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The health clinic will be closed Friday afternoon for Earth Day activities. They resume normal business hours Saturday.

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Community celebrates return from deployment

Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation waited until all Soldiers had returned from their latest deployment to host a "Welcome Home" celebration.

The main events will take place April 30 in a new fest location, behind the Ederle Inn parking lot.

The event kicks off with a five-kilometer Fun Run at 9 a.m. on the track. The first 50 to cross the finish line will receive a T-shirt, along with water and fruit for all participants. More shirts will be given out during the day.

Selected redeployed Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion and 2nd Battalion, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team and 14th Transportation Battalion will form six-man tribes and meet at 2:30 p.m. at the tribal council fire pit to compete in Vicenza's version of "Survivor" the TV show. The first challenge begins at 3:30 p.m. Losing tribes will vote off a member. The winners of this event will receive a \$500 gift certificate from Outdoor Recreation.

Free food, rides, crafts and activities for the whole family begin at 3:30 p.m. in the main fest area. People can enter the hot dog eating contest at 5 p.m. Everyone who attends may enter drawings from event sponsors USAA and AFRC Edelweiss. As a reminder no alcohol, glass bottles, roller skates, skateboards, heeies, bicycles, mopeds or pets are allowed in the festival area.

Throughout the event free hamburgers, hot dogs, and chips along with water and



Photo by Laura Kreider

A Welcome Home celebration is planned for April 30 to welcome back all the units from deployment during the past year. The event begins at 3:30 p.m. with a five-kilometer run. Free food, bands, contests and events for children will take place until 11 p.m. For a map of the festival area and road closures, go to www.vicenzamwr.com.

sodas will be available for everyone. For adults, the Arena Beer Booth will sell beer for \$4 and nachos will be available for purchase from the HHC 173rd ABCT Family Readiness Group.

Child and Youth School Services will provide lots of activities for children including Scratch Art, Noodle Collage, a Duck Pond, Patriotic Tattoos and Make a Frame. These activities will be 3:30 p.m.-9 p.m. Adults must accompany their child at all times during these activities. There will also be carnival rides, face painting and a clown magician.

On-stage entertainment will begin at

3:45 p.m. with our local talent, groups and individuals who regularly perform at Soldiers' Theatre's Music Cafés. From 6-8 p.m., enjoy the country sounds of the "Jalapeños." At 8:45 p.m., the "Houston Rockers" will perform classic rock until 11 p.m. when all events end.

Check out www.vicenzaMWR.com and click on special events for rules for contests, road closures, the latest updates and a map of the festival area. The road behind the Ederle inn will be closed from April 28-May 1. Guests in the Ederle Inn should park in the front parking lot.

Local wounded Soldiers participate in long distance bike ride

By Julie M. Lucas
Outlook editor

Two Caserma Ederle Soldiers went to Texas in late March to participate in a 350-mile bike ride that spanned six days.

Spc. Phillip Brown and Spc. Michael Paulino, Warrior Transition Unit, joined around 230 riders for the Texas Challenge, a part of the Ride 2 Recovery series.

Riders in the event were not only active-duty Soldiers, but some were even Vietnam veterans, all with different types of medical issues, including amputees. Paulino has nerve damage to his arm, making many things difficult, including saluting. Brown suffers from a debilitating knee injury, but says the riding is making it better.

"When the doctor handed me a cane and it became my reality, it really brought me down," he said. "Participating in these rides helps to forget all the things that bother you every day."

Both Soldiers heard about the rides from visiting promotional teams. Paulino became interested in bicycling after he arrived in Italy.

"I would ride on the weekends at my own pace," he said. "I try to ride every day."

While Paulino takes the ride as "race with yourself," Brown enjoys the camaraderie of the event.

"I'm not doing this for myself. I ride for the people who didn't make it home," Brown said.

For Brown, this wasn't his first time doing a long-distance bike race. Last summer he, along with his father, rode in the Great Lakes



Courtesy photo

Spc. Phillip Brown and Spc. Michael Paulino, Warrior Transition Unit, joined around 230 riders for the Texas Challenge, a part of the Ride 2 Recovery series in March. The ride was six days long and covered 350-miles.

Challenge, a 400-mile bike race in six days. On just one day, he rode 105 miles. Paulino had planned to do the race, but couldn't because of a surgery.

"During the first race, when you were struggling to get up a hill,

See RIDE, page 4

Special forms needed for fuel in Netherlands

Story and photo by USAG Schinnen Public Affairs

SCHINNEN, Netherlands - Procedures for purchasing rationed fuel in the Netherlands impact personnel stationed outside the country by requiring special paperwork and authorizations before tanking-up.

Individuals not stationed in the Netherlands must be on official travel or leave orders to purchase fuel in the Netherlands, according to Army in Europe Regulation 550-35. This regulation clarifies fuel purchasing procedures for the paper/coupon-based system in the Netherlands.

“AER 550-35 provides clear procedures for personnel stationed in Germany to buy rationed fuel in the Netherlands and, most important, complies with authority granted from the Netherlands government,” said Tom Budzyna, USAG Schinnen’s Public Affairs Officer.

When the new automated fuel ration card arrived in Germany in 2009, personnel assigned outside Germany had to obtain AE Form 550-175L from a Military Police Station in Germany, provide their identification card, vehicle registration, and current leave/pass or temporary duty orders, in order to receive a temporary (limited) ration to purchase fuel when travelling in Germany.

A similar procedure applies for personnel assigned outside the Netherlands who wish to purchase tax-free fuel in the Netherlands.

Individuals in Germany who wish to obtain rationed fuel in the Netherlands must complete AE Form 600-17A, which serves as the authority document for their supplemental fuel ration. Once approved and signed by their commander or supervisor, the individual then presents the form to the USAG Schinnen MP Station along with an ID card; vehicle registration; and TDY orders, leave document, or military pass.



Before trying to buy fuel coupons in the Netherlands, be sure to prepare AE Form 550-35B, the form that authorizes visitors to purchase tax free fuel while on official leave, TDY or pass in the Netherlands.

The leave document should be the multi-purpose OPM Form 71 (if civilian) or a DA Form 31 (for Army). The MP will then issue AE Form 550-35B with a temporary (limited) ration authorization that can be used to purchase fuel coupons at the Schinnen Main Exchange or fill-up directly at the AAFES service station on USAG Schinnen.

“It’s important to get your paperwork in order because the changes that took effect in 2009 also means that customers cannot buy Netherlands fuel coupons from AAFES operations outside the Netherlands. So if you’re driving to USAG Schinnen and planning on buying fuel, you need to arrive with your documents in order,” Budzyna said.

In 2008, “dual use” fuel coupons for Germany and Netherlands were withdrawn from the system and replaced with coupons specifically for the Netherlands. This change

occurred as Germany began using the automated fuel ration card. The Netherlands continues to use a paper coupon system.

When personnel assigned to Germany travel to the Netherlands, access to rationed fuel is limited and controlled to ensure monthly per-vehicle ration amounts are not exceeded.

Once a vehicle has consumed its monthly ration of tax-free fuel, operators who need more fuel must fill up at local service stations and pay local prices.

Regulations governing fuel purchases are written on a by-country basis and comply with existing Status of Forces or other host nation Agreements made between the U.S. and the particular nation.

Personnel travelling from outside Germany to Germany can call 0049-2451-63-2227, fax 0049-2451-1747 or email 470ABS.lgt@geilenkirchen.af.mil for more information.

Eggstravaganza set for Saturday

By Annette Fournier
USAG Public Affairs Office

Families are invited to hunt up some fun with the Easter Bunny at the Eggstravaganza Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Hoekstra Field.

All the events and games are free. Sponsored by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, the annual event kicks off with the Easter Egg hunt, beginning at 11 a.m. Children will be divided by age. Categories are children 3 and younger, 4-6 years, 7-9 years and 10-12 years. There are small prizes for the winners for each age group. The eggs are filled with candy, so parents who do not want their children eating candy may want to avoid this portion of the event, said Peggy Schadler, Family and MWR’s marketing chief.

Following the egg hunt, there are crafts, games and other activities. Children can enjoy face painting, balloon creations, a bouncy house and a magician. Families can bring their own cameras to take a photo with the Easter Bunny.

Other activities include a bean bag toss, novelty-photo opportunities, and crafts such as “Fill an egg”, decorating an Easter bag and “Paint in a box”.

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will be selling hot dogs, chips and beverages.

In the past, participation has ranged from 200-400 people, Schadler said. The line for photos with the Easter Bunny can be long, so families may want to get in line early if they really want the photo opportunity. The event is a family favorite at Caserma Ederle, she said.

“It’s a very good family event,” Schadler said. “It’s a chance for families and children of all ages to be outside and have some fun hunting eggs and doing crafts. The community egg hunt is an American tradition that they do at the White House and in every small town in America. It’s a little piece of America here.”

The roads immediately adjacent to Hoekstra Field will be closed from Saturday morning and throughout the event.

Speak Out

What does Earth Day mean to you?



Samuel Beane
Family member

“Earth Day is important because I like the earth clean.”



Cierra Delagarza
Family member

“To clean the environment. Last year, with my family, we cleaned the Villaggio area, picking up some plastic bottles.”



Ginger Pfeffer
Family member

“Earth Day means to me that everyone should take care of the planet this well all the time, not on one specified day.”



Vinni Scilleri
Family member

“It means several things: recycling, turning lights off, and planting plants and trees.”



Lillian Weycker
Family member

“It means that we need to take care of the earth.”

By Laura Kreider

Street sign in Germany dedicated to former SETAF civilian attorney

Story and photo by Lt. Col. Michele R. Sutak
7th Civil Support Command Public Affairs

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany – A Soldier’s name lives on, not just in spirit, as the 7th Civil Support Command, honored the life of Lt. Col. Douglas Yocum, 45-year old native of Burlington County, N.J., at a street dedication ceremony held on Daenner Kaserne, April 2.

Soldiers, friends and family members gathered on the street in front of the 7th CSC headquarters to paid tribute to Yocum, who died Feb. 4, 2010 in a Philadelphia hospital following an illness.

Yocum was born into a military family and it was the family that he came to embrace. Throughout his career, he served as a military lawyer and was a third generation of military lawyers in his family. His grandfather was an Army Judge Advocate during and after World War II; and his father was an Air Force Judge Advocate.

As an Army Reserve Soldier, he served in a variety of positions with the 7th Army Reserve Command and the 154th Legal Service Office in Schwetzingen, Germany, the Southern European Task Force Augmentation Unit in Longare, Italy, and the 7th CSC in Kaiserslautern. In his civilian capacity, he served as a senior civilian attorney for the SETAF office of the Staff Judge Advocate in Vicenza.

“We have long wished to find a fitting way to recognize Doug’s service and the tremendous impact he had on this unit and the United States Army,” said Brig. Gen. Jimmie Jay Wells, commanding general of the 7th Civil Support Command and presiding officer of the ceremony.

“This street that runs in front of our headquarters will be forever called Yocum Way,” Wells continued as he paid tribute. “Doug will always be with us, and



Yumiko Yocum, center, wife of the late Lt. Col. Douglas Yocum, and their daughter, Naomi, and son, Tyler, unveil the street sign memorializing Yocum, at the street dedication ceremony April 2 on Daenner Kaserne. Brig. Gen. Jimmie Jay Wells, commanding general of the 7th Civil Support Command, and Air Force Col. Jeffrey Yocum, vice commander, 501st Combat Support Wing, Royal Air Force, Alconbury, England, looks on as Yocum Way is revealed.

we will be reminded of him and the selfless service he rendered to his country.”

Yocum was diagnosed with an illness and it took a turn for the worse, the command immediately mobilized Reserve Soldiers on three continents to medically retire him and ensure his family obtained the benefits of his 19 years of service to the Army. This process normally takes months and was complete in less than 48 hours.

“From the onset of Doug’s illness right up through today, there has been no obstacle Doug’s Army family hasn’t been able to overcome, no service they wouldn’t render, no support they haven’t provided,” said his brother, Air Force Col. Jeffrey Yocum, vice

commander, 501st Combat Support Wing, Royal Air Force, Alconbury, England. “No matter the request, the only answer we’ve ever received is ‘Yes’, and then some team of professionals has gone about the business of getting it done as quickly as possible.”

This is what our motto of “Army Strong” is all about, Wells said.

“... so we dedicate ‘Yocum Way’ not in sadness that such a man died – but rather, to celebrate that such a man lived.”

Yocum is survived by his wife, Yumiko; a daughter, Naomi; a son, Tyler, his mother, Phyllis; a sister, Jocelyn DiChiara; and two brothers, Jeffrey and Steven Yocum.

Vicenza to host EFMP Field Day for children, volunteers needed for events

By Peggy Schadler
DFMWR marketing chief

An event is coming to Caserma Ederle that takes away the normal limitations of outdoor events for children with special needs.

The Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program, with support from the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation and a donation from the Vicenza Community Club, will host a special event for our registered Exceptional Family Members and similar guests from around the Vicenza Province.

EFMP Field Day will take place May 12, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on the North 40 Track Area and will be for participants and spectators alike. Participants will join in with a volunteer Soldier Buddy and participate in any of the 17 sporting events

that interest them and match their abilities.

Similar to the Special Olympics held each year in Kaiserslautern, Germany, which has been a success in bringing the children together for levels of competition, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza is hosting this event for the first time.

Events to choose from include running, jumping, softball and football throws, basketball, volleyball and soccer skills. Also included are arts and craft activities, Humvee and fire truck displays, a working dog demonstration from the military police and lunch. Children will compete in groups with similar age and abilities, but there will be awards for everyone.

Official registration is required before Monday. Parents of participants will be required to remain on site during the event. Other interested community members are also invited.

The schools will not participate

officially, however they will accept parental permission for those parents who desire their child participate in this event to be excused from classes.

Regulations require Exceptional Family Members to be registered in order to ensure that appropriate services and education can be provided before a Soldier receives orders. EFMP serves a wide range of special needs that vary greatly, from mild skin conditions to more moderate or severe issues.

Because of limited services in the overseas environment most of the registered family members are not coded as severe. The Vicenza EFMP program works with families to develop programs that accommodate each child no matter what their individual skill level. Currently, the EFMP hosts weekly athletic skill building classes and beginner and intermediate swimming classes.

Volunteers are needed for the day. Youth who volunteer will receive an excused absence. Volunteers are needed for food handling, sports events and other positions. Adults will be the only ones permitted to help with the sporting events. Others who are needed to help include translators and those who are registered with myarmyonesource.com. If you are interested in helping with food and do not have a handler card, a class will be held Monday, 3:15-4:15 p.m., at VES.

Find out what activities and programs are regularly offered that are appropriate for your child’s situation, or could help you as a parent with challenging situations. For more information about the programs and to register for the EFMP Field Day Event, call 634-7500/8582 or 0444-71-7500 / 0444-71-8582 or email efmp@vicenzamwr.com.

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Volunteer spotlight HHC FRG



Sabrina Tennant is a family readiness group coordinator for the Headquarters and Headquarters Company “Headhunters.” For these duties she conducts monthly meetings.

“As an FRG leader, it is my number one priority to make sure the families and Soldiers are taken care of and well informed,” Tennant said. “It is very imperative that there is a good flow of communication between myself, first sergeants, company commanders, Soldiers and family members.”

Tennant also says she enjoys everything she has done as a leader and is taking all her experiences with her to her next duty station.

To suggest a new staff member or volunteer to be featured in “At Your Service,” e-mail their name, contact information and why we should feature him or her to *The Outlook* staff at editor@eur.army.mil.

RIDE: local WTU Soldiers ride in Texas

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you'd feel a hand on your back helping to push you. It was great during the second race when I could help others," said Brown.

Before the first race, Brown had no special training, but credits living in Italy and riding bicycles more to being an advantage.

Not only are the races free for wounded Soldiers, but they also receive a uniform and the bicycle to ride. While Brown chose to leave his in the U.S., Paulino brought his bike back with him.

Brown has two upcoming races: the Normandy Challenge, where he will complete a leg of the Tour De France and then a 9/11 Challenge, where he will ride for eight days from Ground Zero to Shanksville, Pa., where one of the planes was downed, and finish at the Pentagon. Paulino says he also plans on participating in future challenges.

Some might think riding the bikes for the long days would be grueling, but not for these Soldiers.

"Every time the race ends, I wish I had another week with these guys," Brown said. "We've all been through the same thing and they understand what you are going through."



Photo by Laura Kreider

African mask: From the left Vicenza Middle School seventh graders Rachel Hensley, Drake Fichthorn, James Ashley, Noah Smith, look at the mask created by Kameron Curtis, right. Curtis says he created the mask after learning about a tribe in Zimbabwe for World Geography class March 31.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Library week: Community members participate in the Open House at the Library to celebrate National Library Week April 12. The next event will be gifts for Mother's Day May 4. To sign up, call 634-7291.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Clay day: As a part of the Military Child Month activities, the Arts & Crafts center held a clay day April 14, where participants could play with and decorate a piece of clay. Upcoming activities at the center will be Thursdays from 1-5 p.m.

Holiday holy service schedule

Catholic Holy Thursday Mass and Adoration, April 21, in the Sanctuary at 5:30 p.m.;

Combined Protestant Easter Celebration for families, Friday in the Spiritual Fitness Center, 10 a.m.-noon;

Catholic Good Friday Service, Friday in the Sanctuary, 3 p.m.;

Gospel Good Friday Service, Friday in the Sanctuary, 7 p.m.;

Catholic Easter Vigil Saturday in the Sanctuary, 9 p.m.;

Easter Sunrise Service, Sunday under the pavilion on Hoekstra Field, 7 a.m. Guest speaker will be Chap. (Col.) Christopher Wisdom (IMCOM-E Command Chaplain) "No Host" breakfast follows at the dining facility

All other Easter Sunday Services will follow the regular Sunday schedule.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Crazy hair day: Children listen to a book at the Child Development Center April 15 and celebrated with their own hairstyles as a part of spirit week.

Darby Library renovates 60-year-old building



Courtesy photo



Photo by Joyce Costello

At left, is a photo of Camp Darby's first formal library, circa 1954. At right, Camp Darby's library, which was renovated in November, doubling its size and features energy efficient lighting, a Soldiers' area with free Wi-Fi, along with more than 25,000 books, movies, video games, CDs and more.

By Joyce Costello

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

During National Library Week April 10-16, the Camp Darby Library staff decided to highlight just how far the library had come from its original home in 1951 in the Corallo Hotel, in Livorno, to its present day, recently-renovated building.

Librarian Michael McDaniel and his staff poured through hundreds of archived photos and repaired scrap books from the '50s, '60s and '70s to share top photos with community members.

"Long ago, the United States government recognized the importance of providing library services to its military members and communities, for educational, recreational and personal pursuits. That's why military libraries have been around for decades," said McDaniel.

According to the Camp Darby library historical document, the first Special

Services Library was part of the 7617 USFA Support Command. In April 1952, Mrs. Parenti opened a branch library on the construction site in the woods at Tombolo with 200 books in a van.

With a large demand for books, the temporary library then moved into a tent. However, by wintertime heavy rains soaked through the books and the commander, Col. Norman Vissering, was concerned when he found out that the library staff was forced to work in rain coats and rubber boots in order to stay dry.

The 2,000 books and library staff were moved indoors in the second building that was completed at Camp Darby.

By 1954, the first formal post library was built as seen in the black and white photo above. In addition to having books there was also a small music room for Soldiers.

Fast forward 60 years, and the library has more than 19,900 books, 950 movies, 2,200 music CDs, 35 magazines, Stars and

Stripes and International Herald Tribune newspapers, 15 public computers, free Wi-Fi access along with Wii, Xbox 360, NintendoDS and PlayStation video games, according to McDaniel.

"Libraries have come a long way since just providing books. You can now study and take practice tests online, do ancestry research, check your mutual fund performance, learn how to do small engine repair, find historical facts for a research paper, all by using some of the databases paid for by the Army libraries," said McDaniel.

Another way the Camp Darby library is focused on blending today's high-tech world with library services is the online library web site www.library.eur.army.mil. The site allows one to download eBooks and audio books, order books, CDs and movies from other libraries, and even renew overdue items.

"We are here to support the community, and we do it at a price that cannot be beat!," said McDaniel.

Darby Dates

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

Dentist visit

Schedule appointments for May 2-6. Call 633-7461.

Army Community Services

- ◆ Exceptional Family member Roundtable, April 27
- ◆ Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention training at post theater, April 28
- ◆ Anti-bullying workshop for students, parents and faculty at elementary school, April 27
- ◆ Better than a budget, May 3
- ◆ Military Spouses Appreciation ice cream social at commissary, May 6

Call 633-7084 to learn about these programs.

Fitness Center

- ◆ Free Hatha Yoga Mondays at 5:15 p.m. and Wednesdays at noon
- ◆ Free Spinning with Nicole Tuesdays at 11:15 a.m. and Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. Call 633-7438.

Youth Services

- ◆ Parent's Night Out, April 30
 - ◆ Kick back night, April 30
- Call 633-7629.

ITR trips

ITR is offering the following upcoming trip. Call 633-7589. Handicraft fair in Florence, April 30

Outdoor Recreation

- ◆ Enjoy a morning of bicycling through the Chianti countryside April 30. Cost includes guide and support vehicle. Mountain bikes available at ODR. Call 633-7775.

Darby Community Club

- ◆ Right Arm/Wing man night, April 29
- ◆ Taco Tuesday, May 3
- ◆ Mother's Day Brunch, May 8
- ◆ Summer kick-off barbecue party at Fest tent, May 14

Religious Activities

9:40 a.m. Catholic reconciliation
10 a.m. Catholic Mass
11:15 a.m. Protestant worship
11:15 a.m. Catholic CCD
Call 633-7267

Volunteers are needed for Vacation Bible school June 27-July 1. This is for children 3 years old to fifth grade. Registration will begin May 15. All kids at Camp Darby are encouraged to attend this free event. Middle school and high school students will be welcomed as volunteers for the week. Adult volunteers are also needed, so if you want to help children learn, sign up. Training will be offered.

Going to story hour can help keep your child's room clean

By Sgt. Trey Harvey

AFN Livorno

Some parents may be too busy or just too tired after a hard day's work to come home and read a story to their children. Luckily for them, a couple of volunteers and the Camp Darby Library have teamed up and found a way to keep children and their parents happy.

Every Wednesday morning is the children's weekly story hour. The children vote on three short stories to read, and when finished, they're allowed to check out one book to bring home.

"We read about how to clean your room and about a little boy who turned into a cheeseburger," said Jen Lindstrom, volunteer storyteller. "When the children listen to the stories, they hear and also see how you open the book and what direction to read. For the five and six year old children, it's very important for them to hear the words, orally they see the words that you are reading, and they also get a fun story to listen to."

So whether the kids are avoiding becoming a cheeseburger or learning 10 sneaky ways to clean their room, (the children) learn lessons every Wednesday from the weekly story hour event.



Top photo, Camp Darby children take part in a special poetry reading during National Library Week. Left photo, Tavy Davis reads to children at the Wednesday Story hour.

Photos by Joyce Costello

Ceramic Eggs:

Each year Nove celebrates Easter with an exhibition of Ceramic Eggs made by Italian pottery artists. Ongoing through May 1, Museum of Ceramics, Piazza De Fabris 5, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. Open Saturday, Sunday and Italian holidays, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3-7 p.m.

Courtesy photo



Vigevano (Pavia); July 10 in Rome; July 12 in Udine

Take That: July 12 in Milan, San Siro Stadium

Elton John: July 12, Piazzola sul Brenta, Padova; July 14 in Lucca

Bon Jovi: July 17 in Udine, Friuli Stadium

Paul Simon: July 17 in Milan

James Blunt: July 21 in Lucca; July 23 in Mantova.

Sting: July 29 in Venice, Piazza San Marco

Tickets available in Vicenza at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center or at www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing or <http://www.ticketone.it/EN/>.

ODR trips

Taste of Italy tour, Parmigiano and Prosciutto, April 30

Visit Cinque Terre, May 7-8

Kayak Lake Garda, May 8

Ride the Nice and Cannes Express, May 14

Bike Brenta River, all-levels, May 14

Visit Turin and Venaria Reale, May 21

Lake Como Tour, May 22

Croatia SCUBA open water dive trip, May 23

Barcelona, Spain, for Memorial Day, May 26-30

All trips need to be booked in person. See the complete ODR schedule online at www.VicenzaMWR.com.

Sporting events

Kickboxing champs:

The World Kickboxing Championship is Friday in Florence, Nelson Mandela Forum

Harlem Globetrotters:

The Globetrotters perform May 8, in Assago; May 9 in Biella

Superbike Champ:

June 10-12 in Misano Adriatico

Red Bull X Fighters:

International freestyle Motorcross: June 24 in Rome, Olympic Stadium

Italian GranPrix:

July 1-3, Scarperia (Florence), Mugello Circuit

Local events

This year Easter (in Italian Pasqua) is celebrated April 24. Easter in Italy is a sacred season for Catholics, accompanied by several traditions and cultural customs. For example, on Good Friday many communities remember the day with Passion processions. Although Italians do not decorate hard-boiled eggs, many pastry shops, supermarkets and bars feature brightly wrapped Uova di Pasqua – Easter eggs. They come in many different sizes and prices, and you can choose between milk and dark chocolate. All except the tiniest eggs contain a surprise.

Among the typical Easter dishes are special stuffed or layered pasta dishes such as lasagna manicotti and pasticcio, and lamb. Special pastries are served, such as Colomba, the Dove. This symbol of peace gives form to this traditional sweet bread that is to Easter what Panettone is to Christmas. It has the same consistency, without the candied fruits, and is covered with glaze and almonds.

Pasquetta, or Easter Monday, is another important holiday in Italy. It is more than an extra day off work. It is the unofficial start of spring and a chance to picnic with friends and family.

Schools and most of the stores will be closed.

Monday is a national holiday celebrating Liberation Day in Italy. It marks the anniversary of the 1945 liberation from the Fascist party and the end of World War II in Italy.

Via Crucis - Live

Stations of the Cross:

Friday, 8 p.m., in Gallio, about 40 miles north of Vicenza. Procession departs from S. Bartolomeo Church and goes through the town stopping in different stations to represent an event surrounding Christ's crucifixion. The first station is in Piazza Italia. The itinerary will be lit up with small oil-lamps. By tradition it will be re-enacted by the children of Gallio.

"A Walk with Palladio":

Saturday through October 2. Discover Palladio's works in downtown Vicenza and some of his most important villas in surrounding towns. Saturday downtown tour on foot, route A,

2:30 p.m.- 5:30 p.m., €11. Sunday bus tour, route B, 9 a.m.-3:45 p.m., €12; route C, 3:45-5:30 p.m. €6; or route B and route C, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m., €15. This tour also includes a visit to Bassano del Grappa and to the Alpini's Bridge. English tour guide provided.

For information and bookings visit <http://www.palladio2008.info/html/news/evento.php?idEvento=91&idCat=0>. To receive via email the English pamphlet, call Anna Terracino at 634-7169 or send an email to anna.terracino@eur.army.mil.

Birds Fair:

Monday, 6 a.m.-8 p.m., in Arzignano, sports center, Via dello Sport, about 12 miles west of Vicenza. 6 a.m. bird-singing contest with presentation of awards at 10 a.m.; birds of prey and farm animal's exhibit; 3 p.m. canine regional competition. Food booths featuring local specialties. Admission fee: €4; reduced €2 for teens/students 14-18 and free for children under 14.

Bounce houses

In Vicenza, Campo Marzo through May 15, weekdays 2-8 p.m.; Sunday and holidays 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Among the many bounce houses, it features a "Tibetan bridge", "An air mountain", a "Camelot Castle" as well as a giant slide. Admission fee: €5.

Upcoming marathons and walks:

- ♦ The Donor March, Monday, in Grancona, about 14 miles southwest of Vicenza. 5-12-23 km. Departure between 8 a.m. and 9 a.m. from the Sports Center in Via Pederiva. Participation fee is €2; €5 with a Prosecco bottle; €8 with a participation T-shirt. Parking provided.
- ♦ Cherry Blossom Walk, Monday, in Mason Vicentino, about 15 miles north of Vicenza. 6-12-20-km. Departure from Don Milani Middle School, Via Nogaredo 33, 7:30-9:30 a.m. Participation fee is €2. Entertainment and food stands along the route.

WWII re-enactment:

Saturday-Monday, in Verona. Exhibition of WWII tanks and vehicles in Piazza Bra on Sunday. For a detailed program in English, visit http://www.goticatoscana.eu/EN/Events/The_Column_2011/the_column_2011.html.

FREE concerts, exhibits & events

13th Ceramic Eggs exhibition:

Each year Nove celebrates Easter with an exhibition of Ceramic Eggs made by Italian pottery artists. Ongoing through May 1, Museum of Ceramics, Piazza De Fabris 5, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. Open Saturday, Sunday and Italian holidays, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3-7 p.m.

Stations of the Cross:

Ongoing through Sunday, 4:30-8 p.m. in Vicenza, Pedrina Art Studio, Palazzo da Schio, Corso Palladio 147.

Contemporary art exhibition:

Ongoing through May 3, in Vicenza, Spazio Misael, Galleria Porti 3, Corso Palladio. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. & 4-7:30 p.m.

Sculpture exhibit:

Ongoing to May 28 in Vicenza at Vi.Art, Contrà del Monte 13. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-noon & 3-7 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 3-7 p.m.

Explore the sky:

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

Live music:

Aim Indie rock – live music: April 21, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Bar Sarte, Corso Santi Felice e Fortunato 362.

Strange Corner and Devotion – live hardcore punk music: Friday, 9:30 p.m. in Vicenza, Sabotage Bar, Via dell'Industria 12/T.

Good Friday Service with Carmini Choir performance: Friday, 8:30 p.m., in Vicenza, Saint Croce Church, Corso Fogazzaro 254.

Easter Eve Liturgical celebration with Carmini Choir performance: Saturday, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Saint Croce Church, Corso Fogazzaro 254.

Easter Mass with Carmini Choir performance: Sunday, 9:30 a.m., in Vicenza, Saint Croce Church, Corso Fogazzaro 254.

Concerts

Shakira: May 2 in Casalecchio di Reno; May 3 in Assago, Milan

Sade: May 6 in Assago, Milan, Mediolanum Forum

Delain: May 9 in Milan

Steve Hackett: May 11 in Milan; May 12 in Bologna; May 13 in Rome

Heineken Jammin' Festival: June 9 -11 in Mestre (Venice), Parco San Giuliano

- ♦ June 9: Coldplay with special guests

- ♦ June 10: Negramaro with special guests

- ♦ June 11: Vasco + special guests

For more details in English, visit <http://www.venezia.net/heineken-jammin-festival/en/> and http://www.greenticket.it/x/eventi_cerca.html?r_id=72521&o_s_id=1646

Gods of Metal: June 22 in Milan, Arena

Bob Dylan and his Band: June 22 in Milan, Alacatraz

Skunk Anansie: July 6 in Udine; July 10 in Ferrara; July 19 in Milan; July 20 in Rome

Burt Bacharach and Mario Biondi: July 6 in Milan; July 10 in Lucca

John Mellencamp: July 9 in

Now Showing



Ederle Theater

Friday	Just Go With It (PG 13)	6 p.m.
	I Am Number Four (PG 13)	9 p.m.
Saturday	Rio (PG)	3 p.m.
	Just Go With It (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Rio (PG)	3 p.m.
	I Am Number Four (PG 13)	6 p.m.
April 29	Justin Bieber: Never Say Never (G)	6 p.m.
	I Am Number Four (PG 13)	9 p.m.

The Caserma Ederle Post Movie Theater will be closed Monday-Thursday for renovations until further notice.

Camp Darby Theater

Friday	Sucker Punch (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Saturday	Just Go With It (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	I Am Number Four (PG 13)	1 p.m.
April 29	Gnomeo & Juliet (G)	6 p.m.

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

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

Special events

- ♦ Get ready for DFMWR's Spring Eggstravaganza, Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Hoekstra Field. There will be an egg hunt, food and drinks, face painting, balloon creations, a bouncy house and the Easter Bunny will make an appearance.
- ♦ Family and MWR celebrates the return of our deployed Soldiers with a Welcome Home Party April 30 from 3:30-11 p.m. Enjoy a hot dog eating contest, live bands, a 5K fun run, free food and drinks, carnival rides, arts and crafts for kids, family photos and a duck pond. There will also be a Survivor contest open to redeployed Soldiers. Everything takes place behind the Ederle Inn next to the Multi-Purpose Turf Field. Come join the fun and celebrate our Soldiers' homecoming. For more information and a map of the festival area visit www.vicenzaMWR.com. Note that Arts and Crafts, Auto Skills and the Arena will be closed the day of the event.
- ♦ Bring your spouse to the Golden Lion for Casino night May 7, 7-11 p.m. for Military Spouse Appreciation Day. The event features casino games, music, prizes and couples can be remarried by "Elvis," Vegas-style. The cost is \$10 on WebTrac. Call 634-5087 for more info.

Communication class

- Are you interested in improving your communication or leadership skills or how you can overcome the fear of public speaking? Attend an information meeting Tuesday, at 11:30 a.m. at building 305, 1st floor conference room. For questions contact Janet Geisler at 634-5033.

Soldiers' Theatre

- Local musicians and music lovers gather May 6 at 7 p.m. for Music Café. Sit back and just listen or join the fun on stage yourself. Light refreshments are available. Call 634-7281 if you would like to perform.

Arts and Crafts

- ♦ Month of the Military Child Activities are happening Thursdays from 1-5 p.m. at the Art Center. Join them for Recycled Creations April 28. An Earth Day celebration will include art activities Friday outside building 393 - location of the new Children's Park. Call 634-7074 for more info.
- ♦ Don't miss your last chance to work with ceramics instructor Tami Howell with her last set of classes occurring throughout the month of May. Both adult and children's classes available; sign up now to reserve your spot.

Thrift Shop

- The Thrift Shop will be open May 7 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Did you know that you can consign electronics and gently used household goods at the Thrift Shop? Stop by to pick up a list of items they are currently accepting and to schedule an appointment.

Recognition ceremony

- If you have completed a degree

or certificate, or are within 12 semester hours of completing your degree, you can participate in the USAG 2011 Graduation/Recognition Ceremony May 13 at 10 a.m. in the Golden Lion Hall. To participate, contact the Vicenza Education Center to RSVP before May 2. Call 634-8933 or email vicenza.edcenter@us.army.mil

Estate Claim

Anyone having any claims on or obligations to the estate of SPC Matthew Allen Spoon, Chosen Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, should contact the Summary Court Officer, 1st LT Brian Caldwell at 634-8723 or brian.caldwell3@eur.army.mil.

DOL closures

DOL facilities that will be closed Monday, due to the Italian holiday, include: POV Inspection Point; CIF, SSA, POL, IPB, TISA, ITO; customs; SATO. The TMP Office will have limited service (dispatching/mass transit)

Pass/Badge Office closure

Installation Access Control Office (Pass & Badge Office), located in building 4B (MP Station), will be closed Monday, due to the Italian holiday. The office will return to normal business hours Tuesday.

USO

Italian I (Basic Italian)-Mondays and Wednesdays, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., 5:30-7 p.m., or Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Italian II (Advanced Italian)-Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. or 5:30-7 p.m.

CYS Services

- ♦ Grand opening of the new Children's Nature Park is Friday, 3:30-6:30 p.m., located near

the Central Processing Facility, building 393. In celebration of Earth Day there will be ecological displays, art activities and the very first "Trashion" Show. For info call Parent Central Services 634-7219.

- ♦ School Age Center holds an open house and carnival Friday, from noon-3 p.m. Come have lunch with your child. There will food, fun and entertainment. Call 634-5700 for more information.

- ♦ The Parent Advisory Group meets Wednesday, noon-1 p.m. at the ACS conference room in Davis Hall. On the agenda: nomination of the group coordinator, preview of CYSS summer programs, opportunities for new parent education, update on the status of SAC accreditation and any concerns raised by parents. All CYSS parents are encouraged to attend. Call 634-8347.

- ♦ Due to recurring vandalism of the Villaggio Tennis Courts, effective Monday, the Villaggio Tennis Courts will be open for public use Mondays-Fridays from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. For after hours and weekend use call the CYSS Sports & Fitness Office at DSN 634-6151 during their operating hours Mondays-Fridays 10 a.m.-6 p.m. to sign out a key.

Visit www.vicenzamwr.com for a complete listing or call Parent Central Services at 634-7219.

ACS

- ♦ Fill out a Community Needs Assessment Survey. By doing this, it ensures effective programs and services. Stop by ACS or go to www.myarmyonesource.com/survey_USAG_Vicenza. For more info., call 634-7500/7456.

- ♦ The Yellow Ribbon Room located at ACS was created for Spouses/Families of deployed Soldiers. As of May 1, it will resume regular business hours, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Mondays thru Fridays. The facility will be closed on weekends. Other computer services available after regular business

hours are located at the B.O.S.S. Lounge, Post Library and USO. For more information, contact these organizations directly.

- ♦ On April 25 the Warrior Transition Unit Town Hall Meeting will be 9-10 a.m. and MEB Outreach Presentation 10 a.m.-noon. This is for all Soldiers and their spouses who are pending medical boards. For more information contact the SOS/SFAC Coordinator at 634-7500/6173.

- ♦ Freeze Out Child Abuse! Join ACS April 27 at 3:30 p.m. for the Ice Cream Flavor Contest. Families will be using a variety of toppings to create their own ice cream flavor. For more info call FAP at 634-7500.

MOMS Club events

- ♦ Park Playdate, April 21 at 10 a.m.
- ♦ Bunco, April 21 at 7 p.m.
- ♦ Toddler Playgroup, Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.
- ♦ Zoo Trip, Wednesday at 9:30 a.m.

Library

Give mom something special for Mother's Day. Come to the Library and decorate a flower pot for her favorite flowers, May 4, 3:30-16:30 p.m. All materials are provided free. Sign up at the Library desk before May 3.

Arena

As Karaoke Week continues, come in and sing each night, until Saturday. Winners from each night will compete for prizes as they sing for a final win. Call 634-8257 for more information.

Alcoholics Anonymous

AA meetings are Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the ASAP, building 169.

It is an open meeting and anyone can come to learn about AA's 12 step recovery. There are no requirements except confidentiality.

Religious activities

Chaplain Crisis Line

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

Sunday services

8 a.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation, or by appointment
9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass. Daily Mass is held weekdays at noon
9 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school and AWANAs (September-May at "Spiritual Fitness Center", Bldg. 395 behind the Arena)
10:45 a.m.: Catholic religious education (September-May at "Spiritual Fitness Center", Bldg. 395 behind the Arena)
11 a.m.: Protestant worship
1:30 p.m.: Full Gospel Pentecostal worship
5 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Mondays

Noon: LDS scripture study

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

3 p.m.: Praise dance practice
3:15 p.m.: Middle School Club Beyond meets in Villaggio Youth Center September-May
5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice
5:30 p.m.: PWOC Bible study. Dinner provided. No child care
5:30 p.m.: High School Club Beyond meets at the Teen Center for dinner; meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. September-May. Call 340-139-4073 for information
5:30 p.m.: Catholic choir practice
6:45 p.m.: Gospel choir practice

Thursdays

9:30 a.m.: Catholic Women of the Chapel
5:30 p.m.: Gospel service choir rehearsal
7:15 p.m.: Gospel service Bible study

Faith group contacts

Islamic: Call 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for info
Jewish: Call Paul Levine at 345-907-2108
Latter Day Saints: Call Chance Wilson at 327-869-8107. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. downtown. Scripture study held Mondays, noon-1 p.m. at the chapel
 Call the Caserma Ederle chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for more information on religious activities.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Car seat safety: A free car seat check will be conducted in the U.S. Army Health Center-Vicenza parking lot April 27-28 from 7-10 a.m. The photo above shows a similar inspection from last year. Car seats will be checked by a certified child passenger seat safety technician. A limited amount of car seat checks can be offered. Call Army Community Service at 0444-71-7500 to schedule an appointment.

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



Members of both U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza post soccer team and Club Peru pose for a group photo after the game. Peru defeated the post team 4-2.

Club Peru tops garrison in soccer team

Story and photos by Tom Hlavacek

Special to the Outlook

The U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza post soccer team lost 4-2 against Club Peru Saturday. U.S. Army Africa's Ben Carpenter scored first for the Vicenza Lions in the 40th minute with a shot from 18 meters out taking his team into the half, 1-0.

In the second half, Wilmer Aguilar, 509th Signal Battalion, got the second goal on a penalty kick in the 55th minute. Then Club Peru went on a counter attack. Peruvian Oscar Huayangui scored the first goal and the momentum started to change. Playing for Peru, Luis Estepa, 106th Finance Company, scored on a penalty kick knotting the game at 2-2. Aguilar scored an on-side goal to put Peru up 3-2 and Huayangui scored the final goal in the 80th minute.

Lion's coach Shaun Nurse said, "This was a practice game for us and we keep our starters in the first half and played everybody the 2nd half to give all members playing time. We have four games scheduled and we will need everybody."



Ben Carpenter



Luis Estepa



Photos by Tom Hlavacek

Play ball: Company A and Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, play two practice games Saturday to prepare for the upcoming unit-level season. Registration is currently open to sign up for teams. A mandatory meeting for unit-level teams will be at the Fitness Center, April 28 at 2 p.m. The season is scheduled to start May 4. Call 634-7009 for more information.

COMMUNITY UNIT/REC OPEN PLAY DODGE BALL

Team	Win	Loss	HHC 173RD SCOUTS	5	8
DESTINED CO	13	2	HHC MEDICS 2/503RD	2	8
464TH MP PLT	7	4	C 106TH FMCO	0	2

The 2011 USAG-Vicenza Unit/Recreational Dodge Ball League matches are Tuesday and Thursday at 6 and 6:40 p.m. Call the Fitness Center for specifics at 634-7009.

Self defense classes
April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and self defense classes are being offered by Army Community Service for all ages. The classes will be every Saturday in April from noon-2 p.m. at the fitness center. Space is limited. Call the victim advocate coordinator for a reservation at 634-6269/7500.

Unit & rec play
New players are always welcome. Call 634-7009 or individual POCs.

Basketball: 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for six or more, fitness center.

Volleyball: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays for eight or more players, fitness center.

Men's Soccer: 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for 10 or more players at the turf field behind the Ederle Inn. Email shaun.nurse@amedd.army.mil or call 636-9648/9120.

Women's Soccer: 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays for eight or more players at the turf field behind the Ederle Inn. Email sr_brasher@yahoo.com or call 634-8925.

Frisbee golf: pickup game, 6 p.m. Wednesdays on the North 40 field.

Recreational leagues Recreational Softball

Registration is open. Coaches meeting will be April 28 at 2 p.m. in the Fitness Center Conference room. Call 634-7009 for information.

Rugby tryouts

Rugby Team tryouts and practice is ongoing at the Sports Field Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. They are looking for players and coaches.

Indoor soccer tourney

5-on-5, April 29, maximum of eight players per team. Awards include coaches, individual and team for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Coaches meeting will be April 26 at 6 p.m. on the Fitness Center basketball court.

Racquetball clinic

May 7, 9 a.m. at the Fitness Center Racquetball Courts

Female softball

Participants and coaches for softball must be minimum of 18 years old and out of high school. For those interested contact the Fitness Center to leave your contact information.

40 and older basketball

For those interested in playing against a men's Italian 40 and older team, contact Sport, Fitness & Aquatics at 634-7009 or 7616, and leave your contact information.