

173rd ABCT, Afghan National Army commanders visit troops

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LOGAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan — As Soldiers step out of Combat Outpost Charkh the path quickly transitions from the brown dusty roads of a village to lush, green farmland.

Today, the heat rises over 90 but that doesn't stop the shopkeepers from opening their doors and local villagers from filling the bazaar. Men, women and children in brightly-colored clothing move from shop to shop, filling bags with fruits, vegetables and other supplies.

As coalition and Afghan National Security Forces continue to combat violence across the country, Brig. Gen. Abdul Raziq, commander of 4th Brigade, 203rd Corps, visited his soldiers, checking on their morale and the condition of the area during a patrol in the Charkh District of Afghanistan's Logar Province, Aug. 17.

Raziq was accompanied by U.S. Army Col. Andrew Rohling, commander of Task Force 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, and Soldiers from the 173rd's Legion Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment.

"It's a little rough, but it's what you expect when you're enlisting," said Pfc. Bryson Chester, a grenadier with 2nd Platoon, Legion Company "Don't get me wrong, things are getting better."

After a month in the area, the ANA and men of Legion Company patrol the area frequently, improving security and instilling faith in the local villagers.

"They support me for two patrols a day," said Capt. Aaron Godlewski, commander of Legion Co. "They do a very good job securing the bazaar and the population center."

While they continue their hard work, insurgents in the area are also working to affect the daily lives of the local Afghans.

"We understand the key terrain here is the people," said Godlewski. "The insurgents have the ability to threaten people's lives and we don't do that and the ANA doesn't do that. We try to influence the people by being friendly, being respectful."

While Rohling talked with his commander in the area, Raziq made sure to take advantage of this chance to talk with his troops and villagers in the bazaar. "It was very important that I come here to see my soldiers," he said, through an interpreter. "I also talked with the villagers in the streets and they're very happy, they are very happy with the ANA and security forces."

As Raziq made his way through the bazaar, he took in the sights, comparing it to the same time last year,



Soldiers with Legion Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, Task Force 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, during a patrol in Logar Province, Afghanistan, Aug. 17. Brig. Gen. Raziq, commander of 4th Brigade, 203rd Corps, accompanied the patrol to visit his ANA soldiers in the area. "It was very important that I come here to see my soldiers," he said, through an interpreter. "I also talked with the villagers in the streets and they're very happy, they are very happy with the ANA and security forces."

noticing the increase in the amount of people out and about during the day.

"When I came here last year there were not many people in the bazaar," he said. "But this year, there are a lot more people coming to the bazaar."

As the Soldiers of Legion Co. and the ANA continue to patrol the area, Godlewski has been impressed with the actions of the soldiers and commander of his brother company, 1st Toli, 1st Kandak, of 4th Brigade.

"I will tell you that the ANA I work with currently, is very resilient and they're very good at their job," he said. "Their toli commander is phenomenal. The guy

is fearless. He goes out there he engages the enemy, he engages the local populace and he is a very strong piece of what we do here."

Raziq saw his soldiers in action firsthand after his soldiers took contact from small arms and mortars. Along with the Legion Soldiers, they reacted, fighting off and quickly ending the attack, giving Raziq confidence that they will continue to make progress improving security in the area.

"They have a good relationship with the people," he said. "They have great morale and they're working hard over here."

Community learns to recognize violence in workplace

By Julie M. Lucas
Outlook editor

Often times incidents happen that leave people shaking their heads or feeling guilty that they didn't intervene. The Garrison Antiterrorism Office sponsored a class Aug. 29 at the post theater offering tips on how to handle

these situations.

August is Antiterrorism Awareness Month and to close out the observance, Recognizing Violence in the Workplace was taught by Licensed Clinical Social Worker Susan Swinehart, who has been embedded with the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team and has her office at the U.S. Army Health Center while the

unit is deployed.

"The administration at Fort Hood has been criticized for how it handled the situation, but was that workplace violence or domestic terrorism?" Swinehart asked the crowd. She also talked about more recent crimes in the news, some including military and asked the crowd to get involved, speaking

about personal incidents. They included a suspected bomb threat and a family member narrowly missing a recent shooting at the Empire State building in New York.

"This is how we can learn — from each other. You've lived this," Swinehart said. "We have people on this post who

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A postwide Suicide Stand Down will be Sept. 20. Check out the USAG Vicenza Facebook for details.

Cultivate relationships to combat suicide

Commentary by Chap. (Maj.) Mark Shelton
Vicenza chapel

There are facts about suicide that I think we should understand. The United States Army, both active and Reserve components combined, experienced 38 suicides in July. This marked the largest number of deaths by suicide in our history. In November 2011 Kristina Wong, ABC News, reported that our veterans now represent 20 percent of all suicides in the U.S. despite the fact that only 1 percent of Americans have served in the military.

I am the Family Life Chaplain for our U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza and was asked to write a few lines of my personal thoughts concerning suicide. I have been a chaplain for 17 years and a pastor much longer. As I reflect about someone committing suicide my heart breaks. My first thought is there is nothing any more devastating to our world than the loss of a person by suicide. I will call suicide the enemy. It is an honor to have the opportunity to address a topic that is affecting not only our Army but the world. September is the month that we in the military family focus intently on combating a ruthless enemy. This enemy has numerous tactics in use. It is not gender specific nor race related. Suicide is related to everyone in multiple ways. This enemy strikes at the heart of humanity leaving those left behind devastated and numb, very similar of a mortar round that slips in unnoticed and vehemently unwelcomed. I know some of this because one of my best friends committed suicide in 1986. It all happened while I was in church. That day he never left his bedroom. The community witnessed a person walking away from life and family. I remember feeling numb and bewildered by this tragic event. He was my friend and we are family.

Suicide, in my understanding, is the deliberate act of taking one's own life seemingly without reason. Reasons for suicide are infinitely broad. It absolutely surpasses human reason. This idea comes from what I believe about human life. More specifically, I believe, human life is designed to live, survive and even thrive. Often times, sickness, age or even disease

will overtake life and the human body dies. This is a natural process of the human body. On the other hand suicide is an untimely death. It is unnatural and those of us who are left behind are struck by the trauma. This is especially true if one is closely related to one of suicide's victims. This unknown killer like in many of our movies stays hidden and does not reveal itself. This placates the idea of fear in our world and even our military community.

We are all interested in combatives. Combatives are a multipurpose tool that the Soldier uses when all else fails. Relational combatives are the strategic tools all our community resources utilize to engender resiliency. We work with the single and married Soldiers who present relational issues. Many suffer from relational upset due to poor communication skills coupled with making poor decisions. Chaplains and health care agencies partner with each other and we stand Shoulder to Shoulder on the front line teaching and doing relational resiliency for all Soldiers and Families. Relationships are keys to helping Soldiers and Families work through trying circumstances.

Froma Walsh implies in her book, "Strengthening Family Resilience," all families have the potential for growth and repair in response to a crisis. The ability to be hardy and productive under extreme circumstances marks a resilient family and its members. Resiliency should not be thought of as a static process. It should, however, be a developmental process that will be unique to the military Families and these Families will thrive and adapt to almost any stress.

The Army having adopted this idea of resiliency seeks differing methods while working with Families. These tools for resiliency, mental, emotional, physical, social and spiritual, call for identifying and fortifying those key instinctual processes which enable the military Family to weather the storms we encounter and rebound from disruptive challenges. It is my understanding and role to teach resiliency in cultivating strong and ready families for our Army. Building and cultivating relationships is paramount for our Soldiers and Families in combating suicide.

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were involved in September 11. We have people here who were at Fort Hood when that incident happened."

Worker-on-worker violence and interpersonal relationship violence are types of workplace violence. According to Swinehart it is estimated that 20 people a week are killed in workplace violence, often with hand guns.

"Violence is the last resort of the incompetent," said Swinehart. "People facing significant life stresses who do not know how to advocate for themselves or seek help in situations they cannot handle or change are the most at risk. Mental illness can be a factor as well. When life circumstances get so bad depression begins to manifest and a person's ability to make good choices becomes further compromised. The use of substances may be involved in a misplaced desire to find a way to cope and the individual's ability to generate a healthy solution is further eroded."

Signs to look for in the

workplace are persons who isolate themselves from their co-workers, have trouble taking responsibility for their actions, do not handle conflict well — are aggressive or argumentative, misuse alcohol, have poor problem solving skills, experience excessive work load demands and/or conflicting expectations, have family illness and significant financial worries.

Couple these with a rigid/authoritarian work setting where decisions seem arbitrary and workers feel they have no support and no resource can lead to feelings of powerless, hopelessness and helplessness for some employees. Sometimes it takes an incident, such as a reprimand or firing to trigger an overwhelming sense of powerlessness and people will try to gain control at any means.

Antiterrorism officer Peter Huller said, "People often don't want to get involved and this is an increasing problem."

"Homicide is the flipside of suicide. Both are a means

to try to get rid of a problem — either yourself or someone else," Swinehart said. "People with 'long fuses' can be dangerous. At the end of these long fuses is a plunger."

Another part of prevention is looking at office set-ups and checking on coworker, and knowing one's staff well enough to notice when an employee seems 'off.' It is important to check in with employees/co-workers/battle buddies when they seem to be acting differently than their norm.

"I can't tell you how many people I have seen over my years of providing psychotherapy who have said it was as small as noticing and saying something as simple as 'what's up or how's it going' can make all the difference," she said. Swinehart suggests making people feel connected and integrating them into the community is a step in the right direction.

"Inprocessing is not checking a box," she said. "Whenever I meet a new Soldier I want to know about the family stresses of PCSing

here whether as a single Soldier or with a Family and I want to know what the Soldier likes to do for fun (besides go to the clubs). It's amazing to me the number of our Soldiers who are dealing with serious illnesses and deaths among their Family members stateside and they are here where all they can do is hear about the problems without being able to affect them.

"I want to know how a Soldier unwinds — if a Soldier likes sports or outdoor activities or music or art or travel because we have good resources for most of the activities Soldiers enjoyed in CONUS. It may just take a little digging to help a new Soldier find a way to feel connected here. That sense of connection can go a long way to keeping this community safe and healthy."

Finally, don't be afraid to refer a person who you might think needs help. The Behavioral Health Clinic has an on-call provider available all day. Chaplains are available after hours, as well as military police or San Bortolo hospital.

Speak Out

For Suicide Prevention Month: What would you do if someone spoke about suicide to you?



Circe Aponte
U.S. Army Garrison

"I would stay with them and possibly take them to see a chaplain."



LaTonya Thompson
Family member

"Ask if they were serious and tell them to seek mental health or to talk to a friend or family member."



Staff Sgt. Michael Volpe
1st Bn., 503rd Inf. Reg.

"If someone said something, even joking, I'd pull them aside and get a feel for the situation. We cannot afford to lose a life."

Sky Soldiers memorialized in Vicenza ceremony

By David Ruderman
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

The 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team Family memorialized three of their own Sept. 6 in a ceremony at the post chapel on Caserma Ederle.

Soldiers, Family members, friends and staff filled the chapel to pay tribute to Pfc. Andrew J. Keller and Pfc. Shane W. Cantu of 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, and to Spc. James A. Justice of 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, who died while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) David Hall gave an invocation to begin the ceremony.

“Heavenly Father, we humble ourselves before your power and wisdom. We ask you to bless the Sky Soldier ceremony today as we remember and honor Spc. James Justice, Pfc. Andrew Keller and Pfc. Shane Cantu. Grant your comfort and peace upon their families, our Sky Soldier family and this community as we grieve together,” he said.

Capt. Richard “Chris” Gasperini, followed with a eulogy for Justice.

“James was an upbeat kid growing up, full of life with a great sense of humor, characterized by his signature smile,” he said.

“A selfless servant to his church, his country, his family, his friends, his Soldiers, and to perfect strangers, James set an example to which most of us can only hope to aspire. And he did so with a sincere heart, a boisterous laugh and his signature grin, that no one will ever forget,” Gasperini said.

Pfc. James Romanello, one of Justice’s comrades, paid tribute to his friend, confirming Justice’s devotion to God and family, and to his calling to be a Sky Soldier.

“We’re talking about a man who, whether we’re in Graf(enwoehr), at one of the many training rotations, or sitting around cleaning the weapon for the hundredth time, his story always came back to the same thing: ‘Man, I can’t



Photo by Barbara Romano

Capt. Richard “Chris” Gasperini, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, rear detachment commander, speaks about fallen Soldier Spc. James A. Justice during a memorial ceremony Sept. 6 for three fallen Soldiers including Justice, Pfc. Andrew J. Keller and Pfc. Shane W. Cantu.

wait to get my (Combat Infantry Badge), my combat patch and a Purple Heart.’

“A lot of people will never understand that statement or his desire. There are only a select few that not only understand the calling of what we do, but also the honor we feel while serving.

“With all this, we still miss him tremendously,” said Romanello.

Capt. Bradley Benjamin, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry, rear detachment commander, eulogized Keller and Cantu.

“Both at the core were very idealistic people with a vision much bigger than themselves. Both were outstanding scholar-athletes and leaders prior to joining the military. Both went to college and decided they had a higher calling in life,” he said.

Recounting vignettes contributed by their fellow Soldiers, friends and teachers, Bradley related that Cantu was to have been the best man at Keller’s wedding. After Keller’s death, Cantu

memorialized his friend in a ceremony downrange less than two weeks before he himself was mortally wounded.

“We are forever in debt to these heroes who fought simply for their brothers on the left and the right. That being said, the mission forward continues,” Benjamin said.

Pfc. Jonathan Smith described his friend Keller as “one of a kind. He was intelligent, kind, huge-hearted, a devoted patriot. He was dedicated to his job and he did it well. And more than that, he was dedicated to his friends and family.

“He will never be forgotten, that I can personally promise you,” Smith said.

Cantu’s platoon sergeant, Sgt. 1st Class Luis Matias, described Cantu as a super-motivated paratrooper, constantly concerned for the welfare of his fellow Soldiers.

“You will be missed dearly, and the guys in the fight, know that you have two of the best watching and protecting you,” Matias said.

Chaplain Hall recited the 23rd Psalm and extended his condolences to the families of the fallen.

“To the Family that is the 173rd, to this community, thank you for coming. We have each come here today with various emotions: sadness, disbelief, an ache for just one more phone call.

“We are a family. But in the end it is just very difficult,” he said.

“In the days ahead I hope that each one of us takes the time to travel through the powerful emotions of grief. It’s not an easy road. But for our own health, it is a necessary journey. And we do not have to travel alone. We have one another and we have the God who gets it.”

The memorial ceremony for the three Sky Soldiers concluded with 1st Sgt. Timothy Jensen calling the roll call for the departed, Sky Soldiers stationed outside the chapel firing a final volley in honor of the fallen and a lone bugler playing Taps.

Opportunity for free holiday greetings to family in States

By Joyce Costello
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

The Joint Hometown News team will record your holiday greetings in Vicenza

Sept. 18-19 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. in front of the theater. This is a chance to record holiday greeting for your family to be broadcast on television stations in the continental U.S. as well as Puerto Rico, America Samoa, Guam and AFN stations around the world. There is no cost to participate.

According to Natasha Schleper, Joint Hometown News broadcast chief, service members must be in uniform when making a greeting.

“However, if the servicemember is deployed or TDY, the family can still do the greeting without their servicemember, but the family should mention the fact that their servicemember is deployed or out of country,” said Schleper.

The visiting team will have a laptop with them, on which servicemembers or Families can enter their information for their greetings.

“They can do as many greetings as they like and send the message to wherever they have family,” said Schleper, who encouraged people to bring their address books with them.

Recording the greeting is as simple as saying: who you are, where you are stationed, who the greeting is for, where they are and something about the holidays.

“They could say ‘Hi, this is the Smith family stationed in Vicenza, Italy, and we want to say happy holidays to Grandma and Grandpa Smith in San Antonio, Texas. Have a great Christmas,’” said Schleper.

Doing a holiday greeting is not only a great way to surprise your family during the holidays, but is a way to reach every American, retiree and veteran back home who supports them as well.

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Community news

American, Italian communities remember Sept. 11

By Sgt. Terysa M. King
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Soldiers and civilians of the American and Italian community gathered at the Chiesa dei Servi in downtown Vicenza not only to pay respects and honor the lives lost during Sept. 11, but to make sure this tragic event will never be forgotten.

Anyone who was old enough to witness and understand this terrorist attack can easily remember what they felt when they saw the Twin Towers collapse. Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Donahue, commander, U.S. Army Africa, recalls the feelings he had on that fateful day.

"I remember feeling frustrated on that day because I was a Soldier responsible for defending my country, but had no idea of how to do so. I couldn't respond because I had no idea who attacked us or why. I distinctly remember looking at the empty skies and the quiet streets as most traffic in the U.S. stopped because we did not know if another mode of conveyance would serve as the next suicide bomb," Donahue said.

Mayor of Vicenza Achille Variati said Sept. 11 became a great planetary symbol that will withstand the test of time. Variati, like most people today, can remember every detail of the attacks like they were yesterday.

"We all have in our eyes, even today, after so many years, the vision of the Twin Towers on that clear September morning: the image of one of the towers in flames. The second plane approaching. The crash. The explosion. The second tower burning. The smoke. The sirens. The panic. The cries. The collapse of the towers," Variati said.

To further stress the powerful symbol the terrorist attacks have become, Variati said Sept. 11 transformed itself from a symbol of fear and pain to hope.

"We felt the fear because if such a proud symbol of the West could be hit, then we were all more vulnerable. Then, we felt the pain because that symbol, the landscape of New York, was part of our imagination, (it) had found a place in our hearts, and now under the ruins and ashes of those two towers so familiar even to those who had never been in the United States were the bodies of people, hundreds and thousands. In the images and stories of heroism of the rescuers, then in the dignified composure of the commemorations of the disaster and the dead, then in the project of building a new skyscraper to take the place of the demolished towers, September 11 has become a symbol of strength," Variati said.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Edwin Perez

Sgt. Desiree Genus, left, and Pfc. Amber Calderone, both of 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, carry a commemorative wreath down the aisle at the Vicenza chapel during the Sept. 11 ceremony Tuesday.

During the ceremony, Donahue stressed the importance to never forget the losses suffered and the sacrifices made to the young people who only know the attacks as an event read in history books.

"By having commemorations like the one we are having today, our young children can learn from us about what we saw, heard and felt. Like today's students, most of our young paratroopers of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team are 21 or younger, making them only 10 years old at the time of the attack. These young American Soldiers heard a fainter and more sublime call to serve their nation in a time of war," Donahue said.

Sgt. Jah Ruiz, a 173rd ABCT Soldier who attended the ceremony, said he was in the 7th grade when Sept. 11 occurred. Ruiz said he felt honored to attend the ceremony in Vicenza.

"It made me very proud to be a part of the ceremony. It's not very often when we get a chance to stop and look back and remember all the people that were lost in this event. It feels good to stop and think about them,

that they are still in our thoughts," Ruiz said.

Variati said Vicenza will continue to host commemoration ceremonies for Sept. 11 because it brings together the American and Italian communities.

"We wanted it because Vicenza has been hosting for decades an American presence that is one of the most important ones in Europe. It is a presence, as we know, that is going to increase soon," Variati said.

Donahue said while people soberly reflect on Sept. 11, the American and Italian nations have grown closer because of the mutual support extended to each other.

"Over the past decade we have been engaged in conflict around the world. Italians and Americans still fight together in Afghanistan to protect the Afghan people and to keep that country from once again becoming a sanctuary for terrorists to plan attacks against innocents. As allies and friends, we must continue to sustain our relationship and maintain the hope that comes from knowing, that through partnership, we can overcome any adversity," Donahue said.



Photo by Rich Bartell

Above: U.S. Army Col. Kristin Ellis and Italian Army Lt. Col. Francesco Patalano represented Caserma Ederle at a 9-11 commemorative ceremony in Padova, Italy. At right, Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Donahue, commander, U.S. Army Africa, second from left, stands at attention while Vicenza Mayor Achille Variati and other distinguished guests from the Vicenza community sing the Italian National Anthem.



Photo by Sgt. Terysa M. King



U.S. Army Garrison Commander David W. Buckingham gives a speech to a crowd at the festival in Grisignano Saturday.

Army medical units go five years DUI free

By Ed Drohan

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Several Army Medicine in Europe units were recently recognized for reaching a rare milestone in keeping their members safe, including one unit in Italy.

The Livorno Health Clinic has had no incidents of Driving While Intoxicated/Driving Under the Influence for five years. The unit may have been DUI free for more than five years, but the current tracking system has only been in use since 2007.

Four other Europe-based medical units – Headquarters and Headquarters Company Bavaria Medical Department Activity, U.S. Army Medical Research Unit-Europe in Heidelberg, Kleber Health Clinic in Kaiserslautern, and Stuttgart Army Health Clinic – were also recognized for reaching the five-year milestone.

Europe Regional Medical Command Safety Manager Carol Fontanese said that everyone, from the private to the field grade officer, has a responsibility in reducing drunk driving incidents.

“Achieving this accomplishment is a reflection of engaged leadership and Soldiers taking care of Soldiers,” Fontanese said. “Soldiers within ERMCommand are aware of how a DUI/DWI can change someone’s life and are engaged in ensuring Soldiers have a plan in place for off-duty activities to allow for safe transportation home.”



Photo by Amy Drummond

Spc. Wayne Drinnen, Physical Therapist Tech at the Camp Darby Health Clinic, helps a patient with physical therapy exercises Sept. 7. The Health Clinic has been DUI free for five years.

Soldiers were encouraged to take care of Soldiers ... to embrace a culture of safety, Fontanese said. This included actions such as having plans in place for a non-drinking friend or family member to drive them home if they would be drinking alcohol.

Each unit will receive a plaque handmade by another safety award winner, Staff Sgt. Lon Mullaney, who recently received the U.S. Army Medical Command Individual Award of Excellence in Safety. Mullaney volunteers at the MWR Wood Shop on Patton Barracks.

“Sergeant Mullaney volunteered to make the DUI/DWI plaques for units

who achieve one, two, three, four and five years DUI/DWI free,” Fontanese said. “This is another example of Soldiers and NCOs leading the way to ensure safety first and always.”

Each unit will also receive a three-day pass in recognition of its achievement.

ERMCommand Sgt. Maj. Robert Luciano said these units exemplify the Army Value of Integrity.

“Soldiers need to do the right thing both on- and off-duty, and that’s exactly what these Soldiers are doing,” Luciano said. “This is also a testament to the hard work and positive influence of unit NCOs and senior NCOs.”

Darby MP Soldiers respond to drowning victim

By Amy Drummond

Special to the Outlook

When a military police Soldier saw the accident on the evening of Sept. 4, he immediately took action. Sgt. Joshua Stevens and Spc. Cody Stahl, Soldiers with 511th Military Police Platoon, 95th Military Police Battalion, 18th Military Police Brigade, who arrived on the scene later, described what happened that night.

Stevens and his wife Barbie were driving to Camp Darby from Livorno and came upon a large number of cars that had slowed and stopped on the side of the road near the drawbridge on SP 22, just a short distance from SS1. There was a large number of people standing on the right side of the bridge looking into the water. He asked his wife to stop and noticed there was a piece of guard rail missing from the bridge. He went to the bridge and discovered a car floating in the middle of the canal with a couple of teenagers sitting on the trunk.

Nobody was doing anything, so he sent his wife to get the Carabinieri and military police from Camp Darby. Not knowing how deep the water was, he didn’t want to jump in the water from the bridge, so he scaled down the wall leading to the side of the canal.

At the same time, the teenage accident victims on the trunk of the car were trying to get a third passenger, who was still stuck in the car underwater, out of the car. They finally pulled him out of the car and placed him on the back of the car. The third passenger was unconscious. According to Stevens, the teenagers started to try to do CPR, but they were doing it incorrectly.

Stevens said “it was like I was watching a horror movie in slow motion.” He kept yelling and motioning for them to bring the unconscious teen to him, but no one understood English. An Italian bystander scaled down to the canal with a rope and, in broken English, told Stevens not to jump into the water, it was too dangerous.

Stahl appeared on the bridge and called down to see if Stevens needed help, then Stahl scaled down to the water’s edge. They

both proceeded to yell at the teens to bring the unconscious victim to shore. Then out of nowhere someone threw a life preserver down to the teenagers. “It seemed like forever before somebody threw that life preserver down,” Stevens said.

One of the teenagers helped the unconscious teen into the preserver and moved him to shore, where Stahl and Stevens pulled the teens from the water. They cleared the area around the unconscious teen and tried to let the other teens know they were like medics and could help.

“The knowledge and military training took over,” Stahl said.

Stevens said he couldn’t see the teen breathing, Stahl felt for a pulse but it was faint.

“Immediately I put my hands on his chest to start CPR,” Stevens said, “but as soon as I put my hands on his chest I felt a heartbeat, ‘we don’t need to do CPR.’”

The breathing of the unconscious teen was intermittent. The teen would not respond to voices or pain tests, so Stahl and Stevens stabilized him and cradled his neck, in case there were neck injuries.

“Blood, spit and foam started coming out of the unconscious teen’s nose and mouth,” Stevens said. Stevens cleared the teen’s airway, so he would not choke, and continued to keep it clean until the paramedics and Carabinieri arrived and told them they could leave.

“We kept him breathing until the medics showed up,” Stahl said.

“I really think I did everything I could for that kid till the doctors arrived. I kept him stable. I didn’t do anything special. I am a Soldier; that is what I am trained to do,” said Stevens. “We did what any American or Soldier would do. We stopped and we helped people. That is what I love about being a Soldier. I think if I didn’t stop and Stahl didn’t come to help, that kid would have died.”

A couple of days after the accident the Camp Darby Carabinieri updated Stevens on the status of the accident victim, who is stable and recovering in an area hospital, in a medically induced coma due to having water in his lungs.

Darby ates

Visit the community calendar
for upcoming events and details
at
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CYSS

Youth Center is looking for tutors for many high school subjects. Students from the International School of Florence need tutors to assist them with their studies. If you are interested in being a tutor, contact the Youth Center at 633-7629.

The Parent Advisory Council is your venue for obtaining information about CYSS programs and voicing your opinion directly to management staff. The next PAC meeting is scheduled for Sept. 26 at noon in building 730. Agenda includes upcoming CYSS installation inspection, CYSS annual survey, Youth Sports registration, etc.

Record holiday greetings

Hometown News will record holiday greetings at Camp Darby Sept. 21 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in front of the exchange.

Walking Festival

The Walking Festival is back through Oct. 28 with plenty of themed walks and collateral events.

Every Saturday and Sunday, expert guides will lead enthusiasts along the paths of San Rossore Park, where they will have the opportunity to taste the good products of local tradition.

The sandy beaches, the marshes, the pine woods, the cultivated fields and the pastures of the park offer a mix of views and fragrances.

Religious Activities

633-7267

11:15 a.m. Protestant worship

5 p.m. Catholic Mass

Ceramic Fest:

The city of Nove, which is around 18 miles north of Vicenza, will hold its 15th annual Ceramic festival Saturday-Sunday.

Demonstrations and workshops for children will be available.



Courtesy photo

Andrew Bird: Nov. 14 in Milan
Kris Kristofferson: Nov. 26 in Milan
Cirque Du Soleil - Alegria: Nov. 15-18 in Assago (Milan)
 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

Nice and half day cruise: Saturday
Adriatic Sea fishing: Sunday
Oktoberfest in Munich: Sept. 22
Horseback riding: Sept. 22
Adriatic Sea fishing: Sept. 29
Lugano, Switzerland: Sept. 29
Ladies Agriturismo hike and lunch: Oct. 3

Oktoberfest in Munich: Oct. 6
French Riviera and Provence Mon Amour: Oct. 6-8
Hot Air Balloon in Slovenia: Oct. 6-7
Cinque Terre hike and wine: Oct. 13
Hawk walk in Colli Berici: Oct. 14
Bungee jump in Asiago: Oct. 14
Run to the Tower in Pisa: Oct. 18-19

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.

*All events listed on this page are as reported to the Outlook office by press time. All events and times are subject to change due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

Local events

Ferrara Balloons Festival:

Thursday-Sunday, 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m., in Ferrara, Bassani Park, about 70 miles south of Vicenza. Admission fee: Saturday-Sunday €4 (free for children under 12); free entrance Thursday-Friday. Free parking and shuttle service from the main parking lots downtown Ferrara. For detailed info in English, visit <http://www.ferrarafestival.it/en/ferrara-balloons-festival/the-festival>

Festa di San Cristoforo - San Cristoforo Festival:

Friday-Sunday, in Vicenza, Bertesina. 7 p.m. food booths featuring gnocchi, bigoli, skewered grilled meat, Vicentine cod fish, many other local specialties and traditional desserts. Live music and entertainment start at 8:30 p.m.

Sagra di Levà - Levà Town Festival:

Friday-Sunday, in Levà, Montecchio Precalcino, about 10 miles north of Vicenza. Carnival rides; charity raffle; food booths feature quail and pig on the spit, sausages, polenta, bruschetta, local wines, beers and typical desserts.

Festa del Riso - Rice Festival:

Friday-Tuesday, in Grumolo delle Abbadesse, about nine miles east of Vicenza; local products exhibit and sale; charity raffle; food booths featuring typical rice dishes open at 7:30 p.m. and live music.

Viridalia - Flowers and plants exhibit and market:

Saturday & Sunday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Thiene, Castello Porto Colleoni, Corso Garibaldi 2, about 13 miles north of Vicenza. Photo and paintings exhibits; tree-climbing workshops for children; biological and natural products market. Admission fee: €4; free for

children under 14.

XV Festa della Ceramica - 15th Ceramic Festival:

Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m. in Nove, Piazza G. de Fabris, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. Portoni Aperti - Open doors: local artists will show the visitors artists ceramic techniques, from the working with pottery's wheel to the modeling of ceramic and ceramic painting; 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-7 p.m. Giocare con l'arte - "Play with art" workshops for children

Mestieri in Piazza - Antique trades exhibit:

Sunday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Bassano del Grappa, Piazza Garibaldi, via J. Da Ponte, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza. Antique local traditional, artistic and craft trades workshops and demonstrations.

Luna Park - Carnival Rides for children and adults:

Ongoing through Sunday, in Vicenza, Campo Marzo, weekdays 4 p.m.-midnight and 3 p.m.-midnight on Sundays and holidays; Fridays and Saturdays 3 p.m.-1 a.m.

A Walk with Palladio

Weekends through Sept. 30. Discover architectural master Palladio's works in downtown Vicenza on foot with an English speaking guide. Fee: Saturday €12; Sunday €10; Saturday and Sunday: €18

For reservations, call 0444-320854 (English operators area available), or send an email to iat.vicenza1@provincia.vicenza.it.

Free concerts, exhibits, events

Fiori Musicali - Classic concert:

Thursday, 6 p.m., in Vicenza,

Palazzo Cordellina, Contrà Riale 12, vocal-instrumental ensemble featured by the Conservatory students.

Musicalcentro - Downtown concerts: in Vicenza

- ♦ Sunday: 5 p.m. in Piazza Matteotti, Anna Cavedon Band
- ♦ Sept. 22: 5 p.m., Palazzo Trissino, Corso Andrea Palladio 98/a, Ottoni Ensemble
- ♦ Sept. 23: 11 a.m. in Piazza Castello, piano concert; 5 p.m. in Piazza Matteotti, Fuente Flamenca Ensemble
- ♦ Sept. 30: 6 p.m., Palazzo Trissino, piano concert
- ♦ Oct. 6: 5 p.m. in Giardini Salvi, Wind Band

Fencing trials:

In Vicenza, Fencing Center, Via Riello 150. Qualified, English-speaking fencing instructor. Free lesson, €15/one-time insurance fee.

♦ Children ages 7-10, Tuesdays and Thursdays, ongoing through Oct. 10, 5-6 p.m.

♦ Children and young adults 11-18, Mondays and Wednesdays, ongoing through Oct. 10, 5-6 p.m.

♦ Adults, Mondays and Thursdays, Sept. 24-Oct. 10, 8-10 p.m.

For more details, call 0444-507474 or 342-6677315. English operator available.

Exhibits in Vicenza:

Vicenza, ViaArt, Contrà del Monte 13, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday-Sunday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3-7 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 3-7 p.m.

Antique markets

♦ Asiago, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Via Trento e Via J.Scajaro

♦ Godega di Sant'Urbano, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Via Roma, about 75 miles. (220 booths)

♦ Montagnana, 8 a.m. to sunset, in Piazza Maggiore 150, about 27

miles south of Vicenza.

♦ Padova, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Prato della Valle, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. (180 vendors).

♦ Verona, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., in Piazza S. Zeno, about 38 miles west of Vicenza. (50 vendors).

♦ Soave, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Antonio Marogna and Corso Vittorio Emanuele, about 23 miles west of Vicenza. (110 vendors)

Concerts

Norah Jones: Tuesday in Milan
Opera on Ice: Sept. 22 in Verona

Leonard Cohen: Sept. 24 in Verona

Jennifer Lopez: Oct. 11 in Casalecchio Sul Reno (Bologna)

Europe: Oct. 27 in Padova, Oct. 29 in Milan

The Cranberries: Oct. 28 in Padova

Now Showing



Ederle Theater

Thursday	Magic Mike (R)	6 p.m.
Friday	Tyler Perry's Witness Protection (PG 13)	6 p.m.
	Savages (R)	9 p.m.
Saturday	Tyler Perry's Witness Protection (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	The Cold Light of Day (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	The Cold Light of Day (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	Savages (R)	6 p.m.
Wed.	Tyler Perry's Witness Protection (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Aug. 20	The Avengers (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Aug. 21	Katy Perry: Part of Me (PG)	6 p.m.
	Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter (R)	9 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Sept. 21	Lawless (R)*	6 p.m.
Sept. 22	The Possession (PG 13)*	6 p.m.
Sept. 23	Katy Perry: Part of Me (PG)	1 p.m.
Sept. 28	Abraham Lincoln: Vampire Hunter (R)	6 p.m.

Admission: *First run, adult, \$5.50, under 12, \$2.75; regular release, \$5/\$2.50; repeat releases, \$4.50/\$2.25; special pay \$3.50/\$1.75.

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.aafes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm



Photo by David Ruderman

Playgrounds open for all: Community children and U. S. Army Garrison Vicenza staff join Garrison Commander Col. David W. Buckingham yesterday for a ribbon-cutting ceremony to mark the opening of the newly refurbished community playgrounds at Building 395 on Caserma Ederle.

Flu shot season under way

Vicenza Health Clinic began dispensing flu shots Sept. 10.

- ♦ **A vaccination clinic** will be held this Saturday and next (Sept. 15 and 22) at the Luna Bubble on Caserma Ederle from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for all ID card holders.

- ♦ **Infants and children** can receive vaccination at the pediatrics unit Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m.

- ♦ **Adults can receive inoculations** Monday through Friday from 1-4 p.m. Check in at the Readiness desk.

Units should call 636-9543 or 636-9580 to make arrangements.

Playgrounds open to all

USAG Vicenza opened community playgrounds outside the old CDC, Building 395, in a ribbon-cutting ceremony yesterday. The age-group specific areas are open to the community every day for parent supervised play. For details call 634-7502.

Saturday vet clinic

The Veterinary Clinic will be open this Saturday from 8 a.m. till noon to provide vaccination, microchipping and health certification services. Sick call and emergency services will not be available. Call 635-4841 or 0444-71-4841 for details.

Arena events schedule

The Lion's Den hosts a **Fab 50s party** Friday and a **Surf and Turf Night** Sept. 27. Surf and Turf is \$30; call 634-7685 to make a reservation.

Arts and Crafts

- ♦ **Ceramic classes** focus on clay sea creatures for ages 6-10 Friday at 3:30 p.m. and clay pots for ages 11 and up Sunday at 11 a.m. Parent and child wheel throwing meets Sept. 22 from 1-3 p.m.

Two levels of **bow-tying classes** will be held Sept. 21. Call 634-7074.

Art with Anything for EFMP Families will be take place Sept. 21, from 3-4 p.m. It's a stress-free introduction to creating autumn trees by blowing paint on paper. Siblings are invited. Call 634-7500 to reserve your space.

Commissary case lot sale

The Vicenza Commissary will conduct a case lot sale Saturday-Sunday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. There will be no Early Bird shopping.

Soldiers Theatre season

- ♦ **Tap dance classes** for adults begin next week. Intermediate level meets Tuesdays, beginners meet Wednesdays and advanced meet Thursdays. All sessions begin at 5:15 p.m. Classes cost \$21 for the three-week session through Sept. 27. Bring tap shoes if you have them.

- ♦ **The Music Café** season kicks off tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. Join community musicians to play, jam and listen in an intimate setting.

- ♦ **Private, one-on-one instruction** is available for guitar, piano, violin and flute. Call 634-7281 or 0444-71-7281 for details.

PWOC season kicks off

The Protestant Women of the Chapel kick off the fall season Tuesday at 9 a.m. in the chapel. Child watch care is available on a first-come, first-served basis for children ages 4 and under. Information is on the PWOC Vicenza Facebook page.

Girl Scout registration

Girl Scout registration will take place Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the picnic area across from the high school. All are welcome.

Vicenza Community Club

The Vicenza Community Club will hold its annual membership drive Wednesday from 6-8 p.m. on the patio at the Golden Lion. This year's theme is "Discover Local Treasures." There will be free food and drinks as well as activities for children. Prizes will be given away.

CYSS events

- ♦ **Youth Services** heads to an 11th-century castle replica for a Medieval Times dinner theater Saturday. The program features staged medieval games of sword fighting and jousting. Youth in grades 6-12 can participate. Sign-up deadline is today.

- ♦ **Parents Night Out** will be Sept. 21, from 7 p.m.-midnight. Enroll online via WebTrac or in person at Parent Central Services in Davis Hall, Building 109.

- ♦ **Parent Central Services** makes appointments for new and re-registrations on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 634-7219 or register on a drop-in basis till 4 p.m. All other services are available during office hours, Mondays-Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

- ♦ **The CYSS Parent Advisory Group** will meet Sept. 25 at noon in Davis Hall to discuss fall/winter activities, policies, facilities, staff and issues raised by attendees. Call 634-8347 for details. All are welcome. Sign Up Fair Sept. 26

The annual Super Sign-Up Fair, the premier event for information on what's going on in and around the Vicenza community, will be held Sept. 26 from 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Golden Lion Conference Center.

School notes

- ♦ **Vicenza Elementary School** holds its Open House tonight from 4-5:30 p.m.

- ♦ **Vicenza Middle School** Open House is tonight from 5:30-6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

- ♦ **Friday is a half-day** annual training for teachers. All students will be released at 11:05 a.m.

Donut Dash coming up

The 2nd Annual Donut Dash 5-K Fun Walk-Run will be held Sept 26. The EFMP race begins at 5:20 p.m., youth race at 5:30 p.m., and adult race at 6 p.m.; there is a \$5 registration fee for adults. Register on site from 5-5:45 p.m.

The top 200 registered finishers will receive a T-shirt. Call 634-7779 for additional information.

Speech conference

Overseas Association of Communication Sciences educator Christine Ristuccia will present a two-day conference titled *Got R Problems?* at the Golden Lion Sept. 28-29 for speech-language pathologists. DoDDS-Europe supports all speech-language pathologists and other personnel who elect to attend. Graduate credit and CEUs are available to participants who attend the full conference. The registration fee for OSACS members is \$210 and \$235 for non-OSACS member. For details and registration information, contact Shonna Pierce at smpierce1605@yahoo.com.

Respite Care available

Exceptional Family Member Program Respite Care is available. For details email EFMP@vicenzamwr.com or call 634-8582 or (0444) 71-8582.

Arts and Crafts

- ♦ Make a unique **deployment wreath** Friday at 10 a.m.

- ♦ **Sewing Boot Camp**, Wednesdays through Sept. 26 from 6-8 p.m., covers basic sewing machine operation, hand stitching, sewing buttons and patches, and hemming. Call 634-7074 for information.

ACS events

A free **Movie Bash for EFMP Families** takes place Friday from 3-5 p.m. at the post Theater. For reservations call 634-8582.

Life is a Sport, Play Hard soccer for EFMP Families takes place Tuesday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Siblings are welcome. Call 634-7500 for details.

Record holiday greetings

Hometown News will record holiday greetings in the Vicenza Military Community Tuesday

and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. in front of the post theater. All are welcome to record personal holiday greeting to be broadcast on television stations in the U.S., Puerto Rico, America Samoa, Guam and AFN stations around the world. Taping will take place on a first come, first served basis.

USO seeks info specialist

USO Vicenza is accepting applications for a part-time information specialist. They

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

Tuesdays

9 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m.: PWOC Bible study. Dinner provided. No child care

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

Church of Christ: Call CW2 Michael Bickle at 345-469-9974 or 0444-335-135 or email vicenzaitalychurchofchrist@gmail.com

Islamic: Call 634-7519 (0444-71-7519)

Jewish: Call Paul Levine at 345-907-2108

Latter Day Saints: Sunday services, 9:30 a.m. in Vicenza. Call Chance Wilson at 327-869-8107 for details.

Call the Caserma Ederle Post 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.



Darby softball tourney:

Above, a member of the Vicenza Honeybadgers female softball team runs to first base during a tournament at Camp Darby. The Honeybadgers finished third. At right, a player from the Vicenza Knights leaps to make a catch during a game. The Knights placed third.



Photos by Amy Drummond



Tug the flag:

Some teams participate in the Flag Football scrimmage held on Caserma Ederle Aug. 21. The season officially started Aug. 27 and will run through Oct. 17. The participating teams will play on Monday & Wednesday at 6 and 7 p.m. Call 634-7009 for information.

Photo by Laura Kreider

Biggest Winner competition

Registration for Vicenza's Biggest Winner 2012 has begun and ends Friday. You must register at the Fitness Center before the competition begins. On Saturday at 10 a.m. the program kicks off with an opening ceremony, a machine how-to tour, fitness games and of course the weigh-ins. Cost is \$20. Blue Star Card holders receive a 10-percent discount. Get registered, get assigned a buddy and get going on changing your habits and reaching your goals in the next three months. Complete rules and information are available at the Fitness Center or online at www.vicenzaMWR.com. Call 634-7616 for more information.

Adult Swim lessons

Adult beginner swimming lessons will help students become comfortable in the water and learn essential elementary swimming skills that include water adjustment, front and back float and an introduction to the front crawl and back stroke. This class is perfect for adults with little or no experience in the water. Classes are held at the Post Pool Tuesday-Oct. 4 on Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:45-6:30 p.m. The cost is \$50. Register at the Fitness Center desk.

Swimming pool hours

The Fitness Center pool has returned to its original hours of operation, Tuesdays-Saturdays and be closed Sundays and Mondays.

Unit and rec play

Men's Soccer: Vicenza Post Soccer Team is currently looking for players. Practice is every Tuesday and Thursday at 7-9 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Soccer Field behind the Ederle Inn. For more information contact Wilmer Aguilar (team captain) at 634-8638 or 335-698-1961, or email wilmer.aguilarcorea.mil@mail.mil.

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