



Trick-or-treating will take place Friday in the Villaggio housing area from 6-7 p.m. for U.S. ID cardholders and from 7-9 for U.S. ID cardholders and host nation community. Shuttles will pick up families near the commissary bus stop and transport them to and from Villaggio for trick-or-treating. Carnival activities will take place in the Villaggio shoppette parking lot for U.S. ID cardholders from 3:30-6 p.m. Call 634-5087 for more information.

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**Vicenza Cougars take down AFNorth to battle it out with DoDDS powerhouse Ansbach Saturday**



Photo by Viki Frey



Photo by Cheryl Davis

**TAKE A STAND:** USAG Vicenza Deputy Garrison Chaplain (Maj.) Jose Herrera makes his way through a throng of balloons Sunday on Hoekstra Field where community members gathered for Caserma Ederle's Red Ribbon balloon release. Nearly 200 balloons with drug-free messages in English and Italian were released. The weekend event was the kickoff for Red Ribbon Week, the United States' largest drug prevention campaign. The week, usually the last in October, is an opportunity for communities and individuals to take a stand for the hopes and dreams of our children through a commitment to drug prevention and education and a personal commitment to live drug-free lives, with the ultimate goal being the creation of a drug-free America. Red Ribbon Week also commemorates the ultimate sacrifice made by DEA Special Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who died in 1985 at the hands of drug traffickers in Mexico. For more Red Ribbon Week photos, visit [www.flickr.com/photos/usagvicenza/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/usagvicenza/)



## Don't get caught red-handed; know what you can ship stateside

Story and photo by **ADRIANE FOSS**  
*Outlook Editor*

If you think you can ship wine to the U.S., think again.

If you're sure that shipping olive oil is prohibited, don't be so certain.

USAG Vicenza Postmaster Matt Stanley said community members should know what they can and cannot ship to avoid legal troubles and ensure friends and family receive their

holiday gifts.

Shipping any type of alcohol is prohibited. Olive oil, however, can be shipped, "as long as it is packed properly with absorbent material and double-boxed," said Stanley.

Customers who attempt to ship alcohol will be reported to the MPs, said Stanley. "And if they list the alcohol as a non-prohibited item on the customs form, they can additionally be charged with falsifying an official document."

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## MREs no longer mystery meat of yesteryear

Story and photo by **ERIKA WONN**  
*Army News Service*

DoD's Combat Feeding Directorate set up an elaborate display with interactive activities on the floor of the Association of the United States Army annual meeting and symposium, including a place for Soldiers to taste-test new ration items Oct. 8.

Some of the items available were the shelf-stable on-the-go sandwich, new MRE entrees and high-pressure spiced apples.

"We put a lot of science in that bag, probably more science than the average consumer realizes," said Kathy-Lynn

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**Kathy-Lynn Evangelos with the Combat Food Directorate preps her booth for troops. Here Soldiers taste-tested new MRE items, testing their sense of smell and taking an interactive test to see if they qualify as "foodies."**

### Holiday Shipping Deadlines

**Nov. 27** for space-available mail (SAM) parcels.

**Dec. 4** for parcel airlift (PAL) parcels.

**Dec. 11** for priority mail and first class letters.

**Dec. 18** for express mail military service (EMMS).



## Satisfy your curiosity: Find out what AWAG is and how you can get involved in Italy

Compiled by ILEANA REHA

AWAG is an IMCOM-Europe approved private organization, administered entirely by a volunteer board of governors, representing all branches of the Armed Forces and civilians serving within the European Command. By being a volunteer in any organization; you are a part of AWAG. (Previously known as American Women's Activities, Germany, the organization is now simply called AWAG.)

### HOW IT ALL BEGAN

For the past 63 years, meetings of American spouses living in Germany have been held at least once a year. The origins of AWAG can be traced to the fall of 1946 when Mrs. Anthony Biddell, wife of the commanding general of the U.S. Army of Occupation, formed a committee of eight women to plan one of the largest welfare organizations ever set up by volunteers. This group was known as AOWVS (American Occupation Women's Voluntary Service). It helped to coordinate the distribution of

relief aid sent by stateside clubs and church groups to post-war Germany.

### INTERNATIONAL FLAVOR

From 1950 until 1954, clubs in France, the United Kingdom and Italy were invited to participate in these conferences. The International Conference of American Women's Activities met annually until 1964 and eventually included representatives from Spain, Portugal, the Azores and the countries of the Near and Middle East.

Through the 1960s and 1970s, AWAG grew to 13 geographic areas encompassing all of western Germany. The annual conference brought hundreds of delegates together to share ideas and learn skills that they could take back to their clubs and communities.

An AWAG logo was designed to symbolize the structure and purpose of the organization. AWAG edited and published the first edition of *Never a Dull Moment*, a travel and shopping guide written by spouses stationed in Germany. Subsequent editions of this popular book have been expanded to include much of

central Europe.

### GETTING TOGETHER

The four-day annual conference traditionally is held in May, so that organizations can send their newly elected or appointed volunteer leaders. The working conference provides a framework to share ideas, lessons learned and successes.

In 2000, a committee chaired by Brandie Sinkler developed a mission statement: AWAG exists to train, strengthen and connect volunteers, their organizations and their communities.

### KINDRED SPIRIT

Throughout the years, AWAG conferences have provided a unique opportunity for volunteers to obtain the necessary training and guidance to govern their organizations more effectively, as well as interact with members of our host nations.

Although times and fashions have changed, the delegate of nearly 50 years ago would find a kindred spirit in today's conference participant. AWAG remains



Don't miss  
Vicenza's  
conference  
Dec. 5.

For more  
info...

Contact Ileana  
Reha at [Italy@awagonline.org](mailto:Italy@awagonline.org)

committed to its purpose of training volunteers and strengthening volunteer organizations. This year marks the 53rd annual AWAG conference.

### AT VICENZA

The area representatives remain the point of contact for their local volunteer organizations and clubs, and are responsible for coordinating a one-day conference for community members within their geographic areas.

The annual Italy area conference will be held Dec. 5 at the Vicenza High School. For more information, contact Ileana Reha at [Italy@awagonline.org](mailto:Italy@awagonline.org).

## VILLAGGIO GATE CHANGES

**The new Villaggio Access Control Point opens Monday at 10 a.m. Via da Vinci will become a dead-end street. Via Giotto, which is one-way to the west, will change direction to one-way east.**

**School buses will exit Villaggio along via Giotto. Residents on via Giotto should park vehicles with two wheels on the sidewalk to allow buses safe passage.**

## KUDOS TO HEALTH CENTER VICENZA

USAHC Vicenza news release

The U.S. Army Health Center, Vicenza received the Health Effectiveness Data & Information System quarterly performance award.

The center was recognized by European Regional Medical Center Commander Brig. Gen. Keith Gallagher as the best military facility in Europe to perform on HEDIS.

HEDIS is the gold standard and the most widely used set of inpatient and ambulatory performance measures in the health care industry.

Measures are added, deleted and revised annually.

Some examples of measures of the effectiveness of care are cancer screenings, treatment after heart attacks, diabetes, asthma, flu shots and access to services.

## Speak Out

## What is your favorite costume ?



Y'mijer Alston, 2nd grade  
Spider-Man

"I like the character of Spider-Man. This is the second time I wore this costume."



Taylor Ingledue, 1st grade  
Kitty

"I've always wanted to be a kitten for Halloween."



Sheila Perez, 4th grade  
Lady bug

"My favorite costume is a witch, but today I picked a lady bug because I think polka dots are cute."



Leanne Foss, 5th grade  
Werewolf

"I have two favorite costumes -- the vampire and the werewolf. I chose this costume because of all the detail."



Aerriane Tomas, 2nd grade  
Witch

"I like this witch costume because it is so cute."



## The Noncommissioned Officer PROFILES OF SUCCESS



**Sgt. Joshua Smith**  
**Unit:** HHC, 173rd ABCT  
**Current Position:** COLT team chief  
**Age:** 23  
**Hometown:** Knoxville, Tenn.  
**Years in service:** 3  
**What would surprise people about you:** Nothing. Everything is pretty much out there.  
**Biggest mentor(s) and why:** Sgt. Baier, Sgt. Chambers and Spc. Roche were my first line leaders when arriving at the unit and taught me everything I know about my job. Staff Sgt. Key taught me how to be a professional on and off duty, and always drills me on protocols. Sgt 1st Class Holquin and 1st Sgt. Young showed me unparalleled leadership while still being empathetic with Soldiers.  
**Life's ambition:** A career as a crime scene investigator as well as marrying my current girlfriend and starting a family.  
**Motto:** There is no sure path to success, but the guaranteed path to failure is to try to please everybody all of the time.  
**Your definition of an NCO:** Training Soldiers how to be leaders in any situation that they may find themselves in. Being the person to step up, take charge and lead the situation to a positive outcome, regardless of rank or position.  
**Your defining moment as an NCO:** Passing and being recommended by a promotion board that was led by my former first sergeant, Master Sgt. Velez. Being the kind of leader he was, it was truly an honor to excel and be recommended by him.  
**Visit the Army's Web site dedicated to the Year of the NCO at [www.army.mil/Year\\_of\\_the\\_NCO](http://www.army.mil/Year_of_the_NCO).**

# ACUs off post OK sometimes

## Policy makes dining easier

*Special to the Outlook*

Soldiers no longer have to dash to the bathroom for a quick change of clothes before heading off post to lunch.

This is especially good news for Soldiers assigned to, or housed on, Longare, where hot meals are hard to find and eating establishments are off post.

U.S. Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III issued command policy letter No. 23 Oct. 27 to modify the wear of the uniform while on duty in and around the Vicenza and

Livorno military communities.

The policy applies to all uniformed personnel while on duty in and around the Vicenza and Livorno military communities under current force protection conditions.

According to the policy, military personnel are authorized to:

1. Wear a military uniform off post while conducting physical training excluding the historical Vicenza Centro Storico—old city center—downtown area, Monte Berico (steps, museum and park), Livorno Centro and Pisa Centro downtown area.

2. Dine off post in duty uniform from 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at restaurants where (a) the primary purpose of the establishment is the service of food and

(b) where the restaurants are co-located with other businesses, such as shopping malls.

However, uniformed personnel are not authorized to dine in the:

- historical Vicenza *Centro Storico* or old city center
- Monte Berico (steps, museum and park)
- Livorno Centro and
- Pisa Centro downtown area.

3. Commute from home to the place of duty, via any method of transportation, in uniform.

Personnel may stop only for emergency assistance or to service their vehicle at local gas stations.

For more information, service members should contact their chain of command.

## Package items properly for safe holiday delivery

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Sending meats is prohibited, "including canned meats," said Stanley. "But right now, customers can send vacuum packed hard cheeses, such as parmiggiano. Soft cheeses cannot be mailed.

Coffee can be shipped from Italy because it is not rationed. Flammable items, such as lighters, propane tanks, and aerosol cans cannot be shipped. In addition, Stanley noted that most perfumes' alcohol content exceeds the minimum allowable amount that can be shipped.

"There's a very, very long list of items that customers should know if they can send. We've got the list posted at our postal service center. All they need to do is come in and see it. It even explains how items should be packed," he said.

With community members in the midst of holiday shopping and shipping, Stanley suggested the following tips:

- **Remove batteries** when shipping battery-operated items.

- **Larger shipping boxes** can be purchased at the PX or obtained from recycle bins. Boxes should be plain brown or wrapped in brown paper.

- Customers can schedule a private **shipping appointment** by calling the post office if they have five or more packages to mail. "We can usually handle six appointments before we open up in the morning, depending on manpower and workload" said Stanley. "Just make sure that customs forms are filled out in advance and everything's properly addressed before you arrive."

- **Properly protect** items. "Take the time to wrap items properly. You've got to put appropriate packaging around the items. These packages go through a lot of hands from here. Just think of the the luggage you see people slinging on airport conveyor belts. Everyone sees them fall off the belt. Just think--that could be happening to your packages," he said. For more information, Stanley suggested community members visit the postal service center to view the list of prohibited items.

## MREs not mom's home cooking - yet

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Evangelos, team leader and executive assistant for the DoD Combat Feeding Directorate (CFD).

Food technologists and behavioral scientists survey 200-400 Soldiers annually. Using the current year's MREs as the control, scientists field-test 32 to 33 new items per taste trial.

"We use a pedantic scale with nine points," Evangelos said. "If it doesn't rate a six or higher with Soldiers, it doesn't get packaged."

Two things new to the CFD are the First Strike Ration and Unitized Group Ration Express.

The First Strike Ration is particularly effective for warfighters on foot patrol outside of the wire who usually carry two to three MREs with them per day, said Gerald Darsch, director for DoD's Combat Feeding Directorate. "We have found that they are stripping the MREs and throwing out up to 50 percent," Darsch said. "Not that they don't like the product, but it takes up too much room in the rucksack."

The First Strike Ration reduces weight and bulk of the MRE by 50 percent, and reduction in cost to the taxpayer is roughly 36 percent. The first Strike Ration contains the newly developed Shelf Stable sandwich, similar to a hot pocket sandwich. They recently created a French toast pocket with maple syrup in the middle. In the future, the CFD hopes to advance its newest technology approved by the FDA which is high-pressured packaging of fruits and vegetables.

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## At your service United Service Organizations



**Melissa Payne** is an information specialist for the Caserma Ederle USO.

"I provide information, publicity and resources on various USO programs and events to the American military community in Vicenza," said Payne.

"Soldiers and family members come to utilize the USO for its home-away-from-home atmosphere," she said. "It's my job to guarantee they have that experience at USO Vicenza by providing snacks and entertainment."

Payne is located in Bldg. 9A. The USO hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 11 a.m.-10 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from noon to 6 p.m. She can be reached at 634-7156.



# Community Camera

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



Photo by Laura Kreider

**Pool tools:** A local builder with the *Basso & Busatta S.p.A.* Management Company near Vicenza works to complete the glass structure that will cover Caserma Ederle's indoor swimming pool on 8th Street. The new glass cover will replace the bubble that was used to shelter the pool in winter. "It's great that Sports, Fitness & Aquatics once again will be able to offer swim programs year-round," said David Besuden, acting USAG Vicenza Aquatics manager. "The indoor pool helps contribute to Comprehensive Soldier Fitness by helping Soldiers maintain physical fitness all year long." The pool is expected to open in January to all military ID cardholders.



Photo by Cheryl Davis

**Making the grade:** Caserma Ederle students (from left) fifth-grader Sheryar Shaikh, sixth-grader Rebekahann Handran and sixth grader Moira Cameron took first, second and third place respectively in the Red Ribbon Week Drug Free is the Key poster contest, hosted by the installation's Army Substance Abuse Program. The winner received a \$75 gift certificate; second and third won \$50 certificates, provided by Global Credit Union.



Photo by Laura Kreider

**Looking for support:** Carl Kerr (left) keeps the ball in midfield as 2nd Lt. Benjamin Pusztai, 14th Transportation Battalion, and Spc. Cesar Villagomez, DENTAC, follow the action during soccer practice at the Caserma Ederle sports field Tuesday. Practice is held twice a week, on Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-8 p.m.

"We are a volunteer and committed team, looking for support from MWR and the community to get in the Italian League," said the team's captain and president, Staff Sgt. Wilmer Aguilar of the 509th Signal Battalion, S1 NCOIC.

The Italian league consists of more than 10 teams in the Vicenza and Padova province and usually runs from October to mid June. For more information, contact Aguilar at 634-8638, 335 698-1961 or [wilmer.aguilar@EUR.ARMY.MIL](mailto:wilmer.aguilar@EUR.ARMY.MIL).



Photo by Cheryl Davis

**Hoops honors:** First place finishers during Monday's Red Ribbon Week 3-on-3 basketball tournament were (from left) 1/503rd's Chris Rolotti and Thomas Dixon and HHC, 173rd's L.J. Terzioski. The high school tournament finished Wednesday and the middle school tournament is ongoing. Results will be posted in the Nov. 5 Outlook.



Photo by Laura Kreider

**Sweet contest:** Chief Warrant Officer 5 Jack C. Van Zanten, Army food advisor, evaluates the creative food display at Caserma Ederle's South of the Alps dining facility Oct. 22. Zanten visited the installation last week to judge the DFAC for Philip A. Connelly Award, one of the most prestigious awards in the U.S. military culinary field, according to DFAC manager Kenneth Baker. "Basically, what the (dining facility workers) had to do was get back to their basics and this is one evaluation to see if dining facilities are performing to Army standards," said Zanten. The DFAC on Caserma Ederle has already been named the best in Europe in its size category.



## Darby Dates

### Benvenuti

New to Camp Darby and don't know where to go to get answers?

Come to the Benvenuti class Nov. 2 and learn about Italian customs, culture, local shopping, paying Italian bills and more.

Free childcare, but registration is required. Call 633-7084 to RSVP.

### Credit reports

Let us teach you how to read and understand your credit report Nov. 3. RSVP at 633-7084.

### Thrift savings

Learn about TSP in this quick class Nov. 4.

Call 633-7084 to RSVP.

### Money management

Successful financial management is learning how to stick to a budget to reach short and long range financial goals.

Come and see for yourself Nov. 5. Call 633-7084 to RSVP.

### Library story hour

Don't miss the special story hour Nov. 4 to celebrate American Indian Heritage Month at the post library for ages 3-5. Call 633-7623.

### Karaoke night

Sing along with Bibi every Thursday at the Community Club. Call 633-7855.

### ITR trips

IKEA shopping Nov. 7. Call 633-7589 for more information.

Pompei/Naples weekend set Nov. 27-29. Call 633-7589.

### Texas hold'em

Wanna get lucky? Come to Texas Hold'em Night at the DCC Nov. 6.

Free pasta for all of the players.

Call 633-7855 for more information.

### 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.



Stuttgart's Folgalla Nkweti (33) scores the winning goal and clinched third place for Stuttgart during the U.S. Forces Soccer Championship tournament Oct. 22-25 at Camp Darby, Italy.

# Army teams battle for third in U.S Forces Soccer Championship

Story and photos by  
**JOYCE COSTELLO**

*USAG Livorno Public Affairs*

After a grueling four days of round robin games, Grafenwoehr, Stuttgart, Ramstein and Aviano advanced to the U.S. Forces Soccer Championship semifinals and finals at Camp Darby, Italy.

Ramstein beat top-seeded Grafenwoehr 1-0 and Aviano defeated Stuttgart 2-1. This left the two Army teams to fight for third place. The first goal was made by Stuttgart's Isaac Aku Jr. and the first half ended with the teams tied 1-1. Late in the second half Stuttgart's Folgalla Nkweti scored the winning goal and clinched third place for Stuttgart in the tournament.

"We were playing games two hours apart with not a lot of time to recover, but we didn't give up or stop fighting until the last whistle was blown," said Ngam Ngangmuta, middle field center for Stuttgart's team.

Referee Michael Campbell added that both teams knew what the stakes were, but still respected each other and played a good, fair game.

With the sunlight quickly fading, Aviano and Ramstein played an intense game, both determined to take home the first place trophy.

Aviano led in the first half by one goal by Air Force Staff Sgt. Imad Mohammadi. In the second half Ramstein's Senior Airman Micah Cummins scored the only other goal resulting in the championship being determined by penalty kicks.

"Both teams fought hard and brought an

outstanding level of defense and offense to the game, but it came down to who had the best nerves in the shootout," said Tony Lee, Chief of Center of Excellence IMCOM-E region.

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**Tony Lee**  
IMCOM-E Center of Excellence Chief

MVP of the tournament, according to Lee. "The MVP is someone who has not only helped his team get to this tournament and lead them through the playoffs, but also showed outstanding leadership and sportsmanship," Lee explained.

The tournament, which was open to all garrisons and bases in Europe, consisted of Soldiers, Sailors, Marines and Airmen along with DoD civilian employees, family members and members of the NATO Forces from Aviano, Camp Darby, Lakenheath, Baumholder, Bamberg, Kaiserslautern, Ramstein, Stuttgart, Grafenwoehr and Shape.

More photos of the games can be found on [www.flickr.com/photos/campdarby](http://www.flickr.com/photos/campdarby) in the "U.S. Forces Soccer" collection.

Marc Sica is presented the MVP trophy by Tony Lee, the chief of the Center of Excellence IMCOM-E region, for his leadership and sportsmanship during the U.S. Forces Soccer tournament Oct. 22-25 in Camp Darby, Italy.





## Visit Florence, Parma, Poland with ODR



File photo by Cesare Greselin

**Oh YES!:** Chris Squire, original bass player for YES, rocks out during a performance in Brescia, Italy. YES is performing free Monday at the Teatro Comunale, Via Mazzini in Vicenza. A progressive rock band that was formed in London in 1968, YES blends symphonic and other classical structures with their own brand of musical style. They have been playing music for more than 40 years and retain a large following. For more information, visit [www.yesworld.com](http://www.yesworld.com).

### Shopping trips

**Outlet shopping tours in Verona** - In July and August to discover the city's surroundings and its typical products.

■ Outlet shopping tour, every Wednesday, half-day, 15 euro.

■ History and flavors in the Vialone Nano Rice Area and visit to an art furniture factory, on Thursdays, half-day, 20 euro.

■ The land of the great wines Valpolicella DOC and Amarone DOC, on Fridays, half-day, 20 euro.

■ Medieval villages and castles between Verona and Padova, on Saturdays, full day, 25 euro.

Tours leave from and arrive in downtown Verona. Fees include bus tour, an English speaking guide, visits and free tasting at a local winery and a rice factory or to an art furniture factory or to museums and castles according to the chosen tour. Ticket is reimbursed if you spend more than 100 euro during the tour. Discount: 50% for children between 5 and 17 and senior citizens over 65. Free for children under 5. For details in English or to purchase a ticket online, visit <http://www.veronatuttintorno.it/eng/index.php>.

### Antique markets

1st Saturday of the month - **Thiene**, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. Starts at 9 a.m.

1st Sunday of the month - **Marostica**, Piazza Castello, about 18 miles north of Vicenza, 7 a.m. -

8 p.m.

1st Sunday of the month - **Noventa Vicentina**, 20 miles south of Vicenza, Piazza IV Novembre, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

2nd Sunday of the month - **Vicenza**, Piazza dei Signori.

2nd Sunday of the month - **Lonigo** (VI), Via Garibaldi, about 20 miles southwest of Vicenza.

2nd Sunday of the month - **Rosà**, 21 miles northeast of Vicenza, Piazza Duomo. 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

3rd Sunday of the month - **Malo**, 11 miles north of Vicenza, Piazzale Zanini.

Last Sunday of the month, **Piazzola sul Brenta**, (PD), Villa Contarini, about 16 miles east of Vicenza.

### International horse festival

**Fieracavalli, International Horse Festival** will be held in Verona Nov. 5-8 at Vernoia. Arguably one of the world's most renowned equestrian events, the annual showcase will boast more than 150,000 visitors, 700 exhibits, 950 journalists and 2,500 horses of the best breeds.

The event is an international showcase for equestrian articles, clothing and accessories, country life giftware, technical equipment, veterinary products and feed for horses.

To participate in the festival's line dance competition, visit [http://www.fieracavalli.it/media/content\\_documents/line\\_dance/modulo\\_iscrizione\\_line\\_dance\\_ing.pdf](http://www.fieracavalli.it/media/content_documents/line_dance/modulo_iscrizione_line_dance_ing.pdf) and fill out the application.

For the complete listing of

activities by day or for more information, visit [www.fiera.cavalli](http://www.fiera.cavalli). To speak to someone in English, call 051-649-3265.

### Amusement parks

Community members can enjoy **Magic Halloween at Gardaland** in Castelnuovo del Garda in the neighboring province of Verona.

Bizarre and mysterious figures are walking in a horror scenery full of pumpkins and haystacks: monsters, witches, vampires and werewolves, all ready to entertain you and give you the chance to experience monstrous fun.

The park is open Oct. 31 from 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Nov. 1 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Access granted to all attractions in the park.

Shows include Halloween Cemetery, Halloween on Ice, a western show, spirits parade and much more.

Visit for the day or stay in the resort hotel at a discount price. Visit <http://www.gardaland.it/en/home.php> for more information.

### Pay concerts & events

**The Yellowjackets:** Nov. 1 in Marostica at the Panic Jazz Club. Visit [www.panicjazzclub.com](http://www.panicjazzclub.com) for more information. (Free entry)

**White Lies:** Rome Nov. 12; Milan Nov. 13.

**Muse:** Bologna Nov. 21; Torino Dec. 4.

**Juliette Lewis:** Milan Nov. 31.

**Backstreet Boys:** Milan Nov. 24.

**Depeche Mode:** Bologna Nov.

24; Torino Nov. 26.

**Marylan Manson:** Villorba, Treviso Nov. 26; in Milan Nov. 27.

**Tommy Emmanuel:** Florence Nov. 28.

**Paradise Lost:** Milan Dec. 8; Rome Dec. 9.

**Stryper:** Milan, Alcatraz, Jan. 19.

**Europe:** Milan Jan. 26; in Rome Jan. 28; in Nonantola (Modena) Jan. 9; in Padova Jan. 30.

For tickets, visit Media World or [www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta\\_lingua=ing](http://www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing) or [www.ticketone.it/EN/](http://www.ticketone.it/EN/).

### Outdoor Recreation

Outdoor Recreation is now hiring recreation aides. Weekends a must. FLEX positions only.

E-mail your resume to: [Vicenza.NAF@EUR.army.mil](mailto:Vicenza.NAF@EUR.army.mil). It must include the Job Announcement Number on the subject line: EUNAFVI0901EOC

For more details about the position, or others available in FMWR Vicenza, visit <http://acpol.army.mil/employment/> and search for jobs in Italy.

■ Free energy awareness bike

ride Saturday at 9 a.m. Learn important energy saving tips for the upcoming winter and enjoy an all-level bike ride to the Bertesina and Quinto Vicentino area.

Everyone will receive a water bottle and the first 25 to sign up will receive a free T-shirt. Sign up at ODR, 634-7453.

**Other free cycling rides** for Levels I and II will continue throughout November, every Wednesday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Call ODR to sign up in advance.

■ Visit **Florence** Nov. 11 for a trip to the American War Memorial. Includes guided tour.

■ **Hike a World War I trail** Saturday from 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.

■ Enjoy a **skiing and snowboarding** weekend in Val Senales, just south of the Austrian border in the Alps, Nov. 13-15. Includes accommodation.

■ Experience a taste of Italy in **Parma and Modena** Nov. 7. Sample traditional balsamic vinegar and true parma cheese. An unforgettable experience.

■ **Weekend in Poland:** Adults-only trip Nov. 13-15. Shop for ceramics in the town of Boleslawiec. One night accommodation.



Take part in the Olive Harvest Kids' Day at the "Frantoio" Nov. 8 with ODR. Harvest olives and watch them turned to oil from 1-7 p.m. Call ODR to sign up.

## Now Showing

### Ederle Theater

<b>Thursday</b>	The Goods: Live Hard Sell Hard (R)	6 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>	Shorts (PG)	6 p.m.
	District 9 (R)	9 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Shorts (PG)	3 p.m.
	The Stepfather (PG-13)	6 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	Shorts (PG)	3 p.m.
	The Stepfather (PG-13)	6 p.m.
<b>Wed.</b>	District 9 (R)	6 p.m.
<b>Nov. 5</b>	District 9 (R)	6 p.m.

### Camp Darby Theater

<b>Friday</b>	Zombieland (R)	6 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs (PG)	6 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	Shorts (PG)	1 p.m.
<b>Nov. 5</b>	District 9 (R)	6 p.m.

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

Looking for the movie synopsis? Visit [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).



## Discount circus tickets

Members of the U.S. military community in Vicenza are offered discount prices for the circus, set up near the Villaggio Housing Area (Foro Boario) Oct. 29-Nov. 9.

Each performance lasts two hours and 10 minutes with a 20-minute interval. Weekday performances take place at 5 and 9 p.m. Weekend performances take place at 3:30 and 6 p.m. One show will be performed Oct. 29 at 9 p.m.; one show will be performed Nov. 9 at 5 p.m. U.S. community members can show their ID card at the cash cage to get the 12 and 18 euro per person discount rates.

## Join the USO for a Halloween good time

Join the USO Saturday for a Halloween scary good time. We'll have a horror movie marathon, snacks and costume contest. Party starts at 8 p.m.

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

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.

## Sell or shop at PTSA's annual swap meet

The Vicenza PTSA is hosting a community rummage sale Nov. 14 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Vicenza High School gym.

Clean out your closets or bring your crafts. Vendors can sell anything family-appropriate.

There is a \$20 vendor fee. Set up begins at 8 a.m. Nov. 14.

Do not bring large items as space is limited. Pets are not allowed on school property.

To become a vendor, write your name, home and cell number, e-mail and description of items to be sold on a piece of paper and place it, along with \$20 cash or check payable to Vicenza PTSA in an envelope labeled PTSA Swap Meet.

Place the envelope in the PTSA box in the hall across from the library in the elementary school no later than Nov. 9.

E-mail [besswills@gmail.com](mailto:besswills@gmail.com) for more information.

## Get your POVs faster

Beginning Friday, pre-registration of privately owned vehicles arriving from the port of Bremerhaven, Germany, will no longer be required.

This change will expedite the movement of POVs directly from Bremerhaven to the Vicenza Vehicle Processing Center.

Community members will be able to register and pick up their POV on the same day.

For more information, call Joseph Saporito at 634-6239.

## MOMS club activities

■ Tuesday: 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](mailto:momsclub@vicenza@yahoo.com).

## Central Texas College EMT instructors sought

Central Texas College is seeking applications for emergency medical technology instructors.

Requirements include: must hold an EMT-B license or higher or a medical professional and have an AA in a medically-related field five years work experience, or have a BS and higher with three years work experience and have at least two years of teaching experience or significant medical experience.

## Don't miss mandatory SAEDA briefings

The mandatory annual community SAEDA briefings will be held at the post theater as follows:  
Nov. 2, 9-10 a.m.  
Nov. 4, 1-2 p.m.  
Nov. 5, 3-4 p.m.

## Become a Cub Scout

Are you in grades 1-5? Do you like fun events, like the Pinewood Derby, camporees, resident camps and helping your community.

Do you want to learn new life-skills and meet new friends? Then join the Cub pack. Call Cub Master Stu Cameron at 340-722-3720 or e-mail [Pack295cubmaster@LIVE.COM](mailto:Pack295cubmaster@LIVE.COM).

## SAC wants to hear what you've got to say

Have a concern you think Vicenza Elementary School should know about? The School Advisory Council hears issues that affect the elementary school community and provides input on how to solve them. E-mail [sac.vicenzaelementary@yahoo.com](mailto:sac.vicenzaelementary@yahoo.com) to submit your issue.

## Tap and jazz classes

Adult tap dance and jazz classes begin the week of Nov. 3 at 5:15 p.m. Beginning tap is on Tuesdays. Advanced tap is on Thursdays. Jazz is on Mondays and Wednesdays.

No experience necessary. Call the theatre to register and sign up. 634-7281.

## At the Arena

**Deployment \$\$ Daze:** \$1 bowling games and \$1 shoe rental every Sunday until end of the year, 1p.m. to close. Starts Sunday.

**B-I-N-G-O:** Nov. 9 at the Lions' Den (new date set to accommodate the holiday weekend). Game starts at 6 p.m.

**Pool Tournaments:** Tuesday nights at 6 p.m. through November at the Lion's Den. Ten of the \$12

entry fee goes to the prize fund.

**Theme Nights:** At the Arena in the Lions' Den through October, Friday nights at 8 p.m. Look for A-List "Dress to Impress" Oct. 30.

**Halloween party:** An adults-only "Off the Wall" Halloween theme party is set at the Arena at 8 p.m. Costume contest.

For info online, visit [www.vicenzaMWR.com](http://www.vicenzaMWR.com)

## Free scrapbook series

Deploying? CYS Services is offering a free scrapbooking series for deploying families called Family Art Day. Initial session offered Nov. 14. Enroll at the Central Registration office or call 634-7206.

## Personalized child care

CYS Services' Family Child Care provides a home environment alternative to center-based care.

Preview actual homes with photos and descriptions by visiting Central Registration and asking about "FCC Online."

Call Gail Penrod at 634-7615 for information.

## SAS zoo trip scheduled Nov. 7 in Verona

Children in grades 1-6 are invited to join SAS for an exciting day at Parco Natura Viva in Verona, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

The cost is \$39 and includes adult supervision, admission to the park, transportation and lunch. Call 634-8253 for more information or visit the SAS office, Bldg. 308 to sign up.

## S2S youth hail & farewell set Nov. 18

Army Youth Sponsorship and Student to Student presents Youth Hail & Farewells at the Arena with food, drinks, cake, bowling and fun.

The event is set quarterly: Nov. 18, Feb. 5, and May 28.

To find out more about the program and to enroll or participate, call Michael Morris at 634-7659 or John Zaborek at 634-7656/7072.

## Teen overnight lock-in

The Teen Center in partnership with Club Beyond and the Arena is

hosting an overnight lock-in at the Arena Nov. 10 beginning at 7:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 for teens to enjoy bowling, pizza, team challenges (indoor/outdoor) and more. Next morning release is at 8 a.m. The event is open to teens in grades 9-12.

Call Michael Morris at YS for information at 634-7659.

## Art center activities

**Contest:** If you have an AKO e-mail, submit your entry to the All Army Digital Photo Contest! <http://www.armymwr.com>. Entry deadline is Nov. 30.

**Belly Casting:** Document a special time in your life in a unique and personalized way. Private sessions cost \$70. All supplies and a personal assistant included.

**Engraving:** The Art Center now offers custom engraving on many surfaces including glass, mirror, wood, plastics and coated metals.

Make your next gift even more memorable with a personal message.

## Book club, story time set at library

The library book club meets the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the library. The next meeting is set Nov. 5 and will feature "Middlesex" by Jeffrey Eugenides.

**Pre-school story time** takes place every Wednesday at 11 a.m. It is free for ages 3-5. Come hear stories, sing songs and make a craft. Sign up at the front desk or call the library at 634-7291.

## Deployment support classes available

Free classes are offered through ACS for deployment support in November.

**Nov. 20:** Communication during the Deployment from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Nov. 10:** Parenting During Deployment at 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Nov. 6:** Deployment Special class of "Building a Stronger Relationship with your Child Through Play." Activities in this series include art projects, hiking, ropes course and scavenger hunts.



Photo by Laura Kreider

**Hunting:** Clitta Frigo, representing DoDDS (right) hands out information to community members during the job fair held at the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center Oct. 21. Fifteen representatives from local hiring agencies participated in the fair to provide information about upcoming jobs and volunteer and educational opportunities on Caserma Ederle. The fair takes place twice a year, in October and May.

## 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](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 335-821-9492.

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

## Community Calendar Highlights

### November is Native American Heritage Month

**Through Dec. 4** - Combined Federal Campaign

**Friday** - Trick-or-treating

**Nov. 6** - Training Holiday

**Nov. 11** - Veteran's Day

**Nov. 20** - Meet the Mayors

**Nov. 25** - InfoX; DFAC Thanksgiving

**Nov. 26** - Thanksgiving

**Nov. 27** - Training Holiday

**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.



# The Sharks Shine



Photo by Anna Calabrese

Pictured are Vicenza's Mako Shark swim team members who participated in Sunday's meet at Aviano Air Base. Several members qualified for the European Federal Swim League during the weekend event.

## Vicenza swim team excels in second meet of fall season

By ANN GASPARINI  
Special to the Outlook

Hot, intense, humid, loud, exhausting and exciting are words that could be used to describe Sunday's Mako Sharks swim meet at Aviano Air Base.

Thirty-three swimmers from Vicenza's Mako Sharks swim team participated in the second meet of the fall season hosted by the Aviano Sea Dragons at Aviano's community pool.

Three mini Mako swimmers—beginners under age 8—participated in an exhibition event with Catherine Klinkam taking the first place ribbon. Two mini Makos moved up to compete with older swimmers demonstrating their agility and aptitude with swimming.

Nine returning Mako swimmers were joined by 24 new swimmers to compete in freestyle, back stroke, butterfly and breast stroke events. Competitive swimmers challenged their existing times with the personal goal of ultimately qualifying for the European Federal Swim

League (EFSL) championship which will be held in the Netherlands in February of 2010.

Mako head coach Justine Aubrey, along with assistants Michelle, Rachael, Craig and Dan, encouraged swimmers to implement their best strokes, dives and turns. Stroke and turn judges were on the lookout for infractions that lead to disqualifications throughout the meet.

Six swimmers qualified for EFSL swim champs in various events—James Jones, Lauren Rajotte, Matteo Borsi and Richard Handran in the 50 freestyle; Kyla Hallam in the 200 individual medley, 800 free and 50 free and Rima Gasparini in the 400 individual medley.

At the last meet, three swimmers qualified for the championship in various events: Kyla Hallam for the 100 free and 50 fly, Chris Unger for 50 free and Rima Gasparini for 100 breast stroke.

For many parents, it was the only chance they may have to see their son or daughter compete before they leave

for their one-year deployment. Families, friends and fellow swimmers took the opportunity to cheer, scream and stomp their enthusiasm for the swimmers.

The Mako Sharks team is in its second year of revitalization after a two-year hiatus due to a variety of factors including the closure of the indoor pool on base, loss of coaches and the PCS moves of many of its members.

This year swimmers joined the team from U.S. military communities in the United States, Germany and Egypt, bringing their experience, strokes and camaraderie to the team. Megan Buffington and Bailey Butler were on the original Mako Sharks swim team prior to its untimely departure from the EFSL swim league.

The Mako Shark's next competition will be in Naples Nov. 8.

To learn more about the Mako Sharks swim team, e-mail [justineaubrey@hotmail.com](mailto:justineaubrey@hotmail.com) or Ann Gasparini at [gaspariniann@yahoo.com](mailto:gaspariniann@yahoo.com).

## Cougars thrash Lions, advance to semifinals

Story and photo by  
DAWN POLENSKY  
Special to the Outlook

The Vicenza Cougars faced off against the Netherlands' AFNorth Lions in what turned out to be a great Saturday morning for the Cougars.

The weather started out cloudy and cool with a threat of rain, but blue skies and sunshine ushered in a 23-14 victory for Vicenza.

The Cougars offense exploded against the Lions as Vicenza's defense shut down AFNorth's offense during the quarterfinal playoff game.

Kyle Kaus (21) scored each of the Cougars' three touchdowns—two during the first half. Ronaldo Reyter (23) kicked a field goal to complement Kaus' final touchdown.

AFNorth answered Vicenza in the first half with a touchdown and two-point conversion. AFNorth scored again in the second half to bring the Lions within a mere 9 points of the Cougars—still not enough to catch up to Vicenza's aggressive plays.

With their win, the Vicenza Cougars advance to the semifinals to face off against the Ansbach Cougars in Ansbach this Saturday. If Vicenza's stellar '09

season and Ansbach's historic powerhouse plays are any indication, the Cougars vs. Cougars game should be a matchup worth watching.



Vicenza dominates AFNorth 23-14.

### BASKETBALL Soldier Summer League Standings & Oct. 19-21 Championship Results

Team	Win	Loss	Championship Results	Oct. 20	CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
Certified	18	1	Oct. 19	GI Pro's: 0 vs. Goonz: 26	Goonz: 35 vs. Certified: 80
Eazy Rock	5	4	Goonz: 19 vs. Eazy Rock: 34	SETAF: 44 vs. Certified: 69	
HSC SETAF	6	11	GI Pro's: 0 vs. SETAF: 2	Eazy Rock: 34 vs. Goonz: 47	
HHD 509 Signal	2	8	Eazy Rock: 37 vs. Certified: 59		
Goonz	1	3		Oct. 21	Champions: Certified
Nothing to Lose	1	3		SETAF: 36 vs. Goonz: 38	2nd Place: Goonz
GI Pro's	0	1			3rd Place: SETAF

## Sports Shorts

### Thanks & Giving 5K Walk/Run

Free on Nov. 21. The pre-brief meeting is at 8:45 a.m. Run/Walk starts at 9 a.m. There will be Turkey drawings.

### Free Throw basketball contest Nov. 14 with awards

Sign up no later than Nov. 11 at the post fitness center. Call 634-7009.

### You can be on the cutting 'Edge' of soccer

CYS Services EDGE! program will conduct a soccer program starting Monday to help youth improve their soccer skills.

Sessions will be held Mondays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for third to fifth graders, and from 4:30-5:30 p.m. for sixth to ninth graders.

Cost is \$5 per hour for the third to fifth graders and free for sixth to ninth graders who enroll at CYSS Central Registration from Oct. 1-30.

Space is limited to first 15 youth in each age group to enroll.

Call Tom Hlavacek 634-7502 for information.

### Youth Basketball

#### Registration opens Nov. 16

Join CYSS Sports & Fitness for a great season of basketball. Open to youth ages 3-15.

Practice begins in December, dates to be determined. Season runs Jan. 11-Feb. 27. Cost is \$46.

#### Youth Ski/Snowboard days return Dec. 5 with \$10 trip to San Martino for a day of fun.

Enrollment begins Nov. 16 at Central Registration, Bldg 108 for youth in grades 6-12.

Point of contact is Michael Morris at Youth Services at 634-7659.

Overnight trips this season to Garmisch will be Dec. 29-31 and Feb. 19-21 for youth in grades 7-12.

Day trips include the following locations: San Martino, Folgaria, and Kron Platz. Maximum of 20 spots available per trip.

#### Need a personal trainer?

Call the Fitness Center at 634-6716 or visit [www.vicenzaMWR.com](http://www.vicenzaMWR.com) for information.

#### 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.