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Brigade Soldier awarded Distinguished Service Cross

By Staff Sgt. Brandon Aird
173rd ABCT Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Erich R. Phillips, mortar platoon sergeant for Chosen Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Regiment, called "The Rock," was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross Monday for his actions Aug. 22, 2007 at Ranch House in Nuristan Province, Afghanistan.

The DSC is the second highest military decoration that can be awarded to a member of the U.S. Army and only the fifth awarded to a service member in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Before dawn on Aug. 22, 2007, 60 to 80 Taliban extremists moved into position to launch a three-pronged attack against Ranch House. Video footage posted on an extremist Web site showed Taliban rehearsing over a detailed map of Ranch House's fighting positions.

"Their plan was to overrun our forward operating base," said Phillips.

When the Taliban attacked Ranch House, 22 American Soldiers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team were living at the base working side-by-side with the Afghan

National Army in one of the most rugged and remote NATO bases in Afghanistan.

Every defended position was bombarded with small-arms fire and rocket-propelled grenades simultaneously, said Phillips.

"I woke up that day to RPGs slamming into my building," recalled Phillips.

The Taliban, who had breached the Afghan perimeter, quickly overtook ANA and Afghan Security Guards (private security firm) weapons and ammunition cache, which they then unleashed on the American Soldiers.

"At this point all communication was lost with Post 3 and Post 4," said Phillips.

Phillips didn't know it yet, but Post 3 was destroyed and Pfc. Jeddah Deloria was trapped underneath the collapsed fighting position. The other wounded Soldiers from Post 3 had retreated to Post 2.

Phillips organized defenses around the tactical operations center, which was being hit by RPGs, machine guns and small-arms fire.



Staff Sgt. Erich R. Phillips (right), mortar platoon sergeant for Chosen Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne), called "The Rock", was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross by Gen. Carter F. Ham, USAREUR commander Monday for his actions at Ranch House in Nuristan Province, Afghanistan Aug. 22, 2007.

The 22 American Soldiers were outnumbered three to one.

Phillips, seeing that the TOC risked being overrun, began positioning Soldiers in a defensive perimeter and relayed information to 1st Lt. Matthew C. Ferrara, Platoon Leader, who was on the radio calling for artillery and close air support.

The enemy fire destroyed the TOC's radio antennas mounted on the roof, leaving the platoon without communications for five minutes. Ferrara moved the TOC outside, and with a dismounted radio, re-established communications.

After learning Post 2 had numerous casualties, Phillips grabbed Sgt. Kyle Dirkintis, the platoon medic, and attempted to assault up the mountain toward Post 2. Phillips' Soldiers used hand grenades and small-arms fire to help cover his and Dirkintis' movement.

While moving toward Post 2, Phillips and Dirkintis were pinned down by enemy fire at a set of wooden structures, which was Post 2's living quarters.

"At this point, Soldiers at Post 2 yelled down to me that two enemy fighters were on the See Distinguished on page 2



Sept. 11 Remembrance Ceremony held in Vicenza

"It is the sacrifice of our fellow world citizens – men, women and children – whom we honor and remember today," said SETAF commander, Brig. Gen. William Garrett III (left) before presenting the Mayor of Vicenza, Achille Variati, with a display case containing an American and an Italian flag that had been flown over Ground Zero in New York City. The general and members of the Vicenza military community were part of a Sept. 11 Remembrance Ceremony held in Vicenza. "We are also here to tell our American friends, who have been hosted for over 50 years in this city, that their memory is also our memory, that their sorrow is also our sorrow, that their history is also our history," said Variati. (Photo by Barbara Romano, 7th JMTTC Photo Lab)



Cougars come out roaring

Vicenza High School Cougar Kyle Kaus (left) pounces on the Aviano receiver batting the football away. Get all the details on page 8. (Photo courtesy of Brad Polensky)

Chosen Company Soldier honored for actions during firefight

Distinguished from page 1
other end of the building I was taking cover on," said Phillips.

Phillips, only three meters away from the enemy, rolled two hand grenades over the top of the living quarters.

"Once the explosion went off doc (Dirkintis) realized how bad we were taking fire and he came from behind cover to fire and was shot in the chest," he said.

Dirkintis, suffering from a collapsed lung, was unable to stand up so Phillips coordinated with Post 2 to provide cover fire while he dragged him down the hill. Upon reaching the mortar pit Phillips began first aid assisted by another Soldier. Phillips directed the Soldier to continue first aid while he continued to shoot and directed still another Soldier's grenades toward Taliban positions until an A-10 Warthog began a strafing run.

"The first gun run went southeast to west behind the aid station right into the back of the TOC, and the second came from the south to the north down the center of the FOB," said Phillips.

The A-10 Warthog helped repel the advancing Taliban and enabled Phillips to lead a team of Soldiers to recover Deloria who had been alone at Post 3 for almost three hours.

"Once I climbed the ladder to Post 3 I could see the post had taken severe hits and buried Deloria," said Phillips. "He had attempted to blow all four claymore mines. He even applied first aid to himself and was holding his weapon when I found him. I tried to carry him back down to the causality collection point, but he said 'I want to walk sergeant'."

Once back to the causality collection point, Phillips began

preparing Soldiers for evacuation and helped evacuate all of the wounded. Once the quick reaction force arrived, Phillips led the Soldiers to retake the lost section of the base.

By the end of the fighting, half the American Soldiers would be wounded and one ANA and ASG would be killed. No American Soldiers were killed in the firefight and the base wasn't overrun.

"I just tried to maintain the front line," said Phillips. "The other Soldiers deserve just as much recognition as me."

Phillips would go on to fight in an ambush near Aranus and the battle of Wanat – the two largest battles the brigade saw in Afghanistan during their deployment, which resulted in 14 Chosen Company Soldiers killed in action.

He would receive a purple

heart and be recommended for another valorous award.

Phillips is scheduled to leave

Chosen Company and become a ranger instructor at 6th Ranger Training Battalion.



USAREUR Commander Gen. Carter Ham presents Staff Sgt. Erich R. Phillips, Chosen Company, 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, with the Distinguished Service Cross for his actions at Ranch House in Nuristan Province, Afghanistan, Aug. 22, 2007.



Welcome home 14th Transportation Bn

Capt. Tibor Bagosci, communications officer for the 14th Transportation Battalion, receives a big hug from his daughter, Sophie, after returning home in the early morning hours of Sept. 12 after a 15-month long deployment to Kuwait. (Photo courtesy of Sgt 1st Class Kenton Peterson)

Time to do your part, vote

Being overseas doesn't mean you can't take part in election process. On Caserma Ederle community members can contact voting assistance officers Gale Nelson at gale.nelson@eur.army.mil or Troy Roberts at troy.roberts@eur.army.mil.

Servicemembers and family members with questions on absentee voting requirements can also read about voting procedures in the Voting Assistance Guide on the Federal Voting Assistance Program's Web site, www.fvap.gov.

Next Info X Sept. 24 in the Arena

The next Info X (Information Exchange) is set for Sept. 24 in Caserma Ederle's new Arena.

Info X will be held upstairs in the Arena's conference rooms beginning at 10 a.m.

As always, the Info X is

broadcast live over AFN 106FM *The Eagle*. Can't make it to the Info X in person? Listen at home by tuning your AFN decoder to channel 142. The Info X is your forum for community issues and information.

Speak Out

What is your favorite sports and fitness activity on post and why?

By Outlook Summer Staff



Sgt. Carlos Lopez
HHC, 173d ABCT

Football, because it's exciting.



Viane
Family member

Baseball, because it's an easy sport to play.



Olianna
Family member

Soccer, because my dad and brother play.



Pfc. Clinton Martinez
HHC, 173d ABCT

Football, because it's fun and intense.



Pfc. Yuri Sidorov
HHC, 1-503d

Soccer, because I used to play it.

Are you **READY** **ARMY**?

GET A KIT - MAKE A PLAN - BE INFORMED

From the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security

September is National Emergency Preparedness Month (NEPM) and this year the Department of Army's campaign is *Ready Army*.

Ready Army campaign encourages all Soldiers, civilians and family members to take simple steps to prepare for emergencies in their homes, vehicles, businesses and communities.

The focus of Ready Army is to communicate important preparedness steps that include getting an emergency preparedness supply kit, making a family emergency plan and staying informed.

Many people are aware of the importance of emergency preparedness, thanks to the

annual Lion Shake and Rhino Shake exercises.

Lion Shake is U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza's annual evaluated Consequence Management Training Exercise and Rhino Shake is the same exercise that occurs on Camp Darby.

Lion Shake supports bridging the gap for emergency preparedness and emergency response management efforts within the Vicenza military community and involves U.S. and Italian emergency response forces.

Within this integrated emergency management framework, Italian and U.S. agencies assist our community to prepare for, respond to and recover from the effects of an incident that is either natural or man-made.



An Italian emergency medical technician takes the blood pressure of a role player during Lion Shake 07. Lion Shake is the annual emergency preparedness/mass casualty exercise held on Caserma Ederle. A similar exercise, Rhino Shake occurs on Camp Darby. (Outlook file photo)

Hot water outage Sept. 25-26

A hot water outage is set for Sept. 25 at 10 p.m. until Sept. 26 at 10 a.m. Hot water service will resume Sept. 26 at 9 a.m. in the dining facility and the commissary and at 10 a.m. for all other locations. For details, call Jonathan Koch at 634-8940 or Armando Gobbo at 634-7486.

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September is Health Benefits Month

Make your military health benefits work for you: Making appointments, seeking medical assistance

U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza

Special to the Outlook

Once you've enrolled and have healthcare coverage, here's the steps to take for various medical needs:

If you are enrolled in TRICARE Prime, you have a primary care manager (PCM) who provides your routine care and oversees any specialty care.

To make an appointment with your PCM, call the Vicenza Health Center appointment line at 634-7484 or 7297. Off post you can call 0444-71-7484 or 7297.

If patients are unable to make their appointment they need to call the clinic to cancel the appointment as soon as possible by calling the appointment line listed above.

Using host nation providers

If you are covered under TRICARE Standard, you can use military medical facilities on a space-available basis or see a host-nation provider of your choice.

TRICARE Prime enrollees may sometimes be referred to host-nation providers for specific services.

In either case, it is strongly recommended that you use the TRICARE Preferred Provider Network (PPN). PPN providers are carefully screened and their performance is monitored by

military providers. They are used to working with TRICARE, are required to speak English and will often file claims on your behalf.

You can locate a PPN provider online at www.europe.tricare.osd.mil/ppn.

Emergency care

If you have an emergency, get care immediately by calling emergency services or going to the nearest emergency room.

On post emergency: Call 114

Off post emergency: Call 0444-71-7114

The nearest emergency room is Ospedale Civile San Bortolo, Viale Rodolfi 37, Vicenza.

You may call the patient liaison office at 0444-75-3300;

help is available 24/7.

As soon as possible after receiving care at a host-nation facility, contact your local TRICARE Service Center.

When you travel

If you have an emergency while traveling, call emergency services or go to the nearest emergency room – you do not need approval for care.

Be aware, though, that you may have to pay for care up front and file a claim with TRICARE for reimbursement.

Be sure to contact your TRICARE Service Center as soon as possible after receiving care.

There are special rules for non-emergency care when traveling, so contact your local TRICARE Service Center for important information before you go.



Patients check in at the reception desk in the U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza and then take a seat in the waiting room until called for their appointment. The health center is available to all eligible military and civilian Department of Defense personnel and eligible dependents. To make an appointment with a health care provider, call the health center appointment line at 634-7484 or 7297, from off post at 0444-71-7484 or 7297. (Photo by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)

At your service

U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza reception

On the frontline for community healthcare are the ladies who staff the reception desk at the U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza.

Lusia Meneguzzo, Giliola Dal Balcon and Tiziana Dal Balcon are responsible for making appointments, canceling appointments and entering patients into the system when they arrive for their appointment.

To make an appointment with your primary care manager, call the Vicenza Health Center appointment line at 634-7484 or 7297. Off post you can call 0444-71-7484 or 7297.

If patients are unable to

make their appointment they need to call the clinic to cancel the appointment as soon as

possible by calling the appointment line listed above.



Lusia Meneguzzo (left), Giliola Dal Balcon (center) and Tiziana Dal Balcon are on the front line for customer service in their role as receptionists. (Photo by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)

Community events

Sky Soldiers kick-off Warrior Adventure Quest



Sky Soldiers from Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne), take aim on the enemy during a free game of paintball on a course in Padova, thanks to the Warrior Adventure Quest pilot program Sept. 9.

Story and photos
by Spc. Gregory Argentieri
173d ABCT Public Affairs

Paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team got WAQ'ed during three days of high-adrenaline, high-adventure outdoor fun Sept. 8 - 10.

The first of its kind Army-wide Warrior Adventure Quest (WAQ) pilot program kicked-off on Caserma Ederle providing three platoons from Bravo Company, 1st

Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, a chance to blow off some steam and experience the new partnership between Outdoor Recreation and the Office of the Surgeon General.

Battlemind is the U.S. Army psychological resiliency-building program. Battlemind refers to a Warrior's inner strength and courage. Battlemind works hand-in-hand with the WAQ program to help warriors progress toward achieving their new normal with outdoor activities such as white-water rafting, kayaking, canoeing, skydiving, paintball, high-ropes courses, rock climbing, rappelling, mountain biking, stock-car racing, snowboarding and skiing.

"When Soldiers are deployed, their driving becomes aggressive to avoid improvised explosive devices

and such, but when they get back home they have to readjust back to defensive driving," said Maj. Kelly Nebel, Outdoor Recreation program manager for Europe Region. "WAQ helps Soldiers adjust after returning from combat and adjusting back to home life and Vicenza Outdoor Recreation sets the bar."

Caserma Ederle Outdoor Recreation was pivotal in making the WAQ pilot a reality and a success, according to Nebel.

"It was a great opportunity to be part of the first WAQ pilot program and provide these services to so many returning Soldiers," said Chris Wolff, USAG Vicenza Outdoor Recreation director. "There's nothing like taking a bunch of brigade Soldiers on a trip and doing some high-adventure outdoor recreation."

Vicenza's Outdoor Recreation's professional staff, with help from

Outdoor Rec staff in Germany, executed all the WAQ pilot program planning and details.

The activities held on the first day included white-water rafting in the Noce River by First Rock Soldiers. The day's fun included navigating extreme waves, some river safety, defensive and aggressive swimming, a group river crossing and water rescue by jumping off rocks.

"Instead of hearing the same briefs over and over again, falling asleep and getting in trouble, this was perfect," said Spc. Mathew Cannon, 2nd platoon, Bravo Company. "Some people might learn from a class, but everyone learns from doing it."

On the second day, 2nd platoon Soldiers enjoyed a day of paintball on the Woodsball Field located on the outskirts of Padova. Small teams played against each other in a course made up of trees and plywood obstacles. The day's activities included instruction on all the state-of-the-art paintball equipment, playing techniques, team communication, cover-and-fire and team movement.

"This was a well-planned, well-organized event that really motivated the Soldiers," said Sgt. 1st Class James W. Knight, platoon sergeant for 2nd platoon, Bravo Company. "A lot of Soldiers got on the bus not knowing what to expect and then came away with a new perspective on paintballing. The Soldiers really enjoyed themselves and said they would not change a thing."

"I had a blast," added Knight.

On the third and final day of WAQ, First Rock Soldiers set out in the morning for approximately 30 miles of mountain biking up and down the hills, on and off the roads around Vicenza.

The Soldiers had their choice of riding in level 1 or level 2 groups, depending upon their technical experience and confidence.

"We got a chance to do something fun together as a platoon versus other deployments when there was nothing out there for us when we returned,"

said Staff Sgt. Dabian E. Harris, 1st Platoon, Bravo Company. "Mountain biking is a great way to see Vicenza, and I am definitely going to do it again."

After the last day's adventure, all the WAQ'ers gathered outside the Golden Lion on Caserma Ederle for a final barbecue celebration, and to reminisce their adventures and accomplishments.



Spc. Joshua R. Grant, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne) enjoys an off-road, down-hill descent during a day of mountain biking thanks to the Warrior Adventure Quest pilot program Sept. 10.



Paratroopers from Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne) enjoy some white-water rafting while participating in the Warrior Adventure Quest pilot program Sept. 8, in Vicenza, Italy. (Photo courtesy of Extreme Waves)

Livorno commissary seeks your memories

By Gerri Young
DeCA Europe
Public Affairs Officer

As the new Livorno commissary makes its way toward completion, the time has come to think about the internal decorations.

The engineers are planning to place large murals depicting the Livorno area as it was in days gone by on several walls in the store.

To do this, we need a large

number of photos to consider for the artwork.

If you have a box of treasured family photos from the old days in Livorno, Pisa and Tirrenia areas, we'd like to consider them.

What we need

- ◆ Well known landmarks from areas such as the leaning tower, famous buildings.

- ◆ Beach scenes showing bathers in old-fashioned swim suits.

- ◆ Farm scenes – anything relating to cows, pigs, chickens, and gardening showing people in the clothing styles of long ago, old tractors, horses.

- ◆ Shop or market scenes – anything showing old grocery stores inside or out, markets on the town square, old butcher shops.

How we need them

- ◆ We need electronic scans in high resolution .jpg format (240-300 dpi) about 1 MB size each.

- ◆ We don't need you to spend time retouching your old photos for this project.

We want the photos to be the black and white or sepia (old faded look) we all have in our boxes and scrapbooks of treasured memories.

Where to send them

- ◆ Your electronic files should be sent to gerri.young@deca.mil no later than Sept. 30.

- ◆ Be sure to include your e-mail address and a telephone number in case we need to contact you.

- ◆ Any .jpg files you send will be used only for the purpose of creating the wall murals in the Livorno commissary

- ◆ No more than five photos per contributor.

This is open to Camp Darby U.S. and host-nation employees.

Registration for Run to the Tower limited to 500



This year's Camp Darby Run to the Tower takes place Oct. 17. The 12km fun run starts at Camp Darby and follows a flat, fast course along the Arno River to end at the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Registration forms can be found on www.usag.livorno.army.mil and www.livornomwr.com. Lodging reservations can be made by calling 633-7225 or civilian 050-54-7225 or e-mail lodging@eur.army.mil. Run to the Tower starts at Camp Darby and ends at the Leaning Tower of Pisa. The race is open to the public and is limited to the first 500 registrations.

Darby Dates

Single Airman, Soldier meal

Sept. 30, 5 p.m. at Army Community Service. Stop by, pick up a plate or eat in. Reserve in advance by calling 633-7084.

Movieland Studios trip

Oct. 4 ITR is going to Movieland Studios, located near Lake Garda. Cost is \$50 for transportation and 21 euro entrance fee, free for children under 1 meter tall.

Call ITR at 633-7589 for reservations and other trips.

Oriental dance classes

Classes are taught every Wednesday from noon-1 p.m. at the fitness center.

Hispanic Heritage Month

Oct. 3 at 6 p.m. - Food tasting and dancing at the Darby Community Club. Volunteers are needed to help cook dishes. Call ACS at 633-7084 for details.

Run for Your Health

Camp Darby will hold a Run for Your Health Sept. 26 at 6:30 a.m. in front of the garrison headquarters, bldg 303 on Kessler Avenue.

Physical fitness uniform is

required for military personnel. Army personnel will run in mass formation while calling cadence. Bring your unit colors and guidons.

Strong Bonds retreat

The Camp Darby chaplain is offering a marriage training conference, Sept. 27-29. at Casa Cares, www.casacares.it.

The event is open to all active duty servicemembers and families. Childcare will be provided.

To register online or for details, visit www.strongbond.org, search for "USAG Livorno" and then click on "Camp Darby Strong Bonds" or call the chapel at 633-7267.

Jam session at the Community Club

Oct. 8 come out and listen to a jamming session in the DCC. Camp Darby's own band "Drunken Mistake" will play "The Last Call" beginning at 6:30 p.m.

While you're there, check out Gio's Chicken Fingers meal.

Call the DCC at 633-7855.

Thursdays are Karaoke night at DCC

Join the Karaoke crew Thursday from 5-10 p.m.

Call the DCC for details at 633-7855.

Renovations to Vicenza sports, fitness center unveiled



(Above) Vicenza fitness enthusiasts work out in the aerobic machines room in the post fitness center. The center reopened Sept. 14 after months of renovation and now included a physical therapy room and wellness center. (Photos by Diana Bahr, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs)

Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Press release

The much-anticipated fitness center is now open Monday-Friday, 5 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sundays from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and federal

holidays from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The new fitness center requires patrons to use their ID card for the swipe-and-touch sign in screen.

Stop in and check out the expanded cardio room, new cardio equipment, renovated locker rooms, sauna and steam rooms and new strength room

and the best news – the Body Shop equipment is now located in the fitness center.

However, the upstairs portion of the Body Shop is still used for fitness classes until further notice.

For details on class listings and events go to the Web site: www.vicenzaMWR.com.



(Left) Suzanne Selb, a member of the 464th Military Police Company, relaxes in the new steam room in the women's locker room. Both men's and women's lockers previously had dry saunas. Now they have both. (Below) Weight equipment that was previously in the Body Shop has now been moved to the fitness center.



Local festivals, local museums to visit, free concerts

Local festivals

Fish Festival: Sept. 19-21, in Vicenza, Via Cavalieri di Vittorio Veneto. The event starts at 6:30p.m.

Beato Isnardo Festival: Sept. 20-21, in Chiampo, 15 miles west of Vicenza. Food booths and live music.

Autumn Festival: Sept. 21, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Bolzano Vicentino, Casale delle Erbe, Via Cafarette, about 8 miles northeast from Vicenza. Visit a bee farm, see educational stands for children and adults and taste the local products.

Festival of Our Lady of Sorrows: Sept. 19-21, Crosara, near Nove, about 15 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths and ballroom dancing.

Rice Festival: Sept. 19-23, Grumolo delle Abbadesse - 9 miles east of Vicenza. Food booths and live music.

National antique market, exhibition

Treviso, Ca' dei Carraresi - 57 miles east of Vicenza. It also features an exhibition of pictures titled "Venice at the dawning of photography" 1850-1870. Sept. 19-21, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; 3-8 p.m. Free entrance.

More museums in the Vicenza province

Archeological Museum, Santorso, 23 Piazza Aldo Moro, about 17 miles north of Vicenza.

Open on Sun. 3-6 p.m. To schedule a visit on any other day, call 0445-649-570. Admission fee is 2 euro.

Ceramics Museum, Nove, Palazzo De Fabris, located 18 miles north of Vicenza.

Open Mon.-Fri. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sat. 10 a.m.-noon; Sun. 3-7 p.m. Admission fee is 3 euro or 2 euro for groups of 10 or more persons, students and senior citizens.

For details in English, visit www.ceramics.it/museo.nove/index_en.html.

Live Chess Game Costume Museum, in Marostica, located 18 miles north of Vicenza. 1 Piazza Castello. Open daily 9 a.m.- noon; 3-6 p.m. Admission fee is 1.50 euro.

Fossils Museum, Lugo di Vicenza, Villa Godi Malinverni - 44 Via Palladio, located 16 miles north of Vicenza. Open Tue., Sat. and Sun. 2-6 p.m. Call 0445-860-561 to schedule a visit for other days. Admission fee is 6 euro or 5 euro for groups of 10 or more. Fee includes a visit to the Villa Godi Malinverni.

Wine Museum, Gambellara, Casa vinicola Zonin Spa - 9 Via Borgolecco, located 20 miles southwest of Vicenza. Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. It's possible to schedule your visit on Saturday by calling 0444-640-111. Free entrance

Archeological Exhibition, Brendola, 1 Piazza Marconi, about 9 miles southwest of Vicenza. Open daily 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free entrance.

Museums in Bassano del Grappa, located about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza:

- **Grappa Museum**, 6 Via Gampa. Open daily from 9 a.m.

- 7:30 p.m., free entrance.

Ceramics Museum, Palazzo Sturm, 7 via Schiavonetti. Open Tue.-Sat. 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; 3-6 p.m. Sun. 10:30-11 a.m.; 3-6 p.m. Admission fee: 4 euros; reduced price for children younger than 10 and senior citizens: 3 euro.

Civic Museum, Convento di S. Francesco, Piazza Garibaldi. Open Tue.-Sat., 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Sun. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; 3-6 p.m. Admission fee: 4 euros; reduced price for groups, children younger than 10 and senior citizens: 3 euro.

Alpine Troops Museum, 2 Via Angarano. Open Tue.-Sun. 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Free entrance

Entomologic Museum "The Butterfly Kingdom," Schio, 33 Via Lago di Aleghe. Call 0445-576-457 to schedule your visit. Admission fee: 5 euro (discounts for families and groups)

Military Historical Museum at Forte di Punta Corbin in Treschè Conca di Roana, 31 miles north of Vicenza. Open Sept. 1-Nov. 30, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. From Dec. 1 to March 31 call 0445/623-158 to schedule your visit. Admission: 2.50 euros; reduced ticket: 1.50 euros.

Automobile Museum, Romano d'Ezzelino, 2 Via Torino, Bassano del Grappa. Tue.-Sun.; 10 a.m.- noon; 2:30-6 p.m. Admission fee: 1 euro

Whistle Museum, Via XXVII Aprile, 16 Cesuna di Roana - 37 miles north of Vicenza. Open daily 10 a.m.-

noon; 3:30-7 p.m. Free entrance (donations accepted).

For more details in English, visit www.deliciousitaly.it and click on handicrafts at the lower right.

Military World War I Memorial, via degli Eroi, Asiago, 37 miles north of Vicenza.

Opening times: Oct. 1-Nov. 15; 9a.m.- noon and 2-5p.m.; May 16-Sept.30; 9a.m.- noon and 2-6p.m.

Free entrance.

Free concerts in Vicenza

Academy of Music students in concert, Sept. 19, Palazzo Trissino, 9 p.m.

Music by Verdi, Mozart, Puccini and Donizetti.

Celtic Folk Music with Maleduk, Sept. 19, 9 p.m., Piazza dei Signori.

Accordion concert with Mirko Satto, Sept. 20, 9 p.m., Palazzo Trissino.

Jazz concert with Mauro Baldassarre Quartet, Sept. 20, 9 p.m., Piazza dei Signori.

More trips with ITR, Outdoor Rec

ITR trips

Lake Como Adults only trip: Oct. 4 from 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Cost: \$75. Fee includes transportation, guided tour, panoramic funicular and ITR trip assistant.

Bella Befana Bazaar in Aviano: Oct. 4, 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes transportation and ITR trip assistant.

Discover Portofino: Oct. 5, 6 a.m. - 10 p.m. Cost is \$69; children 4-12 \$59; under 4 \$15. Includes: transportation, roundtrip ferry ticket and ITR trip assistant.

For details on these and other trips, call 634-7094.

Check out the new *Salute* Fall 2008-Winter 2009 calendar, out now. Download the events happening each Month with iTR!TRiP on www.vicenzamwr.com or pick up your free copy at the iTR!TRiP Office.

ODR trips, classes

Horseback riding weekend in Toreselle: Leave Sept. 26 at 5:30 p.m., return Sept. 28. Cost is \$220, which includes transportation, lodging and meals. Sign-up deadline is Sept. 23.

Rock Climbing: Oct. 1; 3:30-5:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 which includes use of ODR ropes, climbing hardware and transportation.

Open Water Scuba Certification: Oct. 1-5. Leave Oct. 1 at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$305.

This course will teach you everything you need to know to safely and independently scuba dive.

For details on these and other trips, call ODR at 634-7453. Check out the new Outdoor Rec. Fall 2008-Winter 2009 Calendar at www.vicenzamwr.com or stop by ODR for a free copy.



Arena opens Friday

The Arena Entertainment Center opens for business Friday at 11 a.m. with lunch and bowling on the ground floor. The bar opens daily at 4 p.m. and the Strike Zone snack bar menu includes pizza, hamburgers, cheese-steaks, chicken wings, fresh salads and onion rings. Our first Cosmic Bowling session is Friday from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Birthday parties start Oct. 4 and you can e-mail requests to bowling@vicenzamwr.com. Call 634-8619 or 8257 details.

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

Sept. 18	Hancock (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Sept. 19	Hellboy II: The Golden Army (PG-13)	6 p.m.
	Hellboy II: The Golden Army (PG-13)	9 p.m.
Sept. 20	Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG)	3 p.m.
	Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG)	6 p.m.
Sept. 21	Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG)	3 p.m.
	Hellboy II: The Golden Army (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Sept. 24	Hellboy II: The Golden Army (PG-13)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Sept. 18	Hellboy II: The Golden Army (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Sept. 19	Death Race (R)	6 p.m.
Sept. 20	Journey to the Center of the Earth (PG)	6 p.m.
Sept. 21	Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (G)	2 p.m.

Admission: Age 12 and over \$4, under age 12, \$2.

The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time.

Looking for the movie synopsis? Check out the AAFES Web site: www.aafes.com, 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.

Aspiring models hit cat-walk



Aspiring model Federica strikes a pose during the AAFES fashion show held Sept. 13 in the post exchange. (Photo by Peter Craig)

Commissary case-lot sale

The Vicenza commissary will hold a case-lot sale Sept. 27 and 28.

Commissary hours are Wed.-Sun 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Tuesdays 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. and closed Mondays.

Bowling leagues forming

Join a league in the new Arena 16-lane bowling center. Intramural leagues and mixed leagues will begin Oct 15.

For details call the Arena at 634-7886.

Barbara Coloroso speaks in Vicenza

The community is invited to hear best-selling author Barbara Coloroso at the Ederle Theater Oct. 7 at 9 a.m.

She has appeared on *Oprah* and *CNN* and her books include; *The Bully, The Bullied and the Bystander* and *Kids are Worth It*.

For details call Norie McCall, school liaison officer at 634-5998.

CYS Parent Advisory Group Meeting

The next Child and Youth Services Parent Advisory Group is Sept. 30 at noon in the large classroom in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

On the agenda is recruiting a new group coordinator, status of Child Development Center accreditation, CYS renovations, program and activity plans, Army Family Covenant benefits and any parent questions and issues.

Call CYS at 634-7219 for details.

Festa Italia bazaar

Start your holiday shopping Sept. 27 and 28 at the Vicenza Community Club's Festa Italia bazaar.

Vendors from all over Europe will sell their wares in the Teen Center and Luna Bubble located across from the Ederle Inn. Doors open Sept. 27 10 a.m.- 6 p.m and Sept. 28 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Health Benefits Awareness Month

September is Health Benefits Awareness Month and the U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza is planning a Health Fair Sept. 24 in the commissary from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m.

The focus of the fair will be on medical and health information as well as medical benefits in the military.

Staff from the health center will be available to talk with patrons about TRICARE benefits, healthy life style

choices, recommended screenings and more.

Adult music lessons

Soldiers' Theatre will offer guitar, piano, flute and voice lessons for adults beginning Oct. 1.

Call Soldiers' Theatre at 634-7281 for details on prices and registration.

Catholic Women of the Chapel event

Catholic Women meet Thursdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the chapel conference room.

Contact Ginger Fleming at flem_06@yahoo.com for details.

Bella Befana Bazaar

Aviano Air Base's Bella Befana Bazaar will be held Oct. 3-5 at hangars 1 and 2 on the flight line. The bazaar is open Fri. and Sat., 10 a.m.- 7 p.m. and Sun. 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. The bazaar is open to all NATO ID and U.S. passport holders. Prices are in U.S. dollars.

Tape a free holiday greeting

A television crew from Army-Air Force Hometown News will be at the Ederle Theater Sept. 25 starting at 9 a.m. to tape holiday greetings to air on television stations in the U.S.

All DOD employees and family members, teachers and retirees are eligible.

Servicemembers must be in uniform.

For details on the program, look for the fliers located in the community mail room or call Dorothy Carlyle at 634-7988.

CYS Army Family Covenant update

CYS AFC Benefits will end Oct. 15.

If a Soldier did not return from deployment prior to Aug. 15 the spouse needs to provide proof of continued deployment to CYS Central Registration.

For details call 634-7206.

Swim team coaches sought

The Mako Sharks swim team needs assistant volunteer swim coaches.

If you are an experienced swimmer and would like to volunteer, contact Cindi Unger at clunger2002@hotmail.com or 347-891-1073.

Cougar fan bus

Sign up now for the Cougar fan bus trips in September and support your favorite Vicenza High School Cougar team.

Sept. 20, one bus travels to

Hohenfels to support the football team and a second bus travels to Camp Darby to support the volleyball, cross-country and tennis teams.

Sept. 27, the Cougar fan bus travels to Milan to support the Cougar volleyball, cross-country and tennis teams.

Sign up at ITR and reserve your seat or call ITR at 634-0794.

USO Italian classes

Level I Italian class is held Sept. 23-Nov. 20, Tues. and Thurs. from 5:45-7:45 p.m. Cost is \$118 plus 11 euro for the textbook.

Level II Italian class will be held Sept. 29-Nov. 19, Mon. and Wed. from 5:45-7:45 p.m. Cost is \$112 plus 10 euro for the textbook.

Both classes are held at the education center, but registration is at the USO, bldg 9A.

Antiterrorism training

Individual security awareness training (Antiterrorism Level I) is offered in the Hall of Heroes from 10:30 a.m. to noon Oct. 15, Nov. 12, and Dec. 10.

Those who may need child care while in the training, the Child Development Center offers hourly care. Children must be registered. Call 634-7559 or 0444-71-7559 for details.

Antiterrorism Level I training is an annual requirement for all military, civilian employees and family members 14 years old and older.

For details call 634-8288 or 634-8984.

Soldiers' Theatre up for rent

Did you know your next event can be held in Soldier's Theatre?

Use of the theater or the lobby is \$50 per hour. We also provide audio/visual support for \$25 per hour and, if needed, a one-time cleaning fee of \$25. Discounts may be offered if event is longer than four hours.

Sound equipment is available to rent from \$100-\$350 per day plus technician labor.

Discounts may be available for long-term rental.

Call Soldiers' Theatre for details at 634-7281.

2nd annual Chili Cook Off Sept. 26

Bring your appetite to Hoekstra Field Sept. 26 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and help judge the best chili on post. The cook off is part of Hispanic Heritage Month observances.

Religious activities

Caserma Ederle Chapel

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

Chaplain Crisis Line:

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

Saturday services

4 p.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation, or by appointment.

5 p.m.: Vigil Mass

Sunday Services

9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass
Mass is held weekdays at noon.

9 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school and AWANAs (Sept. through May in Vicenza High School)

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

11 a.m.: Protestant worship
1:30 p.m.: Full Gospel Pentecostal worship

4 p.m.: Lutheran worship
6 p.m.: Contemporary Christian worship

Monday

Noon: LDS Scripture Study
3:05 p.m.: Middle School Club in the high school cafeteria. (October-May)

5:30 p.m.: High School Club in the Teen Center. (October-May)

For details contact Jocelyn Cary at 634-7890 or 349-385-3476 or vicecb@yahoo.com.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

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

Thursday

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: Mohamed Noeman at 634-6306.

Jewish: Sandy Schoenberg at 634-6202 or sandy.schoenberg@eur.army.mil.

Latter Day Saints (LDS):

Elder Openshaw, 334-665-6845 or Frank Petty at 634-3907/340-899-2218. Scripture study is held Monday, noon-1 p.m.

Darby Chapel

For details call the chapel at: 633-7267 (50-54-7267).

9:40 a.m.: Catholic Reconciliation

10 a.m.: Catholic Mass
11:15 a.m.: Protestant worship

Beginning Oct. 5, Protestant Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. and Catholic CCD is at 11:15 a.m.

All briefs must be received at editor@eur.army.mil noon Monday, or by Friday at 4 p.m. if Monday is a holiday.

VHS starts fall sports season



VHS Cougar Nicholas Williams (3), left, attempts to get past the Aviano defense at the end of the second quarter helped by Gary Donald (27), right. Despite bad weather and a soggy field, the Cougars defeated the Saints 34-21. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

By Brad Polensky
Special to the Outlook

The Vicenza High School Cougars football team opened its season Sept. 12 in Vicenza with a win against the Aviano Saints. The team showed that, even though some key players left, they are still a force to be reckoned with.

The game started off all offense with a pair of touchdowns by Reggie Haines

and a touchdown run by quarterback Micky Stoner, who went 9 for 19 passes and a total of 100 yards.

The Saints answered with their own touchdown to make the score to 21-7, in favor of Vicenza at the end of the first quarter. After that, the defense on both sides got hot.

The second half was costly for the Cougars as a pitch and fumble on their own six-yard line with :38 seconds left gave the

Saints an opportunity to score a touchdown and go into half-time with a score of 21-14.

The Saints came out after the break running with Jamal Tuck (who scored all three TDs) and tied the game 21-21. This would be the last time the Saints would score.

Vicenza's defense stepped it up and Kyle Kaus intercepted a pass from the Saints' quarterback along with score on a touchdown run. Kaus ended

the game with 151 total yards, to include a kick off return of 53 yards just before half-time.

Mike Niccoll would seal the win with his fumble recovery in the Saint's endzone to bring the final score to 34-21.

The cougar's defense looked solid and the rain just before the game played a factor as both teams fumbled six times each.

The Cougars travel to Germany and take on Hohenfels Sept. 20.



Volleyball, cross country, tennis hold jamborees



(Above left) Vicenza High School volleyball players block the spike by the American School of Milan player. (Above) Boys' Cougar players get ready to hit ball during the game against Aviano. The Vicenza High School Cougars volleyball teams played a jamboree Saturday against Aviano, Milan and Florence. Boys' cross country didn't fare well against a blistering, record-setting pace set by Aviano. Girls' cross country saw Taylor Kier placing 9th. (Left) A Milan tennis player sends the ball over the net to a Cougars' player. Bad weather rained out the tennis matches. All three teams ride to Camp Darby Sept. 20 where they face American students who live on Camp Darby but attend the International School of Florence. A Cougar fan bus is scheduled to drive down call ITR for details at 634-7094 (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook staff).

Sports Shorts

Fitness class costs

Effective Oct. 1, all group fitness and yoga classes will be charged a fee.

The fee is \$5 for one individual class or \$50 for an all-class-inclusive monthly pass.

Monthly passes can be purchased at the fitness center beginning Sept. 29.

For details call 634-6222.

USAG community flag football team tryouts

There will be ongoing tryouts for the flag football teams on Fridays at 7 p.m., beginning Oct. 3, at the multi-purpose field.

Players must be 18 year of age and out of high school. Deadline to sign up is Oct. 24.

For details call 634-7009.

October 5k Fun Walk/Run

Fall into fitness and support Domestic Violence Awareness Month Oct. 11 by participating in a 5K Fun Run/Walk. Pre-registration is mandatory by Oct. 7 at the fitness center for adults and youth can register at CYS Central Registration.

Pre-brief is at 9:45 a.m. and the race begins at 10 a.m. on the North 40 track. Call 634-7219 for details.

CYS Youth sports

The community is invited to come out and cheer for their favorite teams.

Bambino (ages 3-5) soccer games are held Thursdays through Oct. 23 at 5 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. on Villaggio.

Peewee (ages 6-7) soccer games are held on Villaggio Wednesdays through Oct. 22 at 5 p.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Minor (ages 8-9) soccer games are held on Villaggio Fridays at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. through Oct. 24, with an exception for the Oct. 9 game.

Bantam (ages 10-12) soccer plays Sept. 20 in Villaggio at 10 a.m. and away games in Livorno at noon and 1 p.m. and in Aviano at 11 a.m. and noon.

On Sept. 27 Bantam teams all play in Villaggio starting at 9 a.m.

Junior (ages 13-15) soccer play Saturdays through Oct. 25.

Sept. 20 is an away game in Aviano starting at 11 a.m. Sept. 27 games in Villaggio start at 10 a.m.