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Pfc. Brandon Olson, Battle Co., 2-503rd Infantry, 173rd ABCT, lies exhausted after a firefight with Taliban insurgents. Photo ©Tim Hetherington.

## 173rd Soldier subject of Photo of the Year

Combat is an exhausting experience. For those of us in the safety of our homes, seeing photographs of war are probably as close as we will ever come to any aspect of combat.

British photographer Tim Hetherington has won the premier award from the international jury of the 51st annual World Press Photo Contest.

The judges selected a color image of one of the 173rd ABCT's Soldiers as the World Press Photo of the Year 2007.

Hetherington was on assignment for *Vanity Fair* magazine to cover the U.S. Soldiers in Afghanistan.

The picture was taken Sept. 16, 2007 and shows Pfc. Brandon Olson, a member of Battle Co., 2nd Battalion Airborne, 503rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team.

Olson is shown resting at Restrepo bunker, named after a Soldier from his platoon who was recently killed by insurgents.

Battle Co. is deployed in the Korengal Valley in the Eastern province of Afghanistan.

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Samantha Windell and her 14-month-old son Damion, check for messages on their computers. (Photo by Krista Brown, USAG Bamberg Public Affairs)

## Living successfully

by Jon Fleshman  
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

Friends, yoga, a family support group, on-line courses, England and a toddler lifted Sam out of her funk when Chase went to war.

"The first few months after my husband deployed were miserable," admits Samantha Windell, 24, from her home in Bamberg, Germany. "I wanted to stay at home the whole time."

When Spc. Chase Windell deployed to Afghanistan in May,

2007, Sam had just arrived in Europe on her first assignment as an Army spouse, if you don't count basic and advanced individual training.

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## Vicenza community reaps benefits from visiting experts

Story and photo by Diana Bahr  
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

The Vicenza Military Community hosted the first Europe-based Joint Services Family Assistance workshop for service providers Tuesday and Wednesday. The workshop featured a team of subject-matter experts from the Office of the Secretary of Defense in areas such as relocation assistance, children and youth initiatives and counseling.

“General Helmick met members of this team in Washington,” said Renee Citron, deputy to the garrison commander, USAG Vicenza. “He felt they had valuable information for our community and invited them to come to Italy. In addition to talking about new programs and updates on current ones, the discussion groups they led provided valuable networking and idea-generation in many areas of family assistance.

“Each day the team was here was a day of learning and enrichment for

all involved,” continued Citron. “Not only did they provide the workshop but they had one-on-one meetings with many staff to include me. As a result, we will be able to better utilize the many resources that OSD offers at the installation level, specifically Military OneSource.”

One workshop attendee was Kent Thompson, Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program manager.

“We received information on a variety of new resources, along with potentially more effective ways to reach Soldiers and family members,” said Thompson, who offers financial management programs for community members.

“I will be changing some content and the methods of delivery to better reach the entire community,” he continued. “I want to determine what days and times are most convenient for people to attend events. I encourage our community to let me know what types of financial coaching they want and

when they want it.”

Most attendees agreed that two of the most valuable take-aways from the workshops were the Web sites for Military HOMEFRONT ([www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil](http://www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil)) and Military OneSource ([www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)).

“The two sites can help you with just about anything,” said Franny Packard, Exceptional Family Member Program manager. “There is also a toll free number for overseas that will get you connected with a counselor, they offer translation services and more.”

Another fan of the Web sites is Rose Holland, who manages both Army Family Team Building and Army Family Advocacy programs.

“The amount of resources available to our Soldiers and families through both (sites) was astonishing,” she said. “As a parent of three teenagers, I was especially interested in the scholarship and college search tools. The other tool that I would

encourage everyone to utilize is the plan-my-move tool. This helps you connect to the necessary resources and ensure you have what you need as you get ready to PCS.”

While the workshops were limited to Caserma Ederle service providers, the rest of the community was invited to hear Jacey Eckhart, a military spouse and workshop featured speaker, share her personal experiences of military life in the Ederle Theater Friday.

“You know that your married life is different from all other marriages—you’re a military marriage,” said Eckhart, who also hosts a radio talk show and writes a syndicated newspaper column about military life. “Servicemembers are not normal,” she told the audience with a laugh.

“They are men and women who have a deep capacity to care for people. They believe that this is their calling,” she added.

In the end, she said, you learn to become accepting of who he (servicemember) is and you know



Allie Vallery (standing), Employment Readiness Program manager, shows Farrah Overman various resume styles. Vallery attended several workshops presented by the Joint Services Family Assistance team. “The presenters were very knowledgeable. They really wanted to know what was going on in the daily lives of our community members and what they could do to help,” she said.

“he’s not normal, but I accept it. This is why so many people will stop a servicemember and thank him or her for their service. They recognize that special trait in you.”

## CIAO 2008

By Erica Sargent  
*Special to the Outlook*

Each year, the Vicenza Community Club hosts a conference to inspire, educate and uplift the women of our community.

This year’s Combined Italian American Organization Conference will take place on March 28 at *Dai Gelosi*. Each year, Italians celebrate the *Festa Della Donna*. In that spirit, VCC created the CIAO

(Left) At CIAO 2008, participants learned many handicrafts.

Women’s Conference to focus on women celebrating women through education, friendship and fun.

The CIAO committee has been hard at work organizing a variety of workshops, presenters and a motivational speaker to make this year’s conference memorable.

Some of the classes being offered this year include: Wine 101, area cultural events and the art of stamping.

Judy McDonald, a local comedienne and inspirational speaker, will be on hand to lift spirits and provide a few good laughs throughout the day.

You’ll learn a few things, get a nice gift bag, have a fabulous Italian lunch and spend the day among friends. This conference is open to the entire community.

Registration begins Feb. 7. You can pick up a registration form at Davis Soldier & Family Readiness Center, the post library, the Body Shop or the thrift shop. Transportation is available from post to *Dai Gelosi*.

Childcare is available to those attending the conference, at \$10 per child for the day. Current registration with CYS is required.

Completed registration forms and the registration fee of \$20, should be dropped in the VCC drop-box located in the post library no later than March 5.

Contact Erica Sargent for further information at 328-886-4983 or via email at [ericasargent@gmail.com](mailto:ericasargent@gmail.com).

## Speak Out

### “What female figure has had the most influence on your life?”

By Laura Kreider



Sgt. 1st Class

**Tremayne Frison**  
My mother had the greatest influence on me by teaching me values and how to respect others. She made me the man I am today.



Johell and Kaysie Hart

Besides my mother, my middle school teacher has influenced me by teaching me every day life situations. This helped me become what I am today.



Jenny Sanders

It has to be my mother. She never stopped me from pursuing my dreams and she has shown and proven to me that as a woman anything is possible.



Mike Weston

My grandmother because she always teaches me the right things and she is a big role model of mine.



Crystal and Roques Wrenn

My mother has influenced me the most. She has taught me how to be an outgoing woman, wife and mom.



## Really Rosie

Soldiers' Theatre will present, *Really Rosie*, a musical based on the book *The Sign on Rosie's Door* by award winning illustrator and author Maurice Sendak. In 1975, Sendak collaborated with Grammy award winning song writer Carole King to create the musical *Really Rosie*.

The musical follows a summer day in Brooklyn where the strong willed and imaginative Rosie turns twelve boring hours into a fascinating day. Rosie is joined by a unique group of friends who laugh, fight and work out their anxieties with good old fashioned sidewalk play.

Featured in the role of Rosie is Carolyn Parse Rizzo. She is joined by Bizzy Buffington, Samantha Price, Luka Fatuesi, Rosie Malone and Audrey Crow. The moms of the kids are played by Kym Price, Lorian McKeever, and Melanie Fatuesi. The show is directed by Bonnie Daniels with set design by Peggy Schadler and John Beamish. Musical direction is by Ciriaco Colello.

Tickets are on sale now for performances on March 7, 14, and 15 at 7:30pm. March 8 is already sold out. Tickets prices are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students. *Really Rosie* is recommended for adults and older kids. The show will have special appeal to baby boomers. For more information about *Really Rosie*, call Soldiers' Theatre at 634-7281.



Members of the *Really Rosie* cast perform one of the songs during their rehearsal at Soldiers' Theatre. The show is a musical based on the book *The Sign on Rosie's Door*. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

# Making most of long separations

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"Three days after I arrived and joined Chase he left for a month of field training a month before he deployed," Sam says. "He's seen his kid all of two months of his life."

Damion is Sam and Chase's 14-month-old son. Dad was there for his birth, however, and he did get to see Damion walking when he made a return visit for rest and recuperation.

"I like having him around," Sam confides. "He's a miniature replica of my husband. Every time I look at him I'm reminded of Chase."

Mom and son aren't housebound anymore though. Every other afternoon they head to fellow family-of-deployed-Soldier and best friend Lauren Kemp's house. While Sam and Lauren release their stress through yoga, Damion plays with Lauren's 4 and 5-year-olds Emory and Darby. The families often share grocery expenses and have a meal together. They also travel together. To fight the holiday blues they found discount flights and moms and kids went to London for Thanksgiving.

"The biggest change I've seen in Sam is that she's become independent," says Lauren, whose husband, Spec. Dustin Kemp, is in



Samantha Windell and son Damion, communicate with their downrange Soldier by instant messenger and e-mails. (Photo by Krista brown, USAG Bamberg Public Affairs)

the same unit as Chase - Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Special Troops Battalion, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team. The Kemps are experiencing their fourth deployment as a married couple, so Lauren has a veteran's perspective.

"Sam has learned who she is," Lauren continues, "outside of being Damion's mom and Chase's wife. It's the most important thing the spouse of a deployed Soldier

can learn, especially during the first deployment."

Lauren explains that during this time of growth and change communication between deployed spouse and home-front spouse is critical. She warns: "If not, hubby comes home and asks 'Who are you?' and 'What have you done with my wife?'"

Sam and son are definitely staying in touch with their Soldier downrange. She says her husband

calls her every chance he gets, which averages about every two to three days. They also communicate by instant messenger and e-mail daily, and she estimates she has sent "a million and a half care packages." In addition, they have web cams that are crystal clear.

"When Chase came home on R&R Damion ran to his dad. It was really sweet," Sam recalls. "He's at an age where he's a little afraid of strangers, but he knew who his daddy was."

Family oriented activities that she can share with her son are one of the things Sam likes about her family readiness group. In addition to FRG special events, she attends monthly meetings and says she has found the group leader a good source of accurate information and support.

"The FRG opened a whole new avenue for me," Sam says. "You meet all the unit spouses and the battalion FRG also holds events and will bring all the company FRGs together. Right now we're making welcome-home baskets for all the single Soldiers in the unit."

In turn, the HHC STB family readiness group benefits from Sam's professional skills. She has a bachelor's in political science, accounting and international

business from Capitol University in Columbus, Ohio, and is working on a master's in business administration. Sam volunteers as her FRG's treasurer.

"She's helped make sure our books stay right," says Janelle Walden, the unit's FRG leader. "She has given her knowledge to others and helped them with financial planning."

When she first met her, Walden says, Sam kept to herself and it was obvious she was new to Army life.

"Being an Army spouse is about sharing and mutual support. She is a true example of that and has shown herself to be a priceless asset," Walden says.

The rear detachment is another resource the Colebrook, Ohio native recommends along with family readiness groups and Army Community Service orientation and empowerment courses. Sam says when she hears rumors about her husband's unit or just needs information, she goes to the rear detachment sergeant for the straight answer. And if the sergeant doesn't know, Sam says, she'll go find out.

Samantha Windell's short answer to the secret of living successfully as the spouse of a deployed Soldier is simple: "Get out there - and get involved."

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Betsy Walters

## At your service

**Betsy Walters** is the USAG Vicenza and USAG Livorno health promotion coordinator. Her mission is to identify gaps and overlaps of programs and services by evaluating population needs, assessing existing programs, and coordinating targeted interventions to optimize the well-being of the total force.

The current programs offered include civilian fitness, Operation Walk for Freedom, active duty pregnancy and postpartum physical training, and Fit-4-Life, a healthy lifestyle program for kids in grades 7-10.

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# The Korengal Valley, home to Bat

## Rock Soldiers featured in award winning photos

The valley is infamous as the site of the downing of a U.S. helicopter and has seen some of the most intense fighting in the country.

Hetherington's photograph is part of a picture story that was also awarded 2nd Prize in General News Stories.

Some of the photos from this story are featured here.

The photos originally appeared in the January 2008 issue of *Vanity Fair*.

"This image represents the exhaustion of a man - and the exhaustion of a nation," said jury chairman Gary Knight, and added "we're all connected to this.

It's a picture of a man at the end of a line."

Fellow juror MaryAnne Golon commented: "I use all my energy to have people notice bad things. There's a human quality to this picture. It says that conflict is the basis of this man's life."

Hetherington will receive his award during a ceremony in Amsterdam on April 27, 2008.

This year, a record number of participants from 125 countries sent in their work, a total of 5,019 photographers.

The total number of images submitted was 80,536. The jury gave prizes in 10 theme categories to 59 photographers of 23 nationalities from: Australia, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada,

Colombia, Denmark, France, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Italy, Japan, People's Republic of China, Poland, Portugal,

Russia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, The Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States and Zimbabwe.

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(Below, right) Spc. Brian Underwood shouts out to a gunner while preparing to launch grenades during an attack.

(Below, left) Underwood's grenades in his bandolier are marked with messages referring to family, friends, the New York Yankees and the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

(Bottom) Sgt. Joshua McDonough and Spc. Miguel Gutierrez from 2nd Platoon return fire from the bunker at observation point Restrepo after coming under attack by Taliban fighters.





# Battle Co., 2-503rd, 173rd ABCT



(Left) Army medic Cpl. 'Doc' Old treats an injured Soldier during an attack. (Below) The 120mm mortar team from Battle Co. at the KOP, the main firebase in the Korengal Valley, returns fire on insurgent positions after coming under attack. (Bottom) A Black Hawk helicopter lands on the roof of a house in the village of Yaka China to extract the commanding officer of Battle Co., Capt. Daniel Kearney, following a meeting, known as a *shura*, with local elders.





## Concerts, yachts, motor shows and wrath of Khan

### Exhibitions

**Vicenza:** Luxury & Yachts in the exhibition grounds March 7-9 some of the luxury items on display include yachts, cars, a helicopter, modern and contemporary art, fishing rods, pens, guns and jewelry. Open everyday 9:30 a.m. - 8 p.m. entrance fee: 20 euro.

The Holiday Exhibition-Market 2008 will take place in the Padova exhibition grounds March 8-9. Find information you need on camp sites, caravans, motor-homes, bird-watching, holiday villages, exotic vacations and accessories for your favorite past-time.

Open each day from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. entrance fee is 5 euro. On the website <http://www.vacanzeweekend.it/> find a ticket for free entrance, *ingresso omaggio*, for the first day on March 8 which you would fill in and present at the box office.

In Palazzo Grassi, Venice see the exhibition Rome and the Barbarians, *Roma e I Barbari*, with over 1,700 archaeological treasures from over 200 museums across the world which surveys the culture of the barbarian nations who overthrew the Roman Empire in late antiquity and the middle ages. Open everyday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. until July 20, entrance fee, a little expensive, is 15 euro.

### Upcoming concerts

**Megadeth** in Milan-March 4 and in Pordenone-March 5; **Him** in Milan-March 6, in Florence-March 7; **Alicia Keys** in Milan-March 29; **Serj Tankian** in Milan-April 17; **Avril Lavigne** in Milan-June 13; **Iron Maiden** in Bologna-June 27; **Vasco Rossi** in Rome-May 29, Milan-June 6, Ancona-June 14, Venice-June 21; **Bruce Springsteen** in Milan-June 25; **Celine Dion** in Milan-July 3; **R.E.M.** in Perugia-July 20; Verona-July 21; Naples-July 23; Udine-July 24; Milan-July 26; **Metallica** will be in Bologna on July 22. Tickets online from [www.greenticket.it](http://www.greenticket.it) or check Saxophone music store, 22 Viale Roma, downtown Vicenza, but tickets at the store are not issued on Saturdays.

### Genghis Khan is here

In the Casa dei Carraresi, in Treviso, the exhibition Genghis Khan and the Treasure of the Mongoli, *Gengis Khan e il Tesoro dei Mongoli*, is taking place.

The 'Casa' hosts the world premiere exhibition of over 300 precious and extremely rare finds, on loan from Chinese museums and taken from recent archaeological excavations in the northern regions beyond the Great Wall, where from 907 and 1368 China's history was determined by protagonists of the Wu Dai, Xi Xia, Liao, Jin, Song and Yuan Dynasties. The exhibition is divided into five sections: Gold of the steppes; Genghis Khan and the conquests of the Mongol Empire; The voyage of Marco Polo and the triumph of the Silk Road.

The mysteries of the dynasties beyond the Great Wall and the last section, The most beautiful porcelain of all time. Open until May 4 on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, Saturday, Sunday 9 a.m.-8 p.m., closed Monday except for Easter Monday which is March 24. Entrance fee 9 euro.

### Events in the castle in Bevilacqua

The following events will take place in the Bevilacqua castle, located near Verona: March 8 'Women's Day' dinner at 8:30 p.m. cost 35 euro; March 16 at 10 a.m. gates open for a medieval event, lots of activities and games for all, adults 7 euro, children between 4-8 years old 3 euro; dinner will be served at noon at a cost of 35 euro; March 23 Easter dinner at 12:30 p.m. cost 45 euro. Bookings are mandatory, tel. 0442 93655/649521.

### Classical music and dance

The following events will take place in the Comunale Teatro downtown: March 8 at 9 p.m. and March 9 at 6 p.m. the Bejart Ballet Lausanne Company will perform Le Presbytere.

March 15, at 9 p.m. the Jin Xing Dance Theatre will perform Shanghai Tango.

March 17, The Teatro Olimpico Orchestra, directed by Giampaolo Bisanti with soprano Svetla Vassileva, tenor Mario Malagnini and baritone Silvano Carroli in Dedicated to Puccini, *Didicato a Puccini*.

Tickets available from [www.greenticket.it](http://www.greenticket.it), unsold tickets will be on sale the evening of the performance at the Theater box office.

### Notes for your diary

Antique and collectors market



People walk near the Basilica Palladiana located in Piazza dei Signori in downtown Vicenza. The architect Andrea Palladio started his project of renewing the Basilica in 1549, but it was completed only after his death in 1614. This year, Vicenza is celebrating the 500th anniversary of the birth of its most important architect. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

in the main squares of downtown Viocenza on March 9 with over 200 vendors open sunup to sundown.

The 7th Venice International Boat Show edition will take place March 8-16 and be held at the Stazione Marittima, in the port of Venice. It will be a Festival of the Sea, devoted to people who love the sea: sport events, fashion, tourism exhibition workshop and much more. Open weekdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m., weekends 10 a.m.-7 p.m., entrance fee 12 euro.

**Geneva**— the International Motor Show March 6-16, further info from [www.salon-auto.ch](http://www.salon-auto.ch).

**Vicenza** road march on March 16 starting and ending from Piazza dei Signori.

**Padova**—Saint Anthony marathon April 27.

**Italy wide**—Women's day on March 8.

**Vo' di Brendola**, province of Vicenza – Irish folk singer Cara Dillon on March 15 and from

Portugal Joana Amendoeira on March 29.

**Italy-wide:** Clocks move forward by one hour on the night of March 29-30 and they go back again on the night of October 25-26.

**Monza:** Superbike World Championship 9-11 May, tickets from 25 euro.

**Bassano del Grappa:** National Alpini Association rally May 9-11 – 300,000 participants expected.

## Now Showing

### Caserma Ederle Theater

March 5	P.S. I Love You (PG-13)	6 p.m.
March 6	Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story (R)	6 p.m.
March 7	One Missed Call (PG-13)	6 p.m.
	Semi Pro (R) (1st Run)	9 p.m.
March 8	The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep (PG)	3 p.m.
	Semi Pro (R) (1st Run)	6 p.m.
March 9	One Missed Call (PG-13)	3 p.m.
	The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep (PG)	6 p.m.

### Camp Darby Theater

March 6	Walk Hard: The Dewey Cox Story (R)	6 p.m.
March 7	Jumper (PG-13) (1st Run)	6 p.m.
March 8	One Missed Call (PG-13)	6 p.m.
March 9	The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep (PG)	2 p.m.

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

### Movie Synopsis

**WALK HARD: THE DEWEY COX STORY** - John C. Reilly, Jenna Fischer. The up-and-down-and-up-again story of musician Dewey Cox, whose songs would change a nation. On his rock 'n roll spiral, Cox sleeps with 411 women, marries three times, has 22 kids stars in his own 70s TV show, collects friends ranging from Elvis to the Beatles to a chimp, but despite it all, Cox grows into a national icon and eventually earns the love of a good woman - longtime backup singer Darlene. Rated R (sexual content, graphic nudity, drug use, language) 96 min

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## Caserma Ederle dining facility limited service

Due to scheduled power outage Saturday, March 8, South of the Alps Dining Facility will only be serving sack lunches from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. They will reopen for regular dinner service 5-6:30 p.m. Contact Marshall Fowler at 634-6990 for further information.

## Army Emergency Relief kick-off

Where: Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center living room

When: March 17, 2 p.m.

The public is invited to attend the cake cutting ceremony at the 2008 Annual Campaign Kick-Off. Col. Williams is the guest speaker. For more information call Valerie Sweed at 634-8524.

## EEO manager needed

The EEO Office is recruiting for collateral duty Special Emphasis Program managers to assist with identifying and analyzing barriers to employment and career advancement for minorities, women and the disabled and sponsoring career enhancement activities.

Individuals must have their supervisor's approval and will receive formal training. Call Cynthia Pierson, EEO Officer, 634-7976.

## Easy woodworking

Learn basic woodworking skills while you build a functional wall shelf, step by step instruction begins on March 6, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. call 634-7074 to register.

## Camp Darby ITR

### Festa della Donna trip

March 8, 6 - 11:30 p.m. Transportation is \$15. Spend an evening celebrating the Italian way with a trip to a local agriturismo for dinner. You must bring Euro's to cover the cost of the dinner.

## Road closure extended

The Ederle Inn Lodge addition contractor has run into unforeseen site conditions while installing a sewer line along the road in back of the Ederle Inn. The work could take another 30 days. The new date for road work to be completed is March 15.

## Rome express

This ITR trip leaves at 1 a.m. on March 29. Spend the day seeing all the great sights of Rome and then board the bus for the late night trip

home arriving back 3 a.m. the following morning. Call 634-7094 to book.

## JROTC college briefings

The Vicenza High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps program will host Lt. Col. (U.S. Army, retired) Terry Wilfong, of College Options Foundation on Friday, March 7, at the Hall of Heroes, 4:30 p.m.

Wilfong is a former university-level ROTC instructor and former Bursar for North Georgia State College and university. He is a n expert on college scholarships and financing.

For further information call G. Smailes at 634-7072 or e-mail at [George.Smailes@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:George.Smailes@eu.dodea.edu).

## VA benefits briefings

Mary Marshall, VA Representative, will give a general benefits and disability transition briefing on March 4 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Attend the general benefits briefing before coming to the DTAP briefing.

The morning of March 5 from 8:30 a.m.-noon is reserved for individual counseling requiring one-on-one assistance.

## Italian, Belly dancing, chili, more at USO

**Italian Level One class.** March 18- May 15. Learn Italian with this nine-week course. No prior knowledge needed. Classes are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 -7:30 p.m. Course cost is \$112 plus 10 euro for the book.

**Belly dancing** classes held every Wednesday at the Body Shop from 7-8 p.m. Cost is \$10 a class or \$35 for a month.

**Chili cook-off.** Bring in your best chili recipe to our cook-off and win a basket of goodies provided by Capitol Motors. Sign up starts April 1, at the USO. The cook-off with be held on April 19, at 1 p.m..

**Grand Opening.** Celebrate the grand opening on March 5, 4 p.m. The USO has recently moved to Bld 9 A. Check out the larger kitchen, flat screen TV's, leather couches, brand new laptops and Xbox room.

## MOMS Club events

**Infant Playgroup:** March 7, 11 a.m., EDIS. March 21, 11 a.m., EDIS, guest speaker: Mary Jo Rooney will speak about baby sign language.

**Exercise:** Walk the Track. Tuesdays, 9:30 a.m., track, weather dependent

**Easter party and egg hunt:** March 19, 11 a.m.

**Park Day:** March 28, 10 a.m.

**MOMS Club monthly meeting:** March 31, 10a.m. at the chapel

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

## Refractive eye surgery

In May of 2000, the U.S. Medical Command implemented the Warfighter Refractive Eye Surgery Program.

This program provides free eye surgery to Soldiers who meet specific longevity and other medical criteria.

SETAF is committed to upholding this opportunity for Soldiers. In support of this program, SETAF will continue to authorize permissive TDY for Soldiers eligible for the WRESP. Contact Lt. Col. Robert Unger at DSN 634-7965 for further information.

## UMUC Term 4 schedule

Registration Dates: through March 28.

Term Dates: March 31 through 24 May 24.

Courses being offered:  
BMGT110: Intro to Business and Management

BIOL101: Basic Concepts of Biology

BIOL102: Laboratory in Biology

ITAL111: Elementary Italian I (Italian I)

ITAL212: Intermediate Italian II (Italian 4)

HIST438: Modern Italy

SPCH100: Foundation of Speech and Communications

LIBS150: Information Literacy and Research Methods

GVPT170: American Government (Hybrid Class)

For more information contact the UMUC office at DSN 634-7055 or Comm 0444-7170. E-mail: [vice@ed.umuc.edu](mailto:vice@ed.umuc.edu)

## Better Opportunites for Single Soldiers to open

BOSS will cut the ribbon of the new lounge on March 5, 4 p.m. following command remarks everyone can also enjoy coffee and cake. BOSS meets every month on the 3rd Wednesday.

The new lounge has WI-FI, LCD TV, XBOX 360, Wii Nintendo, foosball, full kitchen, new lounge and a patio complete with canopies and grill.

All single Soldiers are encouraged to use this new facility.

## Personal history

This class will teach you the basics of writing your personal life history, and writing the stories of your ancestors in the first three sessions. The final session is an introduction to basic genealogical research. Class begins March 6, is held each Thursday 6-7 p.m. for four weeks at the post library.

## ACS survey

The Army Community Needs Assessment has been developed by the experts at Cornell University and is being given to military Families all over the world.

They need your input to help develop and improve programs that will make military life easier and more satisfying.

What programs are important to you? How do you think the military community is supporting its members?

They need you to fill out this survey so they can better meet the needs of military families now and

in the future.

During March and April, you will see the survey at various events and venues on the post including the PX every Friday 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Call ACS for information 634-7500.

## St. Paddy's Day Party

Club V celebrates St. Patrick's Day early with green beer and a Guitar Hero Tournament, on March 15, 8 p.m. Call 634-7685 for information.

## After school clubs

Kids join School Age Services for after school clubs each week and explore your special interests. Mondays kids council for grades 5 and 6, focuses on leadership and home-alone skills, Tuesdays is Spanish dance club, Wednesdays deployment club, Thursdays gardening club and Fridays is fine arts, photography, and health and fitness club.

You don't have to attend everyday but you must be a registered CYS member. Call 634-8253 for information.

## Standing strong

Women's self defense class offered by the Journey Series March 8 and 22, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. build confidence, awareness and develop strength and skills needed to protect yourself. Call 634-7500 to register.

## ITR trip to Turin

Visit Turin, the first capital of Italy and the royal palace, Sat. March 8, 6 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. Turin hosted the 2006 Winter Olympics and is full of art and history. ITR provides the transportation and a guided tour, call 634-7094 to reserve your space.

## Talent show

CYS is sponsoring a Youth and Teen Talent Show March 17 and 18. If you sing, dance, act, read poetry, do magic or gymnastics, or if you and your pet have a special trick, sign up now at the Middle School Program, the Teen Center or CYS Central Registration.

The Youth Show is for ages 6-12 and the Teen Show is for ages 13-18. Deadline for sign-up is April 4.

## Toll-free from DSN lines

The Defense Information Systems Agency has implemented an interface between the Defense Switched Network and the public switched telephone network that allows users to access toll-free numbers (area codes 800, 866, 877, and 888) on the PSTN through the DSN for authorized purposes. (Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Instruction 6215.01C defines authorized purposes.)

To obtain access to the interface, the user must:

\*Dial 809-4-OFF-DSN (809-463-3376).

\* Wait for a second dial tone.

\* Dial the toll-free number, including "1" (for example, 1-800-123-4567).

More information is available at [http://www.disa.mil/gs/dsn/809\\_service.html](http://www.disa.mil/gs/dsn/809_service.html).

## Religious activities

### Caserma Ederle Chapel

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

### Chaplain Crisis Line:

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

### Saturday services

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

### Sunday Services

9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass  
9 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school and AWANAs (Sept. thru May in Vicenza High School)  
10:45 a.m.: Catholic religious education (Sept.-May in Vicenza High School)  
11 a.m.: Protestant worship  
1:30 p.m.: Full Gospel Pentecostal worship  
4 p.m.: Lutheran worship  
6 p.m.: Contemporary Christian worship

### Monday

Noon: Weekday Mass  
3:05 p.m.: Middle School Club in the high school cafeteria. (Sept. - May)  
5:30 p.m.: High School Club in the Teen Center. (Sept.-May)  
For details contact Jocelyn Cary at 634-7890 or 349-385-3476 or [vicecb@yahoo.com](mailto:vicecb@yahoo.com).

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

Noon: Weekday Mass  
Noon: Protestant Men of the Chapel (PMOC) Bible study (at DFAC)  
Noon: LDS Study  
5:15 p.m.: PWOC evening bible study

### Thursday

9:15 a.m.: Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC)  
Noon: Weekday Mass  
5:30 p.m.: Gospel service choir rehearsal  
7:15 p.m.: Gospel service Bible study

### Friday

Noon: Weekday Mass  
Noon: Muslim Khutba and prayer

### Faith group POCs

**Islamic** POC is Mohamed Noeman at 634-6306.  
**Jewish** POC is Dr. Stephen or Nancy November at 328-054-9709 or [november6@msn.com](mailto:november6@msn.com).  
**Latter Day Saints (LDS)** POC is Dr. Matt Ghiz at 349-500-7989.

### Darby Chapel

For details call the chapel at: 633-7267 (50-54-7267).  
8:30 a.m.: Catholic Reconciliation  
9:30 a.m.: Catholic Mass  
11 a.m.: Protestant worship

### Upcoming events

Jewish Sabbath get together for services and meals at the Novembers. Also, on the evening of Thursday, March 20, the reading of the Megillah of Esther will take place for the holiday of Purim.

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# Cougars score in Europeans

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The Vicenza High School Cougars wrestling team began the year with 15 students, 11 of which were sophomores. Yet they were able to have a successful year, ending in four wrestlers going to the European tournament in Wiesbaden, Germany.

"Vicenza was very successful the entire season, placing second at four of the six jamborees and first on Jan. 19 when we beat Naples for the first time in 10 years," said Vicenza coach George Hanby. They had four wrestlers in the European tourney this year as well.

The four were: Kyle Kaus, (in the 171 lbs. class); Marc Bowman, (125 lbs.); Shaun Mahedo, (130 lbs.); and Zach Bishop; (135 lbs.) Mahedo placed seventh in the Europeans and Kyle Kaus took second.

"Overall, it was a really good experience," said Kaus after the tournament. "It would have been really nice to come home first, but I learned some new things and I became a better wrestler. I also got better at technique and improved some different things about what it is going to take to be number one."

Kaus plans on wrestling throughout high school. Before the next season, he will be involved in soccer in spring and football in the fall.

"Both, football and wrestling, are physically demanding sports," he continued. "They make you work and push yourself to the next level to be the stand-out player, and I like the extra challenge."

"Wrestling teaches you how to work with different people but also if you are not any good you can't hide it on the mat. The conditioning for football definitely helps for wrestling and wrestling helps with all the muscles that you use to keep you in shape," Kaus concluded.

As for next year, "I'm really looking forward to a great year when I have almost all sophomores returning as juniors on the wrestling team," said Hanby.



(Above) Kris Higgins of AFNORTH, top, and Cougars' Shaun Mahadeo wrestle in the 130 lbs. class during the Europeans. Higgins won the match and also the championship.



(Above) Cougars' Marc Bowman competes against Zach Smith of Heidelberg in the 125 lbs. class and wins his fifth place medal. (Bowman-Smith major decision 17-6) (Below) Cougars' Kyle Kaus, top, sets to pin Josh Hoefft of Ramstein in a time of 5:22, during the Semifinals held at Wiesbaden.



## Sports shorts

### ODR ski trip

March 8 ODR heads to Marmolada, "Queen of the Dolomiti." Located just south of the Austrian border Marmolada has 52 km of slopes and the longest is 16 km. ODR takes you where the powder is. Call 634-7453 for reservations.

### Baseball coaches clinic

This clinic is for adults and teenagers only. Dates: March 10-12 Cost: free. Location: Villaggio CYS Training area and baseball field. Age: 16 years and up

Target audience: Adults and youth in the community who are interested in coaching baseball for CYS Sports and Fitness.

Coach John Noce will be returning to Italy to teach local coaches how to coach baseball. He is a former MLB coach with more than 30 years experience.

This is an unique opportunity to be taught the key points of coaching baseball by a former MLB coach.

Call Georgia at 634 - 6151 and sign up or email her at [georgia.salyer@eur.army.mil](mailto:georgia.salyer@eur.army.mil). Sign up now through the start of the clinic.

### Fit-for-life for youth

MWR Adult and CYS Sports and Fitness Programs, Health Promotion, and the Pediatric Clinic are collaborating to give Vicenza youth in grades 7-10, an opportunity to learn to set goals, maintain a healthy weight, exercise, and make healthy choices.

The program is free and we have lots of prizes to give away too. Program will be each Thursday, except during spring break, March 13-May 22, 3:15-5:15 p.m.

Pick up parent permission forms the Teen Center, or the Pediatrics Clinic. Permission forms must be returned to parent informational meeting March 11 at 5:15 p.m. at Body Shop Fitness Studio.

### Spring Fever Fun Run

Join the Spring Fever 5k Fun Run/Walk on March 15, 11 a.m. Registration is open now at the Fitness Center or the Body Shop. Pre-brief is 10:45 a.m. on race day. For information call 634-7009.

### Sunday Volksmarches

Every Sunday ODR takes you to local Volksmarches for just \$3. The bus leaves and 7:30 a.m. and returns at 1 p.m. If you need a jogging stroller or a baby backpack, both are available for check out. Sign up deadline is the Wednesday prior. Call 634-7453.