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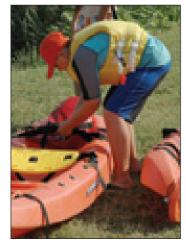
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Photo by Julie M. Lucas

Back to school: Sgt. 1st Class Jay Pasion, U.S. Army Africa, kisses his daughter, Sophia, before her first day of first grade Monday. For more back to school photos, see page 4.

### **USARAF Soldiers break new ground in Sierra Leone**

By Mindy Anderson

U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs

As part of the ongoing Africa Contingency Operations Training & Assistance program, two U.S. Army Africa Soldiers are training members of the Sierra Leone Armed Forces to conduct peacekeeping operations in Darfur. Currently members of the Sierra Leone military are serving in Darfur as part of a joint UN-African Union force.

First Lt. Salvatore Buzzurro and Sgt. 1st Class Grady Hyatt, USARAF ACOTA military mentors, assisted the Department of State as they trained on a variety of infantry skills such as improvised explosive device awareness, rifle marksmanship, movement techniques (wedge, file, staggered column), battle drills (break contact, react to a sniper and hasty attack) and establishing

a combat outpost.

As in Ghana, Hyatt and Buzzurro have broken new ground.

"We are the first Army mentors to work with the ACOTA program in Sierra Leone, and it is an honor for us to represent the professional NCO (noncommissioned officer) and Officer Corp of the United States Army," Buzzurro said. "The ACOTA program is a great opportunity to establish a strong working relationship with the soldiers and leadership of Sierra Leone's military," he said.

Each subject taught is on a three-day training cycle. The last day is a practical exercise for leaders.

"Training has been tough and as realistic as resources will allow," Buzzurro said. "The soldiers are motivated and display a sense pride and discipline associated with a well-seasoned unit — it's a pleasure working with them."

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### Female engineer talks bridges to success at Women's Equality event

By Annette Fournier

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs Office

A crowd of men and women gathered at Soldiers' Theatre Friday to hear about women's equality.

Sponsored by the Equal Opportunity Office, the Women's Equality Day theme was "Bridges", inspired by an Oprah Winfrey quote. The quote reads, " I am where I am because of the bridges that I crossed," and it goes on to identify influential women in American history.

Susan Wong, the speaker at Vicenza's event, used the theme of bridges to talk about her personal story of becoming a successful woman. She said that with her being a civil engineer, the theme of

bridges came naturally. Wong is the acting chief of the Transformation Construction Management Office which is leading the military construction program at Dal Molin.

Wong was born in China and credits her first "bridge" to success with the U.S. government's policy on China at the time and her parents decision to immigrate. Her parents wanted to give their children, especially their daughters, a chance at a life with more opportunity than China presented, Wong said. Her parent's attitude on women's roles and choices were different than many families, she said.

"In many countries, women are secondclass or no-class citizens," she said. "As children, we were raised with the idea that

we had a choice."

Those choices included whether or not to get married, have a career, have children and pursue an education. Wong's parents encouraged her to enter engineering because of the many opportunities it presented. She met challenges along the way being a woman in a largely male field, she said, but both male and female colleagues and supervisors have acted as "bridges", supporting her along the way.

Wong finished by speaking about her life as a wife and a mother. She said it was because of supporting supervisors that she had been able to take maternity leave three times and still continue to pursue her career.

See EQUALITY, page 3

## **Opinion & Editorial**

### Use OPSEC while traveling during the summer months

By Peg Clevenger USAG Vicenza security manager

Traveling to new destinations exposes you to new cultures, people and places; it can also expose you to theft or worse. Stay safe with a combination of advance planning and street smarts.

**Planning and research:** Research your travel destination. You are expected to obey local laws, which may include dress standards, photography restrictions, telecommunication restrictions and curfews. Read about the safe and unsafe parts of town, any local "faux pas" and common scams.

Check the weather: Although it is impossible to predict natural disasters, it pays to be informed of weather forecasts. Past occurrences in weather conditions can help you avoid the seasons which may be the most dangerous.

Have a contact list: Before traveling make a list of contact information for the area you plan to visit, including the American Embassy (www.state.gov) or consulate, local hospital, local police station and travel insurance representative, as well as key people at home station. Make sure family members also have emergency contact numbers while you're gone.

Make copies: Make copies of your passport, airplane/train tickets, ID card and credit cards that you will take with you and scan them into an email that you can access and/or leave the copies at home or with a trusted friend. This will help with the replacement process if they are lost or stolen. Leave unnecessary credit or debit cards at home and remove anything extra in your wallet/purse that you will not need. Write down your bank's 24-hour emergency phone number for notification of lost or stolen credit cards and keep it in your luggage. Theft of American passports is on the rise, therefore you should carry your passport in a pouch hidden in your clothes and keep it with you at all times.

**Know the risk:** Obtain specific pre-travel country risk assessments from your antiterrorism officer. There may be specific issues you should be made aware of and prepare for that will help protect your safety and peace of mind.

**Street smarts:** Check with U.S. State Department for travel warnings and advisories for the country you are going to at <a href="http://travel.state.gov">http://travel.state.gov</a>. These will often advise of areas to avoid and important crime trend information.

Pickpockets and thieves: Be cautious with anyone who approaches you, speaks English, offers directions to be a guide, or tries to sell you something. Pickpockets often work in pairs; one person may distract you by jostling, asking a question, creating a disturbance, or spilling something on your clothing. Another tactic is someone stops short in front of you while the person behind you accesses your luggage on wheels that you're toting. Children can be very effective in this role, and slip small hands into your pocket without you being aware.

**Blend in**: Plan your wardrobe so that it does not offend the locals or draw attention to yourself. Americans can be perceived as wealthy and can be targeted for pick pocketing and other crimes. Try to avoid wearing anything that identifies you as an American.

Street safety and security: Use the buddy system to the maximum extent possible. Be aware of places where you might become a victim: markets, festivals, tourist sites, crowded subways, elevators, narrow alleys and transportation stations. Try to avoid travel at night whenever possible. When walking, carry your purse on the opposite side of the curb and always with the strap secured across your chest. Carry your wallet in a front pocket. In public restrooms, purses or backpacks placed for a moment on the floor in a stall can be snatched by an occupant of an adjacent

stall who reaches under the divider. When in cafes or other enclosed areas always look for the exit, then find an alternate exit as well so that in an emergency you have options.

Avoid unlicensed taxis: While most cities require taxicab operators to be licensed, many unlicensed cabs are in operation. Some of these may be marked as taxis and others are personal vehicles used by an individual to offer unauthorized taxi-like services. Illegal cabs tend to be more prevalent in cities with large and/or transient populations. Illegal taxicab operation is generally seen as a victimless crime, however, safety and security are often overlooked. Some criminals may use the taxi as a means of luring a victim.

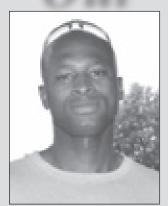
**ATMs**: ATMs have become the trusted friends of travelers the world over in recent years. However, more and more ATMs have become the target of thieves. There have been ATMs fitted with plastic sleeves that make your card stick. Then when you go to find someone to complain to and hopefully get your card back, somebody fishes it out and uses it. Crooks are continually getting more and more creative. Small cameras have been installed to record your pin, so cover it with your hand even with nobody around. There have also been false readers installed over the real ones to pull off your card's magnetic signature and even false keypads to record your pin. Whenever possible, use an ATM inside a bank or hotel and always be aware of who is watching you. It's also a good idea to notify your bank in advance to let them know where you'll be using your card. Some banks will automatically shut off a card if it's being used in an unusual location other than your home city.

Bottom line – plan ahead and stay alert at all times and be aware of what is happening around you.

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

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### Speak Out



Sgt. Aaron Collins
2-503rd Inf. Regt.
"Try to have a clean heart and soul."



Spc. Jacob Davis 173rd ABCT "Don't drink so much alcohol."



Geneva Flores
Family member
"Walk a lot. Since being
here I've walked more
than I used to and have
lost plenty of weight."



What is your advice for a healthy lifestyle?

Reeves
2-503rd Inf. Regt.
"Surround yourself with
positive people. Strive to
be a better person and
exercise frequently with
'The Rock'."



Sheron Vazquez
Family member
"Exercise and eat
healthy."

By Laura Kreider

## Garrison news

### Casualty documents: Soldiers must understand their importance

by Kevin Logan

Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Branch

America has now been at war since October 2001, almost 10 years of putting Soldiers in "harm's way." Ten years of "No kidding, you're going to war; you need to ensure your Casualty Documents are current." Ten years of rushing Soldiers through personnel-readiness checks to provide them the opportunity to update their emergency data and life-insurance beneficiary information. Ten years of war with almost 4,400 deaths and 30,000 wounded Soldiers.

It is the responsibility of all Soldiers to update their own casualty documents and to ensure their intent is annotated properly. After all, only the Soldier knows when changes need to be made to either the Record of Emergency Data (DD Form 93) or Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance.

Likewise, Army leaders and humanresources specialists must understand every field on these forms as well as the ramifications of uneducated choices by Soldiers and how they affect their survivors. Only then can they educate Soldiers: informed decisions allow the Army to carry out the Soldiers' last wishes.

There are two forms critical to supporting your survivors if something were to happen to you: DD Form 93, Record of Emergency Data, and SGLV Form 8286, Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Election and Certificate. Together these two documents are known in the military as the "Casualty Documents."

Soldiers should view the DD Form 93 as the most important document they sign after their enlistment contract or oath of office. The Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Operations Center retrieves a copy of the DD Form 93 for every reportable casualty from the Interactive Personnel Electronic Records Management System and requests copies of the form from the unit to ensure it has the most current signed copy. This form provides CMAOC with the most up-todate contact information for immediate Family members whom the Soldier wants notified if he or she becomes a casualty. It is vital that the contact information on the DD Form 93 is out-of-date. Additionally,

the DD Form 93 is the official document that designates beneficiaries for death gratuity, unpaid pay and allowances and appoints the Person Authorized to Direct Disposition.

Over the past few years, CMAOC has detected some issues with Soldiers' "Casualty Documents." Common errors for the DD Form 93 include:

- missing information for the mother and father;
- choosing an ineligible organization, minor child or no designation at all for the \$100,000 DG and unpaid pay and allowances;
- disallowed portion distributions for DG; and
- electing an ineligible person for the PADD.

If the Soldier's father and mother are known, their names are to go into blocks 6a and 7a, and their current addresses are annotated in blocks 6b and 7b. If a parent is deceased or whereabouts unknown, the name still goes within the appropriate block, but the address should be annotated as "deceased" or "unknown." If the Soldier is unsure of whom the parents are, then "unknown"

in either block or both blocks would be sufficient.

Currently, many Soldiers aren't designating anyone to receive the death gratuity. In doing this, the Soldier loses the ability to specify their intent. Failure to designate a death-gratuity recipient causes the Defense Finance and Accounting Service to distribute it "by law." Therefore,

- if the Soldier is married, the spouse gets 100 percent of the death gratuity;
- if unmarried with children, they divide it equally among all children;
- if unmarried without children, they divide it equally among both parents, whether or not they are married.

Human-resources specialists should ask the Soldier who they want to receive the death gratuity and explain the importance of designating recipients. When HR specialists don't ask Soldiers these questions and explain them, Soldiers sometimes

- fail to update death-gratuity beneficiaries after a divorce;
- choose an organization or another non-human entity that cannot be paid See CASUALTY, page 4

### DARFUR: 2 USARAF Soldiers train Sierra Leone military on infantry soldier skills

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Hyatt echoed Buzzurro's thoughts.

"The cadre is top notch and has a great desire to learn from us — staying constantly in our 'hip pocket,'" Hyatt said. "The experience we bring with a combined 36 plus years in the military seems to be greatly appreciated here by the cadre, the SL Army, and the contractors we work beside," he said.

The SL Army has been training with the ACOTA program for two years, and this is the fifth company prepping for their peacekeeping mission in another country.

"The training program for the SL Army is being revamped due to not only performing peacekeeping missions, but stepping-up to a peacemaking mission to help support other African countries in need of their support," Hyatt said.

The remaining training will include: escort, security, reconnaissance patrolling, and cordon and search.

The training will conclude with a three-day field training exercise where the company will occupy a combat outpost and run all the missions they have trained on. The USARAF Soldiers will then return to Vicenza.

## **EQUALITY: Female engineer** balances life at home, work

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She encouraged women in the audience to remember that it's possible have both a career and children if they so choose, closing by saying, "Children are our bridges to heaven."

The event finished with a cake cutting and reception. Women's Equality Day celebrates the passage of the 19th Amendment which granted American women the right to vote on Aug. 26, 1920. The next EEO heritage event will be Hispanic Heritage Month, held Sept. 22 at 1 p.m. in the Middle School at Villaggio.



Photo by Annette Fournier

Susan Wong addresses a crowd during the Equal Opportunity Office Women's Equality Month celebration. Wong, acting chief of the Transformation Construction Management Office, spoke about being a mother and professional.

If you have a medical emergency and need an ambulance call 118 on or off post and say "I am an American." You will be connected with an English-speaking liason. Have your address and phone number ready.

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#### At Your Service



#### **American Red Cross**

Wade Walrond is the new senior station manager for the American Red Cross at Caserma Ederle. The ARC provides emergency communications to Soldiers, Family members, civilians and contractors assigned OCONUS. Additionally they assist with birth registrations and provide CPR, First Aid, AED and babysitting training at a nominal cost.

The Red Cross hours of operation are Mondays-Fridays in a new location at building 333, across from the gym. They can be reached at 634-7089 and all emergency communication messages may be started by calling the international toll free number at 1-877-272-7337.

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Photo by Julie M. Lucas



Photo by Laura Kreider



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Back to school: Above, a Vicenza school employee serves herself during a welcome back breakfast that included a brief from Garrison Commander Col. David Buckingham. Above left, Vicenza Middle and Elementary School students exit buses and head toward class on the first day of school Monday. To the left, Adam Ridgley, Vicenza High School Athletic director, briefs Vicenza High School freshmen and newcomers about sport activities during an orientation Aug. 25.

### CASUALTY: Documents of extreme importance should be updated often

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• leave death gratuity to a minor child, not knowing that DFAS cannot pay out the entitlement to an underage beneficiary. The guardian, even the biological parent, must go to court and have themselves declared guardian of the child, after which DFAS will pay the guardian on behalf of the child. Overall, these designations — or lack of designations — result in unnecessary stress for the survivors during an already difficult time.

Additionally, although the law also states that death gratuity will be distributed in 10 percent increments, obsolete DD Forms 93 show elections of 25 percent, 35 percent, etc. When Soldiers elect increments other than 10 percent, their chosen beneficiary is disallowed and that portion to be distributed "by law," and those Soldiers lose their ability to choose the beneficiary.

Some Soldiers leave the "Beneficiary (ies) for Unpaid Pay/Allowances" field blank. This block is used to pay the beneficiary any monies that were due to

the Soldier, such as an unpaid portion of a bonus and/or final paycheck. This oversight causes those Soldiers' unpaid pay and allowances to be distributed "by law" and those Soldiers lose their say in the distribution.

One of the more sensitive elections that execute the Soldier's intent is the selection of the Person Authorized to Direct Disposition. Soldiers need to think about who would be best person to make decisions relating to how they want to be laid to rest (buried or cremated), location of the interment or spreading of ashes, what they wear when buried, etc. By law, this person must be the spouse or a blood relative.

It is in their best interest for Soldiers to select the right person to ensure compliance with their wishes. When a Soldier doesn't elect anyone or elects someone who isn't a blood relative, the Soldier's PADD will be determined by the order of precedence. If immediate Family isn't available, the Army will attempt to find a relative of the Soldier. If that fails, the Secretary of the Army will make these decisions for the Soldier.

Currently, the eMILPO system is the preferred method to process the SGLI coverage for all Army components. Issues do occur when Soldiers decrease their insurance coverage and then want to change their coverage back to a higher amount. Soldiers can do this but need to ensure that they complete the proper documentation. SGLV Form 8285, Request for Insurance, with SGLV Form 8286 are needed to ensure the correct premiums are drafted from the Soldier's pay. The new combined SGLV Form 8286, which is available on the VA's website, is also sufficient to complete this action.

Whenever there is a change in SGLI coverage, the new forms must be transmitted to iPERMS, which is the Soldier database of record. All components have iPERMS and all casualty documents need to be stored in iPERMS to ensure the Army carries out the Soldier's last wishes. Lack of documentation can result in payment to other past beneficiaries. For example, an ex-spouse who was listed on an older SGLV Form 8286 may receive 100

percent of the monies if the Soldier didn't update beneficiaries after the divorce.

Whenever a Soldier designates a person other than the spouse or children to receive all or a portion of the death gratuity or SGLI, the Army must attempt to notify the Soldier's spouse in writing.

If a married Soldier designates another person in addition to or in place of the spouse or children, the brigade S-1, separate battalion S-1 or Military Personnel Directorate with the Soldier's records responsibility will prepare and send a letter to the current filed mailing address for the spouse within Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System or as provided by the Soldier. This letter is generated automatically when human-resources specialists use eMILPO to prepare both "Casualty Documents."

If a Soldier becomes a casualty, the Army wants to be able to quickly notify the appropriate Family members, and if the Soldier pays the ultimate sacrifice, the Army wants to ensure that the Casualty and Mortuary Affairs Branch executes the Soldier's intent as they wished.

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## Camp Darby

Mackenzie Gjere, left and Marina Vasli, Livorno Unit School students. get settled in for the new school year Aug. 29. Principal Dan Serfass said that in partnership with the community, the school will provide a learning environment which is nurturing, safe, and respectful, enabling each child to reach their fullest potential. Learn more at www.livo-ems. eu.dodea.edu



Photo by Chiara Mattirolo

### Principal Serfass welcomes parents, students

## 'Livorno School empowers students to be life-long learners in a global society through an exemplary standards-based education'

he faculty and I welcome you as together we begin another extraordinary school year at our wonderful Livorno Elementary and Middle School.

As the returning principal, I am particularly excited and look forward to another successful year for each student.

The faculty and I want you to know that our enduring mission is to provide every student a challenging and rewarding educational experience and for each of them to achieve to their fullest potential.

Our desire is to accomplish this in a collaborative manner which embraces parent and community involvement. We want your children to flourish.

The faculty at Livorno Unit School is a dynamic family of professionals. We will be fully staffed with an outstanding team of teachers who possess multiple areas of certifications, experience, expertise, and passion, to meet the needs of all of our children.

We welcome three new faculty members this year and can say without

hesitation that we are very fortunate to have them join us. They possess the experience, skills, and background necessary to excel here as they have done in their previous schools. Our returning professionals are extremely talented and equally excited to begin another year of serving your children.

Near the conclusion of last school year, our faculty devoted much time and effort into redesigning our programming for the 2011/2012 school year.

The enhancements include separate classrooms and teachers for Kindergarten, first and second grades and common planning times for teachers. Middle school students will now be provided block schedules to maximize their instructional time.

Further, seventh and eighth grade students will have a co-taught study skills class for academic enrichment and support. These and other decisions regarding teaching and classroom improvements were made with the best interests of our students in mind.

This year we will also undergo accreditation. The Quality Assurance Review is expected to occur in April 2012. We invite each of you to be involved with preparations for our visit and in improving your child's education.

There are many opportunities to support our efforts including volunteering in the classroom, mentoring students, joining the Parent Teachers Association, the School Advisory Committee, and the Continuous School Improvement Team. Education works best when we all work together and collaborate on behalf of our students. Again, together we can provide the best learning environment for your children.

Please attend our Open House and Community Partnership Day to meet your children's teachers, visit classrooms, and join in on the school-community partnership festivities Sept. 9 at from 1-4 p.m.

Dan Serfass Livorno Unit Schools, principal

## Darby

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

#### **PTSO Partnership Day**

Sept. 9, 1-4 p.m. come meet the new teachers and staff, take a tour of the school and learn about the school improvement programs.

#### 9/11 ceremony

Join the Chapel in a special 9/11 ceremony Sept. 9 at 10 a.m.

### After School Clubs at LUS Drama club, art club, music,

choral and instrumental, math counts club, homework club and test prep club; call 633-7573.

#### **Youth Center**

- YS kickback night get to know everyone Sept. 9.
- Keystone club, torch club, power hour homework club, photo & video club, sports and fitness are some of the many clubs available at YC.
   Call 633-7629.

### Health Awareness Month Barbecue

The health clinic display and barbecue will be Sept. 12, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in front of the commissary.

#### **Zinghoppers**

Free children's show Sept. 11 at 2 p.m. in the School Gym.

#### **Army Community Services**

 New parent support and playgroup, Sept. 7.
 Call 633-7084.

#### **Bowling Alley**

- Dollar Day Sundays, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
- The bowling alley hosts birthday parties. Call 633-7458.

#### **Outdoor Recreation**

• Community Paintball tourney, Sept. 10. Call 633-7775.

#### **Darby Community Club**

Community flea market and craft sale, Sept. 17. Reserve your table now at the DCC.
Call 633-7855.

#### Fitness Center

- Race across America exercise challenge registration begins Sept. 6-16.
- Register now for Children and Adults Duathlon Sept. 17.
   Call 633-7438.

#### **Religious Activities**

9:40 a.m. Catholic reconciliation 10 a.m. Catholic Mass 11:15 a.m. Protestant worship 11:15 a.m. Catholic CCD Call 633-7267.

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### Teachers making a difference



Photo by Joyce Costello

Peter Deluca performs at tree lighting ceremony Dec. 3, 2010.

By Ryan Hall

Special to the Outlook

When Peter Deluca first came to Camp Darby, Italy, he thought he had just arrived at a country club.

"Every building was white and the grass was so beautifully green and the atmosphere of the community was vibrant and exciting."

That was in 1973, and Deluca didn't come to Darby as a Soldier, or for a vacation. He came to help inspire a passion for music and drama among elementary school students at the Livorno Unit School.

In the 38 years since, DeLuca says his favorite times are when students give him that "ah-ha" moment...

Read the full story on www.usag. livorno.army.mil.news311.html.

#### Ways to make a difference

- Parent-Teacher-Student-Organization involvement general meeting scheduled for Sept. 6 at 2 p.m.
- Community Partnership Day/Open House-Sept. 9 from 1-4 p.m.
- School Advisory Committee Meeting scheduled Sept. 29 at 2:45 p.m.
- Contact your child's teacher to help out in the classroom
- Arrange time to read to a classroomCareer Exploration-share
- your career with our students
   Attend one of the many student performances: drama, band, talent show, etc.

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### Rua parade:

On Saturday, a
2,000 person parade
led by the historic
Alpini Band departs
from Piazza Duomo
at 9 p.m. and arrives
at Piazza dei Signori
where at 10 p.m.
there will be a
lighting ceremony.



Courtesy photo

#### **Local events**

The Blessed Virgin of Monte Berico celebration is Sept. 8. This is Vicenza's patron saint. City offices and most of the stores will be closed.

#### The Rua Parade:

Saturday, in Vicenza. This 2,000 person parade led by the Historic Alpini Band departs from Piazza Duomo at 9 p.m. and arrives to Piazza dei Signori where at 10 p.m. there will be the lighting ceremony of the historical wooden tower, symbol of Vicenza. "Rua" means "wheel" and it was originally the insignia of Vicentine notaries in the festival commemorating an ancient victory of Vicenza over its Paduan rulers in the thirteenth century. This year there will be a flag-flyers show and live music with the Italian Rhythmic-Symphonic Orchestra; entertainment with mimes, stiltwalkers, and jugglers; live samba reggae, jungle and funk music with the Bloko Bum Band; food booths featuring local products and Vicentine specialties in Piazza Biade. In case of inclement weather, the event will be postponed to Sept. 10. It will be possible to admire the Rua in Piazza dei Signori through Sept. 12.

#### **Medieval Festival:**

Friday - Sunday, in Montagnana (Padova), about 27 miles south of Vicenza.

- ◆ Friday: 8:30 p.m., Castel San Zeno courtyard, Porta Padova, a typical medieval party and dinner with ladies and sirs, knights and jesters. Cost is €30. Reserve your seat by calling 333-4934978. For help, call Anna Terracino at 634-7169 or email anna.terracino@eur.army.mil
- ◆ Saturday: Medieval food and drinks tasting at the Guelf and e Ghibelline Inn, Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II; craft and hobby exhibit and sale on Via Matteotti and Via Carrarese; 9:45 p.m. reenactment of the 1242 battle and the burning of the Castle, which commemorates Ezzelino da Romano's revenge against the village of Montagnana
- Sunday: Medieval food and drinks tasting at the Guelf and e Ghibelline Inn, Piazza Vittorio

Emanuele II and local crafts and hobby exhibit and sale; old trades fair; 3 p.m. annual historic celebration with the participation of 10 of the town's boroughs; 4 p.m. flag-throwers, medieval musicians, costumed horse race (Palio), and award ceremony.

#### 14th Ceramic Festival:

Saturday-Sunday, in Nove, Piazza G. de Fabris, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. Local artists will show the visitors artistic ceramic techniques, from working with pottery wheel to the modeling of ceramic and ceramic painting.

- ◆ Saturday: 10 a.m.-10 p.m. exhibition and practical demonstrations; "Play with art" workshops for children; 10 a.m.-noon & 4-7 p.m. free visit to the Antique Ceramic Factory in Via Rivarotta, 116 − Bassano del Grappa; noon-2 p.m. & 7-10 p.m. food booths in Piazza G. De Fabris, Nove.
- Sunday: 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Cucari Veneti exhibition and practical demonstrations; "Play with art" workshops for children; 9 a.m.-9 p.m. antique and modern ceramics exhibit and sale; 10 a.m., noon & 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Free guided visits to the Astronomical Observatory G. Toaldo, Via Nodari 13; 10 a.m.-noon & 4-7 p.m. free visit to the Antique Ceramic Factory in Via Rivarotta, 116 -Bassano del Grappa; noon-2 p.m. & 7-10 p.m. food booths in Piazza G. De Fabris, Nove: 6 p.m.: live Nove's band concert in Piazza G. De Fabris

#### Gnocco Festival:

Saturday-Sunday, in Selva di Trissino, about 19 miles west of Vicenza. Bounce houses and parking available.

- Saturday: 3-10 p.m. local products and collector items exhibit and sale; 5 p.m. unveiling of the restored bell-tower followed by a bell concert performed by the Trissino's band and a Fireman Band from Germany; 6-10 p.m. food booths featuring a variety of gnocchi dishes and other typical dishes and local wines; 9:30 p.m. music and entertainment with Popo
- ◆ Sunday: noon-10 p.m. local products and collector items exhibit and market; noon-3 p.m. & 6-10 p.m. food booths; 9:30 p.m.

acrobatic rock'n'roll and dance show performed by the Acrobatic Rock Dance Italian championship team.

### Baccalà (dried cod fish) Festival:

Friday-Tuesday, in Gaianigo di Gazzo, about 11 miles east of Vicenza. Food booths featuring local fish specialties open at 7 p.m.; charity raffle and large lighted parking lot available.

- Friday: 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Silvia & the Italian Band
- Saturday: 8 p.m. dance show; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with I Duca D'Este Orchestra
- Sunday: 8 p.m. dance show; live music and ballroom dancing with Linda Biscaro Orchestra
- Monday: 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Lara & Chiara
- Tuesday: 9 p.m. live music and dancing with I Sabia Orchestra; 11:30 p.m. fireworks

#### Festa dei Ossi de Mascio (Pig bones festival):

Friday-Monday and Sept. 7-8, in Longare, about seven miles south of Vicenza. Carnival rides, bounce-houses, local wine tasting and non-alcoholic cocktails. Food booths open at 7 p.m.

- Friday: 9 p.m. Country music and dancing with Luka & Nike DJs
- ◆ Saturday: 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Papaya and Tai Ross Bands
- ◆ Sunday: 7:30 p.m. dance show presented by the Team Diablo sport dance school; 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Blue Symphony and Pig'n'out Bands
- Monday: 9 p.m. live music and dancing with D'Animos and Blue Rimmel Bands
- Wednesday: 9 p.m. live music with Dallas Tribe Band

#### **Concerts**

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

- "Nabucco" by G. Verdi, Sept. 1
- "La Bohème" by G. Puccini, Friday
  - "Aida" by G. Verdi, Saturday

### FREE concerts, exhibits & events

## "Once upon a time" contemporary art exhibit:

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

### by the Conservatory students:

Monday and Wednesday at 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Conservatory, Contrà San Domenico 33.

#### **Sporting events**

#### **Moto Grand Prix:**

Friday-Sunday in Misano Adriatico (Rimini)

### Formula 1 Italian Grand Prix:

Sept. 9-11 in Monza

### SX Series European Supercross Champs:

Oct. 1-3 in Torino

#### **ODR** trips

Tuscany wine tour and pottery shopping, Sept. 10

Mount Pasubio hike, Sept. 17 Lipiza horse show in Slovenia, Sept. 17

Portofino, Sept. 18

Milan, Sept. 24

Oktoberfest in Munich, Sept. 24 Lake Maggiore, Sept. 25

Sea kayak Garda, Sept. 25

Oktoberfest express, Oct. 1 Poland shopping, Oct. 7-8

Garmisch hike and bike, Oct.

Perugia Chocolate Festival, Oct. 15-16

San Martino hike and bike, Oct. 15

**Modena balsamic vinegar,** Oct. 22

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

### **Now Showing**

For more info and special

Avril Lavigne: Sept. 8 in

George Michael: Sept.10 in

**Black Angels:** Sept. 14 in Trezzo

Brooke Fraser: Sept. 27 in

Bruno Mars: Oct. 10 in Assago

Alice Cooper: Oct. 14 in Trezzo

Bob Dylan and Mark Knopfler:

Machine Head: Nov. 13 in Milan

Fleet Foxes: Nov. 19 in Bologna

Lenny Kravitz: Nov. 20 in

Red Hot Chili Peppers: Dec. 10

Rihanna: Dec. 11 in Torino; Dec.

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/.

Villorba (Treviso); Nov. 21 in

in Torino; Dec. 11 in Assago (Milan)

Nov. 9 in Padova; Nov. 11 in

Torino; Sept. 10 in Rome; Sept. 11

Florence; Sept. 11 in Naples, Sept.

offers, visit http://booking.

veronatuttintorno.it/offertespeciali.

cfm?NL=Eng

in Assago (Milan)

13-14 in Verona

sull'Adda (Milan)

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Assago (Milan)

12 in Assago (Milan)

Bologna; Sept. 28 in Milan

Florence; Nov. 12 in Rome

#### **Ederle Theater**

Thursday	Super 8 (PG 13)	6 p.m.				
Friday	Cars 2 (G)	6 p.m.				
	Bad Teacher (R)	9 p.m.				
Saturday	Cars 2 (G)	3 p.m.				
	Colombiana (PG 13)	6 p.m.				
Sunday	Cars 2 (G)	3 p.m.				
	Colombiana (PG 13)	6 p.m.				
Wed.	Bad Teacher (R)	6 p.m.				
Sept. 8	Bad Teacher (R)	6 p.m.				
Sept. 9	Monte Carlo (PG)	6 p.m.				
	Larry Crowne (PG 13)	9 p.m.				
Camp Darby Theater						

#### Camp Darby Theater

Friday	Bad Teacher (R)	6 p.m.
Saturday	Final Destination 5 (R)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Cars 2 (G)	1 p.m.
Sept. 9	Larry Crowne (PG 13)	6 p.m.

Admission: Age 12 and older, \$4, younger than 12, \$2. The Ederle theater box office opens one hour prior to show.

View MOVIE TRAILERS and more online at www.shopmyexchange.com/ems/euro/vicenza.htm or www.aafes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm.

## **Community briefs**

#### Special events

The Warriors' Challenge and **Luau** is Sept. 23 and will be a "Fun Run" where participants will tackle mud crawling, car-leaping and extreme obstacles in a twisted version of the normal five-kilometer race. The race begins and ends on North 40, but the obstacles are all around post. Everyone who finishes the race will receive a T-shirt and there will be special prize drawings for costumed participants. Following the race there will be a Luau in the Lion's Den for winners, runners and their fans. Sign up as a team or individual. There are prizes for first-third place for men and women, and the first team. Teams are comprised of four participants and captains can register their team at Outdoor Recreation. Only 300 contestants will be allowed to enter so don't wait. Registration is open now. Register on WebTrac or at ODR. Call 634-7453 for more information.

#### **Estate Claim**

Anyone having any claims on or obligations to the estate of Staff Sgt. Christopher R. Jones, of the U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza, should contact the summary court officer, Maj. Charles Broomell, at 636-9601.

#### Job openings

The Army Wellness Center is hiring a part time health educator. Primary responsibilities will include fitness testing, metabolic testing, one-on-one counseling and facilitating group education classes for 20 hours per week. This position requires strong communication skills, discretion, judgment, analytical ability and strong organizational skills. Bachelor's degree in a health related field and a minimum of two years of experience in a related field is required. ACSM, NASM, or Cooper Institute Personal Fitness Certifications are highly desired. Submit resumes to Army Wellness Center, building 112, or email to lacy.wolff@us.army.mil For more info., call the Wellness Center at 634-8186 or 0444-71-8186.

#### **ACS**

- Space-A Travel Brief for Soldiers and military Families is Sept. 13, 9 a.m.-noon, by the MOB/ DEP Readiness Program. For more information, call 634-7500.
- The deadline to apply for the AER Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program for term two is Sept. 19. Spouses of active-duty Soldiers who are pursuing their first undergraduate degree and residing with the Soldier overseas are eligible. Call ACS at 634-7500.

#### **Arena**

Have you tried the "Old Soldiers' Bar" located in the Golden Lion Conference Center? It's just the place for a quieter atmosphere to enjoy conversation with friends or colleagues before heading home for the evening. Open Wednesdays and Fridays with a limited selection of bottled beers and mixed drinks. Enjoy free popcorn or order a cheese or one-topping pizza, bratwurst or hotdog. Give it a try Wednesdays and Fridays, 5-7 p.m.

Fall bowling leagues begin Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., with fourperson mixed teams. Sign up at the front bowling desk.

#### Library

- The book club meets Sept. 1, 7 p.m., to discuss "Lacuna" by Barbara Kingsolver. Bring a friend and a snack to share. Beverages are provided. Everyone is welcome to
- Students can head to the Library Wednesday, 3:30 p.m., to decorate their own canvas backpack for heading back to school. Sign up at the front desk or call 634-7291.

#### **CYS Services**

- The EDGE! Middle School Tennis Program runs Sept. 12- Oct. 19, Mondays and Wednesdays, 3-4:30 p.m. The Volleyball Program runs Sept. 12- Nov. 4 Tuesdays-Fridays, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Register with Parent Central Services or on WebTrac. For information call
- Trying to decide if you should leave your youth at home alone? CYSS can help. Attend a Family Workshop Sept. 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m., in the Villaggio Child Care Center conference room. This workshop is for parents and youth ages 11 to 18 years. We will share some tools you can use to provide appropriate supervision for your child while you are away from home.

There is also a two-part workshop just for youth which teaches how to function safely while at home alone. Sessions are Sept. 12 and Sept. 15, 3-5 p.m. in the Villaggio Child Care Center conference room. Youth need to attend both sessions to gain the full benefit of the program. Parents can enroll youth only after completing the Family Workshop. For additional information, call Parent Central Services 634-7206.

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

#### **Fall PWOC studies**

Kick off for fall Protestant Women of the Chapel studies

will be Sept. 13, 9:15-11:30 a.m. in the Post Chapel. "Becoming a True Spiritual Community" by Larry Crabb will be Wednesdays from 5:30-7 p.m. The studies are "Believing God" by Beth Moore, "Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven" by Dr. David Jeremiah, "Woman After God's Own Heart " by Elizabeth George, "Effective Parenting in a Defective World" by Chip Ingram, "Life in Balance Facilitated" by Titus 2 Ministry, "Lies Women Believe and The Truth That Sets Them Free" by Nancy Leigh DeMoss and "Captivating" by John & Stasi Eldridge., Tuesdays from 9:15-11:30 a.m., including free food and free child care for children as old as 3. Also on Tuesdays from 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., "How Do You Walk the Walk You Talk?" study from Ephesians, including a free lunch.

#### **Arts & Crafts Center**

- Due to a scheduled power outage the Art Center will be open noon - 6 p.m. Saturday.
- It's not too early to start thinking Halloween costumes. Costume designer Daisey Bingham is back this year with Super Capes and Masks class Wednesday. You can learn some basic sewing techniques and make something for your child,
- Intro. to Framing is offered Sept. 15 at 1 p.m. Learn the basics of framing and become certified to use the Frame Studio Equipment.
- The 2011 Army Digital Photography Contest runs Monday-Oct. 16. Military and other eligible patrons can enter up to three submissions in each of the following categories: People, Military Life, Nature and Landscapes, Animals, Still Life, Design Elements, Digital Darkroom and Monochrome. Pick up the entry forms at the Art Center. Find complete rules and load your images on the Army Arts and Crafts website at https://Apps.IMCOM. Army.Mil/apptrac. You will need to log in with your AKO username and password. USAG Vicenza contest entries will be on display in the Library.

#### **Girl Scouts**

- The Vicenza Girl Scouts need leaders/co-leaders for all age groups (kindergarten-high school). If you are interested, call Nancy at 349-520-9980 for more information. Registration will take place in September after new leaders have been trained.
- The Vicenza Girl Scouts is looking for a chairman. Training is necessary and will be provided. For more information, call Nancy at 349-5209980.

#### Catholic Women of the Chapel

Kick off for the fall meetings of Catholic Women of the Chapel will be Sept. 15 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Chapel Activity Room. This fall's study is Signs of Life: 40 Catholic Customs and Their Biblical Roots by Scott Hahn. Child care is provided and refreshments will be served. Email Kathy Sepanic at sep101@yahoo.com if you have questions or would like to get on the CWOC roster.

#### **Food Handler's Course**

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

#### **Tobacco cessation**

USAG Vicenza has numerous resources to help community members quit using tobacco. Medications, biofeedback, oneon-one counseling and group education classes are available locally. Contact the Army Wellness Center to schedule attendance at the Tobacco Cessation Class, held every Tuesday from 4-4:45 p.m.

Call 634-8186 or 0444-718186 to schedule a class, or contact Raymond Hernandez at 636-9519 or 0444-61-9519 for more info.

#### Religious activities

**Chaplain Crisis Line** To speak with a chaplain after hours, call 634-KARE

#### **Sunday services**

(634-5273)

9 a.m.: Mass, Sacrament of Reconciliation following Mass, or during duty hours 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 **5 p.m.:** Contemporary Praise

band practice 5:30 p.m.: PWOC Bible study. Dinner provided. No

child care 5:30 p.m.: High School Club Beyond meets at the Teen Center for dinner; meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Call 340-139-4073 for information 5:30 p.m.: Catholic choir

practice 6:45 p.m.: Gospel choir

#### **Thursdays**

practice

9:30 a.m.: Catholic Women of the Chapel

**5:30 p.m.:** Gospel service choir rehearsal

7:15 p.m.: Gospel service Bible study

#### Faith group contacts

**Islamic:** Call 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for info

Jewish: Call Paul Levine at 345-907-2108

Latter Day Saints: Call Chance Wilson at 327-869-8107. Sunday services, 1:30-4:30 p.m. at Viale Trento 246, Vicenza.

Bahá'í Faith: Call Russell Menard at 389-133-4627 or 349-708-2535.

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

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



Courtesy photo

Alpini memorial: The Vicenza Chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Mediterranean Post 8862, stood together with past and present Italian Alpini veterans during the Associazione Nazionale Alpini's memorial ceremony held Aug. 14. The city of Paspardo found in the heart of the Riserva Naturale di Ceto Cimbergo e Paspardo set the background for the solemn memorial ceremony which honored the fallen Alpini soldiers in Afghanistan and the Alpini killed during their work in the surrounding mountain passes. If you wish to become more active in the local VFW post, contact VFW Post 8862 Commander Corey Kerzmann at 634-8266 or vfwpost8862@yahoo.com.

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**

### **USARAF** golf scramble draws first contestants

U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs Office

More than 50 golfers turned out for what is billed as the annual U.S. Army Africa Survival Challenge 2011 Golf Tournament at Golf Club Colli Berici on Aug. 19.

With temperatures soaring to nearly 100 degrees, golfers ranging from scratch players to hackers turned out to raise money and have some fun.

USARAF Commander Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg opened the tourney with the first drive.

"This was a great opportunity for USARAF Soldiers, civilians and Family members to step away from 'business as usual' and have some fun," Hogg said. "We had a great time and more importantly, we raised \$900 for the upcoming Holiday Ball to help defray costs for junior enlisted Soldiers," he said.

For almost six hours the 13 teams battled it out.

The tournament was a best ball scramble where each team combined individual best shots for each of 18 holes. Top honors went to a team led by Darryl Bowman with total of 48 strokes.

During an awards ceremony following the tournament top teams and players were recognized.

First Place: Team three with 48



Photo by Loraine De Oliveira

Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg, U.S. Army Africa commander, tees off during USARAF's first Golf Scramble at Golf Club Colli Berici Aug. 19.

strokes — Greg Heath, Darryl Bowman, Ed Furnish and Tom Hlavacek

**Second Place:** Team seven with 51 strokes — Scott Plymesser, Javier Vela, Randel Cassels and Sheila Touchstone

**Third Place:** Team nine with 55 strokes — David Hogg, Hu Rhodes, Mickey West and Marcus De Oliveira

**Driving Contest** — **Seventeenth Hole**: Tim Piercey

**Nearest to Pin – Eighteenth Hole;** 

Mike Toolin

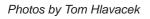
Tourney director, Maj. Jeremy Dobos, said the tournament will likely continue in the future.

"We had a great turn out in spite of the heat," Dobos said. "Next year we hope to max out tournament participation. Not only was the tournament a blast, but we also had a chance to build the USARAF team and enhance the esprit de corps of the command," he said.



## EDGE! kayaking:

Above: Youths test their kayaks before braving the waters at Lake Garda Aug. 24. At right: Post youths learn how to hold oars properly before playing a game in the water at Lake Garda





#### **SOLDIERS & CIVILIANS COMMUNITY UNIT/REC OPEN PLAY SPORTS**

#### Soccer standings:

Team         Win           SIGNAL         6           ABLE CO         5           FINANCE         4	Loss 1 2 3	USARAF Lions HEALTH CENTER USARAF Wings	3 3 1	5 5 6
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The community is invited to come watch the games. Most games are Tuesdays & Thursdays at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. but schedules vary. Call the Fitness Center for specifics at 634-7616.

League play for the season has ended.

# **S**ports horts

#### **Pool hours**

The Ederle Inn pool will remain open through Labor Day weekend, Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. On Tuesday it will close for the season. The Villaggio Pool will be closed until Friday. It will be open for Labor Day weekend, Saturday-Monday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. It will close for the season Tuesday. The Fitness Center pool is open Tuesdays-Fridays 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturdays it is open 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. It is closed Sundays and Mondays. On training holidays it is open 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. For a schedule of pool activities and hours of operation, visit the pool or www. vicenzaMWR.com/sports.html

#### Unit & rec play

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

Rugby: Tuesdays and Thursdays 6-7:30 p.m., North 40 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 and 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.

#### Tae Kwon Do

Tae Kwon Do class will be held Mondays and Wednesdays Monday-Oct. 31. Sign up at the Fitness Center before Friday. The class is \$120 and is taught by Master Kim Sung Bok.

#### Become a ninja

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

#### 40 and older basketball

For those interested in playing against a men's Italian 40 and older team, contact Sports, Fitness & Aquatics at 634-7009 or 7616, and leave your information.

#### Chapel Praise Dance Team

The Chapel's Praise Dance Team will be resuming practice and is looking for new recruits to join the fun. Contact Stephanie Lewis at *mrs.tallaslewis@gmail.com* for more information.

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