

## Army to field energy-saving systems to 173rd ABCT

Story and photo by Denver Beaulieu-Hains  
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**GRAFENWOEHR, Germany** — As part of the Army’s Net Zero Operational Energy program, Soldiers from Europe’s 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team learned to operate and maintain multiple hybrid-power management systems.

The 173rd, headquartered in Vicenza, Italy, received the specialty training as part of its Mission Rehearsal Exercise, or MRE, to prepare for an upcoming deployment to Afghanistan. The MRE is being conducted at Hohenfels Training Area in Germany, March 6-22.

The Army’s Rapid Equipping Force, known as REF, provided the specialty training through its Energy to the Edge, or E2E program, which supports small tactical units operating at remote locations with suites of energy harvesting, power management and distribution systems.

“The 173rd allowed us to catch someone in the right timeline. It was the first opportunity to actually train a unit at home-station, look at the equipment during their CTC (combat training center) rotation, and actually take it into theater and put it to use,” said Col. Peter A. Newell, director of the REF.

The 173rd’s training schedule, deployment timeline and their future location at a forward operating base, known as a FOB, in Afghanistan made the unit an ideal choice for E2E training, said Newell. The equipment should solve some unique challenges, he said, because there are fewer forces in theater and the environment is rapidly changing. Small combat outposts, or COPs and FOBs, may be more geographically isolated from higher headquarters, making resupply missions more difficult.

The REF’s mission is to provide urgent capabilities to Soldiers employed globally by harnessing current and emerging technologies to improve operation and effectiveness. For its E2E initiative, REF has partnered with program managers from Mobile Electric Power and Soldier Power, and the Army Research, Development and Engineering Command to provide portable mission power to Soldiers at combat outposts and FOBs.

The Soldiers trained on the Advanced Medium Mobile Electric Power Source, or AAMPS, a replacement generator for the Tactical



**Efficient energy:** Members of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team learn to operate and maintain an Advanced Medium Mobile Electric Power Source, the generator that will eventually replace the Tactical Quiet Generator. The 173rd will be fielded with the AMMPS in Afghanistan.

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## USAREUR honors logistics experts from across theater



U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs

**HEIDELBERG, Germany** – U.S. Army Europe recognized top logisticians from units across Europe in the 2012 Combined Logistics Excellence Awards presented here March 8.

The command presented more than 50 awards in a ceremony at the Village Pavilion on Patrick Henry Village.

The awards recognize logistics units for excellence in maintenance, supply and deployment operations.

The following is a list of the Vicenza winners.

**Supply Excellence Awards:**

For Installation Management Command-Europe winners:

Category Level II (B) TDA Property Book Operations: Property Book Office, U.S. Army

Garrison Vicenza.

Winner for Category Level IV (B) Supply Support Activity TDA is SSA, USAG Vicenza.

For U.S. Africa Command the Category Level I (A) MTOE, Company / Battery / Troop / Detachment: HSC, U.S. Army Africa Command.

Winner for Category Level II (A) MTOE Property Book Operations is USARAF Command.

**Deployment Excellence Awards (DEA):**

The USAREUR honorable mentions for Operational Deployment (small) Category went to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team.

The IMCOM-E winner for the DEA in the Supporting Unit Category went to USAG Vicenza.

Look in upcoming Outlook editions on more stories about these awards.

Photo by Spc. Joshua E. Leonard  
Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling, center, commanding general, U.S. Army Europe, poses for a photo with Vicenza winners of the Combined Logistics Excellence Awards March 8 in Heidelberg, Germany.

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Runners from Caserma Ederle participate in Rome Marathon; Volleyballers compete against post teams



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Daylight saving begins Sunday morning. Don't forget to set your clock ahead one hour.



## European countries have different road rules

By Peg Clevenger

USAG Vicenza security manager

Springtime is almost here and with it comes the great travel associated with living in Europe. Find below numerous advisories on traveling to the different European countries.

While driving in Europe, always visit [www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov) to check on the country you want to go to. Also check with your security manager if you travel outside of Italy for travel advisories and instruction on how to be entered into the Aircraft and Personnel Automated Clearance System.

In most countries now they do not value our USAREUR driver's license. It is suggested to just go ahead and get an International Driver's License. An International Driver's License application can be found at <http://www.aaa.com/vacation/idpf.html> and it is valid for one year. Also never travel on your official passport, but always use your tourist passport unless you are on official travel.

England – Congestion charging – should you want to drive in the city of London Monday-Friday from 7 a.m.-6 p.m., you need to register your vehicle and pay 9 pounds or the Euro equivalent. If you do not register, the fine can be up to 150 Euro. You can register your vehicle even 90 days in advance online at [www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/congestioncharging/](http://www.tfl.gov.uk/roadusers/congestioncharging/) (also includes a map showing the “congestion” zone).

Switzerland – Vignettes for the expressways can be purchased at borders. Cost is €27 and are good for one year. If you display it incorrectly you will get a hefty fine. Post it on the driver's left side bottom or center top on your windshield. Other tolls are collected for tunnels.

Poland - Highway robberies remain a concern. Be wary of people indicating you should pull over or signaling that something is wrong with your car. If you pull over, you may find yourself suddenly surrounded by thieves from another vehicle. If you encounter someone indicating that there is trouble with your car, continue driving until you reach a safe spot (a crowded gas station, supermarket, or even police station) to inspect your vehicle. Remember to keep windows closed and doors locked, and use parking garages and anti-theft devices. You should not leave valuables in plain sight inside vehicles, as this increases the opportunity for theft. If you are a tourist, this means that you are expected to carry your passport with you. Ensure the security of your passport while traveling to prevent incidents of pick-pocketing or theft. Keep a copy of your passport bio data page (and any pages with valid visas) in a safe place separate from the passport itself; this can help you when applying for a new passport if yours is lost or stolen. You must have an International Driver's License. Children under the age of

12 are prohibited from riding in the front seat and if they are shorter than 4'11”, they must ride in a child car seat. You must use headlights year round, at all times, day and night. Poland is one of the most dangerous places to drive in Europe. The Ministry of Infrastructure has a program called “Black Spot” (Czarny Punkt), which places signs at locations with a particularly high number of accidents and/or casualties. The signs have a black spot on a yellow background, and the road area around the “black spot” is marked with red diagonal lines.

Italy – U.S. citizens staying or traveling within Italy for less than three months are considered non residents. This includes persons on vacation. Under Italian law, all non-residents are required to complete a Dichiarazione di Presenza (declaration of presence). Tourists should obtain a stamp in their passport at the airport on the day of arrival. This stamp is considered the equivalent of the declaration of presence. Failure to complete this form could result in expulsion from Italy. Pick-pockets sometimes dress like businessmen. Be alert to the possibility of car-jacking and thefts while you are waiting in traffic or stopped at traffic lights. This has been a particular problem in Catania, Sicily. Vehicle traffic in some historic downtown areas of cities and towns is controlled through permits (called “ZTL” and functions the same way as a toll system in the U.S.). Streets in Italian historic city centers are often narrow, winding, and congested. Motor scooters are very popular, and operators often see themselves as exempt from traffic rules. Traffic lights are limited and often disobeyed. U.S. citizens driving in Italy should note that, according to Italian law, if you break the rules, the violator must pay the fine at the time it occurs to the police officer issuing the ticket. If the citizen does not or cannot pay the fine at the time, Italian rules allow the police officer to confiscate the offender's vehicle (even if the vehicle is a rental vehicle).

France - Normandy: Break-ins and thefts from cars in the parking lots at the Normandy beaches and American cemeteries are increasing. The local equivalents to the 911 emergency lines in France are: 17 (police emergency), 18 (fire department) and 15 (emergency medical/paramedic team/ambulance). Note that the standard European emergency telephone number 112 (all emergency services) has not been implemented throughout France.

In case you plan on driving in France later this year be aware that Officials from the Ministry of Transportation confirmed that beginning July 1, new rules requiring a breathalyzer kit be in the car. This will apply to anyone driving on French roads, including foreigners visiting the

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## Speak Out

### Taxes are due April 17: what is your tip about tax preparation?



Sgt. Danny Woodruff  
AFN Vicenza

*“Take care of tax issues prior to deploying because that is just one less thing you won't need to worry about during deployment.”*



Mickie McNamara  
ACS, Victim Advocate

*“Do not wait until the last minute.”*



Staff Sgt. Daniel Julca  
2nd Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt.

*“Keep your receipts in one place so you are not looking for them at the end of the year.”*

By Laura Kreider

## ENERGY: 173rd ABCT learns about efficiency techniques

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Quiet Generator, which trainers say should increase energy efficiency by more than 20 percent.

“We're training to use the equipment and perform maintenance, such as replacing parts and tracing wires,” said Spc. Robert F. Martin, a generator mechanic from 2nd Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt. “This will mean less required manpower, more fuel efficiency and fewer parts to actually fix, so you won't have to bring Soldiers out to COPs.”

Martin said it's valuable to the unit. “The generators don't wet stack, which means the shelf-life is longer. The generators won't break down as often,” he said.

“The generators may be connected to solar panels that store energy produced by the sun and allow the batteries in the generator to rest when it reaches capacity, which reduces equipment run time, man-hours and maintenance costs,” said Brandon W. Bloodworth of Barbaricum, the contract agency in

partnership with the REF. Bloodworth travels to remote bases providing energy assessments and recommendations to improve operational readiness, safety and comfort.

Although fuel saving is one benefit of the program, trainers say the initiative is about more than cost savings. For example, there are between 40 and 70 personnel stationed at a COP. Sustaining the energy requirements, not including food and water, means there needs to be at least 6,000 gallons of fuel per month.

The REF and its partners are anticipating the needs of the units based on the current environment, but Newell says a change in culture has to happen to make it work.

“Understanding power and energy management at the small-unit level, platoons and companies, is a cultural change and not something we've done in the Army,” said Newell. “Units may experience very long logistic resupply requirements on roads that are a great

threat to the Soldiers that have to drive those routes. The guy that is training the Afghan National Army is the same guy that has to secure the valleys and clear the roads for the dangerous convoy movement to sustain the COP or FOB.”

Newell said, by conserving power, the dangerous 10-day resupply missions are reduced, allowing more Soldiers to focus on the combat mission, while staying off dangerous roads.

“This initiative is not just about saving-fuel,” said Newell, “It's about saving lives.”

The 173rd ABCT receives the new equipment in theater.

This month, the unit is training with multinational forces from Albania, Bosnia, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Romania, Serbia and Slovenia at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany. The JMRC is the Army's only overseas combat training center, and regularly trains U.S. and multinational forces for missions in Afghanistan.



## USARAF Soldiers read to Vicenza students

Story and photo by Sgt. Terysa M. King  
U.S. Army Africa PAO

During the week of March 2, U.S. Army Africa Soldiers along with students from Vicenza Elementary School journeyed to worlds where pet dinosaurs play baseball and zoos are filled with creatures called Fizza-ma-Wizza-ma Dills and Tizzle-Top-Tufted Mazurkas.

These worlds were brought to life as part of Read Across America, an annual reading program started in 1998 by the National Educational Association to honor the birthday of Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known to the world as famous children's author Dr. Seuss.

Even though the program celebrates Dr. Seuss' birthday, adults may read any children's book of their choosing.

Lt. Col. Robert A. Brogan, commander of U.S. Army Africa Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, chose the book "Dinosaur Bob and his Adventures with the Family Lizard" by William Joyce, to read to his energetic audience of 4th graders.

As Brogan read the story of Dinosaur Bob, he would occasionally pause to engage the children. Dinosaur Bob loves to play baseball, so Brogan took that as an opportunity to sing the unofficial anthem of baseball, "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" to the children, who enthusiastically joined in.

"The kids really get into a book when you talk about it. If you give them an idea of where they fit in and how they can relate to the story, they get really enthused and gain a better understanding of what the book is about," Brogan said.

At the end of the story, the 4th graders eagerly shared what they and Dinosaur Bob had in common. Brogan said he liked the book because Dinosaur Bob traveled to Africa, and as commander of USARAF HHB, he could compare his experiences of flying to Africa with Dinosaur Bob.

Other USARAF Soldiers volunteered because they also enjoyed the energy the children gave off. Pfc. Nikki Arena, a radio operator-maintainer with the USARAF Information Technology Management section, chose to read "If I Ran the Zoo" by Dr. Seuss. Arena said she enjoyed the time reading to the children and making this time special for them.

"I think having three younger siblings, relatively close to this age, made me want to volunteer to read to kids in this school. A lot of their parents can't be with them all the time, so I think it's good for the children to be more involved in their families' lives and the military," Arena said.

After reading, Arena wanted a group picture with the children, which they happily obliged, quickly surrounding the Soldier and showing-off their best poses for the



Lt. Col. Robert A. Brogan, commander of U.S. Army Africa Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, reads a book to a class at Vicenza Elementary School. Brogan participated in the Read Across America celebration March 2, to celebrate the birthday of famous children's author Theodor Seuss Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss.

camera. After feeling how grateful the children were for reading to them, Arena couldn't help but leave the classroom smiling.

Brogan, who has two elementary school age children of his own, said it is important for Soldiers to volunteer their time to read to children because it has a lasting impact.

"I would encourage more Soldiers to participate in reading to students in the community because the kids want them here and they look up to us as role models. To be able to read a story to them is something we can give to all kids and it doesn't cost a thing," Brogan said.

Read Across America provides the opportunity not only to make a child smile, but to remind children how important reading is. The purpose of the program is to motivate and encourage children to read to improve their performance in school.

## RULES: Important to know the rules while traveling to different countries

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country. The good news is that in the beginning enforcement of the new rule, anyone caught without the kit will not immediately face the €11 (\$14) fine. Police are instructed to start issuing fines starting in November. The legal limit in France is 0.5 grams per liter.

France has been battling to reduce the annual number of road deaths, which was around the 4,000 mark in 2011, a slight reduction on the figure from the year before. The new test will allow people to test themselves and to give them the means to test others if they suspect they are over the limit. Single-use breathalyzers cost between €0.50 and €1.50 and authorities are trying to make sure there are enough available before the law comes into force. Test kits carrying the "NF" label are recommended in France, of which there are two manufacturers: Contralco and Red Line. AAFES is in

the process of obtaining the tests for sale.

Officials did not offer guidance on which tests to buy outside France, nor did it confirm whether a communication campaign will take place in order to publicize the new rules. Motorists are being advised to have at least two breathalyzers at all times in their vehicle, so that one can be used if necessary while the other is kept to produce if requested by police. Anyone driving in France is already required to carry a warning triangle and a fluorescent safety vest. The vest should be carried inside the car and not the trunk. Failure to have these in the car can lead to a fine of €90. Other items required are a first aid kit, fire extinguisher and spare bulbs for car lamps, lenses and reflectors.

All European Countries – Not advised to use the ATM machines. Many outside are manipulated and thieves are just waiting to get your digits. Recommend

to go inside a bank to get additional money or to your nearest U.S. facility. In many places, doctors and hospitals still expect payment in cash at the time of service. Your regular U.S. health insurance may not cover doctors' and hospital visits in other countries. If your policy doesn't cover you when you travel, it's a very good idea to take out another one for your trip. Always have the information to the local U.S. Consulate available should any issues arise in the country you are in. Since October 2011, regardless of where you get a ticket, it will follow you.

For information about these tips or any of security issues, call 634-8998.

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### At Your Service



### U.S. Army Garrison

Capt. Alfonso Minella is the Italian Liaison Officer for the U.S. Army Garrison. Minella comes to Caserma Ederle from a U. N. mission in Israel and Lebanon.

"As the Garrison liaison officer, my main task is to provide support to the community in terms of linking with both Italian civilian and military authorities," he said. "This includes the development of new infrastructure, training sites, social events, school partnership and knowledge of Italian laws and military procedures."

His office is located in the Garrison headquarters building 109 and he is available Mondays-Thursday from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m.-noon. He can be reached at 634-8296 or 366-611-8722.

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Photo by Laura Kreider

**Food relief:** Becky Watson, Army Community Services Financial Readiness program manager, points out gift cards that were purchased through donated funds, to Laurence Mitchell, Commissary manager, at the Commissary self-checkout. The gift cards totaling \$1,000 will be used for military Families in financial crisis.



Courtesy photo

**Community aid:** Members of the Vicenza Office of the Inspector General work together to make improvements on the Vicenza Hospitality House, which assists Soldiers, Family members and the chapel. In addition to cleaning of the structure, a financial donation was made.



## Egg stuffing:

From the right, Vicenza High School JROTC cadets Darius Cade, Tia Juliano and Destany Schendel fill plastic eggs Saturday for the Eggstravaganza egg hunt. This is the first year the JROTC cadets have helped with this event. The annual egg hunt will be March 31 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Courtesy photo



Photo by Mariela Savova

**100 years of Girl Scouting:** Above, the Girl Scout brownie troop made 100 cards to send to deployed Soldiers with boxes of Girl Scout cookies March 14 as a part of Girl Scout week. At right, local Girl Scouts raised the U.S. and Italian flags at the schools at Villaggio March 12. Numerous other activities were held during the week. The Girl Scouts will be hosting a flea market March 31 at the Vicenza Elementary School from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Tables are still available for rent. For more information email Annette Franklin at [vicenzags@gmail.com](mailto:vicenzags@gmail.com).



Courtesy photo



## Cucina Italiana heats up with Chef Paolo

Commentary by Tom Walker  
Special to the Outlook

March 11, I had the pleasure of participating in one of Chef Paolo Monti's famous Italian cuisine cooking classes made available through the Friends of Camp Darby. The class was a fantastic experience that I would enthusiastically recommend to anyone interested in Italian food. Whether you want to learn how to prepare Italian food, eat Italian food, or just be entertained for five or six hours on a Saturday or Sunday and enjoy a terrific meal you'll not be disappointed with one of Chef Monti's classes.

Every weekend there are different courses offered ranging from basic sauces, handmade pasta, pizza and bread, or seafood, to cuisines from other countries such as Spain, Greece, and Thailand, Chef Monti does it all. His classes are packed with information, tips, (and jokes) on all aspects of cooking including ingredients, utensils, cutting, preparation, presentation, and of course eating. When you sit down to eat at the end of class you'll realize all your hard work was worth the effort as you place your carefully prepared dishes at the elegant table setting and enjoy the fantastic taste sensation of each dish complemented by appropriate wines and dessert.

This class was titled "Fresh Pasta and Ravioli Class" and started with the preparation of no less than seven sauces with the initial preparation of chicken stock, an all important ingredient in many sauces. We made a simple tomato sauce, a mushroom sauce, a classic ragout Bolognese, a lemon sauce, and two or three complex tomato sauces.

We then moved on to the pasta, making six different variations including tomato, spinach, squid ink, semolina, plain, and chocolate. We used rolled pasta sheets for several types of ravioli and then made various hand rolled pastas and machine



Photo by Joyce Costello

It is easier than you think to learn how to make fresh pasta. Friends of Camp Darby offers trips to Chef Paolo's cooking school Cucina Italiana.

cut pastas, and saved the trimmings (called "Badly Cut Pasta") for one of the best complex tomato sauces.

For dessert we made chocolate ravioli stuffed with pear and ricotta cheese topped with a Marsala wine strawberry sauce — unbelievable! The pastas and sauces were presented in various combinations, so many that little more than a spoonful of each filled me far beyond my normal capacity. All day Chef Paolo was ready with jokes and banter to entertain as well as instruct. Altogether a very enjoyable day spent learning, doing, and partaking in one of life's greatest pleasures — food, great Italian food.

To learn more, visit the Friends of Camp Darby link on [www.usag.livorno.army.mil](http://www.usag.livorno.army.mil) and follow the links to Chef Paolo Monti's Cucina Italiana.

## Darby Dates

Visit the community calendar for upcoming events and details at [www.usag.livorno.army.mil](http://www.usag.livorno.army.mil)

### Army Emergency Relief

You can help make Soldiers and their Families Army Strong. Talk with your units AER rep about donating today.

### Army Community Services

633-7084

- ♦ Strategic Resources, Inc. is seeking applicants for a regular full-time position of Advocate – VA/SAP located at the Livorno ACS. If you are interested or know someone that might be, please call ACS. The complete vacancy announcement for the position may be viewed at: <http://www.sri-hq.com/VictimAdvocacy.php>
- ♦ Ever wonder what happens to issues and concerns you submit? The Army Family Action Plan conference wrapped up four days of discussing issues important to you. Click <http://bit.ly/xjCsmA> to see the highlights and issues.

### Child, Youth & School Services

633-7681

- ♦ Your input is vital to all CYSS programs. Don't miss the next Parent Advisory Council Meeting March 28 at noon.
- ♦ Come & celebrate the Spring Fest Eggstravaganza April 7 at the DCC. Fun begins at 11 a.m. with egg hunts, a visit from the Easter Bunny and a barbecue at noon.

### ITR

633-7589

- ♦ Rome March 31
- ♦ Ceramic shopping April 6
- ♦ Wine tasting at "Tenuta Agricola Pitti" in Cenaia April 7

### Sports & Fitness

633-7438

Whether you want to coach or you're just playing for fun, register for this season's Recreation Volleyball League from March 5 thru April 5. Games begin April 11.

### Religious Activities

633-7267

9:40 a.m. Catholic reconciliation  
10 a.m. Catholic Mass  
11:15 a.m. Protestant worship  
11:15 a.m. Catholic CCD

## Camp Darby hosts youth Iron Chef competition

By Staff Sgt. Ross Salwolke  
AFN Livorno

The time has come to ask life's most savory question, "Whose cuisine reigns supreme?" The Camp Darby Youth Services center decided to find out with their version of youth Iron Chef Camp Darby. Some of the contestants were trying their hand at creating dishes for the first time, while others had a little experience.

"At first when I started baking I just made brownies and even if I made a mistake it would turn out good," said

Cipriano Mena. "Every single time when someone would come to our house, we would always have a package of brownies that I would make and even if I add a little too much water or put it in for a little too long or any other mistake, it would still turn out fine."

This Iron Chef competition featured five competitors, each with their own adult sous chef to assist them in their preparation. All though Mena came out ahead of the rest, "Cipy", as his friends call him, was a gracious winner.

"It feels great, except I don't want to

brag," said Mena.

And he had a message for anyone thinking of trying to win the next Iron Chef competition.

"I would say keep on trying, because if you try and practice the better you'll get and if you try to make different foods and it doesn't turn out well, try again," said Mena.

To find out about youth programs or for more information on the Camp Darby Iron Chef program, contact the Youth Services center or call the Child, Youth and School Services coordinator at 633-8084.

## News Briefs & Happenings

See new photos everyday on our web site or share yours with us on the Camp Darby Facebook page



**Best Warrior of the Year:** Lt. Col. Kevin Bigelman, left, USAG Livorno commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Felix Rodriguez congratulates Pfc. Aaron Layne, 511th Military Police Platoon, for winning the Best Warrior Competition and being named Soldier of the Year at Camp Darby.

**Best "NCO" Warrior of the Year:** Lt. Col. Kevin Bigelman, USAG Livorno commander, pins an Army Achievement Medal on Sgt. Jacob Nickels, 511th Military Police Platoon, for winning the Best Warrior Competition and being named Noncommissioned Officer of the Year at Camp Darby.



Photos by Chiara Mattiolo



## Medieval Festival:

Re-enactors dress in period costumes during the Medieval Festival in Verona at the Bevilacqua Castle Sunday. This family-friendly event begins at 10:30 a.m. with a costume parade at noon and 3:15 p.m. Admission fee is €9, €4 for children ages 4-10.



Courtesy photo

## Sporting events

### Oktagon – Kickboxing Championship:

Saturday, in Assago (Milan)

### WWE Raw Wrestlemania – Revenge Tour:

April 18, in Assago (Milan)

### Superbike World Championship:

June 8-10 in Misano Adriatico (Rimini)

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>.

## ODR trips

**Arabba ski/snowboard:** March 31

**West coast discovery tour in Portofino:** March 31

**Chianti art and food:** April 1

**Rome overnight:** April 6-8

**Genoa Aquarium trip:** April 7

**Borghetto and Parco Sigurtà:** April 11

**Legoland in Germany:** April 12-15

**Walk with a hawk:** April 14

**Waterfall at Lake Garda:** April 15

**Sea kayak:** April 21

**Wine tasting in Friuli:** April 21

**Tuscan cooking and photography class:** April 22

**Florence and the Uffizi Gallery Tour:** April 28

**San Marino:** April 29

**Basic Open Water SCUBA course:** April 30-May 6

**Arezzo and Cortona:** May 5

**WWI fort hike:** May 5

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.

## Local events

### Medieval Festival:

Sunday, in Verona, at the Bevilacqua Castle, Via Roma, 50, about 36 miles west of Vicenza. It starts at 10:30 a.m.: children and adults can experience medieval life for a day with knights, bowmen, musicians, fire-eaters, fortune-tellers, jesters, flag-flyers, a medieval encampment and a medieval market. "The merchant of Venice" and the "San Giacomo weavers" historical groups will offer old trades workshops in wax carving and precious metal creations. At noon and at 3:15 p.m. costume parade with knights, flag-flyers and medieval music. 4 p.m. Medieval military training and fencing demonstrations. Everyone is invited to play games and attend bow and arrow competitions and duels. 7 p.m. closing ceremony with a 1405 battle re-enactment and fireworks. Admission fee: €9; €4 for children 4-10 and senior citizens over 70; free entrance for children under 4. 12:30 p.m.: medieval lunch, with knights, dancers and musicians. Cost: €37; € 20 children 4-6; under 4 free. It includes a guided tour visit. Reservations are mandatory, call 0442-93-655 — English operators available.

### Saint Joseph Festival & Spit-Roasted Quail Fair:

Thursday-Sunday, in Villaganzerla, about 9 miles south of Vicenza. Carnival rides, fair trade market, craft show, painting and photo exhibitions, food stands and charity raffle.

♦ Thursday: 3:30 p.m. carnival rides' discount; live entertainment with Marameo clown

♦ Friday: 8 p.m. live music with the Big Bubble Band; 10:30 p.m. live music with Regina, Queen Tribute Band

♦ Saturday: 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Mery & Elisa Orchestra

♦ Sunday: 3:30 p.m. 6th Salsamerika – Caribbean dances competition; 9 p.m. Caribbean night with D.J. Mi Havana

### Haru no Kaze – Japanese Spring Wind Festival:

Friday-April 1 in Vicenza. The free classes and workshops will be held at the Youth Information Center, Contrà Barche 55, unless otherwise specified. Seating is limited for both free and paid classes. Reserve your seat by calling 345-6497944. An English speaking operator is available.

#### Saturday

♦ Free Shiatsu treatment: 3-7 p.m.

♦ Introduction to Taiko – The Japanese art of drumming: 3 p.m. & 7 p.m., Chiostrì Santa Corona, Contrà Santa Corona 4. Reserve your seat before Friday. Cost: €25/person.

♦ Free beginning Japanese language lesson: 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

♦ Introduction to Ikebana, the traditional Japanese art of flower arrangement: 4-6:30 p.m. Cost: €10. Reserve your seat before Friday.

#### Sunday

♦ Free kimono dressing workshop: 10:30 p.m. Chiostrì Santa Corona, Contrà Santa Corona 4.

♦ Free bonsai trees lesson: 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Youth Information Center, limited seating on a first-come, first-served basis.

♦ Furoshiki workshop: 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., Furoshiki is the Japanese art of wrapping. Cost: €15. Reserve your seat by Saturday.

♦ Free Origami workshop: 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

♦ Free introduction to Shiatsu: 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

♦ Taiko Concert: 8:45 p.m., Vicenza City Theatre, Viale Mazzini 39. Cost: €15. To purchase tickets on line, visit <https://www.mioticket.it/tcvipah/hall.asp>

#### Tuesday

♦ Free Zen meditation lesson: 8:15 p.m., in Creazzo, "Albero della Vita", Via Piazzon 7

#### March 29

♦ Japanese dinner: 8:15 p.m., in Vicenza, Tazio Restaurant, Viale Verona 12. Cost: €35. Reserve your seat before Tuesday.

#### March 30

♦ Free beginning Japanese language lesson: 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

#### March 31

♦ Introduction to Ikebana, the

traditional Japanese art of flower arrangement: 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost: €10. Reserve your seat by March 30.

♦ "Go" game (ancient board game): 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.

♦ Free Origami workshop: 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m.

## FREE concerts, exhibits & events

### Carnevale photos exhibit:

Ongoing through March 31, Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-noon and 8-10 p.m., in Vicenza, Civic Center, Via Rismondo 2.

### Silver works exhibit:

Ongoing through May 9, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 3-7 p.m., in Vicenza, ViArt, Sala del Capitolo, Contrà del Monte 13.

### Japanese art and photos exhibit:

Saturday through April 1; Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 3-7 p.m., in Vicenza, ViArt, Contrà del Monte.

### Contemporary Japanese art exhibit:

Friday-April 1, Tuesday-Thursday 5-7:30 p.m.; Friday 4-7:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3:30-7:30 p.m., in Vicenza, Bertoliana Library, Palazzo Cordellina, Contrà Riale 13.

### Ceramic art exhibit :

Ongoing through May 15, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 3-7 p.m., in Vicenza, ViArt, Sala del Capitolo, Contrà del Monte 13.

## Concerts

**America:** Saturday in Bassano del Grappa, March 28 in Trieste

**Lorenna McKennitt:** April 16 in Padova

**Steve Hackett:** April 18 in

Florence

**Sinead O'Connor:** April 24 in Milan

**Metallica:** May 13 in Udine  
**Allan Holdsworth Band:** May 23 in Milan

**Coldplay:** May 24 in Torino  
**Metalfest:** June 5-7 in Monza

**Marilyn Manson:** June 7 in Padova

**Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band:** June 7 in Milan, June 10 in Florence, June 11 in Trieste

**Madonna:** June 14 in Milan, June 16 in Florence

**Guns N Roses:** June 22 in Rho (Milan)

**Black Sabbath:** June 24 in Rho (Milan)

**Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers:** June 29 in Lucca  
**Sting:** July 10 in Piazzola sul Brenta

**B.B. King:** July 13 in Pistoia

**Lenny Kravitz:** July 16 in Sarzana (La Spezia), July 19 in Vigevano (Pavia)

**The Beach Boys:** July 27 in Milan

**Alice Cooper:** July 30 in 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/>.

## Now Showing



### Ederle Theater

<b>Thursday</b>	War Horse (PG 13)	6 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>	Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (PG 13)	6 p.m.
	The Devil Inside (R)	9 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	21 Jump Street (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	Contraband (R)	6 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	21 Jump Street (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	The Devil Inside (R)	6 p.m.
<b>Wed.</b>	Contraband (R)	6 p.m.
<b>March 29</b>	Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close (PG 13)	6 p.m.
<b>March 30</b>	Red Tails (PG 13)	6 p.m.
	Haywire (R)	9 p.m.

### Camp Darby Theater

<b>March 30</b>	Red Tails (PG 13)	6 p.m.
<b>March 31</b>	Underworld: Awakening (R)	6 p.m.
<b>April 1</b>	John Carter (PG 13)	1 p.m.
<b>April 6</b>	Man on a Ledge (PG 13)	6 p.m.

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

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

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[www.afes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm](http://www.afes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm)



## Special events

- ♦ The annual Eggstravaganza will be held on Hoeskstra Field March 31, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. This year's activities include games, arts and crafts, bouncy houses, photos with the Easter Bunny and an egg hunt sponsored in part by the Local VFW. Egg Hunts will begin at 11:45 and will start at 15-minute intervals for the following age groups; under age 3, 3-5 years of age, 6-9 years of age and 10-12 years of age. BOSS and USO will be selling hot dogs, sodas and chips and AFN will be recording "Shout Outs". Bring your camera, it's lots of fun for the entire Family. Call 634-5999 for additional information.
- ♦ Warrior Challenge II is ready for sign-ups. It's the most intense "Fun Run" of your life. Runners must leap logs, traverse tires, leap over and thru vehicles, squeeze through tubes and sludge through the gunk pit in this very twisted 5k race, beginning and ending on the track. A Viking awards ceremony and feast follows the event for winners, survivors and friends. Register on line or at ODR through the day of the competition, April 27 at 4 p.m. Registrations are cut off at 300 people or one hour prior to the event. Cost is \$15 and includes a T-shirt for race finishers. Awards for first, second & third (men & women) and for the first place team. Get your Viking costume up to qualify for costume prize drawings. And new this year — Junior Warrior Challenge for children and teens prior to the start of the race. Visit <http://www.vicenzamwr.com/rec.html> or call ODR at 634-7453 for more information.

## CYSS

- ♦ CYSS Sports & Fitness depends on volunteer coaches, and we are in need of additional coaches for Baseball and Girl's Softball. We need many more coaches for boys and girls of all age groups. Without volunteer coaches we may not be able to offer these programs.
- ♦ Potential coaches must fill out the required background check forms and all coaches must complete required training that is provided and funded by CYSS, including NYSCA Coaches Training and Certification. Contact CYSS Sports & Fitness to volunteer and inquire about the dates for training. Call CYSS Sports at 634-6151 or send email to: [yssports@vicenzamwr.com](mailto:yssports@vicenzamwr.com).
- ♦ Stop by the Post Library until April 1 to see photos taken by youth in the Vicenza community in the annual Image Makers Photo Exhibit. Categories include color, B&W, digital, alternative and photo essay. Vote for your favorites. Presented by CYSS and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. Call 634-7659 for more information.
- ♦ Join CYSS Youth Center and Club Beyond for the Amazing Mattress Race, on March 24 6-9 p.m. at the Villaggio Youth Center. This event is for High School Students. There are great prizes and dinner will be provided. Call 634-7659 for more information.
- ♦ April is Month of the Military

Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month. Many exciting events are planned throughout the month for Families to have fun and celebrate. A Parent Connection Conference on April 3 offers a variety of workshops with relevant topics geared to parents of various age groups. The Junior Warrior Challenge is April 27. Other activities include National Library Week games and activities, Earth Day Celebration and recycling art activities, plus a FAP Ice Cream Social April 18 and a Sunrise Breakfast Social April 23. For a complete listing of these events visit [www.vicenzaMWR.com](http://www.vicenzaMWR.com).

## Soldiers' Theatre

- ♦ Last chance to see Soldiers' Theatre presenting Rogers and Hammerstein's musical "Oklahoma!". Performance on Friday is sold out but there are tickets available for Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday Matinee is 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale by stopping by the box office or calling 634-7281.
- ♦ Auditions for the next production, "Sylvia" are March 26 & 27, 6:30 p.m. This is a romantic comedy about a man and a dog and his marriage. There are terrific parts for 2 men and 2 women. Auditions consist of readings from the script and no experience is necessary. The production dates are May 11-20. This is Vicenza's entry in the Army Festival of the Arts. Those interested should call 634-7281.

## Job Opening

The Army Wellness Center is seeking a health technician. This position is an administrative and clerical position that requires excellent oral and written communication skills and compliance with clinic procedures. Involves managing and synchronizing multiple provider schedules as well as clinic and community calendars. Detailed documentation of patient encounters requires knowledge of relational software. Knowledge of CHCS and AHLTS is preferred. Must encourage healthy habits among clientele. Send resumes to [lacy.wolff@amedd.army.mil](mailto:lacy.wolff@amedd.army.mil) or directly

to the Wellness Center in building 112. Call 634-8186 or 0444-71-8186 for more information.

## Army Community Services

The deadline to apply for the Spouse Education Assistance Program is April 2. Active duty spouses who are pursuing their first undergraduate degree are eligible for up to \$2,500.

Spouses of active-duty servicemembers pursuing their first undergraduate degree and residing with their spouse overseas are eligible for up to a \$500 scholarship grant. For more information, visit [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org) or stop by ACS.

## EFMP Dance Party

Enrolled Exceptional Family Members are invited to join instructor Crystal Absher in a contemporary dance-move based program every Tuesday in March at 3:30-4:30 p.m. The class will be held in the Fitness Center group exercise room and parents and siblings are invited to participate. For questions or to register, contact the EFMP office at 634-7500/8582.

## Arts and Crafts Center

- ♦ It's not too late to weave your own very special Easter basket. This one-day workshop with Lynn Colquhoun, an experienced basket weaver will be held April 1, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. All materials will be provided but you'll want to check with the Arts and Crafts Center for some household items you'll want to bring from home. Call 634-7074 for information.
- ♦ Stop by the Arts & Crafts Center anytime Wednesday-Sunday throughout the month of April to create a ceramic piece to be placed on a community ceramic totem pole. Stop by the center to learn more.

## MWR Services survey

The Army is currently surveying members of communities worldwide as part of an effort to improve morale, welfare and recreation programs. The survey seeks to identify what customers are interested in, whether they are

using available services and if so, how satisfied they are with the programming their garrison has to offer. It is important for us to know what programs and services are most important to your quality of life. If you receive the Army MWR Services Survey in the mail or email, complete it and return it as soon as possible. You can make a difference in making what is good for you, even better.

## Library

- ♦ Coming in April for National Library Week, an Altered Book Contest. Get started now on your entry. Transform any old book into a work of art. Entries are due at the Library by April 6.
- ♦ Every Wednesday, come hear stories, sing songs and make a craft at the library for Pre-School Story Time. Fun begins at 11 a.m.

## Arena

- ♦ Final week of March Madness at the Arena! Bowl Monday-Thursday all day long for \$1 per game and \$1 for shoes. Enjoy food and beverage specials throughout the month and enter to win free bowling games. It's all part of March Madness. Call 634-7013 for more information.

## Mailing restrictions

Effective immediately, no lithium batteries will be accepted for mailing out of any European based APO. This restriction is based on IAW EU 300 regulation. European airline cargo officials have determined that lithium batteries pose a significant hazard to the cargo hold of an aircraft. A large number of items are being returned to sender due to host nation security scanning at airports throughout Europe. These items have been mainly laptops with lithium batteries. All items containing lithium batteries are being returned to the original post office of mailing. To prevent any unnecessary delays or further inconveniences to customers, these items will not be accepted at any European military post office. This restriction includes all types of mail to any destination.



Photo by Laura Kreider

**Lucky leprechauns:** Members of the Vicenza military community celebrate St. Patrick's Day early March 14 by decorating leprechaun hats at the post Library. Visit the Library to view a photo exhibit from local youth in the Vicenza community.

## 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

### Mondays

**5:30 p.m.:** High School Small Group (sponsored by Club Beyond) meets at The CLUB House for dinner; Bible study starts at 6:30 p.m.

### Tuesdays

**9 a.m.:** Protestant Women of the Chapel  
**12:30 p.m.:** Middle School Small Group (sponsored by Club Beyond) meets at the Middle School in room 1017  
**5 p.m.:** Contemporary Praise band practice

### Wednesdays

**3:15 p.m.:** Middle School Club Beyond meets room 1017 in VMS  
**5:30 p.m.:** PWOC Bible study. Dinner provided. No child care  
**5:30 p.m.:** High School Club Beyond meets at the Teen Center for dinner; meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Call 340-665-3453 for information  
**5:30 p.m.:** Catholic choir practice  
**6:45 p.m.:** Gospel choir practice

### Thursdays

**9:30 a.m.:** Catholic Women of the Chapel  
**5:30 p.m.:** Gospel service choir rehearsal  
**7:15 p.m.:** Gospel service Bible study

### Faith group contacts

**Bahá'í Faith:** Call Russell Menard at 389-133-4627 or 349-708-2535  
**Islamic:** Call 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for info  
**Jewish:** Call Paul Levine at 345-907-2108  
**Latter Day Saints:** Call Chance Wilson at 327-869-8107. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Viale Trento 246, Vicenza

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

**DON'T BE LATE:** E-mail briefs to [editor@eur.army.mil](mailto:editor@eur.army.mil) noon on Monday, or by 4 p.m. Friday if Monday is a holiday.



# Community Camera

## Caserma Ederle runners complete Rome Marathon

By Rich Bartell  
U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs

Joining more than 13,000 participants, 17 runners from Caserma Ederle competed in the grueling 26-mile Rome Marathon Sunday.

Scott Sendmeyer, who is assigned to the U.S. Army Africa future operations section, was the top finisher from Caserma Ederle with a time of 3 hours and 47 minutes.

Cheered along by thousands of spectators shouting encouraging words of *forza* (strength) and *vai* (go), Caserma Ederle runners followed the original 1960 Olympic Marathon route. Along the way they took in the historic sites of the ancient city. Starting and ending at the Coliseum, the route wove through Circus Maximus, Castel Sant' Angelo, Vatican City, Piazza Navona, Piazza del Popolo, Spanish Steps and Trevi Fountain.

Thirteen of the Caserma Ederle participants are members of Le Piume Nere, an Italian running club known as LPN.

USARAF's Stephen Pauling, a member of LPN, coordinated the Vicenza chapter's participation in the marathon. For Pauling, this is the third year in a row competing in the event. Pauling's teammates applauded his running and organizational skills.

"All we had to do was step off the bus, warm-up and start running," said Stephen Stugart. Stugart works with Pauling in USARAF's Human Resource section and is a member of LPN. The group trains together most Sundays and also participates in various Italian long-distance running events.

"With more than 13,000 runners, it can be chaos. Steve made this event easy and fun," Stugart said.

Pauling, an avid runner for more than 20 years, said he doesn't like to run alone



Photos by Beth Ann Carder  
U.S. Army Africa's Brian Carder, second from right, nears the finish line of the 18th Annual Rome Marathon. Carder completed the grueling 26-mile course in 3 hours 54 minutes. Carder was one of 13 USARAF associated runners who participated in the marathon.

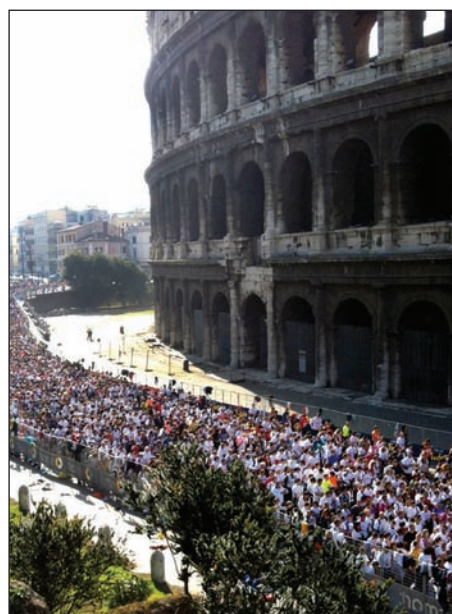
and has some interesting techniques for recruiting LPN members. Some of his team members say he has a penchant for understatement.

Allison Oboro, an LPN member, ran her first marathon in Rome and was recruited by Pauling. Pauling asked her if she would like to go to Rome. The fact the trip was for a marathon was left out until later.

"He has a tricky way of getting people into running," said Oboro. "He said a group of people were going to Rome and asked me if I wanted to come along. A few days later, he said we'd be running a marathon."

Completing the course was a challenge for Oboro, but she finished in seven hours.

"There were a few times during the marathon when I thought I couldn't make it, but I did. Not only is Steve good at coordinating events, he's been tremendously encouraging all along the way," she said. "I finished, crossed the line and joined my teammates. Our



Thousands of runners cross over the start line at the Coliseum during the 18th Rome Marathon Sunday. Runners followed the original 1960 Olympic Marathon route.

group was perfect. And I'm going to train harder for next year."

To learn more about the LPN running club, contact Pauling at 634-6127.

## Sports shorts

### Softball Officials Clinic

April 3-6 can give you the skills to become a certified umpire, score keeper or timer. Sports needs you and you can earn some extra cash officiating during the season. Call 634-7009 for additional information.

### Softball team sign up

Sign up now for the male or female softball teams. Practice is on Tuesdays and Thursdays, female team at 5:30 p.m. and male team at 7 p.m. Call 634-7009 for information.

### Lifeguard training

Get ready for a summer job at the pools. Lifeguard training will be held April 4-7, May 13-16 or June 7-10. Participants must be at least 15 years of age by the last day of the course. Call 634-8642 or visit [www.vicenzaMWR.com](http://www.vicenzaMWR.com) for details about the course and the required pre-test.

### Unit & rec play

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

**Rugby:** Tuesdays and Thursdays 6-7:30 p.m., North 40 field.

**Basketball:** 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for 10 or more, Fitness Center.

**Racquetball:** 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for 16 participants, Fitness Center.

**Men's Soccer:** 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for 24 or more players at the turf field behind the Ederle Inn. Email [shaun.nurse@amedd.army.mil](mailto:shaun.nurse@amedd.army.mil) or call 636-9648/9120/9632.

**Volleyball:** 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays for eight or more, Fitness Center.

**Frisbee golf:** 6 p.m. Wednesdays, North 40 field.

**Tennis:** Open play Singles and Doubles on Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

### Women's basketball

Women's basketball practice held Sundays from 4-5 p.m. at the post gym. All female community members welcome to attend. Focus is on fun and having a great workout. POC: [Julia.sibilla@us.army.mil](mailto:Julia.sibilla@us.army.mil).

### Volunteers needed

The Mako Sharks Swim Team is accepting resumes for head coach and assistant. For more info., contact Chiara Murrell at [VicenzaMakoSharks@gmail.com](mailto:VicenzaMakoSharks@gmail.com).

### Racquetball Tournament

April 2-May 27 followed by a final tournament June 1-2. The ladder categories are open to join until all slots are filled; women's open, beginners, intermediate and advanced. Call 634-7009.



Photos by Laura Kreider

**In the net:** Above, Team Millennium players attempt to block a spike from USARAF team at the end of the second match. USARAF won both matches. At right, Team Millennium's player Chance Wilson, #34, sends the ball over the net during the second match against USARAF played at the post gym Friday.

