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The post Movie Theater is having a special showing of Harry Potter Part II Saturday and Sunday at 10 a.m. Tickets go on sale at 9 a.m.

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Ghanaian, U.S. troops partner for MEDFLAG 11



Sgt. 1st Class Tim Miller, left, battalion senior supply sergeant for the Illinois National Guard's 405th Brigade Support Battalion, listens as Sgt. Mark L. Kwansah, center, a visual information equipment operator-maintainer for U.S. Army Africa, prices supplies July 12 from a local Ghanaian merchant for MEDFLAG 11. Kwansah, a U.S. citizen originally from Ghana, has proved himself a significant help in communication between the U.S. and Ghanaian military forces. Sponsored by USARAF and arranged by the U.S. Embassy, the bilateral MEDFLAG 11 strengthens the relationship and interoperability between the U.S. and Ghana military forces through 10 days of collaborative training and sharing of medical expertise, as well as joint humanitarian civilian assistance in local communities.

Story and photos by Sgt. Elisebet Freeburg 143rd Sustainment Command (Expeditionary)

ACCRA, GHANA – MEDFLAG 11, a joint humanitarian assistance exercise between U.S. and Ghana Armed Forces, kicked off July 11 with an opening ceremony at the nearby Ghanaian army base, Burma Camp.

Sponsored by U.S. Army Africa, the bilateral MEDFLAG 11 exercise serves to strengthen the relationship between the U.S. and Ghana through 10 days of collaborative training and sharing of medical expertise, as well as joint humanitarian civilian

assistance in local communities.

The Ghana Armed Forces chief of defense staff, Lt. Gen. Peter Augustine Blay, welcomed guests to the opening ceremony and noted, "...the Ghana Armed Forces and the United States Army have a long-cherished relationship that will continue to grow from strength to strength."

About 200 troops participated in the exercise, including U.S. Army Reserve and National Guard soldiers and servicemembers from the GAF's 37th Military Hospital in Accra. Civilian personnel from Ghana's National Disaster Management Organization, similar to FEMA in the U.S., are also lending their expertise.

"Together, we will learn from each other," said Lt. Col. Rodney Boyd, officer-in-charge of the U.S. MEDFLAG forces and the commander of the 405th Brigade Support Battalion, a National Guard unit from Chicago, Ill. "Once we leave here, both armies will be smarter and stronger."

During his address, Blay also encouraged MEDFLAG 11 participants from both countries to put all their time and energy into the exercise, ensuring not just a growth of medical knowledge but also the provision of medical care to the public.

"We hope that at the end of (the exercise), our capacities will be enhanced," said Lt. Col. (Dr.) Gordon Appiah, a neurosurgeon at

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ACS launches Culture College to educate community newcomers

By Annette Fournier USAG Vicenza Public Affairs Office

Army Community Service is preparing to roll out its new program, Culture College, Aug. 1, to replace Head Start, which will cease July 31. The Benvenuti program offered for spouses will still be offered.

Head Start, a four-day program, is the introduction to Italy orientation program for Soldiers and civilians. However, funding limitations have prevented the program from being continued. Rather than losing the orientation program altogether, ACS and other post agencies worked together to form Culture College.

"We knew that we had to offer something, because it's really important for people who are just arriving to get an overview of everything the community has to offer, on and off post," said Julia Sibilla, ACS Relocation Program manager, who has been one of the drivers behind the new program. "Without Head Start, newcomers would just get a five-minute cultural overview as part of their orientation. That's not enough when you're coming to a beautiful place like Italy and the Veneto. We wanted to be able to offer something useful, but also interesting and fun, to help newcomers integrate into the community."

Marva Dixon, ACS director, said Culture College presented an opportunity for ACS to serve incoming Soldiers and civilians by tailoring the agenda to be more Vicenza-specific.

"We're really excited to start offering Culture College," Dixon said. "We've been doing Head Start for 35 years, and this is an opportunity to revamp the program and make it more relevant to Soldiers coming in now. It's a great opportunity and I'm really happy with how ACS and the other organizations have managed to put together this great program."

Culture College will include an introduction to Vicenza and the Veneto, an installation overview, information about deployment support, an introduction to Italian language, an overview of food, cultural customs, courtesies and frequently asked questions, financial information, and fun activities and events in the area. The class will also include a tour of downtown Vicenza using the local bus services. Culture College will be Soldier-focused, but civilians and families are invited to take part as well.

The idea for Culture College came from a May meeting of ACS specialists to try to find a way to make something to fill the gap left by the loss of Head Start.

They wanted to create an orientation program that would help See CULTURE, page 2

Opinion & Editorial

Security safety tips for auto travel during summertime

By Peg Clevenger
USAG Vicenza security manager

Plan your route in advance – Sounds funny, but a good security tip when you travel by car is to become familiar ahead of time with where you are going. A little pre-planning into the laws, road signs, and customs of the country can be extremely beneficial. Familiarize yourself as much as possible with areas of your destination which are considered to be risky or dangerous. Have an alternate route in case of road construction or other unforeseen circumstances.

Securing your vehicle – The bottom line is you can prevent trouble if you take some simple precautions such as:

Low profile - remove all stickers which designate you as an American

Lock up - secure doors and windows at all times when parked

Lighting – park in well-lit areas and close to a location where there are a lot of people

Hide it - GPS, iPod, gas coupons, loose change, cell phone, any other valuables – put them in the trunk or out of plain view and remove the suction cup mark left by the GPS mount on the windshield

Half tank, full wallet - keep at least a half a tank of gas at all times. Have enough cash to pay for tolls or vignettes (which you knew about in advance when you performed step 1 above) and be prepared to pay for fuel if you are unable to use coupons for some reason.

Rest areas – choose wisely – It's a great idea to take a break from driving but choose only rest areas that are well lit and allow parking that can be viewed by you at all times. Before exiting the vehicle scan the area; if you feel vulnerable or if the area just doesn't feel right trust your instincts and choose another rest area.

Rental tips — select a car that's inconspicuous and has a lockable trunk. Fancy cars raise your profile and your likelihood as a target.

Mind the gap — Leave ample maneuvering space between your vehicle and the one in front of you. If you are approached by suspicious persons while you are stopped, do not roll down windows; drive away quickly.

Watch your 6 - If you are being followed or harassed by another driver:

Do not pull over unless they have shown you that they are law enforcement.

If not, try to find the nearest police station, hotel, or other public facility. Never lead them back to your home or hotel.

Once you find a safe place, park as close as you can, and get inside fast.

Another option is to keep driving and try to get away until either they leave or you can notify law enforcement.

Get the license plate number of the car and a description of the car and driver.

Do not do any of the above if you feel it would place you in danger. The information is not as important as your safety.

If another car intentionally (judgment call on your part) hits your car, call the police immediately (112 in the European Union, except Italy – 113) and don't get out of the car to exchange information until they arrive.

Report the incident immediately to the MPs by calling toll free 800 064 077 or via the iWatch Community Awareness Program at <http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil/sites/local/iwatch.asp>

Never, ever pick up hitchhikers!

Protect your purchases - If you take packages out to lock them in your trunk and plan to do more shopping, it may be a good idea to move your car to another section of the parking lot or street. The criminal knows that you will be coming back and may wait to ambush you or may steal what you left in the car. By moving your car, you give the impression you're leaving. If you think you are being followed, do not go back to your car. Return to the safety of the occupied shopping area or rest area and contact the authorities.

Raise the hood - If you have car trouble on the road, raise your hood and place your emergency triangle in back of vehicle. When people stop to help, don't get out of the car unless you know them or it's the police.

Vehicle inspection- Always check your vehicle inside and out before entering it. If you notice anything unusual, do not enter the vehicle.

Bottom line – plan ahead and report suspicious activity.

For questions about these tips or any of security issues, call 634-8998.

CULTURE: ACS picking up program to continue educating newcomers to Italy

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Soldiers and civilians integrate into overseas communities, but the program had to be created without additional funding or resources.

Vicenza's ACS held a pilot session of Culture College with U.S. Military Academy cadets in June. U.S. Army Africa personnel contacted ACS to ask

about orientation programs, because the cadets were not able to take four days to attend Head Start.

The Culture College staff took the feedback offered by the cadets and have already modified the curriculum to focus more on areas identified.

"In some ways, I think this will be an improvement on Head Start," Sibilla

said. "With four days of classes, people can get information overload and start to tune out. In Culture College, we're boiling the information down to what is really important and still giving people a chance to get off post, take a tour, and start to get integrated with the community.

"We really want to make this program

meet the needs of our community," Sibilla said. "We're really flexible on adapting this to what works for our community, and we'll keep evaluating it as we go forward and listening to feedback from participants to see how we can make it the best program possible."

For more information about Culture College call ACS at 634-7500.

Have a comment or problem with Caserma Ederle service provider? Post them at http://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=site&site_id=199.

Speak Out

What do you do to beat the heat?



Perry Williams
New Car Sales

"Stay in the air conditioning and drink a cup of tea."



Christina Gambrell
Fitness Center

"Leave the windows open and when I'm not working, go to the beach."



Capt. Todd Gately
OSJA

"I finally broke down and got air conditioning."



Aisea Hoelt
Postal Service Center

"Stay under the trees."



Erin Swanke
Fitness Center

"I take my mind off of it by playing video games."

By Laura Kreider

MEDFLAG: USARAF sponsoring exercise to strengthen relations

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the 37th Military Hospital. “Truthfully, that’s what we are looking for.”

After several days of hands-on classroom instruction by both U.S. and Ghanaian personnel, the MEDFLAG staff will visit several municipalities to use their increased capabilities by offering basic medical, dental and veterinary services to the populace.

“I’m looking forward to a successful mission,” said Boyd. “It’s a partnership to provide a service to the Ghanaian people, and the telltale sign of how we do is how the Ghanaian people feel at the end.”

Initiated in 1987, MEDFLAG has been held more than 20 times, spanning across approximately 16 countries, including Gabon (1988 and 2007), Zambia (1992), Uganda (2002), Morocco (2003) and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (2010).

MEDFLAG, a key program in the United States’ efforts to partner with the Government of Ghana, is the latest in a series of exercises involving U.S. military forces and African partner militaries with the aim of establishing and developing military interoperability, regional relationships, synchronization of effort and capacity-building.



National Guard medics from the 814th Medical Company, Sgt. Zach Brainert and Spc. Amanda Schumacher demonstrate rescue breathing with a bag-valve-mask July 14 at Burma Camp, Accra, Ghana during MEDFLAG 11. U.S. Army Africa is sponsoring the MEDFLAG exercise.

Vicenza High School recognizes students with high academics

The following students received All As on their report card during the fourth quarter of the 2010-2011 school year:

Caroline Benz
Stephanie Bills
John Booney
Alexis Camuso
John Camuso
Emma Conrad
Taylor Curry
Ann Francis
Tyler Holderby
Kelsey Johnson
Tia Juliano
Stacey Kaiser
Nina Lintz
Jonathan Lombardi
Natalie Lovelace
Saige Martinez
William Pagan
Kimberly Panian
Sarah Pfeffer
Tess Segura
Conner Smith
Harrison Tarr
Sydney Vickery
Ronnie Wilcox

The following students made the Honor Roll with a GPA greater than 3.5

William Anderson
Cooper Armstrong
Lali Baratashvili
Paul Barnwell
Camille Benz
Sarah Bonney
Brian Caraballo
Tara Clinton
Skyler Coert-Lemaitre
Michael De Oliveira
Jonluca Decaro
Gary Donald
Jessica Doty
Meagan Garcia
Rima Gasparini
Alexander Guerra
Candy Hernandez
Aaron Hogg
Bryan Hogg
Arden Holderby
Jeremy Huller
Celist Jimenez
Milan Juliano
Justin Lieb
Kaitlyn Martin
Rebecca Matheson
Robert Alex Mckenzie

Anna Myers
Jenitza Pierce
Meriel Robinson
Miguel Rodriguez
Darneisha Rollins
Derrick Schaefer
Sohni Shaikh
Alexandra Sibilla
Brandy Somera
Emelie Steck
Abbie Stone
Tre’ Vonnah Sutton
Ian Tramm
Erika Valek
Abigail Vallery
Victoria Werner
Jennifer Whitley
Kyle Wood
Nathan Woods
Troy Young

The following students were honorable mention with a GPA of 3.0-3.4:

Nicholas Angyal
Abigail Armstrong
Marcus Banks
Noemy Bertarello
William Besuden

Anastacia Brown
Darius Cade
Charles Calabrese
Xavier Clark
Tevin Cleveland
Timothy Coert-Lemaitre
Shani Cook
Deonte Dennis
Alejandra Domeier
Malcolm Dorsey
Johnnie Edison
Danielle Ellis
Alexandra Frank
John Gafford
Joshua Ganci
Shawn Goodwin
Charity Green
Marcus Grice
John Paul Gueli
Julia Hartless
Alexander Jogthong
Jacob Knapp
Jordan Larsen
Jessie Licata
Stephanie Maculan
Ary Marsee
Ramsey Marsee
Matthew Martini
Monique Morton
Sidney Moser

Melissa Myers
Haleigh Neal
Megan Newbell-Wright
Nicolo’ Novek
Kate Panian
Sella Pauling
Zulmarie Perez
Samantha Pimentel
Anita Pukinskas
Antonietta Ramirez
Patrick Robinson
Mercedes Russell
Iman Sabbahi
Mikhail Schroeder
Ramsey Schroeder
Alaina Scott
Alyssa Seibel
Justin Shepard
Austin Solorzano
Jacob Solorzano
Lorena Somera
Alexander Steger
Maya Swinehart
Christian Vallone
Greysen Vickery
Michael Weston
Sarah Weston
Carl Wilkerson
Tristan Wilson
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At Your Service



Directorate of Public Works

Davide Donà is an environmental health technician for the Directorate of Public Works. He started working on Caserma Ederle in March after having to take a test to show his knowledge about trees on post. His duties include spraying for weeds and bugs, helping to capture stray animals and checking structures for mold.

“When people have problems with bugs or pests, they need to call our office,” Donà said. “We can help people who live on Villaggio and in the single Soldier barracks.”

Donà can be found in building 19. To report questions or problems call 634-8218.

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

Vicenza students enrich minds during summer break

Story and photos by Ann Gasparini
Summer Enrichment teacher in charge

Squid, sea turtles, fossils, mysteries and evidence — what do these have in common? Around 100 students from beginning kindergarten through eighth grade participated in the Voyager Summer Enrichment 2011 for the last four weeks at Vicenza Elementary School. Activities have included learning involving mysteries, media, reading, math and investigations within six classroom groupings. Guest speakers included specialists working with mysteries on a daily basis such as Investigator Orlando Lambert from the DARE program and Vicenza Fire Department Capt. Kelly Knight. The military working dogs also paid the Summer Enrichment students a visit to show off their investigative skills.

Lacy Wolf from the Wellness Center worked with the students on the elements that assist in our physical and mental well being. She noted that we want to encourage everyone to have at least five servings of fruits and vegetables daily, no more than two hours of screen time a day, to include television and computers and at least one hour a day of hard play.

Elementary-aged students took part in Turtle Talk, which investigated the mysteries of the sea with a focus on the sea turtles that nest on some of our beaches on the east coast of the States. This can be done at home by going to www.cccturtle.org to track a turtle's migration path.

Michelle Krewson, post librarian, will visit the students on Friday and award all readers that have read at least 10 books.

Summer Enrichment is offered by Department of Defense Education Activity to provide students with a four-week enrichment opportunity. Students commented that they enjoyed reading, working in centers, investigating various mysteries and working on the computer in the math program.



Above, Vicenza Elementary Students paint sea turtles after learning about them during the Voyager Summer Enrichment program. At left, Vicenza firefighter Capt. Kelly Knight shows a piece of equipment to students as a part of the summer enrichment program. Other guest speakers came to the school as a part of the program.

Local military community joins in motorcycle ride around Colli Berici



Participants in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Mediterranean Post 8862 organized a motorcycle tour of Colli Berici take a moment to talk with other riders. The ride emphasized safety and participants included Soldiers, veterans and Italians.

Story and photo by Corey Kerzmann

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8862 president

Using the Army's Motorcycle Mentorship Program as a reference, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Mediterranean Post 8862 organized a motorcycle mentorship/safety ride through Colli Berici. The event attracted 36 participants from throughout the Vicenza Military Community including Soldiers, civilians, local national employees and VFW members. Every type of motorcycle was represented at this event from the classic Harley Davison to sport touring bikes, from custom motorcycles to sport bikes and even a maxi-scooter and trike. In addition, a special appearance was made by 11 members of the Vicenza Harley Davidson Owners Group local chapter who support smart and safe riding as well.

After the route and safety briefing, the riders found themselves traveling through Vicenza and then soon into the rolling landscape of the Colli Berici. A short break at Lago di Fimon provided the riders ample opportunity to share riding experiences and talk about the first half of the trip while building friendships. The second half of the route quickly brought participants back into the Colli Berici following switchbacks and abundant weaving roads before ending at Monte Berico where a lunch was served as participants shared past experiences and made plans for future rides.

After a morning of motorcycle riding, the riders departed their separate ways ready for the next encounter to ride together, promoting motorcycle safety and discovering the great views and landscape that the Veneto region has to offer. Video footage of the event will be available on AFN's website and photos can be viewed on the VFW Post 8862 Facebook page.

U.S. Army Health Clinic-Livorno changes command

By Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Maj. Bryan Walrath transferred his duties as commander of the U.S. Army Health Clinic- Livorno to Maj. James Phillips in a ceremony July 14 on Camp Darby's Parade Field.

Col. Jeffery Clark, commander of Landstuhl Regional Medical Center said, "Maj. Walrath's team lead the way not only for Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, but also for Europe Regional Medical Command in the critical areas of patient satisfaction, access to care and key health indicators of the patients.

"During Walrath's time at Camp Darby, the clinic was recognized as being the best clinic in access to care in all of ERMCC," said Clark. "This clinic has beyond a 95-percent patient satisfaction for more than a year and a 100-percent rating these last few months."

According to Clark, Walrath also oversaw the \$600,000 facility upgrade which resulted in a truly patient and family centered setting to provide excellent care.

"Everything we do, our culture, our command climate, truly embodies our motto 'second to none' and we feel this ultimately translates to better patient care; at the end of the day, I don't care about metrics and I don't care about coming in first, but I care about the patient receiving the best care possible," said Walrath. "I will miss this job, but I will keep in touch and reflect on my experiences here often- all good things, like a bottle of Brunello, it must come to an end."

Walrath and his family will continue on to his next assignment at Fort Bliss, Texas. Phillips comes to Camp Darby from his previous assignment at U.S. Army Health Clinic-Shape.

"I appreciate this opportunity and I'm deeply humbled by the responsibility given to me said Phillips. "I believe that a leader is a servant first and foremost and I am here to ensure my team is supplied, equipped and trained to complete the mission."

The U.S. Army Health Clinic, Livorno has been on Camp Darby as field hospital and then a clinic since 1951 when Camp Darby was founded.



Photos by Joyce Costello

Above: Maj. Bryan Walrath, center, outgoing commander, passes the U.S. Army Health Clinic- Livorno guidon to Col. Jeffery Clark who then passed it to incoming commander Maj. James Phillips during a change of command ceremony July 14. Below: Soldiers from U.S. Army Health Clinic- Livorno render honors one last time to outgoing commander Maj. Bryan Walrath. More photos from the event can be found on www.flickr.com/photos/campdarby/sets/.



AFSBn-Italy earns ISO recertification



Photo by Chiara Mattiolo

Alessandro Donati, Army Field Support Battalion-Livorno works on a vehicle.

By Jennifer King
405th Army Field Support Brigade
Public Affairs

The Army Field Support Battalion-Italy earned recertification from the International Organization for Standardization as 9001:2008 compliant for its quality management system earlier this month here.

"The inspectors were very impressed with the operation and reporting details that the battalion had available for command and control," said Lt. Col. Richard Pierce, commander of the AFSBn-Italy. "They noted our continued improvement on process maps linked to standard operating procedures,

maintenance and storage operations, and personnel management practices."

Pierce believes that the recertification is directly related to the talented and dedicated battalion workforce.

"Our Soldiers, civilians and Italian host nation employees are remarkable," said Pierce. "Their skill sets are extremely developed, and their commitment to our mission, and to making our battalion the best that it can be, never falters."

The AFSBn-Italy is headquartered at Leghorn Army Depot on Camp Darby, Italy, and has the lead for all U.S. Army Materiel Command activities south of the Alps. It originally received its ISO certification in 2008.

Newest trip with Outdoor Recreation



Photo by Joyce Costello

Outdoor Recreation now offers a day trip by boat to Capraia Island July 30 and Aug. 13. The island is of volcanic origin, has an area of 19 kilometers and its highest point is 466 meters above sea level. The island has a population of about 366, produces wine, and is a popular area for anchovy fishing. Enjoy a day of snorkeling, scuba diving, mountain biking, swimming, hiking or sun bathing. Call ODR at DSN 633-7775 to sign up.

Darby Dates

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

Sesame Street coming to Camp Darby

Sesame Street and the USO are bringing furry, fuzzy and friendly muppets to Camp Darby for a free show July 24 at 2 p.m. at the Fitness Center.

Child, Youth and School Services

Parent's night out and Youth Center Kick back night July 30

Army Community Services

- ♦ Women's self defense, July 27
 - ♦ Play group, Aug. 3
 - ♦ Anger Management, Aug. 10
 - ♦ Marriage & Parenting, Aug. 18
- Call 633-7084 to learn about these programs.

ITR trips

- Daily trips through August
- ♦ Cinque Terre, Mondays
 - ♦ Venice, Tuesdays
 - ♦ San Gimignano and Siena, Wednesdays
 - ♦ Rome, Thursdays
 - ♦ Elba, Fridays
 - ♦ Florence, Saturdays
- Call 633-7589.

Outdoor Recreation

- ♦ Aqua Fitness Class at the pool at noon, Mondays and Wednesdays in July
 - ♦ Elba Island trip, July 25
 - ♦ Capraia Island trip, July 30
 - ♦ Adventure Park, Aug. 6
- Call 633-7775.

Darby Community Club

- ♦ Pool Tournament, July 25
 - ♦ Texas Hold 'em, July 29
 - ♦ Live Music, July 30 at 9 p.m.
- Call 633-7855.

Fitness Center

- ♦ Free Spin class with Nicole Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. and Fridays at 11:30 a.m.
 - ♦ Pilates Class at noon Tuesdays and Thursdays
 - ♦ Free TRX strap class with Ken at noon Wednesdays
- Call 633-7438.

AFN Decoder Upgrade

AFN is moving to a new satellite July 31. Before then you need to program your decoder to a new frequency and realign your dish. Call CFMO at 633-7882 to schedule an appointment with a contractor.

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
- ♦ Women's Bible Study every Tuesday in July at noon in the Chapel
 - ♦ Singles Strong Bonds spots still available for Garmish in August. Call 633-7267.

Local Palladio history:

Tours of Palladio's work are available in downtown Vicenza, as well as villas in surrounding communities. The Saturday downtown tour is on foot, while a Sunday tour is by bus. For more information, see below.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Local events

"A Walk with Palladio":

Ongoing through Oct. 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, 2:30-5:30 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 + 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 the English pamphlet via email, send an email to anna.terracino@eur.army.mil.

Palladio Sound Touring:

Visit the main works of Andrea Palladio by renting an MP3 at the Vicenza Tourist Information Office, Piazza Matteotti 12, next to the Olympic Theater. The cost is €3 per day. You'll have to leave your state driver's license there and return the MP3 by 6 p.m. Two routes are available: a blue route to visit Vicenza's historical center (Olympic Theater, Chiericati Palace, Casa Cogollo, Santa Corona Church, Garzadori Altar, Leoni Montanari Palace, Thiene Palace, Piazza dei Signori, Corso Palladio) and a yellow route to visit the Palladian villas and Bassano del Grappa (Villa Caldogno, Villa Godi Malinverni, Marostica, Alpini Bridge in Bassano del Grappa, La Rotonda, Villa Cordellina Lombardi).

Mountain Festival:

Saturday-Sunday, in Valli del Pasubio, Malga Prà, Via Rifugio Balasso 1. Food booths and live music.

- ◆ Saturday: 1 p.m. amateur climbing competition (boulder); registrations open at noon; 9 p.m. slide show;

- ◆ Sunday: 10 a.m. under 16 boulder competition with Alpine guides, registrations close at 9:30 a.m.; 9 a.m. climbing course with Alpine guides, registrations close at 8:30 a.m.; 9:30 a.m. mountain hike with Alpine guides, registrations

close at 9 p.m.; 10:30 a.m. Nordic Walking Course, registrations close at 10 a.m.

Registration fees: €15/each activity; pre-registration €10 at Valli Sport, Schio, Via Campagnola 19, or by email info@vallisport.it. English guide provided on request. Free climbing lessons on an artificial climbing wall available at the Balasso Mountain Refuge.

Saint Anna Fair:

Saturday-Sunday, in Villaga, about 14 miles south of Vicenza. Food booths, charity raffle and art craft exhibit.

- ◆ Saturday: 8 p.m. food booths and fair grand opening; live music and dancing with the Tiziano Tonelli Orchestra

- ◆ Sunday: 8 p.m. food booths; 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Le Melodie Orchestra

Polenta and Donkey Festival:

Friday-Sunday, in Grumolo Pedemonte, Zugliano, about 15 miles north of Vicenza. 7:30 p.m. food booths featuring polenta with donkey stew and other local specialties; bounce houses.

- ◆ Friday: 8:30 p.m. live 60's, 70's, and 80's music with the 8^a Nota Band

- ◆ Saturday: 8:30 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with I Valentinis Orchestra

- ◆ Sunday: 8:30 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Walter I Diamanti Orchestra

Saint Maria Maddalena Festival:

Thursday-Monday, in Castelgomberto, about 11 miles northwest of Vicenza. Food booths feature tripe and other local specialties.

- ◆ Thursday: 8 p.m. craft exhibit grand opening and food booths; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Meri & Elisa Orchestra

- ◆ Friday: food booths open at 7:30 a.m.; 9:30 a.m. craft exhibit; 8 p.m. food booths; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Omar La Voce Del Cuore Band

- ◆ Saturday: 7:30 p.m. miniature replica cars competition; 8 p.m. food booths; 9 p.m. live music with Baiardi & Macarena

- ◆ Sunday: 9 a.m. Bicycle ride and breakfast, €2 registration fee; 8 p.m. food booths; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with

Lella Blu

- ◆ Monday: 8 p.m. food booths; 8:30 p.m. dance show; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Marco & Il Clan; 11:30 p.m. fireworks

Horse-Drawn Carriage Tours:

Saturdays, July-September, 8-11:30 p.m., in downtown Vicenza. Enjoy this unique way of seeing the most beautiful sites in Vicenza. The 20-minute tours depart from and return to Piazza Biade. The cost is €15 for a maximum of four people at a time.

Stravalmarana Walk, 6 – 12 – 22 Km non-competitive walk:

Sunday, in Valmarana di Altavilla Vicentina, about six miles southwest of Vicenza. It departs from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. from Via XXV Aprile. The €2 participation fee includes refreshments and medical coverage. Parking and directions available.

FREE concerts, exhibits & events

Jazz Festival:

9:30 p.m., in Bassano del Grappa, Piazza Libertà, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza.

- ◆ July 21: Combo's Night

- ◆ Friday: Big Band Night

Art of Noises Festival: Friday, 7 p.m., in Vicenza, Campo Marzo.

Music and Vespa Club Rally:

Wednesday, 7 p.m.-midnight, in Vicenza, Bar Smeraldo, Campo Marzo, Viale Venezia 9.

"Once upon a time" - contemporary art exhibit:

Ongoing through Sept. 30, in Vicenza, Galleria Porti, Corso Palladio 3, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-7:30 p.m.

Exercise classes in Vicenza, Parco Querini:

- ◆ Mondays, 7-8 p.m., Jazzercise. Bring a mat and weights for toning exercises.

- ◆ Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Body Balance (Yoga, Pilates and Thai-Chi). Bring your own mat; 7:30-8:30 p.m. Body Vive (low-impact group fitness workout)

- ◆ Thursdays, 7 – 8:15 p.m., Yoga. Bring your own mat.

- ◆ Fridays, 7 – 8 p.m., aerobics, toning and stretching exercises.

Sporting events

Moto Grand Prix:

Sept. 2-4 in Misano Adriatico (Rimini)

Formula 1 Italian Grand Prix:

Sept. 9-11 in Monza

SX Series European Supercross Champs:

Oct. 1-3 in Torino

Concerts

89th Opera Festival at the Verona's Area: 89th Arena Festival in Verona:

- ◆ La Traviata by G. Verdi, July 28, Aug. 4, 11

- ◆ Aida, by G. Verdi, July 26, 30; Aug. 7, 14, 28, 31; Sept. 3

- ◆ Il Barbiere di Siviglia by G. Rossini, July 22, 29

- ◆ Nabucco by G. Verdi, July 23, 27; Aug. 5, 12, 21, 25; Sept. 1

- ◆ La Bohème by G. Puccini, Aug. 6, 13, 19, 26, 30; Sept. 2

- ◆ Romeo et Juliette by Charles Gounod, Aug. 20, 24, 27

For more info and special offers, visit <http://booking.veronatuttintorno.it/>

ODR trips

SCUBA, July 27-31

La Thuile and Chamonix Monte Bianco, July 30

World War I hike, July 30

Cinque Terre, Aug. 6

Paragliding, Aug. 6

Sea kayak Garda, Aug. 7

Tour the Dolomites by cable car, Aug. 7

Lake Garda waterpark, Aug. 13

Whitewater rafting, Aug. 20

Trips can be booked on WebTrac at <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/Vicenzarectrac.html> or by following the WebTrac link on www.vicenzaMWR.com or at ODR.

Now Showing



Ederle Theater

Friday	Jumping the Broom (PG 13)	6 p.m.
	Priest (PG 13)	9 p.m.
Saturday	Harry Potter D.H. Part 2 (PG 13)	10 a.m.
	Jumping the Broom (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	Harry Potter D.H. Part 2 (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Harry Potter D.H. Part 2 (PG 13)	10 a.m.
	Priest (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	Harry Potter D.H. Part 2 (PG 13)	6 p.m.
July 29	Thor (PG 13)	6 p.m.
	Bridesmaids (R)	9 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Friday	Transformers 3 (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Saturday	Priest (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Transformers 3 (PG 13)	1 p.m.
July 29	Bridesmaids (R)	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

Sesame Street and the USO are bringing the furry, fuzzy and friendly puppets to Vicenza Tuesday. Meet Katie, a military kid on Sesame Street, who is moving to a new place. Times changed for the two free shows, which will be offered at the Fitness Center, 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Call 634-5087 for more information.

Chapel Chicken Spectacular

Free barbecue grilled chicken as well as other food and fun Aug. 5, 6-8 p.m. Activities include paint the chicken coop, make chicken crafts and do the Chicken Dance.

Summer skin care

A brown bag discussion with Lt. Col. Joseph Wilde, M.D., will be July 26 from 12:10-1 p.m. Register at the Army Wellness Center, 634-8183.

Job openings

- ◆ Vicenza Main Store is hiring two stockers, a laborer, a senior store associate in jewelry and senior store associates in hardlines. Positions close Saturday.
- ◆ Subway is hiring two food service workers. Positions close Wednesday.

ACS

- ◆ Military & Family Life Consultants are licensed clinicians who work with existing Military Family Support Programs to complement those services. They provide non-medical counseling services. MFLCs can help with issues such as anger management, deployment stress, and relocation adjustment, building resiliency, sadness, grief and loss. Consultations are free and anonymous; no records are kept. If you are interested in meeting with a consultant call their cellular phone at 333-489-8967, call DSFRFC at 634-7500 or stop in at the DSFRFC. The 173rd Embedded MFLC cell number is 345-077-0476.

- ◆ The deadline to apply for the AER Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program (term 1) is Monday. Spouses of active-duty Soldiers pursuing their first undergraduate degree and residing with the Soldier overseas are eligible.

CYS Services

- ◆ High Performance Volleyball with EDGE! begins Aug 1. Open to youth in grades 6-12. It's free but space is limited so enroll now on line or at Parent Central Services.
- ◆ Children who have completed kindergarten this past school year can enroll in "KinderKamp." The program runs Mondays-Fridays 5:45 a.m.-6:15 p.m. Full-day and hourly care are available. Children will enjoy a variety of activities including swimming, on post excursions, water fun days and occasional off post trips. Cost is based on the IMCOM-Europe fee policy and income category. Enroll at Parent Central Services, 634-5700.
- ◆ EDGE! youth programs for this

summer include: Spike Volleyball until Aug. 25 and Pre-conditioning until Aug. 26. Programs are for youth in grades 6-12 and are free. Register at Parent Central Services or on Web Trac. Call 634-7502.

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

Summer PWOC studies:

- ◆ Mondays, 9-11 a.m. "She's Gonna Blow" book club at Big Park in Villaggio. Children welcome to play, runs Monday until Aug. 15.
- ◆ Tuesdays, until Aug. 16, 9:30-11 a.m., six-week summer Bible studies & book clubs with child care available. Bible studies include, "Satisfied...at Last!" by Kay Harms and "Understanding Spiritual Gifts" by Kay Arthur, meets in the chapel kitchen area.
- ◆ Wednesdays 10 a.m.-noon, "Conversation Peace" book club at Jeannine Anderson's home in Secula runs until Aug. 10. Email Vicenza@pwoc.org for more details.

MOMS Club events

- ◆ Bunco, July 21 at 7 p.m.
- ◆ Preschool Play group, Friday at 10 a.m.
- ◆ Monthly Meeting, Monday at 10 a.m.
- ◆ Out-n-About, Wednesday, 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ Bowling, July 29

Arena

- ◆ Singer and songwriter Colleen Lloy, mother of a 173rd ABCT Soldier will perform at the Lion's Den July 21, 6 p.m.
- ◆ Summer Movie Nights are every Thursday through Sunday, 6-8 p.m. Enjoy a movie, two hours of bowling, shoe-rental, a large pizza and a pitcher of soda for as many as five people for \$29.95.
- ◆ The Strike Zone offers summer specials made fresh daily. Caesar salad \$4.95, chicken Caesar salad \$5.45, chicken Caesar wrap \$4.95 and barbecue chicken wrap \$5.45. Quantities limited.

- ◆ Children younger than 18 and still enrolled in school can bowl all summer for \$1 per game including shoes 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

VHS newcomer info.

- ◆ New Student Orientation in the gym - lunch included, will be Aug. 25 from noon-3 p.m. The first day of school will be Aug. 29 with all eight periods.
- ◆ Fall Sports begin Aug. 22 for all sports. Football camp, Aug. 14-19 at Ansbach High School. Volleyball camp will be Aug. 14-19 at Vilseck High School. For sports physicals, contact the U.S. Army Health Clinic-Vicenza.

Arts & Crafts Center

- ◆ Messy Art for young children ages 6 months-5 years old, Saturday 10 a.m.-noon. Bring messy clothes, a camera and an open mind, the art center will provide everything else. Cost is \$5 Call 634-7074.
- ◆ Ease into sewing basics while you make a beach bag. You will learn basic sewing machine operation, machine trouble shooting and practice using a pattern sewing straight and curved stitches. Aug. 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 634-7074.
- ◆ The monthly Intro to Framing class will be Saturday. Learn to use the frame studio equipment so you can save money by framing your own artwork and photos.
- ◆ Use one of the many studios for \$2.50 per hour. Get creative with clay, paint on canvas, have fun making cards, finish up some of your framing projects, or choose from our wide variety of bisque ware and paint some pottery.
- ◆ If you or someone you know placed a Dietz print framing order with the Arts and Crafts Center prior to Feb. 28, be sure to pick up ASAP. They will become property of the Arts and Crafts Center if they have not been picked up by Aug. 1.
- ◆ Basics of photography composition class begins July 27

10-11:30 a.m.

- ◆ Upcoming classes include cake decorating, quilting and soap making in September.

Food Handler's Course

The Food Handler's course has changed its time and location. The new time will be 10 a.m. in the Pediatrics Class Room of the Vicenza Health Center. Class will be conducted on the third Tuesday of each month. For more information contact Staff Sgt. Craig Brown at 636-9516 or email craig.brown4@amedd.army.mil.

UMUC fall classes

Registration for UMUC's Fall Session 1 classes runs from now until Aug 21. The session runs from Aug 22 -Oct 15. The following face-to-face classes are being offered this session: ITAL111, ITAL334, SPCH100, HUMN198B & 398B, BIOL101 & 102, BMGT110, LIBS150, MATH103 and SOCY100. For more info call 634-7055 or email vice@europe.umuc.edu.

Library

- ◆ The next Book Club meeting is Aug. 4, 7 p.m. The group will discuss the Autobiography of Mark Twain. Limited copies are available at the Library counter. Bring a snack to share and a friend to join in the discussion. Call 634-8419.
- ◆ Registration for Summer Reading Programs begins Monday. A "Midsummer Knight's Read" is the theme this year. Teens participating can fill out a slip each week when they finish a book and enter for a prize drawing at the final party July 26 at 3 p.m. The program for ages 6-11 will offer different activities each week on Tuesday from 11 a.m.-noon. Children ages 3-5 can come Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-noon. Read 10 books during the summer and receive a prize at the end of summer party. Call 634-8419 or stop by the circulation desk to register.

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.: Mass
11 a.m.: Protestant worship
1:30 p.m.: Full Gospel Pentecostal worship
5 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Tuesdays

9:30 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel, until Aug. 16. No child care available.

Wednesdays

3 p.m.: Praise dance practice
3:15 p.m.: Middle School Club Beyond meets in Villaggio Youth Center
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. 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, 1:30-4:30 p.m. at Viale Trento 246, Vicenza.
Bahá'í Faith: Call Russell Menard at 389-133-4627 or 349-708-2535.

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



Photo by Julie M. Lucas

Summer hires: Anna Myers, left and Darneisha Rollins put the finishing touches on a poster for a bulletin board for the Army Community Service Volunteer Corps.

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News & Sports

HHC, 1-503rd Bn. goes on to softball champs in Germany



Photos by Julie M. Lucas

Above, an overthrow to first base saves a batter from HHC, 1-503rd July 15. HHC, 1-503rd defeated E Co. 1-503rd to go on to the championships in Germany. At right, William Delong, HHC, 1-503rd prepares to slide into second during the championship game July 15.

By Tom Hlavacek
Special to the Outlook

HHC, 1-503rd won the USAG-Vicenza unit level softball championship over E Company, 1/503rd qualifying for the

IMCOM-Europe military championship, Aug. 5-7 in Hohenfels, Germany.

Larry Clavette and William Delong lead the HHC attack, both scoring four runs on four hits in the 21-6 victory. HHC's big inning came in the fifth, scoring 10 runs on 10 hits. Francisco

Rodrigues contributed to the offensive attack scoring two runs on three hits.

Final Standings and game results:

1st	HHC USAG-Vicenza	3-0
2nd	E, 503rd	2-2
3rd	A/503rd	1-2
4th	USARAF	0-2

Lifeguard team Villaggio edges out Team Ederle 50-48

Story and photos by Tom Hlavacek
Special to the Outlook

Every summer the local lifeguards compete in five different events to improve their technical skill and enhance water safety awareness. According to Sports, Fitness, and Aquatics director Mark Juliano, "(This year's match up) was the closest competition ever, with Villaggio lifeguards winning 50-48."

The teams competed in an Approach Relay, Victim Recognition, Spinal Injury, Brick Relay and Passive Submerge Drowning Swimming rescue.

1st place Villaggio team members: Adren Holderby, David Lynch, Alex Guerra and Alex Steger

2nd place Ederle team members: William Besuden, Emma Pauling, Brett Pauling and Andrew Conrad



Above, teammates pull a "victim" out of the water during the lifeguard competition Monday. Villaggio lifeguards competed against Ederle.

At left, lifeguards assess a "victim" during the lifeguard competition. The Villaggio lifeguards narrowly beat the Ederle lifeguards.

Sports Shorts

Breast cancer 5k

A group is forming to participate in the Susan G. Koman Race for the Cure 5 kilometer run in Bologna in September. Weekly training and fun runs will be held. For more information contact Julie Lucas at 634-7581 or email julie.lucas@eur.army.mil

Flag football registration

Registration for Flag Football begins Monday through Aug 17. The coaches meeting will be Aug. 17 at 2 p.m. at the Fitness Center Conference room. League play runs Aug. 24- Oct. 17. The Officials Clinic for Flag Football is July 26-30. Learn the rules, meet other officials and earn some extra cash. Call 634-7009 for information.

Unit & rec play

New players are always welcome. Call 634-7009 or individual POCs.

Rugby: on break until Aug. 1

Basketball: 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for eight or more, Fitness Center.

Men's Soccer: 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for 24 or more players at the turf field behind the Ederle Inn. Email shaun.nurse@amedd.army.mil or call 636-9648/9120/9632.

Women's Soccer: 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays for 12 or more players at the turf field behind the Ederle Inn. Email sr_brasher@yahoo.com or call 634-8925.

Volleyball: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays for eight or more, Fitness Center.

Frisbee golf: 6 p.m. Wednesdays, North 40 field.

Women's softball

Participants and coaches for softball must be at least 18 years old and out of high school. For those interested, call 634-7009 or 634-5033.

Become a ninja

Check out the new Ninpo Taijutsu class at the Fitness Center. Learn the ancient art of Ninja with classes every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the Fitness Center.

Volunteers needed

The Mako Sharks Swim Team is looking for adult volunteers to assist with summer conditioning and/or the fall competitive season. Swimmers are elementary - high school ages and compete in the European Forces Swim League. For more info, contact John Casey at 0444-91-2612 or email john.j.casey@us.army.mil. Visit <http://makosharks.homestead.com/index.html>.