







24 November 2010, 1000 – 1100 hours, The ARENA, Caserma Ederle





Agenda

- Introduction/Master of Ceremony Public Affairs Office
- **❖** Volunteers of the Month
- **❖ Walk for Freedom Completion Recognitions**
- Hot Topic(s)
- Community News
- **❖Community Issues Open & New**
- **♦**Open Forum
- ❖POC: Ms. Shirley Martin, PAIO, DSN 634-7524, email: shirley.k.martin@eur.army.mil
- ❖Next InfoX is 26 January 2011, 1000 1100 hours, The Arena, Caserma Ederle





Adult Volunteer of the Month – November: Dr. Roxana Stark

As a licensed dentist, this key volunteer regularly donates her time, energy, and professional expertise and services to the Vicenza military community. She was also asked to organize and run the Dental Assistant Apprentice Program. Her efforts have made this program stronger and more beneficial to the participants and the Dental Command. This competitive program selects spouses willing to volunteer their time full time for six months and trains them to become Dental Assistants. Feedback from this year's participants has been overwhelmingly positive and the dental staff are thankful that the participants have come to them with such a breadth of knowledge from equipment to procedures. This knowledge has enabled the dentists to be more productive, which is especially helpful during this busy time.

Thank you, Roxana!





Youth Volunteer of the Month – November: Sydney Christie

Sydney has provided tireless support to the Mako Sharks Swim Team this month. She is a mainstay in the recruitment effort, establishing and manning booths at a number of community events. Even though she is not a swimmer on the team, her efforts during fund raising events have been exemplary. During the recent swim meet, Sydney helped set up the pool, swimmers' break area, and spectators' seating. Additionally, she worked throughout the meet to coordinate swimmers and events. Sydney is always willing to assist with a smile and a "can-do" attitude.

Thank you, Sydney!





Total Miles Traveled as a Community:

136,057 miles

"Walk for Freedom" Participation Recognition

1^{st:} Patricia Roberts 23,675 Miles

2^{nd:} Fara McKinley 11,225 Miles

3^{rd:} Giovanna Good 10,825 Miles





POC: Mary Yandura, Health Promotion Officer DSN: 634-8828, CIV: 0444-72-8828







Hot Topics





Postal Holiday Hours and Mailing Deadlines

Mr. Dave Ott Director, DHR





POSTAL HOURS AND MAILING DEADLINES

DEADLINES FOR MAILING TO CONUS THROUGH THE PSC TO ARRIVE BY 25 DEC:

SPACE AVAILABLE MAIL FRI 26 NOV

PARCEL AIRLIFT FRI 3 DEC

PRIORITY MAIL FRI 10 DEC

CHANGES TO PSC HOURS DURING NOV AND DEC:

THU 25 NOV CLOSED FOR FEDERAL HOLIDAY

SAT 4 DEC OPEN 1000-1400

SAT 11 DEC OPEN 1000-1400

SAT 18 DEC OPEN 1000-1400

FRI 24 DEC FEDERAL HOLIDAY, BUT OPEN FOR MAIL PICKUP 1000-1400







Chapel Holiday Events

CH (MAJ) Jose Herrera Chaplain





Vicenza Chapel Holiday Schedule

- 1 December
- 1730 Hanukkah celebration
- 11 December
- 1900 Spanish Catholic Mass (O.L. of Guadalupe)
- 13 December
- 1730 Advent Penance Service
- 17 December
- 1830 Protestant Children's Christmas Musical Program
- 24 December
- 1530 Catholic Children's Christmas Pageant
- 1600 Catholic Family Mass
- 1900 Protestant Candle Light Service
- 2400 Catholic Midnight Mass
- 25 December
- 1000 Catholic Mass
- 31 December
- 1730 Catholic New Year's Eve Mass
- 2245 Gospel Watch Night Service





Holiday Fest

Director, DFMWR Mr. Josh Gwinn





Friday, 3 December

Fitness Center – 1530-1700

Pictures with Santa, Arts and Crafts, Story Telling with Ms. Clause (Ms. Hogg will be Ms. Clause)
Bazaar

Tree Lighting - 1700

School choir sings Christmas Carols
Santa arrives at Post Theatre on a Fire Truck
Counsel Perez makes opening remarks
Tree is lit

Post Theatre - 1710

Horse and Carriage Rides/Carnival begin (1710-1900)

Arena

Drop Simpler – 1900-2400 1hr break at 2100





Saturday, 4 December

Holiday Bazaar
1000-1800
Kiddy rides will run concurrently
Horses and Carriage rides
Arena
Drop Simpler - 1900-2400 1hr break at 2100

Sunday, 5 December

Holiday Bazaar 1000-1600 Kiddy rides run concurrently Horse and carriage rides





Army Family Action Plan (AFAP)

Ms. Jean Sweeton, AFTB/AFAP Program Manager





FY 11 AFAP Conference

- 8-10 February 2011
- Conference schedule
 - 8 February 8:30 a.m. 4:45 p.m.
 - 9 February 8:30 a.m. 4:45 p.m.
 - 10 February (staff only)
 - 8:30 a.m. 1 p.m. with Final Report out 10 11 a.m. at the post theater





FY 11 AFAP Conference

- Issues for the conference are being accepted through January 31st.
- Pick up submission cards throughout post (ACS/ Post office/ Commissary/ Library/BOSS)
- Drop off boxes for submission cards at:

Commissary

Chapel

Library

Arena

Davis Hall

Health Clinic

o BOSS

Post Office

 To submit an issue online, email <u>afap@vicenzamwr.com</u>, or call DSN 634-8526 / CIV 044-471-8526 and ask to speak with the AFAP Program Manager.





FY 11 AFAP Conference

- AFAP is recruiting delegates and staff
- Five Workgroups
- Delegates

Two representatives per unit from following demographics IAW AR 608-47: Service Members, DoD Civilians, Retiree's, Family Members, Dual Military, Single Soldiers, Single Parent, Enlisted, NCO, Warrant Officer, Company Grade and Field Grade Officer.

Hourly childcare is paid for participants Snacks and lunch are provided

If interested please stop by or call ACS at DSN 634-7500/COM 0444-71-7500





Community Calendar – December

- December 3 Holiday Event Christmas Tree lighting
- December 3-5 Caserma Ederle Holiday Market
- December 8 Immaculate Conception Italian Holiday
- December 9 173d ABCT Uncasing of the Colors
- December 15 173d ABCT Block Leave begins
- December 16 Quarterly Awards Ceremony, 1500, The Arena
- December 20 DoDDS Winter Recess begins / Half Day schedule begins
- December 23-26 USAREUR Training Holiday
- December 24 Christmas Day Federal Holiday observed
- December 25 Christmas Day
- December 26 St. Stephen's Day Italian Holiday
- December 30-2 Jan USAREUR Training Holiday
- December 31 New Years Federal Holiday observed





Community Calendar – January

January 1 – New Years Day

January 2 – Half day schedule ends

January 3 – DoDDS resumes

January 6 – Epiphany – Italian Holiday

January 7 – Italian Day of Rest

January 14-17 – USAREUR Training Holiday

January 17 – Martin Luther King Federal Holiday

January 18 – First post-block leave duty day (173d)





Community News – Service Providers

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- **❖ DFMWR**
- ❖ DPW
- **❖** DHR
- **DOL**
- **❖ DPTMS**
- ***** AAFES
- ❖ DoDEA
- **❖** Religious Support Office
- Installation Safety Office
- **❖** EEO
- ❖ 509th SIG BN

- **♦ HRO**
- **❖** AFN
- Health Clinic
- ❖ Dental Clinic
- Italy Finance Office
- ❖ Installation Legal Office
- American Red Cross
- Health Promotion
- **❖** DECA
- **♦ USO**
- ❖ PAO
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Community Issues

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NEW – 2





DHR 10-657 Email Notification of Mailroom Package Pickup

Scope: I was just wondering what the status of the issue (regarding) Email notification of packages from mail room. (It was) discussed at an earlier INFO X this year, approximately Springtime, and there are a few of us interested in this topic.

Agency Response: DHR: We purchased a system that will allow this to take place with year end money and it will be installed here early next year. With luck we'll be up and running with this type system in March. We are working with the contractors for programming issues and will work to get installed. Due to turn over since the last time, we will most likely request another data-call to get accurate e-mail addresses as the time nears for implementation.





DPW 10-658 Noise Curfew

Scope: I'm not sure what time noise curfew is, but it really should be changed and not just for outside the house either. People go inside and blare their music until 11 p.m. on the weekends just because they can. My kids are little and shouldn't be staying up until 11 p.m., especially since they attend bible school on Sunday mornings. Noise curfew should be 9 p.m. on the weekends and 8 p.m. on weekdays because my children are school age and I know I'm not the only one that feels this way. Short of knocking on the door constantly what else can I do since they apparently have no respect for their neighbor.

Recommendation: Noise curfew should be 9 p.m. on the weekends and 8 p.m. on weekdays.

Agency Response: DPW: Quiet hours conform to the Italian Law and the Mayor of each town issues a local code establishing the hours. Most towns have quiet hours from 14:00-16:00, however some may vary slightly. During quiet hours people may still talk, listen to music or watch TV, however the noise should remain in the confine of their home and not disturb neighbors.

During normal hours, people should still maintain respect for their neighbors and not cause excessive or unreasonable noise which could be a disturbance to their neighbors such as a weed eater at 9:00 at night or excessively loud music. Personnel who feel that their neighbors are disturbing the peace with excessive noise should report it to either the MP's DSN: 634-7626 or Civ: 717626, or the Housing Office DSN: 634-8575 or Civ: 0444-718575.





Vicenza Much MORE (MMs)

Epiphany (La Befana), Jan. 6: National holiday, celebrates the visit of the Magi (The Wise Men) to the infant Jesus. Also known as "La Befana," who is a kind, ugly, old hunchback witch, dressed in rags, travels straddling a flying broomstick with a sack full of presents for children.

Christmas markets in Vicenza and surrounding towns:

> **Dec. 19 - 24**: Vicenza

> Nov. 14 - Jan. 6: Asiago

> Dec. 6 - 8: Recoaro Terme

Nov. 14 - Jan. 10: Bassano del Grappa

Festivals:

- Dec. 8 Snail Fair, Crespadoro, Piazza Municipio, about 25 miles northwest of Vicenza. Food booths, crafts and local products exhibition and market, folk music.
- Dec. 8 Our Lady and Almond Cake Fair, Solagna, Via Bartolomeo Ferracina, about 27 miles north of Vicenza. Local products market and food stands featuring the renowned mandorlato (almond cake).
- ▶ Dec. 5 & 12 Red Radicchio Festival, Asigliano Veneto, about 23 miles south of Vicenza. Food stands featuring a variety of red radicchio dishes and other local products; live music and dancing starting at 8:30 p.m.
- ▶ Dec. 10-12 Mustard Festival, Alte di Montecchio Maggiore, about 6 miles southeast of Vicenza. Local products exhibit and sale, food booths.





Open Forum





InfoX Schedule

26 January 2011 23 February 2011 30 March 2011 27 April 2011 25 May 2011

InfoX is held the last Wednesday of the month, excluding December.





Methods to Submit a Community Issue

<u>USAG Vicenza Website</u>: http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil, hover over "Contact Us", click on "Info-X", then "Click to Submit".

EMAIL: Community.issues@eur.army.mil

AFN HOT LINE AT INFO X: DSN 634-7411, CIV 0444-71-7411

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