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# Year of the NCO



## Leading from the front:

During the final run before the change-of-responsibility ceremony Feb. 12 for the USAG Vicenza command sergeant major, (from left) Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett, III, commanding general, SETAF-U.S. Army Africa, Command Sgt. Major Earl Rice, Command Sgt. Maj. Keith Filipp, outgoing USAG Vicenza command sergeant major, and incoming Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Hartless lead Caserma Ederle troops in the early morning darkness. (Photo by Gary L. Kieffer, Outlook Staff)



Italians and Americans joined forces to pay homage to their fallen comrades from both world wars in the village of Chiesa. Italian veterans' associations hosted the U.S. Army Reserve SETAF Augmentation Unit.

## Tribute to fallen comrades

Story and photo by  
Sgt. 1st Class Eugene Pomeroy  
SETAF AUG Unit Public Affairs

U.S. Army Reservists from  
the Southern European Task

Force Augmentation Unit paid  
homage to Italian and American  
dead in both world wars in a  
moving fallen-comrades  
ceremony in the Alpine town of  
Chiesa in Val Malenco north of

Sondrio Feb. 15.

The observance was attended  
by 21 members of the SETAF  
Augmentation Unit's two new  
reserve units, the 772nd Civil  
Support Team and Co. A, 457th

Civil Affairs Battalion, at the  
culmination of a three-day  
assembly that included cold-  
weather training.

"This is the first time I have  
come here and I'm overwhelmed  
by the warm welcome we have  
been given," said Col. Mark  
Oswald, commander of the  
SETAF Augmentation Unit.

In the dying days of the  
World War II B-17 bomber  
crashed in nearby Livigno while  
attempting to drop supplies to  
partisans. The American dead  
are remembered on polished  
black stone next to the Italian  
shrine. The mayor of Chiesa,  
Miriam Longhini, said the  
memorial represented the  
ultimate sacrifice that so many  
young men had made for us  
today.

The Soldiers were hosted by  
the Nastro Azzurro and Frece  
Tricolore veterans' association.  
Renato Verona, a member of  
Club 105 Frece Tricolore and  
who was instrumental in  
organizing the weekend,  
recognized the service in  
Afghanistan and Iraq by so many  
American Soldiers present. He  
said he hoped they would return  
to the town and valley again.

The Noncommissioned Officer  
**PATTERNS OF SUCCESS**



**Staff Sgt. Angel R. Gutierrez**

Unit: HHC USAG-Vicenza

Current Position: Provost Marshal Office, Desk Sgt.

Age: 29

Hometown: Merced, Calif.

Years in Service: 8 years

Mentor: Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Philip Kinney. Due to his guidance and support, I earned the 2002 EUCOM Soldier of the Year competition as a PFC. I still use what I learned from him and apply it to my own leadership style.

Ambition: To succeed as a Soldier, husband and father in every challenge that presents itself throughout my life.

Motto: "Don't be a Yeti"

Definition of an NCO: An individual who provides those who want to succeed with the knowledge, resources and confidence to do so.

Advice for junior enlisted Soldiers: Let good leaders show you how to lead and let poor ones show you how not to lead. One day you'll be in their position.

Reason for success: I adapt quickly to positions and situations I'm placed in.

Your defining moment as an NCO: "Whenever I can be present for a Soldier's promotion that I had a direct effect on and watching them lead based upon examples I set forth."

VISIT THE ARMY'S WEB SITE DEDICATED TO THE YEAR OF THE NCO AT WWW4.ARMY.MIL/YEAROFTHE NCO

Source: SETAF PAO      OUTLOOKgraphics

## Soldiers join NCO Corps

# U.S. Army Africa pays tribute to Year of the NCO

Story and photos by  
**Sgt. Maj. Kimberly Williams**  
U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs

SETAF-U.S. Army Africa and the Vicenza Military Community launched the Year of the NCO with an Induction Ceremony Tuesday at the post theater.

It is appropriate to induct new NCOs as part of our tribute to the Year of the NCO, as they represent the future of the noncommissioned officer corps, said Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice, SETAF-U.S. Army Africa command sergeant major.

Twelve sergeants passed between symbolic NCO ranks and were congratulated by the command sergeants major from Caserma Ederle, who welcomed them to the NCO Corps.

The ceremony also included a video tribute to NCOs, the reciting of the Charge of the Noncommissioned Officer, A

Soldier's Request and the NCO Creed, and the cutting of a Year of the NCO cake.

The guest speaker, Command Sgt. Maj. (retired) George L. Horvath III, spoke on the changes he's witnessed since he joined the Army in 1970 and the responsibilities that still remain for NCOs today.

"My job was relatively simple compared to today," Horvath said. "It boggles my mind when I see the kinds of decisions you have to make today."

But, Horvath said, even with all the new technology, some things remain the same.

"There is no place in my or in your Army for a minimum-standard NCO," he said. "If you're a minimum standard NCO, you'll kill people on the battlefield."

"The easiest way to enforce the standards with your Soldiers is to say, 'look at me'. You cannot lead from the rear," he added.



**Sgt. Eladious A. Smith, HSC, SETAF-U.S. Army Africa, crosses the time-honored line as he formally joins the Noncommissioned Officer Corps during an Induction Ceremony Tuesday at the post theater.**

Rice noted that past leaders such as Horvath established the foundation for NCOs today.

"Our senior leaders empower

NCOs to accomplish their duties day in and day out," Rice said. "NCOs are always willing and able to step up to the task."

## Citizen Soldiers meet with top officers

By **Rick Scavetta**  
U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs



VICENZA, Italy - Top Army Reserve and National Guard officers recently leant an ear to concerns of citizen Soldiers stationed at Caserma Ederle.

Lt. Gen. Clyde Vaughn, Director of the National Guard and Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz, commander of the U.S. Army Reserve, shared lunch with Guard and Reserve Soldiers at

the South of The Alps dining facility.

The senior officers were in Vicenza to learn more about how National Guard and Reserve Soldiers can help U.S. Army Africa in future missions.

During a town hall meeting at the Hall of Heroes, Soldiers asked the generals about a variety of topics.

"Our meetings with Soldiers affect our decision making," Stultz said. "What we hear and

see during trips like this impacts everything, including how we shape the Army - from how we train to the equipment we need."

Two Army Reserve units based at nearby Longare are transforming to support civil affairs missions. National Guard Soldiers augment the Vicenza garrison, working in the medical clinic, finance and as military police. Military police from the New York National Guard are currently assigned to Vicenza.

## Speak Out

### When have you ever NOT found a space to park on post?

-By **Laura Kreider**  
Outlook Staff



**Pfc. Robert Dandridge**  
HHC, 173rd ABCT

"During the week days, it's hard to get a spot in the Brigade area."



**Master Sgt. Mike Perry**  
HSC, SETAF

"The post gym is always full and where some of the cars are parked, they cause blind spots around the Arena."



**Lindsay Elizando**  
Family member

"Especially during lunch time. Sometimes I park in the commissary lot to go to the PX."



**Sgt. Patrick Hoffman**  
HHC, 2-503rd

"Every day during duty hours it is difficult to find parking. I try to come in early enough to find one though."



**Rodel M. Riel**  
Directorate of Logistics

"Every morning the parking is an issue. The best way to find parking is to come to work early."

## Family tradition

# Brotherly competition

## 173rd ABCT Spangler brothers earn EIB

Story and photo by  
Spc. Gregory Argentieri  
173rd ABCT Public Affairs

**VICENZA, Italy** - The 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team Spangler brothers, 1st Lt. Walter W. Spangler and Pfc. Stephen M. Spangler received their Expert Infantryman's Badges together, Jan. 30, at the EIB graduation ceremony, here on Caserma Ederle.

Eighteen years earlier as an infantry 2nd lieutenant, their father, Walter W. Spangler III, earned his EIB. Currently, Lt. Col. Spangler is now a military secretary for the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon.

"I called my father right up after my brother had completed the bore light portion," said 1st Lt. Spangler, of Savannah, Ga., a heavy weapons platoon leader for Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment. "We got it, we're graduating."

According to Lt. Spangler, the EIB training was the hardest training he's ever been through because it was so specific and there was so much to memorize. In order to get a "Go" and pass, everything had to be done perfectly at every station.

"During EIB there were people actually rooting for him because wouldn't that be something if a private gets his EIB and a lieutenant who's supposed to be squared away doesn't," said Lt. Spangler. "It kept me motivated because if my brother did get it and I didn't get it I probably would feel pretty bad."

The Caserma Ederle EIB course tests Soldiers' basic



Pfc. Stephen M. Spangler (left) and his brother 1st Lt. Walter W. Spangler, III, were both awarded the Expert Infantryman's Badge in a ceremony on Jan. 30, fulfilling a family tradition.

infantry skills with 18 stations and 35 substations. EIB is where Soldiers perfect their basic skills and perform certain tasks within a certain time limit.

"My last station was grenades. I kept telling myself I needed to be confident because that's a tough station," said Lt. Spangler. "My first sergeant, my commander and my peers were

on the sideline watching me, and they gave me a big- "Go Spangler!"

Before the qualifying prerequisites for EIB there were 450 paratroopers; on Jan. 12 at the start of the course only 303 Sky Soldiers remained. Over the next three weeks 109 cadre worked long days setting the standards and preparing the

remaining paratroopers for their EIB test.

"I don't get too emotional, but I would say when my brother came up to me and said 'hey I want to pin you', that was the best part of it," said Lt. Spangler. "I don't know, it's my brother, it's great that he's here and we accomplished some tough training together."



## New systems on view

Eldridge Ward (right), subject matter expert for Product Manager Individual Weapons, gives Spc. Brian Erickson, USAG-Vicenza, the specifications for the M-26 12-gauge Modular Accessory Shotgun System (MASS). Ward and other representatives from Program Executive Office Soldier, visited Caserma Ederle Feb. 9-10 to showcase the next generation of Army gear. PEO Soldier is the Army organization responsible for every item of clothing and piece of equipment Soldiers wear or carry. (Photo by Sgt. Major Kimberly Williams, US Army Africa PAO)

# The Army education pledge

Story and photo by  
Lourdes Fernandez  
Outlook volunteer

Manpower and funding cuts to the Army Continuing Education System (ACES) in recent years have reduced the staffing in Education Centers by 47 percent.

Because the reduction means counselors have less time with each Soldier seeking assistance, the Army has developed the Army Education Pledge which is posted in strategic places throughout the Education Center to help Soldiers recognize the kinds of individually customized services counselors can provide, and to plan for their counseling sessions accordingly.

The Army Education Pledge tells Soldiers the many ways that Army education counselors help students learn and understand their education options, explain how Army tuition assistance, VA education benefits and federal financial aid works.

The pledge encourages students to find programs that fit their needs, advise students who need to improve their GT scores in order to be accepted to Special Forces or enlisted commissioning programs like "Green to Gold," discuss how to turn military experience into college credit hours, and answer



a variety of degree-plan questions.

The Vicenza education center currently employs three full-time contract counselors. The education center funding comes from IMCOM Europe Region, DA GWOT, and OSD Reset funding allocations from USAG Vicenza, Directorate of Human Resources.

The education services officer, Mark Summerlin, is confident that despite the probability of further funding

cutbacks beginning in FY10, the Army community in Vicenza will continue to receive up-to-date, accurate and highly professional advice and assistance from the Vicenza Army Education Center. He encourages education center customers to watch for and utilize the Army Education Pledge when calling on the education counselors for assistance. For more information call the USAG Vicenza Education Center at 634-8933.

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## Army launches vocational training

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Congress has selected the Army to participate in an education pilot program designed to provide expanded education opportunities for Soldiers, officers and Wounded Warriors serving on active duty -- to include National Guard and Reserve Soldiers on extended active duty.

The intent of this short-term pilot program is to provide training in high-demand career fields to help Soldiers find employment after they transition out of the Army. Army Education is working with technical and community colleges throughout the U.S. to build upon existing programs and develop new pilot re-training programs in high demand career occupations, such as rehabilitation, nursing, medical technology, and other health care occupations.

The Army Vocational/Technical (AVOTEC) Program was announced Jan. 15 and Army Education Centers and Soldier and Family Assistance Centers began assisting Soldiers with enrollment Feb. 1.

All costs for instruction, certification, or license must be paid by Sept. 30. No additional funds will be available after the ending date for this pilot program.

Pilot program guidelines:

1. Non-degree based - certificate, licensure
2. Non-credit hour based - cannot be based on semester or quarter hours
3. No longer than 18 months in length

4. The FY Cap for all programs is \$4,500. Anything exceeding this \$4,500 cap will be the responsibility of the Soldier. For example; if a Soldier has been pursuing an academic degree and has used \$2,000 in TA, he has \$2,500 left that he can use for AVOTEC.

5. Soldiers participating in the pilot program must be enrolled and approved in a community college, private trade or technical school program prior to Sept. 30 2009.

The website is: [https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/education/VOTEC\\_Program.html](https://www.hrc.army.mil/site/education/VOTEC_Program.html).

For more information call 634-8744 or e-mail at [Robert.Cruce@eur.army.mil](mailto:Robert.Cruce@eur.army.mil).

## EMT-Basic provides Soldier skills

Story and photo by  
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Emergency Medical Technician-Basic training and certification gives Soldiers added skills useful during deployments.

The normally eight-week course is given by Central Texas College in a compressed four intense weeks. Local units send Soldiers to make sure they acquire the needed skills to save a life on the field.

Maj. Brad Rather, an Army physician assistant with 2-503rd, said that while "the combat life saver course is geared toward operational medicine and hemorrhage control, EMT training focuses on airway problems.

Soldiers experience both types of training and "any additional training Soldiers get to help wounded Soldiers or civilians makes them an asset to their unit," Rather said.

Cpt. Arnaldo Zelaya, a physician assistant with 1-503rd added that in the past "Soldiers have used these skills in Afghanistan to help in aid stations."

Students can go on to take the National Registry Certification Exam, explained Dr. Felipe Gonzalez, Medical Director EMT program for CTC-Europe.

Terry Cramer, field representative for CTC in Vicenza, said that there is another



Spc. James Sutor and Pfc. William Krupa from C, 2nd-503rd, practice skills learned during the EMT-Basic course offered by CTC at the Education Center.

advantage to the training, because it gives Soldiers the opportunity to "further their education and turn military education and experience into college credit." Cramer added that for some Soldiers, the class is "a starting point for working on their college degree."

The EMT class is worth two college credit hours.

For Julia Sibilla, CTC Associate Dean for the Southern Region, the training is "a community project" that provides "a

way to help prepare Soldiers for deployment" an "exposes them to the medical profession." She has had Soldiers come back from deployment and express gratitude for the training, which helped downrange.

CTC will conduct an Advanced Airway Management class and an EMT Refresher course in March. Each class is one-week long and worth two college credit hours each. For more information call Julia Carroll at 634-6514.

## Firemen assist with hands-on training

(Right) Pfc. William Krupa practices putting a cervical collar on Sgt. James Sutor, while Sgt. Daniel Richardson (left) assists the "victim." (Below) USAG Vicenza Fire Captain Xavier A. Perea works with the students while they practice their techniques at the Fire Dept. Feb. 11. as part of a hands-on training in EMT techniques.



Story and photos by Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

We trained 34 EMT Students with the help of the Vicenza Fire Dept., said Maj. Robert Rather, MPAS, PA-C, battalion physician assistant with HHC 2-503rd, 173rd ABCT.

The training held at the fire department on Feb. 11 was a lab to help get students more exposure to the type of medical and trauma equipment they will be using in the field.

"We set up training scenarios that would be similar to the testing scenarios they will experience during their National Registry Hands on exam which will occur 19-20 Feb.," added Rather.

"The support from the fire department has been priceless," he continued.

"I'm looking forward to doing more training with the fire department in the future, Captain Christie has bent over backwards to help us out," Rather added.

"This particular class offers EMT-B students to learn vehicle extrication techniques," explained Captain Alex Christie, USAG Vicenza DES Fire Department.

"This is a very challenging course. I know that many of the Soldiers were pleased with the experience and have taken with them knowledge that may save a Soldier's life," Christie said.

## Flash flood washes away families' furniture

Story and photos by  
**Joyce Costello**  
*USAG Livorno Public Affairs*

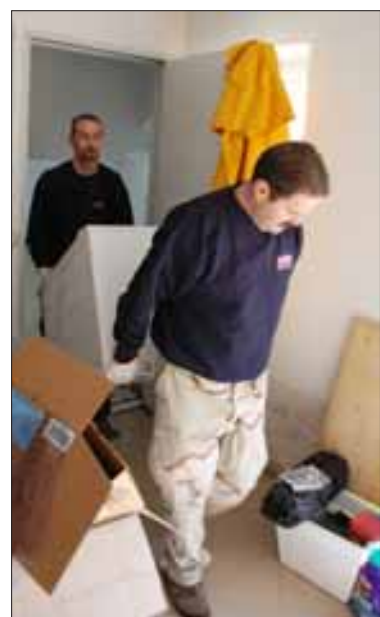
When heavy rains hit Pisa, Livorno and Camp Darby Italy on Feb. 6, at 1:50 p.m. an emergency warning of flooding in Marina di Pisa, Livorno and Pisa was sent out to the base populace so it could take protective measures.

Many people living in the affected areas quickly left Camp Darby in order to get home before underpasses were closed and rising flood waters blocked traffic.

Michelle Hughes and six other Camp Darby families raced to try to save their possessions in their homes from rising flood waters in a government-leased housing area in the city center of Livorno.



Military spouse Natalie Martinka searches for a pair of dry shoes amidst items drying from the flood.



Camp Darby CFMO employees haul away a washing machine damaged during the flood.

"My normal 15-minute commute took me over two hours, many roads were closed," said Hughes. "When I finally got home, water was gushing into the garage and the downstairs family room."

Hughes and her family had

just moved to Camp Darby and had only received their household goods two weeks earlier.

Neighbor Natalie Martinka was at home when the water started filling the yard and recalls her growing concern at the rising waters.

"I remember thinking that the rain was coming down quicker than normal," said Martinka. "Ten minutes later, water started streaming into my home."

"It was scary because I could see from the second story window that the water kept coming down the driveway and was filling up my garage and family room."

"The electricity went off and my parents and I grabbed the baby and the dog and any rugs and antiques that we could and waited upstairs for the water to stop," said Martinka.

"I was very grateful that I had put all of our passports, important records and photos on the upper levels," she added.

Once the news of the damage

reached the base authorities, recovery operations began quickly thanks to the Camp Darby Department of Public Works and the Housing office, according to Lt. Col. Steven Cade, U.S. Army Garrison Livorno commander.

"Because the government leased housing had no electricity, the homes' sump pumps would not function and DPW had to find pumps of its own to bring out to the housing complex," said Cade.

Housing manager Jay Kelker was on the ground surveying the damage, issuing guidance and securing lodging on base for the families without electricity; while emergency food baskets were put together from the commissary.

"Military families are not your typical victims in a disaster; they sometimes need assistance, but they always take charge, organize and have a resilience to drive on and get things back to normal as soon as possible,"

said Cade. "Even though they might be overseas, they are never alone; they always have their unit members and a chain of command for support."

"We get up and start going again, it's what we military families do," said Martinka, shrugging at the pile of destroyed memories on her front lawn.

The days following the downpour, a flood of people came to the scene to help families haul away trash and debris, file claims and lend a hand wherever needed.

USAG Livorno Command Sgt. Maj. Felix Rodriguez surveyed the clean-up efforts and assured residents that "this was a catastrophe no one wanted to see, but we'll do everything we can as quickly as we can to get their homes back up to standard."

Kelker, added that it's the housing office's goal to find a way to get the sludge cleaned and the walls properly dried and repaired.

## Pamper yourself at Camp Darby Wellness Center

Story and photo by  
**Chiara Mattiolo**  
*USAG Livorno Public Affairs*

When you feel stressed, tired or just need a bit of pampering, there is an easily available solution right around the corner. At Camp Darby, bldg. 841, the Wellness Center offers massage therapy and also beauty treatments; manicure, pedicure, facial, ear candle therapy and more.

"The best remedy for stress is to get a massage" said massage therapist Lucia De Marco. "Commonly we are

asked for pain relief massage for head pain or a contracted muscle."

"Our massages are designed to treat a wide range of physical conditions" explained De Marco "We offer sport massage, trigger point therapy, hot stone therapy and therapeutic massage, also deep tissue body work for chronic pain. But we can work out a personalized program to meet our customer's needs."

At the wellness center a variety of beauty services are also available. Conny Angermeier, specializes in cosmetics, provides manicure,

pedicure and facial treatments for men and women.

"People can come here and get regenerated," said Angermeier. "We offer a variety of treatments and we make sure we use the best and most innovative products."

To complete the relaxation process, the innovative ear candle treatment is also available.

"This new Indian relaxing ceremony helps in providing a sense of relaxation, to calm down and also to provide a healthier way to release the ears and frontal sinus pressure,"



Angermeier said.

While walk-ins are welcome for manicure, pedicure and facial, an appointment needs to be taken for massage therapy. For appointments call 633-7440.

## Darby Dates

### Women and money

Women actually make most of the money-based decisions in our world today. They make most of the choices about purchases, and most of the decisions about investments. Grow in your understanding of the financial world and learn skills that will help you for the rest of your financial life in this half-hour class on March 3.

Call ACS at 633-7084 for more information.

### Story hour

Don't miss story hour every Wednesday at 10 a.m. for children ages 3 -5.

Contact the post library at 633-7623 for details.

### Karaoke night

You can stop singing in the shower now, join the Darby Community Club karaoke night and impress your friends on March 5. Call 633-7855 for details.

### Carnevale di Viareggio

The Carnival of Viareggio is a yearly event held in the Tuscan city of Viareggio. It is considered among the most renowned carnival celebrations in both Italy and Europe. The parade is held on the Viareggio avenue located alongside the local beach. March 1 travel with ITR for this trip. Call ITR for more information at 633-7589.

### Farmer's market in Pisa

Feb. 28, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Pisa is your chance to taste and buy locally produced biological food at a convenient price.

This monthly appointment with the farmer's market collects products from family managed farms of the Pisa countryside.

Bread, oil, honey, wine, pecorino cheese, vegetables, as well as locally produced soaps, and textile products will be displayed and sold.

The market will be in Piazza Cairolì. For additional information you can contact Gas.P! Gruppo Acquistò Solidale Pisa web: <http://gasp.versacrum.com/>

## Pastries, costumes, hunting, pageants, *Carnevale*

### Carnevale pastries

In Italy each region has its own typical *Carnevale* pastries: *crostoli*, *chiacchiere*, *frittelle*, *struffoli* and *galani*. All of them have one thing in common: they are all fried seasonal treats and they come from the Roman *frictilia*, deep-fried pastries prepared during ancient spring festivals. In Vicenza and all over Veneto *crostoli*, *frittelle* and *galani* are served in pastry-shops, bakeries and café.

### Carnevale in Vicenza:

**Children costume parade**, Feb. 21, 2:30 p.m., Via Istria. Live music with the Sovizzo's band, games and majorettes.

**Costume parades**, Feb. 21, 2:30 p.m., Santa Bertilla, Via Ozanam, 1. Live music with the Youth Orchestra of Vicenza.

**Puppet show**, Feb. 22, 2:30, *Santa Croce Bigolina*, Parish Church auditorium, Strada Tormeno, 35.

**Carnevale party**, Feb. 24, Piazza dei Signori, 3:30 p.m. Live entertainment with juggles, face-painting, street artists. Free hot chocolate for everyone.

**Carnevale**, Feb. 22, 3 p.m., in Lerino, about 7 miles southeast of Vicenza. Live entertainment with games, jugglers, live music with the *Coriandioli Carnevale* band; food stands. Free *frittelle*, *crostoli*, hot chocolate and mulled wine for everyone.

**Carnevale**, Feb. 21, 2 p.m., in Roana, about 37 miles north of Vicenza. Allegorical floats, live entertainment, and food stands. The children party starts at 3 p.m., at the Sports Center,

Via Maggiore.

**Carnevale**, Feb. 20, 8:30 p.m., in Malo, sports center, Piazza Zanini. Folk music Feb. 21, 8:30 p.m., oriental dances. Feb. 22, 3 p.m.: Floats, jugglers, food stands and live music. 6 p.m.: sports center, Piazza Zanini: disco music, alternative rock, 70's-90's music revival. Feb. 24: 3 p.m. Last float parade, jugglers and live music. Free entrance.

### Carnevale events in Thiene,

about 18 miles north of Vicenza: **Carnevale party**, Feb. 21, 8 p.m., Thiene Fair Center, Via Vanzetti. Live music and dances all night long. Entrance fee: 5 euro.

**Carnevale party**, Feb. 22, 2:30 p.m., Viale Bassani, 14. Float parade. The parade will be postponed to March 1st in case of inclement weather.

### Carnevale in Venice:

**Dialogo al Buio** (Dialogue in the dark), Castello District, Corderie dell'Arsenale, daily until Feb. 24, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. The exhibition is held totally in the dark to intensify all the senses, especially touch. It offers a completely new "in the dark" experience in collaboration with the Milan Institute for the Blind. Admission fee: 5 euro

**Santa Croce** and the sense of smell, Feb. 19-24, starting at 3 p.m., Santa Croce District. A street theater group pays tribute to this sense through special effects to stimulate visitors' sense of smell and make their

visit in Santa Croce an exciting sensory experience.

**Cannaregio Gastronomic Delight**, Feb. 19-24, all day long, in Sestiere di Cannaregio. Chefs put on a culinary show and give away some of their secret recipes while food artists create food and chocolate sculptures.

**Children's Carnevale**, Feb. 19-24, 3 p.m., in Campo San Polo and Campo Bella Vienna. Mask workshops, games and entertainment.

**Drag Queen beauty pageant**, Feb. 20, 9 p.m., Piazza San Marco. The real *Carnevale* spirit and all the fun and irony of fancy costumes of this event are one of the main attractions.

**Best children's costume award ceremony**, Feb. 21, 3 p.m., Piazza San Marco.

**Period costume festival**, Feb. 21-22, 3 p.m., Piazza San Marco.

**Ibernisti swimmers**, Feb. 22, 11 a.m., Lido di Venezia. The Ibernisti swimmers used to challenge the cold sea during the winter, will swim in the icy waters of the Venice Lido.

**Burano Carnevale**, Feb. 24, 6 p.m., a party for the whole island will conclude this year's *Carnevale*.

**Cioccolando - Chocolate Fair**, Feb. 21, 2 p.m. - 8 p.m.; Feb. 22, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., in Padova, Palazzo Moroni, Via del Municipio, 1. Taste many different kinds of chocolate, admire objects and figures made entirely from chocolate.

**Antique Market**, Feb. 22, Piazzola sul Brenta, (PD), Villa



Hunting and fishing show will be held in vicenza Feb. 21-23. (Photo courtesy LaPresse)

Contarini, about 16 miles east of Vicenza, about 450 vendors.

### Exhibitions:

**Hunting Show and Fly Fishing & Spinning Show**, Feb. 21 - 23, in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria, 16. Sat - Sun 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Mon 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Admission fee: 10 euro. Reduced: 7 euro if you have a hunting or fishing license.

**Verde Casa - Greenery Fair**, Feb. 20 - 22, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., in Padova, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. Admission fee: 5 euro. Reduced: 3 euro for over 60s. Feb. 20 admission fee: 1 euro for under 30s.

For more details in English visit <http://www.padovafiere.it/VDC09/home-vdc-ing.html>

### Free concerts, exhibits:

**Radikanera and DB**, Feb. 19, 10 p.m. in Schio, about 16 miles northwest of Vicenza, Il Bruco Center, Via Cristoforo, 69.

**Live Jazz**, Feb. 19, 10p.m., in Sovizzo, about 7 miles west of Vicenza, Jazbo, Via del Progresso, 18.

**Irish music concert**, Feb. 21, 8 p.m., in Thiene, auditorium, Via Carlo del Prete. Performing artists: Stephanie Lyons, John Kelly, Daniel McFox and Federico Galvan.

**Conservatory students in concert**, Feb. 21, 5 p.m., in Vicenza, Saint Chiara Chapel, Contrà Saint Chiara.

**Universal Experience Jazz Isn't Dead Festival**, Feb. 24, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Bar Sarte, Corso SS Felice.

### Movies in English

Feb. 23, **Body of Lies** plays at the Odeon Theater in downtown Vicenza, Corso Palladio, 176. Tickets: 6 euro. Times: 5 p.m., 7 p.m., and 9 p.m. For the schedule of upcoming English-language movies go to the web site at: [www.mymovies.it/cinema/vicenza/6217/](http://www.mymovies.it/cinema/vicenza/6217/).

## Skiing, *Carnevale*, world's smallest republic



Carnevale is filled with elaborate costumes often parading through the crowds of onlookers. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

### March ski trips

Every weekend ODR takes you to the slopes. Free snowboard instruction is offered on every trip and ski instruction is offered on selected trips. Call ODR for information on equipment and fees at 634-7453.

### Visit *Carnevale* by train

Enjoy *Carnevale* in Venice Feb 22 with iTR! Trips. An escort guides you by train where you will enjoy the traditional costumes and beautiful masks the have become so famous. Call 634-7094.

### San Marino trip

Visit the smallest nation in Europe and the oldest republic in the world with iTR! on March 1. You'll enjoy an informative guided tour and have time for tax-free shopping. Call 634-7094.

## Now Showing

### Ederle Theater

Feb. 19	The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Feb. 20	Delgo (PG)	6 p.m.
	Cadillas Records (R)	9 p.m.
Feb. 21	The Tale of Depereaux (G)	3 p.m.
	Friday the 13th (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Feb. 22	The Tale of Depereaux (G)	3 p.m.
	Friday the 13th (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Feb. 25	Cadillas Records (R)	6 p.m.

### Camp Darby Theater

Feb. 19	The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG-13))	6 p.m.
Feb. 20	Freedonlamd (R)	6 p.m.
Feb. 21	Taken (PG) ( 1st run)	6 p.m.
Feb. 22	The Tale of Depereaux (G)	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](http://www.aafes.com), scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Movie Schedule.

Looking to buy or sell items? Check out MWR's Marketplace at [www.mwrmarketplace.com](http://www.mwrmarketplace.com).

## African-American Black History Month

Beginning at 1:15 p.m. on Friday Feb. 20 the Vicenza community is invited to join in observance of African-American Black History month at the post theater.

The national theme is the "Quest for Citizenship in the Americas." The main speaker will be Sgt. Maj. Reginald Sampson, SETAF senior retention NCO. The community is invited to attend.

## Financial management on Up Front

The AFN radio show Up Front's subject tomorrow Feb. 20 at 8:05 a.m. is financial management and will include tips on how to invest your tax return windfall. That's AFN 106 FM "The Eagle."

## Commissary parking restrictions

Due to the construction of

new gas lines on Caserma Ederle the Vicenza commissary will have restricted parking on one section of the main lot from Feb. 23 -March 7. The restricted area will then switch to the other side and construction will continue March 9-20.

## Road closure

Phase 2 electrical construction will take place on post through Feb. 28. This is the last phase of the medium voltage underground conduit to support the new construction of the Enhanced Health Services Center.

During this construction there will be no parking along 8th St. next to Barracks B-170 and the 509th B-131.

Access to the Towers will be limited to pedestrian only during this time.

There will be limited vehicular access to the Ed

Center and 14th Trans. via a single lane - alternating in direction controlled by traffic lights.

## Parent Child Dance

DFMWR will host the Parent Child Dinner and Dance at Club V Saturday, Feb. 21. Dinner starts at 6p.m. with dancing to follow. There will also be free giveaways and photo opportunities. Enjoy a special night out with your children. Ticket costs adult \$19 and children \$14. Tickets are on sale at all CYS locations and Tax Relief Office. Call for more info DSN: 634-5087.

## Red Cross events

**Babysitter's training** is Feb. 21 - 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in Davis Soldier & Family Readiness Center, bldg 108.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Call the American Red Cross at 634-7089 or 0444-71-7089 for details.

## CYS Services

**SKIES Unlimited** has openings in Tae Kwon Do, Capoeira and Creative Acting classes.

**Tae Kwon Do** teaches a mixture of balance, self-defense and discipline. Beginner's class is on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for beginners. Advanced class is available for students who have obtained their yellow belts and is held Mondays and Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**Capoeira** is Brazilian martial arts and incorporates music, movement and games and is held on Tuesdays and Fridays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for youth 5 years and older.

**Creative Acting** will build skills in improvisation, vocalization, monologue writing and movement. This session will run March 11-May 6 and will be held Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. It is open to youth 12-18 years old. Students will have the opportunity to participate in the SKIES Spring Recital in May.

For more information on SKIES programs call Kelli Covlin at 634-8051 or email SKIES@vicenzamwr.com.

## Ceramics studio

The art center offers open sessions every Thursday 10 a.m. -5 p.m. Just drop in and pay by the hour. This session is open to beginners, hobbyists and parent child pairs. Call 634-7074 for more information.

## USO events

Congratulations to the winners of the USO Valentines

Day poem contest. Kimberly Dooley and Sergio Diaz took home AAFES gift cards.

**RockBand 2** is now at the USO. Come out and show us your skills on our new drum set and wireless guitars.

The USO is located in bldg. 9A. Hours are Monday- Friday 11a.m. - 10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday noon- 6:00 p.m. For information call 634-7156.

## VCC Poker Club

The first meeting of the Vicenza Community Club's "Evening Poker Club" will be on Wednesday 18 February at 7.00 PM at the Arena. If you are interested in playing, please email Rich Breen at richard.breen@us.army.mil or call 331-867-4676.

## DAPS closure

The Document Automation & Production Service (DAPS) Europe operation on Caserma Ederle is moving to Aviano.

Starting April 15 all reproduction requirements will be produced at the DAPS Aviano office. For the USAG Vicenza supported units all work orders will still need to be approved by the Admin Services Division Office at Bldg 304. For all non-USAG Vicenza supported units you will have to use the DAPS Online tools at <https://www.europe.daps.dla.mil> to place your order/s.

For more information call USAG Vicenza, Chief, Admin Services Division, Richard Hendrickson, at 634-7451

## Flash cards for civics test

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) have developed flash cards to help applicants for citizenship learn the questions and answers on the civics test.

The following link as the cards and the instructions for making them: [http://www.uscis.gov/files/native\\_documents/M-623\\_red.pdf](http://www.uscis.gov/files/native_documents/M-623_red.pdf)

Applicants for citizenship preparing for this test can visit [www.uscis.gov/newtest](http://www.uscis.gov/newtest) or the passport office for information on the study materials.

Call the passport office at 634-7721 for more information.

## Microsoft Certification program via an iPod

Free iPod when you register for two classes simultaneously.

Learn everything from how to build a single computer to managing a network of users. Use tuition assistance funding and earn college credit.

Register for next class by March 13. Call 634-6514 for more info

## Religious activities

### Caserma 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

4p.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](mailto: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](mailto:sandy.schoenberg@eur.army.mil).

**Latter Day Saints (LDS):** Scripture study is held each Monday, noon-1 p.m. at the Chapel. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. downtown. For details, call Sean Peterson, 335-8219492.

### 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.

Catholic CCD is at 11:15 a.m.



## Free pizza breaks ice

Story and photo by Laura Kreider

Outlook Staff

The Student to Student, Student Council and the PTSA sponsored a *Welcome to Vicenza Middle/High School* free pizza and drink lunch in the high school cafeteria.

"Basically, the new students to Vicenza pizza lunch was my idea and I had my psychology class put up the pink banner around the cafeteria door with all the names and grades of the new students on white cards," explained George Hanby, VHS teacher.

"I asked members of the Student Council and the Student to Student organizations to help welcome the new students, and Farrah Overman, president of the PTSA, generously funded the 10 pizzas and 40 beverages for the new kids to enjoy," he said.

"I think the school is really friendly out of all the schools that I have been to as a new kid," commented Lali Baratashvili, 10th-grader, who has been in the VHS for the past two months and a half. "This is probably the friendliest, because everyone knows what you are going through. It is really a nice school and it is really easy to fit in right away," she added.

"I thought it would be harder, because I came in the middle of the year. At first, I was afraid of making friends, it took me awhile but now I have some friends and they are nice," Yuchabel Harris said.

"I'm planning on repeating this pizza lunch idea after Spring Break, because I'm sure there will be additional new students to Vicenza," said Hanby.

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.

# Soldiers' basketball championships

Story and photos by Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

Five teams participated in the annual Unit/Recreational Basketball Championship held at the Vicenza Fitness Center from Feb. 9-12.

The Certified team took first place after defeating The Unbeatables 62-59 during the championship game.

"We won the Championship last year," said before the last game Geonte Antuan Haynes, of Certified. "We will be the champion again," he predicted after winning the first game against the Unbeatables on Feb. 11.

"We are strong as a team, because we have good basketball players and we have been playing together. We always won this year," he commented.

Haynes was the highest scorer of the championship shooting 33 points out of 64 in the first game and 30 points in the final game.

"I love basketball. I have been playing it since I was 12," Haynes said.



(Right) Geonte Haynes, No. 7, Certified adds two of the 33 points he scored during the first game against the Unbeatables. Certified defeated The Unbeatables 64-36. (Above) Jeremiah Pope of HSC SETAF attempts to shoot during the game between HSC SETAF and 14th Trans at the post gym Feb. 11.



## Sports shorts

### Baseball season

Baseball season is just around the corner. It's time to enroll your children for baseball.

Enrollment for ages 3-15 and softball for ages 10-15 continues until Feb. 27. Parents should bring a health assessment valid through the season to central registration when registering. Call 634-6151 for additional information.

### Umpire certification

You can support our youth by becoming a paid umpire. CYS is offering a free Little League umpire certification class on March 9-13 6-9 p.m. Register before March 6 by calling 634-6151.

### Defend yourself

Classes in self-defense and Tae Kwon Do are offered at 10:45 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the fitness center. This is a great way for men and women alike to build confidence and learn to defend themselves in any situation. Call 634-5181 for information.

### Power lifting competition

Vicenza's power lifting competition will be held March 14-15. The mandatory participants meeting is March 10 at 2:30 or 5:30 p.m. Award will be given for bench press and curl lifts. Call 634-7009 for information on competing.

### Indoor soccer tournament

USAG Vicenza Indoor Soccer Tournament is Feb 27-28. Teams should have a max of seven players including the coaches. The coaches meetings are Feb 24, 2:30 or 5:30 p.m. at the Sports office. Bring your rosters to the meeting. Call 634-7009 for information.

### High School volunteer coaches

Vicenza Middle/High School needs volunteers to help with fast-pitch women's softball (especially need a pitching coach) and track and field. Spring practice starts March 2.

Volunteers must be registered with ACS. Please contact the VHS Athletic Director Garrett Barton at 335-773-9710 or the high school main office at 634-7656.

## Kaus 2nd in Europeans



Kyle Kaus grapples with Jason Pinnow of Patch Barracks, Stuttgart in the European semi-finals.

Story and photo by Dawn Polensky  
Outlook Volunteer

Cougar Wrestling has ended another season. The Southern European Sectionals were Feb. 7 in Aviano. The top two wrestlers in each weight class moved on to compete in the European Wrestling Championships in Wiesbaden Germany on the Feb. 13-14.

All the Cougar wrestlers did their best at sectionals but only one was to advance to Europeans. Kyle Kaus took first at the sectional competition in the 171lb weight class to secure his spot.

Kaus and volunteer coach Kenny Ewan, made the journey to Wiesbaden Germany. Kaus arrived at Europeans seated second in Europe.

The competition was tough this year in

Europeans and it was an uphill battle for Kaus from the start. He was defeated in his first match by Mannheim wrestler, Jeff Traore, but that did not stop him from continuing his quest.

He fought back hard and won the next four matches to get his spot in the semi-finals. Kaus faced Patch wrestler Jason Pinnow for the chance to be in the finals. He won that match and went on to the finals against Dominic Barrale from Ansbach.

This proved to be a difficult match for Kaus but he fought to the end when Barrale pinned him with two seconds to go in the final round. Kaus secured a second place finish in his weight class at the European Championships for the second year in a row. Wrestling is not an easy sport; it's just you and the other guy, whoever is better wins.

### Vicenza military community sports stats

#### Soldier's basketball

Team	Win	Loss
Certified	5	0
Unbeatables	5	2
14th Trans.	2	4
HSC SETAF	1	5
The Mix	0	2

#### Soldier's league basketball

##### Feb. 9

14th Trans 44 vs The Mix  
Unbeatables 50 vs HSC SETAF 31

##### Feb. 10

Certified 55 vs 14th Trans 40  
HSC SETAF 45 vs The Mix 42

##### Feb. 11

Certified 64 vs Unbeatables 36  
HSC SETAF 29 vs 14th Trans 27

##### Feb. 12

Unbeatables 46 vs HSC SETAF 40

#### Championship Game

Certified 62 vs Unbeatables 59

#### Champions

1st Place	Certified
2nd Place	Unbeatable
3rd Place	HSC SETAF

#### USAG Vicenza community soccer

##### Team standings

Win	Tie	Loss
2	2	6