



## Get news Up Front Friday, March 20

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This month's topic: Construction updates with Reneè Citron, USAG Vicenza deputy to the garrison commander. Special guests Greg Vallery, acting director of public works, and Kambiz Razzaghi, Dal Molin program manager, will answer your construction questions live on AFN 106FM. Got a question? Call the studio line at 634-7585.

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Villaggio Town Hall meeting set for March 25, 6:30-8:30pm.



Capt. Allen Kehoe (center), commander, D Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, leads his company on the Army Emergency Relief campaign run March 17 on Caserma Ederle. (Photo by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)

## Brigade captain wins McArthur Leadership Award

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs Press Release

Capt. Allen Kehoe, Company D, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, was among the 28 winners in the Army-level competition of the 2008 Gen. Douglas MacArthur Leadership Awards program. The winners were announced by official Army message March 6.

According to the program's Web site, the MacArthur awards are designed "to recognize company grade officers who demonstrate the ideals for which Gen. MacArthur stood – duty, honor and country. The award promotes and sustains effective junior officer leadership in the Army."

Kehoe was among 13 USAREUR-level winners

announced last month.

"I have to credit subordinates, peers, and superiors alike," said Kehoe about the people who are a driving force behind him. "I credit the paratroopers of D Company, 1st of the 503rd for all their hard work in making me successful over this past year."

In his nomination letter to the selection committee, Lt. Col. Matthew McFarlane, 1st Brigade, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team commander wrote: "Capt. Allen Kehoe's leadership and dedication make him a perfect candidate for the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award.

"Throughout 2008, his dynamic and flawless leadership See Kehoe on page 3

## Rain, rain stay away, let us finish Villaggio today

Story and photos By Diana Bahr

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

If those of us who live and work on Caserma Ederle think we have it bad with the parking situation, think of how it must be to live in Villaggio with all the construction going on.

From one week to the next residents have roads closed off and torn up; front yards have been torn up not just once but in some cases twice – and forget washing the car as the dust from the roadwork will just cover it again tomorrow.

But believe it or not, this is a good thing as it means the 55-

year-old community is getting much-needed upgrades to its water, sewer and drainage systems.

"In coordination with the USAG Vicenza Directorate of Public Works engineering staff and the on-site management of the contractor, Bilfinger-Berger, the bottom line is a well-planned, high-quality and sustainable network of pipes, drains, roads and facilities," said Howard Mosley, project manager with the Italy Residence Office, Army Corps of Engineers.

There have been bumps in the road (some literal) ranging from crumbling and difficult-to-replace lines, uncovering water



Luca Bergamo, a contractor with Bilfinger-Berger, smooths out the concrete drainage portion of the roadway along Raffaello Sanzio in Villaggio. Residents along that street will soon have the road blocked off so the road can be repaved.

## Signs of the times



Time limits on parking will soon be set and enforced. Disco orario's may be purchased in the post exchange or shoppette.

and sewer lines that were not on the master plan and bad weather that caused work to slow down and cease in some cases, said Mosley.

"We have found ourselves victims of some of the worst winter weather in years," said Mosley, referring to the heavy rains that occurred in November and December. "We have to wait for the rain to stop and then dig mud out of the holes. It's a frustrating situation for workers and residents as it puts the work behind schedule."

Communication between residents and the garrison have been facilitated by several town


hall meetings, area coordinators, a notification board set up in the parking lot of the Shoppette and by leaflets distributed directly to homes by military police officers.

"I live right next to the new pumping station," said Master Sgt. Troy White, NCOIC for the Office of the Provost Marshal and an area coordinator, "and I have had bulldozers and backhoes in my front of and alongside my home for weeks.

"Yes it's inconvenient, but whenever I've had a problem or someone on my block has an issue, I've called the Corps and it's been addressed immediately," he said.


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**The Noncommissioned Officer**  
**PATTERNS OF SUCCESS**



**Sgt. Edwin Laboy-Cortes**  
**Unit:** HSC, SETAF/U.S. Army Africa  
**Current Position:** Executive Assistant  
**Age:** 27  
**Hometown:** Fayetteville, N.C.  
**Years in Service:** 8-plus  
**What would surprise people about you:** Not sure, maybe that I love Captain America comics.  
**Biggest mentor and why:** Sgt/ 1st Class O'Mara and Command Sgt. Maj. Hartless.  
**Life's ambition:** Graduate from college and receive a commission  
**Motto:** "You can do this, there is a world of strength inside you," from Captain America-The Chosen  
**Your definition of an NCO:** You have to put in the hours, it's not a 9-5 job.  
**List of major assignments/deployments:** OIF I, OEF VI with the brigade.  
**Advice for junior enlisted Soldiers:** When it seems too hard and everyone is out to get you, the only choice you have is to quit; dig a little deeper, put on your best spit and shine and remember what it "feels" like to be a Soldier.  
**Reason for your success:** I trust in my leadership. After early missteps in my career, I took the advice of my seniors and trusted in them and the Army.  
**Your defining moment as an NCO:** I walked by my old headquarters and I overheard one of my former Soldiers who is now a sergeant giving the same talk to one of his Soldiers that I gave him years ago.

Visit the Army's Web site dedicated to the Year of the NCO at [www.army.mil/Year of the NCO](http://www.army.mil/Year of the NCO).



Source: SETAF PAO OUTLOOKgraphic

## Saving sea turtles helps save environment

**Equal Opportunity Office**  
*Press Release*

March is designated as National Women's History Month to ensure that the history of women will be recognized and celebrated in schools, workplaces and communities throughout the country.

This year NWHM acknowledges women who are making a difference in the "green" movement on a local, state, national or international level.

The Equal Opportunity office asked the Caserma Ederle community to nominate women of all ages who are working to protect the environment.

Brief biographies of all 2009 honorees are on the NWHM Web site: [www.nwhp.org](http://www.nwhp.org).

### Ann Gasparini

Ann Gasparini's tireless contributions in helping to protect an endangered

species, the sea turtle, has been instrumental in saving this species.

Although the sea turtle is not a local concern, her work towards saving the environment should be honored.

Every summer she contributes her

time and efforts by cleaning up beaches and helping maintain the turtle hatchery on the beaches of Florida.

She helps to protect hatching turtles as they make their way to the ocean.

Protection of one species is important for the survival of all species.

Her continued stewardship by teaching others about the importance of protecting the environment is dually appreciated. Ann has shared her experiences with the third grade classes as part of an integrated literary unit.

The students read a nonfictional story, *Turtle Watch* and she brings the story to life.

Efforts such as these will instill in students the importance of protecting all living species, and perhaps it will motivate others to follow in their footsteps and take action.

Ann Gasparini is a true steward of the environment.



Ann Gasparini displays some of the literature she passes out to teach Vicenza elementary school children about sea turtles. (Photo by Samantha Smith)

## JROTC celebrates promotions, camaraderie at dining out



Left: The cadets from the Vicenza High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps post the colors following the Grog-Bowl Ceremony during the annual dining out March 5. About 100 cadets with parents and guests participated in the event held at the Club Veneto. (Below) Cadet Sgt. Gary Donald, center, adds Worcestershire sauce to the grog bowl during the annual Grog Bowl Ceremony. The non-alcoholic mixture was then tasted by the cadets and leaders. After the ceremony and the dinner, several cadets were decorated and several promoted. (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)



## Speak Out

What sport, wellness program or fitness equipment do you enjoy most on post? Why?

-By Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff



**Manola Branscum**  
Family member

"I like the elliptical crosstrainer. I spend about 40 minutes three times a week. It is easier than running around the track and it is a good work out for both legs and arms."



**Tye Daniels**  
MWR Sports, Fitness and Aquatics office

"I think the fitness center offers a good variety of equipment. I enjoy working out with weights and cardio equipment."



**Dominique May**  
Family member

"My experience with the gym on post has always been pleasant. The people are always friendly and the facility is always clean."



**1st Lt. Ian MacGregor**  
HHC, 2-503rd

"I enjoy the rock combatives program most, because of its emphasis on total body fitness, good technique and an aggressive warrior mentality."



**Sgt. Nelson Nunez**  
Vicenza Health Clinic Physical Therapy

"The volleyball league I play in. It is a good way to relax stress and meet new people while having fun."

## Civilian fitness program begins

By Betsy Walters  
Health Promotion  
coordinator  
Special to the Outlook

The Civilian Fitness program authorizes, with supervisor approval, Department of the Army employees three hours of paid work time a week to go to the gym and exercise.

The program lasts for six months and is a one-time enrollment as described in AR600-63, paragraph 5-2.

The program will kick off with initial fitness assessments at the Wellness Center March 26. Interested applicants must schedule an appointment with the Health Promotion office in advance

by calling 634-8828 and bring a completed enrollment packet signed by their supervisor to the assessment.

Visit the web site: [www.chppmeur.healthcare.hq.usareur.army.mil/default.aspx?tabid=97](http://www.chppmeur.healthcare.hq.usareur.army.mil/default.aspx?tabid=97) for details and to download the enrollment packet.

Italian workers interested in participating must provide a copy of supplemental liability insurance at the time of their initial assessment.

Contact Tony Marino at 634-6553 or [tony.marino@us.army.mil](mailto:tony.marino@us.army.mil) for details regarding insurance policies. Supplemental insurance is a program requirement for Italian workers and is not reimbursable.

## Captain receives McArthur award

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as the commander of D Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry established Capt. Kehoe as the embodiment of a strong leader in an airborne battalion that is rich with talented, driven officers. He commanded his company for seven months in combat and because of his tactical and technical expertise, his company did not suffer any casualties in a tumultuous, violent Afghan province on the border of Pakistan.

"His intuitive understanding of the personal efforts and sacrifices required to inspire and lead his subordinates, peers and superiors resulted in a disciplined airborne company and strong relationships with Afghan counterparts," wrote McFarlane.

"These outstanding characteristics of Capt. Kehoe's were responsible for much of his tactical success in Afghanistan. Capt. Kehoe's hard work, discipline and willingness to sacrifice for the greater good have earned him the deserved reputation as the type of selfless battalion asset that makes every other leader around him better.

He is valued by his peers as the leader who knows what right looks like, trusted by his leaders as the go-to commander in the battalion, and admired by his soldiers who see him work and strive on their behalf, constantly," wrote McFarlane.

"I thank Lieutenant Colonel McFarlane for giving me the opportunity to command and lead Soldiers," said Kehoe. "I also thank Lieutenant Colonel Peter Benchoff for taking the time to develop me over the years and instill in me the skills needed to be flexible and solve problems in any environment.

"I am a leader who wants to accomplish the mission to standard," said Kehoe. "A leader who attempts to fix the root of the problem rather than just what's on the surface, and a leader who tries to have the foresight needed to see problems before they arise in order to take care of Soldiers. These are the attributes I think Soldiers expect from their leaders and attributes I have observed in my most talented superiors."

Kehoe will travel to Washington in May to receive the award in events at the Pentagon.

## AER kick off family affair

Story and photo  
By Diana Bahr  
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

Army Emergency Relief (AER) is a nonprofit organization that assists active and retired Soldiers and their families with financial emergencies.

"When my little sister died unexpectedly I needed help to pay my share of funeral expenses and the casket," said Sgt. Lucky Tagaloo, a Soldier with Headquarters Support Company, SETAF. "So I turned to AER and they were willing to help."

Funding for AER comes primarily from voluntary contributions and repayment of AER interest-free loans and investment income.

During the 2008 AER campaign, \$38,240.02 was donated by the Vicenza community. But AER gave more than \$104,000 in the form of interest-free loans and more than \$750 in grants to 80 Soldiers and family members between Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 2008, according to Valerie Sweed, Army Emergency Relief officer.

Financial assistance during 2008 dropped by 22 percent from 2007, most likely because the Soldiers were deployed for most of that time period, according to Sweed.

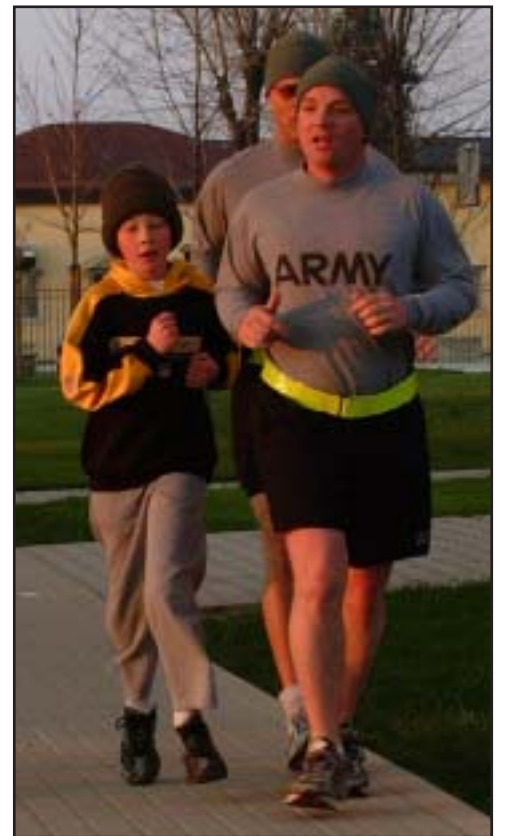
"We can assist with auto repairs, emergency travel

expenses, utility bills, rent and more," said Sweed, whose office is located on the second floor in DSFRC. "Any assistance we give is in the form a no-interest loan, a grant or a combination of the two. The type of assistance is determined on a case-by-case basis."

Grants are considered only when the inability to repay exists or would cause an extreme hardship, according to Sweed. Also, grants are not given for expenses which will be reimbursed by insurance companies or the U.S. government.

AER has improved efforts to access AER assistance through the Command Referral program. The program gives company and battery commanders and first sergeants the authority to approve up to \$1,000 in interest-free loans for their Soldiers. This provides a meaningful way for unit leaders to be directly involved in addressing financial problems of their Soldiers, said Sweed.

This year's campaign runs until May 8. Events during the



Matthew White, accompanies his dad, Master Sgt. Troy White (right), NCOIC, Office of the Provost Marshal, on the Army Emergency Relief kick-off run before heading to school March 17.

campaign include AER key personnel at the post exchange Thursdays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

You can also catch AER representatives on AFN 106FM every Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. and AER reps will have a table at the Armed Forces Run May 16.

To find out more about AER, contact your unit key person, call Sweed at 634-8524/7500, or 0444-71-8524/7500 or log on to the Web site at [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org).

## June goal for Villaggio utilities upgrade

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"They may not always be able to fix the problem immediately as construction takes time to complete, but they take all issues seriously and try to help in any way they can," White added.

"Residents may have noticed an increase in workers and equipment," said Mosley. "We will provide phasing schedules to

help families prepare for the heavy construction over the next few months. The goal is to complete the project by the end of June – again it depends on the weather."

"I thank the residents of Villaggio for their understanding and patience as we modernize Villaggio's infrastructure," said Col. Erik Daiga, USAG Vicenza commander and Villaggio

resident.

"I know it's not easy living in a construction zone but we had to upgrade the underground systems now in order to avoid serious water and sewage problems in the future," he said.

A town hall meeting for residents is set for March 25, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Villaggio youth center.

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## At your service Vehicle Registration Office



Left to right: Katia Preta, Rita Spagnolo, Paola Annoli and Doris Brazzale (seated).

The military vehicle registration office registers duty free, temporary, imported privately owned vehicles. They also maintain control of licensing of vehicles and issuance of tax-free petroleum products to U.S. and NATO military and civilian personnel. The ladies also clear tax exempt customs

documents for POVs and perform all basic functions of registration or scrapping of vehicles in accordance with all applicable U.S. regulations and Italian law. Vehicle registration is located in Torri di Quartesolo; the phone number is 634-7001 or 0444-71-7001 from off post. Hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

# Community events

## IMMA continues winning streak

Story and photos  
by Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

The Vicenza Installation Materiel Maintenance Activity (IMMA) is on a winning streak when it comes to placing first in the annual USAREUR Awards for Maintenance Excellence Table of Distribution Allowance in the Small category.

IMMA consists of 43 employees in Vicenza who execute their tasks in several tactical shops including repairing vehicles and equipment, welding, painting and woodworking.

Some new procedures were put in place since last year, according to George Schmidt, IMMA Maintenance Division chief, who arrived in Vicenza just after the transition between procedures in March 2008.

"It's a whole new program, it's an Army program," said Schmidt.

Training was focused on all employees, most of whom are

Italian, on the proper use of new maintenance support devices.

Then came language instruction with the workers learning English phrases so they could follow the 10-20 Standards book used. The effect of this teaching has been very positive according to Schmidt.

"We made some of the English phrases easy to understand because most of them are repetitive, but everyone has to learn what they mean so they [employees] can apply them and we can give the customer a product that's fully maintenance ready when it goes out of our gate," he continued.

"It is just a constant training, teaching, working and moving people from old ways of only fixing what was broken to repairing the entire piece," Schmidt explained.

Previously the repair was focused only on the part that was broken.

Now the procedure is to look at the entire product and ensure

every part works correctly.

"Everything is taken apart and then it is put back together," said Schmidt. "We are slowing down in terms of production, but our quality has gone 95 percent in the other direction, so that people are now receiving their equipment back in the proper standards, in accordance with the Army regulation, and we are doing our part to ensure accountability, safety and serviceability of the equipment. Something that wasn't done to its full extent in the past," said Schmidt.

The award ceremony will be held at the Patrick Henry Village Pavilion in Heidelberg, Germany, April 8. Several days before the ceremony in Germany, IMMA will compete again, this time at the Department of the Army Level.

"Our next competition is at Army-level and takes place here April 2 when an inspection team will arrive from the United States and review our program," said Schmidt.



(Above) Alessandro Franchi, one of the heavy equipment technicians at IMMA repairs one of the vehicles. (Below) Maurizio Cogo (left), supply technician, and Guglielmo Segota, procurement technician, go over some records and update required paperwork. Cogo has been with IMMA nine years while Segota has worked five years.



Omar Zanotto (left) and Giampietro Faggionato, IMMA automotive technicians, check their tools at one of the shops. Of IMMA's 43 employees, 42 are Italian.



## Volunteers make American Red Cross work

Story and photo  
by Lourdes Fernandez  
Outlook volunteer

Diane Graham, a volunteer for the American Red Cross in Vicenza since August 2007, decided to volunteer because she liked "to give back to the community" and because volunteering gave her "an opportunity to learn new skills."

She chose the Red Cross because "it is a non-profit organization that helps people."

As a volunteer, Graham is an administrative assistant and chairperson for the expectant parent program, which connects parents with interpreters who help them register newborns in the Vicenza registrar's office.

Pia Manetti is a volunteer at the Red Cross and other post organizations. She helps in the main office and makes care packages for new parents.

If you are interested in volunteering in

the health or veterinarian clinics, visit the American Red Cross. All volunteers receive training tailored to the type of service they will provide to the community. For details about how to volunteer through American Red Cross of Vicenza, call 634-7089 or visit their office in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center, bldg 108.



Diane Graham (left) and Pia Manetti are two of the many volunteers in the Vicenza American Red Cross office.

## Volunteers are shining stars

By Allie Vallery  
Army Volunteer Corps program  
manager

It takes a special person to volunteer when they have no vested interest in an organization and Andrea Allen is one of those persons.

Allen volunteered to help a friend co-lead a Girl Scout troop made up of 6th to 12th-grade girls. Her friend has a daughter in the troop but could not find another parent to help out.

Allen works to keep the activities interesting for the girls and when Girl Scout Jamboree was scheduled for Pisa in January the girls were eager to attend. Unfortunately the co-leader went to the hospital for emergency surgery and the trip was almost canceled as no other parents could attend or help drive. Allen was determined that her troop would go and

enlisted her husband to drive and chaperone.

Thanks to volunteers like the Allen's the Vicenza military community continues to thrive and grow. For details on volunteer opportunities in the community call the Army Volunteer Corps office at 634-6884.



Andrea Allen (second from right) works with the Cadette Girl Scout Troop 37. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff)

## Darby D.A.R.E. program welcomes new officer

Story and photo by  
Chiara Mattiolo  
USAG Livorno Public affairs

The kick-off ceremony of this year's D.A.R.E. program, held Feb. 26 at the USAG Livorno elementary school gymnasium, was also the time to introduce the new D.A.R.E. officer, Spc. Gagik Khoudian.

Khoudian will take over the program when current D.A.R.E. officer Sgt. Thomas Garrard leaves in May.

"He's done a great job in these three years and he had to start from scratch," said Khoudian. "My goal is to expand the program to involve the whole community."

Garrard explained to the audience that D.A.R.E., the acronym for Drug Abuse Resistance Education, is a nationally recognized program taught in DoDDS and schools in the United States.

D.A.R.E.'s primary mission is to provide children with the information and skills they need to live drug-and-violence-free lives, according to the organization's web site: [www.dare.com](http://www.dare.com).

"Only police officers can become D.A.R.E. officers because of their experience with



Crime-fighting dog, McGruff, greets USAG Livorno elementary school children during the Feb. 26 D.A.R.E. kick-off program held in the school gymnasium. The event introduced Spc. Gagik Khoudian to the community. Khoudian will take over the program when current D.A.R.E. officer Sgt. Thomas Garrard leaves in May.

fighting crime, drugs and violence," he said.

One of the D.A.R.E. officer's responsibilities is to help the students develop self-esteem, to build interpersonal and communication skills and to

teach positive alternatives to substance use, according to Garrard.

"This is possible only by building a strong trust and loyal relationship with the students," Garrard said. "I had the most

amazing, intelligent, attentive and energized group of students. I will never forget them and how this position has touched my heart. It is one of the most rewarding and challenging assignments of my career."

## Darby AFAP conference highlights community issues

USAG Livorno Public  
Affairs  
Press Release

March 4-5 found Camp Darby community members convened for the 2009 Army Family Action Plan Conference.

The two-day conference found delegates discussing everything from shopping privileges at the post commissary to the availability of language classes on post.

Staff Sgt. James Brooks believes the AFAP experience helped enhance his leadership qualities.

"As an NCO, it gives me a better grasp on the community and what's going on," he said. "I hear how my Soldiers are feeling or how Soldiers feel about what they can see going on in the community."

Another facilitator, Jenny Wassom, added that the event's setting provided a certain level of motivation that's downright contagious.

"When I came here I had the attitude that I am just going to be here at Camp Darby for a couple more months," she said. "but once you start hearing the issues, you're like yes, yes, that is a big issue at Camp Darby, and yes, let's get motivated and

let's change this... it's wonderful to feel like you are a part of something that's changed... changed the community," said Wassom.

Listed below are the top three issues for Camp Darby:

### Support for private leased housing overseas

**Scope:** There is limited support for DOD personnel overseas who live in privately-leased accommodations.

Since English is not spoken in most overseas locations an interpreter is a necessity for finding a house, helping with lease negotiations, connecting utilities, maintenance issues, emergency response and understanding laws and regulations.

**Recommendation:** Establish a separate section in the overseas housing office dedicated to private lease housing issues.

### Streamline command sponsorship process across DOD

**Scope:** Length of time for command sponsorship approval takes too long from date of application. The lack of command sponsorship prohibits full integration into the military community in such areas as

employment opportunities, post access and vehicle license.

It adversely affects the physical, material, mental and spiritual state of well-being of the sponsor.

**Recommendation:** Streamline the command sponsorship approval process across DOD by establishing a timeline.

### Substandard cooking facilities in barracks

**Scope:** Many installations are closing their dining facilities and leaving servicemembers to prepare meals in their living quarters.

Current communal kitchens are insufficient, outdated, under-stocked and overcrowded.

Servicemembers forced to use inadequate cooking facilities are left with unhealthy meal plans, which lack proper dietary requirements and decrease not only servicemembers' health, but also morale. Service members resort to unsafe and unauthorized cooking methods in their barracks.

**Recommendation:** Equip all individual living quarters with kitchenettes that have a cook top, oven, refrigerators, kitchen sinks and counter space.

## Darby Dates

### Darby gate closure

The main entrance for Camp Darby will be closed for the next 90 days. Access to Camp Darby and to all the facilities on the post will be granted through Gate 1.

The gate closure is to upgrade the gate shack and the electrical control systems. Direct questions to Weaver, DPTMS at 05054-8335 or 633-8335.

### Veterinarian visit

Veterinarians from Aviano will be at Camp Darby April 1 and 2. Pets needing surgery will need appointments. Call 632-8485 or 0434-30-8485. Make sure you specify that you are calling for the Camp Darby clinics.

### ACS classes

Call ACS at 633-7084 to register or learn more about the classes below:

### New parents class

March 31: Parenting 101 aims to inform new parents of proper care and nutrition of children and what services they are eligible for.

### Story hour at the library

The weekly story hour every Wednesday for children ages 3-5 years.

Call the post library at 633-7623 for details.

### Free fitness classes

Check out Eileen's list of free fitness classes.

There's something scheduled almost every day of the week.

Call the Fitness Center for details at 633-7440.

### Florence trip

This April 4 trip takes you to Florence to spend the entire day at your leisure.

Call ITR for details on this trip and other activities at 633-7589.

### Darby Religious activities

Camp Darby's chapel is holding the following services: Holy Thursday, April 9 at 4 p.m.

Good Friday, April 10 at 4 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 12 at 10 a.m.

## Make Camp Darby spring break spot

Spring break is April 5-11 and Camp Darby is the European southern destination of choice.

If you're visiting Pisa, Florence or Rome, take advantage of the Hop on - Hop off buses. Get on and off as often as you want for the entire 24 hour day. ITR offers discount tickets at a savings of \$4 per person.

For details on the trips, call ITR at 633-7589/8231, off post at 050-54-7589 or 050-54-8231, hours are Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

April 8: Visit the five charming villages of the Cinque Terre.

April 9 ITR travels to Rome and April 10 ITR travels to Florence.

Camp Darby's Outdoor Rec offers equipment rental and runs the Camp Darby kennel so Fluffy or Spot can take a break too.

Stay at Camp Darby's Sea Pines recreation area. Call 633-7225 or 050-54-7225 from off post. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

## Run for fun, antique hunt, free concerts

### No drive day in Vicenza

March 22 is a no drive day in Vicenza. Free parking is offered in the Stadio, Via Cricoli or Via Farine. Free buses leave from these locations to downtown from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

### Saint Joseph Festival, Spit-Roast Quail Feast

March 19-22, in Villagarzera, about nine miles south of Vicenza.

March 21, 9 p.m.: Ballroom dancing with the Mirage Band  
March 22, at 3 p.m. *Salsamerika*: Caribbean dances contest. At 9 p.m. *Noche Latina* – Latin American music and dances.

### Annual Stravicenza races

March 22, starting at 10 a.m.: Offered are three distances: 1.5km, 4.5km and 10km. The start and finish is in Piazza dei Signori.

Deadline to register is March 19. You can register at Stravicenza point, Loggia del Capitaniato, in Piazza dei Signori, March 20 (4-8:30 p.m.), March 21 (10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3:30-10 p.m.) and March 22 (7:45-9:45 p.m.).

You can also register online at [www.stravicenza.it](http://www.stravicenza.it). Information is available at 0444-920-549.

Cost is 4 euro for adults; 2 euro for children under age 14.

The cost includes your number, snack and medical coverage.

Note: March 22 is a no drive day in Vicenza, participants should park their car in the Stadio, Via Cricoli or Via Farini parking lots and take the free bus to the city center.

The web site, in Italian only, is [www.stravicenza.it](http://www.stravicenza.it).

### Free concerts, exhibits, classes

Antique exhibition: In Bassano del Grappa's Palazzo

Bonaguro, daily until March 22; Thurs. – Fri. 3-7:30 p.m.; weekends, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.,

Virtula Sky View –Sky in April: March 19 and 21, 9 p.m. in Marana di Crespadoro, Astronomical Observatory of Monte Marana, Pasquali di Marana, about 28 miles northwest of Vicenza.

Fabio Cardullo: March 19 at 9:30 p.m. in Vicenza, Birrificio Birracrua, Strada Monte Crocetta, 6.

Serpenti + Jack Mostro vs Sput&Jesus, Electro Pop Rock From Milano + Electro Punk from Bassano: March 19 at 9 p.m. in Vicenza, Corso San Felice, 362.

Fabio Cardullo Band: March 21 at 10 p.m., in Valdagno, Bar Bukowski, Corso Italia 9, about 20 miles northwest of Vicenza.

Conservatory students - Accordion concert: March 21 at 5 p.m. in Vicenza, Santa Chiara Chapel, Contrà Santa Chiara.

Mood Aucustic Trio in Concert: March 21 at 9 p.m. in Vicenza, Equobar, Strada Marosticana, 350.

Jazz and the East: Muswing: March 21 at 5 p.m., in Vicenza, Santa Croce Bigolina, Via de Nicola, 8.

Epochè 1.0 in concert: Live cocktail music, March 22 at 6:30 p.m., in Vicenza, Equobar, Strada Marosticana, 350.

Move D from Hamburg Universal Experience Jazz not Dead Festival: March 24, 9 p.m. in Vicenza, Bar Sartea, Corso SS Felice, 362.

Explore the sky: Astronomical Observatory of Arcugnano, March 24 at 8:30 p.m., Via S. Giustina, 127 – about five miles south of Vicenza. View the sky and the planets in great detail with the observatory's telescope.

Let's visit Australia, March 25 at 8:45 p.m., Do Rode Bookstore, Contrà, 29.

English presentation of Australian culture, traditions and

best places to visit.

It's free, but registration is necessary by calling 0444-960-381. They will answer in Italian. If you need help, call Anna Terracino at 634-7169 or send an e-mail to [anna.terracino@eur.army.mil](mailto:anna.terracino@eur.army.mil).

### Upcoming concerts

Disney Princess On Ice: in Milan, March 19-22.

AC/DC: in Milan, March 20 and 21.

John Legend: in Padova, Palanet, March 21.

America: in Verona, Filarmonic Theater, March 21.

Asia: in Milan, Rolling Stones Theater, March 24.

Bob Dylan: in Rome, Palalottomatica, April 17.

David Byrne: in Verona, Filarmonic Theater, April 20.

Simply Red: in Conegliano (TV), Zoppas Arena, May 19.

Depeche Mode: In Milan, June 18.

U-2: in Milan, July 7.

Bruce Springsteen: in Rome, July 19; in Torino, July 21; in Udine, July 23.

ColdPlay: in Udine, Friuli Stadium, Aug. 31

Tickets are available from your local box office or online at [www.vivaticket.it](http://www.vivaticket.it).

### Sports events

The Harlem Globetrotters Italian Tour 2009: In Verona, May 2.

Superbike World Championship: in Misano, June 21.

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

### Movies in English

March 23, *The Duchess* at the Odeon Theater, downtown Vicenza, Corso Palladio, 176.

Tickets: 6 euro. Show times: 5, 7 and 9 p.m. For a schedule of upcoming movies go to the Web site, [www.mymovies.it/cinema/vicenza/6217/](http://www.mymovies.it/cinema/vicenza/6217/).



Nathaniel Nelson (front) plays the part of Joseph, in Soldiers' Theatre production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. The two-act show runs March 20, 21, 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. and March 22 and 29 at 2 p.m. (Photo courtesy of Richard Price)

## Soldiers' Theatre performance hit with audience, critics; tickets still available

By Diana Bahr  
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

The Soldiers' Theatre production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* opened March 13 to a sold-out crowd and tickets for remaining shows are selling fast, according to Jerry Brees, Soldiers' Theatre director.

The play is Soldiers' Theatre's official entry in the I M C O M - E u r o p e Tournament of Plays Festival.

"I saw polished and well-executed choreography throughout the performance," said James Sohre, entertainment director, IMCOM-Europe. Sohre was

one of four adjudicators from the tournament who offered advice and encouragement after the March 15 matinee.

"With a cast as large as this, getting everyone on the same page at the same time is tough," said Eva Moore who, along with fellow theater professionals David Diamond and Annette Procunier, came from the U.S. to preview tournament entries.

The two-act show runs March 20, 21, 27 and 28 at 7:30 p.m. and March 22 and 29 at 2 p.m.

Tickets are available over the phone at 634-7218, at the box office, Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. or at the door.

## Watch a horse show, go chocolate tasting, ride a bike

Call ITR at 634-7094 for details on the trips below and upcoming trips:

### Lipizzaner Horse show

March 29: The Lipizzaner horses are world-famous for their talent and beauty. ITR takes you behind the scenes to the horse school and stud farm as well as the show.

### Family exploring fun

March 25: Explore the Valsanzibio maze and the beautiful baroque garden in

the Eugean hills.

### Calling choco-holics

March 28: Enjoy the Euro Chocolate Festival in Lugano Switzerland. The streets are lined with hundreds of chocolate themed stalls offering tastings, cooking classes and games.

Call Outdoor Rec at 634-7453 for details and reservations on the following trips:

### All Level Bike Ride

March 28: Ride along the

Mincio River between Peschiera and Mantova on this easy, level path.

The ride is approximately 45 km and is appropriate for all levels of riders.

### Cinque Terre Express

April 3: Enjoy a day in each of the five coastal villages built into the rocks between the sea and the hills.

Explore each village by train or using the hiking trails that connect these quaint towns.

## Now Showing

### Ederle Theater

March 19	Doubt (PG-13)	6 p.m.
March 20	Not Easily Broken (PG13)	6 p.m.
	Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG13)	9 p.m.
March 21	Race to Witch Mountain (PG)	3 p.m.
	Not Easily Broken (PG13)	6 p.m.
March 22	Race to Witch Mountain (PG)	3 p.m.
	Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG13)	6 p.m.
March 25	Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG13)	6 p.m.

### Camp Darby Theater

March 19	Yes Man (PG13)	6 p.m.
March 20	Valkyrie (PG 13)	6 p.m.
March 21	Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG13)	6 p.m.
March 22	Transporter 3 (PG13)	1 p.m.

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

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



# Sports Shorts

## Aqua aerobic instructor sought

The USAG Vicenza Sport and Fitness office is looking for certified aqua aerobics instructors.

Instructors will be needed beginning June 15, Mondays and Wednesdays each week for noon classes.

Classes must be given in English.

Those interested should contact Joe Reeder at 634-5181 or 0444-71-5181 from off post.

## Life guard training course offered

The USAG Vicenza Sports and Fitness office will offer a training course April 6 for those interested in becoming a life guard.

This certification class costs \$145 and is approximately 35 hours.

Those ages 16 and older can register at the Fitness Center or call 634-6536 for more information.

## Youth rock climbing

CYSS Sports & Fitness offers rock climbing for youth beginning in April. Ages 6-10, meet Mondays 3:30-5 p.m. starting April 13.

Ages 11-18 meet Wednesdays 3:30-5 p.m. starting April 15.

Classes will cover basic rock climbing. Instruction and equipment and a T-shirt are included in cost of \$35.

Registration for this class is March 9-30.

Call 634-6151 for information.

## CYSS Track and Field

Youth ages 6-15 are encouraged to join the track and field season which runs April 14-May 29.

Practice is on Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30-6:30 p.m. Enrollment is continues through March 30.

Call CYSS youth sports at 634-6151 for details.

## Tennis League forming

The USAG Vicenza Recreational Tennis League will begin soon.

The participant meeting is scheduled for March 31, 6 p.m. at Club Veneto in the DFMWR conference room.

Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy the fun of singles or doubles play.

Call Sports, Fitness and Aquatics at 634-7009 for information.



(Above) Members of the Secret Squirrels dodgeball team position behind the center line to eliminate Sara Newton (left in blue) and Joe Majadas (right) of the DENTAC team. (Bottom, right) Marc "Gunslinger" Clauda, member of the DENTAC Dodge Ball team, center, throws his ball to hit one of the Secret Squirrels opposing players during the second scrimmage dodgeball game played at the post gym March 3. The Secret Squirrels won both games 6-2 and 6-3 respectively.

# Dodgeball fans warm up for weekend tournament

Story and photos by Laura Kreider  
Outlook staff

The Secret Squirrels seem to be the team to beat at the USAG Vicenza Unit/Recreational Dodgeball Tournament.

"It is a great work out," said Marc Clauda, Secret Squirrel team member."

The double-elimination tournament is scheduled for March 20 and games begin at

11 a.m. in the fitness center gym.

Awards will include 1st, 2nd and 3rd-place teams plus individual awards.

If dodgeball is not your sport, the USAG Vicenza Recreational Tennis League will begin soon.

A participant meeting is scheduled for March 31, 6 p.m. at Club Veneto in the DFMWR conference room, down the hall were the Subway used to be, according to Ricky Jackson, USAG Vicenza Sports, Fitness and Aquatics. Players may sign up for doubles teams or as singles. For details call Jackson at 634-7009 or e-mail [ricky.jackson@eur.army.mil](mailto:ricky.jackson@eur.army.mil).



## USAG Vicenza Sports Update

### Soldiers' volleyball league standings

Team	Win	Loss
Lucky	3	0
USAHC	2	1
BSB Riggers	1	1
Angels	0	3
D Co, 1/503	0	1

### Soldiers' league volleyball scores March 9

USAHC: 27, 25 vs. D Co. 1/503: 25, 21

Top Gun, 21, 25, 15 vs. Delta 25, 16, 5

### March 11

BSB Riggers vs. Lucky (canceled)  
Lucky: 25, 25 vs. Angels: 2, 9

### Soldiers' league soccer scores March 14

Gegio's MTM: 2 vs. USAG: 1

### Dodgeball league scores March 10

AFN Vicenza: 0 vs. Dentac: 2

Dentac: 2 vs. Secret Squirrels: 6

### March 12

AFN Vicenza: 1 vs. Secret Squirrels: 6

Dentac: 0 vs. Secret Squirrels: 6

# Families enjoy Art Center open studio

Story and photos by Samantha Smith  
Outlook volunteer

There was a spirit of contentment and common purpose in the air March 5, as elementary school kids and their parents happily painted ceramic cups and piggy banks at the Art Center's open studio.

"We saw in the *Outlook* that they had open studio," said parent Lori Dorrel, "so we thought we'd come after school for something fun to do on a rainy day."

Volunteer Maureen Crone was on hand to assist the families.

"I'm here to show you the basics of what we have in the way of ceramics and get you started," she said to participants. The open studios have been getting busier, according to Crone, as advertising and word-of-mouth gets the information out to the community.

The open studio is available during the Art Center's hours of operation, Wed-Sun, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and costs \$2.50 per hour plus supplies. Call the Art Center at 634-7074 for details.



(Above) Volunteer Maureen Crone is available to get you started at the Art Center's open studio. (Below) Two friends have fun painting ceramics at the Art Center.

