

American Ambassador to Italy visits Vicenza posts



Photo by Laura Kreider

From the left, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Commander Col. David Buckingham, USAG Vicenza Transformation Construction Management Office Public Affairs Anna Ciccotti, and U.S. Army Installation Management Command-Europe Region Director Kathleen Marin listen as Vicenza Mayor Achille Variati, U.S. Ambassador to Italy David Thorne and Veneto President Luca Zaia hold a press conference at Dal Molin April 3. Also attending were Vicenza Prefect Melchiorre Fallica, Special Commissioner for Dal Molin Paolo Costa, Italian Base Commander Col. Edoardo Maggian, Assessore Roberto Ciambetti, Liaison for Foreign Affairs Stefano Beltrame and U.S. Consul General Kyle Scott. The ambassador also visited Caserma Ederle's schools while in Vicenza.

By Katherine Wanika
U.S. Army Africa intern

U.S. Ambassador to Italy David Thorne stopped by Caserma Ederle recently to congratulate an honored teacher at Vicenza Middle School and meet with US Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg following a tour of construction at the Dal Molin installation with key local, regional and federal Italian officials.

Distinguished guests joining the ambassador for the tour of the construction, highlighted as a tangible, concrete and steel example of the close relationship between Italy and the United States, included President of the Veneto region Luca Zaia, Prefect Melchiorre Fallica, Mayor of Vicenza Achille Variati and Paolo Costa, chief of mission for Dal Molin.

A press release from the Milan Consulate noted the construction of the new base at Dal Molin already offers economic benefits to the city of Vicenza: the construction site currently employs 900 workers and 60 percent of them are Italians.

"Given the current economic crisis," said Ambassador Thorne, "I think we can all

be satisfied to see that the economic benefits brought to Veneto with the construction of Dal Molin are quite significant."

President Zaia said, "Today we met in this especially significant context of the Dal Molin site which has brought to Vicenza and Veneto works worth 245 million Euro, mostly carried out by local contractors and local manpower. Once operational, the project will generate economic impact of at least 300 million Euro. For this we are grateful to the U.S. while we do not forget how America contributed to free Italy and Europe from the horrors of Nazi-Fascism to reaffirm democracy."

Dr. Julio Gonzalez, VMS principal, escorted the ambassador around his school where he met with several students and visited the library. Gonzalez proudly informed the ambassador of the overall student and faculty success and spoke about expansion plans for the new school building.

The ambassador stopped by the classroom of Angela Wilson, who was named Department of Defense's Educational Activities Teacher of the Year for 2012. After an extensive application process, the Council of Chief State School Officers named

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Solar power helping post to be energy efficient

Story and photo by Laura Kreider
Outlook staff

The concept of better using renewable energy resources has increased in many countries in the last decade. Higher costs of natural resources coupled with ever higher demand have compelled the Department of Defense to create a culture that recognizes the importance of sustainability, energy savings performance and developing plans focusing on efficiencies in the areas of energy, water and waste for the benefit of the numerous installations located throughout the world.

As part of this vision, the Army is piloting installations

to be Net Zero Energy, Net Zero Waste, Net Zero Water with the goal of having 25 Net Zero Installations by 2030.

"Net Zero" energy, for example, means that the total energy produced on-site over the period of a given year is equal to the installation's annual energy demand.

"The Army mandate is to achieve 25 percent of the facility energy consumption from renewable energy sources by 2030," said Luca Muzzana, who works in the Directorate of Public Works, EP&SD, Engineering Services Section. "From the worldwide perspective, the continued growth of energy consumption as the population grows and as the less developed areas of the world start to become more 'modernized', energy

consumption will continue to increase at an alarming rate. The continued increase of energy consumption is already stressing the world economy, environment and the availability of natural sources -- specifically fossil fuels such as gas, carbon coal and oil."

In the future, the goal is to reduce the annual energy cost paid by the Government, in part by using renewable energy sources, Muzzana said.

To help meet that goal currently about 40 workers on Caserma Ederle are installing photovoltaic panels on the roofs of several buildings on post including the Commissary, the Arena and Ederle Inn.

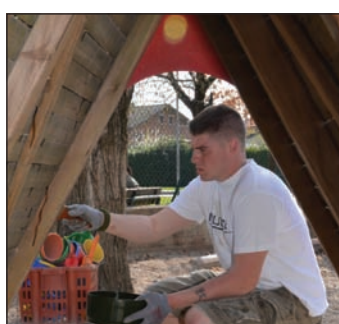
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Italian soldier receives U.S. Army medal; the Easter Bunny hops over to Camp Darby to help celebrate



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A Health care town hall will be held April 19 from noon-1 p.m. at the Arena and is open to the community.

Online scams target anyone, seem legit

By Peg Clevenger

USAG Vicenza security manager

There have been a lot of scams going out to classified ad pages lately. If someone sends you an email, make sure to get their phone number and where they live, give them a call and find out something about them. If they say they have arranged for transportation, will send you a certified check or money order and have their shipper pick it up, guess what, it's a scam.

Use discretion in posting a classified advertisement and concluding the sale of your listing. Not all potential buyers are reputable or honest. Be aware for email responses that appear fraudulent. Look for misspellings, lengthy excuses why the person can't meet you in person and if they want to pay with unusual methods. If you think an email response to your ad is fraudulent, do not respond.

If you post a classified ad, you may receive fraudulent responses. While receipt of these responses is unavoidable, you can protect yourself by following a few simple, common-sense rules:

- ♦ Deal locally with customers you meet in person
 - ♦ Deal only with cash
 - ♦ Never agree to sell an item for more than the purchase price and refund the overpayment to the seller
 - ♦ Never agree to purchase an item with partial payment
 - ♦ Never agree to cash a check for a stranger
 - ♦ Never wire funds – most such requests are fraudulent
 - ♦ Never send money, even if you receive a check. Fake cashiers checks and money orders are common and banks will cash them and then hold you responsible when the fake is discovered up to four weeks later.
 - ♦ Never, never, never give out your financial information (bank account number, social security number).
- Only a scammer will "guarantee" your transaction. This is

a very slippery scam and relatively new. The email will sound like a genuine reply to your ad. The tip-off is that the scammer will never actually refer to the item for sale by name. It will always be referred to as the "item" or other term. Another red flag to watch for is where an advertisement is referred to as an "advert." If you reply to this ad you will probably be asked to cash a cashier's check plus shipping. It will ask you to forward the "shipping" to a shipping agent.

Below are three examples of email scams:

1. Hello seller, I saw your ad and I'm interested in purchasing your item. I will want you to get back to me with the following information if it is still available: 1. Its present condition 2. An updated pics{if any} 3. Your last offer. I will make payment with a money order or check if it is still available. Hope to hear from you in earnest. regards, Frank.

2. I am highly interested in making purchase of this your item to my client. so kindly let me know the present condition of the item, and the final price of it so that we can get this transaction proceed and finalized ok, And again is Paypal and check is the mode of payment just let me know if you are willing to sell to me and moreover first get back to me directly e-mail..

3. Hello Seller, I came across your ads during my searching at where it was posted, i'll like you to understand that i've so much to interest buy your item if still available,i'll like to know the following details. 1. The present condition. 2. Why you want to sell it? 3. Exact and final price. 4. Send more pictures 5. Let me know the pickup arrangement though I have a reliable shipper who use to take care of my shipment that can come for the pickup. 6. Payment by bank cashier's check will be fine for me.

Classified ads are a great way to pick up good deals but be cautious in your shopping on-line.

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

Army Emergency Relief campaign in full swing through May

Army Emergency Relief announced the start of the Annual AER Campaign which runs through May 15. The theme of this year's Campaign is "A Strong Tradition of Soldiers Helping Soldiers."

For the last 70 years, the campaign objectives have remained the same: "To create greater awareness of Army Emergency Relief programs and benefits; and to give Soldiers the opportunity to help their fellow Soldiers."

"The primary objective of the annual campaign is to create a greater awareness of how Army Emergency Relief helps Soldiers and their families," said AER's director, retired Army Lt. Gen. Robert Foley, "By promoting a better understanding of AER benefits, easy access to AER funds and the flexibility which AER officers worldwide exercise in responding to requests for financial assistance, Soldiers and Families can receive well deserved care and consideration in a time of need."

Established in response to ensuring there was an agency available that could provide prompt financial assistance for Soldiers and their Families

during World War II, AER provides emergency financial assistance in the form of no-interest loans or grants. In addition, AER provides scholarships to children and spouses of active duty and retired Soldiers as well as financial support to widows and wounded warriors.

Beginning in January 2012, AER added four new categories of assistance to include: Family member dental care, basic furniture needs, rental vehicles and replacement vehicles. These additions were made to meet the changing needs of today's Soldiers and Families. Based upon feedback from our AER Officers worldwide, nine new categories have been added in the last two years.

In 2011 Army Emergency Relief provided \$77.5 million in assistance to more than 64,000 Soldiers and their Families. Under the streamlined Command Referral Program, Company Commanders and First Sergeants have the authority to approve AER loans for their Soldiers up to \$1,500.

AER assistance is based upon a valid need and is flexible in responding to all types of financial situations. AER Officers work toward



"Finding a way to say Yes." There is no limit on the amount of assistance that can be provided, and no limit on the number of times a Soldier may make requests for assistance.

Vicenza's 2011 campaign contributions totaled \$57,466.60, with this year's goal being \$60,000. In 2011, Vicenza's AER section assisted 177 Soldiers and their Families with over \$301,700 in emergency financial assistance. During the 2010-2011 academic year, AER provided 31 of Vicenza's active-duty spouses and dependent children with more than \$28,400 in scholarship grants. For the 2011-2012 academic year, AER has already provided 13 of Vicenza's active-duty spouses and dependent

children with \$10,550 in scholarship grants. The application deadline for the last term of the Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program is May 7. For more information, visit www.aerhq.org or contact the AER Office at 634-8634/7500.

Soldiers requiring AER assistance should contact their unit chain of command or go to their local installation AER office. Soldiers and Families not near an Army installation can get AER assistance at an Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard base from the Air Force Aid Society, Navy Marine Corps Relief Society, and Coast Guard Mutual Assistance respectively or from the American Red Cross call center at 877-272-7337.

Speak Out

What is your favorite book?



Mallory Gonzales
Family member

"I like the 'Twilight Saga' 'True Blood' and anything by Nicholas Sparks."



Ariana Pope
Arena

"'The Watsons Go To Birmingham' by Christopher P. Curtis because it tells a touching story of a family that went through the church bombing in Birmingham that killed little girls."



Tara Spelleri
Family member

"'Wicked' by Gregory Maguire: a good twist on the 'Wizard of Oz.'"

By Laura Kreider

Week full of activities on post planned for Earth Week

Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division

Earth Day is an international event demonstrating concern and mobilizing support for the environment. Earth Day rallied more than 20 million Americans to become involved in environmental activities. This event was the largest grassroots movement in U.S. history and created what has become the environmental movement. The event also sparked the first major pieces of environmental legislation: the Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act.

As a worldwide event, Earth Day represents the

commitment of the United States and other countries to environmental security. Active-duty military, civilian personnel, families and local community members contribute significantly to the impact of this monumental event.

Although Earth Day is April 22, it is important to remember that environmental responsibility is more than a one-day event. Army Earth Day exemplifies a daily commitment to the stewardship of the public resources entrusted to military care. Earth Day is the annual call for public attention toward environmental issues.

U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Community will

celebrate the earth day for a whole week, starting from April 23-27. Earth Week will be culmination of events for our students and community, the main celebrations will be held April 24, our Earth Week events calendar will be in the Outlook and on U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Facebook.

You are more than welcome to participate in the numerous activities and earth week opportunities to adapt our behaviors in more environment friendly way. Remember that The Army is committed to environmental excellence through stewardship, vigilance and partnership with the Host Nation and community.

Anti-bullying policy creates better communication, safe environment

By Julie M. Lucas
Outlook editor

A new policy for Caserma Ederle can put children who attend schools on Caserma Ederle and their parents' minds at ease. In a joint partnership between the Department of Defense Dependant Schools and Army Community Service, Caserma Ederle became the 10th Army Europe Installation to sign into effect an anti-bullying policy March 26.

This initiative began in October in Garmisch, Germany, where a problem had begun. Installation Management Command-Europe's Judi Patrick, transition specialist and school liaison officer has been traveling around to different installations in Europe helping to sign the policy.

"Our goal is to create a deeply caring environment," said Patrick. "We look at punishment versus discipline and even tie in the after-school programs, so that problems don't spread."

The focus is on third-fifth grade

students and they will be receiving a USO sponsored kit including a book called, "Pain in the Brain." The kits have information about career guides and encourage goals as well as provide financial information.

The day after the policy was signed, post youth staff joined together for educational training to place the policy locally. The education included learning about "hot spots" where trouble can begin.

"Seventy five of our key leaders went through this training so our children in our school won't have to deal with bullying," said Joshua Gwinn, Family and Morale, Wellness and Recreation director.

Often bullying does not take place in the classroom, but on the playground, in the hallway or the bus, according to Patrick. With the new plan in place when a problem occurs at a youth event or at school, information is shared between agencies so that problems don't prolong. The benefit of the new policy is peace of mind that students and their parents can feel safe and problems won't spread



Photo by Mariela Sovova

A group of Vicenza community leaders discuss what signing the anti-bullying policy will bring to Caserma Ederle March 26.

beyond an isolated incident.

"I'm so pleased at the enthusiasm we've received about this policy," said Norrie McCall, Vicenza school liaison officer. "This kind of training and support we have received is invaluable."

During the Info-X community

information exchange April 4, the act was resigned while Kathleen Marin, IMCOM-Europe region director was visiting. Maj. Gen. David Hogg, U.S. Army Africa stated that being in Italy is a privilege and those who prove to be a problem will be sent back to the U.S.



Photo by Rich Bartell

U.S. Ambassador to Italy David Thorne visits Vicenza Middle School to congratulate Angela Wilson, a seventh grade Language Arts teacher who was named Department of Defense's Educational Activities Teacher of the Year for 2012.

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Wilson one of the four finalists for National Teacher of the Year in January. According to DoDEA officials, this is the first time a DoDEA teacher has been selected as one of the four finalists for this prestigious national award.

"I have such a tremendous respect for teachers all over the world," Thorne said.

Wilson was quick to credit her success to "a personal connection to the community" and quoted the motto "It takes a village to raise a child."

Thorne also discussed the advantages of education in a military community with Wilson after presenting her with a gift to honor her accomplishment.

"That kind of dedication and that kind of commitment is what makes our country great and this world a better place," Thorne said referencing Wilson's devotion to her students.

Thorne concluded his visit by emphasizing the importance of continued collaborative efforts among Italians, Americans and the Caserma Ederle military community to ensure operations at Vicenza run smoothly.

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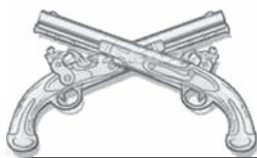
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Provost Marshal's corner



Motorcycle rules, regulations and guidelines:
Per Army Regulation 385-10 and Italian laws the points listed below must be followed or the motorcycle rider/owner will be cited and/or have the motorcycle confiscated.

All DoD ID card holders (military, civilian, contractors and Family members) must wear an approved motorcycle helmet. Military Kevlar helmet or ACH is NOT AUTHORIZED for wear as an approved helmet. In Italy, the Road Code dictates that approved motorcycle helmets will be identified by an approval mark consisting of a capital letter "E," followed by the country number indicator, which is "3." Helmets must be full or 3/4 face. High visibility/reflective clothing is recommended to be worn, but not mandatory. Over the ankle footwear, pants, long sleeve shirt, gloves and eyewear are all mandatory.

Crime stats for April 1-7.

DUI (on post) 0
DUI (off post) 1
Assault (on post) 0
Assault (off post) 3
Burglary (on post) 0
Burglary (off post) 2
Vehicle break in (on post) 0
Vehicle break in (off post) 4
Parking Citations (on post) 4
Speeding citations (on post) 0

SOLAR: 'Net Zero' capabilities make Vicenza greener



Ron Pinkoski, Directorate of Public Works Environmental Protection specialist, checks the installation of a fastener on a solar panel on the top of the commissary, while Greg Vallery, left, and Mark McWilliams look on. The panels placed on top of post buildings will help save around \$1.1 million per year.

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sunshine into electricity,” said Ron Pinkoski, Environmental Protection Specialist in the DPW Environmental Division, who took part in the recent tour conducted for the Environmental Quality Control Committee, a group which helps the Environmental Division plan, implement and monitor the environmental effects of Garrison actions and programs.

The current photovoltaic project initiated in 2007 with planning and budgetary programming was funded with the 2010 Energy Conservation and Investment Program and, subsequently, additional Energy funds became available in summer 2011 to accomplish installation of even more PV systems.

“In effect, the project based upon energy savings justified the funding and the funding made the project happen,” said Muzzana.

DPW is managing the PV projects divided in different contracts being executed by different agencies (Army, Navy and Army Corps of Engineers) and performed by three contractors: CMC, Siemens and STE.

All contracts are in the construction phase and on schedule to complete all PV systems by midsummer.

“The total cost for Ederle PV installation amounts to about \$4 million--\$1 million for Dal Molin, \$5 million for Livorno and \$1 million for Villaggio,” Muzzana said. “Based on initially projections, return on investment should be within eight years with the incentives. This will provide an annual savings of approximately \$1.1 million.”

Sky Soldiers perform community service at local school



Spc. Blake Marinuzzi, a Soldier from Company D, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, stains the inside of playground equipment in Caldogno as a part of a community service project. The project began a year ago.

Story and photos by Laura Kreider
Outlook staff

In the course of continuing the collaboration initiated last spring, about 10 Soldiers from the Company D, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, under the direction of Capt. Yannick Williams, Company D commander, worked on a public service project March 27.

The location is still the playground of the “G. Pascoli” nursery school in Rettorgole, which is in the municipality of Caldogno.

Many community members live in the area and the cooperation between the garrison and Mayor of Caldogno Marcello Vezzano started a few years ago.

“We are happy about this type of collaboration with the American community,” said Vezzano.

“Especially in the near future, with the opening of the new installation at Dal Molin, many families will live in Caldogno and some American children will attend our schools, especially the kindergartens.

“I really believe it’s important to develop a relationship between the two communities that for decades has always been built on openness and friendly



Soldiers from Company D, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, stain a wood bench at an elementary school in Caldogno.

atmosphere.

We also encourage other projects between the two communities to further the process of acquaintance and integration into the Caldogno community,” he said.

The public service project included sanding down and repainting a couple of wooden playhouses, benches and tables that are used by the children especially

during springtime.

“The Scuola Materna beautification project was time well spent,” said Williams. “Though it was a small event, working with the suburb of Rettorgole was a pleasure. We look forward to doing more partnered projects in the future and strengthening our relationship with the community.”

Italian soldier receives Army Medal

Story and photos by Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

The headline that an Italian Soldier received an Army medal, while rare may not seem to striking at first glance, but the story behind how Lt. Col. Kevin Bigelman, U.S. Army Garrison Livorno commander, presented Lt. Col. Vittorio Biondi, Italian "Folgore" Brigade, the Army Commendation Medal April 3 is one that goes back to World War II.

On Dec. 26, 1944 in the small hilltop village of Sommocolonia, Buffalo Soldiers with the 92nd Infantry Division were fighting a battle against the Germans. Lt. John Fox remained in his forward observer position as his unit made its way back to the town of Barga. With German Soldiers advancing on Fox's tower, he called artillery on his position in order to take out as many of the enemy troops as possible. That village was home to Biondi's family.

Biondi, an avid military historian, was fascinated by the battle of Sommocolonia and wrote a book about it. Fate eventually paired Biondi up with the Camp Darby Public Affairs Office in 2010 during their search for a historian guide to talk about the battle site with service members for African American heritage month. Over the next few years, Biondi would speak to Camp Darby servicemembers and their Families during the many trips to battle sites, museums and memory rooms along the gothic line.

However, that is not how Biondi's name ended up being submitted for the Army Commendation Medal. Rather three American civilians from academia played a role: Dr. James Pratt from Cornell University, who is working on a book that will include the names, gravestone photos, and personal photos (as available) of 366th infantry Soldiers who died in Italy and whose remains were repatriated to the U.S., Anne Saunders, a Research Associate at College of Charleston, who translated Biondi's "La Battaglia di Sommocolonia" into English and published an English-language book titled "A Travel Guide to World War II Sites in Italy: Museums, Monuments and Battlegrounds" and Solace Sheets, an American writer who bought a home in Sommocolonia in the 70's, learned about the story of the battle from local villagers and spent many years searching for survivors of the battle.

Pratt, whose father's battalion fought in the Sommocolonia battle, met with Wales, Saunders and Biondi in 2010 in Sommocolonia. These three civilians were so touched by Biondi's efforts to preserve the connection of the village to the U.S. Army and relatives of the American veterans that fought in the area, that they researched how to submit someone for a military award and sent the Department of Army form 638 (Recommendation for Award) to the commander of the Army Reserve Personnel Center in St. Louis.



Lt. Col. Kevin Bigelman, left, U.S. Army Garrison Livorno commander, presented Lt. Col. Vittorio Biondi, Italian "Folgore" Brigade, the Army Commendation Medal April 3.

When the award recommendation was returned denied, they didn't stop. They followed the trail of the stories of the U.S. troop's visiting Sommocolonia and the gothic line until they reached Bigelman. Much paperwork later with help from the U.S. Embassy in Rome, the award was approved and a small contingency from Camp Darby went to Biondi's duty station at the Italian Folgore Parachutist school in Pisa, to present the award to Biondi in front of his Unit.

"Biondi has worked tirelessly to preserve the memory of the sacrifices made by the Buffalo Soldiers of the 92nd Division during World War II," said Bigelman. "Biondi's efforts have contributed significantly to the preservation of the memory of the U.S. Army's accomplishments in Italy during World War II and to a sense of shared history between the U. S. Army and citizens of Italy."

Biondi said, "It was a big honor for me to receive this award and I am happy to be able to keep the memory of this battle and division alive."

Col. Gianluigi De Matteis, commander of the Italian Airborne Training Center added they were much honored to have one of their own receive this award.

As those who remember the battles from World War II pass away, it is often up to the dedicated historians to collect the stories that are slowly being forgotten. Biondi's efforts to ensure those memories have been kept alive and passed on to the Soldiers following in their footsteps truly reflects Biondi's dedication, loyalty, and selfless service that are in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon him, the Brigata Paracadutisti Folgore, and the Italian Army.

Darby Dates

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

Volunteer Opportunities

The Girl Scouts is looking to fill the volunteer positions that work with adults for next year. They need a secretary to take notes at monthly meetings, and a volunteer to chair the monthly meetings. Free training will be provided in a fun weekend in Tirrenia June 15-17, food provided. Call 050 548696 or 633-8696.

Save a chicken

Every Monday from 11 a.m. -1:30 p.m. in front of the Exchange, the Army team is selling hamburgers and hotdogs. Proceeds will go towards the Army Birthday celebration.

Vet visiting Camp Darby

633-7438

Make your appointments now for the next vet visit April 26 by calling 635-4841.

Sports & Fitness

633-7438

70.3 Half Iron Triathlon Challenge 2012. You'll do the swim, bike and run over the course of 14 days (May 7- 20). Register April 18-May 4.

ODR

633-7775

- ♦ Canoe Trip on the Scolmatore Canal April 14. Spend the day canoeing on this canal located on the Pisa/Livorno border in two-man aluminum canoes.
- ♦ Hanging ropes course April 21. There are 5 acrobatic courses, 2 for children over 110 cm tall, and 3 for adults and youngsters over 140 cm tall.

Beach Splash

633-7775

- ♦ April 19, for U.S. personnel only two umbrellas & one cabana can be rented. You can also purchase beach and pool season passes. There will be door prizes, music & free refreshments
- ♦ April 20, local national personnel can rent umbrellas and cabana for the summer season

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

News Briefs & Happenings



Photo by Joyce Costello

Darby's biggest saver: Sharon Carter, left, Global Credit Union, and Ricky Gibbons, right, Army Community Service, congratulate Amy Brazier for being named Camp Darby's Biggest Saver in a ceremony at the Livorno Commissary April 3. Brazier was able to save \$88 during the month long contest in March. As winner, she received a \$75 from Global Credit Union. The second and third place winners both received \$50 in commissary vouchers. Learn more at www.usag.livorno.army.mil.

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

Easter Bunny appears at Darby's

Spring Fest: The Camp Darby community along with Italian military and the Pisa Prefect and province office enjoyed the Annual Spring Fest April 7. Children hunted for eggs and played games, while adults enjoyed the free barbecue. Read more at www.usag.livorno.army.mil.



Photo by Chiara Mattiolo

Flower festival:

Hundreds of flower companies come together Saturday-Sunday in Noale, around 36 miles east of Vicenza for a festival that also features patio furniture and tools. Other local cities also hold similar festivals.



Courtesy photo

Local events

Flower Festivals:

Noale in Fiore: Saturday-Sunday, in Noale, about 36 miles east of Vicenza. Hundreds of firms coming from all over Italy display their flowers, plants and trees. Patio furniture and garden tools.

- Saturday: 5 p.m. grand opening at the Palazzo della Loggia, in Piazza Castello; 6 p.m. flower painting exhibit; 8:30 p.m. live concert with "The Pepperland" Group in Piazza Castello

- Sunday: 8 a.m. flower exhibit and sale; 8:30 a.m. in Contrada Ca' Mata, medicinal plants exhibit; 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. live music in Piazza Castello, Rocca dei Tempesta and Giardini Beggio.

Este in Fiore: Sunday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Este, Via Guido Negri and Piazza Maggiore, province of Padova, about 28 miles south of Vicenza.

Verona in Fiore - Flower festival: Saturday-Sunday, in Verona, Piazza Brà.

34th Su e Zo Per i Ponti - Up and down over the bridges:

Saturday-Sunday, in Venice, 13 km. non-competitive walk which crosses 56 bridges.

- Saturday: 9 p.m. at Campo San Gallo a special evening as a tribute to Venice and to the march through choral singing and surprise events; "Rock in Jazz" at the Hard Rock Café

- Sunday: 8 a.m. Holy Mass in San Marco Basilica with Conegliano choir "Improvvisando"; 9:30 a.m. folk groups gathering in Piazza San Marco and flag-raising ceremony; 10 a.m. the march departs from Piazza San Marco; 12:30 p.m. folk group parade in Piazza San Marco with awards ceremony for the largest groups; 2:30 p.m. end of the walk. There are four official refreshment points. The event will take place in any weather. Registration fee: €6. For more info in English, visit http://www.suezoperiponti.it/en/informazioni_en.htm

International boat and nautical show:

Friday-Sunday and April 20-22, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. in Venice, at Parco San Giuliano. Admission fee: €7.50; reduced €5 (children 12-16); free entrance for children older than 12 and adults over 75. Sailboats and motorboats, sporting events, workshops, nautical fashion and exhibitions. For more information in English, visit <http://www.festivaldelmare.com/index.php?lang=en>

Botanical gardens, parks and zoos

Barbarigo Garden: in Valsanzibio, Via Barbarigo 15, about 38 miles south of Vicenza; open daily through Dec. 9, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and from 2 p.m.-sunset. It ranges among the most important and unspoiled gardens in the world. Planned in 1669 by the Venetian nobleman Z. F. Barbarigo, his son Gregorio, a cardinal and future saint, inspired the symbolic meaning of the plan drawn by Luigi Bernini, a Vatican architect and fountain expert. In the gardens, find fountains and fishponds, a large maze, the rabbit's island, statues galore, lots of trees and more. The garden is open until Dec. 9. The entrance fee is €8,50; reduced €5,50 for children 6-14 years. More info in English available at <http://www.valsanzibigiardino.it/>.

Botanical Garden: in Padova, Via Orto Botanico 15, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza; open April-Oct. daily 9 a.m.-1p.m. & 3-7 p.m.; Nov.-March 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (closed Sundays and holidays). It's the world's first botanical garden: it opened in Padova in 1545 and it still preserves its original layout - a circular central plot, symbolizing the world, surrounded by a ring of water. Admission fee: €4; €3 for senior citizens over 65; €1 for students (6-17). For more details in English, visit <http://www.ortobotanico.unipd.it/en/index.html>.

Cappeller Animal Park and Zoo: in Cartigliano, Via Kimle, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. Open April through Sept. 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; on Sundays 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m.

Sporting events

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

FREE concerts, exhibits & events

Exhibits in Vicenza:

ViArt, Contra' del Monte 13, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. -12:30 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 3-7 p.m.

- "This is bijou" exhibit: ongoing through April 22

- Silver works exhibit: ongoing through May 9

- Ceramics exhibit: ongoing through May 15

Mountain landscapes - photo exhibit:

Ongoing through April 20, in Vicenza, District 4, Via Turra 70, Monday-Friday 9-12:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 5-6:30 p.m.

Acoustic night:

Monday, 8:30 p.m., Marostica, Panic Jazz Club, Piazza degli Scacchi. Enjoy live jazz and even feel free to join in the performance.

"Second Chance" - dance show:

Monday, 9 p.m., Vicenza, Arthur Murray Dance School, Via Gian Battista Quadri 87.

Drop Simpler in concert:

Friday, 8-10 p.m., Vicenza, Caffè Piazza dei Signori.

Know of an event we're missing? Email us at editor@eur.army.mil

Concerts

Lorenna McKennitt: Monday in Padova

Steve Hackett: Wednesday 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,

Now Showing



Ederle Theater

Thursday	Man On A Ledge (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Friday	Chronicle (PG 13)	6 p.m.
	The Grey (R)	9 p.m.
Saturday	One For The Money (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	American Reunion (R)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Chronicle (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	American Reunion (R)	6 p.m.
Wed.	The Grey (R)	6 p.m.
April 19	One For The Money (PG 13)	6 p.m.
April 20	Journey 2 (PG)	6 p.m.
	Safe House (R)	9 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

April 20	Safe House (R)	6 p.m.
April 21	Wrath of the Titans (PG 13)	6 p.m.
April 22	Journey 2 (PG)	1 p.m.
April 27	Ghost Rider (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.

View MOVIE TRAILERS and more online at www.shopmyexchange.com/ems/euro/vicenza.htm or www.afes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm

ODR trips

Walk with a hawk: Saturday Waterfall at Lake Garda: Sunday

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

Arezzo and Cortona: May 5

WWI fort hike: May 5

Bolzano Flower Festival and castle tour: May 6

Wine Down Wednesday in Valpolicella: May 9

Photo Travel Workshop at Lake Garda: May 16

Sea kayaking: May 19

Croatia Basic Open Water SCUBA course: May 21-28

Aqualandia: June 2

Grappa tasting and Bassano: June 6

Marche Region - Portorecanati, Sirolo and Numana: June 9-10

Trips can be booked on WebTrac at <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/Vicenzarectrac.html> or by following the WebTrac link on www.vicenzaMWR.com or at ODR.

Community briefs

Special events

- ♦ April is Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month. Activities coming up include recycled sculptures at the Arts and Crafts Center throughout the month, AFAP Ice Cream Social Wednesday and Sunrise Breakfast Social April 23. National Library Week offers a Book Swap Friday, an Altered Book Contest, a Book Walk Game Friday. The Junior Warrior Challenge is April 27. For a complete listing of the entire related events visit www.vicenzaMWR.com.
- ♦ 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 on 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

- ♦ This Saturday is April's Saturday Care Day, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. in building 398. Cost is \$4 per hour. Reservations must be made in advance by calling 634-5008 or you may register via WebTrac.
- ♦ School Age Center Saturday field trip is a fun filled day of swimming, bowling and activities at the Arts and Crafts Center. Cost is \$32 for the day and includes supervision, lunch, snack and all fees for the activities. You can save \$16 by using your monthly 4 free hours of child care. Sign up deadline is April 12. Call 634-5700.

Summer Hire program

Family members between the ages of 14-22 with a valid ID can apply for a clerical, labor or child care job that runs between June 18-July 27. Applications are accepted online between March 26-May 20 at <https://cpolrh.cpol.army.mil/eur/employment/>. For more information contact Gaetano Valente at 634-7149.

Army Community Services

- ♦ First Term Soldiers could win a free three night stay at the Edelweiss Resort. To register bring your online Financial Readiness Certificate to ACS or attend the 8-hour class Friday or May 11. Deadline to register for the drawing is May 11. Call 634-8524 for more information.
- ♦ Self Defense classes will be offered on Saturdays, April 14, 21 and 28 at the Fitness Center. Class time is 10 a.m. until noon. Space is

limited so call 634-7500 to reserve your space.

- ♦ Exceptional Family Member Program Families should have received your invitation to the Upcoming EFMP Field Day in your email. Call 634-8582 to make your reservations to join this second annual event of outdoor sports and fun activities.
- ♦ Family Advocacy Program wants to hear what type of programs you would like to see planned for Families and when is the best time for your Family to attend. Take the 5 question survey on line now at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FAPsurvey> or come to the FAP Ice Cream Social Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center and voice your preferences then. Families will have the chance to create their own yummy ice cream combinations with the multiple flavors and ingredients to choose from. Call 634-6202 for more information.

Arts and Crafts Center

- ♦ Celebrate Month of the Military Child and Earth Day with the Arts and Crafts Center throughout the month of April. Create your own recycled art sculpture or work on a collaborative piece for the community garden. Stop by the Arts & Crafts Center anytime Wednesdays-Sundays throughout the month of April to create a ceramic piece to be placed on a community ceramic totem pole. Stop by the center or call 634-7074 to learn more.
- ♦ Evening watercolor classes for adults begin Wednesday, 6-7 :30 p.m. Explore the basics of water color supplies, creating washes, color mixing and other techniques in this six-week session of classes. Sign up at the Arts and Crafts Center or WebTrac online.

Post graduation ceremony

You have spent many long and hard hours studying, squeezing in college courses between deployments, PCS moves and through all the other rigors of military life or working for the government. Now you have completed your college degree or you're just a few classes away. U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza wants to celebrate your hard work and achievements with a ceremony. If you have completed a college degree or certificate, or are within 12 semester hours of completing your degree, then come participate in the USAG 2012 Graduation/Recognition Ceremony to be held May 10 at 10 a.m. in the Golden Lion Hall. To participate, contact the Vicenza Education Center and RSVP before April 27. Call: 634-8933 or email vicenza.edcenter@us.army.mil.

TARP/OPSEC brief

The Mandatory Annual Community TARP/OPSEC Briefing will be briefed by a representative from the Vicenza MI Detachment Monday-Tuesday, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m. Priority is given to U.S. Army Garrison employees, but open to all Vicenza military community. This will be in English only.

Old Soldiers' Bar

Enjoy a special "Surf & Turf" dinner April 19, 5-9 p.m. The menu includes an 8 oz. filet mignon steak, grilled skewered shrimp, roasted rosemary potatoes, grilled mixed vegetables, tossed salad, bread and butter, fruit salad for dessert, bottled water and a glass of red wine. Price is \$30. Reservations and payment must be made by Friday. Call 634-7685.

MWR Services survey

Of the 3,159 Army MWR Services Surveys emailed to the Vicenza community only 112 have been returned and none from spouses or retirees. Family and MWR want to know what customers are interested in, whether they are using available services and if so, how satisfied they are with the programming here in Vicenza. Have you returned your survey? Don't wait take 15 minutes today and tell us what you think. You can help make good programs even better.

Guest preacher

Vicenza Community Chapel invites everyone to hear Ron Archer preach April 22 in all Protestant worship services, 11 a.m. Traditional, 1:30 p.m. Gospel, and 5 p.m. Contemporary. Come and be inspired by this best-selling author, award-winning speaker, and recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King Leadership Award.

Housing survey

The Overseas Housing Allowance Utility and Move In Housing Allowance survey is online for active-duty military personnel who reside in privately leased quarters and receive an overseas allowance. The survey will be available until April 30 at <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/aprutilmiha.cfm>. It may take as much as 45 minutes to complete the survey, but the results benefit Soldiers and Family members.

Library

The Army Digital Media Library allows you to download free eBooks, eAudiobooks, eVideos and eMusic

to your computer, tablet, Kindle or phone. Stop by the circulation desk and see how easy it is to get started. The Library also has Freegal Music Service where patrons can download three songs per week, to keep, from the Sony music catalog. Sign up at the Library or call 634-7291 for more information.

PWOC

Protestant Women of the Chapel-Vicenza will be holding a Hearts at Home International Conference April 24 from 9-11:30 a.m. Speakers Suzie Eller & Colleen Johnson will be speaking on "God & Girlfriends" as well as offering workshops on "The Mom I Want To Be" and "Prayer."

A light lunch will be served and child care for ages three and younger will be available. All woman on post are invited to attend.

Every week PWOC-Vicenza ministers to almost 100 ladies on this post and is always looking to increase their numbers. Bible studies are Tuesdays 9-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays 5:30-7 p.m. through May 15 and will start up summer studies in June with dates and times to be determined.

AFTB training

Army Family Team Building is offering Levels 1, 2, and 3 online. To access the classes, go to <https://www.myarmyonesource.com/FamilyProgramsandServices/FamilyPrograms/default.aspx>.

The next step in the program, the Instructor's class will be offered quarterly in a classroom setting at ACS. The next Instructor's training is scheduled for March. Contact the AFTB program manager at 0444-71-7942 for details.

Free legal help

Navigating the MEB-PEB process is complicated, but free legal help is available. Visit the USAG Vicenza webpage at www.usag.vicenza.army.mil and click on "Community" then Staff Judge Advocate to read the article.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Women's History Month: Elizabeth Walker, DoDDS Superintendent of the Mediterranean District, left, and Sgt. Maj. Jennifer Tillman, United States Army Africa G-4, cut the cake to conclude the Women's History Month Celebration held at the Caserma Ederle post theater March 29.

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 noon on Monday, or by 4 p.m. Friday if Monday is a holiday.

VCC brings women together to celebrate

By Junel Jeffrey
Special to the Outlook

With Prosecco in hand and celebration in mind, members the Vicenza Community Club recently gathered at a local Italian restaurant to commemorate La Festa della Donna – or International Women’s Day, as it is more commonly known worldwide.

Chairperson for the celebration, Kelli McCoy-Williams, said hosting the event was fun and that VCC members wanted to experience La Festa Della Donna as other Italian women might experience it – at an Italian restaurant with girlfriends or family members.

“It was a time to come together and celebrate each other for who we are and what we do each day,” said McCoy-Williams. “In the states, I don’t remember any special event being associated with this day. Here (in Italy), there are special dinners, and a special flower, the mimosa, that should be given

to women in honor of all that we do.”

More than 16 participants took part in the VCC Della Donna dinner, however the group also mixed and mingled with the many other Italian women that filled the restaurant to celebrate the momentous occasion.

The evening included gag gifts, singing, line dancing and even a firecracker cake. McCoy-Williams said women – Italian and American alike – danced the night away and thoroughly enjoyed being a part of the celebration.

“It’s always a treasured moment to have a new cultural experience in this country,” said McCoy-Williams. “Making connections with people you don’t know over laughter, cheers, singing and dancing – these are the memories I love to create.”

While the VCC routinely organizes events like the Festa della Donna celebration to encourage Vicenza community members to get involved in the local Italian culture, the group also coordinates

a variety of other year-round activities that bring the community together to have an extraordinary experience.

Upcoming VCC activities include an African Safari luncheon Apr. 18, a Cajun-cooking club Apr. 25, and a wine tasting event (date TBA). Participants can look forward to an energetic group of VCC members – men and women alike – who are sure to add a bright spot of eccentricity to everyday Vicenza Military Community life.

“Anytime we can get a group together to have new experience in Vicenza, it is worth the time and effort to plan it,” said McCoy-Williams.

The VCC has a host of activities planned for the upcoming months and encourages the Vicenza community to come out and get involved. Those interested in club membership or events should stop by the VCC office, which is located inside of the Caserma Ederle Thrift Shop, or check out their website at www.vccitaly.org for more information.

Sports Shorts

Racquetball league tourney

Racquetball League Tournament is April 20 and 21. It’s single elimination and the categories include; male female, beginners, intermediate, advanced, doubles and open. The mandatory participant meeting is April 6 p.m. in the Racquetball court area. Call 634-7009 for 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 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 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 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.

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.



Photos by Laura Kreider

Paper making: Above, USAG Vicenza Arts Center Recreation Assistant Kelly Golden demonstrates the method of paper making to some of the participants at the class held Friday. At left, Abigail Everson, along with sister, Asa, creates paper as a part of the activities offered at the center during the Month of the Military Child.

Vicenza High School lists students who made the grade

The following is a list of names of Vicenza High Schools who were Honorable mention for the honor roll with a grade point average of 3.0-3.4. VHS and The Outlook regrets this oversight.

Veronica Borja
Tyler Cepeda
Xavier Clark
Tara Clinton
Hope Cobbeldick
Kelly Craig
Dalton-Jesse Cummins
Mason Delozier

Earl Denmon
McKenzie Everson
Bryce Fisher
Steven Fragger
Charity Green
Carleton Hardy
Ayana Hinton
Dale Howell
Rylee Jacobson
Shamyah James
Alexander Jogthong
Brian Johnson
Ryan Kaiser
Jordan Larsen
Jessie Licata
Allen Macon

Erika Maldonado-
Rosado
Kaitlyn Martin
Miranda Martinez
Peter McCollaum
Kaitlin Mckeever
Josue Mejia
Tatiana Miranda
Sidney Moser
Anna Myers
Joshua Pardew
Sella Pauling
Zachariah Pierce
Samantha Pimentel
Anthony Pleasant
Anita Pukinskas
Antonietta Ramirez

O’Lianna Reyter
Mackenzie Roche
Mercedes Russell
Natasha Santos
Sophia Santos
Derrick Schaefer
Alyssa Seibel
Jacob Solorzano
Tre’Vonnah Sutton
Ian Tramm
Christian Vallone
Greysen Vickery
Sarah Weston
Carl Wilkerson
Kyla Williams
Rachel York
Maya Zaborek

COMMUNITY UNIT/REC OPEN PLAY VOLLEYBALL

Team	Win	Loss
USARAF	13	0
TEAM MILLENIUM	1	8
BATTLE CO 2/503rd	0	0
THE OTHER TEAM	0	6

The 2011 USAG-Vicenza Unit/Recreational Basketball League matches are Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Call the Fitness Center for specifics at 634-7009.