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# Darby's Sperl named DoDDS Mediterranean teacher of year

Story and photo by CHIARA MATTIROLO  
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Suzanne Sperl, an art and video production teacher at Livorno Unit School, was named the Department of Defense Dependents Schools Mediterranean district teacher of the year.

She was recognized during an award ceremony May 21 at the school.

"This recognition was a complete surprise for me because I just had an interview yesterday and I did not even

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(At right) Suzanne Sperl congratulates a student on his work on the Book of Hope project. Sperl was named DoDDS Mediterranean District Teacher of the Year.



Photo by Barbara Romano

## NEVER FORGET

U.S. Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III with wife Kimberly places flowers on the grave of a fallen American Soldier May 26 at the North African Cemetery and Memorial in Tunis, Tunisia. Garrett traveled to Tunisia earlier this week, representing U.S. Army Africa during a Memorial Day remembrance at the cemetery where 2,841 service members are buried.

## Schools address bullying - a dilemma with consequences

This is the first in a series of articles on bullying.

by ADRIANE FOSS  
Outlook editor

Bullying kills.

One mother found that out the hard way: when her 13-year-old daughter killed herself after a Missouri woman—posing as a young boy on the MySpace Web site—was accused of bullying the young girl.

In the United States' first cyberbullying trial, a federal judge was scheduled to sentence the 50-year-old Lori Drew on Monday for her part in the hoax on three misdemeanor counts of accessing computers without authorization. According to U.S. media reports, the sentencing has been postponed until July 2.

While many consider the case an extreme example, any form of bullying can have dire consequences. And there are many forms, said, Lauri Kenney, Caserma Ederle's high school principal.

Kenney said the Department of Defense have

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## Phase 2 suicide prevention training scheduled at garrison

by DAVE MELANCON  
USAREUR Public Affairs

The Army lost one active duty Soldier to suicide in April and is investigating six other potential suicides, according to a May 7 Department of the Army press release.

The same report noted that the Army had 35 active-duty suicides during 2009 and 29 other

deaths which are under investigation to determine their cause.

To combat suicide within the ranks, Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Peter W. Chiarelli issued a comprehensive, multi-disciplinary Army Campaign Plan for Health Promotion, Risk Reduction and Suicide Prevention. The plan, published

April 24, encompasses the physical, spiritual, and mental health of Soldiers and their families.

At USAG Vicenza and through U.S. Army Europe, the second phase of Army-mandated suicide prevention training for Soldiers and civilian employees, which began in

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It is a straight 13 minutes of people sharing their real life experiences with suicide, firsthand...

## Riding rails for trains ONLY

Members of the Vicenza military community were apprehended by Italian police this month because they were walking on the train tracks. Not only is this dangerous; it is against the law. European trains run at high speeds and often their arrival cannot be heard until it is too late.

In addition, taking a shortcut through the *Stanga* neighborhood - over the fence and across the railroad tracks separating either side of *Strada dei Pizzolati* - to get to the Villaggio housing area is not an option.

The correct way is: exit Gate 2, turn right on *Viale della Pace* and go to the first roundabout; take the sidewalk along the underpass that connects *Viale della Pace* to *Via Martiri delle Foibe*; this runs to the other side of *Strada dei Pizzolati*.

USAG Vicenza PAO file photo



## Speakers talk real-life issue during phase 2 suicide training

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March and continues through July 15, takes a more personal approach.

"The training is conducted in small, squad-sized elements and is set up in a way to simulate a conversation about suicide and its risk factors among employees. It is aimed at decreasing the stigma associated with seeking help," said Betsy Walters, USAG Vicenza's health promotion coordinator.

Called "Shoulder to Shoulder: No Soldier Stands Alone," the training picks up where the "Beyond the Front" training conducted during a USAREUR-wide suicide prevention stand-down in March left off. Small-unit leaders and first-line supervisors will conduct the training.

"Phase I provided ways to intervene in order to prevent suicidal behavior," explained B. Joy Summerlin, Well-Being and Quality of Life program manager for the USAREUR personnel division.

"Phase II is intended to augment Phase I with a more deliberate and personal approach to training."

"Phase II is set up in a way that the supervisor can really make it relevant to the Soldier. The facilitator's guide lists several scenarios for the trainer to choose from that revolve around different points in the training schedule- prior to deployment, during deployment/employment, and following deployment," said Walters.

"The intent is to stress the ACE response (Ask Care Escort) and to engage the group in a dialogue about risk factors," she said. "The video uses real situations to once again work on decreasing the stigma associated with seeking help."

Soldiers and Department of the Army civilian employees must attend the course. Contractors and family members are invited to participate as well, according

to the Army policy. Directors will notify their employees when training will take place.

"This is not a scenario-based (presentation)," explained Chaplain (Capt.) David Montgomery, V Corps Special Troops Battalion chaplain. "This is a follow-up to the training that the Soldiers received in the first phase. It is a straight 13 minutes of guys and gals sharing their stories; real-life experiences with suicide, firsthand."

The chaplain said among the leaders who tell their stories is Maj. Gen. Mark Graham, commander of 1st U.S. Army's Training Division (West) and Fort Carson, Colo., who talks about how he and his wife coped with the suicide of their son, Mark.

"They are coming at it from a parent's perspective. They talk about what it did to them," he said. "It talks about what they had to wrestle with."

Montgomery said chaplains, health care professionals and subject-matter experts from USAREUR, the Installation Management Command-Europe and the Europe Regional Medical Command are sharing resources and will back up training instructors to increase the program's effectiveness.

One of the primary goals of the training is to convince those who may be contemplating suicide to get help, Montgomery said, noting that sometimes Soldiers are afraid their reputations and careers will be damaged if they ask for help. The captain said the small group sessions will allow participants to talk about suicide in a safe environment, but stressed that they are not designed to be group counseling or therapy sessions. "With the smaller groups will have a more intimate setting and will give individuals the opportunity to talk in an environment where you do not have 200 other people."

## Speak Out

### What is the fascination with reality TV? Do you watch it?

-By Laura Kreider  
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs



Gianfranco Bertacco  
HQ SETAF

"No, I don't watch too much TV but my favorites are news and cultural or information programs."



Maj. Angel and Sara Mesa  
SETAF G-3

"No, because we prefer to spend our time with our kids outdoors."



Rebecca Reynolds  
Family member

"Hell's Kitchen because my husband likes to watch Chef Ramsay throw fits."



Lilibeth Sheppard  
SETAF

"Yes, because it is fun to watch Survivor."



Maya Zaborek & Chantalle Perry  
Ninth graders

"Yes. Real World, because it's hilarious, and we can relate to it."

# YEAR OF THE NCO

## Quality leadership makes Army best in world

If you asked 10 Soldiers to define leadership in their own words, you would probably get 10 different answers.

Most NCOs know the Army definition from Field Manual 6-22: "the process of influencing people by providing purpose, direction, and motivation while operating to accomplish the mission and improving the organization."



What exactly does that mean? What does it entail?

In short, it means accomplishing the mission while making sure you take care of your Soldiers.

That concept, however, implies a lot and evolves continuously.

The Army's leadership nucleus is BE-KNOW-DO. "BE" are the values and attributes which define and shape a leader.

"KNOW" is the knowledge, whether it is tactical, technical or organizational, a leader imparts

on his subordinates. "DO" are the actions of leaders that have a significant impact on what their subordinates do, and how they do it.

Leadership is what makes our Army the best in the world. NCOs play a crucial part in establishing quality leadership, now more than ever, as we are engaged in a war with an agile enemy.

NCOs must be flexible leaders, as team leaders and squad leaders are making

strategic decisions on the battlefield. As NCOs, we must ensure we are the leaders our Soldiers deserve – starting with the basics.

Most Soldiers would agree that discipline is the foundation of any great unit, and NCOs are the enforcers. This includes the simplest of tasks – ensuring Soldiers are in the right uniform at the right place and right time, and retraining your squad until tasks are done to standard. It is impossible to say that you are a good leader without enforcing standards and instilling discipline.

As a battalion command sergeant major, it is my responsibility to oversee these

critical tasks within the battalion. However, I cannot do it alone. It takes a combined effort of all NCOs in the unit to maintain standards and enforce discipline.

As first-line supervisors, junior leaders must take the lead, because they are where the rubber meets the road.

So, in the "Year of the NCO," I ask you to focus on the basics and give your Soldiers the leadership they deserve.

*CSM John Bagby  
1-503rd Infantry  
Command  
Sergeant Major*

**NCOs must be flexible leaders, as they are making strategic decisions on the battlefield.**

## Sperl calls decision to become teacher best of her life

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have the time to realize what was going on," said Sperl. "This was really unexpected and I'm still waiting for the news to set in."

During her interview with the Mediterranean District board, Sperl was asked about her focus as a teacher.

"It's extremely important to build an environment of mutual respect and appreciation first with the kids," she said. "Once the children realize that I am a person, just like them and I can make mistakes, they let their

guard down and this is the beginning of a productive relationship."

Sperl is part of a program helping Livorno students participate in "Book of Hope" – a project geared at supporting less fortunate children in Uganda.

"It is important to incorporate some service learning experiences in the teaching program," said Sperl. "This will help them feel supportive makes their efforts worthy."

Sperl has been a teacher for 11 years. Before teaching in

Italy, she taught art in Phoenix, Ariz., for seven years.

Sperl comes from a family of teachers and in her youth she wasn't sure she wanted to follow her relatives' path.

"It took me a long time to take the decision to become a teacher, but now I can say that this is the best decision I ever made," said Sperl. "I learn so much from each of the children that come into my class, it is unbelievable."

Sperl said being part of DoDDS and having the opportunity to travel the world

for her is a true blessing.

"There is nothing more rewarding for an art teacher than having the possibility to travel and see art masterpieces" she said. "Italy is the center of art; I could not ask for a better destination."

According to Department of Defense Education Activity's (DoDEA) press release, the DoDEA Teacher of the Year Program recognizes and promotes excellence in education. Sperl and other district winners will compete for the regional title.

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## School officials urge students to step up, help solve bullying

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Dependent Schools-Europe has a zero tolerance policy on bullying and she and school officials are working together to stomp out the behavior in Vicenza.

"Some examples are calling people names; leaving others out of a group; creating rumors, gossip, physical fights. At Vilseck Middle High School we have worked very hard on educating our

seventh and eighth grade students on how and what bullying can do to someone," said Kenney.

"Our school counselors, school psychologist, ASACs and MFLC assisted with the education process," she said. "A teacher volunteered to organize a parent task force to educate parents on all topics including bullying."

The task force consist of teachers,

parents, students, PTSA and SAC representatives.

"The biggest and the most impact in battling the bullying problem is teaching students to step up and solve the problem themselves," she said. "VM/HS and Vicenza Elementary School trained students to be peer mediators to assist other students in problem solving."

"We have found this to be successful

and students are using the mediators to solve all problems," said Kenney.

She suggested parents and students report all activities of bullying.

"It is difficult to give names, because students fear they will be bullied even more," she said. "If we all stand together and say "STOP", then it will work. The effects of bullying last a lifetime and move into other parts of a person's life."

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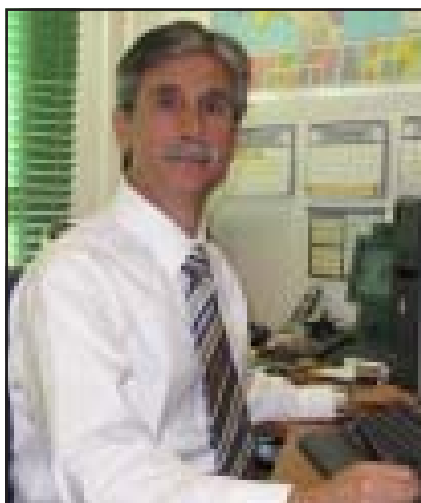
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### At your service USAG Vicenza Education Center



Mark Summerlin is the education services officer, division chief in charge of continuing education services for Soldiers and adult family members.

"As a young Soldier with a high school diploma, I walked into the Army education center at Monteith Barracks, Furth, Germany in 1974. My experience there changed my life," said Summerlin. "I used the skills and confidence gained through on post college programs and the Vietnam era GI Bill to successfully pursue a college education and began a career working in Army education centers in 1979. There's something magic about helping people discover and pursue their dreams."

His office is at Caserma Ederle, Bldg. 94B, Room 204. Phone: 634-8933. Open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

# Community Camera

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



## THIRD TIME'S A CHARM

Families wait expectantly for the return of 497th Movement Control Team (MCT) Soldiers after a 15-month deployment to Afghanistan. This was the unit's third deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. The troops, however, will not remain at Camp Darby. The 497th MCT is one of the units U.S. Army Europe announced in its fiscal year 2010 force structure changes to support Army transformation, increasing strategic responsiveness in overseas contingency operations.

Photo by Joyce Costello



Photo by Sgt. Nathan Bowen

## HISTORICAL VIEW

Col. James Johnson III, commander of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, shows Gen. Carter F. Ham, USAREUR commanding general, around the 173rd Room of Honor at the BCT's headquarters in Vicenza, Italy, May 26. The Room of Honor is dedicated to the preservation of the unit's history and its fallen Soldiers.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Joey Fisher

## TAKING THE REINS

Maj. Christopher Hammonds relinquished command of Headquarters and Headquarters Company to Capt. Jason Wayne by passing the company guidon to 1-503rd Infantry Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Matthew McFarlane May 20 on Hoekstra Field.

## LOCAL EXCHANGE

Marco Pranovi, a firefighter from the USAG Vicenza Fire and Emergency Services (right) and Stefano Tonello, a parent representative of a fourth-grade class from the local Italian *Tiepolo* elementary school give two of the students a tour of a truck at the Caserma Ederle Fire Department May 23.

Nearly 30 children visited the facility, where the event's coordinator, Pranovi, briefed them on emergency services and safety. "The visit from the Italian Elementary school is part of our working relationship with our Italian friends to make our Vicenza community safer," said Charlie Fattori, USAG Vicenza fire chief.

"The visit to the Caserma Ederle Fire Department gave the opportunity to improve children's knowledge about the fire equipment," said Giovanna Chiarizia, a *Tiepolo* teacher. "We would like to thank especially Mr. Pranovi for his professionalism and for his patience in guiding us through this useful experience," said *Tiepolo* teacher Giovanna Donadello.

Photo by Laura Kreider



■ **CORRECTION:** The May 21 Outlook incorrectly listed Lt. Col. G. Shawn Wells' previous post as the assistant chief of staff for Installation Management at the Pentagon. Wells, who took command of the 509th Signal Battalion at Caserma Ederle earlier this month, worked for the assistant chief of staff at the Pentagon.

## Sasha: USO morale dog laid to rest Vicenza's 91-year-old furry friend bids final farewell

by Spc. GREGORY J. ARGENTIERI  
173rd Airborne Brigade

Sasha, the large, white, long-haired USO morale dog was sadly laid to rest May 21 at a local veterinary's office with Caserma Ederle's USO Director Linda Lorenzana by her side.

"She was holding my hand. She had a way of curling her toes around my fingers," said Lorenzana. "I told her I loved her, and he started the injection, and she just drifted off."

Lorenzana said that she talked with Sasha for a long time before the vet came in and administered three shots.

She said that she told Sasha that her brother, Fred, who passed away a year ago, would come and get her and that they would be together.

Then she told Sasha when it's her turn that they would come and get her.

"It took me up to yesterday to get the courage to take her down," said Lorenzana. "Grieving, it's a sick process; it's a roller coaster ride."

Sasha, a Samoyed breed originally from Siberia, spent the last several years with Lorenzana at Caserma Ederle, boosting the morale of local troops. She was born July 5, 1996, in Salt Lake City, Utah, and from the very beginning Lorenzana was there, calling Sasha by her name. Sasha is survived by another Samoyed,



Sasha relaxing in the USO center in Tuzla, Bosnia, 2003. (Below) Photos of Sasha at locations throught the world.

Bianca, a West Highland white terrier, Cali, and a little dog, Nikki, who Lorenzana said she is a Rottweiler. Sasha, the matriarch, will be greatly missed.

Sasha and Lorenzana went to Germany and then deployed to Tazsar, Hungary, for three years. Then they went on to Bosnia for another two years before coming to Italy.

"Everybody loved her. She had full reign of the entire base," said Lorenzana. "She would sit on the steps of the USO and then when she got tired of that she would go up to the building where the colonel and the general were and walk through from room to room giving love."

Sasha was involved with the Soldiers. Whether it was daily walks to make the Soldiers feel better, Soldiers just sitting for hours with Sasha, PTSD sessions that she attended, or pet therapy, Sasha was there for the men and

had antlers.

"I still get e-mails from guys I knew down there asking about her," said Lorenzana. "Sasha is what you would call a teddy bear because she has a shorter snout and she has small paws."

Sasha was the perfect matriarch and teacher for the other three dogs in the family.

She was such a well behaved dog that whenever Lorenzana would take her on walks without a leash, Sasha would never leave her side, even when the occasional cat would cross their path.

"We have been through a lot together, we traveled all over the

world together," said Lorenzana. "She was woman's best friend."

Sasha was put to rest following a short illness; in dog years, Sasha was 91. She was cremated and her remains will be kept in a brass urn. When Lorenzana decides to go home to the states, Sasha will be going with her.



telling them that the Easter bunny was there.

At Christmas time Sasha



## USAG Vicenza exceeds AER goal by more than \$15,000

Special to The Outlook

USAG Vicenza exceeded its Army Emergency Relief campaign goal of \$45,000 in contributions by more than \$15,000 for a grand total of \$60,351.

The campaign kicked off at Davis Hall March 16 with various community members present to hear comments from the garrison commander and enjoy light refreshments and cake.

"After that, it was all work. Campaign workers got busy and

began informing everyone they saw about the role of Army Emergency Relief and how the organization has helped tens of thousands of Soldiers and their family members with emergency loans and grants," said Kent Thompson, USAG Vicenza Financial Readiness program manager.

In 2008, AER provided \$83 million to 72,000 Soldiers and families. Twenty-four percent of that amount was in the form of tax-free grants and 76 percent was in interest-free loans.

"From our community alone

we were able to assist 82 people with \$104,832.09 in loans and grants," said Thompson, also the AER officer.

To meet the financial needs of service members Army-wide, AER spent every dollar in donations received from 2003-2007 plus \$51.5 million of investment capital, he noted.

"In other words, we take in far less than we give out, yet are still able to assist Soldiers and their families, retirees, widows and widowers with valid emergency requests for

assistance," said Thompson.

In addition to meeting emergency needs, AER also provides free college money to dependent children of Soldiers and retirees, as well as scholarships to spouses of active duty Soldiers.

Scholarships increased in 2008 to \$13 million for these two categories.

For more information on AER services, visit [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org) or speak to an AER representative in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center by calling 634-7500 or 0444-71-7500.

## Darby Dates

### Get in shape with free noon classes

Check out Eileen's list of classes. There's something scheduled almost every day of the week.

Call the Fitness Center for more information at 633-7440.

### Stop by ITR to schedule a trip

Visit some of Rome's most famous sites at your own pace.

Start off in Vatican City, home of St. Peter's Basilica and Vatican Museum (where you'll find the Sistine Chapel).

Call ITR for more information at 633-7589.

### Identity theft class

Learn ways to protect yourself and your family from identity theft crimes at this May 15 class.

Call ACS at 633-7084 for details.

### Darby Community Club activities

Every Thursday is Karaoke Night at the Club.

Fun starts at 6:30 p.m.

Need to say thanks? Bring your right arm/wing man to the Community Club on the third Friday of each month.

### Darby Religious activities

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

**9:40 a.m.:** Catholic Reconciliation

**10 a.m.:** Catholic Mass

**11:15 a.m.:** Protestant worship

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

**Vacation Bible School** is coming in June.

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

**Catholic confirmation** is being planned in Vicenza for the first week of June.

Contact the Catholic education coordinator for details.

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

The congregation needs a cantor.

Talk to Chaplain Porter or Father Roberto to serve.

## Amusement parks abound in Veneto



Photo courtesy of Gardaland S.r.l

**ON TRACK FOR FAMILY FUN:** Gardaland amusement park is located in Castelnovo del Garda, about 52 miles west of Vicenza. It is open through Oct. 4. Visit <http://www.gardaland.it/en/home.php> for more information in English.

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

**Varone Waterfall Cave Park and Botanic Garden** in Tenno, Via Cascata 12, about 90 miles northeast of Vicenza. May-August, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. A natural gorge eroded over 20,000 years by Lake Tenno's waters, which rumble their way down from a height of almost 100 meters. Admission: 5 euro. Free parking and picnic area. For more info in English, visit <http://www.cascata-varone.com/index.htm>

### Outdoor Recreation

#### Trieste and Miramare Castle Tour

Explore the Miramare castle with an inside guided tour of this beautiful "love nest" built in 1856.

Free time for lunch, sightseeing, and shopping will be in the port city of Trieste.

Trip departs from post at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday, June 6. Please sign up in advance with ODR: 634-7453.

#### "Vertical Pathways" Via Ferrata

Somewhere between a hike and rock climbing is the extreme hiking of the Via Ferrata.

On June 6, traverse steep climbs in Riva del Garda with the help of ropes for a rewarding challenge.

Sign up by June 3 with ODR: 634-7453.

### Pay concerts & events

■ **Lenny Kravitz:** June 5 in Rome; June 6 in Brescia; July 11 in Lucca. June 8 in Verona.

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

### Local festivals & events

**Collectors Fair:** June 2, 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. in Grisignano di Zocco, about 14 miles southeast of Vicenza. Antiques and collector's items for sale, including furniture, lighting, glass and tableware, vintage jewelry and fashion accessories, prints, rare books, coins, medals postcards and old advertising.

**Antique Market:** May 30 in Piazzola sul Brenta, Padova, Villa Contarini, about 16 miles east of Vicenza. More than 700 vendors and food booths.

**Luganega Festival:** May 29-June 2 in Arcugnano, località Lapio, about 7 miles south of Vicenza. Food stands open daily at 7 p.m. featuring area specialty luganega, a long coiled sausage made from pork, and other local products, such as bigoli, bisì, and spit-roast duck. Evening concerts starting at 9 p.m. featuring 60's and 70's music.

**Cherry Festival:** May 31 from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. in Marostica, Piazza degli Scacchi, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. Food stands featuring typical local products.

**Cherry Festival:** May 30-June 2 in Castegnero, Piazza Mercato, about 9 miles south of Vicenza. Local products market, live music and dances starting at 9 p.m. On June 1 at 10:30 p.m., there will be free cherry pies for everyone.

**Veronafil Fair:** May 29-31, Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Stamps, coins, old prints and books, antiques. Free entrance.

For more info in English, visit <http://www.veronafil.it/come-partecipare.aspx>.

**Galopera non competitive walk:** 5.5, 7.5, 12.22 Km. walk will be held in Vicenza on May 31. Registrations 8 a.m.-9:30 a.m. at Maddalene Sports Center, Via delle Maddalene. After the walk, free minestrone, homemade bread and sweets for all the participants or a complete lunch for 6 euro.

**Lucciolata - Charitable night walk:** 5 and 10 Km. walk will be held in Vicenza on June 5, at 8:30 p.m., at Maddalene Sports Center, Via delle Maddalene fee 2 euro. Monetary donations will be accepted and sent to Aviano's Cancer Treatment Center.

### Amusement parks

**Aqualandia:** in Jesolo, Via Buonarroti 15, about 63 miles east of Vicenza. May 23 - Sept. 13, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Water games, extreme sports, water gym, animators and clowns for children. Also bungee jumping. For more info and prices in English, visit <http://www.aqualandia.it/en/>

**CanevaWorld Resort:** in Lazise sul Garda, Località Fossalta 58, about 48 miles east of Vicenza. Movieland Studios, AquaParadise, MedievalTimes, and Rock Star theme areas. For opening hours, prices and information, visit the English Web Site: <http://www.canevaworld.it/movieland/>.

**Acquafollie Waterpark:** in Caorle, Via Aldo Moro 1, about 86 miles west of Vicenza. May 23 - Sept. 6, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Admission: 15 euro for adults and children taller than 51 inches; 12 euro for children up to 51 inches and people over 65. Free parking.

**Gardaland:** in Castelnovo del Garda, Via Derna 4, about 52 miles west of Vicenza. Open April 4-Oct. 4. The Gardaland Sea-Life Aquarium is open daily 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For more info, visit <http://www.gardaland.it/en/home.php>.

**Padovaland water park** in Padova, Viale della Regione Veneto 6, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. May 31-Aug. 31, Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-6:45 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

Wave pool, water slides for children and adults, playground built on piles, restaurant, and game rooms. General admission: 16 euro all day ride pass and 13 euro from 3 p.m. to closing; 12 euro all day ride pass for children (2-12) and 9 euro from 3 p.m. to closing.

**Park Jungle Adventure:** in San Zeno di Montagna, Pineta Sperane, Lago di Garda, about 42 miles northwest of Vicenza. May-September. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; June-August, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Tickets vary (12-28 euro) according to the difficulty level of the obstacle course. Credit cards are not accepted.

**Villabella Water Park:** in Villabella di San Bonifacio, about 20 miles southwest of Vicenza. May 30-Aug.30, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Adults and children taller than 59 inches: 7 euro; Sundays and holidays: 10 euro. Children shorter than 59 inches: 4.50 euro, Sundays and holidays 5 euro. Free entrance for disabled and

their assistants, for children under 3 and adults over 70. For more info in English, visit <http://www.parcoacquaticovillabella.it/info.asp?lingua=2>.

### Botanical garden & zoos

**Cappeller Animal Park and Zoo** in Cartigliano, Via Kimle, about 28 miles north of Vicenza. April-October, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; on Sunday 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Botanical gardens, picnic areas, fast-food outlet, and a children playground. General admission: 9 euro; 6 euro for people over 60 and under 12.

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

## Now Showing



#### Ederle Theater

<b>May 28</b>	Duplicity (PG-13)	6 p.m.
<b>May 29</b>	Race to Witch Mountain (PG)	6 p.m.
	I love you man (R)	9 p.m.
<b>May 30</b>	Night at the Museum 2(PG)	3 p.m.
	Terminator Salvation:	
	The Future Begins (PG-13)	6 p.m.
<b>May 31</b>	Night at the Museum 2 (PG)	3 p.m.
	Terminator Salvation:	
	The Future Begins (PG-13)	6 p.m.
<b>June 3</b>	Race to Witch Mountain (PG)	6 p.m.
<b>June 4</b>	I love you man (R)	6 p.m.

#### Camp Darby Theater

<b>May 29</b>	X-Men Origins: Wolverine (R)	6 p.m.
<b>May 30</b>	Star Trek (PG-13)	6 p.m.
<b>May 31</b>	Fast & Furious (PG-13)	1 p.m.
<b>June 4</b>	Star Trek (PG-13)	6 p.m.

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

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

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

## COLA survey may save you money

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The web-based annual utilities survey is aimed at determining monthly utilities rates for service members stationed in Italy.

Service members residing in privately leased quarters should expect to compute monthly averages for expenses pertaining to utilities or costs associated with moving in to a new home.

Utilities expenses to consider include: electricity, gas, fuel oil, coal, firewood, water for residence, drinking water, trash, maintenance and repairs, police protection and residence tax.

Moving-in housing expenses include: major appliances, utility hook-up charges, security/safety items, initial services and fees, and miscellaneous expenses.

A decision to increase the utilities rate by the PDTATAC may raise your standard of living and reduce the possibility of incurring a balance for unpaid utilities at the end of your lease. Call 634-6299 for details.

## Swim assessments begin Saturday

All youth, excluding Parent & Me participants, interested in taking swim lessons this summer with SKIES *Unlimited* must complete an assessment/registration packet and be assessed for swimming lessons on one of the following dates:

- **May 30-31** from 1-4 p.m.
- **June 1-2 and 4** from 3-6 p.m.

Assessments will take place at the Villaggio pool and packets will be on hand at the assessments.

Completed packets are due to CYS central registration June 4. Packets can also be turned in at the pool at the time the child is assessed.

Parents interested in the Parent & Me classes can fill out a packet at CYS central registration, Bldg. 108. Assessments will not be completed by the pool lifeguards.

Call 634-8051 or email [Kelli.Covlin@eur.army.mil](mailto:Kelli.Covlin@eur.army.mil).

## Health center closings

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

## Make a difference through leadership

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

## Communication Miracles

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

Participating couples will learn easy and effective tools to create more love and less conflict in their relationship. Call 634-7500 for more information.

## Pool tournament

The Arena will hold a pool tournament for adults June 11.

This coincides with country theme night at the Lion's Den.

The tourney begins at 6 p.m. Stay after the tournament for country karaoke with DJ Adrian, 8 p.m.-midnight. Call 634-8257 to sign up.

## Art center job

The art center is looking for someone with knowledge of woodworking and framing to fill a NAF flex position. The position is about 15 hours per week. Submit resumes to CPAC or call 634-6597.

## Oil Painting 101

Beginner oil painting class begins June 4 at the arts center. Learn the basics of oil painting: strokes, shadowing, and layering colors in three sessions.

For \$80, all materials are included. Classes: 4-5 p.m.

## Summer crochet series

June 6 kicks off the beginning of the Summer Crochet Series at the Arts & Crafts Center. Join the group from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday in June and July for crochet instruction, conversation and fun.

Bring supplies. \$55 for eight sessions. Call 634-7074.

## YS homework center summer closure

The Youth Services homework center in the community library will close for the summer.

The last day of operation is June 5. The homework center will reopen in September for the new school year.

## Library new releases

Check out the new releases at the library. This just in:

Quantum of Solace, Choke, Seven Pounds, the series Breaking Bad Season One, and new release CDs from Mudwayne, The Lonely Island, Now 29 and more.

Visit [vicenzamwr.com](http://vicenzamwr.com) for a listing.

## Pottery hand building

Explore ways to produce pottery by hand using simple tools or by using just the hands and fingers in a two-part class with Arts & Crafts. Class is held 3-5 p.m. on June 6 and 13.

## Bowlopolis at Arena

Bowlopolis comes to the Arena May 28. From 4-9 p.m. the whole family is invited to enjoy two hours of bowling, shoe rental, one large pizza, and a pitcher of soda with 1 lane, up to 6 people for \$24.95.

## BOSS Pool Party

BOSS is hosting a private pool party for members only June 11 at 5 p.m. at the Ederle Inn pool. Free food with beer available for purchase.

If you are a single or unaccompanied Soldier interested in membership, call BOSS President Sgt. Alex Jordahl, 634-8076. Call 634-5087 to RSVP for the pool party.

## Commissary holding weekend case lot sale

The USAG Vicenza Commissary will hold a case lot sale May 30-31.

## Relax with ACS classes

■ On June 8, stress management participants will learn about the biology of stress and how it affects our lives.

■ Beginning June 4, the anger management series begins.

Visit [www.vicenzaMWR.com](http://www.vicenzaMWR.com) or call 634-7500.

## Financial Readiness

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

Community members can call in and vote for the subject of the training for the week. Training will be held each Tuesday 9 -10 a.m. in the ACS conference room.

Call 634-7500 to cast your vote for what training you would like to see.

## MOMS Club events

**May 28:** Toddler playgroup at 4 p.m.; **May 29:** Walk the track, 10 a.m.; **May 29:** Infant playgroup, 10-11 a.m.; **May 29:** Park play date, 4 p.m.

## Bring Back the 80's

Dig out your old 80's clothes and come sing 80's karaoke at the Arena, May 30 at 9 p.m.

There will be food and drink

specials and prizes for best dressed.

## Central Texas College registering for classes

Register for legal assistant or child development classes, or register for the Microsoft certification program and get a free iPod. Call 634-6514 or e-mail [vicenza@europe.ctcd.edu](mailto:vicenza@europe.ctcd.edu)

## Soggiorno services

The soggiorno office will provide limited services June 1-5. Only soggiorno pick-up and general questions will be available.

## Villaggio construction

On June 3 via Cesare Augusto in Villaggio Housing Area will be closed for construction.

Additional road closure updates will be sent to Villaggio residents and posted on the Command Channel.

## Register for UMUC

Registration for UMUC in Vicenza runs through May 29. Term dates are June 1-July 25. Courses offered: ANTH102, ITAL111, WRTG291, LIBS150, MATH103 and ITAL334.

UMUC is offering a special \$100 textbook scholarship for active duty military and their family members. A special \$5,000 military spouse scholarship is also being offered. Visit [www.ed.umuc.edu](http://www.ed.umuc.edu) or call DSN 634-7055 / e-mail [vice@ed.umuce.edu](mailto:vice@ed.umuce.edu).

## SAS summer camp registration set June 1

Summer Adventure Sensation, the School Age Services (SAS) Summer Camp Program, will begin open enrollment June 1.

Enrollment will take place at SAS Bldg. 308. Summer camp booklets with a detailed camp description are available at all CYSS locations. Call 634-8253 for more information.

## Library book club

On June 4, the library's monthly book club will meet at 7 p.m. to discuss Anthony Doerr's *Four Seasons in Rome*. It's free and open to anyone who's interested. Bring your favorite snack to share.

The library will provide drinks, napkins, and plates. The library has 10 copies of the book available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Sign up at the circulation desk or call 634-7291.

## Where's the beach?

Visit [www.vicenzamwr.com](http://www.vicenzamwr.com) for directions to area beaches, including Jesolo and Lignano.

## 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

### Mondays

Noon: LDS Scripture Study

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

Contact Cadena Trusty at 320-808-6148 or [vice@yahoo.com](mailto:vice@yahoo.com).

### Tuesdays

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

### Wednesdays

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

3 p.m.: Praise Dance practice

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

5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

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

### Thursdays

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

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

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

### Faith group contacts

**Islamic:** Spc. Kasimov, 329-034-3511

**Jewish:** Sandy Schoenberg at 634-6202 or [sandy.schoenberg@eur.army.mil](mailto:sandy.schoenberg@eur.army.mil).

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

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

## Community Calendar Highlights

**May 28** - Asian Pacific American Heritage celebrations

**May 29** - Army Kids Strong

**May 29** - Adult college graduation

**June 5** - Friday at 5 p.m. Vicenza High School Graduation at Teatro Olimpico in downtown Vicenza (tickets required)

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

**June 11** - Last Day of School

**June 12** Retiree Appreciation Day

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

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



## HOOPS - Basketball moms dubbed Blue Belles, take on host nation ladies during May 31 match

The friendly 'mom's match' is a result of the Youth Services girls' basketball team that played an Italian girls' team in March. "I was approached by a mother of one of the Italian players who thought it would be a lot of fun to get a group of women players from Caserma Ederle to compete against a group of women parents from the Italian team," said Julia Sibilla, whose daughter Kiki played on the YS team. "I talked to several women and we ran a notice in The Outlook. Right now, we have about a dozen dedicated players on the Blue Belles team, most of whom

have played basketball at one time or another. I think people will be surprised to see who the stars are, but they'll have to come out and watch; I'm not giving any names away." The game starts at 4 p.m. in the fitness center gym and is followed by a barbecue on the patio of the Central Processing Facility. Volunteers are sought to help at the barbecue and to bring a dish to share. For details, call Julia Sibilla at 634-7500 or e-mail [Julia.Sibilla@eur.army.mil](mailto:Julia.Sibilla@eur.army.mil).

Photo by Diana Bahr

## EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009

### Baseball

2nd Place in Div. III

### Softball

3rd Place in Div. III

### Soccer (Boys)

4th Place in Div. III

### Track & Field

4th Place Girls

4x100m Relay: Tyenna Martin, Mishal Cotugno, Yasmine Anderson, Adriona Cleveland

4th Place Boys

400m Dash: Nic X. Williams

2nd Place Both Men's and Women's Teams, Div. III



(Top right, from left) Felipe Diaz, Taylor Curry, Adrian Kabonick and Ronaldo Royter rejoice after scoring their first goal during the game versus Aviano held at Caserma Ederle May 16. VHS Boys' soccer team defeated Aviano 6-0. Vicenza travelled to Kaiserlautern and Ramstein, Germany, to compete in the European Championships, placing fourth in Division III. "Throughout the tournament the defense was the strength of the team and kept the team competitive throughout the tournament," said Roland Sturk, VHS Boys' soccer team coach. (At right) Vicenza player Michelle Nelson (left) defends the midfield from an attack by Aviano's Thalia Vergara during the second half of the game that concluded the regular season May 16. Vicenza lost 0-5. "The VHS girls' team worked well as one committed team throughout the season" said VHS Girls soccer team coach Desiree Henry.

Photos by Laura Kreider



## Sports Standings

### Recreational Tennis

#### Match Scores

#### May 14

Jacob Schreiber 8

vs.

Eric Smith 0

### Soldiers' Softball

Team	Win	Loss
USAHC	1	2
SETAF	3	0
14th Trans.	1	3
HHD 509	3	0
HHC 1/503	0	0
AFN South	0	3

#### Game Scores

#### May 18

AFN South 4 vs. HHD 509th Signal 12

USAHC 5 vs. 14th Trans. 21

#### May 20

SETAF 11 vs. AFN South 5

14th Trans. 5 vs. HHD 509th Signal

### Flag football league

Enrollment opens June 1 and runs until June 18. Practices begin June 22. The league is for children ages 9-18 and costs \$36. Call 634-6151 for information or enroll at CYS Services Central Registration office in the Davis Family & Soldier Readiness Center.

### Get your sports gear at Outdoor Recreation

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

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

### Swim team coaches needed

The Mako Sharks community swim team is looking for adult volunteers interested in coaching a competitive swim season through out the summer and/or fall 2009-2010.

If you would like to spend time mentoring children between ages 6-19, contact Cindi Unger at [cindi.unger@us.army.mil](mailto:cindi.unger@us.army.mil) or Arlana Young at [arlanayoung@hotmail.com](mailto:arlanayoung@hotmail.com).

Swim season for the PO team begins June 6 with swimmer assessments at the outdoor pool in Villaggio.

### Softball teams forming

On June 2 at 6 p.m., the Sports office will hold a meeting for interested coaches and players. Call 634-7009.

### Youth soccer enrollment

CYSS announces early bird enrollment for Youth Soccer - June 1-5.

To enroll at this time, you must show proof that you will not be in Vicenza during the regular enrollment period - July 13-Aug. 7. Call 634-6151.

### Aqua aerobics instructor

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

Call Joe Reeder at 634-5181 or 0444-71-5181.

### CYS needs YOU!

CYS Sports is always trying to come up with other sports to offer. If you have an idea and are willing to coach this sport, e-mail or call our office at 634-6151 or 0444-71-6151.

CYS Sports is also looking for tennis, basketball, swim team and bowling coaches for next fall.

Perks for becoming a coach include discounts, photos, certification class, T-shirt, supplies, and more.