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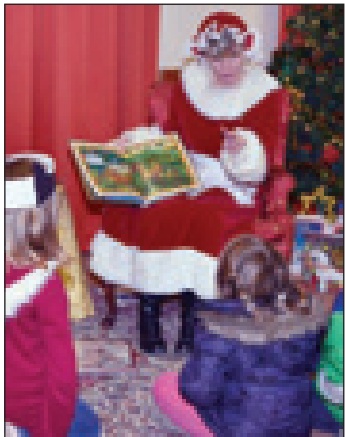
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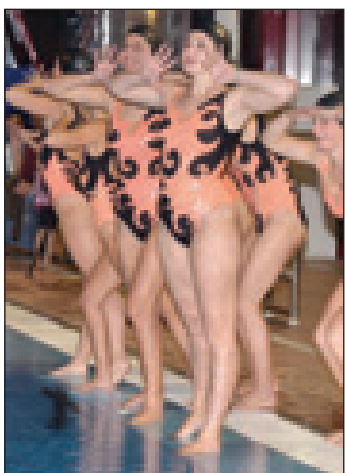
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Photo by Laura Kreider

Decking the halls: Caserma Ederle DPW employee Mauro Gregolin decorates the Christmas tree near the Post Theatre Dec. 1 as part of the preparation for the festivities on post.

173rd ABCT conducts annual 'Running of Herd'

By 1st Lt. Emile Prosko
173rd Brigade Support Battalion

GERMANY — "Always live our lives worthy of our fallen comrades," was the theme of the closing prayer given by 173rd Brigade Support Battalion Chaplain Capt. Michael Turpin during the closing ceremony of the 2011 Running of the Herd 24-hour relay race. The 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team ensures they do just that by remembering the sacrifices of those who have died in combat for our country. For the past five years now, the "Herd" has held a 24-hour relay in which participants form seven-person teams and run around a five-mile loop for 24 hours. The "Running of the Herd," as the race is now called, was originally started in 2007 as a way to honor those Soldiers who died during Operation Hump in the Vietnam War.

The race is held Nov. 8 because it was on that day in 1965 that the Brigade lost 48 Sky Soldiers, the most The Herd has ever lost

in a single day. The event also commemorates the lives of the six Soldiers killed in an Ambush in Afghanistan Nov. 9, 2007, the morning after the inaugural Running of the Herd event. Since then the race has expanded and has become a way to honor all fallen Sky Soldiers and the sacrifices that the Soldiers and their families continue to make for our Country.

"It is rare that Paratroopers and Families get to come together to honor those who have paved the way for us. We are all proud to be part of the 173rd and the Running of the Herd gave us an opportunity to show it," said Capt. Anthony Dunkin, battery commander, 4th Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery.

As in previous years, the 5th Annual Running of the Herd was held in Bamberg, Germany, as the event is organized by Charlie Company, 173rd Brigade Support Battalion. The run kicked off at noon Nov. 8 with opening remarks from the Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Nicholas Rolling and the Brigade Support Battalion

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USARAF logistics Soldiers earn Quartermaster honors

By Rich Bartell
U.S. Army Africa PAO

U.S. Army Africa Soldiers, Chief Warrant Officer 4 Joachim Consiglio and Staff Sgt. Keish Hallman, recently received honors awarding them the Quartermaster's Corps Order of Saint Martin.

"The U.S. Army Quartermaster General, Brig. Gen. Gwen Bingham recognized two of USARAF G-4's outstanding Soldiers for their contributions to the Quartermaster CORPS by awarding them with the Order

of St. Martin award," Lt. Col. Zeyad Suqi, USARAF G-4 sustainment operations chief said.

Suqi recognized Hallman and Consiglio for their unique contributions to the USARAF G-4 directorate.

"Staff Sgt. Hallman was acknowledged for creating an Africa Command wide mortuary affairs process where she trains joint military teams to retrieve and transport deceased military personnel. Her work on process definition, training of mortuary affairs teams and real-life implementation in

the world's most complicated geography, mark her as a true professional," Suqi said.

Hallman was awarded the Honorable Order of Saint Martin, an honor normally given to Quartermaster noncommissioned officers who have successfully served as a platoon sergeant or company first sergeant.

"It's a great honor to receive this award," Hallman said.

"It has been a pleasure to be assigned here to the USARAF G4 and being allowed to share my knowledge about mortuary affairs. I've been given the

opportunity to reinforce our motto to 'Never leave a fallen comrade.' The teams we train are able to send fallen comrades home with dignity, honor and respect," Hallman said.

Suqi praised Consiglio for his contributions to USARAF.

"Chief Warrant Officer 4 Joachim Consiglio was recognized for his achievements in standing up the USARAF Sustainment Operations Division. His excellence in property management led to receiving an Office of the Secretary of Defense Supply

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RUN: 420 Soldiers ran 4,500 miles in 24 hours

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Commander Lt. Col. Luis Velez. The Brigade Chaplain, Maj. Eddie Cook, gave the opening prayer and Capt. Shari Bowen, Brigade Support Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Company commander, sang the National Anthem.

It was the first year the entire brigade has been in Garrison since the event kicked off in 2007 and every battalion in the brigade participated in the event, which is often a difficult feat for a brigade that is split between three installations. There were more than 420 participants making up more than 60 teams, the highest turnout the event has seen.

After hours of running, little to no sleep, bonfires, bouncy houses, face painting and team building, the event ended at noon Nov. 9. While most teams came out to have fun and enjoy the event, some teams were out to win. Altogether the participants ran more than 4,500 miles with the winning

team from the 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment (Sp. David Montgomery, Staff Sgt. Christopher Hall, 1st Lt. Oscar Delgado, Sp. Jeremy Bates, Sgt. Robert Gross, Sgt. Dietrich Rolfe, Sp. William Fiel, Sp. Brian Skalecki), ran 185 miles. Sgt. Derek Stutz, a 1st Sqdr., 91st CAV medic ran 45 miles to win first place for the most laps ran and Sp. David Montgomery from Battery G, 4th Bn., 319th AFA, ran 30:19, to win first place for the fastest lap.

Next year, The Herd will be deployed for this event, yet they will ensure the event continues because the meaning of the event is important to this brigade.

Sp. Kevin Maynes, a medic from 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment said, "the run is a good way to connect with our brothers from the past. It tests us physically and mentally and has helped me remember their courage and dedication to the United States of America."



Photo by Laura Kreider

Winter safety: Charlie Decelle, Auto Skills manager, adjusts snow chains for a customer. Until April 15, all vehicles in Italy are required to have either winter tires or snow chains. Additionally, if snowing, all vehicles on the autostrade must remain in the right lane (no passing), in order to leave room for emergency vehicles. Vehicles not properly equipped face fines from €80 to €318.

HONORS: QM's Corp Order of Saint Martin awarded to 2 Soldiers

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Excellence award. His codification of customer process, procurement of new property and establishing an ASCC's codes and accounts, all affirm the professional and exceptional job he has done as the USARAF Senior Logistics Advisor," Suqi said.

Consiglio was awarded the Distinguished Order of Saint Martin which usually recognizes senior officers and Department of the Army civilians who have made significant contributions

to the Quartermaster Corps.

"Becoming part of the Distinguished Order of Saint Martin is a culminating event during my tenure with U.S. Army Africa G-4 sustainment operations division," Consiglio said.

"During my 24 years I have been committed to logistics excellence and have been blessed to be surrounded by such a rich network of leaders, mentors and staff whom have helped me excel," Consiglio said.



U.S. Army Africa photo

Staff Sgt. Keish Hallman and Chief Warrant Officer 4 Joachim Consiglio display a plaque awarding them the U.S. Army Quartermaster Corps' Order of Saint Martin. The award recognizes outstanding Quartermaster Corps Soldiers. Hallman and Consiglio are assigned to U.S. Army Africa's G-4 Logistics directorate.

Speak Out

What are your special wishes this holiday season?



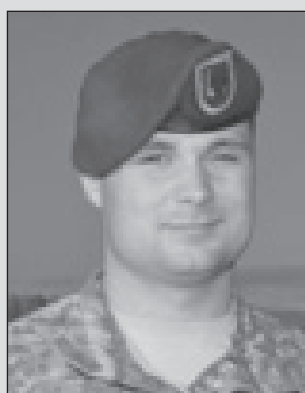
Christopher Abrams
Arena

"My wish is for all my family to be happy."



Pfc. Joseph Davino
1st Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt

"I wish for my family to have an excellent holiday season and my fellow Soldiers to have a safe trip home."



Pfc. Kyle Lenher
1st Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt.

"I wish my family a Merry Christmas and that I'll be able to come home to them next year."



Ginger McLeod
Family member

"I would love for all the Soldiers without families have a place to go."



Ramona Stendardi
CDC

"My wish is for a safe block leave for everyone."

By Laura Kreider

Vicenza postal employee donates organ to family member

By Julie M. Lucas
Outlook editor

Many people opt to be organ donors, but have you ever thought what you would do if you were asked to actually go through the process? Last spring, one Vicenza postal employee stepped up to the challenge to save a life from halfway across the globe.

Sarah Lolli was visiting the states while her husband, Sgt. Eugenio Lolli, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Combat Team, was on rest and relaxation leave in the summer of 2010. While at a family picnic, Sarah learned that a step cousin, Teresa, who she has known for 25 years, needed a kidney donation.

"Teresa had a previous donation of a kidney and pancreas 24 years earlier, but they had started to fail," Sarah said. "Because she had already had one donation, her odds were slim she'd receive another."

A few family and friends attempted to donate but were unable to do to their own medical problems. A very active blood donor, she immediately looked into seeing if she qualified. Sarah and her husband discussed her being a possible donor, both knowing the odds were against them.

"I had something she needed and God willing, if I was a match, I'd give it to her," Sarah said.

She started her blood work and waited

6 weeks before finding out she was a blood and tissue match.

The biggest problem then was getting medical orders transferred from Ohio to Italy to get the necessary tests done. Sarah and Teresa worked with Ohio State University, which was very accommodating for the unusual situation.

In the meantime, Sarah started working for the Vicenza Postal Service Center, who was extremely accommodating to the process. It was her co-workers that told her about a rule that she was entitled to 30 days paid leave through a program with Civilian Personnel Office.

Sarah went through six months of testing – including chest x-rays, 24-hour urine collection and every single disease test possible. In January, Sarah was cleared and ready for surgery. Then Teresa suddenly became very ill.

"Three days before I was going to fly, Teresa got pneumonia and everything was put on hold," Sarah said. "It was a very scary time. I was afraid that I had been too late."

Finally Teresa got better and doctors felt she was ready. The airline the tickets were purchased from wouldn't refund the money because her relative wasn't blood related, so new tickets had to be bought.

"Teresa couldn't pay for certain things because it would look like she was buying my organ," Sarah said. Sarah flew to Ohio May 6 with her then 19-month old daughter Peyton, leaving her two



Sarah Lolli

sons, Derrick, 16, and Xavier, 6, back in Vicenza with Eugenio.

The day after Mother's Day she had a CT scan and two days later she got the final ok and that's when the realization of what was approaching hit her.

"When they called me and said everything was ready I just cried. Then I called my cousin and we cried together," Sarah said.

On May 12, Sarah and Teresa were admitted and went in for surgery the following day.

"The recovery was worse than I

thought it would be," Sarah said. But the surgery was successful. According to doctors, the minute they hooked up Sarah's kidney, Teresa's body began to work immediately.

Sarah's life is now back to normal with only a few limitations such as limiting alcohol intake and certain medicines. She even began running again by participated in the Turkey Trot last month and she plans on running the Swiss Alpine Marathon in July 2012.

"I never could have done this without the support of my family," Sarah said.

Price of school lunches to increase in 2012

Army and Air Force Exchange Service

Starting Jan. 3, school lunch prices at all Department of Defense Education Activity schools Outside the Continental United States will increase.

On Nov. 10, the military services approved an increase in the price of school lunches at DoDEA schools in order to keep pace with increasing operational costs and comply with The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act (Public Law 111-296). The Act requires participants in the USDA meal program to raise paid student lunch prices to a level comparable to the state subsidy rate used for USDA reimbursement.

"As the designated School Food Authority, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service provides school meals on a non-profit, break even basis. In order to keep pace with increasing food and operational costs, and to be compliant with this new law, school lunch prices will increase for the first time in seven

years," said U.S. Army Lt. Col. Thomas Shrader, an Exchange spokesman.

The last price increase was a \$0.10 per meal in 2004. The new increase is \$.35 per full price meal making the new prices \$2.40 for Elementary Students and \$2.55 for Secondary Students. Families qualifying for the Free and Reduced Meal Program will not be impacted by the meal cost increases. The cost of a reduced-price meal will remain unchanged at 40 cents per meal.

Wholesome, balanced meals are vital to the academic achievement of school-aged children. The DoD School Meal Program meets the same USDA guidelines as CONUS schools by providing all of the important nutrients children need to be successful in school and healthy in the future.

For more information on Free and Reduced meal eligibility requirements, contact your installation school liaison officer, Norie McCall at 0444-71-5998. For more information on the School Meal Program, visit www.shopmyexchange.com

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

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Volunteer Spotlight Vicenza High School



Tracie Robinson is a volunteer for Vicenza High School and was recently nominated as Outstanding Community Youth Volunteer of the Month at the Nov. 9 Info-X.

"As a senior at Vicenza High School and president of the Student Council, Tracie is seen almost everywhere on post. She developed the summer leadership institute for upcoming leaders at the high school," said Allie Vallery, USAG Vicenza Army Volunteer Corp program coordinator.

"She also organizes all the activities dealing with Student Council such as Pep Rallies and organized an ice cream social for all students at VHS as well as a barbecue to celebrate Spirit Week. In her free time, Tracie also volunteers for other activities on post."

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Community Camera



Photos by Laura Kreider

Tree Lighting: Above, Maj. Gen. David Hogg, commanding general, U.S. Army Africa introduces Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Tree Lighting ceremony. At right, a member of the Vicenza High School choir sings a song before the lights are turned on Dec. 2.



Christmas market:

Above, Corinne Adorno, Child and Youth & School Services, right, hands out some holiday craft kits during the Children's Holiday games and crafts event Dec. 2. At right, Community members look at some of the booths located at the Teen Pavilion during the Christmas Festival and Market Saturday.



Photos by Laura Kreider



Photo by Laura Kreider

Tree raffle: Members of the Vicenza military community look at trees donated to the Vicenza Community Club to be raffled off last weekend. Many trees had themes and even gift cards or separate gifts attached to them.

Camp Darby flips the switch for Christmas

Story and photos by Chiara Mattiolo
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

The traditional Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony took place at Camp Darby Dec. 2 in an atmosphere filled with enthusiasm, joy, and participation. Community members waited for Santa to arrive as the joyful sounds of the season were performed by the Livorno Unit School Band.

As every Christmas following the Sept. 11 terrorist attack, a large silver fir was donated by the Mountain Community of Pistoia Apennines as a sign of friendship and solidarity.

"We are proud to donate this tree as a sign of thankfulness to the U.S. Government and as a sign of gratitude for those who risk their lives for the freedom in the world and to share the Holy Spirit with our friends," said Carluccio Ceccarelli, president of the Mountain Community.

USAG Livorno Commander Lt. Col. Kevin Bigelman welcomed his guests, wished them happy holidays and thanked the Pistoia mountain community for the generous donation and for their long-term friendship.

"We in the American community of Camp Darby are truly blessed to be in this beautiful country, surrounded by our good friends and allies," said Bigelman. "The tree that we lite is representative of the goodwill from the community of Pistoia, and we are committed to being worthy of it," said Bigelman.

Bigelman also spoke to the community gathered about remembering those who are deployed and whose mission is even harder during the holiday season.

"While we enjoy our peaceful lives here at Camp Darby during this special time of the year, please keep all the Italian Army Soldiers, Carabinieri, U.S. Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines



Above, Santa takes a break from making toys to visit children and their families. To the left, Camp Darby families show their excitement about the holiday season during the installations Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony Dec. 2.

who are deployed in harm's way in your thoughts and prayers," Bigelman said.

Col. Raffaele Iubini, Italian Base commander said, "These traditional appointments are the cement of

friendship, they bring together our two communities, highlighting, through the children present, a sense of peaceful living together, of shared welfare, and innocence which is typical of the

Darby Dates

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

BOSS 633-7438

X-Box Tournament, Dec. 16. Come on over to the Bowling Center for the Xbox Tournament Modern Wars III. Winner gets a choice of newest video game.

Community Awards Ceremony

Join in the recognition for the outstanding performers at the DCC Dec. 13 at 2 p.m.

Army Community Services 633-7084

- ♦ Play group, Dec. 21
- ♦ Card Making Class, Dec. 21

Fitness Center 633-7440

- ♦ Lose to win incentive program open registration Dec. 19-Jan. 14.
- ♦ Free fitness orientation on proper techniques or how to train in the proper zone.

ITR 633-7589

- ♦ Vicenza PX Shopping Trip, Dec. 17
- ♦ Wine Tasting Trip, Dec. 18
- ♦ Rome Trip, Dec. 23

Outdoor Recreation 633-7775

Abetone Ski Trip, Dec. 17

Bowling Alley 633-7458

- ♦ Dollar day bowling every Sunday from 5-9 p.m.
- ♦ Buy ten games and get next one free

Darby Community Club 633-7855

- ♦ Garrison Holiday party, Dec. 16
- ♦ New Year's Eve dinner and party. Buy adults and children tickets in advance at DCC

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

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Christmas cards for the White House:

Students at Livorno Unit School draw holiday cards for the White House as part an initiative that First Lady Michelle Obama is sponsoring in order to "add the finishing touches to White House decorations." According to Daniel Serfass, school principal, other cards will be displayed in the District Superintendent Office, all the cards will be turned over to the military so they can be sent to our troops down range. Read the full story on www.usag.livorno.army.mil.

Shield of Saint Martin:

(Left) Roberto Lupi, President of the Shields of Saint Martin Association, presents a certificate of appreciation for heroic action to Spc. Shane Hoopingartner who is accompanied by Alfredo Ercoli, Camp Darby assistant fire chief. Hoopingartner was recognized Dec. 3 in Florence in a ceremony held in the well known Palazzo Vecchio for his heroic act in assisting an elderly woman who passed out on a flight to Oklahoma while he was on emergency leave.



Photos by Chiara Mattiolo

Verona market:

The Santa Lucia market in Verona features holiday sweets, gift ideas and a traditional carousel. The market is ongoing Saturday-Monday 9:30 a.m.-11 p.m.; Tuesday 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m., in Piazza Bra'.



Courtesy photo

Charity Christmas Concert:

Sunday, 6 p.m., in Vicenza, Santa Chiara Chapel, Contrà Santa Chiara.

Conservatory student concert:

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

BOSS trips

Ski/Snowboard trips:

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

ODR trips

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

Ski and snowboard Folgaria: Dec. 26

Asiago lunch in a lodge, Dec. 28
Ski and snowboard San Martino di Castrozza, Dec. 31

Rome overnight, Dec. 31
Ski and snowboard Kronplatz, Jan. 7

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

Christmas events in Vicenza:

- ♦ Magic Christmas: Saturdays and Sundays through Jan. 8. Wooden chalets in Corso Palladio, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; weekends and Italian holidays 10 a.m.-11 p.m. and Piazza San Lorenzo, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. featuring typical Christmas products from Italy and abroad.

- ♦ Santa Claus Village: ongoing through Jan. 8 in Piazza San Lorenzo, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Christmas items and decorations, Christmas plants, seasonal fruits and vegetables and free cotton candy for children.

- ♦ Santa Lucia market: Sunday, Contrà Porta Santa Lucia, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., local products exhibit and sale.

- ♦ Ice-skating rink: open through Feb. 12, Campo Marzo, Saturdays-Sundays and holidays 9 a.m.-noon and 3-8 p.m.; weekdays 3-8 p.m. Entrance fee: Monday-Friday: €7 and €5 for children younger than 12 (fees include ice-skate rental); €3 entrance only; Saturdays-Sundays and holidays €9; €7 for children younger than 12 (fees include ice-skate rental); and €3 entrance only.

- ♦ Fairy tale Gardens: Saturday 2:30-7:30 p.m., and Sunday 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Giardini Salvi, Piazzale De Gasperi. Staging of the most popular fairy tales with lights, sounds, colors and more than 200 costumed people. Food booths featuring traditional Christmas sweets and local specialties.

- ♦ London Bus: ongoing through Jan. 8, 10 a.m.-midnight; Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, 1 p.m.-midnight; in Piazza Castello. Visit the typical London bus and have coffee and hot chocolate on board.

- ♦ Corri Babbo Natale Corri, or Run Santa Run, will be held Dec. 17, in Vicenza. The Vicenza Press Association and the City of Vicenza are co-sponsoring the sixth annual Run Santa Run charity fundraiser downtown 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., starting and ending at Campo Marzo, the park near the main train station. The €8 entrance fee includes a lightweight Santa suit to run in and hot chocolate and cake at the finish (€5 if you already

have a Santa suit). Individuals and groups of all ages are welcome and there is special recognition for the agency or association with the most participants. The course is under two miles and may be easily completed walking. Persons may pre-register to receive their costumes before race day, or may sign-up and pay the day of the event at 10 a.m. All the money raised goes to Italian charities. Last year the event raised about €12,000, most of it went to help the local flood victims. To register, call Beatrice Giometto at 0444-717901.

- ♦ Nativity Holy Play: Sunday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., in Vicenza Corso Fogazzaro and Piazzetta dei Carmini, performed by the Verona Medieval Theater Association.

Local 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, ongoing through Dec. 26, Piazza Libertà and Piazza Garibaldi, about 23 miles northeast of Vicenza. Piazza Libertà, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Thursdays and Saturdays 2-7:30 p.m.; Piazza Garibaldi, Tuesdays-Sundays 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Mondays 2-7:30 p.m.

Brendola, Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Mercato. From 2:30 p.m. entertainment and Christmas workshops for children; vin brulé or hot spiced wine and chocolate.

Bolzano, ongoing Friday through Dec. 23, Mondays-Fridays 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Walther, about 120 miles north of Vicenza. More than 80 stalls in their typical little huts offer traditional seasonal gifts (handmade wooden, glass and ceramic products along with Christmas tree decorations, delicious seasonal pastries and many original gifts), plenty of food specialties available plus vin brulé or hot spiced wine. New this year: children's Christmas market where kids can take an active part baking Christmas cookies and

make small Christmas decorations and presents.

Camisano, Sunday, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Via Roma, Via Settembre.

Gallio, Saturday through Jan. 8, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3:30-7:30 p.m., Piazzetta Giardini, about 41 miles north of Vicenza. Wooden outdoor booths featuring local holiday sweets, hot chocolate, hot spiced wine local crafts and gift items. Entertainment with jugglers, musicians, fire-eaters, street artists, gnomes, elves, and acrobats. Shows and workshops for children, and a reindeer petting zoo.

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

Lonigo, Saturday and Sunday, Piazza Garibaldi. Christmas' workshops for children, hot chocolate, mulled wine.

Montegalda, Piazza Marconi, Saturday and Sunday, 2:30 -8 p.m., Piazza Garibaldi. Christmas' workshops for children, hot chocolate, mulled wine.

Schio, Saturday, 3:30 p.m. in Piazza Rossi-Garibaldi and food booths in Via Cap. Sella; live music with Steel Nylon & Wood at 4:30 p.m. in Piazza Rossi; Sunday 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Christmas market, mini train rides, vin brulé or hot spiced wine, sweets and Christmas music; Irish folk music and hot cider.

Torri di Arcugnano, in Piazza Rumor, Friday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Verona, Nativity Scenes Exhibit, Saturday through Jan. 22, daily at the Arena, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. It features more than 400 nativity scenes from around the world. Entrance fee: €7; reduced cost of €6 for children 6-12 and senior citizens older than 60.

Mini train rides:

Saturdays, Sundays, and Italian national holidays through Jan. 8, 3- 8 p.m., in Bassano del Grappa. Visit the Christmas market and downtown Bassano by train departing from Piazza Libertà. Fee €2.

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.

Nativity sets and prayer cards exhibit:

Saturdays 3:30-5:30 p.m. 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.

Twentieth century Vicentine paintings exhibit:

Tuesdays - Sundays 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. through Jan. 15, in Vicenza, Palazzo Chiericati, Piazza Matteotti.

Charity Christmas Concert:

Sunday, 4:30 p.m., in Vicenza, Santa Bertilla Church, Via Ozanam.

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

Thursday	Abduction (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Friday	Dream House (PG 13) Drive (R)	6 p.m. 9 p.m.
Saturday	Arthur Christmas (PG) 50/50 (R)	3 p.m. 6 p.m.
Sunday	Arthur Christmas (PG) Drive (R)	3 p.m. 6 p.m.
Wed.	Dream House (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Dec. 15	50/50 (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Dec. 16	Real Steel (PG 13) The Ides of March (R)	6 p.m. 9 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Dec. 16	Twilight: Breaking Dawn Part I (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Dec. 17	Money Ball (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Dec. 18	Hugo (PG)	1 p.m.
Dec. 23	Shark Night (PG 13)	6 p.m.

Admission: Age 12 and older, \$4, younger than 12, \$2.

The Ederle theater box office opens one hour prior to show.

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

Special events

Soldiers' Theatre will feature "Tis the Season" Holiday Show with fast-paced song and dance musical revue of all your Holiday favorites. Performance on Friday and Saturday, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Call 634-7281 for tickets.

CYSS

CYSS is hosting the Boys and Girls Club of America's annual Fine Arts Exhibit thru Dec. 30 at the Post Library. Support the youth in the Vicenza community and stop by to view and vote for your favorites. Call 634-7659 for more information.

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. Befana Stocking class is Wednesday.

- Bring messy clothes and a camera with an open mind to create memories through pieces of art work during Messy art Time Saturday, 10 a.m. This parent child class is great for ages 6 months to 5 years.

Library

Third Thursday is Dec. 15, and this month the discussion is the Best of 2011. They will talk about all your favorites of this year; movies, books, articles, vacations, albums and news. The group meets at 6 p.m. at the Library.

Arts & Crafts

Kids Craft Club meets Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons, 2-4 p.m. Dec. 21-30. Spend an afternoon during winter school break, creating with a variety of winter projects to choose from. The Cost is just \$2.50 per hour. 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. We have jewelry items, wine glasses, ceramic tiles, framed photographs of Italy, soap, cards, gift tags, and more.

EFMP Athletics

The Exceptional Family Member Program is sponsoring a Thru the Zoo Yoga class, Tuesdays 3:30-4:30 p.m. Dec. 6-20 at the Physical Fitness Center exercise room. For more info or to register call 634-7500/8582.

Holiday Hours

- For all the Holiday hours of all Family and MWR facilities visit www.vicenzaMWR.com and click on the clock.

- The U.S. Army Health

Center will be open for clinical operations Dec. 23 from 8 a.m.-noon. Only the birthing center will be open Dec. 24, 26, 31 and Jan. 2.

Government Purchase card training

The next class will be held Jan. 13 at the Distributed Training Facility, building 128, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Reservations are not required to attend. For questions, contact Scheryl Forsythe-Bolling at 634-3968.

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.Campus@phoenix.edu.

Early closure

Community Bank will close at 2 p.m. Dec. 20 to allow employees to attend a Union Meeting.

Arena

- Make your plans for New Year's Eve at the Lion's Den. Ring in the New Year with the masquerade ball party 8 p.m. until midnight. Live music from Drop Simpler!, plus a DJ, food party favors and a complimentary toast at midnight. Advance tickets are \$25 and \$30 at the door. A note to gamers: you will need tickets for this event to use the game room.

- There's also a Bowling Party downstairs for New Year's Eve. Sign up before Dec. 30 for a 2-hour package that includes shoes, two hours of bowling for up to six

people, 1 large cheese pizza and 1 pitcher of soda. All for just \$35.85. Sign up at the Bowling desk.

Fuel coupons

After Dec. 31, ESSO gas stations will no longer be accepting the NATO Forces Tax-Free gas coupons. The coupon can only be redeemed at ENI (AGIP) gas stations.

Magazines at Commissary

The Commissary will no longer be selling magazines in its store starting this month and to completely end by January.

UMUC Spring session

This holiday season UMUC is giving gift of knowledge, scholarships and more. The following classes are being offered locally: Italian 1, 2 and 3, Accounting 2, History of Venice, Child Psychology, College Math, Intro to Writing, Intro to Contemporary Social Problems, Ethics in Computers and Library Research Seminar. If you are active duty or a military spouse, apply for a \$100 textbook scholarship. Registration for UMUC's Spring Session 1 runs until Jan. 15. Term dates are from Jan. 16-March 11. For more info call 634-7055 or e-mail vice@europe.umuc.edu or visit www.ed.umuc.edu.

Letters to Santa

The Outlook newspaper will be accepting Letters to Santa until Dec. 19 to be printed in the Dec. 22 newspaper. Limit the letters to 50 words or less. Letters can be emailed to editor@eur.army.mil.

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.

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.

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 Julie M. Lucas

Holiday Open Mic: The band, "My Ship to Safety" performs songs at the Holiday Open Mic night at the Arena Dec. 2. Several local bands also played for the crowd, while money was raised to help out the Angel Tree program.

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Army football fans prepare for Navy game

By Rob McIlvaine
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — “This week is the calm before the storm as we gear up for the 112th Army-Navy Game,” said Boo Corrigan, director of Athletics at the United States Military Academy.

“For the senior class, this is our last chance to beat Navy. We’re all well aware of that,” said Andrew Rodriguez, one of three team captains for the Black Knights.

“And in talking with the younger guys, it always seems like you’re going to have more chances, but time goes so fast, so you have to take advantage of every opportunity you get, and we feel like we have a good opportunity to win this year,” Rodriguez said.

The game will be broadcast nationally by CBS Saturday from FedEx Field in Landover, Md., so the fans will have plenty of opportunities to take advantage, too.

Proceeds from the official auction site benefit the Army Athletic Association

and are directly helping cadet-athletes in all 25 varsity sports.

This season, Showtime Sports and CBS Sports teamed up for a two-hour docudrama featuring both the Army and Navy teams.

Titled “A Game of Honor,” the show will capture an all-access look at both teams’ unique season-long journey.

The production team on “A Game of Honor,” -- which premieres Dec. 21 on Showtime -- had behind-the-scenes access to both academies and their respective football teams for six months leading up to the Army-Navy game, and will continue to have that access during the game and immediately following.

“It’s been interesting,” said Steve Erzinger, another team captain. “A lot of the young guys will come in and their eyes will be bright-eyed. But it’s just like anything else, when (the production crew are) kind of in and out of your face, sometime it’s a little awkward. But it’s been fun and exciting. Our team has handled it well, they haven’t gotten all crazy under the cameras and stuff like

that.

“People would think that it might be a distraction, but it really hasn’t and it’s kind of a good opportunity to show what our team, and West Point in general, stands for, so I’m excited to do the show,” Erzinger said.

He said the West Point community and the Army is excited that hopefully this year will bring back a win and end their losing streak.

Army has a record of 3-8 this year and has been beaten in the last three games: By Air Force Nov. 5, Rutgers Nov. 12, and Temple Nov. 19.

If they win, head coach Rich Ellerson, in his third season at West Point, will move into a tie for 13th place on the Army career wins list. He lost to Navy in the last two seasons.

Head coach Rich Ellerson’s program was recognized by the American Football Coaches Association for having a graduation rate of better than 90 percent. Army was one of 17 schools in the Division I Football Bowl Subdivision to earn that distinction.

Sports Shorts

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.

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.

Volunteers needed

The Mako Sharks Swim Team is looking for adult volunteers to assist. 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>.

Become a ninja

Check out the Ninpo Taijutsu class at the Fitness Center. Learn the ancient art of Ninja with classes every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the Fitness Center.

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.



Synchro swim:

The Synchroshow team performs in the post pool Dec. 2 at the presence of an enthusiastic crowd. The Italian Champion Synchronized swim team includes Erika Trentin, who placed second in the 2005 European Championship qualifying for the Junior World Championships in China.

Photos by Laura Kreider