

Good Samaritans aid motorcyclist in Camisano

Story and photo
by Julie M. Lucas
Outlook editor

Every few months a story pops up in the local newspaper about an American assisting an Italian. Most will tell you being a good Samaritan is an instinctual thing or they were just doing their job, but these kind deeds continue to show the Italian community that Americans are good neighbors.

On July 18, Sgt. Simone Mendoza, Staff Sgt. James Ferguson and Jessica Stiles came together to assist a local when coming upon a motorcycle versus car crash scene in Camisano Vicentino.

According to Mendoza and Ferguson, both Soldiers in 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, the two were shopping in the area and saw the crashed vehicles and ran over to assist. Stiles was driving in a vehicle not far behind.

“That isn’t even my normal route home and I don’t know why I went that way that day,” said Stiles, a primary care nurse at the U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza. “I told my daughter to stay in the car. When I walked up the scene, I said ‘I’m an American and a nurse’ and walked around the crowd.”

What she saw was a young Italian man, tangled around his motorcycle. After doing a quick assessment, she felt for a pulse and knew he needed to get away from the wreckage.



From left, Sgt. Simone Mendoza, Jessica Stiles and Staff Sgt. James Ferguson assisted a motorcycle crash victim near Camisano Vicentino July 18, working alongside Italian first responders to provide aid to a young Italian man.

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AT awareness remains critical to collective safety

by USAG Vicenza Anti-Terrorism and Force Protection Office

The Munich Olympics, Beirut, Peshawar, Mumbai, Bali, Madrid, London, Jidda ... Khobar Towers, Oklahoma City, USS Cole, World Trade Center, Pentagon ... add to that a movie theater in Aurora, Colo. These are names and places that echo through our memories.

These recollections probably include vague images of hooded fanatics and wanton destruction. You may think of terrorism as the similar element in each case. And, to some, there may seem an inevitability to it all. Is there any truth to that impression?

Reading reports after the event may lead some to believe these types of terrorist attacks are inescapable. With understandably greater coverage of successful terrorist attacks, it may seem a reasonable assumption. But further investigation proves a reminder that there were other prospective attacks that were foiled and perhaps many others that were deterred.

Reports of these events are often difficult to find.

Sometimes because of classification, but perhaps more often because a non-event may not carry an emotional impact, so unsuccessful attempts are less known. Maybe these foiled attempts represent our most important lessons. The Army believes that is the case.

We can build protection from terrorist attacks just as we defend against any enemy. The Army calls it antiterrorism awareness. Awareness is the sense that we are neither incapable of preventing a terrorist attack nor restricted from doing so. We possess the means of our own protection.

A prospective terrorist attack at Fort Dix, N.J., in 2007 provides an fitting model to examine. An alert employee at a video store noticed something unusual when would be terrorists turned in a camera memory card. They requested that the pictures on the card be turned into a DVD. The recorded images and sounds appeared too aggressive and violent for normal actions.

The employee alerted the FBI.

The Army Antiterrorism Branch studies these types of events and recommends policy to deter or prevent terrorist attacks.

“Just like any tactical operation, terrorists have vulnerabilities too,” said Alex Mascelli, the Army’s antiterrorism chief. “Taking advantage of them is our challenge.”

We know terrorists live in fear of discovery. Their worst nightmare is arrest.

“In a sense, the Army community represents the most formidable obstacle to terrorism,” said Mascelli.

We know from studying past actions that terrorists success depends upon a careful reconnaissance before execution. In some cases we know they have visited a site many times before they decided to attack. They offer clues in their actions. By developing a sense of those characteristics and we can prevent potential attacks.

The Army has a strategy for building this protection against terrorism. Lt. Gen. Thurman, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-3/5/7 of the Army, wrote in the introduction to that strategy, “Through constant awareness and vigilance ... we will succeed in our goal of preventing terrorist attacks.”

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A brief for newcomers will be held at the Ederle Inn breakfast room Tuesday at 5 p.m.

Hogg: Security is everyone's concern



Whereas, the vitality of the Vicenza and Darby Military Communities depends on how safe we keep our homes, neighborhoods, schools, workplaces,

and communities;

Whereas, terrorist acts create fear and destroy our trust in others and in civic institutions, threatening the community's health, prosperity, and quality of life;

Whereas, people of all ages must be made aware of what they can do to prevent themselves and their families, neighbors, and coworkers from being harmed by terrorists;

Whereas, people of all ages must be made aware of the dangers of terrorist activities and how they can protect themselves from becoming victims of

terrorism;

Whereas, the personal injury, financial loss, and impact to communities from terrorists' attacks are intolerable and require investment from the whole community;

Whereas, preventing and defeating terrorism includes community protection and security, we must go beyond these to promote self-awareness and self-protection to make Army communities safer for all ages and to develop positive opportunities and a bright future for young people;

Whereas, adults must invest time and resources to understand and support effective antiterrorism prevention, deterrence, detection, and defense; adults must also engage our youth to ensure they adopt a proactive mindset of personal protection;

Whereas, effective antiterrorism plans and programs succeed because

of partnerships with law enforcement, security, other government agencies, civic groups, schools, faith communities, businesses and individuals as they help to raise community awareness and responsibility and instill pride and sustained vigilance;

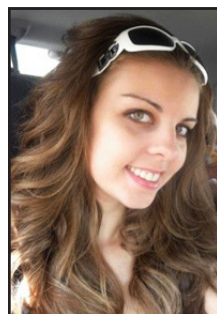
Now, therefore, I, Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg, Commander, United States Army Africa, do hereby proclaim August 2012 as Antiterrorism Awareness Month in the Vicenza and Darby Military Communities and urge all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, and businesses to invest in the power of prevention and work together to make Vicenza and Darby safer, stronger, more caring more caring communities.

DAVID R. HOGG

Major General, USA, Commanding

Inside Point of View

Mobilization, Deployment Readiness to the rescue



By Jennifer Morales
Special to the Outlook

It never fails. The second that you return home from that dreaded good-bye and that lingering hug, life is waiting to hand you lemons.

Recently I returned home from seeing my Soldier off, only to find that life had decided that that was a good moment for me to fall apart. By the end of that day I had a computer that was determined not to turn on and two children who had seemingly returned to their "temper tantrum" states. The concluding coup de grace was of scraping my new car.

Without the option of a re-do button, I sat on my couch and laughed. Deployments are already stressful enough without adding to the load.

But the good news is: I recently had the pleasure of learning about a program offered here on post that could quite possibly save someone's sanity in times of war and peace. I had the revelation of meeting with Shannon Reynolds and Rita Bonamego of the USAG Vicenza Mobilization and Deployment Readiness Program, who work out of Davis Hall, the ACS building on Caserma Ederle.

Deployment readiness is something every military spouse should be aware of. Life as a military spouse during a deployment is already stressful enough, so why go through unnecessary hardships? Do you know what deployment readiness does and can do for you? Deployment readiness is a program to assist the total Army.

Assisting military members, dependents and civilians is not a task to take on lightly. Reynolds and Bonamego, along with their crew of volunteers, put their hearts and heads into everything that they do. That's because they know from their personal experience what it means to serve and to sacrifice. Bonamego was a military spouse for many years, and has deployed with the Red Cross several times. Reynolds served

as a Soldier for 10 years, and has been a military spouse for nine years.

"Rita and I are a dynamic duo. Between us, we are an effective team," Reynolds said. "We take to every task with care and class. It is not just a job, everything we do is through our hearts."

MDRP's mission is to provide guidance, resources and training for Family Readiness Group members and Rear Detachment commanders provide support for deploying units by providing pre-deployment information and material to Soldiers and Family members.

The program also oversees training and plans for the Vicenza Family Assistance Center while assisting and supporting mobilization and demobilization of our units. They also provide assistance and services to repatriated families.

"My job is fulfilled by the care that the FRG leaders have in their group. Even though I do the training for the FRG, they are the ones who are concerned about their own Soldiers, as well as for other Soldiers' Families and for the single Soldiers. This care and love that these FRG leaders show inspires me to go further and do more," said Bonamego.

The Mobilization and Deployment Readiness Program conducts training to make better leaders in our community and provides potential leaders with the skills to keep everyone mission ready. Trainings include Battlemind training for the spouses, FRG leadership training and Operation READY (Resources for Education About Deployment and You).

So the next time that you feel that the deployment or military life in general seem to be overwhelming you, now know a good place of refuge.

If Mobilization and Deployment Readiness Program or volunteers cannot assist you, they will be able to refer you to a program or someone who can. Life is stressful enough. Don't keep suffering through hardships when there are such incredible programs like this available to you. Take advantage of the opportunities available to you in recognition of your sacrifices on behalf of the nation. Let the Army work for you.

Speak Out

What are your dos and don'ts of summer travel?



Spc. Jesse Norman
2500 Digital Liaison
Detachment Plans

"Get out and try new things and see the beauty of Europe. Travel with a buddy, group or your family."



Veronique Sousa
Family member

"Travel as much as possible. Don't wait until the last minute to make reservations."



Sgt. Sherwin Cadavis
386th MCT

"Make sure you have enough funds before traveling. Don't flash around your expensive items around or you might become a target."

By Laura Kreider

Beware latest 'Defense Health Services' phishing scam

by Peg Clevenger
USAG Vicenza Security Manager

A new phishing scam is making its rounds in our community. It comes in the form of an email from a group representing itself as the "Defense Health Services Systems." Beware and handle with care

While phishing is starting to show up in many different forms, it remains

basically the practice of tricking someone on the Internet in order to retrieve their sensitive personal information: passwords, banking information and the like to exploit it for illegal gain.

A phishing scam will ask you for personal information. Don't be fooled.

Any email that you receive from a reputable institution, whether

Internet retailers, banks, credit card companies or whatever, will never, ever ask you for your password or your personal security information.

Email is not an absolutely secure medium for transporting that kind of information yet and there's no good reason that any company would be asking you for that info.

Protect your information — protect yourself and your family.



Photo by Jennifer Morales

Never to be forgotten: Lucia Curry came to the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team headquarters Monday, bearing flowers. Every year she comes to mark the day, to bear witness and to remember. Curry came to commemorate the day her husband, 1st Sgt. Michael Seafred Curry, of Company D, 1st-503rd Infantry, perished while on active duty in Afghanistan: July 23, 2007. The Sky Soldier, along with his comrades Pvt. 1st Class Jessie S. Rogers, Sgt. Travon T. Davis, Pvt. 1st Class Adam J. Davis and Pvt. 1st Class Juan S. Restrepo, who died with him that day, will never be forgotten.

AT AWARENESS: Staying alert, taking precautions pays off

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The building blocks are simple: knowing how to act and what to look for. Besides knowing those things to do to protect ourselves as individuals we can also find terrorists when they are most vulnerable. In consideration these are the two principles that provide the most certain protection for the Army community from attacks.

One is to protect ourselves by executing precautions when circumstances dictate.

“Nobody is truly low-risk from harm,” said Ron Francis, an Army antiterrorism expert.

Accepting the truth of that statement, it becomes a simple matter of learning those actions that will reduce a Soldier or family member’s profile. By taking these actions it makes it more difficult for prospective terrorist targeting. Easy things, such as protecting personal

information and occasionally changing usual routines such as travel routes to school or work can go a long way in that regard. Avoiding attention grabbing clothes or actions will also help deter terrorist attention.

Army policy indicates that all Soldiers and civilians will take a web-based course to teach effective actions to reduce profiles. This course is called Level I Antiterrorism Training. It is found on the Army Knowledge Online portal. It is also mandatory for family members going overseas and available to families in the U.S. as well. It offers details of personal protection and is the first fundamental in preventing terrorist attacks.

The second part of the equation is finding terrorists before they strike.

“We know they look before they act. Past history indicates they do very little

without checking out the target first,” said Mascelli.

This basic tenet is common to virtually all prospective terrorists. We can find them if we know what to look for. What might you expect from a terrorist planning an attack? Most people recall the “shoe bomber” on an airplane shortly after 9-11. An alert flight attendant recognized that the potential terrorist was doing something out of the ordinary by trying to light his shoes on fire.

Sometimes it may include taking notes while apparently studying restricted areas; maybe the potential terrorist will take pictures of gates or other access points, or may simply loiter in odd places. Maybe they simply ask odd questions about people or security procedures. It is important to remember that they realize their vulnerability. Potential terrorists often shy from the

approach of security personnel and avoid questions about their purpose. They may become nervous and exit in what might seem otherwise ordinary situations. The Army does not encourage paranoia here, moreover we all benefit from an aware community.

“It’s not that a single characteristic promises a spying terrorist,” said Francis, “but several together might make you suspicious.”

If you do become suspicious you should make a mental note of what you have seen and report it to the nearest security person. You can call into the Military Police or civilian police station. It is important to realize that you represent the best defense against terrorism. Look around as you go about your daily business. You will gradually recognize the standard ways people act. Look for the difference.

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Provost Marshal's corner



The Vicenza Community Skate Park is located in Villagio Housing Area. The Skate Park is the only approved site for skateboarding, in-line skating, or trick bikes within the USAG Vicenza Community.

Community streets and parking lots are not authorized for skateboarding, in-line skating, or trick bikes. The Community Skate Park is adjacent to the Villagio above ground swimming pool and is isolated from the street traffic and contains approximately 5000 square feet of space to conduct various in-line skating, skateboarding and trick bike

activities.

Soldiers, DOD Civilians, retirees and their Family Members are eligible to use the Skate Park. The park is not available for rental or private use. Skate Park Rule and Safety Requirements must be followed at all times and are posted on the Skate Park entrance. The use of protective gear is mandatory.

In-line skating or skateboarding is not authorized on Italian roads. Italian Law (Article 190/8-9-10) prohibits these activities.

Community News



Photo by Joyce Costello, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

Summer Enrichment program goes out singing

by David Ruderman

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

More than 130 Vicenza military community children, ranging from kindergarteners to middle schoolers, wrapped up four weeks of low-key, fun learning Friday at the Vicenza Elementary School Summer Enrichment program.

"It provides a nice interlude; it's a lovely offering for the kids," said Ann Gasparini, the DoDDS-Europe special education teacher who has served as the program's teacher-in-charge for three years running.

Themes for the younger children's activities included art and music, with a range of singing, dancing and recreational pursuits. Subject matter for the middle-schoolers centered on American history, but with a light touch, said Gasparini.

"We've been learning a lot about the American Dream," said future eighth-grader Grace Torrence.

David Stanley, who will also be a Vicenza Middle School eighth-grader in the fall, said "We talked about people coming to the U.S. for a better life. Now I know much more about it than I did before."

"It's academic, but it's designed to be fun," said Eric Torrence, Vicenza High School math and physics teacher, who worked with a group of about a dozen of

the older children.

The central theme of discussions revolved around the concept of the American Dream, a topic about which the youngsters were at first a bit vague, though they grew increasingly more knowledgeable and articulate over the course of the four weeks, said Torrence.

"I think there was an enhancement of their understanding," he said. Torrence broke up the day with competitive math challenges and reading assignments.

Summer Enrichment concluded with a musical performance for parents last Thursday and an award ceremony Friday.

Some three dozen parents and siblings gathered in the Vicenza Elementary School gym July 19 to watch kindergarten and first-grade students perform a number of musical numbers, including an enthusiastic rendering of "A Straw Hat is a Happy Hat."

Older children entertained their parents and siblings with musical performances and classroom presentations during the remainder of the morning.

"They're having fun learning about all the other cultures . . . and math," said community member Rose Gamez, whose sons Isaiah, 7, and Josiah, 5, were both enrolled.

"They love it. It's just too short," she said.

With the Summer Enrichment program coming to

an end, Gamez said the family was planning on taking short vacation trips for the remainder of the summer.

"They're always wanting to go back to school, always saying, 'Are we going to school?'" said Staff Sgt. Jesse Dyer of AFN-Vicenza, who came to watch his twin 6-year-olds, Ashlee and Nathaniel, perform.

"They want to read. They're always asking, 'Can I read my book to you?'" he said.

This year's Summer Enrichment coincided with the deployment of 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team Soldiers to Afghanistan, and the organizers arranged for a Military Family Life Consultant counselor to be on hand to speak with children, either one on one or in small groups, on an informal basis, said Gasparini.

"We saw the need so we established some deployment groups," she said.

While no grades were given and no credit earned, students benefitted from the structured but relaxed work environment, said Gasparini.

"It's kind of the gravy you don't get to do during the year," she said.

Vicenza community schools remain open during the remainder of the summer and parents are urged to register or re-register their children for the upcoming school year as soon as possible. Classroom instruction resumes Aug. 27.

GOOD SAMARITANS: Response to Camisano road wreck

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"We stabilized his neck, and got him off the bike," said Ferguson, who has assisted with casualties in combat. "Once we got him off the bike, you could see him take a breath."

Two ambulance crews arrived after five minutes and

later a doctor came to the scene. The three stayed to assist, despite being unable to speak Italian.

"We spoke in a universal medical language, regardless of language barrier," said Stiles. "We were pointing at things and really did no talking."

Stiles is a prior Army medic and has been working in the

medical field for more than 20 years.

The man suffered numerous fractures to his face and the three were left with clothes covered with blood and fuel. Because they didn't have any medical equipment, Stiles had to be tested for diseases and begin taking anti-viral medicines, but was cleared

after two days.

"Our instincts came into play and I'm very thankful for my military training," Mendoza said.

Ferguson echoed the statement by saying, "remember your acronyms (MARCH: massive bleeding, airway, respiration, circulation, head/hypothermia). I'm just

glad I was able to help. I think most people want to do the right thing and Soldiers are here to help everyone, regardless of language."

"The smallest decisions make the biggest difference," Stiles said. "Please always do the right thing. Even if you have no medical training, you can help another person."

Missoula Children's Theatre, SAS team up at Darby

by Sgt. Tony Brazier
AFN Livorno

It might seem like you can always count on the tales of old to be the same old story, but when you take a merry band, add a beautiful maiden, a naughty sheriff, a greedy prince and a hero whose arrows are always on target and bring it to Camp Darby, you have the recipe for a great new twist on the tale of Robin Hood.

This month the Missoula Children's Theatre worked with Darby's School Age Services summer camp program to provide an accessible arts experience for both audiences and performers, regardless of incidental factors such as age or economic status.

"My tour partner, Jordan Williams and I did auditions on Monday and within five days the kids had moved on to productions," said Dan Davidson, Missoula Children's Theatre. "There are 50-60 tour teams traveling all over the country; we travel with set, costumes, props, make-up and everything one needs to put on a good play."

Davidson added that the Missoula Children's Theatre has made it their mission not only to entertain, but to bring something vital to every place they visit.

"A lot of places that we go don't have arts and the kids really look forward to it. It's important that the kids get a chance to express themselves and everybody can come together and make a playful production,"

said Davidson.

Spc. Kiley Kruse, parent of Jaxson, 6, and Jace, 7, said the program made a huge difference to her children, who are often shy.

"My boys got to dress up as skunks and shake their tails while doing a little dance, so it helped to distract them from having stage fright. Plus, the instructors helped the kids if they forgot their lines by doing something funny to distract the kids and the audience," said Kruse. "It made my boys want to do more plays."

While, there are no plays scheduled in the immediate future, children enrolled in SAS can take part in after school clubs at the center such as arts and crafts, sports, cooking, gardening and the computer lab.



Photo courtesy of Spc. Kiley Kruse

Camp Darby children sing along during a Missoula Children's Theatre inspired performance of Robin Hood July 14.

Things to do in and around Darby

Open Market in Forte dei Marmi

Every Wednesday and Sunday a very famous market takes place in Forte dei Marmi, Lucca. This market is for people who love shopping. Here it is possible to find nice products at a good price and also famous brands.

Early Music Tuscan Festival

The Early Music Tuscan Festival celebrates its 17th edition through July 31. Performances are going to be held in Cascina, Crespina, Pisa, Riparbella and Vicopisano. The program includes music by Bach, Handel, Scarlatti, Pergolesi and Vivaldi.

Sports & Fitness

Aqua Zumba/Fitness is a great, low impact form of exercise but

is very beneficial for everyone. Join the group on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays noon-12:45 p.m. thru Aug. 29 in the Darby pool. Call 633-7438 for details. Your first class is free.

Outdoor Recreation

Hiking trip San Rossore: San Rossore is a nature park situated on the outskirts of Pisa. Spend the day hiking along various trails to experience the local wildlife and forest. Call 633-7775.

Volunteers Needed

Girl Scouts of Camp Darby needs someone to manage volunteers and attend monthly meetings. Call 633- 8696.

Religious Activities

Protestant worship - 11:15 a.m. Catholic Mass - 5 p.m. Call 633-7267.

Marostica live chess spectacle

The biennial chess spectacle in Marostica, commemorating a tradition that dates back more than 550 years, will be held Sept. 7-9. See details below and be sure to make reservations early for seats.

Courtesy photo



Leonard Cohen: Sept. 24 in Verona

Jennifer Lopez: Oct. 11 in Casalecchio Sul Reno (Bologna)

The Cranberries: Oct. 28 in Padova

Europe: Oct. 29 in Milan

Andrew Bird: Nov. 14 in Milan

Kris Kristofferson: Nov. 26 in Milan

Cirque Du Soleil - Alegria: Nov. 15-18 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

Hike Mount Pasubio: July 28
Bernina Express to Switzerland: July 28

Sea kayaking: July 29

Run the trails of Veneto: July 31

Waterpark Paradise Island: Aug. 5

Basic open water SCUBA: Aug. 6

Trieste, Grado and Aquileia: Aug. 8

Rimini beach: Aug. 11

Paragliding: Aug. 12

Cinque Terre Cruise: Aug. 18

Water sports at Lake Garda: Aug. 19

Venice sunset photo workshop: Aug. 19

Riccione Beach: Aug. 22

Monteriggioni and Siena: Aug. 25

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

Celtic Festival

Friday-Sunday in Cesuna, about 34 miles north of Vicenza. Includes fifth- to sixth-century B.C. historical re-enactment to raise awareness and interest in area's pre-Roman, Celtic heritage. Celtic village with typical huts, livestock, crops and old trades such as weaving, leather, wood, iron and gold processing; historical re-enactments of battles between Celts and Roman legions; children's Celtic village with traditional games and activities; Celtic crafts exhibit and sale.

- ♦ Friday: grand opening at 7 p.m.; 10 p.m. live music with Lou Tapage Band; at midnight the great Venigallia fire is lit up

- ♦ Saturday: opens at 10 a.m.; Celtic restaurant opens at noon; 3 p.m. old trades exhibit; 5 p.m. warriors training show; face-painting and entertainment for children; giant soap bubble show; 6-10 p.m. live music with Doroty and Panf; 9:30 p.m. woods magic show; 10:30 p.m. Celtic music with Rondeau de Fauvel Group; at midnight fire show

- ♦ Sunday: Celtic restaurant opens at noon; 3 p.m. games and workshops for children; face-painting and entertainment for children; old trades fair; 4:30 p.m. archery and engraving workshops for children; 5 p.m. entertainment with the Malserkampus Group; 5:30 p.m. warriors training show; 6:30 p.m. battle re-enactment; 8 p.m. music with Midnight Band

- ♦ Monday: 7 p.m. Celtic restaurant opens; 7:30 p.m. military camp re-enactment; old trades exhibit; 9:30 p.m. live music with McNanco Band; 11:30 p.m. propitiatory fire

- ♦ Tuesday: 7 p.m. Celtic restaurant opens; 7:30 p.m. military camp re-enactment; old trades exhibit; 8:30 p.m. Blues Contest; 11:30 p.m. fire show

- ♦ Wednesday: 7 p.m. Celtic restaurant opens; 7:30 p.m. military camp reenactment; old trades exhibit; 8:30 p.m. live music with Sbartzte Khatzen Band; 11:30 p.m. fireworks show

- ♦ Friday: 4 p.m. folk Cimbrian

songs; 9 p.m. live entertainment in Camping Riviera

- ♦ Saturday: 5:30 p.m. live music with Klainen Dolomiten Band; Cimbrian harp interlude; 8:45 p.m. traditional torch-light procession and entertainment with Zelighen Gaiblen Group

- ♦ Sunday: 5:30 p.m. folk music and dances with De Grützigar Band, the Roana Cimbrian Choir, and Bait Huttar Folk-Metal Band; 9:30 p.m. concert and entertainment with Patrizia Laquidara

Watermelon Festival

Friday - Saturday in Giavenale (Schio), Via Giavenale di Sopra, about 16 miles northwest of Vicenza; Live music at 9:30 p.m.

- ♦ Friday: Howl of Death Band

- ♦ Saturday: DJ Stefano Conti

Carmine Festival

Saturday - Gambellara, Loc. Sorio, Piazza Madre Teresa di Calcutta, about 16 miles southwest of Vicenza. Food booths open at 7:30 p.m.; bounce houses and charity raffle; local crafts exhibit and sale; 8:30 p.m. live rock music.

S. Anna Festival - Dueville

Friday through Wednesday in Dueville, about 7 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths featuring local specialties open at 7 p.m.

- ♦ Friday: 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Souvenir Orchestra; country music

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

- ♦ Sunday: 9 p.m. grain threshing historical re-enactment; ballroom dancing with Silvia Band; live country music with Silverado Band

- ♦ Monday: 9 p.m. ballroom dancing with Le Melodie Orchestra and foam party with Attilio DJ

- ♦ Tuesday: 9 p.m. ballroom dancing with Sonia Sipario Band; Latin-American music and dancing

- ♦ Wednesday: from 8 a.m. traditional fair, grain threshing historical re-enactment; 9 p.m. ballroom dancing with Gli Incontri Orchestra; 11 p.m. charity raffle drawing; fireworks at midnight

S. Anna Festival - Villaga

Friday-Sunday in Villaga, Via San Michele Arcangelo, about 14 miles south of Vicenza. Food booths featuring local specialties

open at 8 p.m.; live music at 9 p.m.

- ♦ Saturday: live music and ballroom dancing with Marco and Il Clan

- ♦ Sunday: live music and dancing with I Falsi D'Autore Orchestra

A Walk with Palladio

Weekends through Sept. 30. Discover architectural master Palladio's works in downtown Vicenza on foot with an English speaking guide. Fee: Saturday €12; Sunday €10; Saturday + Sunday: €18

- ♦ Saturday, 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. Tour departs the tourist office in Piazza Matteotti 12, at 2:30 p.m. The visit includes: Olympic Theatre, Palazzo Chiericati, Palazzo Barbaran da Porto, Palazzo Thiene with newly restored underground and a Venetian Oselle (antique coins) exhibit

- ♦ Sunday: 9:45 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Tour departs the tourist office in Piazza Matteotti 12 at 9:45 a.m.; visit Palazzo Leoni Montanari, Palazzo del Monte di Pietà, ViArt exhibit center, Palazzo Viscovile and the Diocesan Museum, Basilica Palladiana and Olympic theater

To reserve your visit, call 0444-320854 (English operators area available), or send an email to iat.vicenza1@provincia.vicenza.it

Living Chess in Marostica

Sept. 7-9 in Marostica, Piazza degli Scacchi, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. This chess match, commemorating an historic match of 1454 that settled the marriage of Lionora, daughter of Lord Taddeo Parisio, is like no other in the world. Enacted by more than 500 costumed players, it is held every other year and includes the pageantry of flag throwers, parade and fireworks. Book tickets, which range in price from €10-70, as early as possible.

For details in English visit http://www.marosticascacchi.it/a_2_EN_9_1.html. Purchase your tickets at [http://www.vivaticket.it/index.php?nvpg\[sell\]&cmd=tabellaPrezzi&pcode=1508240&tcode=tl013834](http://www.vivaticket.it/index.php?nvpg[sell]&cmd=tabellaPrezzi&pcode=1508240&tcode=tl013834).

Free concerts, exhibits, events

Thai Chi, Zumba and Jazzercise classes

In Thiene, Villa Fabris, Via Trieste 43, about 13 miles north of Vicenza, ongoing through Aug. 31, Mondays and Wednesdays, 7:45-8:45 p.m. morning lessons Tuesdays and Thursdays 9-10 a.m. Due to an Italian holiday, there will be no classes Aug. 13-17.

Italian Artistic Crafts

Ongoing through Sept. 2, in Vicenza, ViArt, Contrà del Monte 13. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 3-7 p.m.

Concerts

Foo Fighters: Aug. 13 in Codroipo (Udine)

Norah Jones: Sept. 18 in Milan

Opera on Ice: Sept. 22 in Verona

Now Showing



Ederle Theater

Thursday	What to Expect When Expecting (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Friday	Battleship (PG-13) The Dictator (R)	6 p.m. 9 p.m.
Saturday	The Dark Knight Rises (PG-13)*	2 p.m.
	The Dark Knight Rises (PG-13)*	6 p.m.
Sunday	The Dark Knight Rises (PG-13)*	2 p.m.
	The Dark Knight Rises (PG-13)*	6 p.m.
Wed.	Men In Black 3 (PG-13) Chernobyl Diaries (R)	Noon 6 p.m.
Aug. 2	Chernobyl Diaries (R)	6 p.m.
Aug. 3	Men In Black 3 (PG-13) The Dictator (R)	6 p.m. 9 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Aug. 3	The Amazing Spiderman (PG-13)*	6 p.m.
Aug. 4	The Dictator (R)	6 p.m.
Aug. 5	Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG-13)*	1 p.m.
Aug. 10	Men in Black 3 (PG-13)	6 p.m.

Admission: *First runs, age 12 and older, \$5, younger than 12, \$2.50
Regular release, \$4.50/\$2.25 Special pay \$3/\$1.50

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

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www.shopmyexchange.com/ems/euro/vicenza.htm
or www.afes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm

Villaggio power outage

Two power outages are scheduled for the Villaggio housing area in order to improve the current electrical system: Wednesday, Aug. 1 from 4:30-5:30 a.m., and Saturday, Aug. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. DPW regrets the inconvenience, but is taking these necessary steps now to help decrease future random outages.

Health Assessment appointments

School physicals will be conducted Aug. 14 and 21 at the Vicenza Pediatric Health Clinic for children ages 5 and up, by appointment only. Forms are available at CYSS registration and the high school office or online. They must be filled out and signed before the assessment.

A shot record is required. Assessments are not for children with chronic medical conditions. Teenagers 14 and older may be unaccompanied. To register call 0444-61-9000 or go online to www.tricareonline.com.

Mosquito spraying in Villaggio

Spraying for mosquitoes in Villaggio will take place Aug. 2, Aug. 30 and Sept. 20 between 7-9 p.m. This is routine, but outdoor activities should be cancelled on these days. Children and pets should be kept inside with doors and windows closed. In case of rain, the treatment will be rescheduled.

CYSS summer activities

- ♦ Edge! Outdoor Adventure Programs are for youth who have completed grades 6-12, and are free of charge. Upcoming adventures include snorkeling and SCUBA, Aug. 6 and 8; mountain biking, Aug. 13 and 15; and a full day of kayaking, Aug. 22. Enroll at Parent Central Services or on WebTrac, or call 634-7219 for information.

- ♦ A Table Tennis Clinic will be held Aug. 6-10 for ages 8-18. The cost is \$20; register by Aug. 3. Enroll at Parent Central Services or call 634-6151 for information.

- ♦ SKIES Unlimited offers a gymnastic workshop Monday through Thursday, Aug. 6-16, for children ages 3 to 14.

- ♦ Youth Center Summer Camps for children in sixth through 12th grade feature horseback riding and archery, July 30 to Aug. 3; water park outings, Aug. 6-10; kayaking and rafting, Aug. 13-17; and an open water skills trip to Croatia, Aug. 20-24.

- ♦ School Age Center Summer Adventure Camps for first- through fifth-graders continue through the summer vacation. The center is open Monday through Friday, 5:45 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. Off-post field trips include Movieland, Aug. 1; Parco delle Cascate, Aug. 8; and Parco Acquatico Cavour Aug. 15.

- ♦ Summer Hires can still enjoy a free lunch at the Teen Center daily from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call 634-7659 for details.



Courtesy photo

Jeff Harris braves the Lion's Den

Contemporary country music performer Jeff Harris appears at the Lion's Den Aug. 6. See listings for details.

AFRC Great Getaways

- ♦ Have you logged on to www.AFRCresorts.com to play the match game? Find your perfect match when you play the "Great Getaways" game and you could find yourself on an Armed Forces Recreation Center vacation ... a 'Great Getaway' awaits.

Authorized Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation patrons have an opportunity to win one of four all-inclusive "Great Getaways" vacation packages to an Armed Forces Recreation Center. To enter the "Great Getaways Vacation Sweepstakes," eligible patrons must visit www.AFRCresorts.com, register for a chance to win one of four grand prize vacation packages to one of four AFRC resorts, sponsored by GM Military Discount, and play the online memory-match game. You will also find a link on www.vicenzaMWR.com

Country and Hip Hop

- ♦ Head to the Lion's Den Thursday nights for country music, Fridays for the Hip Hop groove.

Jeff Harris plays Vicenza

- ♦ Armed Forces Entertainment presents Jeff Harris in concert at the Lion's Den Aug. 6, 8 p.m. Described as a 21st-century outlaw singer, Jeff sings mostly country music. His concerts are energetic, entertaining and his personal interactions with the audience make his shows unforgettable. You don't want to miss it.

Arts and Crafts Center

- ♦ Spinning the Wheel pottery classes will be held Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m., Aug. 9-30, for children in sixth through eighth grade. Youngsters age 6-12 can also learn junior hand building techniques July 27, 3-5 p.m. Call 634-7074 for information.

- ♦ A four-week digital photography clinic begins Aug 2. Get an in-depth look at aperture, shutter speed and ISO to improve your photo skills. Call 634-7074 to sign up or register online.

Art with Anything

A creative, relaxing arts and crafts session for EFMP Families with Katherine Kinsey Aug. 17 from 3-4 p.m at the Arts and Crafts Center. Bring the whole family. Call 634- 8582 for information.

Messy Art Time

Messy Time Art returns to the Arts & Crafts Center Aug. 11 from 10-11:30 for children 6 months to 5 years old. Bring messy art clothes, an open mind and a camera to capture it in photos.

Summer reading wraps up

The library's "Reading is so Delicious!" program concludes Tuesday with a prize drawing and party. For details visit www.vicenzaMWR.com or call 634-7291.

Fashion show

A fashion show featuring ready-to-wear and swim wear will be held Saturday at the Golden Lion. Buy tickets, \$10, at the door. Call Martha at 327-136-1555 or Gloria at 320-929-4684.

Family life consultants

Military and Family Life Consultants are licensed clinical social workers or psychologists here to help Soldiers and Families work through difficult issues including: deployment or reunion, marriage, relationships, anxiety, depression, stress, grief, loss and other issues. Consultations are free, anonymous and no records are kept. MFLCs can work with individuals, couples or groups. Hours and meeting locations are flexible. If you are interested, call 333-489-8967, call ACS at 634-7500 or ask at ACS. For the 173rd MFLC, call 345-077-0476.

Become a volunteer

Become a community volunteer, build your experience and resumé and meet a new network of people. Call the Army Volunteer Corps to find out about volunteer opportunities in Vicenza. Register at www.myarmyonesource.com to log your hours. Call 634-7500 for more information.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Almost anything will do for it

EFMP volunteer Katherine Kinsey works on an art project with family member Joshua Reis during Art with Anything at the Arts & Crafts Center July 20. The next session will take place Aug. 17. See listings for details.

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 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m.: PWOC Bible study. Dinner provided. No child care

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

Bahá'í Faith: Call Russell Menard at 389-133-4627 or 349-708-2535 or Giacomo Baravalle at 348-603-2283

Islamic: Call 634-7519 (0444-71-7519)

Jewish: Call Paul Levine at 345-907-2108

Latter Day Saints: Call Chance Wilson at 327-869-8107. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Viale Trento 246, Vicenza

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

DON'T BE LATE: Email briefs to julie.m.lucas.civ@mail.mil by noon on Monday, or by 4 p.m. Friday if Monday is a holiday.

Family Float Night

Bring a picnic and your floats and enjoy a family night out at the Villaggio Pool Aug. 11 from 5-8 p.m.

Racquetball tourney

Get ready for the racquetball tournament starting Friday. There are male and female divisions with categories for beginners, intermediate and advanced, open and doubles. An organizational meeting for participants will be held Friday at 6 p.m. Call 634-7009 for details.

Swimming lessons

Adult Advanced Beginner Swim Lessons will be held in the Post Pool Monday Aug. 16. The sessions meet Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:45-6:30 p.m. Build your swimming skills as we focus on rhythmic breathing, front and back crawl and the elementary back stroke. Sign up at the Fitness Center front desk. For information call 634-8642.

Swimming pool hours

The Villaggio Pool is now open the following hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat & Sun 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Closed Wednesdays.

The Post Pool hours are as follows: PT Swim Tues-Fri 6-8:30 a.m. Open Swim 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Open Swim Sat & Sun 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Closed Mondays.

NCAA basketball

Aug. 14-25 at sport centers in Creazzo, Dueville and Schio. Six American college basketball teams will play friendly tournaments in the Vicenza area. Entrance fee: €5.

- ♦ **Aug. 14:** Purdue University vs. Vicenza all star
- ♦ **Aug. 14:** Quinnipiac vs. Montecchio Maggiore
- ♦ **Aug. 20:** Loyola University vs Marostica
- ♦ **Aug. 21:** New York University vs. Psg Tosoni Villafranca
- ♦ **Aug. 23:** Texas A&M vs. Famila Schio
- ♦ **Aug. 25:** Harvard University vs. Bassano

Tickets are 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/> or <http://www.zedlive.com>.

Unit and rec play

Men's Soccer: 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for 24 or more players at the turf field behind the Ederle Inn. Call 636-9648/9120/9632.

Unit, rec softball play nears finale

By Joyce Costello
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

This year's unit and recreation league softball season has been rather unconventional. The USAG Vicenza Championships were held early in the season to accommodate the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team and other deployments.

Bravo Company, 1-503rd, took first, while U.S. Army Africa placed second and 464th Military Police finished third. As the games continued, USARAF has continued to move up the ladder with only one loss. USARAF and 464th are preparing to participate in the Army Europe Unit Level Softball Championship to be held Aug. 3-5 in Hohenfels, Germany.

"The teams have worked really well this season to accommodate different schedules and we're looking forward to the community male and female softball teams competing

at the championships," said Ricky Jackson, Vicenza Sports and Fitness.

Other upcoming unit and recreational league sports include soccer and flag football.

"We are ready to play soccer, but only have two teams signed up," said Jackson. "Teams will play with five to eight players on the field, which has been made shorter by moving the goals in."

Flag-football sign-up is going on now until Aug. 15. Games begin Aug. 27 and teams need seven on the field, but the roster list maximum is 16 including coaches. The first coordinating meeting for the season will be held Aug. 15 at 6 p.m. at the Fitness Center.

"Playing unit and recreational sports is a great way to enjoy camaraderie and have fun during your tour," said Jackson, who encouraged those who do not have a team to contact the Fitness Center at DSN 634-7009.



Aaron Miller, above, puts one over the plate and the Honeybadgers, left, high five their opponents after a game July 18. The final matchups of the season will take place Monday, when a joint AFN-DoDDS team takes on both the Honeybadgers and USARAF in a doubleheader beginning at 6 p.m. Teams from USARAF and 464th MP Platoon will represent Vicenza in unit-level championships to be held at Hohenfels next month.

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