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Spc. Pedro Castanon spends a few quiet moments with wife Veronica Aguilera, daughter Anahi Aguilera and son Everado Aguilera April 6 at Hoekstra parade field before his yearlong deployment to Afghanistan. Castanon deployed with the Vicenza-based Detachment E, 106th Finance Management Company and will offer financial support to Soldiers throughout the Kandahar region.

Money mission sends 106th finance detachment downrange

Story and photo by
Adriane Foss
Outlook Editor

CASERMAEDERLE, Vicenza — Members of Detachment E, 106th Finance Management Company bid farewell to family and friends at Hoekstra parade field April 6 before boarding a bus en route to a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan.

The unit will provide financial services to thousands of U.S. Soldiers deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in and around the Kandahar province.

The detachment's forward commander, Capt. Thais Anseeuw, called the services the unit will provide "cash management on the battlefield," ensuring thousands of deployed

troops have access to money for their personal needs and providing funds to contractors and vendors.

"We're really excited about the mission," said Anseeuw. "We've got a good group of Soldiers and we'll do well, doing what we've trained to do."

The 14-member finance unit is one of three such units that will rotate to 15 forward operating bases in country, providing troops

money in the form of the EagleCash card.

Because the U.S. dollar has a stronger market value in the Middle East, EagleCash gives troops access to their pay while limiting the amount of currency in circulation in the region. In addition to preventing U.S. dollars from helping to fund terrorism, the micro-chipped card saves the

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Waiting family, friends embrace redeployed 495th



Story and photo by
Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

Family members and friends of the 495th Movement Control Team were ready to welcome back their loved ones at Hoekstra Field April 7 after a 15-month deployment in Afghanistan.

While waiting for the bus to arrive from Ramstein, Germany,

1st Lt. Aaron Eagan embraces his family after a 15-month deployment in Afghanistan.

Mobilization Deployment Program Manager Rita Bonamego offered cookies to children, wives and Soldiers.

"I love what I do particularly when I see our Soldiers coming back," said Bonamego.

"Especially this group, the 495th," she said. "I saw them leave in 2006, come back in September 2007, and then prepare to go again in 2008, and now we welcome them back in 2009."

"In the five years that I have been here I have seen some of

the Soldiers who have been on deployment twice," said Bonamego, "so I am very close to them, and I am delighted that they are finally coming back."

Among the Soldiers who are not on a first deployment is Sgt. 1st Class Carlos Lora.

His daughter Paola was 9 years old when he deployed the first time. Now she is 11.

"I missed him a lot because this time it was 15 months," she said. "Right now I ache just to

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Young faith


Chaplain (Maj.) Jose Herrera recently led 85 members of the Casarma Ederle Catholic Congregation on a pilgrimage to Rome March 13-15. Pope Benedict XVI declared this the Year of Saint Paul and encouraged visits to the Church of Saint Paul for special graces. The March event was the largest pilgrimage in parish history. The children of parish members are seen here praying at the tomb of the famed Apostle Paul. (Photo courtesy of Father [Lt. Col.] Eric Albertson) The garrison will celebrate the Easter season and spring with several events, including:

- **Good Friday Services** - Catholic: April 10, 3 p.m. and Lutheran: April 10, 6 p.m.
- **Catholic Holy Saturday Vigil** - April 11, 8:30 p.m.
- **Easter Sunrise Service** - April 12, 7 a.m. under the pavilion on

Hoekstra Field.
■ **Annual Eggstravaganza** - April 11, 1-4 p.m. Children's activities include face painting, balloon creations, a bounce house, arts and crafts activities plus an egg race. Call 634-5087 for details.




The Noncommissioned Officer
PATTERNS OF SUCCESS



Staff Sgt. Chris Stackhouse
Unit: U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza
Current position: NCOIC Dept. of Radiology
Age: 30
Hometown: San Diego, Calif.
Years in service: 12
What would surprise people about you: That I'm not surprising. What you see is what you get.
Biggest mentor and why: My father. He did three tours in Vietnam and volunteered for two of them. He never regretted signing up.
Life's ambition: Become a physician assistant.
Motto: Too Easy
Your definition of an NCO: Someone who you're not afraid to call, who will answer the phone at three in the morning to help.
List of major assignments/deployments: West Point Military Academy, Tripler AMC
Advice for junior enlisted Soldiers: Don't wait on the Army to do things for you.
Reason for your success: Patience, listening and the ability to separate work and home.
Your defining moment as an NCO: Being the detachment sergeant for a health clinic as an staff sergeant.

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



Too busy for the children? Take the time!

Maj. Gen. William Garrett III
U.S. Army Africa commander

Each April we join with the Defense Department to celebrate the Month of the Military Child. The observance began in the mid-1980s when our military served a time of relative peace.

The idea at the time, under Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, was simply to recognize the challenges that children of military parents face.

In recent years, children have endured longer times of separation. Some go without one or both parents for a year or more. Others watch parents leave for a yearlong tour, again and again.

All too often, children's needs are neglected – even long after the deployed

Soldier returns home. Children are, at times, overlooked. It's a serious issue that can lead to problems that affect their lives even into adulthood.

Mark Twain may have put it best when he said, "We are always too busy for our children, we never give them the time or interest they deserve. We lavish gifts upon them; but the most precious gift, our personal association, which means so much to them, we give grudgingly."

Now, more than ever, we must take the time to focus on the youth in our community. We see them each day here on post, crossing near the schools and walking along sidewalks.

Spring break, coupled with a four-day training holiday, has hopefully allowed Soldiers and families to spend some

quality time taking part in kid-friendly activities here in Italy. If not, it really doesn't take much to make children feel special. Take advantage of programs offered by Army Community Service, MWR and our schools that focus this month on military children.

Events on post planned to celebrate Month of the Military Child include:

April 15: Freddy FAP visits Nigeria (reservations required) cultural activities and Nigerian food.

April 18: Kids Super Chef contest and Tell Me A Story.

April 22: Earth Day scavenger hunt and recycled art projects.

April 24: Snacks at school

April 25: Bicycle safety check and training course.

Up Front radio show takes top broadcast honors

AFN South
Press Release

Vicenza and Livorno broadcasters fared well in the 2008 Keith L. Ware broadcast excellence competition. Members of AFN South and its Vicenza station took home three first place awards in the Department of the Army contest.

AFN Vicenza's new radio call-in program *Up Front* took top honors in the Radio Entertainment category.

The show features U.S. Army Africa's Commanding General, Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III; USAG Vicenza's Deputy to the Garrison Commander, Reneè Citron and special guests. The show airs monthly on AFN Vicenza's *The Eagle*.

An AFN South television promotion for the show "Faces of Freedom" took the number one spot in the TV promo category. The promo advertises a show that connects those serving downrange with their loved ones back home.

Laura Zaupa walked away with the top prize for television graphics. Laura is a recent Italian worker hired at AFNS.



(Left to right) Sgt. Jennifer Roux, AFN Vicenza radio host talks to co-hosts Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III, U.S. Army Africa commander and Reneè Citron, deputy to the USAG Vicenza commander, during the monthly *Up Front* call in radio show. The show began airing last fall and took top honors in the 2008 Keith L. Ware broadcast excellence competition. (Photo by Rick Scavetta, U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs)

First place winners in most categories go on to compete in the Department of Defense Thomas Jefferson broadcast excellence competition. Some competition categories are service unique.

AFN South, AFN Vicenza and AFN Livorno won several second and third place awards in the competition:

- ◆ Radio Entertainment Program "Eagle Saturdays"- Grant Peters, 3rd.
- ◆ Radio Sports Report "U.S. vs Italian Basketball"- Staff Sgt. Pat Malone, 3rd.
- ◆ Radio Newscast "Camp Darby

Radio Report"- AFN Livorno, 2nd.

◆ Television Spot Production "46 Romeo" - AFN South and Sgt. Nathan Bowen, 2nd.

◆ Television Promo Production "Eagle in The Evening"- Laura Zaupa, 3rd.

◆ Television Feature Report "MRAP Rollover" - Staff Sgt. Pat Malone, 3rd.

◆ Television Sports Report "U.S. vs Italian Basketball"- Staff Sgt. Pat Malone, 3rd.

◆ Local Television Newscast "AFN Vicenza Report" - AFN Vicenza, 3rd.

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Speak Out

How do you recycle your office or home equipment?

-By Diana Bahr

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs



Chris Johnson
SETAF-U.S. Army Africa G8

"I use the Eco Center by my house to get rid of printer cartridges and other home office items."



Glenda Demma
USAG Vicenza
Military Personnel Division

"At home we recycle our clothing by giving items our children have outgrown to our Italian neighbors."



Mike Lococo
Army Career Alumni
Program

"We take broken items to the recycling center on post, but we shred and recycle our paper."



Spc. Rosalind Green
Chaplains Assistant

"I take items to the post recycling center and separate them into their proper categories."



Peter Luste
Transition office

"We recycle all items that we can into the cardboard office bins and at the post Eco Center. We take batteries to the collection point inside the community mail room."

Volunteer spotlight

Army Volunteer Corps
Special to the Outlook

Ileana Reha has lived in Vicenza for two years and during this short span of time has managed to shoe-horn volunteering at numerous Caserma Ederle agencies.

"I have volunteered at a number of places and, even though I now work part-time at Child and Youth Services I still find time to continue volunteering," she said. Agencies Reha volunteers at include: the Vicenza veterinary clinic as an animal health technician and treasurer of the Family Readiness Group, Soldiers' Theatre, Vicenza Schools Parent, Teachers and Students Association, CYS Youth Sports, Vicenza Community Club, Army Family Team Building, Red Cross and Army Family Action Plan.



Besides volunteering, Ileana Reha works part-time at Child and Youth Services.

"Right now I volunteer about 20 hours a month," she said. "I love to be involved in things that make a difference in my community. Volunteering helped me find employment in Vicenza, make great friends, learn more about the Army and become a great community leader. I am also surrounded by people who I look up to as mentors."

When **Rich Breen** retired from the Army he found himself in a role he never expected - that of a full-time military spouse and dependent. When his wife was assigned to Vicenza, he turned down several job offers in Washington, D.C. and moved to Italy.

"I found it was an opportunity to now be the prime supporter (his wife, Col. Lorriane Breen commands the health center) and to see how I could continue to serve as a member of the community", he said. "I had been talking about volunteerism for years and now it was time to not just talk the talk but walk the walk."



Rich Breen sells Linda Lorenzana a ticket to a Soldiers' Theatre play.

During his 18 months in Vicenza, Breen used his leadership experience to make a difference. He is the first male president of the Vicenza Community Club, a senior advisor for the Army Health Center Family Readiness Group, a delegate for the Army Family Action Plan, and he writes articles for the Outlook. He was one of six delegates for AFAP and sits on the USAG Vicenza command steering committee.

Last summer, he was the liaison for the Secretary of the Army's Freedom Team Salute Program and planned and conducted Spouse Appreciation Recognition ceremonies for the 173rd Airborne Brigade and the 14th Transportation Battalion upon their redeployment from Afghanistan. "This has been an eye opening experience for me...all positive and I hope I can educate others on the value of volunteerism based on my experiences."



U.S. Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. William Garrett III gives a personal farewell to Detachment E, 106th Finance Management Company at the Directorate of Logistics motor pool April 6, moments before the unit rolled out for a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan. The finance unit will support the Soldiers of 15 forward operating bases throughout Kandahar province. (Photo by Adriane Foss)

Command farewells Echo Detachment

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military the high costs of security details that must accompany U.S. currency transport overseas.

The card is loaded with a pre-authorized amount of money that service members use at base exchanges and concession areas, as available.

During a brief farewell before the unit moved to the Directorate of Logistics motor pool to conduct a pre-deployment manifestation, USAG Vicenza Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Hartless encouraged the troops to take care of one another and assured

them that their family members would be well cared for during their absence.

"When you leave the (forward operating base), make sure your minds are clear so that you're focusing on the mission," said Hartless, "and we've got your back here."

U.S. Army Africa Command Commander Maj. Gen. William Garrett bid each Soldier an individual farewell as they boarded the bus en route to the airport.

1st Lt. Amanda Miller is the rear area commander for the finance detachment.

495th Soldiers reunite with loved ones April 7

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see him. I just want to tell my dad I really, really love him and that I am happy he is coming back finally. I don't care if it takes eight hours to wait for him here. It's all worth it."

Other children of deployed service members were too young to remember their parents' departure.

"My son Jaron was born on my husband's birthday," explained Nancy, wife of 1st Lt. Aaron Eagan. "They had their birthday a week before my husband left. He just barely turned 1 and started walking the week before," she said.

This was their first deployment, and Eagan explained how friends and neighbors helped her cope.

"I also had a really strong church group that helped support me, and during the first half of

the deployment we had a good Internet connection so we were able to get on the Webcam every night and we would read books and say prayers together as a family. That kept us really close."

The Soldiers finally arrived at Hoekstra Field at 9 p.m. to long embraces by family and friends. Jaron's dad received a warm reception before hoisting Jaron onto his shoulders and running around the field.

"It feels great to be back," said Eagan. "Jaron grew a lot and he is getting pretty big."

Staff Sgt. Eric Bonner shared the relief and joy of arriving at Caserma Ederle, where his wife and three children waited.

"This is my third deployment—one tour in Iraq and two tours in Afghanistan" said Bonner, surrounded by Ericka, 4; Dajanique, 7; and Dadrean, 8.

"It is good to see your kids

excited," he said. "My wife pretty much took full control of the house during this time. Now she gets a break as well."

Bonner plans to enjoy Italy and take advantage of missed travel opportunities with his family.

"I would also like to thank the Vicenza community for their support of my wife and my children," he said. "Everyone was great."

Heather, wife of Sgt. James Carlisle, was also grateful for the community support.

"I think this one [deployment] was more stressful than the last one, but I've had many friends and family," she said. "I also went to the Hospitality House in Torri where a large Christian group offered a lot of activities, planned meetings and trips. That's really gotten me through," said Carlisle.

The Soldiers will begin the reintegration process tomorrow.

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At your service Army Community Service



Marva Dixon
Army Community Service
director

"I reported for duty as the Army Community Service director in January," said Marva Dixon. "ACS provides confidential support services to Soldiers and their families to assist with readiness maintenance of our troops. Our programs are designed for single and married Soldiers and include Mobilization and Deployment, Family Readiness Group

Assistance, Exceptional Family Member Program, Relocation Readiness, Employment Readiness, Family Advocacy, Army Family Team Building and Volunteer, Financial Readiness and Army Emergency Relief."

For questions about ACS programs and services call 634-7500, 0444-71-7500 from off post or stop by the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center. ACS is online at www.vicenzamwr.com. Hours are Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Community events

Eagle Scout project helps spruce up Caserma Ederle

Story and photos
by Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

"I hope this project works," said Matthew Calabrese while painting one of the benches located near the entrance of Vicenza Elementary School.

Calabrese is a Life Scout with Boy Scout Troop 295 and working toward the rank of Eagle Scout.

An Eagle Scout project focuses on something outside Boy Scouting, according to Calabrese.

The project started after Calabrese received the authorization to refurbish the picnic tables and benches located in front of the schools and those located across the street from the high school and the kindergarten wing.

"In order to be an Eagle Project, it has to have an impact on the community here," he said.

"I talked to the principal and

she suggested that we do it in the first four days of the spring break so there were fewer people," he said.

About 10 people including adults and other students helped him in this project.

Last year, Calabrese also helped other Scouts who were doing some projects, such as respectfully burning old American flags and organizing the VES library bookshelves.

"After I finish all my other Eagle requirements, including six months in a leadership position, I will go back to the board and show them everything I've accomplished toward my Eagle Scout. This may happen in either May or June," Calabrese added.

For now, the community can look at and use the newly renovated and painted tables and benches.

For more information on Boy Scouts, call Teddy Cameron at 634-7914 or 0444-71-7914 from off post.



After resanding one of the benches, Matthew Calabrese, Life Scout, BSA Troop 295, paints it. Calabrese is working towards the rank of Eagle Scout and one of his Eagle requirements included the Eagle project.



About 10 people including adults, Calabrese family members and other students help Matthew Calabrese (right), member of Boy Scout Troop 295, in this project.

Art Center shows off new woodworking equipment

Story and photos
by Samantha Smith
Outlook Volunteer

"It's very satisfying to build something with your hands" says Paul Marcucci, participant in the March 28 Wood Safety Certification class at the Art Center.

"You probably won't see our work in Architectural Digest" he said, "but it's a chance to do something fun."

Although they had been certified previously, Marcucci and his wife, Damiana, were taking the class again to update their skills on the Art Center's new equipment. "We have a series of projects we hope to realize" says Marcucci, "cabinetry and possibly a nice desk."

According to Arts & Crafts director Jil Hinds-Nicholson, the new woodworking equipment

was installed about two months ago. "The purpose was to bring the facility as a whole up to Americans with Disabilities Act standards and better meet the needs of the community" she says. All of the machines are industrial size, according to Hinds-Nicholson and include a table saw, band saw, jointer, shaper, drill press, grinder, wood lathe, miter saw, and router as well as several electric and manual hand tools.

Once through the safety course, most machines are available during the Art Center's Open Studio. Several exceptions are the router, lathe and shaper machines, which require separate classes due to their complexity, according to instructor Ralph Nesbitt.

Nesbitt has been teaching the classes since February and has worked as a carpenter, cabinetmaker and housebuilder.



Art Center instructor Ralph Nesbitt (left) explains the new machines to participants of the Woodshop Certification class at the Vicenza Art Center.

Turning on the light of learning



(Above) A young Kenyan boy holds a book donated by the Vicenza military community. (Right) Kenyan children pose outside their school.

Students in Talio, Kenya, enjoy books donated by the Vicenza military community in support of an initiative by the local Vicenza Press Volunteer Association (VI Press). Talio, a village about 150 miles from Nairobi, is where members of the VI Press are helping set up a free lending library in cooperation with the non-profit Kenya Voluntary Development Association that helps developing communities in rural Kenya.



Darby AER gives back more than it gets

By Chiara Mattiolo
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Last year donations from Camp Darby totaled \$3,544 while Army Emergency Relief assistance amounted to \$24,754, according to Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Robert E. Foley, AER director. "I am the point of contact for Headquarters and Headquarters

Company and as of the first day of campaign, we already collected \$2,000," said 1st Sgt. Raymond Laverenz, HHC. "The goal for the Camp Darby community this year is to double or triple the amount that was collected last year."

Camp Darby's Army Emergency Relief (AER) annual campaign kicked off

March 31 with a cake cutting ceremony held in Pvt. Masato Nakae Square.

"AER is important because it is for the Soldiers," said Sgt. Ryan Hall, AER campaign manager for USAG Livorno. "We take care of our own, so in essence, AER is about 'Soldiers taking care of Soldiers'."

"No Soldier who is legitimately in need of assistance is turned down from AER," he added.

Elizabeth Speck, USAG Livorno AER officer, explained that, in order to receive support, Soldiers in need must fill out a written request.

"Right now we have covered almost 100 percent of our community," said Speck.

"Soldiers in need must see their commander or senior enlisted leader and fill out the appropriate form," said USAG Livorno Command Sgt. Maj. Felix Rodriguez. "If they meet the requirements they will receive the funds needed within 24 hours."

Rodriguez said AER assistance is available to all Soldiers and their immediate Family, wherever they are located and the amount of

assistance is only limited by a valid need.

Rodriguez explained that AER solicits donations from Soldiers because they are the beneficiaries of the AER assistance. Donations are strictly voluntary however, unsolicited donations from the general public will be accepted.

According to retired Col. Dennis Spiegel, AER deputy director for administration secretary, paternity leave will be an authorized category for AER assistance.

Soldiers who are granted paternity leave may seek AER assistance for required travel and related maintenance expenses such as transportation, lodging, and food.

"The recognition of paternity leave is a great plus to the AER program," Rodriguez said. "Now, if a young Soldier whose other half wishes to give birth in the United States wants to assist with his child's birth, AER can help taking care of the expenses."

"Camp Darby is a small installation with a big heart," said Rodriguez.

The AER campaign will run until May 15.



Capt. Robert Tarr, USAG Livorno Directorate of Emergency Services director, writes a check to support Army Emergency Relief at the kick off ceremony March 31 in Pvt. Masato Nakae Square on post.

Darby safety events focus on Month of the Military Child

Story and photos
by Chiara Mattiolo
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Camp Darby celebrated April as Month of the Military Child by holding two events promoting child safety.

The first event was a Safety Day held in the Livorno Unit School gym.

The Drug Abuse Resistance and Education (D.A.R.E.) officer, Carabinieri and USAG Livorno firefighters displayed their equipment to show the students how they perform their daily duties.

D.A.R.E. officer Staff Sgt. Thomas Garrard said it is important to inform students and parents that not only is crime the same throughout the world but crime prevention is the same too.

All security forces work closely for the same goal of ensuring security awareness,

Sherie Colegrove (left), Army Community Services, special events contractor (left) hands a cupcake to a child along with an information package during the Child Abuse Prevention Month kick-off ceremony in the Pvt. Masato "Curly" Nakae Square April 1 on post.

according to Garrard.

A second event that complimented Safety Day was the child abuse prevention and awareness kick off held in the Pvt. Masato "Curly" Nakae Square April 1.

Informational material was distributed to children and parents to increase child abuse awareness.

"It is very important for the parents to learn what the signs of a possible disturbance can be," said Colegrove. "Parents should step in at the first sign, and investigate."



Erin Laverenz, (left) has her fingerprint taken by Carabinieri Appuntato Scelto Antonio Infantino during a Safety Day held April 1 at the Livorno Unit School gym.



Darby Dates

CYS spring fest

April 11: Spring Fest at the Darby Community Club starts at 11 a.m. with egg hunting, a scavenger hunt for Youth Services, barbecue lunch, face painting and games. Volunteers needed, call 633-7681 or 7629 for details.

National library week April 12-18

Visit the Camp Darby's library open house April 15. You'll find refreshments, a special story hour about Libraries and reading, a parenting consultant, art exhibition by the kindergarten and elementary school students, art and photograph exhibitions and prizes for children.

Contact the library at 633-7623 for details.

Monday lunch

The Camp Darby Army Ball committee is selling hamburger and hotdog plates Mondays, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. by the commissary and post exchange plaza.

Summer hire program

Family members ages 14-22 are eligible for the Summer Hire program. Visit <http://cpolrph.belvoir.army.mil/eur/> select employment and then "Summer Hire Program 2009" for details.

Chapel notes

Vacation Bible School is coming in June. This year's theme is ancient Rome. The chapel is collecting cardboard, robes, children's plastic swimming pools and cardboard rolls from paper towels and toilet paper.

Catholic announcements:

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.

Good Friday Mass is at 4 p.m.

April 12 Mass is at 10 a.m.

Protestant

Announcements

April 10 at 5:30 p.m. "His Life & Ministry"

April 11 at 5:30 p.m. "His Suffering & Death"

April 12 at 11:15 a.m. "His Resurrection & Glory"

Try white asparagus, hear a concert, play with fairy tale characters

What's open over Easter

Museums and historical sites in Vicenza and surrounding towns will be open April 12-13.

For a complete list, visit the Web site www.vicenzae.org/upload/files/news/Vicenza_aperture_Pasqua_2009.pdf.

White Asparagus festival

April 9-11, in San Zeno di Cassola, about 21 miles northeast of Vicenza.

Food booths offering a selection of dishes featuring white asparagus and a collection of vintage wines.

Friday at 6:30 p.m. watch a parade and hear a concert of the Orzano Alpini Band.

At 8:30 p.m. there's a choir concert with Quasi Diesis choir from Belluno and the Cassola San Marco Band.

Saturday starting at 8 p.m.: Alpini gathering and Vergnacco Philharmonic Band. At 9 p.m. there's entertainment, live music and dances.

Sunday at 8:30 p.m. hear live music with the California orchestra.

Antique markets

April 12, 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m., through the main squares of downtown Vicenza, find 18th century furniture, books dating back to the 16th century, antique coins, vintage paintings and sculptures plus records, comic books and many other collector's items.

April 13, 08:30 a.m.-6 p.m., in Grisignano di Zocco, about 14 miles southeast of Vicenza. Antiques and collectors sell items including furniture, lighting, glass and tablewares, vintage jewelry and fashion accessories, prints, rare books, coins, medals postcards and other items.

Fairy Tale castle

April 13, 10:30, in Bevilacqua, Castello di Bevilacqua, Via Roma 50, about 33 miles south of Vicenza.

Come with your children and spend a day with Hansel and Gretel, Asterix and Obelix, Pinocchio, Snow White and many more. Admission fee is 4 euro; children pay 2 euro and free admission for children younger than three.

Nanny-goat, Gambellara wine festival

April 11-13, in Selva di Montebello, about 14 miles southwest of Vicenza.

Find food booths, wine sampling and live music.

Celestial show

The sky, the moon and the stars shown with a Magic Lantern, ongoing until Dec. 31 in Padova, Precinema Museum, Prato della Valle, 1/a, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza.

Open Wednesday-Monday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Admission fee is 3 euro but entrance is free the third Sunday of the month.

Free concerts, exhibits, classes

Jewelry exhibit: Ongoing until April 26, in Vicenza, Casa Cogollo, Corso Palladio, 165. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; 3-7 p.m. Closed Mondays.

The exhibition features the creations of Barbara Uderzo, a Vicentine artist and designer, who makes jewelry with alternative materials such as plastic, wood, paper and even chocolate and sugar, ice and snow.

The Oxford Project: Peter Feldstein's photo exhibition is open until June 20. Hours are Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m., in Padova, Galleria, Piazza Antenone, 3, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza.

Juice Session: April 9, 8 p.m., Improvised music and songs in Dueville's Social Center, Via Monza, 7, about 10 miles north of Vicenza.

QPF 5ET: April 10, 9 p.m., in concert at the Equobar, Strada Marosticana, 350, Vicenza. Offering jazz and bossa nova music.

Piano concert: April 12, 9 p.m., in Canove di Roana, Council Chamber, Via Milano, 32, about 39 miles south of Vicenza. Music of Chopin and Liszt. Refreshments will follow.

Explore the sky: Astronomical observatory of Arcugnano, April 14, 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.

Johnie3 + Creesyvegins: Punk rock in Vicenza April 15, 9 p.m., Corso SS Felice e Fortunato, 362.

Upcoming concerts

Bob Dylan: April 17 in Rome.

David Byrne: April 20 in Verona.

Mamma mia (in English): April 22-May 3 in Trieste. May 6-10 in Florence; June 15-20 in Forlì.

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.

Simply Red: May 19 in Conegliano (TV).

Lenny Kravitz: June 3 in Collegno, Torino; June 5 in Rome; June 6 in Brescia; July 11 in Lucca.

The Killers: June 8 in Verona; July 14 in Rome.

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

U-2: July 7 in Milan.

Anastacia: July 8 in Lucca; July 12 in Rome.

Madonna: July 14 in Milan; July 16 in Udine.

James Taylor: July 15 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova).

Motorhead: July 17 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova).

Bruce Springsteen: July 19 in Rome; July 21 in Torino and July 23 in Udine.

John Fogerty: July 28 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova).

ColdPlay: Aug. 21 in Udine, Friuli Stadium.

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

Sports events

The Harlem Globetrotters Italian Tour 2009: April 30 in Bologna; 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 tickets to these events and more visit your local ticket agent or online at www.ticketone.it/EN/Home.

Free Toby Keith performance

Toby Keith, American country music singer-songwriter, will bring his official tour to Caserma Ederle April 30, 8 p.m. at the Ederle Theater parking lot. Call 634-5087 for details.

Now Showing

Ederle Theater		
April 9	Inkheart (PG)	6 p.m.
April 10	New In Town (PG)	6 p.m.
	Notorious (R)	9 p.m.
April 11	Hannah Montana: The Movie (G)	3 p.m.
	Bride Wars (PG)	6 p.m.
April 12	Hannah Montana: The Movie (G)	3 p.m.
	Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG)	6 p.m.
April 15	Notorious (R)	6 p.m.
April 16	Bride Wars (PG)	6 p.m.
Camp Darby Theater		
April 10	I Love You Man (R)	6 p.m.
April 11	New In Town (PG)	6 p.m.
April 12	Hotel for Dogs (PG)	1 p.m.
April 16	The Spirit (PG13)	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.

Visit Florence, bike the hills, hit the slopes

April 1 MWR's Outdoor Recreation and ITR combined offices.

Call ODR at 634-7453 for details on the trips below and upcoming trips.

Discover Florence

April 18: Experience the

Italian Renaissance exploring the legendary art and architecture of the classic city. Bus leaves at 7 a.m.

Mountain bike ride

It's time to hit the hills with ODR and your bike. This local, level 1 (easy) trip is April 11,

departing at 8 a.m.

Snow is still here

ODR is still hitting the slopes with ski trips April 11 and 18.

Snowshoe trips are scheduled for April 12 and 19.

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

Eggstravaganza event

Hop to Hoekstra Field April 11, 1-4 p.m. for the annual Eggstravaganza. Children's activities include face painting, balloon creations, a bounce house, arts and crafts activities plus an egg race.

Call 634-5087 for details.

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. Hours are Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-10 p.m., weekends noon-6 p.m. Call us at 634-7156.

MOMS Club events

For locations and additional information on the MOMS Club, interested parents can e-mail momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com.

April 13, 10 a.m.: Walk the track

April 13, 11:30 a.m.: Burger King lunch play date

April 15, 10:30-noon: Preschool playgroup

April 17, 10-11 a.m.: Infant playgroup

April 17, 4 p.m.: Park play date

April 17, 7 p.m.: MOMS night out

Cosmic bowling Thursday

Every Thursday after school the Arena offers the Cosmic Bowling special of \$6 per person.

Cost includes shoe rental, 1½ hours of bowling and a small hot dog and soda.

Dirty cars cleaned for dirt cheap

FMWR Auto Skills Center offers car washing for as little as \$2 through Sept. 30.

During this period you can save \$1 or more off the lowest wash prices anywhere.

Library story time

Bring your pre-schooler, age 3-5, to the post library's Story Time Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10-11 a.m. and Fridays from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Military Youth Saves contest

Army Community Service, Financial Readiness Program has collaborated with the PTSA, Military Saves and other institutions on post for the first-ever Military Youth Saves contest.

Youth in any of four grade categories may submit an entry with a theme of saving money.

There is a grand prize of a \$50 U.S. Savings Bond for the winner in each grade category. Other prizes are available to runners-up.

For details on the contest, e-mail kent.thompson@eur.army.mil. Deadline for submissions is April 27.

Passport office closure

The passport office will close April 17 at 10 a.m. and reopen at 1 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Direct questions to 634-7721 or 0444-71-7721 from off post.

Job announcements

Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) has an immediate full-time opening for a TRICARE medical service coordinator within the TRICARE service center at the U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza.

In this position, you will assist in providing information and support to individuals eligible for TRICARE benefits.

For a list of qualifications and details visit the Web site www.saic.com.

University of Phoenix is hiring adjunct faculty in Vicenza for the MBA programs. Qualified candidates must have an MBA (or related degree) and at least five years of professional experience in a related field.

Adjunct faculty teach on a contracted basis; classes run six weeks; active duty welcome to apply.

For details or to submit a resume contact Diana Frayne at dfrayne11@email.phoenix.edu.

Child care home providers are sought. You can work part time or full time and receive free training.

Call 634-7615 for details.

Used vehicle auction

GSA's European Fleet Management Center, Interagency Fleet Management System (IFMS), will hold a public auction of used U.S. government vehicles April 22-May 3. Bidding will be via live Internet auction.

Public inspection period is April 29, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Leghorn Army Depot, IFMS consolidated vehicle processing center.

Starting April 22, vehicle photos, descriptions and minimum bids can be found at: www.vebeg.de/web/en/auktionen/index.htm

Prospective bidders must be registered with VEBEG to participate.

For details call Michela Bortolini at 633-8274, off post at 050-54-8274 or cell 335-100-3680.



Post celebrates Month of the Military Child with special events

Story and photo by Diana Bahr

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

To celebrate April as Month of the Military Child, Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program (FAP) held their annual Breakfast Bash April 2 in the Vicenza Schools cafeteria.

"This is an event that helps promote mealtimes together as a family," said Sandy

Schoenberg, emergency placement care and FAP special activities coordinator.

"It's a great way to keep everyone up to date, share stories and simply an occasion to stop and spend time together," she said.

About 30 families took advantage of the fruit, bagels and cream cheese, granola bars, muffins and juice offered by FAP and ACS staff.

Strength training classes

A Principles of Strength Training class is offered the second Thursday of each month from 10-11:30 a.m. This class is for men and women of all ages.

Sign up for the class at the Army Wellness Center, located inside the fitness center, upstairs. Class size is limited to 16 participants. Call 634-8186 or off post at 0444-71-8186.

Investing wisely

April 15 at 11:30 a.m., take a free seminar that will address all levels of experience and knowledge in investing resources, tools and tips.

Call 634-7500 to register.

Ditch your debt

PowerPay is a premier program designed to empower the user to get out of debt in the best way possible.

Find out how April 14 at 9 a.m. at ACS, located in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center, call 634-7500 to sign up.

Tuesday bowling special

Every Tuesday from 5-10 p.m. up to six people per lane can bowl for \$15 for three hours.

Price does not include shoe rental.

Crafting mixer

April 15, 4-6 p.m., come to the Art Center for the crafting mixer.

Whatever your interest:

painting, ceramics, jewelry making, scrapbooking, quilting, knitting or any creative endeavor, the monthly crafting mixer at the Art Center is for you.

Refreshments will be served and you can enjoy a free five-minute chair massage.

For details on classes and open studios call 634-7074.

Magic, the Gathering

If you are new to the game, want to get better or just want to stay current, join BOSS every Thursday at 6 p.m. in the BOSS lounge for Magic, the Gathering.

For details call 634-5087.

Check out dvds for free

The Caserma Ederle library has new releases of your favorite movies, TV shows and CDs.

For this month's new arrivals visit www.vicenzaMWR.com.

NASCAR at the Arena

Watch your favorite driver on the big screen at the Arena.

NASCAR food and drink specials between 6-9 p.m. on race days.

Red Cross instructors sought

The American Red Cross is also planning a CPR/AED/First Aid Instructor class.

Call the Red Cross at 634-7089 for details.

Religious activities

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

Chaplain Crisis Line:

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

Saturday services

4 p.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

Monday

Noon: LDS Scripture Study

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

For details contact Jocelyn Cary at 634-7890 or 349-385-3476 or vicecb@yahoo.com.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

(LDS): Scripture study is held each Monday, noon-1 p.m. at the Chapel. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. downtown.

For details, call Sean Peterson, 335-8219492.

All briefs must be received at editor@eur.army.mil noon Monday or by Friday at 4 p.m. if Monday is a holiday.

Lifeguards needed

The Sports, Fitness and Aquatics office is hiring lifeguards for the summer swim season.

Applicants must hold a current certification for American Red Cross and CPR for the professional or a nationally recognized equivalent.

To apply, visit www.cpol.army.mil or call 634-8347 for information.

Mega paintball weekend

ODR offers an entire weekend of paintball on the Caserma in our ODR paintball arena.

Play April 25-26, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Cost is \$60 and includes equipment, re-balls, and field fee. Sign up by April 22. Call 634-7453 for details.

Frisbee football

Frisbee fans gather up seven -10 players for your team and sign up for the Frisbee Football Tournament April 17-18.

The mandatory coaches meeting is April 14 at 2:30 or 5:30 p.m.

Call 634-7009 for details.

Unit/recreational volleyball schedule

■ April 10 at 7 p.m. - BSB Riggers vs. Top Gun; at 8 p.m. - Angels vs. Lucky

Unit/recreational dodge ball schedule

■ April 9 at 7 p.m. - Doughnut Ninjas vs. AFN VI; at 8 p.m. - Secret Squirrels vs. AFN VI

■ April 14 at 7 p.m. - Doughnut Ninjas vs. AFN VI; at 8 p.m. - Dentac vs. AFN VI

■ April 15 at 7 p.m. - Dentac vs. Doughnut Ninjas; at 8 p.m. - Dentac vs. Secret Squirrels

CYS Hurricanes baseball schedule

■ April 15 at 6 p.m. - Hurricanes vs. Palladio at Vicenza's Palladio Stadium.

■ April 19 at 10:30 a.m. - San Martino B vs. Hurricanes at San Martino

CYS T-ball

■ Bambino T-ball (ages 3-5); games held every Thursday at 5:15 and 6 p.m. April 16-June 4

■ Peewee T-ball (ages 6-7); games held every Wednesday at 5:15 and 6 p.m. April 15-June 3.



USAHC's Jason Resto attempts to stop a successful spike by Lucky's Gregory Davis, right. Lucky defeated USAHC 25-23; 25-19. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

Unit volleyball kicks off, Lucky undefeated

Story and photo by
Laura Kreider
Outlook Staff

Seven teams are participating in this year's USAG Vicenza Unit and Recreational Volleyball league.

The games take place twice a week on Wednesday and Friday.

USAHC played two games

April 1, one against Top Gun and later against Lucky.

USAHC won the first game 25-13; 25-21.

But it's not over for Top Gun members. They're looking forward to redeeming themselves later in the season.

"Next game we'll play harder," said Top Gun's Stephen Spangler. "We will have other players in our team that were not

here tonight due to some TDY."

"The game tonight was really close," said USAHC's Chris Stackhouse, referring to their first matchup against Top Gun.

During the second game of the evening USAHC didn't give up points easily, but Lucky managed to squeak by with 25-23 and 25-19 victories.

"The next game against the Lucky team may be tough

because they have many good players," predicted Stackhouse during a break between games. "It looks like it is going to be another close game again."

Lucky holds the title as this season's only undefeated team.

Upcoming games for this week will be posted tomorrow at the post gym between BSB Riggers vs. Top Gun and Angels vs. Lucky.

Time for Tennis

New league offering several options, players of all skill levels welcome

Special to the Outlook

The USAG Vicenza Recreational Tennis League is playing singles, doubles or both on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings at 5:30, 6:30, 7:30, and 8:30.

This is an innovative program that has increased the participation in tennis.

"It not a traditional tournament-style league," said Ricky Jackson, the USAG Vicenza sports programmer for Community Recreation Division (CRD).

"It is an opportunity for participants to play against others at their individual skill levels, play against different skill levels, improve their skills, increase their knowledge of the game and prepare for tournaments," he said.

The league will kick off on or about April 15 and run through June 21. Dates are subject to change.

"We are planning to arrange our traditional community relations tennis match-up versus the local Italian team (date to be determined) and begin garrison tournaments May 1-3," said Jackson.

He said CRD plans to send

the tennis team to participate in the U.S. Army-Air Force Tennis Championship July 17-19 in

Heidelberg, Germany.

Players should sign-up by April 27.



Capt. Philip Royer, a physical therapist with the Vicenza Health Center plays a late afternoon game against his brother Matt April 7. (Photo by Adriane Foss, Outlook editor)

USAG Vicenza Sports Update

Soldiers' Volleyball league standings

Team	Win	Loss
Lucky	6	0
USAHC	5	3
D Co, 1-503	3	1
Top Gun	1	3
Delta Rec	1	3
BSB Riggers	1	3
Angels	0	

Recent game results

April 1

Top Gun: 21, 13 vs. USAHC: 25, 25

Lucky: 25, 25 vs. USAHC: 19, 23

USAG Vicenza Community Soccer team standings

Win	Tie	Loss
2	2	11

Recent game results

March 28

Grantorto: 1 vs USAG: 0

April 4

US San Luca: 1 vs USAG: 0

Dodgeball league standings

Team	Win	Loss
Secret Squirrels	7	2
Doughnut Ninjas	5	2
Dentac	3	5
AFN Vicenza	1	7

Recent game results

March 31

Doughnut Ninjas: 2 vs. Secret Squirrels: 6

Doughnut Ninjas: 2 vs. Dentac: 6

April 2

Secret Squirrels: 6 vs. AFN Vicenza: 1

AFN Vicenza: 3 vs Dentac: 6