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U.S. Army Africa photo

U.S. Army Africa 1st Lt. Salvatore Buzzurro, Africa Contingency Operations Training & Assistance program military mentor, gives Sierra Leone Armed Forces soldiers advice on movement techniques. 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.

U.S. Army Africa team trains Sierra Leone troops

U.S. Army Africa PAO

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."

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. It 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.

New 509th Sig. Bn. S4 wins prestigious award

By Julie M. Lucas
Outlook editor

A new employee at Caserma Ederle not only comes with years of knowledge and expertise in his field, but a major award to back it up.

Taleh Aliyev began work in Italy at the end of September as the S4 for 509th Signal Battalion. After accepting the new position, he was notified he had won an award for his duties while working in Korea.

"I literally got here to inprocess and had to go on TDY orders to go back to be recognized for the award," Aliyev said.

The award was Administrator of the Year as a U.S. employee

for United States Forces in Korea, after only working as a civilian for one year. Aliyev was not new to the work after spending eight years as an active-duty Soldier working in supply.

"Lt. Col. (Kevin) Romano was 100 percent behind (Aliyev) in returning to accept his award with no questions asked," said Tom Mathias, deputy of the Vicenza Network Enterprise Center.

He was selected to represent his command in the DA level Supply Excellence Award Competition. Aliyev's list of professional accomplishments is numerous to include his contributions to the mission in Korea, increasing productivity and efficiency while saving money. According to the award write up, he implemented

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Parents urged to check for Lithium cell batteries, magnets in toys

By Peg Clevenger
USAG Vicenza security manager

Annually there are 3,500 cases of button cell battery ingestion poisonings reported to poison control centers in the United States. Due to the development of larger, stronger lithium cell batteries the probability for severe complications has increased. Button batteries can be found in remote controls, toys, musical greeting cards, bathroom scales, children's books that read, and watches. Children often mistake the discs for candy. Data from the National Capital Poison Center in Washington found a sevenfold increase in severe complications from button cell ingestions in recent years.

Among the serious complications, the chemical reaction triggered by the batteries can damage vocal cords, leaving children with a lifelong whisper. Damage to the gastrointestinal tract means some children require feeding tubes and multiple surgeries.

"The injuries are so much more serious," said Dr. Toby Litovitz, director and author of Pediatrics magazine. "It's like drain opener or lye. It's not something you want in the esophagus of your child."

Industry has shifted to this battery because of its size and popular appeal. Federal law dictates toys will have battery compartments that are locked with screws, but devices for adults such as remote controls often just have a plastic cover.

Last year, a 13-month-old child developed what

seemed like an upper respiratory infection. He lost interest in food and vomited a few times, but doctors attributed it to a virus.

After nine days of severe symptoms and more doctor visits, the hospital finally ordered an X-ray to look for pneumonia. What they found instead was totally unexpected. The child had ingested a "button" battery. The battery was surgically removed the next day, and the child was sent home. But what neither the doctors nor his parents realized was that the damage had been done. The battery's current had set off a chemical reaction in the child's esophagus, burning through both the esophageal wall and attacking the aorta. Two days after the battery was removed, the child began coughing blood, and soon died from his injuries. To this day, the child's parents don't know where the battery came from. "This is something I would never want another parent to live with," said the mother. "I was oblivious as to how dangerous they were and I want more people to know the danger."

The batteries that pose the greatest risk are those that begin with the number 20, which stands for 20 millimeters. They are larger and stronger than older models. Batteries numbered 2032, 2025 and 2016 are responsible for more than 90 percent of serious injuries.

Capt. Mitchell Hamele, chief, Pediatric Clinic, U.S. Army Health Center-Vicenza, advises families with children ages less than 5 years old to get as many (button batteries) out of the house as they can and certainly don't leave them loose in drawers.

Although the data shows that 80 percent of button battery ingestions are witnessed by a caregiver the 20 percent that aren't are a little scarier as they may not have indication to get radiographs. Most button batteries that make it out of the esophagus within one-two hours and pass in the stool uneventfully but if lodged in the esophagus they can cause significant and life threatening injuries. If a child has ingested or is suspected to have ingested a battery they should report immediately to the Health Center if it is open and to the Emergency room if it is not open. The Health Center would likely order radiographs to determine the location of the battery and proceed accordingly.

In contrast to button batteries, small magnets that have been ingested typically cause problems in the small intestines. If two or more magnets are ingested they can attract each other through the walls of the bowel and cause a perforation of that intestine over time. Much like the button battery suggestion above the recommendation for all parents with children ages 5 years and less is to try not to have small magnets around the house unless absolutely necessary.

The number for the National Battery Ingestion Hotline is 202-625-3333 or 202-362-8563. The poison control number to dial locally is 118, tell them you speak English, and they will get a translator and the poison control physician on the line once you explain your concern. If dialing from post you can call 00-800-444-8844 which will connect you to poison control in Bethesda, Md.

AWARD: New 509th employee brings background experience

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programs and identified weaknesses in Standard Operating Procedures, while keeping a positive attitude and having impeccable customer service and volunteering in the community.

Aliyev attended an award ceremony Oct. 20, where he received his award from General James D. Thurman, commander, U.S. Forces Korea at the Civilian Employees of the Year Award ceremony. With a huge accomplishment supporting him, Aliyev is ready to help out locally, including supporting Dal Molin logistics will be a key part.

"From the moment Taleh arrived to the 509th Signal Battalion he has had an immediate impact throughout the organization," said Romano, commander, 509th Signal Bn. "He brings with him a level professionalism and expertise that is truly extraordinary."



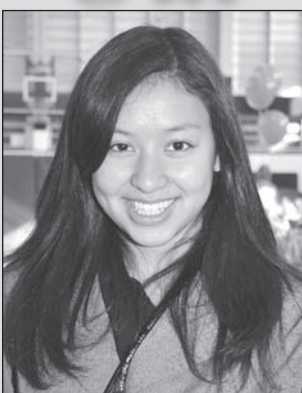
Photo by Laura Kreider

Logistics Management Specialist Taleh Aliyev, right, and Tiziano Bedin, supply technician for the 509th Signal Battalion, review vehicle requirements for upcoming field training exercise.

Interested in having the ATRP office do a home security review? Call 634-8069/8984/8699.

Speak Out

What is your favorite Thanksgiving food?



Alexis Camuso
Family member

"Pumpkin pie because it reminds me of back home where my aunts would always make it."



Brian Curtis
AAFES

"Turkey with cranberry sauce, stuffing and pumpkin pie - that's my favorite."



Don Barton
USAHC-V

"Sausage stuffing because it reminds me of Iowa."



Tia Juliano
Family member

"Korean food, such as Calbi (ribs) and Kimchi, because it's my family's tradition."



Staff Sgt. Guillermo Orozco

1st Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt.
"My wife makes awesome ham; I can't have Thanksgiving without it."

By Laura Kreider

USAG Vicenza employees work in deployment situations

U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza PAO

George Schmidt, from the U.S. Army Garrison-Vicenza Directorate of Logistics, is deployed to Umm Qasr, Iraq, as director of Logistics for Office of Security and Cooperation, Umm Qasr, Iraq.

There he has been involved in the move of equipment to Iraqi Naval Base, Umm Qasr for a Landing Craft Utility maintenance operation.

"The equipment that was transported from a chartered vessel in Kuwait are lathes, welding machines, drills, generators, presses, plasma cutters, tools and much more," Schmidt said. "The items we received will allow the Iraqi navy maintenance technicians to service, repair and when required rebuild their boats."

Iraqi navy boats are used to protect the Al Basra Oil Terminal and Khawr al Amaya Oil Terminal in the Arabian Gulf, returning to Umm Qasr for repairs and refueling.

"The Iraqi navy will move their maintenance technicians into the facility where they will be trained by our civilian technicians and certified to use the equipment," Schmidt said. "The

U.S. Navy will watch over them for a while and then step back to ensure they understand the machines.

"It is a great operation and one I am honored to be a part of," he said. "Watching the Iraqi maintenance technicians' eyes light up when they see the equipment is enough for me."

Lawrence Kilgore, director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security of USAG Vicenza is also deployed to Iraq as the installation manager for OSC-I Umm Qasr.

In that position he is involved directly with all aspects of building a new installation.

"The thing that I found when I arrived was a lack of infrastructure ... with no Directorate of Public Works, no Provost Marshall Office, or many other experts," he said.

Together with Schmidt, he and Iraqi workers have planned and designed for the future of the installation.

"It is quite an experience when you have to 'make your own bed'," he said.

But Kilgore says he enjoys the challenges each day brings.

"We do everything ourselves due to our remote location. We off load vehicles, drive forklifts, build bunkers, fill



George Schmidt



Lawrence Kilgore

sandbags, working extended and odd hours. We work seven days a week, no holidays or days off. If we did (take time off), the mission would suffer. So you must pace yourself," he said. "Now we are in the middle of ensuring the Presidential drawdown stays on schedule."

Kilgore said that the mission is one that others in his field should have the opportunity to try. "It is back-to-the-basics in this type environment," he said.

"It is an honor to be a part of such an operation and I feel the pride and patriotism that goes with being here amongst the Iraqi people and other nations involved in the rebuilding of

Iraq," Kilgore said. "I would do it all over again if asked."

He reports that the amenities at Umm Qasr are very few, with no Exchange, and now a two-pound limitation for packages from home.

"Not much room for cookies I am afraid," he said. "But it is home and we deal with it."

Schmidt and Kilgore join the list of current garrison employees who have worked either in Afghanistan or Iraq. Those include Kambiz Razzaghi, Frank Marcantonio, Shay Morris, Grant Sattler, Julia Sibilla, Rita Bonamego and Lou Roach.

Veterans receive boost as President Obama signs tax credit into law

By Sgt. 1st Class Tyrone C. Marshall Jr.
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama delivered a clear message Monday when he signed two new tax credits into law to increase the hiring of military veterans and wounded warriors.

"For businesses out there, if you are hiring, hire a veteran," he said. "It's the right thing to do for you, it's the right thing to do for them, and it's the right thing to do for our economy."

In August, Obama called on Congress to enact tax credits, included in the American Jobs Act, that will help to get unemployed veterans back to work.

"While we've added more than 350,000 private-sector jobs over the last three months, we've got 850,000 veterans who can't find work," the president said. "And even though the overall unemployment rate came down just a little bit last month, unemployment for veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan continued to rise."

Obama said "that isn't right," and he lauded veterans

as the "best that America has to offer.

"They are some of the most highly trained, highly educated, highly skilled workers that we have," he said. "If they can save lives on the battlefield, then they can save a life in an ambulance.

"If they can manage convoys moving tons of equipment over dangerous terrain," he continued, "they can manage a company's supply chain. If they can track millions of dollars of assets in Iraq, they can balance the books of any company here in the United States."

Obama noted the United States has benefited "enormously" from veteran's service abroad and would benefit greatly from their service at home.

"And that's why, under my direction, the federal government has already hired more than 120,000 veterans," he said.

Obama praised First Lady Michelle Obama and Jill Biden, wife of Vice President Joe Biden, for their efforts in the "Joining Forces" campaign, which has secured pledges from private-sector companies to hire 135,000 more veterans and military spouses.

"Today, we're giving those businesses just one more

reason to give veterans a job," he said.

The president also credited Congress for the legislation.

"Today, because Democrats and Republicans came together, I'm proud to sign those proposals into law," he said. "And I urge every business owner out there who's hiring to hire a veteran right away."

Obama pledged continued support to the nation's veterans and wounded warriors.

"So to our veterans, know that we will stand with you as long as it takes for you to find a job," he said. "And to our businesses, let me say again, if you are hiring, hire a veteran."

The Returning Heroes Tax Credit provides businesses that hire unemployed veterans with a credit of up to \$5,600 per veteran, and the Wounded Warriors Tax Credit offers a credit of \$9,600 per veteran for businesses that hire veterans with service-connected disabilities.

The law will maintain the existing Work Opportunity Tax Credit of up to \$4,800 for veterans with service-connected disabilities.

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Volunteer Spotlight American Red Cross



Jason Resto is a volunteer Health and Safety Instructor for the American Red Cross. He teaches CPR classes on the weekend, as well as Babysitters Training and CPR for the Professional Rescuer.

"Our mission is to provide people with knowledge, skills and experience necessary to prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies," said Resto. "Furthermore, we are extremely proud to provide these services to members of the armed forces."

Resto says he became a volunteer because he enjoys helping others and teaching, especially when he knew it could make a large impact on a life.

To become a volunteer, call the Red Cross at 634-7089.

To suggest a new staff member or volunteer to be featured in The Outlook, email us at editor@eur.army.mil.

Community Camera



Photos by Julie M. Lucas

Thanks at the USO: Above, Spc. Roger Spradley, Company D, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, carves up a turkey Sunday at the USO. At right, Soldiers and Family members line up for the free dinner.



Native American history:

A Caserma Ederle Soldier looks at some traditional items on display at the Soldiers' Theatre Nov. 15 as part of the National Native American Heritage Month.



Photo by Laura Kreider



Photo by Laura Kreider

Thanksgiving show: First-grade students present a Thanksgiving Program for their parents in the Multipurpose Room of Vicenza Elementary School Tuesday.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Angel tree: Vicenza Middle School student council representatives pick up 14 angels from the Angel Tree during the annual Angel Tree Opening ceremony held at Davis Hall Nov. 16. The deadline to drop off gifts purchased for angels is Dec. 8. For more information call ACS at 634-7500.

Darby military community joins together to enjoy Thanksgiving



Capt. Nathaniel Paschal, left, commander U.S. Army Garrison-Livorno Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, serves Thanksgiving lunch to Capt. Howard McLymont, AFSBn-Italy during the Thanksgiving luncheon served at the Livorno School cafeteria Nov. 17.

Story and photos by Chiara Mattiolo
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

The Camp Darby community celebrated Thanksgiving with a traditional luncheon at the Livorno School cafeteria supported by the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team Dining Facility chefs from Vicenza Nov. 17.

After Chaplain Paul Fritts prayed with the Soldiers and Families, the serving senior servicemembers put on their uniforms and served the junior servicemembers.

“While we celebrate, we need to dedicate a special thought to our fellow service members, who are now deployed, and to their Families,” said Fritts.

Roast turkey, ham, beef, potatoes,

carrots, corn and sweet potatoes, all served by senior officers contributed in creating the magic family atmosphere.

“I had the pleasure of serving at the Camp Darby Thanksgiving celebration and I am happy to say it was a marvelous event,” said Donna Brooks, director, Human Resources. “The community came out in full force to partake in the celebration with family, friends and colleagues,” Brooks said. “It can be a difficult experience to be away from our families especially at this time of year; celebrating Thanksgiving and sharing the meal with the entire Camp Darby community was a great way to fill the void.”

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers supported the event by serving the Thanksgiving cake donated by AAFES.

“The Thanksgiving luncheon was a

chance for those single servicemembers here at Darby to regain that sense of family that you don’t normally get being away from home. It’s a huge morale booster and BOSS is happy to provide that at every opportunity we get,” said BOSS member Akiel McNight.

This event also brought together local Italians with the military community.

“To me this was a chance to share American traditions and have a good time with friends and colleagues, Italian and American with camaraderie spirit,” said U.S. Army Garrison employee Anna Maletti.

Thanksgiving marks the beginning of the holiday festivities. The community will gather again Dec. 2 for the tree lighting ceremony and the Christmas Bazaar.

Darby Dates

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

Snowchains mandatory

From Nov. 15- April 15, all vehicles must be equipped with winter or all-season tires, or have snow chains on board when traveling on the FI-PI-LI and autostrade. Additionally, if snowing, all vehicles on this road must proceed in single file on the right side of the lane (no passing), in order to leave room for emergency vehicles. Fines for noncompliance with winter tire or winter chains on board range from €80 to €318.

Christmas Tree Lighting

Come to the Camp Darby Community Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony in front of the Darby Community Club Dec. 2 at 5 p.m. Enjoy free refreshments and a visit from Santa.

Holiday Bazaar

Find the perfect Italian gift for everyone on your holiday list at the DCC, Dec. 2 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Army Community Services

633-7084

- ◆ Teens & Self Esteem, Nov. 23
- ◆ Women’s self defense, Nov. 28
- ◆ Card Making Class, Dec. 21

Sports and Fitness

633-7438

Basketball Officials’ Training, Dec. 1-2

BOSS

633-7438

X-Box Tournament, Dec. 16

ODR

633-7775

Community Paintball, Dec. 3
Abetone Ski Trip, Dec. 17

ITR

633-7589

- ◆ Vicenza Christmas Bazaar, Dec. 3
- ◆ Milan International Fair, Dec. 10
- ◆ Bologna Motor Show, Dec. 10
- ◆ Wine Tasting Trip, Dec. 18
- ◆ Rome Trip, Dec. 23

Bowling Alley

633-7458

Dollar day bowling every Sunday from 5-9 p.m.

Religious Activities

633-7267

9:40 a.m. Catholic reconciliation
10 a.m. Catholic Mass
11:15 a.m. Protestant worship
11:15 a.m. Catholic CCD
Chapel Christmas Pageant, Dec. 4, 11:15 a.m.-noon.



Mother, Roberta McMullen enjoys a Thanksgiving luncheon together at the Camp Darby Child Development Center with her daughter, Shaily. See more photos on: www.flickr.com/photos/campdarby/sets.

Lion's Kiss Circus:

Animal acts entertain the audience at the circus, ongoing through Monday in Vicenza. Coupons are available online to download for discounted tickets.



Courtesy photo

and Sundays 10:30 a.m.-noon & 3:30-5:30 p.m. through Jan. 6, in Bassano del Grappa, Cappuccini Friar's Convent, Via S. Sebastiano 42.

Liturgical Celebration and musical concert:

Sunday, 6:30 p.m., in Vicenza, Santa Caterina Church, Contrà Santa Caterina.

Concerts

Smashing Pumpkins: Nov. 29 in Padova

White Lies: Dec. 2 in Padova

Adam Cohen: Dec. 3 in Milan

Maroon 5: Dec. 9 in Padova

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

Rihanna: Dec. 12 in Assago (Milan)

Soweto Gospel Choir: Dec. 17 in Padova

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

Cortina and lunch: Dec. 3
Merano & Bolzano Christmas market and grappa tasting: Dec. 4

Florence at Christmas: Dec. 10
Ljubljana, Slovenia: Dec. 11
Ski and snowboard San Pellegrino: Dec. 17

Innsbruck Christmas market: Dec. 17

Klagenfurt & Villach Christmas market in Austria: Dec. 18

Gardaland at Christmas: Dec. 23

Ski and snowboard Alleghe: Dec. 24

Christmas in Strasbourg, France: Dec. 24-26

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.

Local events

"Il Bacio del Leone" – The Lion's Kiss Circus:

Ongoing through Monday, in Vicenza, Foro Boario, Viale Leonardo da Vinci, next to Villaggio. Thursday-Friday 9 p.m., Saturday-Monday 5:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Sunday at 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Admission fee: box seats €35 (reduced €25); floor seats €25 (reduced €15), stand seats €18 (reduced €12). Reduced fee is for children aged 2-12, senior citizens and disabled. You can also download a coupon to get discount tickets from <http://www.moiraorfei.it/coupon.jpg> (€13 floor seats and €9 for stand seats). The instruction is in Italian. For help, call Anna Terracino 634-7169 or email anna.terracino@eur.army.mil.

Christmas markets:

Asiago in Piazza Carli, Saturday-Sunday, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-7 p.m. Food booths featuring local specialties and typical Christmas sweets.

Bassano del Grappa from Saturday to Dec. 26, Piazza Libertà and Piazza Garibaldi, about 23 miles northeast of Vicenza. Piazza Libertà, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Thursdays and Saturdays 2-7:30 p.m.; Piazza Garibaldi, Tuesdays-Sundays 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Mondays 2-7:30 p.m.

Bussolengo (Verona) ongoing through Jan. 8, daily 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Garden Flover, Via Pastrengo 16, about 42 miles west of Vicenza. Closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Entrance fee: €1 on Saturdays and Sundays, and Dec. 8-9; free admission weekdays. Among the many attractions you can visit a Magic forest, Santa Claus' post office and enjoy Christmas shows every Saturday and Sunday at 2:45 p.m., 3:15 p.m., and 5:15 p.m.; food booths featuring holiday specialties.

Garda, "Christmas among the olive trees," ongoing through Jan. 8, Piazza Catullo e Lungolago Regina Adelaide; local and Innsbruck Tyrolean products; entertainment for children; folk music and dancing; art exhibits and

local nativity set.

Verona, "Nuremberg Christmas market": Friday through Jan. 21, Mondays-Thursdays, 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Friday-Sunday 10 a.m.-11 p.m.; in Piazza dei Signori; wooden stands featuring holiday gift ideas, "Gluhwein" hot spiced wine, Lebkuchen and Stollen holiday sweets; typical German bread and sausage.

Verona, Friday through Dec. 24, Piazza Mercato Vecchio. Traditional holiday sweets and craft; visit Santa Claus' little cottage. Sundays-Thursdays 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Fridays-Saturdays 10 a.m.-11 p.m.

Vicenza, Sunday, 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Corso Fogazzaro.

Saint Catherine Festival:

Friday-Sunday, in Santa Caterina (Lusiana), about 21 miles north of Vicenza.

♦ Friday: 9 a.m.-10 p.m. food stands featuring nougat and other local specialties, cheeses, honey, sausage, grappa and local crafts; 4 p.m. Anguane fairies and Tirache Mate elves (legendary local characters) will offer free face-painting for kids; 9 p.m. live rock with the Full Monkey Band; food booths featuring sandwiches, roasted chestnuts, hot spiced wine, and beers; 9 p.m. Cariole parade.

♦ Saturday: 9 a.m.-10 p.m. traditional stands featuring nougat and other local specialties, cheeses, honey, sausage, grappa and local crafts; 2:30 p.m. wheelbarrow competition; from 4 p.m. onwards, elves and Anguane fairies will play with the children and paint their faces; 8:30 p.m. award ceremony for the winning wheelbarrow competition district; 9 p.m. folk night with the Klainen Dolomiten Orkestra; food booths featuring sandwiches, roasted chestnuts, hot spiced wine, and beers

♦ Sunday: from 3 p.m. entertainment, music, roasted chestnut and hot spiced wine.

Vicentine Mustard and Durello wine Festival:

Friday-Sunday, in Montecchio Maggiore about seven miles southwest of Vicenza.

♦ Friday: food booths and sampling of local Durello wine and appetizer with Vicentine mustard open at 6:30 p.m.

♦ Saturday: 10 a.m. official festival opening; live music and market opening; 11:30 a.m. aperitif with Durello wine, Asiago cheese and Vicentine mustard; food booths opening; 4:30 p.m. live music and entertainment; 7 p.m. food booths open; 60s and 70's music and dancing

♦ Sunday: 9:30 a.m. local products and crafts market; 10:30 a.m. visit the winery of the Bellaguardia Agricultural Firm with spumante making demonstration and sampling; food booths at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; 3 p.m. live music; 9:30 p.m. festival closure with a Durello farewell toast.

Chocolate Festival:

Saturday 3-9 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m.-9 p.m., in Schio, Piazza A. Rossi. Food booths featuring local products and many varieties of chocolates.

BOSS trips

Ski/Snowboard trips:

Dec. 3 in Arabba
Dec. 10 in Val Gardena
Dec. 17 in San Pellegrino
Dec. 21 in San Martino
Dec. 24 in Alleghe
Dec. 26 in Folgaria
Dec. 31 in San Martino
Jan. 13-16 in Matterhorn
Jan. 14 in Kronplatz
Jan. 16 in Folgaria
Jan. 21 Mystery trip
Jan. 28 in San Martino
Feb. 4 in Obereggen
Feb. 11 Mystery trip

To buy or sell items, Check out the classifieds at www.mwrmarketplace.com

FREE concerts, exhibits & events

Missionary Nativity Scenes exhibit:

Ongoing through Jan. 8, daily 9 a.m.-noon and 3-6 p.m., in Vicenza, Viale Trento 119. More than 500 nativity sets from all over the world are displayed.

Conservatory Students in Concert:

Saturday, 5 p.m., in Vicenza, Conservatory, Contrà San Domenico, 33.

Santa Cecilia Concert:

Saturday, 8:45 p.m., in Schio, Sala Poleo, Via Falgare 31.

Live Soundtrack Concert:

Saturday, 8:45 p.m., in Rosà, Montegrappa Theatre, Via Capitano Alessio n. 7.

Nativity sets and prayer cards exhibit:

Saturdays 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Now Showing



Ederle Theater

Thursday	Twilight: Breaking Dawn Part I (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Friday	Happy Feet 2 (PG)	6 p.m.
	Contagion (PG 13)	9 p.m.
Saturday	Twilight: Breaking Dawn Part I (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	Twilight: Breaking Dawn Part I (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Happy Feet 2 (PG)	3 p.m.
	I Don't Know How She Does It (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Wed.	Straw Dogs (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Dec. 1	Contagion (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Dec. 2	Dophlin Tale (PG)	6 p.m.
	Killer Elite (R)	9 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Dec. 2	Abduction (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Dec. 3	Killer Elite (R)	6 p.m.
Dec. 4	Jack & Jill (PG)	1 p.m.
Dec. 9	Drive (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.

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Special events

Christmas Festival and Market, Dec 2-4

will be an event for everyone. Shoppers can begin shopping at noon, the 40 vendors from all over Europe. Gift ideas include; jewelry, artwork, photography, paintings, clocks, furniture and carpets, specialty foods, wine and beer, Dutch cheeses and chocolates, Venetian glass plus massage and beauty items. The VCC will hold their Winter Trip Raffle and Silent Auction for decorated trees and swags. There are kiddies' carnival rides, photos with Santa, stories with Mrs. Claus, and there is a horse and carriage that everyone can enjoy. Children's Holiday games and crafts are on Friday 3-4:45 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Plus pick up a free take home holiday craft kit. Park in Commissary lot and take Santa's Express Shuttle train which runs continuously throughout the event between ODR and the Luna Bubble stops. Hours for the Festival are Dec. 2, noon-7 p.m., Dec. 3 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Dec. 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Find complete and most current information at www.vicenzaMWR.com.

The **Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony** is Dec. 2, 5 p.m. in front of the Central Processing Facility, with performances by the VHS Band & Chorus and Ms. Downey's 2nd Grade Class.

Watch the **Reindeer Games** at the Track and Field, Dec. 2, 5:30 p.m. as contestants compete in amazing challenges; drinking eggnog, "big package" delivery, locating the house, painting the toys, and pulling the "Sleigh". Awards for best costume plus the "best" teams.

Soldiers' Theatre opens "'Tis the Season" Holiday Show with fast paced song and dance musical revue of all your Holiday favorites. Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m. Performance on Fridays and Saturdays, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Dec. 2-11. Call 634-7281 for tickets.

At the Arena join Drop Simpler Band for our "Holiday Open Mic Night" Dec. 2, 7:30 p.m. where community bands and musicians all have a chance to perform their favorite Holiday tunes. Make a Vicenza Community child's Holiday brighter by placing an "Angel Tree" gift in the donation box at this event. Angels are available on the trees located in ACS and AAFES Food court. To sign up to perform email, Jeffrey.craig1@us.army.mil before the show.

CYSS

CYSS offers Family Readiness Group Evening Care the second and third Tuesday of each month from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at CDC 398. This care is for official FRG meetings and FRG POC's should make the request. Space is limited and if less than 10 children enroll, child care will be provided by Family

Child Care providers on Villaggio. Upcoming dates are, Dec. 13 & 20, Jan. 10 & 17, Feb. 14 & 21. For any meetings requiring care during the day, contact the CYSS Deployment Specialist at 0444-71-7401, earlier than 3 weeks out, to allow for advance reservations at our hourly CDC 398.

ACS

Share in the holiday spirit of giving to a child in our Vicenza Military Community who may otherwise do without this holiday season. Pick an angel from the tree in the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center lobby. The deadline to drop off gifts purchased for angels is Dec. 8. Call 634-7500 for more information.

U.S. Army Health Center

Hours of operation during the holiday: Nov. 24-Friday, only the Birthing Center will be open; opening normal operating hours Saturday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Housing office

The Housing office will be closed Nov. 24-Friday for the holiday. For emergencies call 0444-71-7857.

Arts and Crafts Center

Looking to create a more personalized holiday stocking this year? Maybe a "Befana" Stocking to get into the Italian tradition? Sign up for one or both of these sewing classes taught by Daisey Bingham. Stocking class is on Dec. 8, Befana Stocking class is on Dec. 7 & 14.

Come by the Arts & Crafts Center Wednesday-Sunday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and find the perfect gift for family and friends from local artists. They have jewelry items, wine glasses, ceramic tiles, framed photographs of Italy, soap, cards, gift tags and more.

CTC registration

Registration is coming to an end for Term 2 at Central Texas College.

This term has two remaining Criminal Justice seminar classes. These classes include: CJSA 1171, Police Brutality, Wednesday-Dec. 2 from 5:30-8:30 p.m., and Dec. 3 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., and CJSA 1176, Gangs and Gang Infiltration in the Military, Dec. 10-11 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Information will be posted later on Term 3 classes beginning in January. For more information, call 634-6514, email vicenza@europe.ctcd.edu, or visit room 206 in the Education Center.

Masters degrees

Interested in obtaining your master's degree? Look no further, University of Phoenix has a face to face MBA program starting in January. Classes are six-weeks long and meet one night a week. You can complete your degree in less than two years. Mention this ad and get your application fee waived. Registration closes the first week of January, so sign up today by contacting Sarah Foley at vicenza@phoenix.edu.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Alcoholics Anonymous is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. AA is offered in Vicenza Wednesdays and Fridays from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in building 395. For more information, stop by the ASAP office.

Tobacco cessation

USAG Vicenza has numerous resources to help community members quit using tobacco. Medications, biofeedback, one-on-one counseling and group education classes are available. Contact the Army Wellness Center at 634-8186 or 0444-71-8186 to schedule attendance at the Tobacco Cessation Class, held every Tuesday from 4-4:45 p.m.

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. The 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. Viewers with the older decoders will still continue to receive all AFN channels, just not the HD feed. For questions, visit www.afneurope.net.

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.

Newspaper survey

The Outlook newspaper is looking for your suggestions to help improve coverage of the Vicenza Military Community.

Comments and ideas from readers ensure the Outlook is doing the best job possible providing the information readers want to see. The survey just takes a couple of minutes to let PAO know your preferences.

Readers are asked to go to the

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.



Courtesy photo

Home away from home: In support of Soldiers who will not be with their Families during Thanksgiving, Vicenza Middle School sponsored a project called: Home Away from Home Thanksgiving cookies. VMS students donated 20 dozen homemade cookies and thank you cards to the USO Thanksgiving meal Sunday.

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.



Turkey Trotters: Above, runners and walkers prepare to start the 5 kilometer fun run Saturday around Lago Di Fimon. At left, participants finish the fun run Saturday, which included members of the Vicenza military community and local Italians.

Photos by Julie M. Lucas

U.S. youth soccer girls win St. George's Tournament in Rome

By Tom Hlavacek
Special to the Outlook

ROME —Last weekend two of six Vicenza girls played on an U.S. Youth Soccer Italian Select team finishing with a 5-0 record, winning the St. George's International Tournament in Rome.

Twelve-year old striker Ashley Frank and 13-year-old goal keeper Adriana Lovelace were the two girls on the winning team. Frank scored four goals and had two assists while Lovelace, as a goal keeper, scored with a kick that bounced over the goalie's head and into their opponent's goal for a game high light.

As a result of their performance, Frank and Lovelace were asked by the coach to receive the team trophy.

Samantha McDonald, Haley McDonald, Maggie Dalzell and Gabriela Momroy-Jamieson, who were also selected as part of the Italian Select squad, participated in the



Courtesy photo

Goal keeper Adriana Lovelace, left, and striker Ashley Frank show off their championship trophy after scoring five of their team 10 goals winning the St. George's International girl's tournament in Rome last weekend.

tournament and finished with a 1-2-2 record. Their team played well, but faced some stiff competition.

According to Heather Ierardi, "The players participate with other Americans against international

teams in higher-level competition. Other teams/schools competing were the Deutsche School, The AmBrit School, International School of Milan and the American Soccer Club of Naples.

Free throw contest

Talk is cheap so show your stuff at the Dec. 8 Basketball Free Throw Competition. A participant meeting is at noon and the play begins immediately following. First, second and third individual awards for each category. Call 634-7009 for information.

Lunch hour fitness

Does your lunch hour need more excitement? Come join the Fitness Staff for the "Game of the Week" each Thursday afternoon at noon. Reminisce while you play old school recess games such as four square and kickball. The new game for each week will be posted at the Fitness Center on Tuesday. Stop by and take part or just watch the action.

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.

Tennis: Open play Singles and Doubles on Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Chapel Dance Team

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

Correction

In last week's soccer article, Jarod Ganci's name was incorrectly spelled. *The Outlook* regrets this error.