



NO DRIVING

Vicenza takes part in the Mobility European Week with a "no-driving" day scheduled this Sunday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

No driving is allowed in downtown Vicenza, San Pio X, San Francesco, Laghetto, Villaggio del Sole and San Lazzaro districts. Free shuttles buses are available. Downtown stores will be open all day.

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Photo by Craig Coleman
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Photo by Troy Darr

Soldiers cheer on their unit during the tie-breaking tug-o-war at the 173rd ABCT's Sept. 13 Banner Day in USAG Hohenfels, Germany. The 2-503rd was the overall winner for the day.

173rd fetes Sky Banner Day

By KRISTIN BRADLEY
Bavarian News

After three intense weeks at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center training for their fourth deployment in six years, Soldiers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team and their families spent Sept. 13 celebrating Sky Soldier Banner Day at U.S. Army Garrison Hohenfels.

Split between three locations—Bamberg and Schweinfurt, Germany and Vicenza, Italy—the brigade rarely finds itself together

in the same location, making the day after the conclusion of their training the perfect opportunity to engage in a day of games, sports and team building.

"Banner Day presents a unique opportunity for Sky Soldiers and Family members from our three home stations to assemble in one location. The goal of this rare occasion is for members of our team to relax after a challenging exercise and bond through athletic competition and

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It is good to get the whole brigade together. We all have buddies in other units and competition between units strengthens esprit de corps.

1st Lt. Matt Shuba
Bravo Troop, 1-91 Cav. Regt.

Annual emergency response exercise Tuesday in Villaggio

USAG Vicenza news release

The U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza is staging its annual consequence management exercise, Lion Shake 2009, Tuesday from 8:30 a.m.-noon in the Villaggio family housing shoppette area.

Lion Shake is a joint Italian-American civil disaster response exercise that tests and refines the U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza's consequence management plans and emergency procedures in response to a natural or man-made disastrous incident.

Those U.S. community members trying to enter, conduct normal daily activities, or leave the installations between 7:30 a.m. and noon may experience delays within both Villaggio and Caserma Ederle due to exercise play or emergency vehicles and security personnel participating in the exercise.

Gates may be closed, traffic may be detoured or delayed, and activities or certain offices may be temporarily closed during the exercise according to the DPTMS Emergency Management office.

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NEED TO KNOW

DATE: Tuesday
TIME: 8:30 a.m.-noon
LOCATION: Villaggio Shoppette area

Gates may be closed, traffic detoured and services closed during the exercise. USAG Vicenza asks for your patience.



File photo by Laura Kreider
Explosion "victims" are removed from immediate danger during last year's emergency response exercise.

We owe it to our military comrades to provide support in time of need

suicide is a permanent solution to temporary problems. Do not pass go, do not collect \$200 - go straight to dead.

The suicide rate for the U.S. Army in 2008 was the highest number in the 28 years it has been keeping track of Soldiers who take their lives. In addition, it was the fourth year in a row that the number has risen.

It is said with great frequency that the Army, and the military in general, is a family. We fight together, we eat together, we work together - in every aspect of our military lives it is community that is a constant. It can be a shoulder to lean on when we are feeling down, a stalwart reassurance that we belong to something valid and meaningful.

The military has invested time, money and effort into fighting what has become an increasing problem, an ugly truth, but a truth nonetheless.

Training seminars have been long

been in place to educate service members on the warning signs of suicidal behavior and intervention techniques. In essence, the Army has trained its Soldiers to be ready to pull their comrades away from the abyss, so to speak, to save them before they take that irreversible plunge.

This is a necessary solution to address the dilemma. But we can't

stop there if our goal is to eliminate the problem instead of stemming the

flow. Can't damage control be averted, at least in some instances, by damage prevention?

No man or woman is an island unto themselves. Our strength is derived from the people around us, not just ourselves. That being said, an individual problem is a community problem by any other name.

Thus a community falls back on its leaders to offer solutions. This year has been designated as the "Year of the NCO." I see that as a great excuse to

really examine our role as NCOs and analyze it in order to figure out how we can become better leaders.

Noncommissioned officers are the first line of leadership in our respective units. We have the most hands-on contact with the troops in our employ, we are the example they look up to and the mentor that guides them to their full potential.

In the family, we are the big brother or sister, someone our younger "siblings" can trust, someone they should be able to talk to about anything.

As leaders, we need to be available if one of our Soldiers has a problem they need to talk about.

As leaders, we need to pay attention and know our Soldiers well enough to tell when something's wrong. If we see a problem manifest itself, then it is our responsibility to find a way to fix it.

But the burden of responsibility can't fall on leaders alone. Like a family, we all need to communicate with each other. We can't be afraid to talk about our problems and, furthermore, we can't be afraid to listen to someone

else's. That goes for privates all the way to generals - it is everyone's responsibility to hold the family together.

A person at the point of suicidal tendencies often feels alone and isolated from the world around them. No one should ever have to feel alone in the military.

Despair and any sense of isolation can be combated by reinforcing the sense of belonging that we all should have by virtue of being part of the military family.

Suicide is a problem in the military and the world at large. However, the military has a unique advantage to combat the problem because every Soldier, Sailor, Airman and Marine has a support group in place at all times, should they need it.

We owe it to our comrades in arms to provide that support in the time of need.

If we can be proactive about reading the emotions of those around us, we can gain ground in the battle against suicide. Sometimes all it takes is open eyes and ears.

COMMENTARY

by JOSHUA RISNER

Multi-National Division Baghdad PAO

Speak Out

This is National Preparedness Month. Do you have an emergency kit or plans ready?



Sgt. Andrew Bramsch
Co. B, 1-503rd

"Yes. My wife and I plan for all emergencies in our house, such as extra water and supplies because you never know what might happen."



Spc. Kimberly Heveron
870th MP Co., California
Army National Guard

"My family lives in a very earthquake-active area, so YES! We do have a well-stocked emergency kit and a disaster plan. The Guard teaches us to be prepared for all situations. In our community, it is very necessary."



Debra Mason
Family member

"Yes, because it is important in case of any emergency that is not predicted or expected. We have water, canned foods, candles, batteries, plus first aid items."



Deborah Daniels-Perry
Family member

"Yes. We always have flashlight, batteries, water, plus a fire extinguisher because we have a lot of severe thunderstorms where we live in the hills."



Avonne Rosario and
(baby) Kennedy
Family members

"I have lived through hurricanes in Florida and snow storms in the Midwest. I am well-stocked with everything: generators, extra food, baby supplies, candles, tire chains...you name it."

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

The Noncommissioned Officer PROFILES OF SUCCESS



Sgt. 1st Class Melvyn Lopez

Unit: Destined Co., 2-503

Current Position: Platoon sergeant

Age: 37

Hometown: Caguas, Puerto Rico

Years in service: 17

What would surprise people about you: I like toys.

Biggest mentor(s) and why: 1st Sgt. Coop, 10th Mountain Division.

He had a wall painted with the words; "Today, Soldiers around the world trained to kill you. What did you do?" At that moment, I realized the importance of being competitive in my career to ensure readiness.

Life's ambition: To be able to pass my knowledge and life experiences to my children at the appropriate time.

Motto: Face your demons.

Your definition of an NCO: A dedicated individual who realized how important his position is for the Army, someone who is willing to walk the extra mile for his Soldiers.

List of major assignments/deployments: 101st Airborne, 10th Mountain, Ranger Training Brigade, 173rd ABCT, OIFI

Advice for junior Soldiers: Strive to accomplish your job the best you can at all times.

Reason for your success:

Always motivated, humble and approachable with a can-do attitude.

Your defining moment as an NCO: Being selected for membership in the Sergeant Morales Club.

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

Army expects H1N1 vaccine next month

By C. TODD LOPEZ
Army News Service

Soldiers and families can expect to get two flu shots this year.

In addition to the conventional flu shot administered each fall, the H1N1 or "swine flu" vaccine should be available by mid-October, said Col. Deborah Knickerbocker, chief of Emergency Preparedness and Response, the Office of the Surgeon General and Army Medical Command.

Knickerbocker spoke during the Army Emergency Management Conference, Sept. 1, at the Pentagon. The conference coincided with the start of National Preparedness Month. Getting flu shots, in addition to taking measures to prevent exposure to the virus or spreading the virus is part of preparedness, Knickerbocker said. And it is important to maintaining mission readiness.

"When Soldiers and family members take care of themselves and prepare,

they not only help the Army be more resilient, they help the local communities they are in be more resilient," she said.

"There's going to be vaccine, and there's going to be enough to go around," Knickerbocker said. "Everybody is going to get their shots."

Knickerbocker said the H1N1 vaccine will be distributed to Soldiers, families and other beneficiaries mostly through primary care providers.

"They'll get their seasonal shots, and the H1N1 shot, as soon as they become available," Knickerbocker said.

Along with the vaccinations, Knickerbocker recommends a number of common-sense measures to prevent the spread of H1N1.

"Just teaching people about how easy it is to prevent disease by washing our hands, and cough- and sneeze-hygiene and etiquette, it's pretty simple," she said.

"Part of what we need to do is instill in the culture of the military — which does

not really usually think this way — to stay home when you are sick. If you go to work sick, you'll make office mates sick, or squad mates."

The H1N1 virus has made headlines because it's a "novel" virus, Knickerbocker said.

"We haven't seen the virus before. And when we have a virus that people have not been exposed to before, we have no immunity to it," Knickerbocker said.

Many of the deaths from H1N1 occurred in Mexico, and in those already immuno-compromised, so the virus gained notoriety, Knickerbocker said. But the effects of the virus have not been what was expected — not even as bad as seasonal flu.

"The message has been sent out there that this particular virus is not as virulent as we had been planning for with the H5N1, not as virulent as the seasonal flu," she said. "And seasonal influenza kills about 36,000 in this country each year."

GARRISON SAFETY MESSAGES

Fall weather creates tractor hazard

USAG Vicenza Safety Office

Wet roads caused from rain are not the only road hazard during the fall. During this time of year farm equipment is commonplace on the roads in the Veneto region, and with them comes mud, dirt and, coupled with the limited visibility of shorter days, road hazards abound.

Many tractors have a top speed of 40 kph, causing traffic to back up behind

them. Increase following distance to compensate for sudden slowdowns and only attempt to pass a tractor when it is legal and safe.

One of the most important factors in reducing accidents when the weather turns nasty is to slow down.

Reducing speed can lower the probability of an accident occurring and the severity of an accident. Conducting maintenance now before the weather

becomes really nasty can also lower the probability of becoming a statistic.

Performing a few basic maintenance checks such as inspecting tires, replacing windshield wipers and ensuring lights are functioning properly can also reduce the chance of having an accident.

Allow some extra travel time during the next few months and be prepared for what the weather and the farmers are going to do to slow things down.

Prevent falls, the No. 1 cause of injury at home

USAG Vicenza Safety Office

Most of us think of home as our safe, secure little piece of the world.

We don't usually think of our homes as being full of hazards, but it is exactly that. Falls are the No. 1 cause of injury and deaths in the home. Falls can happen anywhere, but some simple precautions can reduce the chance of it happening in the home.

Stairs are probably the most dangerous part of the home. Keep the stairs clear of any toys, books or other items. Ensure

that the stairs are well lit, using night-lights as needed.

Install hand rails, if they are not there, and check to make sure they are not loose. In an ideal home, there would be hand rails on both sides of the stairs, but many homes here have only one.

Non-slip strips are a good investment as well as firmly securing stair rugs. Use child safety gates at the top and bottom when infants and toddlers are present.

The bathroom is the second most dangerous part of the home for falls. In

the tub, use non-slip mats. Hand-rails are also useful in the tub. Use non-slip rugs or secure any rugs with double-sided tape.

The kitchen and the rest of the home also present fall hazards. Use non-slip rugs here also, or secure them with double-sided tape. Clean spills as soon as they happen and keep walkways clear and well lit. Use nightlights wherever needed.

Nothing is fool-proof, but using these tips will help make our homes a little safer from falls.

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At your service Employment Readiness



Reid Buckland is the ACS Employment Readiness program manager.

"I provide information and referral services in the areas of employment, education, training, transition, and volunteer opportunities to give family members the competitive edge needed to secure employment," said Buckland. "Additionally, I assist family members who are relocating as a result of a military or civilian sponsor's PCS and work closely with CPAC and agencies to provide a full range of employment-related services and assistance to family members in their job search and career development."

His office is located at the Soldier and Family Readiness Center. Operating hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Buckland can be reached at 634-6884.

Brigade, family members gather for day of fun, esprit de corps, memories

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events,” said Col. James Johnson, brigade commander.

Soldiers kicked the day off early with a 6:30 a.m. start for the first ever brigade run in a formation that spread almost the entire length of Hohenfels’ main post road.

The run ended on the high school football field for a brigade photo before the thousands of Soldiers and family members filed into two fest tents big enough to rival any at Oktoberfest.

“After three weeks of hard work to have the opportunity to do things we do in our off time helps develop teamwork,” said 1st Lt. Matt Shuba of Bravo Troop, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment. “You have PV1 playing football with his NCOs and LTs. It’s good to see people develop teamwork in a non-work environment.”

Soldiers had plenty of time to develop teamwork through friendly competition in numerous events such as combat cross country, basketball, football, beach volleyball, the Strongest Sky Soldier weightlifting event, Humvee push, tire flip, and the fan favorite tug-o-war.

“It is good to get the whole



Photos by Troy Darr

Fathers watch their children on the inflated bouncy slide during the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team’s Banner Day, a full day of unit and family fun at USAG Hohenfels, Germany. The entire brigade gathered for the Sept. 13 event.

brigade together. We all have buddies in other units and competition between units strengthens esprit de corps,” said Shuba.

Though building teamwork amongst Soldiers was one aim of the event, celebrating the families of Sky Soldiers was also on the agenda.

There were numerous

activities for children, from games and crafts to inflatable bouncers, and families both with and without children could be seen spending time together as they lounged on blankets in the grass.

“When we’ve been away for a long time and will be deploying, it’s important to have a huge family event like this. It’s important to involve them in our

mission—what we do and what we stand for,” said Capt. Jonathan Mecham, Headquarters, Headquarters Company, whose wife made the trip from Vicenza to participate in the event.

“After they deploy we will look back on this,” said Crystal Marschewski, a spouse from Schweinfurt.

Those memories for families and Soldiers alike are why the staff from USAG Hohenfels Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation put all their effort into coordinating an exceptional event, said Stacye Downing, FMWR director.

“We felt honored and privileged that they were giving us the opportunity to support such a huge initiative,” said Downing. “Every single person is really committed to taking care of Soldiers and families; it doesn’t matter where they’re stationed.”

At the end of the day, Johnson thanked USAG Hohenfels and the FMWR staff for their hard work and spoke to Sky Soldiers about what Banner Day means for the brigade.

“When you’re faced with the toughest of challenges when you’re deployed, when you reach inside of you for what you need to make the right decision, you’ll make it because of the Sky Soldier on your left and right and that’s why today was important,” said Johnson. “We tightened that bond as a team and we reinforced the purpose of our existence as an airborne brigade combat team and for that I am proud of you.”



The day’s competitions included basketball, weight lifting, Humvee push and tire flip, along with family-friendly fun. “After they deploy, we will look back on this,” said Crystal Marschewski, a 173rd spouse from Schweinfurt.

Officials urge community caution during Lion Shake

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Vicenza military community members residing in Villaggio and civilians in the surrounding Italian communities may possibly be exposed to noise from a simulated bomb explosion and emergency vehicle traffic. No emergency vehicle sirens will be used within the Villaggio family housing area. However, Italian emergency services vehicles may possibly utilize sirens while coming to and departing the installation. As always,

personnel safety is the top priority in any activity whether it is exercise play or real-world, day-to-day activity. Be especially alert in your community area during our Tuesday’s Lion Shake exercise.

Be patient, flexible, and cooperate fully with authorities. Watch for possible hazards and observe posted speed limits and traffic restrictions.

The community will benefit from this exercise and become a safer and more secure community and team.



Photo by Christian Marquardt

THE FIRST: Soldiers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team maneuver a Mine Resistant Ambush Protected, or MRAP, vehicle past an improvised explosive device during a training exercise at the 7th Army Joint Multinational Training Command’s, Hohenfels Training Area, Sept. 2. The 173rd is the first unit in Europe to receive MRAP training as part of their mission rehearsal exercise at Hohenfels.

Remembering

9-11

The U.S. military community in Vicenza, along with local Italian officials and community members, gathered in various cities throughout the area to commemorate the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. The attacks were the first major foreign-based attack on the continental United States since the War of 1812. It took the lives of nearly 3,000 people from more than 90 nations.

Assistant Fire Chief Alex Christie, 41, of Portsmouth, Va., from the USAG Vicenza Fire and Emergency Services (right), and Italian volunteer firefighter Alberto Toso, 25, of nearby Padova, set a wreath by the Sept. 11 memorial in downtown Padova Friday. The site features a steel beam from the World Trade Center.

Photo by Rick Scavetta



Photo by Barbara Romano, 7A JMTC



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(Left) U.S. Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. William Garrett greets the City of Vicenza Mayor Achille Variati at the Church of Santa Maria dei Servi during a 9-11 commemoration ceremony in Vicenza on Friday. The event, which was hosted by the city, was attended by more than 100 Italian and U.S. community members and was in memory of the nearly 3,000 men, women and children from more than 90 countries who lost their lives when hijackers intentionally crashed four airliners into the World Trade Center in New York City; the Pentagon in Arlington, Va.; and a rural field near Shanksville, Pa., on Sept. 11, 2001. (Middle) Col. John Irgens, staff judge advocate for U.S. Army Africa (left), and Renzo Lotto, mayor of Grisignano di Zocco, attend a meeting with the communal council and local associations Sept. 11. During the meeting, attendees paid tribute to Sept. 11, 2001, with a moment of silence and thoughts on the tragic event. (Right) Col. Skip Davis represented U.S. Army Africa at the Sept. 11 memorial service in Padova.

Community member Sarah Steps-Polanko (right) represented one of the many victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on the United States during Caserma Ederle's 9-11 ceremony at Hoekstra Field Friday.

ACS's Steps-Polanko was one of 12 community volunteers who represented the attack victims during the solemn ceremony. Also participating in the ceremony was Josie Anderson, daughter of post volunteer Mary Anderson.

Photo by Barbara Romano, 7A JMTC



Darby Dates

Lift Your Spirits tour slated Sept. 27

The Lift Up Your Spirits tour is coming to Camp Darby Sept. 27.

Trini-I-Tee 5:7, Deitrick and Damita Haddon, Spensha and Army 2008 Operation Rising Star's Joyce Dodson will perform this free inspirational concert in the Camp Darby theater.

Doors open at 6 p.m. Show takes place from 7-9 p.m.

ITR Trips

■ Saturday IKEA Shopping Trip. Spend an entire day at the superstore IKEA and shop until you drop.

■ Sept. 27 Outlet Shopping. Over 95 stores of the finest designer names at reduced prices from 30-70 percent off.

■ Oct. 10-11 Adults-Only Trip to Sanremo & Montecarlo. Looking to escape everyday life and relax for a couple of days? Visit Sanremo's lovely Casino and the next day, enjoy a guided tour of Montecarlo. Call ITR for more information at 633-7589.

Vet appointments

The Vicenza Veterinarian is taking appointments for vaccinations and health certificates during his next visit to Camp Darby Sept. 29.

Call DSN 635-4841 or civilian 0444-71-4841.

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.

Air balloon festival a spectacular sight



Courtesy photos

A view from above: Community members are invited to attend the free hot air balloon festival in Ferrara, Urbano Bassani Park Sept. 18-27. Events include balloon races, musical concerts, sport shows and more. SEE BELOW for details.

Festivals & events

Le Piazze dei Sapori - Agricultural and Wine exhibition and market: Friday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-11 p.m., in Vicenza, Piazza dei Signori e Contrà Garibaldi. Typical regional Italian food, wine and other products. Free entrance.

La Voltatonda -Palladian dances: Sunday, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m., in Vicenza, Corso Palladio.

Rice Festival: Friday-Tuesday, in Grumolo delle Abbadesse, about 9 miles east of Vicenza. Food booths and live music. Free entrance.

■ Friday: 7:30 p.m. food booths featuring typical rice dishes; raffle and fair trade market; 8:30 p.m. live music and dances with *Sabia Orchestra*.

■ Saturday: 7:30 p.m. food booths; raffle and trade market; 8:30 live music with *Mari Lisa Maniero e Rita Del Mare Orchestra*.

■ Sunday: 4 p.m. antique working tools exhibition and reenactment of old trades, such as knife-grinder and blacksmith; 6 p.m. food booths, fair trade market; 9 p.m. live music and dancing with *Nicola e la Banda Italiana*.

■ Monday: 7:30 p.m. food

booths; raffle and fair trade market. 8:30 p.m. live music and dancing with *Omar Lambertini Orchestra*.

■ Tuesday: 7:30 p.m. food booths; raffle and fair trade market; 8:30 p.m. live music and dancing with *Gli Assi Orchestra*; 11:30 p.m. fireworks.

Hot air balloon Festival: Sept. 18-27, 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m., in Ferrara, Urbano Bassani Park, about 70 miles south of Vicenza. Free entrance. Balloon races, sports shows, music concerts, flights over the city and the Po Delta by balloon, plane or glider, entertainment and games for children, guided tours of the city, boat trips on the Po, food booths. For more info in English, visit http://ferraraballoonsfestival.it/?page_id=416.

Transhumance Festival: Saturday - Monday, 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m., in Bressanvido, Pangiusco



Farm, Via Chiesa, about 10 miles northeast of Vicenza. Transhumance is the seasonal movement of farmers with their livestock over relatively short distances, usually to higher pastures in summer and to lower valleys in winter. This year the Pangiusco Farm's heard departs from

Enego on Sept. 20 and after an 80 km. route arrives in Bressanvido. Its arrival is celebrated by thousands of people with live

music, majorettes, food booths.

■ Saturday: 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dances with *Castellina Pasi Orchestra*.

■ Sunday: 9 a.m. onward, exhibition of vintage tractors and cowbells, horse-drawn carriage parade; live folk music. 4:30 p.m. herd's arrival; 9 p.m. ballroom dances with *Ketty Piva Orchestra*.

■ Monday: 9 p.m. ballroom dances with *Matteo Tarantino Orchestra*. Food booths open at 7 p.m. featuring spit-roast chicken, pig's shin, local cheeses and wines. Entrance fee to the concerts: a lottery ticket - 2 euro. The lottery proceeds will go to a cancer research institute.

Market Fair and exchange of collector's items: Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m., in Brendola, Piazza Mercato, about 9 miles southwest of Vicenza. Vintage miniature, records, toys, cartoons and many other collectors' items.

September Festival: Saturday-Sunday, in Chiuppano, about 21 miles north of Vicenza. Bounce houses and carnival rides.

■ Saturday: 7:30 p.m. food booths; 8 p.m. live cocktail music with *Epochè*; 10 p.m. Bon Jovi tribute with *Steelhorse*.

■ Sunday: 2:30 p.m. children games and entertainment; 5:30 p.m. choir concert at Saint Michael's Church; 7:30 p.m. food booths; 8:30 p.m. Karaoke night with *Federica*.

Local Fairs

Expobici: Bike to the future: Saturday - Sunday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Monday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., in Padova,

Via N. Tommaseo 59, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. Tickets: 7 euro; reduced 4 euro (children under 17).

For details in English, visit <http://www.expobici.it/Espositori/espositori-ing.html>.

Art fair in Verona: Thursday, 4-8 p.m.; Friday-Sunday 18-20, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Monday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Tickets: 16 euro; 20 euro on Sunday; reduced 5 euro (children 6-12 and adults over 65).

For details in English, visit <http://www.artverona.it/articles/view/wherehowwhen>.

Sport and Leisure Time Fair: Saturday 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m., in Mussolente, Località Casoni, Via Pavane 3, about 25 miles northeast of Vicenza. Ticket: 6 euro. Reduced: 4 euro for over 65 and free for children under 14.

Outdoor clothing and footwear, fitness, camping gear, cycling, hiking, climbing and fishing accessories. Sports shows and tourism info.

FREE concerts exhibits, classes

Carnival Rides and free concerts: in Vicenza, Campo Marzio.

■ Today: 9 p.m. Theleorkestra

■ Friday: 9 p.m. *Line up Areazione*.

■ Saturday: 9 p.m. *Bernacca's Band*

Cloak/Dagger Punk Rock USA + RRRN Hardgrind Italy: today, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Corso San Felice e Fortunato, 362.

Free sample dance classes, in Thiene, Silicon Kate Association, Via Zanella 28/40:

Today:

■ 5 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Hip Hop for children and teenagers

■ 6 p.m. *Breakdance* for

children and teenagers

■ 7:30 p.m. *Hip Hop* for adults

■ 9 p.m. *Modern Jazz*

Sunday: 8 p.m. *Capoeira* (Afro-Brazilian art form that combines elements of martial arts, games, music, and dance).

Sunday: 8:30 p.m. *Salsa & Merengue*

Monday: 5:30 p.m. *Biodanza for children*- Biodanza means Dance of Life. It is a combination of music, expression and emotion. It is believed to improve children's physical and psychological wellbeing. For more info, visit the English Web site <http://www.biodanza.co.za/Children.aspx?Sel=ALvAyN7CEq>

Tuesday: 8 p.m. *Lap Gym*

Wednesday:

■ 7:30 p.m. *Movida Latina Fitness*

■ 9 p.m. Argentine Tango

Alpini's Parade: Sunday, 10:45 a.m., in Torri di Quartesolo, Via Roma, about 4 miles southeast of Vicenza.

Pay concerts & events

Micah P. Hinson in Milan, Saturday.

Malcolm Middleton in Milan, Wednesday.

Elton John and Ray Cooper in Milan, Sept. 29.

Outdoor Recreation

Horseback Riding Weekend on Sept. 25-27. Escape for the weekend in the countryside.

King of the Mountain? Prove it Sept. 26. **Hike Mt. Pasubio.**

Sea kayak next to Sirmione castle at Lake Garda on Sept. 27

The new Fall/Winter 2009-2010 Calendar is available online now. Download your copy today at www.vicizamwr.com.

Now Showing



Ederle Theater

Thursday	Bruno (R)	6 p.m.
Friday	I Love You Beth Cooper (PG-13)	6 p.m.
	Harry Potter & Half-Blood Prince (PG-13)	9 p.m.
Saturday	I Love You Beth Cooper (PG-13)	3 p.m.
	Whiteout (R)	6 p.m.
Sunday	I Love You Beth Cooper (PG-13)	3 p.m.
	Whiteout (R)	6 p.m.
Wed.	Harry Potter & Half-Blod Prince (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Sept. 24	Harry Potter & Half-Blod Prince (PG-13)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Friday	Final Destination (R)	6 p.m.
Saturday	Time Traveler's Wife (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Imagine That (PG)	1 p.m.
Sept. 24	Post Grad (PG-13)	6 p.m.

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

Looking for the movie synopsis? Visit www.aafes.com, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Movie Schedule.

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

Girl Scout registration

Registration will be held Oct. 3 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the picnic area across the street from the Vicenza Elementary School for all girls interested in joining for the 2009-2010 year.

Bring \$25 registration fee. Uniform items will be sold or can be ordered when you register. Leaders are still needed for kindergarten-second grade girls. Call Nancy at 349-5209980 for information.

Musical double feature at Soldiers' Theatre

A Day in Hollywood/A Night in the Ukraine is a hilarious tribute to Hollywood movie musicals of the 1930's & 40's and the Marx Brothers in a song and dance extravaganza featuring memorable music, tap dancing and the outrageous antics of the three zany brothers of comedy.

It will be on stage Oct. 2-25 (Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m., Sundays at 2 p.m.).

Happy Birthday, Arena

The Arena turns 1 year old. Come celebrate Saturday at the arena with specials, including \$10 per hour bowling lane fees and \$1 shoe rentals from 5:30 p.m. to close.

Ladies nights

Enjoy drink and appetizer specials at the Arena's Lions Den. Enjoy pitchers of margaritas and \$6 appetizer platters Sept. 23. Music theme for the night will be variety dance music (hits from the 70s to the present).

Pool tournaments

Beginning Sept 29, pool tournaments return to the Arena every Tuesday night through November. \$10 entry fee goes to the prize fund. Music will be rock/alternative. Call 634-8257 to sign up.

Texas Hold'em tournament Sept. 26

Sign-up begins at 4 p.m. and the tournament starts at 8 p.m. \$20 buy-in with one \$10 re-buy. Cash prizes. Look for two Texas Hold'em Tournaments in October.

Inspiration Exchange

Enjoy a free afternoon dedicated to crafters to share crafts and ideas Sept. 30 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the arts center.

Beginner quilting

Learn how to make your own quilt in one day Sept. 26. from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Call 634-7074.

SETAF Augmentation

SETAF Augmentation will conduct its inactivation ceremony and a dining-in Saturday at the Villa Michelangelo in Arcugnano. For more information, contact Sgt. Maj.

Blount at 635-4896.

Library book club

To Kill a Mockingbird will be featured Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. Join the book club to discuss the book by Harper Lee. Check out a copy at the circulation desk today!

Special guest speaker

Lt. Col. Greg Gadson will address the Vicenza community in the post theater Sept. 25 at 9:15 a.m.. Gadson lost both legs after a 2007 IED attack in Iraq.

He is the first person to wear the Power Knee 2, a next-generation powered prosthetic with artificial intelligence and sensor technology.

During his visit, Gadson will share with audiences his experiences during the rehabilitation process.

Citizenship class

The Becoming a U.S. Citizen class is scheduled Friday at 9:30 a.m. Call 634-7500.

EFMP news

■ Bowl at the Arena Monday at 3 p.m. Cost is \$3.50 per person.

■ An EFMP roundtable is set Sept. 29 at 11 a.m. at the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

New parent news

ACS's New Parent Support Program offers free classes that assist new and experienced parents with the trials and joys of parenthood.

Call 634-7567 for more information. Infant Massage class is set for Sept. 25 at 10 a.m.

Pre-deployment ideas:

ACS offers free classes that help you and your family deal with the stresses of deployment. Call 634-7500 for more info and to register.

■ Stress management class: Sept. 28 at noon. Every second and fourth Monday of the month.

■ AFTB Level I Training: begins Sept. 29 at 8:30 a.m. Earn promotion points. Free child care provided.

■ Using Credit Wisely: Sept. 29 at 9 a.m.

Candlelight ceremony

USAG Vicenza will celebrate Suicide Awareness Month with a candlelight ceremony at the post theater Sept. 22 at 4 p.m. The U.S. military community in Vicenza is invited to attend.

Community members are encouraged to be a part of the ceremony by submitting a reading, story, poem etc. Participants may perform their own reading or submit one to be read by a member of the Suicide Prevention Committee.

Submit requests and items to Cheryl.davis@eur.army.mil or call 634-6122.

MOMS club activities

■ Friday: Walk the Track 10 a.m.; MNO 7 p.m.

■ Sept 21: Lunch play date 11:15 a.m.

■ Sept. 22,23,24: Membership drive 10:30-12:30 at the PX

■ Sept. 25: Walk the Track 10 a.m.

■ Sept. 26: Family Night Out 6:30 p.m.

■ Sept. 28: Monthly meeting 10 a.m. at the Chapel

■ Sept. 30: Park play date 4 p.m.

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

USO volunteers sought, Italian classes offered

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

Need help with the language barrier? Sign up for our Level 1 Italian Class. Class dates are Oct. 19-Dec. 16. Class meets on Monday and Wednesday nights from 6-8 p.m. The cost is \$125.

USO is also offering a Level 2 Italian Class. (Level 1 Italian is a prerequisite.) Level 2 class dates are Sept. 22-Jan. 19 from 5:45-7:45 p.m.. Cost is \$125.

The USO is located in Bldg. 9A. Hours are Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday noon-6 p.m.; and Sunday 12:30-6:30 p.m. Call 634-7156 for information.

SOTA seeks members, holds car wash

The South of the Alps Warrant Officer Chapter will hold a car wash Sept. 26-27 from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. in the commissary parking lot.

All proceeds go back to the

community.

For information, call 634-7826.

Vote for your favorite Rising Star singer

Your vote counts in the selection of USAG Vicenza local winner in the Operation Rising Star 2009 eliminations.

In fact, all your votes count. Similar to American Idol, you can support your favorite singer and have fun doing it at the Arena. Purchase an appetizer and you'll get another ballot.

Audience votes will make up 50 percent of the determining score. Contest starts at 6 p.m. Your vote counts.

Audience participate in Round 2 by casting votes for their top pick. \$300 awarded to the FRG or unit showing the best support.

Come out, join the fun and support the participants.

Don't miss the VES open house

The Vicenza Elementary School open house will take place today from 4:30-6:40 p.m. The open house will commence in the post theater at 4:30 p.m. and will move to the elementary school at 5:25 p.m.

VCC news

■ For information on VCC community enrichment forms, e-mail denicesantos111@gmail.com.

■ Mark your calendars for the Feste Bazaar Oct. 24-25.

Many vendors will be available, from food and wine to furniture and crafts.

Prizes will be drawn throughout the day and food booths will offer a variety of delights.

Join the VCC for a fun packed day at the bazaar.



Photo by Laura Kreider

ON THE DOTTED LINE: Rachel McGinn (right) joins the Vicenza Community Club as Maureen Crone, the VCC Ways and Means chair, looks on during the group's membership drive at Club Veneto Sept. 16.

The VCC is the largest non-profit organization on Caserma Ederle. It includes an eclectic mix of community members and has several mini clubs, which are member-favorites. According to VCC Publicity Chair Farrah Overman, "many people join these groups and form bonds with others with support that will last much longer than their stay in Vicenza."

Financial support is also provided to the Vicenza community through the VCC funds. Last year \$30,000 was given in the form of scholarships for Vicenza community members and \$40,000 was divvied out to the community from the Enrichment Funds. The club builds these funds with the operation of the Vicenza Thrift Shop and the club's annual Vicenza Bazaar.

VCC board positions are still available: Newsletter/Website and Chair of the CIAO Conference for 2010. For more information about these positions, contact Sara Nantz at sara.nantz@us.army.mil.

Religious activities

Chaplain Crisis Line

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

Sunday services

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

9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass.

(Daily Mass is held weekdays at noon)

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

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

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

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

4 p.m.: Lutheran worship

6 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Mondays

Noon: LDS scripture study

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

3 p.m.: Praise Dance practice

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

5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

5:30 p.m.: PWOC evening Bible study (beginning Sept. 8. Child care offered for children ages 6 weeks to 4 years)

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

5:30 p.m.: Catholic choir practice

6:45 p.m.: Gospel choir practice

Thursdays

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

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

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

Faith group contacts

Islamic: Spc. Kasimov, 329-034-3511

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

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

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

Community Calendar Highlights

National Hispanic Heritage Month
National Preparedness Month (Lion Shake)
Constitution Week (Thursday- Sept. 23)

Thursday- Constitution and Citizenship Days
Saturday- POW/MIA
Oct. 9- Training Holiday
Oct. 12- Columbus Day

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

Community tests skills at Darby's Armed Forces Olympics

Story and photo by
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Soldiers and Airmen from the U.S. and Italian military gathered to test their athletic abilities during the first Annual Camp Darby Armed Forces Olympics Sept. 10.

After being welcomed by the Italian base commander, Col. Raffaele Iubini, and the USAG Livorno Commander Lt. Col. Steven Cade, the three running teams did a two kilometer relay race. The Italian Army and Carabinieri team finished first, followed by the U.S. Army and then the U.S. Air Force.

"Even when your team is in last place, you can't give up in trying to catch up," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Rick Sepulveda, who was part of the Air Force team in the 4X2.2 kilometer relay.

The second Olympic event was volleyball. The Air Force defeated the Army but then lost to the Italian team. The Italian team went on to trounce the Army, securing first place. During the tug of war competition, Team Army dug in their heels to defeat Team Air Force who then had to face Team Italy.

"When I saw the Italian team quickly pull the Air Force over their line it was surprising," said Sgt. 1st Class Mark Lindsey. "But we are 'Army Strong' and were able to take first, the Italian team took second, leaving the Air Force in third."

During the basketball event, the Italians were unable to secure a team and



Sgt. 1st Class Mark Lindsey (right) and Spc. Trey Harvey throw all of their muscle into the tug of war competition finals to secure first place over Team Italy.

the Air Force pummeled the Army and took first place.

"I really liked taking part in this and think we should do it more often," said Pfc. Matthew Greene, a 511th Military Police Platoon Soldier who played basketball and soccer during the Olympic competition. "This was a good chance for us to interact with the Air Force and the Italians outside."

The final event had the U.S. Army and Air Force teamed up to take on the Camp Darby Italian military and Carabinieri team in a friendly game of soccer. Team USA played hard, but was unable to defeat Team Italy. After a nail-biting game, the Italian team clinched a win in the final minutes for a score of 4-2.

"I think this was a fantastic day for our community and was a good idea for confirming friendship amongst the services," said Italian Army Maj. Paolo Biachesi.

After a long day of sports, good competition and camaraderie, the Olympics concluded with an award ceremony. Commanders from each of the services presented bronze, silver and gold medals to the winning teams.

The Camp Darby Italian military and Carabinieri team won the Olympics overall with two first places and one second place. The Army finished with one first place, two second and one third. The Air Force finished with one first, one second and two third.



Courtesy photo

BASEBALL: America's favorite pastime

The U.S. team won 11-10 during Monday night's World Baseball Cup in Verona.

Community members are invited to attend the World Baseball Cup, coming to Vicenza Tuesday at 8 p.m. and the Italian National Series B Championship Wednesday at 4 p.m. Both events will be held at the Pomari Stadium.

Sports Shorts

Cougars host Baumholder Buccaneers Saturday

Catch The Vicenza Cougars as they host Baumholder Buccaneers Saturday at 1 p.m. at the North Football Field.

AFN Vicenza will broadcast the game on 106.0 Eagle FM.

Tennis tourney set this weekend

A garrison tennis tournament will be held Friday and Saturday. For beginners, intermediate, and advanced. Awards presented.

Call 634-7009 to sign up.

Open-play volleyball for ages over 15

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

Improve your skills, have fun and build morale.

Call 634-7009 for information.

Red Cross lifeguard course slated Oct. 3-15

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

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

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

Need a personal trainer? Call the fitness center

Want help with training plans and nutrition?

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

Baseball in Vicenza and surrounding area

There are opportunities to watch baseball in Vicenza and other nearby cities. The following events are scheduled at the Pomari Stadium in Vicenza:

- The World Baseball Cup - Tuesday at 8 p.m.

- Italian National Series B Championship - Wednesday, 4 p.m.

Make a difference, become a coach

Volunteer and make a difference in a child's life. Contact the Child & Youth Sports & Fitness office at 634-6151 or 0444-71-6151 off post.

Visit Web for local sport bike rider course

IMCOM-Europe Safety's new military sport bike rider course started offering classes Sept. 1 at garrisons that can support this training.

The online registration and telephone information, as well as information about the course is available at www.imcom-europe.army.mil/sites/management/so_atstp.asp#MSF

The class schedule for Vicenza will be announced.

High school fall sports home games, events listing

Saturday	Football	Baumholder	Oct. 10	Cross Country	MM
Sept. 25-26	Volleyball, B&G	Milan	Oct. 23-24	Volleyball, B&G	ISF
Sept. 26	Volleyball, B&G	Milan	Oct. 24	Cross Country	ISF
	Cross Country	Milan		Tennis	ISF
	Tennis	Milan			
	Football	Bamberg			
Oct. 9: HC games	Football-night game	Aviano			
Oct. 9/10	Volleyball, B&G	MM			

TIMES: Football 1 p.m. at the post field; Volleyball 9 a.m. on Saturday, post and M/HS gym; Cross Country at 11 a.m. (walk about) and 12:30 p.m. start at Lake Fimone; Tennis 10 a.m. Saturday at post tennis courts.

BASKETBALL Soldier League Standings

Team	Win	Loss	Game Scores
Certified	9	0	Aug. 31
HSC SETAF	4	5	509th Signal: 34 vs. SETAF: 39
HH 509 Signal	2	6	509th Signal: 49 vs. Certified: 85
Eazy Rock	1	3	Sept. 2
Ghedì	0	0	Certified: 53 vs. 509th Signal: 36 Certified: 65 vs. SETAF: 46

FLAG FOOTBALL Soldier League

Team	Win	Loss	Game Scores
HSC SETAF	6	1	Sept. 8
E Co. 1/503	4	0	SETAF: 26 vs. 14th Trans.: 0
14th Trans.	3	5	Sept. 10
509th Signal	1	4	SETAF: 2 vs. 509th: 0
Attack Co.	0	3	14th Trans.: 2 vs. 509th: 0
Ghedì	0	0	