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## Sky Soldier remembered

Story by Staff Sgt. David Hopkins,  
SETAF Public Affairs

**CASERMA EDERLE, Vicenza, Italy**—The names of Southern European Task Force Soldiers who fell in past battles are engraved on the cold, white surface of the Fallen Warrior Memorial so they will never be forgotten by anyone who walks the grounds of Caserma Ederle. The names of the fallen from the current deployment to Afghanistan will join them when the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team redeploys so they will never be forgotten.

One of these never forgotten, Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Kahler, C-Co., 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne),

was remembered at a memorial ceremony for his contributions to the Army and to his nation.

Kahler died on Jan. 26 as a result of wounds sustained from small arms fire near Waygul, Afghanistan.

Laughter was something that Kahler tried to spread amongst the men in his platoon, but he also focused on Soldier skills to give them the knowhow to survive in combat.

“[Kahler] could make anyone laugh, regardless of the situation anyone was in,” said Sgt. 1st Class Shane Stockard. “Matt was also always finding ways to improve his Soldiers’ well being and training, thus, improving his Soldiers’ survivability while deployed in combat.”

Kahler is survived by his wife, Vicky, and their four year old daughter, Allison, and by his parents, Ron and Colleen and stepmother, Shirley; his brothers, Doug and Brian, his sister, Patrice and his grandparents.

Service was always important to Kahler, who said he knew he wanted to serve in the Army when he was only 10 years old, but he also served his family.

“Sgt. 1st Class Matt Kahler passionately served his family for the sake of love, and for loyalty he also served his battle buddies and friends,” said Chaplain Steven Horning, 173rd ABCT chaplain.

Kahler is gone now, but according to Capt. Matthew Heimerle he will always look over



Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Kahler

all who knew him.

“Whatever your relationship is with Sgt. 1st Class Kahler, you know you can always count on him,” said Heimerle. “Even now, everyone knows that he will continue to stand guard over all of us and he will never let any of us down.”

## Chief undeterred after IED attack



Chief Warrant Officer Sammy Rodriguez, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, makes quick work of preparing a damaged vehicle for recovery to a forward operating base in the Korengal Valley, Afghanistan.

Story and photos by  
Sgt. 1st Class Eric Hendrix  
22nd Mobile Public Affairs

**KUNAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan**— Chief Warrant Officer Sammy Rodriguez is the battalion maintenance technician for 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment. It’s a job which isn’t exciting until things go wrong.

On a routine mission Jan. 23 to deliver supplies to the Korengal Outpost in Kunar Province, one of the vehicles in the convoy was struck by an improvised explosive device. Luckily, none of the vehicles’ occupants were injured. The

vehicle itself wasn’t so fortunate. The explosion ripped through the engine compartment, bent the chassis frame and blew out a tire. Rodriguez knew immediately what he had to get done in order to recover the vehicle and get the convoy moving again.

“I took a look at it and it took about a minute, I told the commander, ‘we can do this,’” he said.

“One of the first things I thought when I saw this vehicle was, ‘We have to retrieve it,’” Rodriguez recalled. “I remembered the commander telling me about a time he saw local villagers dancing on a

burned-out chassis and how angry it made him.”

Damaged vehicles left behind can be used in enemy propaganda to proclaim a victory over U.S. forces. Every effort is made to make sure the enemy does not have this opportunity.

“A standard wrecker can’t make it up the road, so I usually send a mechanic on the patrol,” Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez had to work as quickly as possible while the rest of the convoy’s Soldiers secured the site.

“I had to cut off the remainder of the blown out tire with my knife to free up some room,” Rodriguez said. “We had to pry

the chassis outward from the cab because it was bent up, but it was enough to fit a tire on it.”

Rodriguez didn’t have to work alone. Three of the Afghan drivers who regularly run these patrols with the company immediately offered their assistance. They came running up with hydraulic jacks and pry bars and set to work.

“We did greatly appreciate what they did, it was amazing,” Rodriguez complimented.

Once the crew had the spare tire on the vehicle, it was able to roll, and be towed the remaining short distance up the road to the base. At the top, Rodriguez talked about the Humvee.

“I didn’t think the tires were going to hold out, but it’s an amazing piece of machinery. The armor definitely saved the lives of the occupants.”

“Chief Rodriguez knows his stuff,” said Capt. John Thyng, commander, Fusion Co., 2-503rd. “When I talked before about the need to make sure we recover absolutely everything to prevent the bad guys from getting hold of it, he really took that to heart.”

Chief Rodriguez’s skills came into play at just the right time on this day, not only saving a vehicle, but making quick work of a challenging task.

Despite the inherent dangers of the job, the Soldiers of Fusion Company will not be dissuaded from there job.

“Next week will be our next patrol and we’ll make it up and back down,” said Rodriguez.

# Garrison news

## Music resonates Soldiers' Theatre



**Roberto Dalla Vecchia entertains the crowd at Soldiers' Theatre.**

Story and photos by Diana Bahr  
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

It was a full house of foot-tapping, hand-clapping Americans and Italians who came to Soldiers' Theatre Friday night to hear Roberto Dalla Vecchia play acoustic guitar, in a concert sponsored in part by the Vicenza Community Club.

"I'm so happy to be here tonight," said Dalla Vecchia as he took the stage and tuned his guitar, "with so many American and Italian friends in the audience, I am truly thankful for this opportunity to play here again."

Dalla Vecchia, along with special guests Luca Francioso, Barry Robinson and Aaron Talley, entertained the full house with original and traditional Italian music. One song in particular, "It won't be long" was performed by Talley, who works at AFN and is a regular on the boards of Soldiers' Theatre productions. The lyrics were written by Bonnie Daniels, a frequent director of Soldiers' Theatre productions, with music composed by Dalla Vecchia.

Dalla Vecchia is no stranger to Caserma Ederle as he's taught guitar on post for a number of years and held a similar concert at Soldiers' Theatre last year.

"Roberto's been a favorite of ours for years," said Ross Daniels,

Soldiers' Theatre entertainment director. "We heard him perform in downtown Vicenza a few years ago and decided to see if he would be interested in performing on post. We had one show and it sold out quickly. This year we have two shows and they sold out."

"We attended last year's concert and have also attended recitals he's held for his students," said Allie Vallery, whose daughter, Anna, took guitar lessons from Dalla Vecchia. "We really enjoy his music as it's very similar to Alison Krauss of the band Union Station. It's really amazing that for \$8 you can attend a terrific concert."

The Acoustic Jam concert was such a hit that Daniels has booked the flute quartet, Due Mondì, for Soldiers Theatre Feb. 8.

"We know that many people might be a bit leery about attending a flute concert," said Daniels. "So we're enticing them by starting the evening with wine and cheese followed by the concert."

"I lived in Brazil for a long time," said Due Mondì member, international flautist Michelle Willis, "so our music has a very energetic style featuring Samba, Bossanova music as well as jazz and Broadway tunes from Gilbert and Sullivan to Gershwin."

Tickets for Due Mondì are on sale at Soldiers' Theatre, call 634-7281, or 0444-71-7281.

## Get smart about heart



Betsy Walters  
USAG Vicenza  
Health Promotion Coordinator

Heart disease and stroke are the greatest health threats women face, but only 13 percent of American women realize it. Did you know...?

•Coronary heart disease and stroke are the number one and number three killers of women over age 25.

•Cardiovascular disease, including stroke, claims nearly twice as many women's lives as all forms of cancer.

•One in 2.5 women will die of heart disease or stroke, compared with one in 30 from breast cancer.

•38 percent of women die within one year after a heart attack, compared with 25 percent of men.

Visit <http://www.goredforwomen.org/hcu/index.aspx> for a free heart check-up to see where you stand regarding heart disease risk.

Join us as we raise awareness about heart disease in our community:

Feb. 15: Dr. Theresa Benchhoff will speak at the VCC Black and White Gala about Heart Health and Women (contact [vcc.reservations@yahoo.com](mailto:vcc.reservations@yahoo.com) for ticket information)

Feb. 19: Free Blood Pressure screenings at the PX food court from 11a.m.-1p.m.

Each week throughout February, visit the special display in the commissary to try out a heart healthy recipe.



## Sweets for sweethearts

Headquarters, Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment spouses Susy Roe and Lorenza Erazo keep the Valentine's Day goodie bag assembly line moving at the Yellow Ribbon Room. HHB, 4-319th family readiness group members filled over one hundred goodie bags for their Soldiers downrange and rear detachment Jan. 28 at Warner Barracks, Bamberg. FRG leader Genevieve Turner helped coordinate the effort and said, "Whenever there is something I want to do for my husband downrange, we'll (FRG) get together and do it for the whole battery... it just makes sense." The battalion is eight and a half months into a 15-month deployment. (Photo by Amy L. Bugala, USAG Bamberg PAO)

## Speak Out

"How will you be spending your Valentine's Day?"

By Laura Kreider



**Spc. Eric Holman**  
13th Military Police Co.

I will be spending it at home with my wife. Doing anything she desires.



**A. R. Jones**  
Vicenza post library

Receiving additional love from those who love me best.



**1st Lt. Tina Winn**  
1/111th Postal Co.

At home with my little girl. Hopefully, we'll get a call from her daddy who is downrange.



**Spc. Sean Montgomery**  
13th Military Police Co.

Probably working all night, sleeping in the day.



**Annie Winegar**  
Vicenza Post Office

# Garrison news

## Journey empowers, educates spouses

By Diana Bahr  
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

Moving to a foreign country can be challenging enough; but add having your spouse deploy, and it can be a challenge of epic proportions.

That's where Catherine Hurst and *The Journey* series step in. The combination of being afraid of getting lost, afraid to drive and inability to speak the language often keeps spouses from enjoying this beautiful country, said Hurst, deployment support assistant coordinator for the Journey series.

"The Journey series is aimed primarily to help spouses of deployed Soldiers get through a difficult time," Hurst said from her office located in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

The series is a free program sponsored by mobilization and deployment support office under the umbrella of Army Community Service.

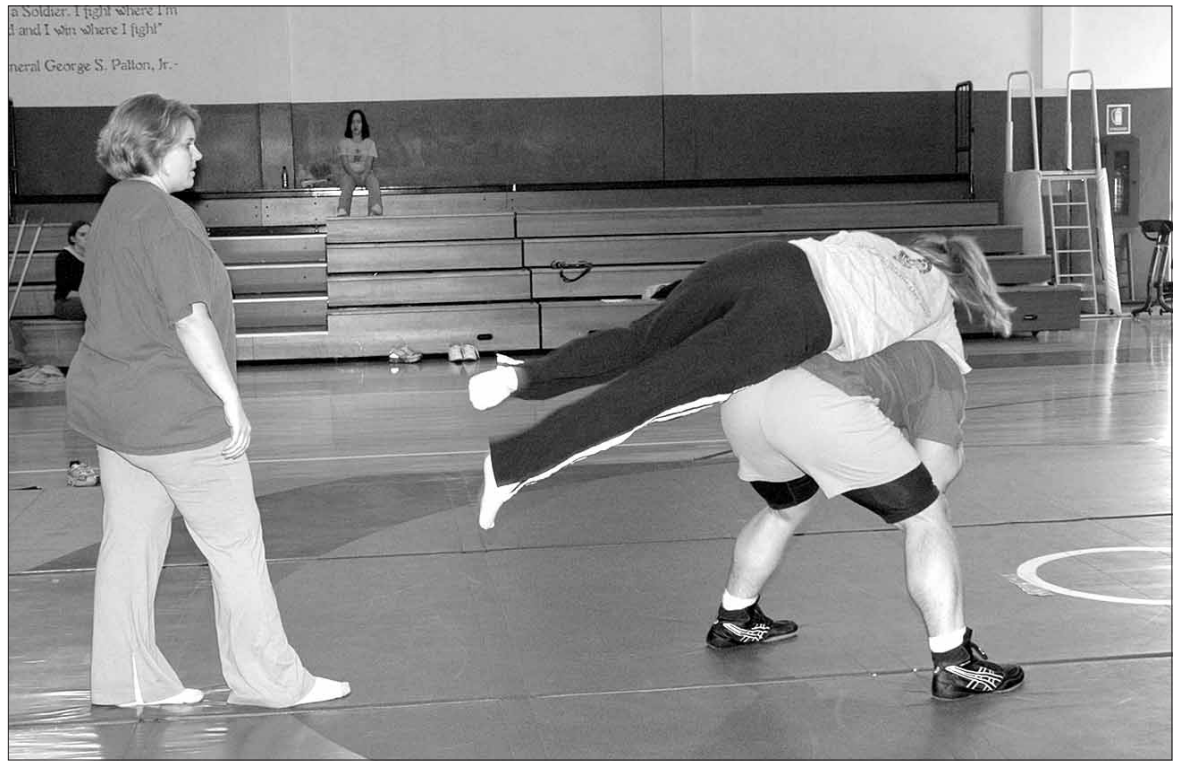
"We have three goals in the Journey series," she continued. "We hope to educate, help build life skills and empower our spouses to

become self-reliant while their Soldiers are deployed."

Every trip has an educational element; for example, a recent event was the nutrition, fitness and relaxation day. On one day, the spouses received an educational talk from a subject matter expert, in this case dietician Barbara Schneider, and the next day the spouses took a trip to a near-by spa for beauty and wellness treatments.

"I heard about the event through my family readiness group e-mail," said Ardie Buechner, whose husband, Master Sgt. Bradley Buechner, is currently in Afghanistan with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team.

"I found Barbara Schneider's information about how simple it is to make healthy food choices and the importance of a healthy lifestyle interesting. Our free trip to the Aquaria in Sirmione was a great find by Catherine. I plan to go back there with my husband when he re-deploys for a well-deserved relaxing weekend. I've also signed up for the olive oil tasting trip Feb. 6," she said.



Special Agent Rick Overman, from the Criminal Investigation Division (Right) teaches basic techniques to participants in the self-defense demonstration. The class is part of the Journey series and is held twice monthly. Upcoming classes are Feb. 16 and 23 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Call Army Community Service at 634-7500, or 0444-71-7500 from off post to reserve your spot. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

"We want to educate our spouses on the local culture," said Hurst. "We hope that by through these events, they will become confident about their abilities to go out and explore. We want to empower them to be able to manage day-to-day events in a foreign country when their spouses aren't around."

For more information on the

Journey series programs, contact Hurst at 634-6192, 0444-71-6192, or through the Army Community Service front desk at 634-7500, 0444-71-7500 from off post.

Among the programs the Journey series offers are self-defense classes, cultural programs and local travel. February events is listed on this page and also available on the DMWR Web site [www.vicenzamwr.com/acs.html](http://www.vicenzamwr.com/acs.html).

### Journey series February events

For details on any event below, or other Journey events, call Catherine Hurst at 634-6162, or 0444-71-6192 from off post, or ACS front desk at 634-7500, 0444-71-7500 from off post.

Feb. 11: 6-8 p.m., Games night at Club V – Grab the gang and come to Club V for classic games in collaboration with Army Family Team Building. Sign up by Feb. 8.

Feb. 16: 10:30 a.m. – noon, Learn car maintenance with Charlie and the gang at Auto Skills Center – Don't miss out on this opportunity to bring your car to the shop and learn the basics of car maintenance. Sign up by Feb. 13.

Feb. 16 and 23: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Standing Strong Self Defense classes – Learn the basic moves of self defense taught by Special Agent Rick Overman, Vicenza CID. Call ACS at 634-7500, or 0444-71-7500 from off post for reservations.

Feb. 20: 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Vicenza Orientation trip with Army Family Team Building – Explore Vicenza in the form of a group challenge. Groups will compete in a scavenger hunt game where they will have to find objects scattered throughout the city. Sign up by Feb. 13.

## Watch those electric bills

Walter Guerra, utility public assistant from operation maintenance division, DPW, uses the automatic reading machine to check the meters in Villaggio. The automatic meter reading reduces working time because he can download all the information about each unit as soon as he gets back to the office. "It also helps in getting more accurate information, especially in case of a technical fault," said Guerra. "As soon as I find out what is wrong, I can e-mail the housing division and they can fix the problem faster." The meter reading is part of the DPW environmental metering project that was just completed in Villaggio. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)



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## At your service

Dennis F. Paquette, the newly assigned director of the civilian personnel advisory center, is at your service with office hours 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Mon. – Fri., and on call to the leadership team 24/7. Paquette has 36 years of federal service, which includes time with active Army, Army National Guard, and Air Force civil service. He has been in Vicenza for only three weeks.

"I intend to focus on our dedicated Italian and U.S. civilian workforce, at Vicenza and Darby, build our reputation as a model employer within Italy," said Paquette, "I am encouraged by the enduring relationships that have been established with our host nation and our employee unions."

The CPAC may be reached by calling DSN 634-7626, Monday – Friday. Walk-in hours are from 9 a.m. – noon and 1 – 4 p.m. Mon., Tues. Wed. and Friday.



Dennis F. Paquette

# Community events

## Or you could just take the bus

### Bus basics: getting around Vicenza on public transportation

by Anna Terracino  
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs  
Photos by Laura Kreider  
Outlook staff

Once you figure out how the Vicenza bus system works, you will see that it is an easy and economical alternative to using your vehicle.

In Vicenza there are two bus companies: AIM (orange buses) and FTV (blue buses).

Let's start with AIM. On post you may buy tickets at the Ederle Inn. They cost \$2 each, are valid for 90 minutes and may be used only in the Vicenza city limits. That means that you may get on and off the buses for the following one hour and a half after you have stamped the ticket.

Bus tickets are sold at some tobacconists, newspaper stands and other stores. Locations selling bus tickets have a sticker posted outside that shows an orange bus and the words *Biglietti Aim FTV*.



Just outside Caserma Ederle you may buy tickets at:

- \* the newspaper stand in front of San Paolo Bank (as you exit Gate 2, it is on your right two blocks down the street);

- \* the store "Ruggiero Sport" across the street from Gate 2, on your left just one block down (Viale della Pace 300);

- \* Stanga's tobacconist, Viale Della Pace 285.

#### Prices are:

- \* € 1,10 for a city ticket (*linea urbana* – the ticket is green);

- \* € 1,70 for a suburban ticket (*intera rete* – the ticket is blue) if

you have to travel outside the Vicenza city limits, for example to Torri di Quartesolo, Caldogno or Camisano. They are valid for 120 minutes.

- \* Children under 4 years of age travel free.

You may purchase tickets from the bus driver on:

- \* holidays, except during special events with a high volume of riders;

- \* during the night shifts;

- \* on weekdays outside the Vicenza city limits;

- \* at all terminals.

You need to ask for the ticket as you enter the bus and the driver will issue it to you at the first suitable stop. In case of a check by a ticket inspector, those who have requested the ticket but haven't received one yet may purchase it from the inspector upon the driver's confirmation.

When purchasing the ticket on board, make sure you have exact change.

#### Going downtown

To go downtown, catch bus number 1. A bus stop is located just outside Gate 2 on the right.

The bus route number and final destination is on the front of the bus. Before boarding, identify the number and direction of travel to ensure it is going to your destination. For example, if you want to go to Torri di Quartesolo, you need to catch the bus "1 Torri di Quartesolo." To go to Marola or Lerino, make sure you get on the bus "1 Lerino;" for Bertolina, choose "1 Bertolina."

The bus stop for the above locations is outside Gate 2 on your left across the street and just past the sports store.

#### Check the signs

Look also at the sign at the bus stop: you will see a red arrow that shows your location and in which direction the bus will take you. It is written in Italian and English (*Siete qui diretti a – You are here going to*).



Make sure the bus operator can see you standing at the stop by stepping forward or by signaling with your arm.

When the bus arrives, you may enter at the front or rear of the bus if you have a ticket. The front door, however, is the door used mostly by passengers who have a pass or if you need to buy the ticket on the bus. The central door is used to get off.

When you board a bus, you must immediately validate your ticket by inserting it in the machine that stamps the date and time on your ticket. These validation machines are located at the front and the rear of the buses.

If the machine is out of order, notify the driver so you won't be fined in case an inspector checks your ticket. It may happen that your ticket gets demagnetized and cannot be validated in the machine. In this case, write the date and time in the appropriate space on the back of your ticket.

If you get caught traveling without a ticket, or with one that has expired or has not been validated, you will be fined € 22.50. If you get a fine, you must pay it no later than five days from its issue date at the AIM office next to the train station.

Each bus has some seats reserved for disabled people or senior citizens. Those seats are identified by special stickers.



To let the driver know you want to get off, push the button located near the doors or windows. When you push the button, a sign will light up near the exit which reads *Fermata prenotata* (stop requested). Be sure to press the button before your stop, because there is no getting off between stops.

When you come back from downtown by bus, your stop for Caserma Ederle will be the first one after the AGIP gas station and the traffic circle. When you come back



Bus schedules are posted at all bus stops along the route. (Photo by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)

from the opposite direction, from Torri di Quartesolo or Lerino, your bus stop will be just after Gate 2. For other locations such as Longare or Riviera Berica, go to the main bus station (*Stazione FS*) downtown or to one of the other bus terminals and then catch a commuter bus.

A complete list of destinations is provided in the AIM booklet available at the central AIM office inside the train station; you can also visit AIM's website at [http://www.aimvicenza.it/a\\_ITA\\_1160\\_3.html](http://www.aimvicenza.it/a_ITA_1160_3.html).

#### Monthly passes

Special monthly passes are available for people who commute to work or to school. You can download the form by clicking on [http://www.aimvicenza.it/a\\_153\\_IT\\_344\\_1.html](http://www.aimvicenza.it/a_153_IT_344_1.html). The special pass costs € 26.80 and requires certification from your employer stating where you work, and a passport size photograph. To get a regular monthly pass (€ 35.70) you need to go in person to the AIM

office next to the train station with a passport size picture and an ID.

For trips outside the city limits to places like Padova, Camisano, Asiago and Bassano del Grappa, you use a blue FTV bus. For detailed information on their schedules and fares, visit their website at <http://www.ftv.vi.it/>.

#### Helpful words and phrases:

Ticket: *Biglietto*

City ticket: *Un biglietto per la linea urbana*

Suburban ticket: *Un biglietto per l'intera rete*

Bus stop: *Fermata dell'autobus*

Time schedule: *Orario degli autobus*

Direction: *Direzione*

Train station: *Stazione*

Monthly pass: *Abbonamento mensile*

Stop requested: *Fermata prenotata*

Could you please let me know when we arrive at ...?: *Per favore, può avvisarmi quando arriviamo a ...?*



# Community events

## PAHA set for paratroopers

Story and photos by  
**Gary L. Kieffer**  
*Outlook Editor*

For Vicenza's deploying Soldiers there will no longer be sitting on a damp football field or in a noisy hangar waiting for a plane.

With the upcoming opening of the Personnel Alert Holding area on the south ramp at Aviano airbase, these Soldiers will be treated to a fully-enclosed, climate controlled building, just steps from their departing aircraft.

"This new building is a real force-multiplier for our

Soldiers," said Martin Fano director of the Arrival, Departure Airfield control Group. "This will streamline operations and give us the capabilities we have always needed."

The new 5,800 square meter, 62,400 square-foot building includes seating areas for a total of 1,000 Soldiers.

Extensive separate bathroom facilities, custom-built seats for paratroopers, which are modeled on those originated at Ft. Bragg, are included in the building.

The best part of the building is its new location.

Now located on the expanded southramp, planes can now park

very close to the building. Soldiers can exit the designated seating area onto the planes within a short walking distance of the departure doors.

"We can have busses pull up out front and unload Soldiers and their equipment under cover if we need to," added Fano.

"This helps keep their gear and parachutes dry as well as making the trip just a little bit easier."

For paratroopers there are also simulated C-130, C-141 and C-17 loading areas and a jump pit lined with shredded rubber to break even the worse parachute landing fall.



Martin Fano, Arrival Departure Airfield Control Group, shows off the custom-built Swedish pine seats for 500 paratroopers in the new Personnel Alert Holding Area on Aviano airfield.

"This new facility is state-of-the-art," said Fano. "Even the visitors from Ft. Bragg say it's the best they've ever seen.

Much better than what they have now." The official opening for the new PAHA is scheduled for Feb. 25 at 3 p.m.



The new Personnel Alert Holding Area building is located on the apron of the south ramp on Aviano airfield, leaving departing Soldiers just steps from their awaiting aircraft.

## Party still rocks in Viareggio

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

Massive three story high floats glide down the crowded beach front strand as the crowd sings along to the tunes being piped out. Political figures made in papier mâché dance through the air while confetti fills the air. These are just some of the sights and sounds that visitors experience when they go the Viareggio Carnevale Sunday Parade.

"The floats were amazing and the with that went into their creation astounds me," said Anthony Valenti, a visitor to the Sunday parade. "The amount of dedication it must have taken to create these incredible floats is unbelievable."

The Viareggio Carnevale is one of the oldest in Italy and unlike the Venice Carnevale, it has parades every Sunday composed of floats, marching bands and dancers. When

Mussolini had outlawed carnivals during his rule, many towns such as Venice did not hold a carnevale again until 1979, but Viareggio, started their's up again in 1946.

In many ways, the Viareggio Carnevale resembles the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade except the floats at this 135-year-old Carnevale are based on social issues, political satire and fairy tale heroes.

One resident of Viareggio, Riccardo Brayon, says the tradition of carnevale is in the blood of the people.

"Viareggio is a town that has always enjoyed a history of freedom of speech and they put the ideas of what they think in the floats," said Brayon.

"They begin constructing the floats in September, but they wait until the last month before the celebration to make the finishing touches so what they make is an actual reflection of that day."

Brayon, who used to work on



"Who has kidnapped our cheerfulness?" by Luciano Tomei is set on the background of a weird town, made up with newspapers and TV sets. There are four sinister-looking individuals that represent the daily bad news and five famous investigators of the fantasy world: Mrs. Fletcher, Poirot, Clouseau, Colombo and Derrick. The float represents the investigation in order to find the 'kidnapped' cheerfulness again.

the floats when he was in high school, says the real carnevale isn't the Sunday parade.

"The real carnevale for the residents is the big party in the streets that last for several days," said Brayon. "During the night, all across town there are parties in the street."

"Vendors prepare regional specialties such as local fish and fried pastries. There is also live music and dancing in the streets. The spirit of carnevale is the

happiness and energy of youth - this is the real carnevale," Brayon said.

The Sunday parade continues Feb. 10. The Camp Darby Information, Tours and Recreation, has a trip every Feb. 10. Interested persons need to sign up by calling DSN 633-7589 or e-mail [itr-livorno@eur.army.mil](mailto:itr-livorno@eur.army.mil).

Visitors from outside the area can take advantage of Sea Pines Lodge's latest special offer. If

you stay three nights at Sea Pines, you get the third night free.

Additionally, if you're traveling in a large group, Sea Pines Lodge can arrange for you to be picked up from the Pisa Airport. For information about the Sea Pines or reservations call DSN 633-7225 or e-mail [lodging@eur.army.mil](mailto:lodging@eur.army.mil).

Those interested in visiting the Viareggio Carnevale can check [www.usag.livorno.army.mil](http://www.usag.livorno.army.mil).

# Out & About

By Dorothy Spagnuolo

## Markets, festivals, rugby, Valentines Day

### Exhibitions

**Vicenza:** Home furnishings, *Spaziocasa*, to be held in the exhibition grounds Feb. 9-17 has over 350 exhibitors who will present a whole range of sectors from modern to reproduction furniture, furnishing accessories, lighting, rugs and curtains.

There will also be an area dedicated to the future wedding couple, which will include clothing, and wedding accessories. Open on weekends 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; Monday, Tuesday 3:30-8 p.m. other days 3:30-10 p.m. Entrance fee on Saturday and Sunday 8 euro; weekdays: free.

Everything for a wedding, *E' sposi*, is the exhibition that will take place in **Padova's** exhibition hall Feb. 8-10. Find everything from a wedding dress to the reception treats, *bomboniere*, from the wedding car to catering. Open each day from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., entrance fee 8 euro.

In **Verona** the 108th *Fieragricola* exhibition will take place Feb. 7-10 in the exhibition grounds. The exhibit deals with agricultural engineering, animal farming and services for companies to offer a complete panorama of the agricultural sector.

Open each day from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., online pre-registration and other information for visitors can be found on [www.fieragricola.com](http://www.fieragricola.com).

### Shark expo

More than 32 sharks on display in the Palazzo del Turismo in the **Lido di Jesolo** until May 4. See the sand tiger shark, bull shark, hammer-head shark and the nurse shark, amongst others. The Palazzo is open every Sunday from 1:30-6:30 p.m., entrance fee is 9 euro, children 5-12 years of age 5 euro, under 5 free.

### Car museum

The Automobile Museum *Luigi Bonfanti* in the town of **Romano d'Ezzelino**, in the province of Bassano, has Antique Cars Made in Italy on display. Find the Fiat 501 Torpedo, Lancia Lambda Torpedo VIII, Alfa Romeo 1750 GS Zagato and a Maserati 3500 GT coupe touring.

Open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m.-noon and 2:20-6:30 p.m., entrance fee 6 euro, a catalog is available at a cost of 5 euro. The exhibition closes on Mar. 24.

**Bussolengo**, province of Verona at the flower garden center there will be an exhibition of orchids from Feb. 9-17, open each day from 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Mondays 3-7:30 p.m.

### Market

The annual St. Valentines market in the town of **Pozzoleone**, 20 kms from Vicenza, will take place starting on Feb. 9 and markets for all tastes can be enjoyed. On Feb 10, 16-17, an outdoor exhibition-market displaying the latest agricultural machinery, farm animals alongside a market with 300 stalls selling clothing articles and bric-a-brac open 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. on each date.

In a covered area just north of the parish church will be art and photo exhibits, furniture, sports equipment and other things, open on Feb. 9 and 16 from 8 a.m.-11:30 p.m., Feb. 10 and 17 from 8 a.m.-8 p.m, and Feb 15, 8-11:30 p.m. There will also be food stands, a small fair ground with rides, and music groups who will play in the evening starting at 8:30 p.m.

As the town of Pozzoleone is small, so expect crowds in the area and parking problems.



Verona's Roman arena is the site of many musical events including operas. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

### Verona opera festival

The unique Roman amphitheater at the heart of Verona is famous for its open-air opera festival: this year's festival which takes place June through Sept. comprises three Verdi productions - Nabucco, Aida and La Traviata; Puccini's La Boheme and Rossini's Il Barbiere di Siviglia. Tickets range from 16 to 169 euro, for more information visit [www.arena.it](http://www.arena.it)



**Marameo** (a joking expression of the face) by Jacopo Allegrucci shows masks with their eccentric fancy-dresses and their merry mood. The name of this carnival float: "We have a dream, we'd like to put the Power in prison, just to fully enjoy the carnival's magic." The Sunday parade continues through Feb. 10. The Camp Darby Information, Tours and Recreation, has a trip every Sunday through Feb. 10. For further information call DSN 633-7589 or e-mail [itr-livorno@eur.army.mil](mailto:itr-livorno@eur.army.mil). Visitors from outside the area can take advantage of the Sea Pines Lodge. For information about the Sea Pines or reservations call DSN 633-7225 or e-mail [lodging@eur.army.mil](mailto:lodging@eur.army.mil). (Photo by Joyce Costello, USAG Livorno Public Affairs)

### Valentine's day

In Italy, as in most other countries, Feb. 14 is Valentine's day and here the Italian language is rich in expressions and idioms and *frasi d'amore* on Valentine's Day are especially endearing.

In English, the expression 'I love you' is ubiquitous, while in Italian *Ti amo* is used only between lovers, never with friends, family, or inanimate objects. Instead, the expressions *Vuoi bene* or *Ti voglio bene* are preferred.

You will find the stores and markets flush with fresh flowers, candies and specially wrapped chocolates. Booking now at your favorite trattoria, pizzeria or restaurant will save you having to wait for a table.

### Rugby tournament

**Rome** - In the Six Nations Rugby Tournament Italy will play England at 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 10 and play Scotland on March 15 at 1 p.m. Both games will be played at the Flaminio Stadium in Rome.

### Ferrari gallery

Ferrari enthusiasts can visit the Ferrari Galleria, located in the small

town of **Maranello**, just south of the city of Modena on the street Via Dino Ferrari.

This modern two story building houses exhibits of both racing and road cars as well as the many trophies won by Ferrari in the race cars all over the world.

If you go on a weekday there is a chance you will find it is less crowded and there is also a possibility of being there while

they're testing their Formula 1 car at the test track that is located nearby. The museum and gift store are open everyday from 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., but closed on Mondays. Entrance fee: adults - 12 euro; children 6-10 years old - 8 euro. Directions from Vicenza 158 km: autostrada A4, A22, A1 exit Modena Nord (north), go in the direction of Formigine and then find Maranello on the SS9.

## Now Showing

### Caserna Ederle Theater

Feb. 6	Hitman (R)	6 p.m.
Feb. 7	Hitman (R)	6 p.m.
Feb. 8	August Rush (PG)	6 p.m.
	Untracable (R) (1st Run)	9 p.m.
Feb. 9	August Rush (PG)	3 p.m.
	Untracable (R) (1st Run)	6 p.m.
Feb. 10	Bee Movie (PG)	3 p.m.
	The Mist (R)	6 p.m.

### Camp Darby Theater

Feb. 7	Hitman (R)	6 p.m.
Feb. 8	Cloverfield (PG-13) (1st Run)	6 p.m.
Feb. 9	The Mist (R)	6 p.m.
Feb. 10	Enchanted (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.

### Movie Synopsis

**HITMAN** - Timothy Olyphant, Dougray Scott  
The "Hitman" is a genetically-engineered, elite assassin known only as Agent 47. His hallmarks are lethal grace, unwavering precision, and resolute pride in his work. But even 47 couldn't anticipate a "random equation" in his life exactitude: the unexpected stirrings of his conscience and the unfamiliar emotions aroused in him by a mysterious Russian woman. Rated R (strong bloody violence, language, sexuality, nudity) 93 min.

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# Community notes

## VCC Black and White gala

The Vicenza Community Club invites you to a night of dinner and dancing at The Black and White Gala at Club V on Friday, Feb. 15 from 7-10 p.m.

The event is open to the public, and tickets can be purchased in the food court from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Feb. 8 and Feb. 11 or by emailing [vcc.reservations@yahoo.com](mailto:vcc.reservations@yahoo.com). Tickets are \$20 per person and must be purchased by Feb. 11. Dress is formal black and/or white attire.

## Writing group

If you have always wanted to write a book, have written one or even had it published, this new writing group is for you. The purpose of this group is to provide mutual encouragement and feedback on current or proposed writing projects. If you are interested, contact Bruce Hoag: [b.hoag@p-advantage.com](mailto:b.hoag@p-advantage.com) or 339-378-1797.

## Girl Scout cookies

Girl Scout cookies are coming to Vicenza and include : Samoas, Thin Mints and Tagalongs, plus several new varieties. They will be sold on weekends in February at the post exchange and commissary, or order them from your favorite Scout. Call Nancy at 349-520-9980 if you have questions.

## VCC scholarships

Are you a Vicenza Community Club member or family member and interested in furthering your education?

This year's scholarship application packets are now available for pick-up at the post thrift shop, library or Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

You do not need to be VCC members and students may pick up application packets from their high school guidance counselor.

All scholarship applications must be postmarked by Feb. 29.

For details call Danielle Bentz at 320-378-1586 or [ezds4fam@yahoo.com](mailto:ezds4fam@yahoo.com).

## Need help paying for college?

Global Credit Union is offering two \$4,000 scholarships. Applicants must be primary members of Global Credit Union. For more details and to apply, stop by the Credit Union. Deadline is April 1.

## Motorcycle training course

DOL Drivers Testing Station, USAG Vicenza and IMCOM-E are offering the Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic Rider Course and Experienced Rider Course.

Courses start in February. The two day BRC and one day ERC will be offered every month through October. To operate a motorcycle/scooter/moped, personnel must meet the following requirements: Must be 18 years of age or older to operate motorcycles up to 350cc. Must be 21 years of age or older to operate motorcycles 351cc and

above. Must have a motorcycle endorsement on their state-side/country license. Must have a motorcycle, scooter or moped that is both registered and insured. Must successfully complete the MSF / BRC course.

Visit the drivers testing station bldg. 311, to sign up and register for the classes or call Bryan Dorman, DSN 634-6912/6913.

## Scrap booking fun

Join Crop and Co. scrapbooking the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. 5-7 p.m. It's free but sign up two days prior is required. Share ideas and bring your scrappin' stash and photos and get working on your albums. Sign up at the Art Center located inside ODR or call 634-7074.

## USO classes

Italian Classes, Level 1; starts Feb. 26-Apr. 24; cost \$112. Mediterranean Cooking Class: started Feb. 1-May 2; cost \$176 for eight sessions and \$120 for ingredients. Belly Dancing; held every Wed. 7-8 p.m.

## MOMS Club Events

Everyone is invited.  
*Infant Playgroup:* Feb. 15, 11 a.m., EDIS. *Babylandia:* Feb. 22, 1:30 p.m. Pyramide Mall. *MOMS Club monthly meeting:* Feb. 25, 10 a.m. at the chapel.

For more information regarding MOMS Club and our activities please email [momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com](mailto:momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com) or contact Deanna at 0444945105 or Amber at 3347008443.

## Vicenza book club

Join an adult book club can be a great way to stay on top of the latest bestsellers and make new friends. Discussing the books read often brings new insight and appreciation to a favorite past time. Teens who not have your own book club with books that interest you. Call 634-8419 or email [Stephen.Brown@eur.army.mil](mailto:Stephen.Brown@eur.army.mil).

## National Prayer Breakfast

Feb. 7 at 7 a.m. at the PX food court. Contact your unit or the Chapel for tickets. All are invited—donations accepted at the door.

## Parent child dance

Feb. 23, 6 p.m. Club V turns into a fantasyland for the annual Parent Child dance. Purchase your tickets now so you and your family can enjoy a magical evening. Tickets can be purchased at the Tax Relief Office; \$15 for adults and \$10 for children. Sales will end on Feb. 20. Call 634-5087.

## Trip to the zoo

ITR heads to the roar of lions and tigers at the Parco Natura Viva Zoo Feb. 17, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. the zoo is located near Lake Garda and is home to over 1,500 animals. If you like dinosaurs you can also check out the Dino Park which has life-size models of reptiles in scientific life scenes. Call ITR 634-7094 to make

your reservation.

## ODR goes to Egypt

ODR heads to Sharm El Sheikh for a week of Scuba Diving April 6 - 13. Trip includes flight, lodging, food and six days of diving twice a day. The Red Seas is the ideal place to enjoy coral reefs and historic wrecks. Call to reserve before Feb. 15, 634-7453.

## Wood certification

If you enjoy woodworking get certified to use the woodshop located behind the Post Theater. Class is held the first Saturday of each month. The next class is Feb. 2, 10 a.m. - noon. Reservation required call 634-7074.

## AFTB Level III course

The new AFTB Level III, Making a Difference through Leadership, will be offered Feb. 12-14, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center. This course is for anyone who works with a group. Course teaches communication skills, understanding needs, leadership styles, building teams, managing conflict, problem solving, and delegation, meeting management, coaching and mentoring. Reservations required, call 634-7500.

## ITR president's weekend trip

Spend president's day weekend in Rome, Feb. 16-18. ITR makes it easy by booking your hotel, transportation, tours and trip assistance. Call 634-7094 for details and reservations.

## Become an Adventure Series trip leader

Duties include identifying family friendly activities in the Veneto Region, coordinating the activities, transportation, registering participants, preparing necessary trip documentation and driving participants to and from activities. Must have a valid SETAF driver's license. For more information call NAF contracting office at 634-7234.

## MWR joke contest

MWR is running a great contest on the Army website right now and you could win a cool Flip video cam recorder. Authorized MWR patrons over 18—including MWR employees...can enter. Go to [www.ArmyMWR.com](http://www.ArmyMWR.com) and check the topic of the day. Send us your joke or humorous comment about the day's topic and you could win.

## Flute concert

Soliders' Theatre presents Due Mondì, Feb. 8, 7:30 p.m. Enjoy a flute quartet for an evening of music. Refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$7 and available at the Soldiers' Theatre Box office. Call 634-7281.

## Fitness Center closures

In the main Post Fitness Center gymnasium, male and female locker rooms and the front cardio room will be closed.

Cardio equipment will be relocated to a racquetball court. The changes are due to the renovation of this facility and will begin on Feb. 8, 2008. Fitness classes have been relocated to the Fitness Studios above the Body Shop. For information call 634-6240.

## Grief support group

The Vicenza Family Life Chaplain will lead a Grief Support Group over lunch, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Tuesdays beginning on Feb. 12. The group will meet in the Family Life Chaplain Center at the Ederle Chapel. Lunch and child care will be provided.

"Grief Share" is a special seminar and support group for people grieving the loss of someone close. Each session includes a video seminar and group discussion.

During the small group discussion time, you'll have the opportunity to interact with others who have experienced a recent loss, learn about their experiences and share your own.

For more information or to sign up for the Grief Support Group, call the Chapel office at 634-7519.

## New hours at food court

Effective Feb. 11, Baskin-Robbins and the Corner Café' on Caermas Ederle will be open different hours.

The new hours for Baskin-Robbins will be: Mon.-Fri. - 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Sat.-Sun. - 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

The new hours for the Corner Café will be: Mon.-Fri. - 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Sat.-Sun. - 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

## PWOC meetings

The Protestant Women of the Chapel invite you to join them every Tuesday morning at the Post Chapel from 9:15 - 11:30 a.m. Join Bible study groups while enjoying the fellowship of others. Childcare provided for infants 6-weeks through age 5. Wednesday evening study group are at the Post Chapel from 5:30- 6:30 p.m. Contact Antoinette Samuel at [asamuel.csamuel@hotmail.com](mailto:asamuel.csamuel@hotmail.com)

## VFW meeting

VFW Post 8862 will conduct a business meeting Thursday, Feb. 12, 5:30-6:45 p.m. at the Italian retiree center La Rondine on Via Calvi. Support for the veterans, Soldiers, family members, military community and other important topics will be discussed. Come early or stay after the meeting for refreshments and socializing. For more information or to join, see the website at <http://www.vfwpost8862.org/> or contact post commander Tom Buffington at 634-7857 or 0444-71-7857.

## Estate claims

Anyone having any claims on, or obligations to the estate of Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Kahler of 2-503rd, 173rd ABCT should call the SMCO, 1st Lt. Amanda King, at DSN 634-7712 or [Amanda.Michelle.King@us.army.mil](mailto:Amanda.Michelle.King@us.army.mil)

## Religious activities

### Caserma Ederle Chapel

For details regarding any of these services or events, or for information concerning our other activities, call the chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519).

### 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  
9 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school and AWANAs (Sept. thru 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: Weekday Mass  
3:05 p.m.: Middle School Club in the high school cafeteria. (Sept.-May)

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

For details contact Jocelyn Cary at 634-7890 or 349-385-3476 or [viccbe@yahoo.com](mailto:viccbe@yahoo.com).

### Tuesday

9 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC)

### Wednesday

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

Noon: LDS Study  
5:15 p.m.: PWOC evening bible study

### Thursday

9:15 a.m.: Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC)

Noon: Weekday Mass  
5:30 p.m.: Gospel service choir rehearsal

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

### Friday

Noon: Weekday Mass  
Noon: Muslim Khutba and prayer

### Faith group POCs

**Islamic** POC is Mohamed Noeman at 634-6306.

**Jewish** POC is Dr. Stephen or Nancy November at 328-054-9709 or [november6@msn.com](mailto:november6@msn.com).

**Latter Day Saints (LDS)** POC is Dr. Matt Ghiz at 349-500-7989.

### Darby Chapel

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

8:30 a.m.: Catholic Reconciliation

9:30 a.m.: Catholic Mass  
11 a.m.: Protestant worship

### Upcoming events

Ash Wednesday - Feb. 6.  
7 a.m.: Mass, Giving of Ashes

Noon: Community service  
5:00 p.m.: Catholic service

# Cougars take on Italian teams



Story and photos by  
**Laura Kreider**  
*Outlook staff*

As part of this year's basketball season, the Vicenza Cougars boys and girls teams met local Italian league teams at the Caserma Ederle post gym.

As a returning game, the Cougars hosted the *Altavilla* boys on Tuesday and the Lady Cougars met the *AS Vicenza* the following evening.

The Cougars won both games, and while the boy's team won this past December against the *Altavilla* at their gym, the girls were able to win after being defeated previously.

"The Vicenza high school team came to *Altavilla* and tonight we had the chance to meet them again here," said the *Altavilla* team coach Stefano Toniolo.

"Our team consists of students born in 1991 and 92. Half of them have been playing together for the past three years, while about six players have started this year. I think it has been a great experience for us to meet with the American team, I wish we could meet more often, and it is certainly an experience we hope to repeat," said Toniolo.

Not disappointed at all about the defeat, one of the *Altavilla* players, Andrea Balasso, highlights the warmth of the spectators.

"It has really been fun. We lost both times, but I enjoyed playing together. I think that we noticed how the Cougars were really fast in their actions, the ball keeps moving, which makes it more difficult for us, but also more exciting," Balasso added.

Both teams' players also talked about some differences encountered in the two occasions.

"When we went to their place it was a lot different because they had a different set of rules," said Xavier Taylor, of the Cougars.

"We also didn't know what they were bringing to the court, so you have to be fully prepared," he continued.



(Top) Vicenza No. 33, Adriona Cleveland, (left) dribbles past her opponents Martina Cadorini, No. 15, and Gloria Tognon, No. 6, of the *AS Vicenza* team during the game held at the post gym Jan. 30. (Above) Vicenza High School Cougars' Diego Pulido, No. 33, leaps in the air for the rebound before adding two points during the game against the Italian team *Basket Altavilla*. The boys game was on Jan. 29.

The game between the Lady Cougars and *AS Vicenza* was also a very good experience for both teams according to the Lady Cougars' team coach Garrett Barton, who explained how during this season the two teams had the chance to meet twice.

"They played once in November at the gym the Italian team uses, and also in December at a little tournament in Padova," said Barton.

"We met them [Cougars] twice before tonight and we won both times," said *AS Vicenza* coach Mariano Feriani between the second and third quarter of this past game.

"Tonight, their team looks

different compared to the other times, certainly it is going to be a harder game," Feriani commented.

In fact, even though the Lady Cougars did maintain an advantage of nine and seven points at the end of the second and third period, just a few seconds before the end of the game, *AS Vicenza* diminished the lead to only three points difference between the two teams as the supporters from both teams were cheering on.

"In the final minutes *AS Vicenza* nearly tied," said Barton.

"We made some ball-handling errors. But this time we won, partly because this game used American basketball rules, which better suit

our style of play. International rules are quite different from American. Some of our less-experienced players we were able to use this game to improve their play. It was nice to play with a local team," he added.

At the end of each game the Italian teams were recognized with a certificate in the presence of Col. Virgil S. L. Williams, USAG Vicenza Commander and Col. Aldo Rando, USAG Vicenza NATO Liaison Officer and acting Italian installation commander.

Final scores: Boys; 57-39 and Girls; 44-41, Cougars winning both games.

## Sports shorts

### CYS baseball season

Registration for CYS Baseball ages 3-14 will be through Feb. 27. There are limited slots available so register early. Children born between 1994 -1999 have the opportunity to play in an Italian baseball league April 12 -June 7. Practice begins March 31. You must register and should bring a health assessment that is valid through the season, and payment of \$46 with you to register at CYS Central Registration. Call 634-7219 for information.

### Cycling classes

Keep your bike in shape, so you can keep in shape too. Outdoor Recreation offers cycling maintenance classes and local bike rides. Check out this month's schedule. Chain maintenance Feb. 6, 5:30-7 p.m., Brake maintenance Feb. 13, 5:30-7 p.m., and overall bike check, Feb. 27, 5:30-7 p.m. Join local mountain bike ride Levels II and III, Feb. 9 noon-3 p.m. plus an all level local bike ride Feb. 23, 3-7 p.m. Call ODR for complete information, 634-7453.

### Soccer tournament

The sports office is hosting a 5 vs. 5 soccer tournament on Feb. 15-16. Mandatory coaches meeting is Feb. 14, 3 p.m. at the Fitness Center. Call 634-7009 for information.

### February 5k Fun Run

Need chocolate for motivation? Join Sports and Fitness in the Feb. 9 Fun Run/Walk and indulge in a piece of chocolate at the finish line. Race time is 11 a.m. with pre-brief at 10:45 a.m. This race is fun for everyone. Call 634-7009 to register.

### Little League officials clinic

Little League Officials Clinic will be held Feb. 11 - 15, Villaggio CYS Training area.

If you are 18 years and older and interested in earning extra money as a baseball official for the CYS Sports and Fitness program, you can earn \$25 - \$35 per game.

Games are on Saturday during the months of April - June. This is a certification you can use in the States also. Call Georgia at 634 - 6151 to sign up or email: georgia.salyer@eur.army.mil

### Heliskiing

ODR takes you to the top with Heliskiing in Interlaken, Switzerland Feb. 15-18. In this high adventure activity you can experience the thrill of heliskiing during the day then enjoy an evening exploring this beautiful village. Reservation required so call 634-7453 for information.