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U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza changes command

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

The leadership of U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza changed June 1 as Col. David Buckingham accepted command from Col. Erik Daiga in a ceremony on Hoekstra Field at Caserma Ederle.

Daiga led USAG Vicenza since August 2008, will head to his new assignment with the Combined Joint Interagency Task Force in Shafafiyat, Afghanistan. Incoming commander Buckingham has been serving as the G3 Director of Operations for U.S. Army Africa since February 2010.

IMCOM Europe Region Director Diane Devens presided over the ceremony, remarking that garrison leadership is a hard job but also one of the most rewarding positions, and praised Daiga for his accomplishments while serving as the USAG Vicenza commander. The ceremony was attended by IMCOM Europe leaders, post leadership, many Italian dignitaries and community members.

Devens commended Daiga and his wife, Cathy, "for their professional and personal sacrifices as they led, mentored, and inspired the staff of the garrisons and indeed the entire communities here in Vicenza and in Livorno to great accomplishments during a period of unprecedented changes to both the Army and to this installation."

She noted that Daiga oversaw challenges

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Photo by Paolo Bovo, 7th JMTC

Col. David Buckingham receives the U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza colors from Installation Management Command-Europe Director Diane Devens June 1 to take command. Buckingham's previous assignment was with U.S. Army Africa.

386th MCT Soldier lauded for nabbing robbery suspect

By Sgt. Maj. Cameron Porter
21st TSC Public Affairs



Photo courtesy of Staff Sgt. Chad Mitchell
Staff Sgt. Eddie Peoples, 386th Movement Control Team, detained a bank robbery suspect until police arrived while he was on leave in Florida May 31. Peoples is pictured here while on deployment.

A Vicenza section sergeant has been deemed a hero after detaining a suspect who had allegedly just committed a bank robbery and holding him until the police arrived.

Staff Sgt. Eddie Peoples from the 386th Movement Control Team, 16th Sustainment Brigade, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, was visiting family members in Sarasota, Fla., while on leave. On the afternoon of May 31, Peoples and his two children stopped at a local bank in Sarasota. While he was there with his children, the suspect who has been charged with armed robbery and is being detained by local authorities, entered the bank, demanded money

from bank employees and left with an undetermined amount of cash.

Peoples, who watched the whole situation transpire, said he knew he could not stand by. He had to do something.

"He waved the gun at one of my children. So after he walked out of the bank, I followed him out," said Peoples, speaking with a local television station reporter in the parking lot of the bank after the entire ordeal.

After leaving his children with some innocent bystanders inside the bank, Peoples quickly went outside, jumped in his rental car and pulled up behind the suspect's getaway car, blocking him in. After ramming Peoples' car several times, the suspect jumped out of his car and approached Peoples, brandishing his

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503rd Infantry's 1st, 2nd Battalions welcome new commanders

By Spc. Michael Sword
173rd ABCT Public Affairs

During two change of command ceremonies on Hoekstra Field at Caserma Ederle, the paratroopers of the 1st and 2nd Battalions, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, said goodbye to the commanders who led them through their most recent deployment to Afghanistan, and welcomed the men who took their places.

On June 2, 2nd Battalion said goodbye to Lt. Col. William Butler, who has commanded 'The Rock' since September 2008.

"Being the commander of The Rock has never been about what we did or where we did it," said Butler. "It has always been about

the paratroopers and their families."

Butler is replaced by Lt. Col. Michael Larsen, formerly with U.S. Army Africa, also located in Vicenza.

"Today I count my blessings to finally have the opportunity to serve with the 'Sky Soldiers' and humbly accept my new call sign, 'Rock 6,'" said Larsen.

During the June 3 ceremony, 1st Battalion commander Lt. Col. Matthew McFarlane handed over command of the battalion he has led for almost three years.

"I sincerely appreciate all who ventured out this morning to acknowledge the paratroopers standing in front of you and I'm truly honored by your presence," said McFarlane.

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Clinic loses employee, friend to cancer

U.S. Army Health Clinic Vicenza

Brian O'Connor, 53, died May 31 at Mercy Fitzgerald Vitas Hospice Care Unit in Darby, Pa., following a battle with cancer.

O'Connor was a physicians assistant in Orthopedics at the U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza. He was very well liked and respected at the clinic, said Jo Pennhallegon, Patient Advocate at the clinic.

"Mr. O'Connor took care of every member of my family," she said. "He was not only someone I worked with, but also a friend. I will always remember him as a caring person who chose to see patients up to the last days of his short life, and who had a great sense of humor and the ability to smile even during very difficult times."

Kathleen Wiber, also of the health clinic, said O'Connor was very dedicated.

"Even though Brian was very ill, he really felt compelled to return to giving care to his patients," Wiber said. "Many of these were Soldiers that had a lot of orthopedic issues from frequent deployments. It was hard

for him to leave Vicenza."

O'Connor was originally from Pottstown, Pa. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1986 and was later commissioned as an officer. After completing his studies as an orthopedic physician assistant, he went on to serve at air force bases in Germany and Italy. He retired as a major in 2007, and continued to serve as a civilian at Vicenza.

O'Connor was especially dedicated to taking care of Soldiers wounded in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, according to his brother, Ray O'Connor.

He is survived by his mother and father, and six siblings. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in his honor to the Brian P. O'Connor Educational Trust Fund c/o 1102 Wilson St., Pottstown, PA 19464.



O'Connor

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weapon. Peoples remained undeterred.

"I've been through five deployments. I've fought the Muqtada militia (in Iraq), everybody you can think of, so weapons getting pointed at me, it doesn't really bother me anymore," Peoples said. "I took the weapon away from him and put him on the ground and the rest was history."

Peoples held the suspect down until local authorities arrived on the scene. Deputies arrested the man, and Peoples went back inside the bank to retrieve his children.

"Every time I get deployed, I always tell my children I'm going to fight the bad men. When I walked back in the bank, my oldest boy said 'did you get the bad men?' and I said 'yep, I got the bad men' and everyone applauded," Peoples said.

Peoples' unit found out what happened shortly after when local media outlets contacted the Army so they could interview Peoples.

"We were surprised by what happened, but not really shocked," said Capt. Jedmund Greene, commander of the 386th MCT. "Defending his kids and other people – that's what he does on a daily basis. He's taken an oath to protect his country, and he saw an event taking place and reacted in the interest of protecting his children and people who he didn't even know."

"Peoples is a great NCO to work with, and he's always at the front doing what he needs to do to take care of the troops, said Staff Sgt. Chad Mitchell, 386th MCT detachment sergeant. "Just like this situation in Florida, if there is something he feels he needs to stop and take care of, if he feels that something isn't right, he's going to step in."

The Sarasota Police Department presented a commendation medal to Peoples later that day for his selfless actions in the face of danger.

509th Soldier reflects on somber visit to Holocaust camp

Commentary by 1st Lt. Clayton K. Durden
509th Signal Battalion

In a somber moment of reflection for Holocaust Remembrance, members of the 509th Signal Battalion visited the Trieste suburb of San Sabba to pay homage to those who were imprisoned and lost their lives in the "Rice Mill of San Sabba".

Organized by Sgt. 1st Class Carmen Leggett, the Equal Opportunity leader, the May 13 trip focused on a collection of buildings infamously known as the only death camp to operate in the Italian territory during World War II. Deriving its colloquial name from the original purpose of the complex, the "Rice Mill" was requisitioned as a temporary prison camp during the Nazi occupation, and rechristened as *Stalag 339*.

It was used as a sorting area for deportees from Germany and Poland. Later, as overcrowding of the prison camp became a concern to the Nazi leaders, a large crematorium was installed in the courtyard, which the Nazi occupiers used to exterminate the prisoners in cruel and inhuman mass murders.

When prisoners first arrived to the camp, the long

narrow entrance hallway gave an ominous sense of doom, enhanced by the large mass holding room at the end that prisoners referred to as "the death cell". There prisoners were sorted and assigned their fate, including forced labor, temporary holding, or transportation to the death camp prisons of Dachau, Auschwitz, or Mauthausen.

They were tortured and stripped of all their possessions, and made to live in small prison cells, barely larger than the small wooden beds provided. As the war drew on, prisoners were packed in with five or six people to a cell, with no light and only one hour a day to even open the cell's window. The prisoners were given just enough food and water to keep them alive, often expiring within their cells and their bodies left with the survivors for up to a week, until the German SS would remove them to the crematorium.

Our trip shed new light on the atrocities and the soulless depravity of which human beings can be capable.

The detachment to human life that these villains must have possessed to commit such horrible war crimes is almost incomprehensible. Our hearts hung heavy as



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Carmen Leggett

Personnel with the 509th Signal Battalion visit the "Rice Mill of San Sabba" near Trieste May 13. It was the only Holocaust prison camp to operate in the Italian territory in World War II, during Nazi occupation.

we walked through the same walkways, corridors, and prison cells that were the setting for the last weeks of so many innocent peoples' lives. It was truly a sad time in the world's history, and a mistake that I pray we never allow to happen again on this earth.

Speak Out

VHS seniors: What are your plans after graduation?



Arden Holderby

"I plan on going to Purdue University. I'm undecided on my major."



Milan Juliano

"I'm going to the University of Georgia to study Early Childhood Education and play volleyball."



Brandy Somera

"I plan on going to Christopher Newport University to study Biology."



Erika Valek

"I'll be attending Austin College, Texas, majoring in Environmental Studies and I'll continue to play volleyball."



Kyle Wood

"I'm going to the University of California, Berkeley to study Molecular Biology."

By Laura Kreider

Vicenza community gives \$57K to AER

Army Emergency Relief Office

The annual Army Emergency Relief Campaign wrapped up May 15 with Vicenza's donations totaling nearly \$60,000 to help Soldiers and families.

The campaign aimed to create greater awareness of AER programs and benefits and to give Soldiers the opportunity to help their fellow Soldiers.

Did you know?

- ◆ AER assistance is available to Soldiers and their families
- ◆ Amount of assistance in loans or grants is only limited by valid need
- ◆ Soldiers and families needing AER help can contact their unit chain of command or visit AER at Army Community Service
- ◆ Company commanders and first sergeants can approve loans for as much as \$1,000 with the Command Referral program
- ◆ Call AER at 634-8524/0444-71-8524 or visit www.aerhq.org

"This year's campaign proved to be a success in raising awareness of the need for AER assistance as well as enforcing the 2011 AER campaign theme of "Helping to make Soldiers and their Families Army strong," said AER Campaign Coordinator Tamela Faulkner. "Local contributions from active-duty and retired Soldiers, family members and civilians totaled \$57,466.60, with more than 1,300 contributors. With 2010 campaign contributions totaling \$13,201, the Vicenza military community truly went above and beyond to secure AER assistance for our Soldiers and family members in the days to come."

Outreach for Vicenza's 2011 campaign included drawings for prizes provided by the USO, the Defense Commissary Agency, the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, United Airlines, SATO Travel, Carlson Wagonlit Travel and the post veterinary clinic. Prizes included two roundtrip tickets to the U.S.; two free Outdoor Recreation trips; a stay at Sea Pines Camp Darby; fitness and cooking classes; tickets to the



Photo by Laura Kreider

From the left, Tamela Faulkner, AER Campaign coordinator, Glenn Gibbs, USO manager, Steve Roberts, Installation Operations Center chief and Becky Watson, AER officer, pose for a picture May 25 in front of the Vicenza USO. Roberts won two roundtrip airline tickets in the 2011 AER Opportunity Drawing.

Comedy/Improv Night; and commissary and pet shot vouchers.

"We could not have had such a successful 2011 campaign year without the tireless effort of our unit campaign representatives," Faulkner said. "It is to these Soldiers that we owe gratitude for the time and planning they spent in ensuring that every Soldier had the opportunity

to contribute. Without the support of the Vicenza military community, to include those organizations that contributed to the success of our opportunity drawing, we could not have done so well."

For full details on AER's assistance programs, contact Becky Watson, Vicenza's AER officer at 634-8524/0444-71-8524 or visit www.aerhq.org.

USAG: Buckingham takes garrison command

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on the installation, ranging from construction to deployments and redeployments, while building positive relationships with the off-post Italian community.

Addressing the crowd in English and Italian, Daiga said, "It is with great sadness I leave Vicenza today. I will miss very much the partnership and friendship I have enjoyed with all of you over the last three years. My wife, Cathy, and I look forward to the day we can return to bella Vicenza and again enjoy her welcoming hospitality."

Devens also praised Buckingham's abilities.

"In Colonel Buckingham IMCOM-Europe region gains a commander with an astute grasp of what it takes to effectively support an Army family and the war fighter," she said.

Devens also recognized Kendra Buckingham, a former Army officer who is now a full-time mother of five and a dedicated volunteer.

In his remarks, also

interspersed with Italian, Buckingham said he is pleased to take command of the garrison. He thanked U.S. Army Africa Commanding General Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg for giving him "an opportunity to continue to serve the Vicenza community in this new position," adding that he is "thrilled to remain in Italy two or three years."

Addressing the many Italian dignitaries in attendance, Buckingham said "As Italy and the United States have a strong and powerful friendship as strategic allies, we look forward to maintaining and strengthening the strong and powerful friendship between the American military community in Vicenza, and you, our wonderful hosts and friends."

Buckingham, who grew up in an Army family, graduated from Penn State and was commissioned an infantry officer through ROTC. His overseas tours also include assignments in England, Macedonia, Afghanistan and Iraq.

Health Center asks community to complete, submit health care surveys

U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza

Have you ever had something worth a lot of money and just thrown it in the trash? When you last opened your mail, did you see a patient survey and throw it away? For those who did, take a second look. Those are worth a lot to our community's health care. Your comments help generate resources used to improve facilities, equipment and services.

The Army Provider Level Satisfaction Survey program is a tool that allows patients to communicate with the U.S. Army Medical Department leadership on how your health center is meeting your needs. The Vicenza Health Center is missing out on incentive revenue for every survey thrown away.

The APLSS program, administered by the Office of the U.S. Army Surgeon General, sends beneficiaries a brief questionnaire regarding their care. There are three ways to receive the questionnaire:

- ◆ a short-form survey of nine questions using a toll-free number and a voice response system;
- ◆ a two-page written survey that can be mailed free to the Office of the Surgeon General;
- ◆ and a web survey which patients log in and complete.

The survey focuses on how the provider communicated with the patient during the visit, including if the provider listened carefully, understood the problem, showed courtesy and respect, spent enough time with the patient and helped with the problem. It also asks about access to care, courtesy of support staff, coordination of care, facility comfort and cleanliness, and services such as lab, pharmacy and X-ray.

The confidential surveys are processed to provide immediate feedback to leadership. At Vicenza, leaders review the survey data weekly share it throughout the organization, down to individual healthcare-provider level.

The information is used to recognize staff who consistently exceed patient expectations and to identify areas that needed improvement and staff who needed additional customer service training. Patient feedback was also responsible for changes to the appointing system and the hiring of additional staff.

So, the next time you get one of those APLSS surveys in the mail, don't throw it away. Please fill it out and help us improve your health center.

For more information, contact the patient advocate at 636-9106 / 0444-61-9106 or email VZHCPatRep@amedd.army.mil.

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At Your Service



Public Health Command District

Celeste Richardson is the health promotion officer for the U.S. Army Garrison Public Health Command District-Mediterranean. Richardson works to help community members find proactive ways to improve their health to include social, family and spiritual health.

"I ensure that there are no gaps in programs in Vicenza or Livorno," Richardson said.

Richardson is located in building 169, near the fitness center and operating hours are Mondays-Fridays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Richardson can be reached at celeste.m.richardson@eur.army.mil.

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Vicenza High School Class of 2011



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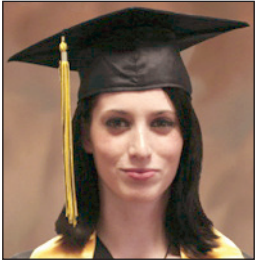
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Brandy Somera



Emelie Steck



Alexander Steger



Christopher Stucky



Erika Valek



Victoria Werner



Michael Weston



Kyle Wood



Nathan Woods



Troy Young

Livorno's Class of 2011

Congratulations!



2011 International School of Florence graduates Chase Murphy and Zackery Benjamin Garcia.



Photo by Elena Baladelli

Soldiers of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team based in Vicenza, David Thorne, U.S. Ambassador to Italy and Carabinieri pay their homage to the Soldiers who lost their lives during World War II during the annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Florence American Cemetery May 30.

Fallen service members honored at cemetery

By Chiara Mattiolo

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

On Memorial Day, the Florence American Cemetery held a ceremony honoring those who lost their lives during World War II.

Among the military and civilian authorities participating in this year's memorial events was the U.S. Ambassador to Italy, David Thorne. He said the first place he had ever been in Italy as a young boy with his father was visiting the American Cemetery in Nettuno near Rome, where he learned the importance of honoring those Soldiers who lost their lives for the freedom of others.

"Those young Soldiers gave their lives to grant freedom to people they didn't even know," said Thorne. "With their unselfish dedication to the cause they fought and lost their lives, it's imperative for the generations to come to find some time to pay tribute to the fallen Soldiers."

Many veteran groups also took part to the occasions along with those who wished to pay their respects.

"We have attended this celebration every year for the last 40

years," said Valerio Bianchi sitting next to his wife Carla. "This is our way to demonstrate our gratitude towards these young soldiers who lost their lives for our freedom."

Carla Bianchi added that she can still recall the great feeling she had when the American troops arrived in Florence and began to distribute food and bread to everyone.

"I remember for us it was really hard at that time even to get a piece of bread. We were entitled one loaf of bread per family and most times that was really not sufficient," Bianchi said.

The Florence American Cemetery is the place of rest for 4,402 military service members, who fought after the capture of Rome in June 1944. There are also some casualties of battles in the Apennines before the enemy troops in northern Italy surrendered in 1945, according to John Luncheon, American Cemetery superintendent.

The cemetery is open daily to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., except Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. There is a staff member on duty in the Visitor Building to answer questions and escort relatives to grave and memorial sites.

Darby Dates

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

Awards Ceremony

Don't miss the Camp Darby Community Quarterly Awards June 16 at 2 p.m. at the DCC.

Decoder Upgrade

AFN is moving to a new satellite July 31. Before then, viewers must program their decoder to a new frequency and realign their satellite. Go to www.usag.livorno.army.mil and click on AFN upgrade for more information including contact information for the help desk.

Child, Youth and School Services

- ◆ Registration is now open for a dance and theater program beginning in July.
- ◆ Strong Beginnings graduation, June 14
- ◆ Power Hour Party, June 16
- ◆ SAC Kick off summer barbecue, June 20
- ◆ Parents' Night Out, June 25

Army Community Services

633-7084

- ◆ Multicultural Spouses meeting, June 15
- ◆ Budgeting for Summer, June 16
- ◆ ACS Birthday Celebration at the Darby Pool, 9 a.m.-11 a.m., followed by lunch, June 23
- ◆ Effective Relaxation Techniques, June 30

ITR trips

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. Free rides for all ID cardholders from 5 p.m.-7 p.m.
- ◆ June 17-26, open every night from 7 p.m. until midnight. Enjoy rides, games, food and music.

Outdoor Recreation

633-7775

- ◆ Fishing Derby, June 18
- ◆ Elba Boat trip, June 25

Religious Activities

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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U.S. Army Garrison Livorno
NCO of the Quarter

"I really liked the discipline of being in the Army and I feel proud to be part of something important. I am also very lucky, because I always seem to have great NCOs that stress the importance of being a good leader and so, now I strive to be a good leader and a great NCO."

SGT Jessica Prewitt
U.S. Army Health Clinic Livorno



"Army NCO- No One is More Professional than I..."



Graphic by Joyce Costello

Animal Parks:

Animal lovers can check out the Valcorba Animal Park in Pozzonovo, località Stroppare (Padova), about 36 miles south of Vicenza. See a variety of animals, from kangaroos to tigers, exotic birds to zebras and more. For information in Italian only, visit www.parcovallcorba.it/, or visit one of the other parks listed below.

Courtesy photo



www.greenticket.it/x/eventi_cerca.html?r_id=72521&o_s_id=1646

Gods of Metal: June 22 in Milan, Arena

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

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/>.

Nature Parks & Zoos

Botanical Garden:

Padova, Via Orto Botanico 15, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. The world's first botanical garden opened in Padova in 1545 and it still preserves its original layout – a circular central plot, symbolizing the world, surrounded by a ring of water. Open April-October 9 a.m.-1 p.m. & 3-7 p.m. Admission fee: €4; €3 for people older than 65; €1 for students ages 6-17. English audio guide available for €3. For details in English, visit www.ortobotanico.unipd.it/en/index.html.

Butterfly Arc:

Montegrotto Terme, Via Degli Scavi 21, about 34 miles southeast of Vicenza. Open daily 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Admission fee: €9; €7 for children 4-12 and people older than 65. The ticket includes the entrance to the Fairy's Wood. The Butterfly Arc houses hundreds of specimens of arthropods, including scorpions, scarabs, dung beetles, caterpillars, orchid praying mantises all chosen from among the largest specimens in the world. The Fairy's Wood is a 7000 square meter park where the relationship between man and nature is examined by connecting history, traditions, fantasy and science. For more details in English on the Butterfly Arc & the Fairy's Wood, visit www.casadellefarfalle.it/eng/index.php.

Cappeller Animal Park:

Cartigliano, Via Kimle, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. Open through Nov. 15, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; on Sunday, 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Botanical gardens, picnic areas, fast-food outlet and a children's playground. General admission: €10; €7 for children 2-11 and people older than 60. For more info (in Italian only), visit www.parcocappeller.com/.

Museum of live insects, silkworms & bees:

Esapolis Museum in Padova, Via dei Colli 28, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. Tuesday-Friday, 9:30 a.m.-noon & 2:30-5:30 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays, 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Admission fee: €9; €7 for children 4-12 & people older than 65. Free for children younger than 4. For more info (in Italian only), visit www.esapolis.it/.

Fairy Tales Magic Wood Park:

Crosara di Nove, Via Luigi Nodari 11, about 16 miles north of Vicenza. Natural park by the Brenta River, where a local artist, Roberto Costa, made a path populated with fairy tale characters carved in wood carried by the river. Free entrance. English guide available upon request. Cost: €3 per person. To schedule your visit, call Anna Terracino at 634-7169 or email anna.terracino@eur.army.mil. For more info (in Italian only), visit www.boscomagico.it/home.html.

Italy in miniature:

"Minitalia" in Capriate San Gervasio (Bergamo), Via Vittorio Veneto 52, about 108 miles west of Vicenza. Experience Italy from north to south by visiting the most important monuments in miniature, a multimedia museum dedicated to Leonardo, carnival rides, a reptile house terrarium with lizards, spiders, snakes and much more. General admission: €22 (valid also for the following day by getting a pass before you leave the park); reduced €17 (same as above) for senior citizens and children 39-55 inches tall; free for children shorter than 39 inches. For more details, in English, visit www.minitalia.com/it/english-version/.

Safari Park and Zoo:

Bussolengo, Località Figara, 40, about 42 miles west of Vicenza. March-November, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. General admission: €19; €16 for children 3-12. Visitors can rent a 9-passenger vehicle for the Safari for €18 by calling 045-717-0113. For info in English, visit www.parcnaturaviva.it/index-en.php.

Valcorba Animal Park:

Pozzonovo, località Stroppare (Padova), about 36 miles south of Vicenza. Open 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. until Sept. 30. Admission: €10; reduced €7 for children 4-7. For more info (in Italian only), visit www.parcovallcorba.it/.

Varone Waterfall Cave Park & Botanic Garden:

Tenno, Via Cascata 12, about 90 miles northwest of Vicenza. May-August, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; September, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; October, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; November-February on Sundays and Italian holidays, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Visit a natural gorge, eroded over 20,000 years by Lake Tenno's waters, which tumble from

a height of almost 100 meters. Admission: €5.50. Free parking and picnic area. For more details in English, visit www.cascata-varone.com/index_en.htm.

Local events

Lerino Festival:

Friday-Tuesday, in Lerino, Torri di Quartesolo, Via Rimembranze, about 8 miles southeast of Vicenza. Food booths open at 7 p.m. and exhibition of local products and crafts 9 p.m. Charity raffle and carnival rides.

- ♦ Friday: 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Lara e Chiara Orchestra

- ♦ Saturday: 8 p.m. dance show; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Duca D'Este Orchestra

- ♦ Sunday: 6 p.m. holy mass and procession accompanied by Zugliano Band; 8 p.m. jazzercise talent show; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Silvia and the Italian Band

- ♦ Monday: 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Sabia Orchestra

- ♦ Tuesday: 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Magrie e Lisoni Orchestra

Gran Polù – Polenta & Luganega Festival:

Friday-Sunday, in Castelnuovo, Isola Vicentina, Via S. Antonio, about 10 miles northwest of Vicenza. 7:30 p.m. food booths featuring bruschette, horse meat, luganega sausage, bigoli with duck sauce and gnocchi. Carnival rides and raffle

- ♦ Friday: 9 p.m. Cuban dances and African drums show

- ♦ Saturday: 7-11 p.m. Moto Show Freestyle at Palagiovani followed by live music; 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Mauro Levrini

- ♦ Sunday: 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Manolo.

SassoRock – Bear Festival:

Friday, in Sasso, Asiago, about 36 miles north of Vicenza. 6 p.m. food booths featuring local specialties and homemade draft beer; live music starts at 8 p.m. Happy hour with beer and sausage starts at midnight. Free shuttle service departs from Asiago, Piazza Mercato, at 9 p.m. and returns from Sasso at 2 a.m.

Mexican Fest:

Friday-Sunday, in Costozza, about 8 miles south of Vicenza. Food booths featuring Mexican and Tyrolean food and beers.

- ♦ Friday: 9 p.m. Country music and dancing with Luke & Nike

- ♦ Saturday: 9 p.m. Tortuga Dance & Fitness show

- ♦ Sunday: 9 p.m. live music and dancing with D'Animos Band

Antique markets on Sunday:

- ♦ Vicenza, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Campo Marzo, by the train station. (220 vendors)

- ♦ Lonigo, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Via Garibaldi, about 20 miles southwest of Vicenza. (100 vendors)

- ♦ Sunday: disco and soul music with DJ Yano

Concerts

Heineken Jammin' Festival:

Friday-Sunday in Mestre (Venice), Parco San Giuliano

- ♦ Friday: Coldplay with special guests

- ♦ Saturday: Negramaro with special guests

- ♦ Sunday: 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

ODR trips

King Ludwig Castle, June 17-18

Wakeboard Lake Garda, June 18

Kayak at Lake Garda, June 19
Visit Ferari Museum and Bologna, June 20

Cruise the lake in Lugano, Switzerland, June 25

Jesolo Beach trip, June 26

SCUBA Croatia, June 27-July 2

Florence and Fiesole, July 2
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.

Know of an event we're missing? Email us at editor@eur.army.mil

Now Showing



Ederle Theater

Friday	Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2 (PG)	6 p.m.
	Limitless (PG 13)	9 p.m.
Saturday	Hop (PG)	3 p.m.
	X-Men First Class (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Hop (PG)	3 p.m.
	X-Men First Class (PG 13)	6 p.m.
June 17	Arthur (PG 13)	6 p.m.
	Your Highness (R)	9 p.m.

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

Camp Darby Theater

Friday	Limitless (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Saturday	Pirates of the Caribbean 4 (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Hop (PG)	1 p.m.
June 17	Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2 (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.

Training opportunity

A national non-profit organization, Zero To Three, is offering Duty To Care II: Honoring the Healer June 9 at USAG Vicenza. The training is open to all. CTAMF is designed to strengthen the resilience of young children and families who are experiencing trauma, grief, and loss as a result of a service member's deployment. Enrollment is open on-line. For info, visit www.zerotothree.org/ctamf or call Elizabeth Montanino at 634-7401.

SKIES Swim

CYSS SKIESUnlimited will hold additional swim assessments for youth Wednesday-June 16, 3-6 p.m., at the post Indoor Pool. Youth interested in enrolling in summer swim lessons must have a current swim assessment. Enroll at CYSS Parent Central Services. Call SKIESUnlimited at 634-8051.

Army Birthday

◆ Celebrate the Army's Birthday at Rock Fest Saturday starting at noon on Hoekstra Field. Sponsored by Family and MWR, BOSS and the USO, the bands featured include Rugby League, Black Cat Nine, Drop Simpler and more. Open to all ID card holders and guests.

◆ The Army Birthday Streamer Ceremony is Tuesday at the Post Theater at 10:30 a.m. with a cake cutting at 11:30 a.m. at the DFAC.

Motorcycle show

Join the motorcycle show on July 4 during the post celebration. All riders are welcome. There will be six "People's Choice" awards for: Photo Shoot, Spent the Rent, Bad Attitude, Smokin' Knees, Good Vibrations and Diva, plus Best in Show selected by "Celebrity" Judges. All motorcycles must have a valid registration and insurance. Entrance is free. Registration is July 4 in the Health Center Parking lot from 4-6 p.m. All bikes must be in place before 4:30 p.m. for the judging. For more info., contact grant.sattler@eur.army.mil.

Soldiers' Theatre

◆ Learn to tap dance or just polish your skills in adult beginner classes Wednesdays, June 22-July 13, 5:15-6:15 p.m. Dress comfortably and bring tap shoes if you have them. Instructor is Jerry Brees. Call 634-7281.

◆ Music Café on June 17 is your chance to relax with fellow music lovers and enjoy refreshments while listening to local musicians or get onstage yourself.

Job openings

◆ Automotive worker (5823), Auto Skills Center

◆ Food and beverage attendant (7401), Arena

◆ Bowling equipment worker (4819), Arena

Closing date for all positions is Wednesday. For more info on these and other jobs, visit <https://vabselfnom.cpol.army.mil/vabSelfNom>.

◆ Vicenza Main Store is hiring a cashier, a stocker and store associates in softlines and hardlines. Positions close Sunday.

◆ Subway is hiring a food service worker. Position closes June 17.

Pet vaccine clinic

The Vicenza Veterinary Treatment Facility is holding a vaccination clinic Saturday, 8 a.m.-noon for walk-ins only on a first-come, first-served basis. Microchipping and health certificates will also be available. For info., call 0444-71-4841.

Tax relief moving

The Tax Relief Office is relocating and will be closed Thursday and Friday. They will re-upon in building 367 Monday.

Central Texas College

CTC Term 5 classes starting June 20 include: two Early Childhood classes; CDEC 1173-Parenting for Healthy Families seminar and CDEC 1321-The Infant and Toddler and Criminal Justice seminar-Introduction to Gangs and Gang Infiltration of the Military. For info, contact the Vicenza CTC field representative at 634-6514 or vicenza@europe.ctcd.edu.

Health Center closure

The health center will be closed June 17, but will be open June 18, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The Dental Clinic will be open June 17. To call an ambulance, dial 118 from off and on post. To call the San Bortolo Patient Liaisons, call 0444-73-3300. For the Nurse Advice Line, call 800-877-660. TRICARE beneficiaries may book appointments on line at www.tricareonline.com.

Thrift Shop hours

The Thrift Shop will be staying open Wednesdays until 5 p.m. to provide an additional hour of shopping time to the Vicenza community. This will be a four month trial to test demand.

CPAC moving on post

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center and NAF HR will move to their new location on post in building 327 the week of July 18. Customer service hours will be temporarily suspended 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 info., call 634-7537 or 634-7547.

USARAF FRG meeting

The USARAF FRG meeting is June 16, 5:30-6:30 p.m., in the ACS Conference Room. There will be refreshments and prizes. The topic is the repeal of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell." RSVP to Tashunda Vaughn by Friday at tashunda.s.vaughn@eur.army.mil or at 634-6084.

CYS Services

◆ Youth Services celebrates the 236th Army Birthday with free BBQs at the Middle School Youth Center in Villaggio Tuesday 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., and June 16, 4-5 p.m., at the Teen Center. Call 634-7659 for more information.

◆ Register youth for flag football by June 17. Space is limited. Youth ages 9-18 with a valid CYSS registration through the end of the season are eligible. The season runs July 13-Aug. 17. Call 634-6151.

◆ EDGE! youth programs for this summer include: Spike Volleyball June 28-Aug. 25; Pre-conditioning June 20-Aug. 26; and Wrestling June 20-22. 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.

ACS

◆ EFMP Creative Minds Art Hour is Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Arts and Crafts Center. Call 634-7500.

◆ Join the Family Advocacy Program Wednesday, 3:30-4:30 p.m., as Freddy FAP returns from Switzerland with fun activities and snacks. Call 634-6202.

◆ Army Family Team Building Level 1 training is Monday-Tuesday, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Find out more about your local resources and learn the basics for Army life. Call 634-7500.

◆ Become a volunteer, build your resume and meet new people. Call the Army Volunteer Corps to find

out about opportunities in Vicenza. Register at www.myarmyonesource.com and your volunteer hours which will follow you to any installation. Call 634-7500.

◆ The deadline to apply for the AER Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program (term 1) is July 18. Spouses of active-duty Soldiers pursuing their first undergraduate degree and residing with the Soldier overseas are eligible.

Arts & Crafts Center

◆ 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.

◆ Learn to use the equipment in the frame studio and become certified to frame your own pictures June 18 at 10 a.m. The class costs \$40, including a 4x6 picture and all the supplies needed. Call 634-7074.

◆ Vincenzo Di Somma's Photolab is inside the Arts & Crafts Center. Hours of operation for June are Wednesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and Sundays by appointment.

Improve GT score

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

Arena

◆ Texas Hold 'em tournament is June 18 at the Arena. Sign up starts at 5 p.m. and play begins at 8 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.

MOMS Club events

◆ Fitness Group, Friday & June 24 at 10:30 a.m.

◆ Out-n-About, Friday at 9 a.m.

◆ Toddler Play, Monday at 10 a.m.

◆ Pre-school Playgroup, Wednesday at 10 a.m.

◆ Bunco, June 16

◆ Monthly Meeting, June 27 at 10 a.m.

◆ Jesolo Beach Trip, June 29 at 9 a.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 Wednesday

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 Wednesday. 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 God 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

Batter up: Kait Craddock works on her swing during softball practice May 26. The female softball team will be competing in the post tournament and home-run derby on the 4th of July weekend. For information about the team, call 634-7009.

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.

Cougars maul Saints at champs

By Peter Huller
Special to the Outlook

The Vicenza High School Baseball Team faced off for some intense competition against other players from Europe at the DoDDS Europe Baseball Championship Tournament at Ramstein Air Base in Germany May 26-28.

Sophomore pitcher Grant Trochesset smothered Aviano with fastballs May 28 en route to a 7-2 win for Vicenza. Trochesset pitched five innings and allowed two runs on two hits and had ten strikeouts.

Junior Jeremy Huller retired the side in order in the sixth to pick up the save. Key hits from Cooper Armstrong, Josh Ganci, Reed Woods and Peter Perry sparked the offense in the opener of the doubleheader at Pomari Stadium.

"We had a great week of practice and I'm glad that translated into a win," Coach Mark Wilson said. "The team (was) positioned nicely and ready for a good tournament."

In the second game, Aviano came back to win 11-3. Despite some lapses in fielding, the game featured a few defensive highlights, particularly Ganci's diving catch in leftfield and Huller throwing out two runners attempting to steal.



Photos by Debbie Perry

Grant Trochesset, Vicenza High School Baseball Team, tags out a baserunner attempting to steal third base during a game at the DoDDS European Baseball Championship at Ramstein Air Base in Germany May 28.

The loss sealed Vicenza's season record at 3-7, which seeded the team sixth out of nine teams heading into the tournament. The Cougars have traditionally fared well at the tournament, narrowly losing in the championship game 2-1 in 2009 and coming home with third place last year.

At the VHS Spring Sports Banquet June 2, Wilson announced Trochesset and Perry were named to the DoDDS All South Region Team. Johnny Suero was named Most Improved Player and Huller was named Most Valuable Player. Senior Will Besuden received the Cougar Award.

173rd troopers lend support to Polish army training exercise

173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team Public Affairs

Troops from the 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment, attended the Polish army's 15th Mechanized Brigade Platoon Certification Situational Training Exercises May 18-26 in Orzysz, Poland, as part of the Deploying Partner Unit Program.

Sky Soldiers, from many ranks and Military Occupational Specialties, formed a tactical mentorship team to share experiences from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team's recent deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom X. The certification was divided into two parts. First, helping train the Polish platoons before their evaluations, and the platoon certification in which each platoon's combat proficiency was tested and evaluated.

According to Soldiers involved with the exercises, the feedback from the 15th Mechanized Brigade was positive. Polish leaders invited the team to return to Poland later this year for more training.



Photo courtesy of 173rd ABCT

Polish army troops run with a stretcher during an exercise in Orzysz, Poland, in May, at which Soldiers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team shared deployment experiences from OEF X.

173RD: Sky Soldiers welcome Schroeder, Larsen; farewell McFarlane, Butler

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The 1st Battalion welcomed new commander Lt. Col. Jeremy Schroeder, who comes from Special Operations Command at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

"I will not forget that I serve this battalion, not the other way around," said Schroeder. "It is my sincerest privilege to serve alongside each of you and I look forward to taking on the challenge we'll share together."

After four previous ceremonies, the 173rd ABCT's battalion-level changes of command, in Italy and Germany, are complete.

Later this month, the Sky Soldiers will welcome their new brigade commander.

Until then, the current brigade commander, Col. Kyle Lear, said

he is looking forward to working with the battalions' incoming commanders.

"We've been graced with a great round of new incoming battalion commanders and one squadron commander," said Lear. "They look like they're going to be just as good as the outgoing commanders, so we're really excited."



Photos by Spc. Michael Sword

Above, Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Ferrusi, right, command sergeant major for the 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, passes the unit colors to outgoing battalion commander Lt. Col. William Butler at a change of command ceremony at Caserma Ederle's at Hoekstra Field June 2. Lt. Col. Michael Larsen, left, replaces Butler.

Left, Lt. Col. Matthew McFarlane, left, outgoing commander of the 1st Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt., passes the colors to 173rd commander Col. Kyle Lear at a June 3 ceremony. McFarlane is replaced by Lt. Col. Jeremy Schroeder.

Volunteers needed

The Mako Sharks Swim Team is looking for adult volunteers to assist youth swimmers. For info, contact John Casey at 0444-91-2612 or email john.j.casey@us.army.mil or visit <http://makosharks.homestead.com/index.html>.

Outdoor power pump

The fitness team takes Power Pump outdoors on June 16, 5:30 p.m. Rev up your workout with certified instructors and our Power Pump equipment.

Soccer registration

Registration has started for the Unit/Rec Soccer League. The league runs July 14 - Oct. 6. A coach's meeting is July 7 at 2 p.m. at the Fitness Center. Call 634-7009 for information.

Soccer Officials' clinic

The Soccer Officials Clinic is June 21, 5 p.m., in the Fitness Center conference room. Get certified and earn money during the season. Sign up by Friday. Call 634-7009 for information.

Unit & rec play

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

Rugby: 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for 15 or more players at North 40 football field

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.

Tennis tournament

A Tennis Classic Tournament is July 8-9. Participants meeting is July 8 at 6 p.m. at the Ederle Tennis Courts. Males & Female divisions for categories of: Beginners (0-2 years experience), Intermediate (2 - 5 years) and Advanced (more than 5 years). Awards will be given for first, second & third place per category. Sign-up by June 28.