

Daylight-saving time shift is here

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed Saturday, March 28.

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Silver stars pinned on three Sky Soldiers

173rd Airborne Brigade
Public Affairs
Special to the Outlook

Three Chosen Company Sky Soldiers were presented Silver Stars by Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III, U.S. Army Africom commander, during a ceremony held March 20 on Hoekstra Field at Caserma Ederle. The awards to Sgt. 1st Class Erich Phillips, Sgt. John Hayes and Spc. Jeffrey Scantlin were for heroism shown during the July 13, 2008 battle in Wanat, Afghanistan, that cost the lives of nine 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team paratroopers.

Sgt. 1st Class Erich Phillips

Then-Staff Sgt. Erich Phillips and other Soldiers from Chosen Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, had just started to conduct stand-to when they were assaulted by rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs) and intense small-arms fire from enemy positions 30-50 feet away.

"Being the second senior NCO on the ground I could see what needed to be done," said Phillips about his quick reaction to the ambush and subsequent firefight.

"Training played a major part in what was done that day. If it was not for the stressful combat-like scenarios that we place on our Soldiers and ourselves as leaders, the outcome may have been different."

Phillips and his mortar crew immediately returned fire with their personal weapons and



(From left) Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III, U.S. Army Africa commander, shakes hands with Sgt. John Hayes during a ceremony to award Hayes, Sgt. 1st Class Erich Phillips (second from left) and Spc. Jeffrey Scantlin with Silver Stars for heroism shown during the July 13, 2008 battle at Wanat, Afghanistan. (Photo by Barbara Romano, 7th Army JMTC Photo Lab)

lobbed hand grenades at several enemy locations directly behind the mortar pit. Over the radio he heard that outpost Topside was also receiving fire from small arms and RPGs and was in danger of being overrun.

Phillips ran through a hail of gunfire and set off four mortar rounds to support the outpost. When the enemy returned fire, Phillips fired his M4. When the M4 jammed he picked up a nearby SAW, which also jammed. He then took a third weapon, an M16, and fired until all ammunition was exhausted.

When an RPG hit the nearby

ammunition supply point and started a fire, Phillips was peppered with shrapnel.

Fearing an explosion, he directed all of his men to move to the safety of the command post. He then laid down suppressive fire to ensure the safety of his Soldiers.

During this time the TOW vehicle, which was on fire, began to fire rounds, one of which landed in the middle of the command post and began to burn.

Phillips realized that the missile had been activated and could explode. Grabbing a

sandbag, he picked up the burning missile and ran through a hail of bullets to get the missile away from friendly positions and into an area where it could go off harmlessly.

But his work wasn't finished yet. Upon returning to the command post, Phillips was directed to head up to Topside where most of the casualties had occurred. He took charge of the outpost with his wave of reinforcements regained a security posture that repulsed enemy attacks.

"It is a natural instinct of a
See Silver Stars on page 3

In good company



U.S. Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III (left), Vicenza Mayor Achille Variati (center) and American Embassy Rome Charge' d'Affaires Elizabeth Dibble together at the reception in Club Veneto following the mayors' tour of Caserma Ederle Friday evening. For more on the mayors' tour and reception, see page 4. (Photo by Barbara Romano, 7th Army JMTC Photo Lab)

Living Army Strong values help maintain mental fitness



Command Sgt. Maj. Chester Grelock

By Command Sgt. Maj. Chester Grelock
509th Signal Battalion
Special to the Outlook

Mental Fitness. Webster's defines the words mental and fitness as the following:

Mental: Of or relating to the mind; specifically of, or relating to, the total emotional and intellectual response of an individual to external reality.

Fitness: The quality or state of being fit.

I truly believe that everything that happens to us in life contributes to our state and quality of mental fitness. From how we were raised as a child, what we eat on a daily basis, the values we truly believe in, to how much sleep you get a night – all affect our fitness. Taking this a step further, in the Army we would add how well we are

technically and tactically trained.

Being fit is essentially a balancing act. You can be well-trained, but without a solid value system, your mental fitness will be off.

The good news is that the Army Strong values, if embraced, will help you help strengthen your total well-being and outlook when performing your daily mission.

Soldiers who are mentally fit

have confidence in their leadership and training, in their unit (or team) and have minimal mission accomplishment distractors.

In other words, their values are intact and their home or family life is good. Chances are you will fight as you trained.

So as you train, living the Army Strong values will go a long way to ensuring your mental fitness.

Teacher passes passion for earth sciences to students, community

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.

Kim Stephenson

Kim Stephenson has a passion for teaching students, science and for living what she teaches others.

She provides outstanding project-based learning opportunities for students through science fairs, NASA projects and challenging her students to think on a higher

level about how they can be a part of saving our environment with hands-on experiments and investigations.

She promotes recycling and keeps her students up-to-date on current affairs concerning our environment. Stephenson also travels to different countries during the summer and volunteers her time and skills toward projects that help the environment.

Her passion for our earth, animals, the environment and her students will continue to make a difference for years to come.



Vicenza Elementary School teacher, Kim Stephenson, watches as a student works on a project. (Photo by Samantha Smith, Outlook volunteer)

Pinewood Derby thrills spectators, participants

Story and photos
by Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

Cub Scout Pack 295 held its annual Pinewood Derby March 21 at the Vicenza Pavilion with 22 cars and their owners (the children) taking part. Prior to the race the cars were on display and competed for special categories showing off their unique designs.

"We had a great turnout and the boys put significant effort and

time into making this a Pinewood Derby to remember," said Matt Reagan, Pinewood Derby Race commissioner.

The boys, usually working with a parent, built their own car meeting weight requirements.

One of the cars, which didn't meet the requirements before the start was "The Red Blur." The weight was 6.3 ounces and needed to get reduced to 5 ounces.

After making adjustments to comply with the rules, The Red

Blur placed first in the race and was overall winner of the event by a mere 2/100ths of a second.

"This is my second year competing in this event," said 10-year-old William Whitmire, who also won last year.

"I started working in my garage, I picked the colors and my dad refined it [car] and painted it. The help of parents is really important, but if you put a good amount of hours in the project and work hard, most likely you will win," he said.



Cub Scout Pack 295 members cheerfully show their interest in one of the race hits. The car on the left is "The Red Blur," which won first place.

Speak Out

Does daylight-saving time affect you or your family?

-By Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff



Staff Sgt. Patrick Chaplin
Warrior Transition Unit

"It affects my children because they're able to play outside longer after school."



Melissa Johnson
Family member

"It really doesn't affect me or my children, in the military we are used to different locations and time changes."



Sgt. 1st Class Kristopher Moeller
USAG Vicenza, Directorate of Emergency Services

"It gives my children more time to enjoy being outside."



Fabiana Williams
Family member

"It will certainly have an effect on my children, since they will take advantage of the extra daylight hour to play outside."



Master Sgt. Troy White
USAG Vicenza, Directorate of Emergency Services

"It gives me more time to spend with friends outdoors."

Volunteer spotlight

Army Volunteer Corps
Special to the Outlook

Farrah Overman has lived in the Vicenza community for 1 1/2 years and is a regular fixture at the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

A super-volunteer, she works for Army Community Service programs like the Army Volunteer Corp, Army Family Action Plan, Army Family Team Building and the Family Advocacy Program.

She is also the President of the Vicenza Elementary School's Parent Teacher Student Association, a member of the School Advisory Counsel, an

assistant Girl Scout troop leader, Family Readiness Group Leader and, finally, a Team Mom for the Vicenza Middle and High School wrestling team.

"Volunteering is in my nature," said Overman. "I love to help people. I hope that I will always be about to volunteer or work with volunteers. From assisting in starting a non-profit organization for military families to just sitting down and helping a volunteer get registered online and their paperwork squared away, I will always find time to help others. With the ACS opportunities that have been given to me, I am able to teach others how to become a successful military family and to set an example for others.

"I find volunteering rewarding," she said. "By volunteering, I can build my resume. Volunteering is also a great way for me to meet new people and try something that I might not have otherwise tried. Just seeing the smiling faces of others after helping them through a difficult situation makes volunteering beneficial to me."



Farrah Overman helps prepare a meal for a meeting at Army Community Service.

Samantha Smith has been a member of the community since August 2005.

If her name looks familiar, you've probably read her stories in *The Outlook*. Besides volunteering at the paper, she volunteers at the Vicenza Elementary School and in the Army Community Service marketing office.

"I volunteer at the school to support my son and his class," said Smith. "I want to show him that I think education is important enough to our family that I will spend my free time helping.

"I volunteer at *The Outlook* to gain experience in the field so I can find a paying job as a journalist," she said.

"And in both cases, it

keeps me busy and productive," she said.

"Volunteering gets you involved and makes you feel more a part of the community," she added. "It feels good to give your time to others for the common good. You also meet people and develop a reputation that can open doors to other opportunities. Finally, you get to do things you enjoy."



Samantha Smith on assignment for *The Outlook*.

Courage under fire earns Soldiers Silver Stars

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noncommissioned officer to assist a fellow Soldier when they are down and in need of assistance," Phillips continued. "As new Soldiers and NCOs come in to the unit and they hear the stories [about previous missions], they know that when I refer to a scenario, there is a good chance that I have seen or lived it and they whole-heartedly know that I will be there by their side."

Sgt. John Hayes

When the attack on Wanat began at dawn, then-Spc. John Hayes, radio telephone operator, began helping his platoon leader gather situation reports to send up the chain for help. When the confusion of the initial contact made radio communication insufficient, Hayes ran on foot - crossing enemy fire, to gain a clear understanding of the fight and relay information back to the company commander.

When his M4 stopped working, he repeatedly moved throughout the perimeter armed with only his pistol to resupply other positions.

When the ammunition supply point (ASP) caught fire, he continued to risk danger by entering the ASP to resupply.

Word came down that all but one of paratroopers occupying the outpost had been killed, so Hayes began to supply the outpost with ammunition, a task that required multiple trips under enemy fire.

After his platoon leader was killed, Hayes continued to provide reports to the company commander and coordinated indirect fire, close air support and close combat attacks.

Despite the enemy closing to within 100 feet of his position, he continued to provide accurate reports for supporting fire.

Spc. Jeffrey Scantlin

Over the course of the battle

in Wanat, Spc. Jeffrey Scantlin personally treated the wounds of nearly all of the Chosen Company casualties and he continually exposed himself to mortal danger to save the lives of his comrades.

When Scantlin heard there were two urgent surgical casualties at the command post, he dashed across open and exposed terrain under heavy and effective enemy fire in order to treat the wounded. He found a paratrooper who had been shot through both legs, stabilized him and administered an IV. After stabilizing that Soldier, he began treating another Soldier who had received mortal wounds to his torso. Unfortunately, the Soldier stopped breathing and despite 10 minutes of CPR, Scantlin couldn't revive him.

After hearing that more casualties were nearby, Scantlin gathered what medical supplies he had left and made another

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— Sgt. John Hayes
Spc. Jeffrey Scantlin

run, again unarmed and under fire.

After the casualties had been safely airlifted, Scantlin then secured an M203 and escorted the flight medic, uphill, over 100 meters of open and exposed terrain to the outpost where four other patients were located. He helped the medic treat their wounds and carry them to a second helicopter.

Scantlin remained at the outpost to help reinforce the position and when the enemy counterattack came, he helped to repel the enemy. When three more Soldiers were wounded, Scantlin again rendered first aid

and assisted loading the third medevac flight.

"It comes down to our training and combat experience," wrote Hayes and Scantlin in an e-mail. "This wasn't our first day on the job or anything. Although this was an overwhelming attack situation, we have been trained and drilled over and over to adapt to the situation as best we can. We also had an amazing group of guys to fight alongside. We are both honored and lucky to have served with them. We were trained and lead by well-experienced and knowledgeable NCOs. What we did essentially comes down to a group effort."

"Sergeant Hayes and myself were able to do the things we did because the group as a whole enabled us to do so," wrote Scantlin. "Although we were given specific awards for that day, everyone was on the same playing field. No one did anything that day for awards or recognition."

"It's hard to understand the entire situation without having been there, because in order to get ammo from an ASP under heavy enemy fire, it took Soldiers like Sergeant Schmidt, Specialists Grapes and Krupa firing on the enemy, which allowed myself and Specialist Stenoski to move," wrote Hayes. "The same with Scantlin. He was able to treat casualties because of the efforts of Sergeants Meyer and Hissong, Staff Sergeant Benton and many other Soldiers who fought that day."

"As leaders, we have a responsibility to train and lead Soldiers to be able to adapt to the worst possible situation on the battlefield and survive," both men wrote. "We have experienced situations that most people fortunately will never have to experience. However, we can still learn from the events that took place that day and teach the hard lessons learned to a new generation of Soldiers."

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At your service Vehicle Processing Center



Mattia Reeder (left) and Marco Giradello, vehicle processing center.

"The vehicle processing center provides full assistance to community members who are moving privately owned vehicles when they PCS to or from Italy," said Marco Giradello, vehicle processing center manager. "We provide briefings for POV shipping and commercial shipping if needed."

"We can help with

advice on where to go and who to talk to in case you need a good mechanic bodyshop or where to look for spare parts," added Mattia Reeder, VPC inspector and customer service representative.

The VPC is open Mon-Fri, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Closed on American and Italian holidays, call 634-7760 or off post at 0444-381-898.

Community events

Area mayors get taste of life 'inside the gates'

Forty-one mayors, seven deputy mayors, 26 councilors, a fire chief, a police chief and the Vicenza mayor's chief of staff visited Caserma Ederle March 20. The Italian mayors and their representatives, from towns in the provinces of Vicenza and Padova, were given a windshield tour that included stops and inside visits to the fitness center, Soldiers' rooms and the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center. Anna Terracino, Anna Ciccotti and Daniela Olioso were their bus guides and explained to their guests what they were seeing. At the stops, Sara Penhallegon talked about the fitness center, Michele Loverde explained the environmentally friendly nature of the single Soldiers' quarters and Rita Bonamego talked about the many Soldier and family support services provided by Army Community Service. A reception was held following the tour and Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III and Charge' d'Affaires Elizabeth Dibble were joined in a receiving line by Col. Edoardo Maggian, the Italian base commander, and Col. Erik Daiga, the garrison commander. One of the highlights of the evening was the showing of an animated DVD narrated by Ciccotti that illustrated how the Dal Molin complex will look when it is completed. Near the conclusion of the evening, Garrett proposed a toast "to the 50 years of friendship, cooperation, history and mutual support that unite our communities." (Photos by Barbara Romano, 7th Army JMTC Photo Lab)



More than decade of success for garrison's Supply Support Activity

Story and photos
by Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

Placing first or second for their category since 1997 has been a long chain of accomplishments for members of the USAG Vicenza Directorate of Logistics, Supply Support Activity.

In 2008 they competed again and took first place in the Category Level IV (B) Table of Distribution and Allowances (TDA).

Keeping the staff motivated after competing and winning every year may be a challenge for some supervisors.

The key to always being successful and keeping up the tradition is the dedication and professionalism of all the employees, said Anibal Alvarez-Rodriguez, SSA accountable officer, who came to the organization in June 2008.

Supporting all the customers and ensuring that all the regulations are



Carmen Civarelli (standing), Delfina Cattelan and Michele De Toffoli, are part of the Italian workforce that maintains and updates records in the stock control office. Civarelli has been with SSA for 28 years, Cattelan for 30 years, while De Toffoli has worked for the organization for nine years.



Lorenzo Farinello (left), supply clerk, assists Sgt. Ronald Kyler of HHC, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, in the SSA's warehouse.

complied with as well is also part of the SSA's accomplishments.

"Rules and regulations have changed very often," continued Alvarez-Rodriguez. "We had to ensure that everybody is trained and manages to excel in all areas of logistics."

The office, located in the nearby town of Lerino, consists 18 Italian civilians, many of whom have been working for the

garrison for 15 to 20 years.

This includes Gilberto Berdin, who holds the position of Italian personnel supervisor for SSA.

"In the SSA, every employee knows what everyone needs to do, so when someone is not present, someone else will take over that position," Alvarez-Rodriguez explained.

SSA will receive the first-place trophy April 8 at a ceremony held in Heidelberg, Germany.

In April they will also find out how they placed at the Department of the Army-level for supply support.

At the DA level, SSA has placed first several times and been runner-up as well.

"Last year we came in second at the USAREUR level," said Alvarez-Rodriguez. "This year was an improvement. It got better and it is going to keep getting better."

"We are hoping for first place in our category," he said.



(Left to right) Sgt. Ryan Hall, Sgt. James Wassom, Sgt. Nicole McCabe, Sgt. Christopher Everett, Sgt. Jennifer Livingston, Staff Sgt. Ekachai Steinhorst, Staff Sgt. Thomas Garrard were inducted into the Camp Darby noncommissioned officer corps March 6.

Camp Darby inducts seven into NCO corps

Story and photo
by Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Being inducted into the Army's noncommissioned officer corps is a time-honored tradition, with even more focus on the event as this is the Year of the NCO.

Camp Darby held an induction ceremony March 6 for seven Soldiers: Staff Sgt. Ekachai Steinhorst, Staff Sgt. Thomas

Garrard and Sgt. Nicole L. McCabe, all Soldiers with the 511th Military Police Platoon; Sgt. Christopher Everett, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, USAG Livorno; Sgt. James Wassom, U.S. Army Health Clinic Livorno; Sgt. Jennifer Livingston and Sgt. Ryan Hall from AFN Livorno.

USAG Livorno Command Sgt. Maj. Felix Rodriguez told community members attending the ceremony that throughout

the Army's history, the NCO has been a pivotal figure, but never more so than today with our full spectrum of operations.

"As we embrace our ever-growing and ever-changing responsibilities, our leaders trust our judgment and support our decisions, because they know we are the backbone of our Army," said Rodriguez. "We are NCO strong and Army strong, hooah!"

Inductee Hall added that "the Army, (and our nation), depends

on us to shape our junior enlisted Soldiers into the kind of warriors we need them to be.

"For anyone in any career field to be successful, proper and thorough training is paramount and NCOs do that job," said Hall. "In fact, the way we train our troops needs to reflect that they are 'America's finest' and our up-and-coming warriors can live up to the title and live up to the expectations that are placed upon them."

Camp Darby pool renovations underway

Story and photo
by Chiara Matriolo
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Summer is on the way and Camp Darby community members will have two places to cool off - the American Beach and the newly renovated pool.

"Barring any problems, we expect the pool to reopen June 1," said Ernest Beezley, USAG Livorno Outdoor Recreation director.

The pool will be completely renovated to include a new



Construction workers in the shell of new Camp Darby pool.

deck, fencing equipped with alarm system, racing stripes on the bottom of the pool and new filtration system.

Cost to renovate the pool was around 430,000 euro, according to Beezley.

"The footprint will remain the

same - 25 x 12.5 meters," said Beezley. "However, a children's pool, approximately four meters in diameter, will be added. Pending availability of funds, the goal is to provide a cover for the pool, which will enable us to use it year-round."

Area events

Verdemura fest

March 27-29 in Lucca: More than 100 booths display items ranging from outdoor furniture to gardening tools, fruits, vegetables flowers and plants. Tickets are 5 euro, under 14 enter free.

Expo Pisa

March 27-april 5: Traditional spring fair takes place in Pisa, Ospedaletto. Open free week days, 3-8 p.m., cost is 5 euro on weekends from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. For details visit www.expo-pisa.com.

Pisa farmer's market

March 28, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Piazza Cairoli: Here's your chance to taste and buy local bread, oil, honey, wine, pecorino cheese, vegetables, as well as locally produced soaps and textile products.

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.

Story hour

Don't miss the special Easter story hour April 8 for children ages 3-5 years of age.

Call the post library at 633-7623 for details.

ACS classes

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

Smooth move/Levy briefing

If you are departing from Camp Darby in the next 90 days, sign up now for this April 8 seminar and learn how to PCS the easy way.

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. and Catholic CCD is at 11:15 a.m.

Special events: Holy Thursday, April 9 at 4 p.m.

Good Friday, April 10 at 4 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 12 at 10 a.m.

CYS spring fest

April 11: Spring Fest at the Darby Community Club starts at 11 a.m. with egg hunting, a scavenger hunt for Youth Services, barbecue lunch, face painting and games. Volunteers needed, call 633-7681 or 7629 for details.

Correction

The byline for the March 19 Camp Darby AFAP conference article was incorrect. Credit for the story should have gone to Sgt. Ryan Hall, AFN Livorno.

Play knight, celebrate spring, take in concerts, buy antiques

Medieval Festival

March 29: In Bevilacqua, at the Bevilacqua Castle, Via Roma, 50, about 33 miles south of Vicenza.

Events begin at 10:30 a.m. Children and adults can experience medieval life for a day with knights, bowmen, musicians, fire-eaters, fortune-tellers, jesters, flag-throwers, a medieval encampment and a medieval market.

Everyone is invited to participate in different games such as a bow and arrow competition and duels.

Admission fees: Adults pay 7 euro, 3 euro for children ages 4 – 6 and senior citizens over 70.

Special event: At 12:30 p.m. have a medieval lunch, with knights, dancers and musicians. Cost is 45 euro for adults, which includes admission charge to grounds; 25 euro for children 4 to 6 years old 25 euro, free to under age 4. Reservations are mandatory, call 0442-93-655. English operators are available.

Gitando VI

March 26-29: Leisure time exhibition. Hours are Thur. – Sat. 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sun. 9 a.m. – 8 p.m., in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria, 16. Find camping, sportswear and leisure goods, hobbies, cars, boats and holiday ideas.

Admission fee: 6 euro; reduced: 3 euro; Thu and Fri free entrance.

To preregister on line and get a reduced ticket (3 euro), visit the English Web site www.fiera.trieste.it/olio/eng/index.html.

The instructions are in Italian. If you need help, please call Anna Terracino at 634-7169 or e-mail anna.terracino@eur.army.mil.

Antique market

March 29: Piazzola sul Brenta, (PD), Villa Contarini,

about 16 miles east of Vicenza. More than 700 vendors and food booths.

Sagra dei Morosi - Sweetheart Festival

March 28-29: Bosco Chiesanuova, Verona, about 50 miles northwest of Vicenza. This festival, held 15 days before Easter, celebrates spring, nature's awakening. Legend has it that it is the best time of the year to start new love stories.

March 28 at 9 p.m. gastronomical stands, live music and karaoke. March 29: noon, gastronomical stands, live music, dances, entertainment and games for children.

VicenzAcustica concert

March 28, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, city theater, Viale Mazzini, 39. Ticket: 16 euro. Reduced prices are 12 euro for younger than 25 and older than 60; 1 euro for children younger than 10.

Bounce houses are back

March 28 – May 3, in Vicenza, Campo Marzio. Kids can play in bounce houses, a Tibetan bridge, an air mountain and a camelot castle. Admission fee is 5 euro.

Free concerts, exhibits, classes

Mauro Negri's Travelling Trio: March 26, 10 p.m., in Sovizzo, Jazsbo, Via del Progresso, 18, about seven miles west of Vicenza.

Sheriff Perkins + Wasted Pido, Destroy-A-Billy and Country Punk: March 26, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Bar Sarteia, Corso San Felice, 362.

Ultradolce live@Birracrua, March 26, 8:30 p.m., in Vicenza, Equobar, Strada Marosticana, 350.

World Jazz, March 28, 5 p.m., in Vicenza, Canneti Auditorium, Levà degli Angeli.

Love Expressions -



Experience medieval life for a day with knights, bowmen, musicians, fire-eaters, fortune-tellers, jesters, flag-throwers, a medieval encampment and a medieval market. (Photo of Bevilacqua Castle courtesy of Bevilacqua marketing office)

Conservatory students' concert, March 28, 5 p.m. in Vicenza, Santa Chiara Chapel, Contrà Santa Chiara.

1900-2000 History of a Century, March 28, 9 p.m., in Lumignano, Saint Maiolo Church, Piazza Luigi Mazzaretto, 1, about 10 miles southeast of Vicenza.

Play performed by the amateur theatrical company of La Fraglia, an institute for disabled. An English script is available by sending an e-mail to anna.terracino@eur.army.mil.

Daniel Wang Universal Experience Jazz not Dead Festival, March 31, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Bar Sarteia, Corso SS Felice.

Explore the sky: Astronomical Observatory of Arcugnano, March 31, 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.

John Cave and the Lilliputians - Music cor Peace, April 1, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Casa per la

Pace, Contrà Porta Nuova, 2.

Upcoming concerts

Bob Dylan: Rome, April 17.

David Byrne: Verona, April 20.

Mamma mia: Musical in English. April 22-May 3 in Trieste and May 6-19 in Florence

Jackson Browne: in Padova May 8 and May 11 in Bologna.

Simply Red: In Conegliano, near Pordenone, May 19.

Lenny Kravitz: In Collegno, Torino, June 3, in Rome, June 5; in Brescia, June 6; in Lucca, July 11.

The Killers, in Verona, June 8; in Rome, July 14.

Depeche Mode, in Rome, June 16; in Milan, June 18.

U-2, in Milan, July 7.

Anastacia, in Lucca, July 8; in Rome, July 12.

Madonna, In Milan, July 14;

in Udine, July 16.

James Taylor: Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova), July 15.

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

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

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

ColdPlay: Udine, Friuli Stadium, Aug. 31

Tickets are available from your local box office or online at www.ticketone.it/EN/Home/.

Sports events

The Harlem Globetrotters Italian Tour 2009, in Bologna, Apr. 30; in Verona, May 2, in Rome, May 4.

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

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

March 26	Not Easily Broken (PG13)	6 p.m.
March 27	Bedtime Stories (PG) My Bloody Valentine (R)	6 p.m. 9 p.m.
March 28	Bedtime Stories (PG) I Love You Man (R)	3 p.m. 6 p.m.
March 29	Max Payne (PG13) I Love You Man (R)	3 p.m. 6 p.m.
April 1	Gran Torino (R)	6 p.m.
April 2	Frost/Nixon (R)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

March 26	He's Just Not That Into You (PG13)	6 p.m.
March 27	The Day the Earth Stood Still (PG 13)	6 p.m.
March 28	Fired Up (PG13)	6 p.m.
March 29	Street Fighter: The Legend of Chun-Li (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, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Movie Schedule.

Rome in a day, Gardaland opens, dolphin show awaits

Effective April 1, Outdoor Recreation and ITR combined offices. Call ODR at 634-7453 for details on the trips below and upcoming trips.

Rome Express

This trip departs 3 a.m. April 4 and returns at 2 a.m. April 5. The Rome express allows you to see the historical sites, artistic interest and excitement of Rome, without paying for a hotel.

Gardaland

Visit Italy's favorite amusement park with its astonishing Fantasy Gallery, or climb the Blue Tornado and fall into empty space from a 40-meter tower. Magic Mountain is not to be missed. There is lots of family fun at Gardaland. The next trip is April 6 at ODR.

IMAX amusement park

Visit Oltremare, which is similar to SeaWorld, where you will discover the world of

dinosaurs and the dolphin lagoon. You will see how they train and feed the dolphins and participate in a dolphin show. The trip is April 8, 7:30 a.m.

Medieval Times show

Four knights with the help of squires and bishops compete in games of ability with horses and hand battles to win the hand of the princess. The tournament begins April 10, the trip leaves at 5:30 p.m.

Art Center classes

April 2: Photography fundamentals: Eight sessions teach you how to take fabulous photos and learn what features your camera offers.

April 2: Open pottery session begins at 10 a.m. It's just \$2.50 per hour or \$10 for the day.

April 10, 2 p.m.: Intro to picture framing can save you money by learning to frame your own pictures, photos and art work.

Call 634-7074 for details and to register for classes.

ID card office closure

The ID card office, located in the Central Processing Facility, bldg 311, will close at 1 p.m. for inventory the last business day of every month.

YS spring break trip

Youth in grades 7-12 can join Youth Services on a trip to Naples April 5-10.

Teens will visit Pompeii, hike Mt. Vesuvius, Naples and meet teens from Naples and Sigonella.

For details and cost call 634-7659 or register before March 31 at Central Registration.

Consumer Rights class

March 31 at 10 a.m., ACS offers Consumer Rights and Obligations, a class that will show you just what rights you do have as a consumer.

Call 634-7500 to register.

Child Find screening

Free Child Find developmental screenings are offered April 1 at the CDC, bldg 395, from 8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Call CDC 395 at 634-8433 to schedule an appointment.

CTC taking registrations

Central Texas College is now

registering for classes. Register for criminal justice, child development classes or the Microsoft certification program and get a free iPod.

Call 634-6514 or e-mail vicensa@europe.ctcd.edu.

Chapel Easter workshop date, hour change

The Protestant Chapel community is hosting an Easter workshop April 10, 10 a.m.-noon in the chapel activity room.

Call 634-7897 or 0444-71-7897 to register.

Pajama party

Wear your jammies and join the fun April 2, 9 p.m. at the Arena for special drinks, games, prizes and good times.

Spring break bowling

The Arena offers 1½ hours of bowling and shoe rental for \$20, from 1-9 p.m. April 6, 7 and 9. For details stop by the Arena bowling counter.

All-you-can-bowl Tuesdays

Every Tuesday from 5-10 p.m. its bargain bowling at the Arena. Up to six people can bowl for \$15 per lane for three hours of unlimited bowling. Shoe rental is not included.

Call 634-8257 for details.

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. For details call 634-5087.

Dining facility changes hours

As of April 1, the South of the Alps dining facility hours will be Monday to Friday: breakfast: 7-9 a.m., lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 1

Post fire department takes show on road



Captain Marcus Nielsen, USAG Vicenza Fire and Emergency Services (left) speaks with a member of Vigili Del Fuoco, Italian emergency service workers, about mutual response objectives during the 10th Meeting Protezione Civile, Emergency Services Meet. The annual event is held in Lonigo, about 20 miles southwest of Vicenza. About 200 associations of Italian emergency service workers and volunteers participated in the three-day event held March 13-15. "As an American firefighter, I especially enjoyed the interaction with the Italian emergency service workers (i.e. Vigili Del Fuoco, Civile Protezione) because it provides me with a fresh perspective of emergency services as well as just getting to know my Italian counterparts." According to Nielsen along with firefighter Luca Sivori, (back) the response from the Vigili Del Fuoco was excellent. "Truly, that was one of our goals. It is very important to us to have a good relationship with them so that we may provide mutual aid to each other whenever necessary in an emergency," they said. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

p.m.; dinner: 5-6:30 p.m.

Saturdays: Breakfast: 8-9:30 a.m.; lunch: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.; dinner: 5-6:30 p.m.

Sunday brunch is 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and supper is 5-6:30 p.m.

Tech Expo coming

April 1, 10-2 p.m. in the Arena. See demonstrations featuring the latest in communication technologies by more than 20 companies. Free entry.

USO notes

The USO is looking for volunteers and Soldiers can get promotion points for volunteering.

Come by the USO and try our new deluxe coffee/hot chocolate machine.

The USO is located in bldg 9A. Hours are Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-10 p.m., weekends, noon-6 p.m. Call us at 634-7156.

VA briefings

April 10, 8:30 a.m. - noon, learn about VA benefits and from 1-3 p.m. attend the Disability Assistance and Transition Program briefing.

Eagle Scout project seeks volunteers

Community volunteers are sought to help with an Eagle Scout project refurbishing picnic tables and benches.

Dates of work are April 3, 4, 5, and 6.

Call Matthew Calabrese at 329-191-8371 after 3 p.m. or e-mail: matthew.calabrese1@us.

army.mil. Before 3 p.m. call Anne Calabrese 634-8531 or 335-204-362.

Warrant Officer association news

Chief Warrant Officer Paul O'Meara will be at the Hall of Heroes April 2 at 3 p.m. providing information specifically geared toward warrant officers in the military intelligence field. All those interested are welcome and especially if you have junior Soldiers interested in a potential career change to the military intelligence field.

He will also be at the SOTA Warrant Officer Association breakfast April 2. For details call Chief Warrant Officer John Parker at 634-8040.

FAP April events

April is Month of the Military Child and FAP is hosting a Family Breakfast April 2, 7 a.m. in the school cafeteria.

April 3, FAP sponsors a free Family Bowling Bash at the Arena, 3-6 p.m.

How to invest wisely

April 1, 11:30 a.m. community members can learn about all levels of investing resources, tools and tips.

Call 634-7500 to register.

Autism/ADHD support group

April 2, 11 a.m.- noon, the Autism/ADHD support group meets at Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

Call 634-7500 for details.

Religious activities

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

Chaplain Crisis Line:

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

Saturday services

4 p.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation, or by appointment.

5 p.m.: 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 (Sept. through May in Vicenza High School)

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

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

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

4 p.m.: Lutheran worship

6 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Monday

Noon: LDS Scripture Study

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

For details contact Jocelyn Cary at 634-7890 or 349-385-3476 or vicecb@yahoo.com.

Tuesday

9:15 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC)

Wednesday

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 Sept-May.

5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

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

Thursday

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

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

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

Faith group contacts

Islamic: Spc. Kasimov, 329-034-3511

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

Latter Day Saints (LDS): Scripture study is held each Monday, noon-1 p.m. at the Chapel. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. downtown.

For details, call Sean Peterson, 335-8219492.

Eggstravaganza is April 11



Hop to Hoekstra Field on April 11, 1-4 p.m. for the annual Eggstravaganza. Children's activities include face painting, balloon creations, a bounce house, arts and crafts activities plus the egg and candy race. Call 634-5087 for details. (Outlook file photo)

All briefs must be received at editor@eur.army.mil noon Monday, or by Friday at 4 p.m. if Monday is a holiday.

Runners discover all roads lead to Rome

By Maj. Ryan Dillon
U.S. Army Africa
Public Affairs

ROME – A dozen members of the Vicenza military community raced through infamous cobblestone roads, twisting and turning through the Eternal City during the 15th running of the Rome Marathon.

Vicenza's runners were among 15,000 who massed at the imposing ruins of the Colosseum March 22 – a cold, windy Sunday morning.

Despite the cold, the streets were lined with people encouraging packs of runners along the 26.2-mile route, a welcome sight for Navy Lt.j.g. Dave Hallem, Naval Facilities-Vicenza.

"Compared to other marathons I've run, never once was there not a group of spectators along the route cheering you on," Hallem said.

There was good reason for spectators to come out. About 15 different locations throughout the course route had concerts and other activities.

Some runners dressed for the occasion – sporting outfits such as Roman Legionnaires, Pinocchio – even a Native American in full headdress.

More than 8,000 of the runners were from at least 75 countries – not including Italy – making the marathon one of the most widely internationally participated of its kind.

"It was so inspiring seeing so many different cultures coming together for one event," said runner Sonya Day.

Kenyan Benjamin Kiptoo won the race – running the course in 2:07:07 – a course record, according to press reports.



Lacy Wolff (left), Laura Gardner (in red) and Tom Laney run past a tired walker during the last kilometer of the Rome Marathon.



Vicenza runners prior to start of the Rome Marathon, March 22, in front of the Arch of Constantine. From Left to Right, Top Row: Julia Sibilla, Sonya Day, Jonathan Ng, Lacy Wolff, Jeffrey Douville, Ryan Dillon, Dave Hallam, Alfonso Alarcon. Bottom Row: Tom Laney, Andrew Lotze and Laura Gardner. Not pictured is Michael Campbell.

Firehiwot Dado of Ethiopia won the women's race at 2:27:08.

It was the first marathon for seven of the Vicenza members.

Most said they would run again – albeit not anytime soon – but they were thrilled to chalk up the Rome Marathon as their first.

Cougar soccer slams Florence

Story and photo
by Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

The Vicenza High School Boys' Soccer Team scored a

flood of goals against the Florence team in the first game of the season played at Caserma Ederle's multipurpose field March 21.

The final score was VHS

Cougars 12, Florence 1.

"We are a good group of players," said Reggie Haines, who was one of the highest scorers of the match along with Felipe Diaz.

"I don't think any team is weak, I just think that today we were just hustling," Haines said.

"Today we were focused on good passes and good connections," commented Diaz.

"Throughout the season we still have to improve, especially in the possession of the ball and not kicking the ball out of bounds," he added.

The Vicenza High School Girls' Soccer Team did not compete Saturday.

Both teams will play against Marymount March 28.

As spring break is April 6-11, there are no home games until after Easter.



Felipe Diaz gets ready to pass in the midfield during one of the many offensive actions.

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.

USAG Vicenza Sports Update

Soldiers' Volleyball league standings

Team	Win	Loss
Lucky	4	0
USAHC	2	2
D Co, 1-503	2	1
Delta Rec	1	1
Top Gun	1	1
BSB Riggers	1	2
Angels	0	4

Recent game results

March 17

BSB Riggers: 18, 11 vs. D Co, 1-503rd: 25, 25

Delta Rec: 25, 25 vs. USAHC: 14, 20

March 18

Lucky: 25, 25 vs. Top Gun: 21, 23

D Co, 1-503rd: 25, 25 vs. Angels: 11, 15

USAG Vicenza Community Soccer team standings

Win	Tie	Loss
2	2	9

Recent Game Results

March 14

Cittadella Calcio: 1 vs USAG: 0

Dodgeball league standings

Team	Win	Loss
Secret Squirrels	4	1
Doughnut Ninjas	2	0
Dentac	1	3
AFN Vicenza	1	4

Recent Game Results

March 19

Doughnut Ninjas: 6 vs. AFN Vicenza: 2

Dentac: 6 vs. Secret Squirrels: 2

March 20

Doughnut Ninjas: 6 vs. AFN Vicenza: 2

AFN Vicenza: 2 vs. Secret Squirrels: 6