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Photo by Laura Kreider

Little ones give big welcome: Third-grader Briella Ostwald shakes hands with Soldiers while performing "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" during the Cougar Cub Choir Club's performance, "Welcome Home to Vicenza", held at the Vicenza Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room Dec. 2. The show was dedicated to the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team troopers who returned recently from deployment. About 20 Soldiers were honored before the intermission.

AFAP staff seeks conference input

By Jean Sweeton
AFAP Program Manager

The Army Family Action Plan staff and volunteers are gearing up for the 2011 conference Feb. 8-10 in Vicenza, but they need community input to make it happen.

The AFAP conference is a grassroots process that gives the community an opportunity to voice concerns about issues affecting the quality of life in Vicenza and the Army overall. The issues are collected year round, however the deadline to submit issues for consideration in the 2011 conference is Jan. 31.

There are three ways to submit an issue:

1. Submit an issue card by dropping it in the collection boxes located in the commissary, library and Davis Hall.

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USARAF arranges Moroccan Army visit to U.S. bio-safety centers

By David Ruderman
U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs

U.S. Army Africa's Command Surgeon office conducted a familiarization visit for two Moroccan military medical officers to Fort Detrick, Md., and several nearby sites Nov. 14-19.

Lt. Col. Mohamed El Haouri and Capt. Jalal Kasouati were able to visit the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases at Fort Detrick and a number of other facilities in the Washington, D.C., and Baltimore areas, said Maj. Kristin Agresta, who led the tour for the two visiting officers.

"The Moroccan Army is trying to build up their CBRNE

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Photo by Karen Cieslewicz

Members of the Cecil County, Md., Department of Emergency Services discuss details of hazardous materials protective equipment with Capt. Jalal Kasouati (in suit) and Lt. Col. Mohamed El Haouri (left) of the Moroccan Army during a tour of CBRNE response facilities, Nov. 17.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Community members are invited to paint tiles that will be installed in the courtyard at the Health Clinic.

Clinic, Arts & Crafts opens tile-painting project to community

By Laura Kreider
Outlook staff

A new community project has community members leaving a lasting impression on the U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza.

The Arts & Crafts Center and the Health Center collaborated on a project which has community members painting ceramic tiles in a design of their choice, and the tiles will be installed in the courtyard of the health clinic.

The program started with the health and dental clinics' staff

painting tiles.

"We wanted to provide the staff with a lasting memento of their hard work and effort in bringing about this beautiful new facility," said Col. Kimberly Armstrong, the health center commander. "One idea, developed in conjunction with the Art Center, was to provide each staff member with a tile that would be permanently affixed to the facility as part of our overall art package. Staff members were told to paint anything they wanted - hopefully something to reflect them and their personality

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Defender 6 sends: Services delivered, promises kept

The Army made significant promises when it unveiled the Army Family Covenant in October 2007.

With the covenant, the Army commits to providing Soldiers and Families a quality of life that acknowledges their service, sacrifice and dedication.

Practically speaking, that means providing programs and services - including Family programs, health care, housing, recreation, education and employment opportunities, and child, school and youth services - that build Soldier and Family well-being, resilience and readiness.

As the commanding general of Installation Management Command and the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, I have the lead for executing the Army Family Covenant. That is a charge I take on wholeheartedly, delivering programs and services that help Soldiers and Families thrive.

Meeting Soldier and Family needs

Soon after I took my post, the Installation Management community conducted a holistic review of AFC programs to assess if we have the right programs in place to meet Soldier and Family needs.

We wanted to know if there were any gaps in services and if we were delivering services effectively. In short, could Soldiers and Families easily get the assistance they need?

What Soldiers and Families told us is that they have both too much and too little information on available services.

Sometimes they did not know that there is a program to help with a specific need. Sometimes they knew of several programs available through different service providers, but could not tell which would be best for their situation.

We took away from the review that we have the right programs in place, but can do a better job of helping Soldiers and

Families access those programs.

To that end, we began looking at how we can improve access through the source Soldiers and Families already turn to for help and answers: Army Community Service centers.

Army Community Service staff do a lot of heavy lifting in delivering on the promises made in the Army Family Covenant.

ACS doing the 'heavy lifting'

In fiscal year 2010 ACS staff had more than 14 million contacts with Soldiers, Family members and Civilians, through programs such as Mobilization/Deployment Readiness, Relocation Readiness, Financial Readiness, Army Emergency Relief, Employment Readiness, the Army Spouse Employment Partnership, the Exceptional Family Member Program, the Family Advocacy Program, Survivor Outreach Services, Soldier and Family Assistance Centers, Army Family Team Building, and the Army Family Action Plan.

From its beginning in 1965, when relocation assistance and the lending closet were among its first services, ACS has continued to grow and evolve.

Today it is often the first place Soldiers and Family members go for information, for personal development and for help in an emergency. We want to build on ACS's strengths and central role in the life of an installation. So, based on feedback from 10 focus groups conducted in October, we have developed several ideas for enhancing and updating ACS's capabilities and processes.

One idea we are looking at is transitioning a number of ACS staff members into generalist positions,



Lynch

which will focus on helping Soldiers and Family members navigate services.

Cross training and decentralizing for better service

These staff will be fully cross-trained in all basic ACS services and familiar with other services available across the installation, and will have the tools to be able to do more in-depth assessments of client needs.

With this information, they will be able to help clients not only access the programs that address their immediate concerns, but also take advantage of programs that help them meet longer-term goals. If clients need specialized assistance, these staff will make sure they see the right person and will follow up until they have gotten the help they need.

Another idea is to decentralize service delivery locations. ACS will continue to deliver services in traditional ACS centers, but they will also move out to units, in/out processing centers, post exchanges, commissaries, Soldier Readiness Processing sites, community centers, off-post locations -- wherever they need to go to support Soldiers and Families in their communities. In addition, ACS will increase its delivery of services online through Army OneSource at www.myArmyOneSource.com, to reach all Soldiers and Family members regardless of location or component.

What works for you

We will continue to seek feedback on these and other proposed changes during focus groups I will hold during my upcoming visits to installations. I want to hear from you, Soldiers and Family members, about what will work for you, and from your leaders about how to enhance ACS support.

Once you have helped us refine our thinking, we will use your input to design pilot programs at five installations. The pilot programs will run from April to

October 2011.

The intent behind the proposals - and behind any change ultimately made permanent - is to ensure that Soldiers and Family members can find the right service at the right time, the first time they seek assistance. There is no wrong door for accessing ACS services.

Going to the right place

No matter whom Soldiers and Family members talk with or where they seek services, they have come to the right place. ACS is there for them now, when they are dealing with today's concern, and tomorrow, as they pursue long-term personal goals.

ACS is by no means the only organization on an installation providing services and programs that contribute to the quality of life for Soldiers and Families, but it is often the first place Soldiers and Families look to. So it is a natural place for the Installation Management Community to look to as well, as we continually seek ways to make the delivery of services as effective as possible.

The work of ACS and other quality-of-life service providers is highly visible, tangible proof that the Army is delivering on the promises of the Army Family Covenant.

Because of the importance of those promises, we in the Installation Management community, take our responsibility for the delivery of services very seriously. We are committed to providing a strong, supportive environment.

The long-term strength of our all-volunteer Army depends on the well-being of Soldiers and Families, but more than that, we owe it to our Soldiers and Families, for their ongoing service and dedication.

Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch
Commander

U.S. Army Installation Management Command and Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management

Speak Out

What would you like for Christmas this year?



Shaun Williams
2nd Grade

"A skateboard, iPad, Popeye the Sailor man toy and Bruto the sailor man toy."



Mary Morgan Cahill
5th Grade

"A yorkie puppy; I would call her 'Sweetie.'"



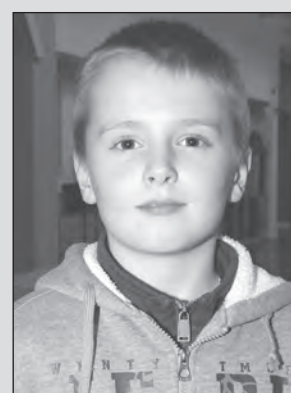
Yan Trybrat
3rd Grade

"I wish I had a Wii, and the games Super Mario Galaxy and Super Mario Bros."



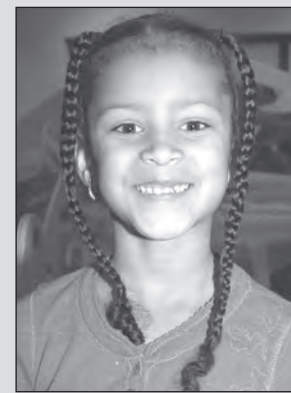
Smya Heyliger
1st Grade

"I would like roller skates."



Chandler Wojciechowicz
5th Grade

"I would like Super Mario Bros, Xbox 360 with Halo Reach and some of Halo MEGA Bloks and a laptop."



Jayden Gronwolda
1st Grade

"I would like to have a kitchen set."

By Laura Kreider

New German law tightens winter all-season tire, chain requirements

USAREUR staff report

A new law that more clearly defines the use of winter tires in Germany went into effect Nov. 29.

The law states that motor vehicles, including motorcycles and four-wheel-drive vehicles, must have clearly marked winter or all-season tires when there is black ice or frost on German roads, according to U.S. Army Europe Office of the Provost Marshal officials.

"A winter tire is any tire marked by the manufacturer with the snowflake logo or M + S symbol, which stands for mud and snow [matsch und schnee]," said Tom Lorenzini, of the USAREUR Vehicle Registry.

Even all-season tires can have this M + S symbol, he added. The German automobile association ADAC recommends tires bearing the snowflake logo - sometimes also called the "three-mountain" logo - because those tires meet the highest standards for winter driving. Check both sides of tires for the symbol. The minimum legal tire tread depth for Germany is 1.6 mm, although ADAC recommends

4 mm for winter driving.

Other countries have more stringent requirements - Austrian law mandates 4 mm minimum tread depth for winter tires, and other European countries have distinct winter driving laws as well.

USAREUR provost marshal officials said drivers should check with local authorities before crossing borders. In some areas of Germany snow chains may be required during winter, but only as directed by police or road signs. The maximum speed limit while driving a vehicle with chains is 50 km per hour.

While the law does not mandate calendar dates during which snow tires are required, German drivers often use the helpful rule of thumb "from O to O," meaning snow tires should be put on in October and remain on until Ostern (Easter).



Three-mountain tire logo

Under the new rules, fines have been doubled. Drivers caught using summer tires in ice, snow or slush will be fined €40 euro - increased from €20 in previous years.

Those who cause an accident or obstruct traffic because they used inappropriate tires during winter conditions will be slapped with an €80 fine - up from €40. In addition, some insurance companies may deny coverage to motorists driving with summer tires on wintery roads.

Safety experts warn, however, that winter tires are no magic potion against accidents and that drivers should always drive at reasonable speeds and keep a safe following distance from other vehicles.

Drivers who are unsure about winter tire requirements can contact their local vehicle registration or safety office.



Snow chains required road sign

Marco Polo Airport Shuttle Schedule

The shuttle is available daily 4:05-16:40. The routes beginning at 16:05 and after are only available Monday-Friday on non-federal holidays. Priority seating in effect Monday - Dec. 23.

	Available daily				Monday-Friday only	
Depart Ederle Inn	4:05	7:05	10:05	13:05	16:05	19:05
Depart Davis Hall	4:10	7:10	10:10	13:10	16:10	19:10
Depart Bldg 8B	4:15	7:15	10:15	13:15	16:15	19:15
Arrive Marco Polo	5:05	8:05	11:05	14:05	17:05	20:05
Arrive Marco Polo 2	5:20	8:20	11:20	14:20	17:20	20:20
Depart Marco Polo	5:30	9:20	12:20	15:20	18:20	21:20
Arrive Bldg 8B	6:35	10:30	13:30	16:30	19:30	22:30
Arrive Davis Hall	6:40	10:35	13:35	16:35	19:35	22:35
Arrive Ederle Inn	6:45	10:40	13:40	16:40	19:40	22:40

Airport shuttle bus to offer priority seating through Dec. 23

Alessandra Hutcheson
Central Processing Facility

From Monday to Dec. 23, the Central Processing Facility will reserve seats for PCSing and separating Soldiers, civilians and their families to use the Venice Marco Polo Airport shuttle bus.

Personnel who have priority on the bus are, in order, those who are: PCSing and separating; going TDY; using emergency leave. All other seats are space available.

Priority members planning to ride the shuttle should reserve seats (including space for pets) and receive a pass to show to the driver upon boarding. Reservations can be made during final out-processing at the CPF. Priority personnel must board at the Ederle Inn.

Non-priority personnel should arrange back-up transportation in case the bus is full. One-way car rental from post is available by calling 0444-505-916.

Shuttle Bus Mass Transit Schedule Monday - Friday

Pick up and drop off for some shuttle bus stops have changed. * Denotes new time.

US Army Health Clinic	-	7:25	8:25	9:25	10:55	12:45	14:25	15:25	16:25	17:25	18:25
Commissary bus stop	-	7:27	8:27	9:27	10:57	12:47	14:27	15:27	16:27	17:27	18:27
Villaggio bus stop #4	5:34	7:34	8:34	9:34	11:04	13:24	14:34	15:34	16:34	17:34	18:34
Villaggio bus stop #5	5:35	7:35	8:35	9:35	11:05	13:25	14:35	15:35	16:35	17:35	18:35
Villaggio bus stop #6	5:36	7:36	8:36	9:36	11:06	13:26	14:36	15:36	16:36	17:36	18:36
Villaggio bus stop #7	5:37	7:37	8:37	9:37	11:07	13:27	14:37	15:37	16:37	17:37	18:37
Torry VPC	-	-	8:44	9:44	11:12	13:10	14:46*	15:44	16:44	-	-
Torry TMP #3	5:25	7:45	8:50	9:50	11:15	13:15	14:00	15:50	-	-	19:15*
Lerino entrance gate	-	8:00	9:00	10:00	11:30	13:00	15:00*	-	16:55	-	-
Commissary bus stop	5:50*	8:15	9:15	10:15	11:42	13:35	15:15*	16:00	17:10	17:55*	18:55*
US Army Health Clinic	-	8:17	9:17	10:17	11:45	-	15:20*	16:02	17:12	18:00*	-

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AFAP: Submit conference issues by Jan. 31 deadline

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Issue cards can be found all over the installation.

2. Submit online. Visit www.vicenzamwr.com and look for Army Family Action Plan under Army Community Service and click on "Submit an issue" or e-mail an issue to afap@vicenzamwr.com.

3. Swing by ACS and speak with Jean Sweeton, AFAP program manager, or call 634-7500 or 0444-71-7500 and ask for the AFAP office.

Issues brought up at Vicenza have prompted Army-level changes.

An issue that came out of the Vicenza AFAP conference two years ago expanded civilian sexual assault reporting options.

The other big success story coming from a recent Vicenza conference was a change of policy for the shipment of wine in household goods. The issue was forwarded to the Europe Regional AFAP Conference in the spring of 2009, where they then forwarded the issue to Department of the Army AFAP Conference held in January. It resulted in a change of policy to allow shipments and to provide equal benefits to Army personnel that were granted to the other military services.

Other issues that have been addressed through AFAP are the new rule for transferability of GI Bill benefits to spouses and children and an 11 percent increase in Basic Allowance for Housing. Other issues addressed were the increase from \$50,000 to \$400,000 for Service Member's Life Insurance and TRICARE for Life for Medicare-eligible retirees.

Garrison news



Community members check out the rides at the Holiday Festival Friday in the Post Theater parking lot.



Photos by Laura Kreider

Post kicks off holidays: A mini-roller coaster, Ferris wheel, carousel, horse carriage rides and a visit from Santa were some of the highlights of the Holiday Festival held Friday through Sunday at Caserma Ederle. The festival began Friday with the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. Special guest Carol Perez, Consul General at the U.S. Consulate General in Milan, helped turn on the lights of the holiday tree surrounded by the children of the Cougar Cub Choir Club. The fest continued through the weekend with a bazaar, live bands, refreshments and children's crafts. Above, community members enjoy the mini-roller coaster.

Norie McCall, USAG Vicenza School Liaison officer, hands out stickers and candy canes to children at the crafts area in the Fitness Center.



Mrs. Claus (alias Martina Hogg) reads a story to Lauren Colt, 8, and Braden Edwards, 2, as part of the activities held during the Holiday Festival Friday.



Photo by Karen Cieslewicz

Capt. Jalal Kasaouati of the Moroccan Army (wearing HAZMAT suit) shakes hands with Richard Brooks III, director of the Cecil County, Md., Department of Emergency Services, during a tour of CBRNE response facilities, Nov. 17.

USARAF: Moroccan visit focuses on crisis response

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(Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosives) response capabilities and expand them," said Agresta. "They are also interested in other models for this, as they follow the French model in most aspects of their government and military."

"It's a way of doing it — not the way," said Col. Alfonso Alarcon, USARAF command surgeon. "It's a system they can model after."

"Morocco is currently developing a BSL-3 (Bio-Safety Level 3) lab," said Agresta. "There was also discussion of the diseases studied here and that the focus is on treatment and vaccine protocols."

The visitors toured a number of civilian sites as well as the Army research center.

Agresta said, "This was their first real look at Incident Command Center terminology and breakdown.

They were shown what came about after 9-11, but even more so after Hurricane Katrina, and the need for coordination and interoperability between the facilities throughout a city, county, state, country . . . and with other rescue entities, such as police, rescue and others."

Both visitors were very favorably impressed, said Agresta.

"This one ended up being among the best events that we have executed," said Youssef Zinoun of the U.S. Embassy Morocco's Office of Security Cooperation, who accompanied El Haouri and Kasouati.

"The level of contact that U.S. Army Africa gave the Moroccan medical officers access to is second to none. I think this event will open new cooperation possibilities and future familiarization and traveling contact team events to ensure relations and contacts are kept current," he said.

TILES: Health center intended to 'reflect beauty of Italy'

and then could proudly point it out to their families to show how much they contributed to this facility."

Now the project is being expanded to allow the entire community to contribute.

"Community members are welcome to come in on a first come, first served basis to paint their tiles," said Michelle Sterkowicz, Arts and Crafts Center director. "There are 100 tiles set aside for each group, so come quickly."

"We had a chance to leave our mark on this beautiful new health center," said Cpl. Courtney Aquino-Chasteen, Health Center-Vicenza Radiology, who is helping with the project. "I have gotten the chance to interact with our health center staff on a personal level rather than usual business. You'll feel like you're in kindergarten again with no cares - just paint and fun."

Armstrong is pleased with the way the project is going and hopes community members will choose to commemorate special occasions — the birth of a child, return from deployment and other events — by painting and donating a tile.

"Then our community could visit the health center and visit their artwork as well," Armstrong said. "The Health Center belongs to the community and we wanted it to reflect the beauty of Italy, with our statues, olive trees, and frescos, as well as the fantastic people we serve."

Once the starter tiles are gone, tiles will be available for \$12 each. Tile painting groups will be set up Wednesdays in December from 4-6 p.m., Fridays from 11 a.m.-2 p.m., and Sundays from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The Arts & Crafts Center is open for all activities Wednesday-Sunday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m.



Photo by Michelle Sterkowicz

Soldiers and civilians paint tiles at the Arts and Crafts Center. The tiles will be placed in the Health Center-Vicenza's central courtyard. The clinic has now opened the project up to the community.

Darby Dates

Visit the community calendar for upcoming events and details at www.usag.livorno.army.mil

Bowling alley eatery

The snack bar at the bowling alley is closed until Jan. 10.

Bakers needed

Bring a little piece of home to a single service members by baking some cookies and dropping them off at ACS Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Volunteers will distribute them Dec. 16. Call ACS for more information at 633-7084.

Spouses education opportunity

The deadline to apply for the Army Emergency Relief Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program for Term 3 is Monday. Scholarships are available for spouses of active duty Army Soldiers who are pursuing their first undergraduate degree and reside with the Soldier at the overseas command. Applications are available online at <http://aerhq.org>. For more information, contact ACS at 633-7084.

School music concert

Enjoy the sounds of the holiday season at the Livorno Unit School Winter Concert Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. at the school.

Vet visit

Schedule an appointment for your pets now. The next vet visit is Wednesday. Call 635-4841.

Story hour with Santa

Santa will read to children at the library Wednesday at 10 a.m.

ITR trips

Upcoming ITR trips are:

- ♦ Bologna Motor Show, Saturday;
- ♦ Milan International Fair, Saturday;
- ♦ Pisa Market, Sunday;
- ♦ Vicenza shopping trip, Dec. 18;
- ♦ Wine Tasting, Dec. 19.

Darby Community Club

- ♦ BOSS-sponsored holiday party, Dec. 17. Tickets for gift baskets sold Tuesday - Dec. 17, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at commissary
- ♦ New Year's Eve Bash on Dec. 31 - Ring in the New Year with cocktails and a four-course dinner. Space is limited. Join the 'After Dinner' party at 10:30 p.m. and enjoy party favors, a DJ and champagne at midnight. Tickets are on sale now at the DCC. For more information, call 633-7855.

Religious activities

9:40 a.m. Catholic reconciliation
 10 a.m. Catholic Mass
 11:15 a.m. Protestant worship
 10 a.m. Protestant Sunday school
 11:15 a.m.: Catholic CCD
 Don't miss the "Mouse Christmas" play Sunday at 11:15 a.m. and Wednesday at 6 p.m.



Tree lighting brings holiday cheer

Community members gather to share the spirit of the holidays at the tree lighting ceremony Dec. 3 at Camp Darby. The tree was donated by the Comune of Abetone.

Story and photo by Joyce Costello
 USAG Livorno Public Affairs

The Camp Darby military community kicked off the holiday season with the traditional Tree Lighting Ceremony which took place Friday at the main square on post.

The atmosphere was filled with enthusiasm and joy and the event focused around a tree donated by the Comune of Abetone.

"This silver fir is a sign of friendship and solidarity," said Abetone Vice Mayor

Mario Giuliano Grazioso.

Lt. Col. Kevin Bigelman, U.S. Army Garrison Livorno commander, added that the holiday season is an important period of the year to be with friends and family and to remember what is truly important to us.

"We, in the American community of Camp Darby, are truly blessed to be able to live in this beautiful part of the world, surrounded by our good friends and allies; and while we enjoy our peaceful lives here at Camp Darby during this special time of the year, please keep all

the Italian Army Soldiers, Carabinieri, and U.S. Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, and Marines who are deployed in harm's way in your thoughts and prayers," Bigelman said.

After the tree was lit and the square was sparkling with twinkling lights, carols were sung and the chapel gave a sneak preview of their upcoming play, "Mouse Christmas".

Children even got the chance to tell Santa what they would like for Christmas while adults enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies.

Don't miss Tuscany Christmas markets, nativities

Story and photos by Chiara Mattiolo
 USAG Livorno Public Affairs

In December, Italian cities are decorated with shining lights and the festive atmosphere of the holidays reigns everywhere. There are plenty of opportunities to find original gifts at the Christmas markets.

Markets are now in many cities and are often accompanied by music and entertainment, street artists and food booths featuring local cuisine. Additionally, most shops in Italy will remain open on Sundays for the month of December.

Among the major markets are the Florence Noel Christmas market held in the Florence train station and the Heidelberg Weihnachtsmarkt held in the breathtaking center of Florence.

In Italy, there is also a strong tradition of nativity sets called *presepi*. Each church displays their nativity and it is a tradition to visit at least seven *presepi* before Christmas Eve. Live nativity scenes can be seen in many medieval towns.

Lari, only a thirty minute drive from Camp Darby, hosts a very big, live nativity scene where more than 100 actors recreate the atmosphere of Jesus's birth.

Downtown Livorno, from November through mid-January, has an ice skating rink open daily from 9:30 a.m. to midnight. Entrance is free, but there is a cost for skate rental.

Camp Darby Installation Tours and Registration has scheduled a shopping trip to the Pisa Market on Sunday and is offering a chance for some last minute shopping at the Vicenza Post Exchange on Dec. 18.



Local Christmas markets offer unique gifts and decorations, music and entertainment, and regional delicacies. Local cities near Camp Darby also feature living nativity scenes.



Local festivals & shows

Vicenza Christmas market:

Corso Fogazzaro and Corso Palladio, ongoing to Jan. 9, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Live Nativity: Saturday, 5 p.m. Saint Michele dei Servi Church's live nativity with Biblical characters departs Piazza Biade and parades through downtown

Babybuskers: Saturday, 2:30-6:30 p.m. in Piazza dei Signori. Entertainment for children, puppet shows, clowns, magic tricks, etc. Donations given to flood victims.

Pony sleigh rides: Children can ride in a sleigh pulled by a pony Saturday & Sunday, Piazza San Lorenzo, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 2-8 p.m.; Cost is €3 or €7 for a longer ride.

Santa Claus Village: Piazza San Lorenzo, open daily through Dec. 25 from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; Dec. 24: 8 a.m.-11 p.m. Christmas presents and decorations, seasonal plants, fruits and vegetables, hot chocolate and mulled wine.

Carousel rides for children: ongoing through Dec. 24, in front of the Teatro Olimpico. Saturdays & Sundays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; weekdays 4-8 p.m.

Mini train rides: Monday-Dec. 24, from Piazza Matteotti to Piazza Castello, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 2-8 p.m.; €1 for children 9 and younger; €2 for adults.

Christmas market: Ongoing to Dec. 19 in Vicenza, Bertesinella Church Recreation Center, Via da Montegalio 4. Monday-Friday 3-7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday: 9:30 a.m.-noon & 3:30-6 p.m.

Fairy-Tale Gardens: Saturday & Sunday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. in Giardini Salve, Piazzale De Gasperi. Performances of fairy tales with more than 300 people.

Arzignano Christmas market:

Saturday & Sunday, about 16 miles west of Vicenza at Via San Zeno 32, Villa Mattarello & Corso Mazzini 22. Saturday: market, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3-7:30 p.m. Train rides: 3-7:30 p.m. Choir performance: 3:30 p.m. Children's entertainment, puppet show, clowns, magic tricks: 4:30 p.m. Painting, sculpture and photo exhibit and sale (proceeds for flood victims): 5:30 p.m. Sunday: market and train rides, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3:30-7:30 p.m. Caroling: 4 p.m. Children's shows: 4:30 p.m.

Asiago Christmas market:

Saturday & Sunday, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3:30-7 p.m., 37 miles north of Vicenza in Piazza Carli.

Bassano del Grappa Christmas market:

Ongoing to Dec. 26, about 23 miles northeast of Vicenza in Piazza Libertà, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Thursdays and Saturdays 2-7:30 p.m.; Market in Piazza Garibaldi, Tuesday-Sunday, 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Antique carousel in Piazzotto Montevicchio & Santa's village. Saturday & Sunday,

miniature train in historical center.

Breganze Christmas market:

Sunday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Mazzini, about 12 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths featuring traditional holiday desserts. Bagpipers will play in Piazza Mazzini in the morning. Laverda motorcycle rally: 9:30 a.m. Visit with Santa Claus, 2:30 p.m.

Caltrano Christmas market:

Sunday, 10 a.m., downtown, about 23 miles north of Vicenza. Photo exhibits, local products exhibit and sale, entertainment for children, clowns, Santa Claus, concert & parade. Food booths featuring chestnuts, mulled wine, cotton candy and hot chocolate.

Camisano Christmas market:

Saturday & Dec. 18, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Umberto, about 12 miles east of Vicenza.

Gallio Christmas market:

Sunday, 11 a.m. in Piazzetta Giardini, 40 miles north of Vicenza.

Lusiana Christmas market:

Sunday, 11 a.m. in Piazza IV Novembre, about 24 miles north of Vicenza.

Montecchio Precalcino Christmas market:

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. about 10 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths featuring traditional spit-roasted quails and homemade holiday desserts. Entertainment for children with Santa Claus at 4 p.m. and torchlight procession.

Sandrigo Christmas market:

Ongoing through Jan. 6, 10 a.m. in Piazza Duomo e Piazza SS Filippo e Giacomo, about 9 miles north of Vicenza. Christmas market, agricultural products exhibit and sale, concerts and shows for children.

Schio Christmas market:

Sunday, 3:30 p.m. about 16 miles northwest of Vicenza, small train rides for children, food booths with traditional holiday sweets, mulled wine, acrobatic Santa Claus show, games and caroling.

Thiene Christmas market:

Saturday & Sunday, about 13 miles north of Vicenza in Corso Garibaldi and Piazza Ferrarin, local products and crafts market; nativity scene and Christmas village with fairies, gnomes, Christmas elves, and bagpipers; dance show and roller-skating exhibition; food booths with holiday desserts, hot chocolate, mulled wine, and frittelle (doughnuts).

Torri di Arcugnano Christmas market:

Saturday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., about 5 miles south of Vicenza in Piazza Rumor. Local craft items and agricultural products exhibit and sale; handmade wooden puppets. Free carnival rides for children. Sunday, 3-8 p.m. traditional bagpipers show and Christmas caroling.

Verona Santa Lucia market:

Friday-Monday, 9 a.m.-10:30 p.m. in Piazza Brà, about 38 miles west of Vicenza.

Run Santa Run:

See page 8 for details.

Roman cryptoporticus:

Free guided visit in Vicenza, Piazza Duomo. Saturday, 10-11:30 a.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m.-noon & 2:30-4 p.m.; Wednesday: 10 a.m. - noon. A cryptoporticus is a covered gallery that was a characteristic feature of the ancient Roman villas. It was usually designed to provide shade and a cool place for walking.

Charity jazz concert:

String orchestra jazz, Saturday, 8 p.m., at Sala Palladio, Vicenza Fair, Via dell'Oreficeria. Program: V. Duke, Autumn in New York; C. Porter, What is this thing called love?; Burns-Herman-Mercier, Early autumn; B. Bowman, East of the sun; D. Raskin, Laura; Dennis-Adair, Everything happens to me; Hart-Rogers, Lover; C. Parker, Now's the time-Billie's bounce.

Cost is €10. All proceeds fund conservatory scholarship. The same ticket will allow you to visit the VincenzAntiquaria Fair (see below) Saturday after 5 p.m.

VincenzAntiquaria:

Antique show & market ongoing through Sunday in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria 16. Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; weekdays: 3-8 p.m. Admission fee: €10. American military and families: €7 - Show ID to obtain the discount.

Antique market:

Sunday, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. in Lonigo, Via Garibaldi, Piazza XX Settembre and Via Ognibene, about 20 miles southwest of Vicenza. From 3 p.m. on, free mandorlato (traditional almond cake) for all. Entertainment in Via Roma, 6 p.m.

Red Chicory Festival:

Sunday & Wednesday in Asigliano Veneto, about 23 miles south of Vicenza. Saturday: 8 p.m., food stands with red chicory risotto, grilled sausage & red chicory salad; 8:30 p.m. live music and dancing with Fiorella and Denis Orchestra. Sunday: 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., local products exhibit and sale in Piazza IV Novembre; food stands; live music and dancing at 8:30 p.m. with I Pioneri Orchestra.

Radicchio Rosso Festival:

Red Chicory Festival Sunday and Wednesday in Asigliano Veneto, about 23 miles south of Vicenza. Sunday: food stands at noon and 6 p.m.; live music and dancing with the Melodi Orchestra. Wednesday: food stands at noon and 6 p.m. featuring local salami with red chicory and other local specialties; 9 p.m. ballroom dancing with the Parioli Orchestra.

FREE concerts, exhibits & events

Painting exhibition:

Exhibit of local artists' paintings ongoing to Dec. 22 in Vicenza, Scaletta 62, Contrà Porta Santa Lucia 62. Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays, 5-7 p.m.; Thursdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. - noon.

Painting exhibit:

Joe Stein exhibit, Sunday-Jan. 16 in Vicenza, LAMeC, Basilica Palladiana, Piazza dei Signori. Tuesday-Sunday, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.

Memorabilia exhibit:

Ongoing through Jan. 30 in Vicenza, Casa Cogollo, Corso Palladio 165. Tuesday-Sunday 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. & 3-7 p.m.

Beatles tribute band:

"All you need is Love" Dec. 9, 9:30 p.m. in Vicenza, Country Club Restaurant, Strada Vicinale Monte Crocetta 6.

Conservatory students in concert:

Saturday, 5 p.m., in Vicenza, San Domenico Conservatory, Contrà San Domenico 33.

Kiss tribute band:

Saturday, 10 p.m., Sabotage Bar, in Vicenza, Via dell'Industria 12T.

Drop Simpler:

Live band, Dec. 17, 9:30 p.m. in Vicenza, Il Dragone Restaurant, Via della Robbia 15. Rock and country music covering four decades of popular hits.

Holiday show:

The Soldiers' Theatre holiday show "Making Spirits Bright" will be performed Sunday at 8 p.m. in Vicenza, Ca' Balbi Theatre, Via Marco da Montegalio 4.

Explore the sky:

Astronomical Observatory of Arcugnano, Tuesday at 8:30 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.

Concerts

Voca People: Monday in Milan, Teatro Dal Verme; Wednesday in Florence, Teatro Saschall.

Randy Crawford and Joe Sample Trio: Dec. 22 in Florence, Teatro Verdi.

The Harlem Gospel Choir: Dec. 23 in Milan, Europauditorium.

Sade: May 6 in Assago, Milan, Mediolanum Forum.

Bon Jovi: July 17 in Udine,

Stadio Friuli. Tickets on sale now.

Tickets are available in Vicenza at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center or online at www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing or <http://www.ticketone.it/EN/>.

ODR trips

Visit the **Christmas Markets in Klagenfurt, Austria**, Dec. 18. Decorated stalls offer traditional goods and the Alpine air is rich with the fragrance of cookies, roasted apples and chestnuts. Cost: \$65.

Ski Folgaria Wednesday, Dec. 22, Jan. 1 or 5 for excellent slopes for beginners and families. Transportation is \$25 and you can rent ODR equipment.

Ski Oberggen Dec. 18, variety of well-groomed runs in the Trentino-South Tyrol area. Transportation cost is \$30.

Ski San Martino Dec. 24, some of the most spectacular scenery in Europe. Transportation cost is \$30.

Winter in Asiago Dec. 29, enjoy ice skating and the season in this beautiful city. Cost: \$30; free for children 2 and younger.

New Year's in Ljubljana, Slovenia, celebrations with concerts taking place at various locations in the city center. Overnight stay is \$200 and add New Year's dinner for an additional €93. Call ODR for pricing for children and singles.

Ski Kronplatz Jan. 8. Voted top child-friendly skiing destination with a 360-degree view across the Dolomite mountains. Transportation cost: \$35.

See the Outdoor Recreation schedule online at www.VicenzaMWR.com.

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

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

Thursday	The Town (R)	6 p.m.
Friday	Legend of Guardians: Ga'hoole (PG13)	6 p.m.
	Easy A (PG13)	9 p.m.
Saturday	Legend of Guardians: Ga'hoole (PG13)	3 p.m.
	The Tourist (PG13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Legend of Guardians: Ga'hoole (PG13)	3 p.m.
	The Tourist (PG13)	6 p.m.
Weds.	Wall St. Money Never Sleeps (PG13)	6 p.m.
Dec. 16	Wall St. Money Never Sleeps (PG13)	1 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Friday	Unstoppable (PG13)	6 p.m.
Saturday	Wall St. Money Never Sleeps (PG13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Harry Potter & Deathly Hallows (PG13)	1 p.m.
Dec. 17	Harry Potter & Deathly Hallows (PG13)	6 p.m.

Admission: Age 12 and older, \$4, younger than 12, \$2. The Ederle theater box office opens one hour prior to show.

View MOVIE TRAILERS and more online at www.shopmyexchange.com/ems/euro/vicenza.htm or www.aafes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm

Kids' holiday shows

The community is invited to the schools' holiday presentation. The fourth and fifth grades present "A Christmas Carol" 1:30-2:30 p.m. and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the VES Multipurpose Room.

Kids' craft club

Kids' Craft Club is every Wednesday at the Arts & Crafts Center from 4-6 p.m.

Art exhibit

CYSS is hosting an art exhibit Monday-Dec. 31 at the library. Stop by the library and vote for your favorite artwork.

Chapel schedule

Saturday, Spanish Catholic Mass-Our Lady Guadalupe, 7 p.m.

Monday, Advent Penance service, 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 17, Protestant Children's Christmas Musical, 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 24, Catholic Children's Christmas Pageant, 3:30 p.m.

Dec. 24, Catholic Family Mass, 4 p.m.

Dec. 24, Protestant Candle Light Service, 7 p.m.

Dec. 24, Catholic Midnight Mass, midnight

Dec. 25, Catholic Mass, 10 a.m.

Dec. 31, Catholic New Year's Eve Mass, 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 31, Gospel Watch Night Service, 10:45 p.m.

Country night

Thursdays are Country Night at the Lion's Den, 8 p.m. - closing.

Army vs. Navy

Watch the Army vs. Navy football game Saturday at 8:30 p.m. at the Lion's Den for \$10. Pre-game nacho and taco buffet starts at 8 p.m.

New Year's Eve

Ring in the New Year at the Arena Lion's Den. Enjoy a finger food buffet 8 p.m.-midnight with drink specials and party favors.

Intro to framing

The Arts & Crafts Center will offer Intro to Framing Dec. 18, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Cost is \$40, including a picture to frame and supplies.

Book club

Discuss "Taste of Conquest" by Michael Krondl at Book Club Jan. 6 at 7 p.m.

Childcare services

♦ Childcare for the 1/503 Military Ball is Dec. 9 at Villaggio CDC 703, 5 p.m.-midnight.

♦ Childcare for the USARAF Military Ball is Dec. 9 at Villaggio CDC 703, 5 p.m.-midnight.

♦ Parent's Night Out care is Saturday at Villaggio CDC 703 from 5 p.m.-midnight. Call 634-7401 for questions regarding care.

Story time

Preschool story time will take a break and start again Jan. 5 at 11 a.m.

AFAP issues

Army Family Action Plan is collecting issues for the 2011 AFAP Conference. Submit your issues at www.vicenzamwr.com/acs_afap.html. The deadline for issue

submission is Jan. 31. For more info, call ACS at 634-8526/7500.

Volunteer

Become a community volunteer, build your experiences and resumé and meet a new network of people. Call the Army Volunteer Corps to find out about the volunteer opportunities in our community. Register at www.myarmyonesource.com to track your hours. Call 634-7500 for more information.

VCC luncheon

Join the Vicenza Community Club for the Winter Wonderland Luncheon Wednesday, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at the Arena. Cost is \$15 per person. Pay and RSVP online at www.vccitaly.org by Friday.

Bowl for a buck

Match Santa's score Saturdays in December and receive a coupon for \$1 off a game of bowling.

Teen scavenger hunt

The Teen Center and Club Beyond will host a scavenger hunt at Villaggio for all high school-aged youth Dec. 18 from 7-10 p.m. The meeting point is the Villaggio Youth Center. Call 634-7659.

Freddy FAP

Freddy FAP visits Puerto Rico Wednesday, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. Freddy FAP is Family Advocacy's world traveler. He visits countries and brings back activities for families. For more info, call 634-7500/6202.

Multi-cultural spouses

The Multi-Cultural Spouses club's holiday pot luck luncheon is Dec. 17, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Share your favorite dish from your home country. Everyone is welcome! For more info, call Relocation Readiness at 634-7500/8525.

Homeschool events

♦ Fridays (except Dec. 24), Italian Enrichment, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

♦ Monday: Art, 1:30-2:20 p.m.

♦ Dec. 16, Ornament making for the needy, time TBD

♦ Dec. 18, Cookie social and ornaments to the needy, time TBD

For info, e-mail vicenzahomeschoolconnection@yahoo.com.

Outlook publication

The final edition of *The Outlook*

for 2010 is Dec. 16. The first edition of 2011 will come out Jan. 7.

Holiday show

Tickets are on sale for the Soldiers' Theater's production of "Making Spirits Bright", a song and dance review of holiday favorites. Shows are Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for youth. Call 634-7281 or visit the theater for reservations.

MOMS Club events

♦ Monday: Book club, 10:30 a.m.

♦ Tuesday: Toddler play, 10 a.m.

♦ Wednesday: Pre-school playgroup, 10 a.m.

♦ Dec. 16: Out-n-About, 9 a.m.; Bunco, 7 p.m.

♦ Dec. 17: Monthly meeting, 10 a.m.; Mom's night out, 7 p.m.

For more info or to join, e-mail momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com.

Scholarship deadline

Apply by Monday for the Army Emergency Relief Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program, term 3. Spouses of active-duty Soldiers pursuing their first undergrad degree and residing with the Soldier overseas are eligible. Applications are available at www.aerhq.org/. For info, call 634-8524 or visit the AER office in ACS.

UMUC classes

Register for University of Maryland University College spring session 1 (Jan. 24-March 11) by Jan. 23. Session includes: Italian 1, 2 and 4, Human Biology & Lab, Human Resource Management, College Math, Philosophy Moral Issues, Psychology Adjustment, Advance Expository Writing and Library Research. Enroll and purchase books by Jan. 10 and get books 50 percent off. Active duty and military spouses, apply for a \$100 book scholarship. For info, call 634-7055 or e-mail vice@europe.umuc.edu

U of Phoenix degrees

The University of Phoenix offers master's programs in MBA, MAED, classroom or online. Classes are 6-weeks long and offer continuous enrollment. Most students can complete their MBA or MAED in less than two years.

Community Calendar Highlights

Friday: Holiday shipping deadline

Wednesday: CFC deadline

Dec. 23: Training holiday

Dec. 24: Federal holiday

Dec. 31: Federal holiday

For more info, call at 634-8928 or e-mail Sarah.Foley@phoenix.edu.

Health clinic closures

The Health Clinic will be closed Dec. 17, Dec. 23-25, and Dec. 30-Jan.1. For urgent concerns or emergencies, go to the nearest hospital or call 118. Call the patient liaisons at 0444-75-3300, 0444-928-166 or 634-8384. Pregnant patients can call 0444-61-9150 / 636-9150. Visit tricareonline.com to make appointments. The 24-hour nurse advice line is at 800-877-6660. For any comments, call the Patient Representative at 0444-61-9106 / 636-9106 or e-mail VZHCPatRep@amedd.army.mil.

Fundraising

Community groups can raise funds with the PX's gift wrapping program. Interested organizations should call 634-7796 or 634-8550.

CFC deadline Weds.

The 2010 Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas extended its deadline to Wednesday. Interested donors can give online or by using the paper pledge card. Visit www.cfcoverseas.org/donate for info.

Mascot contest

Vicenza Middle School students are asked to submit drawings to the school mascot competition by Dec. 17. Drawings can be submitted in the front office or e-mailed to Cathy.hall@eu.dodea.edu. The prize is a \$25 iTunes card. The winning mascot will be used on VMS's communications, daily bulletin, letterhead and more.

Sale for active-duty

The Thrift Store is having a 50-percent-off sale for all merchandise (except consignments) for active-duty Soldiers Wednesday. The sale includes military clothing and transformers. Soldiers must be in uniform or show their ID.



Photo by Grant Sattler

Helping hand: From left, Alessia Nicente, Angela Burato, Michael Leahy and Roberto Castellan perform in "Frittura Mista", a play by the La Fraglia assisted-living center, staged in the Ca' Balbi Theatre in Vicenza Nov. 26. Community members from Caserma Ederle volunteer with the clients and families involved with La Fraglia. To volunteer, call 634-7942.

Religious activities

Chaplain Crisis Line

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

Sunday services

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

9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass

(Daily Mass is held weekdays at noon)

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

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

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

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

5 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Mondays

Noon: LDS scripture study

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

3 p.m.: Praise dance practice

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

5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

5:30 p.m.: PWOC Bible study. Dinner provided. No child care.

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

5:30 p.m.: Catholic choir practice

6:45 p.m.: Gospel choir practice

Thursdays

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

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

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

Faith group contacts

Islamic: Call 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for info.

Jewish: Call Paul Levine at 345-907-2108.

Latter Day Saints: Call Chance Wilson at 327-869-8107.

Sunday services, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. downtown. Scripture study held Mondays, noon-1 p.m. at the chapel.

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

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

The Cougars' Aaron Hogg pins Bryan Pfirman of Naples to the mat during the Vicenza high school wrestling team's first meet Saturday at Vicenza. Hogg won the match.



Photo by Laura Kreider



Photo by Viki Frey

C.J. Calabrese bridges during a match up with Aviano. The big winners at the meet were Kyle Leanhart, Aaron Hogg, Jeremy Huller and Austin Pond. The team heads to Stuttgart, Germany, next to face Patch, Vilseck, Ansbach, Bamberg and Aviano.

Vicenza wrestlers shine

Pete Huller
Special to the Outlook

The Vicenza Cougars wrestling team shined in their first meet of the season at Vicenza Saturday, scoring 94 points on the way to a second place finish.

Naples won the meet, with Aviano, Sigonella and the American Overseas School in Rome also participating.

The Vicenza High School wrestling team has a lot of new faces this year and has trained hard in the weeks leading up to the tournament, said Coach John McKinney. The team was led by their veterans, all of whom took first place in their weight classes with undefeated performances.

The big winners were Kyle Leanhart (125 pounds), Aaron Hogg (152 pounds), Jeremy Huller (160 pounds) and Austin Pond (215 pounds). This week the Cougars will travel to Stuttgart, Germany, to wrestle against Patch, Ansbach, Vilseck, Bamberg and Aviano.

Viki Frey contributed to this article.

Run Santa Run scheduled Dec. 18

Anna Terracino
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs Office

The fifth-annual Corri Babbo Natale Corri, or Run Santa Run, charity run will be held Dec. 18 in Vicenza.

The Vicenza Press Association and the City of Vicenza are co-sponsoring the fundraiser downtown 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., starting and ending at Campo Marzio, the park near the main train station. The €8 entrance fee includes a

lightweight Santa suit to run in and hot chocolate and cake at the finish. Cost is €5 if you already have a Santa suit.

Individuals and groups of all ages are welcome, and there is recognition for the association with the most participants. The course is less than two miles and may be walked.

Those interested may pre-register to receive their costumes before race day, or may sign-up and pay the day of the event at 10 a.m. All the money raised goes to Italian charities and to local flood victims. To register, call 0444-513-585. If you need help, call Anna Terracino at 634-7169 or send an e-mail to anna.terracino@eur.army.mil.

CYSS Edge! Bambini's soccer team mix it up in international match

Story and photo by Tom Hlavacek
Edge! manager

The CYSS EDGE! Bambini's soccer team played a "Friendly" match Nov. 22 against a team from Sovizzo on their home field.

The children played three games but no scores were kept. The CYSS EDGE! players, ranging in age from 7 to 12, played three thirty-minute games. The teams used a 5 against 5, and 7 against 7 team format.

Players in each game had to alternate different positions and then the players were combined to make mixed Italian and American teams. At a photo session after the games, players for each nation could be seen with their arms around each other, according to Wyllo Hansen who organized the games.



The CYSS EDGE! Bambini's soccer team poses with players from a Sovizzo team after playing a friendly match Nov. 22 in Sovizzo.

Hansen said, "We are happy to have had the opportunity to introduce the squad from the Caserma to our local Italian team. Players and parents from both squads expressed how much they enjoyed the experience. You could really

see it on the kids' faces, which is what it is all about."

This was the second "Friendly" with the Sovizzo Calcio Club. The EDGE! soccer program will finish their final games Monday.

SOLDIERS & CIVILIANS COMMUNITY UNIT/REC OPEN PLAY SPORTS

2010-2011 Basketball League:		
Team	Win	Loss
DO WORK	2	0
USARAF	1	0
464TH MP PLT	1	1

14TH TRANS	1	1
ALL IN	1	1
D CO 2-503RD	0	1
TEAM LOYALTY	0	1
PUSH DA ROCK	0	1

Tuesday	
6 p.m. D CO 2-503RD vs. USARAF	
7 p.m. TEAM LOYALTY vs. PUSH DA ROCK	

Sports Shorts

Fitness Center opening early

As of Monday, the Fitness Center will open at 5:30 a.m. Monday-Friday. Weekend hours are 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Zumba class

Join the Zumba fitness classes on Mondays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Tuesdays, noon-12:45 p.m. or Thursdays, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Zumba is a style of dance-aerobic workout to Latin music. Tone and sculpt your body while burning fat. No previous experience required.

Seeking group instructors

We are looking for certified group fitness instructors to join our team. Not certified? Stop by the Fitness Center and get information on how you can become certified and get paid while you lead a work out. Call 634-7887 for more information.

Volleyball officials clinic

A volleyball officials clinic is Jan. 10-15 at 6 p.m. in the Fitness Center upstairs conference room. Those interested can get certified or recertify as an official, learn the rules, meet other officials, make some money and have some fun! Prior experience is not necessary. Officials, scorers and timers are needed for the season. Sign up by Jan. 5 at the Fitness Center.

Volleyball open play

There will be volleyball open play matches Jan. 15 at 9:30 a.m. at the Fitness Center. Sign-up at the Fitness Center as soon as possible to have fun and help volleyball officials gain experience.

Recreational volleyball

A recreational volleyball league starts around Feb. 24. A coaches meeting is set Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. in the Fitness Center upstairs conference room. Coaches should bring a Roster. Sign up by Feb. 17.

Racquetball tournament

A racquetball tournament is set Jan. 21-22. There is a participants meeting Jan. 21 at 6 p.m. in the Fitness Center upstairs conference room. The tournament has male and female divisions and includes the following categories: beginners, 0-2 year experience; intermediate, from 2-5 years experience; advanced, more than 5 years experience; open play; doubles. There is a prize drawing and 1st & 2nd place awards per category. Sign up by Jan. 14.

Dodge ball league

The recreational dodge ball league starts around Feb. 8. There will be a coaches meeting Feb. 2 at 2 p.m. in the Fitness Center upstairs conference room. Coaches should bring a roster. Sign up by Feb. 2.

Unit & rec play

Basketball: 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for 10 or more, fitness center.

Volleyball: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays for 8 or more players, fitness center.

Men's Soccer: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for 11 or more players.

Women's Soccer: 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesdays for 8 or more players. Call 634-7009.