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(Above) Too-small parachute landing fall pits cramped Soldier training. New pits (at right) replaced the gravel floor with granulated rubber and provided cover and lighting for safer, more efficient training. The construction is part of the RTSC's airborne refresher training facility renovations. (JMTC Photo Lab photos)



Airborne training facility receives facelift, 173rd ABCT thumbs-up

By ADRIANE FOSS
Outlook Editor

"I grew up at Fort Bragg as a jumper for nearly 12 years, jumping out of the back of a deuce and a half to practice parachute landing falls," said David Andrews, recalling his days as an Airborne paratrooper at the N.C. home of the 18th Airborne Corps, the Army's largest war-fighting organization.

He, like many other jumpers, recall the

bruises and sprained ankles that were the cost of doing business before the Army constructed safer, more efficient training facilities.

Andrews oversees the construction and environmental impact on ranges and training facilities in Italy for the 7th Joint Multinational Training Command. He, with the help of the Corps of Engineers and contractors, guided the construction of Vicenza's recently renovated airborne

refresher training facility.

"I never in my lifetime had such a nice facility to train on safely, year-round and to standard as what we have now at Caserma Ederle," said Andrews, a retired command sergeant major and jump master with more than 350 combat-equipment jumps.

The state-of-the-art facility includes five built-to-scale mock-ups of fixed wing

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Garrison eyeing stray cat population

By ADRIANE FOSS
Outlook Editor

In response to community feedback, garrison officials are implementing a more aggressive program to neutralize the growing stray cat population.

"There is a large population of feral (non-domesticated) cats running around the Villaggio Housing Area and post," said Raffaella Trevisiol, DPW operations officer. "Right now, there's about 100 of them."

She said since February the installation's entomologist has captured about 16 of the cats and transported them to the veterinarian to be spayed or neutered before releasing them back into their habitat.

"But we could be much more successful if people would just stop feeding them for a while and allow them to get hungry so they'll go inside the cages," said Trevisiol.

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Photo by Laura Kreider
A stray cat captured at Caserma Ederle March 16.

Tax deadline nears, living abroad extensions available

By Capt. TODD GATELY
Vicenza Tax Center OIC

The Tax Assistance Office is gearing up for the tax deadline rush. As the April 15 deadline approaches, an automatic extension is available to U.S. citizens or resident aliens living abroad. An additional extension is available for those in a combat zone.

Living Abroad Extension

IRS Publication 54 gives filers an automatic two-month extension to file and pay federal income tax if you are a U.S. citizen or resident alien, and on the regular due date for the return:

- You are living outside of the United States and Puerto Rico and your main place of business or post of duty is outside the United States and Puerto Rico, or

- You are in the military or naval service on duty outside the United States and Puerto Rico.

Married Taxpayers

If you file a joint return, either you or your spouse can qualify

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Local Soldier named Warrior Leader Course honor grad

By Master Sgt. BOBBY J. WHITE
7th Civil Support Command

The oldest Army Reserve unit in Europe, the 7th Army Warrior Training Brigade, graduated 39 Soldiers from its professional development courses March 20 at Camp Aachen Theater in the Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany.

Among the Warrior Leader Course graduates, Vicenza's Spc. Melissa S. Johnson, an information systems operator and analyst with 772nd Civil Support Team, was the distinguished honor graduate.

"This experience has enabled me to become the noncommissioned officer for today and lead tomorrow's Soldiers into the 21st century," Johnson said.

She maintained the highest grade point average and was recognized as having superior leadership skills throughout the two-week course.

In total, 23 WLC graduates and 16 Advanced Leader Course

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Lighting makes jump training safer

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and rotary aircraft, a 34-foot jump tower and two parachute landing fall pits. Combined, these elements allow paratroopers to realistically rehearse each step in the jump process, from Jumpmaster Personnel Inspection (JMPI) to actions inside the aircraft, proper body position exiting the aircraft, and landing on the ground.

The project began in July 2008 after JMTC's Jim Matheson, the Regional Training Support Center Italy Chief, met with 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team senior leadership. Matheson said after assessing the old facilities, it was clear that they were inadequate.

"The biggest problem was the PLF pits. They were too small and where the Soldiers landed was made of rocks," said Matheson, a retired Army lieutenant colonel. "Imagine having to jump over and over again on hard gravel, or on frozen rocks after rain or snow."

The old pits were replaced and

included expanded platforms that allow more troops to train at a time. The gravel, hard on knees and ankles, was replaced with granulated rubber for repetitive jumps. The pits were also covered to prevent them from becoming frozen hazards after rain or snow. Added lighting will also now allow troops to train 24-7.

"This is a great facility. It's really going to help the brigade a lot," said 173rd's Rear Detachment 1st Sgt. Mitchell Rucker, who has been jumping for 18 years.

Rucker conducted jump training at Vicenza in the late 90's on picnic-style tables set up on the North 40 sports field across from the Arena. He praised the realistic and efficient training the renovated facility provides. He said new lighting alone will increase safety during low-light conditions.

"The jump masters can conduct much safer training because they can see what the Soldiers are doing and make

corrections," said Rucker. "If the Soldier doesn't know what he's doing wrong when he's training, he will do that same thing wrong on the aircraft. Jumping out of airplanes is dangerous business. If you don't do the rehearsals right, Soldiers are going to get hurt."

When designing the new facility, Andrews, engineers and contractors consulted 173rd Soldiers and leadership.

"We listened to the guys in the brigade, got their input and designed it based on their needs," he said.

And rightly so.

The 173rd ABCT is the only tactical Airborne brigade unit in USAREUR and the facility's main customer.

At a price tag of \$245,100, Andrews said the benefits for 173rd Soldiers is worth every penny.

"The brigade is going to redeploy to a first-class, safe facility that will allow them to reintegrate into the airborne mindset," said Rucker. "We're really looking forward to it."

Federal tax deadlines extended

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for the automatic extension. If you and your spouse file separate returns, the extension only applies to the qualifying spouse.

Late Fees

Even those who qualify for the extensions must pay interest on any taxes not paid by the regular due date. If you know you owe, the tax center recommends filing and paying before the April 15 deadline.

Combat Extension

The deadline for taking actions with the IRS is extended for 180 days after:

- the last day you are in a combat zone
- have qualifying service outside of the combat zone or
- serve in a contingency operation (or the last day the area qualifies as a combat zone or the operation qualifies as a contingency operation).

In addition to the 180 days, the deadline is extended by the time remaining for you to take the action with the IRS when you entered combat.

An example would be filers who had three and a half months in 2009 to file their 2008 tax return. Any days of that period that were left when the filer entered the combat zone (or the entire period, if you entered a combat zone by Jan. 1, 2009) are added to the 180 days when determining the deadline to file the 2008 tax return.

To file by the April 15 deadline, the tax center offers:

- walk-in services Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
- scheduled appointments by calling 634-7316 or
- drop-off service available any day (but to guarantee that the return is filed by April 15, it must be dropped off no later than April 5).

Community help needed to curb growing cat population, asked to comply with garrison program

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"Sometimes, the food has been eaten from the cage, meaning a cat had been trapped, but there is no cat in the trap because people are letting them out. I think people think we're going to hurt them."

That couldn't be farther from the truth, she said. Italian law does not permit animals to be euthanized.

Cats are captured, spayed or neutered and released.

Add to that the fact that the 100 or so cats at Villaggio are an officially recognized colony by the Italian health system (ASL), meaning "they are protected and we have them spayed for free," explained Trevisiol. This, she said, should allow concerned community members to rest easy.

She also explained that the animals, in

most cases, spend no more than a night in the traps.

"But on the following morning they go to the vet," she said.

Because cats are territorial, if the population decreases, new cats move in. If the installation is allowed to capture, fix and release the cats, the numbers can be controlled. If, however, the current population is not spayed or neutered, a new and reproductive population will move in and take its place.

Although the garrison sprays area dumpsters with cat repellent, DPW officials say it's going to take a combined community effort to help solve the problem. Residents can request spray repellent around their dwellings by calling 634-8888, or simply by following the housing area rules for cats.

"It would be nice if everyone put a

collar on their cat so we can identify the stray cats from the house cats," said Trevisiol. "And if owners would feed their cats indoors, it would not attract strays."

To help control the cat population, community members are also asked to:

- not leave food outside
- segregate and properly dispose of food waste
- keep your house cat indoors.

Residents are also asked to adhere to the following:

- microchip your cat
- neuter/spay your cat
- don't abandon your cat when you PCS
- call in service orders for missing crawl space grills.

For more information, call DPW at 634-8766.

Speak Out

How can our community be improved?



Col. Peter Aubrey
U.S. Army Africa

"Re-open the community club to give Soldiers and families a social gathering place."



Faith Fultz
4th grader

"We need another playground on post."



Capt. Kirby Jones
1-503rd, 173rd ABCT

"A rifle range and obstacle course."



Lisa (3) & Celeste Mecham
Family members

"I'd like to see more green areas, places where kids can play and expand/renovate the camp site."



Ann Van Steenburgh
Family member

"Better playground area for guests at Ederle Inn."

Slots still available for summer camp

NMFA news release

The USA Girl Scouts Overseas-North Atlantic has been chosen to host their popular Operation Purple summer camp in 2010.

The National Military Family Association developed this free summer camp program, formerly known as Camp Army Challenge, in response to the need for increased support for military children, especially those whose parents are or will be deployed.

Girl Scouts are partnering with TransAtlantic Council Boy Scouts of America and the Child, Youth and School Services to serve girls and boys ages 9-12 in the European Theater.

“Our mission is to empower these military children – our youngest heroes – to develop and maintain healthy and connected relationships, in spite of the current military environment. Kids attending Operation Purple camp will have the opportunity to learn the skills to cope the stress of a deployment and make friends with other kids who are also missing their mom or dad,” said Mary Scott, the Association’s Chairman of the Board. “The National Military Family Association is excited to work with Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and CYS Services on this very worthwhile program.”

Operation Purple Camp will be held



Children of deployed service members enjoy fun and games at the 2009 summer camp. To register online, visit www.operationpurple.org. Operation Purple summer camp, formerly known as Camp Army Challenge, will take place this year at Camp Lachenwald, near Ansbach, Germany.

File photo

from 11-17 July at Camp Lachenwald at Franken Kaserne near Ansbach, Germany. By partnering with the Boy Scouts and CYS Services, USA Girl Scouts Overseas can host Operation Purple Camp and serve both boys and girls.

This provides a respite for parents and allows siblings to be together for

this experience.

Registration for Operation Purple began March 15 and there are still slots available. Applications will only be accepted online. Sign up at www.operationpurple.org to receive e-mail notices and camp updates. Each camp is “purple” and open to children of service members of any branch of service and

duty status (active duty, National Guard or Reserve), as well as children of members of the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service and National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration.

Camps are free to all participants’ thanks to support from the Sierra Club and The Sierra Club Foundation.

Visit MilitaryFamily.org.

Vicenza Reserve Soldier takes top-grad honors

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graduates were honored during the combined ceremony.

For 54 years, the training brigade trained thousands in Europe including active duty, Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers. Many of these service members mobilized for duty in Bosnia, Croatia, Macedonia, Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan.

This brigade’s roots trace back to the Army Reserve Forces School, which was established in Frankfurt am Main in 1956. Thereafter, the school underwent several relocations to Offenbach, Munich, Augsburg and finally, in 1997, to Grafenwoehr.

It was also known as the 3747th Multifunctional Training Brigade-Europe and later became the 7th AWTB.

The command sergeant major of the 457th Civil Affairs Battalion, 7th Civil Support Command, congratulated the Soldiers and underscored their significance to the military.

“You are the future backbone of today’s Army, and you will lead it into the 21st century,” said Sgt. Maj. Michael J. McLean.

During the ceremony, McLean and Command Sgt. Maj. Julio C. Hernandez, the commandant of the Noncommissioned Officer Academy, honored the graduating students by awarding the Soldiers certificates of completion.

The graduating class closed the ceremony by reciting the Noncommissioned Officer Creed and singing The Army Song.

The 7th AWTB, a subordinate unit of

the 7th CSC, has conducted officer and noncommissioned officer professional development courses to maintain high standards of leadership and promote successful careers in the active and reserve components.

In the classroom environment, participants are challenged to enhance their knowledge and skills for leading, counseling and evaluating subordinates.

When training in the field, Soldiers perform combat tactics like moving through a hostile environment and familiarization on improvised explosive devices, a weapon used commonly by insurgents in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Sgt. Maj. Michael J. McLean gives Spc. Melissa S. Johnson his coin March 20 during her WLC graduation.



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At your service

Fitness, Athletics & Aquatics



Mark Juliano is the installation’s fitness athletics and aquatics chief.

“My role is to serve those who serve,” said Juliano. “I truly believe our Soldiers and family members deserve the best and I am committed to providing them the best.”

His office is on the second floor of the gym’s new wing. Juliano can be reached at 634-6240.

The fitness center is open Mon.-Fri., 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sat.-Sun. 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; federal holidays from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and training holidays from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

The indoor pool is open Tues.-Fri., 10:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Saturday: 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; federal holidays from 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; training holidays from 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. and closed on Sunday and Monday. Visit www.vicenzamwr.com to find out the latest.

Community Camera

A snapshot of events making news in and around the U.S. military community in Vicenza...



Photo by Jason Resto, Faces Photography Club

Vocal tribute: Recording artist Leigh Jones performs with backup singers for USAG Vicenza Soldiers and family members March 22 at the Arena. The concert and comedy show was hosted to raise awareness about the prevention of sexual assault and harassment.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Talking shop: Charles DeCelle, the USAG Vicenza Auto Skills Center manager, talks to Vicenza High School seniors about basic car care during their annual visit to the facility March 17. "Many of the seniors are headed to college in the States, the military or some other path in life, but all of them will soon need to purchase and care for an automobile," said DeCelle. "A little knowledge can turn into substantial savings and prevent expensive repair bills throughout their driving lives."



Photo by Samantha Smith

Patching things up: Gail Penrod (center), along with Pat Wilson and Beth Eastman, members of the Vicenza Quilt Club, meet Mondays from 5-7 p.m. in the Villaggio FCC community room. The club is open to all skill levels. Call 634-7615 for information. The arts and crafts center is holding a community quilting event for children April 10 from 1:30-5:30 p.m. Children can decorate their own squares and later see them on a full-size quilt. For more information, call 634-7074.



Photo by Laura Kreider

At the derby: Cubmaster Stu Cameron hands out prizes to Bear Cubs Gabe Regan (left) and Jacob Sepanic March 25 during Vicenza Pack 295's annual Pinewood Derby at the Teen Center pavilion. Each Cub Scout from 1st - 5th grade were given nearly three months to build a car using a block of wood, four nails and four plastic wheels. Adult volunteers cut the blocks of wood to the child's specifications at the installation craft shop. The boys were instructed to sand, paint, polish, design and assemble their cars. The cars must meet two national standards in overall length and width and can weigh only five ounces. There were 22 cars raced by Scouts, and an additional six by adults and siblings. The track took more than two hours to assemble and all of the races were electronically timed by a computer with optical sensors. This year's winners were Wolf Cubs Chris Brown (1st), A.J. Rather (2nd) and Blake Cameron (3rd).



Drawing on the walls:

Community youth meet at the post library on Tuesdays from 3:30-5 p.m. to design, draw and paint a mural in the loft. Fourteen kids are signed up to participate in the EDGE program. "Each artist chose their own design, projected it on the wall, traced with a Sharpie and then started to paint," said Michelle Krewson, the supervisory librarian. The project is supervised by the art center's Jennifer McDiarmid. For more information, call Tom Hlavacek at 634-7502.

Courtesy photo

Darby employee reflects on Jewish heritage, Italian invasion, equality

Story by CHIARA MATTIROLO
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

The U.S. National Days of Remembrance have been established April 11-18 to remember the victims of the Holocaust.

The importance of remembering must not be underestimated. In fact, we not only honor the memory of those who have been prosecuted all around the globe, but this should become an occasion to reflect on the consequences of that historical era on our lives.

I grew up in a Jewish family. On several instances while enjoying family time, I heard terrifying war stories that, in the end, contributed in growing in me a sense of belonging and solidarity with the Jewish community.

At that time my family lived in a villa near Verona. My great grandfather, Alberto Forti, was a pediatrician.

Before the Nazi invasion, the Jewish people were subject to various restrictions. My mom and her sister were not allowed to go to school. They could not go on vacation because the hotels would not accept Jewish customers.

"We had to keep a low profile. We

were hiding in our houses for most of the time and the feeling of being hunted was growing," said my mother, Andreina Lattes.

After the invasion, living in Italy became too dangerous for Jewish descendents and my family was fortunate enough to be able to move to Switzerland.

The move was an adventure; they could not take any luggage with them so they were wearing as many clothes possible and they had to reach Switzerland using secondary roads in the mountains.

My mom and aunt were teenagers when they were taken out of school; their friends and daily routines were lost forever, and they faced the devastating experience of being forced to leave their country.

"Sixty years from those events, when telling these stories, the sense of panic for being chased raises back up as it never left me," my mother said.

While the rest of the family moved

to Switzerland, my great grandfather was asked by the Nazis to remain in town because at that time doctors were much needed. He decided to remain to accomplish his duties.

All went smoothly for a time, but one day a Nazi platoon showed up to deport him. My great grandfather never opened the door. He shot himself with the gun he kept in the house rather than face the horrors that were sure to come.

The Nazis then occupied our home and a Gestapo officer moved in with his family.

I still have a silver napkin ring with my grandpa's initials on one side, and a German name, "Etta," roughly engraved on

the other side. These people entered our homes, stole our lives, our dignity and I still don't understand why.

I remember my grandma's eyes filling up with tears when remembering her dad, and me as a young girl suffering for the injustice. Why were the Jewish people persecuted because of their race? We were no different from others. I could never find an answer to my questions.

We can't change the history but we must learn from it by keeping the memory alive. I started my own holocaust remembrance project by teaching my children the story of their family and the respect for others different from us.



A silver napkin ring set reminds the author of her family's trials

Two hours drive from Camp Darby is the Villa Oliveto (Arezzo) concentration camp. It is possible to visit it by making reservations with Mrs. Edi at 0575-445302. While in the area, five kilometers from Villa Oliveto, is the Civitella Val di Chiana Museum. It features a collection of photos of the area before the war, after the bombing, and during the reconstruction.

Historical findings are collected in the museum. On Saturdays and Sundays visitors can meet with survivors from the concentration camp. The museum is open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Call 05750- 603713 for reservations.

Prayer breakfast offers food for soul

Story by JOYCE COSTELLO
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

When Camp Darby community members gathered for a prayer breakfast March 25, it was a chance to strengthen their set of beliefs and to spiritually grow.

According to USAG Livorno Chaplain Kelly Porter, prayer breakfasts are a good way to pause from hectic schedules to remember how human one is.

"We are all imperfect, but when we come together as a community of believers, we find commonality and strength," said Porter.

He added that spiritual growth is an important pillar of the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness Program and important to improving one's resiliency.

"We improve our bodies through exercise and our minds through

education, but the prayer breakfast was a chance to feed our souls with time to pray and grow together as a community," said Sgt. John Miller, USAG Livorno chaplain's assistant. "As a Soldier in today's Army, with faith, you can accomplish or overcome any obstacles put in your way."

"Faith is important to me because it gives me a good outlook on life," said Airmen 1st Class Nicholas Winter, 731st Munitions Squadron.

The National Prayer Breakfast takes place the first Thursday in May. This year is the 59th annual observance.

Visit www.nationaldayofprayer.org.



Photo by Chiara Mattiolo
Chaplain Scott Gardner, Command Chaplain, United States Air Forces in Europe, talks to the Camp Darby community about the importance of learning, living and loaning one's spiritual fitness during the prayer breakfast March 25 at the Darby Community Club.

Spiritual growth is an important pillar of the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness Program and important to improving one's resiliency, said USAG Livorno Chaplain Kelly Porter.

Darby Dates

Don't miss Karaoke Night weekly at the DCC

Sing along with Bibi at Karaoke Night every Thursday at the Community Club. Call 633-7855.

Enjoy the views at Cinque Terre April 10

Cinque Terre is a remote section of the Italian Riviera consisting of five villages connected by trails that hug the coastline. Enjoy the views April 10. Call ITR for more information at 633-7589

Resume writing

PCSing or trying for a new job on post and don't know how to word your resume? Come in and let us help Wednesday. Call ACS for more information at 633-7084.

Consumer rights and obligations

Learn what you, the consumer, are entitled to and what your responsibilities are April 8. Call 633-7084 for more information.

Easter egg hunt, barbecue set at Spring Fest

Community members are invited to the Spring Fest celebration Saturday from 11 a.m. -3 p.m. at the DCC for an Easter egg hunt, barbecue lunch and games for everyone. Call Parent Central Services at 633-7681 for details.

Texas Hold'em

Come to the DCC April 9 for Texas Hold'em. Free pasta for all players. Call 633-7855 for details.

Camp Darby religious activities

For details, call the chapel at 633-7267 (050-54-7267).

9:40 a.m.: Catholic Reconciliation

10 a.m.: Catholic Mass

11:15 a.m.: Protestant worship

10 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school

11:15 a.m.: Catholic CCD

Christian Men's Bible study is every Thursday at 5 p.m. in Mertz Hall at the Darby Chapel.

Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible study meets Tuesday from noon to 1 p.m. and Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Choir practice is at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday before Mass.

* The chapel is collecting cardboard, robes, children's plastic swimming pools and cardboard rolls from paper towels and toilet paper.



Easter goodies:

In some Italian regions, including Veneto, Italians decorate hard-boiled eggs, especially for picnics on the day following Easter, *Pasquetta*. Many bars, pastry shops and supermarkets feature brightly-wrapped Uova di Pasqua—chocolate Easter eggs (at left).

They come in different sizes and prices, and you can choose between milk or dark chocolate. All except the tiniest eggs contain a surprise.

To find out more about Easter in Italy, see below.

Courtesy photo

Local festivals & shows

This year **Easter** is celebrated on April 4. Easter in Italy is a sacred season for Catholics, accompanied by several traditions and cultural customs. For example, on Good Friday many communities remember the day with Passion processions.

Among the typical Easter dishes are lamb and stuffed or layered pasta dishes such as lasagna, manicotti and pasticcio.

Special pastries are served, such as Colomba, the Dove. This symbol of peace gives form to the traditional sweet bread that is to Easter what Panettone is to Christmas. It has the same consistency, without the candied fruits, and is covered with glaze and almonds. Chocolate eggs are also a popular Easter dessert.

Pasquetta, or Easter Monday, is another important holiday in Italy. It's more than an extra day off work. It is the unofficial start of spring and a chance to picnic with friends and family. Some Italian regions, including Veneto, celebrate *Pasquetta* with decorated hard-boiled eggs, which are brought to picnics. Schools and most stores will be closed.

Via Crucis - Live Stations of the Cross: Friday at 8 p.m. in Gallio, about 40 miles north of Vicenza. Procession departs from S. Bartolomeo Church and goes through the town, stopping in different stations to represent an event surrounding Christ's crucifixion.

The first station is in Piazza Italia. The route will be lit up with small oil-lamps. By tradition it will be re-enacted by the children of Gallio.

Nanny-goat and Gambellara D.O.C. wine festival: Monday in Selva di Montebello, about 14 miles southwest of Vicenza. Food,

wine sampling and live music.

1st Fountains' Walk - 6-10-20K non-competitive walk: Monday at 8 a.m., in S. Vito di Brendola, departing from Piazza San Vito. Participation fee: 2 euro.

Antique and Collectors Market: Saturday from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. in Thiene's Piazza Chilesotti and Corso Garibaldi, about 18 miles north of Vicenza.

Jacopo Bassano and the Wonderful Optical Illusion Exhibition: through June 13, open daily 9 a.m.-7 p.m. in Bassano del Grappa, Museo Civico, Piazza Garibaldi 4, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza.

The exhibition is a series of tributes to Jacopo Bassano marking 500 years since his birth. Born as Jacopo da Ponte, he later assumed the name of his birthplace.

Admission: 9 euro. Reduced 7.50 euro for children 10-18 and senior citizens over 60. To buy your ticket online, visit <http://www.teleart.org/start/inizio.php?idSito=401>.

Women in Ancient Greece: in Vicenza's Palazzo Leoni Montanari, Contrà Santa Corora 25, through April 11. Open Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

A ceramic collection from Attica and Magna Graecia offers a journey back in time and history through images painted on Greek ceramics and depicting a cross-section view of women's life.

Admission: 4 euro. English audio guides available.

Galileo, Venice and the Moon - historical/scientific exhibition: through Monday in Bassano del Grappa's Palazzo Bonaguro, Via Angarano, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza. Open Thursday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. Closed on Easter.

Admission fee is 3 euro, 2 euro for children ages 10-18 and senior citizens over 60. Free for children under 10.

Free local events

12th Ceramic Eggs exhibit: through April 11 in Nove's Museum of Ceramics at Piazza De Fabris 5, 18 miles north of Vicenza. Grand opening: Saturday 11:30 a.m.; Open on Saturday, Sunday and Italian holidays 10 a.m.-noon and 3-7 p.m. Each year Nove celebrates Easter with an exhibit of ceramic eggs made by Italian pottery artists.

Abstract Painting Exhibition: through April 18 in Vicenza's Basilica Palladiana in Piazza dei Signori. Tuesday-Sunday, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.

Free guided visits to the Roman *Cryptoporticus: Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 3:30-5 p.m.; Sunday and Monday, 10 a.m.-noon in Vicenza's Piazza Duomo.

*A cryptoporticus is a covered gallery that was a characteristic feature of ancient Roman villas. It was usually designed to provide shade and a cool place for walking.

Easter Concert: Sunday at 9 p.m. in Roana's Sala Conciliare, Via Milano 32, about 37 miles north of Vicenza.

Explore the spring sky at the astronomical observatory in nearby Arcugnano Tuesday at 9 p.m., Via S. Giustina 127, about five miles south of Vicenza. View the sky and planets in great detail with the observatory's telescope.

Sporting events

Superbike Italian Round Monza: May 7-9 in Monza.

MotoGP, the Italian Grand Prix 2010: June 3-5 and Sept. 3-5 at Mugello Circuit in Scarperia (Florence).

Superbike Championship San Marino Round: June 25-27 at the Misano World Circuit.

Harlem Globetrotters: May 7 in Florence at the Nelson Mandela Forum; May 9 in Milan at the

Mediolanum Forum; May 10 in Varese at the Pala Whirpool.

Formula 1 Italian Grand Prix: Sept. 7-9, in Monza.

For more information in English and tickets, visit <http://www.ticketone.it/EN/>.

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Concerts

Ian Paice & Tolo Marton: April 8 in Padova, Gran Teatro.

Foreigner: April 11 in Milan, Alcatraz Club.

Alicia Keys: May 2 at the Verona Arena.

Whitney Houston: May 3 in Milan, Assago, Mediolanum Forum; May 4 in Rome.

The Black Eyed Peas: May 12 in Milano, Assago Mediolanum Forum.

Jethro Tull: May 14 in Genova, Vaillant Palace.

Kiss: May 18 in Milan.

AC/DC: May 19 in Udine.

Michael Bublè: May 22 in Verona's Arena; May 23 in Milan, Assago, Mediolanum Forum.

Rod Stewart: June 21 in the Verona Arena.

Aerosmith: July 3 in Mestre, Parco San Giuliano.

Massive Attack: July 5 in Mestre, Parco San Giuliano.

Mika: July 7, Passariano di Codroipo (Udine), Villa Manin.

Buy tickets at Media World in the Palladio mall or www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing.

ODR trips

Head to the **Italian Dolomites** for a snow hike April 10 at 8 a.m.

Check out other trips in ODR's new spring and summer schedule available at VicenzaMWR.com. To enroll for a trip or class, select "Vicenza" under "Recreation and Morale Activities" or, visit <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/Vicenzarectrac.html>.

Now Showing



Ederle Theater		
Thursday	Book of Eli (R)	6 p.m.
Friday	When in Rome (PG-13)	6 p.m.
	Legion (R)	9 p.m.
Saturday	How to Train Your Dragon (PG)	3 p.m.
	When in Rome (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	How to Train Your Dragon (PG)	3 p.m.
	Legion (R)	6 p.m.
Wed.	When in Rome (PG-13)	6 p.m.
April 8	Legion (R)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater		
Friday	Green Zone (R)	6 p.m.
Saturday	When in Rome (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	The Spy Next Door (PG)	1 p.m.
April 8	Edge of Darkness (R)	6 p.m.

Admission: Age 12 and up \$4, under 12, \$2.

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

View **MOVIE TRAILERS** and the schedule online at <http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/vicenza.htm> or <http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm>.

Looking to buy or sell items? Check out MWR's Marketplace at www.mwrmarketplace.com.

Job openings

The Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation has the following openings:

Open Continuous: Child and Youth program assistant, hotel desk clerk, custodial worker, recreation aide/assistant (lifeguard), recreation aide/assistant, lead child/youth program, bartender, operations assistant, food service worker, cook, laborer and waiter/waitress.

Special Vacancy: Supervisory program lead (CYSS CDC), full time. The closing date is April 9.

Stop by Bldg. 249 (co-located with SATO) or call 634-7349 /6597/7290 for more information.

Send free Mother's Day message in Stripes

Stars and Stripes is hosting its annual free Mother's Day message posting service online.

Greetings uploaded by the April 19 deadline will be printed in the European, Pacific or Middle East editions of Stars and Stripes May 9, Mother's Day. Messages will also be available online at Stripes.com for viewing as they are uploaded.

Visit Stripes.com and click on the "Mother's Day" button on the top right.

UMUC field studies

UMUC Europe in Heidelberg, Germany, would like to announce two field study courses taking place this May: **History and Culture of Naples**, held in Italy, and **Scotland: Culture, Literature, and History**, held at various locations in Scotland.

Call or e-mail edfieldsty@ed.umuc.edu or DSN 370-6762 / CIV (49)-06221-378-367.

Egg hunt Saturday

The annual Easter Eggstravaganza is scheduled Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. on the sports fields. Activities include an egg and candy race, balloon creations, face painting, bouncy house and an all-new egg splash at the post pool.

Hot dogs, snacks and drinks will be available. Bring your camera and take photos with the Easter Bunny. Call 634-5087 for information.

Minor repair service available to spouses

The Vicenza chapel community sponsors Operation Handyman in support of deployed units.

The program assists spouses of deployed troops with minor household repairs, including yard

maintenance, auto repair advice or computer problems.

Contact Steve Berger at 0444 535-652 or steveandkirstin@gmail.com. Each job will be completed with no less than two volunteers and the program is accepting volunteers.

Clinic closed April 9, 12

The USAG Vicenza Health Center will be closed April 9 and 12 for the USAREUR training holidays. It will be open April 10 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

For more information, call 634-7952 CIV 0444-71-7952 or e-mail VZHCPatRep@amedd.army.mil.

Survivor Outreach

Survivor Outreach Services is a new Army-wide program designed to provide dedicated and comprehensive support to survivors of deceased Soldiers. SOS provides enhanced services to these families for as long as they desire.

Program professionals connect you with people who can help you move forward and find strength. Visit http://www.vicenzamwr.com/acs_sos.html or call DSN 634-6173 or CIV 0444-716173 or 327-888-3816.

Photography club

Whether you're new to the area or to the passion of photography, a club is a great way to meet others who share your passion. Learn new techniques and share your ideas with the Faces Photography Club. Meetings will be held the second and last Saturday of each month at the post library conference room, 1-3 p.m. Contact Jason Resto at 348-592-5339 or jason.resto@gmail.com, or call Diana Nickerson at 327-582-1453.

Developmental screenings set April 7

Vicenza Elementary School and EDIS are sponsoring Child Find April 7 from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. in Room 301 at the elementary school. Have your infant, toddler or preschooler screened by a member of the Early Intervention or Developmental Preschool team.

Free screenings, recommended for all children, will be offered for children up to age 5. Call 634-5008 or CIV 0444-71-5008 by Monday to make an appointment.

Fun events slated for Military Child Month

April is Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month. Many events are planned

for the month and most are free. Visit the MWR.com community calendar for complete listing. The upcoming week's events include:

- Italian dance performance at Soldiers' Theatre Thursday at 6:30 p.m.
- Homeschooler trip Friday
- Pinwheels for Prevention and Fun Run for youth Friday at 3 p.m. on the running track
- Family scavenger hunt (details below)
- Heroes Tree (details below)
- SAC barbecue and open house April 9, noon -3 p.m.

Family scavenger hunt

A family scavenger hunt will be held Monday from 3:30-5 p.m. Travel the roads of our community and locate family events around post. Enjoy fun and prizes while learning about family-centered programs. Sign up by Thursday.

Heroes Tree

The art center and post library are creating a Vicenza Heroes Tree. Stop by the art center Wednesday and April 8, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. to make your hero ornament.

Bring a photo (preferably under 4" in diameter) of your deployed Soldier and the center will provide the supplies. The ornament will go on display on the Heroes Tree at the library. Attend the tree opening at 11:30 a.m. April 9 at the library. Call 634-8419 for information.

VCC flea market

The Vicenza Community Club will host a flea market April 24, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Ederle Inn parking lot. Sign up by April 21 to set up and sell items. Cost is \$15 per lined parking spot. Vendors are responsible for set-up, clean-up, trash removal and supplying their own chairs and tables.

Contact mocrone@alice.it or 347-696-9243 for information.

Easter sunrise service

The community is invited to the chapel's Easter sunrise service under the pavillion at Hoekstra Field Sunday at 7 a.m. No-host breakfast follows at the DFAC. Call or e-mail douglas.thomison@eur.army.mil or 634-7472.

April book club

The book club will discuss The Lovely Bones by best selling author Alice Sebold April 8, 22 and 25.

The morning session begins at 10:30 a.m.; the afternoon session begins at 5:30 p.m. at the library.

Call 634-7500 or e-mail Caitlin.beauchamp@eur.army.mil for info.

Saturday care

Saturday care is April 10 from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Space is limited. Reserve a slot by calling CDC 395 at 634-7559.

Family Movie Night

Family Movie Night is April 10 from 6-8 p.m. at the Arena.

Enjoy the package price of \$24.95 which includes two hours of bowling, shoe rental for up to six people and one large cheese pizza and a pitcher of soda. The family can enjoy a movie while they bowl.

Estate claims

Anyone having any claims on or obligations to the estate of Pvt. Nicholas S. Cook of B. Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry, should contact the summary courts martial officer, 2nd Lt. Steven J. Swanson at DSN 634-7065.

POV inspection closed

The privately owned vehicle inspection station, Bldg. 207, will close at 4:30 p.m. daily beginning Thursday. The change in hours will ensure time is available to perform daily maintenance and process documentation.

The new hours for the station are 8-11:15 a.m.; 12:30-4:30 p.m., and closed on American and Italian holidays.

MOMS Club events

- Monday: Lunch 11:15 a.m. Playdate
- Wednesday: Board Meeting 10 a.m., 4 p.m. Pre-School Playgroup
- April 8: Bunch 7 p.m.
- April 13: 10 a.m. Toddler Playgroup
- April 15: Park Playdate 4 p.m.
- April 16: 10 am Walk the Track, MOMS Night Out 7 p.m.
- April 19: Book Club 10:30 a.m.

Community Calendar Highlights

- Sunday:** Easter Sunrise Service
- Monday:** Italian Holiday (Easter Monday)
- April 9:** No School for Students
- April 9-12:** Training Holiday
- April 12-16:** Spring Break
- April 16:** Days of Remembrance Service at Post Theater
- May 5:** Community Volunteer Recognition Luncheon

Religious activities

Chaplain Crisis Line

To speak with a chaplain after hours, call **634-KARE** (634-5273).

Sunday services

8 a.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation, or by appointment
9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass (Daily Mass is held weekdays at noon)

9 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school and AWANAs (September-May at Vicenza High School)

10:45 a.m.: Catholic religious education (September-May at Vicenza High School)

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

1:30 p.m.: Full Gospel Pentecostal worship

5 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Mondays

Noon: LDS scripture study

Tuesdays

9:15 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

Wednesdays

3 p.m.: Praise dance practice

3:30 p.m.: Middle School Club Beyond meets in VHS cafeteria September-May

5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

5:30 p.m.: PWOC evening Bible study (beginning Sept. 8. Child care offered for children ages 6 weeks to 4 years.)

5:30 p.m.: High School Club Beyond meets at the Teen Center September-May. Call 340-139-4073 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

Islamic: Spc. Kasimov, 329-034-3511.

Jewish: Sandy Schoenberg at 634-6202 or sandy.schoenberg@eur.army.mil.

Latter Day Saints: Scripture study held Mondays, noon-1 p.m. at chapel. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. downtown. Call Sean Peterson at 335-821-9492. Call the Caserma Ederle chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for religious activities information.

Spring holiday services

Catholic Holy Thursday Mass and Adoration Thursday in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.

Protestant Easter workshop for families Friday in the chapel activity room at 5:30 p.m.

Catholic Good Friday Service Friday in the sanctuary at 3 p.m.

Gospel Good Friday Service Friday in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.

Catholic Easter Vigil Saturday in the sanctuary at 8:30 p.m.

All other Easter Sunday Services will follow the regular Sunday schedule.

Turning of the Tassels:

Community members celebrate their achievement at last year's ceremony. The fourth annual USAG Vicenza graduation recognition ceremony will be held May 27. The event is open to members of the community who missed last year's graduation ceremony, or who will graduate this year (must be 12 or fewer semester hours away from finishing a college degree).

The education center staff encourages recent or soon-to-be graduates to celebrate this achievement with family, friends, colleagues and faculty. Participation is free. Call 634-8933/8926 or e-mail vicenza.edcenter@us.army.mil for an application.

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DON'T BE LATE: E-mail briefs to editor@eur.army.mil noon Monday or by Friday at 4 p.m. if Monday is a holiday.

Sports Shorts

Self defense classes

Self defense classes will be offered April 22 and 29, 4:15- 5 p.m. at the fitness center.

Call 634- 7500 or e-mail Caitlin.beauchamp@eur.army.mil to sign up.

Wellness classes

The Vicenza Wellness Center will host Principles of Strength April 8 and Finding the Balance April 14. Call 634-8186 for info.

Volunteer with Mako Sharks swim team

Are you interested in working as a volunteer with the Mako Sharks swim team?

The Mako Sharks are looking for interested adults in the community who would like to become involved with a summer conditioning program or the fall competitive season.

Swimmers are ages 6 through high school and compete in the European Forces Swim League (EFSL).

Call 0444-91-2612 or e-mail john.j.casey@us.army.mil for info, and visit <http://makosharks.homestead.com/>.

Coaches drill clinic slated April 13-15

CYSS Sports and Fitness will offer a drills clinic for coaches April 13-15. Sessions held from 9-11 a.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m. Call 634-6151 to register.

Children's Run, signing set Friday

Join us for a Children's Run and the signing of the proclamation for Month of the Military Child and Child Abuse Prevention Month Friday from 3 - 5 p.m. at the main post track.

Free spouses swim lessons available

Every Wednesday at the post pool there will be free swim lessons for military spouses.

Class size is limited to six per lesson. Sign up no later than the Monday prior to class at the fitness center.

Call 634-7009 for more information.

Minor baseball hosting Italian teams weekly

The CYSS Sports & Fitness Minor Baseball league for 8-9 year olds will host the Vicenza Palladio Mini Baseball Team every Friday, April 23-May 28, at the Villaggio baseball field.

For information, call Alex Ruiz at DSN 634-6151.



When in Rome:

Several community members from the U.S. military in Vicenza participated in the Rome Marathon March 21. Participants (at right) included: Maj. Terry Clark, Mikaela Cade, Frannie Packard, Lt. Col. Stephanie Tutton, Sarah Hennes, Capt. Gabrielle Caldara and Julia Sibilla. Not pictured are Master Sgt. Evelin Montealegre, Sgt. 1st Class Maria Escobedo and Aurora Paz. More than 16,000 runners from throughout the world participated in the annual event. The marathon started and ended at the Coliseum, where participants traveled the 26.2 miles over the cobblestone streets and hills of the ancient city.

Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Keith Cade



Courtesy photo

Young victory: Three-year-old Gregory, son of Caserma Ederle's Greg and Alessandra Hutcheson, placed first in the three-year-old "asilo" category in the final race of the Mount Verena ski competition, held March 27 in the Asiago area. Young Gregory began skiing in December and is a member of the local Italian Centro Vicenza Ski Team. At 3 years and 4 months, Gregory is the youngest member of the team and skied the Giant Slalom course (above) to take a first place trophy. "I was so proud," said mother Alessandra, who says they are a family of skiers. "We all ski, on both sides." Young Gregory's older brother, Filippo, won his first ski race at age 3.

If you or your family are involved in activities with host nation groups, we'd like to know. Contact the Community Relations Office by e-mailing shay.morris@eur.army.mil or anna.terraco@eur.army.mil.

Join recreational soccer, basketball, volleyball weekly at post fitness center

There will be unit/recreational open play weekly at the fitness center for the following activities:

- Basketball: 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 13 or more players.
- Volleyball: 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday for 13 or more players.
- Soccer: 7 - 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday for 16 or more players.
- Female Basketball: 11:45 a.m.- 1 p.m. every Thursday and 3:45 p.m.-5 p.m. every Sunday, for 8 or more players.

DODGE BALL Soldier League Standings

Team	Win	Loss	Game Scores
46th MP Po Po's	6	0	March 17
Cup Cakes	1	5	Health Clinic 2 vs. Lame Ducks 6
Lame Ducks	5	2	Cup Cakes 2 vs. Lame Ducks 6
AFN Vicenza	2	1	March 18
Two Tons of Irony	1	5	Po Po's 6 vs. Cup Cakes 1
Health Clinic	1	4	Lame Ducks 6 vs. Two Tons of Irony 6
			March 24
			Health Clinic 3 vs. Po Po's 6
			Lame Ducks 6 vs. Two tons of Irony 6
			March 25
			Lame Ducks 0 vs. Po Po's 6
			Cup Cakes 6 vs. Two Tons of Irony 4

Unit/recreational volleyball open play takes place at the fitness center every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.