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Hollywood Knights basketball team comes to Caserma Ederle Tuesday. Stars will play post teams at 5:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at the **Fitness Center.**

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VHS girls soccer finish season on high note; Vicenza combatives prepare for Fort Hood tourney



Photo by Laura Kreider

Tug O'war: Soldiers from Chosen Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, participate in a round of the tug-ofwar competition during the HHC USAG Vicenza Organizational Day at the North 40 May 26. Soldiers and community members enjoyed other activities including a barbecue, a flag football championship, games and a bouncy castle for the children.

Local education professionals rally during program

Story and photo by Laura Kreider Outlook staff

Principals, vice-principals, teachers and several students from six local high schools took part in the students and teachers exchange programs presentation held at the Vicenza High School Information Center May 25.

"We would like for the Principals Lunch

Meeting to become a yearly tradition," said Michela Ambruoso, VHS Italian Language teacher who coordinated the event.

The schools included Liceo Scientifico G. B. Quadri, Istituto Fogazzaro, ITIS Rossi, ITAS Boscardin, Istituto Farina and ITC Piovene.

"We invited the schools we've been having these exchanges with and schools that may be interested in joining our programs," she explained.

Vicenza High School runs a very active Student Exchange Program according to Ambruoso.

"We host local Italian high schools for the day and consequently they reciprocate the visit."

In addition to the daily experience, the VHS runs two types of multiple day

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USAG Vicenza receives D.A. level deployment award at ceremony

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs Office

Standing as a role model for all small posts, the U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza recently received the Department of the Army Deployment of Excellence award for installations outside the continental U.S. for Fiscal Year 2010.

Caserma Ederle representatives from the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security and the Directorate of Logistics accepted the award from Vice Chief of Staff of the Army General Peter W. Chiarelli, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III and Lt. Gen. Mitchell H. Stevenson, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army for Logistics, on behalf of the Vicenza Military Community in a Richmond, Va., ceremony May 12.

"One of the things I like best about these awards is that they are presented to organizations, not individuals," Chiarelli said at the ceremony. "Without a doubt there are exceptional people, standouts even, in each of the ... units recognized. But this business of ours is a team sport, and in everything we do we succeed or fail

According to the award, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza deployed and redeployed more than 5,000 Soldiers and 260 short tons of equipment supporting USARAF, USCENTCOM and USEUCOM missions. USAG Vicenza's direct deployment support to the 173rd

Airborne Brigade Combat Team and the 14th Transportation Battalion for OEF and OIF/OND demonstrated its commitment to excellence, unwavering dedication, and exceptional deployment operations.

"It really is an installation-wide award," said Helinka Papison, acting director, DPTMS. "It took a lot of effort on everyone's part to support the deployment of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team for Operation Enduring Freedom X."

Managing the "major muscle movements" getting Soldiers and equipment in and out for the deployments were the DOL and the 14th Trans. Bn., and Movement Control Teams in Vicenza and Aviano. While DOL processes the equipment for deployment, 14th Trans. Bn. is charged with the mission of getting the equipment to the correct location for deploying units.

"(Movement of) any military property in Italy... is controlled by 14th Transportation Battalion," said Francesca Cisotto, traffic manager for 14th Trans. Bn.

While coordinating the line haul delivery of cargo airlifted by military aircraft was critical, the priority was on Sky Soldiers departing and returning aboard commercial aircraft operating as part of the U.S. Air Force Civil Reserve Air Fleet.

"Only three of the 11 flights bringing Soldiers back (to Italy) See AWARD, page 3

Ode to a first sergeant, a silent professional honored

Commentary by Staff Sgt. Bruce Cobbeldick 173rd ABCT PAO

Tirst sergeants are unique, but in the grand scheme of things they come and go, rotating out just as all Soldiers must; however, every once in awhile, a senior noncommissioned officer who has earned the diamond with three up and three down touches lives and makes lasting contributions that are too significant to forget.

So, in hopes of sounding off for one such first sergeant, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, has completed his tour. This was one time when the passing of the Company Guidon evoked the emotions of the unit – at least according to its NCOs – who have said they will remember 1st Sgt. William Fogle, HHC, 173rd ABCT, with fond memories and a great deal of respect and

But what about him makes him stand out? The reasons Fogle will be missed boil down to his care, resolve and focus for taking care of his Soldiers, said would stay late, visit Soldiers off base who were having one NCO, who preferred to remain anonymous.

"I do not want the first sergeant to think I am trying to flatter him, but he was unique. He stood out because of how much he looked out for us. First Sgt. Fogle was never afraid to buffer for us and he took heat for us plenty of times. His care and the way he, at times, wore his emotions on his sleeve when we were down range and one of his Soldiers either was injured or did an exemplary job brought out his fierce love for the organization and people here," he said.

The Soldier joked saying he did not want to be blind to the fact that he has a new first sergeant and clearly did not want to make it sound like no one could ever fill Fogle's shoes, but laughing the NCO quipped that Fogle does wear about a size 18 boot – literally.

"Those are big shoes to fill, because that man does have some big feet!"

Despite sending the message that those boots would be used to kick his paratroopers into high gear from time to time, Fogle was the kind of senior NCO who

problems and be the first to extend a helping hand when times got tough.

Fogle was always there for his men – through good times and bad times. Another Soldier commented that even though he had gotten in trouble with the unit, Fogle still was his first sergeant and did not hold grudges.

"Once a debt for a mistake was paid, it was paid," said the Sky Soldier. "First Sgt. Fogle was not the kind of leader to hold things over your head. He was all about moving forward, getting on with the business at hand and putting one's time and effort in improving from wherever you might be in life."

While it is true that first sergeants come and go, the troops of HHC will not readily forget this tall, energetic "tree of a man," and that is due to a legacy of tough love and fairness that he has put in place. The warrior said he will emulate Fogle and try to do the right things for the right reasons. He will just have to do it with boots that are considerably smaller and less threatening in size, he joked.

Vicenza Outdoor Rec employees train for wilderness first aid

Bv Pattv Hussev

Outdoor Recreation aide

For certain departments at Caserma Ederle, the end of safety week is only the beginning of their pledge to stay cautious and dependable. The staff of Outdoor Recreation participated in a three-day Wilderness First Aid training during the week of May 15. This is the fourth year that Remote Medical International has led the staff in this particular training, which is designed to prepare trip leaders to take appropriate measures should any injury occur during ODR hosted trips. Outdoor Recreation prides itself in its long-standing commitment to Soldiers, civilians, family members and retirees, according to Chris Wolff, Outdoor Recreation director.

"In order to live hard and play hard, we must be mindful of taking certain precautions,"

Wilderness First Aid training differs from ordinary first aid training in that it requires the responder to provide care in remote areas where help is not immediately available.

Adam Russell of Remote Medical International directed the staff this year and said that it is "essential to have a medical background that helps you think outside the box and find resources when you may not be carrying them with you."

The staff left the training with a newfound sense of confidence when it comes to caring

"We participated in several scenarios that were designed to prepare us for injuries involving trauma, sudden illness, or environmental factors including heat stroke and hypothermia," said Paul Brownlee, ODR facility manager.

The staff also learned techniques pertaining to first response in the wilderness such as performing CPR, applying pressure to lacerations and splinting fractures. After passing a practical test, the staff members of Outdoor Recreation received a Wilderness First Aid certification.



Photo by Kobie Johnson

Vicenza Outdoor Recreation employee Paul Brownlee administers first aid to co-worker Olena Campbell during the Wilderness First Aid training.

Speak

Loraine de Oliveira Family member "Yes, it is a time to remember and honor the sacrifices made for the freedoms we enjoy as Americans every day."

Does Memorial Day have a special meaning to you?



Staff Sgt. Lee Stephenson HHC, 173rd BSB "My grandfather was a Korean War Veteran, who passed recently, so for me it's a time to honor

members of the Armed

Services."



Adam Ridgley and John **McKinney** DoDDs

"Memorial Day reminds us of how much of a sacrifice our military families are willing to make for our country."



2nd Lt. Dallin Rosdahl 2-503rd

"Yes, it is a day that I remember friends and families that gave their lives for this great country."



Roche Mackenzie Family member "Yes, because my father was in the Army and my father's father fought in World War II."

By Laura Kreider

Garrison news

AWARD: Numerous players on Caserma Ederle credited toward win

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from Afghanistan arrived at Aviano Air Base," said Randy Clark, acting director of Logistics.

Alternate landing locations had to be used when the Aviano Air Base Instrument Landing System was nonoperational during a period of frequent heavy fog. Notification in one instance came with a call from the U.S. Air Force Tanker Airlift Control Center at Scott Air Force Base, Il., within 24-hours of anticipated arrival to Italy.

"The ILS was down at Aviano and the primary was also down at Verona," Clark said. "When the pilot of one of the flights indicated he required the ILS, the team had to aim for a second alternate airfield," Clark said.

Italian Air Force Liaison Officer Col. Danilo Colombo was instrumental in coordinating for the arrival, Clark said, as well as all the arrivals at Verona-Villafranca.

"Colonelo Colombo was a life saver," Clark said.

That day the Arrival/Departure Airfield Control Group handled back to back arrivals at two alternate airfields. Reception for flights involved more than getting the buses to the right airfield.

The A/DACG, headed up alternately by DOL's Greg Hutcheson, Bob Addison and Pitoon Ekarintaragun, along with Cisotto and her 14th Trans. Bn. team, ensured additional details were taken care of such as delivery of Dining Facility meals, weapons containers, forklifts, baggage trucks, baggage details, and arrangement for Carabinieri escort support.

All movements were tracked through the DPTMS Installation Operations Center charged with notifying all the response agencies including the Directorate of Emergency Services, Chaplains, Army Community Service Deployment/Mobilization Readiness, Public Affairs, American Forces Network Vicenza, United

Service Organizations, American Red Cross, Family Readiness Group contacts and leadership.

Clark said arrangements to turn in individual weapons at the arrival airfields allowed Soldiers to immediately join families and friends after arriving at the caserma, rather than have to go to their arms rooms first.

Master Sgt. Mitchell Rucker, formerly rear detachment first sergeant for the 173rd ABCT, said there were many agencies that were responsible for mission success. But in addition, he said there were a number of individuals who accomplished key tasks that started the brigade off on the right foot on its return.

Members of the U.S. Army Mission Support Element worked diligently developing materials in support of downrange Sky Soldiers, Rucker said, and arranged schedules for ranges and support to allow the 173d ABCT to begin training effectively after redeployment and reset.

There were some extraordinary circumstances, too, Rucker said. Housing Office and Directorate of Public Works personnel went above and beyond in response to the November 2010 floods in Vicenza and surrounding communities as they assisted deployed Soldiers and their families who were affected by flooding.

Rucker thanked the American Red Cross, Military Family Life Consultants, and Army Community Service, highlighting Mobilization and Deployment Readiness Program Manager Rita Bonamego and Shannon Reynolds, Mobilization and Deployment specialist.

"They came out to meet every arrival at Verona," he said

He also noted support from: the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Outdoor Recreation staff and ODR Manager Chris Wolff for an outstanding Warrior Adventure Quest program; the Directorate of Human Resources team for producing every order and conducting Enlisted Record Brief scrubs; the Health and Dental Clinics and Clinic Readiness for syncing the unit requirements with Health Center support.

"Sean Nurse was phenomenal from the Health Clinic and Staff Sgt. Adam Perreault from the Det. E, 106th Financial Management Company, filed every Sky Soldier's voucher," Rucker said.

Rucker said the team preparing barracks for the Sky Soldiers' return was phenomenal. He singled out Massimiliano Bozzolan and Gregory Vallery from DPW for keeping the renovation of more than 730 barracks rooms on track. Gregory Patrick at the furnishings management warehouse managed refurbishment or replacement of furnishings and appliances.

From the First Sergeants Barracks Program, Bob Head, Danny Richards and Ed Furnish, prepared the barracks and briefed Soldiers at every arriving aircraft, he said. When the Brigade ran into a temporary shortage of barracks spaces as new Soldiers arrived, Dave Gettelman from the FSBP managed room assignments at area hotels, Rucker said.

Capt. Clayton Cole, DPTMS plans officer, said all organizations supporting re-integration processing engaged in valuable cross-talk at the daily "1500" meetings of the re-deployment working group to smooth out any schedule and requirements changes.

"Those who played a part really owned the process," Cole said. "They wanted to show not only that their function could do a great job, but that they are here to support our Sky Soldiers."

That attitude of service to Soldiers resulted in outstanding support to the 173d ABCT, 14th Trans. and down to individual deployments, Cole said.

SCHOOLS: Integration with local community adds learning opportunities

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exchanges, such as a week-long and three-day exchange where selected groups of students from VHS and local Italian high schools "switch places" for a week or three days.

Last but not least, the school planned some joint study trips to places of interest.

This past fall, a group of VHS faculty members also designed Professional Growth Plans to foster intercultural discussion and dissemination of best practices with host country educators.

Some meetings included school visits, classroom observations, sharing of lessons and reflections.

"It was agreed that they would meet with Italian teachers in corresponding instructional areas to compare and contrast teaching philosophies, methodologies, strategies, best practices, and availability and utilization of resources," continued Ambruoso.

"As teachers our main goal is to educate our students to become good and responsible citizens and to enable them to be successful in a dynamic global environment. It is with this type of vision that we promote cultural exchanges geared toward students and teachers between the Italian and the American communities," she said.



Lauri Kenney, left, Vicenza High School principal, and Michela Ambruoso, VHS Italian Language teacher, bring to a close the presentation held at the VHS Info Center May 25. Principals, vice principals, teachers and several students from six local high schools took part in the students and teachers exchange programs presentation.

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At Your Service



ASAP, Risk Reduction Program

Elena Miller is the Risk Reduction Program coordinator for the U.S. Army Garrison Army Substance Abuse Program in Vicenza and Livorno. According to Miller the Risk Reduction Program is a commander's tool used to assist in unit readiness by addressing the high-risk behaviors of their Soldiers and using effective interventions.

"The program helps to improve the quality of life for our servicemembers and their families," Miller said.

Miller is located in building 169 next to the Fitness Center and can be contacted at 634-5275. Business hours are Mondays-Fridays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

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Community Camera



Asian Pacific Heritage: Above, Soldiers and community members enjoy traditional foods customary to the Asian Pacific cultures. At right, girls from four to 10-years-old perform "Little Brown Gal," a Hawaiian traditional dance during the Asian Pacific Heritage Month Observance held at the Hoekstra Pavilion May 25.





Courtesy photo

Spelling Bee champ: Anuk Dayaprema, center, sixth grade student at Vicenza Middle School, accepts a check from PTSA President Misty Reardon to help him while he in Washington, D.C., for the Scripps National Spelling Bee contest. Also pictured are Dr. Julio Gonzales, VMS principal, and Anuk's parents, Renuka and Master Sgt. Ganege Dayaprema. Anuk is one out of 275 contestants participating the contest, with the finals Thursday.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Hail and Farewell BBQ: U.S. Army Africa's G6 celebrates a Hail and Farewell with a barbecue May 13. According to deputy Stephen Branco, the section said goodbye to five important teammates and welcomed many newcomers.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Talent Show: A Vicenza High School student dances for the crowd during the Variety Talent Show hosted by Child Youth and School Services May 24. Many Vicenza High School students participated and were critiqued by a panel judges for their performances, which included music, songs and dance routines.



Photo by Lt. Col. John Casey

Vicenza Harriers: Three Vicenza youth participated in eight events during an IMCOM track meet in Ansbach, Germany, May 22. From the left, John Casey, first place in 1500 and 800 meters, second place in the 400 meters; Samantha McDonald, first place in 200 meters, second place in 100 meters; Haley McDonald first place in 800 meters and 200 meters, second place in 1500 meters.

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American Beach opens for summer season



Photo by Chiara Mattirolo

Brandan Walrath, right, and his parents, Chrissy and Bryan, enjoy playing with the sand on opening day of the American Beach in Tirrenia May 27. The beach is open to all military ID card holders from Memorial Day weekend to Labor Day weekend.

By Chiara Mattirolo

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

U.S. Army Garrison Livorno Commander Lt. Col. Kevin Bigelman and 10th grader Kathryn Fritts cut the ribbon officially opening the American Beach in Tirrenia May 27. The beach is a great representation of how the Camp Darby Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation provides quality recreation, leisure and travel programs, according to Bigelman.

"Camp Darby had more than 35,000 visitors last year, not only because we have a beautiful beach and are in the perfect central location to explore Tuscany, but also because we have an extremely dedicated FMWR staff who are committed to delivering the best quality of services to our Soldiers, families, and civilians."

According to Robert Collodi, Outdoor Recreation Program manager, the beach is fully equipped with a secure parking

lot, umbrellas, chairs, cabanas, covered pavilions, beach volleyball court, kayaks, pedal boats, boogie boards, playground equipment, showers, snack and drink bars,.

"I am sure this will be a record-breaking season," said Collodi. "With all the new additions, like more cabanas and the new patio, we will be able to accommodate even more customers than in the past years."

Cristina Colon said, "I have been going to the American Beach for more than 20 years. More often when my children were little of course, and I have seen the multiple improvements on the quality of the service American Beach provides to the community."

Pfc. Michael Robinson, Livorno Dental Clinic said, "This is my first assignment and it could not be better. It is really peaceful and reminds me of home in Florida."

Collodi added that the pool is also now open. Military ID card holders can purchase seasonal beach and pool passes. Visitors can get special pro-rated passes from Sea Pines.

diversity: At left, Jiyoung

Bowman gives an East Asian calligraphy

and painting demonstration while her

daughter, Olivia, gets some rest, during

the Asian Pacific Heritage celebration event May 20. Hundreds of community members

gathered at the Darby Community Club to

enjoy a night focusing on Asian Pacific

Livorno Unit School students displayed

and sold, for donations their Asian-inspired

art work during the event. According to the Livorno Unit Principal, Daniel Serfass, the

money raised was being used to help those

To see more colorful event photos visit

www.flickr.com/photos/campdarby/ and

click on Asian Pacific Heritage Month 2011.

affected by the Tsunami in Japan.

Darby

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

Decoder Upgrade

AFN is moving to a new satellite. Users will need to program the decoder to a new frequency and realign their satellite to a new position by July 31 or they will no longer be able to view AFN.

If you have a decoder issued by the government, you have two options: you can contact CFRMO at 633-7882 to schedule an appointment to bring your decoder in to the office to be reprogrammed or you can visit www.usag.livorno.army.mil and click on AFN upgrade. It will take you directly to the AFN Europe Help site and you can program the decoder yourself.

Private rental housing members should call 633-7301 to see if their landlord will reposition the satellite dish.

Army Birthday

- ◆ Army Birthday Celebration, June 10 at 7 p.m. at the American Beach in Tirrenia. Tickets are on sale at USAG Livorno HHD. Parents' Night Out will be available.
- Army Birthday Fun Run June 13 at 7:30 a.m. Open to all.

Army Community Services

- TSP 101, June 7
- Smooth Move, June 8
- Card making, June 8
- Baby massage, June 14 Call 633-7084 to learn about these programs.

ITR trips

Call 633-7589.

• 'La Luminara' Festival of Lights, June 16

Daily trips June- August

- Cinque Terre, Mondays
- Venice, Tuesdays
- San Gimignano and Siena, Wednesdays
- Rome, Thursdays
- ► Elba, Fridays
- Florence, Saturdays

Italian-American Carnival

- June 17 is Darby Day from 5 p.m.-7 p.m. with free rides for all ID cardholders during this time.
- June 17-26, open every night from 7 p.m. until midnight. Enjoy rides, games, food and music.

Darby Community Club

- Xbox tournament, June 6
- Army Birthday Right Arm Night,
 June 14

Religious Activities

Call 633-7267

9:40 a.m. Catholic reconciliation 10 a.m. Catholic Mass 11:15 a.m. Protestant worship 11:15 a.m. Catholic CCD Sign up or volunteer for Vacation Bible school June 27 - July 1

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



Photo by Joyce Costello

No more bullies: Students at Livorno Unit Elementary and Middle School have taken a stand to

Unit Elementary and Middle School have taken a stand to end bullying. According to Principal Daniel Serfass, the students thought it would benefit everyone to create and sign a pledge.

"Each of our students committed themselves to this promise including our partner Italian school fifth grade class," said Serfass. "I am very proud of our students; many of them have created a student Bill of Rights which addresses their expectation and right to a respectful, bully-free environment."

Parents also helped show the students ways that bullying could be decreased with a kid-oriented presentation during an assembly.

Read the full story at www.usag.livorno.army.mil/news278.



heritage.

Photo by Joyce Costello

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Trout fest:

will be held Friday and Saturday in Altissimo, around 24 miles west of Vicenza, will feature food booths with trout cooked many ways at the event.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Local events

La Festa della Repubblica

Republic Day on Thursday, marks the day in 1946 when Italy voted in a referendum to abolish the monarchy and become a republic. Schools and most stores will be closed.

Bondola Festival:

Thursday-Sunday, in Torrebelvicino, Via Fogazzaro, about 18 miles northwest of Vicenza. Food stands featuring the bondola, a typical pork and wine salami.

- Thursday: 10 a.m. food booths; 8:30 a.m. live music and dancing with I Mirage Orchestra
- Friday: 7 p.m. food booths; 9:30 p.m. live rock with CB Band
- Saturday: 7 p.m. food booths; live music and dancing with I Souvenir
- Sunday: 10 a.m. food booths; 7:30 p.m. dance shows; 8:30 p.m. live music and dancing with Sonia Sipario Band Orchestra.

Spring Festival:

Thursday – Monday, in Costozza, about 8 miles south of Vicenza. Food booths featuring local specialties open at 7 p.m. Bounce houses and raffle. Live music and dancing start at 9 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. Vintage Vehicles and Motorcycle rally. 7:30 p.m. Latin-American, Caribbean, Argentine Tango and ballroom dancing shows.

Water Festival:

Thursday, in Dueville, about 8 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths open at 7 p.m. featuring fried freshwater fish and frogs, pasta with frog sauce, gnocchi and bigoli with duck sauce, polenta with herrings and local wines; takeaway service available. Bounce houses. 9 p.m. Live music and ballroom dancing with Sergio e le Melodie;

Cherry Festival:

Thursday-Sunday, in Castegnero, Piazza Mercato. Cherry exhibit and sale. Food booths featuring local specialties.

- Thursday: 4 p.m. live music with the Big Bubble Band; 7 p.m. food booths; 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Mery & Elisa
- Friday: 6:30 p.m. food booths and cherry sale; 9 p.m. live

rock with Infrarossi Band.

- Saturday: 6:30 p.m. food booths and cherry sale; 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Marino and I Bandana.
- Sunday: 3 p.m. horse show performed by the Horseman Ranch Association; 5 p.m. classical music and choir performance by Le Voci dei Berici and El Soco choir at Villa Maffei, Via Fontana Fozze 45; 6 p.m. food booths; 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Omar Lambertini.

Trout Festival:

Friday-Sunday, in Altissimo, Sports field, Via Garavoglia, about 24 miles west of Vicenza. Food booths open at 7 p.m. and feature grilled trout with polenta, deep fried trout, smoked trout sauce pasta and other local specialties.

- Friday at 9 p.m. '60s and '70s music and dancing
- Saturday at 9 p.m. Latin-American music with El Niño DJ and dance shows performed by Cabesitas Locas, Daniel De Cuba, and Tamara Perez.
- Sunday food booths at noon and 7 p.m.; local products exhibit and sale; folk music and bounce houses for children; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with I Delfini.

Gran Polu-Polenta & Luganega Festival:

Sunday, in Castelnovo, Isola Vicentina, Via S. Antonio, about 10 miles northwest of Vicenza. 8 a.m. 30th National Dog Show; 3 p.m. young dog handlers demonstration; 5 p.m. awards ceremony. Food booths open at noon and at 7:30 p.m. featuring bruschette, horse meat, luganega sausage, bigoli with duck sauce, and gnocchi. Carnival rides and raffle. Luganega is a long coiled sausage made from pork.

Luganega Festival:

June 2-6, in Lapio, about 6 miles south of Vicenza. Food booths featuring local specialties, luganega sausage, and local wines. Open at 7 p.m. Raffle and photo exhibit.

- Thursday: 8:30 p.m. Country night with Luka & Nike Dj's
- Friday: 9 p.m. live music and dancing with the Amos Group Orchestra.
- Saturday: 9 p.m. Live music and ballroom dancing with the Liscio and Simpatia Orchestra

- Sunday: 9 p.m. live music and dancing.
- Monday: 9 p.m. foam party, music and dancing.

Amusement parks

Aqualandia

In Jesolo, Via Buonarroti, 15, about 64 miles east of Vicenza. Open until Sept. 11, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Water games, extreme sports, water gym, animators and clowns for children. Bungee jumping. For detailed information and prices in English, visit http://www.aqualandia.it/en/.

Aquafollie Water park

In Caorle, Via Aldo Moro, 1, about 86 miles east of Vicenza. Open until Sept. 11, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Admission: €16 for adults and children taller than 51 inches; €12 for children up to 51 inches; €13 for people older than 65. Discount for families: parents and 2 children €54. Free for children up to 39 inches. Website (only in Italian) is http://www.aquafollie.it/.

Cavour Waterpark

In Valeggio sul Mincio (Verona), Loc. Ariano, about 53 miles west of Vicenza. Open until Aug. 31; 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. For detailed information on the park's attractions and prices in English, visit http://www.parcoacquaticocavour.it/index.php?sez=00&lang=en.

Gardaland

In Castelnuovo del Garda, Via Derna, 4, about 45 miles west of Vicenza. Open through Oct. 2. Also open for Halloween and for the Magic Winter in December. The Gardaland Sea-Life Aquarium is open daily, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For detailed info on opening hours, prices, attractions and services, and special offers visit the website http://www.gardaland.it/en/home.php.

Gulliverland

In Lignano Sabbiadoro (Udine), Via San Giuliano 13, about 100 miles east of Vicenza. Open through Sept. 12, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. It features an aquarium, a volcano rapids area, Medieval entertainment, a butterfly museum, and many more

attractions. General admission: €17; €13 for children ages 3-8. For more details in English, visit http://www.gulliverlandia.it/inglesetoto/secondaita/indice2.htm.

FREE concerts, exhibits & events

Sculpture/painting exhibit:

Renato Meneghetti paintings and sculptures exhibit: ongoing through July 3, in Bassano del Grappa, Palazzo Agostinelli, Via Barbieri 34, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza. Tuesday-Friday 3-7 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. & 3-7 p.m. For more info in English, visit http://www.meneghettirenato.com/bio/annexes_eng.php.

Concerts

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

- June 9: Coldplay with special guests
- June 10: Negramaro with special guests
- June 11: Vasco with special guests

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

Gods of Metal (Judas Priest, Whitesnake, Mr. Big, Cradle of Faith): June 22 in Milan, Arena

Bob Dylan and his Band: June 22 in Milan, Alacatraz **Skunk Anansie:** July 6 in

Udine; July 10 in Ferrara; July 19 in Milan; July 20 in Rome **Burt Bacharach and Mario**

Biondi: July 6 in Milan; July 10 in Lucca **John Mellencamp:** July 9 in

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

Take That: July 12 in Milan, San Siro Stadium

Elton John: July 12, Piazzola sul Brenta, Padova; July 14 in Lucca Bon Jovi: July 17 in Udine, Friuli Stadium

Paul Simon: July 17 in Milan **James Blunt:** July 21 in Lucca; July 23 in Mantova

Sting: July 29 in Venice, Piazza San Marco

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

Wind Caves and Lucca, June

Hike 52 tunnels carved during World War II, June 11

Adriatic Sea fishing, June 12 King Ludwig Castle, June 17-18

Wakeboard Lake Garda, June

Sea Kayak Lake Garda, June

Ferari Museum and Bologna, June 20

Cruise the lake in Lugano, Switzerland, June 25

See the complete ODR schedule online at www.VicenzaMWR.com.

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

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Sucker Punch (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Lincoln Lawyer (R)	9 p.m.
Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG)	3 p.m.
Hangover 2 (R)	6 p.m.
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Hangover 2 (R)	6 p.m.
Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2 (PG)	6 p.m.
Limitless (PG 13)	9 p.m.
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The Caserma Ederle Post Movie Theater will be closed Monday-Thursday for renovations until further notice.

Camp Darby Theater

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	Friday	Battle: Los Angeles (PG 13)	6 p.m.
	Saturday	The Lincoln Lawyer (R)	6 p.m.
	Sunday	Priest (PG 13)	1 p.m.
	June 10	Limitless (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.

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Community briefs

Special Events

- Enter to win a trip for two to the Armed Forces Recreation Centers Resort Destination of your choice. The grand prize winner will receive round-trip airfare for two to the AFRC resort of their choice plus \$2,500 spending cash. Visit www. AFRCResorts.com and click on the "Great Getaways" banner to enter and a chance to win by June 15. One entry per day allowed.
- Meet the Hollywood Knights Celebrity Basketball team. The USO sponsored celebrities include; Nicholas Braun, Ryan Eggold, Hill Haper, Josh Henderson, Robbie Jones, Gilles Marini, Jesse Metcalfe, Omar Benson Miller, Terrell Owens and Jeremy Sumpter. On Tuesday, at the Fitness Center they will play the Post Women's Basketball Team at 5:30 p.m. and then the Men's Post Team at 6:30 p.m. It will be great entertainment and if time permits there will be a meet and greet autograph session either at half time or following the game. Call 634-5087.
- BOSS partners up with the USO for a Rock Fest to celebrate the Army's Birthday June 11 starting at noon on Hoekstra Field. The bands featured include Rugby League, Black Cat Nine, Drop Simpler and more. Open to all nilitary and guests.

Office closure

The Tax Relief Office is relocating and will be closed from June 8-June 10. They will re-upon at the new location in Building 367 June 13.

Saturday Vaccine Clinic

The Vicenza Veterinary Treatment Facility is sponsoring a vaccination clinic June 11 from 8 a.m.-noon. No appointments are necessary — walk-ins only on a first-come-first-served basis. Only Microchipping and health certificates will also be available on this day. For info., call 0444-71-4841.

CPAC moving on post

During the week of July 18, the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will be moving to its new location on Caserma Ederle, building 327. The NAF HR Office will also be moving to this new location. In preparation for this move, customer service hours will be temporarily suspended on July 14-15 and 18-20. Normal hours will resume July 21. Current hours of operation are: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9 a.m.-noon by appointment only. Walk-in customer hours are 1-4 p.m. Mondays-Fridays. For information contact Pete Marchesani at 634-7537 or Susan Ambrosini at 634-7547.

USARAF FRG meeting

USARAF will hold its next FRG meeting June 16, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the ACS/Davis Hall Conference Room, building 108. There will be light refreshments served, door prizes and free childcare for those registered with Parent Central Services by Wednesday. The topic is the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." RSVP to Tashunda S. Vaughn by June 10 at tashunda.s.vaughn@eur.army. mil or at 634.6084.

CYS Services

- SAC heads to the Aqualandia water park Saturday, 10 a.m. -6 p.m. Cost is \$49 but you can save \$16 by using your four free child care hours. The price includes adult supervision, admission to the park, transportation and lunch. Call 634-5700 for more information.
- The Youth Center partners up with Club Beyond for the "Muck Wars" Saturday, 12:30 p.m. at the Villaggio Youth Center. It's the sickest mud fight in town for middle school and high school students only. Call 634-7659.
- Flag Football registration is until June 17 and space is limited. Youth ages 9-18 with a valid CYSS registration through the end of the season can sign up, July 13-Aug 17. Call 634-6151 for more information.
- Summer Camp is just around the corner. Open enrollment for thr School Age Center begins June 1. Middle School and Teen Center Summer Camp for weeks 1-5 is ongoing, and begins July 5 for weeks 6-10. The activity schedules for both SAC and the Youth Center are posted at www.vicenzamwr.com.
- Visit www.vicenzamwr.com for a complete listing or call Parent Central Services at 634-7219.

MOMS Club events

- Toddler Playgroup, June 13 at 10 a.m,
- Fitness Group, June 10, 24 at
- Out-n-About, June 10 at 9 a.m.
- Pre-school Playgroup, June 15 at 10 a.m.
- Bunco, June 16
- Monthly Meeting, June 27 at 10 a.m.
- Jesolo Beach Trip, June 29 at 9 a.m.

ACS

Become a community volunteer,

build your experiences and resume and meet a new network of people. Register online at www. myarmyonesource.com and your volunteer hours will follow you to any installation. Visit the Army Volunteer Corps Office upstairs in building 108. Call 634-7500 for more information or to see what is available.

Club Beyond Service **Project**

Spots are still available for the 2011 Romania Service Project with Club Beyond, June 24-July 2. Transportation costs will be covered for the next 10 high school students who sign up (a \$320 value). Also, if you've never been on a Club Beyond trip, huge scholarships are available. Contact Laura Livingston at LLivingston@ clubbeyond.org or 340-139-4073 for more information or to receive a registration form.

Job Opportunities

The Arena is seeking a cook leader. This is a permanent position and will be closing Monday. Information is posted at https://vabselfnom.cpol.army.mil/ vabSelfNom.

Improve GT score

The next FAST class begins June 28. Call 634-8933 for information space is limited.

VFW

Monthly meetings for the VFW are held the second Thursday every month at 5:30 p.m. at La Rondine, a retiree club, located at Via Paolo Calvi, 56, Vicenza. For membership inquiries, contact post commander Corey Kerzmann at 634-8266 or corey.kerzmann@ yahoo.com.

UMUC classes

University of Maryland University College Europe is currently registering for the summer session. Registration for onsite (face-to-face) courses is available now through Tuesday, with classes beginning June 6. Registration for Europe online (distance education) courses continues through June 12, with classes starting June 13.

A \$500 Military Family Member Scholarship is available to help military spouses and dependents of all active-duty servicemembers and may be used toward UMUC tuition and textbook fees for the summer session. Both new and current students are eligible to apply. For active-duty enlisted servicemembers, UMUC is also offering the \$100 Orkand Family Military Book Award. Details can be found at http://www.ed.umuc. edu/financial aid.

Field study courses are available in England and France. For more information, contact a local UMUC Europe field representative, visit www.ed.umuc.edu, or contact UMUC at 314-370-6762 or +49-(0)6221-3780.

Arts & Crafts Center

- Come by to use one of our many studios for just \$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.
- Shell Painting Class with Franco Lidron is a free class with shells and painting supplies provided. Class will be at the Arts and Crafts Center Friday, 4-6 p.m.
- Learn about watercolors from local artist, Sabrina Lamonica in her Intro to Watercolors class. Begins Thursday and runs for three consecutive Thursdays from 10-11:30 a.m. All materials included. Stop by the Arts & Crafts Center to see samples of Sabrina's work.
- Use you digital camera more successfully with an in-depth look at aperture, shutter speed and ISO. Bring your camera and manual and be ready to take some great shots. Every Wednesday starting June 1, 1-2:30 p.m.

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

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

5 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

3 p.m.: Praise dance practice **3:15 p.m**.: Middle School Club Beyond meets in Villaggio Youth Center until June 15

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. until June 15. 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.

Vacation Bible School

This year's theme is Pandamania: Where Gos is Wild About You. Bible school will be held at the post chapel June 27-July 1 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Participants should be age 4 by Sept. 1 or Pre-K through completed 5th grade. Spaces are limited so register early.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Banner Day: Military families enjoy a bounce house during the U.S. Army Garrison Organizational Day May 26. Other activities during the day included a barbecue, flag football and

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

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Sports

'Tenacious Cinderellas' battle hard against odds

Vicenza High School Soccer Team

The Vicenza High School Lady Cougars soccer team brought numerous traits of success to the fields of Kaiserslautern, Germany, last month in the season capstone European Tournament. The small squad of 12 athletes adopted the motto "Relentless Tenacity" along their quest to become European Champions.

Being seeded fifth in their conference was less than they'd hoped for following a 3-1-3 season that seemed to be plagued by tie games and missed opportunities.

"It's easy to win and maintain your dignity," said Vicenza head coach Charity Smith. "The true test is in losing with grace and the girls handled the game and the loss like real champions. Their sportsmanship really showed and it impressed people, throughout the whole tournament."

Their first opponent was Bahrain. Vicenza tore through the 60 minutes of play with a 6-0 victory that sent them into the quarterfinals.

They had to win against a German team to reach the semi finals. Ansbach played Aviano in game one and came out as the surprising victor to a team Vicenza tied in the regular season.

Vicenza took down the German Cougars 3-0. Meanwhile defending DII champs, Naples Wildcats, were making their charge through the bracket and would go on to face Bitburg in the semi final round. At the half it was 1-0 AF North but the Cougars resolve held strong.

"It was just like coach said, we had a choice to stop, or continue. It was that simple," said stopper and senior, Arden Holderby.

With minutes left, freshman forward Alex Frank sent a long cross and senior midfielder Brandy Somera put it in the back of the net for a 3-2 lead in their comeback effort. The whole team transitioned to defense for the remaining minutes. With senior goalie Erika Valek taking charge and freshman fullback Olianna Reyter, made a big save and the Cougars finished to move on to the championship game.

"They were a tough team, but I was ready," said star fullback and senior, Milan Juliano.

The Cougars came to a surprising 1-0 lead in the first three minutes with a follow-up goal by senior midfielder Tracie Robinson. By halftime, Naples had closed the gap by one with a 40-yard bomb unstoppable by Vicenza's defense, reminiscent to their 2-2 regular season tie with Naples. The



Courtesy photo

Erika Valek, Vicenza High School senior and girl's soccer team goalie, goes for a block during the European Tournament last month. The team placed second in the tournament desite having the fewest players.

game continued at the 2-2 hold until the MVP was met at the top of the box by Valek who suffered a knee injury.

The ball was played to the corner flag by junior sweeper Maya Swinehart in an attempt to stop play but it was chased down once again by the opposite team.

On instinct, and with the sure thought that the play had been stopped, the majority of the Cougar defense rallied on their injured goalie. The MVP sent the ball across the goal and it was placed in the net by another Wildcat teammate without resistance from Vicenza. Gasparini quickly took the role of goalie while Valek was taken from the field by the medical support and play continued for 7 more grueling minutes.

Vicenza proudly took home the second place trophy amid much controversy over the final Naples goal.

"I couldn't be more proud of the girls. I've coached the Lady Cougars for three years and we're only getting better," said Smith. "Their semi-final comeback victory was nothing short of amazing and left me in disbelief."

Sports horts

College recruiting speaker

Derrick Mayes, all-time leading receiver for Notre Dame and player for the Super Bowl Champion team Green Bay Packers, will be speaking to athletes and their parents at the Vicenza High School auditorium June 8 at 5:30 p.m.

For questions regarding the program, contact Rachel Hernandez at Rhernandez@ncsasports.org.

Combatives Team seeking competitor

The Vicenza Garrision Combatives Team will be competing in the Army Combatives Championships in Fort Hood, Texas, July 16-25. In order to complete the team needs one more competitor in the lightest weight class. Specifically needed is a Soldier weighing less than 110 lbs. (120 if female). Competitors must participate in regularly scheduled team practices Tuesdays and Thursday in the fitness center from 6-7:30 a.m . For info. contact Lt. Col. Bo Stuart at 635-4477 or 329-315-1552.

Unit & rec play

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

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

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

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

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

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

Men's Rugby

Rugby Team practices are ongoing at the Sports Field Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6 p.m. Players and coaches are needed.

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.

Local combatives tourney results, 16 ready for Fort Hood

USAG Public Affairs Office

A combatives tournament was held May 16-17, with a quicker end time than earlier anticipated. The first and second place winners in each weight category are currently training for the All-Army Combative Tournament in Fort Hood Texas, July 16-25.

Team Points

1st-2nd Bn., 503rd Inf. Reg. 2nd-1st Bn., 503rd Inf. Reg. 3rd-U.S. Army Africa 4th-173rd Brigade

Lightweight

1st-Spc. Blaze Schubert, Charlie Company, 1-503 2nd-Sgt. 1st Class Roddy Rieger, USARAF 3rd-Pvt. Brent Lamb, Chosen Company, 2-503 4th-Spc. Jonathan Snow, Echo Company, 1-503

Welterweight

1st-Staff Sgt. Thomas Elkins, Attack Company, 1-503 2nd-Spc. Timothy Borck, HHC, 2-503 3rd-Pvt. Andrew Johnson, Chosen Company, 2-503 4th-Pfc. Ryan Eber, Chosen Company, 2-503

Middleweight

1st-Lt. Col. Leamond Stuart, USARAF 2nd-Spc. Ramiro Benavides, Chosen Company, 2-503 3rd-Pvt. Morgan Smith, HHC, 2-503

4th-Spc. Aaron Katanic, Destined Company, 2-503

Cruiserweight

1st-Sgt. Andrew Smith, HHC, 2-503 2nd-Pfc. Ryan Taele, Bravo Company, 1-503 3rd-Pfc. Troy Wigmore, Chosen Company, 2-503 4th-Sgt. Peter McNeal, VMC Health Clinic



Courtesy photo

Some of the winners from the Vicenza Combatives tournament pose with their trophy. First and second place winners will go on to the All-Army tournament in Fort Hood, Texas.

Light Heavyweight

1st-Pfc. Cody Tracy, Attack Company, 1-503 2nd-Staff Sgt. Marc Venditti, HHC, 1-503 3rd-Spc. Brian Gragg, Battle Company 2-503 4th-Spc. David Kline, Destined Company, 2-503 **Heavyweight**

1st-Spc. Joshua Achor, Battle Company 2-503 2nd-Spc. David DiCicco, Destined Company 2-503 3rd-Spc. Matthias Tankersley, Attack Company 1-503 4th-Sgt. Antiwan Tarpley, VMC Health clinic

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