

Vicenza rolls out Total Army Sponsorship Program

Story and photo by David Ruderman
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

Scores of Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, crowded into the post theater Aug. 22 to be briefed on their roles in implementing the Total Army Sponsorship Program. They were not the first and will certainly not be the last, as the Army rolls out the congressionally mandated TASP across the force.

“There’s work to be done and we’re going to do it,” said Pam Hammerle of Army Community Service, who briefed the Soldiers on the importance, roles and responsibilities of sponsorship.

“It’s going to be an officially assigned duty. You’re crucial to mission readiness,” she said.

TASP is being implemented to direct the role of individual Soldiers and units, and to integrate the support of Installation Management Command agencies to ensure that incoming troops and Families have a positive experience as they arrive and begin to settle into an unfamiliar and occasionally confusing environment.

“This emphasis on sponsorship is not new,” said U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Readiness Relocation manager Julia Sibilla, who conducts TASP briefings on behalf of the command. “Sponsorship means a Soldier taking care of another Soldier or a family taking care of another family.”

But the practice fell into a depreciated status over the past decade, as the Army’s focus shifted to conducting deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan, she said.

“That’s a very different world. When 9-11 happened, priorities shifted. With war on one front and then war on two fronts, sponsorship was not a priority. Many of you never had a sponsor and have no idea what sponsorship is all about,” she told a group about 25 Soldiers from the 1st Bn., 503rd Inf. Reg., who attended a briefing Aug. 28.

Now the Army, the Department of Defense and the nation are transitioning to another phase, posited on the end of direct combat involvement in Iraq, a planned drawdown from Afghanistan and the re-shaping of a smaller force. One consequence will be a greater emphasis on quality of life issues for the troops, and TASP is one element of that shift in emphasis, she said.

“Sponsorship was moved to the front again,” said Sibilla. “This kind of briefing is going on all over CONUS.”

Doing an on-the-spot, show-of-hands survey, Sibilla quickly profiled the demographic situation that TASP



Soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, listen to a brief on the Total Army Sponsorship Program at the post theater Aug. 22. The new program places emphasis on assisting Soldiers and Family members with their new duty station.

is tasked to address and set to rights.

She discovered that only one Soldier in the group had been in the Army for more than five years, about half the group were married, and only six of them had sponsors themselves when they first arrived in Vicenza. Sponsorship rates in Vicenza, based on surveys conducted by the TASP liaison office in August registered a sponsorship rate of 76 percent, approaching the 80-90 percent targeted range, she said.

“My goal for all of you is to leave here knowing why sponsorship is important,” said Sibilla.

Bad sponsorship can lead to unhappy wives and upset children, which in itself puts a strain on Soldiers and can negatively impact mission. But it can also lead to loneliness, isolation and very negative second- and third-order consequences such as sexual assault, she said.

“Bad sponsorship or no sponsorship leads to a tour that gets off to a bad start. Predators prey on people like that,” Sibilla said.

Hammerle said that as a leader of Army Family Team Building groups she has seen firsthand the detrimental

effects of sponsorship gone wrong.

“We always have a spouse who breaks down and cries when we get to the sponsorship piece,” she said.

The bad experience is very often the result of a sponsor leaving before the incoming family or individual arrives, Hammerle said.

Among key milestones sponsors must meet are contacting the incoming Soldier or civilian within 72 hours of being assigned the duty, establishing two-way communication with the newcomer, and including their spouse in the loop from the beginning.

“That’s the big chunk we are not doing, setting up the lines of communication,” said Sibilla.

Sgt. Dale Tiner, one of USAG Vicenza’s three-person TASP liaison office, said the added value his team brings to the cycle is to push direct communication between an incoming Soldier’s spouse and garrison contacts who can provide help in their specific areas of expertise, such as the FRG, the unit, the volunteer coordinator, school liaison officer and CYSS office.

“They can give them all the email addresses and (the

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Learn facts about suicide prevention to help others

By Lt. Col. Robert McKenzie
U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza
Department of Behavioral Health

Suicide rates have been on the rise across the services and this is a trend that must stop. Over the last three years, the number of completed suicides in the Army was at the highest level in three

decades and exceeded the suicide rate for our civilian counterparts. Prior to 2008, the rate of military suicides had always been below the civilian levels. Being in the military had served some protective function, either by having the individual employed, having access to health care or by being exposed to some suicide prevention programs — that no

longer holds.

There are certain risk factors that may make some individuals more prone to attempt suicide, such as suffering from depression or other mental illnesses, abusing drugs or alcohol, or having attempted suicide in the past. People who have been having relationship problems, such as a recent break up or divorce, are

also at increased risk. People having significant problems at work, legal or financial troubles, or who lack significant social support are at increased risk. When our Soldiers, Family, friends, colleagues and neighbors are having these problems, we need to be alert.

There are certain myths about suicide

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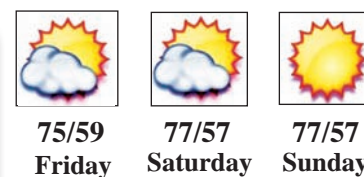
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Food safety booth educates public; Photos from IMCOM CG visit



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Photos of Club Beyond ‘The Race’; Community members gather for pick-up volleyball games at the Fitness Center



This month’s INFO-X is Wednesday 10 a.m. at the Arena and will focus on school information.

Remember the fallen, deployed on 9-11

By Lt. Gen. Mark P. Hertling
U.S. Army Europe commanding general

A couple weeks ago Sue and I had the fantastic opportunity to join 57 Wounded Warriors from the US and our European Coalition partners on a bicycle ride at Bostalsee, Germany. It was an inspirational event. We now not only train and fight alongside our allies, but also heal and rebuild our confidence together.

As our long trail of bikes curved around the beautiful lake, I was reminded of how far we have come in the last decade since our national — and international — tragedy.

Eleven years ago, four planes were deliberately crashed on our homeland and brought terror to our people. What we didn't know then was how many other nations also experienced



tragedy and loss in the World Trade Center, in the Pentagon, and in Pennsylvania. What we also didn't know at the time is how our partners, our allies, would come to our side to support our efforts and join the fight.

More than ninety percent of the International Security Assistance Force in Afghanistan comes from the European Theater. It is with these partners that we now fight. It is with these partners that we will heal as the fighting comes to an end. And it is with these partners that we will continue to bring peace and security to the world in the future.

As we remember those who have fallen and think of those who are deployed on this tragic anniversary, Sue and I also ask you also to remember our partners who have made significant sacrifices and endured hardships equal to our own.

Together, we will continue to fight for the dignity of mankind and together we will defend the liberties of people around the world.

God Bless you all.

Local 9-11 remembrance ceremonies

◆ Via Giotto, Giardini della Prote Contarine, Padova, Tuesday at 10 a.m. — The Sindaco (mayor) of Padova will speak and lay a wreath

◆ Chiesa dei Servi, Vicenza, Tuesday at 10:45 a.m. — A prayer will be read along with remarks by Vicenza sindaco (mayor) as well as Maj. Gen. Patrick Donahue, U.S. Army Africa commanding general, and a musical exhibition.

◆ Vicenza Chapel, Tuesday at 2:45-3:15 p.m.



File photo

During last year's Sept. 11 ceremony in Padova, Italian and American flags were flown side-by-side above to a relic from the World Trade Center.

Letter to Editor thanks community

Dear Editor

The San Vincenzo De Paoli Association, Pozzoleone (VI) Chapter helps people going thru economic difficulties. During the past two months we have been working a project to support the families who have been affected by the recent earthquake in Northern Italy.

Thanks to the USARAF Chapel we have collected food, clothes and other items necessary to give relief to the people living this dramatic situation. The San Vincenzo De Paoli Association would like to sincerely thank the people of Caserma Ederle who have contributed so generously to our project.

Speranza Moratti and Oana Boi

Community Flu Shots available

U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza

Flu Shots will be given beginning Monday at the U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza. This is mandatory for all active-duty servicemembers. High risk populations are considered top priority and include pregnant women, anyone with a weakened immune system or chronic medical condition, healthcare workers and caretakers of children ages five and under.

The shots are available for infants and children Mondays-Wednesdays, 8-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. and Fridays 8-11:30 a.m. and Fridays 1-3 p.m. in the pediatric immunization clinic. No appointments are necessary.

Adult beneficiaries can obtain shots at the Readiness Clinic Mondays-Fridays, 1-4 p.m. No appointments are necessary.

All ID card holders can get their shots at a special Saturday clinic Sept. 15 and 22 at the Luna Bubble from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

For special appointments for units, contact Capt. Carly Eckard at 636-9543 or Capt. Matthew Ross.

For more information about vaccines, visit www.cdc.gov or www.vaccines.mil/Influenza_Seasonal.

Speak Out

What is your advice for students in the upcoming year?



Angela Wilson
VMS

"Remember every year is a clean slate. You can do anything you set your mind to."



George Hanby
VMS

"Challenge yourself to learn in different ways."



Sheryl Brindle
VMS

"Arrive with a positive attitude and welcome any new experience."

By Laura Kreider

New victim advocates at ACS for community

Story and photo by Julie Lucas
Outlook editor

Army Community Service recently brought on board two more Victim Advocates to help those who need a trusted, knowledgeable person in their corner after an incident of domestic violence or sexual assault.

Hanna Leong and Laura Stocklin are the new Victim Advocates here at Caserma Ederle and are available to anyone in the Vicenza Military Community who may have an issue with domestic violence or sexual assault.

“We are here as a support to the community as a whole,” Stocklin said. “We offer our clients confidentiality and assistance in locating the services and supports they need in a time of crisis. There is no judgment here.”

Victim advocates are trained professionals who provide non-clinical services and support to Soldiers and Family members. Both Leong and Stocklin have been at Caserma Ederle less than a year, but have backgrounds in psychology, mentoring and counseling.

“We want to let the community know that we are here to help,” said Stocklin.

There have been recent changes to Army and Armed Forces policies as the issue of domestic violence and sexual assault are met head on in an effort to eradicate this from military

communities. If there is an incident and a report needs to be filed there are now two ways to do it, known as restricted and unrestricted reporting. A restricted report does not trigger an investigation or demand command involvement, but allows victims to receive confidential medical treatment and counseling. An unrestricted report, however, allows the widest range of rights and protections to the victim as it involves the command and an investigation. A victim may elect to change a previously restricted report to unrestricted within five years of the incident.

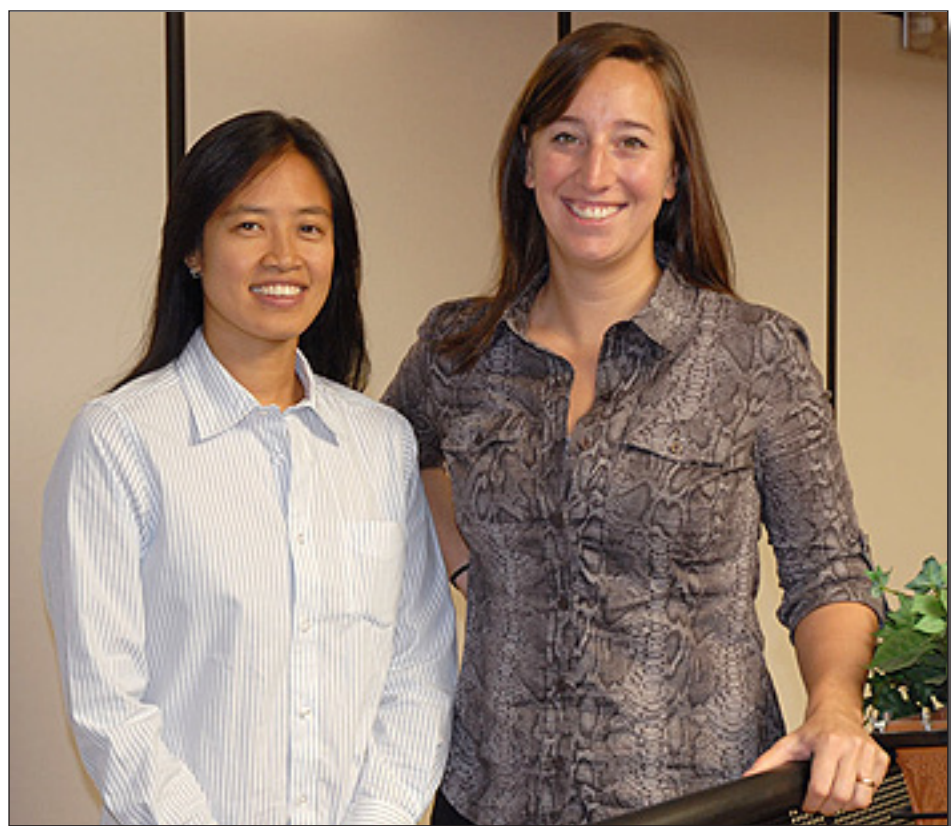
“We are here to walk people through the whole process including legal or medical assistance,” said Leong. “We want to make sure your voice is heard.”

Advocates will often help victims develop plans, coordinate emergency services such as housing and food, assist with obtaining protective orders and give referral information.

Victim Advocates are available to their clients even through investigations and court proceedings.

To protect yourself from an unsafe situation have an escape plan. Know your resources such as shelters, money and transportation. Get medical help if needed and save any items that might be used as evidence. Know that you have the right to have a Victim Advocate.

The advocates can be found Mondays-



Army Community Service new Victim Advocates Hanna Leong, left, and Laura Stocklin are available to assist those in the community who need help dealing with domestic violence or sexual assault. They are in building 108 Mondays-Fridays or 24/7 at 0444-71-5875.

Fridays, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. in Davis Hall on the second floor and each can be reached by phone; Leong at 0444-71-6269 and Stocklin at 0444-71-7314. They are also available 24/7 at 0444-71-JUST (5878).

The month of October is Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention

month and numerous activities have been planned. Check out future *Outlook* issues for the information.

For information on TIPS or other helpful programs, call 634-7500, commercial 0444-71-7500, or email acs@vicenzamwr.com.

PREVENTION: Suicide myths debunked during awareness month

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that need to be clarified. First, some people believe that individuals who talk about suicide are only trying to get attention. In fact, people who die by suicide usually talked about it first. As much as 75 percent of suicide victims had let someone know.

Another myth is that asking someone if they are thinking about suicide can increase their risk. In fact, directly asking them can lead the person to getting the help they need. Talking about suicide provides the opportunity for communication. Some people believe that once someone decides to commit suicide there is nothing you can do to stop them. Truth is, people who are suicidal do not want to die; they just want the pain to stop. Suicide is a permanent solution to what is usually a temporary problem. Suicides can be prevented. People can be helped.

Anyone who says young people never think about suicide is wrong. Suicide is the third leading cause of death for young people aged 15-24. Be aware of sudden changes in peoples' behavior, withdrawal from friends/activities, dropping out of group activities, changes in their personality, or a lack of interest in their future. If you suspect your young person is thinking about suicide, ask them.

Do not trivialize plans that seem poorly thought through or unlikely to be dangerous. Impulsivity is not uncommon in this age group. If you suspect that someone is suicidal, ask them, stay with them, and escort them to get the help they need.

The Department of Behavioral Health sees walk-ins daily during duty hours. You

can reach them at 636-9140. You do not need an appointment for an emergency evaluation. After hours or if the clinic is closed, you can call the military police desk for assistance at 634-7233/7626 or 0444-71-7233/7626.

You can also call the Chaplains Suicide Hotline 24 hours a day at 634-KARE (5273). They will listen and help you get the help you need. Another option is to tell your chain of command and have the person transported to the emergency department at San Bortolo Hospital. Help is available.

Do not wait and wish that you had asked or acted. Your battle buddies, friends, Family members and colleagues all need you.

TASP: Program stresses importance of sponsors

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spouses) can figure out how often they want to contact them, so they've got options," he said.

Tiner also pushes Soldiers to get a mailing address immediately so that the sponsor can send out a newcomer packet. At that early juncture, the sponsor should also make arrangements for the incoming Soldier or civilian's CMR mailbox. After that, it's a matter of being available and responsive until the incoming member or family are on their way.

The next key milestone is meeting the newcomers at the airport or upon arrival at Caserma Ederle, ensuring their lodging is squared away and that they know how to get something to eat. The airport shuttle bus can be very helpful at that key juncture, said Hammerle.

"The shuttle is no stress, they know where they're going, and it's free," she said.

Responsibility for TASP is distributed across the force, and success can only be achieved by leaders at all levels making it happen, said Sibilla.

"So your battalion commander is going to be asked by his boss, the brigade commander, how well that's working. What's the satisfaction level of his people? That's coming down the pike. If you're a squad leader and you want that program to be successful, if you put the effort into it, it's going to be successful," she said.

Newcomers have lots of questions and sponsors have to respond. It's basically a question of communicating, Sibilla said.

"You're going to find out the answers. That's a big part of your job. You don't have to invent anything. We have a ton of programs in place. You don't have to know everything, but you have to point that person to the right information," she said.

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Community news

Community urged to check booth on food safety

Story and photos by Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

How many food packages do we open every day? How many bottles do we consume? How many times do we look at the appearance of them? A little attention to everyday habits may be important.

As part of Antiterrorism Awareness Month, the Food Inspection Team for Vicenza put together a food awareness booth at the post exchange Aug. 21.

“The purpose for our event was to support the AT Awareness program. What consumers need to know is that Antiterrorism can also be applied to food in the form of food tampering,” said Sgt. Zachery Wright from Vicenza Public Health Command, Veterinary Services.

Many people stopped at the display where they could fill out a food safety quiz and learn more about food poisoning.

“Almost any food, beverage, or other item you ingest could be of some risk. Our booth provided information on how to carefully examine all food and product packaging to notice if it had been tampered with,” said Wright.

“This is a great opportunity we have to teach the community about the risks of intentional contamination so we can help greatly reduce the chance of having food used as a weapon to attack us (consumers),” he added.

The Food Inspection Team also provided information on who to contact to report in case of suspect a product had been tampered with.

“The response from the community was awesome,” said Wright.

“We especially had fun with the young children who stopped to get food awareness coloring books and received a little knowledge on food safety,” he said.



Sgt. Zachery Wright from Vicenza Public Health Command, Veterinary Services, right, provides information and hands out the food safety quiz to Chap. (Capt.) Ashley Payne, USAG Vicenza Chapel, during the food awareness display at the post exchange Aug. 21.



IMCOM visit:

Above: Lt. Gen. Michael Ferriter, center, commanding general, Installation Management Command, applauds the effort of Francesca Gheller, Housing employee, Aug. 14 after hearing of the excellent customer service she gave to an outprocessing Soldier. At left, Ferriter shakes hands with Cara Panzerella-Tarr, Exceptional Family Member Program manager, while visiting the Army Community Service staff. Ferriter, along with IMCOM Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice, also spoke at an employee Town Hall during his first-ever visit to Vicenza.

Photos by Julie M. Lucas

Darby Military Community



Antonio Cassar, Army Field Support Battalion-Italy, learns about Antiterrorism awareness month at the Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security information booth Aug. 30 outside the Livorno Commissary.

Antiterrorism Awareness Month increases community vigilance

Story and photo
by Chiara Mattiolo

DMC, USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

Every August, the Army promotes its antiterrorism awareness program designed to encourage Soldiers, Family members and civilians throughout the community to become familiar with and report suspicious activity or behavior to military police or local law enforcement.

At Camp Darby throughout the month antiterrorism brochures and informational material has been distributed to all units, and a booth was set outside the Commissary Aug. 30.

“The issue with terrorism is that most of the time terrorist’s attacks have been performed when there were no sign of specific credible threat,” said Vincenzo Leto, Camp Darby Antiterrorism specialist. “We could say that currently there are no specific sign of a potential threat in the U.S. or Italy, but this would mean that we would

contribute to create the conditions for the next attack. In other words, we can’t and we’ll not lower the level of attention to a point where terrorists would feel confident that their attacks could be successful, he said.

There are some measures that everyone should take during their normal routine that can help in the antiterrorism battle.

“Always be aware of your surroundings, if you see something that is out of the ordinary report it to the nearest law enforcement individual, but do not try and investigate or get involved,” said Lawrence Kilgore, Darby Military Community deputy garrison manager.

Awareness is the keyword for safety. “Being aware is of the utmost importance, I suggest that everyone in the community complete the online AT awareness training also have your family complete it, you can do this together online and this ensures your family is as

aware as yourself,” said Kilgore.

Kilgore also suggested that it is a good practice to be vigilant and to report any unusual behavior.

“Report what you see and or hear, if it is someone standing around that is normally not there and is acting strange, trying to hide their face or they stop whatever actions they are doing when they know you are looking, this could be a sign that this individual is up to something,” Kilgore said.

It is important to ensure that all individuals in our community know the actions to take if they are ever involved in an incident that could be perceived as a threat to themselves, their family and their work environment, he said.

“In this respect it is imperative that anyone would report any suspicious activity that they may notice through iWatch (<http://www.eur.army.mil/eureport/default.html>), the primary web-based reporting system,” Leto said.

Darbyates

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

CYSS

Youth Center is looking for tutors for many high school subjects. Students from the International School of Florence need tutors to assist them with their studies. If you are interested in being a tutor, contact the Youth Center at 633-7629.

The Parent Advisory Council is your venue for obtaining information about CYSS programs and voicing your opinion directly to management staff. The next PAC meeting is scheduled for Sept. 26 at noon in building 730. Agenda includes upcoming CYSS installation inspection, CYSS annual survey, Youth Sports registration, etc.

Record holiday greetings

Hometown News will record holiday greetings at Camp Darby Sept. 21 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in front of the exchange.

Walking Festival

The Walking Festival is back through Oct. 28 with plenty of themed walks and collateral events.

Every Saturday and Sunday, expert guides will lead enthusiasts along the paths of San Rossore Park, where they will have the opportunity to taste the good products of local tradition.

The sandy beaches, the marshes, the pinewoods, the cultivated fields and the pastures of the park offer a mix of views and fragrances.

Grapes and Wine Festival in Terricciola

The “City of Wine” Terricciola, celebrates the 49th “Bacchus’ Nectar” Sept. 15-16.

The composition of the soil, rich in sand and fossil deposits, has always fostered a microclimate ideal for the cultivation of vines; not surprisingly, since the 1960s Terricciola has given thanks for its abundant wine crop with the Grapes and Wine Festival.

Religious Activities

633-7267

11:15 a.m. Protestant worship
5 p.m. Catholic Mass

Turkey Detachment moves helos, cargo to fight

By Darrell Caldwell

839th Transportation Battalion

NAVAL SECTION ROTA, Spain — The Turkey Detachment, 839th Transportation Battalion, along with assistance from the 839th Battalion headquarters and Italy Detachment, safely and expeditiously discharged 265 pieces of the 101st Combat Aviation Brigade’s cargo at Naval Station Rota, Spain, Aug. 7-8. The 101st CAB, based out of Fort Campbell, Ky., is deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The brigade loaded their equipment in Jacksonville, Fla., (JAXPORT) and set sail for the nine-day journey across the Atlantic to NS Rota aboard the M/V Green Point.

The M/V Green Point carried an assortment of aircraft: the AH-64 (Apache), CH-47 (Chinook), and two types of Blackhawks (UH-60L and the new UH-60M). This new advanced Blackhawk functions reliably in the most intense

environments found on earth. With the combination of the U.S. Army’s Future Combat Systems and automated aircraft health monitoring, the UH-60M supplies superior vertical lift and is the intelligent choice for the battlefield of tomorrow. The 839th Turkey Detachment is honored to be a part of distributing the latest technology to the Warfighter.

The discharge operation from the M/V Green Point, a Roll-On/Roll-Off vessel, was very successful and involved planning and execution involving many outside agencies to include the Naval Supply Systems Command Fleet Logistics Center-Rota, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Central Gulf Lines Inc., and DynCorp’s Theater Aviation Support Management in Europe. All 265 pieces were discharged and prepared for onward movement to the NS Rota Airfield. Upon arrival to the airfield, the equipment was then staged and prepared for onward movement via strategic airlift to Afghanistan.

Rua (Wheel) Fest:

A 2,000 person parade will begin at 8:15 p.m. Saturday and end in Piazza dei Signori, with an official lighting ceremony. The Rua will be on display through Sept. 30.



Courtesy photo

Local events

The Blessed Virgin of Monte Berico celebration is Saturday. This is Vicenza's patron saint.

Festa del Baccalà-Dried Cod Fish Festival:

Thursday-Sunday, in Altavilla, Tavernelle, Piazza del Donatore, about six miles southwest of Vicenza. Food booths open at 7 p.m. and live music and ballroom dancing at 9 p.m.

Fiera del *Soco -Tree trunk Fair:

Friday-Sept. 13, in Grisignano di Zocco, Via Ungaretti, Via Serenissima, Via Garibaldi, Via Kennedy, Via Cedri, about 12 miles southeast of Vicenza. It's a large annual market with hundreds of booths, exhibitions, and carnival rides. The fair opens Saturday-Monday at 8 a.m. and Tuesday-Thursday at 6 p.m.

*Soco means "tree trunk" - The fair's name derives from a 1250 apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary by a tree trunk.

Festa del Gnocco :

Friday-Sunday in Selva di Trissino, about 19 miles west of Vicenza. Bounce houses; food booths featuring a variety of homemade gnocchi and other typical dishes and local wines; local products exhibit and market; live music at 9 p.m.

Sagra dei Bigoi de Bassan - Bassano Bigoli Festival:

Friday-Sunday, in Bassano del Grappa, Quartiere Ca' Baroncello, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza. Food booths featuring local specialties open at 6:30 p.m.; 8:30 p.m. music and dancing.

Festa del Sedano - Celery Festival:

Friday-Sunday, in Bassano del Grappa, Rubbio, about 26 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths featuring local specialties open at 6 p.m.; 9:30 p.m. music and dancing.

Festa di San Giacomo - Saint James Festival:

Friday-Sunday, in Romano d'Ezzelino, loc. San Giacomo, Via Veneto, about 26 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths open at 6:30 p.m.; 9:30 p.m. music and dancing.

Festa del Buon Rientro - Welcome-back-from-vacation Fest:

Friday, in Thiene, about 13 miles north of Vicenza. 9 p.m.-2 p.m. Live music, entertainment. Stores will be open until midnight.

Il giro della Rua (The Wheel Parade):

Saturday, in Vicenza. This 2,000 person parade led by the Historic Alpini Band departs from Piazza Duomo at 8:15 p.m. and arrives to Piazza dei Signori where at 9 p.m. there will be the lighting ceremony of the historical wooden tower, symbol of Vicenza. "Rua" means "wheel" and it was originally the insignia of Vicentine notaries in the festival commemorating an ancient victory of Vicenza over its Paduan rulers in the thirteenth century. The Rua will be on display in Piazza dei Signori through Sept. 30. In case of inclement weather, the event will be postponed to Sept. 15.

Festa del Pesce e Baccalà alla Vicentina - Fish and Vicentina Dried Cod Fish Festival:

Friday-Monday, in Costabissara, Via M. Grappa, about seven miles northwest of Vicenza. Carnival rides; charity raffle; food booths open at 7 p.m.; live music and ballroom dancing nightly at 9:30 p.m.

Ferrara Balloons Festival:

Friday through Sept. 16, 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m., in Ferrara, Bassani Park, about 70 miles south of Vicenza. Admission fee: Saturday-Sunday €4 (free for children under 12); free entrance Monday-Friday. Free parking and shuttle service from the main parking lots downtown Ferrara. For detailed info in English, visit <http://www.ferrarafestival.it/en/ferrara-balloons-festival/the-festival>

La Partita a Scacchi a

personaggi viventi - Live Chess Game:

Friday-Sunday in Marostica, Piazza degli Scacchi, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. This chess match, commemorating an historic match of 1454, is like no other in the world. Tickets range in price from €10-70. For details in English visit http://www.marosticascacchi.it/a_2_EN_9_1.html. Purchase tickets at [http://www.vivaticket.it/index.php?nvpg\[sell\]&cmd=tabellaPrezzi&pcode=1508240&tcod e=tl013834](http://www.vivaticket.it/index.php?nvpg[sell]&cmd=tabellaPrezzi&pcode=1508240&tcod e=tl013834).

Free concerts, exhibits, events

Musicalcentro - Downtown concerts: in Vicenza

- ♦ Sunday: 11 a.m. in Giardini Salvi, piano concert; 5 p.m. in Piazza Matteotti, Yessica Y Emiliano:Tango!
- ♦ Sept. 16: 5 p.m. in Piazza Matteotti, Anna Cavedon Band
- ♦ Sept. 22: 5 p.m., Palazzo Trissino, Corso Andrea Palladio 98/a, Ottoni Ensemble
- ♦ Sept. 23: 11 a.m. in Piazza Castello, piano concert; 5 p.m. in Piazza Matteotti, Fuente Flamenca Ensemble
- ♦ Sept. 30: 6 p.m., Palazzo Trissino, piano concert
- ♦ Oct. 6: 5 p.m. in Giardini Salvi, Wind Band

Tante piazze per ballare - Dancing in the squares:

Friday-Saturday in Schio, 8:30 p.m., about 16 miles northwest of Vicenza

Fencing trials:

in Vicenza, Fencing Center, Via Riello 150. Qualified, English-speaking fencing instructor. Free lesson, €15/one-time insurance fee.

Exhibits in Vicenza:

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.

Conservatory students in concert:

Thursday-Friday in Vicenza, 9 p.m. Conservatory, Contrà San Domenico 33

Workout classes:

In Vicenza, Querini Park, ongoing through Friday: Thursdays, 6-7 p.m., abs, legs and gluteus workout; Fridays, 7-8 p.m., cardio toning workout.

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 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 or <http://www.ticketone.it/EN/>.

ODR trips

Milan and the Last Supper: Saturday

Sea kayak on Lake Garda: Saturday

Wine down Wednesday: Wednesday

Nice and half day cruise: Sept. 15

Adriatic Sea fishing: Sept. 15
Oktoberfest in Munich: Sept. 22

Horseback riding: Sept. 22
Adriatic Sea fishing: Sept. 29

Lugano, Switzerland: Sept. 29
Ladies Agriturismo hike and lunch: Oct. 3

Oktoberfest in Munich: Oct. 6
French Riviera and Provence Mon Amour: Oct. 6-8

Hot Air Balloon in Slovenia: Oct. 6-7

Cinque Terre hike and wine: Oct. 13

Trips can be booked on WebTrac at <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/Vicenzaretract.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

Thursday	Ted (R)	6 p.m.
Friday	The Amazing Spiderman (PG 13)	6 p.m.
	Magic Mike (R)	9 p.m.
Saturday	The Possession (PG 13)*	3 p.m.
	Lawless (R)*	6 p.m.
Sunday	The Possession (PG 13)*	3 p.m.
	Lawless (R)*	6 p.m.
Wed.	The Amazing Spiderman (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Aug. 13	Magic Mike (R)	6 p.m.
Aug. 14	Tyler Perry's Witness Protection (PG 13)	6 p.m.
	Savages (R)	9 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Sept. 14	Magic Mike (R)	6 p.m.
Sept. 15	Sparkle (PG 13)*	6 p.m.
Sept. 16	Premium Rush (PG 13)*	1 p.m.
Sept. 21	Lawless (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.
View MOVIE TRAILERS and more online at
www.shopmyexchange.com/ems/euro/vicenza.htm
or www.aafes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm

Commissary case lot sale

The Vicenza Commissary will conduct a case lot sale Sept. 15-16. Stop in for information.

Soldiers Theatre season

♦ **Tap dance classes** for adults begin next week. Intermediate level meets Tuesdays, beginners meet Wednesdays and advanced meet Thursdays. All sessions begin at 5:15 p.m. Classes cost \$21 for the three-week session through Sept. 27. Bring tap shoes if you have them.

♦ **The Music Café** season kicks off Sept. 14 at 7:30 p.m. Join community musicians to play, jam and listen in an intimate setting.

♦ **Private, one-on-one instruction** is available for guitar, piano, violin and flute. Call 634-7281 or 0444-71-7281 for details.

Protestant Women of the Chapel

The PWOC kickoff will be Sept. 18 at 9 a.m. in the chapel. Fall season studies include the Beatitudes (an ESL study); Beautiful Wife; Crazy Love; Modern Girls Guide to Bible Study; More than a Story: Lessons from the Book of Job; Stuck and Thriving, not Just Surviving. Child watch care is available on a first-come, first-served basis for children ages 4 and under. Information is on the PWOC Vicenza Facebook page.

Girl Scout registration

Girl Scout registration will take place Sept. 15 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the picnic area across from Vicenza High School. All are welcome.

Vicenza Community Club

The Vicenza Community Club will hold its annual membership drive Sept. 19 from 6-8 p.m. on the patio at the Golden Lion. This year's theme is "Discover Local Treasures." There will be free food and drinks as well as activities for children. Prizes will be given away.

CYSS events

♦ **Youth Services** heads out to an 11th-century castle replica for a Medieval Times dinner theater Sept. 15. The program features staged medieval games of sword fighting and jousting by a cast of 75 actors and 20 horses. Youth in grades 6-12 can participate. Sign-up deadline is Sept. 13.

♦ **Parents Night Out** will be Sept. 21, from 7 p.m.-midnight. Enroll online via WebTrac or in person at Parent Central Services in Davis Hall, Building 109.

♦ **Parent Central Services** makes appointments for new and re-registrations on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 634-7219 or register on a drop-in basis till 4 p.m. All other services are available during office hours, Mondays-Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Sign Up Fair Sept. 26

The annual Super Sign-Up Fair, the premier event for information on what's going on in and around the Vicenza community, will be held Sept. 26 from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Golden Lion Conference Center.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Arts & Crafts stays busy: Community members work on mosaic projects Aug. 11 at Arts & Crafts. See listings below for upcoming events or call 634-7074 for information.

School notes

♦ **Vicenza High School** holds an Open House tonight from 5-6:30 p.m. An information exchange and visits with teachers will be followed by an all-athletes meeting from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

♦ **Vicenza Elementary School** holds its Open House Sept. 13 from 4-5:30 p.m.

♦ **Vicenza Middle School** Open House is Sept. 13 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

♦ **Sept. 14 is a half-day** annual training for teachers. All students will be released at 11:05 a.m.

Donut Dash coming up

The 2nd Annual Donut Dash 5-K Fun Walk-Run will be held Sept. 26. The EFMP race begins at 5:20 p.m., youth race at 5:30 p.m., and adult race at 6 p.m.; there is a \$5 registration fee for adults. Register on site from 5-5:45 p.m. The top 200 registered finishers will receive a T-shirt. Call 634-7779 for additional information.

Speech conference

Overseas Association of Communication Sciences educator Christine Ristuccia will present a two-day conference titled *Got R Problems?* at the Golden Lion Sept. 28-29 for speech-language pathologists. DoDDS-Europe supports all speech-language pathologists and other personnel who elect to attend. Graduate credit and CEUs are available to participants who attend the full conference. The registration fee for

OSACS members is \$210 and \$235 for non-OSACS member. For details and registration information, contact Shonna Pierce at spierce1605@yahoo.com.

At the Arena

The Lion's Den hosts a Fab 50s party Sept. 14.

Arts and Crafts

♦ Make a unique **deployment wreath** Sept. 14 at 10 a.m.

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

ACS events

A free **Movie Bash for EFMP Families** takes place Sept. 14 from 3-5 p.m. at the post Theater. For reservations call 634-8582.

Life is a Sport, Play Hard soccer for EFMP Families takes place every Tuesday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. at the Teen Center. Siblings are welcome to join in. Call 634-7500 for information.

Record holiday greetings

Hometown News will record holiday greetings in Vicenza Sept. 18-19 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in front of the post theater. Record your holiday greeting to be broadcast on television stations in the U.S., Puerto Rico, America Samoa, Guam and AFN stations around the world. Taping will take place on a first come, first served basis.

Rocsi Diaz against bullying

Rocsi Diaz of BET's *106 & Park* and host of *Rocsi on the Radio* will meet with Vicenza High School and Vicenza Middle School students Monday to talk about bullying and how to defeat it. She will also attend a meet and greet at the PX from 2-3 p.m.

USO seeks info specialist

USO Vicenza is accepting applications for a part-time information specialist. They seek a hardworking, fun-loving person with a flexible schedule to accommodate some evenings, weekends and holidays. This is a position. Come by the USO Vicenza for details or call 634-8146 or 0444-71-8146. Applications must be submitted at www.uso.org.

EFMP Respite Care

Exceptional Family Member Program Respite Care provides a temporary rest period for family members responsible for the regular care of persons with disabilities. Members must be EFMP medically enrolled for consideration. For details contact the EFMP ACS office at EFMP@vicenzamwr.com or call 634-8582 or 0444-071-8582.

Estate claims

Anyone having any claims on or obligations to the estate of **Sp. James A. Justice** of 2nd-503rd Infantry, 173rd ABCT, should contact the summary court officer, 2nd Lt. Michael Boutte, at 320-366-4760 or by email at michael.e.boutte@us.army.mil.

Mosquito spraying in Villaggio

Spraying for mosquitoes in Villaggio will take place 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.

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 Shoppette.

Technology Exposition

The 509th Signal Battalion will host the annual USAG Vicenza Technology Exposition Sept. 19 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Golden Lion Conference Center. More than 25 exhibitors will demonstrate the latest in communications, video/media/presentation, distance learning, integrated services, transport, cloud computing, data management and storage, network encryption and other technologies. There is no charge and all military, civilian and contractor personnel are invited to attend.

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.marcanonio2.civ@mail.mil or joni.elliott2@us.army.mil.

GoArmyEd tuition deadline approaching

Sept. 25 is 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. Call the Vicenza Army Education Counselor at 634-8925 or your local school for information and assistance.

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

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 on religious activities.

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



The Race:

Above, Members of the Club Beyond Red Team attempt to take down a Blue Teammate during the "The Race" held on the post track Aug. 8. At right, members of the Club Beyond Blue Team cheer for their teammates during "The Race."



Photos by Laura Kreider

Handshake:

Members of the Vicenza military community shake the hands of players from the Texas A&M Women's Basketball Team Aug. 23. The team was in the area to play an exhibition game.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Biggest Winner competition

Registration for Vicenza's Biggest Winner 2012 has begun and ends Sept. 14. You must register at the Fitness Center before the competition begins. On Sept. 15 at 10 a.m. the program kicks off with an opening ceremony, a machine how-to tour, fitness games and of course the weigh-ins. Cost is \$20. Blue Star Card holders receive a 10-percent discount. Get registered, get assigned a buddy and get going on changing your habits and reaching your goals in the next three months. Complete rules and information are available at the Fitness Center or online at www.vicenzaMWR.com. Call 634-7616 for more information.

Fall bowling league

Fall Bowling Leagues begin this Wednesday. 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.

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 Tuesday-Oct. 4 on Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:45-6:30 p.m. The cost is \$50. Register at the Fitness Center desk.

Swimming pool hours

The Fitness Center pool will go back to its original hours of operation, Tuesdays-Saturdays and be closed Sundays and Mondays.

Unit and rec play

Men's Soccer: Vicenza Post Soccer Team is currently looking for players. Practice is every Tuesday and Thursday at 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.