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CONGRATS! Soldiers' Theatre wins big at IMCOM-E 'Oscar' night

By JAMES SOHRE
U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern

Soldiers' Theatre's "Snoopy!!!" competed with nine other musicals to receive 20 nominations and three awards during the annual Tournament of the Festival of Plays "Topper" Awards Show Saturday at Patrick Henry Village in Heidelberg, Germany.

The winners were Barry Robinson for Best Sound in a Musical, Sgt. First Class Kim Gilleran for Best Military Performance and Sonia Elia for Best Actress in a Featured Role – Musical.

"We were very excited about this year's wins," said Soldiers' Theatre Director Jerry Brees. "It was unexpected. "Snoopy!!!" is a wonderful show but it's a small-scale family ensemble, and we were up against some spectacular shows--"A Chorus

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Courtesy photo
Sgt. First Class Kim Gilleran (left) receives a Topper for Best Military Performance during IMCOM-E's Topper Awards ceremony Saturday.

Attend career fair from comfort of home

USAG Vicenza EEO Office

Unlike traditional career fairs that require travel to an actual location, struggles with long lines, and a short time with recruiters, the milicruit virtual career fair allows you to interact with recruiters as if in person, but from the convenience of your personal computer.

The inauguration of the Milicruit virtual career fairs for veterans, wounded warriors, and military spouses starts today at 10 a.m.

Eastern Standard Time. The virtual career fair is available 24/7 for one month.

With more than 3,500 veterans registered for the inaugural event, and 30 industry leading employers representing over 2,500 jobs, the Milicruit event is shaping up to be a great way for employers who support our veterans to recruit top notch talent, and to also be more environmentally conscious, given the entire event is held online.

Milicruit will be conducting veteran's virtual career fairs on a monthly basis, and

by registering, participants can secure their places in the next event.

Registration and participation is free to all veterans. Job seekers will be able to meet with employers such as Verizon, GE, Target, Wellpoint, CDW, Stryker, Booz Allen Hamilton, Comerica, TCF Bank, Ryder, NavAir and more.

To register, visit: www.veteranscareerfair.com.

Call 634-7976/7084 for information.

Casey gets firsthand look, lauds CSF progress

By SUSANNE KAPPLER
Fort Jackson Leader

Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr. got a firsthand look at the Army's latest

addition to the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program and said he liked what he saw.

Casey, touring the Master Resilience Training school at Fort Jackson, S.C., said he

believes the facility will be a mainstay at the Army Initial Entry Training Center for quite some time, simply because there is a need for it.

"It was clear to me after my time in Iraq that we're going to be at this for a while; and (that) the human mind and body weren't made to deal with repeated combat deployments," said Casey, who had been the Multi-National Force commander in Iraq. "And so we had to give every Soldier the opportunity and the skills to deal with those challenges."

Casey toured the facility, which opened this month, and took time to speak with Soldiers

who were attending the course's pilot class.

"I was very pleased with what I saw here," Casey said.

"This will be the center of excellence for resilience training in the Army."

Master Resilience Training is one of the four components of the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program, which is designed to improve Soldiers' social, emotional, physical, spiritual and family strength. The program has been in the works for almost two years. It also includes the Global Assessment Tool, online self-development modules and

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Photo by D. Myles Cullen

Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. George W. Casey Jr. talks with Advanced Individual Training Soldiers at the new Global Assessment Tool survey center in Fort Jackson, S.C., April 12. The center supports the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program and two training companies worth of Soldiers will be able to use the facility daily.

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Chief hopes CSF becomes part of Army culture

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sustainment resilience training throughout a Soldier's career. To date, more than 500,000 of the Army's 1.1 million Soldiers have completed the GAT, a confidential self-assessment survey.

"That's a significant step for us all," Casey said. "The resilience skills are important for the long-term health of this Army and sustaining this all-volunteer force over the long haul."

Casey said Soldiers will be involved in Comprehensive Soldier Fitness throughout their entire careers, starting in Basic Combat Training. He toured Fort Jackson's GAT facility, where almost 50,000 Soldiers will complete their initial GAT this year. In addition, Casey was briefed on the revamped Basic Combat Training Program of Instruction by Lt. Gen. Mark Hertling, TRADOC's deputy commander for Initial Military Training.

The new POI calls for two hours of resilience training.

"As we're getting some of the young Soldiers from society, we're finding that some of the things they may see in deployments or overseas assignments are pretty traumatic," Hertling said. "I think

we have to train them to be prepared for that."

Given the right tools, Soldiers returning from deployment can draw on those experiences to grow on a personal level, Casey said.

"A lot of people think that everyone ... [who] goes to combat gets post-traumatic stress. Everyone gets stress, believe me, but the vast majority of people ... [who] go to combat have a growth experience," he said. "People ... [who] experience hard things and survive and persevere are stronger as a result. (Comprehensive Soldier Fitness) is about giving all our Soldiers the skills they need to succeed."

Casey said the goal is to have a master resilience trainer in every Army battalion at the end of the year. The trainers are tasked with teaching resilience to their units, which Casey said he hopes will create momentum for the program.

"I think by the end of this year, we're going to start getting traction; and I think we'll build on that for the coming year," he said.

Casey admitted that developing a way to measure the success of the program is still a work in progress.

"That is something that we're wrestling



Photo by Susanne Kappler

Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey Jr. talks to the first class at Fort Jackson's Master Resilience Training school April 12.

with very hard right now," he said. "You can look at outcomes. Ideally, we'd like to see things like divorces and suicides go down, but it's hard to make a direct correlation between (Comprehensive Soldier Fitness) and those events."

He said he hopes Comprehensive Soldier Fitness will eventually lead to a culture in the Army that approaches physical and mental fitness with the

same vigor.

"My expectation for this is that it's gradually embraced by the Army and becomes part of our culture," he said. "Just like we talk about physical fitness and maintaining an appropriate level of physical fitness, I expect our discussions about mental fitness to be open and frank and to contribute to our definition of what success is."

Soldiers' Theatre holds own against blockbuster shows

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"Cats," "Jekyll & Hyde"--some real blockbuster productions. So, I was thrilled that the judges really enjoyed our performance. They had some good comments and critiques during their visit. And two of our three wins were performance awards."

Installation Management Command-Europe sponsors the Topper Show, which has become an important part of each community theatre's season. Some are already planning their entry for next year.

And although the awards and

recognition provide good incentives, the real value of the event is to obtain the training that the judges provide with their post-show critiques. The team of roving judges offers verbal insights and suggestions on the spot after each entry that they attend. Brees said the judges are industry professionals who are not associated with the military.

"The talent in this small community is amazing," said Brees. "Everyday when I'm in rehearsal, I can't believe how many wonderful and talented people we have working right here in Vicenza, and more people are coming out every day."

He said as much as the community benefits from this talent, so do the actors.

"What we're doing is important for our families, the entertainment value, but what you're not seeing is what theatre participation is doing for the participants--the skills they're learning, the public speaking skills, recreational outlet and camaraderie is all just as important as the entertainment value they provide to the community."

USAG-Vicenza was represented with 11 attendees, along with Garrison Commander Col. Erik Daiga, who was a presenter at the ceremony.

Ederle's Aaron Talley, who played the title role in "Snoopy!!!", performed as one of the TOPPER singers.

Bizzy Buffington, who played Peppermint Patty, was invited to sing "Poor Sweet Baby" at the ceremony.

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

Adriane Foss, Outlook editor, contributed to this article.

Speak Out What was your proudest moment as a parent ?



Nikkita Cyrus & son Joshua Lord
Family members

"The proudest moment as a parent was seeing my baby walk for the first time at 12 months."



Jessica Smith & daughter Alyssah
Family members

"My proudest moment as a parent was when my baby took her first steps and said "Mama" for the first time."



Anna Calabrese
Family member

"It is hard to pick one moment with five children. All of my children make me proud everyday. To name one, Matthew and CJ making Eagle Scout."



Sgt. Joe Tolliver, wife April, sons Logan & Ethan
AFN Vicenza

"When I found out my oldest son has good taste in movies. He had the choice of all the Land Before Time movies and he choose the first movie."



Rachel Cameron & daughter Erin
Family members

"When someone tells me how well behaved or helpful any of my children are."

Get 'online' with social media safety training

By JOHNATHAN BINGHAM & THOMAS MATHIAS

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Today's society employs many ways of sharing information and communicating with co-workers, friends, acquaintances, family members and others.

Since its inception, the Internet has dramatically changed the way people communicate. As the Internet has become more pervasive, communication and information sharing have evolved from a one-way information process to a dynamic process for sharing ideas and building social networking environments.

These social media outlets, also dubbed new media, feature rich social interaction sites for professional and personal interests.

"The new media environment is where our target audiences reside," said Lt. Col. Frederick P. Wellman, a former executive officer with Defense Media Activity. "Over 90 percent of Americans now get their news from the Internet while the numbers for all other platforms continue to fall."

Our next generation of Soldiers have particularly embraced social media.

"The 18-25 year old generation has never known an Internet that wasn't Web 2.0...where they can comment on news stories, share them on their Facebook pages or discuss the news of

Two SNS classes are slated for the community May 6, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the post theater. The next in-depth SNS classes are set May 10 and 24, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at Bldg. 372. Register at 634-6077.

the day on their blogs," said Wellman. "For us to speak to our Soldiers and the external Army audience we have to be in the space they are occupying on the Internet."

This new media has recently been recognized by the Department of Defense as a platform to reach a broader audience and a valuable asset to disseminating information. In reality, it is being used by many DoD activities and organizations to disseminate their command messages and programs.

The Department of Army has an obligation to tell our story in these spaces to promote and disseminate command messages.

One such organization that uses social media sites effectively is United States Army Africa, an Army service component command under the U.S. Africa Command. Accessing their website, at www.usaraf.army.mil, provides viewers an illustrative and real-time example of how the Army is using social media platforms to successfully disseminate command information to geographically disbursed customers on the African continent and around the world.

Lt. Col. David Konop, USARAF's

public affairs officer, believes social media has revolutionized the way the Army shares command information.

"Now, for the first time, the global military community has instant access to Army news, photos and videos--wherever and whenever they want it," said Konop.

"Our social networking initiatives are aimed at making it easier for the audiences we serve to stay informed and help tell the Army story with a click of the mouse. We've seen a growing interest in our social media sites and now have thousands of followers on our Twitter and Facebook pages," he said.

The 5th Signal Command, in collaboration with USAREUR leadership, is currently identifying how best to integrate these invaluable mediums into their web-based communications systems.

It is the duty of all DoD and DA organizations to ensure that the highest level of security and data integrity is maintained while simultaneously communicating the desired information to the intended customer.

From an information assurance perspective, there are multiple resources

available to safeguard mission data and personally identifiable information, or PII, when accessing social media sites. Your local signal battalion network enterprise center can also provide users with technical assistance.

As with any evolving and growing technology, it's a delicate balance between providing open access while ensuring required information assurance security standards are established. Your

organizational or local public affairs office should also be actively involved in approving information for public release.

As the DoD and DA look towards the future and the evolving role of information technology, the challenge becomes providing an open environment while maintaining constant computer

vigilance.

Finally, the Army Europe--Information Training Technology Program is offering social networking media courses in Germany, Italy, Belgium and the Balkans theater to Soldiers, civilians, host nation employees and family members.

These courses were custom-designed to the social media essentials and skill sets required to ensure the safeguarding of PII and sensitive data.

It is highly recommended that all Army Europe computer users contact their servicing AE-ITT program office or local signal battalion for further information on this new course.

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USARAF Public Affairs Officer

Exceptional Family Member Program screening instructions offers tips for smoother process

Family

Member

Program

- Obtain paperwork for screening process (DA Form 5888 and 7246). Make sure that all family members have had a physical exam within the last year. Children should have a well child appointment, and women should have a well-woman exam. If there is no physical exam on file, schedule one with any available provider.

- Be sure to have a DA Form 5888 signed by your unit S-1 or PSB prior to arriving to your scheduled EFMP screening. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of your appointment.

- Call 634-7484 to make appointment (one for each family member) with Hugh Dowd or Mary Willock, RNs. Bring completed paperwork (signed DA Form 5888 and 7246). Children do not need

to be present.

- After the EFMP screening and paperwork is completed, take the original DA Form 5888 and a copy of your 7246 to your PAC officer.

- EFMP hours of operation are as follows:

For appointments:

Tuesdays 10 a.m.-noon and Wednesdays 8-10 a.m.

Walk-ins for assistance with paperwork or questions (in PCC):

Wednesdays 10 a.m.-noon and Fridays 1-4 p.m.

Info submitted by EFMP Coordinators RN Mary Willock and Sgt. Brenden Hart.

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At your service



Health Benefits

Michaela Ballucchi is the health benefits advisor for USAG Livorno.

"I offer counseling on patients' rights," Ballucchi said.

She said all TRICARE beneficiaries and other ID cardholders can see her if they need advice.

"I can help as a health care finder and I can help solve billing problems," said Ballucchi.

The health benefit advisor is available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m.-noon and 2-4:30 p.m.

For more information, Ballucchi can be reached at DSN 633-7883 / CIV 050-54-7883 or via e-mail at Micaela.Ballucchi@amedd.army.mil.

Community Camera

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



I can make a difference:

Photos by Laura Kreider

(Left) Local youth take some of the hundreds of items handed out at the garrison's Environmental Division booth for Earth Day at the PX April 22. The giveaways included water bottles, key chains, refrigerator magnets, thermometers and bookmarks that contained energy-saving tips. (Above) USAG Vicenza community Girl Scouts, Daisy Troops 62 and 69, plant a tree in celebration of their 100-year anniversary of Scouting in Italy April 22. The girls planted two Judas trees in front of Bldg. 350 in celebration of Earth Day and their anniversary.



Photo by Adriane Foss

I can make a difference:

Vicenza's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers hosted an April 23 barbecue for the nearby La Fraglia center for the disabled. More than 50 Soldiers, personnel, volunteers and family members participated in the event. In addition to the food, the dunking booth was a favorite, according to BOSS president Sgt. Justin Vincent.



Courtesy photo

At the races:

Rainy weather didn't dampen the spirits of Caserma Ederle's Warrior Transition Unit Soldiers April 17 when they attended the Campagnolo Classic Car Rally in the northwest hills of Vicenza province. The visit to the 200+ km race was sponsored by Vicenza Auto Skills Center with help from ACS and NAF services branch.



Using dark past to educate, honor:

"I have visited Dachau, Nurnberg, Berlin, and other locations where the past is on display as a lesson for today and future generations; and every society and culture has a different way of putting a dark past behind them. In this case, the local government of Civitella in Val di Chiana decided to use the villa as a school," said Lt. Col. Douglas Vallejo, commander of 839th Transportation Battalion (SDDC), as Camp Darby community members visited the Tuscan villa Oliveto, that served as a WWII concentration camp. Today the villa is a school. "To me this serves two purposes," said Vallejo. "It is now used for positive means through the education of children and honors those who were prisoners at the villa." SEE PAGE 5 FOR THE FULL STORY.

Photo by Joyce Costello

Holocaust in the Tuscan hills

Story and photos by
JOYCE COSTELLO

USAG Livorno Public affairs

OLIVETO, Italy-Tucked away in the rolling hills of Tuscany is a small medieval town called Oliveto that has a past few would ever guess.

As part of National Holocaust Days of Remembrance, service members from Camp Darby visited the Villa Oliveto World War II concentration camp, a few miles west of Arezzo.

What they would see

Walking the narrow cobblestone streets, populated only by a blind stray cat and an elderly lady, no one was prepared for what they would see once they reached the villa's gate.



Staff Sgt. Edward Jones, 839th Transportation Battalion, reads the diverse history behind Villa Oliveto, a concentration camp documentation center and kindergarten.

"I have visited Dachau, Nurnberg, Berlin, and other locations where the past is on display as a lesson for today and future generations; and every society and culture has a different way of putting a dark past behind them. In this case, the local government of Civitella in Val di Chiana decided to use the villa as a school," said Lt. Col. Douglas Vallejo, commander of 839th Transportation Battalion (SDDC).

"To me, this serves two purposes," he said. "The villa is now used for positive means through the education of children and simultaneously honors those who were prisoners at the villa."

"That the camp had been turned into a school shocked me the most, but I was also surprised there was a concentration camp in Tuscany," said Sgt. Ross Salwolke, AFN Livorno.

Umberto Di Gioacchino, a guide from the Jewish community in Florence, spoke with Darby service members about how the camp was mainly used for Jewish refugees from Yugoslavia who had been caught in round-ups.

Who they were

"No one knows exactly who was taken away or their real names because often these refugees were using fake documents," said Di Gioacchino. "We've found at least 25 equivalencies to 'John Smith' while compiling names of those who were at this concentration camp."

Di Gioacchino himself was 3 years old during World War II and was one of 120 young children the nuns of Santa Marta in Settignano saved by hiding. He now works as a volunteer in the Florence Jewish community working

on the archives and telling his history at schools.

"There were some good people who did a lot to help and I'm lucky because I can remember some situations and share it with those who are interested in this period of history," he said.

Air Force master Sgt. Ronald Miller, 731st Munitions Squadron, said it was important to understand past events so history does not repeat itself.

The human race

"The human race can be very misguided with one culture not accepting another because of what they believe in or how they pray, or how they dress, but these are small details that should bring curiosity and research, not division and segregation," he said. "We should try to understand what makes us different can bring us together and make the world a better place for our children."

"Visiting the concentration camp made me realize how easy it can be to seize upon small differences between groups of people to justify treating others as less than human," said Capt. Todd Simpson, Camp Darby command judge advocate.

"I did not know that the fascist government in Italy was so supportive of their German allies that Italian soldiers participated in patrols with German soldiers to capture and detain members of the Jewish community in Italy," he said.

While life at Villa Oliveto now has laughing kindergarten children on the ground floor and a Concentration Camp Documentation Centre on the upper floors, it is a moving place to visit when remembering WWII Holocaust victims.

Darby Dates

Benvenuti

New to Camp Darby and don't know where to go for answers?

Learn about Italian customs, local shopping, paying bills and more. The May session begins May 3. Call ACS for more information at 633-7084.

Texas Hold'em

Come to the DCC May 8. Call 633-7855 for details.

Softball League

Unit/Rec softball games will be held every Monday and Wednesday at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. at softball field No. 1. Call Sports & Fitness for more information at 633-7440.

ITR Venice Trip

Built on 117 small islands, Venice has more than 150 canals and more than 400 bridges. You won't see them all May 8, but you can have fun trying. Call ITR for more information at 633-75

Financial Readiness

Learn how to do budget, investing, checkbook management and more May 4.

Call ACS for more information at 633-7084.

Financial Recordkeeping

Bills, credit card receipts, ATM slips, investment records, bank statements—they pile up and multiply faster than dirty dishes after a holiday meal. Let us help May 6. Contact the NAF HR at 633-7032 for details.

Parent's Night Out

Enjoy an evening out and leave the child care to CYSS May 21. Multiple child discount of 10 percent applies. Children must be registered by May 18. Call Parent Central Services for more information at 633-7681.

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.

Garbage disposal a lesson learned

Story by CHIARA MATTIROLO

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Millions of people across the globe participated in this year's Earth Day activities, seeking out how they could, in their daily routines, help protect the environment.

At Camp Darby, representatives from GEOFOR Pisa and AAMPS Livorno garbage disposal companies met with Italian and American community members to explain the local recycling process and the services they provide.

"We are glad we had the possibility to be here today to make the trash and recycle process clearer to our customers," said AAMPS' Rosanna Barbaferi. "In particular we wanted to highlight our new initiative on large waste-items disposal."

USAG Livorno employee Janine Wick said she was glad she finally found out how easy it is to get rid of old furniture.

"AAMPS is just a phone call away," she said. "In fact they told me all I have to do is call, and they will set an appointment to pick up my large-waste items."

"We are here at Camp Darby to help the persons living in our province to contribute to the correct use of the different waste disposal," said



Air Force Staff Sgt. Jermaine McCrea, 731st Munitions Squadron, looks at some of the protected flora at Camp Darby during an Earth Day event.

GEOFOR's Francesco Cambioni.

GEOFOR and AAMPS also explained the various types of garbage bins commonly be found on Italian roads.

"To me it is very important to recycle," said Jimmy Roddy, Livorno Sports & Fitness Director. "Our natural resources won't last forever and this is an easy step we can take towards protecting our planet."

Italian Base Commander Col. Raffaele Iubini said he was pleased that the installation was able to participate in the increasingly important event.

"We could not miss this opportunity to meet our local agencies for trash collection and get more and more educated on nature respect," Iubini said. "Camp Darby community responded with enthusiasm."



Back in time:

Re-enactors take visitors back in time during the medieval festival in Montecchio Maggiore Saturday and Sunday. Visit a typical medieval military encampment, hamlet with pilgrims, friars and a market with minstrels and fortune tellers. Try medieval fare at the food stands and enjoy the festive music played on ancient instruments. SEE BELOW for details.

Courtesy photos

Local festivals & shows

Medieval Fest: Saturday and Sunday, in Montecchio Maggiore, 12 miles west of Vicenza.

■ Saturday, 2:30-10 p.m.: medieval parade featuring historical re-enactment groups coming from all over Italy. Visit a typical military encampment and medieval hamlet with pilgrims, mendicants, dice players, friars and medieval music played on ancient instruments. Shuttle buses departing from the parking lots of Piazza S. Paolo, Via Degli Alberi and Piazzale Ospedale will be available for 1 euro/person.

■ Sunday, 4-11:30 p.m.: re-enactment of a typical medieval market, minstrels, fortune-tellers, medieval music, entertainment, and food stands featuring medieval food and drinks.

Food stands open daily at 7 p.m.; live music and dancing at 9 p.m.; carnival rides and raffle. You need to reserve your free guided castle tour by calling 0444-796413. They will answer in Italian. For assistance, contact Anna Terracino at 0444-717169 or anna.terracino@eur.army.mil.

Palio of Romano d'Ezzelino's Districts, through Sunday, in Romano D'Ezzelino, about 24 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths open at 8 p.m.

■ Thursday: 9 p.m. dancing with El Niño DJ.

■ Friday: 9 p.m. live music with Sette Sotto Band.

■ Saturday: food booths open at 4:40 p.m.; award ceremony for the best old district and store window. Live music and entertainment.

■ Sunday: 9 a.m.-noon: vintage cars and tractors exhibition; float parade from the church to the soccer field in Via Foscolo. Flag wavers and live music with Romano Band. After the riders' oath, start of the 40th Palio of the Districts with the traditional donkeys' race. Food

booths and live music all day long. In case of inclement weather, it will be postponed to May 2.

Festival Brenta: Friday-Sunday in Bassano del Grappa, 22 miles northeast of Vicenza. Alpine guides teach climbing lesson to teenagers on an artificial climbing wall. To take climbing lessons or be in one of the races, registration fee is 10 euro; includes T-shirt and free mail.

■ Friday: 2-6 p.m. at Parco Ragazzi del '99, booths with mountain activities information; Alpine guides offer climbing lesson for teenagers on an artificial climbing wall.

■ Saturday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at Parco Ragazzi del '99, booths with mountain activities info; Alpine guides offer climbing lessons for teens on artificial climbing wall; inflatable gym and artificial cave; 9 a.m.-3 p.m. cliff climb in Valstagna, località Costa (for directions, go to <http://festivalbrenta.files.wordpress.com/2008/11/mappafoza.jpg>); 3-6 p.m. in Bassano, Castello degli Ezzelini non-competitive boulder meeting.

■ Sunday: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at Parco Ragazzi del '99, booths with mountain activities information; Alpine guides offer climbing lessons for teenagers on an artificial climbing wall; inflatable gym and artificial cave; Registration for boulder climbing race on an artificial wall; 9 a.m.-3p.m. boulder climbing in Valstagna, località Valgadana (for directions, visit <http://festivalbrenta.files.wordpress.com/2008/11/mappafoza1.jpg>); 3-7 p.m. in Bassano, Parco Ragazzi '99, boulder climbing race and award ceremony.

Roses Festival: Friday-Tuesday in Albettone, Piazza Ortigara, 17 miles south of Vicenza. Carnival rides, raffle and food booths featuring the typical spit-roast quail and other local dishes. Live music and dances at 9 p.m. Fireworks on Tuesday, 11:30 p.m.

Radio Amateur Fair: Friday

and Saturday 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; in Pordenone, Viale Treviso 1, 92 miles northeast of Vicenza. National exhibit of radio-equipment, hi-fi, electronics and info technologies. Admission: 8 euro; reduced 6.50 for ages 13-18; free for under 13. For info in English, visit <http://www.radioamatorepordenone.it/>.

Women in Ancient Greece: in Vicenza, Palazzo Leoni Montanari, Contrà Santa Corora 25, through May 9. Open Tuesday to Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Ceramics collection from Attica and Magna Graecia offers journey back in time through images on Greek ceramics depicting women's lives. Admission: 4 euro. English audio guides available.

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

Antique market: Sunday Piazzola sul Brenta, Villa Contarini 16 miles east of Vicenza. More than 700 vendors and food booths.

Free local events

Spring Awakening photo exhibit: through May 12 in Vicenza, Scaletta 62, Contrà Porta Santa Lucia, 62. Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 5-7 p.m.

The Seasons photo exhibit: through May 15 in Vicenza's Do Rode bookstore, Contrà Do Rode 29. Tuesday-Saturday, 3:30-7:30 p.m.

Vicenza By Night photo exhibit: through May 16, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; 4-8 p.m., in Vicenza, Novearti bookstore, Piazza Biade 11.

Lost And Found jewelry exhibit: May 1-30 in Vicenza, Casa Cogollo, Corso Palladio 165, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.

Pueri Cantores in concert: Friday, 8:45 p.m. in S. Marco Church, Contrà San Marco. Music by Schumann, Haydn, and Händel.

Concerts

Alicia Keys: Sunday at the Verona Arena.

Whitney Houston: Monday in Milan, Assago, Mediolanum Forum; Wednesday in Rome, Palalottomatica.

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, Arena; May 23 in Milan, Assago, Mediolanum Forum.

Rod Stewart: June 21 in the Verona Arena.

Aaron Tippin: June 26 in Voghera (call 0383-364631 to reserve tickets)

Heaven & Hell: July 1 in Rome; July 3 in Milan; July 4 in Pordenone.

Aerosmith: July 3 in Mestre,

Parco San Giuliano.

Cranberries: July 3, in Mestre, Parco San Giuliano.

Stevie Wonder: July 5, Arena, Verona.

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

ODR trips

Join ODR for a **paintball weekend** to Camp Darby Saturday and Sunday. \$195 includes transportation, lodging and equipment. Hop on the **Nice Express** May 8, or head out to **sea kayak** May 8. On May 15, join a trip to Tuscany for a Chianti wine tasting. Get **SCUBA** certified with open water scuba classes Monday-May 9, with evening and weekend hours. ODR will be **closed May 10 and 12** for staff training; plan accordingly.

To enroll for a trip or class, visit <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/Vicenzarectrac.html>.

Now Showing



Ederle Theater

Thursday	TO BE ANNOUNCED (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Friday	Percy Jackson & the Olympians (PG)	6 p.m.
	TO BE ANNOUNCED (PG-13)	9 p.m.
Saturday	Percy Jackson & the Olympians (PG)	3 p.m.
	The Losers (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Percy Jackson & the Olympians (PG)	3 p.m.
	The Losers (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Wed.	Cop Out (R)	6 p.m.
May 6	Cop Out (R)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Friday	Cop Out (R)	6 p.m.
Saturday	Date Night (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Percy Jackson & the Olympians (PG)	1 p.m.
May 6	Shutter Island (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.

Lifeguard jobs open

Summer jobs are available for Red Cross-certified lifeguards ages 16 and up. Apply at NAF Human Resources Office.

Spouses brunch

A Military Spouse Appreciation Day brunch will be held May 7, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., in the Hoekstra Field Pavilion.

Free child care is available at the CDC by calling 634-7559. The cost for the event is \$9, payable at the Tax Relief Office.

RSVP by May 3. Call 634-5087 for information.

Mail pick-up crucial

Now that mail shipments have resumed, post office officials are asking community members to check their CMR boxes often in order to retrieve packages and keep the postal service center free to process the backlog of inbound mail.

Youth swim lessons

The next session of community youth swim lessons is May 19-June 11. Classes are held on Wednesdays and Fridays.

Enrollment will open Monday at 8:30 a.m. in Parent Central Services, Davis Soldier & Family Readiness Center. There will be one class in levels 1-4 available. Cost is \$64. Space is limited to six students per class.

Youth must have a current assessment to enroll. For more information, call 634-8051 or e-mail kelli.covlin@eur.army.mil.

Hawaii elections set

The State of Hawaii will hold a special election May 22. For assistance, visit <http://hawaii.gov/elections>, www.fvap.gov or see your unit voting assistance officer.

Don't miss the spring carnival May 7

PTSA is hosting a spring carnival at Vicenza Elementary School May 7, 6-9 p.m.

Enjoy games, prizes, popcorn, cotton candy, dunking booth and an open mic talent show.

Volunteers are still needed. E-mail bearhoeds@hotmail.com or mairmomckenzie@yahoo.com to volunteer.

Female Odd Couple onstage May 14-23

The female version of Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple* is an adult comedy onstage at Soldiers'

Theatre Fridays and Saturdays, May 14-23. Performances take place at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$12. Call the box office at 634-7281.

ZTLs are off-limit for driving every day

In down town Vicenza the Zona Traffico Limitato, or ZTL, is enforced everyday as depicted on the map at <http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil/sites/local/dtinfor/MAPforZTL.pdf>.

On certain days the areas are extended beyond the areas on the map. There are cameras at the locations indicated on the map.

If you enter one of those locations, the cameras will take a picture of your vehicle license plate number for a citation.

The cameras can also capture your image as you exit the area. Motorists should not drive in the ZTL areas without a pass.

CPR/first aid, volunteer, babysitting training

The American Red Cross, Room 47 in Davis Hall, holds new volunteer orientations on the first Tuesday of every month and CPR / first aid classes on the second Saturday of every month.

Pre-registration (and prepayment when applicable) is required for all classes.

May classes include:

- New Volunteer Orientation Tuesday, 3-4:30 p.m.
- CPR / first aid May 8, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
- Babysitter training May 22, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Become a certified ICD-9 coder

The Vicenza Health Center

is offering free instruction and training to become a certified ICD-9 coder. Dates are May 17, 18 and 19. Call 634-7362/8330.

Summer enrichment program available

This summer DoDEA is offering a Summer Enrichment program for children who have completed kindergarten and children in grades 1-8.

It is a four-week, half-day program that is free for families.

Contact Ann Gasparini, who has taught SE for the last two summers, at 634-7579/8830 or ann.gasparini1@eu.dodea.edu.

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Register for Saturday's Rally Day

Protestant Women of the Chapel is hosting a Rally Day at the post chapel Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The event is free but participants must register in advance.

Hear a guest speaker and join in the Fruit of the Spirit workshops. Lunch will be provided.

E-mail nikki.demarco@gmail.com, gretchenbetten@yahoo.com or demarco@gmail.com.

At the Arena

■ Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with the Lion's Den crew May 5, 5-10 p.m.

■ Lion's Den celebrates Military Spouse Appreciation Day May 7, with a "1/2 Way Home Party" Military drink specials just for you.

Arts and crafts center

■ A May 6 digital photography class teaches you how to use your camera more successfully. Bring your camera and manual.

■ Basic wheel throwing pottery class begins May 7. The two-part class can be taken on Friday or Saturday.

Register at the art center or online at <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/Vicenzarectrac.html>. Call 634-7074.

Youth volunteer barbecue set May 11

The Youth Volunteer Recognition Barbecue is set May 11, 4:30-6:30 p.m., at the teen center.

Registration begins at 4:30 p.m.; barbecue starts at 5 p.m. Registered youth volunteers in the VMIS system are invited to attend. Call 0444 71-7500 by May 8 to RSVP.

Volunteer luncheon, ceremony set May 5

The Community Volunteer Recognition Ceremony will be held May 5, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Hoekstra Field pavilion.

Registered volunteers with hours logged in the VMIS system are invited to attend the luncheon and ceremony. RSVP to ACS at 0444 71-7500 by Friday.

NJHS hosts bake sale

The National Junior Honor Society will host a May 7 bake sale to raise money for the Church of Santa Chiara's Cradle of Life.

The sale will take place during the PTSA carnival.

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.



Fort Lee Traveller file photo

Motivational speaker and singer Theresa Sareo performs at Fort Lee, Va.

Community invited to free performance at chapel May 11

The USAG Vicenza community is invited to attend a free performance by Theresa Sareo at the post chapel May 11 at 7 p.m.

Sareo, who lost her leg in car accident, has visited and performed for wounded warriors at military bases throughout the world, and a performance at Walter Reed Army Medical Center inspired her song, "Through a Soldier's Eyes."

She is an in-demand public speaker who has

appeared with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on health care issues and with top military leaders at conventions and benefits for wounded troops country-wide.

"Her performances highlight an uplifting and motivating message of healing that we would like to spread throughout the U.S. military community in Europe," said Staff Sgt. Christopher Weber, medical NCO for the Warrior Transition Battalion Europe.

Community Calendar Highlights

Saturday: Italian Holiday (Labor Day)

Monday: Italian Holiday (Law Day)

Wednesday: Volunteer Recognition Luncheon and Ceremony

May 11: Youth Volunteer Recognition

May 15: Half-Staff Flag for Peace Officers Memorial Day

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.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Score!

Vicenza High School soccer team player Alessia Catena rejoices after scoring during the April 20 match against the Vicenza Calcio Femminile, a local under-15 team. The VHS team played again against another older age category Italian team Tuesday. "I think playing with the Italians created a great opportunity for us as soccer players," said Catena. "We were able to see a whole other side of the sport."

Ederle's Blue Belles take on Vicenza's Red Mamas

Don't miss the May 9 battle 2 p.m. at the post gym. Caserma Ederle's ladies basketball team, the Blue Belles, will once again pit their talent on the court against the local Italian team Red Mamas. "Last year we won by a couple of points," said Angelo Sibilla, the event emcee "It was a great game and followed by a joint Italian-American barbecue, complete with hot dogs, hamburgers and Italian wine and cake." Team warm-up for the community relations event will kick off at 1:30 p.m., followed by the Italian and American national anthems performed by Vicenza Elementary School's fourth grade choir at 2 p.m. "This is a great opportunity for fun and Italian-U.S. bonding," said Sibilla.



Courtesy photo

Caserma Ederle Blue Belles members include (from top left): Shelly Rice, Monica Mariano, Sherri Funk, Elena Tonato, Monica Bon; (middle) Grazia Bertello, Stefania Bertello, Nicoletta Carlan, Donatella Fabris and (bottom row) Nicoletta Fabris, Julia Sibilla, Stephanie Tutton, Silvia Bertello, Orietta Tonello and Loredana Turato.



Courtesy photo

The Blue Belle's Stephanie Tutton scores a 2-pointer during last year's game. Event emcee Angelo Sibilla said such activities are a great way for Italian and U.S. communities to reinforce their relationship ties. Anyone who would like to support the event by volunteering at the barbecue or providing food or drink can contact Julia Sibilla at 634-8525 or julia.sibilla@eur.army.mil.

Red Mama supporters show their spirit during last year's game. During last year's showdown, the Blue Belles won 28-24.

Courtesy photo



DODGE BALL Soldier League Standings

Team	Win	Loss	Game Scores
46th MP Po Po's	15	0	April 15
Cup Cakes	1	11	Po Po's 6 vs. Lame Ducks 2
Lame Ducks	8	7	Cup Cakes 3 vs. Health Clinic 6
AFN Vicenza	2	1	April 21
Two Tons of Irony	1	5	Cup Cakes 5 vs. Po Po's 6
Health Clinic	4	8	Lame Ducks 3 vs. Health Clinic 6
			April 22
			Cup Cakes 6 vs. Lame Ducks 6
			Health Clinic 2 vs. Po Po's 6

Kickball tournament scheduled May 8

Sign-up deadline is Tuesday. Coaches meeting is May 7 at 2:30 p.m. at the fitness center.

EDGE soccer set through June 15

The EDGE! Soccer program will be offered May 4-June 15.

The program is open to 1st-12th graders on Tuesdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Enrollment runs until the program is full. Cost is \$5 per hour for grades 1-5; free for grades 6-12. For information, call 634-7502.

Visit Vicenza by bike

Event takes place Sunday at 9 a.m. in Vicenza. Bike ride starts and ends at Stadio Menti, Via Schio 21. Registration fee is 3 euro.

Participants can register at Brustolon ice-cream parlor on Via Quadri or on Sunday morning starting at 8 p.m. at the Stadio Menti.

Montefortiana mountain race

The 30K race takes place Sunday and is open to anyone over age 18.

The race departs from Borgo Covergnino (Soave) at 7 a.m. and ends in Bolca around 3 p.m. Entry fee is 12 euro.

For registration and information call 349-0854525.

All participants receive a hand-carved wood medal and bottle of wine.

To download the registration form (in Italian and English), visit <http://www.montefortiana.org/news/volantinosoavebolca.pdf>. For more information, go to <http://www.montefortiana.org/presentazione.php?lang=en>.

Unit/rec play set at post fitness center

Join recreational soccer, basketball and volleyball weekly at the post fitness center and multi-purpose turf field:

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.

Male Soccer: 7 - 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday for 14 or more players.

Female Soccer: 5-7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday for 10 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.

Call 634-7009 for more information.