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## 38 Sky Soldiers graduate as jumpmasters

Story and photos  
by Spc. Gregory  
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173rd ABCT Public  
Affairs

The 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team graduated 38 Sky Soldiers during a jumpmaster graduation ceremony Feb. 18 on Caserma Ederle.

Eleven jumpmaster instructors, also known as "Black Hats," from Fort Benning, Ga., conducted a three-week jumpmaster certification course for the paratroopers in Vicenza, Italy.

"We teach the more experienced Soldiers in the airborne community the next step to airborne operations," said Sgt. 1st Class Edward J. Crosby, a jumpmaster with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 507th Infantry Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga. "Classes usually start with 50 guys, but because the brigade is hurting pretty bad we squeezed in 55 students."

The jumpmaster course prerequisites are one year on jump status, be the rank of sergeant or above and have 12

or more jumps from a high-performance, fixed-wing aircraft.

"I use to be with the 173rd, so I really love this unit and I hope all these guys succeed; but chances are we are going to lose some on the JMPI

(jumpmaster pre-inspection) test," said Crosby.

Jumpmaster instructors' teaching methods do not change. There are six tests the paratroopers must pass to graduate from the course: a nomenclature exam, a pre-jump

exam, a written exam, the safety duties exam, the practical-work-in-the-aircraft exam and the JMPI exam.

Crosby has been a jumpmaster instructor for three years.

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173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team Staff Sgt. Michael J. Kennicker (right), a combat engineer and a 12-year veteran assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, runs through a practice jumpmaster pre-inspection test, while a "Black Hat" instructor oversees the inspection Feb. 11, on Caserma Ederle.

## Army Emergency Relief sets record for assistance in 2008

By Valerie Sweed  
Army Community  
Service, Army Emergency  
Relief officer

Headquarters, Army Emergency Relief (AER) announced a record year in providing emergency financial and educational assistance to Soldiers and their families in 2008.

Total AER assistance reached

\$83 million, up from the \$74 million of assistance in 2007.

In Vicenza, the AER office handled more than 80 cases during 2008 and provided more than \$104,000 in interest-free loans and \$750 in outright grants to Soldiers and their families in the Vicenza community.

The most requested form of assistance in 2008 from the Vicenza Army Emergency Relief office was for

emergency travel totaling \$36,440.79.

Second most requested assistance was to help pay utilities in the amount of \$25,781.28.

Financial assistance in the local Vicenza military community saw a 22 percent decrease in assistance provided in 2008 compared to 2007. The decrease in request most likely being a result of the deployment that lasted through August of 2008.

Although the assistance total was lower for 2008, it is projected the 2009 total assistance amount will far exceed this total.

At the end of January 2009 AER had provided more than \$14,500 in financial assistance compared to the \$8,795 at the end of January 2008, an increase of 64 percent.

AER has improved efforts to access AER assistance through the Command Referral program.

The program gives company/battery commanders and first

sergeants the authority to approve up to \$1,000 in interest-free loans for their Soldiers and provides a meaningful way for unit leaders to be directly involved in addressing financial problems of their Soldiers.

AER also helps support education programs and AER disbursed \$12.1 million in scholarships to more than 5,600 children and spouses of Soldiers.

AER assistance is available to Soldiers and their families, wherever they are located and the amount of assistance is only limited by a valid need.

Soldiers and their family members requiring AER assistance can contact their unit chain of command or go to their local installation AER office.

On Caserma Ederle, the AER office is located in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center, bldg 108.

For details on AER's assistance programs call Valerie Sweed, AER officer at 634-8524/7500 or visit the Website at [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org).



Staff Sgt. Carlos Muniz, a member of the 173d Airborne Brigade Combat Team, has used Army Emergency Relief funds to help pay for a plane ticket back home when his father passed away and to pay for car repairs. (Outlook file photo)



The Noncommissioned Officer  
**PATTERNS OF SUCCESS**



**Sgt. Melissa Upp**

Unit: 464th Military Police Platoon  
Current Position: Team Leader  
Age: 25  
Hometown: Brownsville, Texas  
Years in Service: 5 years

**Mentor:** Staff Sgt. James Barrett, my former team leader and friend. He took extra time to help me improve (PT, Boards, etc). He took me under his wing and taught me what I needed to know. I still ask him for advice.

**Ambition:** I have a passion for animals. I want to work with them in the military or later as a civilian.

**Motto:** "Treat others as you would have them treat you."

**Definition of an NCO:** Someone who takes time to teach and mold young Soldiers to become future leaders. Also takes the Hard Right rather than the Easy Wrong. Always leads by example.

**Advice for junior enlisted Soldiers:** We tell you, junior enlisted, to do certain things because of OUR experience. Listen to what leaders say - most likely, they are leading and guiding you in the right direction.

**Your defining moment as an NCO:** "When I was promoted to sergeant, it became my chance to share what my mentors had taught me. As an E5, it is not about me anymore, it's time for me to take care of other Soldiers."

VISIT THE ARMY'S WEB SITE DEDICATED TO THE YEAR OF THE NCO AT: [WWW4.ARMY.MIL/YEAROFTHE NCO](http://WWW4.ARMY.MIL/YEAROFTHE NCO)

Source: SETAF PAO      OUTLOOK/graphic

## Education key component to Year of the NCO

By Command Sgt. Maj. Lyle Womack  
2nd Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt.

The Year of the NCO is a time to enhance the education, fitness, leadership and pride in service of our NCOs through programs that sustain and grow our NCO Corps.

When it comes to education, there are three pillars of learning for all Soldiers in the Army: institutional learning, operational experience and self-development and self-study.

The Noncommissioned Officer Education System is the keystone for institutional learning and NCO

development.

NCOES provides technical skill and leader training at four levels - primary, basic, advanced, and senior. It also provides formal education at critical points in the NCO's military career to properly prepare him or her to perform at the next higher level and integrates training with the officer education system.

This redesign of the NCOES curriculum has enabled many NCOs to take on new leadership roles and perform duties in various capacities that were normally associated with their officer counterpart.

The U.S. military also serves as a model for other countries, like Afghanistan, seeking to build more effective NCO corps.

For example, the Afghan National Army has adopted the U.S. Army NCO model and the Afghan Army's first Sergeant Major of the Army, Roshan Safi, was a classmate of mine at the Sergeant's Major Academy.

NCOES also teaches our enlisted leaders critical thinking and problem solving skills and makes them an adaptive leader capable of using cognitive capacity skills and strategies to achieve understanding and to evaluate

view points to solve problems. As a result, NCOs have the ability to think fast-make split second decisions under stress and

understand that the second and third order impacts of these operational decisions could have strategic implications.

The NCO Corps has continually distinguished itself as the world's

most accomplished group of military professionals and the changes to NCOES will ensure we continue to lead the way in the future.



Command Sgt. Maj. Lyle Womack

## Choose to build wealth, not debt during Military Saves week

By Kent Thompson  
Army Community Service  
Financial Readiness manager

This week is Military Saves campaign week and the race is on to see which military service will have the most participation.

Participating enables you to develop sound financial practices and learn to build wealth - not debt.

The results are tallied by installation so this will be a terrific way to bring positive international recognition to the Vicenza military community.

Go to the Web site: [www.militarysaves.org](http://www.militarysaves.org) and register today. On this Web site you'll find encouragement to meet immediate needs and build long-term wealth, thus

beginning your journey towards financial freedom.

Think about it. How many of your civilian friends and family members back home are feeling the pinch of the current economic downturn?

You may not feel it as much right now, but one day you very well could as you may not

always be in government service.

There comes a time for everyone when their working days are over; but you still need money when you get there.

Start now by building your wealth and reducing debt. Enroll at [www.militarysaves.org](http://www.militarysaves.org).

It's easy and takes less than

one minute to accomplish. It is for Soldiers, family members, civilians and all service providers on military installations.

Do your part and sign up today. For details on classes and help with financial issues, call the Financial Readiness office at 634-7500 or stop by the office in bldg 108.



Kent Thompson (standing) talks to Soldiers about sound financial practices during their military service. Thompson runs the ACS Financial Readiness program and can be reached at 634-7500.

## Speak Out

## What woman has had the most influence on your life?

-By Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff



Coral Bielecki  
ITR

"My great-grandmother Winnie. She taught me to be honest, steadfast and that you're never too old to learn new things."



Sgt. Clinton Carroll  
AFN

"My mother, without her I wouldn't be here."



Nuccy Palermo  
SATO travel

"My mother, with no doubt, and she continues influencing me every day with her honesty and lifestyle. She has been and is my role model."



Sgt. Adam Jackson  
173rd ABCT, HHC BSB

"My mother because she taught me to make the right decisions in life and for always having my back."



Jill Vogel  
Family member

"My mother. She is very strong woman with a sense of humor."



## Bragg *Black Hats* turn out brigade jumpmasters

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“Younger Soldiers look up to jumpmasters a lot and they take their confidence from the jumpmasters when they’re about to jump,” he said.

Staff Sgt. Michael J. Kennicker, a combat engineer assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, was going through the course for the second time.

“Last time, I did not pass because of the time on my JMPI sequence,” said Kennicker. “The course is an extremely stressful course because every test you take has implications on the final test. JMPI is what everybody is afraid of.”

Kennicker failed his first two attempts at the JMPI test, but passed on the retest.

“The actual test itself, I didn’t even make it through the first Soldier because I missed another major deficiency, and then on the third attempt, the actual retest for the course I passed. My time was 4 minutes and 40 seconds,” said Kennicker.

“Prior to the test, I was upset all night long. I was pretty angry

going into it, and I think that it actually helped me focus a little bit more,” he said.

A jumpmaster is the epitome of being a leader in an airborne unit, according to Kennicker. A jumpmaster can inspect every aspect of his Soldiers.

It’s what every NCO in an airborne community strives for, he said. A jumpmaster is in charge of his Soldiers at every level, he added.

Staff Sgt. Yarden D. Scaliter, platoon sergeant for 173rd ABCT HHC, has been a paratrooper for nine years and says you have to be confident in your own abilities.

“As soon as day one started, you were put in the harness and you had to learn everything all over again. From that day on through the three-week course you literally have dreams of JMPI-ing Soldiers,” said Scaliter.

“I am glad my first sergeant gave me the opportunity and I met the challenge,” he said.



173rd ABCT Staff Sgt. Yarden D. Scaliter (right), a platoon sergeant for HHC, runs through a practice jumpmaster pre-inspection test under the watchful eye of an instructor from Fort Bragg.

### Combination of postal services mean change

USAG Vicenza  
Directorate of Human Resources  
Press release

Postal operations for the Vicenza military community have consolidated and are now called the Postal Service Center.

The physical locations for postal operations (the former Army Post Office, Community Mail Room, and Official Mail) will not change, but immediate benefits include:

- ◆ One point of contact for all postal issues.

- ◆ Fewer internal controls are required so mail will get delivered faster.

Starting March 2 postal hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Official mail, located in bldg 304, is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

For details call Richard Hendrickson, USAG Vicenza Directorate of Human Resources, chief, admin services division, at 634-7451.

## A, B, C’s of pricing for FMWR events, activities

By Ron Grinnell

FMWR NAF Support Chief

Those of us at various Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation activities are often asked why some activities are free, while others are not.

The answer is not simple, but here goes:

It all comes down to money and budgets. FMWR receives money from Congress as appropriated funds which come from tax dollars. Non-appropriated funds make up the difference and come primarily from locally generated income such as ski rental fees.

What category the program or activity falls into determines the level of funding and if customers

will pay fees.

FMWR has three categories of activities: A, B and C. The Army wants all Soldiers and families to experience the same level of service no matter where they are stationed in the world, so they provide tax dollars for what a standard garrison should look like. Services above this standard must then be funded with fees that customers pay.

For example, FMWR services that are considered to be the most important for the health and well-being of our community are category A and paid with tax dollars. These activities are the fitness center and post library.

Programs that are desired by the community but not funded with tax dollars are possible only

by generating income from customer fees. Examples of these are the fitness-class fees that are used to pay for instructors and the \$6,000 annual licensing fee of the Les Mills classes.

Category B activities are considered to be basic community support programs - Arts and Crafts, Outdoor Recreation and Auto Crafts.

If funding is available it can be paid with tax dollars, however

any shortfall must be paid with customer fees, which are used to offset the labor charges and other day-to-day operational expenses.

This allows Cat B activities to break even.

Category C activities, such as the Arena, are considered entertainment and not mission essential and must be able to generate a profit. They do not receive any tax dollars.

The Arena is required to

generate a 15 percent profit. This means if sales are \$1 million they must generate a profit of \$150,000.

Be assured that FMWR will continue to fight for as much appropriated funding as possible to make sure its fees remain as low as possible.

If you have questions or suggestions on FMWR activities, e-mail [working@vicenzamwr.com](mailto:working@vicenzamwr.com).

### At your service

## Fitness Center massage therapists

Massage therapists (left to right) Shanda Holley, Franca Furlan and Terri Crowder offer a variety of massage services to the Vicenza military community.

Relocated from the Sports and Fitness Center due to renovation, they are currently working in bldg 300, between the Italian Mensa and the Sports, Fitness and Aquatics administrative offices.

Call the post fitness center for details at 634-7616.

All of the massage therapists are certified through a massage therapist school, according to Joe Reeder, USAG Vicenza aquatics program manager.

Crowder, who is nationally certified in therapeutic massage and bodywork, has offered massage therapy for the past year; Holley has been practicing massage therapy for eight years, while Furlan has been working on Caserma Ederle for the past seven years.

To book a massage, pick up a business card at the fitness center front desk and book the



appointment directly with the therapist. Pay for the massage at the fitness center front desk prior to the appointment.

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# Community events

## Celebrating accomplishments of African Americans



(Top, left) Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Hartless (left), USAG Vicenza command sergeant major, presents a Scroll of Appreciation to Sgt. Maj. Reginald Sampson, Headquarters Support Company, SETAF, guest speaker during the African American History program held at the Ederle Theater Feb. 20. In his speech, Sampson talked about the struggle that the NAACP went through to gain citizenship for blacks. He also took the audience through a comparison of before full citizenship rights were granted for all people and how things are today. Lastly he spoke about being a good citizen in the Vicenza military community. (Above and left) The entertainment was provided by the Vicenza Elementary School music department led by Angela Hartwig. The third grade students took the audience through a time machine and sung about famous black leaders past to present finishing with President Barak Obama. (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

## Planning ahead helped keep Innsbruck trip child-friendly

Story and photos by  
**Lourdes Fernandez**  
Outlook volunteer

For the Majadas family, a trip to Innsbruck, Austria, provided a quick, easy-to-plan getaway.

To prepare for the ITR-led trip, Joey Majadas asked if the trip was stroller-friendly and then planned to bring entertainment for the bus ride and give some information about the city ahead of time to his children, ages five and one.

Innsbruck is nestled between striking mountains; the town hosted the 1964 and 1976 Winter Olympics and is still a popular spot with skiers.

Visiting Innsbruck requires no passports and accepts euro. A

family of four with two young children can travel for \$150 to \$200. Prices vary depending on the age of the children and distance traveled.

The fee includes transportation, a guide on the bus and a guided tour of the city.

Families may pack a lunch or spend 30-60 euro on a meal at a restaurant and taste German-Austrian cuisine, including *schnitzel*, *sauerkraut*, and dumplings.

In Austria children are expected to be quiet at restaurants; if your children are a bit young to remain quiet and seated, consider a visit to the local McDonald's in old town, then visit a coffee shop and enjoy some traditional homemade

desserts, including *sachertort* and *strudel*.

Majadas recommended explaining to children how the trip is going to work; four hours on a bus can be challenging and it is better to bring age-appropriate, quiet entertainment.

"Bring comfortable clothing for the kids," he said.

If you bring snacks, remember to avoid sticky or greasy food that may damage upholstery and make it difficult for

the driver to clean the bus, according to ITR staff.

Elena Stecca, a tour guide with ITR, suggested that parents of young children choose shorter trips, bring pillows and blankets for comfort, and know how the weather will affect being outside.

Stecca also recommends that parents make sure children can behave quietly, especially when visiting churches.

In the middle of February, daytime temperatures average about 17-22 degrees Fahrenheit.

The weather should not deter travelers from spending time outside exploring Innsbruck's old town.

Take the cable car to the top of the mountain and enjoy the view or stay closer to the stroller-friendly town and browse the shops.

A visit to the clock tower is worth it; for three euro climb the 148 steps and enjoy a nice view of the city.

One way to keep warm is with a visit to the Swarovski crystal shop and museum in old town and browse the fascinating crystal displays.

Finding free restroom facilities is often a challenge in Europe. The Swarovski shop has a bathroom in the bottom floor, which has a convenient changing area for children in diapers.

The key to a successful trip with children is to "have a game plan," explained Majadas, who has been on several ITR trips, and "to adjust the game plan according to the length of the trip



Cold weather doesn't stop visitors to Innsbruck from exploring the old town with its many shops, cafes and restaurants.

and age of the children." For details about child-friendly ITR trips call 634-7094 or 0444-71-7094 from off post or visit their Web site: [www.vicenzamwr.com](http://www.vicenzamwr.com).



A shopkeeper sells local souvenirs along a street in Innsbruck's old town.



Caserma Ederle tourists visiting Innsbruck crane their necks to take in the decorated ceilings of the church while tour guide, Monika Konwalinka, reads the description aloud.



*Quality of life remains a priority*

## Darby dorms reviewed by USAFE HQ

**Story and photo**  
by Chiara Mattiolo  
*USAG Livorno Public Affairs*

Brig. Gen. Richard C. Johnston, director of plans, programs and analyses,

Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany, paid a familiarization visit to Camp Darby Feb. 4.

Johnston visited the Air Force dormitory to evaluate a kitchen upgrade project and also viewed

the cooking capabilities in rooms in the Army barracks.

“Since January 2008, when the Camp Darby Dining Facility closed, the military personnel living on post – especially the shift workers – faced major

difficulties in organizing their meals,” said USAG Livorno Command Sergeant Major Felix Rodriguez.

Rodriguez explained that since the Army barracks were renovated after the dining facility closure, a little kitchen in the rooms was already included in the renovation package.

31st MUNS first sergeant, Master Sgt. James Poole, said that the Air Force dormitories were renovated in 2004, while the dining facility was still in operation. However, now that the needs of the Airmen have changed significantly, an upgrade to the project became necessary.

“We briefed Brig. Gen. Johnston on the importance for an airman stationed here, to have a place to cook his own meals, since we have very limited eating facilities at Camp Darby,” Poole said.

“This new project will be a great morale booster,” he continued. “The visit went well and I am sure Brigadier General Johnston left with a good impression and a clearer idea of our needs.”



31st MUNS first sergeant, Master Sgt. James Poole (left) talks with Brig. Gen. Richard C. Johnston, director, Plans, Programs and Analyses, Headquarters U.S. Air Forces in Europe, Ramstein Air Base, Germany, while inspecting the laundry facilities in the Air Force dormitories. Johnston met with Army and Air Force senior enlisted leaders during his familiarization visit to Camp Darby Feb. 4.

## School Age Services youth help feed shelter animals

By Joyce Costello  
*USAG Livorno Public Affairs*

Every year a School Age Services staff member heads a volunteer project where children get a chance to make a positive difference in the community.

This year the children decided to help the animals at *Rifugio Tom*, an animal shelter in Pisa, according to Angela Wertman, Child and Youth Services program assistant.

“The kids made and decorated donation boxes and placed them in key locations around the post. They then collected the donations and made two trips to the shelter where the food was welcomed,” said Wertman.

“We like to encourage the children to think about the community and how they can help,” she said.

“They decided this time to focus outside and help the Italian community,” she added.

“I think it gives them a sense of community and builds character. When they are older we want them to be contributing members to society – even toward the animals,” continued Wertman.

According to Wertman, the



A Camp Darby School Age Services Youth helps to unload animal food at a local animal shelter. The SAS youth held a food drive to help feed the cats and dogs at the shelter. (Photo courtesy of Angela Wertman, Camp Darby Child and Youth Services program assistant)

youth raised two huge car loads of food and blankets and one community member who heard about their project ended up adopting a German shepherd from the shelter.

“There are some highly

adoptable dogs that are beautiful, their temperament seemed mild and they were well socialized with other dogs and humans – they just want some love,” said Wertman.

Authorities from *Rifugio*

*Tom* said they are always in need of volunteers. Community members wishing to make a donation or information on how to volunteer at the animal shelter can call SAS at 633-7068 or 050-54-7068 from off post.

## Darby Dates

### ACS classes

Call ACS at 633-7084 to register or learn more about the classes below:

### Sponsorship training

March 10: ACS offers training to outline sponsorship responsibilities and provide newcomers with useful information to make their overseas duty transition easier.

### Thrift savings plan

March 10: Participants can learn how to sign up for the Thrift Savings Plan and learn about types of funds available for investment.

### Identity theft

March 11: Learn ways to protect yourself from thieves trying to steal your identity.

### Smooth Move/Levy

March 11: If you are departing from Camp Darby in the next 90 days, sign up now for this seminar and learn how to get through an easy PCS.

### Story hour

March 11: Don't miss the special story hour for children ages 3-5 years to celebrate Women's History Month.

Call the Post Library at 633-7623 for details.

### Darby Community Club events

*Karaoke night:* March 12 you can stop singing in the shower now, join the DCC karaoke night and impress your friends.

*Texas hold'em night:* Texas Hold'em comes to the DCC. Fun begins at 6:30 p.m. with free pasta for the players.

### Rome trip

March 14: Visit some of Rome's most important sites at your own pace.

You'll be dropped off near the Vatican Museum where you can check out St. Peter's Square, the museum, Sistine Chapel, Castel Sant'Angelo and whatever else you can squeeze in.

Call ITR for more details at 633-7589.



## Swing a club, thread a needle, hear a concert, watch a movie

### Golf Town

Italian Golf Fair, Feb. 28 – March 2 in Verona, Viale del Lavoro 8, about 38 miles west of Vicenza. More than 100 companies presenting the latest items on equipment, shoes, clothing and accessories.

Features the world's largest indoor golf course, with attractive and natural scenery reproducing a typical landscape from Italy. Golf competitions between champions and amateurs.

The fair also provides non-golfers opportunities to try out a new sport. Admission fee is 10 euro. Reduced fee is 5 euro for children 6 -14 and free for children under 6. For details in English visit [www.golftown.it/salone\\_eng/index-salone.php](http://www.golftown.it/salone_eng/index-salone.php)

### Abilmente 2009

Bricolage and Manual Creativity exhibition, Feb. 26 – March 1 in Vicenza, Viale del Lavoro, 69. 9:30 a.m. – 7 p.m. Patchwork, craft, decoupage, embroidery, weaving, needle work and home decorating ideas. Hands-on mini workshops. Admission fee is 9 euro. Request a reduced ticket (7 euro) by registering at <https://exhibition.vicenzafiere.it/Abilmente/Vis/login.asp>. The instructions are in Italian. If you need help, call Anna Terracino at 634-7169 or send an e-mail to [anna.terracino@eur.army.mil](mailto:anna.terracino@eur.army.mil).

### Carnevale

March 1 in Caltrano, on Via Martiri della Libertà and Piazza Dante, about 23 miles north of Vicenza. Float and costume parade, live music with the

Caltrano and Mosson marching bands. In case of inclement weather, the celebration will be moved to March 8.

### San Rocco Festival

Feb. 28 – March 1 in Brendola, about 9 miles southwest of Vicenza. Feb 28, 9 p.m. hear live music with the English band "The Acoustic Strawbs," at the Vò di Brendola community room, Via Carbonara, 30.

March 1 at 2 p.m. it's "Delicious Brendola" – Wine-and-food exhibition market featuring typical gastronomical products. Exhibition of antique trades presented by the Brendola craftsmen association. Music, bounce houses and rides.

### La Traviata

Feb. 28, 8 p.m. in Vicenza's Town Hall Theater, Viale Mazzini, 39. Tickets are 35 to 40 euro. You can read the libretto translated into English by clicking on [www.columbia.edu/itc/music/reserves/traviata.html](http://www.columbia.edu/itc/music/reserves/traviata.html)

### Free concerts, exhibits, classes

Sismica in concert Feb. 26, 9:30 p.m., in Vicenza, Country Club, Strada Vicinale Monte Crocetta, 6.

Immanu El: Pop from Sweden + Zoysie, rock from Italy, Feb. 26, 9 p.m., in Vicenza. Bar Sartea, Via Vecchia Ferriera, 166.

Marco Zordan in concert, Feb. 27, 9 p.m. in Vicenza. Equobar, Strada Marosticana, 350. Live alternative pop music.

Conservatory students in concert Feb. 28, 5 p.m. in

Vicenza's Saint Chiara Chapel, Contrà Santa Chiara.

Watercolor painting exhibition calendar 2009, March 1 - 31, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. – midnight; closed on Mondays; in Vicenza. Café restaurant Dai Nodari, Contrà Do Rode, 20.

Accordion concert with conservatory students March 1, 5 p.m. in Vicenza's Saint Chiara Chapel, Contrà Saint Chiara.

Entertainer Wind Quartet – Swing-Jazz live music, March 1, 7 p.m., in Vicenza, Equobar, Strada Marosticana, 350.

Leo Mas Universal Experience, Jazz is not Dead Festival, March 3, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Bar Sartea, Corso SS Felice.

Explore the sky at the Astronomical Observatory of Arcugnano, March 3, 8:30 p.m., Via S. Giustina, 127 – about five miles south of Vicenza.

Live Jazz with Federico Casagrande trio, March 5, 10 p.m., in Vicenza. Jazbo, Via del Progresso, 18.

Ricci Pasticci live in acoustic, March 5, 9:30 p.m., in Vicenza, Birrificio Birracrua, Country

Club, Strada Vicinale Monte Crocetta, 6.

### Movies in English

March 2 Australia plays at the Odeon Theater in downtown Vicenza, Corso Palladio, 176. Tickets cost 6 euro. Show times are 5:30 and 8:30 p.m.

For the schedule of upcoming English-language movies at the go to the Web site [www.mymovies.it/cinema/vicenza/6217/](http://www.mymovies.it/cinema/vicenza/6217/)

### Sports events

Oktagon – Kick-boxing Championship in Milan, March 14.

Harlem Globetrotters Italian Tour 2009 in Bologna April 30; in Verona May 2 and in Rome May 4.

Superbike World Championship in Misano June 21.

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

### Upcoming concerts

The Script in Milan Feb. 27.

The Sisters of Mercy in Milan,

March 9; in Bologna March 10.

Judas Priest + Megadeth and Testament, in Milan, March 10.

Jason Mraz in Rome March 10.

The Killers in Milan, March 17.

Steve Hackett in Genova, March 12; in Rome, March 15.

Disney Princess on Ice in Milan in March 18-22, in Rome March 25-29 and Torino April 1-5.

AC/DC in Milan March 20 and 21.

John Legend in Padova, March 21.

America appears in Verona March 21.

Bob Dylan in Rome, April 17.

David Byrne in Verona, April 20.

Simply Red in Conegliano (TV), May 19.

Depeche Mode in Milano, June 18.

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

ColdPlay in Udine, Aug. 31

Tickets are available from your local box office or online at [www.vivaticket.it](http://www.vivaticket.it)



Italian Golf Fair held Feb. 28 – March 2 in Verona on Viale del Lavoro 8, about 38 miles west of Vicenza. See the world's largest indoor golf course, with attractive and ecological scenery reproducing a typical landscape from Italy. Golf competitions between champions and amateurs will be held. For details, visit the Web site: [www.golftown.it/salone\\_eng/index-salone.php](http://www.golftown.it/salone_eng/index-salone.php). (Photo courtesy of Golf Town, srl)

## ITR, ODR merge services April 1

Beginning April 1 ITR is merging with Outdoor Rec to create an expanded lineup of travel and adventure options for the entire community.

With the launch of the new summer schedule in April, Outdoor Rec will host your favorite ITR trips to major cities, beaches and amusement parks, while still offering its popular extreme adventure series of hiking, biking, scuba and kayaking trips.

Beginning April 1 all your FMWR trips can be booked at one location.

Community members can find information about the top 10 requested destinations, answers to the most frequently asked questions

and links to the most popular sites in the area on [www.vicenzaMWR.com](http://www.vicenzaMWR.com) or call 634-7453.

In the meantime, below are some terrific trips bookable through ITR at 634-7094:

### Lake Maggiore cruise

Discover Lago Maggiore on a cruise with ITR March 7, 6 a.m.-10 p.m. This is Italy's second largest lake and its northern tip is in Switzerland.

### Wine tasting tours

ITR offers two opportunities to taste the great wines of Italy. March 4, 8:15 enjoy the Bardolino of the Lake Garda region.

March 8 6 a.m. -10 p.m. discover Chianti on the Tuscany Discovery Tour.

Call Outdoor Rec at 634-7453

for trips below:

### Megadome paint ball weekend

March 14 and 15 ODR will have the Megadome set up for paintball on astro field on Caserma Ederle.

Available times are noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The event will host 30 participants each day and reservations are mandatory. Cost is \$60 and includes all equipment, air and reballs.

### Padova paintball

ODR offers paintball trips to Padova March 8 and 22.

Transportation is \$10 and the field fee is 10 Euro.

You can rent equipment for an additional fee if you don't own your own.

## Now Showing

### Ederle Theater

Feb. 26	Delgo (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Feb. 27	Yes Man (PG13)	6 p.m.
	Seven Pounds (PG13)	9 p.m.
Feb. 26	Fired Up (PG13)	3 p.m.
	Yes Man (PG13)	6 p.m.
March 1	Bedtime Stories (PG)	3 p.m.
	Fired Up (PG13)	6 p.m.
March 4	Bedtime Stories (PG)	6 p.m.

### Camp Darby Theater

Feb. 26	Nothing Like the Holidays (PG13)	6 p.m.
Feb. 27	The Express (PG)	6 p.m.
Feb. 28	Delgo (PG)	6 p.m.
March 1	Marely & Me (PG)	2 p.m.

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

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

Looking for the movie synopsis? Check out the AAFES Web site: [www.aafes.com](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).



## MBA classes offered

Registration is now open for the Univ of Phoenix Master of Business Administration program. Classes begin March 2 at the Education Center.

In addition, University of Phoenix is offering the Master of Arts in Education with face-to-face classes starting in May.

For details about the programs and class schedules, contact Ana LaForgia at [ana.laforgia@phoenix.edu](mailto:ana.laforgia@phoenix.edu) or call 634-8928.

## Army Records Information Management training

ARIMS training is offered March 18, 8:45 a.m.-3 p.m.

The training will be conducted at the distance learning center (Bldg 128). There are 15 slots available on a first come, first served basis.

Confirm registration and receive complete details by calling or e-mail to: Steve Roberts at 634-7752 or [steve.roberts@eur.army.mil](mailto:steve.roberts@eur.army.mil) or Romina Chemello at 634-8516 or [romina.chemello@eur.army.mil](mailto:romina.chemello@eur.army.mil).

Students need to register their CAC card at the distance learning center prior to start date of class.

## Sex Signals

March 30, at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Catharsis Productions performs an interactive play, *Sex Signals*, at the Ederle Theater.

This interactive training is open to the community and designed to provide an insightful, educational, and provocative look into issues of sexual assault and date rape.

For reservations and details on the training call EEO at 634-7093.

## Military Pay office relocates

Effective March 2 Customer Service and Military Pay offices will be transferred bldg 28 next to the finance cash cage.

Finance offices for in and out processing, travel, and separations will remain in the Central Processing Facility.

## Thanks to our volunteers

The Volunteer Recognition Luncheon is set for May 1 at Club Veneto.

A special Youth Recognition Ceremony will be held in the Veneto Room in Club V May 8, 3:30-5 p.m.

## MOMS Club Carnivale

MOMS Club of Vicenza is hosting a Carnevale party March 5, 3:30-5 p.m. in the Ederle Chapel activity room.

We'll build floats so bring a

bicycle, tricycle, wagon, scooter, box or something with wheels to participate. The MOMS Club provides the necessary materials to decorate your float.

For details, call Rachel Hake at 320-076-1064.

## Expect power outages Friday, Saturday

Power outages will occur Friday and Saturday on post in the following buildings and times:

Feb. 27, 6-10 p.m. in buildings 3, 6 A and B, 9 A and B, 25, 27, 28, 29, 34, 43, 49, 82, 97 and Gate 2 (Chapel gate).

From 8-10 p.m. buildings 1, 2, 4 A and B, 7 A and B, 8 A and B and building 33.

From 10 p.m. - midnight buildings 10, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 52, 80 A, B and C, 93 and building 98.

Saturday, Feb. 28, the power is out from 7-9 a.m. in buildings 107, 108, 109, 112, 126, 128, 167, 168, 171, 300, 333, 339, 372 and the Arena.

From 9:30-noon buildings 113, 131, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 169 and 170 are without power.

From 1-3:30 p.m. buildings 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 117, 125, 161, 164, 165 and 173 are without power.

## Passport office closure

The passport office will be closed March 6, 9-11:30 a.m.

The passport office is located in bldg 28 next to the Military Personnel division office.

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

## Weekend seminar offered

Central Texas College is offering a weekend seminar, Investigating Sexual Abuse, Feb. 28-March 1. The class runs from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. and 100 percent tuition assistance is available to eligible participants.

Earn 1 college credit while gaining valuable information.

Call CTC 634-6514 to register.

## USO events

*Level One Italian* class runs March 17- May 12. Classes are held Tuesday and Thursday nights from 5:45-7:45 p.m.

Course cost is \$118, sign up at the USO.

USO offers *St. Patrick's* day dinner starting at 5 p.m.

The USO is located in bldg 9A., hours are Monday- Friday 11a.m.-10 p.m., weekends noon-6 p.m. Phone is 634-7156.

## Visiting France?

Tourist passport required are now required for visitors to France. Soldiers may no long use leave paperwork.

Anyone intending to stay

more than 90 days in France must obtain the appropriate visa issued by one of the French Embassy or Consulates prior to departure for France.

This also applies to anyone considering marriage in France.

## Swim coaches needed

For the Mako Sharks Swim Team summer season begins in June and volunteer coaches are sought. Contact Cindi Unger at 347-891-1073 or [cindi.unger@us.army.mil](mailto:cindi.unger@us.army.mil) for details.

## Dating Doctor workshop

David Coleman, the *Dating Doctor*, who inspired the movie "Hitch" has the prescription for rocky relationships. Get advice for your life March 5, 8 p.m. in the Arena.

Workshops are also scheduled for FRGs and a special workshop for single Soldiers is scheduled in the BOSS lounge March 6 at 3 p.m.

Call 634-5087 for details.

## Art Center classes

The Vicenza Art Center offers the following classes: Picture framing March 1 at 10 a.m., Basic sewing March 3 at 4 p.m., Oil painting March 4 at 5:30 p.m., Photography class March 5 at 5:30 p.m., Ceramics on the Wheel, March 7 at 10:30 a.m. and Hand Building March 7 at 3 p.m.

For a list of classes visit the Web site: [www.vicenzamwr.com](http://www.vicenzamwr.com) or go to the art center.

Call 634-7074 for details and prices. Hours are Wednesday -

Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

## Wednesday Bowling Club

Teams of four (any combination of men and women) can join the Wednesday night bowling club at the Arena.

It's all fun and no frills bowling beginning March 11 5:45 p.m. Call 634-7886 for information or to register.

## Selling your car?

BOSS operates a lot where you can park your car for \$10 per month while you are trying to sell it, on vacation or TDY.

You can now register and pay for the authorization card at the Tax Relief Office, Vehicle Registration or Outdoor Rec.

For details call 634-5087.

## CDC closure

The Child Development Center bldg 398 will be closed March 13 for staff training.

All children normally cared for in bldg 398 will be provided care at CDC 395, which operates 6 a.m. - 6 p.m.

For details call 634-5008 or 634-8433.

## Free child care with SAS

All school-aged children in grades 1-6 are eligible to receive five free hours of hourly care each month through the School Age Services program.

These free hours may be used toward any of the SAS program options. Hourly care must be reserved in advance and eligibility requirements must be met. Call 634-8253 for details.

## Learn Principles of Strength Training

The Army Wellness Center will hold a Principles of Strength Training class March 19, 10-11 a.m. for men and women of all ages.

Participants will learn the basics of strength training and some advanced training methods.

The objective is to give an understanding of strength training and get you started on the right Strength Training Program.

Benefits of strength training include building lean muscle mass, increased metabolism, improved bone density and enhanced performance in sports or exercise.

Sign up for the class at the Army Wellness Center, located inside the fitness center. Class size is limited to 16 participants.

Call 634-8186, or 0444-71-8186 from off post.



All briefs must be received at [editor@eur.army.mil](mailto:editor@eur.army.mil) noon Monday, or by Friday at 4 p.m. if Monday is a holiday.

## Religious activities

### Caserma Ederle Chapel

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

### Chaplain Crisis Line:

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

### Saturday services

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

5 p.m.: Vigil Mass

### Sunday Services

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

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

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

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

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

4 p.m.: Lutheran worship

6 p.m.: Contemporary Christian worship

### Monday

Noon: LDS Scripture Study

3:05 p.m.: Middle School Club in the high school cafeteria. (October-May)

5:30 p.m.: High School Club in the Teen Center. (October-May)

For details contact Jocelyn Cary at 634-7890 or 349-385-3476 or [vicecb@yahoo.com](mailto:vicecb@yahoo.com).

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

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

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

### Thursday

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

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

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

### Faith group contacts

**Islamic:** Mohamed Noeman at 634-6306.

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

**Latter Day Saints (LDS):** Scripture study is held each Monday, noon-1 p.m. at the Chapel. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. downtown. For details, call Sean Peterson, 335-8219492.

### Darby Chapel

For details call the chapel at: 633-7267 (50-54-7267).

9:40 a.m.: Catholic Reconciliation

10 a.m.: Catholic Mass

11:15 a.m.: Protestant worship

Protestant Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m.

Catholic CCD is at 11:15 a.m.



# Soldier shares hoops' expertise with team, children

Story and photos  
by Laura Kreider  
Outlook staff

Within the community, many Soldiers and community members dedicate their spare time volunteering as coaches for Child, Youth and School Services teams.

One of these volunteers is Capt. Jeremiah Pope, a Soldier with Headquarters SETAF, and a coach of one of the CYSS Peeewe's basketball teams.

"I've been doing this since I got here in 2004," said Pope. "I really enjoy doing it. I also have a little incentive because my 6-year-old son is on the team.

"I believe he should have some involvement with other kids. I enjoy it a lot. I feel like I'm giving back to the community, giving back to the youth, especially because this is the opportunity that you have to get your influence on them at a young age," he continued.

Pope, along with the other coaches, teaches the children the fundamentals of the game, such as basic shooting, dribbling and passing.

"At this age, it is important to practice just the fundamentals so they'll have something to build on later on," he added.

At times, teaching very small children may be a challenge, according to Pope.

"If you are a goal-oriented person, which most people in the military are, it can be a bit challenging, but when you look at the faces of the kids, it's all worth it," he said.

Especially during the games,



Capt. Jeremiah Pope, a member of the SETAF Headquarters Support Company unit basketball team, dribbles the ball down the court in the championship game against 14th Trans held at the post gym Feb. 11. HSC SETAF defeated 14th Trans 29-27. Besides playing in a unit league team, Pope volunteers as a coach for a Child, Youth and School Services team.

coaches and children are very involved.

"They [children] love to score; they love to have the ball in their hands and sometimes, during a game you can go through some difficulties, but at the end of the game, you look at their faces and all you see are smiles," he said.

Pope gets his time on the court as a member of the SETAF Headquarters Support Company team, which participating in the recently ended USAG Vicenza Unit Basketball League.

"This year I played about five times. The championship is an annual event and for the most part, unless I am doing some type of training or TDY, I try to take



Jeremiah Pope (right), a Soldier with Headquarters SETAF, coaches children in the Peewee league at the Villaggio gym along with the other Peewee's coach Sky Clarke, CYSS development specialist.

part in it," he said.

In addition to playing and

coaching basketball, Pope also enjoys flag football.

## VHS Boys' Cougars place 3rd at Europeans

Vicenza High School  
Special to the Outlook

The Vicenza High School Boys' basketball team scored big at the European All-Tournament Championships, held in Mannheim, Germany Feb. 18-22.

There were nine boys

selected from the VHS team to compete at the tournament.

In their final game against AFNORTH, the Cougars pulled ahead in the last five seconds to win 50-47 thanks to a 3-point shot scored by Shakeale Skeete.

"We are very proud of our team and the fact that they placed 3rd in the Division 3

category," said Angela West, the boy's basketball sponsor.

VHS Girl's basketball team lost to Milan and Baumholder, then eliminated in pool play.

VHS Cougar cheerleaders were also competing and Ebonie Newton and Janette Prados were selected as All Tournament.



Shakeale Skeete was named to the All-Tournament Team.



VHS Boys' European All-Tournament basketball team (Left to Right top row): Michael Weston, James Erickson, Reggie Sweed, Nick X. Williams, (L to R bottom row): Reginald Sweed (coach), Fabian Severson, Shakeale Skeete, Gary Donald, Kan Miller, Sam Pemberton. (Photos courtesy of Vicenza High School)

## Sports shorts

### Baseball season

Baseball season is just around the corner. It's time to enroll your children for baseball.

Enrollment for ages 3-15 and softball for ages 10-15 ends Feb. 27. Parents should bring a health assessment valid through the season to central registration when registering. Call 634-6151 for additional information.

### Umpire certification

You can support our youth by becoming a paid umpire. CYS is offering a free Little League umpire certification class March 9-13, 6-9 p.m. Register before March 6 by calling 634-6151.

### Aqua aerobic instructor sought

The USAG Vicenza Sport and Fitness office is looking for certified aqua aerobics instructors.

Instructors will be needed beginning June 15, Mondays and Wednesdays each week for noon classes.

Classes must be given in English.

Those interested should contact Joe Reeder at 634-5181 or 0444-71-5181 from off post.

### Power lifting competition

Vicenza's power lifting competition will be held March 14-15. The mandatory participants meeting is March 10 at 2:30 or 5:30 p.m. Award will be given for bench press and curl lifts. Call 634-7009 for information on competing.

### Indoor soccer tournament

USAG Vicenza Indoor Soccer Tournament is Feb 27-28. Teams should have a max of seven players including the coaches. The coaches meetings are Feb 24, 2:30 or 5:30 p.m. at the Sports office. Bring your rosters to the meeting. Call 634-7009 for information.

### Life guard training course offered

The USAG Vicenza Sports and Fitness office will offer a training course April 6 for those interested in becoming a life guard.

This certification class costs \$145 and is approximately 35 hours.

Those ages 16 and older can register at the Fitness Center or call 634-6536 for more information.

### Vicenza military community sports stats

#### USAG Vicenza community soccer

#### Team standings

Win	Tie	Loss
2	2	6

#### Feb 7

Piovene Rocchetta 1 vs USAG 0

#### Feb 15

Sporting S. Gaetano 0 vs. USAG 0

#### Feb 21

US Pigafetta 1 vs. USAG 1