



RETIREE APPRECIATION SET JUNE 12

The garrison's annual Retiree Appreciation Day will take place from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the central processing facility (Golden Lion). Shuttle service offered for retirees and family members. Call Jack Belme at 634-6467 or 0444-71-6467 for more information.



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WHEN I GROW UP

Three-year-old Dillan, son of Maj. Shane Barna, 14th Transportation Battalion, finds out what it's like to sit in a police car and even tried out some of its gadgets May 29 during the installation's Army Kids Strong Day at Hoekstra Field. Barna was assisted by Pvt. Richard Born, 464th Military Police Company, as he talks on the loudspeaker. This is one of many community photos that can be downloaded and shared with family and friends at Flickr. Visit www.usag.vicenza.army.mil and click on the Flickr icon at the bottom of the page.

Photo by Laura Kreider

USARAF welcomes new CSM

By RICK SCAVETTA
U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs

Command Sgt. Maj. Gary Bronson has been selected to become the senior enlisted leader at U.S. Army Africa.

Bronson, a career artillery noncommissioned officer, most recently served with the Multi-National Security Transition Command-Iraq.

"Command Sgt. Maj. Bronson brings a wealth of experience and leadership capabilities to U.S. Army Africa. We're looking forward to having him on board," said Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III, commander of U.S. Army Africa.

"His arrival comes during a time of growth for the command, as we build partnerships with African nations and plan for upcoming engagements on the continent."



Gary Bronson
USARAF's incoming command sergeant major will arrive in July.

For the past three years, Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice served as the command's senior NCO. Honored during a June 3 retreat ceremony, Rice now takes the top enlisted position at Fort

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Top 2 AFAP issues hail from Vicenza

Special to the Outlook

The top two issues at the June 1-5 IMCOM-Europe Army Family Action Plan regional conference were generated in Vicenza: restricted reporting of sexual assault by ID cardholders and a change to the current APFT standards for Soldiers in Warrior Transition Units so that they are not forced to leave the military because of injuries sustained. The delegation also

recommended the creation of a permanent position for a child behavioral specialist for Child, Youth, School Services This issue was listed at No. 14 and also generated from USAG Vicenza's February 2009 conference. Delegates at the conference, held in Weinheim, Germany, discussed 83 issues and developed a total of 14.

Visit the U.S. Army Vicenza military community homepage for the full story.

LOCAL TOPICS

- #1. Sexual Assault Restricted Reporting
- #2. APFT Standards for WTU Soldiers
- #14. CYSS Behavioral Specialist Position

New Soldier-dads to receive administrative leave, says Army

Army News Service

The Army wants Soldier-dads to know there is a new paternity leave policy available to them and spread the word to military bloggers at the Pentagon June 2.

The policy, which was signed into law by President George W. Bush Oct. 14, 2008, allows new dads up to 10 consecutive days of administrative leave after the birth of a child.



Photo by Sgt. Matthew C. Moeller

Pfc. Tierrine Wesley holds his 7-month-old son for only the second time following his unit's redeployment.

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6 H1N1 flu cases confirmed at Landstuhl; no local cases identified

ERMC news release

Four "probable" cases of novel H1N1 influenza have now been confirmed positive among a small group of patients at the Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, bringing to six the number of confirmed cases there since June 4.

All of the patients were at Landstuhl for medical treatment unrelated to H1N1 and sharing a common area.

No other cases of the virus have been reported

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CG reflects on Army's 234th birthday

Each year we take pause on June 14 to celebrate the birthday of the U.S. Army.

It was on that date in 1775 Congress approved the formation of 10 companies of riflemen - the core of the American Continental Army.

Within a few years of the Army's inception, the duties of the NCO were defined, when Friedrich von Steuben's "Blue Book" standardized NCO ranks, roles and responsibilities for the U.S. Army.

From von Steuben's time to today,

the NCO has been known as the backbone of the Army.



professional corps of noncommissioned officers.

Throughout the American

This year marks the Army's celebration of the noncommissioned officer. Our

Army would not be where it is today without the commitment of our

Revolution, NCOs helped sustain the Army - which led to independence in 1783.

Their sergeant's red epaulets inspired Continental soldiers then just as NCOs today direct and motivate our Soldiers in the face of difficult challenges.

They lead us through adversity and provide strength through hardships. Often, NCOs are the ones who know us best - both officers and enlisted, offering us steadfast support and sound counsel. From our earliest battles

fighting for freedom, to today's challenges around the world, NCOs have been the backbone of the U.S. Army throughout our nation's history.

The U.S. Army is 234 years old. As a birthday wish for the future I offer a very simple one: Peace and prosperity to our Soldiers, their families and the great nation they defend.

Army Strong!

Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III
Commanding,
U.S. Army Africa

Garrison safety office 'peddling' summer bike smarts

USAG Vicenza Safety Office

Warmer weather means that more of us will be hitting the roads on our bicycles for some exercise and pretty good scenery.

While riding a bicycle on the street is generally safer in Europe than it is in the States, there are still some things we need to do to keep ahead of the pack.

Here are some tips we can use to stay safe while we bike:

- Make yourself highly visible with a reflective vest or belt and bright-colored, tight-fitting clothing.

- Do a PMCS before you go, ensuring the smooth operation of your bicycle. Remember that you need to have a working head and tail

light, appropriate reflectors and a bell.

- Take in plenty of fluids before you start, and take some with you for rides longer than 40 minutes.

- Always wear a helmet, and make sure it fits and is tight enough to not fall off.

- Carry emergency contact information with you where an emergency responder or

someone else can find it.

- Carry a cell phone so you can call if you need help.

- Plan your route and let someone know about it. A simple contingency plan of "I will be back at this time, if I'm not then start looking here," could save some headaches.

- Ride with the flow of traffic as close to the edge as you can comfortably get. Use

the bicycle paths where you can.

- Ride within your ability. Work your way up to longer distances at a steady pace.

- Getting out in the fresh air on your bike can be a great way to get some exercise, but there is always safety to consider.

- Keep safety in mind when getting out on your bicycle.

Patients responding well to treatment

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either at Landstuhl or at the home bases of patients, according to Army preventive medicine and infectious disease specialists who continue to monitor the situation.

The Europe Regional Medical Command and U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine have coordinated with preventive medicine specialists and health clinics at the patients' home bases to interview anyone who may have come into

contact with them prior to their hospitalization at Landstuhl.

"At this time, there have been no identified cases in the U.S. Vicenza military community and all personnel are encouraged to continue with preventive measures such as washing hands and staying at home when sick," said Col. Lorraine Breen, commander of the Caserma Ederle health center.

"Nobody other than the six patients has presented H1N1 influenza symptoms to date," said Col. Evelyn Barraza,

ERMC preventive medicine consultant.

The two initial confirmations were made after patients presented symptoms consistent with H1N1 influenza virus beginning around May 27.

Four other patients later presented symptoms and were tested.

All of the patients have received treatment and are responding well.

Visit <http://www.eucom.mil/> for global H1N1 surveillance information.

Bronson: looking forward to being part of team, community

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Benning, Ga., as the U.S. Army Infantry Center and Fort Benning command sergeant major. Bronson, a native of Columbus, Ga., has served nearly three decades in uniform.

In his most recent role as Directorate of Interior Affairs, MNSTC-I, Bronson worked with the Iraqi government to build their police force. He served in Iraq previously in 2004 with the 1st Cavalry Division. He arrives at Caserma Ederle in July.

Previously, Bronson served at Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Sill, Okla.; Korea and Germany. This assignment marks the first time Bronson has been assigned to Italy. He is married and has two daughters.

"I look forward to developing our NCOs and Soldiers and sharing my experience with leaders, Soldiers and African forces we partner with," Bronson said. "My family and I look forward to being a part of the team and community."

Speak Out

Do you attend your high school reunion?



Carolyn Parse Rizzo
SKIESUnlimited Instructor

"I have gone to both of my reunions; it was fun to see people..."



George Schmidt
IMMA

"No, because I live in Italy. I asked the members of all the classes to come here, but they can't."



Lacy Wolff
Army Wellness Center

"Unfortunately, no. Living overseas makes it a little bit difficult. I hope to make it someday."



Mark Weeks
AFN South

"I've been in Europe for 30 years. It would be nice to attend. I envy those who can."



Bekki Brown-Winkels
DoDDS

"I recently coordinated an unofficial reunion via Facebook. It was the only way we could get together."

The Noncommissioned Officer

PROFILES OF SUCCESS



Staff Sgt. Timothy Karnickey

Unit: Delta Co., 1st Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt. (Airborne)

Current Position: Section leader

Age: 28

Hometown: Columbia, S.C.

Years in service: 6

Biggest mentor(s) and why: Sgt. 1st Class Cheatem. He was my first squad leader, and he helped mold me into the leader I am today.

Your definition of an NCO:

An NCO is the expert, the professional, the teacher and the mentor of all Soldiers.

What would surprise people about you: That I went to a military college and turned down my commission.

List of major assignments/deployments: OIF and OEF

Advice for junior Soldiers? The Army is what you make it. Strive to be the best.

Your defining moment as an NCO: Mentoring Soldiers into complete leaders and watching them grow. They are our military's future.

Reason for your success:

I stay focused on the task at hand and always try to improve myself and everyone around me.

Life's ambition: To strive for success in whatever I do.

Motto: Arrive expecting to be pushed to the limit. Leave with no regrets.

Visit the Army's Web site dedicated to the Year of the NCO at www.army.mil/Year_of_the_NCO.



Photos by Laura Kreider

Off limits

The updated off-post running policy for the U.S. military community in Vicenza includes the following:

- Stay on main outer secondary roadways and do not use the historic city center
- Do not run or march on the stairs leading up to Monte Berico and do not exercise on the church grounds
- The park and grounds around the military museum at Villa Guiccoli, including the external access trail known as "Jurassic Park," (pictured at left and above) are off limits to all U.S. military activity.

Visit www.usag.vicenza.army.mil/sites/local/PoL_Let/08-43.pdf for the complete policy.

CSM earns master's, urges troops to take one class at a time

by RICK SCAVETTA
U.S. Army Africa

During a May 29 graduation ceremony at Caserma Ederle, Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice, U.S. Army Africa's outgoing senior noncommissioned officer, was recognized for earning a master's degree.

His accomplishment comes during the U.S. Army Year of the NCO, where education is recognized as a key component to NCO professional development.

Rice, a career NCO who has served nearly three decades in uniform, remembers his first squad leader in the 82nd Airborne Division walking him into the education center at Fort Bragg, N.C., to sign up for correspondence courses.

"Back then, completed courses were tied into promotions," Rice said. "But I would also use the course material as training aids when instructing squads and platoons."

Early in his career, he took a college class here and there. But during his time as a drill sergeant, which offered a more predictable schedule, Rice took evening colleges courses two nights a week. He earned his Associate of Science in General Education from Troy State University.

While attending the U.S. Army

Sergeants Major Academy, he pursued his bachelor's degree. In April 2000, he earned a Bachelor of Science (Cum Laude) from Regents College.

Rice began taking online courses, working toward a graduate degree. At first, he was unsure of the computer-based environment, but quickly became a fan as the courses fit his busy schedule.

"Taking courses online, you get more study material and you work at your own pace," Rice said. "It's productive and flexible."

Rice would crack the books on long trips, early in the morning and on weekends. He now holds a Master of Business Administration in Human Resource Management (summa cum laude) from TUI University. He encourages Soldiers to take just one class at first, find a "battle rhythm," and take more classes once studying becomes part of a routine.

"You have to make a commitment and have the discipline to stick with it," Rice said. "It can be done."



Photo by Barbara Romano

U.S. Army Africa's outgoing Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice (seated far right, back row) would crack the study books on long trips, early in the morning and on weekends. He earned a Master of Business Administration in Human Resource Management (summa cum laude) from TUI University during a college graduation ceremony at Caserma Ederle.

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At your service USAG Vicenza BOSS



Sgt. Alexander Jordahl is the new Better for Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS) president for Caserma Ederle.

"I help boost the morale of single Soldiers by giving them the opportunity to go out and explore Italy and surrounding countries free of charge or at little-to-no cost. I also help by being the "get 'er done" guy when it comes to their well-being. Whether it's something as small as an AC unit is not working or changing rooms because the barracks are crowded—I am here to help, support, and place the tools in their hands so they can have a better tour in Vicenza."

Jordahl can be reached by cell phone at 335-751-8416, e-mail or check on the Vicenza BOSS Facebook page.

Community Camera

A snapshot of events making news in the U.S. Army Vicenza military community...



(Left) USAG Vicenza Middle High School seniors, Class of 2009, graduated at Vicenza's famed late 16th century Palladian *Teatro Olimpico*, June 5. This year's valedictorian is Natalie Wood; the salutatorian is Anna Vallery.

Photo by George Hanby III

(Below) Students perform a song for parents before receiving their diplomas during the Strong Beginnings pre-kindergarten graduation June 5. The event was held at Caserma Ederle's Child Development Center. The center was chosen by the Army to host Strong Beginnings' pilot program. It is a structured academic program that helps prepare Army children before they start kindergarten.

Photo by Laura Kreider



Courtesy photo

Ugo Marchezzolo (right), supervisory production controller for USAG Vicenza's Directorate of Logistics, Installation Materiel Maintenance Activity, holds the Department of the Army-level award for Maintenance Excellence given to him by Lt. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, U.S. Army deputy chief of staff for Logistics at a ceremony in Washington, DC, this month. Marchezzolo received the award on behalf of the IMMA staff.



Courtesy photo

Vicenza Middle High School drama class members pose with the high school drama teacher Desiree Henry (second from left) after rehearsing *Nikolai's Three Questions* earlier this month. The students created a script, set and costumes from the Leo Tolstoy book, *The Three Questions*. The students performed the play for two of the garrison's Sure Start classes and a kindergarten class June 9. Pictured VMHS students are Candy Hernandez, Nathan Wood, Saige Martinez, Natasha Hettick, Iman Sabbahi, Arc Gaspar and Brenda Sanchez.



Carol Z. Perez made her first visit as the consul general (U.S. Consulate Milan) to the U.S. Army Vicenza military community June 10. Perez received command briefings and a tour of the Dal Molin construction site.

Courtesy photo



USAREUR Commander Gen. Carter F. Ham (center) visited Caserma Ederle May 26 to receive updates on the Vicenza Enhanced Health Center construction and post transformation. Construction is expected to be completed in May 2010 with a tentative opening scheduled in late September 2010. The center will consolidate health care facilities, including the dental clinic and new birthing center. Also pictured (from left): Frank Varano, Health Facility Planning Agency construction officer; Lucio Ruggiero, NAVFAC quality assurance engineer; health center commander Col. Lorraine Breen and Gordon Atkinson, contractor project manager.

Courtesy photo

Darby's new commissary opens

Story and photo by
JOYCE COSTELLO
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Camp Darby's new commissary opened June 5.

"This commissary will be a remarkable improvement in the support that this garrison offers to the lifestyle of our service members and their families," said Lt. Col. Steven Cade, USAG Livorno commander. "To our Italian partners on post and off, this store represents the U.S. commitment to our international partnership; a portion of the products sold here comes from local vendors and our Italian workforce is now provided with a modern and safe working environment."

Cade said the 5.3 million euro project was built using local materials and labor.

"This commissary is, indeed, your commissary paid for with

surcharge money from the 5 percent you pay every time you go through the checkouts," said Thomas Milks, Defense Commissary Agency Europe director, addressing attendees at the opening ceremony.

The sales floor is nearly double that of the old store, and the facility boasts two self-checkouts.

Camp Darby customers were amazed at the addition of more than 500 new items and double the number of aisles.

"I used to be able to answer on demand where a particular product was located," said Elizabeth Speck, Army Community Service Financial advisor. "Now I will have to memorize all the new items... My boys will definitely be happy about some of the new items now offered here."

"I was pleasantly surprised at the display and variety of the fresh



Lassana Traore is the first customer at the new Camp Darby Commissary during opening day June 5. He bought Keebler cookies that were previously not offered at the commissary.

produce," said Diane Anderson, Family, Morale, Recreation and Welfare Business and Recreation chief. "The variety of new products means our FMWR concessionaires will be able to diversify their menu selections."

Anderson said Camp Darby concessionaires have to go through approved sources like DeCA in order to help feed the troops. The commissary will maintain its regular operating hours and is closed on Sunday and Monday.

Local units ready to assist U.S. Army Africa

Story and photos by
JOYCE COSTELLO
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Senior Army logistics leaders toured Camp Darby June 8 to see first hand how units there contribute to the Army's mission,

to include supporting U.S. Army Africa.

Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, commanding general, U.S. Army Materiel Command, said the units under her command can "bring the power of enterprise"

to assist U.S. Army Africa, U.S. Africa Command's land component. Dunwoody met with Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III, commander of U.S. Army Africa.

"We can assist U.S. Army Africa better now that we understand its requirements," Dunwoody said.

Army Materiel Command has overseen repairs and prepared equipment for the U.S. Army's Southern European Task Force in the past and looks forward to providing support to U.S. Army Africa in the future, Dunwoody said.

Dean Popps, Army Acquisition executive, acting assistant secretary of Army (Acquisitions, Logistics and Technology) joined Dunwoody during the Camp Darby visit.

U.S. Army Africa reflects another dimension in the U.S. Army's versatility and expanding global role, Popps said.

"Its missions, which include humanitarian assistance, military mentoring and medical assistance in Africa are most impressive," Popps said. "The command's relationship with units here at Camp Darby is vital to achieving success."



Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III, commander of U.S. Army Africa, greets Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody, commanding general, U.S. Army Materiel Command, during a June 8 visit to Camp Darby, Italy.

We can assist U.S. Army Africa better now that we understand their requirements.

Gen. Ann E. Dunwoody
U.S. Army Materiel Command

Troops deployed when child born are given paternity leave

Those 10 days are "very important to young Soldiers and families," said Col. Larry Locke, and cautioned the round table participants not to 'under-sell' the policy benefits.

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Leading the roundtable was Col. Larry Locke, chief of compensation and entitlements for the Army G-1. He said the policy is one way of showing appreciation for Soldier-dads, because leave time can take months to accrue. Those 10 days are "very important to young Soldiers and families," Locke said, and cautioned the roundtable participants not to "under-sell" the policy benefits.

Joining the roundtable were two Soldiers, both fathers who

were able to take advantage of the new leave policy. Sgt. 1st Class Logan McKenzie said that the policy helped to facilitate the birth of his son.

McKenzie, stationed away from his wife, participated in an in-vitro fertilization program at Walter Reed. The 10 days of non-chargeable leave allowed McKenzie more time to travel back and forth for the procedures and to support his wife. Maj. Rodney Von Price had his third child in March and was concerned about who would

take care of the older two children while his wife was in the hospital.

"Thankfully, the Army created a system where I would have time to do that," he said.

The policy states that paternity leave must be taken within 45 days of the child's birth if the Soldier is in the United States. If the Soldier is deployed, he must take the leave within 60 days of returning from deployment. Leave not taken within the established timeframes will be lost.

Darby Dates

Multicultural spouses meeting June 24

Obtain valuable information on medical services, employment, immigration and naturalization services, driver's license, ESL and more at this June 24 meeting. Call 633-7084.

Intro to the military

Army Family Team Building Level 1 is an introduction to the military for newcomers. June 22-23.

Training is also available online at: www.myarmylifetoo.com. Call 633-7084.

Acqua village trip

Acqua Village in Cecina Mare features three water slides, wave pool, children's pool, soaped soccer, play room and more. The ITR trip takes place June 21. Call 633-7589.

Reserve today for June 22 Venice trip

Built on 117 small islands, Venice has more than 150 canals and more than 400 bridges. The ITR trip takes place June 22. Call 633-7589.

Texas hold'em

Come to Texas Hold'em June 26. Fun begins at 6:30 p.m.

Call the DCC at 633-7855 for details.

Darby Religious activities

For details, call the chapel at: 633-7267 (050-54-7267)

9:40 a.m.: Catholic Reconciliation

10 a.m.: Catholic Mass

11:15 a.m.: Protestant worship

Protestant **Sunday school** starts at 10 a.m.; Catholic CCD at 11:15 a.m.

Vacation Bible School is coming in June.

The chapel is collecting cardboard, robes, children's plastic swimming pools and cardboard rolls from paper towels and toilet paper.

Contact the Catholic education coordinator to find out when the next confirmation will take place or for more information.

Choir practice is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday before Mass.

The congregation needs a cantor.

Talk to Chaplain Porter or Father Roberto to serve.

Madonna, U-2 on a stage near you



Photo courtesy of Historic Club Schio

V is for Vintage: Vintage car enthusiasts can visit a historical vehicle rally at Thiene, Piazza Rossi e Piazza Chilesotti, about 18 miles north of Vicenza June 14 beginning at 9 a.m.

Festivals & events

Historic day: June 14, 9 a.m., in Thiene, Piazza Rossi e Piazza Chilesotti, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. Vintage and historical vehicles rally.

Gran Polu – Polenta & Luganega Festival: June 11-14 in Castelnuovo, Isola Vicentina, Via S. Antonio, about 10 miles northwest of Vicenza. 7:30 p.m. food booths featuring bruschette, horse meat, luganega sausage, and gnocchi. Carnival rides and car show.

■ June 11, 9 p.m. Urban Latin dance show.

■ June 12, 9 p.m. “Souvenir” live music and ballroom dancing.

■ June 13, 9 p.m. live music and dancing.

■ June 14, food booths open at noon; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing.

Cherry Festival: June 13-14 in Chiampo, about 19 miles west of Vicenza. Food booths and local cherry sale and cherry contest. Local craft exhibition in the town hall, Piazza Zanella 42. Local stores will be open until midnight.

■ June 13, 9 a.m.-noon Marble products exhibition and sale; 6:30 p.m. Italy vs. Spain - Women’s wheelchair basketball match, at the Mondelange sport center, Via Marmi; 9 p.m. live

music.

■ June 14, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Exhibition and sale of marble products and agricultural local produce. 10 a.m. best cherry awards. 9 p.m. live music.

Lerino Festival: June 12-16 in Lerino, Via Rimembranza 29, about 7 miles southeast of Vicenza. Local folk art, flavors and traditions. Food booths open at 7 p.m. and feature fish lasagna and barbecued quails.

■ June 12, 8 p.m. popular games; 9 p.m. ballroom dancing with the *Mirage* Orchestra.

■ June 13, 8 p.m. entertainment Latin-American dance show with the *Team-Diablo-PK* school; 9 p.m. ballroom dancing with *Duca D’Este* Orchestra.

■ June 14, 6 p.m. Mass and procession accompanied by the *Zugliano* Band. 3:30-10:30 p.m. Silkworm exhibition hosted by a local Medieval association. 9 p.m. ballroom with *Sergio Cremonese* Orchestra.

■ June 15, 8 p.m. popular games and dance show with the *Marien Club* from Padova. 9 p.m. ballroom dancing with the *Polisano* Orchestra.

■ June 16, 8 p.m. popular games, jazzercise with the Junior and team dance. 9 p.m. ballroom dancing with the *Omar Lambertini* Orchestra.

Cappeller Animal Park and Zoo in Cartigliano, Via Kimle,

about 28 miles north of Vicenza. April–October, 9 a.m.–7 p.m.; on Sunday 9 a.m.–8:30 p.m.

Botanical gardens, picnic areas, fast-food outlet, and a children playground. General admission: 9 euro; 6 euro for people over 60 and under 12.

Safari Park and Zoo in Bussolengo, Località Figara 40, about 42 miles west of Vicenza. March–November, 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

General admission: 17.50 euro; 14 euro rate for children 3-12. By calling 045-7170113 you can rent a nine-passenger vehicle for the safari.

Varone Waterfall Cave Park and Botanic Garden in Tenno, Via Cascata 12, about 90 miles northeast of Vicenza.

May–August, 9 a.m.–7 p.m. A natural gorge eroded over 20,000 years by Lake Tenno’s waters, which rumble their way down from a height of almost 100 meters.

Admission: 5 euro. Free parking and picnic area. For info in English, visit <http://www.cascata-varone.com/index.htm>

FREE concerts exhibits, classes

2009 Spirock– Post punk, experimental and psychedelic music: June 12-14, 8 p.m., in Vicenza, San Pio X, Via Giurato.

Classic music concert: June 14, 9 p.m., in Altavilla Vicentina, Villa Valmarana Morosini, Via Marconi.

Explore the sky: June 16 p.m., at the Astronomical Observatory of Arcugnano, Via S. Giustina, 127, about five miles south of Vicenza.

View the sky and the planets in great detail with the observatory’s telescope.

Pay concerts & events

■ **Lenny Kravitz:** July 11 in Lucca. June 8 in Verona.

■ **Mamma mia:** in English, in Forli, June 15-20.

■ **Depeche Mode:** June 16 in Rome; June 18 in Milan.

■ **The Killers:** in Rome, July 14.

■ **U-2:** in Milan, July 7.

■ **Anastacia:** July 8 in Lucca; July 12 in Rome.

■ **Madonna:** July 14 in Milan; July 16 in Udine.

■ **James Taylor:** July 15 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova).

■ **Elton John with special guest Anastacia:** in Verona, July 7.

■ **Motorhead:** July 17 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova).

■ **Bruce Springsteen:** July 19 in Rome; July 21 in Torino and July 23 in Udine.

■ **Jack Bruce and Robin Trower:** in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova), July 26.

■ **John Fogerty:** in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova), July 28.

■ **ColdPlay:** in Udine, Friuli Stadium, August 31.

Tickets can be purchased at Media World in the Palladio Shopping Center in Vicenza or by visiting http://www.green ticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing or <http://www.ticketone.it/EN/>.

Outdoor Recreation

Date change for mackerel fishing

This weekend’s Mackerel Fishing Trip will now depart June 14 at 4 a.m. from ODR. \$85 includes equipment, tackle, and transportation.

Spend a Sunday morning on the water off Chioggia with Outdoor Recreation, 634-7453.

Discover Switzerland by train with ODR

Join ODR for an adventure in three Swiss-Alpine cities you won’t soon forget St. Moritz, Bernina, and Davos.

This overnight trip includes lodging, breakfast, train ticket, and transportation.

Departs June 13. Call 634-7453.

SCUBA open water certification class

Begins June 15. Classes run daily in the evenings to accommodate work schedule, with certifying dives in Lake Garda on the weekend.

Ends June 21. Cost: \$280. Call 634-7453 for more info.

Gardaland amusement

Visit Italy’s popular amusement park, Gardaland June 18. Cost for transportation is \$25.

Sporting Events

Superbike World Championship: June 21 in Misano.

Road to World Boxing Championships 2009: July 10 in Milan, Italy vs. USA.

Now Showing



Ederle Theater

June 11	Monsters vs. Aliens (PG)	6 p.m.
June 12	12 Rounds (PG-13)	6 p.m.
June 12	Observe & Report (R)	9 p.m.
June 13	Knowing (PG-13)	3 p.m.
June 13	Hangover (R)	6 p.m.
June 14	12 Rounds (PG-13)	3 p.m.
June 14	Hangover (R)	6 p.m.
June 17	Knowing (PG-13)	6 p.m.
June 18	Observe & Report (R)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

June 12	Night at the Museum 2 (PG)	6 p.m.
June 13	Terminator Salvation (N/A)	6 p.m.
June 14	Night at the Museum 2 (PG)	1 p.m.
June 18	Terminator Salvation (N/A)	6 p.m.

Admission: Age 12 and over \$4, under age 12, \$2. The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show.

Looking for the movie synopsis? Check out the AAFES Web site: www.aafes.com, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Movie Schedule.

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

Comedy with a twist

Comedian Bernie McGrenahan will perform four live stand-up comedy shows with a powerful and inspirational message June 22-23.

The first show begins at 10 a.m., the second show begins at 2 p.m. on both days. All shows are free and take place at the Caserma Ederle theater.

Father's Day contest

The USO is hosting a Father's Day photo contest. Bring your favorite photo of dad and the kids or e-mail it to llorenzana@uso.org. Photos will be accepted June 1-17. Call 634-7156.

AAFES giveaway

AAFES locations, in conjunction with Hershey's Chocolate, are giving away more than \$40,000 worth of children's playhouses through June 25.

A "Step 2" Playhouse is set to be given away at the Vicenza PX as part of the giveaway.

Authorized exchange shoppers can register at the Vicenza PX for a chance to win the "Step 2" Playhouse.

Vacation Bible school

The theme is Crocodile Dock: Where Fearless Kids Shine God's Light. All kids are welcome.

(Pre-K - 5th grade). June 22-26 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. each day. Limited spaces still available. Come by the chapel or call 634-7519 or 0444-71-7519.

June MOMS club events

June 12: Family Night out at local vineyard, 6 p.m.

June 16: Beach Day, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

June 18: craft club stamping and scrapbooking, 10 a.m.-noon

June 19: Walk the track, 10-11 a.m.

June 19: Pool play date, 4 p.m.

June 19: MOMS night out, 7 p.m.

Why weight?

Join the 10 Nutrition Strategies for Amazing Health June 18 from noon-12:45 p.m., in the Army Wellness Center.

The class offers strategies to help you reach your personal goals for weight loss or weight management.

Participants can bring their lunch to class. Space is limited to 12.

Sign up at the Wellness Center or call 634-8186, off post at 0444-71-8186.

SAS free child care

Children in grades 1-6 are eligible to receive five free hours of hourly care each month through the School Age Services program. Call SAS at 634-8253 for details.

Warrant officers sought for chapter

The South Of The Alps Warrant Officer Chapter is looking for outstanding warrant officers.

Visit our warrant officer breakfast on Thursdays from 8-9 a.m. at the South of the Alps dining facility.

Call DSN 634-7750 for more info. The next SOTA monthly meeting will be July 16.

Become a volunteer

Build your experiences and resume and a new network of people.

Call the Army Volunteer Corps to find out what the opportunities are in your community, register online and mark your hours which will follow you at any installation.

Call 634-7500 for more info.

Magic, the Gathering

If you are new to the game, want to get better or just want to stay current, join BOSS every Thursday at 6 p.m. in the BOSS lounge for Magic, the Gathering.

Call 634-5087.

English & Italian as second language

Relocation Readiness offers English and Italian as a second language classes.

Classes are offered to family members and cover basic conversational skills.

Take advantage in learning a second language in a fun and friendly environment.

English on Mondays 2-4 p.m. and Fridays from 9-11 a.m.

Elementary English for beginners: Fridays 11 a.m.-noon.

Italian as a second language is offered Mondays and Thursdays, 9-11 a.m.

Call 634-7500 for info. Reservations are required.

Bowlopolis deals continue

Bowlopolis Summer Bowling Pass is coming soon.

Bowlopolis members with this pass will be privileged to \$1 specials at the Arena bowling alley all summer.

There will also be a special Bowlopolis cardholder benefit night June 16.

Health center briefs

Due to federal and training holidays, the Vicenza health center will be closed June 12 and 15 and July 3-6.

Due to mandatory competency training, the health center will open at 10 a.m. on Thursdays, beginning July 2. This change will not affect the number of appointments booked on Thursdays.

Call 634-7952 or 0444-71-7952 for more info.

The health center will be closed Jun 29 for Organization Day. For urgent concerns when the clinic is closed, or for medical emergencies at any time, you may go directly to the San Bortolo Hospital emergency room.

Call the patient liaisons at 0444-75-3300. To request an ambulance, call 0444-71-7114 from off-post, or 114 from any DSN phone.

Want more money?

You have a chance through June 30 to change your OHA/MIHA, and put money back into your bank account by logging onto the OHA/MIHA survey site at https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/oha/survey/utility_miha.html.

Call 634-6299 for details.

Make a difference through leadership

Army Family Team Building

Level III class set June 8-10 from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Call 634-7500.

Communication Miracles for Couples

The ACS staff will hold a Communication Miracles for Couples class June 12.

Participating couples will learn easy and effective tools to create more love and less conflict in their relationship.

Call 634-7500 for more info.

Financial Readiness

The ACS financial readiness program is trying to help Soldiers be prepared for any financial situation.

Cast your vote for the subject of the training, held Tuesdays 9-10 a.m. in the ACS conference room. Call 634-7500.

Where's the beach?

Visit www.vicenzamwr.com for directions to area beaches.

ACS sponsorship class

June 16 at 2 p.m. Sponsorship training is designed to provide sponsors with the tools and resources to be an effective sponsor.

Training lasts approximately 45 minutes and provides a hands-on approach to welcoming newcomers and facilitating their transition into our Vicenza community. Call ACS for more info, 634-7500.

Religious activities

Chaplain Crisis Line

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

Sunday activities

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

9 a.m.: Roman Catholic mass

Sunday services

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

9 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school and AWANAs (September through May in Vicenza High School)

10:45 a.m.: Catholic religious education (Sept.-May in Vicenza High School)

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

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

4 p.m.: Lutheran worship

6 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Mondays

Noon: LDS Scripture Study

5:30 p.m.: High School Club in the Teen Center

Contact Cadena Trusty at 320-808-6148 or vicecb@yahoo.com.

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

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

3 p.m.: Praise Dance practice

3:30 p.m.: Middle School club meets in VHS cafeteria September-May

5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

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

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: Spc. Kasimov, 329-034-3511

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

Latter Day Saints:

Scripture study is held each Monday, noon-1 p.m. at the Chapel. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. downtown. Call Sean Peterson at 335-8219492.

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



Photo by Cadena Trusty

O' WHAT A NIGHT: USAG Vicenza Middle High School senior Anna Vallery places a boutonniere on her date Adrian Kabonick outside the Ederle Inn May 29. The VMHS students met outside the hotel for a traditional informal picture-taking session before their junior-senior prom at Villa Tacchi.

Community Calendar Highlights

June 11 - Army's 234th Birthday: run and cake cutting

June 11 - Last Day of School

June 12 Retiree Appreciation Day

June 22 - Summer Enrichment program begins. Ends July 7.

DON'T BE LATE: E-mail briefs to editor@eur.army.mil noon Monday or by Friday at 4 p.m. if Monday is a holiday.

Full contact

Tae kwon do instructor Master Sung Bok Kim (left) practices the Korean martial art with one of his students, Sgt. Antonio Blackwell, HHC, 173rd Brigade. Blackwell, a red belt, has been taking classes for the past year and recently participated in a May 9 tae kwon do tournament in neighboring *Quinto Vicentino*. Tae kwon do classes are held at the Vicenza Elementary School gym on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Children's classes are offered at the Youth Services teen center in Villaggio on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:30- 5:30 p.m.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Ragazzi Hurricanes offense boosts record to 6-4

Story and photo by
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Outlook staff

The Ragazzi Hurricanes—the Caserma Ederle youth team ages 10-12 in a local Italian baseball league—played an exhibition game June 3 against the Child, Youth and School Services Cardinals and walked away with yet another victory, boosting their record to 6-4 midway through the season.

“The Hurricanes’ offensive firepower was fueled by homeruns from Jarod Ganci and Michael Catena,” said Hurricanes coach Gene Catena. “Sam Ney and Brendan Nunez led the pitching effort while Jacob Nantz and Lance Wichern provided stellar defense at catcher.”

Hurricane home games are held at the Pomari Stadium (*Vicenza Ovest*). The latest one took place June 6 against the Palladio Baseball Club.

“The Hurricanes have been steadily

improving since their first practice on March 2,” said Catena. “The Italian teams play year-round and have a very cohesive group of players. By way of comparison, 10 of 13 players are new to the Hurricanes and most play two or three sports during the course of the calendar year.

“Understanding the dynamics of playing in a more competitive league helps us as coaches to guide the players and develop them to a greater extent than would normally be possible,” he said.

Catena highlighted how USAG Vicenza’s CYSS director Georgia Salyer had been instrumental in coordinating and organizing the American entry into the Italian Little League.

“In addition to providing an opportunity for the youth of the military community in Vicenza to play at a higher level, this experience enables greater interaction with local children and

surrounding communities,” said Catena.

The Hurricanes have again been invited to participate in the 28th Annual International Youth Tournament in *San Martino Buon Albergo* near Verona.

“This tournament is a unique opportunity for our community youth to prove themselves against the best competition Europe has to offer,” he said.

Teams representing Germany and Pakistan in addition to those from Italy (Milan, Verona, Rome and Rimini.) will be participating.

“The Hurricanes will be losing a couple of key players to PCS before the tournament and hope to recruit some motivated replacements from the community at large,” said Catena.

The children who play for the team are enthusiastic about their experience.

“I like playing on the Hurricanes a lot; it’s more competitive and I’ve made a lot of friends,” said first baseman Will Butler.

“It’s fun to be on the travel team because we play a lot, but sometimes it’s difficult,” added third baseman Zane Addison. “The Italian teams are good at hitting and pitching.”

“The involvement of the military community in Vicenza has made a huge impact on this year’s team,” said Catena. “Members such as Bob and Paola Addison, Kristin Catena, Ed Ney, Jeff Duncan and Dan and Paula Nunez have all devoted considerable time and effort in making this a worthwhile endeavor for our youth in Vicenza and enhancing American-Italian community relations,” he said.

Tony Bly, who is PCSing, was a co-coach for the Hurricanes.



Sam Ney catches air as he comes home to score one of Vicenza Hurricanes’ 16 runs. The Hurricanes defeated the Cardinals 16-4 June 3.

Sports Standings

Soldiers’ Softball

Team	Win	Loss	Game Scores
SETAF	3	0	
HHD 509	3	0	May 20
14th Trans.	2	3	SETAF: 11 vs. AFN South: 5
USAHC	1	3	14th Trans: 5 vs. HHD 509: 13
D Co. 1/503	1	0	
HHC 1/503	0	0	May 27
Female & Male	0	0	D. Co. 1/503: 18 vs. USAHC: 2
AFN South	0	4	AFN South: 9 vs. 14th Trans: 5

If you’re a service member involved in an individual sport, like biking in an Italian competition, we’d like to cover you. Call 634-7000 today.

Adult swim lessons

It is never too late to learn how to swim.

Session 1: June 23-July 2.

Session 2: July 13-23.

Session 3: August 3-13.

The cost is \$45 per person per session at the Villaggio pool. All lessons are taught by an American Red Cross certified instructor.

Sign up by June 19 at the post fitness center. Call 634-7009 or 634-6536 for more info.

USAG-V 1 pitch softball tournament

A one pitch tournament will be held June 19-20. Bring your team roster to the coaches meeting June 19 at 6 p.m.

Call 634-7009.

Members, coaches needed for post softball team

Sports, Fitness & Aquatics is looking for players and coaches to help build a male and female community (post) softball team.

These teams will represent the Vicenza military community. Both teams will practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the softball field.

Participants must be at least 18 and out of high school.

Tennis Tournament

June 19-21 there will be a tennis tournament held on post. Participants should show up for the June 19 meeting at 6 p.m. and be ready to play immediately. Call 634-7009.

Soccer officials clinic

Get paid to officiate. Training will be held June 22-27 for those 18 years and older who wish to become soccer officials. Call 634-7009.

Flag football league

Enrollment runs June 1-18. Practices begin June 22. The league is for children ages 9-18 and costs \$36. Call 634-6151.

Get your sports gear at Outdoor Recreation

You can get your gear at ODR when you sign up for sporting events and trips.

ODR offers dive gear, paintball markers and snowboard pants for purchase. Call 634-7453.

Aqua aerobics instructor

The USAG Vicenza Sports and Fitness Office is looking for certified aqua aerobics instructors.

Call Joe Reeder at 634-5181 or 0444-71-5181 for more information.