

## Ribbon cut on new obstacle course



Photo by Barbara Romano

Pvt. Anthony White, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, negotiates Obstacle 7 on the new conditioning obstacle course after the ribbon cutting, Aug. 14.

### Regional Training Support Division Italy

The ribbon was cut on the Caserma Ederle Conditioning Obstacle Course Aug. 14 by the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, the Vicenza Corps of Engineers Office, and Regional Training Support Division Italy. The obstacle course is an \$85,000 Joint Multinational Training Command funded Range and Training Land Program project which provides a new Live Training facility for Soldiers and units stationed in Vicenza.

The JMTC RTLP program is managed by means of a Range Develop Planning process which incorporates input from all stakeholders in creating a plan to build and maintain US Army standard ranges and Live Training facilities for units stationed in U.S. Army Europe. The obstacle course project was first proposed in the RDP by Lt. Col. Matt MacFarlane when he was the commander of 1-503rd Infantry Battalion. MacFarlane's intent in making the proposal was to create a training option aligned with the August 2010 change to Army fitness training doctrine which established an Army Physical Readiness Training System. From Training Circular 3-22.20, the Army Physical Readiness Training System "includes all aspects of physical performance and requires training well above that of simple preparation for the

### Army Physical Fitness Test."

The Caserma Ederle Conditioning Obstacle Course consists of a series of 10 obstacles that test upper and lower body strength, flexibility, agility and balance. The biggest challenge to constructing an effective obstacle course on Caserma Ederle was space. Corps of Engineers Project Manager Howard Mosley, RTSD Italy RTLP Program Officers Dave Andrews and Jim Sweatman, and DPW Master Planner Bill Delozier worked together to overcome the space challenge by creating an "island" concept for the project.

The course was constructed as 10 separate obstacle islands scattered in and around the other live training facilities on the north end of Caserma Ederle. Soldiers complete the obstacles in numerical order starting with Obstacle 1 next to the Airborne Refresher Training facility and running from island to island completing each obstacle until they finish with Obstacle 10 located next to the Ederle MOUT Training Facility. By ending the course at the MOUT Training Facility, the course design allows noncommissioned officers training their Soldiers to add the approximately 800-meter ring road around the Eco Center and synthetic soccer field as a sprinting option at the end of the formal obstacle course. Negotiating 10 obstacles and an 800-meter run is certain to challenge even the most fit of our Soldier-Athletes.

## USARAF fields Command Contingency Post for 1st time in Africa

By Sgt. Charlie Helmholt  
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**THEBEPHATSHWA AIR BASE, The Republic of Botswana** – Southern Accord 12, a bilateral training operation designed to enhance military capabilities and interoperability between U.S. Forces

and the Botswana Defense Force, presented the first opportunity for United States Army Africa to field a Command Contingency Post in Africa.

The CCP acts as the military liaison between U.S. Forces and the U.S. State Department, represented by the Embassy of that particular country. This provides an on-site, governmental voice to guide

the military operation.

"When units from multiple organizations and multiple countries come in to accomplish a mission, we provide the overarching command platform that allows us to communicate with those organizations and provide the most timely, accurate and relevant information possible to the Joint Task

Force," said Lt. Col. David Timothy Williams, USARAF CCP commander.

USARAF assists and enhances partner nation security forces so those forces contribute to security, stability and peace in their own nations. Southern Accord 2012 is a U.S. Africa Command-sponsored, U.S. Army Africa-led

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Caserma Ederle assists at La Fraglia with a summer party



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USARAF brings home 3rd in Germany; U.S. Army Africa holds a Zumba marathon fund raiser



99/72 Friday	99/73 Saturday	91/64 Sunday

School starts on Monday.  
Watch for children waiting for buses and in crosswalks.

## CCP: First operation of its kind in Africa

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combined, joint exercise designed to enhance military capabilities and interoperability between U.S. military forces and the BDF.

Deploying the CCP to Africa went off without a hitch, thanks in large part to the training conducted beforehand, said Williams.

“The CCP’s communications were up in 45 minutes, and the CCP was fully operational within four hours,” said Maj. Mark W. Anders, the operations officer for USARAF CCP.

The main focus of the CCP was confirming their communication package, which allows them to execute the command and control mission from the USARAF command, said Williams. Once communication was confirmed, the CCP’s mission to Botswana became both a successful and historic one.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class William Patterson

Sgt. 1st Class Robert J. Absher, an Operations noncommissioned officer for the U. S. Army Africa command contingency post, helps set up the Deployable Rapid Assembly Shelter at Thebephatshwa Air Base, The Republic of Botswana.

## Immunizations needed to ensure health, readiness

By Kirk Frady  
MEDCOM Public Affairs

The month of August has been designated as National Immunization and Influenza Vaccination Awareness Month. It is critically important that every Soldier, Family member, DA civilian and health beneficiary receive all required immunizations and obtain their influenza vaccinations to ensure the Army is a healthy and mission ready force.

Army clinics across Europe expect to begin offering influenza vaccinations in September to coincide with the start of the school year. As students return to school after travelling during the summer, their proximity in the school setting makes them more likely to come into contact with the flu virus and then carry it home to their families, said Col. Carlheinz Stokes, Europe Regional Medical Command Force Health Protection director.

The dominant strain of influenza during the upcoming flu season is still expected to be the H1N1 strain from the 2009 pandemic. Col. Richard Looney, director of the Army’s Military Vaccination Program said, “H1N1 is still circulating, but due to outstanding efforts and immunization campaigns of the past few years, people are more aware and likely to be adequately protected during the height of flu season. Influenza immunization rates have gone up every year, and there’s no reason to expect they won’t go up again during the 2012-13 season.

Immunizations are really the best protection against disease and have saved more lives than any other medical measure in history.

“Immunizations have prevented approximately 42,000 [army.mil](http://www.army.mil).

deaths and 20 million cases of disease over the past decade,” Looney said. “Those preventive efforts have also saved billions of dollars in related healthcare costs and total societal costs. Morbidity from vaccine-preventable diseases has fallen 90 percent or more for most diseases since the 20th century.”

A majority of disease outbreaks in the U.S. occur in unvaccinated or inadequately vaccinated populations. Measles made a comeback in the U.S. partly because unvaccinated people traveled to Europe, contracted the disease and returned home. Incidence of pertussis (whooping cough) have increased largely due to vaccination coverage rates going down, resulting in a recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that everyone receive one lifetime booster dose of a pertussis-containing vaccine. Other vaccine-preventable diseases include polio, mumps, rubella, chickenpox, meningococcal disease, pneumonia, tetanus, diphtheria, human papillomavirus, shingles and Haemophilus influenza B (hib).

A common misconception is that vaccinations are just for kids. Everyone over the age of six months should receive a seasonal flu shot every year. Infection from influenza viruses can result in illness ranging from mild to severe and may cause life-threatening complications. Persons with existing medical conditions should consult their health care provider before receiving the influenza vaccine.

For more information on vaccinations, visit MILVAX Agency [www.vaccines.mil/](http://www.vaccines.mil/), the Vaccines Healthcare Center Network: [www.vhcinfor.org/](http://www.vhcinfor.org/) CDC [www.cdc.gov/vaccines](http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines), or visit the ERMIC web site at <http://ermic.amedd>.



## Tips on registering children for bus routes

The first step is for the parents/sponsors to register their children at <http://www.eu.dodea.edu/enrollment> in school.

Before parents/sponsors lease or rent any type of housing, they should contact the Student Transportation Office to determine whether bus service is provided. If the parent/sponsor choose to live outside the commuting zone, they will be responsible for transporting their child to and from the nearest active bus stop on a scheduled route.

Both the parent and all students needing transportation should be present to register for transportation, receive a bus pass, and to receive information or briefings on the route(s) stops and schedule, bus safety, and behavior standards and discipline rules.

The bus office currently works out of two locations; Vicenza Middle School in Villaggio, Room 18, and Vicenza High School on Caserma Ederle, Room 21A.

The Vicenza School Bus Office is open daily from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Mondays-Fridays. The office is closed on federal holidays. You may contact them at 634-8132 or 634-6345. We can also be reached by calling from a local telephone to 0444-71-8132 or 0444-71-6345. You can also email them at: [Gabriel.Atwater@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:Gabriel.Atwater@eu.dodea.edu) or [Vantony.Robinson@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:Vantony.Robinson@eu.dodea.edu).

## Speak Out

As a part of AT Awareness, would you know how to report suspicious activity?



Maxine Samuels  
Family member

“I would report any suspicious activity to the MP. I live on Villaggio and an MP is always there on the job.”



Lee Clark  
USAHC

“Yes. I have the MPs on speed dial on my cell phone.”



George Alsheimer  
Retiree

“I would notify MPs of location, type of activity observed, and I would answer any specific question the MPs could ask. Here, I’d call Ederle operator and be directly connected to MPs or CID.”

By Laura Kreider

## Beane ready for school year to begin at VES

By Chris Beane

Vicenza High School principal

It is hard to believe that summer is over and we are revving up for another great school year here at Vicenza Elementary School. We currently have an enrollment of about 600 in grades pre-kindergarten through fifth for the new school year.

At Vicenza Elementary School we believe that the best education can be achieved through teamwork by having home, school and community combine energies and talents. Our mission at VES is to provide a curriculum in which each student has opportunities to develop skills applicable to real life situations in the 21st century. This can only be achieved through strong relationships, quality programming and continuous reflection.

We encourage stakeholders to be active participants

in the school by having an active role in the education process. Volunteers enrich and support the curriculum through diverse activities in our classrooms and are always welcome in the library, the cafeteria and on the playgrounds.

VES is fortunate to have a very active Parent Teacher Student Association and they are always looking for more members. There is also the School Advisory Committee that is comprised of parents and teachers who deal with whole-school topics such as curricular issues, cafeteria items and bus questions.

In addition we have Continuous School Improvement Teams that include parent representatives working with teachers to achieve our school improvement goals.

Vicenza Elementary School provides quality programming to ensure student success. Some of the programs and services provided are Sure Start, Pre-School Children with Disabilities Program, Gifted

Education, Special Education Services, English as a Second Language Program, READ 180, Partial Italian Language Immersion, Counseling and Psychological Services, School Nurse, Information Center (Library), and Educational Technologist (computers, etc.).

Please give a warm Cougar Cub welcome to our four new staff members: Maryann Maryland will be teaching third grade, coming to us from Germany; Joanne Saccuman will be teaching fourth-grade Italian Immersion, coming to VES from Naples; Gretchen Zaldana will be our new LIMS teacher, coming from Japan. Lastly, Jaime Wilson will join the teaching staff, having been most recently one of our awesome local Vicenza community subs.

In short, the VES administrative team and the entire teaching staff wish you a successful and exciting school year. Parents can reach me at 634-7710 or via email at [chris.beane@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:chris.beane@eu.dodea.edu).

## Community honors memory of Victor Mallia, longtime employee

By Joyce Costello

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs Office

Family, friends and community members gathered at the Caserma Ederle Chapel Aug. 17 to attend a funeral mass for Victor J. Mallia and offer their condolences. Father (Lt. Col.) Wieslaw Dynek said it was a time for people to express gratitude for their moments in life shared with Vic, as Mallia was called by those who knew him.

Mallia, who was 86 when he passed away, was born in Malta and served in the British Army during World War II. He immigrated to the U.S. and joined the Army in 1948. During the 27-year-long military career that followed, he was stationed in Guam, Korea, Vietnam, Germany and Vicenza, Italy, among other duty stations.

"I met Vic in 1969 when he was working on the command staff in Vicenza," said long-time friend Ron Reynolds. "I remember him as being one of the last Spec. 7s (the equivalent of today's Sgt. 1st Class) and always very active in the community. He would bring Italians and Americans to the Officers Club, and everyone felt very comfortable in his presence."

After retiring from the Army, Mallia became the protocol officer at SETAF, where he served as a federal employee for 23 years.

"With his language skills, exceptional attention to detail, reliability, absolute planning ability — protocol was a perfect fit for him in his civilian career," said his son-in-law Daniel Sacks. "At work he was a hard man who drove his team to excel, but every guest felt warmly received and cared for because of his personal touch."

"He was a pillar at SETAF, always going out of his way to help; he was always work, work, work," said long-time friend Joe Manetti.

After the funeral mass, Mallia was laid to rest next to his wife of 36 years, Giulia, at the nearby Cimitero di Casale. Mallia is survived by his sons, Frank and Paul, of Verona; his daughter, Patrizia, of Vicenza; and two brothers, Peter in New York and Philip in Australia.



Photo by Laura Kreider

The Vicenza Military Community gathered at the Chapel Aug. 17 to pay their final respects to longtime community member Victor J. Mallia. Mallia was a military veteran of 27 years and had served an additional 23 years as SETAF's Protocol Officer.

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### Travel safe, report trips

When traveling, ensure someone knows where you're going. Know what places to avoid and where safe areas are. Check the State Department website at [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for updates on foreign countries. Report your foreign travel to your security manager.

# Community news

## Soldiers, Family members volunteer at local center for disabled



Volunteers from the USO hand out snow cones at the summer party held at La Fraglia, a local center for the disabled. This is the second year volunteers from Caserma Ederle have helped out with the party.

Story and photos by **Laura Kreider**

*Outlook staff*

Members from Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, USO, fire fighters and volunteers from Caserma Ederle supported the summer party held Aug. 2 at La Fraglia, a local facility which offers a variety of educational and rehabilitation programs to children and adults with disabilities, for the second year in a row.

Participants in the event had the possibility to enjoy both the American barbecue with hot dogs and hamburgers and some Italian food and drinks, some games, a dunk tank, Country music and dancing.

Pvt. Isaac Lee Jr., BOSS treasurer, was the one sitting in the dunk tank.

“Tonight we volunteer for the ones with special needs. It’s a great opportunity to help out. I love volunteering my time, make people smile and have a good time,” he said before getting ready for the dunk tank.

This experience was not new to members of La Fraglia because they had the chance to experience it last year and some of them were looking forward to seeing it again this year.

Grazia Carnielli, a parent of La Fraglia member spoke about how joining together during these events makes the two communities’ friendship deeper.

“I would say that for our children it is a beautiful experience; it’s really exciting for them,” said Carnielli.

“Americans who are here in Vicenza live in a foreign country, and it is a beautiful idea that they participate in these events; it is important to feel American people so close to us.”

Damiano Nonato, one of the the La Fraglia educators, spoke about wanting to thank everyone who made this event a success.

“I’d really like to thank (the American community) and hope this friendship will live in the years to come.

The excitement that our participants feel every year, when you cook for us, when you dance with us, when we laugh together is really amazing,” he said.

For those interested in volunteer opportunities at La Fraglia, contact Anna Terracino at 0444-71-7169.



A member of the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers interacts with locals at the summer party Aug. 2 at La Fraglia.

# Darby Military Community

## Book closes on Summer Reading Program at Camp Darby

Story and photo by Amy Drummond  
*Special to the Outlook*

Camp Darby children were put on a pedestal Aug. 14 during a small awards ceremony marking the end of the Camp Darby Military Community Library Summer Reading program “Reading is so Delicious.” Certificates and gift bags were given to all participating children in attendance. Twenty children registered, filled out and returned their book logs, which demonstrated their participation in the program.

The Department of Defense sponsored reading program, designed for children ages six to 12 was from July 9-Aug. 11. Children under age six were also able to take part in the program with the assistance of their parents, who read to them.

Several young readers completely filled their book logs, with a total of 22 books read during the six week program.

“One of the good things about it is Summer Reading Lost Syndrome. A lot of studies have shown that kids who do read in the summer usually outperform, sometimes by two months, those who didn’t read. In other words, if kids don’t do anything in the summer and just play, then when they get back to school they are behind,” said Michael McDaniel, librarian. “Kids who do read, it really doesn’t matter so much what they read as long as they read something, can usually stay on the same level and are usually two months ahead of other kids in the same class.”

Research spanning 100 years also shows that students typically score lower on standardized tests at the end of summer vacation than they do on the same tests at the beginning of the summer.

The Department of Defense summer reading program with content developed by iREAD, returned this summer to more than 250 installation libraries, with a goal to encourage and support a love of reading among military children.

Participants could choose any book on any subject in the library. The goal of this program was to not only increase reading during the summer, but also encourage a year-long hunger for reading and knowledge.

“The reading program will return again next summer. Two books, 10 books, it doesn’t so much matter what they read but the fact that they read,” said McDaniel. “It can be fun, let’s make it fun so that it is not hard.”

During the regular school year, the Library offers a regular Tuesday reading program in conjunction with the Child Development Center from 10-11 a.m, according to Lead Library Technician Debora Lomi.

The Library also offers a wide assortment of books, audio books, music CDs, graphic novels, games and DVDs for CDMC youth. New children’s books are added throughout the year on all subjects, according to Lomi. For more information on programs and other resources available, visit the library or call 633-7000.



Darby Military Community, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza, Librarian Michael McDaniel asks one of the participants of the “Reading is so Delicious” summer reading program what his favorite book is during awards ceremony Aug. 14.

## Volterra Medieval Festival: a step back to Middle Ages



Every summer Volterra celebrates its origins by recreating the atmosphere of the middle ages, more precisely, the year 1398, the whole city will jump back to the 14th century and recreate a festive day in a Tuscan city.

Story and photo by Chiara Matriolo  
*DMC, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs*

If visiting Volterra is a blast, visiting Volterra during the medieval fest is just a unique experience.

Volterra is an Etruscan town completely built of stones located about a one and half hour drive from Camp Darby. It really is an open air museum. Built on the top of a hill, the town is completely surrounded by ancient walls and the narrow streets in the center of town are still in cobblestones.

“Volterra is incredible and just the ride to it is awesome,” said Master Sgt. John Davis.

Every summer Volterra celebrates its origins by recreating the atmosphere of the middle ages, more precisely, the year 1398.

On Aug. 19 and 26, the whole city will jump back to the 14th century and recreate a festive day in a Tuscan city.

Everyone in Volterra is dressed in typical medieval costume, and the ancient town handicraft stalls of typical “mestieri” like leather goods, wooden carvings, silk stringing, cloth making and of course alabaster handicrafts are everywhere.

“We were there on Sunday and it was a lot of fun,” said Angela Malleis. “Besides the costumes and the parade, there were many activities and games for the kids.”

The “Grosso”, the currency of the middle ages is the only currency in circulation Aug. 19 and 26 during “the Day of the 1398 festival,” crafts, food and wine may only be purchased with this currency which is available at “the old Exchange office.” Excess money may be converted back into Euro at the Tourist Information.

“I suggest everyone to go, this is a fantastic way of absorbing a taste of history,” said Davis.

Food booths are open all day with grilled meats and local pecorino cheese.

Historical crossbow shooting tournament, flag throwers and knight duels are among the main attractions.

This is a unique opportunity to experience the enchanting atmosphere of the Middle Ages in one of the most beautiful cities of Tuscany.

## Auto Tuning show:

This festival, held Sunday in Vicenza, features freestyle, quad and drift demonstrations. Admission fee is €7, free for children younger than 10.



Courtesy photo

Casalecchio Sul Reno (Bologna)  
**Europe:** Oct. 27 in Padova, Oct. 29 in Milan  
**The Cranberries:** Oct. 28 in Padova  
**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](http://www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing) or <http://www.ticketone.it/EN/>.

## ODR trips

**Monteriggioni and Siena:** Saturday  
**Trails of Veneto:** Tuesday  
**Jesolo Beach:** Wednesday  
**Aperitives in Valpolicella:** Aug. 31  
**Labor Day in Prague:** Aug. 31-Sept. 2  
**Regatta in Venice by train:** Sept. 2  
**Rock climbing at Lake Garda:** Sept. 2  
**Milan and the Last Supper:** Sept. 8  
**Sea kayak on Lake Garda:** Sept. 8  
**Wine down Wednesday:** Sept. 12  
**Nice and half day cruise:** Sept. 15  
 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](http://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.

## Local events

### Sagra de San Bortolo – Saint Bortolo Fair:

Thursday-Sunday, in Fara Vicentino, about 15 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths featuring local and Caribbean specialties open nightly at 7 p.m.; charity raffle.

### Sagra di S. Agostino - Saint Augustine Fair:

Thursday-Monday, in S. Agostino, Arcugnano, Villa Fimon, about five miles south of Vicenza. Food booths open at 7; charity raffle.

### Sagra di Peschiera dei Muzzi – Peschiera dei Muzzi Festival:

Aug. 23-27, in Peschiera dei Muzzi, Sovizzo, about seven miles west of Vicenza. Carnival rides; charity raffle; 7 p.m. food booths featuring bigoli (typical Vicentine pasta) with duck sauce, sausage, snails, and other local food and local wines; live music and ballroom dancing nightly at 8 p.m.; Aug. 27 foam party and fireworks at 11 p.m.

### Pasubio Rock Festival:

Friday and Saturday, in Schio, about 16 miles northwest of Vicenza. Food booths featuring typical products; local crafts market.

### Estate Agugliaro - Summer Festival:

Friday and Saturday, in Agugliaro, about 18 miles south of Vicenza. 7 p.m. food booths; 9 p.m. live music.

### Festa del Pesce - Fish Festival:

Friday-Sunday, in Torri di Arcugnano, Piazzale Chiesa, about five miles south of Vicenza. Food booths featuring local fish specialties open at 7 p.m.; local crafts exhibit and sale.

### Festa della Birra - Beer Festival:

Friday-Sunday, in Barbarano

Vicentino, Sports Center, Via Zonato 11/a, about 13 miles south of Vicenza. Rain or shine, the festival will start every night at 9 p.m.: 7 p.m. food booths featuring local specialties and a wide variety of beers; 10 p.m. free live concerts.

### La Notte Nera – The Dark Night:

Saturday in Asiago, about 34 miles north of Vicenza. 5:30 p.m. in Piazzetta Monte Zebio “GiacAsiago” - entertainment, game shows and workshops for children; 9 p.m. all the lights in the city will be turned off and candles will be lit up to promote environmental awareness pointing out the dangers of acoustic and light pollution; night artists shows and torch-light procession; in Piazzale Duomo live music with Mestrino Dixieland Jazz Band; 11 p.m. Lucky Balloons will be launched in Piazzale Duomo; 11:30 p.m. rope-walker show; candlelight dinner featuring a wide-ranging menu of typical dishes in local restaurants.

### Festa di Toara - Toara Fest:

Saturday and Sunday and Aug. 31-Sept. 3, in Toara, about 17 miles south of Vicenza. Food booths open at 7 p.m. Music and dancing will begin at 9:30 p.m.

### Festa della Birra e della Bruschetta - Beer and Bruschetta Fest:

Saturday-Tuesday, in Marola, Torri di Quartesolo, Sports Center, Via dei Cedri, about five miles east of Vicenza. Food booths featuring the typical bruschetta (i.e. toasted bread seasoned with garlic, olive oil, etc.) and many other local specialties open at 7 p.m. Live music and entertainment start at 9 p.m. On Saturday and Sunday Country, Caribbean and Brazilian dance shows; fireworks on Tuesday at 11 p.m.

### Il Formaggio sotto il cielo di Asiago - Cheese Festival:

Saturday-Sunday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., in Asiago, Piazza Carli, about 34 north of Vicenza. Exhibit and sale of mountain cheese and Vicenza typical products.

### Fiera degli Uccelli ed esposizione canina - Birds Fair and Canine Show:

Sunday, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., in Costabissara, Villa San Carlo, Via San Carlo 1, about seven miles northwest of Vicenza. Bird-singing contest, pony and dog shows, garden supplies; food booths. Entrance fee: €3.50.

### Festa del Pesce - Fish Festival:

Sunday, Camporovere, about 39 miles north of Vicenza. Food stands and live music and entertainment at 7 p.m.

## Sporting events

### NBA Europe live 2012:

Oct. 7 Assago (Milan)  
 Tickets available in Vicenza at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center or at [www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta\\_lingua=ing](http://www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing) or <http://www.ticketone.it/EN/> or <http://www.zedlive.com>.

## Free concerts, exhibits, events

### Workout classes:

In Vicenza, Retrone Park, Via Malvezzi, Mondays and Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m.; Querini Park, ongoing through Sept. 7: Tuesday, 7-8 p.m., boot camp workout; Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. rumba; Thursdays, 6-7 p.m., abs, legs and gluteus workout; Fridays, 7-8 p.m., cardio toning workout.

### 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.

### Italian Artistic Craft exhibit:

Ongoing through Sept. 2, in Vicenza, ViArt, Contrà del Monte 13. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

and Sunday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 3-7 p.m.

### Summer concert:

Saturday, in Montecchio Maggiore, 9:15 p.m., Piazza Marconi, about seven miles southwest of Vicenza. Jimi Hendrix songs performed by guitarist Andrea Braido.

### Music under the summer sky:

Aug. 26 in Alonte, Piazza Santa Savi, 9 p.m., about 21 miles southwest of Vicenza. Live music and entertainment with Café Sconcerto Band.

## Concerts

**Norah Jones:** Sept. 18 in Milan  
**Opera on Ice:** Sept. 22 in Verona  
**Leonard Cohen:** Sept. 24 in Verona  
**Jennifer Lopez:** Oct. 11 in

## Now Showing

### Ederle Theater

Thursday	Prometheus (R)	6 p.m.
Friday	Rock of Ages (PG-13) That's My Boy (R)	6 p.m. 9 p.m.
Saturday	Paranorman (PG)* The Odd Life of Timothy Green (PG)* The Expendables (R)*	noon 3 p.m. 6 p.m.
Sunday	Paranorman (PG)* The Odd Life of Timothy Green (PG)* The Expendables (R)*	noon 3 p.m. 6 p.m.
Wed.	Rock of Ages (PG-13) That's My Boy (R)	noon 6 p.m.
Aug. 30	That's My Boy (R)	6 p.m.
Aug. 31	Brave (PG) Ted (R)	6 p.m. 9 p.m.

### Camp Darby Theater

Aug. 31	Ted (R)	6 p.m.
Sept. 1	The Bourne Legacy (PG-13)*	6 p.m.
Sept. 2	Diary of a Wimpy Kid 2 (PG)*	1 p.m.
Sept. 7	TBD (R)	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.

## Women's Equality Day

The Military Equal Opportunity Office invites Soldiers and Civilians to its Women's Equality Day observance today from 1:30-2:30 p.m. at the Soldier's Theatre. The guest speaker will be Angela Wilson, DoDEA Teacher of the Year, and the theme is "Celebrating Women's Right to Vote." All are welcome.

## Super Sign-up Fair

Register by tomorrow, Aug. 24, for the Super Signup Fair to be held Sept. 20 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 634-5087 or email [marketing@vicenzamwr.com](mailto:marketing@vicenzamwr.com) for information and rates of this major community information event.

## Arts and Crafts

♦ **Spinning the Wheel** pottery classes meet Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 p.m. through Aug. 30.

♦ **Sewing Boot Camp**, Wednesdays Sept. 5-26 from 6-8 p.m., covers basic sewing machine operation, hand stitching, sewing buttons and patches, and hemming. Call 634-7074 for information.

## Soldiers' Theatre

Auditions for the first production of the Soldiers' Theatre 2012-2013 season, "Audible Laughter," will be held Aug. 27 from 6:30-9 p.m. A large cast of adults is sought for a collection of short comedies. No experience is necessary; flexible rehearsal times will be scheduled. Auditions consist of cold readings from the script. Performance dates will be Oct. 12-21. Call 634-7281 for details.

## EFMP bowling

*Life is a Sport ... Play Hard* bowling is set for Aug. 28. The first 20 Exceptional Family Members, age 5 and up, to register can bowl for free. Call 634-8582 or commercial 0444-71-8582 to reserve your space.

## Info Social at Ederle

An Information Social for newcomers will be held Aug. 28 at the Ederle Inn breakfast room at 5 p.m. All are welcome.

## Coupon Social

A coupon social will be held Sept. 4 from noon to 6 p.m. and Sept. 5 from 8 a.m. till noon. Call 634-8524 to find out more.

## CYSS Registration

Parents can now make appointments to register or re-register their children for CYSS Services. Parent Central Services is currently taking appointments for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. No appointment is necessary for making payments, enrolling in activities, updating immunizations or health assessments. Parent Central Services is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. To make an appointment call 634-7219 or 0444-71-7219.

## Strong Beginnings Pre-K

CYSS offers a pre-kindergarten program for children who are 4 years old by Sept. 1. The three-hour curriculum focuses on developing pre-reading, writing and math skills for children who will enter

kindergarten next school year. The program runs Monday through Fridays from 8:30-11:30 a.m. An optional two-hour, extended care time can be added to include lunch and additional play time. Enrollment begins Aug. 30 at Parent Central Services on a first come, first served basis. For more information, call 634 7219.

## Junk email filters in use

DISA Enterprise Services advises all system users that DoD Enterprise is currently blocking suspicious email and confirmed spam from entering your inbox. Emails identified as suspected spam are routed to your "junk email" folder. Users should periodically check messages in their Outlook junk mail folder to determine if messages are in fact spam or were sent by a trusted source. If a flagged message is not spam, you should highlight the message and click the "not junk" icon in the tool bar. A dialogue box will open. If the message was sent by a trusted source, check the box to always trust email from that source and click OK. The message will be redirected to your Inbox and the trusted source will not be redirected to the junk folder in future. Messages in the "junk mail" folder will be automatically deleted after 60 days. If you receive suspicious mail in your Inbox, contact your local service desk for assistance.

## Estate claims

Anyone having any claims on or obligations to the estate of **Pfc. Andrew J. Keller** of 1st-503rd Infantry, 173rd ABCT, should contact the summary court officer, Capt. Ben Ravitz, at 634-6303.

Anyone having any claims on or obligations to the estate of **Pfc. Brenden N. Salazar** of Company A, 1st-503rd Infantry, 173rd ABCT, or that of **Spc. Theodore M. Glende** of Company D, 1st-503rd Infantry, 173rd ABCT, should contact the summary court officer, 2nd Lt. Evan Parker, at 634-7509 or by email at [evan.e.parker@us.army.mil](mailto:evan.e.parker@us.army.mil).

Anyone having any claims on or obligations to the estate of **Pfc. Adam Corey Ross** of Company C, 2nd-503rd Infantry, 173rd ABCT, should contact the summary court officer, 2nd Lt. Michael E. Boutte Jr., at 320-366-4760 or by email at [michael.e.boutte@us.army.mil](mailto:michael.e.boutte@us.army.mil).

Anyone having any claims on or obligations to the estate of **Spc. Justin L. Horsley** of 1st-503rd Infantry, 173rd ABCT, should contact the summary court officer, 2nd Lt. Andrew Wertz, at 634-8254.

## Wine Tour at Golden Lion

A wine tour will come to the Golden Lion Sept. 14 from 3:30-8 p.m. feature wine from seven countries. Advance tickets are \$20 through Sept. 8, \$25 at the door. Get tickets at the Arena, PX customer service or the Shopette.

## Mosquito spraying in Villaggio

Spraying for mosquitoes in Villaggio will take place Aug.

30 and Sept. 20 between 7-9 p.m. Children and pets should be kept inside with doors and windows closed. In case of rain, the treatment will be rescheduled.

## CIF hours

The Central Issue Facility warehouse will operate Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. until further notice.

## Health, Dental updates

The Vicenza Dental Clinic now has an emergency dentist on call 24/7. Call 636-9210.

## EEO training set

**Alternative Dispute Resolution and Reasonable Accommodation Procedures for Supervisors** training will be held Aug. 30 at 9:30 a.m. at the Hall of Heroes. Advise EEO in advance if you will attend at DSN 634-7976.

## Birth abroad briefings

Monthly briefings at the Vicenza Health Care Center for couples expecting a baby while stationed in Italy cover important topics including applications for the child's passport, Consular Report of Birth Abroad and Social Security number. Call 634-7721 or email [maria.c.marcontonio2.civ@mail.mil](mailto:maria.c.marcontonio2.civ@mail.mil) or [joni.elliott2@us.army.mil](mailto:joni.elliott2@us.army.mil) for information.

## Pre-school Story Time

Pre-school Story Time gets under way every Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the library for children ages 3-5 and their parents. The program is free of charge.

## GoArmyEd tuition deadline approaching

Sept. 25 will be the last day for Soldiers to request Tuition Assistance through *GoArmyEd* for classes beginning on or before Sept. 30, due to the Army's fiscal year closeout. There will be no exceptions. This does not impact requests for courses starting Oct. 1 or later. For assistance call the Vicenza Army Education Counselor at 634-8925 or your local school.

## USARAF Organization Day

U.S. Army Africa's Organization Day will be celebrated throughout Caserma Ederle Aug. 30. For information contact Capt. Terri Mason at [terri.a.mason@mail.mil](mailto:terri.a.mason@mail.mil) or Sylena Schendel at [sylena.l.schendel.civ@mail.mil](mailto:sylena.l.schendel.civ@mail.mil).

## CID seeks agents

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is actively seeking qualified Soldiers to become CID special agents. To apply, contact the local CID office at 634-7723/7828 or go to [www.cid.army.mil](http://www.cid.army.mil) for additional information.

## Lock your box

The Vicenza Postal Service Center reminds all community members to take one simple precaution to protect their mail and identity: Ensure your CMR box is locked after checking your mail. Simply turn the combination knob two complete turns after closing the door and check to make sure it will not open.



Photo by Julie M. Lucas

**Live at the Arena:** Alexa James of the Roamies performs at the Arena Aug. 16.

## Family life consultants

Military and Family Life Consultants are licensed clinical social workers or psychologists here to help Soldiers and Families address difficult issues involving deployment and reunion, marriage, relationships, anxiety, depression, stress, grief, loss and other matters. Consultations are free of charge and completely anonymous: no records are kept. MFLCs can work with individuals, couples or groups. Call 333-489-8967, 634-7500 or ask at ACS. For the 173rd MFLC, call 345-077-0476.

## 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:

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 on religious activities.**

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

## USARAF Softball Team places 3rd in European Champs



Photo by Maria Robledo

U.S. Army Africa Softball team recently placed third at the Installation Management Command-Europe Unit Level Championships in Hohenfels, Germany. Members of the team are pictured from the left, back row: Rob Anderson, Al Buchinski, Marcus Miniear, Jimmy Amaya, Jose Buenos, Dewey Mathis, Scott Baker. Front row: Mike Robledo, Ben Carpenter, Bob Brogan, Eric Stiles and James Manning.

**By Bob Brogan**  
*U.S. Army Africa*

The Installation Management Command-Europe Unit Level Softball Championships were held in Hohenfels, Germany, Aug. 3-5. The U.S. Army Africa Softball Team placed third among 18 teams with a record of five wins and two losses. The team played incredibly well, winning its first five games in pool play days one and two while successfully earning a bye in the first round of the finals on day three. USARAF was subsequently defeated by the first and second place finishers, 529th Military Police Company and U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern respectively,

in two very close games.

With a number of USARAF players taking part in Southern Accord 12 in Botswana, only 12 players were available to travel to Germany. Although USARAF would have preferred to be the IMCOM-E Champions, upon receiving their trophy from Tony Lee, the IMCOM-E Chief, Satellite Recreation Programs, Sports & Fitness, he offered some encouraging words stating that with a possible 314 unit-level teams in Europe, third place is pretty good.

With the unit softball season over, the "old dudes" from USARAF will recover in the off season and will be back ready to play next year.

## Zumbathon:

The U.S. Army Africa Family Readiness Group held a Zumbathon as a fundraiser Aug. 16. Participants could make donations to dance to Latin-infused music for two hours. Prizes were given out to those still dancing after two hours.



Photo by Laura Kreider

## Sports Shorts

### Fall bowling league

Fall Bowling Leagues begin Sept. 12 on Wednesdays. Sign up now at the bowling center desk. Cost is \$12 per week per person. This league is for men and women over age 18. Don't have a team? No problem they will find you one.

### CYSS Sports

Enrollment for Cross Country Season for ages 8-15 years ends Friday. The season runs Sept. 4-Oct. 13, with practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30-6:30 p.m. Race Day will be Oct. 13 Register on line or at Parent Central Services. Call 634-6151 for additional information.

Edge! has got tennis for youth in grades 6-8 Mondays and Wednesdays in September. Participants meet at the Villaggio tennis courts 3:30-5 p.m. The program is free but you must enroll at Parent Central Services beginning Monday.

### Adult Swim lessons

Adult beginner swimming lessons will help students become comfortable in the water and learn essential elementary swimming skills that include water adjustment, front and back float and an introduction to the front crawl and back stroke. This class is perfect for adults with little or no experience in the water. Classes are held at the Post Pool Sept. 11-Oct. 4 on Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:45-6:30 p.m. The cost is \$50 and you should register at the Fitness center desk.

### Swimming pool hours

**The Villaggio Pool** is now open the following hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat & Sun 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Closed Wednesdays. The pool will close for the season Sept. 4.

**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

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

- ◆ **Thursday:** Texas A&M vs. Famila Schio
  - ◆ **Saturday:** 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](http://www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing) or <http://www.ticketone.it/EN/> or <http://www.zedlive.com>.