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From May 11 until school closes, the school bus stops in Villaggio housing area will change due to ongoing construction.

Notices of the changes will be sent home with those children who live in Villaggio.

Additional updates will be posted to the Villaggio Command Channel.



Combat life savers

Training as they fight

2nd Lt. Christopher DiBiase (left) and Sgt. 1st Class Rob Roberts (right) guide a litter carrying Pfc. Karen Sylvester down a hill during a combat life saver training course held for Soldiers of the 173rd ABCT April 24. Helping DiBiase and Roberts are Pfc. Ted Sparks (left) and Spc. George Vega.

Photo by Diana Bahr

Swine flu not cause for alarm

Local health officials eyeing situation, urge good hygiene

By Lt. Col. JAMES MADSON
*Public Health
Emergency Officer*

Military preventive medicine and healthcare experts monitoring the swine influenza outbreak are advising military personnel in Europe to stay aware of developments and take

common-sense precautions to avoid illness.

As of 29 April 2009, there had been no confirmed cases of swine flu in the Vicenza military community. Military health officials are monitoring the situation closely.

The symptoms of swine flu

are expected to be similar to symptoms of regular human seasonal flu and include fever (temperatures greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit / 37.8 degrees Celsius), respiratory illness, body aches, sore throat, and nasal congestion.

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Gaumer named NCO of Year

Story and photo by DIANA BAHR
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

This year's best of the best is Staff Sgt. Daniel Gaumer, a Soldier with Directorate of Emergency Services. The selection was made April 24 after a week of testing which saw competitors fail boards, physical fitness tests and firing competitions.

With only 32 Soldiers assigned to USAG Vicenza, it was difficult to find Soldiers

qualified to compete for Soldier and NCO of the Year.

"There were a number of reasons for the lack of competitors," said USAG Vicenza Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Hartless. "The first is the small numbers of Soldiers and NCOs who are in the garrison; second is that once we screened each volunteer by the IMCOM-Europe



See GARRISON Page 3 Staff Sgt. Daniel Gaumer represented DES.



Photo by Rick Scavetta

Sgt. 1st Class James Hunter and Sgt. 1st Class Paul Robinson, noncommissioned officers from U.S. Army Africa, took part in Italian Liberation Day ceremonies held April 25 in Vicenza's Piazza dei Signori. U.S. Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. William Garrett III also attended the ceremony.

Overseas troop COLA decreasing in May

U.S. Army Europe Public Affairs Office

U.S. Army Europe Soldiers will see a drop in their monthly cost of living allowance payments starting in May, finance officials announced in March.

Officials at the Department of Defense Per Diem, Travel and Transportation Committee said overseas COLA is designed to help keep servicemembers' purchasing power about the same as their counterparts stationed in the continental U.S.

"The allowance is intended to offset the high costs of some goods overseas, but only to a level equal to what families are experiencing

FOR EXAMPLE
Rates for E-6 with three family members will drop from \$628 to \$418.67

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The Noncommissioned Officer
PATTERNS OF SUCCESS



Master Sgt. Mason L. Bryant
Unit: HSC SETAF G-3
Current Position: Training and Exercise NCOIC
Age: 36
Hometown: Evansville, Indiana
Years in service: 18
What would surprise people about you: I have been fortunate to have been in great units on this installation for 12 years.
Biggest mentor and why: Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Weik – I have worked directly for him as a first sergeant in two different units.
Life's ambition: Taking care of my family to the best of my ability.
Your definition of an NCO: An NCO is someone who is committed to mission accomplishment all the while ensuring that Soldiers are well taken care of.
List of major assignments/deployments: A Co 1-508th 173d ABCT—conducted a parachute assault on Bashur drop zone. HHC 1-503d 173d ABCT - 1st Sergeant during OEF VIII.
Advice for junior enlisted Soldiers: Leaders will take care of their Soldiers. Remember that when you become a leader – that loyalty is top down just as much as it from the bottom up.
Your defining moment as an NCO: I believe the defining moment would be that of taking a Soldier and instructing that Soldier on how to properly do something that they did not know or have the ability of doing previous to your block of instruction.



Visit the Army's Web site dedicated to the Year of the NCO at www.army.mil/Year of the NCO.

Press association praises Kenya book-drive support

Editor's note: Members of the VI Press Association organized a book drive to establish a free lending library. The following is an excerpt of their press release that appeared in a local Italian newspaper.

Finally the small village of Tallio, situated in the Tahita hills, has its own library.

Everything started when 22-year-old Nicola Dallari departed for an outlying village in Kenya to work as an English

teacher for a Kenyan volunteer association.

Eva Dallari's (Nicola's sister) appeal was adopted right away by her colleagues, the journalists of the Vicenza Press Association and, after a few days, also Caserma Ederle joined the project, advertising Eva's book drive. Books literally rained down upon us: school textbooks, workbooks, novels, thriller and magazines, all of them in English.

After several bureaucratic ups and downs, the books finally arrived at their

destination. Nicola and the whole village had been waiting for them, ready to put them away on the shelves of the brand new library that they had enthusiastically built. A real celebration.

"We want to sincerely thank all of those who have helped us - the Dallari family concludes - the Vicenza Press Association, Anna Terracino, and Caserma Ederle's Public Affairs Office, who helped me organize and carry out the project. But I want to send a heartfelt thanks especially to all those who believed in our little, great dream - friends and families, Vicentines and Americans, firms, schools, teachers and many ordinary citizens because each one of them played an important part in making our dream come true.

Summer grilling tips makes for a safe, happy time

USAG Vicenza Safety Office

Beware when you barbecue. According to the NFPA grilling accounts for thousands of home structure and outdoor fires. Gas-fueled grills present a greater fire risk than charcoal grills. The leading cause of gas grill fires are due to leaks and breaks in the gas lines and unserviceable equipment.

The primary cause of charcoal grill fires is the proximity of the grill to combustible materials, unattended

cooking and improper lighting techniques. Follow these tips for a safe season:

- Position the grill well away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Always supervise a grill when in use.
- Place the grill a safe distance from lawn games, play areas and foot traffic.
- Keep children and pets away from the grill area: declare a three-foot "kid-free zone" around the grill.
- With charcoal grills, only use charcoal starter fluids designed for

barbecue grills and do not add fluid after coals have been lit.

- With gas grills, be sure that the hose connection is tight and check hoses carefully for leaks. Applying soapy water to hoses will easily and safely reveal leaks
- Always follow the manufacturer's instructions and have the grill repaired by a professional, if necessary.
- Use long-handled grilling tools to give the chef clearance from flames.
- Periodically remove grease or fat buildup in trays below grill to avoid fire.



A joyful noise

Deputy Garrison Chaplain (Maj.) Jose Herrera invited the 85-member Le voci dei Berici choir to assist the Caserma Ederle Catholic community in celebrating the Feast of St. Mark at the post chapel April 25.

The five-parish choir sang hymns in Italian and provided music for Saturday's 5 p.m. Feast Day Mass. Choir members also read parts of the Mass in Italian while other parts were read in English by members of the Caserma Ederle community.

Herrera addressed the congregation in Italian and English. More than 100 Ederle community members attend the service and took advantage of the opportunity to mingle with their Italian neighbors during a post-Mass reception.

Speak Out

How have you immersed yourself in Italian culture?

-By Laura Kreider
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs



Luz Andriolo and Richard
Family members

"Absolutely! My husband is Italian."



Lali Baratashvili
10th grader

"I have joined an Italian basketball team and I love going downtown."



Reggie Haines
12th grader

"I have lived in Italia ten years and have had many Italian friends."



Grant Peters
AFN South

"I made friends with Italians ... and spent time socializing to practice the language."



Pfc. Anthony Waters
Fusion Company, 2-503rd

"I've personally tried some of the Italian food since coming and enjoyed it very much."

Personal hygiene key to avoiding flu

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To stay healthy, good personal hygiene should be followed during any influenza season. Everyday actions that people can take to stay healthy include:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the

trash after you use it.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

Try to avoid close contact

with sick people.

- Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.

- If you get sick, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with

others to keep from infecting them.

For additional information on the swine flu outbreak, visit the CDC Web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/index.htm>. For information locally, call the nurse advice line at 800-87-7660 or Preventive Medicine at 634-8010.

FOR MORE INFO

Current info is available at www.cdc.gov, www.who.int/en/ and www.pandemicflu.gov

Copying CAC, military ID cards not authorized

USAG Vicenza Anti-Terrorism Office

Has someone at a local business or hotel asked to make a copy of your Common Access Card (CAC) or military ID card?

"It is against regulation for servicemembers, DoD civilians, contractors, and family members should

not provide their CAC or military ID (DD Form 2) for reproduction unless it is for official government business," said Carl Turner, USAG Vicenza anti-terrorism officer.

However, he said, the cardholder may photocopy DD Form 2 (active), DD Form 2 (retired), DD Form 2 (Reserve), DD Form 1173, DD Form 2764, DD

Form 2765, or DD Form 1173-1 to facilitate medical care processing, check cashing, or to administer other military-related benefits to eligible beneficiaries.

For more information, read DODI 1000.13 and AR 600-8-14, or Title 18, U.S.C., Section 701, which governs photographing, reproducing and the unauthorized possession (CAC) of ID

cards.

"If someone does ask to make a copy of your military ID card, give them your driver's license, passport, or some other form of photo ID," suggested Turner.

"If they insist on making a copy of your military ID card, explain that this is not authorized and refer them to your staff judge advocate's office," he said.

Garrison Soldier to represent Vicenza at IMCOM-E competition

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criteria it disqualified a number of candidates. Finally, our own screening criteria eliminated Soldiers and NCOs.

"One of the biggest challenges for Soldiers is to overcome the fear of being put under a microscope and come under the scrutiny of graders, testers, first sergeants, command sergeants major and peers," said Hartless. "The other is to find the motivation to go beyond the normal duties of a Soldier and put the effort to study on one's own to become the best of the best."

"I was nominated to represent the DES in this competition by Master Sgt. Troy White and Sgt. 1st Class Kris Moeller," said Gaumer. "Although I did not volunteer for the competition, I am honored to have been nominated and happy to have won."

"The most difficult phase of the competition has been the Warrior Tasks," said Gaumer. "In particular the task of evaluating and treating a casualty; this is a very serious task and a

perishable skill. If a Soldier does not keep up on this knowledge, it could literally mean a person's life."

The challenge of keeping up with training was echoed by competition evaluator Staff Sgt. Michael Grabski, USAG Vicenza section leader on loan from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team.

"I think the greatest challenge we had was recalling tasks that Soldiers don't use very often and are necessary for every Soldier's success as a whole in the Army," said Grabski. "As an example, the last time chemical testing kits were used in a combat situation was six years ago in Operation Enduring Freedom."

"And unfortunately it's difficult to train on this task since kits are hard to come by," he said. "As a result, many units don't train on it. But it's paramount that NCO's pass their knowledge onto their Soldiers no matter how minute it may seem and that is something that the NCO of the Year would understand."

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Staff Sgt. Daniel Gaumer
Garrison NCO of Year

Rising U.S. prices narrows COLA gap

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in CONUS," Stephen Westbrook, director of the per diem committee told delegates to the U.S. European Command Quality of Life conference March 11. "It is not intended to reimburse servicemembers' expenses, nor is it designed to compensate for nonavailability of items."

"The bottom line is that prices in the United States are rising at a higher pace than in Europe, so the gap has narrowed and COLA is going down accordingly," said Col. Mary L. Ensminger, U.S. Air Forces in Europe Directorate of Financial Management and Comptroller.

Finance officials said the reduction will be phased in from May through August to ease the financial burden on servicemembers, finance officials said.

For example, an E6 with three family members will see his monthly COLA rate drop from the current \$628 to \$418.67 by August in increments of about \$52.33 per month during that period, according to estimates provided by officials at USAREUR's 266th Financial Management Center.

Annual survey data from Germany and the rate of inflation data collected in the United States during the last two years show the purchasing power gap has narrowed from 24 to 16 percent because the prices of goods and services in the U.S. are rising at a greater rate than in Germany, finance officials said.

Westbrook recommended that families pay attention to financial trends in the U.S. to better understand changes to their overseas COLA.

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At your service Deployment Support



Sky Clark is the new Child, Youth and School Services deployment support specialist.

"I manage all the extended child care services in support of the deployment cycle to include child care for Family Readiness Group meetings, Saturday care, Parents' Night Out and care in support of pre-deployment and

reintegration needs.

Clark's position is one of the services born from the Army Family Covenant. Her office is located in Davis Solider and Family Readiness Center, hours are 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

For details about Army Family Covenant benefits or deployment support child care services call Clarke at 634-7401 or e-mail Sky.Clarke@eur.army.mil.

IN THE HEAT OF COMBAT

... what are ***you*** going to do?

(At right) Spc. Bruce Engstrom (left), Sgt. Guillermo Bellver (right), along with Pfc. Samuel Johnson (left rear) and 1st Lt. Rachael Schenk bring a litter up a hill under simulated fire as part of the Combat Lifesaver training course held April 24 on Caserma Ederle for Soldiers in the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team.



Photo by Sgt. Nathan Bowen

(Above) Pfc. Samuel Johnson, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173rd ABCT, receives instruction as he gives HHC's Pvt. Rebecca Flynn an IV during combat lifesaver (CLS) training April 22. Senior CLS instructor Spc. Paul Nino, an HHC combat medic, said he used "real-life experiences and problems encountered downrange [in Afghanistan] to set up scenarios. The unit's goal is to become 100 percent certified. (At right) 2nd Lt. Christopher DiBiase applies a tourniquet to the thigh of Pfc. Karen Sylvester during CLS training April 24.



Photo by Diana Bahr

173rd aiming for 100 percent combat lifesaver certification

Story and photos by **DIANA BAHR**
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

"When the brigade surgeon said he wanted 100 percent of brigade Soldiers combat lifesaver-certified, we knew it was a tall order," said Staff Sgt. Melissa Potter, a medic with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team.

"I usually have to do most of the planning, preparation and execution of CLS classes myself, but now that I have three medics in HHC I wanted to give one of them an opportunity to take a leadership role and make this CLS class their own," said Potter.

That other instructor was Spc. Paul Nino, who deployed to Afghanistan as a combat medic with the brigade's 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment in 2007.

Real-life experience

"I used my real-life experiences and problems encountered downrange to set up scenarios," said Nino. "My goal was to make this training realistic and to let folks know what goes through a medic's mind during combat."

Nino's plan was to use the brigade training area around the Engagement Skills Trainer classrooms to simulate difficult terrain. The Soldiers began by running through mud and water, hiking

over a low concrete retaining wall and moving around a building looking for snipers as they were assaulted by incoming fire. This was made more realistic by the sounds of gun and mortar fire blasting from nearby loudspeakers.

Just on the other side of the building lay two casualties. The six-man squads had to set up a defensive perimeter, provide immediate lifesaving treatment and then move the wounded to another

area where more detailed medical treatment could take place prior to MEDEVACing the wounded.

Stress factor

Other medics helping out as trainers were Pvt. Jasmin Clark, fresh from Advanced Individual Training, and Pfc. Tiara Hinkle, both of whom

shouted at fellow troops to give them a taste of working under stress.

"Get down—you're being fired on!" "She's going into shock!" "He's missing an arm! What are you going to do!?" "Stop the bleeding!"

Reflections

"It was very realistic," said Sgt. Guillermo Bellver. "I was with 1st Brigade, 503rd Infantry Regiment in Bermel and what we went through today could very well happen for real," he said. "We were lucky, we had a great medic and we didn't take many casualties. But it's always good to be prepared."

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173rd ABCT

Darby Dates

Want a smooth move? Don't miss the briefing

Learn what it takes to have a stress-free move from Camp Darby at this May 13 briefing.

Call ACS at 633-7084 for details.

Sponsorship training

Learn what it takes for a smooth transition to Camp Darby in this May 12 class. Call 633-7084 for details.

Heritage celebration

On May 5 at noon in the Pvt. Masato "Curly" Nakae Square, a cake cutting ceremony will kickoff Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. More heritage celebration events for the month will be listed in upcoming edition of The Outlook.

Identity theft class

Learn ways to protect yourself and your family from identity theft crimes at this May 15 class. Call ACS at 633-7084 for details.

Darby Community Club

■ Every Thursday is Karaoke Night at the Club.

Stop singing in the shower and impress your friends too. Fun starts at 6:30 p.m.

■ Need to say thanks? Bring your right arm/wing man to the Community Club on the third Friday of each month.

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

Protestant **Sunday school** starts at 10 a.m.; Catholic CCD at 11:15 a.m.

Vacation Bible School is coming in June.

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

Catholic confirmation is being planned in Vicenza for the first week of June.

Contact the Catholic education coordinator for details.

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

The congregation is in need of a cantor.

Talk to Chaplain Porter or Father Roberto to serve.

A visitor enjoys relaxing by the water as a child makes castles in the sand at the American Beach in Tirrenia. The beach opens Memorial Day weekend and has umbrellas available to rent along with paddle boats and boogie boards.

Photo by Joyce Costello



Memorial Day weekend kicks off summer season at Darby

By CHIARA MATTIROLO
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Memorial Day Weekend at Camp Darby marks the beginning of the summer season with the opening of:

■ the American Beach in Tirrenia,

■ the Annual European Softball Championship and

■ the Memorial Day commemoration at the Florence American Cemetery.

"The **American Beach** is the ideal resort for families, where children can play and have fun in a safe area and parents can relax, enjoy good food, sun and clean sand while professional lifeguards are checking on our children's safety," said Rosemary Musto,

purchasing agent, Army NAF Contracting Europe.

"The beach is fully equipped with a guarded parking lot, umbrellas, chairs, cabanas, covered pavilions, beach volley court, kayaks, pedal boats, boogie boards, playground equipment, showers, snack and drink bars," said Musto.

U.S. Army Garrison Livorno Command Sgt. Maj. Felix Rodriguez added that "this long weekend represents a unique occasion for the U.S. families in Europe to come to Camp Darby and discover the beauty of this area.

"Besides, this is the only American beach in Europe and this fantastic location offers the possibility of visiting numerous major tourist cities like Florence,

Pisa, Lucca, Cinque Terra and Sienna, just to name a few," said Rodriguez.

Camp Darby is host to numerous sporting tournaments. The **Annual European Softball Championship** held on Memorial Day Weekend, draws top men and women's teams from across Europe.

"We have 20 teams that have already signed up," said Jimmy Roddy, Camp Darby Fitness Center director. "Interested teams can call the Fitness Center at DSN 633-7438."

While enjoying the upcoming summer season beginning on Memorial Day weekend, it is imperative to find some time to pay tribute to the fallen Soldiers.

The Florence American Cemetery, a one-hour drive from Camp Darby, holds a memorial honoring those who lost their lives during World War II.

"Memorial Day is a time when our nation comes together as a whole to celebrate and pay respect to those who lost their lives fighting in war," said John Luncheon, Florence American Cemetery superintendent.

According to Luncheon, the Memorial Day ceremony starts at 11 a.m. on May 25.

Plan your Tuscan dream vacation with a little help from the Camp Darby at www.usag.livorno.army.mil.

Click on "plan my vacation" for hot tips on where to go and what to do this Memorial Day weekend.

Lodging options abound at USAG Livorno

By CHIARA MATTIROLO
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Military members and their families don't have to give up planning a summer vacation in Tuscany due to the dollar to Euro exchange rate.

Camp Darby, perfectly situated along the Italian coast in Tuscany, offers an array of lodging options with prices much more economical than on the economy.

"During the month of May tourists can get a special reduction at Sea Pines Lodge. They stay for five nights and they only pay for four," said Francesco Licata, Sea Pines Lodge operations assistant.

"The Sea Pines Lodge accommodations feature standard rooms and deluxe rooms all equipped with bathroom, refrigerator, microwave, TV/VCR/DVD, kitchen area with table and air conditioning or heating system," said Licata.

"The deluxe rooms have a private patio with

table and barbecue grill," he said.

Licata adds that Camp Darby recently finished an additional eight new standard cabins completely equipped with microwave, refrigerator, TV, VCR, DVD, and air conditioning or heating system that can host four people.

"We now have 15 standard cabins and five deluxe available to rent," said Licata. "Camping fans can enjoy our large campsite with electricity, water points, picnic tables, barbecue grills and shower facilities."

Accommodation can also be found at the Casa Toscana, the official Army lodging facility.

At Camp Darby, pets are welcome at the campgrounds or at the climate-controlled Darby kennel.

Customers should make reservations at least two working days prior to drop-off at Outdoor Recreation by calling 633-7589 or off post 050-54-7589.



Photo by Joyce Costello
Camp Darby log cabins and campgrounds are tucked under umbrella pine trees that bring Mediterranean cool breezes.

Fireworks, live music, carnival rides highlight area festivals; Simply Red in concert May 19

National holiday

Labor Day in Italy is celebrated on May 1. It is a national holiday. Schools and most stores will be closed.

Local events & festivals

Concerts exhibits, classes

■ **Hablamos!:** in Vicenza, Italian-German center, Viale della Pace, 98. Intermediate Spanish conversation. For your free registration call 0444-512516.

Medieval Festival

May 1 - 2, in Montecchio Maggiore, about 12 miles west of Vicenza.

May 1, 2:30 - 10 p.m. Watch a medieval parade featuring historical re-enactment groups from all over Italy. Visit a military encampment and medieval hamlet with pilgrims, mendicants, dice players, friars and medieval music played on ancient instruments.

May 2, 6 p.m. - midnight. Visit a reenactment of a typical medieval market, minstrels, fortune-tellers, medieval music, entertainment, and food stands with medieval food and drinks.

Collector's fair slated

A collector's fair is set for May 1, 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., in Grisignano di Zocco, about 14 miles southeast of Vicenza.

Antiques and collectors items will be for sale, including furniture, lighting, glass and tableware, vintage jewelry and fashion accessories, prints, rare books, coins, medals postcards and old advertising.

Vintage cars, floats, music at local festival

Palio of Romano d'Ezzelino's districts will host a festival May 3 in Romano D'Ezzelino, about 24 miles north of Vicenza.

In the morning, there will be a vintage car exhibition.

At 2 p.m. the town's districts will gather in the main square with floats representing old trades. At 3:30 p.m., there will be a float parade from the church to the soccer field on Via Foscolo.

There will be flag wavers and live music with Romano Band and majorettes. After the riders' oath, the 39th district's Palio with the traditional donkeys' race will kick off. There will be food stands and live music throughout the day.

Guitar festival May 1-3

The National Festival of the Electric and Acoustic Collectable Guitar is set May 1 - 3, in Soave, about 23 miles west of Vicenza.

Activities include:

■ Daily from 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. - guitar exhibition and market at the town hall with entrance allowed until 5 p.m.

■ 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. guitar clinics and workshops held at the medieval Black Friars church.

■ Evening concerts at the basketball palace starting at 9 p.m. each evening.

For more details in English, visit http://www.guitaranch.com/soave_uk.htm.

Enjoy fireworks, music at May Day festival

A May Day festival is planned May 1-3 in Sandrigo, about 9 miles north of Vicenza.

Local products market, food booths, live music, carnival rides and entertainment will be featured. Fireworks begin at 10:30 p.m. Sunday.

Dancing, games set at asparagus festival

An asparagus festival is scheduled May 1 - 3 in San Zeno di Cassola, 21 miles northwest of Vicenza.

■ May 1 - 2 at 4 p.m.: games and entertainment for children, live music and dancing.

■ May 3 at 9 a.m.: asparagus show and market, food booths, dance show and

live music throughout the day.

Food booths, carnival rides at Rose festival

A rose festival takes place May 1-5 in Albettonne, about 17 miles south of Vicenza.

■ May 1 at 4:30 p.m.: Painting exhibition's opening at Albettonne's library; 9 p.m. live music with the "Rome 32" band.

■ May 2 at 9 p.m.: Live music and ballroom dancing.

■ May 3 at noon: Vespa motor scooters and vintage motorcycles show; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dances.

■ May 4 at 9 p.m.: Live country music with "Denis DJ." Western style dances and food.

■ May 5 at 9:30 p.m.: Live music and ballroom dances; 11:30 fireworks display.

White asparagus fair slated in Rosa

A white asparagus fair is scheduled May 1-3, in Rosà, about 21 miles northeast of Vicenza.

Enjoy gastronomical stands, local crafts exhibits, and live music. Dances begin at 9 p.m.

On Sunday at 9 p.m. there will be an American ballroom dance show.

FREE concerts & events

The Oxford Project: Peter Feldstein's photo exhibition is open now

through June 20.

Hours are Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3 - 6 p.m., in Padova, Galleria, Piazza Antenone 3, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza.

Falk&Die Wiese + D. Cooper + Sibsi: German Indie Folk Night: Live acoustic folk music April 30 at 9 p.m. in Vicenza, Bar Sarte, Corso SS Felice and Fortunato, 362.

Observe the sky with Astrofil Group telescopes: May 2 from 9-12 p.m., in Vicenza, Piazza Biade.

Explore the sky: Astronomical Observatory of Arcugnano, May 5, 9 p.m., Via S. Giustina, 127 - about five miles south of Vicenza. View the sky and the planets in great detail with the observatory's telescope.

Live jazz music: May 5 at 9 p.m., Vicenza, Ristorante dai Nodari, Contrà do Rode, 20.

Pay concerts & events

■ **Tony Levin:** April 30 at 9 p.m. in Schio, Astra Theater, via Battaglione Val Leogra 45.

■ **Mamma mia** (in English): May 6-10 in Florence; June 15-20 in Forli.

■ **Jackson Browne:** May 8 in Padova; May 11 in Bologna.

■ **Dave Holland Quartet:** May 12, in Vicenza, Auditorium Canneti.

■ **Mingus Dynasty:** May 15 in Vicenza, City theater.

■ **Yellowjackets:** May 16 in

Vicenza, Auditorium Canneti.

■ **Lenny Kravitz:** June 5 in Rome; June 6 in Brescia; July 11 in Lucca. June 8 in Verona.

■ **Depeche Mode:** June 16 in Rome; June 18 in Milan.

■ **U-2:** July 7 in Milan.

Tickets are available from your local box office or online at www.ticketone.it/EN/Home.

Outdoor Recreation

Discover the Italian Riviera in Portofino

On May 2, travel with Outdoor Rec to a small Italian fishing town located on the Italian Riviera.

You will arrive by sea to admire the multicolored houses that line the bay. On shore enjoy the restful streets with shops and restaurants typical of the area. Book your trip with ODR, call 634-7094.

Sporting Events

■ **The Harlem Globetrotters Italian Tour 2009:** May 2 in Verona and May 4 in Rome.

■ **Superbike World Championship:** June 21 in Misano.

■ **Road to World Boxing Championships 2009:** July 10 in Milan, Italy vs USA.

For details, visit your local ticket agent or www.ticketone.it/EN/Home.

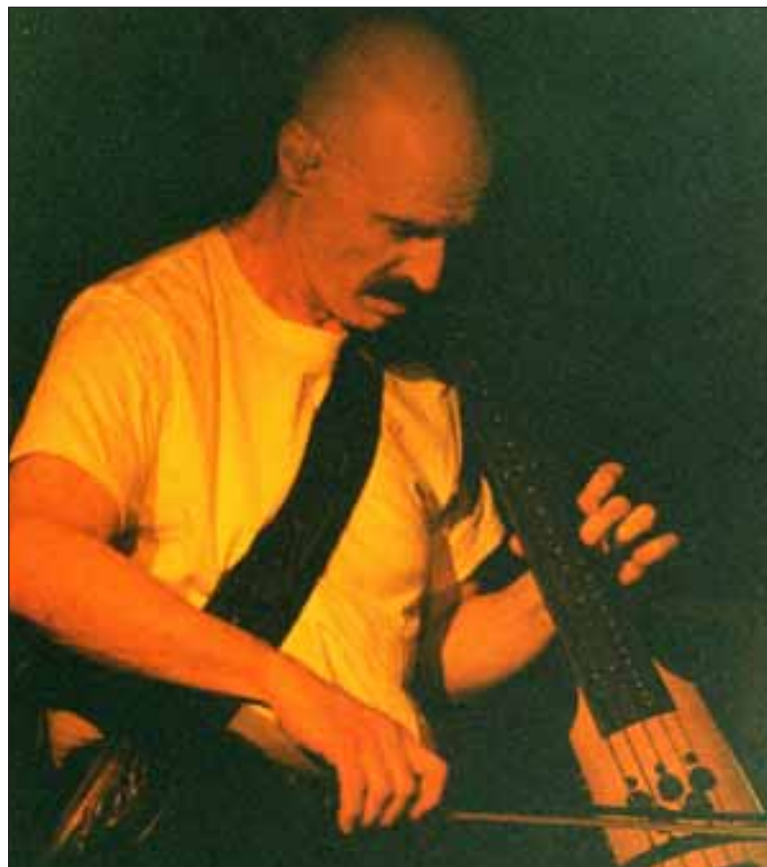


Photo courtesy of Cesare Greselin

Tony Levin is in concert April 30 at 9 p.m., in Schio (see brief). Levin has played with Peter Gabriel, King Crimson, John Lennon, Yes, James Taylor, Lour Reed and Paul Simon. Tickets are 22 euro.

Now Showing



Ederle Theater

April 30	Push (PG-13)	6 p.m.
May 1	Fired Up (PG-13)	6 p.m.
	The International (R)	9 p.m.
May 2	Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG)	3 p.m.
	Obsessed (PG-13)	6 p.m.
May 3	Confessions of a Shopaholic (PG)	3 p.m.
	Friday the 13th (R)	6 p.m.
May 4	Pink Panther 2 (PG-13)	6 p.m.
May 5	Obsessed (PG-13)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

May 1	My Bloody Valentine (R)	6 p.m.
May 2	Pink Panther 2 (PG-13)	6 p.m.
May 3	Hotel for Dogs (PG)	1 p.m.
May 7	The International (R)	6 p.m.

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

The Ederle Theatre box office opens one hour prior to show time.

Looking for the movie synopsis? Check out the AAFES Web site: www.aafes.com, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Movie Schedule.

Apply for VCC grants by May 6

The VCC Community Enrichment Campaign provides the opportunity for various community agencies and groups to apply for grants to financially assist their organization.

Applications are available at the Thrift Shop and due back by May 6.

Instructions and details about funding are included in the application.

VCC invites the community to a craft sale May 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. in Club V.

If you are a crafter and would like to sell your merchandise, tables are available by contacting Louise Bly at louise.bly@us.army.mil, or at 329-811-0644.

Job announcements

■ **Civilian LPNs** are needed in Vicenza in support of the Army's Traumatic Brain Injury program. For details about the position and qualifications contact Ryan Tibbs at 001-513-984-1800 ext 157, fax 001-513-984-4909 or e-mail rtibbs@sterlingmedcorp.com.

■ Resumes are being accepted for the position of USAG Vicenza **health promotion coordinator**. For details contact Betsy Walters, health promotion coordinator, USACHPPM-EUR, at 634-8828 or e-mail betsy.walters@eur.army.mil. Deadline is June 1.

■ The Community Bank in Caserma Ederle is looking for a **teller supervisor**.

You can use the "Careers" link at www.DoDCommunityBank.com for a detailed job description, the qualification requirements and to apply (online).

Candidates must be a U.S. citizen and a dependent of a U.S. military servicemember or a DoD civilian stationed in Italy. Community Bank is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Military Spouse Appreciation set May 11

Join the celebration recognizing the many contributions our military spouses make May 11, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the concourse area in the Arena.

Tickets to the event are \$15 and should be purchased at the Tax Relief Office before May 5. Call 634-5087 for details.

Woodshop class scheduled May 2

Learn to operate all the new equipment in the woodshop May 2, 11 a.m. You need the class to be certified on the safety requirements before beginning a

wood project.

Intro to picture framing is May 3, 10 a.m.

Learn the basics of oil painting in three sessions beginning May 3 at 2 p.m.

Call 634-7094 for info.

Camp ARMY Challenge deadline May 4

Youth of deployed or soon-to-deploy parents can now register online for Camp A.R.M.Y. Challenge.

The weeklong camp in Germany will be held June 15-20 and provide concentrations in basketball, culinary arts, soccer and track and field.

Camp is for youth in grades 6-12. Information and registration is available online www.mwr-europe.com.

USO notes

Come to the USO and sign up for our Level One Italian Class. Classes run Mondays and Wednesday May 11 - July 8, 5:45-7:45 p.m.

Cost is \$118 plus book fee. Join us for a home-cooked, Tex-Mex Cinco de Mayo dinner May 5 at 5:30 p.m.

The USO is located in Bldg 9A. Call 634-7156.

Cinco de Mayo celebration

Enjoy Salsa dancing, theme drinks and food specials at the Arena to celebrate Cinco De Mayo May 2, 9 p.m. Latin theme food and drink specials, music and games. Call 634-8257 for information.

VHS Booster Club Silent Auction May 1

The Vicenza High School Booster Club is holding a Silent Auction May 1 starting at 6 p.m. in the VHS gym.

Proceeds go toward helping purchase supplies for the VHS Cougar sports teams.

"Don't Dress For Dinner" opening May 8

The production of "Don't Dress for Dinner," is a sexy comedy combining mystery, madness and mayhem.

This play contains adult situations not suitable for children.

Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Box office is open Tues - Fri, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. or call 634-7281.

OHA/MIHA online survey available May 4

Starting May 4, Vicenza is conducting the annual overseas housing allowance (OHA) utility and move-in expenses survey online at <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/oha/survey/utilitymiha.html> for all

U.S. service members and their families through June 3.

Call 634-6299 for details.

Postal rates increase for first class stamps May 11

The finance counter of the postal service center will close at 4:30 p.m. May 8. This is being done because on May 11, the postal rate for first class stamps will increase to 44 cents.

For details call the postal service center at 634-7430.

Lunch & Learn with University of Phoenix

University of Phoenix is hosting a Lunch & Learn seminar May 7, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with the topic "Why Pursue a Master's Degree."

The event is open to the community and held at the Vicenza Education Center.

RSVP to Ana LaForgia by May 4, by sending an e-mail to ana.laforgia@phoenix.edu or calling 634-8928.

MOMS Club garage sale

MOMS Club of Vicenza is hosting a garage sale May 2, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Luna Bubble on post.

Salsa night at the Arena

Salsa night returns to the Arena May 13, 7-11 p.m.

Sewing goes zig-zag

The Art Center introduces the basics of sewing in an eight-session course starting May 5, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-6 p.m. Learn about zig - zag stitching, buttons and zippers. Call the Art Center at 634-7094.

Photography basics

Beginning May 6, the Art Center introduces the basics of

photography in an eight-session course, Wednesdays and Fridays, 5-6:30 p.m.

Call the Art Center at 634-7094.

Learn makeup secrets

Discover the secrets behind a pretty face May 9, when the Art Center leads a make-up techniques workshop. Call the Art Center at 634-7094.

Military spouses honored

The Art Center celebrates the contributions our military spouses make every day on the home front with a full-day of refreshments, massages and wine May 20.

Demonstrations throughout the day include pottery, framing, scrapbooking and woodworking. Cost is \$5. Call the Art Center at 634-7094.

CDC closure

The CDC Bldg. 398 will be closed May 22 so that staff may conduct annual training.

All children normally cared for in Bldg. 398 will be provided care at Bldg. 395, hours are 6 a.m.-6 p.m.

Call Michelle Sterowicz at 634-5008 or Luca Harbeson at 634-8433 for details.

"Big Fish" author visits Caserma Ederle May 12

Daniel Wallace will be at the post library May 12, 5:30-8 p.m. He will lead an adult writing workshop from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. to be followed by readings from his novels until 8 p.m.

Although autographs are permitted, no books will be provided or sold. Bring your own if you wish an autograph.

Call the library at 634-7291 for details.



Photo by Adriane Foss

Moira Cameron and Josie Anderson eye baby items at the Vicenza PX April 24. Members of Girl Scouts Junior Troop 68 were shopping for items to donate to an orphanage in Africa. Co-troop leader Mary Anderson said the group netted \$1,260 during this year's annual cookie sales. Profits are normally spent on a yearly trip of the girls' choosing, but this year the group said they wanted to "give it all away," explained Anderson. For details on the Vicenza Girl Scouts, call Nancy Hacker at 349-520-9980.

Religious activities

Chaplain Crisis Line

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

Saturday services

4p.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation, or by appointment.

5 p.m.: Roman Catholic mass

Sunday services

9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass. Mass is held weekdays at noon.

9 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school and AWANAs (Sept. through May in Vicenza High School)

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

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

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

4 p.m.: Lutheran worship

6 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Mondays

Noon: LDS Scripture Study

5:30 p.m.: High School Club in the Teen Center.

Contact Jocelyn Cary at 634-7890, 349-385-3476 or vicecb@yahoo.com.

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

Noon: Protestant Men of the Chapel Bible study (at DFAC)

3 p.m.: Praise Dance practice

3:30 p.m.: Middle School club meets in VHS cafeteria Sept-May.

5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

5:30 p.m.: PWOC evening Bible study

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 is held each Monday, noon-1 p.m. at the Chapel. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. downtown. Call Sean Peterson at 335-8219492.

Call the Caserma Ederle chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for religious activities.

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.

Cougars rout Saints ... twice

By PETE HULLER
Special to the Outlook

The Vicenza High School Cougars convincingly won their home openers at Pomari Stadium April 18, soundly defeating the Aviano Saints by scores of 13-8 and 18-4.

Strong pitching performances and much-improved defense were keys to the victories.

Jack Buffington got the victory in game one, striking out 11 batters in just 3 and 2/3 innings while Daniel Madson finished off the Saints with a nice performance.

"It's great to see the continued improvement up and down the lineup. We're making the plays we need to make and not beating ourselves," said Coach Mark Wilson.

Jeremy Huller got the second win, allowing just one hit and no earned runs in three innings while striking out four batters. Micky Stoner closed out the game sealing the second victory of the twinbill.

The Cougars got big hits late in the first game, notably from Will Barton who doubled and tripled. Aggressive base running coupled with sharp eyes at the plate kept Cougars on the bases for much of both games.

In keeping with opening day custom at a baseball stadium, Elizabeth Walker, the DoDDS Mediterranean District superintendent, threw out the ceremonial first pitch to kick off the games.

The Cougars traveled to Naples April 25 for games against Sigonella and Naples.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Vicenza High School Cougar baseball player Josh Rizzo, No. 16, catches the ball thrown by Jack Buffington during the first game against the Aviano Saints held at the *Stadio Pomari* in downtown Vicenza April 18. Buffington got the victory in game one, striking out an eye-popping 11 batters in just 3 and 2/3 innings.

Sports Shorts

Italian vs. American Ladies Basketball

Ladies Sports, Fitness and Aquatics program is looking for ladies over 35 to participate in a basketball game with ladies from our host nation May 31 at 3 p.m. Sign up now at the Fitness center or call 634-7009.

Calling all horse shoe pitchers

The next horse shoe tournament is May 8-10 at the N-40 track.

Men and women, singles or doubles can take home awards.

Participants must sign up by May 4 by calling 634-7009.

Win Prizes at the Armed Forces Day 5K

All ages are welcome to join in the Armed Forces 5K FunRun/Walk May 16, starting at 10 a.m. with a pre-brief meeting at 9:40 a.m. Please note that sign up is mandatory by May 10. Call Sports at 634-7009

New Les Mills classes have begun

Check out the new music, routines, and times at www.vicenzaMWR.com.

You'll find your favorites: Body Pump, Combat, Step, Attack, Balance, and Jam, plus other favorites like yoga and self defense.

Redeem your GYM RAT points

The current GYM RAT incentive program will end May 31.

All points must be redeemed prior to that date to claim prizes. Any points not redeemed will be null and void and no incentive prizes will be given. Call 634-7616 for more information.

EFMP Fun Run

A May 16 EFMP Fun Run is open to all EFMP families. The EFMP sponsored portion of the run is for youth (18 and under) and parent participation is highly encouraged.

Registration is the day of the run for EFMP participants from 9 - 9:30 a.m. at the track. All participants that complete a lap will receive a medal.

USAG Vicenza Sports Update

Soldiers' Volleyball league standings

Team	Win	Loss
Lucky	7	1
USAHC	5	5
D Co, 1-503	4	1
Delta Rec	4	3
Top Gun	1	5
BSB Riggers	1	4
Angels	0	5

Recent game results

April 22

Delta Rec.: 28, 22, 17 vs. USAHC: 26, 25, 15

Lucky: 16, 12 vs. Delta Rec.: 25, 25

Volleyball championship matches

Lucky: 20, 19 vs. D Co.: 25, 25

Lucky: 29, 23, 12 vs. D Co.: 27, 25, 15

Dodgeball league standings

Team	Win	Loss
Secret Squirrels	11	4
Doughnut Ninjas	6	7
Dentac	5	7
AFN Vicenza	4	8

Recent championship results

April 24-25

AFN Vicenza: 0 vs. Secret Squirrels: 6

Dentac: 0 vs. Doughnut Ninjas: 6

Doughnut Ninjas: 1 vs. Secret Squirrels: 6

Dentac: 0 vs. AFN Vicenza: 6

Doughnut Ninjas: 4 vs. AFN Vicenza: 6

AFN Vicenza: 3 vs. Secret Squirrels: 6

3rd Place: Doughnut Ninjas

2nd Place: AFN Vicenza

Champions: Secret Squirrels



Photo by Laura Kreider

Jacob Schreiber serves against Paul Nyberg during an April 17 match.

USAG Vicenza recreational tennis league match scorers

17 April

Intermediate: Matthew Garsez vs. Kenneth Jones 8-6

Advanced: Paul Nyberg vs. Jacob Schreiber 8-5

21 April

Intermediate: Regina Schreiber vs. Sandra Hembrick 8-1

22 April 27

Intermediate: Regina Schreiber vs. Kate Jimenez 8-5

24 April 27

Advanced: Phil Royer vs. Tamarin McCartin 8-0

Beginners: Eric Smith vs. Ramona Smith 8-5

Intermediate: Walter Bittante vs. Kenneth Jones 8-0

Advanced: Phil Royer vs. Marc Clauda 8-0