

173rd ABCT cases colors for 5th time in 9 years

Story and photo by Spc. Michael Sword
173rd ABCT PAO

Sky Soldiers of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team and members of the Vicenza Military Community gathered at Hoekstra Field here to watch as Col. Andrew Rohling, commander of the 173rd and Command Sgt. Maj. Samuel Coston, the 173rd's command sergeant major, cased the unit's colors during a ceremony June 14.

The ceremony signaled the end of operations in garrison and the beginning of the brigade's fifth deployment in nine years and their fourth deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"This is the fifth time since 2003 that we have stood and cased our brigade colors in Italy," said Rohling. "The fifth time we have answered our nation's call to fight its wars."

The 173rd faces a much different mission this time, as American forces begin to withdraw from the country and Afghan forces take the lead. But after a full-spectrum training exercise and a mission readiness exercise in Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels Training Areas in Germany, the brigade is well prepared for whatever they may encounter.

"I may be biased but I believe the Army did well in choosing the 173rd Airborne Brigade to return again to Afghanistan," Rohling said. "This is a brigade who knows how to fight, knows how to win, knows how to take care of Soldiers and knows how to take care of Families."

"It is a brigade that is surrounded by a great community and command that provides unwavering support every day."

The 173rd has already begun to deploy, having sent its advance parties to Afghanistan and more Sky Soldiers will continue to deploy in the coming weeks.

"For all these reasons, we stand before you trained and ready to once again 'move the Herd,'" Rohling said as he closed the ceremony. "Ladies and gentlemen, signore e signori ... thank you again for sharing this day with us."



Col. Andrew Rohling, left, commander of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team and Command Sgt. Maj. Samuel Coston, the 173rd's command sergeant major, case the brigade's colors during a ceremony at Hoekstra Field June 14. The ceremony signals the end of operations in garrison and the beginning of the brigade's fifth deployment in nine years and their fourth deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Member of Vicenza Military Community jumps in Normandy re-enactment

Story and photo by Rich Bartell
USARAF PAO

Lt. Col. Jeffrey Foundas is an active history buff. And active is putting it lightly. Using personal funds, Foundas jumps out of vintage airplanes as a "living interpreter" of World War II military history. He's part of the Liberty Jump Team and participated in parachute jumps commemorating the 1944 Allied Invasion of Normandy, June 2-6.

Foundas and the Liberty Jump team headquartered in Denison, Texas, made jumps near French towns of Carentan, Sainte-Mere-Eglise and Brecourt Manor in Normandy where significant World War II battles took

place.

He calls himself a living interpreter of World War II battles.

"I physically jump out of a World War II aircraft and participate in re-created battles," Foundas said.

Foundas' current 'real' military assignment is as a senior liaison officer for the Center for Army Lessons Learned at U.S. Army Africa's G-3 Operations section in Vicenza. Being stationed in Europe allowed him to take leave and participate in D-Day commemorative parachute jumps which cost him \$200 a piece.

"The Liberty team makes parachute jumps from vintage C-47s in World War II uniforms and equipment, furthering its mission of honoring heroes and veterans

of all wars and foreign conflicts," Foundas said.

"Members of the Liberty Jump Team honor and recognizes the sacrifices of America's and allied veterans, especially those who served in World War II," Foundas, who is a charter member of the Liberty Jump team, said.

He speculates that remaining World War II paratrooper veterans would jump if they could, but in most cases it their age precludes the activity.

"The Liberty Jump Team performs parachute jumps in their place to honor them and to show other generations how these great Soldiers contributed to winning World War II," Foundas said. Foundas has

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The Vicenza military community quarterly retirement ceremony will be Monday at 4 p.m.

Cyber scams on Facebook, emails systems on rise

By Peg Clevenger

USAG Vicenza security manager

There is one promise we can make: cyber scams are only going to get worse! And frauds are getting very good at making their scams look believable.

A scam targeting the financial data of Facebook, Hotmail, Yahoo, and Gmail users is on the loose. The scam infects its victims' computers with a version of the Zeus Trojan virus — a malware program regularly used to commit bank fraud.

Trusteer, the computer security firm that discovered the scam, says the virus targets Facebook users by getting them to link their Visa or MasterCard debit cards to their Facebook account; enticing them with a fake 20 percent cash back offer.

Malware scams on social networks can be particularly malicious because the fraudulent offers appear to come from trusted friends. In the case of Facebook, scammers will often hijack a user's account by getting the user to click on their post and accept their application, which can give the scammers access to all of the user's account information, and allow them make unauthorized posts in the user's name.

The Zeus Trojan virus has been used by scammers for years to steal financial information from unsuspecting consumers. Different versions of the virus are used by vast international crime syndicates, who have employed the virus to steal more than \$60 million and infect more than four million computers in 196 countries since 2007, according to the FBI.

The Better Business Bureau offers these tips to users of social networks to avoid scams:

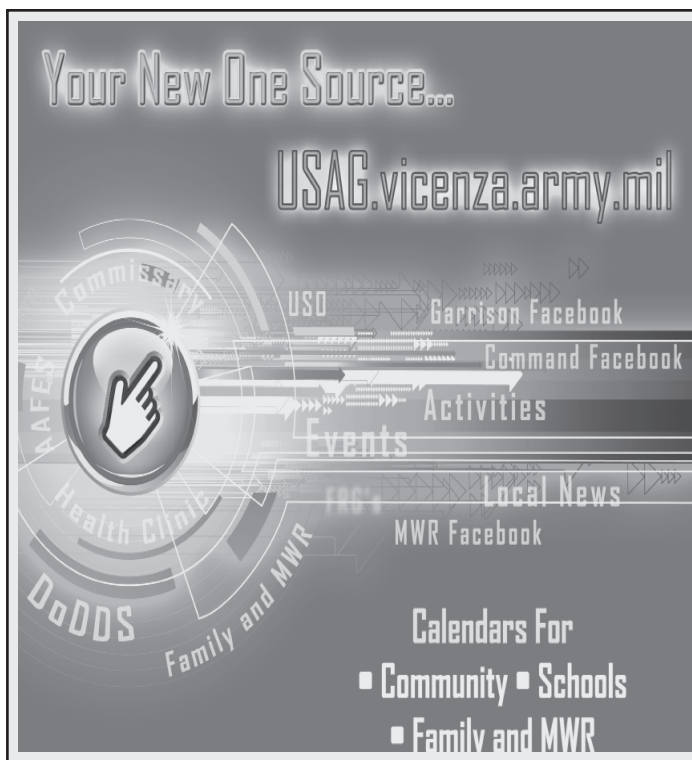
- When using Facebook, never install a game or an application that you're not entirely sure is legitimate.
- On Facebook and Twitter be wary of posts from friends who use overtly promotional language. Examples would be: "Check out how I lost 20 pounds in two weeks," or "I just received a FREE \$50 Amazon gift card. Click here to get yours." A good rule of thumb: if it doesn't seem like language your friend would normally use, your friend probably didn't post it.
- Never click on Facebook posts, or install applications, that claim they will tell you which of your friends viewed your profile. It's impossible to find out who is viewing your profile, and any application that claims it can show you is a scam.

- On Twitter and Facebook beware of promotional offers using shortened links that look similar to this: <http://is.gd/b8XwNO>. While shortened links are commonly used by legitimate businesses, they mask the true URL of the destination website, and scammers will use them to direct their victims to sites that will infect their computers with malware.

- If you mistakenly install a dubious application on Facebook click on the "Home" icon in the top right-hand corner of the site, and go to "Account Settings." On the right-hand column of the page click on the icon that says "Apps," and uninstall the suspect application. After you do that, BBB recommends you change your account password in case that has been compromised as well.

For more information on how you can keep your financial and personal data safe online visit www.bbb.org/data-security. If you think you may have been a victim of an online scam you can file a complaint with the FBI at www.ic3.gov.

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



Speak Out

What is the best trip you've been on?



Spc. Jeff Smith

2nd Bn., 503rd Inf. Reg.

"In 2011, I went to Monte Grappa with the Vicenza Hospitality House. We went through the World War I battle forts and learned a lot about what Italy endured during that war."



Aisea Hoeft

USAG Vicenza Postal Services

"The best trip I have been on was camping in Lake Bled, Slovenia, with my family."



Spc. Joshua Lovejoy

2nd Bn., 503rd Inf. Reg.

"Going to the National History Museum in Paris was outstanding."

By Laura Kreider

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formed in 2006 to perform a commemorative jump at D-Day ceremonies during the Liberty Airborne Festival in Carentan, France. The team was officially organized when the jumpers requested to continue on as a formal group.

Today, the team — which has made appearances all around the world — consists of more than 80 members, including both jumpers and supporting ground crew.

According to Foundas, Liberty Jump Team is largely made up of active duty, retired or reserve members of the U.S. and foreign military. Members hail from the U.S., France, Canada, England, Ireland, the Netherlands and Belgium.

"Many members of Liberty Jump Team have served as U.S. Army Paratroopers and enjoy honoring veterans by commemorating World War II parachute operations," Foundas said.

"What other reason would lead a man in his 70s to strap on 42 pounds of parachute and leap out of a 60-year-old airplane at 90 miles an hour flying at 1,200 feet," Foundas said.

He said members of the team range in age from 18 years old to people in their 70s. There are also several Purple Heart recipients on the team who jump regularly, Foundas said.

Foundas honors the legacy of the 82nd Airborne Division's 376th and 456th Parachute Field Artillery battalions by wearing the distinctive "All-Americans" unit patch.



Dressed in the uniform of a World War II paratrooper, Lt. Col. Jeffrey Foundas stands at the door of a mock aircraft. Foundas is a living interpreter of World War II military history and recently made parachute jumps commemorating the 1944 Allied Invasion of Normandy. He is a member of the Liberty Jump team headquartered in Denison, Texas, that routinely makes parachute jumps re-enacting World War II airborne operations.

Reading prescribed for whole family

By Capt. Abigayle Patterson
USAHC Vicenza

The Reach Out and Read Program is in full swing at the Vicenza Health Center and the Camp Darby Clinic. Here's what Reach Out and Read has to say about their program: Reach Out and Read is an evidence-based nonprofit organization that promotes early literacy and school readiness in pediatric exam rooms nationwide by giving new books to children and advice to parents about the importance of reading aloud.

Reach Out and Read builds on the unique relationship between parents and medical providers to develop critical early reading skills in children, beginning at 6 months of age. The more than 4 million families surveyed annually by Reach Out and Read read together more often.

These children enter kindergarten better prepared to succeed, with larger vocabularies, stronger language skills, and a six-month developmental edge over their peers without any other preparatory program.

Reach Out and Read prepares America's youngest children to succeed in school by partnering with doctors to prescribe books and encourage families to read together.

At the U.S. Army Health Center

Vicenza, every well-child appointment from age 6 months to 5 years, will receive an age-appropriate book. This encourages reading, language development and quality family time that are currently being lost to the television and computer.

Their goal is to improve our community through reading by making sure that you read to your children every day. Remember to ask for your free book at your child's well-child appointment while they are between the ages of 6 months and 5 years.

For more questions and answers about Reach Out and Read, view their website at www.reachoutandreach.org, or call the Pediatrics Clinic at 0444-61-9020.

Military One Source is another great resource of information for education as well as free books and videos to help your little ones understand a parent's deployment. Check them out at www.militaryonesource.mil.

Interested in recording yourself reading a book aloud for your child before your deployment? Visit the USO and tell them you want to participate in United Through Reading. You can find more information through their website at www.unitedthroughreading.org and at www.uso.org. Email Glenn Gibbs at the USO Vicenza for scheduling through gigbs@uso.org.



Courtesy photo

The U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza encourages reading at any age. Receive an age appropriate book at every well-child appointment for children ages 6 months to 5 years.

Community plans for Independence Day celebration on post

DFMWR marketing

The Vicenza military community celebrates American Independence Day with a day-long festival this year on July 4. Festivities hosted by the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation at the Sports & Fitness Track & Field area begin at 10 a.m. continuing until midnight. July 5 is a training holiday.

The "Home Town Celebration"-themed day begins at 10 a.m. with a Salute to the Nation Flag Ceremony commemorating every State in the Union. Come out and cheer for your home state.

Italian guests coming on their own to the open post event are invited to enter beginning at 10 a.m. through Gate 5 near the Health Center on via Corbetta.

Italian guests signed on by ID card holders will be required to enter at Gate 1 on via Aldo Moro for procedures. Sponsors must remain with their guests at all times outside of the festival area.

The Family entertainment kicks off at 11 a.m. with

a watermelon seed spitting contest followed by other contests: 3-legged race, potato sack race, a horseshoe pitching tournament, and many more events.

An American menu is available all day featuring hamburgers, hot dogs, bratwurst, French fries and sodas. The Arena will serve American pizza, burritos and chicken sandwiches. Also available from private organizations on post will be ice cream, popsicles, juice bars, snow cones, various types and flavors of ice cream, popcorn, chips, candy, Texas chili, and nachos. Lots of American specialty drinks include: lemonade and sweet tea, Red Bull and Monster, plus "nada-coladas." American beer will be served throughout the festival until 11 p.m. These purchases will be in either Euros or U.S. dollars.

On stage at 5:30 p.m. will be a Flower Magic Show, followed by an hour of Vicenza's local musical talent who perform regularly at Soldiers' Theatre Music Café. At 7 p.m. don't miss the Marching Band followed by a Motorcycle Parade.

Beginning a 7:30 p.m. "Hillbilly Soul" will perform on stage, and after the frozen T-shirt and Hula Hoop Contests they will perform a second set at 8:30 p.m. and a third set at 10:50 p.m. following the Fireworks show. The July 4th Fireworks show begins at 10:30 p.m. for 15 minutes, launched from the softball field on the Caserma.

Other activities throughout the day include portraits, face painters, and balloon creations.

Carnival rides for young and old; bumper cars, flying swings, bouncy houses, merry-go-round, kiddy auto-rodeo and a mechanical bull for adults. Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will operate the popular dunk tank and car bash.

As a reminder no alcohol, glass bottles, roller skates, skateboards, hee-ies, bicycles, mopeds or pets are allowed to be brought into the festival area.

For complete information as it becomes available visit www.vicenza.com or Family and MWR Vicenza on Facebook.

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Road closure

The Vicenza military community's Independence Day event set up begins Wednesday evening. The road from the Arena up to and including the Ederle Inn parking lot (aka: No Name Road) must be closed to traffic through July 5. All vehicles must be cleared. Spaces are reserved along 9th Street in front of the Arena for CDC drop off and pick up only. Ederle Inn guests should park behind the Ederle Inn. Airport shuttle bus pick up will be in front of the High School Wednesday-July 5.

Community Camera



Soldier dinner:

Above, around 500 Soldiers enjoy a free home cooked dinner at the Vicenza Chapel June 12. At left, Edward Cook, 11, a volunteer from the Vicenza military community serves food to a Soldier, prepared by nearly 40 volunteers. Soldiers in attendance had more than 30 different kinds of dessert to chose from.

Photos by Laura Kreider

Field Day: Vicenza Middle School jump in the Villaggio pool during Field Day June 12, with numerous sporting games that included activities in the gym and bowling at the Arena.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Darby Military Community

Free rides kick-off Italian-American Carnival

Story and photos
by Chiara Mattiolo

Darby Military Community Public
Affairs

The Italian-American Carnival 2012 kicked off June 15 and will continue through June 24. On the first day, as a tradition, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. the community celebrated the Darby Day with two hours of free rides for all Darby residents.

"This was fantastic, all these rides all for free" said Emily Scarpellini. "My favorite ride was the one called extreme; it is fantastic how you see the world from up there."

The Italian-American Carnival featuring rides for children and adults, food booths, as well as live entertainment will run daily from 7 p.m. to midnight.

Carnival visitors could also appreciate the World War II vehicle display June 16.

"Most of the vehicles that we are showing tonight are the result of a hard reconstruction work," said Antonino Chiarenza, historian. "For some of the vehicles I made one out of two semi-destroyed vehicles."

Carnival activities include bumper cars, shooting gallery and ferris wheel, while for young children there is merry-go-round, train ride, fishing booths and assorted games, while the fest tent is reserved for fresh beer serving and live music shows.

Don't miss the Camp Darby Tuning Night June 23 from 7 p.m.-1 a.m., organized by the Evolution Tuning Club from Viareggio in conjunction with the Italian-American Carnival.



Above, Camp Darby residents enjoy the free rides at the special Darby Day during the Italian-American Carnival 2012. The Carnival will run until June 24. At left, The 2012 Italian American carnival was enriched by the participation of the Gothic Line Association, which displayed World War II military vehicles.

Strong Beginnings program aids in transition to kindergarten

Story and photo
by Chiara Mattiolo

Darby Military Community
Public Affairs

Camp Darby Child Development Center has implemented for the second year the Strong Beginnings program for pre-kindergarten children to be successful upon entering school.

"The curriculum focuses on the social, emotional and physical development of children, and equips them with basic academic skills to enhance school readiness," said Linda Fornaciari, director, Child Development Center.

"This was the second full year that our children took part in the Strong Beginnings program and I think it was a major success," said Stephen Parker, Child Development Center assistant director.

The program operates from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Mondays-Fridays and follows the Department of Defense Dependent Schools calendar with regard to holidays and vacation times.

Fornaciari explained that in order to attend, children must be 4 years old by Sept. 1 and be eligible to enter kindergarten the following fall.

"This class helps the children to get used to rhythms and routines which are similar to school situations," said Parker.

The children before receiving their diploma showed their abilities by singing the days of the week and the months of the year both in English and in Italian.

"I am so proud of my children and how they did well," said teacher Grace Bertei.



Children are presented graduation certificates from Strong Beginnings June 15 at Camp Darby Child Development Center.

Darby ates

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

Volunteers Needed

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

Music under the Tower in Pisa
Concerts with the Leaning Tower in the background from June 22-July 11.

The Music under the Tower festival was first held in 2002 to provide visitors with the opportunity to enjoy good music in a charming atmosphere and an informal context. The festival makes possible a rare moment of open air relaxation that merges art, music and a charming atmosphere, for relief from the increasingly hectic rhythm that characterizes everyday life. The concerts, all at 9 p.m., will be held on:

- ♦ June 25, 28
- ♦ July 2, 5, 11

Tickets can be purchased at www.greenticket.it

Open Wine Cellars at Terricciola
The Municipality of Terricciola, the City of Wine, offers a calendar of "open wine cellars" every week from Tuesday to Saturday June 30. Info at www.comunediterricciola.it

Italian-American Carnival 633-7775

June 15-24 from 7 p.m. to midnight. Enjoy rides, games and American food. Plus, each night there will be a live band or DJ in the fest tent. On June 23, there will be a Car Tuning competition. Entrance is free, prices for everything else is in dollars or euro.

Sports & Fitness 633-7438

Aqua Zumba/Fitness is a great, low impact form of exercise that can be beneficial for everyone. Join the group Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays noon-12:45 p.m. thru Aug. 29 in the Darby pool. Your first class is free.

Outdoor Recreation 633-7775

White water rafting trip June 30. Spend the morning navigating down grade 3 rapids. Participate in this spectacular white water rafting trip on the "Limentra River." You will be navigating grade 3 rapids for about two hours. Cost is \$85 and includes trip leader, rafting fee and transportation.

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633-7589

- ♦ Pisa and Lucca, June 25
- ♦ Elba Island, June 29
- ♦ Florence, June 30

Music Festival:

The streets of downtown Vicenza will fill with music Thursday from 5-10 p.m. as many different performances from piano to singing competitions will be held. Read below for a complete list of locations and groups.



Courtesy photo

Anastacia: July 12 in Codroipo (Udine)
J-Ax: July 13 in Genova
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)
Bob Dylan: July 16 in Barolo (Cuneo)
Al Jarreau: July 18 in Bassano del Grappa
Ben Harper: July 20 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova)
The Beach Boys: July 27 in Milan
Alice Cooper: July 30 in Milan
Foo Fighters: Aug. 13 in Codroipo (Udine)
Leonard Cohen: Sept. 24 in Verona

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/>.

Local events

Fiaccolata:

Ten-kilometer torchlight procession Saturday, in Solferino, about 58 miles west of Vicenza. In 1859, Henry Dunant of Geneva, travelled to northern Italy. As he passed through the aftermath of the Battle of Solferino, he couldn't ignore the destruction this battle caused. The French victory left more than 40,000 Austrians dead or wounded. This experience led him to write a book titled "A Memory of Solferino" and to the founding of the Red Cross. Every year his achievements are commemorated with a torchlight procession or "Fiaccolata", which winds between the site of the Battle of Solferino and Castiglione, where the wounded were given care. The Italian Red Cross has invited national Red Cross societies around the world to join in celebrating their ideals as well as to enjoy the togetherness that one cause can evoke. ARC has a bus driving to the event and a few spots left. Call the ARC at 634-7089 / 0444-71-7089 or stop by their office. The bus is free. There is a 5 euro registration fee for the event.

Frog Festival:

Friday-Wednesday, in Gossa di Gazzo Padovano, about 12 miles east of Vicenza. Food booths featuring frog risotto, fried frogs, sausage and polenta, gnocchi, horse steaks, homemade desserts and local sweets. Carnival rides and free parking.

- Friday: 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Secondo Casadei; live rock music with Lies and Dirty Whales Bands
- Saturday: 7:30 p.m. dance show; live music and ballroom dancing with Andrea Spillo Orchestra; Facebook party with Summer Tour
- Sunday: 7:30 p.m. Jassercize show; 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Marco e Il Clan
- Monday: 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Omar Codazzi; disco with Luxury Staff Italia
- Tuesday: 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Pietro

Galassi Orchestra; disco with the Crazy Frog set

- Wednesday: 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Daniele Cordiani Orchestra; rock and pop music with Yany; 11:45 p.m. fireworks.

Saint John Festival:

Thursday-Sunday, in Lugo di Vicenza, Viale Divisione Julia, about 16 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths featuring local specialties and wines open at 7 p.m.; carnival rides.

- Thursday: 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Graziano Maraschin Orchestra
- Friday: 9 p.m. Caribbean dance show and Latin-American dancing
- Saturday: '60 and '70 music with Gruppocinque
- Sunday: 9 p.m. beauty contest; 11:30 charity lottery drawing

Pear Festival:

Friday-Sunday, in Altavilla Vicentina, Via Bologna. Food booths open at 7 p.m.; charity lottery; free entertainment.

- Friday: 9 p.m. live music with Rumba Para Ti Band
- Saturday: 9 p.m. Schio Band in concert
- Sunday: 9 p.m. entertainment with I Babata Group

June Festival:

Friday-Sunday, in Camisano Vicentino, Piazza Libertà, about 10 miles east of Vicenza. Food booths open at 7 p.m.

- Friday: 8:45 p.m. "SGT Pepper's Band" – Beatles cover band
- Saturday: 3 p.m. fashion motor show with F3000 cars, 8:45 p.m. in Piazzale Pio X, live acoustic music
- Sunday: 10 a.m. fashion motor show; 8:30 p.m. Brazilian music and dancing

Panin Onto Festival:

Friday-Sunday, in Ponte di Barbarano, about 13 miles south of Vicenza. Food booths featuring pizza, panin ontis (local typical sandwiches) open at 7 p.m. Live music, dancing and entertainment start at 9 p.m.

FREE concerts, exhibits & events

Bread and Music European Music Festival:

Thursday, 5-10 p.m., in Schio, in Piazza Rossi and in Via Pasubio 52, about 16 miles northwest of Vicenza, in Piazza Rossi. Live acoustic music and food booths featuring local products and wines.

Classic Music Festival:

Thursday, 5-10 p.m., in Vicenza; 5 p.m. Palazzo Montanari Leoni, in Contrà Santa Corona 25, and Palazzo Trissino, Corso Palladio 98; 6 p.m. Salvi Gardens and Campo Marzo; 6:30 p.m. piano concert in Piazza S. Lorenzo; 7:30 p.m. Piazza Biade 15; 8 p.m. Piazza Castello, Corso Fogazzaro and Corso Palladio; 8 p.m. Piazza dei Signori; 9 p.m. live jazz at Palazzo Trissino; 9 p.m. at ViArt, Contrà del Monte 14; Drop Simpler Band will perform at Piazza dei Signori Bar, Piazza dei Signori 55; 8:30 p.m. singing competition in Campo Marzo; 9:30 p.m. Piazza Matteotti, Young Swing Band.

Summer concert:

Thursday, 8:45 p.m., in Vicenza, Chioistro del Proti, Contrà de Proti 5. In case of adverse weather conditions, the concert will be cancelled.

Viva Verdi – lyric concert:

Friday, 9 p.m. in Vicenza, Piazza dei Signori.

Music week:

Friday-Sunday, in Noventa Vicentina, about 21 miles south of Vicenza. Food booths open at 7 p.m.; free live concerts start at 9:30 p.m.

Explore the sky:

Friday, 8:30 p.m., in Montecchio Maggiore, Marinai d'Italia Park; via Veronese. View the sky and the planets in great detail and learn how to use the telescopes thanks to the Montecchio Star Hunter Association.

Thienelandia – Carnival Rides:

Ongoing through Sunday, daily 4-11 p.m., in Thiene, about 13 miles north of Vicenza.

Concerts

Black Sabbath: Sunday in Rho (Milan)

Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers: June 29 in Lucca

Cranberries: June 30 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova)

Joan Baez: July 4 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova)

Heineken Jammin' Festival: July 5-7 in Rho (Milan) Fiera Milano Live, Strada Statale del Sempione 28.

- Thursday: Red Hot Chili Peppers, Noel Gallagher, Pitbull; Enter Shikari and a special guest

- Friday: The Prodigy, Chase and Status, Evanescence, Lost Prophets, Seether

- Saturday: The Cure, New Order, Crystal Castles, The Parlotones and a special guest

For more details in English go to: <http://www.venezia.net/heineken-jammin-festival/en/>

Billy Idol: July 7 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova)

Sting: July 10 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova)

Wolfmother: July 11 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova)

ODR trips

Cinque Terre Cruise: Saturday
Burano Island: Sunday
Milan and the Last Supper: June 30

Croatia's Plitvice Lake: July 4-6

Slovenian beach: July 7
Jesolo beach: July 8

White water rafting: July 14
Water sports at Lake Garda: July 15

Caorle Beach: July 18
Monaco and Monte Carlo Express: July 21

Sea Kayaking: July 21
Portofino: July 22

Paragliding: July 22
Valpolicella olive and wine brunch: July 25

Hike Mount Pasubio: July 28

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	American Reunion (R)	6 p.m.
Friday	The Three Stooges (PG)	6 p.m.
	The Lucky One (PG 13)	9 p.m.
Saturday	Rock of Ages (PG 13)*	3 p.m.
	That's My Boy (R)*	6 p.m.
Sunday	Rock of Ages*	3 p.m.
	That's My Boy (R)*	6 p.m.
Wed.	The Three Stooges (PG)	6 p.m.
June 28	The Lucky One (PG 13)	6 p.m.
June 29	The Pirates of Misfits (PG)	6 p.m.
	The Cabin in the Woods (R)	9 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

June 29	The Cabin in the Woods (R)	6 p.m.
June 30	Prometheus (R)*	6 p.m.
July 1	Madagascar (PG)*	1 p.m.
July 6	TBD	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.

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

Community briefs

Special events

Is your spouse deploying? Sign up for the Family and MWR Blue Star Card to receive special discounts at MWR facilities, plus opportunities to get together with other spouses who have your same interests in the "Vicenza 40 Excuses" groups and receive an invitation to monthly social events planned just for Blue Star Card holders. You will also qualify for Army Family Covenant free child care if you are a registered member of CYSS. Download the application http://www.vicenzamwr.com/pdfs/FMWR/2012_BlueStar_Application.pdf and bring it with a copy of your orders to Parent Central Services to pick up your Blue Star Card.

CYSS

- Are you or your spouse deploying? Bring your deployment orders to CYSS Parent Central Service in Davis Hall to receive great Army Family Covenant benefits, such as free and reduced-fee child care, free sports and free SKIES classes.
- Summer Hires come and enjoy lunch at the Teen Center 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. It's free and you'll enjoy games and fun with your friends and save your money for other things. Call 634-7659 for more information.

EFMP

- EFMP Families enjoy some modern dance planned just for you! Dance instructor Kristen Jeppson Groves will be on hand to guide you. Siblings are welcome to join in the fun. It's free but call 634-8682 to let them know you are planning on attending.
- Informational hour for EFMP Families gives you valuable information about transitioning back to the states. The presenter is Hanna Delong, a clinical and school psychologist. Call 634-7500.

Arts and Crafts Center

- The Amy Arts & Crafts Contest is accepting submissions through June 30. Visit the Army Arts & Crafts website or the Art Center for more information.
- New bisque ware has been added to our paint your own pottery collection, chip-n-dip bowls, goblets, pet dishes, robot banks, and more. Come by and check it out.

Estate claims

Anyone having any claims on or obligations to the estate of Spc. Dustin G. Allen of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, should contact the summary courts officer, 1st Lt. Henry Donnelly, at 634-6303 or Henry.j.donnelly2.mil@mail.mil.

Anyone having any claims on or obligations to the estate of Air Force Staff Sgt. William W. Cappella of 704th Munitions

Support Squadron, should contact the summary courts officer, Capt. Benjamin Rich, at 632-3455 or benjamin.rich@us.af.mil.

CTC Registration

Central Texas College's Term 5 registration has begun. Face to face classes consist of a Criminal Justice course entitled, CJSA 1312: Crime in America, which runs from June 12-Aug. 2 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They are also offering an Early Childhood course called CDEC 2341: The School Aged Child on Saturdays from July 21-Aug. 11. For more information, call 634-6514, email vicenza@europa.ctcd.edu, or visit room 6 in the Education Center.

Health Assessment appointments

School physicals will be 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 0444-61-9000 or go online to www.tricareonline.com.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School at the Vicenza Community Chapel, "Sky: Where Everything is Possible with God!" For children ages 4 by Sept. 1 through 5th grade, Aug. 6-10, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Everyone is invited to register for this free program of fun and learning. Spaces are limited, so come by the Chapel to register or call 634-7519 or 0444-71-7519.

Arena

Calling all school age kids! Beat the heat all summer long with the Kids Summer Bowling Special, Monday thru Friday 11 a.m.-6 p.m. School age kids can bowl for \$1 per

game and the shoes are free. Offer good June 1-Aug. 31.

PWOC

The Protestant Women of the Chapel has begun their Summer Study Series through July 17, 10-11:30 a.m. in the chapel activity room. The choices include: Espresso with Esther by Sandra Glahn; Loving God and Loving Others: The Heart of True Faith by Kay Arthur; Tuned In: Hearing God's Voice Through The Static by Jen Hatmaker.

Library

Sign up for this year's Summer Reading Program "Reading is so Delicious!" The program runs Tuesday-July 31. Children ages 3-5 meet Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-noon. Children ages 6-11 meet Tuesdays 11 a.m.-noon. Teens also can participate by reading one book per week at their own pace and filling out an entry form. Entry forms will be entered in the prize drawing July 31 and the year end party. For more information visit www.vicenzaMWR.com or call 634-7291.

Sergeant Morales Club

The Sergeant Morales Club will conduct a Committee Vote during its monthly meeting July 11 at noon. The location of the meeting will be building 300a. All Sergeant Audie Murphy Club and Sergeant Morales Club members are encouraged to attend. Call Staff Sgt. Robert Taylor at 634-7441 for more information.

Single Soldier retreat

A Single Soldier Strong Bonds retreat will be held July 16-18 at Edelweiss Lodge and Resort. This event is free and is open to all units on Caserma Ederle. To register contact the chapel at 634-6454.

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. in building 372 are: 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.

Trial Defense Services

Soldiers: If you are questioned by law enforcement, CID or members of your command about suspected acts of misconduct, you have the right to remain silent.

If questioned, you should immediately demand to speak to an attorney. Let a U.S. Army Trial Defense attorney help you. Call 634-7043 to speak with a free Trial Defense attorney.

AFTB training

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

The next step in the program, the Instructor's class, will be offered quarterly in a classroom setting at ACS.

Contact the AFTB program manager at 0444-71-7942 for details.

Expectant mother parking

Expectant mothers parking spaces on the installation are solely for those expectant mothers who have been given the parking pass by their doctor, per USASETAF Regulation 190-2. Expectant mothers who have not received the parking pass are not authorized to park in the designated spots and are subject to being cited by military police. Consult with your doctor as to when you will be eligible for the parking pass.



Photo by Anna Terracino

Italian rock: Local youths perform live music at the Music Cafe Friday. After a break for the summer the next Music Cafe will be Sept. 14.

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 in room 1017 in VMS
5:30 p.m.: PWOC Bible study. Dinner provided, but 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 or Giacomo Baravalle at 348-603-2283
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 julie.m.lucas.civ@mail.mil by noon on Monday, or by 4 p.m. Friday if Monday is a holiday.

Sports

Soldiers celebrate Signal Regiment Day, proud history



Photo by Pvt. Morgan Tisby

Sgt. Maj. Samuel Cole, right, gets a shot past Col. Kristin Ellis during the Signal Regimental Day Celebration June 5 at Caserma Ederle.

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509th Signal Battalion

An inaugural Vicenza Signal Regimental Day celebration kicked off June 5 with great camaraderie and competition among 509th Signal Battalion and U.S. Army Africa Soldiers.

Approximately 50 Soldiers from both organizations gathered for breakfast at the South of the Alps Dining Facility to enjoy Jeopardy-style Signal history trivia followed by a quest to earn the Commander's Cup at the Caserma Ederle gym.

Dubbed Brave Lion, the Regimental Day celebration began with remarks by guest speaker Col. Kristin Ellis, USARAF G6. He shared his extensive knowledge of the Signal Corps and encouraged everyone to learn more and strive for excellence.

Ellis noted several surprising historical facts. Maj. Gen. Joseph Oswald Mauborgne, the U.S. Army's 12th Chief of Signals, was a pioneer in radiotelegraphy, the holder of the Distinguished Rifleman Badge, a member of the Military Intelligence Hall of Fame, a graduate of the Chicago Art Institute, and was an award-winning violin maker.

Theodor Seuss Geisel was a writer and cartoonist most widely known for his children's books written under the pen name Dr. Seuss. He was a major in the Signal Corps during World War II, and eventually commanded the animation department of the First Motion Picture Unit of the U.S. Army Air Forces. In addition to his two Academy Awards, Geisel also received two Emmy awards and the Pulitzer Prize during his lifetime.

William Lendrum "Billy" Mitchell was a U.S. Army general who is regarded as the father of the U.S. Air Force. He was commissioned in the Signal Corps in 1897. Mitchell was recognized as one of the top American combat airmen of World War I, alongside his good friend Eddie Rickenbacker, another former Signal officer. The B-25 Mitchell bomber aircraft, which Lt. Col. James Doolittle and his raiders used to bomb Tokyo in April 1942, was named after Billy Mitchell: it is the only American military aircraft type ever named after a specific person.

Following Ellis' account of highlights of Signal Corps

history, the challenge for the Commander's Cup started. The 509th Signal Battalion team shouted a loud and thunderous chant of "defense" before taking to the court for a game of basketball spanning two 20-minute halves. The USARAF team scored first and by halftime 509th Signal Battalion was down by 10 points despite a great rally. In the end USARAF denied a 509th rally and claimed victory with a decisive 52-30 win.

Next, the best of 11 games decided the winner of the dodgeball event. USARAF took the first game, 509th Signal Battalion won two consecutive games, and then it went back and forth until the teams were tied with five games each.

The 11th and deciding game came down to a one-on-one duel to decide the winner. The final blow was delivered by Staff Sgt. Christopher Dula, who eliminated the last 509th Signal Battalion player, Sgt. 1st Class Jimmy Jimenez, and led the USARAF team to victory.

Sgt. Eric Randle, 509th Signal Battalion Expeditionary Signal Team said, "the dodgeball was especially fun and competitive," and that he really enjoyed the event.

In the final event of the day, 509th Signal Battalion scored first in volleyball with USARAF not far behind. Each team experimented and finessed their techniques and strategies as the game progressed. USARAF won two games but conceded the third game to 509th, which rallied to a late, but well deserved victory.

Capt. Donyelle Burney, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, 509th Signal Battalion, presented the Commander's Cup trophy to Ellis, who accepted on behalf of the USARAF G6 team.

"Learning about and celebrating our history together enhances esprit de corps and our pride in the Signal Regiment," said Lt. Col. Kevin P. Romano, 509th Signal Battalion commander.

The event, sponsored by 509th Signal, was a great success and has already inspired ideas for next year. Plans for Signal Regimental Day 2013 will include more events and more camaraderie, and will build on the foundation of a closer professional bond among Signal Soldiers throughout the coming year.

Sports Shorts

Fitness classes

Why not try something new for your fitness routine this summer. Check out the new Group Fitness Class Schedule available on line at <http://www.vicenzamwr.com/sports.html>

Local noncompetitive walks

Getting out and being active on your weekends doesn't have to cost much. Why not try a local Volksmarch. Visit VicenzaMWR.com and find a list of locations, with distance of the walk and the start times on our monthly Volksmarch list.

Swimming pool hours

The Villaggio Pool is now open the following hours:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, Sat & Sun
10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Closed on Wednesdays

The Post Pool hours are as follows:

PT Swim Tues-Fri 6-8:30 a.m.

Open Swim 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

Open Swim Sat & Sun 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Closed Mondays

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 through 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.

Unit & rec play

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

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. 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.

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