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Youth soccer season kicks off

Sky Soldiers earn Air Assault wings in Germany



Sgt. Dietrich Rolfe from Battery A, 4th Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, was recognized as a distinguished honor graduate during an Air Assault course graduation ceremony in Germany, Sept. 2. Rolfe earned the honor by completing the course with the highest grade point average as well as receiving a first-time go on all tests.

Story and photo by Spc. Michael Sword
*173rd Airborne Brigade
Combat Team Public Affairs*

GRAFENWOEHR TRAINING AREA, Germany – Out of 146 graduating Soldiers, 23 Sky Soldiers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team completed the Army's Air Assault course, during a ceremony in Germany, Sept. 2.

The course is broken into three phases: the combat assault phase, sling-load operation phase and the rappelling phase,

in addition to a 12-mile foot march to be completed in less than three hours.

Though the course is normally taught at Fort Campbell, Ky., instructors from the Warrior Training Center at Fort Benning, Ga., came to Germany to provide the opportunity to Soldiers from across Europe.

"We do a few courses at Fort Benning, but most of our training is actually mobile training teams," said Sgt. Robert Summers, one of the air assault instructors for the MTT.

Though they teach the same course at every location, each

class is another challenge for the both the instructors and students. For Pfc. Matthew Stilling of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd ABCT, the course's biggest challenge was the sling-load test.

"There are four loads you have to look through, and find the deficiencies in each one in under two minutes," he said. "You have to be able to look through the loads and find out where it's rigged wrong."

After starting with 286 students, Summers was

impressed with the 146 Soldiers of the graduating class.

"Working together is usually the biggest challenge when you go to Air Assault school but they definitely pulled together, learned a lot and now they're ready to move on," he said.

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Pollution prevention week reminder of alternatives, tips for any situation

*Directorate of Public Works
Environmental Division*

One of the best ways to protect the environment is to find ways to stop creating pollution in the first place, a concept that may seem all too obvious, but it's a concept that businesses and governments haven't always followed. The federal Pollution Prevention Act, signed into law in 1990, established a

national policy of preventing and reducing pollution at the source when possible, a strategy that includes encouraging the use of less toxic and nontoxic substances.

To raise awareness and promote the benefits of pollution prevention, the U.S. Army is recognizing this week as National Pollution Prevention Week. Pollution Prevention, or P2 for short, is accepted as an effective tool for protecting the environment

and the economy since it serves to eliminate pollution at the source before it is generated. Using P2 offers important economic benefits to the Army by helping to avoid expensive investments in waste management and cleanup. On a personal level, practicing P2 in the home, garden and on the road through activities such as using alternative cleaning methods, purchasing an electric mower and

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'Lion Shake 11' exercise joins local military with Italian community

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs Office

Exercise planners are shaking things up a bit for the coming annual disaster response drill named "Lion Shake '11". This year the exercise will take place off the installation for the first time and U.S. first responders will move to the simulated disaster scene to assist as they are requested by host nation officials.

The Lion Shake exercise is set for Sept. 28, with most of the activity happening at the Foro Boario, off of Viale Leonardo da Vinci southeast of the Villaggio gate. Community members should anticipate emergency vehicles moving to and from Caserma Ederle and the exercise location. They should also expect to participate in exercise directed actions briefly in their workplaces such as shelter in place or a lock down. Neither Caserma Ederle Gate

1 on Via Aldo Moro nor the Villaggio gate will be closed. Gate 4, the housing gate may be temporarily closed between 10 a.m.-noon.

"Emergency management is a coordinated effort for the Vicenza military community, involving both U.S. and Italian emergency response agencies," said Ted Warden, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza chief of the Plans Division in the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security. The Plans Division handles all Emergency Management and Antiterrorism operational and administrative requirements for the Garrison and Vicenza military community.

Since its inauguration in 1999, the annual Lion Shake exercise has tested integration of Italian first responders, emergency services and health professionals with U.S. capabilities for a variety of scenarios, but has always been held within Caserma

Ederle or Villaggio.

"The flooding last November brought to light that there may be situations of a magnitude where the host nation may need to call on our resources to respond to an incident off the installation," Warden said. "At the request of the Vicenza Prefect, we have developed a scenario together this year that will allow us to evaluate our preparedness under the National Incident Management System and interoperability with the Italians while also exercising the appropriate steps to render assistance off post when requested."

Installation Emergency Manager Shaun Miller said the exercise serves to build relationships with the Italians upon whom we rely while also testing emergency management plans, procedural agreements and interoperability between U.S. and Italian emergency response agencies.

Istituzioni italiane e la comunità militare statunitense interagiscono nell'esercitazione di difesa civile 'Lion Shake 2011'

USAG Vicenza Ufficio Public Affairs

La pianificazione dell'esercitazione di difesa civile denominata "Lion Shake" prevede cambiamenti notevoli agli scenari precedentemente adottati. Infatti, per la prima volta, essa si svolgerà al di fuori dell'installazione militare e, su richiesta delle autorità italiane, saranno i servizi d'emergenza statunitensi a portarsi sul luogo della simulazione per supportare gli assetti nazionali.

L'esercitazione è fissata per la mattinata del 28 settembre e la maggior parte di essa si svolgerà al Foro Boario, Viale Leonardo da Vinci, a sud est dell'entrata al Villaggio della Pace. L'entrata di Via Casermette potrebbe essere chiusa al traffico temporaneamente fra le 10 e mezzogiorno.

Si avvisa la comunità americana della presenza di veicoli di emergenza che transiteranno fra la Caserma Ederle ed il sito dell'esercitazione. Inoltre, i residenti della guarnigione potranno essere chiamati a partecipare all'esercitazione rifugiandosi nel locale più vicino appositamente designato in caso di emergenza (Shelter-in-place). Nè

l'ingresso di Via Aldo Moro alla Caserma Ederle nè quello del Villaggio della Pace verranno chiusi al traffico.

Ted Warden, Responsabile Capo del Dipartimento di Programmazione, Addestramento, Mobilitazione e Sicurezza della Guarnigione Statunitense di Vicenza ha dichiarato: "La gestione delle emergenze prevede un'azione coordinata per la comunità militare di Vicenza che vede lavorare congiuntamente il personale di pronto intervento statunitense e quello italiano."

Tale dipartimento è responsabile della gestione delle emergenze e delle misure di sicurezza antiterrorismo, sia operative che amministrative, per la guarnigione e la comunità militare statunitense di Vicenza.

Le esercitazioni "Lion Shake" vengono svolte dal 1999 con l'intento di testare la cooperazione, l'integrazione e l'interoperabilità fra le agenzie italiane di pronto intervento e soccorso sanitario con quelle statunitensi in una vasta gamma di scenari ma, comunque, sempre all'interno delle aree militari in uso alle unità statunitensi.

"L'inondazione verificatasi lo scorso

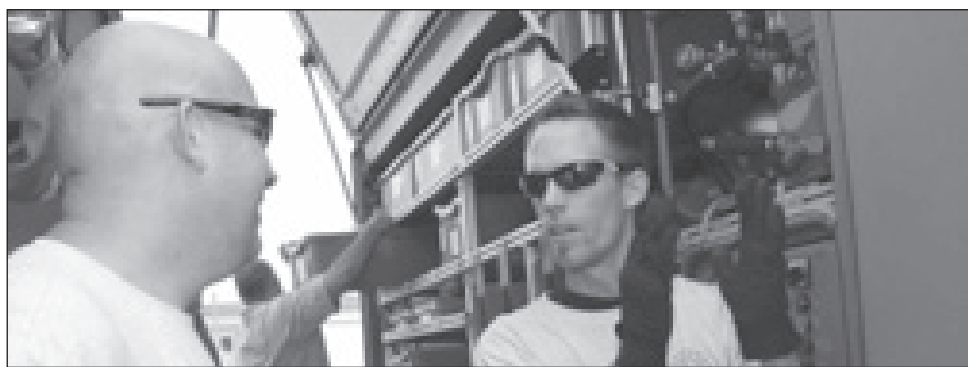


Photo by Laura Kreider

Caserma Ederle Fire & Emergency Services Captain Joe Brewer, left, and Captain Kelly Knight discuss proper procedures for running a decontamination unit in an emergency situation that deals with hazardous materials during training.

novembre ha evidenziato che potrebbero verificarsi situazioni tali da richiedere l'intervento delle nostre risorse per far fronte ad un'emergenza al di fuori della guarnigione," ha detto Warden. "Quest'anno, su richiesta del Prefetto di Vicenza, abbiamo messo a punto congiuntamente uno scenario che ci permetterà di valutare la prontezza operativa nell'ambito del Sistema Nazionale di Gestione delle Emergenze e l'interoperabilità con gli enti italiani e, allo stesso tempo, esercitare le giuste

procedure da adottare per fornire tempestiva assistenza, qualora essa venga richiesta dalla nazione che ci ospita, al di fuori della guarnigione."

Shaun Miller, Responsabile dell'Emergenza, ha dichiarato che l'esercitazione serve a rafforzare i rapporti con gli enti italiani e, allo stesso tempo, testare i piani di risposta operativa, gli accordi procedurali e l'interoperabilità fra gli organismi di difesa civile italiani e del personale militare e civile statunitense.

Speak Out

What signifies fall best to you?



Maia Coffey
AFTB/AFAP Volunteer Program
"Women in pirate boots."



Sgt. Miguel Cortez
2nd Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt.
"When I spend time with Family."



Laura Lucey
Family member
"Change of temperature and color of leaves and knowing shorter days are coming."



Shannon Reynolds
ACS
"The change of season: it brings new things."



Denise Jolly
Family member
"Cool weather, changing landscape and family walks."

By Laura Kreider

Know the facts about suicide prevention to help others

By Lt. Col. Robert McKenzie

U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza Department of Behavioral Health

Suicide rates have been on the rise across the services and this is a trend that must stop. Over the last three years, the number of completed suicides in the Army was at the highest level in three decades and exceeded the suicide rate for our civilian counterparts. Prior to 2008, the rate of military suicides had always been below the civilian levels. Being in the military had served some protective function, either by having the individual employed, having access to health care or by being exposed to some suicide prevention programs — that no longer holds.

There are certain risk factors that may make some individuals more prone to attempt suicide, like suffering from depression or other mental illnesses, abusing drugs or alcohol, or having attempted suicide in the past. People who have been having relationship problems, like a recent break up or divorce, are also at increased risk. People who are having significant problems at work, legal troubles, financial troubles, or lack any

significant social support are at increased risk. When our Soldiers, Family, friends, colleagues and neighbors are having these problems, we need to be alert.

There are certain myths about suicide that need to be clarified. First, some people believe that individuals who talk about suicide are only trying to get attention. In fact, people who die by suicide usually talked about it first. As many as 75 percent of suicide victims had let someone know.

Another myth is asking someone if they are thinking about suicide can increase their risk. In fact, directly asking them can lead the person to getting the help they need. Talking about suicide provides the opportunity for communication. Some people believe that once someone decides to commit suicide there is nothing you can do to stop them. Truth is, people who are suicidal do not want to die; they just want the pain to stop. Suicide is a permanent solution to what is usually a temporary problem. Suicides can be prevented. People can be helped.

Anyone who says young people never think about suicide is wrong. Suicide is the third leading cause of death for young people aged 15-24-years-old. Be aware of sudden changes in peoples' behavior, withdrawal

from friends/activities, dropping out of group activities, changes in their personality, or a lack of interest in their future. If you suspect your young person is thinking about suicide, ask them. Do not trivialize plans that seem less complete or less dangerous. Impulsivity is not uncommon in this age group.

If you suspect that someone is suicidal, ask them, stay with them, and escort them to get the help they need. The Department of Behavioral Health sees walk-ins daily during duty hours. You can reach them at 636-9140. You do not need an appointment for an emergency evaluation. After hours or if the clinic is closed, you can call the military police desk for assistance at 634-7233/7626 or 0444-71-7233/7626.

You can also call the Chaplains Suicide Hotline 24 hours a day at 634-KARE (5273). They will listen and help you get the help you need. Another option is to tell your chain of command and have the person transported to the emergency department at San Bortolo Hospital. Help is available.

Do not wait and wish that you asked or had acted. Your battle buddies, friends, Family members and colleagues all need you.



U.S. Citizens: Ten members of the Vicenza military community became United States citizens in a military naturalization ceremony held on Caserma Ederle Sept. 8 by the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services-Rome. Standing together with officials are from left: Ilona Scott, Maria Nashla Rey Tirado, Eunja Kim Thomas, Zeliha Schatzman, Laura Lisseth Cornejo, Acting Field Office Director-Rome Karen Sohrakoff, Zbigniew Szalkiewicz, Adrian Ramirez Damian, Ismaila Olayinka Otukoya, William Attuquaye Okai, Alvin Ranada Briones, and U.S. Army Garrison-Vicenza Garrison Commander Col. David Buckingham. The new citizens took an oath of renunciation and allegiance and became citizens of the United States of America at the ceremony. The five active-duty Soldiers and five spouses of military members emigrated from nine different countries. The Military Naturalization Program enables active-duty military members and their spouses to obtain U.S. citizenship while residing overseas. Not pictured are USAG-V Command Sergeant Major Jeffrey Hartless and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Overseas Adjudication Specialist Darryl Perez.

Photo by Mayra Thompson

TIPS: Get the whole family involved in reducing pollution around your home

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carpooling to work can help improve the quality of the local environment.

Pollution prevention measures can protect the environment before pollution even begins, save energy and natural resources, and leave our homes, schools and workplaces cleaner and safer. Start your own P2 efforts at home by looking on product labels for the words toxic, flammable, corrosive, caution, danger, warning or poison. Then begin identifying alternatives to these products. Pollution Prevention is not only a great way to help preserve our environment; it is an easy way to save money and

improve the health of your family. Below are some simple ways you can participate in P2 Week.

At work: Carpool, bicycle, walk, or take mass transportation to work. Use reusable lunch containers instead of paper and plastic bags. Turn off all machines (monitors, printers, faxes, copiers,) when not in use. Use reusable cups for coffee and other beverages. Recycle and encourage others to do the same. Look for opportunities to save energy (turn off, lights, electronics, the AC, etc.).

At home: Turn down the heat or air conditioning at night. Turn off lights

and appliances when not in use; install sensors where appropriate. Replace incandescent light bulbs with energy efficient fluorescent ones. Introduce ladybugs to eat aphids, plant marigolds to ward off beetles, and look for quick-sprouting plants to block weed growth. Minimize water use by turning off the water while brushing teeth or shaving. Only running full loads in the washer. Buy less toxic cleaning supplies or make your own. Baking soda and water can be used instead of ammonia-based all-purpose cleaners. Reuse grocery bags by taking them with you to the store.

At school: Pack kids lunches in

reusable containers instead of disposable brown and plastic bags. Keep lockers and the building clean and dry so that the school building is unattractive to pests. Print copies on both sides of each sheet of paper. Purchase only the needed amounts of chemical supplies to avoid disposing of extra, unused materials. Start an Eco-Club or form a P2 Team consisting of students, teachers, and school administrators to implement P2 actions for the year.

If you want to receive more information, contact the Environmental Division at eco@eur.army.mil or call 634-8941.

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At Your Service



Directorate of Public Works

Thomas Raffaello is an electric engineer technician at the operations and maintenance division of Directorate of Public Works. His duties include keeping electrical and heating and air conditioning systems working on the post.

"Currently we are performing maintenance on all the electrical sub-stations on Caserma Ederle. That's the reason for the ongoing power outages scheduled around post," he said.

He is located in building 20, O&M Div., DPW and can be contacted Mondays-Fridays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and often works after regular hours. To report electrical or HVAC systems problems, call customer service at 634-7491.

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Photos by Laura Kreider

Rockin' barbecue: At left, Glenn Gibbs, USO manager, blows bubbles during the USO Fall Bash held at the Hoekstra Pavilion Saturday. Many families of the Vicenza military community participated in the event which included a barbecue, music and activities for children. Above, members of the band Drop Simpler perform at the barbecue Saturday.



Big Clean: Youth and their leaders from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints joined with Vicenza's Legambiente cleaning the roadside near the Palladio Mall Saturday for Puliamo il Mondo, or Clean Up the World. The event was part of a community-based environmental campaign designed to inspire and empower communities from every corner of the globe to clean up, fix up, and conserve their environment. Clean Up the World, held in conjunction with the United Nations Environment Programme, mobilizes an estimated 35 million volunteers from 130 countries annually, making it one of the largest community-based environmental campaigns in the world. This was the 18th time the program has been held in Vicenza. "It was worth all that hard work to see how clean it looked afterwards," said Cosette Schroeder, one of the volunteers and a student at Vicenza Middle School.

Photo by Kaarin Englemann

Exceptional Family Members make a splash at water polo

Story and photos by Laura Kreider
Outlook staff

About ten participants enjoyed the last Water Polo class taught by Grace Rhodes at the Ederle pool Aug. 25.

The weekly EFMP Athletics program has a basic skill building class for Exceptional Family Members. Each segment a one-hour class for four weeks.

"Several volunteers came to assist the Water Polo class, including Harrison and Nina Tarr, Cynthia Rhodes, Pam Hammerle, Malcolm Dorsey, Abby Vallery and several others," said Cara Panzarella-Tarr, Exceptional Family Member Program manager.

Panzarella-Tarr said the goal of each class was fun, flexibility, information and basic skill development. The class format offered sensory cues to include visual markings, auditory directives and hands-on guidance.

"It was great water fun in the hot sun," she said.

EFMP still needs volunteers to lead a four-week athletic program for one hour per week.

"This is a volunteer driven program and we need people," she said.

Anyone interested can call 634-7500/8582 or 0444-71-7500/8582.

EMFP's next program is the Creative Dance Course, which is still accepting participants

The dance course develops physical coordination and creative thinking for students of all ages and abilities, according to Panzarella-Tarr. Students will learn dance techniques, composition tools, and performance skills that will allow them to experience dance as creators performers, and spectators.

Instructor Kristen Jeppsen Groves received a bachelor's degree in Dance Education and a masters in choreography. She is a choreographer, dancer, and teacher and has enjoyed the art of dance for 25 years. Email her for more information at kjeppsen@wordpress.com.



Above and left, members of the Exceptional Family Member Program compete at water polo in the post pool last month. Upcoming events include dancing. To sign up call 634-7500.

Camp Darby's Olympics bring out best locals

Story and photo by Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

It was a test of physical strength, mental prowess and a chance to win a shiny trophy and bragging rights for the next year.

When Soldiers from Camp Darby's Army units lined up against the Airmen of 731st Munitions Squadron during the 3rd Annual Camp Darby Olympics Sept. 16, U.S. Army Garrison Commander Lt. Col. Kevin Bigelman urged his team on with "the Army team always dominates the battlefield."

Air Force Commander Maj. Steven Clark "bribed" the opposing team with an open invitation to the Air Forces end of the month party.

The first event was a team of four ran two miles. When Airman 1st Class Aaron Lehman finished in 10:09 the crowd was blown away by more than his neon orange/pink shoes. When he repeated the performance 20 minutes later during the Athletic field relay, the Air Force took the lead 2-0.

"I felt good with the wins; running is what I do," said a grinning Lehman who added he normally runs a mile in 4:30.

In the following swimming events, crowds were amazed at Airman 1st Class Austin Lee's ability to swim the length of the pool in what appeared to be only three strokes.

"I'm a really strong swimmer," said Lee.

His teammate Airman 1st Class Carl Metcalf said that he liked the swimming, but it was the first time he had ever competed.

The Air Force continued their



Pfc. Michael Rosa races against Staff Sgt. "Johnny O" Smith during the distance run event as part of the Camp Darby Olympics between the Army and Air Force Sept. 16. The Air Force took gold in nine out of 10 events to clinch the coveted trophy. More photos can be found at www.flickr.com/photos/campdarby/sets/.

winning streak during the volleyball and basketball games. According to the stats keeper, LaKasha Jones, even though he Army dominated in height, the Air Force played a quick running game with fast turnarounds.

During the tug-of-war completion, the Army came out strong.

"We had the optimal mix of size and strength for tug-of-war and made the victory as merciful as possible," said Army Capt. Nathaniel Paschal.

The same Army team headed into the

tire relay, but were disappointed to lose the event. The shot put, was a big surprise for Senior Airman Henry Herzog, who threw the 12-pound ball 45 feet and 6 inches.

"This was the first time I ever threw a shot put and apparently I did it wrong, but it was the furthest one thrown," said Herzog.

Both teams urged each other on at the following day's community duathlon and the upcoming race, Run to the Tower Oct. 21.

Competators run, swim during the first-ever duathlon



Lt. Col. Kevin Bigelman, right, U.S. Army Garrison Livorno commander, took first place for males and Villet Gethers, left, Livorno Unit School teacher, took first place for females during the Camp Darby Duathlon Sept. 17 in support of National Fitness Day. More event photos can be found at www.flickr.com/photos/campdarby/sets/.

Story and photo by Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

In support of National Fitness Day Sept. 17, Camp Darby held a duathlon. According to fitness specialist, Ken Owen, "it was a chance to introduce to the community an event that was more than a foot race."

"A duathlon requires a different type of training and strategy during the race plays an important part," said Owen.

The competitors started with a two-mile run, followed by a 200-meter swim and another mile run. U.S. Army Garrison Livorno Commander Lt. Col. Kevin Bigelman was in first place with Pfc. Michael Rosa on his heels going into the swim event. Airmen 1st Class Austin Lee moved into second during the swim portion and tried to catch up to the garrison commander.

"I knew a lot of the competitors would underestimate how challenging the swimming event can be after running and really kicked it into gear on the last mile," said Lee.

Livorno Unit School Teacher Villet Gethers, who normally competes in triathlons, led the women through all three events to clinch first.

"I had swum at the beach and ran at the gym and was surprised and excited that I finished first," said Gethers.

Owens said 90 percent of the competitors had never done a duathlon before.

"This was my first duathlon and training for the swimming seemed the easiest portion until I tried doing it after running," said Katie Thompson, Girl Scouts. "I am excited I finished — it felt great."

"This won't be our last duathlon," said competitor Matt Labrise.

The first male and female to finish received a \$50 gift certificate for the commissary.

Darby Dates

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

Hispanic Heritage

- ◆ Enjoy Salsa dancing and lessons Oct. 1, 8 and 15 at the DCC. Lesson are from 8-9 p.m.
- ◆ Special Story Hour at the Post Library Oct. 4
- ◆ Hispanic food tasting at the DCC Oct. 14

Army Community Services

- ◆ Women's Self Defense, Sept. 27
 - ◆ Domestic Violence Annual Training at the Post Theater Oct. 4
 - ◆ New Parent Support / EFMP Playgroup, Oct. 5
 - ◆ Domestic Violence Information Fair at the Commissary, Oct. 6
 - ◆ Couples Communication workshop, Oct. 7
- Call 633-7084.

CYSS

- ◆ Book Club swap at Youth Center, Sept. 27
 - ◆ Parent Advisory Council, Sept. 28
- Call 633-7629.

Bowling Alley

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

Darby Community Club

- ◆ Live music by the Mimmo Mollica Band, Sept. 24 at 8 p.m.
 - ◆ Karaoke every Thursday
 - ◆ Right Arm/ Wing man night, followed by Texas Hold 'em Sept. 30.
- Call 633-7855.

Outdoor Recreation

There are still spots and T-shirts available for the Run to the Tower Oct. 21. Sign up now to secure your spot. Call 633-7775.

Fitness Center

The first phase of the fitness center renovation is close to completion. The women's locker room will re-open Sept. 26. The racquetball court will re-open Sept. 28. The second phase will close the men's locker room beginning Oct. 3. 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.

No driving downtown:

Streets throughout Vicenza will be closed to vehicle traffic Sunday. There will be parking lots with free bus rides and free bicycle rentals available. The fine for driving on closed roads will be €80. To view of map of the affected areas visit www.comune.vicenza.it/file/67339-mappablocotraffico.pdf.



Courtesy photo

Local events

No-driving Sunday in downtown Vicenza and surrounding areas is between 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Violators will be fined €80.

Vicenza takes part in the Mobility European Week with a “no-driving” day. Free parking and shuttle buses depart from Cricoli, Stadio and Farini parking lots. Downtown stores will be open all day.

Other events in Vicenza on Sunday:

- ♦ Piazza Castello: environmental sustainability and awareness information stands, bicycles tips and workshops; free bicycle rentals

- ♦ Campo Marzo: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. sports stands and info; local products sampling, entertainment for children; 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. cheese making demonstrations; food booths open at noon; 2:30 p.m. live music with Banda Brian and with Blue Mama Band at 4:30 p.m.

- ♦ Parco Querini: 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Yoga and Oriental Arts Festival

- ♦ Le Piazze dei Sapori - Agricultural and Wine exhibit and market: Friday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., in Vicenza, Piazza dei Signori e Contrà Garibaldi. Typical regional Italian food, wine and local products.

- ♦ Piazza Dei Signori: 5 p.m. free concert to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of Italian Unification

- ♦ Palazzo Trissino in Corso Palladio: 6:30 p.m. “Celling Stones”, free live cello concert

- ♦ Free entrance to local museums Saturday-Sunday to celebrate the European Heritage Week

Grape and Wine Festival:

Friday-Sunday, in Gambellara, Piazza Papa Giovanni and Piazza Marconi, about 16 miles southwest of Vicenza. Live music, floats, carnival rides, charity raffle and free wine tasting.

- ♦ Friday: 7 p.m. food booths; Happy hour and spritz party. 9:30 p.m. music and dancing with Yano DJ

- ♦ Saturday: 7 p.m. food booths; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Marco & I Niagara Orchestra

- ♦ Sunday: 9 a.m. “Bread flavor” – bread making workshop for

children; 10:30 p.m. grape exhibit; 2 p.m. agricultural and local craft market in Piazza Marconi; vintage motorcycle exhibition; 3:30 p.m. Gambellara musical band parade, floats and live folk music with Taca Banda Group; free wine, grapes and Brasadello (a local dessert) for everyone; 8:30 p.m. live music and dancing with I Rodigini Orchestra.

Baccalà (Dried Cod Fish) Fest:

Friday-Monday, in Sandrigo, in Piazza Garibaldi, about nine miles north of Vicenza. Staging of a typical Norwegian village in Piazza Rost on Saturday and Sunday

- ♦ Friday: 7 p.m. food booths featuring gnocchi with dried cod fish, Vicentine cod fish with polenta and other local specialties, 9 p.m. live music.

- ♦ Saturday: 6 p.m. food booths; local products exhibit and sale in Piazza Marconi; 6-8 p.m. Happy hour; 9 p.m. live music.

- ♦ Sunday: 11 a.m. food booths; local products exhibit and sale in Piazza Marconi; 5 p.m. games and entertainment for children; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing.

- ♦ Monday: 7 p.m. food booths; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing

Duck Festival:

Friday-Monday, in Santa Maria di Camisano, Contrà Pieve, about 10 miles east of Vicenza. Food booths featuring duck and other local specialties open at 7 p.m.

- ♦ Friday: 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Castellina Pasi Orchestra

- ♦ Saturday: 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Renato e Gli Amici Orchestra

- ♦ Sunday: 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Omar Lambertini Orchestra

- ♦ Monday: 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Marco e Il Clan Orchestra

Transhumance Festival:

Saturday-Sunday, in Bressanvido, Pangiusco Farm, Via Chiesa, about eight miles northeast of Vicenza. Transhumance is the seasonal movement of farmers with their livestock over relatively short distances, usually to higher

pastures in summer and to lower valleys in winter.

- ♦ Saturday: 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Pietro Galassi Orchestra

- ♦ Sunday: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. local dairy products and local craft exhibit and sale; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Nicola Congiu Orchestra

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

Food booths open at 7 p.m. featuring spit-roasted chicken, pig’s shin, local cheeses and wines. Entrance fee to the concerts is a lottery ticket for €2. The lottery proceeds go to cancer research institute.

Oktoberfest:

Friday and Saturday, in Castelnuovo, Isola Vicentina, about seven miles northwest of Vicenza. Food booths featuring a variety of beers and Bavarian specialties; 9 p.m. live Bavarian music.

San Michele Festival:

Friday-Sunday, in San Michele, about 1.5 miles north of Bassano Del Grappa.

- ♦ Friday: 9:30 p.m. Rock’n’roll live night with I Serf e T Birds Bands

- ♦ Saturday: 7 p.m. food booths; mushroom, plant and flower exhibits; 8:30 p.m. live music with Santamonica Orchestra; 9:45 p.m. Indian dance and Belly dance shows

- ♦ Sunday: 9 a.m. dog agility competition; 11:15 a.m. photo exhibit; 2 p.m. paragliding show; 5:30 p.m. Thai dance show; 6 p.m. food booths open; live music and dancing with Anika & Giuliano Orchestra

- ♦ Monday: 7 p.m. food booths; 8:30 p.m. live music with Katia & I Melody; 9:30 charity raffle drawing.

Flowers and plants exhibit and market:

Saturday-Sunday 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Thiene, Castello Porto Colleoni, Corso Garibaldi 2, about 13 miles north of Vicenza. Photo and paintings exhibits; tree-climbing workshops for children; biological and natural products market. Admission fee: €2.50; free on Saturday morning and for children

younger than 14. Stores will be open all day Sunday in Thiene.

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.

Pottery exhibit:

Ongoing through Nov. 13, Tuesday-Thursday - Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3-7 p.m.; Wednesday - Friday 3 - 7 p.m., in Vicenza, ViArt, Contrà del Monte 13.

Photo exhibit:

Ongoing through Nov. 6. Tuesday-Sunday, 3-7 p.m., in Bassano del Grappa, Chiesetta dell’Angelo, Via Roma 80, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza.

The Italian Way – between craft and technology:

Ongoing through Oct. 10, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-9 p.m., in Vicenza, Piazza Matteotti.

Concerts

Brooke Fraser: Sept. 27 in Bologna

Bruno Mars: Oct. 10 in Assago

Alice Cooper: Oct. 13 in Padova

J Ax: Oct. 21 in Padova

David Crosby and Graham Nash: Oct. 29 in Padova

Bob Dylan and Mark Knopfler: Nov. 9 in Padova

Fleet Foxes: Nov. 19 in Bologna
Christopher Cross: Nov. 20 in Padova

Smashing Pumpkins: Nov. 29 in Padova

Lenny Kravitz: Nov. 20 in Villorba (Treviso)

Maroon 5: Dec. 9 in Padova

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

Rihanna: Dec. 12 in Assago (Milan)

Tickets available in Vicenza at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center or at www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing or <http://www.ticketone.it/EN/>.

ODR trips

Oktoberfest express, Oct. 1
Poland shopping, Oct. 7-8
Garmisch hike and bike, Oct. 8-10

Bike Colli Berici, Oct. 8
Beretta tour, Oct. 10
Perugia Chocolate Festival, Oct. 15-16

San Martino hike and bike, Oct. 15
Modena balsamic vinegar, Oct. 22

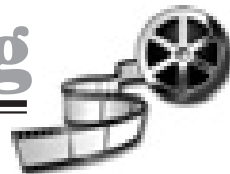
Asiago bike ride, Oct. 22
Wine and purse shopping, Oct. 25

Pisa and marble shopping, Oct. 29
Mount Ortigara hike, Nov. 5
Wine tasting, Nov. 5

Hawk walk and olive oil, Nov. 6

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

Now Showing



Ederle Theater

Thursday	Transformers 3 (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Friday	Zookeeper (PG 13)	6 p.m.
	Harry Potter Part 2 (PG 13)	9 p.m.
Saturday	Zookeeper (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	Straw Dogs (R)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Harry Potter Part 2 (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	Straw Dogs (R)	6 p.m.
Wed.	Harry Potter Part 2 (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Sept. 29	Zookeeper (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Sept. 30	Winnie the Pooh (G)	6 p.m.
	Friends with Benefits (R)	9 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Friday	Harry Potter Part 2 (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Saturday	Colombiana (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Zookeeper (PG)	1 p.m.
Sept. 30	Friends with Benefits (R)	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.

Special events

Take the community wide info survey before Sept. 30. Representatives of AFN, PAO and Family and MWR want you to tell us how you would prefer to get your information about things happening in the community. You can make a difference. Log on today at www.SurveyMonkey.com/s/USAGVicenzaSurvey. or follow the links on www.vicenzamwr.com or www.usagvicenza.army.mil.

Estate claim

Anyone having any claims on or obligations to the estate of Sgt. Jonathan Pierce, of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, should contact the summary court officer, 2nd Lt. Adam Wojciechowski, at 634-7346.

CPAC closure

The CHRA-E Vicenza CPAC will be holding its annual organization day Friday. Operating hours will be temporarily suspended starting at 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. In case of emergency during this period, call 335-5700-926.

Job opening

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

- Army Family Action Plan is collecting issues for the AFAP Conference. Submit your issues at: http://www.vicenzamwr.com/acs_afap.html. The deadline for issue submission for the 2012 Conference is Nov. 1, 2011.
- EFMP Creative Mind's Open Art Time on Oct. 1 from 3-5pm. Siblings of EFMs are also invited. Cost is \$3.50. Movie Bash is Oct. 7 from 3:30-5:30pm. Family-friendly movie to be announced with free movie, popcorn and drinks. Sponsored by the VCC. Call ACS at 634-7500/8582.

Arena

Monday and Tuesday are "One Dollar Bowling Days" this fall. Bowl all day long for just \$1 per game. Shoe rental is \$2.50. Bring your friends and bowl a few!

Soldiers' Theatre

Soldiers' Theatre presents "Tuna Fish Eulogy" by Lindsay Price, featuring the talents of Donna Cassels, Dalton-Jesse Cummins,

Bethany Hacker and Aaron Talley, directed by Jerry Brees. Twelve years after his death, Albert wants answers ... but is he really prepared to hear the truth? The tragedy of a young boy's death is examined. This is mystery and misery that is sure to generate conversation. Performances in Vicenza are one weekend only — Sept. 30-Oct. 2 at 7:30 p.m. and a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$10 at the Box Office. Call 634-7281 or 0444-71-7281.

CYS Services

- CYSS School Age Center invites children in grades 1-5 for a day at GardaLand Amusement Park Oct. 1, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.. All school-aged children in grades 1-5 who are not enrolled in a SAC program are eligible to receive four free hours of care each month. Save up to \$16 per child on the cost of this trip by using your four free hours. Sign up by Friday. Call 634-5700.
- Visit www.vicenzamwr.com for a complete listing or call Parent Central Services at 634-7219.

AAFES/DECA council meeting

A meeting with AAFES and the commissary will be held Monday at 10:30 a.m. in Davis Hall, building 108. The meeting is open to the community.

Arts & Crafts Center

- Learn the basics of watercolor with Sabrina Lamonica. Intro to Watercolor is three consecutive Thursdays beginning Oct. 6. All materials are included and you will learn basics about materials, color mixing techniques, shading and more.
- Soap Making Intro is on Oct. 7 at 3 p.m. Learn the Basics of melting and pouring soaps. This class is required for the soap collection and workshop classes.
- Photographing Children and Babies class will take your skills to another level Oct. 6, 1 p.m. Learn

to take silhouettes, group shots and how to be creative with lighting.

Girl Scouts

Registration for the 2011-2012 year of Girl Scouts in Vicenza will be Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the park across from the Vicenza High School. Registration is \$30. A parent or guardian must register their daughter for sign up. Girls must be 5 years old by Sept. 30 to register for Girl Scouts this year. For more info., call Nancy at 349-5209980.

Boy Scouts

The VES and VMS Open Houses, the Cub Scout Pack 295 first pack meeting will be Sept. 22 from 6-7 p.m. at the Caserma Ederle Chapel.

MOMS Club events

- Monthly Meeting, Monday
- Out-n-About, Wednesday
- Toddler play group, Wednesday

These events are subject to change. For more information email momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com.

UMUC courses

Autumn is in the air and time for Fall Session II at UMUC Vicenza. Registration is until Oct. 30. Classes run from Oct. 31- Dec. 16. The following classes are being offered locally: Italian 1 and 2, Principles of Accounting, Human Biology & Lab, Intro to Psychology, Intro to Statistics, Intro to Computers, Fundamentals of Writing & Grammar. Active duty and military spouses can apply for a \$100 textbook scholarship. For more info call 634-7055 or email vice@europe.umuc.edu or visit www.ed.umuc.edu

Library

The Book Club meets Oct. 6, 7 p.m. to discuss "What the Dog Saw" by Malcolm Gladwell. Everyone is welcome. Bring a snack to share and bring a friend. Call 634 8419

for more information.

Free legal help

Navigating the MEB-PEB process is complicated, but free legal help is available. Visit the USAG Vicenza webpage at www.usag.vicenza.army.mil and click on "Community" then Staff Judge Advocate to read the article.

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 classroom 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.

AFN HD sports

AFN is now providing limited high-definition programming to authorized audiences in concert with the fall 2011 National Football League season. The AFN Broadcast Center began transmitting an HD version of AFN|sports over decoder channel 801 as a test and the station becomes an official member of the AFN family this Sunday. The HD feed will only be accessible to viewers with the new CISCO D9865 decoders, currently on sale at the Vicenza Exchange. Limited inventories of the required decoders as well as infrastructure (both government owned/provided and commercial) restrict availability to a limited number of the AFN Audience. Viewers with the older decoders will still continue to receive all AFN channels, just not the HD feed. Working with partners in providing service to our authorized customers, the Defense Media Activity plans to expand the availability of AFN|sports HD to cover more, and eventually all, of the authorized users as quickly as fiscally and logistically possible. For questions, visit www.afneurope.net.

Religious activities

Chaplain Crisis Line

To speak with a chaplain after hours, call **634-KARE** (634-5273)

Sunday services

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 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.
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.



Photo by Tom Hlavacek

Spinning clay: A participant receives instructions during the Child, Youth and School Services EDGE! "Spinning the Wheel" pottery program. New potters learn to open, raise and lift the walls on the wheel. Glazing and firing will be the final steps in this four-week program.

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.

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.

CYSS youth soccer starts, runs until end of October

By Tom Hlavacek
Special to the Outlook

The Vicenza Child, Youth and School Services soccer season kicked off last week with 20 teams in action. The teams are made up of boys and girls competing in five age categories, starting as young as three years of age. Bambini teams (ages 3-5) play their games Thursdays. Peewees (ages 6-7) play Wednesdays. Minors (ages 8-9) play Fridays. Bantams (ages 10-12) and Juniors (ages 13-15) play Saturdays. The bantam and junior teams frequently travel to compete against teams from Aviano and Livorno.

The season runs until the end of October for all teams except the juniors. U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza will host the Installation Management Command-Europe Eastern Regional Junior Soccer Championships Nov. 11-13. One team each from Ansbach, Bamberg, Schweinfurt, Grafenwoehr, Garmisch, Hohenfels, Vilseck, Aviano AB, Livorno and Vicenza can enter in the annual event.

The junior team from Vicenza with the best record against the other Vicenza team during the normal season will advance to compete in the tournament. Vicenza teams have won the last three consecutive IMCOM-E championships.

“Good coaching and youth participating in year round soccer programs both on and off-post help contribute to Vicenza’s success,” said Eric Weisel, CYSS coordinator.

Coach Ronaldo Reyter coached the junior teams that won the first two championships. Reyter said, “We were talented and lucky. Several of the players competed on successful Italian teams.”

Many of the players who competed on CYSS teams in the fall, moved on to compete on the Vicenza High School soccer team in the spring.

Three players competed with the American European Olympic Development Program in the San Diego, Calif., last summer.

“Credit for the success of our soccer program primarily goes to the quality



Photo by Krista Cahill

Members of the Vicenza Child, Youth and School Services soccer bambini age group 3-5, play together Saturday during the opening weekend.

and dedication of our past and current coaches,” said Alex Ruiz, CYSS sports and fitness director. “I am looking forward to this year’s coaches following the superb coaching tradition established by our past coaches.”

Ruiz said that more youths participate in soccer than

any of the other team sports offered by CYSS.

Thirty eight volunteer coaches are currently assisting with this year’s program.

For more info about CYSS soccer or other youth sports, contact Alex Ruiz at email carlos.ruiz@us.army.mil or call 634-6151.

VHS football team holds Lift-a-Thon, showcases off-season work



Courtesy photo

Vicenza High School football team senior captain Aaron Hogg competes in the Lift-a-Thon Sept. 2. Hogg and Austin Walker collected the most donations.

Vicenza High School athletic department

After a one-year hiatus, the Vicenza Cougar football Lift-a-Thon returned Sept. 2. The Cougars participated in three basic lifts: bench press, squat and dead lift. Each player was asked to get a per-pound sponsorship or a flat rate sponsorship to help purchase items for the program. Money, however, was not the main purpose of the event according to head coach, Adam Ridgley.

“This event showcased the hard work in the off season of some of our returning players and allowed us to teach our core lifts to our new athletes,” Ridgley said. “Most importantly, it allowed us to build our sense of team by working together towards a common goal. It was incredibly exciting to see 36 Vicenza Cougars encouraging each other as they pushed their physical and mental limits.”

Top lifters were sophomore Kenneth Coulter (785 lbs.) junior Malcolm Dorsey (784 lbs.) and senior Christian Valone (755 lbs.). Senior Aaron Hogg, and sophomore Austin Walker collected the most donations.

SOLDIERS & CIVILIANS COMMUNITY UNIT/REC OPEN PLAY SPORTS

Soccer standings:

Team	Win	Loss			
SIGNAL	9	2	FINANCE	6	5
ABLE CO	6	6	USARAF Lions	5	7
HEALTH CENTER	6	6	USARAF Wings	1	7

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.

Sports Shorts

Volunteers needed

The Mako Sharks Swim Team is looking for adult volunteers to assist during the fall competitive season. Swimmers are elementary - high school ages and compete in the European Forces Swim League. For more info, contact John Casey at 0444-91-2612 or email john.j.casey@us.army.mil. Visit <http://makosharks.homestead.com/index.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 10 or more, Fitness Center.

Racquetball: 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for 16 participants, 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: (not currently meeting) 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.

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 an Italian men’s 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.

Have information about sports? Email The Outlook editor at editor@eur.army.mil with photos, scores or upcoming information about having your team featured in the newspaper.