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Photo by Viki Frey

CFC kicks off, seeking pledges

USAREUR families net \$93K in family support, youth programs due to '08 CFC

By CHIARA MATTIROLO
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

This year's annual Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas program kicks off Monday and will continue through Dec. 4.

"Contributors can donate to thousands of charitable national, international, or local

organizations," said Staff Sgt. Ekachai Steinhorst, USAG Livorno's CFC community / area project officer. "Anyone serving the U.S. government overseas can donate. DoD contractors and foreign national employees are also welcome to donate."

CFC is the world's largest and

most successful annual workplace charity campaign, with more than 300 campaigns throughout the United States and overseas to help raise millions of dollars each year, according to the CFC Web site.

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WILLING TO GIVE?

At Caserma Ederle, call
Timothy Scott - 634-7973

At Camp Darby, call Staff
Sgt. Ekachai
Steinhorst - 633-7575

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Lt. Col. Greg Gadson and wife Kim greet Vicenza community members after their inspirational speech Sept. 25 at the post theater.

Gadson brings message of hope, undying determination to Vicenza

Story and photo by ADRIANE FOSS
Outlook Editor

Lt. Col. Greg Gadson, a bilateral above-the-knee amputee, addressed U.S. military community members at the Caserma Ederle post theater Sept. 25.

His message was one of hope and determination.

Gadson was serving with the 2nd Battalion, 32nd Field Artillery in Iraq when his convoy was struck by an improvised explosive device in 2007.

He and wife Kim talked candidly with audience members about individual and family struggles as they continue to recover from Gadson's life-altering experience. The key to recovering from such a devastating event is to walk in love, allowing yourself to grieve and be angry at the situation and not the family member, insisted the former field artillery commander and his wife. The Gadsons opened the floor to questions from the audience after their speech.

Holiday greetings team taping at Vicenza Oct. 8

By RICH LAMANCE
Joint Hometown News Service

Taping for one of the most recognizable holiday programs in America will begin at Caserma Ederle in front of the post theater at 9 a.m. Oct. 8, months before wreaths are hung and lights are strung in homes across the country.

Broadcast teams from the Joint Hometown News Service in San Antonio, Texas, departed shortly after Labor Day this year to begin taping video holiday greetings of service members and their families stationed overseas during the holiday season.

Messages will be aired at

various times in your hometown starting after Thanksgiving and running through New Year's.

Service members from all branches of service, their family members, and DoD civilians are eligible to participate.

For details about the free taping, call Dorothy Carlyle at 634-7988.

Example: "Hi, I'm Army Sgt. Jim Smith and this is my wife Ann and my son Jim Jr. in Vicenza, Italy, where we are stationed. We would like to wish my mother-in-law Mary and my sister Angela, both in San Antonio, the best Christmas ever. We miss you and hope to see you soon. Happy Holidays."



File photo by Christine June

Kris Grogan, Army and Air Force Hometown News Service broadcast chief, reminds the Bond family to wave during a 2007 holiday greetings program taping in Kaiserslautern, Germany. This year the holiday greetings team will tape at Caserma Ederle Oct. 8 in front of the post theater at 9 a.m. Basic rules include 1.) Family members may participate without the sponsor only if the service member is deployed or TDY. 2.) Customers can do as many greetings as they wish as long as the greeting is to family members (blood relation) in different cities in the States. 3.) Zips codes required. Call 634-7988 for information.

Garrison urges troops, community members to avoid unofficial taxis

Staff report

USAG Vicenza troops and community members are being warned not to use unofficial taxi services.

There have been several recent reports of passengers who were quoted a reasonable fare upon entering an unofficial taxi, only to be charged more than double the reasonable fare upon arriving at their destination.

There are also reports of at least one service member who was assaulted by an unofficial

taxi driver, according to a 1st Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry official.

“This is a serious problem and potentially dangerous. The bottom line is that troops should only use official taxis, which are properly marked and have meters. “And always employ the buddy system,” said USAG Vicenza Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Hartless. “Don’t travel alone, and if anything seems strange, remember as many details as possible and report it to the military police immediately.”



Photos by Laura Kreider

An operator’s license (above) will be displayed inside official taxis. Official taxis are registered with the city and charge passengers industry standard rates.

Legitimate taxi services should display rooftop signs (above left) and a meter (at left) inside their vehicles. Using non-official taxis may result in passengers paying significant higher fees and has been known to end in physical altercations.

CSO lauds community for valuable survey input

Thank you to all the Soldiers, family members, civilian employees and retirees who participated in the Customer Service Assessment.

By taking the time to complete this survey, you have impacted the quality of life for everyone who lives and works on Caserma Ederle

Results from the nearly 37,000 participants across IMCOM are being analyzed for each installation that participated in the survey. The reports will be ready for the Garrison Commanders Conference in November. Expect to see these results shortly after the conference in The Outlook,

the USAG Vicenza homepage, via AFN, during InfoX, and other media outlets.

We are working hard to improve the services you receive, ensuring they are at a level deserving of your dedicated service to our nation.

Ruth Cowart
Customer Service Officer
USAG Vicenza PAIO



**A Day in
Hollywood /
A Night in
the Ukraine?
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Speak Out What Speak Out question would you like to ask community members ?



Pitoon Ekarintaragun
CYSS Youth Sports

“What do you think about COLA and post allowance.”



Gary Fragger
Vicenza Elementary School

“Do you think parents are involved enough in the school (activities, meetings, etc.).”



Chaplain (Maj.) Jose Herrera
USAG Vicenza

“Who would you talk to or where can you go if you are having a hard time adjusting to a new situation in your life.”



Salua Wood (left) & Angela Mathias
Family members

“Why do you or why do you not support your school sports teams.”



R.J. Kessler
Arts & Crafts Center

“What new services do you think are going to be provided to the Soldiers and their family members at the new health center on post.”

WHAT YOU THINK MATTERS: If you have an idea for a Speak Out or commentary, we’d like to know. E-mail us today at editor@eur.army.mil. Type “Speak Out Suggestion” or “Outlook Commentary Idea” in the subject line and include your contact information, including a home or cell phone.

The Noncommissioned Officer

PROFILES OF SUCCESS



Sgt. Trevor Petsch

Unit: Co. A, 2-503

Current Position: Squad leader

Age: 27

Hometown: Kansas City, Mo.

Years in service: 3

What would surprise people about you: I was a successful electrician prior to enlisting for service in the military.

Biggest mentor(s) and why: Sgt. 1st Class Harding because he saw potential in me and challenged me every day to be better at my job and to take on more responsibilities, as well as arming me with the tools to accomplish anything.

Life's ambition: To have a fulfilling and successful Army career while accomplishing the same feats when I go home to my family.

Your definition of an NCO: An individual with the fortitude to lead, the knowledge to train and capacity to inspire his or her subordinates.

Advice for junior Soldiers: To become a good Soldier, you need technical and tactical proficiency; to become successful, you must work well with others.

Reason for your success:

Of all the successful people I've noticed in the Army, they've shared two things in common: they are goal oriented people motivated to continuously improve and accept new challenges and they develop strong relationships with the people around them.

Your defining moment as an NCO: Graduating Ranger School with my father there to pin me.

Visit the Army's Web site dedicated to the Year of the NCO at www.army.mil/YearoftheNCO.

Why not go green this October?

USAG Vicenza DPW news release

This October we will celebrate the 18th annual Energy Awareness Month.

Sponsored by the Department of Energy, the goal is to promote a greater public understanding and awareness of energy sources and how they can be used effectively.

The Energy Awareness Month gives community members a chance to learn how to make their homes and offices as energy efficient as possible.

There is a good reason to emphasizing energy awareness and conservation in Vicenza today. Electricity demand and

energy costs are growing, especially during the summer period, one reason, of course, is that it is getting hotter.

During October USAG Vicenza will sponsor many energy awareness and conservation events.

The "Ride for Energy," scheduled to take place at Outdoor Recreation Oct. 31 will be the main attraction.

As the Directorate of Public Works, Environmental Division promotes energy conservation, community members are welcome to stop by the energy booth outside the PX main entrance Oct. 22 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

There they will have an opportunity

to talk to energy experts about reducing consumption and going green.

Remember that conservation in general—whether for energy, water or recycling—can be a good way to save money, help the environment and do the right thing, said Thomas Blackmer, DPW environmental chief.

Finally, saving energy is beneficial not only for the environment but also for the community.

According to Mr. Blackmer, DPW is investigating the possibility of using saved money for various community projects to include a playground construction.

What's in it for me (and you) ... with AFTB?

by ARIN BENNETT &

LOU BLOUNT

AFTB Volunteers

Sylvia Tisdale has lived in Vicenza for some time. She is a busy mom married to a Soldier who will deploy soon. Two weeks ago she attended Army Family Team Building with other military spouses.

"I think AFTB is highly beneficial to all military spouses," said Tisdale. "If you are new to the military this class answers

a lot of questions. Some are questions you didn't even know you should ask. I found the class *military customs and traditions* very interesting, along with learning what community resources are available to us."

"The class does an amazing job of teaching individuals how to thrive in the Army and take on leadership roles within the community to guide others," noted Brianda Barrett, a 2-503 Chosen Company wife.

AFTB is a curriculum designed to teach how the Army works, how to take care of you and how to become an effective community leader. Classes include military acronyms and terms, chain of command, military benefits and entitlements, stress management, problem solving, coaching and mentoring and many others.

To sign up for classes or for more information, call 634-7500 or e-mail Lourdes.fernandez@eur.army.mil.

Willing to give? Contact your CFC representative

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civilian, postal and military donors during the campaign season support eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human service benefits throughout the world.

It is the only authorized solicitation of federal employees in their workplaces on behalf of approved charitable organizations.

The CFC-Overseas program raised more than \$15.8 million during its 2008 campaign.

Steinhorst said each unit or organization has a CFC representative who can assist donors in filling out their pledge cards.

Pledge cards can be filled out manually and given to the unit representative or completed online with the "Online Pledge

Assistant," which helps participants identify charities by name. Pledge cards filled out online must still be printed and given to your local CAPO.

Payment can be made by cash, check, credit or debit transaction or by payroll deduction.

When making donations, contributors can designate that their pledges go to support specific charities. Overseas donors can also contribute to one special program—the Family Support and Youth Programs initiative.

One hundred percent of donations made to FSYP go directly to overseas military communities to help fund child care, emergency assistance, recreation, community education and other quality of life programs and facilities, and enable overseas locations to offer free or reduced-cost programs.

According to a September 2009 U.S. Army Europe news release, the U.S. Army community in Europe received nearly \$93,000 in funds from the FYSP program following last year's CFC-O campaign.

"This is a chance to give to many different charity agencies or to our own community by donating to the Family Support and Youth Programs initiative," noted USAG Livorno Command Sgt. Maj. Felix Rodriguez. "Donating to FSYP means supporting our Soldiers and families by improving the experience of living abroad or helping in the transition."

For more information on the CFC, visit www.cfcoversseas.org or contact your local CFC CAPO (USAG Livorno's Staff Sgt. Steinhorst at 633-7575 or USAG Vicenza's Timothy Scott at 634-7973).

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At your service Vicenza Community Club President..



Sherri Funk wears many hats at Caserma Ederle. Funk volunteers at ACS in Financial Readiness as an education and training specialist. In addition to briefing at the newcomers' orientation, she conducts weekly finance classes at ACS and at unit locations and is the new president of the Vicenza Community Club.

"The VCC is for everyone in our community," said Funk. "We give back through our community enrichment programs like the scholarships, Bright Eyes, and other CE fund requests."

She also volunteers at the post chapel and is a Eucharistic minister for the Catholic community. "I have been here since March, but I enjoy participating in our community and I try to make a difference wherever I might be."

She can be reached at 327-741-7434.

Community Camera

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



Good times, Bavarian style: Community members showed up en masse for Caserma Ederle's Oktoberfest Friday night. The Ferris wheel was a family favorite. Other events included face painting, games, live music and dance and free German food. (Top right) Sgt. Austin Morsett (white hat) and Sgt. James Smith, 464th MP Platoon, rejoice after advancing to the second bracket of the Lumberjack Log Sawing competition. (Above) Authentic German beer was served, complete with dirndl-clad servers. (Photos by Laura Kreider)



Music and dance were on tap in the beer tent as *Gruppo Danze Folcloristiche Gardena Ortisei*, a traditional dance group from a town near Bolzano, performed.



Hundreds of community members attended the festivities. The first 500 attendees to buy beer received their drink in Germany's official 2009 Oktoberfest beer steins.



Maj. David Schilling (left) wins an arm wrestling competition as USAG Vicenza Assistant Acquatics Director David Besuden (center) leans in for a better view.



Photo by Laura Kreider

In honor: Padre Roberto, St. Michael's Church chaplain (left) and (Maj.) Jose Herrera, USAG Vicenza chaplain, pray during the annual Saint Michael's Fest Day Sept. 29. "The event allowed the Vicenza State Police and paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade to celebrate the Feast of St. Michael, the patron saint of paratroopers and police," said 1-503 Infantry (Airborne) Commander Lt. Col. Matt McFarlane.

Caserma Ederle's newest Eagle Scouts

(Right) Vicenza High School junior Matthew Calabrese, 16, refurbished the benches in front of and across from the school for his Eagle Scout project. Calabrese became an Eagle Scout Sept. 8.



(Far right) Vicenza Middle / High School senior Thomas Nantz, 17, created an edible garden for the U.S. Army Heritage Museum in Carlisle, Penn. He became an Eagle Scout Sept. 24.



Photo by Laura Kreider

It's show time: (From left) Community members Junel Jeffrey, Linda Dahlstrom, Myreta Davis, Aaron Talley, Larry Kreider, Lorenzo Felisatti, Sonia Elia and Bethany Hacker perform a dress rehearsal at Soldiers' Theatre Sept. 29 for the Friday opening of the two act musical "A Day in Hollywood / A Night in the Ukraine." The play is onstage Oct. 2-4 and 16-25. Call 634-7281 or 0444-717281 for ticket information. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$12 for youth.



On this day

U.S. Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. William Garrett III spoke during the 9/11 ceremony at the Villa Cordellina Lombardi in Montecchio Maggiore Sept. 11. The ceremony was one of many commemorations that Caserma Ederle officials attended alongside their Italian counterparts.

Photo by Andrea Antuzzi

BOSS urges Don't be "That Guy"

By **JOYCE COSTELLO**
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Camp Darby's Better Opportunity for Single Service members teamed up with USAG Livorno's Safety Office and Army Community Service to talk with junior troops about binge drinking and to kick off the *That Guy* campaign Sept. 25.

"This campaign is not an abstinence campaign and it's great the BOSS program here is being proactive about peer-to-peer efforts to reduce excessive drinking among troops living in the barracks," said USAG Livorno Command Sgt. Maj. Felix Rodriguez.

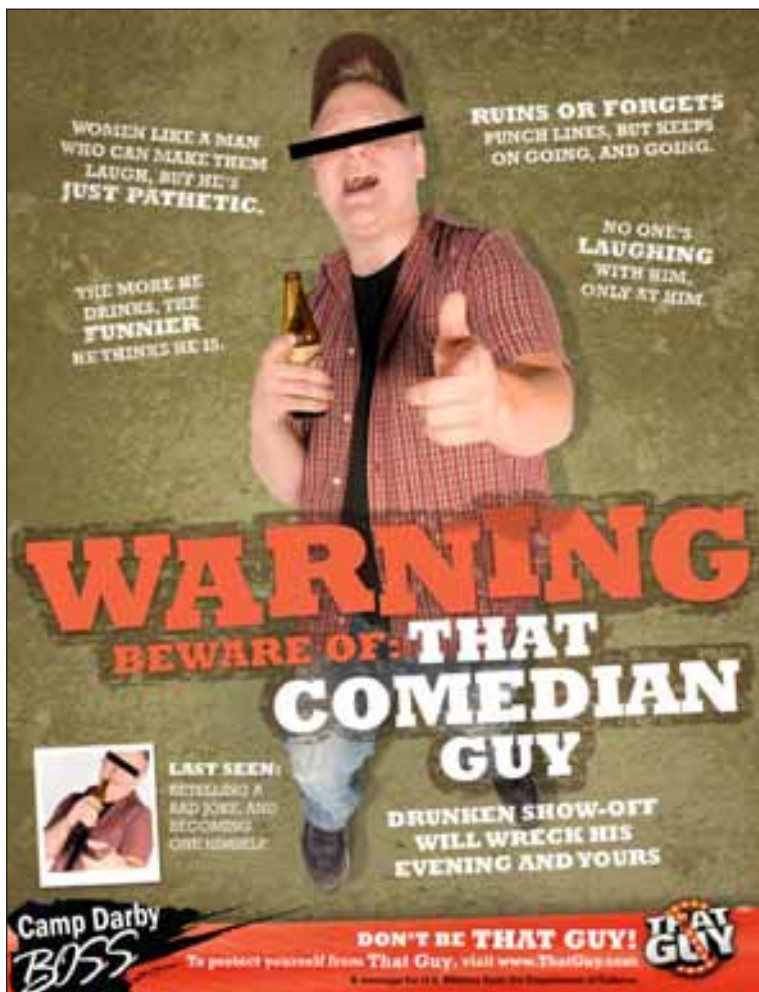
He said that taking the time to get the troops together in the base theater before the holidays started was a good way to help remind them about the consequence of drinking and driving.

BOSS members handed out *That Guy* drink coasters and playing cards with saying on them such as "Going home with a '10', waking up with a '2'," and "What you won't remember, your friends will," along with entertaining synopses about the dancing guy, the player guy and the drama queen.

One thing the service members learned that wasn't entertaining was that under Italian law if they are out with "That Guy" and there is an alcohol related incident, they too can be held accountable for aiding and abetting, according to Army Capt. Todd Simpson, the staff judge advocate at Camp Darby.

"The Italians have penal codes that punish those who help someone get drunk or are involved in a brawl with three or more people," he said.

For more information about Italian drinking laws and the *That Guy* campaign, visit the BOSS Web page on www.usag.livorno.army.mil.



The BOSS campaign is aimed at excessive drinking among troops in the barracks.

Darby Dates

ITR Trips

Perugia chocolate festival: This annual event is dedicated to chocolate, the sweet confection for which this ancient Etruscan town is world famous (Perugia is the home of Perugia chocolates).

The nine-day fest is dedicated to all things chocolate. Call ITR for more information at 633-7589.

Hispanic food tasting

Come out Oct. 23 and participate in the Hispanic Heritage food tasting at the Community Club.

Call 633-7084 for info.

Story hour

Don't miss story hour Oct. 21 at the post library for children ages 3-5.

Resume writing

PCSing or trying for a new job on post and don't know how to word your resume?

Come to the resume review board and work with other members of our community to perfect your resume Oct. 23.

Call 633-7084 to RSVP.

Multicultural spouses

Obtain valuable information Oct. 21 on medical services, employment, immigration and naturalization services, driver's license, ESL and more. Call 633-7084 to RSVP for the class.

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.

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

Contact the Catholic education coordinator to find out when the next confirmation will take place.

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.

Darby nets top European rec award

Library, Sports & Fitness to represent region in Army contest

Story and photos by **JOYCE COSTELLO**

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Installation Management Command Europe Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation announced the winners of the annual European recreation awards competition Sept. 11.

USAG Livorno at Camp Darby was named the post with the "Best Outstanding Installation Recreation Program" for a small garrison.

"We looked at 10 elements to include new programs and some of the garrisons' successes, in order to determine which regional winners would get to compete by size and activity at the Department of Army

level," said the IMCOM-E FMWR Recreation Awards program manager Angela Flowers, whose office did the judging.

Camp Darby's library and sports and fitness center were also winners in their respective categories and will have a chance to represent the region in the Army competition.

"In the past year we programmed several events that involved interaction between our military personnel and different MWR activities on post involving both children and adults," said Ronald Van Gemert, the Camp Darby librarian. "Winning this regional award really recognizes the whole library staff for the great service they provide to

our customers and for the visitors who vacation here. We plan on continuing to develop new and interesting programs partnering with other activities on post that will continue to make the library a viable enterprise on Camp Darby."

Todd Smith, acting Camp Darby Fitness Center manager said this is the second year in a row that the sports and fitness center placed first at the regional competition.

"These recreation awards are a good avenue for professional programs to be recognized amongst their peers," said Flowers, "and it also highlights all of the contributions FMWR does in their local community in supporting quality of life programs and the Army Family Covenant."



(At left) Camp Darby's Sports and Fitness Center helps service members stay healthy and in shape during its biannual Health and Wellness Fair Sept. 18. (Above) From left: Camp Darby's librarian and staff members Ronald Van Gemert, Cinzia Siciliano, Susanna Martini, Debora Lomi and Alberto Giannetti ensure the community and the 38,000 tourist visitors have an enjoyable experience when using the library's services.

Duck, eel, baccalà festivals slated



Photo courtesy of Padova Fiere

Home furnishings fair: No need to sit at home this weekend. Casa su Misura, a home furnishings fair, will take place Saturday through Oct. 11 in nearby Padova. Classic and contemporary styles available. See below and visit <http://www.casasumisura.pd.it/settori.html> for more information.

Festivals & events

Casa su Misura – Home furnishings fair: Saturday - Oct. 11, Saturday & Sunday 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; weekdays 5-10:30 p.m., in Padova, Via N. Tommaseo, 59, 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. Entrance fee: Saturday-Sunday 7 euro; Monday-Friday 5 euro. Classic and contemporary furniture, lighting, textiles and accessories. Visit <http://www.casasumisura.pd.it/settori.html>.

Street closure in Torri di Quartesolo: Due to the Duck Festival, the stretch of Via Roma between Via A. Moro and Via Vicenza will be closed from 5 p.m. to midnight on Saturday, Oct. 3 and Sunday, Oct. 4.

Duck Festival: Friday-Tuesday, in Torri di Quartesolo, about 4 miles southeast of Vicenza. Food booths feature bigoli in duck sauce and traditional duck stuffed roll; free parking.

■ Friday: 7 p.m. food booths; 9 p.m. live music and dancing with *I California Orchesta & Outgrass Group*.

■ Saturday: 5-8 p.m. trade market; 6:30 p.m. food booths; 8 p.m. sports dance show with *Team Diabolo-International Free Dance*; 9 p.m. music & ballroom dancing with *Blue Moon Orchestra*.

■ Sunday: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. fair trade market; 12:30 p.m. community lunch (13 euro – 8 euro for children 6-14); 3:30 p.m. bike rides for children 6-14; 6:30 food booths; 7:45 p.m. ballroom and Latin-American dance show with *Valzer Club School*; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with

DOC Orchestra and country night with *DJ Alby & DJ Bina* with free dance lessons.

■ Monday: 7 p.m. food booths; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with *I Sabia Orchestra* and Rolling Stones tribute with *The Midnight Ramblers*.

■ Tuesday: 7 p.m. food booths; 9 a.m. live music and ballroom dancing with *I Rodigini Orchestra* and lottery draw.

St. Michael Fair and Eel Festival: Friday-Monday, in Valproto, Quinto Vicentino, about 9 miles east of Vicenza.

■ Friday: 7 p.m. food booths featuring *Poenta e Bisata* (polenta with eels) and raffle. 9 p.m. live music and dancing with *32° Parallelo Band*.

■ Saturday: 7 p.m. food booths and raffle. 9 p.m. live music and dancing with *Gli Assi*.

■ Sunday: 2 p.m. Traditional *Gara dei Mastei* (*mastei* means basins – participants will race rowing in large basins); 5 p.m. entertainment and magic show for children; 6 p.m. artistic gymnastic display; 6 p.m. food booths and raffle; 9 p.m. live music and dancing with *Marco e I Niagara Orchestra*.

■ Monday: 7 p.m. food booths and raffle; 9 p.m. live music and dancing with *Le Melodie Orchestra*; 10:30 p.m. lottery draw: first prize: 4 day vacation in Tuscany for 2 persons; 11 p.m. fireworks.

■ **Duck Festival**, Saturday-Sunday, in Mossano Veneto, about 13 miles south of Vicenza.

■ Saturday: 7 p.m. food booths featuring *bigoli with duck sauce, spit roast duck; duck stew and other typical dishes and local wines.

■ Sunday: 9 a.m. free guided visit to the Villa Giulia leaves from the parking lot of Mossano elementary school, Via G. Garibaldi. The tour includes a stop at a local farm and a free taste of the 2009 new must (making must is the first step in wine-making); 11:30 a.m. food booths; 2:30 p.m. Peter Pan bicycle race, open to all children under 15; 7 p.m. food booths.

*Bigoli is a pasta similar to spaghetti, made from soft wheat flour, hard bran grain and eggs.

Bigoli in Duck Sauce Festival: Friday-Sunday, in Zanè, about 13 miles south of Vicenza, about 14 miles north of Vicenza. Indoor food booths and dancing. Lottery proceeds will go to a children sponsorship association.

■ Friday: 8 p.m. spritz party; 9 p.m. live Latin-American music and dancing with *Alex el Cubanissimo*.

■ Saturday: 5 p.m. food booths featuring bigoli in duck sauce; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with *Armando Savini Orchestra*.

■ Sunday: 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. food booths; 6 p.m. spritz party; 8:30 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with *I Sabia Orchestra*.

Baccalà (Dried Cod Fish) Festival: Friday-Sunday, in Montegalda, Piazza Marconi 40, 17 miles southeast of Vicenza. Indoor food booths and dance floor.

■ Friday: 7 p.m. food booths; 9 p.m. live music and dancing with *Marco e i Niagara Orchestra*.

■ Saturday: 6:30 a.m. food booths; live music and dancing with *Oriana e Loris Orchestra*.

■ Sunday: noon & 6 p.m. food booths; 8 p.m. Caribbean dances

and Argentine tango shows; 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Papaya Show Orchestra.

Rosary Festival: Friday-Sunday in Trissino, Via Dante Alighieri 1, 13 miles west of Vicenza. Indoor food booths and dancing.

■ Saturday: 6 p.m. food booths; 8 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Barbara Lucchi Band.

■ Sunday: noon food booths open; 3:30 traditional procession in Villa Marzotto park and *Muzzolon Band* performance at St. Peter Church. 8 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with *Lucia & I Palladio Orchestra*.

Farmer Festival: Sunday, in Valli del Pasubio, Via Mons. Pietro Bicego 2, 22 miles northeast of Vicenza. 9 a.m. food booths; 9:30 p.m. local agricultural and handicraft products show and market; noon: homemade gnocchi and grilled meat tasting; 2 p.m. guided nature walk; 2:30 p.m. horseback riding for kids; 4 p.m. blessing of animals and tractors. 2:30 at the sports center: predatory bird exhibit and show with the Villafranca Padovana Falconers; folk music and dance; floats and local farmer product tasting.

FREE concerts exhibits, classes

Guitar, piano and sax concert, Friday, 10 p.m., in Vicenza, Campo Marzio.

Contemporary Art Exhibition, until Oct. 10. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday 10 a.m. – noon; Friday-Saturday 4-7 p.m., in Vicenza, Spazio Teatro Berga, S.S. Apostoli, 77.

Live jazz with Calibro35, Sunday, 9 p.m., in Marostica, Panic Jazz Club, Piazza degli Scacchi, 18 miles north of Vicenza.

Samba and Brazilian rhythms sample dance lesson: Monday, 8 p.m., in Thiene, Silicon Kate Association, Via Zanella, 38/40, about 18 miles north of Vicenza.

Explore the sky, Tuesday, 9 p.m., in Arcugnano, Astronomical Observatory, Via S. Giustina, 127 – about five miles south of Vicenza. View the sky and the planets in great detail.

Punk hardore with Astpai + Carlito, Wednesday, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Bar Sarteia, Corso Santi Felice e Fortunato, 362.

Live jazz with Flavio Boltro 4tet, Wednesday, 10 p.m., in Marostica, Panic Jazz Club, Piazza degli Scacchi, 18 miles north of Vicenza.

Outdoor Recreation

Ferrari Museum and Bologna: Oct. 9, \$65 includes transportation, museum entrance and free time in the city of Bologna.

Spend Columbus Day weekend in **Switzerland:** Two trips to choose from include Interlaken Extreme weekend (high-adrenaline activities) or enjoy a relaxed weekend with an unforgettable train ride and visit to a brewery in a castle. Call ODR for dates.

Learn how a **gondola** is made at a workshop in Venice Oct. 12.

Visit the first capital of Italy, **Turin**, Oct. 17.

Enjoy **Chianti wine tasting** in Tuscany Oct. 24.

Sporting Events

Red Bull Motocross of Nations in Brescia, Saturday and Sunday. Tickets are available in Vicenza at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center or online at http://www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing.

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

Thursday	G-Force (PG)	6 p.m.
Friday	Night at the Museum (PG)	6 p.m.
	The Ugly Truth (R)	9 p.m.
Saturday	Imagine That (PG)	3 p.m.
	Jennifer's Body (R)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Imagine That (PG)	3 p.m.
	Jennifer's Body (R)	6 p.m.
Wed.	Orphan (R)	6 p.m.
Oct. 8	The Ugly Truth (R)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Friday	Whiteout (R)	6 p.m.
Saturday	Orphan (R)	6 p.m.
Sunday	G-Force (PG)	1 p.m.
Oct. 8	The Ugly Truth (R)	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? Visit 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.

Looking for a job

■ The NAF Contracting Office is seeking wait staff for the Arena. Contractors will work on an on-call basis. If you're interested and have experience send your information to paola.liberatore1@us.army.mil.

■ FMWR is recruiting for a NF-03, CYS Services Sports Associate to manage individual sports programs, operate clinics and develop health promotions for youth. To apply, call 634-7349 or 7290 or visit <http://acpol.army.mil/employment/naf.htm>.

■ Job Fair at the Davis Soldier & Family Readiness Center, Oct. 21. Call 634-7500 for more info.

Case lot sale set Saturday, Sunday

A worldwide case lot sale is set at the Vicenza Commissary Saturday and Sunday during store operating hours.

A wide variety of popular products are offered at great savings. Visit <http://www.commissaries.com> for information.

Make your medical appointments online

You can also refill your prescriptions using the same easy-to-use Web site.

To register or for more information, visit www.tricareonline.com.

Full time, hourly child care available

Full-time and hourly child care is offered through Family Child Care, an alternative to center-based care.

FCC is care provided by an adult who is certified by CYSS in certified government quarters.

Visit the central registration office, the one-stop shop for all information about CYSS programs and services.

Call Gail Penrod at 634-7615 for more details.

SAS open house set

School Age Services' Fall Open House is slated Oct. 21 from 5-7 p.m.

Current SAS participants, as well as community members with school-aged children who want to learn more about SAS, are invited to the open house in Bldg. 308.

Meet the SAS staff and other SAS children, learn about the program, enjoy entertaining performances, refreshments and see the inauguration of the new 4-H officers. Children not enrolled must be accompanied by parents. Call 634-8253 for more information.

VCC news

Need funds to support your community project or event?

The Vicenza Community Club has earmarked more than \$40,000 for our local community in an easy,

one-page application process.

Contact Denise Santos, the community enrichment chair, at denice.santos@us.army.mil and apply for the funds you need to enrich our community.

Also, mark your calendars for the annual Festa Italia Bazaar Oct. 24-25. Many vendors will be available with food and wine, furniture and crafts. VCC will offer a raffle of various vendor wares as prizes. Prizes will be drawn throughout Saturday and food booths will offer a variety of delights.

For membership information, e-mail sara.nantz@us.army.mil or pick up a membership form at the Thrift Store.

Healthy relationships

FAP will host an awareness table in the PX food court area. The booth will focus on healthy relationships to include coping with deployment, communication, conflict resolution and the benefits of relationships.

More information about FAP classes and events will be available.

Central Processing Facility update

■ The ID Card Section is closed the last day of every month for inventory from 1-5 p.m.

■ Effective Monday, the Soggiorno Office will open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9 a.m.-noon and Monday-Friday afternoon from 1-4 p.m. On Thursday mornings, the office will be open from to NATO ID cardholders only from 9 a.m.-noon.

■ Ration Cards will only be issued to contractors, U.S. government employees and NATO members. Requestor must provide a ration card memo. The memorandum can be e-mailed to the individuals; It is also available at the CPAC/NAF and CPF office. Previously issued ration cards must be turned in before a new card can be issued.

Lost or washed cards must be reported to the MP station and a lost ration card form must also be submitted. All active duty Soldiers and dependants will be issued a ration card through the sponsor's unit S1.

Girl Scout registration

Registration will be held Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the picnic area across the street from the Vicenza Elementary School for all girls interested in joining for the 2009-2010 year.

Bring \$25 registration fee. Uniform items will be sold or can be ordered when you register. Leaders are still needed for kindergarten-second grade girls.

Call Nancy at 349-5209980 for information.

A Day in Hollywood / A Night in the Ukraine

This musical double feature at Soldiers' Theatre opens Friday. Tickets are on sale now for performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. The show runs through Oct. 25.

It's a hilarious tribute to Hollywood movie musicals of the 1930s & 40s and the Marx Brothers in a song and dance extravaganza featuring memorable music, tap dancing and the outrageous antics of the three zany brothers of comedy. This play will be Soldiers' Theatre's entry in the 2009 IMCOM-E One Act Play Festival in Germany Oct. 9-11.

Lion's Den activities

■ The next Ladies Night in the Lion's Den will be Wednesday with pitchers of strawberry daiquiris and appetizer platters.

■ It's all Black & White Friday. Wear your best black and white outfits.

■ Back to School Night Oct. 9. Dress up in your best school uniform and have fun at another great adults-only theme night in the Lion's Den.

USO volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed at the USO. If you are interested in serving Soldiers and the military community, stop by and see us or give us a call at 634-7156.

Need help with the language barrier? Sign up for our Level 1 class.

Class dates are Oct. 19-Dec. 16. Class meets on Mondays and Wednesdays from 6-8 p.m. The cost is \$125.

The USO is located in Bldg. 9A. Hours are Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday noon-6 p.m.; and Sunday 12:30-6:30 p.m.

Call 634-7156 for information

Credit Union closed for Columbus Day



Courtesy photo

A HEALTHY FIT: Dr. Christopher Buscema, chief of physical therapy at the Vicenza Healthcare Center, counsels customers on proper sport-shoe fit at the PX as part of the center's annual Healthcare Benefits Awareness Month Fair Sept. 10. The event increases awareness of healthcare benefits and resources and access for beneficiaries. The fair offered information on nutrition counseling, the traumatic brain injury program, behavioral and public health services, and ways to increase and facilitate access to care, such as using Tricare Online to book appointments and the patient liaison program at San Bortolo Hospital. More than 120 doses of FluMist vaccine were administered as part of the event.

All Service Credit Union branch offices will be closed Oct. 12 in observance of Columbus Day. The offices will resume normal hours of operation Oct. 13.

MOMS club activities

■ Oct. 2: Out and About-Meet at the Shoppette at 9:30 a.m.

■ Oct. 5: Lunch Playdate 11:15 a.m.

■ Oct. 6: Board Meeting

■ Oct. 7: Pre-school Playgroup 4 p.m.

■ Oct. 13: Toddler Playgroup 10-11:30 a.m.

■ Oct. 16: Infant Playgroup 10 a.m.; Walk the Track 10 a.m.; Moms Night Out 7 p.m.

■ Oct. 19: Book Club 10:30 a.m.

■ Oct. 21: Pre-school Playgroup 4 p.m.

■ Oct. 23: Walk the Track 10 a.m.; Park Playdate 4 p.m.

■ Oct. 26: Monthly Meeting 10 a.m. Chapel

■ Oct. 27: Toddler Playgroup 10-11:30 a.m.; Halloween Party 3:30-5 p.m.

■ Oct. 30: Walk the Track 10 a.m.

For more information on any of these events, e-mail momsclub@vicenza@yahoo.com.

Bid on AAFES vans

AAFES is accepting sealed bids for two 1996 GMC parcel delivery vans in Vicenza through Oct. 16. The vehicles will be sold as-is with no refund. Interested U.S. ID cardholders can contact John Beamish at 335 8316528 or Julie Neil at 634-7796.

Join theme nights at Lion's Den

The Arena brings you all new theme nights at the Lions' Den through the month of October on Friday nights at 8 p.m. Look for: Black-n-White Party on Friday; Back to School party Oct. 9; Reggae party Oct. 16; Think Pink Oct. 23; A-List "Dress to Impress" Oct. 30 and, a Halloween party Oct. 31. Visit www.vicenzaMWR.com for more information.

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 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

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 evening Bible study (beginning Sept. 8. Child care offered for children ages 6 weeks to 4 years)

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

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: Spc. Kasimov, 329-034-3511

Jewish: Sandy Schoenberg at 634-6202 or 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

National Hispanic Heritage Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Oct. 8- Sesame Street Tour, Holiday Greetings Taping

Oct. 9- Training Holiday

Oct. 12- Columbus Day; Italian Rest Day

Oct. 24- Quarterly Awards Ceremony

Oct. 24-25- VCC Bazaar

Oct. 25- Daylight Savings Ends

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



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RUN TO THE TOWER: Runners from the past year's "Run to the Tower" competition enjoyed the annual 12K run. This year the race will take place Oct. 16 beginning at Camp Darby and ending in Piazza dei Miracoli. Registrations will be accepted Friday through Oct. 9 at Camp Darby's Outdoor Recreation Center. Call 633-7775. No registration will be accepted on race day or the day prior to the race. Runners must report to the fitness center from 8-8:45 a.m. on the day of the race to pick up their race number and map of the course. An awards ceremony will follow the event in the Opera Primaziale Pisana.



MARATHON :

Several USAG Vicenza community members participated in the 3rd Annual Aviano Marathon Sept. 13 in Aviano. Some of the runners are pictured at left and the results are:

1/2 Marathon-Huseyin Kara (second from right), 1st place in his age category; Andrew Lotze (third from left), 2nd place in his age category; Sky Clarke (second from left), 1st place in age and overall women's category; Angelo Sibilla for placing in the top three in his category; Malynda Beeman, 2nd place in age and overall women's category. In the 10K-Dana Trevers, 1st place in age and overall women's category. For detailed information, visit <http://www.31fss.com/marathon/faqs.htm>

Courtesy photo

Cougars beat Buccaneers 40-0, bow to Bamberg 23-26 Saturday

Staff report

Vicenza High School football coach Adam Ridgley is no fortune teller.

When asked what his predictions were for the 2009-2010 football season, he said his only forecast was that "we will bring everything we have each game.

"We will maximize the things we can control and not worry about the things we cannot control. I am very confident that we will have a successful season. I consider success to be the peace of mind that comes from knowing you gave your all in the pursuit of a worthy cause," he said, quoting famed UCLA basketball coach John Wooden. "Making the playoffs would be great but it will not define our success as a team."

Pick up the Oct. 8 Outlook for a Q&A session with Coach Ridgley.



Photo by Viki Frey

A Vicenza High School Cougar struggles against a Bamberg opponent. Bamberg squeaked past the Cougars, 23-26, in a tight game.

BASKETBALL Soldier League Standings

Team	Win	Loss	Game Scores
Certified	14	1	Sept. 21
HSC SETAF	5	8	Certified: 60 vs. SETAF: 44
HHO 509 Signal	2	8	Sept. 23
Eazy Rock	1	3	Certified: 74 vs. SETAF: 38
Ghedi	0	0	

FLAG FOOTBALL Soldier League

Team	Win	Loss	Game Scores
HSC SETAF	9	1	Sept. 24
E Co. 1/503	4	0	SETAF: 2 vs. 14th Trans.: 0
14th Trans.	5	7	
509th Signal	2	4	
Attack Co.	0	3	
Ghedi	0	0	

Pro bowler comes to Caserma Ederle Friday
PBA Bowler Sean Rash comes to the Arena Friday. Rash is a top star on the Pro Bowlers Tour.

Join us for a kids after-school event, with another event in the evening for adults.

Stay tuned for details in later issues of the FMWR Weekly Highlights.

Join Frisbee football

A 7 vs. 7 Frisbee football competition will take place Oct. 9 and 10 at the N-40 football field (across from the Arena).

Bring your roster to the participant meeting Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. at the fitness center. Mixed teams of not more than 10 players are welcome.

Sign up deadline is Tuesday. Call 634-7009 to register.

Sign up for 3-point basketball by Tuesday

Join the 3-point basketball competition Oct. 9-10 at the fitness center.

Awards will be given for male and female categories in first, second and third places. Sign up before Tuesday at the fitness center.

Basketball officials clinic

The clinic will be held at the firing range classroom #2 Oct 13-17. Sign up by Oct 13. Achieve your officiating, scoring and timing certification. Increase your knowledge, learn the rules and make some money. Call 634-7009 for more info.

Open-play volleyball for ages over 15

The community (over age 15) is invited to join in pick-up, open-play volleyball games every Tuesday and Thursday at the fitness center from 6:30-8 p.m.

Improve your skills, have fun and build morale.

Call 634-7009 for information.

Red Cross lifeguard course slated Oct. 3-15

American Red Cross lifeguard certification classes are being offered at the Villaggio pool.

Cost is \$140 for ages 16 and up. Sign up at the fitness center front desk.

Classes also scheduled for Oct. 3-15, Monday-Thursday from 4-10 p.m. and Saturday-Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Need a personal trainer? Call the fitness center

Want help with training plans and nutrition?

Call the Fitness Center at 634-6716. Visit www.vicenzaMWR.com for registration information.