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■ Submissions for the Dec. 17 Outlook (last issue of 2009) should be e-mailed to [editor@eur.army.mil](mailto:editor@eur.army.mil) no later than noon Monday. Call 634-6363 for more information.

■ The Golden Lion (central processing) will move to Bldg. 393 (former Body Shop) Monday through Dec. 18. Limited services will be provided. Full operation at the new facility will begin Dec. 21.

■ Traffic patterns on Villaggio will change Saturday as follows:

Via Da Vinci connector road opens for outbound traffic;

Via Giotto one-way west for inbound traffic;

Via Emerson closes for realignment ;

Villaggio residents should check their mailboxes for detailed info on the changes.



Courtesy photo

**100 reasons to celebrate:** Community members can get into the holiday spirit with a free concert by "Le Voci Dei Berici" and "El Soco" Italian choirs, minus the orchestra, Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the post chapel. Directed by Michele Bettinelli, the 100-person combined choirs have sung together in important Italian festivals. In January they performed at the St. Peter's and St. Paul's churches in Rome. Friday's performance will include carols and popular holiday songs in Italian and English. The concert is open to the U.S. military community in Vicenza and the approximately 75-minute performance will be followed by a reception in the chapel activities room.



Spc. Michael Smith, 23, of Bouse, Ariz., straightens out shelves in the supply cage to prepare for the Army-level Supply Excellence Award.

## HQ supply gears up for competition

Story and photo by RICK SCAVETTA  
*U.S. Army Africa*

Stocking supplies may not be the most glamorous job the Army offers.

But when done well, it deserves recognition.

That's why U.S. Army Europe recognized supply Soldiers from U.S. Army Africa's Headquarters Support Company – selecting the unit for the 2010 Supply Excellence Award (SEA). The Soldiers will receive the USAREUR award in March.

Before that, they face a Department of the Army evaluation team from Fort Lee, Va., who will conduct a stringent inspection in mid-December for Army-level award consideration.

Soldiers have put in long hours preparing for the competition, said Staff Sgt. Tasha Ramos, 23, of

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## Medicine abuse on the rise among local teens

Capt. MITCH HAMELE, MD  
*Pediatrics, Vicenza Health Center*

Over the last several months an increase in the abuse of over the counter and prescription medications has been noticed among teens in Vicenza.

Many over the counter as well as prescription medicines are being used by teenagers for recreational purposes. Misuse of these medications, even over the counter medicines, can have serious side effects, to include delirium, heart problems, trouble breathing, coma and even death.

"Medicine misuse is not extremely uncommon. It happens in schools across the nation, in every town, no matter how small, and it happens in DoDDS," said Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Hartless. "It is each family's responsibility to be aware of what it has in its medicine cabinet. Secure prescription medications and turn in unused medicine to the health center for proper disposal."

Hartless said because of the potential for misuse, OTC cold medicines are not longer sold to minors at the commissary.

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Photo by Laura Kreider

**HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS**  
6-week-old Keira Alvey poses for her first picture with Santa at the Vicenza Main Exchange Saturday.



# Opinion & Editorial

## Ham addresses Obama's Afghanistan initiative

USAREUR team members, last week our president laid out the way ahead in Afghanistan, which includes sending 30,000 additional troops to seize the initiative and build the Afghan capacity to allow for a responsible transition of our forces.

Our nation counts on the Army to organize, train and equip forces that can deploy and achieve the strategic objectives the president sets forth. That is why we exist.

You are all volunteers and patriots; however, I know you also wonder how the president's initiative will affect your unit, your post, your family.

We do expect some additional USAREUR units to deploy as part of this initiative, and we will notify the units, families and communities affected as soon as the secretary of defense approves the deployment orders.

Because of the growth of the Army over the past five years and the responsible drawdown in Iraq, the Army will be able to execute this increase while ending stop-loss and continuing to

provide units at least 12 months at home after every 12 months of deployment.

Assuming the drawdown in Iraq continues, we will also continue to make progress toward our goal of at least two years at home station for every year deployed. Even with the increased forces in Afghanistan ordered by the president, we estimate that more than two-thirds of the active component will reach these goals within the next two years.

USAREUR Soldiers, families and civilians, like those everywhere, are experiencing the stress of repeated deployments. Over the past two years, more than one-third of USAREUR forces were deployed at any given time.

Currently, elements of V Corps headquarters, 21st Theater Sustainment Command, 5th Signal Command, 12th Combat Aviation Brigade and others are deployed, while the 172nd Brigade and

the 16th Sustainment Brigade have just returned. Furthermore, the 1st Armored Division headquarters, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 2nd Stryker

Cavalry Regiment, 12th CAB and significant portions of 21st TSC and others are preparing to deploy.

As the president noted, this burden is not ours alone to bear. This is not just America's war, and our European Allies are engaged and are even increasing their own troop contributions.

Just last week another iteration of the continuing partnership between 1st Battalion, 4th Infantry Regiment and Romanian soldiers began training in Hohenfels for deployment to Afghanistan.

I share your concerns for our Army families. You have carried an enormous burden in this war, and I am committed to providing a level of care and support that is commensurate with your service and sacrifice.

Our Army has never failed to answer the nation's call. The American people expect nothing less. They thank you, and I thank you for your service and sacrifice.

**Carter F. Ham**  
General, USA  
Commanding

**Ralph R. Beam**  
Command Sergeant Major

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## ICE Spotlight #4: Library saves Soldier stress, money

Compiled by NINO A. HILL  
Customer Service Officer

Your ICE comments work to improve our community while acknowledging our service provider managers who care about our community.

If you would like to have your voice heard regarding services on our installation, visit the USAG Vicenza homepage at [www.usag.vicenza.army.mil](http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil) and click on the ICE link at the bottom, or go directly to the Vicenza ICE site at [http://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=site&site\\_id=321](http://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=site&site_id=321) to relay your comments or concerns.

The post library received comments

on the quality of the services and helpfulness of its employees.

**Answers to questions:**  
Facility Appearance: Excellent  
Employee/Staff Attitude: Excellent  
Timeliness of Service: Excellent  
Hours of Service: Excellent  
Were you satisfied with your experience at this office / facility?: Yes  
Did the product or service meet your needs?: Yes

**Customer Comment:**  
The library here is fantastic. It's far, far better than the one at Fort

Bragg, N.C., despite servicing a much smaller base. The employees are helpful, especially Carla and Michelle.

The Web site makes reserving and renewing items extremely easy. The selection of books is pretty outstanding and the staff is open to suggestions if they don't carry something.

The inclusion of video games is a great addition as well. As a Soldier here, having a library this good saves me a ton of stress and money. It is crucial to keeping my morale up.

I can't emphasize how important this place is, especially

with the lack of options on the local economy. And on my last deployment, they were excellent about sending me items.

I will genuinely miss this library whenever I do leave here. Thanks for everything.

**E-mail reply from Michelle Krewson of the post library:**

Thank you for the awesome feedback on the library! I'm so glad to hear you are using the Web site and checking out our video games. Please let us know if there is anything else we can do for you or to make the library better.

## Speak Out

## What is your favorite Christmas song, story and movie?



Rebecca Bowen  
4th Grade

"My favorite song is *Jingle Bells*. My favorite book and movie are *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens."



Sgt. Erick Leon Garcia  
HHC Recon, 2-503rd

"My favorite song is *Jingle Bells*. My favorite story is *Nightmare Before Christmas*, and the holiday movie is *Halloween 2*, a *Rob Zombie* film."



A.J. Persinger  
7th Grade

"My favorite song is *Carol of the Bells*. My favorite movie is *Polar Express*, and my favorite book is *The Mitten*."



Bradley Shirley  
6th Grade

"My favorite song is *Jingle Bells*. My favorite movie is *Nightmare Before Christmas*, and my favorite book is *Polar Express*."



Sgt. Samuel Sohm  
HHC, 1-503rd

"My favorite song is *White Christmas*. My favorite story is *It's Christmas, Charlie Brown*, and the movie is 1983's *A Christmas Story*."



## Know, secure what's in your medicine cabinet

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Signs that your teen may be using OTC or prescription medicine inappropriately include missing medications, refills of prescription medications needed more frequently than planned, teens with abnormal mood alterations and declining social functioning.

Commonly abused prescription medicines include Vicodin, OxyContin, codeine, Percocet, and various anti-anxiety medicines.

Over-the-counter medicines which are sometimes abused include several cold and cough medications that contain dextromethorphan or pseudoephedrine.

Strategies to reduce the potential for medication abuse include:

1. Talk to your teens about prescription and over-the-counter drug use.
2. Keep all medications in a secure location and keep track of how many pills are left.
3. If you have any prescription medicines you are no longer using, return them to the Vicenza Health Center pharmacy.

If you are concerned your teen may be abusing over-the-counter or prescription medications, contact the Vicenza Health Center Pediatric or Behavioral

Health clinic, book an appointment online at [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com), or call 0444-71-7484/7297/7526.

### FAST FACT

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Photo by Richard Price

**Fa-la-la-la-la:** Singers practice prior to opening night for *Jingle All the Way*, Soldiers' Theatre's holiday musical revue. Community members can enjoy holiday classics, exciting arrangements of traditional music, entertaining comedy numbers and contemporary music of the season at Soldiers' Theatre Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.), and Sunday at 2 p.m. (doors open at 1:30 p.m.). Purchase your tickets at the Soldiers' Theatre box office or call 634-7281.

## Supply shoots for Army win

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Houston, Texas, who leads the supply office team.

"At the end of the day, this job is about helping Soldiers get what they need to get their missions done," Ramos said. "That's what motivates us."

Much of their work preparing for DA inspectors was dressing up what was already a neat and organized supply room, said Sgt. Joseph Hernandez, as he straightened a dry-erase board listing pre-inspection tasks ahead.

Command involvement has set the pace in the months leading up to the inspections, he said.

"That keeps us on our toes," Hernandez said.

Inspectors often look for demonstrated success in supervisory and managerial responsibilities, plus compliance with Army supply policies and

procedures. They may also look at the company's ability to manage supply distribution and its efforts to improve performance.

For supply troops, the SEA is a mark of excellence for professional development, during evaluations, promotions or warrant officer selection, said Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy Newman, who oversees supply and maintenance for the company.

"In the logistics world, it's the one award that distinguishes Soldiers from their peers," Newman said.

Winners get trophies next year at the annual Army Supply Excellence Award ceremony in Washington D.C.

Being selected is a sign of excellence, said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Jessica Lee, a quartermaster expert from the USARAF G-4 supply and logistics division. Lee

and other USARAF supply professionals offered guidance and mentorship to the supply Soldiers. Lee is proud of their efforts, she said.

"The company's supply operations have been tremendously improved in recent years. It is a result of the team's hard work," Lee said. "Through this recognition, Soldiers gain competence and pride in their profession."

Over the past two years, the HSC supply team has made remarkable progress, said Maj. L. Trice Burkes, HSC commander.

"The supply team's accolades are a true testament of their professionalism and dedication," Burkes said. "I also appreciate USARAF's command and staff for their continuous support and compliance in regards to our command supply discipline program."

## Barcode technology helps USARAF supply troops track unit equipment, aided in netting excellence award

By RICK SCAVETTA  
U.S. Army Africa

Using a handheld scanner, not unlike those found at a supermarket checkout, Sgt. 1st Class Jeremy Newman can sign out gear to Soldiers.

In mid-2009, USARAF supply Soldiers began using the Smartrack system - first used to inventory weapons in the company arms room - to account for military property, said Newman, 31, a South Dakota-native who oversees HSC supply and maintenance programs.

In an innovative twist, they began applying bar codes to all the company's equipment and scanning those items into the system - creating an electronic database that one day may

replace shelves of thick binders holding paper lists.

"We decided to do this as a test or pilot effort," Newman said. "It may be the future of property accountability."

Adapting the system is just one of the efforts that helped Headquarters Support Company, U.S. Army Africa, to recently earn U.S. Army Europe's Supply Excellence Award.

Soldiers stick barcodes on everything, an ongoing process that could be done in early 2010. The system's database matches those codes to equipment serial numbers.

"Now, if I sign out equipment, the system automatically publishes a hand receipt for the item I scan."

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## Army Public Affairs



Annette Fournier is a public affairs specialist for the USAG Vicenza public affairs office.

"I act as a liaison between organizations in our community and the various communication outlets on post," said Fournier. "That includes working with the Outlook, the Command Channel, AFN, the garrison Web site, DFMWR marketing and the Italian media to ensure information reaches our military and host nation communities."

Fournier comes to Vicenza from Fort Bliss, Texas, where she was a speech writer for Maj. Gen. Howard Bromberg, Fort Bliss commander.

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# Community Camera

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



**Safe haven:** Capt. Christopher Rowe, 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry Regiment, plays a winning card while waiting in a warm place with fellow 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Soldiers to board the plane for their flight Wednesday to Afghanistan. The new state-of-the-art facility on Aviano air base, known as the PAHA for personnel alert holding area, is a staging area where Soldiers can be comfortable, watch TV, take a nap or have a bite to eat while waiting to board aircraft for deployment or redeployment.

Photo by Annette Fournier



Photo by Barbara Romano, JMTC Photo Lab

**Welcome Ferrusi:** Command Sgt. Maj. Michael A. Ferrusi assumed responsibility of the 2nd Battalion (Airborne) 503rd Infantry during a Dec. 3 ceremony on Hoekstra Field. He comes to Vicenza from Fort Benning, Ga.



Photo by Laura Kreider

**Tis the shopping season:** Community members look at Mary Kate Golden's handcrafted Murano glass items at the Vicenza Community Club holiday bazaar at Club Veneto Saturday.



Photo by Laura Kreider

**Sugar and spice and ... glue:** Four-year-old Kaya George and sister Hali, 2, decorate a Christmas bell in stained-glass style during the children's handmade Christmas event at the arts center Saturday.



USARAF photo

**Cutting costs:** Col. Marcus F. De Oliveira, U.S. Army Africa's chief of staff, presented the Army Achievement Medal to Master Sgt. George S. Duenas, USARAF's G4 sergeant major, during a Nov. 20 awards ceremony at USARAF headquarters. Duenas earned the award for his role in successfully completing a Lean Six Sigma project designed to streamline the command's overall maintenance support operations processes and procedures. Lean Six Sigma is a business management strategy focused on achieving measurable and quantifiable financial returns by improving an organization's management practices, processes and procedures.



## Darby Dates

### TALKING SHOP:

(From left) Carmen Arroyo, assistant superintendent of the Mediterranean District, Vicenza, introduces Noni Hoag, an English language arts curriculum specialist, to the parents of USAG Livorno students during an informal meeting held at the Livorno elementary School in the Lion's Lounge Nov. 19.

"The focus of these visits is to learn more about the school by looking at all the school aspects, not only at education to have a better understanding of what type of support we can get from the district," said Arroyo.

Photo by Chiara Mattiolo



### Housing crisis update

For current information on dealing with the housing crunch, visit ACS Monday. Call 633-7084 for more information.

### Credit reports

What does your credit report say about you, and what exactly, is 'good' credit? Find out this and more during the Tuesday class. Call 633-7084 for more information.

### Financial records

Bills, credit card receipts, ATM slips, investment records, bank statements—they pile up and multiply faster than dirty dishes after a holiday meal. Let us help Wednesday. Call 633-7084 for more information.

### Multi-cultural spouses meeting

Obtain valuable information on medical services, employment, immigration and naturalization services, driver's license, ESL and more Wednesday. Call 633-7084 for more information.

### Breastfeeding class

Join us as we uncover breastfeeding secrets together Dec. 16. Call 633-7084 for more information.

### Call today to sign up for an ITR trip

**Vicenza PX shopping:** You won't find a more convenient way to get to Vicenza than with ITR Dec. 19. Why spend your hard earned money on autostrada tolls and gas when you can go with us? Save your cash for presents. Call 633-7589.

### Debt liquidation

Getting out of debt is like losing weight. It takes time, discipline and encouragement from others. Visit ACS Dec. 17 for help. Call 633-7084.

### 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.

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

Community members can contact the Catholic education coordinator to find out when the next confirmation will take place.

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

### MANY THANKS:

At left: Stephen Speck (left) thanks Sgt. Christopher Everett, U.S. Army Garrison Livorno HHD, for his help as a "counselor, supporter, encourager and driver" during Stephen's journey to attain his Eagle Scout rank. Camp Darby Boy Scout Troop 76 held an Eagle Scout Court of Honor Dec. 2 to present Speck with the highest recognition available to a Scout. Speck, 13, is among the youngest in Troop 76 to attain the Eagle Scout rank. The average age is 16, according to Jeremy Woods, Boy Scout of America Transatlantic Council. To earn the rank, Speck planned and executed two projects: moving a wooden gazebo to the NCO barracks and refurbishing 20 picnic tables across Camp Darby. (Photo by Joyce Costello)



### THE PROJECT:

At right: Stephen Speck (far right) glances at the gazebo that will be moved to the BOSS lounge as part of his Eagle Scout project while U.S. Army Garrison Livorno Command Sgt. Maj. Felix Rodriguez discusses with maintenance mechanic Massimo Mazzoni, USAG Livorno Directorate of Public Works, the best strategy to move the structure safely and intact. (Photo by Chiara Mattiolo)



Photo by Joyce Costello

### A DARBY HOLIDAY:

Kiva Brazier sings "Jingle Bells" at Camp Darby's annual tree lighting ceremony in the Pvt. Curly Nakae Freedom Square Dec. 4.



Photo by Joyce Costello

### O' CHRISTMAS TREE :

Air Force Staff Sgt. Carmen Neubert, 731st Munitions Squadron, and his son admire the Camp Darby tree that was lit in the Pvt. Curly Nakae Freedom Square Dec. 4. The five-meter-tall tree was donated by the Comune and Mayor of Abetone, an area best known for its lush mountains and ski resorts. This was the first year that Abetone donated a tree to Camp Darby.





Courtesy photos

**GET YOUR HOOPS FIX:** Three Americans play for the Treviso-based Italian team Benetton Basket. (Above) Forward and center Charles Wallace, who played for Princeton in the United States, is nicknamed "Mr. Double Double" after scoring more than 10 points and getting 10 rebounds in 17 games. Wallace currently is 4th in rebounding and averages 8 rebounds per game in the league. (At right) Guard Gary Neal played for LaSalle and Towson State, where he averaged 25.3 points and 4.2 rebs as a senior. His European career began in Turkey, where he averaged 23.4 points per game. Last year, he was Benetton's top scorer, averaging 13.9 in the National League and 17.5 in the Eurocup. SEE BELOW FOR TICKET INFORMATION.

## Basketball games



Benetton Basket point guard Daniel Hackett is the son of former player Rudy Hackett, an American center who played in Italy in the 80's. Raised in Italy, Daniel moved to the United States in 2003 to play and study in the U.S., where he won a conference title and was a main draw of the NCAA. This summer he participated at the NBA drafts.

**BASKETBALL TICKET INFORMATION:** Community members can enjoy American basketball action with the local Italian team Benetton Basket at Palaverde, Treviso.

With the Twice as Nice Double Card discount, visitors can enjoy two Benetton Basket games and have two seasons to use it at the cardholder's discretion. Prices are:

**Double Prices**-Two home games per person. Prices are listed by sector: Gradinata Sud, 22 euro; Gradinata Nord, 30 euro; Distinti,

40 euro.

Double Family-Two home games for an adult and child under 18. Prices are listed by sector: Gradinata Sud, 30 euro; Gradinata Nord, 38 euro; Distinti, 48 euro.

For more information, call 0422 324323 or e-mail [ticketing@ghirada.it](mailto:ticketing@ghirada.it).

Normal entry prices are 13 euro for seating in the Gradinata Sud sector, 18 euro in the Gradinata Nord and 28 euro in the Distinti.

Upcoming home games are:

Sunday: Benetton Basket vs. Pepsi Caserta at noon;

Tuesday: Benetton Basket vs. Dynamo Moscow at 8:45 p.m. (Eurocup);

Jan. 3: Benetton Basket vs. Montepaschi Siena at noon;

Jan. 5: Benetton Basket vs. Cholet at 8:45 p.m. (Eurocup);

Jan. 17: Benetton Basket vs. (to be determined) at 6.15 p.m.

## Outdoor Recreation

Christmas markets this weekend. Call 634-7453 for more info.

Cortina ski/snowboard day trip, Dec. 19.

Nice, France, for day trip Dec. 19-20; Florence at Christmastime Dec. 23; Obereggen ski/snowboard, Dec. 26; Asiago and hot chocolate Dec. 27; Winter in Gardaland Dec. 30, includes entrance ticket.

Call 634-7453 for more info.

## Pay concerts & events

**Stryper:** Milan, Alcatraz, Jan. 19.

**Europe:** Milan Jan. 26; in Rome Jan 28; in Nonantola (Modena) Jan. 9; in Padova Jan. 30.

**Deep Purple:** Thursday in

Bolzano at the Club Giardino; Friday in Jesolo at the Palasport; Saturday in Rome at the Palalottomatica; Monday in Perugia at the Pala Evangellisti; Tuesday in Milan at the Forum; Wednesday in Bologna at the Paladozza. Visit [www.BARLEYARTS.COM](http://www.BARLEYARTS.COM) OR [www.ZEDLIVE.COM](http://www.ZEDLIVE.COM) for more information.

For tickets, visit Media World or [www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta\\_lingua=ing](http://www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing) or [www.ticketone.it/EN/](http://www.ticketone.it/EN/).

## Christmas markets

Vicenza's annual Christmas market is open through Dec. 24 in Giardini Salvi 20. Small wooden chalets open on weekdays, 3-8 p.m. and weekends, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

An ice-skating rink will be set up weekdays from 3 p.m.-midnight and weekends from 10 a.m.-midnight through Jan. 10.

The Epiphany market will be held the weekend of Jan. 6. A medieval market with costumed vendors will be set up in Piazza delle Erbe.

Trento: Through Dec. 24. Last year more than 530,000 visitors saw 70 exhibitors in their colorful houses at the market area in Piazza Fiera. Opening hours: 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. daily and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Dec. 24.

Asiago: Christmas and Epiphany markets Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Dec. 15, 16 and Dec. 22-Jan. 6, open 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3:30-7:30 p.m.

Bassano: Christmas market. Find over 40 chalets between Piazza Garibaldi and Piazzotto Montevicchio open daily from 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., closed on Monday until Dec. 24; also find a train for

young and old alike and take a ride around the city center Tuesday Dec. 8, 12, 13, 19 and 20; in Piazza Liberta' until Jan. 10. Enjoy an antique roundabout.

Bussolengo: Christmas village open through Jan. 11, open daily from 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m., closed the mornings of Dec. 3, 10, 17 and will open at 3 p.m. Closed Christmas Day.

Trento: In Piazza Fiera the market is open Sunday to Thursday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m. and Dec. 24 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.;

Bolzano: Market in Piazza Walther through Dec. 23. Open Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Food stands open until 8 p.m. each day;

Bressanone: Through Jan. 6.

Brunico: Through Jan. 6. Market is open weekdays from 2:30-7 p.m. and on the weekends from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Merano: Weekdays 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., weekends 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. through Jan. 6.

Vipiteno: Through Jan. 6.

Milan: Monday is a special date in Milan--the day of its patron saint, the mythically energetic Ambrogio.

The popular event related to this day is the centuries-old market where the feast day of Saint Ambrose is celebrated in and around Piazza Sant' Ambrogio.

The market is called *Oh Bei, Oh Bei, or How Beautiful, How Beautiful* in English, because of the cries stall-holders used in bygone days to attract customers. Vendors offer mainly bric-a-brac items and candies.

The market will be held Sunday through Wednesday from sunup to sundown and has more than 400 vendors. As at all markets, which can get very crowded, it is wise to keep an extra watch on your personal belongings.

## Now Showing



Ederle Theater		
Thursday	Zombieland (R)	6 p.m.
Friday	Fame (PG)	6 p.m.
	The Invention of Lying (PG-13)	9 p.m.
Saturday	Armored (PG-13)	3 p.m.
	Jennifer's Body (R)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Fame (PG)	3 p.m.
	Armored (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Wed.	The Invention of Lying (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Dec. 17	Jennifer's Body (R)	6 p.m.
Camp Darby Theater		
Friday	Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Saturday	The Invention of Lying (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Planet 51 (PG)	1 p.m.
Dec. 17	Twilight Saga: New Moon (PG-13)	6 p.m.

Admission: Age 12 and over \$4, under age 12, \$2. The Ederle theater box office opens one hour prior to show.

Looking for the movie synopsis? Visit [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com), scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Movie Schedule.

Looking to buy or sell items? Check out MWR's Marketplace at [www.mwrmarketplace.com](http://www.mwrmarketplace.com).



## Annual tree lighting Thursday

Take photos with Santa, listen to a story read by Mrs. Claus, and join in the games, crafts and other activities inside Club V from 3:30 until 4:45 p.m. The tree lighting will be at 5 p.m. in front of the Post Theater, followed by horse-drawn carriage rides, hot cocoa and cookies in the parking area.

## Spouses appreciation gift wrapping session

FREE! Learn how to wrap gifts and enjoy wrapping your gifts with other spouses. Healthy snacks will be provided and supervised children welcome. Join us Friday and Dec. 18 at the Arts Center, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call 634-7074 for more information.

## Arena happenings

**Ladies' Movie Night** on Tuesday in the Lion's Den starting at 6 p.m. Kick back with friends, a non-alcoholic drink and watch a movie projected on the big screen while your kids are watched by the CDC. Call CLEOS for child care and the Arena for further information.

**Wild West/Country Music and Dance Night**, Dec. 18 at 8 p.m. in the Lions' Den. Hosted by DJ Adrian. Come try out our new dance floor! Call the Arena, 634-8257.

**Deployment \$\$ Daze:** Bowling Sunday Specials at the Arena; \$1 bowling games and \$1 shoe rental, every Sunday until the end of the year, from 1 p.m. to close.

## Army Community Service events

**Army Family Action Plan** is looking for delegates for the 2010 USAG Vicenza AFAP Conference Jan. 12-14. AFAP is a grass roots process that gives the community an opportunity to voice concerns that affect the quality of life in Vicenza and the Army.

As a delegate, you will have the opportunity to process issues submitted locally. You may also have the opportunity to assist in the processing of issues at the regional and Department of the Army levels. Free childcare, snacks and lunch provided. If interested, please contact ACS at 634-7500.

**Angel Tree:** Some children might go without presents this Christmas - don't let that happen! Choose an "angel" child off the trees in the PX or in ACS and donate a gift for that child. The deadline for dropping off Angel Tree gifts for USAG Vicenza's children is Friday. Call ACS for more information at 634-7500.

**Anger Management Classes:** Basics of Anger Management class is offered Dec. 17 at 11:30 a.m. in the ACS building. Develop a new strategy for managing anger each week. At 3:30 p.m., parents and kids can learn ways to reduce stress and anger together through games and fun physical activities.

**New Parent Support Group:** ACS will host a class, Bringing Baby Home, to help you prepare for your new arrival Dec. 17 at 1:30 p.m. in ACS.

**Infant massage:** ACS will host infant massage Dec. 18 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Learn how to soothe a cranky baby and create a closer bond with your child through massage. Reservation required.

**Communication during deployment:** A class focused on strategies that help couples keep the lines of communication open despite distance and technological challenges will be held Dec. 18 at 11:30 a.m. in ACS.

**EFMP bowling:** The Exceptional Family Member Program invites EFMP members to come bowl for an hour at a discounted price on Dec. 21 at 3 p.m. in the Arena. The special price includes shoe rental.

**EFMP roundtable:** The EFMP Roundtable will be held Dec. 22 at 11 a.m. in ACS. At each gathering, a recipe will be prepared and shared with the group. Be prepared to laugh, talk and eat.

**Playgroup:** The New Parent Support Group hosts a playgroup Dec. 23 and 30 at the YS Building at Villaggio from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Enjoy this wonderful opportunity for children to interact with others their age and bring parents together.

**Debt management:** Learn debt management Dec. 29 at 9 a.m. at ACS. Learn how to build wealth by liquidating your debt to your best advantage.

**Financial readiness:** Learn the difference between good and bad credit at 9 a.m. Dec. 22 with Financial Readiness at ACS. This workshop teaches how to use credit wisely.

## Library events

**Story time:** Pre-School Story Time is taking a break. It will begin again Jan. 6 at 11 a.m. Story Time is free for all kids ages 3-5.

**Holiday bake-off:** Bring the family to celebrate the season Dec. 23 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Enjoy refreshments and enter our Holiday Bake Off, where you vote for the winners! Happy Holidays and Season's Readings!

## Adult Eagles needed

Several local Boy Scouts have earned the rank of Eagle and would like for adult Eagles to participate in their upcoming Court of Honor, as well as possibly serve on an Eagle board of review. Please contact BSA Troop 295 Scoutmaster Chuck Calabrese at scoutmasterbsatroop295@gmail.com or 328 344 9570.

## PWOC Christmas

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will host a Christmas

program Tuesday at 9:15 a.m. at the chapel. The program will include singing Christmas carols and a cookie exchange.

## AAFES hours to change

Beginning Jan. 1, AAFES will reduce their hours of service for most facilities. Hours are:

Post Exchange Main Store - 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday  
Shoppette - 6 a.m.- midnight Monday- Sunday

Villaggio Shoppette - 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Sunday (no change)

See signs at PX or check with individual concessionaires for other changes to hours.

## MOMS Club events

■ Friday: Out and About 9:30 a.m.; Infant Playgroup 11 a.m.

■ Monday: Lunch Playdate 11:15 a.m.

■ Tuesday: Family Night Activity 6:30 p.m.

■ Wednesday: Pre-school Playgroup 4 p.m.

■ Dec. 18: MOMS Night Out 7 p.m.

■ Dec. 21: Monthly Meeting/Holiday Celebration 10 a.m.

■ Dec. 22: Toddler Playgroup 10 a.m.

■ Dec. 30: Pre-school Playgroup 10 a.m. *Note earlier time.*

For more information, visit [momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com](mailto:momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com).

## CYS Services

**Art Exhibit:** Vote for your favorite artwork at the Boys & Girls Club of America National Fine Art Exhibit from Dec. 7 - Jan. 1. Support Vicenza's youth by stopping by the Post Library and casting your vote.

## School events

**Early release:** Today Vicenza Middle/High School students will be released at 12:35.

**Italian presentation:** The Italian language immersion classes

(grades 1-4) will present a program about Italian traditions Tuesday at 1:15 p.m. in the Vicenza High School gym.

**Winter concert:** The community is invited to the Vicenza Middle/High School Winter band and chorus concert Monday at 7 p.m. in the Post Chapel.

**Winter break:** Winter break is Dec. 21 - Jan. 1, starting back on Jan. 4 with a "Gold" day: periods 5-seminar.

## Holiday closures

**Health center:** The Vicenza Army Health Center will have the following hours of operation during the holiday's: Dec. 18, closed for safety stand down and holiday party; open Dec. 19, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.; closed Dec. 24 - 27 and Dec. 31 - Jan. 3. Please call DSN 634-7952 or CIV 0444-71-7952 for more information.

**Staff Judge Advocate:** The SJA will close at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, for a holiday luncheon. Personnel will be on call for emergencies at 634-8488. Normal operations will resume Dec. 17.

**DFMWR:** Visit [www.vicenzamwr.com](http://www.vicenzamwr.com) for an extensive list of holiday hours.

**DPW:** Offices, to include housing, will be closed noon-5 p.m. Dec. 18 for a holiday luncheon. Personnel will be on call for emergencies at 634-7491. Normal operations will resume Dec. 21.

## Italian classes

USO Vicenza is offering Italian Language Level I courses. No previous knowledge of Italian is required. Classes are Jan. 25 - March 21 every Monday & Wednesday from 5:45 - 7:45 p.m. Cost for the course is \$138, payable in cash only. The book will be sold the first day of class for 11 euro.

See Gigi or Torie at the USO to sign up. Space is limited. For info, call 634-7156, CIV: 0444-71-7156, or e-mail: [tgotaas@uso.org](mailto:tgotaas@uso.org).

## Religious activities

### Chaplain Crisis Line

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

### Sunday services

8 a.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation, or by appointment

9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass

(Daily Mass is held weekdays at noon)

9 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school and AWANAs (September 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

### Tuesdays

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

### Wednesdays

3 p.m.: Praise Dance practice

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

5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

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

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

5:30 p.m.: Catholic choir practice

6:45 p.m.: Gospel choir practice

### Thursdays

9:30 a.m.: Catholic Women of the Chapel

5:30 p.m.: Gospel service choir rehearsal

7:15 p.m.: Gospel service Bible study

### Faith group contacts

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

**Jewish:** Sandy Schoenberg at 634-6202 or [sandy.schoenberg@eur.army.mil](mailto: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 335-821-9492.

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



Courtesy photo

**Our heritage:** Staff Sgt. Conrad Begaye performs a grass dance, while Sgt. 1st Class Michael Nestell waits to perform a warrior dance Dec. 1 in the Caserma Ederle dining facility. The event was in honor of Native American Heritage Month. Both of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, Begaye is Navajo and Nestell is Apache.

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





Petra Perreault, left, chases down the ball during a game between Vicenza Internazionale, the installation's ladies soccer team and Vicenza, one of the local teams. The game was held on Caserma Ederle's multipurpose field Dec. 2.



Vicenza Internazionale's Amanda Herbert (left) gets ready to head the ball during the second half of the game. The ladies are still looking for players to join the team.

## Vicenza Internazionale kicks into gear

Story and photos by  
**LAURA KREIDER**  
*Outlook staff*

Vicenza Internazionale, the installation's ladies soccer team, took on a Vicenza local team Dec. 2 at Caserma Ederle's multipurpose field.

The team formed only about a month ago, and is still recruiting.

"We did pretty well for never having played together so the team is still pretty

raw considering we have only been practicing for about one month," said player Petra Perreault. "The first half was better than the second half in my opinion. Defense did a great job back there."

Another member of the team, Sabrina Tennant, also thought positively about the game.

"It was our first time together and more than half of the team has never played in their lives," Tennant said. "I think we

can see some areas on where we could improve, but over all I thought our team did well representing the community of Caserma Ederle."

"I'm 22-years-old and I've been playing soccer since I was 10," said Amanda Herbert. "I think over all the game went well considering none of the players had played more than 10 minutes on a full field together. I think it gave us a lot of insight on what we need to work on and what we have under control as a team," she continued.

"She played very hard and was one of the key players," said Julia Sibilla, co-player.

"Although she hadn't slept well and had worked all day at the CDC, she was one of the hardest charging players on the field."

"I had considered not going to the game because I was low on sleep from my husband leaving to deploy but he gave me direct orders," said Herbert after the game.

"He told me 'you need to go play your heart out because soccer is what you do and it makes you happy so it will help you get your mind off things.'"



Julia Sibilla (right) follows the action in midfield during the first half of a friendly soccer match.

## Vicenza Middle/High School wrestlers hit the mat

### Coaches seeking volunteers

By **BESS WILLS**  
*Special to the Outlook*

The Vicenza Middle/High School wrestling team traveled to Naples for its first tournament Dec. 5.

The tournament also marked its first competition with a new coach, following the retirement of former coach George Hanby III. The team has been training under new coaches and with volunteers.

The Vicenza High School Wrestler of the Week proved to be Wyatt "Shooter" Overman – 2009-10 record 3-0. With only two others in his weight class of 103 pounds, Wyatt dominated the tournament, being the only Vicenza High School wrestler to score team points. Wyatt challenged his little brother in an exhibition match, but came out on top. Wyatt has wrestled with the middle school team for the past two years.

The Vicenza Middle School Wrestler



Vicenza High School's 103-lb. Wyatt Overman dominates an opponent during a tournament Dec. 5 in Naples. The team's first home match is Jan. 16.

of the Week was Marshall "Curly" Perfetti – 2009-10 record 2-1.

The VMHS Wrestling team will travel to Aviano Saturday for the next tournament. Its first home meet of the season is scheduled for Jan. 16.

The team is seeking volunteers, and will hold training clinics. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Bess Wills at [Elizabeth.wills@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:Elizabeth.wills@eu.dodea.edu) or Farrah Overman at [farrahoverman@yahoo.com](mailto:farrahoverman@yahoo.com).

### Hula hoops, jacks contest set Dec. 18 at 6 p.m.

Teens, adults and children ages 8-12 (accompanied by their parents) are invited to compete for awards in this free contest. Sign up by Tuesday at the gym or call 634-7009. Competition may continue on Dec 19.

### Calling college football fans

Enter the College Bowl Games Contest 2009-2010 with Sports, Fitness & Aquatics. Pick a team and predict the winner. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place correct entries. Adults only. Turn in free entry form by Dec. 18 to the Fitness Center. Call 634-7009 for information.

### VMHS Winter Sports Wrestling

Jan. 16: 10 a.m. at the post gym

Feb. 13: 10 a.m. at the post gym

### Basketball: boys and girls

Dec. 11, vs ASOR: at 5:30 p.m. at the post gym

Dec. 12, vs ASOR at 10 a.m. at the Post gym

Jan. 22, vs Naples at 5:30 p.m. at the post gym

Jan. 23, vs Naples at 10 a.m. at the post gym

The cheerleaders and the step team will perform at the basketball games.

### Rifle team: away matches

Dec. 12: at Hohenfels

Jan. 9: at Vilsek

Jan. 23: at Ansbach

### Youth ski/snowboard days return Saturday

Day trips include San Martino, Folgaria, and Kron Platz. Maximum of 20 spots available per trip. Call 634-7659 to register for grades 6-12. Overnight trips include Garmisch Dec. 29-31 and Feb. 19-21 for youth in grades 7-12.

### Become a CYSS basketball or cheerleading coach

Attend a coaches clinic to earn certification Dec. 18-19 from 9 a.m.–noon. Call 634-6151 to register or for more information.

### Wellness Center Classes

Jan. 14: Principles of Strength Training, 10-11:30 a.m.

Jan. 20: Stress Relief for a Healthy Lifestyle, 9-10:30 a.m.

### 3 Part course

Jan 14: Part 1, The Diet noon-1:30 p.m.

Jan. 21: Part 2, Supplements Q&A, noon-1:30 p.m.

Jan. 28: Part 3, Commissary tour, noon-1:30 p.m.

Space is limited. Call 634-8186 or 0444-71-8186 to register. All classes are free and open to the entire community.