achievement," she said. "I don't draw or paint to win contests."

The award-winning art can be seen online at www.armymwr.com/portal/recreation/artsandcrafts.



Leda Kreider displays her work *Abstract*, which won first place in the novice division of oil base paintings in the competition.



Students shut down staff in the local series of the Satellite Volleyball games.

Sports events thrive on, off-post



Satellite volleyball

Story and photo by
Lourdes Fernandez
Outlook volunteer

The Education Center at USAG Vicenza celebrated National American Education Week with its Second Annual Satellite Volleyball Games Nov. 18.

The staff played against students, with the students winning 3-0.

"The games combine sports and education as a way to celebrate education," explained Julia Sibilla, Central Texas College associate dean for the southern region, "because it reminds people that education can be fun."

The Education Center at Camp Lemonier, Djibouti, also played during the week.

CTC staff and students played against University of Maryland University College staff and students, with CTC winning 4-2.

"Each site could organize the games as they wished," continued Sibilla, "depending on the number of staff and students available."

The idea for the games came from a site visit Sibilla made to Afghanistan where the students played against the professional staff, she said.

The games provided a form of solidarity between the different sites, she said.

Joint Base Balad, Iraq, will have CTC students face UMUC students sometime next week because their scheduled game was postponed due to a rain storm in the region.

Sibilla believes the games not only "bring a positive correlation between education and their [Soldier's] lives," but also the games "lighten everything up."

With eight education centers down range, Sibilla hopes the games will become an annual tradition.

She is planning a softball game or a home run derby for the spring semester.

For more information call Central Texas College at 634-6514.

Pasta Bowl rolls on

1st Lt. Dana Love, HHC, 173rd ABCT, of the Medical Operation Cell + 1 team (left) throws his bowling ball while Sgt. Shaughn Nickerson from the DES team gets ready to throw his ball during the annual Pasta Bowl event.

This year's event included participants from MEDDAC, 1/503rd, 2/503rd, SETAF HQ, HSC SETAF, USAG Vicenza, 266th Finance USO, BOSS and VFW. Instead of the annual football game, organizers decided to use the new Arena's bowling alley to hold the event.

"The competition was based on two rounds of timed bowling and winners were decided upon the number of pins that were collectively knocked down during the amount of time allotted," explained Shay Morris, USAG Vicenza Community Activities coordinator and FMWR BOSS advisor who coordinated the event. The HSC SETAF team won the event. The Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation handed out free T-shirts to all the players, as well as those that came by to watch the fun. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

Vicenza CYS team earns European title

By Coach Ronaldo Reyter Sr.
Special to the Outlook

For the first time in 15 years, a Vicenza Child and Youth Services soccer team won the European title championship.

A total of 16 teams participated in this year's tournament, 14 from Germany and two from Italy (Vicenza and Aviano).

Games were divided into four groups of four competitors, with the winner of each group advancing to the semi-finals. The tournament was played under the FIFA rules.

Vicenza won its first meet decisively by beating Ansbach 16-1, shutting out Wiesbaden 10-

0 and Schweinfurt 7-1.

The team faced Heidelberg in the semi-finals where it won 3-2 with the skills of the Vicenza goalie, Jason Bly. Bly made some incredible saves, giving his team the opportunity to advance to the final.

During the final against Bamberg, the 2007 champions, the team showed more consistency and teamwork along with the talents of Derek Stevenson, Taylor Curry, Dale Howell, Maya Swinehart, Bly, Keaton Poppe and Ronaldo Reyter Jr.

Despite cold and rain, they won the final match 5-4 thanks to a great team effort and a last minute goal by Reyter.



Standing: Coach Ronaldo Reyter, Keaton Poppe, Ronaldo Reyter Jr., Taylor Curry, Derek Stevenson, Dale Howell, Jason Bly. Second Row kneeling: Kaitlyn Martin, Alyssa Belkofer, Alex McKenzie, Teresa Dean, Leilani Rabot, Michelle Nelson. Not available were Brittany Johnson and Maya Swinehart.

Markets, concerts, exhibitions abound

Christmas markets

Altavilla Vicentina, Dec. 14, 9:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., Piazza De Gasperi, about six miles southwest of Vicenza. Also live music, Santa Clause and elves; games and bounce house; live Christmas music. Free hot chocolate, sweets, mulled wine, and *polenta* for everyone.

Asiago, Dec. 13 – 14, Dec. 20 – Jan. 6, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., about 37 miles north of Vicenza. Rides with Santa Clause with his elves and dwarfs, free sweets to children, Christmas caroling. Free food and wine sampling.

Bassano del Grappa, every day until Dec. 24, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Closed Monday mornings.

Brendola, Dec. 14, about 15 miles north of Vicenza. Starts at 10 a.m. At 2 p.m. children's Christmas party with elves and Santa Clause; food and wine samples for everyone; Nativity set and Christmas choirs.

Camisano, Dec. 14 and 21, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m., Piazza Umberto, about 12 miles east of Vicenza.

Castegnero, Dec. 14, starts at 9 a.m., Piazza Simposio, about 9 miles south of Vicenza.

Piazzola sul Brenta, Dec. 16 and 23, Piazza Camerini, about 16 miles east of Vicenza. Starts at 9 a.m.

Schio, Dec. 14, Via Pasini, Via Btg. Val Leogra, Piazza Statuto, Piazza Falcone Borsellino, 16 miles northwest of Vicenza.

Thiene, Dec. 13 and 20, 3 p.m. – 7 p.m. Dec. 14 and 21,

10:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Valdagno, Dec. 2 – 16, Via Garibaldi, about 20 miles northwest of Vicenza, 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Verona, Dec. 10 - 13, Piazza Brà, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Dec. 12 closes at 9 p.m. and Dec. 13 at 3 p.m.

Verona, Dec. 15 – 23, Piazza Isolo, about 38 miles west of Vicenza 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

In Vicenza the local bus company (AIM) offers free bus rides from Farini, Stadio (Via Bassano) and Cricoli parking lots to downtown from 2:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on the following days: Dec. 13 – 14 and 20 – 24; Jan. 4 – 6. Downtown stores will be open every Sunday in December, as well as Jan. 4 and Jan. 6.

Christmas markets and events in Vicenza:

Piazza Castello, *Craft Fair*, Dec. 15 – 24, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. -

Piazza Matteotti, *Christmas Children Workshop*, Dec. 14. Games, entertainment, face painting. Starts at 3 p.m.

Bertesinella Church recreational center, daily until Dec. 21. Weekdays: 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.; Sun and Sun 9 a.m. – noon and 3 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Living Nativity scenes, Dec. 20, Piazza Biade, Chiesa dei Servi, and in the main downtown streets.

Light of the World – Christmas musical, Dec. 13, 8:45 p.m., Sala Palladio, Viale dell'Oreficeria. Entrance fee: 15 euro, reduced 5 euro (for

children younger than 12.)

Artistic Nativity scenes exhibition, in **Thiene**, Dec 14 – Jan. 11, Villa Fabris. Mon – Sat 10 a.m. – noon and 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.; Sun and holidays 10 a.m. – noon and 3 p.m. – 8 p.m. Closed Dec. 25 and Jan 1.

1900-2000 History of a Century, Dec. 13, 9 p.m., in **Polegge**, Zuccato Theater, Strada di Polegge, 84. Play performed by the amateur theatrical company of La Fraglia, an institute for disabled. Free entrance. An English script is available. To request it, please send an e-mail to anna.terracino@eur.army.mil.

Free local concerts and classes

Dec. 12, 8:30 p.m., *German Baroque music concert*, in **Cornedo Vicentino**, Villa G. Trissino, about 21 miles northwest of Vicenza. Music by Quantz, Platti, Back and Fisher.

Dec. 12, 7 p.m., *DJset: Butch*, in **Vicenza**, Il Borsa Caffè, Piazza dei Signori, 26.

Dec. 12, 9 p.m., *Beethoven and Schubert, Romanticism and Tradition*, in **Arzignano**, Mattarello Theater, Corso Mazzini, 22, about 16 miles west of Vicenza.

Dec. 13, 8:30 p.m., *Folk Concert*, in **Marano Vicentino**, Auditorium, Via Marconi, about 14 miles north of Vicenza.

Dec. 13, 5 p.m., Old pictures of Santa Lucia District, in **Vicenza**, Contrà Santa Lucia, 62. Exhibition by the antique



The Vicenza Community Club held its first Christmas market at Club Veneto Dec. 6. Family and community members were offered an opportunity to sell their handmade crafts and give back to the Caserma Ederle community. Twenty vendors came to share their various items. Shoppers were able to take a break by grabbing baked goods or hot beverages provided by the Vicenza High School Student Council. Nearly \$1,000 was raised for the VCC. Contact Jennifer Reverri at jyf328@aol.com for details. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

dealer Alfredo Bertocin.

Dec. 13, 8:30 p.m., *Seven notes swing band concert*, in **Marano Vicentino**, Auditorium, Via Marconi, about 14 miles north of Vicenza.

Dec. 13, 9:30 p.m., *Jet Market Melodic Punk HC from Rome + Sun City Falls HCM from Vicenza*, in **Vicenza**, Totem Club, Via Vecchia Ferriera, 166.

Dec. 13, 5 p.m., *Conservatory students concert*, in **Vicenza**, Santa Chiara Chapel, Contrà Santa Chiara.

Dec. 14, 6 p.m., *Christmas Concert*, in **Vicenza**, Oratorio S. Filippo Neri, Via Filippini, 2.

Dec. 15, 10 p.m., *Live Jazz*, in **Vicenza**, Il Borsa Caffè, Piazza dei Signori, 26.

Dec. 16, 8:30 p.m. *Explore*

the sky, Astronomical Observatory of **Arcugnano**, Via S. Giustina, 127 – about five miles south of Vicenza. View the sky and the planets in great details with the observatory's telescope.

Dec. 6, 8 p.m. *¡Hablamos!*, Italian-German center, in **Vicenza**, Viale della Pace, 98. Intermediate Spanish conversation.

Dec.15: The Hurt Locker
At the Odeon Theater in downtown Vicenza, Corso Palladio, 176. Tickets: 6 euro. Times: 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. The Odeon will be featuring movies in their original language (English) through the winter. To check their check their movie schedule, visit www.mymovies.it/cinema/vicenza/6217/

Fish, lunch, trips for holidays

Roman holiday

Tour Rome on Christmas Eve. Shops are open and there are more than 80 sites of historical and artistic interest including: Coliseum, Piazza Navona, Piazza Venezia and the Vatican. The city is beautifully decorated for the holidays. Call *iTR Trips* at 534-7094.



Genoa aquarium

Join *iTR Trips* with a visit to this impressive aquarium which has over 71 tanks, 800 species and over 10,000 specimens. You will have free time to explore some of these other points of interest: Biosphere, La Citta dei Bambini or ice skating in Piazza delle Feste. Call 634-7094 to make your reservation.

Christmas Eve lunch

Make your reservations now to enjoy lunch at the Ca' Bruzzo winery on Christmas Eve. Enjoy a complete lunch prepared by the owners of the vineyard, which will be accompanied by their delicious organic wines. Bring your camera and your appetite.

Asiago

Enjoy the holiday season in Asiago as you discover the molten chocolate joy of Italian hot chocolate. You will have time to do some shopping or take the family ice skating in this famous Alpine town.

Be it a relaxing day at the aquarium or a stress relieving round of paintball, ITR/ODR has the answer.



Paintball

ODR takes you to Padova for the high adventure of paintball Sunday. Call ODR for information on equipment and field fees. ODR provides the transportation, Dec. 21. Call 634-7453.

Looking to buy or sell items? Check out MWR's Marketplace at www.mwrmarketplace.com.

Holiday hours

Family Computer Center
Dec. 24: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Dec. 25: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Jan. 1: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Vehicle Registration

Dec. 25, 26 and 31: Closed
Jan. 1, 2, 5 and 6: Closed

Individuals who are PCSing will need to make arrangements to clear Vehicle Registration prior to its closure. Failure to properly clear could result in unnecessary delays in your PCS.

For details call Vehicle Registration at 634-7001 or 0444-71-7001.

Army Community Service
Dec. 25: Closed

Dec. 26: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Jan. 1: Closed

Passport office

Closed Dec. 25, 26 and Jan. 1 and 2.

Passport office hours are: Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and 1 - 4:30 p.m. Thursday hours are: 1 - 4 p.m.

The passport office is located in Bldg. 28, next to the Military Personnel Division. Call 634-7721 for details.

Job opportunities

CYS Services: Earn up to \$16.35 per hour working with Child, Youth and School Services. Positions include Child and Youth Program Associates, School Age Services, in homework and computer labs, and in Youth Services and Sports and Fitness.

Pay raises are based on completion of training modules and there is opportunity for advancement and professional certification.

For details on any of these



Club Beyond pancake feed draws crowds, raises funds

(Left to right) Jason James, 1st Lt. Walter Spangler and Tim Rose, all Soldiers with Delta Company, 1st Brigade, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, relax during the Club Beyond Pancake Feed held Monday in the chapel fellowship hall. The pancake dinner is an annual event that helps raise money for the club's service project in the Czech Republic held during spring break. This year's event fed more than 100 community members and raised over \$2,000. (Photo by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)

positions call NAF Civilian Personnel office at 634-6597.

Outdoor Rec: Seeks persons looking to lead bicycle rides and rock-climbing trips on the weekends. Should have extensive knowledge in the field and experience leading participants. Contact ODR at 634-7453 for more information.

DODDS: A full-time, term opening for a financial technician is available at the DoDDS Mediterranean District superintendent's office here.

Deadline to apply is Dec. 22.

For details call Rusty Rollins at 634-8158.

Soldiers' Theater notes

Nominations for the 2009 Army Soldier Show are being accepted by Soldiers' Theatre for performers and technicians.

The deadline for submissions

is Dec. 31. Call Soldiers' Theater, 634-7281.

Soldiers' Theatre production: Dec. 12-14 Soldiers' Theatre presents "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" a two-act song and dance revue filled with joyous music of the season.

Box office is open 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., call 634-7281.

Niki Barr Concert

The Niki Barr Band's latest album *Bloom* showcases a distinct hard-hitting, edgy rock sound.

Don't miss the Armed Forces Entertainment show at the Arena Dec 18, 9 p.m.

Menorahs

There are a limited number of free Chanukah menorahs and candles available.

Contact Tamara at 394-339-8875.

Masquerade Ball

Get your tickets now for the 2nd Annual Masquerade Ball at the Arena. Tickets include buffet dinner, R&B music and the midnight toast.

Central Texas College January classes

Registration is open until Jan. 16 for on-site classes. Classes begin Jan. 20 and end March 14. Classes include Criminal Justice, Automotive Technology, Early Childhood Education, Emergency Medical Technology and Microsoft certification program.

CTC also offers 40 online classes. Call 634-6514 for details.

VA briefings

Jim Castillo, VA representative will give a general benefits briefing Dec. 15, from

8:30 a.m.-noon and disability transition briefing 1-4 p.m. in the ACAP center classroom.

Attend the general benefits briefing before coming to the DTAP briefing.

Dec. 16, 8:30 a.m.-noon is reserved for individual counseling appointments.

For more information call Michael Lococo, 634-7189.

USO classes

The USO offers a level one Italian class Feb. 23-April 22. Classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday, 5:45-7:45 p.m. Course cost is \$118.

Spend Christmas with your USO family. Doors open at 11 a.m. for food, fun and games.

Enter our Wii bowling contest or karaoke contest.

PWOC Christmas Breakfast

The Protestant Women of the Chapel host a Christmas Breakfast program, Dec. 16, at 9 a.m. Childcare is provided.

Chapel Holy Days events

Dec. 12 join us at the Chapel at 11 a.m. as we sing carols around the nativity scene, anticipate Chanukah and prepare the menorah; learn about Eid Al-Adha and the Muslim Feast of Sacrifice.

The nativity scene and menorah will be displayed in the outdoor alcove by the chapel gate.

Lady of Guadalupe Mass (conducted in Spanish) will be held Dec. 12, 5:30 p.m. in the chapel. Please pass the word to any Spanish-speaking Catholics.

Free Christmas carolers concert: Dec. 16, 7 p.m. the Frontier College Choir will present a concert in the chapel tracing the history of the Christmas carol.

Religious activities

Caserna Ederle Chapel

Call the chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for details on post 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.: Vigil 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 worship

Monday

Noon: LDS Scripture Study
3:05 p.m.: Middle School Club in the high school cafeteria. (October-May)

5:30 p.m.: High School Club in the Teen Center. (October-May)

For details contact Jocelyn Cary at 634-7890 or 349-385-3476 or vicecb@yahoo.com.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

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

Thursday

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: Mohamed Noeman at 634-6306.

Jewish: Sandy Schoenberg at 634-6202 or sandy.schoenberg@eur.army.mil.

Latter Day Saints (LDS): Sean Peterson at 329-034-3451 or Elder Openshaw at 334-665-6845. Scripture study is held Monday, noon-1 p.m.

Darby Chapel

For details call the chapel at: 633-7267 (50-54-7267).

9:40 a.m.: Catholic Reconciliation

10 a.m.: Catholic Mass

11:15 a.m.: Protestant worship

Protestant Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. and Catholic CCD is at 11:15 a.m.

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

Dec. 11	Ghost Town (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Dec. 12	Flash of Genius (PG-13)	6 p.m.
	Eagle Eye (PG-13)	9 p.m.
Dec. 13	Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG)	6 p.m.
	Four Christmases (PG-13)	9 p.m.
Dec. 14	Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG)	3 p.m.
	Four Christmases (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Dec. 17	Flash of Genius (PG-13)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Dec. 11	Nights in Rodanthe (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Dec. 12	Ghost Town (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Dec. 13	Bolt (PG) (1st Run)	6 p.m.
Dec. 14	Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG)	2 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, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Movie Schedule.

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

New hours for fitness center

The fitness center has expanded its hours. Monday – Friday 5 a.m. – 11 p.m. Sat – Sun. 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Federal holidays from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. and training holidays from 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. For details call 634-7616.

Jingle Bell 5K run/walk

Put a jingle in your step with the annual Jingle Bell 5K Run/Walk Dec. 13. Pre-registration is from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Sign up is mandatory before Dec. 9, call the fitness center at 634-7009.

CYS Youth Baseball seeks players for Italian Little League

The CYS Sports & Fitness youth baseball travel team is still looking for players who are interested in playing in the local Italian Little League. At present there are only eight youth who have signed up. We need a minimum of 12 players to form a team.

Youth who are born in the years 1995-1998 are eligible.

Parents of youth interested in participating should call CYS Sports & Fitness at 634-6151 before Dec. 31 to make an oral commitment of participation.

Although the Italian Little League season begins in March, CYS Sports & Fitness needs commitments before Dec. 31 to register with the Italian Little League.

This is a great opportunity provided by CYS and the Vicenza Military Community to allow our youth to compete at a higher level, improve their baseball skills, meet new friends, and most importantly keeping in shape while having fun.

Cougars sports schedule

Basketball and Cheering play at home Jan. 9 and 10 against Sigonella, Jan. 16 and 17 at home against Milan, Jan. 23 and 24 at Naples, Jan. 30 and 31 in Rome against Marymount. Their final game is Feb. 6 and 7 at home against Aviano.

Cougars Rifle team performs at Bamberg Jan. 10, at Ansback Jan. 17 and at Hohenfels Jan. 24.



Wrestling referee, Michael Trexler, watches as a Vicenza High School Cougar wrestler (name unknown at print time) tries to pin a wrestler from Aviano High School. Vicenza hosted the first meet of the year between Aviano, Naples, Sigonella and the American Overseas School of Rome.

Jamboree kicks off Cougar wrestling season

Story and photo
By Brad Polensky
Special to the Outlook

The Vicenza Cougars wrestling team started its season this past Saturday hosting the first meet of the year with Aviano, Naples, Sigonella and the American Overseas School of Rome in attendance.

The Cougars have some returning wrestlers from last

year including Mike Niccoll (189 lbs) and Kyle Kaus (171 lbs), who finished second at Europeans last year and is looking to take the championship this year.

Zach Bishop (145 lbs), Mark Bowman (130 lbs) and Jimmy Touzinsky (135 lbs).

New to the team is first-year wrestler Jeremy Huller (130 lbs).

The Cougars looked great in the first meet of year with Kaus

winning all his matches by a pin (3-0), Niccoll finishing 4-1 on the day with all four pins, Touzinsky finishing 3-2 with one pin; Huller ended his first time on the mat 0-4.

Bishop and Bowman did not compete because of the SAT's and Bowman has a back injury.

Vicenza does have an exhibition wrestler in 8th-grader Wyatt Overman, who won both of his matches and looks to be a

very promising wrestler at the 103 lb weight class next year.

Sigonella won the meet overall but the Cougar wrestlers look outstanding in large part due to their returning coaches, George Hanby and Kenny Ewing. Ewing missed last season as he was deployed.

The next matches are in Naples Dec. 13 and again Jan. 10, in Rome Jan. 16, at Aviano Jan. 21.

Mako Sharks continue making waves, shaving seconds

By Ann Gasparini, Arlana Young and Cindi Unger
Special to the Outlook

The Vicenza Mako Shark swim team hosted its first meet of the swim season with the support of the Aviano team. The meet was held Dec. 6 in the community pool near Aviano Air Force Base.

The Mako Shark swimmers continue to drop seconds from their times and earned an average of 9.9 points per swimmer.

Swimmers participated in 66 entries and 10 relays.

Rima Gasparini was the top scoring swimmer with three first-place rankings in her events.

Other top scoring swimmers were Jonathan Bowman, Jerome Cook, Kyla Hallam, Kelsey Roche and Chris Unger.

Jonathan Bowman won his event which qualifies him to compete in the finals in Berlin.

He joins teammates Kyla Hallam and Chris Unger in earning the right to compete in the Berlin finals in February.

Vicenza Elementary School 3rd-grader, Hannah Ryan, participated in her very first meet on Saturday, cheered on by her family, coaches and team mates.

Many parents participated as timers, officials and helped out at the snack bar to make this swim meet a reality.

It is a total team effort possible through the time and commitment of swimmer, coaches and parents.

Nine swimmers and their coach will be attending a swim clinic in Mittersill, Austria, Dec. 14-21. This swim clinic is led by Peter Trummer, director and

head coach of the European Federation Swim League.

The clinic will focus on stroke technique and building endurance in swimming.

Swimmers who have attended this clinic in the past have demonstrated significant improvement in their time and performance.

The next swim meet will again

be hosted by the Vicenza Mako Sharks Jan. 10 at the community pool in Aviano.

Southern Divisionals will be held in Naples Jan. 17 and those swimmers who have qualified will be traveling to Berlin for the Finals held on Feb. 7-8.

For details on the Mako Shark swim team, e-mail Cindi Unger at clunger2002@hotmail.com.



Mako Sharks swim team member, Tess Segura, swims the breaststroke during the meet held Dec. 6 near Aviano. It was the first meet hosted by the Caserma Ederle swim team. (Photo by Ann Gasparini)



Garrison Lions lose to CSI Grantorto ASD

Daniel Carrigan, Garrison Lions, jumps to hit the ball during the game. The Lions played the CSI Grantorto ASD, Nov. 29 on post. The Garrison Lions team was defeated by CSI Grantorto ASD 2-0. The teams were equally playing until 15 minutes before the end of the game when Grantorto scored and then in another few minutes scored again. The next game is scheduled for Dec. 13 at 2:30 p.m. and will be played on post in the multipurpose field behind the Ederle Inn against CSI Cartigliano, which is in fourth place. For details about the team and practices, e-mail wilmer.aguilar@eur.army.mil. (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)