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USARAF staff visits Nazi concentration camp

By Katherine Wanika U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs

TRIESTE, **Italy** — "Remembrance not only obligates us to memorialize those who were killed during the Holocaust, but it also reminds us of the fragility of democracy and the need for citizens to be vigilant in the protection of democratic ideals. We remember because we recognize the importance of preserving freedom, promoting human dignity, and confronting hate whenever and wherever it occurs." — U.S. Holocaust Museum spokesperson.

To gain a better understanding of an important era in American military history, a group of 50 U.S. Army Africa Soldiers and civilians visited the Risiera di San Sabba concentration camp April 16 during the National Holocaust Days of Remembrance Week, April 15-22.

Master Sgt. Keith Cade, USARAF Equal Opportunity advisor and trip organizer said what was initially planned to be a trip to visit the concentration camps in Germany turned into one that exposed people to a site of Italian history very few people know about.

"This is such a beautiful city and such an ugly part of history," Cade said. "People often overlook this week, yet we had the opportunity to visit something historical right here in Italy."

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"Up until very recently, no one spoke of the criminalities of war that occurred here" Rizzi said.

The Risiera di San Sabba concentration camp is the only extermination camp and crematorium in Italy used by the Nazi forces during World War II. Approximately 3,000 people were killed there during its operational years. Several thousand more prisoners from Italy, Slovenia and Croatia passed through the camp on their way to other camps.

The national monument holds an annual memorial service April 29 to commemorate the abandonment and disuse of the camp in 1945.

The tour of the camp included a viewing of a converted garage facility which is now used as a museum. The museum contained artifacts left by prisoners, handheld devices used to punish the prisoners, and many documents and pictures describing the events that took place in Trieste during WW II.



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Lion Shake exercise Thursday, expect traffic reroute, brief delays at gates

The Vicenza Military Community will conduct its full-scale Lion Shake exercise the morning of May 3 on Caserma Ederle.

"The purpose of the training exercise is to test and validate Force Protection and Emergency Management plans and procedures in response to an 'All Hazards' environment event," said Peter

Huller, Installation Antiterrorism Officer limited Thursday morning operations at of the Golden Lion and Ederle Inn and exercise planner for Lion Shake '12. "The exercise scenario will include a shooting incident and hostage-taking, a suspicious package, and a threat to our computer network."

While the scenario will have emergency responders testing their limits from 9-11 a.m., impacts to the community are being kept to a minimum.

Scheduled on a Thursday morning the exercise will occur during normal

U.S. Army Health Center. The Birthing Center will operate as usual.

Individuals entering or exiting the Caserma can expect all gates to be closed for approximately five minutes sometime between 9-9:30 a.m. These include the Main/Gate 1, Gate 4/Housing Gate, and Gate 2/Chapel Gate for pedestrians.

People on post should anticipate possible street closures in the area of the Post Theater, as well as the vicinity

as emergency responders react to the exercise scenario.

"Any Mass Notification System messages will begin with 'Exercise, Exercise, Exercise," Huller said. "We appreciate people's patience as we work to ensure we are ready to respond to and mitigate any threat."

A commercial by Garrison Commander Col. David Buckingham will be shown on AFN, reminding the community.

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Members of Vicenza military community participate in 154-mile marathon; VHS girls softball splits record midseason









Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Many offices will be closed Tuesday due to an Italian holiday. See page 7 for a list of closures.

Tips for keeping your home safe during summer travel

By Peg Clevenger USAG Vicenza security manager

Living and traveling in Europe is one of the greatest benefits your tour has to offer. However, during your time here and vacations, it is possible that you have left your home vulnerable to criminals. Many burglars will take advantage of families that have left their homes deserted during time away. In addition to this, there is also a chance of fire, flood or other disaster that could affect your home in your absence. There are many steps one can take to ease the chances of being robbed. Luckily, there are many things that you can do to help secure your home while you are at home and on vacation.

Prepare vour home: The bottom line is you can prevent trouble and decrease your chance for your home being robbed if you take some simple security measures such as:

Alarm system: If you have an alarm system installed, you have already taken a very important step in securing your home. However, don't forget to arm the system. Failing to arm an alarm system is a more common mistake than you think. To help you remember, write a reminder post-it note and stick it to the door you will use to exit.

Remove obvious **temptations**: Take a walk around your property and make sure you cannot see any

easily pawned items through uncovered windows. If you have shutters, close and lock them. Are there any ladders left out, or particularly easy or well-concealed access points? Summer is a great time for being outside. Look around and ask yourself "Do I need that barbeque out front and that expensive outdoor furniture which screams I am an American." Thinking outside the box is one of the best ways of protecting your home while on away and on vacation. Burglars are creative; you should be too.

Secure your home: Lock all doors, windows and entry points. Secure your windows both upstairs and downstairs. Even if you live on the fourth floor, burglars will use drainpipes or whatever means possible to gain access. Don't forget to lock the garage and gates. Be sure to lock doors leading to the house from the garage door and the basement door if applicable. Lock all storage sheds and out buildings. If someone can't enter your home, they might still be interested in goods that abide in your garage. Lock them up and take the key with you or leave it with a trusted friend rather that hiding it nearby. Don't hide keys in mailboxes, under doormats, or any other place that burglars will know to look. Leave a spare key with a trusted neighbor or friend. Make friends with your neighbors and tell them to keep an eye out on your

Mow your lawn just before

leaving; make arrangements to have someone mow it again if you will be gone for an extended period of time. Also arrange for watering, if that is likely to be needed. Tall or dying grass is a sure sign that no one has been home for awhile. Trim shrubs that could conceal illegal activity.

Conceal your valuables: The most affordable form of burglary deterrence is valuables concealment. If a thief is "casing" your home while you are not there to ascertain what valuables are worth taking and does not see anything of value, then he is much more likely to choose another target. Common valuables that homeowners unintentionally leave out in plain sight include highend consumer electronics, laptops and computers, tools, collectibles and jewelry. If possible, remove valuables from your home and leave with a trusted friend or colleague. Using a safe to conceal valuables usually is an indicator to burglars that there's something of value in there; they will often take the safe with them rather than spending time opening it while in your home.

If you do not have outside light timers keep your outside lights on. Check outside lighting and replace older bulbs. You don't want a light burning out while you're away. All potential entry points such as garage, doors, windows and basement entrypossible.

Unplug the appliances that will not be needed. Though this may seem like a relatively minor precautionary measure, it is important to make sure that all electrical appliances in your home have surge protectors. Even if you have a surge protector, it's still possible that a faulty appliance could possibly start a fire in your home. Before you leave, walk through the rooms of your home to ensure all needed electrical appliances are unplugged.

Telephone answering machine: Set the telephone answering machine so that the rings do not exceed three or four. A telephone ringing for a long time many times through the day and night is an indicator that the home is empty. If you do not have an answering machine then turn the ringer down, or disconnect the phone. Leave the original message on the answering machine, never give vacation location.

If you live off post have someone pick up the advertisements put in your mailbox. Advertisements piled in your mailbox might alert a would-be-thief that no one is in residence.

Try not to mention your departure while out in public forums. A passerby or someone listening might be somebody who would take advantage of you while you're gone. Do not post on the internet time away from

Ask a friend to check your

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ways should be illuminated if residence periodically while

Senior leaders talk Safe Helpline, initiatives to stop sexual assault

U.S. Army Europe PAO

HEIDELBERG, Germany – The Pentagon's top civilian and military leaders campaigned to stop sexual assault in the military April 16 at Capitol Hill.

General Dempsey and I consider this a serious problem that needs to be addressed," Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta said. "It violates everything the U.S. military stands for."

Panetta said servicemembers and their Families must feel secure enough to report sexual assault crimes without fear of retribution.

He discussed new initiatives, including a mandate for wider public dissemination of available sexual assault resources, such as the Department of Defense Safe Helpline, to help combat this problem.

"The Safe Helpline is a crisis support service for members of the DoD community affected by sexual assault," said Michelle Fonseca, U.S. Army Europe G-1 Sexual Harassment, Assault Response and Prevention program specialist. "The Safe Helpline empowers victims of sexual assault to receive help and obtain information about the services that are available such as, crisis intervention, emotional support, referrals to both civilian and military resources, information on military reporting options, restricted and unrestricted, and information for family and friends of victims."

The service is confidential, anonymous, secure and available worldwide and 24/7 to provide victims with the help they need anytime and anywhere by visiting https:// www.safehelpline.org, calling 001-877-995-5247, or texting their zip code to 001-202-470-5546, said Fonseca.

The initiatives also include establishing with congressional approval a "special victims' unit" within each service composed of specially trained experts in evidence collection, interviewing and working with victims.

Also, requiring that sexual assault policies be explained to all servicemembers within 14 days of their entry into active duty.

Allowing National Guard and Reserve personnel who have been sexually assaulted to remain on active-duty status to obtain the treatment and support afforded to active-duty members.

Requiring a record of the outcome of disciplinary and administrative proceedings related to sexual assault and retaining the records centrally.

Additionally requiring commanders to conduct annual organizational climate assessments to measure whether they are meeting the department's goal of a culture of professionalism and zero tolerance of sexual assault.

Enhancing training programs for sexual assault prevention, including training for new military commanders in handling sexual assault matters.

Speak
Out

What do you do to protect the environment?



Maggie Dalzell Family member "I protect the environment by doing my best to recycle and always saving energy."



James Jones Family member "I protect the environment by reducing the nonrenewable resources I use. I ride my bike and turn off the lights when I leave a room."



Kaely Wilson Family member "I protect the environment by recycling, turning out lights when I'm not using them, and taking showers instead of baths."

By Laura Kreider

Garrison news

Tips for helping children cope during deployment

By Dr. (Lt. Col.) Robert McKenzie U.S. Army Health Center-Vicenza

As our community prepares for another deployment, everyone knows change is coming. With change comes stress, both good and bad. It is important to remember that while deployments are stressful, they also provide opportunities for Families to grow stronger and more resilient. Here are some tips that may help you prepare yourself and your family for deployment.

First, parents should digest any information you receive prior to sharing it with your children, so it can be delivered it in a calm and appropriate manner. Be careful about sharing your emotions with your children. Some parents share too much (losing control in front of kids) or too little (no emotion or giving the impression that you can't talk about it). Be aware, children take their cues from you.

Children worry about the safety of their deploying parent, so reassure them that their parent is very well trained to do their job.

Maintain routines. Activities, such as games, schooling, bedtimes, are important to keep regular. A routine is predictable and can provide safety and security for you and your children. Continue to celebrate birthdays, holidays, or other special occasions with enthusiasm.

Communicate with your children about deployment,

but make sure you do it in a way that they can understand, based on their age and developmental level.

Listen to you children and their concerns. Children may spend a lot of time thinking about or worrying about their deployed parent. Be available when they want to talk.

Limit television and other media coverage of the war to help reduce anxiety and worries.

Have your spouse before, or during their deployment record chapter books on a cassette recorder, to be played back for younger children. This helps with separation and attachment issues with children, and can help your deploying Soldier feel connected. Likewise, help your kids make a scrapbook, photo albums, short videos to send to their Soldier parent, or share when they get back.

Take care of yourself. Find time to rest, see a movie or do something just for you. Maybe you and your friends can take turns watching all the kids, giving each of you some free time.

Accept help from family or friends if you are feeling over stressed or overwhelmed. We are all more vulnerable to stress when we are tired, and can manage better when we are rested and in tune with ourselves.

Use your resources if you need a little extra assistance. Your Family Readiness Groups, chaplains or behavioral health professionals are here for you.

Some of this information was obtained from the USUHS Courage to care campaign at www.usuhs.mil



A U.S. Army Soldier spends time bonding with his daughter before leaving for deployment.

HOME: Be vigilant when protecting your home

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on vacation.

Ensure all personal and renter's insurance policies are up to date. Photograph or videotape your high end items and if possible engrave some identification number on them. If robbed, you will have a better chance of getting them back with the identification numbers. Photographs/videotaping can be used when submitting claims.

Do not announce your vacation on Facebook or other social media. While using personal pages on the internet may be a convenient way to keep in touch with friends, sharing your itinerary can cause problems while you are away from home. Notify only key people that you will be away and avoid posting your vacation plans on internet sites, answering machines or voice mail messages. If this proves too difficult, at the very least keeps your location status off any public social networking pages. Many burglars use the sites to identify "safe targets".

Don't buzz open the gate/door before looking out and identifying the person. When you leave the house double check that the gates have been secured.

Mark your property: It's a good idea to keep complete property records of valuable items in your home. This way in the event they are stolen during a home burglary, you will have the necessary paperwork to file a claim with your insurance company and provide the Military Police with helpful information for their investigation. Here's what you should do: Create an Excel spreadsheet with columns for the date, description of the item, item serial number or personal identification number, and the items estimated value.

Place small stickers with a serial number on the back of the items that do not have serial numbers. Since many items do not have serials numbers, you should create a PIN to distinguish the item.

Photograph each item with a digital camera.



The photo is examples of markings found near properties that are used by criminals. Be aware of markings made near your home.

Copy the spreadsheet and photos onto a CD or thumb drive.

Keep the CDs or thumb drives in a safe place. Do not keep the storage device in your home. Keep it at work or send it back to a friend or family member in your home state.

Keep an emergency contacts card with all applicable phone numbers. These cards can be found at building 108, Army Community Service. Keep the card at home and also enter the contact numbers into your cell phone.

Crime in Italy is often associated with gypsies. Below is a list of gypsy symbols used to mark houses for theft. Criminals might use spray paint, mud or chalk to mark houses. If you see any of these markings call the military police and they will notify local authorities. t

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

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Provost Marshal's corner

Starting May 25, Caserma Ederle Law Enforcement (Carabinieri and military police) will begin a campaign focusing on drunk driving, speed enforcement and seatbelt use in and around the Vicenza military community.

This campaign falls in line with U.S. state and federal law enforcement activities and is meant to deter wouldbe drunk drivers and speeders. It is also meant to ensure everyone is enjoying their summer in a safe manner.

Random checkpoints and enforcement zones will operate throughout the day/night from May 25-July 8.

Notes: Seatbelts are mandatory both on and off the installation for all occupants of the vehicle.



Crime stats for April 15-22

DUI (on post) 2 DUI (off post) 0 Assault (on post) 0 Assault (off post) 1 Burglary (on post) 1 Burglary (off post) 0 Vehicle break in (on post) 0 Vehicle break in (off post) 0 Parking Citations (on post) 0 Speeding citations (on post) 31

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Post patrons enjoy National Library Week



Jennifer Blair took first place in the altered book submission during National Library Week in April.

By Junel JeffriesSpecial to the Outlook

Members of the Vicenza Military Community recently gathered at the post library to celebrate National Library Week, an American Library Association-sponsored event that takes place annually the second week of April.

Michelle Ortiz, Caserma Ederle supervisory librarian, says the event serves as a special opportunity to showcase to the community the many resources available at the local library.

"It's important to bring awareness to the library and all it has to offer as well as give something back to our patrons," said Ortiz. "We hope that community members will come in to the library for one of the events and find something new they didn't know the library had."

In addition to an open house event, where patrons received door prizes and refreshments, the Vicenza library sponsored various games and prizes all in the name of celebrating libraries. Community members took part in a book swap, an "altered book" contest, and even a "book walk," which is similar to a cakewalk, but with an added plus of walking away with a free book.

This year's national theme, "You belong @ your library" is meant to bring people into the library to discover the many new and exciting programs and activities that happen there.

Ortiz says that while National Library Week is one of the library's biggest events of the year, the community should stay tuned for more information about upcoming programs.

"Next we are gearing up for our summer reading program," Ortiz said. "This year's theme is 'Reading is sooooo delicious' and we'll have a program for all kids ages 3 to 18-years-old."

The Vicenza post library is open Monday-Friday 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. and American Holidays 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Soldiers' Theatre honored at annual Topper Awards

Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Soldiers' Theatre was honored at the IMCOM-Europe 2012 Tournament of Plays (Topper) with four Topper awards and 23 nominations. The Soldiers' Theatre production of Oklahoma! was U.S. Army Garrison-Vicenza's entry in this year's competition.

Award winners included Erika Green as Best Supporting Actress in a Musical for her role as "Ado Annie", Jason Resto as Best Debut Performance in a Musical for his role as "Ali Hakim", Leda Kreider as Best Actress in a Featured Role in a Musical for her role as "Dream Laurey" and Jerry Brees as Best Technical Director of a Musical.

Twenty musicals, comedies and dramas were produced during the 6-week adjudication period in Army, Air Force and International community theatres in Germany, Italy, Belgium, the Netherlands, and Turkey.

Installation Management Agency – Europe Region sponsors the annual event, and the "Topper" Show has become an important part of each community theatre's season. Although the awards and recognition provide good incentives, the real value of the event is to obtain the training that the adjudicators provide with their post-show critiques. The team of roving judges offers verbal insights and suggestions on-the-spot after each entry that they attend.

"'Oklahoma'! was a tremendous success for Soldiers' Theatre," said Entertainment Director Jerry Brees. "It was one of the largest casts and most attended shows in our history. This was a great opportunity to work with such a talented cast and crew and to see the overwhelming support of audiences in our community for the Soldiers' Theatre program."



Outlook file photo by Laura Kreider

Member of the cast for the show, "Oklahoma!" pose after finishing a song in the show. Four members of the cast brought home awards during the annual Topper awards out of a total of 23 nominations.

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Camp Darby

DLA Energy thanks facilities specialist

By Lt. Cmdr. Eric Lockett

DLA Energy Europe and Africa

Massimo Fornaini, a distribution facilities specialist with Defense Logistics Agency Energy Europe and Africa regional office, received recognition March 20 for his 40 years of federal service at a ceremony at Camp Darby, Livorno, Italy.

Fornaini began his career in January 1972 as an accounting clerk with the DOA, Department of Logistics, Supply Support Activity for the 8th Area Support Group at Camp Darby, where he was responsible for maintaining supply and budget accounts for the 8th ASG and tenant commands. In the early 1980s, Fornaini went on to assist with the integration of the Army's legacy supply system as it transitioned into the Standard Army Intermediate Level System. He was later promoted in a series of positions that included budgeting assistant with the 201st Materiel Management Command, supply systems analyst and finally to supervisory supply system analyst.

Prior to working for the Department of the Army, Fornaini, an avid soccer player and enthusiast of the game, worked as a bookkeeper for a large furniture company in Florence, Italy. A friend told him that the U.S. government was seeking to hire Italian nationals to work in Pisa and suggested he apply.

"I didn't even know about the U.S. Army in Pisa, but they taught me how to apply, and 10 days later a position opened, and the rest is history," Fornaini said.

When the 201st MMC relocated to Germany, Fornaini returned to 8th ASG as a plans and operations specialist with S3 division. After 25 years of dedicated service with the DOA, Fornaini joined the Defense Energy Support Center Mediterranean team, now DLA Energy Europe and Africa region, in 1998 and was honored as the DESC Employee of



Photo courtesy of Defense Logistics Agency

Lt. Cmdr. Eric Lockett, right, Defense Logistics Agency Energy Europe and Africa, thanks Massimo Fornaini for his 40 years of loyal service.

the Quarter for the third quarter of fiscal year 2006.

Fornaini was pleasantly surprised when Army Col. Robert Weaver, commander of DLA Energy Europe and Africa, chose to honor his dedicated service in the presence of his peers during his recent visit to Camp Darby.

"Over the years DLA Energy's mission and name have been through several iterations," Weaver said. "And Massimo has been a pillar of excellence through it all. His dedicated work ethic is a fine example of the stability our foreign national workforce brings to the organization."

Fornaini said, "I am most thankful for the lasting relationships formed over the years. I served 25 years with the Army, and I'm ready and willing to serve even more with DLA Energy."

Darby

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

ArmyMWR Services Survey

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 Livorno. If you received an invitation please take the survey. You can help make good programs even better.

Safety Day

May 10 is Summer Safety Day. The Safety office will provide information on baby/child choking hazard safety training and ADR (European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road) in addition to the normal summer safety classes.

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.

CYSS

633-7681

• May 2-3 the school and CYS will offer a child screening to see how your child is developing. Call DSN 633-7459 for an appointment.

• Join America's Armed Forces Kids Fun Run May 19 at 9 a.m. Register online at www. americankidsrun.org.

• Get certified as a CYSS Adult Sitter. Learning objectives will include CPR, First Aid as well as behavior management, appropriate play activities and emergency plans, May 1 and 3.

ITR

633-7589

- Florence May 5
- Rome May 12
- Venice May 19

American Beach Opening

May 25 at noon enjoy a day at the American Beach for free. The ribbon cutting at noon will be followed by a free barbecue, kayaks, umbrellas, pedal boats, boogie boards, volleyball courts and children's playground.

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

Get fit with Strong BANDS Program

By Kenneth Owen

Camp Darby Fitness Specialist

In recognition of National Physical Fitness and Sports Month, Camp Darby will be hosting a wide variety of special events throughout the month of May. As part of the 2nd annual Strong BANDS (Balance, Activity, Nutrition, Determination, Strength) campaign, there will be special programming to broaden the experiences of the USAG Livorno community.

It is widely believed that the best way to increase fitness is to "keep the body guessing". Performing the same workouts day after day and week after week teaches the body to adapt only to that specific workout. Performing a variety of exercise routines boosts the body's ability to adapt to a broad spectrum of movements which is an optimal way to improve fitness levels.

The Half Ironman Triathlon Challenge runs May 7-20. Participants will swim 1.2 miles, bicycle 56 miles and run 13.1 miles over the course of two weeks. Progress will be tracked at the Fitness Center on their charts. Participants can swim for free at the pool to do their laps from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday-Fridays during the program.

May 7 there will be a free TRX Suspension Straps demonstration. On May 14, you can try the Aqua of Zumba Fitness class for free. Additional classes will incur a cost. May 15 and 22 at 5:15 you can get tips on how to improve your stroke at the free Swim Stroke Clinic. May 19 there will be a free swim meet with awards for the top three finishers.

Through a partnership with the



Above and below, Camp Darby community members can take part in the two version of the

Outdoor Recreation Department, the base pool will open early specifically to support the Strong B.A.N.D.S. events that require water. There will be no charge for participants of the programs to enter the pool when the Half Ironman Triathlon Challenge, Aqua Fitness classes, Swim Stroke clinics and a swim meet will be held. The pool is heated so take this early opportunity to get wet.

Half Ironman Challenge by signing up at the fitness center by May 7.

The events will culminate with the annual Memorial Day Softball tournament.

Some of the programs require prior registration so don't miss your chance to participate. Stop by the Fitness Center to check out the schedule or to get more information. About Strong B.A.N.D.S. visit www.armymwr.com/strongbands.



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Medieval festival:

A historical re-enactment at Romeo and Juliet castles in Montecchio Maggiore will take place Tuesday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Medieval music will be played on ancient instruments and a tavern will feature spit-roasted meat, soups and drinks.



Courtesy photo

Local events

Labor Day in Italy is celebrated Tuesday. It is a national holiday, schools and most of the stores will be closed.

Medieval Festival:

Tuesday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., in Montecchio Maggiore, about seven miles southwest of Vicenza. Historical re-enactment at the Romeo and Juliet Castles. Visit a typical military encampment and medieval hamlet with pilgrims, mendicants, dice players, stilt walkers, friars and medieval music played on ancient instruments. Local craft exhibit and market. Medieval tavern featuring spit-roast meat, aromatic soups, spicy drinks and other medieval specialties.

San Zeno and Flowers Festival:

Friday-Tuesday, in Arzignano, Via San Zeno 32, about 12 miles west of Vicenza. 7 p.m. food booths featuring paella, sausage with polenta, dried code fish, tripe and other local specialties; vintage auto and motorcycle exhibit; charity

- Friday: 9 p.m. music and dancing with The Silly Monstaz and The Lonely Pops
- Saturday: 9 p.m. Latin-American night with Max y Su Havana Caliente
- Sunday: food booths at 12:30 p.m. and at 6 p.m.; 4 p.m. bell concert; 5:30 p.m. rhythmic gymnastics show; 7 p.m. children's singing contest
- Monday: 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Michela and her accordion
- Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. vehicles and motorcycles exhibit; flower market; motorcycle rally: participation fee: €8, which includes refreshments and a gadget; 4:30 p.m. singing contest

Medicinal and aromatic herbs Festival:

Saturday-Tuesday, in Asiago. Local restaurants will feature specialties prepared with fresh spring herbs.

Saturday: 4 p.m. grand opening of the medicinal and

aromatic herbs photo exhibit at Turismo Millepini Building, Via Millepini 1; the exhibit will be open Sunday-Tuesday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.

- Sunday: 10 a.m. local agricultural products exhibit and sale; tasting of local honey and jam; 3 p.m. old trades exhibit and live music.
- Monday: 3 p.m. spring herb cooking workshop (€30), call 349-8430948 to reserve your seat
- Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. "Andar per erbe" – 3-hour guided nature walk in search of medicinal and aromatic herbs. It departs from "Da Riccardo" restaurant, Via Dal Maddarello, 88. Registration

Old Districts Festival:

Friday-Tuesday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. in Romano D'Ezzelino, Via Roma and surrounding roads, about 26 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths featuring local specialties open at 7 p.m.

- Friday: 9 p.m. photo exhibit of the town old districts and live music with Herman Medrano & The Groovy Monkey
- Saturday: 9:30 p.m. rock music with Radio Liga.
- Sunday: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. visit the old districts on foot, by free shuttle bus or rent a bicycle to see re-enactments of old trades in farmers' homes, barnyards and fields; 10 a.m. auto exhibit and local products exhibit and sale; 11:30 p.m. food booths; 9:30 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Stefano and I Nevada. In case of adverse weather conditions, the event will be postponed to May 1.
- Monday: 60's and 70's music with Radio Metrò
- Tuesday: 9:30 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with I California.

Trades, crafts and flavors of the Berici Hills:

Saturday-Tuesday, in Longare, sports center, Via dei Martinelli 1, about 7 miles south of Vicenza. Food booths featuring calf liver with polenta and other local specialties; bounce houses for children.

• Saturday: 7 p.m. market and

food booths; 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Flavio and Maurizio

- Sunday: 10 a.m. exhibit opens; 10:30 vintage motorcycles exhibit and old trades presented by a Medieval Theater Company; 12:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. food booths; 4 p.m. vintage motorcycles parade; 8:30 p.m. live music and dancing with Stefano and Vanna.
- Monday: 7 p.m. exhibit and food booths; live country music and dancing with Luca & Nike

Sporting events

Italian Football Championship:

Saturday, 4 p.m., in Creazzo, Sports Center, Viale Torino. Hurricanes Vicenza against Daemons Martesana. Free entrance

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

- Silver works exhibit: ongoing through May 9
- Ceramics exhibit: ongoing through May 15

Conservatory students in concert:

Saturday, 5 p.m., in Vicenza, Conservatory, Contrà San Domenico 33.

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.

Concerts

New Conversations - Vicenza jazz: in Vicenza, May 4-12. Entitled "Fair East: on the routes of Marco Polo and Thelonious Monk", this year 17th edition is dedicated to the Far East featuring musicians from India, Japan and Southeast Asia. A detailed schedule will be published next week; you can also request it by sending an email to usagvicenzapao@eur.army.mil

Metallica: May 13 in Udine Allan Holdsworth Band: May

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

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

Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers: June 29 in Lucca Cranberries: June 30 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova)

Al Jarreau: July 2 in Milan Joan Biaz: July 3 in Milan Gipsy Kings: July 5 in Milan Billy Idol: July 7 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova)

Sting: July 10 in Piazzola sul

Wolfmother: July 11 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova)

B.B. King: July 13 in Pistoia Norah Jones: July 14 in Lucca Duran Duran: July 16 in Verona, July 23 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova)

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

Ben Harper: July 20 in Piazzola Sul Prenta (Padova) The Beach Boys: July 27 in

Alice Cooper: July 30 in Milan Leonard Cohen: Sept. 24 in

Tickets available in Vicenza at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center or at www.greenticket.it/

index.html?imposta_lingua=ing or http://www.ticketone.it/EN/.

ODR trips

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:

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

Sea kayaking; June 10 **Tuscany Road Ride**; June 15 Slovenia weekend; June 15-16 Sports day at Lake Garda;

Jesolo Beach; June 17 Wine-down Wednesday; June

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.

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

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	Friday	Good Deed (PG 13)		6 p.m.
		This Means War (PG 13)		9 p.m.
	Saturday	The Lucky One (PG 13)		3 p.m.
		Ghost Rider (PG 13)		6 p.m.
	Sunday	The Lucky One (PG 13)		3 p.m.
		Ghost Rider (PG 13)		6 p.m.
	Wed.	Good Deed (PG 13)		6 p.m.
	May 3	Ghost Rider (PG 13)		6 p.m.
	May 4	Act of Valor (R)		6 p.m.
		Wanderlust (R)		9 p.m.
		Camp Darby The	ater	
	May 4	Wanderlust (R)		6 p.m.
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May 5 Act of Valor (R) 6 p.m. The Three Stooges (PG) * May 6 1 p.m. May 11 Project X (R) 6 p.m.

Admission: *First runs, age 12 and older, \$5, younger than 12, \$2.50 Regular release, \$4.50/\$2.25 Special pay \$3/\$1.50

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

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Community briefs

Special events

The Volunteer Recognition Ceremony is Tuesday, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Golden Lion Conference Center. Community volunteers are invited to attend, but must RSVP by Friday at the ACS reception desk or by calling 634-7500.

CYSS

- Youth Center offers "Youth Workforce Preparation Training". Different subject sessions run on Fridays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. thru June 8. The subjects include; resume writing, understanding your finances, careers for your personality, time management and goal setting, ethics in the workplace, and customer service. All interested youth can register at the Teen Center. Call 634-7659 for more details.
- School Age Services heads to Sirmione for a field trip May 5. Cost is \$39 and includes eight hours of adult supervision, transportation, admission fees and lunch. You can save \$16 by using your free four hours for the month. Call 634-5700 to sign up.

USARAF FRG meeting

A meeting will held May 15 in the Old Soldier's Bar in the Golden Lion. A free lunch will be served and the guest speaker will be Josh Gwin, director of Vicenza DFMWR. Free childcare is available when you sign up through Parent Central Services. You must call CDC building 398 at 0444-71-5008 or 634-5008 for reservations. RSVP for meeting by May 11 with Sylena Schendel, FRST at sylena.l.schendel.civ@mail.mil or call 634-5571 or 0444-71-5571

Soldiers' Theatre

Music Café is back May 4; 7:30-10:30 p.m. Kick back and enjoy talent from local musicians in a relaxed café atmosphere with light snacks and refreshments. You can sign the clipboard at the door and have a chance to join in yourself on stage. Call 634-7281 for more information.

Army Community Services

- Bully Me No More is a class that gives parents the tools to teach their children about bullying and how to stop it. Join the Family Advocacy Program for this informative session every Tuesday during May, 11 a.m.-noon, beginning Tuesday. Register before Monday by calling
- Self Defense classes will be offered Saturday at the Fitness Center. Class time is 10 a.m. until noon. Space is limited so call 634-7500 to reserve your space.

VHS scholarship

The Vicenza High School Booster Club announces the Joe Pellerito Memorial Scholarship is ready for applications. Packets are ready for pick-up at the Vicenza High School Front Office and the deadline is May 15. For more info., contact David Lee, scholarship chairperson, at 0444-79-7945 or david.lee@eu.dodea.edu.

Arts and Crafts Center

Beach weather is just around the corner, so get ready by making

a one of a kind beach tote. You'll learn the basics of machine sewing so no experience is necessary. Class is four-consecutive Thursdays beginning May 3. Call 634-7074 to register and get your supply list.

- Photo classes during May begin May 3. Photographing Children and Babies will build on your basic skill and show you how to take silhouettes, group shots and use creative lighting techniques. Digital Photography focuses on aperture, shutter speed, and ISO. Learning to use the settings on your camera can take your photos to the next level. Sign up at the Arts and Crafts Center or WebTrac online.
- Let your child experience the joy of making a special gift for mom this Mother's Day. On May 5, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. they can create a special gift in clay to surprise Mom on her special day.
- Arts and Crafts Center is offering three very special free sessions for different age groups, on using art as a means to explore and express yourself. These six week programs are for those who are directly affected by deployment or other challenges of military life. Participants will find art naturally therapeutic when used in a supportive environment. Art is a wonderful outlet for expression and is another form of language. No prior art experience is necessary. Sessions begin in May and space is limited so contact the Arts and Crafts Center if you are interested • in participating, 634-7074.

Holiday closures

On Tuesday many offices on post will be closing due to an Italian holiday. The Motor Vehicle Registration Office and the Installation Access Control System Office in building 4B will be closed Tuesday.

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 wants 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.

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 long as 45 minutes to complete the survey, but the results benefit Soldiers and Family members.

Library

Need a gift for Mom? Stop by the Post Library and decorate a pot for her favorite flowers, May 9, 3:30 p.m. It's free and all supplies are provided but you should sign up at the circulation desk before May 7.

VCC

A flea market will be held May 5 from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the school parking lot on Villaggio. Tables are available for \$20 and the deadline for sign up is May 4. RSVP by email to pfrancis82@ aol.com.

MOMS Club events

- Monthly Meeting, Monday
- Luncheon, May 7 Book club, May 14
- Visit to Italian market, May 16
- Walking group, May 18
- Monthly Meeting, May 21
- Playgroup, May 29

These events are subject to change. For more information, email momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com.

Changes on MWR Market Place

Effective April 1, MWRMarketPlace users placing an ad for a vehicle must provide the Marketplace administrator a copy of the current Post Vehicle Registration before the ad is considered for approval. This can be emailed to marketing@ vicenzaMWR.com. This will include any ads placed but not approved prior to April 1. The ad must include the full name of the registered owner and must match the Vehicle Registration. To place an ad for someone who has PCS'd the Vicenza Military Community, the designated person placing the ad must also provide a copy of the Power of Attorney to sell the vehicle. The two vehicle limit per household per year still applies. All other exceptions will be considered only on a case by case basis and the site administrator's decision to accept and approve an ad is final.

MWRMarketPlace is funded and managed my Family and MWR. It is provided for members of the Vicenza Military Community only. The site cannot be used to promote personal services, private business, or list any form of real estate. Users are not permitted to post items for someone else on the site. Administrator of the site has sole authority to decline any ad not meeting the intent of the site. Users of the site should be aware that it is a public site and therefore subject to phishing, spam and other types of internet fraud. When using the site you agree to the "Complete Terms of Use" as posted on the site at this link, http://vicenzamwr.com/ tou.htm. Concerns or questions can be directed to the site administrator marketing@vicenzaMWR.com.

Computer training

The 509th Signal Battalion and the Army Europe Information Technology Training program offers training to all customers of the 509th area of responsibility. Current course offerings, which begin at 8 a.m. and are be held in building 372 are: May 7-8 – Win7 User Training (2 slots available), May 9-10 - Win7 User Training (16 slots available), June 4-8 -Security+, June 11-14 - Cloud Computing, July 9-13 - Win7 Desktop Support Technician, Aug. 6-10 - Information Management Officer Certification. The entire 509th Signal Battalion customer base will migrate to Windows 7 by June 30.

To sign up, contact your Unit/Org Training Coordinator or michael.k.gauthier.civ@mail. mil/634-6077.

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.



Photo by Barbara Romano

Lighting the menorah: Pvt. 1st Class Jenevieve Bailey, 386th Movement Control Team, lights the fifth candle in memory of the 1.5 million children murdered during the Holocust at the Remembrance Ceremony April 19 at the chapel.

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

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Sports

Members of Vicenza military community complete 156-mile marathon



By Taylor Curry
Outlook intern

Each year, families stationed in Europe generally take advantage of the spring break week to takes a trip — most commonly sightseeing in a neighboring country or relaxing on a cruise or at the beach. This year's spring break however, was inordinately strenuous and exhausting for four Vicenza locals who competed in the 27th annual Marathon des Sables.

The "Leoni di Vicenza," a team which consisted of members Marcus de Oliveira, Michael de Oliveira, Scott Francis and Benjamin Walters, spent this year's long awaited break competing in a six-day, 156-mile ultra-marathon. This marathon, described by many as the toughest foot race on Earth, is held annually in the Moroccan Sahara Desert and is run in six days.

Every member of the team successfully completed the marathon, with Walters finishing 65th overall. The team, along with the rest of the competitors, was required to carry all personal belongings and food for the entire event in a backpack. Meals for the Leoni di Vicenza mainly consisted of freeze-dried food, energy bars and energy gels. Competitors stay overnight in a tented village which moved each day to meet the runners as they complete



Sahara Desert pose for a photo. Four of the participants came from Vicenza. At left, the photo depicts the often treacherous conditions the participants faced during the six days in the dessert.

Above, participants

in a 156-mile mara-

thon through the

Courtesy photos

each stage

The event was particularly special for the two de Oliveira's, because they ran together as father and son. Michael, a senior at Vicenza High School, described the event as a final, major father-son bonding opportunity before going off to college in the fall.

"It was an awesome way to spend time with my dad and also meet people from all over the world who shared the common goal to finish the race," said Michael. "It was difficult at times, but the benefit was that I was able to push myself to limits I have never reached before." De Oliveira also received a special award during the closing ceremony for being the youngest competitor in the event at the age of 18.

In order to compete in the event, the team had to first enter a lottery system to be selected, a process which takes several years for some aspiring competitors. Preparation for the event began in August, and involved completing many long-distance marathons.

Jordanian competitor Salameh Al Aqra was the winner of the marathon. This was the runner's seventh attempt after having finished in the Top 5 on six previous occasions.

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Soccer tournament

Soccer 5 vs. 5 Tournament is Saturday and Sunday. Call the Fitness Center at 634-7009 for exact times and details.

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. Unit/Recreation Softball League begins May 9. Registration is mandatory before Monday. Coaches meeting is May 1, 6 p.m. in the upstairs Fitness Center conference room. Call 634-7009 for more 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.

Don't miss Mother and Daughter Day Basketball May 6. Introductions at 2 p.m. followed by the Daughters Game at 2:20 and then the Mothers game 3.p.m. POC: Julia.sibilla@us.army.mil.

VHS girls softball team .500 at midseason



Photo by Laura Kreider

Celist Jimenez bats during the second game against Sigonella held on post Saturday. VHS Boys team also played during the weekend; they lost Friday and won Saturday's games.

By Tom Hlavacek Special to the Outlook

For three innings Friday, Cougar's pitcher Megan Buffington was pitching a scoreless game against three-time defending European Division II champion Naples. Then Naples's Shannon Walsh hit an inside the park home run to go up 2-0. The Wildcats of Naples won 4-0, but Vicenza had their chances in the seventh inning with the bases loaded but could not get their players home.

Buffington had 11 strike outs in the first game and 5 in the second game of their double header in their 5-6 second game loss.

The Cougar's evened their record to 4-4 in Saturday's double header against Sigonella, winning 24-7 and 15-7.

Coach Julie McClennen praised short stop Katie McKeever and catcher Kate Panian for their defensive play.

"McKeever made several defensive plays and Panian blocked several balls that could have turned into Naples and Sigonella runs," McClennen said. McKeever hit one homer, two doubles and two singles to highlight her weekend. Vicenza is idle for two weeks before taking on Aviano May 5.

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