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USARAF commander observes training in Kenya



U.S. Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg confers with Kenyan Maj. Gen. George N. Kyaka, far left, as Commander of the Kenyan army, Lt. Gen. Njuki Mwaniki leads the group to observe small unit tactics at the Kenyan army Infantry School in Isiolo, Kenya, June 19-23.

Story and photo by Kenya Ministry of Defence Public Affairs and U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs

When the Kenya army Commander Lt. Gen. Njuki Mwaniki invited the U.S. Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg to observe infantry training in Kenya, both senior leaders were excited to continue the flourishing relationship between their organizations.

Hogg recently flew more than 3,700 miles to the Kenya Army School of Infantry in Isiolo to sit alongside Mwaniki to watch a special infantry demonstration. In addition to observing, Kenya Army leaders invited Hogg to shoot the M24 and .50-Caliber

weapon systems.

This visit to Kenya has been another building block in an evolving relationship between the Kenyan army and U.S. Army Africa.

“Visits like this provide an opportunity to exchange ideas with leaders and soldiers alike,” Hogg said. “With the often hectic schedules that come along with being a senior leader, engagement opportunities like these present a great opportunity to discuss key military issues and gain a better understanding of each other’s military organization – the essence of sustaining relationships,” he said.

More than sustain, exchanges like this strengthen and enhance the relationship

between the U.S. and Africa.

“This was a great opportunity to see firsthand the fantastic training taking place within the Kenyan army,” Hogg said. “I was impressed with the training I observed, but most of all, I was impressed with the working relationships between Kenyan soldiers and their leaders.”

Mwaniki says he is equally enthusiastic about the growing relationship between the two militaries.

“I am really appreciative to the U.S. for the training aid to the Kenya Army, especially all of the specialized training exchanges,” said Mwaniki. “I look forward to seeing this cooperation flourish further in the future.”

Working dogs on Caserma Ederle provide safety behind the scenes

Story and photo by Julie M. Lucas Outlook editor

When passing through the main gate in the morning you might notice a female Soldier petting the head of a happy-looking German shepherd and see the bond they have. What you might not know is how much time and effort have gone into training the military working dog.

Staff Sgt. Loretta Streichert chose military police as her military occupational specialty, hoping to get the opportunity to work with dogs because of her love of them. Before arriving in Vicenza in January, she had experience with working dogs at Fort Stewart, Ga.

“I’m not going to lie — saying goodbye was hard,” Streichert said of leaving her previous canine teammate.

After arriving in Italy, Streichert was paired up with Valdo, a nearly seven-year-old military working dog that specifically sniffs out bombs. They spent four months training together as a team, even going to Germany.

After a hard day’s work, Valdo spends the evening in Longare with the other working dogs. The animals are handled within the regulations.



Staff Sgt. Loretta Streichert receives instructions from Master Sgt. Brian Mattingly during the Fourth of July celebration on Caserma Ederle. Streichert handles Valdo, a military working dog that can detect bombs.

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Opinion & Editorial

EFMP respite care: enhancing quality of life for caretakers

Starting in July, the Exceptional Family Member Program is standardizing and streamlining the process for delivering respite care to eligible Families in need of support.

The EFMP is a mandatory enrollment program that works with other military and civilian agencies to provide comprehensive, coordinated community support, housing, educational, medical and personnel services to Families with special needs. It is focused on helping these Families find the support and care needed to ensure all their members can thrive.

Respite care is one way EFMP helps to provide support for all Family members — in this case, the caregivers. Caring for a Family member with special needs, especially severe chronic medical



conditions, is an around-the-clock job. There may be no end to a caregiver's love, but everyone who shoulders such responsibilities needs a break to rest and recharge. EFMP respite care provides that break. Qualifying Families are eligible for up to 40 hours of respite care a month for each certified Family member.

In an effort to enhance service delivery to EFMP-enrolled Families, ICOM has revised EFMP respite care policies and procedures.

The revision is effective this month. It includes changes in eligibility criteria and the Family Services Needs Matrix, and online training for EFMP managers and physicians. An EFMP respite care panel will be established at each garrison to review and recommend approval or disapproval of all respite care submissions to the garrison commander, who is the decision authority.

Garrison EFMP managers are available

to provide more detailed information to Families currently receiving respite care. Soldiers or Family members who have questions about it or other EFMP-related services can also visit the EFMP web page at www.myarmyonesource.com.

This revision to policy and procedures is part of the Army EFMP Strategic Action Plan to improve services and support for Families with special needs.

Also as part of the strategic action plan, at the beginning of this fiscal year EFMP added 43 Systems Navigators, or non-clinical case managers, at 26 garrisons stateside and overseas to connect Families with required systems of care.

The focus on enhancing the effectiveness of EFMP could not be more important or timely. Important, because the EFMP is one way the Army keeps key promises it made in the Army Family Covenant: providing access to high-quality medical care, educational

opportunities and Family programs that foster an environment in which Families can thrive.

Timely, because while the Army's commitment remains as strong as when the covenant was signed in 2007, we are operating in a different fiscal reality in 2011.

Just as any Soldier or Family member asks "Is it worth it?" before opening their wallet, we are doing the same, making sure we are using resources as efficiently as possible to provide quality services to Families.

Army life poses challenges for any Family, but especially for Families with special needs. It is part of our job, our commitment, to make sure we are delivering the right services in the right way to support the health and well-being of all Family members.

- Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch
Commanding General,

Army Installation Management Command

DOGS: Military working dog teams on post provide valuable service for community

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"The teams have requirements of approximately 40 hours per team per week," said Staff Sgt. Thomas Prim, kennel master. "That includes working on patrol, obedience training and detection and training. Detection is the main area the teams focus on daily. This ensures the military working dog maintains its proficiency."

According to Streichert, "They have a specific diet and exercise program and surprisingly, he doesn't like dog treats." The animals are always allowed to have water and have regular veterinary check-ups.

The working dogs are used on post for sweeping areas before VIP visits and ceremonies. Caserma Ederle has numerous working dog teams with one being deployed.

"MWD teams, such as Staff Sgt. Streichert and Valdo are invaluable to the security of the installation because of their unique skills they provide to the war on terrorism," said Master Sgt. Brian Mattingly, Directorate of Emergency Services noncommissioned officer in charge. "This team has also provided demonstrations for our community on more than one occasion that has made a positive impact for the garrison team."

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Master Sgt. Brian Mattingly, DES

The team's training other than in the classroom, includes bite work using wraps or suits. Training in Italy can be a challenge.

"They are less resources and space here but we still get our job done," Streichert said. "The hardest part is educating the public that these not pets, so they shouldn't be touched."

The goal for most in military service is a career ending in retirement, which is the same for the animals. Time is coming up for two working dogs to hang up their badges. The dogs have a bright future ahead because they will get to go home with their handlers forever. Some working dogs are able to be adopted when they retire.

"We like to have families with older kids and would never let a dog be adopted if it was too aggressive or posed a danger, those are just the rules on working dog adoptions," Streichert said.

Similar to any other partner situation, spending time together can create an extreme bond, almost like a parent and child.

"He makes me laugh every day and I do talk to him like a person all the time," Streichert said.

Narcotic military working dogs are used when health and welfare inspections are made on post. Requests for demonstrations of what the working dogs can do is welcomed by the MPs and can be made by calling their office at 634-4853.

Speak Out

What is your advice for newcomers to Italy?



Cassie Benjamin
Family member

"If you have pets, make sure they get registered and get them a pet passport so they can travel everywhere with you."



Monica Cobbeldick
ACS Relocation Readiness

"Don't compare the lifestyle to the U.S. but rather accept the cultural differences and visit Relocation Readiness in ACS."



Senior Airman Cameron Currie
AFN Vicenza

"Get out with family and friends and take advantage of the culture, seeing the sights and enjoy the activities."



Lauren Frazier
Family member

"The culture - I like the different cities and it's amazing to be a part of something new to me."



Maj. Tory Johnson
USARAF G-3

"Two must haves: a GPS and a bike. Don't hesitate - just do it."

By Laura Kreider

Stray cat problem on Villaggio being addressed

Story and photo by Julie M. Lucas
Outlook editor

Residents on Villaggio might notice large metal traps placed around the area. Directorate of Public Works employees Franco Lidron and Davide Dona use non-injury causing cages to control the stray cat population on Villaggio, carefully following Italian laws which protect them.

Lidron and Dona set traps in the afternoon and check them in the morning, sometimes catching up to 15 cats a month. Captured cats are taken to the Army Veterinary Office in Longare where they are spayed or neutered, then taken back to where they were caught and released, but never put to sleep or killed. This is in accordance with Italian law.

Recently, cages have been damaged and captive cats have been released.

“We want people to know that we are trying to help the cats,” said Environmental Health technician Lidron. “By sterilizing the animals we can control the situation. Spayed and neutered cats have their ears marked to easily identify the cats that still need to be fixed.”

What some Americans might not know is that Italian law does not require animals to be vaccinated against some diseases, rabies included. However, in case wild animals, like foxes are found positive for rabies, cat and dog vaccination would become mandatory by law in the entire Vicenza area. This is already the case in Thiene and Vicenza north. If it happens, the pest control personnel will capture all stray cats found on Villaggio and on Caserma Ederle to vaccinate them.

“People need to stay away from the cages to ensure that no one gets scratched by captured cats. The cages display the entomologist phone number for any questions or problems,” Lidron said. “Also it is imperative that people do not leave food out for animals.”

If the cats are being fed, they won’t go looking for food and won’t go in the traps, hampering the sterilization process. Leaving food out can also attract vermin such as rats and mice, even flies. This is a problem not only on Villaggio, but also on Caserma Ederle.

“If people are concerned for their pets, they need to put a collar on them,” said Lidron. “We will then release those animals.”



Davide Dona, Directorate of Public Works Environmental Health technician, consoles a stray cat picked up on Caserma Ederle. Dona, along with Franco Lidron, takes the animals to be spayed or neutered and then releases them where they were found. In accordance with Italian law the animals are never put to sleep and their cages should be left alone.



Gall takes command: Col. Daniel Gall, center, receives the colors from Col. Jeffrey Clark, commander, Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, to take over command of the U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza July 8, while previous commander, Col. Kimberly Armstrong looks on.

Photo by Paolo Bovo

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At Your Service



Army Community Service

Shannon Sterling is the parent-child education specialist for Family Advocacy for Army Community Service. She has been in Italy for year and started working on post last week. Her duties include programs like Freddie FAP, which teaches children about other countries and includes food and crafts, the third Wednesday every month.

“Other classes we offer include Anger Management and Stress Management for three different age groups,” Sterling said. “This isn’t counseling, but education.”

Sterling can be found in Davis Hall, building 108, room 102. To reach her or to sign up for programs call 634-7500.

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Public Works employees electrify Caserma Ederle events

Story and photos by Julie M. Lucas
Outlook editor

The Vicenza military community holds several family events each year. Have you ever wondered how much work goes into properly executing them?

Planning began in March for the Fourth of July celebration last week. The first step in planning was to create a layout for the event to know where everything would go and where there would be a need for electricity and plumbing. A qualified electrical engineer was contracted for the planning of the entire electrical layout and other elements. But different from the past years, this was the only portion of work performed by the contractor.

“This year’s Fourth of July event was bigger, having two food distribution locations,” said Claudio Adamo, Directorate of Public Works reception and planning branch supervisor. “I’d say nearly 100 hours went into just the planning and preparation for this event.”

According to Giorgio Fontana, DPW estimating branch, once plans are made and coordinated, they can be used to build from, and this year new installed electrical panels will be left in place and used for future post events.

“We have had the stage area in the same location for a number of events,” Fontana said.

Documents must be filed and inspections done to make sure everything set up complies with Italian laws. Coordination must be done with other organizations such as the Vicenza City Hall, the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and Directorate of Emergency Services. Safety is always one of the main concerns for the events. More than 400 hours of work, with 30-40 people, spent on plumbing and electrical and other details for events, down to even spraying the field for bugs. This year, instead of contracting out the work, DPW employees performed all the tasks.

“By not hiring contractors, we not only save money for this year and years to come, but I’d say the work is the same quality or even better,” Adamo said.

Moreover, preparing for events is only half the work. Once an event like the Fourth of July is complete, the massive job of tear down and putting the post back to normal begins. But it is done as quickly as possible to limit inconveniences to the community, according to Adamo.



Above, Cristiano Tessari, Directorate of Public Works, performs the finishing touches to electrical work to power the stage for the Fourth of July celebration on Caserma Ederle. At left, participants enjoy the numerous attractions, which require extra power and safety checks during the celebrations.

1st-503rd Soldier-Runner qualifies for DC Army 10 Miler USAEUR team

Story and photo by Tom Hlavacek
Special to the Outlook

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — Crossing the finish line with a time of 61 minutes and 43 seconds, Sgt. Michael Phillips assigned to Legion Company L, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, qualified for the U.S. Army Europe 10 Miler team. Phillips finished sixth in a field of 181 runners Saturday.

“I’m a large guy and I hit every water point. I always drink lots of water. I learned that from running longer races,” Phillips said.

Phillips trained by running marathons and longer distance races.

“This past year I ran marathons in Malta, Rome, Vienna and Prague.”

The Army 10 Miler will be Oct. 9 at the Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 30,000 runners are registered to compete again this fall. The six active-duty military men’s and women’s team will have their flight, billeting and registration paid by Headquarters Installation Management Command, Europe.

In the past 10 years the USAREUR teams have been competitive. The men’s teams placed second last year and the women’s team won the Active Duty Military category in 2003.



Sgt. Michael Phillips, Company L, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, takes a drink after finishing qualifying for the Army 10 Miler race in Grafenwoehr, Germany Saturday. The race will be in October in Washington, D.C.

Soldier saves life at 35,000 feet in the air

By Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Spc. Shane Hoopingarner was heading to Oklahoma on emergency leave when an hour into his transatlantic flight a voice came over the planes intercom system asking if a doctor was onboard. When no one stepped forward, Hoopingarner, a six-year-Army-Veteran, went to see if he could assist.

An older woman had passed out in the aisle while walking towards the restroom. Hoopingarner immediately assessed the situation and ensured her head was laid flat and her airway not impeded. He told the stewardess to get an oxygen tank and the first aid kit with a blood pressure monitor and then, with the help of a volunteer translator, asked which medicines the lady was taking.

"She had taken two pills for nausea in quick succession along with anti-diarrhea medicine," said Hoopingarner. "The side effects made her light headed and dizzy along with being dehydrated."

Hoopingarner manually took her blood pressure and vitals, which he said he learned to do during Sergeants Training time at Camp Darby. Other passengers and the stewardess asked him how he knew what to do because he looked so young.

"Because of my job as a pharmacy technician at the U.S. Army Health Clinic Livorno, I know a lot of drug interactions and my training at Camp Darby made it easier to be able to react quickly and focus on the situation at hand," said Hoopingarner.

For the remainder of the 10-hour flight, Hoopingarner monitored the patient and ensured she rehydrated until they landed. The stewardess gave him a 5,000 mile Delta voucher and thanked him for helping. Hoopingarner was modest about the whole event saying, "It wasn't a big deal — I was just doing what the Army trained me to do."



Photo by Joyce Costello
Spc. Shane Hoopingarner, a pharmacy technician at the U.S. Army Health Clinic Livorno, fills a prescription. He recently saved a life while flying back to Oklahoma on emergency leave.

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 on July 24 at 2 p.m. at the Fitness Center.

Child, Youth and School Services

Parents night out, July 30

Army Community Services

- ♦ Play group, July 20
 - ♦ Card making, July 20
 - ♦ EFMP roundtable, July 21
 - ♦ Women's self defense, July 27
- 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, Mon and Wed in July
 - ♦ Capraia Island trip, July 30
- Call 633-7775.

Darby Community Club

- ♦ Darts Night, July 20 at 6 p.m.
 - ♦ Right Arm Night, July 22 at 4 p.m.
 - ♦ 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 satellite. Call CFMO at 633-7882 to schedule an appointment with an electrical satellite 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.

News notes

Check out who stars in the Photo of the Day every day on www.usag.livorno.army.mil



Independence Day: Holidays or vacations can be made more special when going to the beach. Children play games, dig in the sand, jump the waves and, for those stationed in Europe, we are fortunate to have that option.

"The American beach actually is a great beach to come to. It's probably the cleanest beach, the nicest beach with the most customer service friendly staff and we're pretty proud of how the operations are over here and we try to keep our standards high and make it better every year that goes by," said Ernest Beezley, Outdoor Recreation director

For Spc. Susan Noga, this Fourth of July will be one that she will always remember.

"I've never spent Independence Day away from family and friends, let alone in another country, but it's not so different from celebrating back home, especially when we have a beach to call our own," said Noga.

To plan your vacation visit www.usag.livorno.army.mil

Beauty and Spa expands services:

Certified massage therapist Sarah Romero, who specializes in massage for relaxation, stress relief, sports, prenatal and oncology, has joined the Beauty and Spa staff on Camp Darby. Romero, who studied at Irene's Myo-massology Institute in Michigan, said massage is not just about pampering oneself, but it's a focus on health and wellness and a way to give your body an opportunity for balance.

"While studying for my Masters in Counseling, I realized that the mental and physical aspects of health and self care are closely related; massages are able to help you with a different level of care in addition to medical treatment," said Romero.

Appointments are available weekdays and select Saturdays by calling 633-7642. Romero added that one should not eat before getting a massage and remember to hydrate afterwards.



Photos by Joyce Costello

VBS - a bear-y good time:

It was Panda Mania at the Camp Darby Chapel June 27-July 1 where children learned that God is wild about them at the annual Vacation Bible School. Maj. Paul Fritz, Camp Darby chaplain, explained that the program helps kids keep learning by singing, dancing, looking for bamboo bible clues, and having a whale of a time. He added that the success of the program was due to all of the community members who volunteered and made it a memorable and rewarding experience for the children.

Follow Camp Darby Chapel on Facebook to learn about more upcoming events and bible study programs. Photos of the event can be found on www.flickr.com/photos/campdarby/sets.

Redentore festa:

This festival on Saturday and Sunday celebrates Venice's redemption from plague in 1576. Hundreds of decorated boats gather in the Giudecca Canal in front of Piazza San Marco and ends the night with fireworks.



Courtesy photo

Local events

Redentore (Our Savior) Festival:

Saturday-Sunday, in Venice, San Marco Square. It celebrates the city's redemption from a terrible plague in 1576. In a desperate attempt to ward off the worst, the Senate decreed that if the city were to be saved, a temple would be built in honor of Christ the Savior. The city survived and the Redentore Church was built. Since then a pilgrimage has been held every year. Saturday hundreds of decorated boats will gather in the Giudecca Canal and in front of St. Mark's Square. This display of lights and sounds culminates at 11:30 p.m. with fireworks over the water. The night ends with all the boats going over to the Lido to await the sunrise. Sunday there will be a procession to the Redentore Church and gondola regattas on the Canale della Giudecca from 4 p.m. onwards. For more details in English, visit <http://www.comune.venezia.it/flex/cm/pages/ServeBLOB.php/L/EN/IDPagina/134>.

Redentore (Our Savior) Historical Parade:

Friday-Tuesday, in Ponte di Barbarano, Villa Rigon, Viale Crispi 2, about 13 miles south of Vicenza. It dates back to the end of the XVII century when it was first celebrated in the park of Villa Pedrina-Rigon. It was organized by the villa's owners, the Sangiantofetti family, as an addition to the Venetian Redentore Parade.

- ♦ Friday: 8 p.m. food booths and charity raffle; 9 p.m. historical commemoration parade with people wearing the traditional costume of the Venetian aristocracy; live baroque music and dances; 10 p.m. fireworks; 10:30 p.m. jugglers, stilt walkers, fakirs, and acrobats

- ♦ Saturday: 7 p.m. food booths open featuring bigoli, gnocchi, grilled meat, sausage and bacon, fried fish, and the local dessert "Doge's bread"; carnival rides; 8:30 p.m. cattle penning and horse show; 9 p.m. painting exhibit; live music and dancing with the Eros Valbusa Orchestra

- ♦ Sunday: from 4 p.m. carnival

rides; 5 p.m. old trades exhibit; 7 p.m. food booths; painting exhibit and charity raffle; 8 p.m. equine therapy demonstration and horse obstacle course competition; 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Marco Gavioli Orchestra.

- ♦ Monday: 4 p.m. motorcycle race; 7 p.m. food booths, exhibits and carnival rides; live Latin-American music and dancing with Mezcla Latina; 10:30 p.m. lottery drawing.

- ♦ Tuesday: 7 p.m. food booths; painting exhibit; 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Checco & B. Band; musical fireworks show at midnight dedicated to the 150th anniversary of the Unification of Italy and to Nino Rota, a famous Italian composer.

Hoga Zait - Cimbrian Festival:

Friday-Sunday, in Roana, about 39 miles north of Vicenza. Hoga Zait in the Cimbrian language means "time to celebrate". The inhabitants of many mountain towns of the province claim to be descendants of the ancient Cimbrian people of Scandinavian origin. The Cimbrian language is no longer in use but it is still reflected in the nicknames of many local families. Old traditions and ancient legends of gnomes, fairies and other woodland creatures. Many local participants will wear their traditional Cimbrian costumes.

- ♦ Friday: in Treschè Conca 4 p.m. bagpipes music workshops with the Cisalpipers Band; 9 p.m. live bagpipes music with the Cisalpipers Band

- ♦ Saturday: in Cesuna, 9 a.m. guided visits to local traditional places; 3 p.m. entertainment with the Sine Pecunia Jesters; 8:45 p.m. Zelighen Baiblen torchlight procession in period costume; traditional music and shows in Kostelaba.

- ♦ Sunday: in Roana 11 a.m. folk dances performed by the De Grützgar Group; 12:30 typical Cimbrian lunch at the Palatenda; 6:45 p.m. folk dances featured by a local group; 7:30 p.m. typical Cimbrian dinner at the Palatenda; 10 p.m. folk live music at the Palatenda. In Canove, from 3 p.m. onwards, exhibit and sale of local arts and crafts; 3:30 p.m. folk dance show in Piazza San Marco; in Canove 4 p.m. period costume

parade and arrival in Roana at 6 p.m.; free shuttle bus from Roana to Canove starting at 5 p.m. with return to Canove at 6:30 p.m.; 5 p.m. parade in period costume departs from Canova and arrives in Roana.

Gnocchi and Beer Festival - Gnock'n'Roll:

Ongoing through Sunday, in Poleo (Schio), about 18 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths open at 7 p.m.

- ♦ Thursday: 9 p.m. Talent show
- ♦ Friday: 8:30 Aikido demonstration; 9:30 p.m. live Latin-American music with Batistococo

- ♦ Saturday: 9:30 p.m. Funky Soul live music with Onyx Side
- ♦ Sunday: 7:30 p.m. gnocchi tasting; 9:30 p.m. live rock music with CB Band

FREE concerts, exhibits & events

Jazz Festival – Adam Holzman:

Tuesday, 9:30 p.m., in Bassano del Grappa, CA' Barzizza, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza.

Piano Concert:

Monday, 9 p.m., in Roana, Sala S. Giustina, Piazza Santa Giustina, about 37 miles north of Vicenza. Music by Bach, Schubert, Liszt, and Prokofiev.

Birikina Radio – Festival Show:

Monday, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, in Campo Marzo.

"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.

Opera Viva

An educational program for young opera singers offers two concert performances. The first will be a program of sacred Italian repertoire at Sant' Anastasia church in Verona Friday at 9 p.m. The second concert will be a performance of Italian opera arias presented at the officers club at the Castelvecchio in Verona July 22 at 8 p.m.

PULSART – Art, music and exhibit:

Ongoing through Sunday, Fridays 5-8 p.m.; Saturdays 10

a.m.-noon and 5-8 p.m.; Sundays 5-8 p.m. in Schio, Palazzo Fogazzaro, Piazza Falcone Borsellino. "Two faces of American society" - Contemporary art exhibit.

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: ongoing through Sept. 3. For info in English and tickets, visit <http://www.arena.it/en-US/arena/schedule-2011.html>.

Joe Ely country-rock concert: Friday, at the Astra Theatre, Contrà Barche 53.

Deep Purple: Monday in Verona

Ben Harper: Monday in Lucca; Tuesday in Rome; Wednesday in Milan; July 29 in Tarvisio (Udine)

James Taylor: Tuesday in Venice, Piazza San Marco

John Scofield: July 27 in San Giovanni Valdarno (Arezzo)

Joe Satriani: July 28 in Tarvisio (Udine)

Bryan Ferry: July 28 in Castagneto Carucci (Livorno)

Sting: July 29 in Venice, Piazza San Marco

Flogging Molly: Aug. 17 in Sesto San Giovanni (Milan)

Ziggy Marley: Aug. 26 in Bologna

Bruno Mars: Oct. 10 in Assago (Milan)

Alice Cooper: Oct. 14 in Trezzo sull'Adda (Milan)

George Michael: Sept. 10 in Florence; Sept. 11 in Naples, Sept. 13-14 in Verona

Brooke Fraser: Sept. 27 in Bologna; Sept. 28 in Milan

Machine Head: Nov. 13 in Milan

Lenny Kravitz: Nov. 20 in Villorba (Treviso); Nov. 21 in Assago (Milan)

Red Hot Chili Peppers: Dec. 10 in Torino, Dec. 11 in Assago (Milan)

Rihanna: Dec. 11 in Torino; Dec. 12 in Assago (Milan)

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

Slovenia Caves and Castles, July 23

Wine Tasting, July 24

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

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	Water for Elephants (PG 13)	6 p.m.
	Something Borrowed (PG 13)	9 p.m.
Saturday	Water for Elephants (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	Horrible Bosses (R)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Something Borrowed (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	Horrible Bosses (R)	6 p.m.
July 22	Jumping the Broom (PG 13)	6 p.m.
	Priest (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	Fast Five (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Saturday	Bad Teacher (R)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Cars 2 (G)	1 p.m.
July 22	Transformers 3 (PG 13)	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.

Community briefs

Special events

Sesame Street and the USO are bringing the furry, fuzzy and friendly puppets to Vicenza July 26. 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 p.m. Call 634-5087 for more information.

Soldiers' Theatre

Join your musical friends for a free evening of listening to local musicians or performing on stage yourself. Music Café Friday, 7:30 p.m. There will be no Music Cafe in August, so don't miss this one.

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.

ACS

◆ Come for free cake Friday to celebrate the 46th birthday of ACS, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. For more information, call 634-7500.

◆ Freddy FAP is Family Advocacy's world traveler. He visits countries from all over the world and each month brings back activities and food for children and Families. Join ACS Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 p.m., when Freddy FAP returns from Japan with fun activities and snacks. Call 634-6202.

◆ 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

◆ Spaces are still available for the SKIES sailing classes running July 6-22. Classes are Wednesdays and Fridays from 5-7 p.m. at Pala Lago, the lake in Marola. Open to youth ages 7-18 years, the cost is \$240 for the session. Enroll at CYSS Parent Central Services in Bldg 108 or online at CYSS Webtrac. For more information, call SKIESUnlimited at 634-8051.

◆ Children who have completed kindergarten this past school year can enroll in "KinderKamp." The program runs Monday-Friday

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

- ◆ Fitness Group, Friday at 10 a.m.
- ◆ Book club, Monday at 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ Park play date, Wednesday at 10 a.m.
- ◆ Bunco, July 21 at 7 p.m.
- ◆ Preschool Play group, July 22at
- ◆ Monthly Meeting, July 25 at 10 a.m.
- ◆ Out-n-About, June 27, 9:30 a.m.
- ◆ Bowling, July 29

Arena

◆ Singer and songwriter Colleen Lloy, mother of a 173rd ABCT Soldiers 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.

◆ Texas Hold 'em is back Saturday.

Breast cancer "fun" raiser

Sunday at Customs House Pub, Via Zamenhoff 24, Vicenza. Barbecue, live music, bounce house for kids, dunk tank and more. Funds raised will go toward the Susan G. Komen breast cancer race in Bologna Vicenza team.

Arts & Crafts Center

◆ Messy Art for young children ages 6 months-5 years old, July 23 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.

◆ 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 beach bag sewing. A sample is currently in the window. Class begins in August. Fall classes include cake decorating, quilting and soap making in September.

Library

◆ Third Thursday, July 21, 6-8 p.m. The group will be discussing Moral Dilemmas. Different scenarios will be presented and what you would do in that situation will be discussed. Everyone is invited to join this discussion group.

◆ 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.

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.

VFW

◆ Summer Motorcycle Ride through Colli Berici Saturday. Registration begins at 8 a.m. at the commissary parking lot followed by safety and route brief at 8:30 a.m. Departure is at 9 with a 30-minute break at 10:30 at Lago di Fimon. The ride ends around 12:30 p.m. with options for lunch. For information email vwfpost8862@yahoo.com

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.

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



Courtesy photo

HIRED!: Two HIRED! workers from the Directorate of Public Works clean the streets Monday after a storm swept through Caserma Ederle the night before.

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Know of an event we're missing? Email the *Outlook* at editor@eur.army.mil We gladly accept story ideas, photo and story submissions. All submissions are subject to editing.

Ruiz, Boswell, Matheson win post tennis championships

By Tom Hlavacek
Special to the Outlook

Former All-Army tennis player Maj. Edie Ruiz won the men's advanced division by defeating Celand Torres, 8-0 Saturday during the U.S. Army Garrison-Vicenza tennis championships. Ruiz, the officer-in-charge of the Vicenza Birthing Center competed on the Army team in the mid 1990s at Fort Eustis, Va.

In the men's intermediate division, it was a father-son

match up with the son getting the upper hand on dad with an 8-2 victory. Ryan Matheson won 8-2 over his father, James. Twenty-one-year-old Ryan, the 2008 Hohenfels high school team captain was "just younger and faster" according to the elder Matheson.

In the female beginners division, Julie Boswell won 8-5 over Michaela Frazier. The final in this match was the closest of all the matches played in the tournament.

"This was a learning experience and (Frazier and I) had the best time." said Boswell.

3 Caserma Ederle Soldiers certified as SCUBA instructors

By Patty Hussey
Outdoor Recreation aide

Vicenza Outdoor Recreation recently certified three Soldiers as SCUBA instructors. Lee Stephenson, Bryan Schultz and Aaron Folsom began their training in mid-April and concluded with an Instructor Qualification Course May 23-30. Under the guidance of ODR Director Chris Wolff, NAUI instructor trainer and Derik Crotts, NAUI Course director, the newly certified instructors assisted in running a basic open water class with nine students.

"The Instructor Training Course is a challenging event for any person and when you add the logistical difficulties involved in conducting an ITC in Croatia, it is a true test of the preparation and skill of these three candidates," said Wolff.

Stephenson, a staff sergeant with the 173rd Brigade Support Battalion Rigger Company appreciated Wolff's support, saying his "mentorship and guidance as well as motivation and instruction" put him up to the task of becoming instructor certified.

"Seeing him have the confidence in me really made me proud to be a diver and even more proud to become an instructor," Stephenson said. He started diving in 2008 and currently makes an effort to go every weekend.

Schultz, rear detachment noncommissioned officer in charge for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, has been diving since 2000 and dives about three or four times a month. He was certified in Basic Open Water in Boca Raton, Fla., during a visit home for rest and recreation leave. Schultz remarked that he wanted to become an instructor in order to teach others a skill that is "fun and extremely rewarding."

Folsom, executive officer of Attack Company said that as soon as he "transitioned to recreational diving (he) was hooked." He began diving in 2004 and goes "as often as (he) can." Folsom attended the Special Forces Combat Diver Qualification Course, a five week military course focused on training divers to conduct covert waterborne infiltration. According to Folsom, his retirement goal is to open a dive



Courtesy photo

Lee Stephenson, left, assists students during the Open Water course while qualifying to become SCUBA instructors.

shop/bed and breakfast.

"There are more opportunities with SCUBA than you can imagine," Folsom said.

The road to becoming an instructor is long but can be achieved by most Soldiers who have the desire to teach others to dive safely.

The instructors began their certification process by first becoming BOW certified, followed by the Advanced and Rescue certification. All three of the instructor candidates made the transition from recreational divers to dive leaders by becoming certified as Assistant Instructors.

Folsom understands that new students may be somewhat nervous and apprehensive in the beginning of the certification process, but advises them to "relax, pay attention, and have fun!"

Schultz adds that "experience and training are the best ways to become a better diver." The instructors "hope to see more people get involved through Outdoor Recreation" as more classes are added to the calendar.

Hostile Co., 1st Bn., 503rd wins recreation softball champs, USAG takes 2nd

By Tom Hlavacek
Special to the Outlook

Hostile Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment was pushed to the "If-Necessary" game by Headquarters and Headquarters Company-U.S. Army Garrison-Vicenza before prevailing 15-4.

Hostile exploded in the sixth scoring seven runs with eight hits to derail USAG Vicenza. Cody Rice and Justin Hewitt highlighted the inning belting

out their second home runs of the game. USAG Vicenza forced the if-necessary game beating Hostile 9-5. Both teams had one loss forcing the extra game. Matt Fontenont was the game's winning pitcher. The tournament was conducted July 7-8.

Next up is the USAG Vicenza unit level championship. It starts July 14 with games at 6 and 8 p.m. U.S. Army Africa versus Company A, 1st Battalion, 503rd Inf. Reg. play at 6. Company E, 1st Bn.,

503rd Inf. Reg. versus HHC-USAG-V will start at 7 p.m.

Losers of the first two games play at 8 p.m. and winners of the first two games play at 9 p.m. Games continue Friday at 6 p.m. with the championship game scheduled for 7 p.m.

Final standings:
1st Hostile Company, 1/503rd
2nd USAG Vicenza
3rd USARAF
4th E Company, 1/503rd

COMMUNITY UNIT/REC OPEN PLAYSOFTBALL

American League	Win	Loss	National League	Win	Loss
HHC USAG V	8	2	1/503rd Hostile	6	0
USARAF	6	1	Battling B's	5	3
Chosen Co.	5	3	Rough Riders	4	2
1/503rd Attack	4	3	AFN South	3	4
HHC 173rd BDE	4	3	E Co. 1/503rd	2	1
Mod. Co., 1/503rd	2	5	Vicenza Health Clinic	2	5
D. Co/1-503rd (Dogs)	1	4	USAG V Females	2	7
386th MCT	0	8	USARAF (OSJA)	1	4

The 2011 USAG-Vicenza Unit/Recreational Softball League games will begin play again Monday on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. on the post softball field.
The winner of the USAG-Vicenza Unit Level Softball Championships will advance to the Army Europe Championships Aug. 5-8. Call the Fitness Center for specifics at 634-7616.

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

Lifeguard competition

See what it takes to be a lifeguard. Watch our guards compete at the Villaggio pool Monday, 11-1 p.m.

USARAF Ten-Miler team

The U.S. Army Africa Ten-Miler team is looking for competitive runner to be a part of the team. Try-outs for active-duty military only will begin Friday at 6 a.m. at the North 40 track. For more info., contact Sgt. Maj. Osvaldo Del Hoyo at 634-7093.

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.