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IMMA technician Alessandro Franchi (right) checks the pump connected to the Draft Commander 3000, while firefighters Marco Pranovi (left) and Matteo Faccio take part in the training. Maintenance technicians and firefighters from Caserma Ederle and Camp Darby participated in the training held on post last week.

## New equipment helps firefighters protect lives, environment

Story and photo by Laura Kreider  
*Outlook staff*

When faced with a burning building and knowing that lives may be in danger, the last thing firefighters would want is faulty equipment.

In fact, fire departments all over the world rely on well-maintained pumps and equipment to ensure they're ready to handle fire emergencies in a timely manner.

Now, a new piece of equipment, the Draft Commander 3000, has been purchased by IMCOM for the post fire trucks to ensure

the pumps operate correctly and will not fail during an emergency.

"One of the most important pieces of equipment the Caserma Ederle Fire and Emergency Services now has in its inventory is the water pump on the fire

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## Commission to recommend allowing women in combat

By Donna Miles  
*American Forces Press Service*

A commission of current and retired officers, senior noncommissioned officers and civilians charged with evaluating Defense Department policies to ensure they promote equal opportunity plans to recommend lifting the ban on women in combat.

The nonpartisan Military Leadership Diversity Commission will make 20 recommendations to President Barack Obama and Congress to increase diversity and inclusiveness and develop "a demographically diverse leadership that reflects the forces it leads and the public it services," according to a pre-decisional draft document posted on the commission's website.

The final report is expected in March.

Calling the military a leader in providing opportunities to all servicemembers, regardless of their racial and ethnic

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Photo by Michael Molinaro

The first female Soldier of the Year, Sgt. Sherri Gallagher, departs a rifle range during the U.S. Army Best Warrior Competition at Fort Lee, Va., Oct. 21. A commission of military and civilian leaders evaluating DoD policies announced they will recommend that women be allowed in combat.

## Tax Center: Get ready for tax time

By Capt. Jonathan Marshall  
*Tax Center OIC*

As wage and tax statements become available for Soldiers and civilian employees online at [www.mypay.dfas.mil](http://www.mypay.dfas.mil) and banks and investment companies begin mailing reports of interest, dividends, and capital gains, Caserma Ederle's Tax Center personnel are ready to assist.

The tax center opened for free tax preparation and e-filing services Monday, on a drop-off basis only, with a full opening after the official grand opening, scheduled for Monday.

In 2010, the Caserma Ederle Tax Center assisted almost 1,200 tax filers, saving our military community more than \$300,000 in preparation fees and generating \$2.8 million in direct deposit refunds. Army tax centers throughout Europe assisted more

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## Students host European Market

Story and photo by Laura Kreider  
*Outlook staff*

Travel brochures, cookbooks, Maltese water, and much more were on display during the First European Market. The event was not a Bazaar at the PX parking lot, but a Vicenza Middle School classroom that for a couple of days was set up as a trade fair.

"All four of my seventh grade World Geography classes put on a "European Market" where they sold

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Sixth-grader Wes Howell purchases some Croatian products from Emma Knapp (hand reaching out from the left) during the First European Market held at the Vicenza Middle School Jan. 20. Each student had 100 "weros" to spend on products on display.



## MARKET: Students try hands at entrepreneurship at VMS event



Photo by Laura Kreider

Seventh-grader Megan Swanke, left, sells one of her “Polish plates” to a visitor during the European Market held Jan. 20 at the Vicenza Middle School. The market was part of a World Geography class project to teach students real-world skills in a creative way.

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items they have either made or found on the Internet and downloaded,” said George Hanby, VMS teacher.

The purpose of the project, initiated in November, was to help students develop real world communication skills while having creative fun, Hanby said.

Sixth graders had the chance to visit the market and enjoy different recipes, from Poland to Italy, Croatia to Malta, and Germany to Sweden, and buy souvenirs, including postcards, flags and CDs.

“Each student had 100 ‘weros’, our classroom currency, to spend on the products on display or for products listed in a catalogue,”

said Hanby.

Students decorated desks to identify the country. Some offered food items, such as ice cream and cake to persuade “tourists” to spend money in the represented country. Other items, such as decorated plates were popular and found many customers as well.

“My mom really encouraged me to get my friends to help paint the ‘Polish plates’ so I wouldn’t have to do everything by myself,” said Megan Swanke, who represented Poland, and decorated some one hundred paper plates, starting during the winter break.

“Being prepared made a huge difference when it came to the actual market day,” she

said. “It was really hectic with all the sixth graders in the room. I look forward to more hands-on activities like this one.”

Some students wrote letters and e-mails to countries’ embassies or tourist offices.

“First I wrote to the Embassy of Liechtenstein and they sent me brochures about their country,” said James Jones, another seventh grader. “Normally, I start early on projects, but this time, I let other activities get in the way and I had to work extra long and hard to finish my display board with country facts. Overall, I liked the competition between other country vendors and the chance to earn some ‘weros,’” Jones said.

## COMMISSION: Panel recommends removing barriers to open leadership opportunities

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background, the group concluded that it’s time to eliminate gender barriers.

Current U.S. military policy prohibits women from serving in combat units below the brigade level. And although women make up 14.6 percent of the military, they and minority members still are underrepresented in leadership posts, the commission noted.

“Increasing the racial, ethnic and gender diversity of senior leadership requires eliminating barriers that disproportionately affect the advancement of women and minorities,” the draft report said.

This can be done on two levels, the commissioners said, beginning with the education and mentoring required to ensure all servicemembers are equally prepared to manage their career progression.

“Second, DoD and the services must remove institutional barriers to open traditionally closed doors, especially

those related to assignments,” the draft report continues. “An important step in this direction, recommended by the commission, is to remove the restrictions that prevent women from engaging in direct ground combat.”

Retired Army Lt. Gen. Julius W. Becton, Jr., a commission member, announced Jan. 11 at a military professionalism conference that the group had agreed to recommend that women be allowed to serve in combat.

“What we are saying is that women may be assigned to any job they are qualified for,” Becton said at the National Defense University’s conference on “Introspection and Reflection on Basic Tenets and the Way Ahead”.

“We are making a recommendation,” he said. “We are saying, ‘Let’s remove barriers.’ And I think people are very qualified to do certain jobs, but because of their gender, they are not given the opportunity to do them.”

Becton has witnessed a sea change in

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Retired Army Lt. Gen. Julius W. Becton, Jr.

equal opportunity in the military. He rose through the ranks from a private serving in a segregated Army during World War II to become commander of 7th Corps during the Cold War, and he helped to pave the way to fully integrate women into the military.

In response to a questioner, Becton said it will be up to the American people to decide if they will support seeing women in combat billets.

“It was the opinion of the 32 members of the commission -- and we listened to quite a few of our women; Soldiers who have been in combat, lost limbs, helicopter pilots and everything else -- that once they demonstrate what can be done, the country will go along with

them,” he said. “But that is a decision the country must make.”

The Defense Department will review the commission’s recommendations when the final report is issued, Pentagon spokesman Marine Corps Col. Dave Lapan told reporters last week.

“We’ll see what the nature of the report is when it’s done,” Lapan said.

Congress repealed the combat exclusion laws in the 1994 National Defense Authorization Act, but requires the services to submit proposed changes to existing assignment policy to Congress for review, he explained. For example, the Navy was required to inform Congress before changing its policy to authorize women to serve on submarines, he said.

## Speak Out

If time was not an issue, where would you like to visit this year?



Anthony Peters  
CYSS Sports & Fitness

“Definitely, I would see as much of Europe as I possibly could, such as Eastern European countries to experience new cultures.”



Romina Chemello  
USAG Vicenza DHR

“Tibet and Myanmar: both seem like very interesting and fascinating countries.”



Sgt. Robert Bell  
1st Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt.

“London, because I haven’t visited for a while, and I would like to see Big Ben, the Tower Bridge and Buckingham Palace.”



Toni Cuttino  
USAG Vicenza MPD

“Paris, because I have never been there. I would like to spend time with my family.”



Pfc. David Benson  
1st Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt.

“I would go to Rome to visit Vatican City.”

By Laura Kreider



## FIREFIGHTERS: Force trains on new equipment

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engine,” said Capt. Joseph Brewer, Caserma Ederle Fire Department. “The Draft Commander 3000 will test the capacity and the reliability of the pumps currently in service on post,” he continued.

The purchase of this piece will ensure that emergency responders will be ready for any incident according to Brewer. Some tests on the pumping apparatus on the fire trucks are required annually, or, when work has been performed on the trucks.

The tests required by the Army are identical to those performed by fire departments in the United States.

Tuesday kicked off the first of the department’s weekly trainings focused on being sure the firefighters are well trained in using the environmentally-friendly pump tester.

Mike Weis, president of Weis Fire & Safety which developed the Draft Commander 3000, visited from the States to perform the training for USAG Vicenza and Livorno fire fighters and maintenance technicians.

The new equipment is more environmentally-friendly than traditional pump-testing methods explained George Schmidt, USAG Vicenza Installation Materiel



Photo by Laura Kreider

**USAG Vicenza and Livorno firefighters and IMMA technicians train to use newly-acquired equipment Tuesday at Caserma Ederle.**

Maintenance Activity, Maintenance Division chief.

“Adding this to our garrisons will result in less water waste as we will not be pumping water onto the ground, but it will be sent back to the trailer where it will be used over and over,” he said.

The savings for the environment will be significant, especially considering that each truck takes approximately 1,250 gallons to perform the test. Schmidt also pointed out a decrease of noise pollution.

“Last but not least, we will be able to ensure we are in compliance with Army regulations,” said Schmidt.

The maintenance division has the responsibility to ensure the trucks are serviced and ready for any mission.

This includes a variety of operations such as checking the wheels, engine, generators, and performing the brake test.

## Prayer Breakfast set Feb. 8 at PX

USAG Vicenza Chaplains Office

Vicenza’s 2011 National Prayer Breakfast will be celebrated Feb. 8 at 7 a.m. at the PX Food Court.

The theme is “Draw Near to Him” and the guest speaker will be Chaplain (Col.) Jonathan McGraw, U.S. Army Africa Command chaplain.

The National Prayer Breakfast’s purpose is to bring together the leadership of the United States in recognition of moral and religious values. Tickets will be available through command sergeants major, first sergeants, unit chaplains or at the Garrison Chapel office. The tickets and breakfast are free.

The National Prayer Breakfast is non-denominational and inter-faith, according to Chap. (Maj.) Doug Thomison, and all are invited.

“The Vicenza National Prayer Breakfast will be a time of food, fellowship, prayer, special music, inspirational speaking and uplift,” he said.

Each year, soon after Congress convenes, men and women in leadership positions from various aspects of the government, military and national life meet together for discussion and prayer.

Since the inauguration of the breakfast, the idea of women and men in positions of responsibility meeting together for prayer has spread to every to communities on every continent.

## TAXES: Center officially opens Monday to provide free income tax preparation

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than 12,000 tax filers, saving more than \$5 million in preparation and filing fees, and generated more than \$47 million in direct deposit refunds.

To help make sure your taxes are filed and are both timely and accurate, keep the following information in mind.

### Come prepared

Military I.D. cardholders, including Soldiers, family members, Department of Defense civilians and retirees who wish to use the free tax preparation and e-filing services should have all their documents ready when they meet with preparers.

That includes documents such as:

- ♦ prior year tax returns;
- ♦ W-2s;
- ♦ mortgage statements and;
- ♦ receipts.

If taxpayers come prepared, it helps ensure an accurate tax return, and enables the preparers to help the taxpayers capitalize on all of the deductions and

credits they are entitled to receive.

Taxpayers with complicated returns should take extra time to ensure their documents are in order. A tax return is considered complicated if it includes capital gains, rental real estate income or loss, foreign earned income or foreign taxes paid, or multiple state income tax returns.

### What’s new in 2010

Every year brings new changes to the tax laws, and a few changes are listed below. For a complete list of updates and changes, visit the IRS website at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

**Earned Income Credit:** Taxpayers may continue to claim three children for earned income credit purposes provided they meet these conditions:

- ♦ Three or more children lived with you and you earned less than \$43,352 or \$48,362 for married filing jointly;
- ♦ Two or more children lived with you and you earned less than \$40,363 or \$45,373 for married filing jointly;

- ♦ One child lived with you and you earned less than \$35,535 or \$40,545 if married filing jointly; or

- ♦ No children lived with you and you earned less than \$13,460 or \$18,470 if married filing jointly.

The annual amount of investment income to be eligible for this credit remains at \$3,100. Taxpayers may continue to choose to include or exclude combat zone pay in earned income for the purpose of computing this credit.

Only U.S. military personnel stationed outside of the United States on extended active duty meet the requirement that your main home (and your spouse’s, if filing a joint return) must be in the United States for more than half the year.

**First-time Homebuyer Credit** – Taxpayers generally cannot claim the credit for a home bought after April 30, 2010. However, taxpayers may be able to claim the credit if they entered into a written, binding contract before May 1, 2010, to buy the home before July

1, 2010, and actually bought the home before Oct. 1, 2010.

Those who claimed a first-time homebuyer credit in 2008 must generally begin repaying it on their 2010 return. Generally, they must repay any credit claimed for 2008 or 2009 if they sold the home in 2010 or the home stopped being their main home in 2010.

**Standard Deduction** – Generally, the standard deductions depend upon the taxpayer’s filing status:

- ♦ \$5,700 for taxpayers who are single or married, filing separately
- ♦ \$11,400 for married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er)
- ♦ \$8,400 for head of household

The Tax Center is located in the USARAF Staff Judge Advocate, Bldg. 241, on 6th Street across from the AAFES Car Care Center. Hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. for walk-in or drop-off, and Tuesday and Thursday for scheduled appointments only.

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## At your service



## CYSS Family Childcare & HIRED!

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## DES: Threats exist - be wary to avoid becoming a victim

By Annette Fournier  
Outlook editor

The USAG Vicenza Directorate of Emergency Services wants to remind community members to be vigilant about their personal safety and personal property, especially off post.

“When you’re on post, it’s a fairly safe environment,” said Lt. Col. Robert Trojanowski, director of Emergency Services. “There is a high ratio of law enforcement to the population on the installation and because of this fact, people sometimes become complacent off the installation. When you’re off post, there are fewer law enforcement officers because you are in a city environment, and it’s important to remember that there is always a threat.”

Crimes against people or property can happen anywhere, anytime, and it’s important to take steps to protect yourself and your family said Adeal Frater, deputy provost marshal.

“We don’t want to alarm people,” Frater said, “but we want them to be mindful. Be aware of your surroundings and make the extra effort that can help keep you safe.”

In Italy, personal protective items such as pepper spray and mace are illegal. The Vicenza DES advises people to try to attract attention, leave the area or call law enforcement if they feel they may be threatened.

When walking, carry a whistle or shout if you need help. If near your vehicle, use the panic button on a car alarm, or if inside your car, honk the horn to attract attention.

Be especially careful at night, and avoid walking, biking or parking in dark, unpopulated areas, Trojanowski said.

“It’s a fact. There is a threat of crimes against persons that’s always there,” Frater said. “Always be cautious.”

The DES recommends the following tips to protect yourself and your personal property when out and about.

- ♦ As you walk to your vehicle, look around. Be aware of who is around you and if there are dark or obscured



The Directorate of Emergency Services wants to remind the community that there is always a threat to personal safety and property, no matter where a person might be. They provide tips on how community members can help protect themselves and their families.

Photo illustration by Laura Kreider

places where a person could be hiding out of sight. Check that there is nothing blocking your tires. Have your keys ready when approaching your vehicle and look in your back seat before entering.

- ♦ Be especially cautious in dark, deserted places and parking garages. Make it a habit to keep your finger on the panic button if your car has one.

- ♦ Avoid traveling alone, especially at night. When possible, have someone walk with you to your vehicle.

- ♦ Before exiting your vehicle, look around. Park in well-lit, populated areas and always lock your vehicle and take the keys with you.

- ♦ When possible, use well-lit, frequently-traveled routes. Let someone know your plans and estimated arrival time. Make it a habit to call someone else if you will be late, so that if you don’t call, someone will be aware that something may be wrong.

- ♦ When operating your vehicle, keep your windows up and all doors locked. Remember, strangers can approach your vehicle and try to enter when you are stopped, even momentarily, at stop signs,

lights, crosswalks or traffic circles.

- ♦ When stopped at traffic lights or in traffic, allow space between your vehicle and the vehicle in front of you. If someone approaches your vehicle and attempts to enter, honk your horn to attract attention and drive away.

- ♦ If a carjacker demands your car or keys, give them up. Your car is insured and can be replaced - you can’t.

- ♦ If you suspect someone is following you, do not drive home. Drive to the nearest populated public place, or a police or fire station and honk your horn to attract attention.

- ♦ Never pick up strangers and never go with a stranger who offers help. Instead, ask them to call help for you.

- ♦ Never leave house keys attached with car keys when leaving your car at repair shops or parking lots.

- ♦ Make sure your vehicle is well maintained and keep at least half a tank of gas in your vehicle at all times. Consider joining an auto club, such as Automobile Club d’Italia. They can come to your aid in case your vehicle breaks down.

- ♦ Do not store valuables in your

vehicle. If you must leave something of value unattended in your vehicle, hide it from plain view under a seat or in the trunk. Small items that are easy to carry are easily stolen from vehicles.

Some frequently stolen items include NATO gas coupons, portable electronics, iPods, navigation systems, cameras, cell phones, computers, jewelry, wallets, purses or shopping bags. If your identification, such as military ID is lost or stolen, report it promptly

- ♦ Save the phone numbers of the military police and emergency medical personnel in your cell phone. To call the military police from a cell or home phone, dial 800-06-4077 or 0444-71-7233. Dial 118 for an ambulance when in Vicenza or the surrounding area, and operators can transfer you to an English speaker. The emergency number for the Carabinieri is 112 and the number of local polizia is 113. You can also always call the military police, who have translators on staff, for assistance when you’re in danger.

- Tips provided by the USAG Vicenza Directorate of Emergency Services

## Honor Society students capture Verona on film with photo-scavenger hunt



National Honor Society member Tevin Cleveland points out the center of Verona from a balcony of the Roman Theater, as Megan Newbell-Wright (left) and Tess Segura look on. The students spent Jan. 13 in Verona, snapping photos for a photo scavenger hunt and exploring historic sites in the city.

Story and photo by Sasha Sibilla  
Outlook intern

Armed with a list of sites, a camera and a map, the members of the Vicenza chapter of the National Honor Society participated in their first cultural field trip of the year Jan. 13.

The NHS students were tasked with identifying and photographing 15 monuments and sites, including the world-renowned “Juliet’s balcony”. Accompanied by four parent chaperones and the club’s sponsor, Darrell Hill, the group also visited the Arena of Verona and the Roman Theater.

Before beginning the photo-scavenger hunt, the members toured the Arena and enjoyed the holiday nativity scenes on display inside the Roman ruin. Once the teams had completed the assignments, the students met at the Castelvechio and savored a typical meal at the Italian Army Officers Club.

“I really enjoyed the photo-scavenger hunt

because I got to see places that I had never known even existed in Verona” said Erika Valek, NHS member and treasurer. “It was also fun to walk around together and discuss the treasures of this beautiful city.”

After lunch, the students visited one of Verona’s historically significant sites, the Roman Theater which overlooks the Adige river and downtown Verona.

“Today was truly an educational experience for both the students and chaperones that came on this school field trip to Verona,” said Hill. “I’m hoping that this will be the first of many educational day-trips for our club.”

To participate in NHS, students must maintain at least a 3.5 GPA, apply through a written essay and application, and be selected on the basis of scholarship, leadership, and service. Students who have been accepted as new members will be notified in the spring.

Those interested in finding out more about NHS should speak with Hill.



## Focus on Fitness: NIA comes to Camp Darby

Story and photo by Joyce Costello  
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

The latest exercise craze, Neuromuscular Integrative Action, is coming to Darby.

Beatrix Boda, fitness instructor, introduced NIA to the Camp Darby community during a demonstration at the gym Jan. 20.

"NIA is a combination of three different types of discipline: modern and jazz dance, Alexander technique and yoga and martial arts such as T'ai Chi, Tae Kwon Do and Aikido," explained Boda. "It is a form of cardiovascular fitness in conjunction with the mental uses of the body's flow of energy in order to help balance you physically and mentally."

She adds that it is a physical fitness program that doesn't depend on the physical status of one's body, but is something that helps one find freedom within their own body.

Boda, who studied dance for 10 years in her native Hungary, said she first saw NIA in a class two years ago and enjoyed it so much that she decided to study it to teach it.



Beatrix Boda, center, teaches Camp Darby community members how to do Neuromuscular Integrative Action, a fitness program that combines dance, martial arts and flexibility to work toward holistic fitness.

"We have one principal: joy of movement," said Boda. "NIA is a way to enjoy your body's precision and express yourself through movement."

NIA classes will be offered at Camp Darby in February, according to Jimmy Roddy, Camp Darby Fitness Center manager.

## Vitolini Carnevale to feature family-friendly entertainment



Photo by Joyce Costello

Families can enjoy free rides at the Carnevale in Vitolini, Feb. 6, 13 and 20 at 2:30 p.m.

By Chiara Mattiolo  
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

During the Carnival period, there are many events that are featured specifically for families.

One of those is the free street festival in Vitolini, a suburb of Vinci where Leonardo Da Vinci was born. Coming up on Sunday, Feb. 6, 13 and 20 at 2:30 p.m., the 26th annual Carnevale dei Bambini or Children's Carnival will take place along the town's main streets, with floats being pulled by tractors, children spraying silly string and throwing confetti and, in general, having a good time.

The main floats are actually recycled from the previous year's Carnevale in Viareggio. The residents volunteer to use their tractors to pull the floats up and down the streets, allowing children

and parents to ride free.

This year, there are several floats built around themes. One depicts a haunted house with ghosts popping out of the windows and a big dragon puffing smoke.

Two others feature characters from Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs and Pinocchio. One depicts Asterix and Obelix at the Coliseum, and a depiction of a battle between the Romans and Gauls in Rome's Coliseum.

A band will accompany the floats, playing unique musical instruments made with assorted objects from rural Tuscan life.

**How to get there:** From Camp Darby, drive towards Florence on the Fi-Pi-LI and exit at Empoli. Follow the signs to Vitolini. It will take approximately an hour to get there from Camp Darby.

## 3/405th AFSB employee recognized for excellence

By Jennifer King  
405th AFSB Public Affairs

Alessandro Donati was recognized as the host nation employee of the quarter for the 405th Army Field Support Brigade during an awards ceremony Jan. 4 at the brigade headquarters.

Donati, who works as a quality assurance specialist for the 3rd Battalion, 405th AFSB, was praised for his technical competence, professionalism and dedication to duty in support of quality assurance, publications, the Army Oil Analysis Program, the Test, Measurement, Diagnostic and Evaluation program, and the master driver operations.

Lt. Col. Richard Pierce, the commander of the 3rd Bn., 405th AFSB, was pleased to recognize Donati's efforts.

"We have a tremendously talented and dedicated Italian workforce," Pierce said. "Our biggest challenge was selecting only one member of our team to nominate for the award. We are proud that the brigade has recognized Alessandro's contributions to the success of our mission."

Col. Ronald Green, the commander of the 405th AFSB, said he is a strong believer in recognizing employees who stand out.

"I believe that it is very important that we take the time to recognize our peers who go above and beyond their



Photo by Chiara Mattiolo

Alessandro Donati, 3/405th AFSB performs final inspection on a vehicle. He was named 405th AFSB Employee of the Quarter.

duty each and every day to serve our Soldiers," Green said. "Too often, we get caught up in our day-to-day routines and neglect to properly thank those who are truly making a difference."

## Darby Dates

Visit the community calendar for upcoming events and details at [www.usag.livorno.army.mil](http://www.usag.livorno.army.mil)

**African American History**  
Story hour at the library is Feb. 9 at 10 a.m. Enjoy food tasting at the DCC Feb. 25.

**Youth baseball**  
Registration runs Tuesday to March 4 at Parent Central Services. Call 633-7681

**Army Family Action Plan**  
ACS is seeking issues for the upcoming Army Family Action Plan conference, Feb. 14-16. Submit issues online or fill out a form at ACS.

**Army Community Service**

- Smooth move, Feb. 9
- Thrift Savings Plan, Feb. 10
- Getting out of debt, Feb. 15
- Play group, Feb. 16
- Cybersex & dating, Feb. 17
- Card making, Feb. 9
- When no means no, Feb. 28

Call 633-7084 to learn about these programs and more.

**Fitness Center**

- Spin class, Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.
- Hot Shot Basketball, Feb. 26

Call 633-7440 for info.

**Youth Services**

- Valentine's Day art, Feb. 7
- Carnival mask making, Feb. 10
- Kick back night, Feb. 25
- Parents' Night Out, Feb. 25

Call 633-7629.

**Outdoor Recreation**  
Join Outdoor Rec. for a one-day ski and snowboarding trip to Abetone and Monte Cimone every Saturday until March 12.  
Now offering a shuttle service to the airport. Reservation and payments must be made 72 hours in advance.  
Call 633-7555 for details.

**ITR trips**  
ITR is offering the following or upcoming trips. Call 633-7589.

- Sweetheart dinner, Feb. 14
- Viareggio Carnival, Feb. 20 & 27
- Venice Carnival, Feb. 21
- Pistoia Zoo, Feb. 26

**Darby Community Club**

- Bingo, Feb. 4 at 6:30 p.m.
- Watch the Super Bowl Feb. 6. The Green Bay Packers take on the Pittsburgh Steelers. Free food and prizes.
- Karaoke Night, Feb. 10
- Texas Hold 'em, Feb. 11
- Valentine's Dinner, Feb. 12

**Religious activities**  
9:40 a.m. Catholic reconciliation  
10 a.m. Catholic Mass  
11:15 a.m. Protestant worship  
11:15 a.m. Catholic CCD  
Call 633-7267 to find out more information.





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**Outlet shopping:** Vicenza and other local cities have a wealth of outlet stores offering brand-name goods at discounted prices. For information in English on outlets, shops and factory stores all over Italy, visit <http://en.zerodelta.net/speciali/outlet-spacci-e-factory-store-in-italia/>.

## Outlet stores

The following outlets and specialty stores are either close to post or within reasonable driving distance. They all accept major credit cards.

**Desio e Robè:** in Grumolo della Abbadesse, Via Nazionale 64, about nine miles east of Vicenza. Furniture, tools, appliances, knick-knacks, garden furniture, picture frames, etc. Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3-7:30 p.m. Sunday, 3-7:30 p.m. English spoken.

**Donatello:** in Padova, Via Martiri della Libertà 15, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza and in Mestre, Via Antonio da Mestre 15, about 41 miles east of Vicenza. Tuesday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Monday, 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Dolce & Gabbana, Donna Karan, Fendi, Moschino and more. English spoken.

**Francesco Biasia Outlet:** in Dueville, Via dell'Artigianato 2, about eight miles north of Vicenza. Leather purses, shoes, and accessories. Monday, 2-7 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-noon & 2-7 p.m. Friday, 2-7 p.m. Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3:30-7 p.m. English spoken.

**Freeport Outlet Store:** in Thiene, Via Guglielmo Marconi, 62/64, about 12 miles north of Vicenza. Monday, 3:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3:30-7:30 p.m. Brand name jackets and shirts.

**G.T. Erre:** in Camisano Vicentino, Enrico Fermi 5, about 12 miles east of Vicenza. Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon & 3:30-7:15 p.m. Discounts on gold and silver items, frames, watches, Breitling, D&G jewels, Moschino, Citizens.

**Optigen:** in Vicenza, Contrà S. Caterina 35. Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. & 3:30-7:30 p.m. Prescription & sunglasses outlet.

**Palmanova Outlet Village:** in Ioannis Aiello del Friuli, SP 126, km. 1.6, about 105 miles east of Vicenza. Open daily, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Until March 6, discounts up

to 70 percent off the outlet prices. Valentino, Enrico Coveri, Calvin Klein, Benetton and many more brand names in clothing, leather, shoes and accessories. English is spoken in most of the stores. For info in English, visit [www.palmanovaoutlet.it](http://www.palmanovaoutlet.it).

**Pittarello:** in Montecchio Maggiore, Viale Trieste 57, about seven miles southwest of Vicenza. Shoes, purses and accessory selection. Tuesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3-7:30 p.m. Closed Monday mornings.

**Rossi:** in Vicenza, Viale Fusinato 154 and Contrà Carpagnon 9. Lights, lampshades, antique lamps and restorations. Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.-8 p.m. For info in English, visit [www.rossilight.com](http://www.rossilight.com). English spoken.

**Sorelle Ramonda:** in Montecchio Maggiore, Viale Trieste 45, about seven miles southwest of Vicenza. Monday, 3-7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 9:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m. & 3-7:30 p.m. Saturday, 9:15 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Valentino, Lacoste, Trussardi, Armani, Versace, Ralph Lauren, Dolce e Gabbana, Diesel. English spoken.

**Sport "Omnia":** in Marghera, Via Orsato Sertorio 3/A, about 41 miles east of Vicenza. Monday, 3-7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3-7:30 p.m. English spoken.

**Sport "The North Face Outlet":** in Cornuda, Via Padova, 21, about 35 miles northeast of Vicenza. Monday, 3-7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. & 2:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. & 2:30-7 p.m. English spoken.

**Stefanel Outlet:** in Marostica, Corso della Ceramica 76, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. Monday 3:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3-7:30 p.m. English spoken.

**Surplus:** located in Molvena, Via Ponticello 34, about 17 miles north of Vicenza. Monday, 3:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Diesel, Levi's, Replay and much more.

**Urban Outlet:** in Verona, Via Betteloni 46, about 36 miles west of Vicenza. Monday, 3:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3:30-7:30 p.m. Wholesale women's and men's clothing. English spoken.

**VFG Factory Store:** in Maglio, Valdarno, Via dei Lanifici 1, about 21 miles northwest of Vicenza. Monday, 3:30 -7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. & 3-7:30 p.m. English spoken.

**Veneto Designer Outlet:** in Noventa di Piave, Via Marco Polo 1, about 59 miles east of Vicenza. Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Armani, Valentino, Calvin Klein, Rifle, Guess, Benetton, Nike. English spoken. For more info in English and a virtual tour, visit [www.mcarThursdayrglen.it/noventadipiave/home/home.php?lang=en](http://www.mcarThursdayrglen.it/noventadipiave/home/home.php?lang=en).

**Vision - Prescription and Sunglasses Outlet:** in Montecchio Maggiore, Via Leonardo Da Vinci 53/C, about seven miles southwest of Vicenza. Monday, 3-7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. & 3-7:30 p.m. Up to 70 percent discount on designer sunglasses and 50 percent on prescription eyeglasses. English spoken.

**Zenit Shirts and clothing:** in Rubano, Via Meucci 7a, about 18 miles southeast of Vicenza. Monday-Friday, 3:30 p.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon. English spoken.

**Zenith Store:** in Vicenza, Via Divisione Folgore, 24. Monday, 3:30-7:30 p.m.; Tuesday-Saturday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 and 3:30-7:30 p.m. Discounts on Zenith purses, leather shoes and purses. English spoken. For more info in English, visit [www.zenithhorse.com/uk/brand.html](http://www.zenithhorse.com/uk/brand.html).

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## Local festivals & shows

### Records fair

Exhibition of used and collectors' records Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., in Pordenone, Viale Treviso 1, about 92 miles northeast of Vicenza. Admission fee: €4; free for children younger than 6.

### Vivi la casa

A home gallery exhibit is ongoing through Monday, in Verona, Viale del Lavoro 8, about 38 miles west of Vicenza. Features furniture and home items Thursday and Friday, 4-10 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Sunday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission fee: €4 Thursday, Friday and Monday; €7 Saturday and Sunday. Free entrance for kids younger than 12.

### Movie festival

Movie festival at the Odeon Theater, in Vicenza, Corso Palladio 176, is featuring movies in English throughout the winter season. Monday: "Despicable me", 4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Tickets: €6; €4.50 for students.

### Antique market

Sunday in Piazzola sul Brenta, Villa Contarini, about 16 miles east of Vicenza. More than 700 vendors and food booths.

## FREE concerts, exhibits & events

### Photo exhibit:

Vicenza souvenir & memorabilia photo exhibit ongoing through Sunday in Vicenza, Casa Cogollo del Palladio, Corso Palladio, 165. Tuesdays-Sundays 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.

### Paintings exhibit:

Ladies' Renaissance portraits exhibit ongoing through Feb. 6 in Vicenza, Palazzo Thiene, Contrà San Gaetano Thiene. Tuesdays-Fridays, 3-7 p.m., Saturdays-Sundays 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

### Explore the sky:

Astronomical Observatory of Arcugnano, Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.,

Via S. Giustina, 127, about five miles south of Vicenza.

### Live music

**Acoustic Nights Bud McMuffin:** Thursday, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Sabotage Bar, Via dell'Industria 12T.

**Mister X Cover Band:** Thursday, 9:30 p.m., in Vicenza, Country Club Birracrua, Strada Vicinale Monte Crocetta 6.

**Heavy rock:** Friday, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Sabotage Bar, Via dell'Industria 12T.

**Punk'n'Roll:** Saturday, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Sabotage Bar, Via dell'Industria 12T.

**Conservatory students in concert:** Saturday, 5 p.m., in Vicenza, Conservatory, Contrà San Domenico 33.

## ODR trips

ODR has limited skiing and snowboarding equipment available for check out until March 31 due to the Warrior Adventure Quest.

**Shop Venice** Feb. 5. The ODR trip assistant takes you to shops around Piazza San Marco and the Rialto Bridge. Trip departs at 8:15 a.m. and returns around 3:30 p.m.

**Visit San Marino,** the smallest nation in Europe and the oldest republic in the world, Feb. 6. Enjoy a guided tour of the city's most historical sites and free time.

See the complete ODR schedule online at [www.VicenzaMWR.com](http://www.VicenzaMWR.com).

## Concerts

**Festival Vivre:** Music by Chopin and Schumann Sunday-Monday, 8:30 p.m. in Vicenza, at the City Theatre, Via Mazzini, 39

**My Chemical Romance:** March 7 in Milan, PalaSharp.

**Roger Waters:** April 1-2, April 4-5, July 6 in Assago, Milan.

Tickets are available in Vicenza at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center or online at [www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta\\_lingua=ing](http://www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing) or <http://www.ticketone.it/EN/>.

## Now Showing

### Ederle Theater

<b>Friday</b>	Unstoppable (PG 13)	6 p.m.
	Harry Potter & Deathly Hallows (PG 13)	9 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Unstoppable (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	No Strings Attached (R)	6 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	Unstoppable (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	No Strings Attached (R)	6 p.m.
<b>Feb. 4</b>	Burlesque (PG 13)	6 p.m.
	Jackass 3D (R)	9 p.m.

The Caserma Ederle Post Movie Theater will be closed Monday-Thursday for renovations until further notice.

### Camp Darby Theater

<b>Friday</b>	Morning Glory (PG 13)	6 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	True Grit (PG 13)	6 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	Harry Potter & Deathly Hallows (PG 13)	1 p.m.
<b>Feb. 4</b>	Unstoppable (PG 13)	6 p.m.

Admission: Age 12 and older, \$4, younger than 12, \$2. The Ederle theater box office opens one hour prior to show.

View MOVIE TRAILERS and more online at [www.shopmyexchange.com/ems/euro/vicenza.htm](http://www.shopmyexchange.com/ems/euro/vicenza.htm) or [www.aafes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm](http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm).



## Seeking love stories

*The Outlook* wants to hear your funny, interesting, sweet or any other true love story. Stories could be how you met your spouse, a special memory together, what you love about them most or other topics. The sooner you submit, the more likely your story will be included. Include your full name, phone number and a photo you don't mind being published. We may edit stories slightly. Submit by Feb. 4. E-mail stories to [editor@eur.army.mil](mailto:editor@eur.army.mil) and write "Valentines Day" in the subject line.

## Parent & child Valentine's dinner

The Parent Child Valentine's Day Dinner is Feb. 14 at the Lion's Den. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and a Chinese food and ice cream buffet will be served at 7 p.m. Families can enjoy dancing, fun and prizes. Price is \$25 for adults and \$20 for children. Buy tickets by Feb. 10. Reservations and payment can be made on WebTrac, CYSS facilities and the Tax Relief Office. Space is limited. Call 634-5087.

## Couples' Valentine

A couples-only Valentine's Day dinner is Feb. 14 at the Villa Godi Malinverni, a Palladian villa completed in 1542. Bus departs ODR at 7:30 p.m. and returns by 11:30 p.m. The menu is smoked goose, salad and apples with chives, radicchio risotto and salami on a Vezzena cheese basket, fruit sorbet, veal with artichoke and potatoes gratin, chocolate cake and ice cream. Wine and water is included. Cost is \$120 per couple. Register at ODR by Feb. 3. Call 634-7219 to ask about childcare.

## Parents' Night Out

Parents' Night Out is Feb. 14, 7 p.m. to midnight. Visit the CYSS Parent Central Services office at ACS to reserve and pay for childcare. Call 634-7219 for info.

## VCC scholarship

The deadline to apply for the Vicenza Community Club's scholarship is March 1. Applications are available through the VHS guidance counselor, VCC Thrift Shop, Davis Hall and the Post Library. For more info, contact Mari Mackenzie at [scholarships@vccitaly.org](mailto:scholarships@vccitaly.org).

## AER scholarship

The deadline for the AER Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program (term 4) is Feb. 14. The deadline is April 1 for the Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program for dependent children of active-duty, retired and deceased Soldiers pursuing a full-time undergrad degree. Applications for both are available at [www.aerhq.org/education.asp](http://www.aerhq.org/education.asp). Call AER at 634-8524/7500.

## Arena

- Enjoy wine tasting & hor d'oeuvres at the Lion's Den Friday, 6-7 p.m. for \$10 and receive a bottle of wine to take home.
- The Lion's Den will host a totally righteous 80's Night Friday, 8 p.m.-1 a.m. with retro dance

competition and drink specials.

- Celebrate Chinese New Year Feb. 3, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Watch "The Karate Kid", bowl for two hours and get a large cheese pizza and pitcher of soda for \$34.95.

## Arts and Crafts

- Italian Cooking begins Friday, 6-8 p.m., and runs four weeks.
- Teen pottery wheel class begins Wednesday and runs three weeks. Students will learn the basics of wheel throwing, trimming and glazing. Cost is \$60.
- Visit the Arts and Crafts Center Wednesday - Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. to see samples of items from upcoming classes. Call 634-7074 for more information.

## Library

The Book Club will meet Feb. 3 at 7 p.m. to read aloud passages from this month's book, "The Vagina Monologues" by Eve Ensler. Bring a friend and a snack to share and join in the discussion.

## MOMS Club events

- Friday: Art Center, 4 p.m.; Mom's Night Out, 7:30 p.m.

## EFMP Movie Bash

The Exceptional Family Member Program Movie Bash is Feb. 11, 3-5:30 p.m. at the Post Movie Theater. Free movie and popcorn. Sign up by Feb. 8. Call 634-7500.

## Teen magazine

Teens in grades 6-12 can take part in producing Vicenza's "Teen Scene Magazine" as part of CYSS EDGE! They will learn to write stories and create a printed magazine. The next session is Feb. 3 - May 19. The program is free. Call 634-7219.

## Sixth grade lock-in

Jan. 27 is the CYSS's sixth grade lock-in at the Youth Center in Villaggio. Call 634-7659 for info.

## SAC swimming trip

Sign up by Friday for the SAC swimming trip to Verona Village on Feb. 5. The trip is for grades 1-6. You can use your four free hours

of care each month to save up to \$16 per child on the cost of this trip. Call 634-5700 for information.

## Homework help

The Villaggio Homework Lab is available Monday - Friday until 6 p.m. Students who attend typically see their grades improve within three months. Call 634-7659.

## Family life consultants

Military & Family Life Consultants are licensed clinical social workers or psychologists here to help Soldiers and families work through issues, including: deployment or reunion, marriage, relationships, anxiety, depression, stress, grief, loss and other issues. Consultations are free, anonymous and no records are kept. MFLCs can work with individuals, couples or groups. Hours and meeting locations are flexible. If you are interested in meeting with a consultant, call 333-489-8967, call ACS at 634-7500 or ask at ACS. For the 173rd MFLC, call 345-077-0476.

## Cash Cage relocation

The Finance Office's disbursing section or "Cash Cage" will be operating out of BNL during renovation of Bldg. 28. The work is expected to be completed in May. For more info, call 634-8857.

## Become a volunteer

Become a community volunteer, build your experience and resumé and meet a new network of people. Call the Army Volunteer Corps to find out about the volunteer opportunities in our community. Register at [www.myarmyonesource.com](http://www.myarmyonesource.com) to log your hours. Call 634-7500 for more information.

## FMWR jobs

Family and MWR is hiring for the following positions:

- Programs Operations Specialist, vacancy #EUNAFV110044; closing date: Tuesday
- Financial Assistant, vacancy #EUNAFV110110C; closing date: Feb. 10
- Food Service Worker, vacancy

#EUNAFV1101DOC; open continuously

- Recreation Assistant (lifeguard, Sports & Fitness), flexible, 0-40 hours per week; hiring until filled
- Hotel Reservation Agent, part time- #EUNAFV110044; closing date: Feb. 7

- Open continuously: various jobs in child care, hotel operations, food service and bartending. Open continuously jobs are filled as they become available and can be applied for at any time. Call NAF HR at 634-7349 for more info.

## Caregiver jobs

Respite Care is an Exceptional Family Member Program program designed to provide a break from care giving for families with EFMP members to run errands, attend to other responsibilities or just take a break. The respite periods increase families' quality of life and significantly contribute to avoiding burn out. Providers can earn money with this part-time employment and give to the community. Training is Wednesday, 1:30-4:30 p.m. Call the EFMP manager at 634-8582 or 0444-71-8582/7500 for details.

## AFAP

Army Family Action Plan is collecting issues for the 2011 AFAP Conference. Submit your issues at [www.vicenzamwr.com/acs\\_afap.html](http://www.vicenzamwr.com/acs_afap.html). Submit issues by Monday. Volunteers are needed to assist during the conference Feb. 8-10. To volunteer or for info, contact Jean Sweeton at [aekyong.sweeton@eur.army.mil](mailto:aekyong.sweeton@eur.army.mil) or call 634-8526/7500.

## Retirement ceremony

The Quarterly Retirement Ceremony is Jan. 27 at 3 p.m. in Soldiers' Theatre.

## Bentornati

Bentornati is Feb. 4 and 25 from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at ACS for redeployed single Soldiers and couples. Get reacquainted with post resources, enjoy an Italian cooking demo and lunch, learn about things to do in the area and build mental toughness with resiliency training.



Photo by Laura Kreider

**Skateboard class:** Michelle Sterkowicz, Arts and Crafts Center manager, helps two teens assemble skateboards at a Skateboard-building class. Youth enrolled in the EDGE! program can sign up now for an upcoming class, in which they will assemble and paint their own custom boards. All supplies will be provided by the Arts and Crafts Center. For third-fifth graders, the program is Feb. 9 - March 9 on Wednesdays, 3:30-5 p.m. For sixth - 12th graders, the program is April 19 - May 17 on Tuesdays, 4-5:30 p.m. Following the classes, a learn-to-skate program will be scheduled at the Villaggio Skate Park. Space is limited. For more information, call Tom Hlavacek, CYSS EDGE! manager, at 634-7502 or 335-818-6927.

## Religious activities

### Chaplain Crisis Line

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

### Sunday services

**8 a.m.:** Sacrament of Reconciliation, or by appointment

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

**9 a.m.:** Protestant Sunday school and AWANAs (September-May at "Spiritual Fitness Center", Bldg. 395 behind the Arena)

**10:45 a.m.:** Catholic religious education (September-May at "Spiritual Fitness Center". Bldg. 395 behind the Arena)

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

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

**5 p.m.:** Contemporary Christian service

### Mondays

**Noon:** LDS scripture study

### Tuesdays

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

### Wednesdays

**3 p.m.:** Praise dance practice

**3:15 p.m.:** Middle School Club Beyond meets in Villaggio Youth Center September-May

**5 p.m.:** Contemporary Praise band practice

**5:30 p.m.:** PWOC Bible study. Dinner provided. No child care.

**5:30 p.m.:** High School Club Beyond meets at the Teen Center for dinner; meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. September-May. Call 340-139-4073 for information.

**5:30 p.m.:** Catholic choir practice

**6:45 p.m.:** Gospel choir practice

### Thursdays

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

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

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

### Faith group contacts

**Islamic:** Call 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for info.

**Jewish:** Call Paul Levine at 345-907-2108.

**Latter Day Saints:** Call Chance Wilson at 327-869-8107. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. downtown. Scripture study held Mondays, noon-1 p.m. at the chapel.

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

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



## Girls win against Sigonella:

Tatiana Miranda, a player on Vicenza High School girls' basketball team, dribbles across the court while a Sigonella player tries to block her during a game Jan. 15 in the Fitness Center. Vicenza won the game 36-14. The team will play Marymount International at home Friday and Saturday, and Aviano at home Feb. 11-12.



Photo by Laura Kreider

## Mako Sharks make waves at Southern Divisional Champs

Story and photos by Sasha Sibilla  
Outlook intern

More than 200 swimmers from around the Mediterranean region competed in the Southern Divisional Championships in Lignano, Italy, Saturday.

Co-hosted by the Vicenza Mako Sharks and the Aviano Sea Dragons, the meet attracted swimmers from Italian bases Aviano, Naples, Sigonella, and Rota, Spain. Vicenza placed third behind Naples and Sigonella but the final outcome was determined by the results of the team relays.

Naples, the largest swim team in the league, edged out both Sigonella and Vicenza with key relay victories.

Vicenza swimmers were formidable in all events and earned several medals, with five more swimmers qualifying for the European Championships, said Mako Sharks Head Coach Michelle Hughes.

The swimmers who qualified Saturday are: Evie Bass, 10, in the 50 freestyle and 50 backstroke; Andrew Bonney, 11, in the 100 freestyle and the 200 freestyle; Blake Guerrero, 11, in the 100 freestyle; Anuk Dayaprema, 11, in the 50 freestyle; and Hayden Diaz, 9, in the 200 freestyle.

"The team has come so far this year and we are really proud of all of the swimmers," Hughes said. "They have worked so hard at practice and at each meet and we can really see how it is paying off."

This brings the total number of Mako Sharks eligible to swim at the Europeans to 21, meaning Vicenza leads the league with the highest percentage of swimmers qualified.

The team's success at the Southern Divisional Championships follows top showings at recent meets in Lakenheath, England, and Rota. Thirteen Mako Shark families traveled to Rota Jan. 14-15 to watch their swimmers finish second behind the home team.

Three swimmers qualified there, and several Sharks took top honors, competing against swimmers from Italy, Spain and Lisbon, Portugal. It was the first time for many to compete against teams from outside of Italy.

"The fact that so many Vicenza families came out to Rota shows the high level of interest and support for our swimmers," said John Casey, team president. "We hope to keep the momentum going and bring home some medals from the European Championships in Holland."

Teams from all over Europe will meet for the season's premier swim event in Eindhoven, Netherlands, Feb. 12-13.



A Mako Sharks swimmer, left, dives into the pool along with swimmers from other teams at the Southern Divisional Championships in Lignano, Italy, Saturday.

## Cougars pin wins:

Will Pagan works for the pin against a Sigonella opponent during the Vicenza High School Wrestling team's matches in Naples Jan. 15. The wrestlers took third out of five teams, with 98 points. Vicenza had 13 wrestlers at the event, with 10 placing in the top four in their weight class. Wrestlers Aaron Hogg (weight 152), Jeremy Huller (160), and Austin Pond (215) took first place in their weight classes. Peter Perry (112), Connor Smith (125), and Kimble Leanhart (135) placed second. Kyle Leanhart (130) and Jacob Lieb (heavy weight) took third. Taking fourth in their weight classes were CJ Calabrese (140) and Will Pagan (189).

Stats were provided by Travis Brinkman, coach. The team headed to the American Overseas School of Rome Friday and Saturday.

Photo by Viki Frey



### COMMUNITY UNIT/REC OPEN PLAYBASKETBALL

Team	Win	Loss
DO WORK	5	2
USARAF	5	2
464TH MP PLT	3	1

14TH TRANS	3	3
PUSH DA ROCK	2	3
ALL IN	2	2
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The community is invited to come watch the games! Most games are Mondays & Wednesdays at 6 and 7 p.m. but schedules vary. Call the Fitness Center for specifics. Championship scheduled for Feb. 17-19

# Sports Shorts

## Volunteer baseball & softball coaches needed

USAG Vicenza CYSS is seeking volunteer coaches for six bambino teams (ages 3-5), four peewee teams (6-7), four minors teams (8-9), four bantams teams (10-12), two juniors teams (13-15), two bantam girls' softball teams (10-12) and one girls' softball team (13-15). The programs cannot be offered without coaches.

Potential coaches must pass a background check and complete trainings (provided and funded by CYSS, including NYSCA Coaches Training and Certification). Contact CYSS Sports & Fitness to volunteer and inquire about the dates for training. Contact Krista Cahill or Nicole Fulbright at 634-6151 or e-mail [nicole.fulbright@eur.army.mil](mailto:nicole.fulbright@eur.army.mil) or [krista.cahill@eur.army.mil](mailto:krista.cahill@eur.army.mil).

## Umpire certification

CYSS Sports & Fitness will offer a free little league umpire and scorekeeper certification class Monday, 6-9 p.m. in the Villaggio CDC Conference Room. The instructor Jack Conway, L.L.B., will teach participants how to become a certified and paid baseball umpire for CYSS. Coaches are welcome to attend. Call 634-6151 to register.

## Zumba class

Join the Zumba fitness classes on Monday, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Tuesday, noon-12:45 p.m. or Thursday, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Zumba is a style of dance-aerobic workout to Latin music.

## Seeking group instructors

The Fitness Center is seeking certified group fitness instructors. Not certified? Stop by the Fitness Center and get information on how you can become certified and get paid while you lead a work out. Call 634-7887.

## Recreational volleyball

A recreational volleyball league starts around Feb. 24. A coaches' meeting is set Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. in the Fitness Center's upstairs conference room. Coaches should bring a roster. Sign up by Feb. 17.

## Sign up by Wednesday

The recreational dodge ball league play starts Feb. 8 at the Fitness Center. Sign up by Wednesday. There will be a coaches' meeting Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Fitness Center's upstairs conference room. Coaches should bring a roster with contact information for two POCs. Call 634-7009 for more info.

## Snow sports workout

Skiers and snowboarders can join a coached workout at the fitness center every Tuesday at noon. Call 634-6240 for information.

## Unit & rec play

Basketball: 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 10 or more, fitness center.

Volleyball: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday for 8 or more players, fitness center.

Men's Soccer: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday for 11 or more players.

Women's Soccer: 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday for 8 or more players. Call 634-7009.