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## American, Italian nurses exchange ideas, culture



Max Scudeler, U. S. Army Health Center Vicenza EMT paramedic (left) answers questions during the 2nd Italian-American Nurse Forum held at the health center Thursday. The event was hosted by the health center head nurses and the San Bortolo hospital patient liaison services. Thirty representatives of the Province Committee of the Italian Red Cross, health center nursing staff and other garrison health care professionals come together for a tour and luncheon. Read the story on page 4. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook photojournalist)

## Brigade Soldiers teach Afghan soldiers medical evacuation skills

By Spc. Gregory J. Argentieri  
173d Airborne Brigade  
Public Affairs

**NANGARHAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan** – Pilots and medics with the Afghan National Air Corps conducted air medical evacuation (medevac) training and coordination with Task Force Bayonet April 28 and 29 on Jalalabad Airfield.

The Combined Air Power Transition Force, working in conjunction with Task Force Eagle Assault Soldiers, have been training ANAC medics in order to stand up an ANAC medevac Air

Ambulance program since December. The ANAC medevac team flew their first joint mission Jan. 31, according to Navy Cmdr. Joey Swartz, senior medical advisor for the ANAC.

"This medevac training is [a] top priority for the ANA Air Corps, right after their first priority, presidential transport," said Swartz.

According to Swartz, this is a welcomed evolution for the ANAC, enabling Afghans to take care of Afghans.

Whether the casualty is an Afghan soldier, police, or civilian personnel, the ANAC will soon be

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Maj. David Hamilton, Charlie Company, 173rd Brigade Support Battalion physician's assistant, is loaded onto a stretcher during a medevac exercise between Afghan National Air Corps and brigade Soldiers April 29.

## Airborne!



Megan Hammonds (above), whose husband is a member of the 1st Battalion, 503d Infantry (Abn), is one of a group of First Rock spouses who had the opportunity to jump from the airborne training tower on the North 40 May 6. The event gave the spouses a taste of what training their Soldiers undergo. "It's pretty hard to take the first step," said Hammonds, after her first jump. "But it's also a lot of fun." The spouses were given a safety and procedural briefing before they were allowed to take the leap, explained Sgt. First Class Oscar Herrera, 1-503d 173rd ABCT. "They get a little taste of what we go through, so it is nice for the spouses to experience what the husband goes through and it is fun," he said. "My husband is in Afghanistan, so I did this for him," said Cynthia Macaranas. "The first time is a bit scary; the other times were exhilarating and I did it three times." (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

## Caserma Ederle uses Law Day to explain American political process to Italian lawyers



Dave Bustamante (center), public affairs officer at the U.S. Consulate General's Office in Milan, speaks with Carabinieri Lt. Col. Fortunato Spolaore (left), the SETAF Carabinieri company commander, and Italian prosecutor Dr. Paolo Pecori before giving his lecture on the U.S. presidential election process. Bustamante was speaking during the Law Day Symposium at the Hall of Heroes on Caserma Ederle May 8. Fifteen local Italian legal professionals attended the symposium that was hosted by SETAF's Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. "Many of these attorneys assist the United States or U.S. Soldiers, civilians and family members on host nation legal matters," said Capt. Kimberly Barnard, a judge advocate. "The symposium was not only an opportunity to share knowledge of our respective legal systems, but also an opportunity to cultivate a positive relationship with our Italian legal counterparts." (Photo by Spc. Crystal Abbott, SETAF Public Affairs office)

## Brigade training sees results as ANAC fly first medevac mission

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capable of flying independent medevac missions, he said.

"When the Afghan National Army sees the ANA taking care of its own, it will have a powerful impact and make the ANA a legitimate military unit," said Swartz.

A total of eight ANAC flight medics will receive three weeks of individual hands-on training and instruction by TF Eagle Assault medics and pilots.

During a second day of training April 29, a real medevac mission was called in. A suicide bomber had attacked the

Koghiani District Center in Nangarhar Province killing several and wounding dozens of civilians and policemen.

The ANAC crews immediately responded by conducting their first point-of-injury medevac mission since standing up the program. Their efforts were flawless and potentially saved several lives.

"For the first time the ANA has rapid medical evacuation capabilities," said Maj. J. Steven Birchfield, Task Force Bayonet brigade surgeon. "The lives they save today are just the beginning of a bright future."

### SETAF disciplinary report

## Legal drugs end careers

SETAF chief of Military Justice  
Press Release

During March and April, seven Soldiers were convicted at courts-martial for various offenses and three Soldiers were punished under Article 15 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Below is a break down of the punishments they received:

**General courts-martial:** Maj. Carlos Lopez-Vega, 14th Transportation Battalion, pled guilty to the following charges: use of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia (hash pipe) and conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman.

Lopez was sentenced to confinement for 12 months, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and a dismissal from the service. In exchange for pleading guilty, Lopez will be confined for a maximum of six months.

Staff Sgt. Shawn Walker, 3d Platoon, 68th Transportation Company, pled guilty to the following charges: conspiracy, misprision of a serious offense, use of marijuana, disobeying a commissioned officer, inappropriate relationship, dereliction of duty, false official document and false official statement. He was sentenced to reduction to E-1, confinement for eight months, forfeiture of \$898 for eight months and a bad-conduct discharge.

Pfc. Jeremy Sanders, HHD, 509th Signal Battalion, pled guilty to the following charges: use of marijuana and LSD, conspiracy to distribute LSD, attempted distribution and exportation of LSD, disobeying a commissioned officer and an NCO. Sanders was sentenced to a reduction to E-1, confinement for 30 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

Pvt. Michael George, Rear Detachment, 1-503d Inf Bde (Abn), pled guilty at a general court-martial to the following charges: desertion, wrongful appropriation, larceny and

uttering 53 worthless checks. He was sentenced to confinement for 21 months and a dishonorable discharge.

**Special court-martial:** Sgt. Joshua Scott, 3d Platoon, 68th Trans Company, pled guilty to the following charges: conspiracy, misprision of a serious offense, use of marijuana, disobeying a commissioned officer, inappropriate relationship, dereliction of duty, false official document and false official statement.

Scott was sentenced to reduction to E-3 and confinement for six months. In exchange for pleading guilty, Scott will be confined for a maximum of three months.

**Summary courts-martial:** Pvt. Daniel Turner, 3d Platoon, 68th Trans Company, pled guilty at a summary court martial to the following charges: two specifications of larceny, disrespect to an NCO, disobeying an NCO, four specifications of failing to report, and incapacitation for duty due to overindulgence in intoxicating liquor.

Turner was sentenced to forfeiture of \$898 and 30 days confinement. Additionally, Turner was administratively separated from the service with an other than honorable discharge.

Pvt. Demond Jackson, 3d Platoon, 68th Trans Co, pled guilty to wrongful use of marijuana. Jackson was sentenced to forfeiture of \$898 and 30 days confinement. Additionally, Jackson was administratively separated from the service with an other than honorable discharge.

**Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol:** One commissioned officer, one NCO and one junior enlisted Soldier received non-judicial punishment under Article 15 for driving a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol. In addition to the punishments received under Article 15, the offenders had their vehicles impounded by the military police and their driving privileges suspended or revoked by the USAG-V commander.

## Speak Out

"What is the craziest or most unusual item you've bought?"

By Laura Kreider



Carla Balistreri  
Caserma Ederle library

I bought a red wig in Pittsburgh in the 1970s. At the time, I was in love with that color.



Kevin Boucher  
Tax Relief Office

For those who know me it's not strange, crazy or unusual, but I bought an Elvis jumpsuit.



Pfc. Shanise Driver  
173rd Personnel Service Detachment, Nashville.

A pair of glasses that I never wore and then lost.



Jeff Ergle  
Army Post Office

Earth Day/birthday concert tickets in Orlando, Florida - Real Rock!



Staff Sgt. Joseph Willie  
13th Military Police Company

A Speedo, but that was when I was 50 pounds lighter.

## Tricare expert, dental commander answer Tricare dental questions

Once the Soldiers return from Afghanistan the Vicenza Dental Clinic anticipates limited space available care for family members.

To help family members and civilians learn how Tricare dental program work, the command asked Dr. George Schad, director, TRICARE Dental Program Europe, to visit Vicenza and Livorno-area dentists and discuss

becoming preferred providers.

Schad will visit Vicenza this week and appear on a call-in show on AFN 106FM with Dr. Andy Jordan, dental clinic commander Wednesday at 9 a.m. Callers don't have to wait until 9 a.m. to call in, but can start calling in their dental questions as early as 6 a.m. to the studio at 634-7585 or 0444-71-7585.

## Former CSA, spouse helping Ederle celebrate Asia Pacific Heritage month

Equal Employment Opportunity office  
*Special to the Outlook*

Much like Black History and Women's History celebrations, Asian Pacific Heritage Month originated in a congressional bill put forward by legislators in 1977 with the first 10 days of May as

means on the island of Kauai, Hawaii, Shinseki was the Army's 34th chief of staff from June 1999 to June 2003. He also served more than 10 years in Germany and Verona, Italy.

Shinseki will be speaking to the community 2 p.m. Friday May 16 in the post theater. Featured in the program are Polynesian dancers and the invocation will be translated into Filipino, Chinese and Japanese. For details contact Master Sgt. Tamika Anderson at 634-7093 or [Tamika.anderson@eur.army.mil](mailto:Tamika.anderson@eur.army.mil).

Gen. Shinseki's wife Patty, is also supporting the nation's theme for Asian Pacific Heritage Month – *Leadership, Diversity, Harmony, Gateway to Success*. She is a true ambassador for the Army and her enthusiasm, compassion, concern and care for military children have strengthened every aspect of the Army community and the Army family.

A member of the Military Child Education Coalition, Patty Shinseki will speak at the Military Spouse Appreciation event held May 16 at 7 p.m. The event is open to the community and the cost of the dinner has been reduced to 10 euro. For details and to sign up, contact Shay Morris at 634-5087 or [shay.morris@eur.army.mil](mailto:shay.morris@eur.army.mil).



Photo by Fort Leavenworth Lamp

Patty Shinseki

Asian Pacific Heritage Week. In May 1990, the observance was expanded further to the entire month of May. May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States in 1843.

Gen. (ret.) Eric Shinseki will talk to the Vicenza military community about the many contributions Asian Pacific Islanders have made in America. Rising from modest

## AER campaign ends, support continues

Story and photo by Diana Bahr  
*USAG Vicenza Public Affairs*

The official end of the 2008 Army Emergency Relief campaign was May 1, but support for the program continues all year, according to Valerie Sweed, AER officer.

"We expect to raise close to \$40,000," she said from her office located on the second floor of the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center. "This is terrific considering that we are in a deployment phase."

All the donations collected are sent to the AER Fund and then the majority is redistributed back out to Soldiers and their family members, retirees, widows and their orphans here, said Sweed.

"The goal of promoting Army Emergency Relief awareness was accomplished through 100 percent solicitation of the Soldiers by outstanding unit representatives and awesome campaign coordinators," said Sweed.

"I thank the command for showing its support and the

Soldiers for following their lead. The Caserma Ederle community, to include the Soldiers downrange who raised about \$4,000, was very generous and supportive of this year's campaign," she said.

Community members who were unable to contribute during the AER campaign can still help out Soldiers by stopping by Sweed's office and filling out a contribution form.

The AER office is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and may be reached at 634-7500 or 0444-71-7500 from off post.



(Above) USAG Vicenza chaplains (Capt.) Dave Stoner (left), (Lt. Col.) Bill Phillips, along with chaplain assistant Sgt. Bernina Blackwater and (Maj.) Bill Schneider present a \$2,000 check to garrison commander, Col. Virgil S.L. Williams (center), for the Army Emergency Relief fund on behalf of the Caserma Ederle congregation. "This donation is about community members coming together to help the Soldiers on Caserma Ederle who are watching out for them everyday, according to Phillips.

## Authorized swimming areas, facilities

USAG Vicenza Safety office  
*Command Information*

The following guidelines apply to all Army personnel in Italy, Department of the Army civilians and family members when participating in water activities.

Swimming is only authorized in approved areas and facilities. Swimming areas and facilities are approved when:

- ◆ Qualified lifeguards are on duty. The lifeguards possess a current American Red Cross Advanced Lifesaving certificate or ARC Water Safety Instructor certification or equivalent Italian certificate.

- ◆ Sufficient life saving equipment, communications equipment, first aid facilities and

that protective devices are available.

Swimming pools: All public or private swimming pools (including hotel and motel pools used with the permission of the management) are authorized swimming areas. Adult supervision of small children is required.

Sea beaches: All supervised ocean and sea beaches may be used for swimming and bathing unless specifically placed off-limits by the local commanders or local officials for reasons of health or safety.

Lakes and rivers: Lakes may be used when a designated swimming area exists that has an on-duty lifeguard and established hours of operation posted and enforced. Rivers will

not be used as swimming areas.

Commanders will ensure that the following requirements are implemented:

- ◆ Personnel will be briefed to swim only in authorized swimming areas.

- ◆ Personnel will be informed about safe swimming and safe boating practices as it applies to swimming.

- ◆ Personnel using any approved swimming area or facility will ensure proper and safe behavior of themselves, their family members and guests.

- ◆ Parents will provide supervision of young children at all times.

Direct questions to Chris Sheets, USAG Vicenza Safety manager, at 634-8109.

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## At your service

Ed Wilson, Industrial Hygienist for the Vicenza and Livorno garrisons, has been in Italy for less than six months but is already an integral part of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine – Europe team.

Wilson's job includes providing support to the military, civilian and Italian work force to help recognize, evaluate and control health hazards arising from occupational exposure to potential chemical, physical and biological contaminants in the industrial, administrative and medical treatment work areas. "Industrial hygienists evaluate potential exposures and provide guidance on control measures, on training and provide occupational safety and health program assistance," he said. Wilson may be reached in bldg 169, room 13, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at 634-6389 or 0444-71-6389 from off post.



Edward Wilson  
Industrial Hygienist  
Vicenza Industrial Hygiene  
Field office

# Community events

## Nurse week brings Italian, American professionals together

Story and photos  
by Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

The 2nd Italian-American Nurses Forum was held May 8 at U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza.

The event was coordinated by the health center's head nurses with help from the Patient Liaison Services at *San Bortolo* hospital in downtown Vicenza.

The event saw the participation of more than 30 Italian nurses, members of the Italian Red Cross, the Vicenza Health Center nursing staff and other healthcare professionals.

"The purpose of the event was to enhance the

understanding of nursing between Italian and American nurses," explained Lt. Col. Geri Cherry, health center deputy commander, nursing department.

"It was an exciting event," Cherry continued. "The participants asked lots of questions about U.S. military nursing and advanced practice nursing, and it was an opportunity for exchange of information."

"We plan on it being an annual event during National Nurses' Week, which is in May," she said. "We hope that the Italian nurses will invite us to visit San Bortolo in the near future."

As part of the invited members, Marisa Cazzola

Cunico, who is with the Province Committee of the Italian Red Cross in downtown Vicenza, expressed an interest and appreciation especially for the care received by the patients here on post.

"We really enjoyed this event because it gave us a chance to compare differences and similarities between the Italian and American system. I think that it is very interesting to observe how the American medical personnel dedicate time and attention to each individual who receives a very special care," she said.

Michela Destro, one of the nurses participating in the forum has been nursing at the *San*



(L-R) Natasha Costa, Italian dialysis nurse, 1st Lt. Heather Darnell, labor and delivery nurse, Col. Beverly Cornett, chief nurse, Landstuhl Regional Medical Center and Emily Rich, pediatric clinic nurse, get ready to cut the cake after the lunch held near the clinic.



Maj. Cynthia Sanchez, head nurse (right) shows one of the rooms at the Benincaso Mother and Infant Pavilion as part of the tour for the Italian, American Nurses Week forum held Thursday on post.

*Bassiano* hospital, surgery department, in *Bassano de Grappa* since 1987.

"I am very glad I have been invited here by Col. [Lorraine] Breen. I think that the American nurses have a different preparation compared to us, even though I don't think there is neither a professional or human diversity," said Destro.

She was also impressed with the

center for its medical functions and atmosphere.

"Being a nurse means being professionally prepared but also focusing on the patient, and sometimes a smile can help more than a medicine," continued Destro.

"What I noticed here is the absolute respect for the person, which is one of the most important principles and here the patients are completely taken care of and protected," she said.

A lunch with a special performance by Elvis, alias USAG Vicenza's Tax Relief office's Kevin Boucher, and a cake-cutting ceremony concluded the event.

## Outgoing principal earns service medal

By Chris Le  
Special to the Outlook

Vicenza Middle and High School principal Kathleen Reiss received the Commander's Award for Civilian Service medal from the USAG Vicenza commander during a faculty meeting in the high school's information center May 5.

"During this difficult time with build up, deployments and many other challenges, you prevailed and did a wonderful job in this community," Col. Virgil Williams told Reiss during the presentation.

He also thanked Reiss for her support to students and families in the community, for her leadership over the past four

years and for what she and the school have accomplished.

"Ms. Reiss set high standards for achievements with wonderful results in high test scores for our students, (exercised) strong discipline and (worked) in the community to keep leaders informed on issues that impact our kids," said Williams. "It has been a pleasure working with you and your staff."

The inscription on Reiss's medal citation includes the lines: "For outstanding performance as principal, for professional dedication and duty, untiring efforts, genuine compassion and support to students and families during deployments of Vicenza Soldiers to Iraq and Afghanistan and contributing to the Global War on Terrorism ...."

Reiss said she was delighted and surprised to receive the award.

"It was totally unexpected, and a nice gesture," she said. "The command has been extremely supportive of the



USAG Vicenza Commander, Col. Virgil S.L. Williams, talks with Vicenza Middle and High School Principal, Kathleen Reiss, after he presented her with a Commander's Award for Civilian Service. The award was a surprise and presented during a school staff meeting May 5. (Photo by Barbara Romano, 7th JMT Photo lab)



Adam Ridgley, Vicenza school teacher (right), coaches the Vicenza Middle and High school faculty basketball team during a break in the action at the Middle school Jingle Jog. The event was held in December before Christmas break and the faculty beat the 8th graders, with VMSH principal Kathleen Reiss (second from right) scoring 12 points. (Photo courtesy of VHS journalism class)

school, so any achievements or results the school has accomplished also owe their success to the support from the command and the community."

Reiss first came to Vicenza as an instructional systems specialist in foreign language and social studies at the

Mediterranean District superintendent's office, and later at VHMS, where she has been the principal for four years.

After the 2007-2008 school year, Reiss will move to Ankara, Turkey, where she will take the position of principal at George C. Marshall Unit School.

## Darby motorcycle club focus: mentorship, safety

Story and photo  
by Joyce Costello  
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Garrison Livorno Safety office partnered up with riders across the Camp Darby community to have a motorcycle mentorship ride WHEN?

The goal of the Motorcycle Rider Mentorship program is to reduce motorcycle accidents by modifying high risk driver behavior through education, awareness and training by using a sustainable program, according to Chiara Chelossi, safety and occupational health specialist.

"It's good to have inexperienced riders mixed with experienced riders because they can learn excellent common sense behaviors from their peers and have fun at the same time," said Chelossi. "The safety office provides training to all mentors, does monthly safety topics and information and encourages maximum participation in the MRM program for all military,

first-time riders, high risk personnel, and post Italian employees."

Tech. Sgt. Christopher Jackson, 31st Munitions Squadron ground safety and quality assurance inspector, helped organize the event to promote safe riding and to evaluate some of the less-experienced riders.

"We broke into groups so mentors could evaluate riders and provide feedback to them that involved when it's good to pass, how to follow a fellow rider on the road, maintain your own line of travel and even reminded each other of some bad habits like not remembering to turn off your turn signal," said Jackson.

Jackson has been riding for four years and thinks the biggest challenge for American riders in Italy is inexperience on the winding country roads.

"In the states we tend to drive on straight freeway or city streets that end at a traffic light or stop sign," he said. "We make our turn and stop at the next sign,

then repeat the action.

"In Italy we have these luscious arrays of back roads no matter where you go, ranging from a few *twisties* to major switch backs to long sweeping knee-draggers that tempt riders of all abilities," he continued.

"With a little mentoring and the right attitude this all can be experienced with less risk."

Camp Darby motorcyclists are doing the mentorship ride quarterly, and Jackson said they are starting a motorcycle club "Diavoli di Toscana."



Riders conduct a pre-ride motorcycle and gear safety inspection before heading out on the Motorcycle Mentorship ride. Several mentors were chosen to lead three groups to accommodate the appropriate skill levels of the riders. Members who arrive not prepared with proper protective equipment or motorcycles that do not pass the Motorcycle Safety Foundation TCLOCS (tires, controls, lights, oil, chassis, stands) inspection were unable to go on the ride.

## Darby Dates

### Camp Darby ITR

Cinque Terre trip: May 17 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Cost is \$39 for adults, \$34 for children, this does not include the €8.40 train ticket not included and park entrance.

Cinque Terre is a remote piece of the Italian Riviera consisting of five villages connected by trails that hug the coastline.

There are no museums in sight, just sky, sea and some great hiking.

Trails are easy to follow with varying degrees of difficulty and there is a train service for those who want to skip the hiking.

Call ITR at 633-7589/8231, or 050-54-7589/8231 from off post.

## Darby posts 20 percent increase in volunteers

Story and photo  
by Joyce Costello  
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

This year saw a 20 percent increase in volunteers on Camp Darby, while a 40 percent increase in work hours and those volunteers saved the community more than \$314,000, said Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator Steve Zglinicki.

"Without volunteers, some Camp Darby events would be degraded or non-existent,"

Zglinicki said.

"Particularly during this time when many of our service members are deployed and families are dealing with long separations, not only do these volunteers serve in a multitude of community programs, they devote countless hours with behind-the-scenes family readiness group activities," said Evelyn Watkins, Army Community Service director.

"This year's National Volunteer Week theme, 'Inspire

by Example' reflects how Camp Darby volunteers supplement and complement the services provided to this community daily," she said.

Camp Darby youth volunteers also saw a large increase in hours and numbers of volunteers.

"We have 25 of the 40 youth at Youth Services who volunteer through the Passport Promise program," said Kerry Lawrence, Child and Youth Services director. "The program

helps facilitate opportunities for the youth to volunteer, but more importantly, the volunteer activities are youth-driven and in-depth rather than one-time wonders."

Zglinicki said people who are interested in volunteering on Camp Darby should log onto [www.myarmylifetoo.com](http://www.myarmylifetoo.com) to self-register. He said you may search for a posted volunteer job under the Volunteer Management Information System, VMIS.

"Organizational points of contact need to make sure to update their volunteer job positions in VMIS in order to get greater access and visibility for volunteer opportunities," he added. Volunteers are needed for the Italian-American carnival in June and the 4th of July celebration. Youth volunteers are needed for setting up seniors' graduation night May 16 at the Darby Community Club and the *Great Grad Night* event at Youth Services afterward.



Maj. Raul Rovira (left) and James Speck (right) help clean up Camp Darby as part of a Boy Scouts volunteer project. Rovira was named the Camp Darby Military Volunteer of the Year for his work spearheading the training of the Boy Scouts and adult leaders involved in scouting on Camp Darby. Speck was named Camp Darby Youth Volunteer of the Year for his work in helping make the playground areas safe for Camp Darby children.

## Sea Pines trailers to be replaced with cabins



Say good-bye to the 20 old, run-down trailers that once inhabited the Camp Darby campgrounds and hello to the 12 cabins taking their place. The cabins are an affordable option for large groups or families of five. All cabins have microwaves, refrigerators, televisions and DVD/VCR players and seven will have ensuite bathrooms. The public shower areas are within 50 yards of the cabins. Sea Pines is currently accepting reservations for the cabins through the reception desk at 633-7225 or 050-54-7225. Cost is for \$60 for cabins without plumbing and \$75 for deluxe cabins. Two of the cabins, one with and one without plumbing, are handicap-accessible. (Photo by Joyce Costello, USAG Livorno Public Affairs)

## Summer brings *Palii, sagre* to Italy

### Flower exhibit, market

May 17-18: In the gardens of Villa da Schio, located in the town of Costozza near Longare, an exhibition-market of rare plants and flowers, roses, garden furniture and paintings.

More than 50 exhibitors will have on show or for sale orchids, water plants, sweet-peas, geraniums, grass seed, fruit trees, etc., also find dried and decoupage flowers, engraved flowers on glass and flowers in natural soap, not to early to think about seasonal gifts.

The gardens are open daily from 9 a.m. to sundown. Entrance fee 6 euro, but free for children under 12.

### Celtic music festival

The 5th Celtic music festival will be held in the town of Montecchio Precalcino May 16-18.

Different clans and groups will be present all dressed in their order.

May 17: Gates open at 2 p.m. with the arrival of the Roman legionary who set up camp; at 3 p.m. in the village find craft activities.

At 4 p.m. training of the

Romans; 5:30 p.m. activities for children begin; 7 p.m. the Celtic restaurant opens and at 8:30 p.m. is the ritual lighting of the fire with music and dancing; 10 p.m. music.

May 18: Gates open at 11 a.m. with the Celtic restaurant opening at noon. Activities for children begin at 3:30 p.m.

At 4:30 p.m. witness a Celtic wedding and at 6 p.m. it's the battle between the Roman legion and the Celts.

The restaurant reopens at 7 p.m. with the lighting of the first fire in the village at 7:30 p.m.

At 8:30 p.m. music by *Folk Studio A* and the closing ceremony is at 10 pm.

Entrance fee is 6 euro. If you go in costume, are younger than 18 or over 65 you pay 4 euro. Children who are smaller than the king's sword enter free.

Details are available on the Web site: [www.venigallia.com](http://www.venigallia.com) in Italian.

### Exhibitions

The biggest all round free exhibition in Padova exhibition grounds takes place May 17-25 with more than 1,000 vendors. Find everything for the home, vacation, hobbies, sports, car,

motorbike, garden furniture, swimming pools and camping equipment.

There will also be demonstrations on spinning, horse riding and music shows.

Open Monday-Friday, 4:30 p.m. to midnight and weekends 10 a.m. to midnight.

Exit the A4 est autostrada at Padova est and follow signs for *Campionaria*.

If going by train, the fairgrounds are 500 meters from the Padova train station.

Verona: Free *Veronafil* runs May 23-25 and is an exhibition of stamps, postcards, franked envelopes, coins and medals.

Held in Verona's exhibition hall, hours are Friday and Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

To reach the exhibition grounds leave the A4 ovest autostrada at Verona sud and follow signs for the *Fiera*.

### Verona marathon:

The Verona marathon takes place May 18 starting and ending in *Piazza Bra* at 8:30-9 a.m.

Distances are 5, 13 or 21 km and expect roads on the marathon route to be closed to



Can't make the Verona marathon? Come out for the Armed Forces Day 5k Fun Run/Walk Saturday. Register at the Body Shop. Call 634-7009 for details. The event begins at the North 40 track at 8:45 a.m.

traffic before and for a short time after the event.

### Sanguinetto palio

The town of Sanguinetto, province of Verona, holds their annual medieval event, *Palio and Toro Festival*, May 9-18.

Main events include: May 17 the food tent opens at 8 p.m. with a craft market featuring more than 100 vendors at the same time.

May 18 at 6 a.m. find the beef cooking on a spit, at 9 a.m. the flower market opens and at 10 a.m. the craft market opens.

Food stands open serving *toro* at noon and 9 p.m. the popular Italian music group *Nomadi* will perform, entrance fee is 10 euro inside, 5 euro outside.

Sanguinetto is about 45 miles southwest of Vicenza.

### Ferrara palio

The town of Ferrara claims to have the oldest *palio* in the world. In a tribute to the Renaissance, when Ferrara was the capital, a month's worth of exciting activities take place leading up to the famous races held May 25.

The palio pays homage to St. George and main events include:

May 17: Historical procession starts at 9 p.m. and consists of more than 1,000 damsels, lords, warriors, musicians and flag wavers wearing typical Ferrara costumes of the 15th century.

On the day of the palio, May 25, four separate horse races are run on the historical *Piazza Ariostea* begin at 4 p.m.

Details of all the events are at the Web site: [www.paliodiferrara.it](http://www.paliodiferrara.it) available in English and Italian.

## Outdoor recreation offers cycling, maintenance classes

*Local cycling trips:* Every Tuesday and Thursday Outdoor Rec leads bike rides in the area for all levels of riders.

Level I rides are about one and a half hours on a course eight to 10 miles on level, paved surfaces at an easy pace.

Level III/IV, mountain bike rides last about two and a half hours on a 25-mile course on varied terrain in a moderate-to-fast pace.

Cost for rides is \$40 for the year, \$15 a month or \$5 per ride.

All riders should have the appropriate bike for the ride, and in good working order.

Mountain, road, touring and cruiser bikes are available for rent from Outdoor Rec.

Sign up at ODR at least one day before the ride.

*Bicycle maintenance:* Level 1 Brake Maintenance class is May 14. This is the first class in a series. The second, May 20, is Overall Bike Checkout and

Maintenance. The cost is \$15 for the first class, but \$5 for any subsequent class in the series. For details call 634-7453 or 0444-71-7453 from off post.



Bicyclists enjoy the scenery of Tuscany during the overnight ride May 2007. Outdoor Rec offers bicycle rides for all levels as well as maintenance classes. Call Outdoor Rec at 634-7453 for details.

## Now Showing

### Caserma Ederle Theater

May 14	Semi-Pro (R)	6 p.m.
May 15	Jumper (PG-13)	6 p.m.
May 16	Doomsday (R)	6 p.m.
	The Bank Job (R)	9 p.m.
May 17	Speed Racer (G)	3 p.m.
	10,000 BC (PG13)	6 p.m.
May 18	Speed Racer (G)	3 p.m.
	Doomsday (PG-13)	6 p.m.

### Camp Darby Theater

May 15	10,000 BC (PG13)	6 p.m.
May 16	Forgetting Sarah Marshal (R) (1st Run)	6 p.m.
May 17	Doomsday (R)	6 p.m.
May 18	College Road Trip (G)	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.

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.

Looking to sell or buy items? Check out MWR's Marketplace at [www.marketplace.com](http://www.marketplace.com).

## Veterinary clinic closure

The Veterinarian Treatment Facility will be closed May 22 through May 26.

Call 635-4841 or 0444-71-4841 from off post.

## American Red Cross

May 17: Free Babysitter's Training, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

The American Red Cross, Vicenza is open Monday - Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., located in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center, room 47, 634-7089 or 0444-71-7089 from off post.

A Red Cross emergency communications caseworker can be reached 24/7.

## Celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

The community is invited to the post theater May 16 at 2 p.m. to celebrate Asian Pacific American Heritage month. Guest speaker is retired Gen. Eric Shinseki, former Army chief of staff.

The program also includes entertainment and a special invocation in English by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Bill Phillips that family members will translate to Filipino, Chinese and Japanese.

## Vicenza community volunteer orientation

If you're interested in volunteering for ACS or as a community volunteer the next volunteer orientation is May 22, 10:30-11:30 p.m.

Call the Army Volunteer Corps coordinator for details at 634-7942.

## ACS events

*Financial Class, IRA'S & 401(K)'s:* Army Community Service is holding a financial class on Individual Retirement Accounts and 401(K)'s May 20,

## Ongoing ACS classes

The following classes are offered on an ongoing basis and most require reservations in advance:

- ◆ English as a Second Language
- ◆ Romp 'n Stomp playgroup
- ◆ Family Advocacy
- ◆ Army Family Team Building
- ◆ Employment Readiness

For a complete list of Army Community Service classes and events go to [www.vicenzamwr.com](http://www.vicenzamwr.com) Web site. Call ACS at 634-7500 or 0444-71-7500 from off post for details and to make reservations.

3-4 p.m. To make reservations or for details call Employment Readiness at 634-7500.

*Community job fair:* ACS Employment Readiness program is hosting a job fair 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. May 21 in the lobby of the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

Family members may meet with the hiring agencies on post. Representatives from CPAC, AAFES, DoDDS and more will be available to answer your questions.

*Career Discovery Workshop:* May 21, 10-11 a.m. in DSFRC. Meet and talk with people on post who can get your started on your career journey. Call ACS for details 634-7500.

## ITR trips

May 17: Lugano, Switzerland, 6 a.m. - 10 p.m., historical sites guided tour, and free time.

May 18: Family Day in Gardaland Amusement Park.

May 21: Valsanzibio, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., guided tour of the mazes.

May 23: Villa Sagramoso, Guided tour of the villa and Italian-style barbecue lunch.

May 24: Gulf of Genoa, 6 a.m.-10 p.m., Five hour cruise while dolphin watching, and stop in Portofino.

May 25: Aqua Paradise Water Park, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., fun and adventure.

Call ITR to register at 634-7094.

## Club V entertainment

*It's Bunco time:* Club Veneto presents a special Bunco spa night May 17. There are several ways to win and a grand prize of a \$4,000 spa gift card.

*Toga party:* May 16 in the main bar starting at 8 p.m.

*Live band:* Crash Dance performs May 20 at 8 p.m.

The band offers R&B, funk,, 80's and Top 40 tunes.

For details on events call 634-7685.

## Child and Youth Services notes

*CYS Parents Advisory Group:* CYS is holding a Parents Advisory Group meeting May 20 at noon in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center's large conference room.

The meeting will include a range of topics on plans and programs, and address concerns raised by parents.

For details call 634-8347.

*SAS Summer Adventure Sensation:* This year School Age Services Summer Camp allows campers to create their own personalized camp. Campers choose between five specialty camps that are held in one-week-long blocks.

## How TRICARE Dental works

Have questions about the TRICARE dental system?

Get the answers to your questions May 14 in the 9 a.m. hour when TRICARE dental expert, Dr. George Schad, and Vicenza Dental commander, Dr. (Col.) Andy Jordan will be live in the AFN Radio studio.

Listeners can call in questions to AFN 106FM The Eagle studio line 634-7585 beginning at 6 a.m. May 14.

Can't get 106FM at work or home? Tune into channel 142 on your AFN decoder.

Youth currently enrolled in before or after school care can sign up May 15-27.

Open signup begins May 28. For details call 634-8253.

## Library events

*Story hour:* Pre K-kindergarten meets at the library Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m.; Toddler-Pre-K meet in Villaggio Thursdays at 11:15 a.m., and school age children meet at the library on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m.

*Book Club meets:* The first discussion group will be held June 10, 6 p.m. and the book to be discussed is Liars Club by Mary Karr.

If you are interested in joining this reading group see Steve Brown at the Library.

*American Girl event:* May 1-June 30, authorized Army MWR patrons ages 6-16 may visit the post library to check out the Kit Kittredge book display and learn more about how they can win a trip or a set of Kit Kittredge books.

For details on the above post library events call 634-7291.

## Outdoor Rec trips

Outdoor Rec will be open 10 a.m. -2 p.m. through Thursday and closed May 19-21 for training.

For details call 634-7453.

*Horseback riding weekend:* Spend May 23-25 on horseback exploring the countryside. The trip cost of \$220 includes transportation, food and lodging.

Horseback riding is an additional 10 euro per hour. Sign up by May 19.

*Asiago WWI hike:* Sign up now for the May 24 WWI hike through the tunnels of Asiago. The cost is \$20 and includes transportation.

For details on these trips or other Outdoor Rec events call

ODR at 634-7453 or 0444-71-7453 from off post.

## Personal trainer, massages

The Sports and Fitness Center has a list of personal trainers and massage therapists.

Stop by the fitness center reception desk and request the information or call 634-7616.

## MOMS Club events for May

Exercise: Walk the Track Tuesdays, 9:30 at the North 40, weather dependent.

May 14: Spring luncheon at 11:30 a.m.

May 16: Infant playgroup meets 11 a.m. at EDIS.

May 23: Park day at 10:30 a.m.

May 30: MOMS night out.

For details about MOMS Club e-mail [momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com](mailto:momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com) or contact Deanna at 0444-945-105 or Amber at 334-700-8443.

## USO events

The USO and Capitol Motors AFN contest ends Sunday. Tune in to AFN 106FM, or channel 142 on your AFN decoder, for details and times of the contest. The drawing takes place live on AFN radio May 19.

Saturday is *Military Family Appreciation Day* from 1-3 p.m. Join us for ice cream sundaes, root beer floats, children events and a drawing to give away three bicycles.

## Chapel events

June 13-19: High School Club Beyond Beach Break at Camp Darby.

June 20-27: Middle School Club Beyond Beach Break at Camp Darby.

June 23-27: Vacation Bible School, 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the chapel.

For details on these events call the post chapel at 634-7519.

## Passport office notes

The passport office will be closed until Thursday for staff training. Only emergency passport issues will be addressed.

The passport office is located in bldg 28, next to the Military Personnel Division.

Direct questions to 634-6996 or 8706; off post at 0444-71-6996 or 8706.

## Villaggio Town hall

A town hall meeting is set for Villaggio residents May 22 at 6 p.m. in the Youth Services gym.

Directorate of Public Works representatives will update residents on the construction projects.

## Religious activities

### Caserna Ederle Chapel

Call the chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for details on post 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.: 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

9:30 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 or Frank Petty at 634-3907/340-899-2218.

### 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

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# Middle school athletes compete at annual event

Story and photos  
by Laura Kreider  
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The Vicenza Middle School held its annual track meet May 5-8, with the championship held Friday.

Teachers, parents and students formed the crowd and also helped with timekeeping, distributing water to the participants and controlling the individual activities.

The track and field activities included long jump, 100m dash, 400m dash, 4x100m relay, sack race and tug-of-war for the two categories of students.

"I placed first, but I didn't practice much before the race," said Ryan Fisico, an 8th-grade participant who won the 400m dash with a time of 1:04.94.

"I just enjoy running as fast as I can," he said.

Child and Youth Sports will be



holding a track meet for youths, ages 6 to 12, at the North 40 field Saturday.



Seventh-grader Jessica Roycroft participates in the long jump during the track meet. Roycroft placed second with a jump of 70". First place went to Alessia Catena, 72", third place to Chantalle Perry, 66.5".



(Top) Seventh graders participate in a tug-of-war match, which ended the annual Vicenza Middle School track meet Friday. The 7th and 8th graders competed during the week with the championships held on Friday. (Above) While not exactly a track and field event, VMS 7th and 8th graders participate in the sack race, one of the sport activities held at the North 40 Friday during the annual track and field meet.

## Community tennis club seeks members

USAG Vicenza DFMWR  
Sports and Fitness section

Your last name doesn't have to be Roddick or Sharapova to join, you just have to be interested in playing tennis. FMWR's Sport and Fitness section is looking for community members who want to develop their tennis skills, socialize and help organize a community tennis team.

The sports and fitness office will support this community team to practice and prepare for the upcoming U.S. Forces Europe championship, in Germany in July, according to Ricky Jackson, Sports program staff, who added, "they don't have to be the best, just come out and have a good time."

The team will meet Wednesdays at 6 p.m. at the tennis courts located behind Vicenza Elementary School. The fitness center is using the tennis ladder program where people can start off at a rung and work their way up. There is a sign-up

and log book in the fitness center where participants can put their name down in the desired category.

"We're putting together a friendly cook out and tennis match against the local Italian team from the Palladio tennis club," said Jackson. "We're

looking at late May or early June, but it depends on the players."

For details about the tennis club or the tennis program call Jackson at the fitness center, 634-7009.



(Above) Major Wright gets ready to return the ball to opponent Jamie Houston during the April 25 Just Try tennis tournament held on post. (Right) Joe Ballou smashes a return from opponent Mark Sullivan during the match. The match results: Art Duff beat Marc Claude, 8-4; Jamie Houston beat Mark Sullivan, 8-2. (Photos by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)



## Sports Shorts

### Youth Sports Baseball upcoming games

The Vicenza Hurricanes spin their way over to Conegliano Saturday for a 10:30 a.m. game against Conegliano.

In the Allievi category, May 18 is another away game where the Spartans travel to Ponzano (north of Treviso) and play against the Ponzano home team.

For details on all Youth Sports games and directions to fields, call CYS Youth Sports at 634-6152 or 0444-71-6152 from off post.

### Armed Forces Day 5K Fun Walk/Run

Vicenza's FMWR salutes the Armed Forces Saturday with a 5K Walk/Run.

Participants can sign up at the Body Shop or post fitness center. Deadline to register is May 13.

A pre-briefing will take place at 8:45 a.m. at the North 40 track.

For details call 634-7009 or 0444-71-7009 from off post.

### Three-on-Three Basketball tourney

Get your hoops team together, and come on out to the "3-on-3" Basketball Tournament May 23 and 24.

This event is free of charge but deadline to sign up is Monday.

Awards will go to the first through third place teams.

For details call Sports and Fitness at 634-7009 or 0444-71-7009 from off post.

### Here TDY? Rent a bike

If you're here on TDY orders and want an economical way to get around the immediate area, rent a cruiser bicycle from Outdoor Rec.

Bikes rent for \$5 a day, \$20 a week or \$40 a month. Cost includes bike, lock and helmet.

Stop by Outdoor Rec, located across from the Shoppette parking lot, bring a copy of your orders, and ride away.

For more Outdoor Rec trips and events see pages 6 and 7 or visit the Web site: [www.vicenzamwr.com](http://www.vicenzamwr.com).