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173rd's Giunta awarded Medal of Honor in D.C.

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President Barack Obama presented the Medal of Honor to Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta of U.S. Army Europe's 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team in a ceremony at the White House Tuesday.

Giunta earned America's highest honor for courage in combat for his actions during an ambush in Afghanistan's Korengal Valley in October 2007.

At the White House ceremony Obama recounted the sergeant's actions in Afghanistan, comparing him to famed World War II hero Audie Murphy and calling Giunta "a Soldier as humble as he is heroic."

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Photo by Richard Bumgardner

President Barack Obama chats with Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta of Vicenza's 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, after awarding him the Medal of Honor in a ceremony at the White House Tuesday. Giunta earned America's highest award for valor in combat for his actions during an ambush in Afghanistan's Korengal Valley in 2007.

Meet the Mayors event set Nov. 19

By Annette Fournier
Outlook Editor

The annual "Meet the Mayors" day is planned for Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. – noon at the Arena and everyone in the Vicenza military community is invited to attend.

The event offers a chance for community members to meet the mayors and civic leaders of several towns in the provinces of Vicenza and Padova and learn more about those towns and what they have to offer, said Anna Terracino, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs Office, who is helping plan the event.

At last year's event, representatives from more than 50 towns attended the event, bringing giveaways, maps, brochures and lots of information.

In 2009, more than 100 community members stopped in to visit the informational areas.

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Photo by Laura Kreider

Welcome back! Caserma Ederle has been ringing with the cheers of families and friends as the main body of homecoming Soldiers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat team continued arriving in Vicenza this week. Groups of the paratroopers arrived Nov. 10, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at the Fitness Center gym. Above, Soldiers greet each other outside the Fitness Center after a homecoming ceremony Saturday afternoon.

See more photos on page 4 and at the USAG Vicenza Flickr page at www.flickr.com/photos/usagvicenza.

Single troops gain renovated, upgraded barracks

By ANNETTE FOURNIER
Outlook Editor

It might not be enough to cook Thanksgiving dinner, but a new upgrade to barracks rooms on Caserma Ederle will have Single Soldiers cooking something up right in their rooms.

The Garrison Housing Office will add

microwaves to about 500 Soldiers' rooms in the coming weeks. Delivery of the units began Monday. The microwaves are only one of the recent improvements.

During the deployment, the DPW performed extensive maintenance and repair to more than 730 barracks rooms. This included a complete inspection of the electrical systems and fire alarm systems to

ensure the barracks were safe and ready to use.

The furnishings warehouse checked all furnishings and appliances and either refurbished or replaced where necessary. All locks to rooms were re-keyed for security reasons and new key cards produced.

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Photo by Grant Sattler

Community members cheer during the Medal of Honor ceremony for Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta Tuesday evening. The ceremony was televised at the Arena.



Courtesy photo

President Barack Obama places the Medal of Honor around Giunta's neck at the ceremony in Washington, D.C.

GIUNTA: Soldier becomes first living Medal of Honor awardee since Vietnam War

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The nomination documents for the award recommended Giunta for the Medal of Honor for his "selfless actions and personal courage, which were decisive factors in changing the tide of the battle Despite bullets impacting on and around him, Spc. Giunta fearlessly advanced on the enemy and provided aid to his fallen comrades. His actions saved the lives of multiple paratroopers and changed the course of the battle in his platoon's favor."

Giunta is the first living American

Soldier to receive the Medal of Honor since the Vietnam War, and the second Europe-based Soldier to earn it since the start of combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq following the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

Spc. Ross McGinnis of 1st Infantry Division's Schweinfurt, Germany-based Company C, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry, was posthumously awarded the medal in 2008 for saving the lives of his fellow team members by throwing himself on an enemy grenade during a firefight in Baghdad in 2006.

It's emotional and it's great...but it does bring back a lot of memories of all the people I would have loved to share this moment with. And I'm just not going to have that opportunity because they're no longer with us, because they gave everything for their country.

Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta
Medal of Honor awardee

Earning the medal is bittersweet, Giunta said in his September interview. "It's emotional and it's great...but it does bring back a lot of memories of all the people I would have loved to

share this moment with," Giunta said. "And I'm just not going to have that opportunity because they're no longer with us, because they gave everything for their country."

BARRACKS: FRGs, Rear-D, DPW pitch in to prep rooms for single troops return

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The two-story barracks now have mud rooms. Additionally, workers are finishing upgrades to the day rooms, to provide "better surroundings more amenable for relaxation and entertainment," to include new big screen TVs, said Dave Murr, director, Directorate of Public Works.

"Every single deficiency in every single room, from burnt-out light bulbs to leaking faucets, to touch-up painting to

(fixing) malfunctioning heating systems so that our Soldiers would return to world-class accommodations," Murr said.

DPW coordinated with the 173rd rear-detachment leadership, who provided room keys to the Family Readiness Groups. FRG volunteers put the final touches on the rooms for returning Soldiers by making beds, putting in welcome-home packages with a towel, wash cloth and other basic items.

Murr said, "This was a

tremendous team effort on the part of many, to include the DPW Job Order Contracting engineering staff, blue collar workforce, the Housing Office, the All-Star barracks management contractor, as well as construction firms, to include SKE and Bortolaso to bring this to a timely completion. There were many people putting in a lot of time and effort to make this thing happen before the troops got back."

Lewis Smith, chief of the

housing division, is pleased with the additions.

"Our single Soldiers housing on post only have microwaves in the two newer buildings, as these were part of the original construction package in the kitchenettes shared by two Soldiers," said Smith. "There are also a handful of microwaves in some of the other buildings, but to date, the majority of rooms have not had them."

The microwave installation began in buildings 7A and 7B.

Delivery time to the rest of the barracks is based on how long installation takes in each room. Soldiers sign for furnishings in their rooms. In two-man rooms, the senior occupant will take responsibility for shared items, such as microwaves.

For information about furnishings or repairs, Soldiers should call 534-2427/2426. The prefix 534 is for Torridi Quateresolo, where the furnishings warehouse is located.

Speak Out What are your special plans with your spouse after the deployment?



Heather Brotherton
Family member

"Spend time together and travel to Rome."



Erica Clark
Family member

"We are going to do a couples day spa, with massages, manicure, pedicure, and sit in the hydro-massage pool."



Jennifer Colson and son Cayden (9 months)
Family members

"Watch Football! Go Gators!"



Julie Hentig
Family member

"Finally enjoy our 'first' Christmas together and go to Disney World!"



Kristen Huntley
Family member

"We'll be spending the holidays together."

by Laura Kreider

Coming Home: Family finances need check post-deployment

Editor's note: This is third in a series of articles about reintegration for homecoming Soldiers and their families.

By Annette Fournier
Outlook Editor

After a deployment, Soldiers and their families have a lot on their minds, but one thing that shouldn't slip their attention is ensuring they are financially stable.

That's according to Erin Wilcher, Financial Readiness program manager for USAG Vicenza.

"After a deployment, it's important for Service members and their families to re-evaluate their financial situation," she said. "Now is the time to create a plan to meet your financial goals. Goals should include savings and investments, re-building or maintaining credit, reducing debt, and becoming a smart consumer."

The Financial Readiness Program specialists can help community members come up with a plan, Wilcher said. She added that the financial readiness staff can offer guidance on what the different options are and how they work, but families make the decisions.

Emergency Financial Help

Those who find themselves in a financial emergency can contact the Army Emergency Relief. AER provides zero interest loans and grants to Soldiers, their spouses and retirees who are eligible

for assistance. AER also has a scholarship program for spouses and dependents.

"During a deployment, Soldiers have a larger pay check," said Reid Buckland, Employment Readiness Program Manager and assistant AER officer. "After a deployment, there is suddenly less income coming in and that means you need to make some adjustments. Take advantage of these programs."

Post Deployment Checklist

Wilcher also advised a few steps that should be taken following a deployment.

1. Make sure deployment allotments stop.

Soldiers should check their leave and earning statements to ensure deployment allotments stop. If they continue, the Army will eventually correct the mistake and families will have to re-pay the money to the government either in a lump sum or in installment payments.

2. Transfer money out of high-yield Savings Deposit Program account.

The Savings Deposit Program, available to troops during deployments, allows them to deposit money into a savings account that receives 10 percent interest.

However, Soldiers must stop the allotment and request movement to a different account within 90 days of finishing deployment. The change can be made online through My Pay or by sending a letter to the Defense Financial Accounting Service.

3. Finalize all travel settlements.

It's important to be sure travel settlements are filed promptly following the end of the deployment, Buckland said.

4. Order copies of credit reports and check for accuracy.

Buckland said Soldiers and family members should get copies of their credit reports and check to be sure they are accurate. Individuals are entitled to one free copy of their credit report yearly from each of the three credit-reporting agencies. To request the free report, visit www.annualcreditreport.com.

5. File taxes if needed.

Soldiers who were deployed during tax season were eligible for an extension on filing their 2009 taxes. Those who haven't yet filed taxes should do so.

6. Beware of scams.

Scammers have been known to target military families post-deployment, Reid said. If something sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Check with SJA before signing anything and beware of any solicitations asking for money if you did not initiate the contact. If you receive an e-mail or letter asking for personal information, be sure the communication is legitimate before providing the information.

For more information about the above topics, contact Wilcher at 634-8634.

"If you need help, just ask. That's why these programs are here," Wilcher said.



Photo by Russ Meseroll

Funny man Bernie McGrenahan will perform four free shows at the Lion's Den in the Arena Nov. 22 - 23 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Free ASAP comedy show set Monday, Tuesday

Personnel permitted to use duty time to attend substance-abuse awareness comedy show

By Annette Fournier
Outlook editor

The Army doesn't usually encourage personnel to spend duty hours at "Happy Hour", especially when the cost is on the house, but this Happy Hour is a novel way to provide annual Substance Abuse Prevention training.

Funny man Bernie McGrenahan will perform four free shows at the Lion's Den in the Arena Nov. 22 - 23 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The show is open to the entire community. Personnel are allowed to use duty hours to attend, mission permitting, since the show fulfills the required two-hours of annual training for civilians as well as two of the four hours required for Soldiers, according to Cheryl Davis, Army

Substance Abuse Prevention program's prevention coordinator.

McGrenahan has appeared on the Jay Leno Show, Comedy Central and opens for musical acts in Las Vegas. He uses laughter to deliver a sobering message about alcohol abuse.

The comedian started drinking socially as a teenager but his use of alcohol quickly spiraled out of control. A lost college scholarship, lost jobs, seeing the negative effects alcohol abuse had on his family, and finally prison time convinced him to quit drinking. More than twenty-sober-years later, he has spread that message on hundreds of military bases throughout the world. He intersperses humor with a serious message to help others avoid the trappings of alcohol abuse, Davis said.

"We are so happy that we were able to snag Bernie for these shows in Vicenza on his way home after performing at several installations in Germany," Davis added. "We can welcome home the Sky Soldiers and start the holiday season with an important message in a fun context."

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MAYORS: Gala spotlights area specialties

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Tables lined the room, weighed down with free samples, including fresh bread covered in olive oil, cured meats, slow-roasted pork, wines, cheese, locally-made honey, fruit preserves and mustards, and desserts.

More than 100 towns have been invited to feature what their area has to offer and the turnout promises to be larger, Terracino said.

"It's a chance to come out and get to know the towns that are surrounding our base and the things they have to offer," said Shay Morris, Host Nation Community Relations program manager.

"Lots of them have outdoor activities, are known for a certain food or wine, or interesting sights."

Terracino hopes community members will

take the time to attend the event and find out more about what's going on in the areas around Caserma Ederle.

"If Soldiers live in a town like Torri di Quartesolo, they can meet the mayor and learn more about the community they live in, like if they offer movies in English or have special sports or activities they might enjoy, or even if they have questions about city services," she said. "They can also find out what is in the area, like going to Nove for ceramics or Asiago for skiing. It's a very nice event."

After the event, the mayors will receive an update on news at Caserma Ederle and socialize with post leaders. The Arena will be closed for other activities until 4 p.m.

Community Camera

A snapshot of events making news in and around the U.S. military community in Vicenza...



Photo by Laura Kreider



Photo by Laura Kreider

Joyful crowds welcome troops back to Caserma Ederle:

Soldiers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team streamed into Caserma Ederle over the past week and each group was met by a cheering crowd of hundreds at the Caserma Ederle Fitness Center. The year-long deployment to Afghanistan for these paratroopers ended with lots of signs and balloons, hugs and kisses, laughter and some tears of joy.

Above, Spc. Christopher Walton plays with his 19-month-old son Christopher Jr. after returning to Caserma Ederle Saturday afternoon. Top left, family members cheer as their Soldiers enter the gym Nov. 10.

Spc. Kaleb Weyandt, throws an arm around the shoulder of Spc. Aaron Ketanic after Ketanic returned to Caserma Ederle Saturday afternoon.



Photo by Annette Fournier



Photo by Laura Kreider

Above, Martina Casano and Spc. Robert Figueroa share a hello kiss at the homecoming at the post gym Saturday night.

A family hugs each other after reuniting at the deployment ceremony Monday at the Fitness Center.

Photo by Grant Sattler



Photo by Grant Sattler

Soldiers from the 173rd ABCT gather into formation in the Fitness Center before hearing short remarks from Col. Erik Daiga, garrison commander, and being dismissed to meet their families Monday. Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg, commanding general, welcomed two groups home with brief remarks Nov. 13 and another group on Nov. 17.

Camp Darby hosts USAFE championships

Story and photo by
JOYCE COSTELLO

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

For the second year in a row, the 86th Communication Squadron from Ramstein, Germany, won the title of U.S. Air Force Europe Flag Football champions during a tournament held at Camp Darby Nov. 11 - 14.

In what looked almost like last year's lineup and scores, Ramstein's "Kingcomm" beat out nine other teams to go up against the 52nd Logistics Readiness Squadron from Spangdahlem, Germany, in the finals.

"Our defense is one of a kind and only allowed one or two touchdowns per game which I feel is very impressive in holding the line," said Staff Sgt. Randy McGinnis, Ramstein's team captain. "We have outstanding athletes that are willing to come day in and day out to practice blocking and catching; plus we have a very supportive commander, teammates and fans."

Team captain for LRS, Airman 1st Class Sean Conaway, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, said his team played great at their individual positions and the finals were two great teams playing a great game, even though the final score was 21-6.

Third-place team captain, Camp Darby's Staff Sgt. Rick Sepulveda,



The 86th Communication Squadron from Ramstein, Germany, defeated nine other teams to win the U.S. Air Force Europe Flag Football championships held at Camp Darby Nov. 11 - 14.

731st Munitions Squadron, said they had LRS by one point (21-20) with two minutes left to go in the game that would determine who advanced to compete for first place, but in the last 20 seconds, LRS scored.

"We forgot about the loss and focused on winning third place 33-6 against the 31st Maintenance Squadron out of Aviano, Italy," said Sepulveda.

Thomas Burkett, USAFE sports director, said the teams didn't let the mud or rainy weather stop them from coming down and giving it their best.

"I was especially impressed with the support by some of the team's commanders who really stood behind the program and got heavily involved in the success of their teams. A good command makes a huge difference," said Burkett.



Life under sea New Livorno Aquarium features ocean wonders

Story and photo by
JOYCE COSTELLO

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Children "ooh" and "ah" in amazement as they traverse down a path made to look like the bottom of the ocean. Rock walls and dim lights do wonders at making the bright fish and sea anemones burst with color at the Livorno Aquarium.

Valentina Ferrucci guided the motley crew of children and adults through the aquarium, while explaining more about the 200 species within the 25 ecosystems showing sea life from all the seven seas.

"We have a special program on weekends at 4 p.m. called 'Dietro le quinte', or behind the curtains, which allows families to go behind the scenes to see the newborn fishes and how the animals are raised and cared for," said Ferrucci.

The aquarium, which recently opened, is the largest in Tuscany. According to the curator, Biologist Thomas Magliocco, the goal of the Livorno Aquarium is to raise environmental consciousness about the role of marine biology and aquaculture in environmental sustainability.

"Children are naturally curious and always ask questions, so it is a good time to show them how they

can use, not abuse, the ocean," said Magliocco. "One unique thing about an aquarium is that you'll never see it the same way twice because the fish grow up and the tanks' flora grows and changes with the fish."

A visit to the aquarium takes roughly one and a half hours. It is a 15-minute drive from Camp Darby and there is paid parking on site. From November through February, the aquarium is open weekends and Italian holidays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The rest of the year it is open daily.

Visit www.aquariodilivorno.it for more information.

Darby ates

Visit the community calendar for upcoming event and details at www.usag.livorno.army.mil

Thanksgiving fun run

Join the Camp Darby community for the Turkey Day Trot Wednesday at 7:30 a.m. Warm-up exercises will begin at 7:15 on the parade field and will be followed by a formation run.

Commissary

The Commissary will be open Monday from 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. and Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Tree-lighting ceremony

Join the community for caroling, the tree lighting and a visit from Santa on Dec. 3 at 5 p.m. in the main square.

Holiday Bazaar

Find the perfect Italian gifts for everyone on your holiday list at the Holiday Bazaar on Dec. 3 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Darby Community Club.

FRG holiday party

Bring your family and listen to Christmas carols and stories, grab some snacks and hot apple cider and enjoy the holiday spirit with others Dec. 9 at the school cafeteria beginning at 3 p.m.

Wellness Center

Wellness Center holiday gift cards are now available at the Fitness Center.

ACS classes

- Join ACS for these classes:
- ♦ Operation Warm Heart, Monday at 5:30 p.m.;
 - ♦ Resume Writing for Adults, Tuesday at 1 p.m.;
 - ♦ Insurance Basics, Nov. 30 at noon;
 - ♦ Budgeting for the Holidays, Dec. 2 at noon;
 - ♦ Card Making, Dec. 8, at 11:30 a.m.

Call 633-7084 to sign up.

SAS/YS

- SAS/YS is hosting:
- ♦ Resumes for teens, Dec. 7;
 - ♦ CYSS Christmas field trip on Dec. 21.

ITR trips

Join ITR for trips to the Ferrari Museum Nov. 25, Rome on Nov. 27, Florence on Nov. 28 and a Florence Noel Trip on Dec. 4.

Darby Community Club

Bikes-n-blues night is Nov. 20.

Religious Activities

9:40 a.m. Catholic reconciliation
10 a.m. Catholic Mass
11:15 a.m. Protestant worship
10 a.m. Protestant Sunday school
11:15 a.m.: Catholic CCD

Christmas Market in Asiago:

Christmas is in the air in Asiago. Visit the market Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3:30-7:30 p.m. in Piazza Carli. On Sunday, there will be a celebration to officially open Santa Claus' House at 3 p.m. in Piazza Il Risorgimento. Elves will collect children's letters to Santa Claus. At 4 p.m., live music with the 1000 Lire Dixie Band and food booths featuring local specialties.

Courtesy photo



Local festivals & shows

Durello Festival:

Saturday-Sunday, 4 - 11 p.m., in Montecchio Maggiore. The festival is dedicated to the original Italian sparkling wine Durello. Free Durello tasting, live music, local craft and agricultural exhibits and sales; food booths featuring sopressa (typical regional sliced salami), Vicentine dried cod fish, and many more local specialties.

I Giardini di Natale - Christmas market:

Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3:30-7:30 p.m., in Asiago, Piazza Carli, about 37 miles north of Vicenza.

Santa Claus House opening:

Sunday, 3 p.m., in Asiago, Piazza Il Risorgimento, about 37 north of Vicenza. Elves will collect children's letters to Santa Claus. At 4 p.m., live music with the 1000 Lire Dixie Band. Food booths featuring local specialties.

SposInLove - Wedding Expo:

Saturday 2:30-8 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; in Mussolente, Via Pavane 3, about 25 miles northeast of Vicenza. Admission fee: €5; free for children younger than 14.

Radio Amateur Fair:

Saturday 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. in Pordenone, Viale Treviso 1, about 92 miles northeast of Vicenza. National exhibit of radio-equipment, Hi-Fi, electronics and information technologies. Tickets cost €8 euro; reduced fee is €6.50 for children ages 13-18; free for children younger than 13.

For more info in English, visit www.radioamatorepordenone.it/.

Luxury & Yachts Expo:

Nov. 18-21, in Vicenza, Via

dell'Oreficeria. It showcases equipment and services ranging from water sports through surfing, water skiing, and diving technologies, to motorboats and luxury yachts. Thursday and Friday noon-10 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Tickets cost €20; free for children younger than 12.

FREE concerts, exhibits & events

Quilts & Quilts exhibit:

Saturday through Dec. 8 in Bassano del Grappa, Palazzo Bonaguro, Via Angarano 77, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza. Exhibit open Monday-Friday 3-7:30 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Fotoberfest - photo exhibits, in Vicenza:

- ◆ Fashion Cafè, Contrà Mure Pallamaio 6, 7 a.m. -7 p.m., closed on Sunday. "Travel journal" by Mariangela Anaclerio, ongoing through Nov. 30.

- ◆ Novearti bookstore, Piazza Biade 11, Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - noon & 3:30-7:30 p.m.; Monday and Sunday 3:30-7:30 p.m. "Photos between the lines" by Valentino Follador, ongoing through Nov. 28.

- ◆ Radio Varsavia, Contrà Piazza del Castello 3A, Tuesday - Saturday 9 a.m. - noon & 3:30-7:30 p.m.; "Manhattan" by Adalberto Zanella, ongoing through Nov. 30.

- ◆ Tao - Pietre, arte & alchimia, Stradella S. Barbara 1b; Tuesday-Saturday 9 a.m. - noon & 4-7 p.m.; Monday 4-7 p.m. "Places I've done time" by Luke Wynne, ongoing through Nov. 27.

- ◆ Il Grottino Pub, Piazza delle Erbe 1, daily 5 p.m.-2 a.m. "Alaska" by Samuele Boldrin, ongoing through Nov. 28.

- ◆ Villa Lattes, Via Tahon di Revel 44, Monday & Friday 9 a.m. - noon; Tuesday and Thursday 3-6 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday 4-6:30 p.m. "Veneto photo almanac"

by Giorgio Bertonecello, ongoing through Sunday.

Naturae 2010 photography exhibit:

Ongoing through Nov. 28, in Vicenza, Lamec, Basilica Palladiana, Piazza dei Signori.

Explore the sky:

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

Musical performances:

Acoustic nights - live blues and jazz: Nov. 18, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Sabotage Bar, Via dell'Industria 12T.

Onda Quadra Unplugged - live rock concert: Nov. 18 beginning at 9:30 p.m., in Vicenza, Villaggio del Sole, Country Club Restaurant, Strada Vicinale Monte Crocetta 6.

Equo Jazz Jam Session: Nov. 18, 8 p.m. in Poggio, Equobar, Via Marosticana, 350.

The Mighty Stef Folk Rock IR and Sakee Sed Country IT: Friday, 8:30 p.m., in Vicenza, Bar Sarte, Corso S. Felice e Fortunato 362.

"Antique Pop" concert: Friday, 9:30 p.m., Torri di Quartesolo, Marola, Via dal Ponte 128, Route 66, about 5 miles east of Vicenza.

Conservatory students in concert - Ensemble of ancient Music: Saturday, 5 p.m., in Vicenza, Pedrollo Conservatory, Contrà San Domenico 33.

The Runes - Led Zeppelin Tribute Band: Saturday, 10 p.m., in Vicenza, Sabotage Bar, Via dell'Industria 12T.

St. Cecilia Concert: Sunday, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Tempio di San Lorenzo, Piazza S. Lorenzo, 4. Music by Rossini.

Spanish classical music: Sunday, 8:45 p.m., in Arcugnano, Chiesa di S. Giustina, Via S. Giustina, about 5 miles south of Vicenza.

Archaic Reminiscences - sculpture exhibit: ongoing through Sunday, Thursday - Friday and Saturday 3:30 - 7 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-noon and 3:30-7 p.m., in Vicenza, S. Lorenzo Gallery, Corso Fogazzaro 86.

S. Rocco School - classical concert: Sunday, 11 a.m., in Vicenza, Chiesa dei Carmini, Corso Fogazzaro 254. Music by Mendelssohn-Bartholdy and A. Bruckner.

Concerts

Swan Lake by Matthew Bournes: ongoing through Sunday in Milan, Teatro degli Arcimboldi.

Emerson & Lake: Friday in Rome, Auditorium conciliazione; Sunday in Milan, Conservatorio; Nov. 26 in Padova, Gran Teatro.

Simply Red,: Saturday in Milan, at the Mediolanum Forum.

Adam Lambert: Wednesday in Milan.

Shakira: Nov. 27 in Torino, Palaolimpico.

Kings of Leon: Dec. 3 in Bologna, Futurshow Station.

Remix - American Dance Company: Dec. 7-9 in Vicenza, Teatro Comunale. Tickets on line at www.mioticket.it/tcvi/default.asp?language=3.

30 Seconds to Mars: Dec. 8 in Bologna, Paladonna.

Ian Anderson plays Jethro Tull: "Jethro Tull at Christmas" Dec. 10 in Vicenza, Teatro Comunale.

Voca People: Dec. 13 in Milan, Teatro Dal Verme; Dec. 15 in Florence, Teatro Saschall.

Randy Crawford and Joe Sample Trio: Dec. 22 in Florence, Teatro Verdi.

The Harlem Gospel Choir: Dec. 23 in Milan, Europauditorium.

Buy tickets at Media World in the Palladio Shopping Center or at <http://www.greenticket.it/index.html>

ODR trips

Val Senales Ski/Snowboard trip: Saturday, 6 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$35.

Emilia Romagna Region Castles Tour: Saturday, 7:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Spend a day visiting some of the best preserved castles in Italy. Cost: \$55.

Paintball Camp Darby Overnight: Saturday and Sunday, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cost: \$195.

Ravenna: Sunday, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. See the finest mosaics outside of Istanbul in this once-Byzantine city. Cost: \$55.

Amalfi Coast Weekend: From 6 a.m. Nov. 26 to 9 p.m. Nov. 28. Visit the famed southern Italian coastline with its breathtaking views, steep rugged mountains and dramatic deep blue Mediterranean sea. Cost: \$380; Children 4-12, \$280; Younger than 4, \$120. Price includes transportation, two nights accommodation and sightseeing on Saturday with a guide.

Check out more activities and events coming up in the Outdoor Recreation schedule online at www.vicenzaMWR.com or register at MWR Online Services.

Now Showing



Ederle Theater

Thursday	Going the Distance (R)	6 p.m.
Friday	Takers (PG-13)	6 p.m.
	The American (R)	9 p.m.
Saturday	Unstoppable (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	Resident Evil: The Afterlife (R)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Unstoppable (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	Resident Evil: The Afterlife (R)	6 p.m.
Weds.	The American (R)	6 p.m.
Nov. 25	Harry Potter & Deathly Hallows* (PG 13)	1 p.m.
	(* Special time for holiday schedule)	
Camp Darby Theater		
Friday	Machete (R)	6 p.m.
Saturday	Paranormal Activity (R)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Going the Distance (R)	1 p.m.
Nov. 26	The American (R)	6 p.m.

Admission: Age 12 and older, \$4, younger than 12, \$2. The Ederle theater box office opens one hour prior to show.

View MOVIE TRAILERS and more online at www.shopmyexchange.com/ems/euro/vicenza.htm or www.aafes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm.

Looking to buy or sell items? Check out MWR's Marketplace at www.mwrmarketplace.com

Community briefs

Commissary hours

The Vicenza Commissary will be open on Monday from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. and will be closed Nov. 25.

DFAC Thanksgiving

The DFAC hosts a Thanksgiving meal Nov. 25. Serving times are 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. for 173rd Soldiers and their families/guests; 12:45 p.m.-2 p.m. for all service members and their families/guests; 2:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m. for DoD civilians, local national employees and retirees.

The cost is \$7.00 with a reduced price of \$5.95 for family members of Soldiers E4 and below. All diners must pay except infants who do not eat solid food.

Schools' holiday shows

The community is invited to the schools' holiday presentations. All shows will be in the VES Multi-Purpose Room.

Nov. 30: The second and third grades present "Humbug" 1:30-2:15 p.m. and 6:15-7 p.m.

Dec. 2: The Cougar Cub Choir performs "Welcome Home to Vicenza!" from 1:30-2:30 p.m. The show is dedicated to re-deploying Soldiers, and the entire community is invited.

Dec. 7: The kindergarten and first grades present "The Littlest Reindeer" from 9-9:30 a.m. and 6-6:30 p.m.

Dec. 14: The fourth and fifth grades present "A Christmas Carol" 1:30-2:30 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Holiday festival

The Holiday Festival will begin with the Tree-Lighting Ceremony Dec. 3 from 3:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. in the Post Theatre Parking Lot. The Cougar Cub Choir performs at 4:40 p.m. There will be a mini-train, Ferris wheel and carousel for children and horse and carriage rides. Hot chocolate and cookies, vin brulé (warm, spiced wine), chestnuts and other refreshments will be available for purchase. There will be a Holiday Bazaar in the fitness center gymnasium from 3:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

The festival continues Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. and Dec. 5 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. with the bazaar at the fitness center, and carnival rides, horse and carriage rides and food and beverages at the Post Theater parking lot.

Parking lot closure

The Post Theater parking lot will be closed Dec. 1-5 for the Holiday Festival and preparations.

Family Art Day

Family Art Day is Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. The event is designed for families with children age 3 and older, but all are welcome. To enroll visit CYSS Parent Central Services, or call 634-7206.

Italian cooking class

A four-week Italian cooking class begins Friday at the Arts and Crafts Center from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$144, including supplies and a meal. Call 634-7074 for more info.

Intro to Framing class

Learn to frame a picture and use the various equipment associated

with framing. The next Intro to Framing class is Saturday. Cost includes a picture to frame and supplies. Call 634-7074 for info.

Stress Management

First Aid for Stress (Adult Stress Management) is Monday from noon - 1 p.m. at ACS. The workshop teaches how to identify sources of stress and ways to relax. Call 634-7500 for reservations.

EFMP support group

Chit Chat and All That Support Group is Tuesday from 11 a.m. - noon at ACS. Relax and share with others in the community. Plan to laugh, talk and eat. For more info, contact EFMP at 634-7500.

Mom's Club activities

- ◆ Nov. 18: Bunco, 7 p.m.
 - ◆ Friday: Walk the Track, 10:30 am; Mom's Night Out, 7 p.m.
 - ◆ Monday: Lunch Play, 11:15 a.m.
 - ◆ Wednesday: Infant Play, 10 a.m.
- For more information about any of these events, e-mail momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com.

Country night

Every Thursday is Country Night at the Lion's Den from 8 p.m. until closing. Enjoy great music with your friends.

Bowl for a buck

Every Monday in November Bowl for \$1 a game Mondays 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Throw three strikes in one game and win a coupon for \$1 off your next game on a Friday or Saturday, valid until Dec. 31.

Homeschool Events

- ◆ Every Monday in November, Art Enrichment
- ◆ Every Friday in November, Italian Enrichment
- ◆ Nov. 18, Swim Social 2 - 4 p.m.
- ◆ Wednesday, Field Trip Pewter Workshop
- ◆ Dec. 3, Mom's Night Out

For more information contact vicenzahomeschoolconnection@yahoo.com or see vicenzahomeschoolconnection.com.

CYSS survey

Families with school-aged children are asked to take the CYSS

survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/FamilyQuestion.

Sale for active-duty

The Thrift Store is having a 50-percent-off sale for all merchandise (except consignments) for active-duty Soldiers on Tuesday and on Dec. 1, Dec. 8 and Dec. 15. The sale includes military clothing and transformers. To receive the discount, Soldiers must be in uniform or show an active-duty ID.

Jared of Subway visits

Jared Fogle, spokesperson for the Subway restaurant chain, will visit the Vicenza Food Court Monday from 4:30-5:30 p.m. to meet the community and sign autographs.

Chapel children's choir

The Chapel Children's Choir is looking for children ages 5-15 to perform in the Christmas Musical, "No Ordinary Night". Practices are held Sunday afternoons at 2 p.m. at the Chapel Annex, the old CDC building behind the post theater. The performance will be Dec. 17. Children do not have to be members of the chapel to participate. For more information, contact Dana Brue at 327-131-6510 or dana.brue@us.army.mil.

Mail back on track & shipping apptmts

In- and out-bound mail delivery is back to regular operations after delays were caused by international postal security concerns.

Patrons are asked to check their mail boxes often. With the holidays and shipments to re-deploying Soldiers, there are more packages than usual.

Personnel with more than five packages to ship can make an appointment between 8 and 10 a.m. to receive personal service and help expedite shipping during normal operating hours. Call 634-7032 to schedule an appointment.

Improve your GT score

Take the FAST class and improve your GT score. The class begins 29 Nov. and ends 10 Dec., Monday through Friday, from 0830

to 1600 (lunch from 1130 to 1300). Call 634-8933 or e-mail Lourdes.fernandez@europe.ctcd.edu.

FBLA fundraiser

The Vicenza High School's Future Business Leaders of America club will bag groceries and sell "Techy Training" coupons at the commissary Saturday and Sunday to raise money for the FBLA State Leadership Conference in April.

The coupons are for training in PowerPoint, Excel and Adobe Photoshop in January. FBLA is for students interested in careers in business and technology to develop their leadership and communication skills. To buy a coupon or for more info on the Vicenza chapter, e-mail FBLA sponsor Lori Encke at lori.encke@eu.dodea.edu.

Chapel holiday schedule

Hanukkah celebration Dec. 1, 5:30 p.m.

Spanish Catholic Mass (Our Lady of Guadalupe) Dec. 11, 7 p.m.

Advent Penance service Dec. 13, 5:30 p.m.

Protestant Children's Christmas Musical Dec. 17, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 24

Catholic Children's Christmas Pageant, 3:30 p.m.

Catholic Family Mass, 4 p.m.

Protestant Candle Light Service, 7 p.m.

Catholic Midnight Mass, midnight

Dec. 25

Catholic Mass, 10 a.m.

Dec. 31

Catholic New Year's Eve Mass, 5:30 p.m.

Community Calendar Highlights

Friday: Meet the Mayors

Monday: Commissary open (closed Thanksgiving day)

Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Day (Federal holiday & LN employee day of rest)

Dec. 3-5: Holiday Festival & bazaar



Photo by Laura Kreider

Prepping for winter roads: Soldiers, civilians and family members learn how to install snow chains on their tires at the Auto Skills Center during a training hosted by the Auto Skills' staff and the 509th Signal Battalion Nov. 10.

Religious activities

Chaplain Crisis Line

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

Sunday services

8 a.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation, or by appointment

9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass

(Daily Mass is held weekdays at noon)

9 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school and AWANAs (September-May at Vicenza High School)

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

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

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

5 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Mondays

Noon: LDS scripture study

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

3 p.m.: Praise dance practice

3:30 p.m.: Middle School Club Beyond meets in VHS cafeteria September-May

5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

5:30 p.m.: PWOC Bible study. Dinner provided. No child care.

5:30 p.m.: High School Club Beyond meets at the Teen Center September-May. Call 340-139-4073 for information.

5:30 p.m.: Catholic choir practice

6:45 p.m.: Gospel choir practice

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: Call 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for info.

Jewish: Call Paul Levine at 345-907-2108.

Latter Day Saints: Call Chance Wilson at 327-869-8107. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. downtown. Scripture study held Mondays, noon-1 p.m. at the chapel.

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

DON'T BE LATE: E-mail briefs to editor@eur.army.mil noon on Monday, or by 4 p.m Friday if Monday is a holiday.



Photo by Bob McKenzie

Trotting for turkeys: Caserma Ederle community members and local Italian residents sprint away from the starting line Saturday at the Turkey Trot, a 4K run around Lago di Fimon. "It was a great event with about 100 participants," said Julia Sibilla, ACS Relocation Readiness program manager, who helped organize the race.

Vicenza youth claim soccer championship

Team beat U.S. youth from Germany, Italy to snag title for third year

Story and photo by
SASHA SIBILLA
Outlook intern

With a decisive 5-1 victory against Schweinfurt, the Vicenza Child and Youth School Services soccer team took first place at the ICOM-Europe East Regional Junior Soccer Tournament held at the Vicenza turf field Nov. 13 - 14.

This was a double elimination tournament with teams from Vicenza, Aviano, Hohenfels, Schweinfurt, and Bamberg competing. Vicenza reached the finals by beating Hohenfels 4-0 on Saturday and Schweinfurt in a close game which ended 6-5.

In the match versus Schweinfurt, Vicenza's Michael Catena scored within the first five minutes and goalie Anthony Guerra blocked several shots. Catena netted another goal during the match, along with teammates Sohrab Shaikh, who also scored two, and Robin Silk.

Vicenza faced the winner of the consolation bracket, Schweinfurt, a second time to determine first and second places. The outcome proved glorious for Vicenza Youth Sports, as the team took



Vicenza player Michael Catena shoots Vicenza's first goal in the championship game Sunday at the turf field on Caserma Ederle. Catena and Sohrab Shaikh netted two goals each, and Robin Silk scored another to secure a 5-1 win against Schweinfurt.

the crown on its own turf.

Schweinfurt beat Aviano to take second place, Aviano took third and Hohenfels and Bamberg took fourth and fifth places, respectively.

Vicenza's victory made the third year in a row Vicenza has defeated the other ICOM-E junior soccer teams to win.

"Throughout the game we supported each other, passed a lot and played in a structured formation," said Shaikh. "The most rewarding moment was when

Schweinfurt counterattacked, but we shut them down together as a team."

Vicenza Coaches Gene Catena and Mark Lampert said they were very proud of their team during the final game and overall championship.

"We had a tough but great season and it wasn't easy to make it this far," said Lampert. "The team played an incredible game, demonstrated possession and controlling skills and defended every ball that came at them."



Hoops: Above, Caserma Ederle Post Basketball team player Dion McLeary (center) gets ready to dribble past teammate Jetmir Celaj during the first practice of this season held at the post gym Nov. 9. Right, Erik Wakefield attempts a jump shot but is stopped by Dan Brown (Red Shirt) during the practice game. The 2010-2011 Basketball season starts Nov. 24. For details, call 634-7009.



CYSS volleyball

Teens ages 11-13 are invited to join the Middle School Volleyball program and build skills to enjoy this lifetime sport. Call 634-6151 for information.

All-Army Volleyball

Applications are now being accepted for the men's and women's All-Army Volleyball Teams (sand and floor). Apply by Dec. 15 for coach positions and by Feb. 1 for athletes. Find more info at www.allarmysports.armymwr.com.

Basketball & cheering

Basketball and cheerleading enrollment is ongoing until Dec. 8 for children and youth ages 3-15. Register at CYSS Parent Central Services Office at Davis Hall, Bldg. 108. Space is limited.

At the time of enrollment CYSS registration must be valid through the end of the season, which is Jan. 12 - Feb. 26. Practice will begin around the last week of December. Call 634-6151 for information.

CYSS sports survey

Let CYSS Sports and Fitness know your thoughts about youth sports and fitness programs. Take a survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/CYSS_Survey.

Runners Club

The new Fleet Feet Running Club is seeking community members of all skill levels. E-mail fleetfeetrainingclub@googlemail.com for more information.

Snow sports workout

Skiers and snowboarders can join Coach Ice Ski for a workout in preparation for the snow season. Workouts will take place at the fitness center Tuesdays at noon. Call 634-6240 for information.

CYSS coaches needed

Potential coaches must pass a background check, and will receive training and certification.

Contact 634-6151, alex.ruiz5@eur.army.mil or Krista.Cahill@eur.army.mil for information.

Unit & rec play

Basketball: 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 10 or more players at fitness center.

Volleyball: 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday for 8 or more players at fitness center.

Men's Soccer: 7-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday for 11 or more players.

Women's Soccer: 5:30-7 p.m. every Tuesday for 8 or more players. Call 634-7009.