

USARAF HQ Bn sponsors Veterans Day ride

Story and photo by Rich Bartell
U.S. Army Africa PAO

“Keep it rubber-side down, shiny-side up,” is parting salutation among bikers. It means take care and ride safely.

Led by Sgt. Maj. Mike Robledo of U.S. Army Africa’s Headquarters, Headquarters Battalion, nearly 20 bikers from the Vicenza military community participated in a USARAF-sponsored motorcycle ride to Asiago, Nov. 8. They all kept their bikes rubber-side down and shiny-side up.

As riders gathered at the USARAF motor pool, Robledo, the battalion sergeant major, handed out T-CLOCS safety inspection sheets to ensure all the bikes were in good working order.

“T-CLOCS stands for tires and wheels, controls, lights, oil, chassis and stands. It’s a quick checklist provided by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation. Using these lists is great way to ensure your bike is in good, safe operating condition before you head out on the road,” Robledo said.

Robledo explained the mentoring aspect of the ride to Asiago.

“We paired experienced riders with less experienced riders. Riding in a group is a challenge for new riders. By the end of the day, it will be a comfortable and safe experience for everyone,” Robledo said.

“We want to promote good, safe, healthy, responsible riding habits. And at the same time, we are going to have the opportunity to see some great Italian countryside,” he said.

According to Mike Olin, USARAF’s safety director, motorcycle rides like this one fall directly in line with the commander’s focus on safe vehicle operation.

“Maj. Gen. (Patrick) Donahue has emphasized that effective safety training must take place at the first line and lowest supervisor level. This allows everyone to take responsibility for safety training.”

Olin spoke about some of the unique challenges motorcycle riders face.

“We don’t have a lot of skill problems in the Army. We have some challenges with decision making. Some riders make the wrong choices about operating speed, aggressive behavior and sometimes operating vehicles under the influence of alcohol. Those are all decision-making challenges. That’s where the value of mentoring



U.S. Army Africa’s Trent Fields checks the signal lights on his motorcycle prior to participating in a motorcycle safety ride to Asiago Italy. Fields, aka the Blu Knight, is also a member of the Vicenza Chapter of the Green Knights Motorcycle Club. He and almost 20 other riders participated in the motorcycle safety ride sponsored by U. S. Army Africa’s Headquarters, Headquarters Battalion and led by Sgt. Maj. Mike Robledo.

comes in. Experienced riders model safe riding habits and behaviors,” Olin said.

Olin explained all riders are required to have stateside motorcycle endorsements before arriving in Italy.

“You can’t get a motorcycle endorsement here. Additionally, military riders must have the Motorcycle Safety Foundation basic course and after their arrival in Italy, they must take the experienced riders course.”

As the crisp fall air and sunny skies greeted the group led by Robledo, they wound their way into the Veneto Prealps for a quick lunch and a short tour of the World War I military shrine of Leiten, where more than 54,000 Italian and Austrian soldiers are entombed. The visit to the shrine reminded many riders of the sacrifices of U.S. servicemembers and the Veterans Day holiday.

Sgt. 1st Class Adam Davis of USARAF’s G-4 mobility division said details are extremely vital when

it comes to motorcycle safety.

“This is a good opportunity for riders to reflect on all of the safety aspects of our riding. All too often we forget about some of the small but important safety aspects of riding. It’s as simple as checking the air pressure in your front tire and your oil levels. This ride gives us an opportunity to remind ourselves of these details,” Davis said.

“We also have the added benefit of going to the military monument in Asiago. That will afford us the opportunity to reflect on the Veterans Day holiday. I like the camaraderie of group rides and it gives less experienced riders the chance to ride with more experienced riders,” Davis said.

For more information about U.S. Army motorcycle safety and licensing requirements in Europe go to: http://www.imcom-europe.army.mil/webs/sites/staff_org/safety/traffic/motorcycle/index.html.

IMCOM looks to expedite hiring at garrisons

IMCOM Public Affairs

Garrison commanders are recruiting for about 2,000 job openings, and while the competitive process can be time-consuming, exceptions to the process allow for noncompetitive selection of current Installation Management Command employees, transitioning Soldiers, disabled veterans and

certain others.

At the same time, the Army still faces a new fiscal environment that could require more civilian workforce reductions in the future, so the headquarters will continue to closely oversee the filling of critical vacancies to ensure the command stays within sustainable end strength numbers.

IMCOM started FY12 facing a mandatory reduction of more than

4,000 civilian positions including the headquarters, the regions and the garrisons. In the interest of retaining a highly experienced and specialized workforce, the command approached the necessary reduction with a commitment to meet the end strength target through attrition and judicious filling of critical vacancies.

This proactive approach to human

resources management has succeeded to the extent that IMCOM has exceeded its reduction target through voluntary separations, retirement and cross-leveling through reassignment. The new personnel outlook is good news for protecting the workforce, but the garrisons are now anxious to fill these nearly 2,000 openings to sustain their operations.

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The community is invited to meet your mayor Wednesday at the Golden Lion from 4-6 p.m.

Community invited to 'Meet the Mayors'

USAG Vicenza PAO

This year's "Meet the Mayors" day is planned for Wednesday from 4-6 p.m. in the Golden Lion convention center and everyone in the Vicenza military community is invited to attend.

The informal event is ideal for community members to meet mayors and civic leaders from towns in the provinces of Vicenza and Padua and learn more about these communities and what they have to offer, said Shay Morris, USAG Vicenza staff action coordination officer, who is planning the event. Interpreters will be on hand at the informational tables.

At previous events representatives from more than 60 towns took part, bringing giveaways, maps, brochures and pamphlets.

Tables lined the room, laden with free samples, including fresh breads, olive oils, cured meats, slow-roasted pork, wines, cheese, local honey, mustard, fruit preserves and desserts.

"More than 100 comuni have been invited to feature what they have to offer and the turn out promises to be great this year," Morris said. "It's a chance to come out and get to know the towns that are around our post and the things they have to offer practically on our doorstep."

Many have areas for outdoor activities, specialty food or wine, or interesting sites, she said.

Anna Terracino, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs, hopes community members will take the time to attend the event and find some of the hidden jewels in the area around Caserma Ederle.



File photo by Laura Kreider

Soldiers and Family members enjoy food samplings from the local area during the 2010 Meet the Mayors event. This year's event is scheduled for Wednesday at the Golden Lion from 4-6 p.m. and is open to everyone.

"If Soldiers live in a town like Camisano Vicentino, they can meet the mayor and learn more about the community they live in, such as if they offer movies in English or have special sports or activities they might enjoy, or they can ask questions about city services," she said. "They can also find out what is in the area, such as

going to Nove for ceramics or Asiago for skiing. It's a very nice event for lining up lots of things to do in an afternoon or a day trip."

After the conclusion of the display period, the mayors will join post leadership for a typical Thanksgiving dinner, Morris said.

IMCOM: Jobs becoming available for spouses, Soldiers

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"It's great to see that we could continue to meet our mission requirements while still taking care of our civilian workforce," said IMCOM commander Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter.

The federal hiring system is a competitive process, designed to evaluate applicants fairly, but not necessarily quickly, especially in recruiting from outside the government. But federal regulations allow for noncompetitive consideration of the very populations IMCOM seeks to help — including current employees, transitioning Soldiers and disabled veterans.

"As we look at ways to expedite the approval process, there are steps the garrisons can take to speed the process, including streamlining the recruiting process, working in advance with the CPAC on determining the level of competition, getting job assessments ready, considering noncompetitive selections of the current IMCOM workforce, and hiring veterans and family members," said IMCOM Director of Human Resources (G1) Karen M. Perkins.

Most hiring actions still must go to the HQ IMCOM Human Resources Management Board for initial screening and a recommendation to the commanding general. When the commander approves a hiring request, he specifies whether a vacancy must be filled by a current IMCOM employee or whether it can be recruited outside the command and even outside the federal workforce.

The first step remains the IMCOM Enterprise Placement Program, which may provide a reassignment opportunity for a potentially vulnerable IMCOM employee who is willing to relocate. While the IEPP process is working, managers can begin their recruitment process to be ready to select if IEPP does not provide an eligible candidate.

If managers want to consider using one of the special hiring authorities laid out under Title 5 of the Code of Federal Regulations, there are many ways to hire transitioning Soldiers, disabled veterans and persons with disabilities noncompetitively.

"These are excellent ways to select qualified people

noncompetitively, and they help disabled veterans and transitioning Soldiers, which we want to do anyway," said Lois Keith, chief of Civilian Personnel in the IMCOM G1.

One such authority is the Veterans' Recruitment Authority, which allows for noncompetitive appointment to positions in grades up to GS-11 of disabled veterans or veterans who served on active duty during a war, a recognized campaign or expedition, or certain other military operations. The VRA also extends to recently separated veterans.

Another opportunity is to appoint a veteran retired from active duty with a disability rating of 30 percent or more. These appointments are 60-day temporary or term to start with, but may be converted to career or career-conditional at any time. There are no grade limits with a 30-percent disability appointment, as long as the applicant meets all qualification standards.

Another talent resource is Army spouses, who normally won't qualify for noncompetitive appointment, but often come with wide experience and varied skill sets that might not be readily available in the local talent pool. Former government employees eligible for reinstatement can be selected noncompetitively in any grade up to their former highest grade, as long as they meet qualifications.

The installation CPAC is the local resource for all civilian hiring, but especially when trying to expedite hiring through the use of noncompetitive appointments, so every action should be in consultation with them.

With the need for balance between expedited hiring and sustainable end strengths, garrison commanders need access to more than one option when filling a critical vacancy. The headquarters will likely stay very involved in the hiring process for the foreseeable future in the interest of sheltering the workforce from future adverse actions due to civilian reductions.

Options do exist, however, and using the hiring authorities provided can help garrisons fill their critical vacancies while also providing opportunity for some very deserving candidates.

Speak Out

How do you prepare for winter safety?



Angelo Sibilla

Family member

"I check the car and in particular winter tires, battery and coolant."



Loriann McKeever

CYSS

"I have the landlord check the heating systems in the house, and I make sure I buy salt in case my driveway freezes if it snows."



Yolanda Begay

Family member

"Get door snakes ready to keep the under door draft out."

By Laura Kreider

Parental involvement key to digital citizenship

Story and photo illustration
by David Ruderman
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

This is the second of a two-part series on cyberbullying in Vicenza Military Community schools.

Educators in the Vicenza Military Community are on the case to crack down on cyberbullying and are actively enlisting parents in the cause.

"It's our responsibility as adults to monitor children and to teach them. Not to be punitive, but in a teaching and protective way that alerts youngsters to the dangers out there in cyberspace," said Department of Defense Dependent Schools-Europe director Dr. Nancy Bresell.

"We focus more on the kids, teaching them about bullying and having empathy for one another," said Vicenza Middle School counselor Carol Kabonick. "Trust and respect. We try to really talk to kids about what the expectations are for us here at school and for just proper conduct as they're growing up and being a citizen in the future. So it's an ongoing conversation that we have with kids."

There are differences with the current generation of students, who have grown up on Facebook and texting, that create challenges for parents to exercise their traditional oversight, said educators.

"Our point of reference for how kids behave toward each other is from what we know, when we were younger. Kids today have a totally different set of rules," said Kabonick.

A VHS senior said, "I think that bullying in any form needs to be stopped, but people in Vicenza, for the most part, don't seem to be so evil about it and posting right to someone's page. Mostly



what I've seen is a lot of girls who either post on Facebook, tearing themselves down, or I've seen cyberbullying more in a private setting: maybe two or three people in a message bashing someone else."

Vicenza Middle School principal, Dr. Julio Gonzalez said, "That's the main issue that we have here: Facebook. One of the bigger items of concern lately is that students share their username/password credentials, and that's a huge no-no. As friendships evolve and end, often on bad terms, this open and unhindered access to another's Facebook page can result in misuse and even abuse."

Educational technologist Debra Wilson said children think that they can trust the people they share their information with and that their friendships will last.

"They don't," said Gonzalez.

Facebook can be an issue for youngsters, regardless of their age, said Wilson. Even for children without accounts, they have friends who do and a vicarious access through them. Spoofing and stealing online identities can become a major issue, as it is in the adult online world.

In addition to the traditional mission of instilling positive values in children, today's teachers also have to ensure that

parents are both aware of the possible pitfalls of online behavior, and capable of taking charge of their children's communication activity as necessary, said educators.

"Parents need to monitor their students, their children at home," said Vicenza High School principal Lauri Kenney. "They need to be able to get on to their own children's Facebook, the instant messaging, whatever the gadgets are out there right now or the program that's out there right now. They need to access it, because it's not just on their computers, it's also on their phones. That can also promote cyberbullying so parents need to monitor that."

Kabonick said one problem is that the online accounts are unmonitored for unlimited amounts of time.

According to Kenney, "Sometimes when students get in high school, parents have a tendency to back off, which I don't think they should. They think they're old enough to take care of themselves sometimes."

School psychologist Diana Vidrini said, "I think a lot of parents don't think about it because you get into the humdrum of your daily lives. 'My 16-year-old is a very responsible girl - why should I be

checking on her?' You're trustful."

Some parents think it's inconceivable that their children would behave that way ... until they do.

"A big part of that is also the adults modeling the type of behavior that we expect from the kids. We want to be there, showing them that we as adults treat each other with respect, and that if there is a problem, we are going to be there to help them out," said Kabonick.

Fortunately, some parents are already way ahead of the curve.

"The main concern is, I guess, clearing history when they go on the Internet," said Barbara James, who has a fourth-grade son and seventh-grade daughter in the Vicenza schools. She, not the children, is the only one allowed to clear their Internet history files. If they violate that rule, James takes them offline for a month.

She also limits the time her children can spend online, puts their devices out of reach at night and only returns them the next day, once they have finished their homework, she said.

So far, her approach has been working.

"I'm trying to help them because I have talked to them that they are the only ones who will control them when they become adults: so self-control actually should start now. And I don't have to control them once they learn to control themselves. So that's a form of maturity," said James.

"If they are mature enough, they will have more privileges. So I tell them that you are the one that's standing in the door of freedom: if you don't comply with the standards, then you shut the door on a lot of opportunities and you shut the door on your freedom, so you need to go and make it happen and be free by using your self-control," she said.

EFMP provides respite care for family members

By Cara Panzarella-Tarr
Exceptional Family Member Program

The Exceptional Family Member Program Respite Care program provides a temporary rest period for family members responsible for the regular care of persons with disabilities. To be eligible you must be EFMP medically enrolled. EFMP educational enrollments do not meet the eligibility criteria.

If you believe you meet the criteria, contact the EFMP manager at the ACS office, who will assist you with the

application process. Your completed application will be reviewed by a panel to determine if your Family's EFMP situation meets the eligibility requirements. The panel approves or disapproves the Respite Care Services request, which is forwarded to the garrison commander for a final approval. If you are awarded Respite Care Services, your score on the Respite Care Family Needs Matrix determines the number of care hours you are entitled to per month. The maximum amount of hours is 40 except in an extreme case. A Family's Respite Care Services eligibility is reassessed annually or if the

condition of the EFM changes. In home care is given by providers who take an online training course or by the CYSS staff at the centers.

A list of providers is given to you at the time of the award of service. You are encouraged to read the brief provider biographies and interview the providers enabling you to choose a provider who best suits your Family's needs.

If you have additional questions or would like to schedule and appointment call the EFMP office at 634-8582.

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Guns 'N' Hoses

U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Child Supervision

Policy: Children in the ages of newborn to 4 years

old must be supervised at all times. Children in the

ages of 5 years old through 10 years old may be left

to play in a park/yard with immediate access to adult

supervision (i.e. sight and hearing distance). Children in the grades first

through fifth grade may walk to and from DoD sanctioned events alone. Parents must consider the

distance to the event and the maturity of the child. Children in these ages may not walk between

Villaggio and post or to off post quarters. Children in the ages of 9 years old to 10 years may

be left unattended in a vehicle with the vehicle off (no keys inside) and the hand brake applied.

(i.e. When picking up the mail or paying for gasoline). Children in the ages of 11 years old and

12 years old may be left home alone for up to six hours in a 24-hour period; with ready access

to adult supervision (i.e. at minimum telephone access and telephone number of additional adult

supervisors.) Children in the age of 11 years old may babysit siblings for up to 3 hours with

ready access to adult supervision and with CYSS and Red Cross babysitting training. Children

in the age of 12 years old may babysit for up to 6 hours, but not over night.



Community news



Photos by Laura Kreider

Giving thanks: Above, the Vicenza Chapel sponsors a Thanksgiving dinner for the spouses of deployed Soldiers Nov. 13. At left, Tech. Sgt. Brandi Lorenzen, U.S. Army Africa and a volunteer at the USO, prepares pies to be served at the USO Thanksgiving dinner Saturday.



Photos by Brenda Freund

G.I. Jane Day: Above, two members of the Cat Patch Cougars help another cross the wall during the G.I. Jane Day competition, sponsored by 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment. At right, Bronwen Pence jumps off the tower during G.I. Jane Day Friday. Teams from each company paired up in a physical competition.



Darby Military Community

Camp Darby community celebrates Thanksgiving



Photo by Chiara Mattiolo

Above, Lt. Col. Mark Gray, commander, Army Field Support Battalion-Italy, and Maj. Stephen Clark, commander, 731st Munition, serve in the food line during Thanksgiving dinner held at the Livorno Unit School cafeteria, Nov. 16. Below, runners take part in the Camp Darby Turkey Trot fun run Nov. 15. Frozen turkeys were awarded to the top male and female finishers, as well as in a drawing.

By Chiara Mattiolo

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

The Camp Darby community celebrated Thanksgiving with a traditional dinner at Livorno Unit school cafeteria Nov. 16.

Deep fried turkey, roasted ham, marshmallow sweet potato bake, gravy, pecan and pumpkin pies contributed in making all the guests feel the magic fall holiday atmosphere.

The serving senior servicemembers provided first class service for the junior servicemembers in the food line.

"I had the pleasure of serving at the Camp Darby Thanksgiving Celebration and I was really happy to see such a large participation," said Sharon Carter, Global Credit Union branch manager human resources.

Carter, who is retired military, said she was proud of serving Soldiers and Families who are away from home.

Lt. Col. Mark Gray, commander of the Army Field Support Battalion-Italy estimated 300 people showed up for the dinner. Gray said he felt humbled by the work done by both Italians and Americans at Camp Darby.

"Serving some Thanksgiving turkey was the least I could do," he said.

For some, this was a great opportunity to gather together while away from family.

"The community came out with family, friends and colleagues, to share a day of celebration," said Patricia McCammon, staff action control officer. "This is an American tradition that is normally shared with families, unfortunately not all have the chance to be close to their families, and sharing a meal in a festive spirit reenforces the camaraderie and solidarity."

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers supported the event by helping in cleaning the area and by providing a season's greetings delivery service to the community by taking photos to be sent to families overseas.

"The Thanksgiving luncheon was a chance for those single servicemembers here at Darby to have a touch of home and to feel part of a community," said Master Sgt. John Davis, senior enlisted adviser. "BOSS is happy to provide support to the Soldiers, always."

Thanksgiving marks the beginning of the Christmas festivities. The community will gather again Dec. 7 for the tree lighting ceremony and the Christmas Bazaar.



Photo by Amy Drummond

Darby ates

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

Darby Holiday Bazaar

The Holiday Bazaar is from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Dec. 7 in the Darby Community Club. Italian gifts such as fine wines, ceramics, jewelry, handbags, marble and Christmas ornaments can be found for everyone on your holiday list.

Community Christmas Tree Lighting

Ring in the holiday season at the Christmas Tree Lighting at the Darby Community Club Dec. 7. Join Santa Claus and enjoy a performance by the Livorno Middle School Band along with refreshments offered the Darby Military Community DeCA Commissary.

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633-7775

- ◆ Vicenza Christmas Bazaar Shopping Trip Nov. 30. Find all your holiday gifts at the Vicenza Christmas Bazaar.

- ◆ Florence Noel Dec. 1. Florence Noel is a magical event at Stazione Leopolda Firenze. It is a Christmas extravaganza with selected exhibitors included in Christmas scenes. Enjoy a continuous snowfall at the Advent Village, which reproduces Tyrolean houses. Taste the delicious chocolate at the Village of Chocolate and find the greatest selections of food, decorations and crafts.

Children can visit Santa's house and stop by Santa's mail room. Don't worry if they haven't written their letter to Santa yet, they can write it and mail it right on the spot.

Sports and Fitness

633-7438

A new Cardio Circuit class is being offered on Wednesdays, 9:30-10:15 a.m. in the Fitness Center.

Christmas markets:

Wooden booths are set up in Bassano del Grappa for merchants to display their goods during the Christmas market. The market opens Saturday and runs through Jan. 6 in Piazza Garibaldi and Libertà.



Courtesy photo

Local events

Fiera di Santa Caterina e Sagra del Mandorlato — Saint Catherine and Almond Festival:

Barbarano Vicentino, Sunday, 7 a.m.-8 p.m., Via Zonato, about 13 miles south of Vicenza; more than 200 stands featuring almond products, many other local specialties, food booths and local crafts exhibit and sale

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

- Saturday: 9 p.m. food booths; live music and dancing

- Sunday: 9 a.m.-8 p.m. traditional stands featuring nougat and other local specialties, cheeses, honey, sausage, tripe, roasted chestnuts, *vin brulè* (hot spiced wine), and local crafts; 2:30 p.m. wheelbarrow competition; from 4 p.m. onwards, live music and entertainment with local folk characters

Gusto Italiano — Italian Flavor:

Sunday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Cerea, Via Paride, about 45 miles southwest of Vicenza; seasonal local products exhibit and sale; Italian arts & crafts exhibit; food booths featuring spicy pork sausage and other local specialties; entertainment for children and live music; stores will be open all day.

Veronafil — Stamps, coins, postcards, old prints, books, and collectors' items exhibit:

Friday 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; in Verona, Viale del Lavoro 8, about 38 miles west of Vicenza. Friday: 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; free entrance.

Upcoming events:

- *Fiera della Mostarda*

Vicentina— Vicentina Mustard Fair: Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Alte Ceccato, Montecchio Maggiore

- *Dolci Sapori di Natale*— Sweet Christmas Flavors: Nov. 30-Dec. 2, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. in Vicenza, Piazza dei Signori

Christmas markets

Asiago: Giardini di Natale — Saturday-Sunday, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-7 p.m. in Asiago, Piazza Carli; food booths featuring local specialties and typical Christmas sweets and crafts.

Bassano del Grappa, Saturday through Jan. 6, Piazza Garibaldi, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., closed on Monday morning; Piazza Libertà 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. closed on Monday, Thursday and Saturday mornings.

Bolzano: Nov. 30-Dec. 23, Monday-Friday 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 stallholders 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 mulled wine; children's Christmas market where kids can take an active part baking Christmas cookies and making small Christmas decorations and presents.

Bressanone: Nov. 30-Jan. 6, 2013, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Sunday and holiday: 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1; in Piazza Duomo, about 154 miles north of Vicenza; food booths feature local specialties; live music and carnival rides.

Bussolengo (Verona), ongoing through Jan. 6, daily 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m., closed Dec. 25 and Jan. 1; Garden Flover, Via Pastrengo 16, about 42 miles west of Vicenza. Entrance fee: €1 on Saturdays and Sundays, and Dec. 7; free admission weekdays. Among the many attractions, you can visit a Magic forest, Santa Claus' post office and Christmas shows every

Saturday and Sunday; food booths featuring holiday specialties.

Garda: Natale tra gli Olivi — Christmas market among olive trees, ongoing through Jan. 6, Piazza Catullo and Lungolago Regina Adelaide; local and Tyrolean products; entertainment for children; folk music and dancing; art exhibits and local nativity set.

Verona: Nuremberg Christmas market: ongoing through Dec. 21, Sunday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-11:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday and days before holidays 10 a.m.-11 p.m.; in Piazza dei Signori, wooden stands featuring holiday gift ideas, vin brulè, holiday sweets, typical German bread and sausages.

New generation jewels:

Vicenza, ongoing through Dec. 18, in Vicenza, ViaArt, Contrà del Monte 13, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday-Sunday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3-7 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 3-7 p.m.

Raku exhibit:

Ongoing through Jan. 22, Vicenza, ViaArt, Contrà del Monte 13, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday-Sunday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3-7 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 3-7 p.m. *Raku ceramic pottery is a Japanese technique used since the 16th century.

Concerts

Kris Kristofferson: Monday in Milan

Tech N9ne: Tuesday in Milan

Jethro Tull's Ian Anderson: Nov. 30 in Padova

Spirit of New Orleans — Gospel Choir: Dec. 20 in Lucca

Sporting events

Thai Boxe (Boxing) Mania:

Saturday in Torino

The American Wrestling Superstars:

The event has been cancelled
WWE Wrestlemania SmackDown Revenge Tour:

April 25 in Casalecchio di Reno (Bologna); April 26 in Trieste

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

Free concerts, exhibits, events

Concert with the Conservatory students:

Tuesday, 6 p.m., in Vicenza, Conservatory, Contrà San Domenico 33. Music by Beethoven, Schubert, and Liszt.

Piano Concert:

Sunday, 4 p.m., in Bassano del Grappa, Palazzo Sturm, Via Schiavonetti 7. Music by Mozart, Beethoven, and Schumann.

Michael Jackson — The Immortal World Tour, Cirque du Soleil: Feb. 23-24 in Assago (Milan)

Walking with Dinosaurs: March 6-10 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

Antique market in Milan: Sunday

Nice express and perfumery shopping: Dec. 1

Solden ski/snowboard trip: Dec. 1

Stubaital ski/snowboard trip: Dec. 8

Innsbruck and Christmas market: Dec. 8

Merano and Trento Christmas market: Dec. 9

Marmolada ski/snowboard trip: Dec. 15

Bolzano Christmas market and Vipiteno: Dec. 15

Gubbio and the World's Largest Christmas Tree: Dec. 16

Rome express: Dec. 22

Val Senales ski/snowboard trip: Dec. 22

San Martino Christmas Eve ski/snowboard trip: Dec. 24

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.

*All events listed on this page are as reported to the Outlook office by press time. All events and times are subject to change due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

Now Showing



Ederle Theater

Friday	Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG 13)* Lawless (R)	6 p.m. 9 p.m.
Saturday	Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG 13)* Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG 13)*	3 p.m. 6 p.m.
Sunday	Breaking Dawn Part 2 (PG 13)* Lawless (R)	3 p.m. 6 p.m.
Wed.	Lawless (R)	6 p.m.
Nov. 29	Lawless (R)	6 p.m.
Nov. 30	Rise of the Guardians (PG)* Red Dawn (PG 13)	6 p.m. 9 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Nov. 30	Lawless (R)	6 p.m.
Dec. 1	Trouble with the Curve (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Dec. 2	Skyfall (R)*	1 p.m.
Dec. 7	The Possession (PG 13)	6 p.m.

Admission: *First run, adult, \$5.50, under 12, \$2.75; regular release, \$5/\$2.50; repeat releases, \$4.50/\$2.25; special pay \$3.50/\$1.75.
The Ederle theater box office opens one hour prior to show.

View MOVIE TRAILERS and more online at

<http://www.shopmyexchange.com/ReelTimeTheatres/reeltime-landing.htm>



Female to Female networking social

USAG Vicenza will host a **Female to Female networking social** Dec. 6 at the Golden Lion-Old Soldiers Bar from 4-6 p.m. to integrate and support female military and DA civilians into the community.

The event is a combination of the Family Newcomer's briefing at the Ederle Inn and a Women's Empowerment initiative. All are welcome; female newcomers are strongly urged to attend.

Keynote speaker will be Family member Ifat Levine, a former Israel Defense Forces officer, and the first female to serve as an executive officer in an Israeli combat unit.

Call 634-8828 or 634-634-8525 for details.

News briefs

VHS FBLA collects Treats for Troops

Future Business Leaders of America at Vicenza High School are collecting individually wrapped holiday candies, granola bars, hot chocolate packs and the like to send to Soldiers downrange. Drop off contributions by Dec. 4 at the VHS front office. Email lori.encke@eu.dodea.edu for details.

AFAP Conference time changes

The AFAP Conference has been re-scheduled for Monday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Golden Lion Conference Center. The conference out-brief will be held Tuesday from 9-11 a.m. at Soldiers' Theatre. Call 634-8525 for information.

Meet the Mayors

The entire Vicenza Military Community is invited to meet local mayors and civic leaders, sample local specialties and learn about entertainment and cultural events at the Golden Lion this Wednesday from 4-6 p.m. All are welcome.

Dental Clinic hours and orders requirements

♦ **Sick call hours and active duty walk-in exams** will be available Tuesday-Nov. 30 from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

♦ As of Dec. 6, **Family members of active-duty Soldiers must present a copy of their sponsor's orders** showing command sponsorship in order to make dental appointments. Routine dental care will not be available for those who are not command sponsored. Family members may bring their sponsor's orders to the clinic before Dec. 6 to have them placed on their charts.

Recruiting CID special agents

Are you interested in becoming a CID Special Agent? Interesting work, great career. Call Special Agent Valdez at 634-8899, email gilberto.b.valdez.mil@mail.mil or visit the CID website at www.cid.army.mil for information.

AWAG volunteer training at Aviano

Americans Working Around the Globe will hold its Northern Italy Local Area Conference Dec. 6 at Aviano Air Base to promote volunteer recruitment, motivation and empowerment among spouses, civilians and servicemember volunteers.

Register by Nov. 26 to participate. Child care will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Email avianoawag@gmail.com for a registration packet.

Caserma Ederle power outage Saturday

DPW will initiate power outages on Caserma Ederle **Saturday from approximately 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.** to perform electrical substation maintenance.

♦ **Affected buildings** include Buildings 131, 138, 139, 140, 320, 168, 170, 111, 135, 136, 113, 126, 134, 137, 169, 128, 333, 371, 372, 300, 108, 171, 109, 388, 112, 2309, 300A, 107, 167, 117, 125, 102, 103, 173, 101, 161, 104, 164, 162, 105, 165, 163 and Gate # 5.

♦ **The Arena** will open at 2 p.m.
♦ **The Fitness Center** will be open normal hours but electronic cardio, reservations and ticket sales will not be available.

♦ **The pool** will be closed.
♦ **The library** will be open but no check out or computer access will be available.

♦ **The Art Center** will be open but no power equipment, sales or class sign up will be available.

♦ **ODR** will be open for information only.

Actual times may vary, plan accordingly. For information call 634-6401.

Holiday mailing season

The Postal Service Center will be open Saturdays through Dec. 15, and Saturday Dec. 22 and Monday Dec. 24 for package pick-up only.

Starting next week, Tuesday hours will be from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mail Space Available parcels by Nov. 26; Parcel Airlift Service parcels by Dec. 3; and Priority parcels and first class letters by Dec. 10. Express service is not available in Vicenza.

EFMP events

♦ **Exceptional family members**, along with their parents and siblings are invited to **Tumbling with Crystal Absher** at the post gym Dec. 4 and 11 from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

♦ **Art with Anything** takes a stab at turning leftover holiday wrapping paper into interesting art Dec. 21 from 3-4 p.m. at the Arts & Crafts Center.

Call 634-8582/7500 for details.

Street closures

The following streets will be closed Nov. 29 to Dec. 1 in preparation for holiday events:

♦ Nov. 29 to Dec. 1: The parking area in-front of the Ederle Inn.

♦ Nov. 29-30: No Name Street from the Arena to the Ederle Inn and the access road from the Ederle Inn behind and around the Vicenza Health Center to the parking area along 9th Street.

♦ Nov. 30: from about 4:45-5:15 p.m., 9th Street will be shut for the Sleigh Parade and Santa's arrival.

CTC Registration

Central Texas College conducts two Criminal Justice classes this term: Criminal Deviance, and Drug Recognition

for Law Enforcement. For information call 634-6514, email vicenza@europa.cicd.edu or visit Room 6 in the Education Center.

Tree lighting events

The annual community Tree Lighting ceremony will be held Friday, Nov. 30 at 4 p.m. in front of the Central Processing Facility, Building 393.

♦ **Children's' crafts** and games at the Arena from 3:30-4:45 p.m.

♦ **Free horse and carriage rides** from 4-7 p.m. in front of the Ederle Inn.

♦ **Musical performances** will take place from 4-5 p.m.

♦ **The Reindeer Games sleigh parade** makes its way to the Christmas tree to be followed by Santa, who will arrive for the tree lighting at 5:15 p.m.

♦ **The Reindeer Games** follow the ceremony and the **Buon Natale Bazaar** continues at the Golden Lion until 8 p.m.

For more information visit www.vicenzaMWR.com.

Arts & Crafts

♦ Take a **Holiday Cupcake Design** class Nov. 30, from 10 a.m. to noon or Dec. 13 from 5:30-7 p.m.

♦ Submit photographs taken this past year to the **2012 Army Photography Contest** by Nov. 30. There are eight categories in two divisions for submissions. Go to <http://www.armymwr.com/recreation/artsandcrafts/default.aspx> or http://www.armymwr.com/UserFiles/file/Arts_Crafts/

CYSS Annual Customer Service Survey

Do you have a child or youth up to the age of 18? Now is your chance to tell Child, Youth and School Services what you think about their programs such as the Child Development Centers, School Age Center, Youth Center, Youth Sports, SKIES and EDGE! You do not have to be currently using CYSS programs to take the

survey – any community member with children may participate.

Parents of children currently using care at CDC or SAC may earn one Parent Participation Point by completing this survey. Please email cyss@vicenzamwr.com with your sponsor's name, the name of your child and the program your child attends to receive credit.

Your feedback is important to us, and we will use it to recognize those services that are meeting community needs and make improvements to those that are not. You can access the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5N3GM3P>.

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.: Military Council of Catholic Women

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

Church of Christ: Call CW2 Michael Bickle at 345-469-9974 or 0444-335-135 or email vicenzaitalychurchofchrist@gmail.com

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

Jewish: Call Paul Levine at 345-907-2108

Latter Day Saints: Sunday services, 9:30 a.m. in Vicenza. Call Chance Wilson at 327-869-8107 for details.

Call the Caserma Ederle Post Chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for more information.



Photo by David Ruderman

Happy Thanksgiving, Vicenza!

Vicenza Elementary School first-graders perform a Thanksgiving song revue for parents and siblings in the school's multipurpose room Tuesday. Schools will be closed Friday for the holiday and resume instruction on Monday.

DON'T BE LATE: Email briefs to editor@eur.army.mil by noon on Monday, or by 4 p.m. Friday if Monday is a holiday.

Local Soldier chosen as All-Army soccer coach

USAG Vicenza PAO

Master Sgt. Erwin Jamieson, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security, was selected to serve as the 2012 All-Army assistant soccer coach.

Jamieson's soccer background began during his childhood days in Colombia, South America, and then in the United States at Club Soccer in Brandon, Fla., and high school, where he was selected as All Hillsborough County, Fla.

He was first selected to try out for the All-Army team which is made up of the best players in the Army. Once he was noticed by the previous All Army coach while stationed in Fort Bliss, Texas, as early as 1999, but did not make the team due to injuries sustained in an early tournament. Jamieson missed subsequent camp opportunities due to recruiting and Iraqi deployments while in his playing prime.

However, his ability as a player and passion for the game made a good impression on the previous All-Army coach, who made the referral to the All-Army Sports Office and current All-Army coach for his selection as the assistant All-Army coach in 2012.

Upon his selection, Jamieson attended the All-Army soccer camp in Fort Huachuca; 27 selected players were eliminated to the final 18.

During the camp, the team underwent vigorous twice a day training sessions in the 4,700 feet above sea-level elevation conditions of Huachuca, and many evening scrimmage games with local teams, the Real Salt Lake Academy and the University of Arizona Club team. Following the camp, the team departed for Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The Army team finished second place after losing to the Air Force 2-1 in the final minutes of the second overtime in the finals.

One of the highlights from the experience for Jamieson and the rest of the All-Army soccer team was the honor to visit one of the Los Angeles Galaxy soccer team closed practice session and meet many players to include, Josh Saunders, Landon Donovan and international soccer star David Beckham, who allowed many photos and autographs.

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Photo by Koni Wilford

Army players for his generosity," Jamieson said. "Additionally, it was an honor to be selected to work with some of the best players from around the Army to include prior West Point Academy alumni." He thanked his chain of command for allowing him to participate.

Jamieson's advice to future All-Army hopefuls selected to try out is to be in top-notch game shape, be actively playing prior to the camp, but avoid tournaments close to the camp date.

The past two years, Jamieson has played with the Vicenza post team and assisted with the coaching while recovering from knee surgery. He also coached for the Child Youth and School Services and helped members of the Italian Select Academy, like his daughter Gabriella, get ready for the renowned Gothia World Youth Soccer tournament in Gothenburg, Sweden, in August.

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Middle school sports

The Vicenza Middle School will be offering sports programs in wrestling and volleyball. Wrestling runs through Jan. 25, practicing Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays from 3-4:30 p.m. with meets Jan. 12 and 19. Students must have a 2.0 and no more than one "F" grade. Volleyball begins Nov. 27, with practices Tuesdays and Fridays from 3-4:30 p.m. Participants should be dressed appropriately, with no jewelry and knee pads are recommended. They should bring a bottle of water and healthy snack. Participants of both programs should have a physical, which can be scheduled at www.tricareonline.com or by calling 0444-61-9020.

CYSS sports

Enrollment for cheerleading (ages 6-15) and basketball (ages 3-5) is open through Dec. 7 or until spaces are filled. Practice begins Dec. 26 and the season runs Jan. 15-March 2. Enroll at Parent Central Services. Youth must have a health assessment valid through the end of the season. Call 634-6151 for more information.

Unit and rec play

Men's Soccer: Vicenza Post Soccer Team is currently looking for players. Practice is every Tuesday and Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Soccer Field behind the Ederle Inn. For more information contact Wilmer Aguilar (team captain) at 634-8638 or 335-698-1961, or email wilmer.aguilarcorea.mil@mail.mil.

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.

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

Rugby Team Open Play

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 7:30 join players at the N-40 Football Field to play.



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Photo by Joyce Costello

Turkey trots:

Above, Ashley Frank, one of the fastest runners under the age of 18 in the Vicenza Turkey Trot is awarded a frozen turkey at the race Saturday at Lago di Fimon. At left, Vicenza Elementary School students take part in a Turkey Trot Fun Run Nov. 15.