

USAG Vicenza wins best OCONUS garrison for deployment

By Julie M. Lucas
Outlook editor

Soldiers spend months preparing and training, but behind the scenes are many other people preparing and planning to move the troops and their equipment to help support them. The U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza was recognized with a Deployment Excellence Award as the best in the Army for the second year in a row as a supporting unit. The DEA are based on very specific criteria that is gathered and organized during the year.

“Winning the Deployment Excellence Award is the result of the precise coordination, planning and executing the mission by our host nation partners, our local national employees, Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians,” said Helinka Papison, director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security directorate. “This is an award for everyone in our community who touches the Army Forces Generation process.”

“The spirit and teamwork of this community is what sets us apart against other submissions,” Papison said.

The final product that USAG Vicenza came up with this year could rival any Fortune 500 company presentation with a clean format and easy-to-read tabular layout on thick, glossy paper, a reflection of the professionalism of the people it speaks about.

USAG Vicenza Deputy Commander James Walls said, “We truly have a great team made up of people from across all our directorates and each time they support a major deployment, they amaze me with their commitment and professionalism.”

The DPTMS is responsible for gathering the contents about the deployment and redeployment efforts around the local



173rd ABCT photo

Soldiers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team load in Aviano for an early entry operation during the initial phase for their Full-Spectrum Training Environment rotation in October.

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First Sky Soldiers leave for tour in Afghanistan, rest gear up



Col. Andrew Rohling, left, commander of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, shakes the hand of Sgt. 1st Class Logan McKenzie, as he prepares to leave Italy with the first wave of Sky Soldiers deploying to Afghanistan, Saturday.

Story and photo by Spc. Michael Sword
173rd ABCT Public Affairs Office

Surrounded by Family, friends and fellow paratroopers, the first wave of Sky Soldiers left the brigade headquarters, deploying early to Afghanistan, Saturday.

As the rest of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team continues final preparations for their deployment to Afghanistan, these six Soldiers will be there first, ensuring the safe arrival of equipment and putting it all in place for the arrival of the remainder of the brigade.

“We’re the pallet pushers, to account for all the equipment and make sure all the seals are there and intact.” said Sgt. 1st Class Logan McKenzie,

the 173rd’s noncommissioned officer in charge of movement.

As the Soldiers prepared to board the bus, the 173rd Chaplain (Maj.) Eddie Cook, took time to say a prayer for the departing Soldiers and their families, reminding them that while they may be first to leave, the rest of “The Herd” will soon follow.

“God bless you all and we’ll be there shortly,” said Cook.

For McKenzie, it is his third deployment and he is used to the early departures.

“I’m always going downrange first to receive the equipment and then push it out to our front-line fighters,” McKenzie said. “For me, it’s an honor.”

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VHS baseball split against Aviano; VHS boys and girls track compete



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Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month celebration will be held May 24 on Hoekstra Field.

Tax season winds down, receives high marks

U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza PAO

Vicenza's Tax Center recouped more than \$4 Million on 2011 tax returns and saved customers more than an estimated \$400,000 in preparers' fees during their operations this year.

The Tax Center opened Feb. 1, after preparers received instruction from an Internal Revenue Service trainer and drilled on multiple sample returns. The preparers accomplished more than a thousand returns in the first three weeks of operations and have processed more than 3,500 so far, said Capt. Derek Coyne, Officer in Charge of the Tax Center.

The preparer team represented major units from the Vicenza military community and was comprised of Soldiers, NCOs, a Civilian and a Family member. Coyne said the credit is all due to preparers Richard Kenney, his third

year with the Tax Center, Andrea Green and 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team Soldiers Pvt. 1st Class Edward Dufene and Spec. Richard Seabridge, Sgt. Candice Piercey from Headquarter and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza and Staff Sgt. Michael Belcher from U.S. Army Africa.

"We're a client service industry. The Tax Center was always open through the lunch hour and on training holidays," he said. "These individuals really served our Soldiers and made it a great working environment at the same time."

While all customers left confident their return was squared away, some had a lot of jingle in their pocket.

"We had a Soldier come in to do his 2011 tax return. He had multiple rental properties in the States and had been doing his own tax returns for several years with a commercial product," Coyne said. "He hadn't done some

things right with depreciation, so we went back and helped him file amended returns for three years, and together with his 2011 tax return, he got back more than \$10,000."

The Tax Center received more than 100 comments on the Interactive Customer Evaluation system during their operations.

"More than 99 percent were positive," Coyne said.

While activities are winding down, the team has developed smart books to pass along knowledge of special circumstances that arise with tax filers stationed in Italy — from earnings of a foreign spouse to filing with a newborn who has not yet received a Social Security Number — the Tax Center has the answers.

The Tax Center is still preparing returns until June 15 and will assist walk-ins.



Courtesy photo

Warrants give back: Youth of the Year Taylor Curry is presented an iPad, a gift from the Warrant Officers Association - South of the Alps at the April Info-X. The organization has recently had an election of new officers and since August has donated more than \$4,100 to the Vicenza military community, including the supporting the Girl Scout's Switzerland trip and the USAG -Vicenza adult soccer team. For more information on the association go to www.woasouthofthealps.com.

Malware showing up on travelers' laptops, update software

By Peg Clevenger

USAG Vicenza security manager

Recent analysis from the FBI and other government agencies demonstrates that malicious actors are targeting travelers abroad through pop-up windows while they are establishing an Internet connection in their hotel rooms.

Recently, there have been instances of travelers' laptops being infected with malicious software while using hotel Internet connections. In these instances, the traveler was attempting to set up the hotel room Internet connection and was presented with a pop-up window notifying the user to update a widely used software product. If the user clicked to accept and install the update, malicious software was installed on the laptop. The pop-up window appeared to be offering a routine update to a legitimate software product for which updates are frequently available.

The FBI recommends that all government, private industry, and academic personnel who travel abroad

take extra caution before updating software products through their hotel Internet connection. Checking the author or digital certificate of any prompted update to see if it corresponds to the software vendor may reveal an attempted attack. The FBI also recommends that travelers perform software updates on laptops immediately before traveling, and that they download software updates directly from the software vendor's website if updates are necessary while abroad.

Anyone who believes they have been a target of this type of attack should immediately contact their local FBI office and promptly report it to the Interactive Crime Complaint Center's website at www.IC3.gov. The IC3's complaint database links complaints together to refer them to the appropriate law enforcement agency for case consideration. The complaint information is also used to identify emerging trends and patterns at <http://www.fbi.gov/scams-safety/e-scams>.

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

Speak Out

Where do you volunteer and why?



Bill Nupp

414th Contracting Support BDE

"Boy Scouts of America because it builds character and develops future leaders."



Lucia Zaccaria
NAF

"I have been volunteering at the USO because I enjoy helping while experiencing another culture."



Sara York
Family member

"I help the Vicenza Community Club. I volunteer because it does great things for the community."

By Laura Kreider

AWARD: Recognizes 'team spirit' in community

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community Fiscal Year 2012 from Dec. 1, 2010-Nov. 30, 2011. The plans are not limited to moving the Soldiers and their equipment for deployment but also for training purposes for deployment, such as the numerous trips made to Germany. Some of the highlights include the end of 173rd Brigade Combat Team's last return from deployment in Afghanistan, U.S. Army Africa's many exercises and the redeployment of 14th Transportation Battalion from Iraq.

The award will be presented to Rita Bonamego, ACS Deployment and Readiness manager at the Combined Logistics Excellence Award ceremony June 5 in Washington D.C. Bonamego was chosen to represent the Vicenza military community based on her many years and numerous hours of support toward deployment efforts.

"I've spent more than half of my life supporting Soldiers and their Families in deployment efforts, Bonamego said. "Winning and accepting this award on behalf of our community means so much to me and I'm extremely proud."



Photo by Barbara Romano

The U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza team poses for a group photo representing the many organizations involved in the mission recognized by the Fiscal Year 2012 Deployment Excellence Award for a support unit. The award will be given out next month in a ceremony in Washington, D.C.

USAG Vicenza plans Safety Day

The U.S. Army Garrison will be holding a Safety Day May 24 with the theme of "Take Five For Safety." Events for the day will include safety briefs in the post theater for civilians and local nationals. A mountain bike ride will be sponsored at Outdoor Recreation and water safety and survival demonstrations will be held at the post pool.

A motorcycle mentorship ride will be in the morning, leaving from the commissary parking lot. The Fire Department will have an open house in the morning, with a lunch being served. A fire extinguisher demonstration will

also take place at the fire station.

The Army Substance Abuse Program will have a simulated impaired driving experience set up in the parking lot next to the post theater. Persons ages 16 with signed parental consent and older can take place in this event from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. For consent forms, visit their office in building 305. In the event of bad weather, this event will be cancelled.

For more information about the activities for the day, contact Michael Tougaw at 634-7045 or email michael.a.tougaw.civ@mail.mil.

VCC gives out more than \$20k in scholarships

The Vicenza Community Club is pleased to announce that out of 38 applicants, 20 were chosen for \$20,900 in scholarships. The 2012 scholarship recipients are Taylor Curry, John Camuso, Sara York, John Bonney, Meagan Garcia, Maya Swineheart, Harrison Tarr, Jeremy Huller, Michael de Oliveira, Cooper Armstrong, Sarah Bonney, Brittany Francis, Allegra Tartaglia, Katie Lynch, Laura Vega, Arin Espinoza, Rossana Zapata, Melissa McDonald, Alicia Sendmeyer and Anna Vallery. The VCC thanks the community for their support of their programs.

Correction

In last week's *Outlook*, the front page story on the Exception Family Member Program Field Day incorrectly put the number of participants as "twice as many" than last year, when there were actually six more. Also, Bryan Morvay, overall volunteer coordinator and Andrea Barlow, sports coordinator's names were omitted from the story. We regret this mistake.

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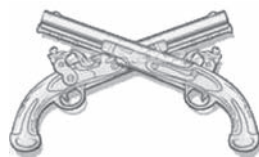
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Provost Marshal's corner



DUI levels and penalties (on post):
 .05-.079 percent Blood Alcohol Content— Mandatory 90-day suspension of driving privileges and Uniform Code of Military Justice action
 .080-.099% BAC— Mandatory 180-day suspension of driving privileges and UCMJ action
 .100% BAC and above—Mandatory 12-month revocation of driving privileges and UCMJ action
 Refusal to submit a breath sample—Mandatory 12-month revocation of driving privileges and possible UCMJ action
 Consuming alcohol within six hours of being involved in an accident--Mandatory 12-month revocation of driving privileges and UCMJ action

Crime stats for May 6-12.

DUI (on post) 3
 DUI (off post) 0
 Assault (on post) 3
 Assault (off post) 1
 Burglary (on post) 0
 Burglary (off post) 0
 Vehicle break in (on post) 0
 Vehicle break in (off post) 1
 Parking Citations (on post) 12
 Speeding citations (on post) 10

Community Camera

Post graduates:

Members of the Vicenza military community who earned a degree in the past year share a laugh during the Graduation Recognition ceremony May 10 in the Golden Lion Conference Center. The guest speaker was Robert Bothel, the European Campus director for the University of Phoenix.



Photo by Laura Kreider



Photos by Julie M. Lucas

Volunteers recognized: At left, Allie Vallery, Army Community Service Volunteer Corps manager, hands out roses to post volunteers that helped with the ceremony May 1. Above, command members from Caserma Ederle congratulate the Volunteer Family of the Year, the Sibillas.



Photos by Julie M. Lucas

Bring your kids to work: Above, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Headquarters and Headquarters Company Commander Capt. Clayton Cole lets daughter Emma, see inside a vehicle set up for "Bring your Children to Work" April 26. At right, 1st Sgt. Fidelis Etim, USAG Vicenza HHC, puts protective gear on daughter Selah.



Airmen clean up community park for summer

Airmen from 731st Munitions Squadron volunteers to pick up trash as part of an Air Force Community Outreach Program May 5.



Photos by Casey Stump

By Chiara Mattiolo
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Airmen from 731st Munitions Squadron at Camp Darby, Italy volunteered their Saturday to clean up San Rossore Park before the summer season begins. According to Senior Airman Casey Stump, this is the second time the Air Force Outreach Program brought airmen out to support community projects.

“It made me feel good,” said Stump. “I helped out by doing just what needed to be done.”

The Air Force Outreach Program aims to keep the United States Air Force in touch with its local communities.

“This is the area we live in and it makes us feel part of the community to help beautify the Natural park area in which we live in,” said Stump.

“We received great support from these Airmen who came out for a very challenging experience,” added Antonio Perfetti, responsible for the conservation projects of the San Rossore Park. “The land they helped clean is situated between two rivers and it is impossible to be reached by vehicles, so all the work was done by hand.”

Perfetti added that they even had two volunteers who came out with two horses and a carriage and helped transport all the tons of garbage that was picked up.

“This was an extraordinary community event where students from the Technical Institute in Pisa, some families and the Italian and American military personnel joined and worked hard together to clean a three kilometer length of beach in the San Rossore Natural Park,” said Perfetti.

Last year, the Airmen helped clean up the mountainside by San Giuliano Terme.



Darby Dates

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

New running club

Every Tuesday at 7 a.m. “The Back of The Pack” running club meets at the gym. Strollers and families are welcome. It is free to be in the club with option of purchasing a T-shirt and running in noncompetitive races.

Volunteers Needed

Girl Scouts of Camp Darby needs someone to manage volunteers and attend monthly meetings. Call 633- 8696 for info.

Lights Out Comedy Show

Comedians Johnny Cardinale, Motavasseli Assad, Sean Kent, Mark Serritella and Maria Shehata will have a free show May 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the Darby Community Club.

American Beach opening

633-7775

The official beach opening is May 25. There will be a ribbon cutting at noon to be followed by a free barbecue, entrance, parking, kayaks, umbrellas, pedal boats, boogie boards, volleyball courts and children’s playground are all free.

Child, Youth and School Services

633-7681

May 30 is Parent Advisory Council. A light lunch will be served. The agenda includes: Program updates, Summer Camp Programs, WEBTRAC, Swimming lesson

Sports & Fitness

633-7438

May Strong B.A.N.D.S promotion means the Half Ironman Triathlon Challenge, free TRX Straps clinic, Aqua Zumba/Fitness classes (first class free), Swim meet and more. Sign up at the Fitness center.

ITR

633-7589

- ◆ Pisa and Lucca, May 26
- ◆ Mirabilandia Trip for kids and Barberino Outlet Shopping Trip for adults, May 27
- ◆ Wine tasting trip, May 28

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
Sign up for summer vacation bible school now at the chapel

Safety day stresses summer activity awareness

Story and photo by Chiara Mattiolo
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

U.S. Army Garrison Livorno held a commander-driven, proactive, Safety Day May 10 in order to ensure that servicemembers, Army civilians, host nation employees, and families are informed and educated to effectively recognize and mitigate the hazards associated with the spring and summer seasons’ activities.

With the support and expertise of the Italian Red Cross representatives, a brief class on baby and child choking hazard safety training was also held.

“I found this class extremely helpful and interesting,” said Sabrina Cicchitti, Resource Management Office. “It’s really easy to lose control when your child is under choking hazard, this

practical demonstration helped me acquire a capacity to react in the right way to an emergency.”

Pisa Traffic Police brought a breath analyzer to show how a small amount of alcohol can be detected by the device. With the support the Military Police and their impaired driving simulator, customers could have the exact feeling of driving under alcohol effects.

The Camp Darby Fire Department had a barbecue and live fire extinguishing simulation so community members could test their ability to use a fire extinguisher.

“It was an occasion to learn or refresh knowledge of safety practices,” said Veronica Carpina, Italian National employee. “Safety is never to be underestimated.”

Learn more about Summer Safety by visiting www.usag.livorno.army.mil.



Italian Red Cross member teaches Heimlich May 10 at Safety Day.

American Festival:

The annual spring festival in Camisano Vicentino gathers local Americans and Italians together to enjoy food and music. The event starts Friday at 5 p.m. with a basketball game with Italians against a Caserma Ederle team. Food booths open at 7:30 p.m. and country music will be played.



File photo by Laura Kreider

Local events

100th Spring Festival:

Thursday-Friday, in Camisano Vicentino, about 11 miles east of Vicenza. This year's theme is "From Corn to Polenta, From Craft to Trade". Food booths in Piazza della Costituzione featuring local specialties; carnival rides, raffle; merry-go-around in Piazza Umberto I; local products exhibit and sale; vintage agricultural tools and vehicles in Piazza della Repubblica and Piazza Libertà

♦ Thursday : 9 p.m., live music and ballroom dancing with the Enrico Marchiante Band, cost: €2

♦ Friday: American Festival - the American community is invited to the annual spring festival in Camisano; 5 p.m. at the Camisano Sports center Aurora '76 basketball game versus Caserma Ederle; 7:30 p.m. food booths featuring Italian and American food, wine, beer, and the typical Veneto dish "polenta". A €10 set menu features bigoli with a choice of sauce, grilled meat, french fries or beans, polenta or bread, wine or water or Coca-Cola; country music and dancing with Luka & Nike Country DJs

Bisi (dialect for peas) Festival:

Thursday-Friday, in Lumignano di Longare, eight miles south of Vicenza. 6:30 p.m.: food booths featuring the local "risi e bisi" (rice and peas), peas lasagna, polenta and cheese, sopressa (Vicentine salami), prosecco and other local wines. 9 p.m. live music.

Kite Festival:

Sunday, 12:30-6 p.m., in Vicenza, Parco Querini. Open to everyone. You can build your own kite at the Kite Workshop. Hot air balloon on display. Registration fee: €2. Toys on sale. All proceeds go towards the construction of a water well in Africa.

Bondola Festival:

Friday - Sunday, in Torrebelticino, Via Fogazzaro, about 18 miles northwest of Vicenza. Food stands featuring the bondola, pork sausage, a typical local product.

♦ Friday: 7 p.m. food booths; 9:30 p.m. entertainment and music

with the CB Band

♦ Saturday: 6 p.m. food booths; 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Caiman Orchestra and Latin-American dance show

♦ Sunday: 10 a.m. food booths and bondola sale; 6:45 p.m. acrobatic spin, step aerobics, hip-hop and belly dancing shows; 8:30 p.m. live music and dancing with Esse Band Orchestra.

Spring Festival:

Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. in Vicenza, Piazza Biade. Vicentine products exhibit and sale. Tasting of Marola asparagus with Berici Oil DOP dressing and a glass of Vespaiolo wine €5; white Vicentine wine tasting and asparagus sandwiches €5; noon-3 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. spritz aperitif and asparagus buffet €5.

Saint Joseph Festival:

Friday-Sunday, in Piovene Rocchette, about 21 miles north of Vicenza.

♦ Friday: 7 p.m. food booths featuring seafood specialties; 7 p.m. photo exhibit; charity raffle; 8:30 p.m. Latin American music and dancing with Garcia Jave: salsa, rueda, meringue and bachata; 10:30-11:30 p.m. happy hour

♦ Saturday: 7 p.m. food booths; 8:30 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Santamonica Orchestra

♦ Sunday: 9 a.m. local products, flowers and plants exhibit and sale; bounce houses; 10 p.m. food booths; 4 p.m. live rock music with Rock Dreamer and Steel Fighters bands; 7 p.m. food booths featuring bigoli, gnocchi, sausages, pork and french fries; 8:30 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Kenote Band.

White Wine Medieval Festival:

Thursday-Sunday, in Soave, about 21 miles southwest of Vicenza.

♦ Friday: 9:30 p.m. in Piazza Cavalli Disco music and dancing with RSB Band

♦ Saturday: 10 a.m. at the Auditorium of Rocca Sveva, Via Covergino 7, Recioto and Classic Soave wine award ceremony; 9 p.m., Foro Boario, food booths featuring the local specialties and Soave wine; 8:30 p.m., Via Roma, historical parade with knights,

noblemen, and soldiers; Medieval fire sword fighting; antique trades and crafts exhibits; 9:30 p.m. rock concert in Parco Zanella; 10 p.m. in Piazza Cavalli 70's, 80's, and 90's disco music and dancing with RSB Band

♦ Sunday: 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Corso Vittorio Emanuele, Antique market; 9 a.m.-7 p.m. historical reenactment of typical Medieval life with craftsmen, artists, musicians, flag-flyers, stilt walkers, jesters, and fire-eaters; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. in Via Camazzoni and Palazzo del Capitano medieval art exhibits; food booths open at noon at the Forio Boario, medieval music, dances and games; free horse riding for children; horse-drawn carriage rides through downtown Soave; 4 p.m. traditional barrels competition; 6:30 p.m. musical aperitif; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Eros Valbusa Band

Flower Exhibition at Villa Da Schio:

Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., in Costozza, Longare, Piazza G. Da Schio 4, about 8 miles south of Vicenza. Admission: €6, reduced: €4. Free for children under 12. Rare and unusual plants, English roses, botanical painting exhibit, patio and garden furniture. Workshops for children and adults. Sunday, 5 p.m., classical music concert.

FREE concerts, exhibits & events

Concert with the Conservatory students:

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

Marostica choir in concert:

Saturday, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Monte Berico's Basilica

Classical Concert:

Saturday, 8:45 p.m. in Santa Chiara Church, Contrà San Tommaso 6

Concerts

Allan Holdsworth Band: Wednesday in Milan

Coldplay: May 24 in Torino
The West Group - From USA with love: May 29, in Vicenza, Teatro Comunale

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 12 in Rome, June 14 in Milan, June 16 in Florence

Black Sabbath: June 24 in Rho (Milan)

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

Al Jarreau: July 2 in Milan
Joan Baez: 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 Brenta

Wolfmother: July 11 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova)

ODR trips

Sea kayaking: Saturday
Piedmont wine tasting: Saturday

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

Sea kayaking: June 10
Tuscany Road Ride: June 15

Slovenia weekend: June 15-16
Sports day at Lake Garda: June 16

Jesolo Beach: June 17
Wine-down Wednesday: June 20

Cinque Terre Cruise: June 23
Burano Island: June 24

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

Thursday	The Lorax (PG)	6 p.m.
Friday	John Carter (PG 13)	6 p.m.
	Silent House (R)	9 p.m.
Saturday	Dark Shadows (PG 13)*	3 p.m.
	Silent House (R)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Dark Shadows (PG 13)*	3 p.m.
	Silent House (R)	6 p.m.
Wed.	John Carter (PG 13)	6 p.m.
May 24	John Carter (PG 13)	6 p.m.
May 25	A Thousand Words (PG 13)	6 p.m.
	Silent House (R)	9 p.m.
Camp Darby Theater		
May 25	Silent House (R)	6 p.m.
May 26	A Thousand Words (PG 13)	1 p.m.
May 27	The Avengers (PG 13) *	6 p.m.
June 1	TBD	

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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www.shopmyexchange.com/ems/euro/vicenza.htm or
www.afes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm

Community briefs

Special events

Giorno Della Famiglia (Family Day) will be held June 2 noon-6 p.m. It's a fun day for Soldiers and Families hosted by Family and MWR, USO and the 173rd. Event includes food, live music and antique car and motorcycle show, two bouncy houses, face painting, static displays, something for everyone. The event is open to ID card holders, their Families and guests and takes place at the Arena and track area.

Around the post

- ◆ A new service at Tax Relief Office allows you to set up automatic payments from your credit card or debit with credit card. Why stand in line to pay? Never worry about paying late fees when you are on leave or deployed! Sign up with your Chase MWR MasterCard and save even more. MWR Card users earn 2 percent cash back from Chase. Customers in both Livorno and Vicenza are eligible, so stop by your Tax Relief Office now and sign up. Sign up between Monday-May 30 and be eligible for a drawing for these great prizes; \$300 DeCA gift Card, \$200 DeCA gift card and the Family and MWR prize package that includes a Fold up Chair, 6-pack or 2-bottle wine cooler bag, laptop computer bag and a solar charger for your small electronics. The drawing for prizes will be held June 1, 5:30 p.m. at the Old Soldiers' Bar inside the Golden Lion. You don't need to be present to win but that night Old Soldiers' Bar will feature special finger foods 5-7 p.m. and \$2 Spritz special all evening long.

- ◆ Last chance to respond to the MWR Services Survey. Data collected through this survey will be used by garrison and HQ IMCOM leaders to make decisions on what programs to continue, new construction projects, justify funding to improve existing programs and new programs and improve MWR programs overall. They need your opinion. Currently response rates from Soldiers are 5-12 percent from spouses. They want to know what programs and services are important to you. If you received an invitation to be a part of the survey sample please log on and take the survey. It only takes a few minutes and can make a difference for our future. The survey closes Friday.

- ◆ There is a very special opportunity for free tickets to the Terri Clark Concert at the Cowboys Guest Ranch in Voghera June 3. This is available to U.S. ID card holders only and while the ticket is free, there is a €90 fee for transportation and hotel. The deadline to reserve your space is May 26. Email your request to specialevents@vicenzaMWR.com.

CYSS

- ◆ Teens head to Gardaland for an exciting day at the amusement park Saturday. All middle school and high school students are encouraged to sign up on line with WebTrac or at Parent Central Services. Call 634-7659 for details.

- ◆ The next Parent Advisory

Group meets Tuesday, noon-1 p.m. in the large classroom at ACS. On the agenda are CYSS summer activities, deployment benefits, Strong Beginnings and the DoDDS School Reduced Lunch Program. Call 634-8347.

PTSA Spring Carnival

The Vicenza Parent Teacher Student Association is holding a school carnival Friday from 6-9 p.m. Games, food and prizes will be available.

Soldiers' Theatre

"Sylvia" an adult comedy about a man, his dog and his marriage finishes this weekend at Soldiers' Theatre. Performances are on Fridays, and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Stop by the box office or call 634-7281.

EFMP

- ◆ EFMP Movie Bash for the entire Family has free bowling, shoes, pizza and drinks. Open to EFMP members only. Call 634-8582 to make your reservation.
- ◆ Art with Anything classes will be every second and third Friday of the month beginning this Friday and June 8 and 15 at the Arts and Crafts Center. A fee of \$3 will cover the cost of supplies and siblings are welcome. For more information or to register call 634-7500/8582.

Arena

- ◆ Old Soldiers' Bar hosts a southwest style Steak Night May 24, 5-9 p.m. For just \$30 per person you can enjoy a 12 oz Porterhouse steak, Spanish rice, Mexican salad, corn, chips and salsa, a glass of wine and a lime or strawberry margarita. Make your reservations before Monday by calling 634-7685.
- ◆ Pizza Bowl Mondays are a great place to beat the heat from 4-9 p.m. You and 4 friends can enjoy an hour of bowling and a large cheese pizza for just \$19.95. The offer also includes shoes. Check out all the special games and pricing for Family Time, Sunday Special, Family Movie Nights, Evening Bowling, Saturday Special and Cosmic and Bowling parties.

Visit <http://www.vicenzamwr.com/arena.html> or stop by the Arena for a complete schedule of bowling specials.

Arts and Crafts Center

- ◆ Take any book and transform it into a decorative journal, box or a work of art. We'll show you how Wednesday, noon-2 p.m. Cost is just \$15 and includes supplies.
- ◆ Adult Hand building class is May 25, 1 p.m. Learn the basics of building with clay. All materials and firings are included.
- ◆ Weave a beach tote basket beginning May 30. This three-part class takes place on the evenings of May 30, May 31 and June 7 at 5:15 p.m. materials can be purchased at the Art Center but pick up a list of other household items you'll need in class.

Equal Opportunity

An observance will be held May 24 at 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Hoekstra Field Pavillion in honor of Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Guest speaker will be Lt. Col. Editha Ruiz, chief of women's health at the U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza. The event will also feature traditional dances and food sampling. For more info. contact the EO office at 634-7914/6061.

Health Assessment appointments

School physicals will be June 19, Aug. 14 and Aug. 21 at the Vicenza Pediatric Health clinic for ages 5 and up by appointment only. Forms are available at CYS registration and the high school office or online and must be filled out and signed before appointment. A shot record is necessary. These appointments are not for patients with chronic medical conditions, such as asthma or ADHD. Children ages 14 and older may be unaccompanied. To register call 0444-61-7000 or go online to www.tricareonline.com.

UMUC summer classes

University of Maryland University College is offering some new classes and few regular favorites for the Summer session: Art History of the Western World,

Human Health and Diseases, Elementary Italian I and Foundation of Oral Communications. With the exception of Italian, all classes are in the hybrid format, where half of the course is done in the class room and the rest online. New students earn \$700 by applying for "New Student Scholarship." There is also a \$150 textbook scholarship and 25 percent off all textbooks offered this term. Registration for classes runs from now to June 3 and classes run June 4-July 27. For more info call: 634-8927 or email: vice@europe.umuc.edu

MOMS Club events

- ◆ Walking group, Friday
- ◆ Monthly Meeting, Monday
- ◆ Playgroup, May 29

These events are subject to change. For more information, email mom-sclubofvicenza@yahoo.com.

PWOC

Day of Blessings, sponsored by Protestant Women of the Chapel will be Tuesday in the Chapel Activity Room from 9-11:30 a.m.

Bring your gently used unwanted items (clothing, household, outdoor) and have them be a blessing to someone else. Feel free to shop for yourself, everything will be free! Light refreshments will be served. Also, take your remaining items home with you at the end of the day.

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 held in building 372 are: 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.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Sylvia: Alicia Gentry-Hollars, left, who plays a dog named Sylvia, taunts Amy Umholtz during the play that performs this weekend at Soldiers' Theatre. The show will be Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. and is a comedy situated around a dog, the owner and his relationship.

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)
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: Email briefs to editor@eur.army.mil by noon on Monday, or by 4 p.m. Friday if Monday is a holiday.

VHS baseball splits with Aviano

By Peter Huller
Special to the Outlook

The Vicenza Cougars baseball team faced two foes last Saturday — the Aviano Saints and the weatherman. The Cougars overcame the weather, escaping flash thunderstorms to play both games of a doubleheader. As for the Saints, Vicenza narrowly lost the first contest by a score of 7-6. A few critical errors and too many walks undid the team's efforts, though some timely hitting could have tipped the balance in favor of the Cougars also.

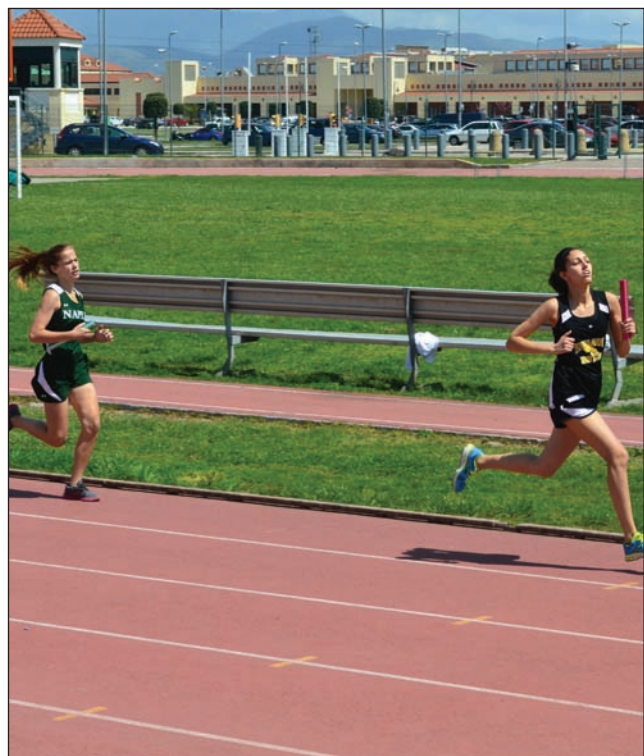
According to Coach Mark Wilson, "We tend to beat ourselves by giving up walks and making errors. It is frustrating to out-hit Aviano and then lose."

The second game was a completely different story, however,

as Levi Martin and Grant Trochesset combined to throw a two-hit shutout en route to a 8-0 Cougar victory. Johnny Suero drove a ball deep to centerfield for a double, with about two feet of fencing keeping the ball in the yard. The team played well on defense as they evened their season record at five wins and five losses.

"This last game is the team we should be: quality pitching, good hitting, and very few errors. This is how we have to play next week and at the tournament," said Wilson.

Vicenza hosts Aviano at Pomari Stadium Saturday with games beginning at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Two wins will move the Cougars into second place on the season. Looming ahead is the European Tournament at Ramstein, Germany, where the Cougars have fared well in recent years with two seconds and a third place finish.



Photos by Gabby Moore

Above, a Vicenza High School runner has a healthy lead on an opponent during a track meet in April. At right, a VHS runner battles it out against other schools during a recent track meet. The next meet will be Saturday.



Patriot Express offers options for pet travel during summer

U.S. Army Europe

HEIDELBERG, Germany — The Patriot Express, a Department of Defense-chartered air travel, originating at Baltimore/Washington International Airport and transiting to Ramstein Airbase offers options for Trans-Atlantic travel with pets.

"During the summer months, May through September, most airlines may impose a Summer Heat Embargo and will not allow individuals to transport pets in the cargo compartment," said Maj. Steven Czap, operations officer with USAREUR G1. "Most Patriot Express flights to BWI are climate controlled and can fly year round without restrictions on breeds, or air temperature and pet travel costs on PE are generally cheaper when compared to commercial carriers."

According to the Air Mobility Command Passenger Policy Branch, there is a minimum fee of \$112 for up to 70 pounds and a max fee of \$336 for a 150-pound animal to fly on the PE. This calculation is based on the pet and kennel's combined weight

and is broken down into three weight increments.

Commercial carriers calculate pet shipping cost based on cubic feet of cargo space taken up by the kennel and air space around the kennel for proper ventilation. This calculation can cost anywhere from \$395 for an average kennel to over \$1,160 for the largest commercial kennel to support a 150-pound animal for the same itinerary.

Currently there are 10 pet spaces, cats and dogs only, available on the Tuesday Patriot Express flight primarily used for PCS transportation. Each week there are also three other Patriot Express flights, (formerly known as Cat B or "Freedom Bird" or "Rotator") flying Soldiers from the CENTCOMAOR that transit through Ramstein AFB to BWI, and these often have temperature controlled spaces for pets, equating up to 40 pet allocations per week.

A very limited quantity of small pets may be authorized to travel in cabin. Pets must be able to fit comfortably in a kennel (hard-sided or soft-sided) no larger than 20" long x 16" wide x 8"

high in order to fit under the seat in front of you. Pets must be able to stand up, lie down, and turn around with normal posture and body movements.

When making outbound travel arrangements for pets, service members will have to keep in mind that they will have to make appropriate onward movement arrangements of their pets from BWI to their PCS destination. This may be harder during the summer heat embargo period than the rest of the year.

If there is no space available on the PE flight, travelers still have the option to ship their pets via commercial carrier or through air cargo (both unaccompanied). Some additional options to off-set the cost of pet shipping include, but are not limited to shipping a POV to the port of Baltimore in advance of official travel and drive to the permanent duty station or leave address. This option requires coordination with the local transportation office. Source specific guidance is the Joint Federal Travel Regulation, Chapter 5, U5435.

For specific PE flight details and reservations contact your SATO travel representative.

Strong B.A.N.D.S.

Army MWR Strong B.A.N.D.S. programs are winding down. Did you get your T-shirt and band? Visit the Strong B.A.N.D.S. website www.armymwr.com/strongbands for fitness tips and prizes every day in May. Don't miss Sunrise Yoga and a Veneto Trail Run Tuesday and Outdoor Power Pump Wednesday and May 24. Visit www.VicenzaMWR.com for complete details of all these events.

Summer Strong

Earn a T-shirt this summer in the "Summer Strong" program. Pick up a card at the Fitness Center desk and each time you participate in a fitness class or use a personal trainer between May 23 and Sept. 19, have the instructor initial your card. When your card is full you can claim your T-shirt. Call 634-7616 for more information.

Long Distance Training Program

It's the best time of the year for going out on a run. How about trying to train for the Army 10 Mile Race at Grafenwoehr, Germany July 7, or any half or full marathon? Get motivated and train in a group atmosphere to increase performance, endurance and speed. Meet new running friends in the community, explore new running routes and learn new ways to train for a distance race. Whether you're a beginner or a pro, anyone ages 18 years and older and out of high school is welcome. For questions contact Christina Salas, Post Fitness Center, 634-7502. Basic schedule is Monday 6 a.m. Tempo run meets at the track four-seven miles.

Wednesday 6 a.m. Speed work meets at the track.

Saturday 7 a.m. Meets outside Chapel Gate 2: Long Run — seven-plus miles.

Sign-up at the Fitness Center Front Desk or return invitation to front desk.

Water Safety Instructor Course

Water Safety Instructor Course is offered June 1-4. Acquire the knowledge and skills needed to teach swimming lessons for all ages. Upon completion you will be certified Red Cross Water Safety Instructor. Cost is \$95 Sign up at the Fitness Center Desk before May 30.

3 on 3 Basketball

3 on 3 Outdoor Basketball League season runs June 1- Aug 4. There is a max of five players including the coach per team. The coaches meeting and mandatory sign-up deadline is May 24, 6 p.m. at the Fitness Center.