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# Vicenza NCO earns Soldier's Medal

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**VICENZA, Italy** - Driving with his family along Highway 59 in East Texas, Sgt. 1st Class Keith Cade watched as a pickup truck ahead swerved into the median, flipped on its side and kicked up a cloud of dust.

It was late-afternoon, Nov. 25, 2005, just outside of Marshall, Texas - Cade's hometown. The Southern European Task Force NCO, home on emergency leave from Afghanistan, pulled over and raced across traffic to help just as the overturned pickup burst into flames.

"It happened so fast," Cade said. "I never saw the danger. That never crossed my mind."

Three other men - a retired Soldier, a Marine Corp recruiter and an off-duty fire fighter - also ran up. Without hesitation, the men worked together as a team to rescue the driver and her child from the burning vehicle.

"We saw the fire. One guy said, 'we don't have much time,'" Cade said. "The lady was trying to get her baby. That's when I leaned into the truck and lifted him out."

For his efforts, Cade earned the Soldier's Medal - awarded to Soldiers for heroic acts outside of enemy combat.

Lt. Gen. R. Steven Whitcomb, U.S. Army inspector general, pinned the medal on Cade's uniform during a Feb. 3 ceremony held in the office of Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III,



Lt. Gen. R. Steven Whitcomb, left, U.S. Army Inspector General, pins the Soldier's Medal on Sgt. 1st Class Keith Cade during a Feb. 3 ceremony. (Photos by Barbara Romano, 7th JTMC-TSC Photo Lab)

commander of U.S. Army Africa. Cade's wife and children were among the roomful of officers and enlisted Soldiers who attended.

"Without regard to his own safety, Sgt. 1st Class Cade braved the fire and worked in unison with other rescuers to save two civilians," an NCO read the award citation aloud. "His personal courage and selfless service are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service."

Cade now serves as the noncommissioned officer in charge of the personnel section at the 509th Signal Battalion at Caserma Ederle.

His commander, Lt. Col. Joe Angyal, said he learned it often takes time to collect supportive

evidence and to run paperwork for the medal through proper channels. In this case, it took three years.

Cade is a great leader, Angyal said, who relied on attributes inherent in outstanding NCOs.

"His training and instincts kicked in," Angyal said. "You go with what you know."

Cade said he knows Soldiers who fought and died in combat, an act he considers more heroic than his. In fact, Cade speaks humbly about his actions, saying that he simply did what he had to, when faced with a tough situation.

"I guess it's about staying calm under pressure," Cade said. "When people are in need, you don't think a lot about your own safety."

## Soldier's Medal recognizes heroic acts

Very few medals are higher in precedence than the Soldier's Medal. In fact, when worn on an Army dress uniform, the Soldier's Medal is higher than the Bronze Star.

A 1926 act of Congress established the medal for heroic acts outside of enemy combat. The medal is not awarded simply for saving a life. The act must involve personal danger and risking one's own life.



Soldiers Medal

According to Army Regulation 600-8-22, the Soldier's Medal is awarded to any person of the Armed Forces of the United States, or of a friendly foreign nation who while serving in any capacity with the Army of the United States, distinguished him or herself by heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy. Enlisted Soldiers who receive the medal may be entitled to a retirement pay increase.

The medal design was approved in 1930. The medal hangs on a ribbon of blue with white and red vertical stripes. An eagle graces the bronze octagon on the front. The reverse side reads "For Valor."

# Senior U.S. Defense official visits U.S. Army Africa

Story and photo by  
Rick Scavetta  
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**VICENZA, Italy** - Army officers laying the groundwork for future missions in Africa met

with Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs Theresa Whelan during her Jan. 30 visit to the headquarters of U.S. Army Africa.

Whelan addressed the group during a day-long planning seminar held at the Caserma Ederle's Arena entertainment center. "It's a pleasure to be here and see all of you looking at Africa in ways that that we haven't in the past," Whelan said.

In October, U.S. Africa Command became operational. In December, the U.S. Army's Southern European Task Force began its transformation to become the Army component to U.S. Africa Command.


"I'm really happy that we've made this shift," Whelan said. "I think it will make a difference on the continent in the future."



Italian Carabinieri officers hosted U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for African Affairs Theresa Whelan and Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III, U.S. Army Africa commander, this week at the Center of Excellence for Stability Police Units (CoESPU) in Vicenza, where African police officers are training for peacekeeping missions.



The Noncommissioned Officer  
**PATTERNS OF SUCCESS**



**Staff Sgt. Patrick Gonzales**

Unit: 14th Transportation Battalion  
Current Position: Training NCOIC  
Age: 32  
Hometown: Edna, Texas  
Years in Service: 7 years

**Mentor:** Command Sgt. Maj. Murphy, Sgt. 1st Class Fullwood, and Master Sgts Howard and Newton. Without Command Sgt. Maj. Murphy's mentorship, I probably would never have accomplished anything. She taught me if you want something, you can get it. If you don't go the distance to get it, someone else will.

**Ambition:** Take life for what it's worth, because tomorrow may not come.

**Motto:** "I am the Standard."

**Definition of an NCO:** Someone who can take any person off the street and make them successful in the U.S. Army by shaping and molding them while leading from the front.

**Advice for junior enlisted Soldiers:** Don't worry about what your peers say to you. If you want to lead, there is only one way - and that is from the front.

**Your defining moment as an NCO:** "The first time one of my Soldiers pinned on sergeant stripes and said, 'thank you,' that's when I knew I was doing something right and was leading."

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      OUTLOOKgraphics

## SAPI safety, not a problem

The recent story on a Department of Defense Inspector General report implies the Army has issued faulty armor plates to Soldiers - armor plates that may not provide troops adequate protection.

**This is not so.**

The government's independent authority on testing and evaluation is the director, Operational Test and Evaluation (DOT&E). DOT&E examined the Army's testing of the armor plates referred to in the IG report and determined that the plates passed the tests. In clear, unequivocal language, DOT&E declared that: "the three designs meet the performance specification in place at the time of each test."

I want to emphasize: This is not the conclusion of the Army, but of DOT&E, the government's impartial experts in the field.

Since 2002, the Army has produced and fielded nearly two million armor plates, saving the lives of thousands of Soldiers.

The Army has conducted over 2,300 tests of the armor plates. The IG report questions three of these tests. But the DOT&E concluded that those three tests were successful.

Based on DOT&E's evaluation of the testing, the Army considers the armor plates in question to be safe. Nonetheless, out of an abundance of caution, the plates are being collected to ensure continued confidence in the Army's commitment to the safety of our Soldiers.

Cordially,  
**Peter N. Fuller**  
Brig. Gen., U.S. Army  
Commanding, Soldier Systems Center



SAPI armor is safe

## Vicenza AER helps local Soldiers

By **Valerie Sweed**  
Vicenza AER officer

Headquarters, Army Emergency Relief (AER) recently 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.

During 2008, AER handled 66,000 cases of financial assistance for unexpected financial stress to include emergency travel, housing, car repair, utilities, medical expenses, funeral costs and disaster relief along with support to surviving Families of Fallen Soldiers, and grants to widows and Wounded Warriors.

Locally, AER handled over 80 cases during 2008 and provided over \$104K in financial assistance to the Soldiers and their families in the Vicenza community.

Financial assistance in the local Vicenza military community saw a 22 percent decrease in assistance provided in 2008 compared to 2007. The long-term deployment that lasted through August of 2008 can be noted as a factor for the decrease.

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. When comparing the stats for assistance provided in January 2008 during the deployment to assistance provided post-deployment in January 2009, there is a 64 percent increase.

AER has improved efforts to access AER assistance through our Command Referral program. The Command Referral program gives company and 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.

In support of its education program AER disbursed \$12.1 million in scholarships to over 5,600 children and spouses of



Soldiers.

Soldiers and their family members requiring AER assistance can contact their unit chain of command or go to their local installation AER office. The AER office is located at Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center. Full details on AER's assistance programs may be found by contacting Valerie Sweed, AER Officer at 634-8524/7500 or on the web at [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org).

## Speak Out

## Where do you usually find parking on post?

-By **Laura Kreider**  
Outlook Staff



**Sgt. Adam Gamache**  
B Co., 1-503rd

"I usually leave my car parked in front of the barracks and just walk around post during the day."



**Richard Boudreau**  
MWR, Outdoor Rec

"I come to work early, find a space and stay in it. At times, I find parking near the commissary before it opens."



**Antonella Clabrese**  
CID

"Usually, I park in the Club V parking lot, when I'm lucky or I find a spot in the area across from the club."



**Sgt. Silvana Smith**  
HSC, SETAF

"The only way to get a parking space is to come really early in the morning, usually in the area around the DFAC."



**Christina Salas**  
DFMWR

"I can usually find a spot by the Shoppette, then walk to the PX area."



## It's a crime, not a game

### Ederle shoplifters share shame

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs  
News release

Nine youth were caught shoplifting on Caserma Ederle in the last 12 months, according to the assistant civilian misconduct action officer.

"All youth caught shoplifting must go before the juvenile review board in the company of their parents," said Angela Donald, of the Vicenza military community's civilian misconduct action authority. "Consequences vary case by case and can range from community service, being banned from AAFES facilities, observing a court martial sentencing, presenting letters of apology to store managers to being returned to the continental United States ahead of a parent's normal change of station."

Among the youth caught shoplifting in the past year, two teenagers received a special assignment from the juvenile review board: write an account of their experience and submit it for publication. The following is an excerpt from their joint report.

"Throughout Vicenza, students have figured out multiple methods with which to shoplift from the various facilities of the community. Having seen the fruits of these seemingly easy methods one day from a friend, I decided to attempt this crime.

I walked into the PX, selecting certain items as I nonchalantly strolled through the store. Following a simple and foolproof routine, I took the items with me into the dressing room where I placed them in my bag. I left



the room a few minutes later, and exited the PX.

Once in the food court, I was almost immediately confronted by two abnormally built security guards. In their deep, terrifying tone, they ordered me to come with them. They escorted me to a side room where they proceeded to command me to relinquish the stolen goods. They asked for my name and ID card, after which they called the police station.

A few moments later, two MPs and an undercover investigator arrived. Needless to say, they did not look happy, and the disappointment in their faces embarrassed me to shame. I cowered in my seat and waited for them to take me to the MP station.

Once at the MP station, I was taken to a small room where the private investigator began to gather mine and my parents' personal information, which he typed into a governmental database. He then asked me in the presence of my parents if I would be willing to write a statement. Ashamed, I agreed.

The worst part was the answering the investigator's in-depth questions in front of my

parents. I had embarrassed not only myself but my family, my school, and my community. In addition, my action had dire consequences on my parents: my parent's bosses had to be notified of my actions.

The worst was yet to come, however. A few days after I had to attend a hearing in which a board of 12 distinguished community members (some of which I knew personally) questioned me and challenged me on the reasons behind my actions. It was undoubtedly the most embarrassing moment of my life."

Alongside the shame and humiliation felt by the perpetrators and their families, there is the economic damage caused to honest AAFES patrons.

"If a leather jacket is stolen, it would take a great amount of sales of that same jacket to make up for the jacket that was stolen," explained Joseph Peterson, an AAFES loss-prevention manager. "When theft occurs in the PX of any value this causes the prices to increase, thus ultimately hurting all of us who are righteous consumers."

## Peanut butter product recalls

This information sheet is provided as quick reference material in a fast-changing scenario surrounding the peanut butter food alert and recall.

At this writing, the following items covered by the recent manufacturers' voluntary recalls have been pulled from commissary shelves.

Product removed from sale	UPC #
Zone Perfect Health Foods Peanut Butter Bar	63810220101
Clif Crunchy Peanut Butter Bar	72225210120
Clif Health Foods Chocolate Chip Peanut Bar	72225210130
Luna Nutz Over Chocolate Bar	72225210310
Keebler Cheese and Peanut Butter	03010047324
Keebler Toast and Peanut Butter Crackers	03010047357
Austin Cheese and Peanut Butter Crackers	07978340921
Austin Toast and Peanut Butter Crackers	07978340922
Austin Cheese and Peanut Butter Crackers	07978348801
Austin Toast and Peanut Butter Crackers	07978348802
Austin Cheese and Peanut Butter Crackers	07978325875
Austin Toast and Peanut Butter Crackers	07978325884
Austin Snack Cracker Variety Tray	07978348635

**Note: Impacted Austin and Keebler cracker packages come in sizes from 7.4 oz to 62.1 oz club packs.**

For full information on salmonella and listing of recalled products, consult this link: <http://www.fda.gov/oc/opacom/hottopics/salmonellatyp.html>. Only the items listed in table above are normally carried by DeCA Europe.

These items were pulled from all commissary shelves and will remain on hold pending further notification. DeCA continually works with military public health officers and food safety specialists to handle all matters relating to food alerts and recalls.

These products are part of several voluntary manufacturers' recall. While the products have not been linked to this outbreak and no cases have been directly connected to these products, the voluntary recall is made in the interest of safety and quality.

Customers are advised not to consume these products. Commissary customers who may have these products at home from an earlier purchase may bring them back to the commissary if they so choose. A full refund will be made.

For more information contact : DeCA Europe Public Affairs officer, Gerri Young, 489-7304, [gerri.young@deca.mil](mailto:gerri.young@deca.mil).

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## At your service

### WIC Overseas program

Cortney Engleman is a registered dietitian and DoD contractor who loves to travel. Brooke Sanderson is a military spouse and moved to Vicenza from Rhode Island.

The WIC Overseas program provides nutrition education and supplemental foods to eligible active duty military and civilian employees and their dependents. Eligible participants may include pregnant, postpartum, breastfeeding women and infants and children under age 5.

The WIC Overseas also provides breastfeeding education and has a breast pump loan program for WIC participants.

WIC Overseas is located in bldg.169, is open Monday-Friday 8a.m.-noon and 1-5 p.m. Call 634-6258 for more information.



Cortney Engleman and Brooke Sanderson, WIC Overseas



# Community events



Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III (left), U.S. Southern European Task Force - U.S. Army Africa commander, and Col. Lorraine Breen (fifth from right), U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza commander, presented Certificates of Achievement to seven Italian first-responder agencies who saved the life of a U.S. Army Soldier who fell into a ravine near Asiago Dec. 12. (Photo by Barbara Romano, 7thJMTTC -TSC Photo Lab)

## Caserma Ederle honors Italian first responders

U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs  
Press Release

**CASERMA EDERLE, Vicenza, Italy** - Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III, U.S. Southern European Task Force - U.S. Army Africa commander, and Col. Lorraine Breen, U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza commander, hosted a recognition luncheon Jan. 29 for seven Italian first-responder agencies who saved the life of a U.S. Army Soldier who fell into a ravine near Asiago Dec. 12.

During the luncheon, Garrett and Breen presented Certificates of Appreciation to

representatives from the Canove Carabinieri Station, Asiago and Roana stations of the National Forestry Corps, Asiago Fire Department, Alps Rescue Team, Emergency Unit from the Asiago Civil Hospital and the Roana City Police.

"We are here today to express our gratitude to all agencies involved in the rescue of the Soldier and to the Asiago Civil Hospital who did an excellent job in rescuing, stabilizing and providing emergency trauma care," Breen said. "It is because of your professionalism and expertise the Soldier is alive today and recuperating in the

United States," she added.

Breen noted the rescue was particularly challenging because of the steep terrain in the ravine and the heavy vegetation that made extraction very difficult.

"Sometimes it takes tragic circumstances to pull a community together," Garrett said. "However, the Americans at Caserma Ederle have been a part of this community for over 50 years, and this is a strong relationship that we want to continue in the future."

"It is because of your actions that a Soldier is alive today," Breen said. "No words can express our gratitude to you."

## Know your numbers

By Betsy Walters  
USAG Vicenza Health  
Promotion coordinator



February is American Heart Month. I know, there's a month for everything. Does this special month mean we should only care about our heart health during February? Absolutely not, but what it does is serve as a reminder to you to take care of yourself. Heart disease continues to be the #1 killer in America. By taking a proactive role in your health, you can decrease your risk for heart disease and the complications that come with heart disease.

Do you know your blood pressure? How about your cholesterol numbers, triglycerides and fasting blood sugar? If you don't know these numbers or haven't had them checked in the last five years, schedule an appointment with your health

care provider. Being knowledgeable about your health can help you and your provider understand your risk for heart disease and take preventive measures where appropriate.

For more information on heart health, visit the American Heart Association's patient website at <http://www.hearhub.org/>. This website includes great tools for you to assess your risk and get you started in the right direction for a healthy heart. Stop by the PX on Feb.12 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for a free blood pressure screening.

## PEO exhibit site set

The PEO Soldier display will be here Feb. 9-10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at bldg. 266 in the IMMA Motorpool area. Entry will be through the commissary parking lot. The display is open to the public and will feature the next generation of Army gear, including the most technologically advanced weapons systems, cutting-edge communication technology, innovative clothing and ground-breaking equipment.



## Prayer Breakfast

by Chap. (Maj.) Kevin Guthrie

This year, Vicenza's National Prayer Breakfast is held Feb.10 at 7 a.m. at the PX Food Court.

The guest speaker will be Chaplain (Col.) David Colwell, U.S. AFRICOM command chaplain.

The National Prayer Breakfast's purpose is to bring together the leadership of the United States in recognition of the moral and religious values upon which our nation was founded. Everyone who would like to join together in prayer for the United States is encouraged to attend. Tickets are available through command sergeants major, first sergeants, unit chaplains or at the garrison chapel office. The tickets are free, although a free-will offering will be taken at the door.

Each year, soon after Congress convenes, men and women in leadership positions from various aspects of our national life meet together for discussion and prayer on the occasion of what became known as the Annual National Prayer Breakfast.

In 1970, the name was changed to the National Prayer Breakfast to emphasize the purpose of their gathering. The main National Prayer Breakfast is normally attended by the president, the vice president, the cabinet, members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, the Supreme Court, government officials, military leaders and others from across the United States.

Since the inauguration of the breakfast, the idea of women and men in positions of responsibility meeting together for prayer has spread to every state, scores of cities, military units and to parliaments and legislatures on every continent.



## Port moves heavy brigade tracks

Story and photo by  
Joyce Costello

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Camp Darby units 839th Transportation Battalion and 3rd Battalion, 405th Army Field Support Brigade worked ardently together to ensure the successful arrival and transportation of 144 vehicles belonging to the 172nd Heavy Brigade Combat Team from the Port of Livorno to Leghorn Army Depot for repair.

The 839th Trans. Bn. coordinated the download of the ship and the staging of the equipment for onward movement with the port authority, ship and the contracted stevedores, according to Lt. Col. Robert King, 839th Trans. Bn.

While 3/405 AFSB commander, Lt. Col. Roger L. McCreery oversaw the operation of AFSB personnel, served as technical subject matter experts for the equipment and acted as operators during the convoy to Camp Darby.

"A mission like this absolutely requires teamwork from all the key organizations in order to accomplish the mission," said King. "Detailed communications with our host nation partners was critical to insure that all the requirements have been met prior to operation."

McCreery added that a focus on safety, communication and the technical competency of all



839th Transportation Bn. employees unload tracked vehicles from a ship at the Livorno Port in Livorno.

involved were the central characteristics to successful accomplishment of the mission.

"The operation involved large groups of people from various organizations such as 3/405th AFSB, 839th Transportation Battalion, 497th Movement Control Team, USAG Livorno, Italian base commander, local law enforcement, port authorities and contractors Sintemar all operating over a multi-day and multi-shift period of time," said McCreery. "Success required a diligent, focused effort by all because armor equipment, due to the sizes and weights involved, is inherently dangerous to operate and mistakes often result in catastrophic consequences."

In addition to making sure coordination was complete across the board, the task of moving tracked vehicles in a short window of time was a challenge.

"It was important to get the initial 28 vehicles off the vessel quickly so that the vessel could be moved, allowing another ship to exit the port and 839th terminal manager Franco Infante provided the expertise to get the vessel downloaded in time to let other traffic pass in the port," said King.

Once off the ship, the vehicles had to make the journey from the port to the base.

"In order to minimize disruption to the local population and avoid maneuver damage, we

conducted route reconnaissance and identified high risk areas such as interchange loops and differences of height between paved surfaces at critical areas such as where turns would be negotiated," McCreery said.

"This effectively mitigated this risk; there was no disturbance to the local populace and no maneuver damage noted during the operation," he said.

Now that these 172 HBCT vehicles are being positioned at Leghorn Army Depot as Left Behind Equipment during the unit's deployment to southwest Asia, the 3/405th AFSB will bring the vehicles to 10/20 standard, store, maintain and issue the vehicles back to the unit upon its return from deployment.

## Free gym classes at lunch time



Franca Millis enjoys getting in shape with a free kickboxing class offered at the Camp Darby Fitness Center every Thursday at noon.

Story and photo by  
Chiara Mattiolo

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Sometimes the frantic life style, the million things to do and a little bit of laziness distract us from realizing the importance of taking care of our selves, our body and mental wellness, and also our body's good shape.

At Camp Darby during lunch time, Eileen Laverenz offers a variety of classes for free and a unique chance to give fitness a new try.

"I teach fitness in a group atmosphere. These classes are a good way for people to inspire and motivate each other while making exercising more fun and rewarding," Laverenz said.

Patrizia De Sanctis, transportation assistant, 839th Transportation Battalion, said she normally exercises on cross training machines, but when she learned about these classes offered for free, she was curious to try them.

"I wanted to give it a try. It was perfect for me and my needs. I love

working out in groups" said De Sanctis.

Laverenz added that the diversity and choice of classes offered at the gym provides an opportunity for all levels of fitness to participate. Classes focus on all components of fitness, muscular strength, muscular endurance, cardiovascular strength and flexibility.

The program offers a variety of choices the "Noon-tune-up" class on Tuesdays, a class that revs up metabolism, followed by strength training. "Take it on the road" Wednesday class is a cycling class to cross train bodies. Thursdays is "War in the core" a half-cardio kickboxing, half-core strength class. "Step it out" on Friday is a basic step class for great a training workout.

"Another important benefit that we do not think about very often is stress relief," said Laverenz. "By working out and giving the body a healthy physical stress, it can help to relieve and better tolerate these mental stress that pops up in everyday life; plus exercise relaxes the body and releases the 'feel good' hormones to make you a happier person."

## Darby Dates

### Debt liquidation & credit management

If you are in debt and have problems managing your credit cost, be assured that you are not alone. Come in for this Feb. 17 class and learn more.

Call 633-7084 for details.

### International wives group

Obtain valuable information on medical services, employment, immigration and naturalization services, driver's licenses, and more at this Feb. 18 meeting.

Call ACS at 633-7084 for more information.

### Consumer rights & obligations

As a customer, we all think about our rights, but when we make a purchase, we also have legally binding obligations. Learn more at this Feb. 18 class. Call ACS at 633-7084 for details.

### Reintegration, relationships & PTSD

Find tips on how to better manage family relationships and dealing with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder following a deployment at this informative class on Feb. 18. Call 633-7084.

### Army Family Team Building level 1

Level 1 training features military acronyms and terms, the chain of command and introduction to military customs and courtesies. Class is planned for Feb. 18.

For more information call 633-7084.

### Story hour

Don't miss story hour every Wednesday at 10 a.m. for children ages 3 to 5. Call the post library at 633-7623 for details.

### Karaoke night

You can stop singing in the shower now, join the DCC karaoke night and impress your friends on Feb. 19.

Call the DCC at 633-7855 for details.

### Texas hold'em

Fun begins at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 20. Free pasta will be served. Call the DCC 633-7855 for details.



## Carnevale, concerts, exhibitions, classes abound

### Carnevale, exhibitions

**Carnevale Floats Parade**, Feb. 8, 3 p.m., in Malo, about 20 miles northwest of Vicenza. Live entertainment with the Isola Vicentina Band, majorettes, jugglers, and Brazilian dancers.

**Coffee and Chocolate Festival**, Feb. 8, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., in Thiene, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. Chocolate and gourmet coffee tasting. Food booths, live entertainment, and Valentine's Day gift ideas. Free entrance.

**Spazio Casa** - Exhibition of furnishing, home accessories and wedding articles, Feb. 4 - 9, in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria, 16. Tue-Wed, Thu: 3:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.; Sat 9:30 a.m. - 11 p.m.; Sun 9:30 a.m. - 22 p.m.; Mon 3:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

The show is spread out in various areas dedicated to classical, country and ethnic furnishings (The Traditions), to furnishing accessories (Casamia), to modern and contemporary furnishings (Casanova), to design (Spazio design), stoves and chimneys (The warmth of home), clothing and wedding articles (Newlyweds).

Admission fee: Sat - Sun 5 euro; reduced 3 euro (children 12-18, children younger than 12 are free.) Free entrance on weekdays.

**E' Sposi** - National show of dress, accessories and services for the wedding day, in Padova, Feb. 6 - 8, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza.



Carnevale features people dressed in fancy costumes, as this couple in front of St. Mark's in Venice. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

An exhibition for newlyweds. Wedding dresses and suits, formal dresses, catering for parties and weddings. Admission fee: 8 euro. Free entrance for children younger than 12.

**EXPO' Elettronica Fair**, Feb. 7 - 8, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria, 16. Computers, software, home theater, fixed and mobile telephony, accessories, audio-visual equipment, CD/MP3 players, electronic musical instruments.

Second hand electronic items market. Admission fee: 6 euro; reduced: 5 euro.

**Violin concert** with Mascha Diatchenko, Feb. 5 - 8, 8:30

p.m., in Vicenza, Teatro Comunale, Viale Giuseppe Mazzini, 37 - 39. The young Russian violinist plays Paganini's 24 Capricci. Admission fee: 20 euro. Reduced: 10 euro (for younger than 20 and older than 60)

### Free concerts, exhibits and classes:

**Argentine Tango**, Feb. 5, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Sports Center Olympia, Contrà Mure Porta Nova, 40. Free sample lesson.

**Live Jazz music**, Feb. 5, 9 p.m., in Recoaro Terme, Via Montagna Spaccata, 4, about 30 miles west of Vicenza.

**Mood Acoustic Trio** - Live Jazz, Feb. 5, 9:30 p.m., in

Vicenza, Birracrua Country Club, Strada Monte Crocetta, 6.

**Flute and viola da gamba concert** - 15th and 16th century Italian court music, Feb. 6, 8:30 p.m., in Vicenza, Maffei Institute, Via Santa Caterina 11.

**Watercolor Exhibition**, until Feb. 28, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; 5:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.; closed on Monday, in Vicenza, Café restaurant Dai Nodari, Contrà Do Rode, 20.

**Conservatory students in concert**, Feb. 7, 5 p.m., in Vicenza, Santa Chiara Chapel, in Contrà Santa Chiara.

**Explore the sky, Astronomical Observatory** of Arcugnano, Feb. 10, 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.

**Universal Experience Jazz Not Dead Festival 2009**, Feb. 10, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Bar Sarteà, Corso SS Felice.

### Movies in English

**Feb. 9, Changeling** plays at the Odeon Theater in downtown Vicenza, Corso Palladio, 176. Tickets: 6 euro. Times: 5 p.m., 7 p.m., and 9 p.m.

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

## Coffee, cheese, beer



The covered wooden bridge in Lucerne is an international landmark.

### Secrets of Cappuccino

Learn the secrets of cappuccino on the ITR to the iLLY Factory on Feb. 18. Tour the Factory, attend the café workshop and turn your passion for cappuccino into expertise.

### Swiss Express

Explore the popular town of Lucerne Switzerland on Feb. 21 with ITR. This trip leaves at 2 a.m. Feb. 21 and returns 2 a.m. Feb. 22. You'll have a guided tour plus time to shop.

Call 634-7094 for information.

### Overnight brewery tour

Tour and taste the best brews in an authentic Austrian castle. Travel Feb. 13 - 14 with ITR. Call 634-7094 for information.

## Now Showing

### Ederle Theater

Feb. 5	Punisher 3 (R)	6 p.m.
Feb. 6	The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (PG-13)	6 p.m.
	Australia (PG-13)	9 p.m.
Feb. 7	Taken (PG-13)	3 p.m.
	Australia (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Feb. 8	Punisher: War Zone (R)	6 p.m.
Feb. 11	The Boy in the Striped Pajamas (PG-13)	6 p.m.

### Camp Darby Theater

Feb. 5	Gran Torino (R) (1st Run)	6 p.m.
Feb. 6	Pride (PG)	6 p.m.
Feb. 7	Bride Wars (PG) (1st Run)	6 p.m.
Feb. 8	Bolt (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).



## A-4 Autostrada closure Feb. 7-8

The A-4 stretches of freeway Padova Est-Dolo and Mestre-San Dona di Piave between Vicenza and the Venice airport will be closed from 6 a.m. Feb. 7 to 2 p.m. Feb. 8. Detours will be posted. Delays are possible and alternate routes are strongly advised.

## Road closure

Phase 2 electrical construction will take place on post through Feb. 28. This is the last phase of the medium voltage underground conduit to support the new construction of the Enhanced Health Services Center.

During this construction there will be no parking along 8th St. next to Barracks B-170 and the 509th B-131.

Access to the Towers will be limited to pedestrian only during this time.

There will be limited vehicular access to the Ed Center and 14th Trans. via a single lane - alternating in direction controlled by traffic lights.

## Valentine's Day at the Arena

Adults compete for a dream date in the Lion's Den version of the Dating Game at Feb. 14, 9 p.m. Then find out how well our married couples know each other in the Arena's version of the Newly Wed Game at 10 p.m. in the Lion's Den.

## Ceramics studio

The art center offers open sessions every Thursday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Just drop in and pay by the hour. This session is open to beginners, hobbyists and parent child pairs. Call 634-7074 for more information.

## CDC training

On Friday, Feb. 13 the CDC 398 will be closed so that staff may conduct training. All children normally cared for in CDC 398 will be provided care at CDC 395 which operates 6 a.m.-6 p.m. For additional information contact Michelle Sterkowitz at 634-5008 or Luca Harbeson at 634-8433.

## Estate claims

Anyone having claims on or obligations to the estate of Spc. Jeffery Waggoner, Battle Co., 2-503rd (ABN) Inf., 173d ABCT, Vicenza, Italy must contact the summary Court Martial officer, 2nd Lt. Brandon R. Sellers at 634-6686, or via e-mail at [brandon.sellers@eur.army.mil](mailto:brandon.sellers@eur.army.mil).

## Warrant officers wanted

South Of The Alps Warrant Officer Chapter is looking for outstanding warrant officers.

If you are interested come to our warrant officer breakfast every Thursday from 8-9 a.m. at the South of the Alps dining facility.

Our next meeting will be Feb. 26 at 11:45 a.m.-12:45pm in the Arena conference room downstairs. For more information call Pattie at 340-472-1401.

## Sledding Trip

SAS will take grades 1-6 on a sledding trip to Asiago on Feb. 7, 8 a.m. The cost is \$32 and includes supervision, admission, transportation and lunch. Register with SAS in Bldg 308 or call 634-8253.

## Valentine's Day dinner

FMWR will provide free transportation for couples Valentine's Day dinner at Sette Santi, Feb. 14, 7 p.m. Two menu options are available for 25 Euro and the ladies will receive a rose. The bus will depart at 6:30 p.m. Child care can be arranged with CYSS Parents Night Out at the Central Registration office. Reservations for dinner must be made at ITR before Feb. 5.

## Parent Child Dance

Parents and children can enjoy a special Carnevale themed dinner dance on Saturday, Feb 21, 6-9 p.m. at Club V. Adults \$19 and children are \$14. Tickets are on sale at Child, Youth, and School Services locations and the Tax Relief Office beginning Jan. 16. Call 634-5087 for information.

## Health Clinic hours

The health clinic is open Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., closed Thursdays at 2 p.m. for training.

Medical sick call is by appointment, call 634-7484.

## President's Day schedule:

**Feb. 13 - Closed**

**Feb. 14 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

**Feb. 15 - Closed**

**Feb. 16 - Closed**

You can make medical appointments on-line. Register with TRICARE on [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com).

For technical questions you can call 001-800-600-9332 or stop by the TRICARE office. Call the nurse advice line at 800-87-7660. The call must be made from Italy, and is toll free.

## Microsoft certification

Attend classes when it's convenient. Learn everything from how to build a single computer to managing a network of users. Use your 100 percent tuition assistance funding and earn college credit.

iPod provided when you sign up for the first two courses.

Register by Feb 6. Call CTC for more info at 634-6514 or 0444-716514.

## USO events

**Valentine's Day poem contest.** Submit an original poem of any style and any length to the USO by Feb. 12 about the one you love the most. The top poem selected will receive a prize.

**Level One Italian class** is being offered from Feb. 23 to April 22. The classes will be held Monday's and Wednesday's from 5:45-7:45 pm at the Ed. Center. Course cost is \$118 plus 11 Euro for the book.

**RockBand 2** is now at the USO. Come out and show us your skills on our new drum set and wireless guitars.

**USO Birthday** celebration will be held at the USO on Feb. 4 starting at noon.

## Bowl-a-thon

The Howard Z. Plummer Masonic Lodge is sponsoring free bowling for the children of the Vicenza military community.

At the Arena, Feb. 7 from 3:15-5:30 p.m. No cost.

Includes, bowling, pizza, soda and shoes. Max per five children per lane. Raffle prizes, and instructor on site Register Jan. 30 from noon-3 p.m. at the Arena.

For more information contact: Jonathan Williams at: [noblewillaw07@yahoo.com](mailto:noblewillaw07@yahoo.com) or call 388-149-9914 (after duty hours) or Dion West at: [dion.west@us.army.mil](mailto:dion.west@us.army.mil) or 334-600-4375

## Quilting class

Beginner quilting if offered at the art center on Feb. 21, 8 a.m. This is an all day class, supplies are not included.

## Red Cross events

### CPR

CPR training is Feb. 7-8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in Davis Soldier & Family Readiness Center, bldg 108.

### Babysitters

Babysitter's training is Feb. 21 - 9 a.m.-4 p.m. in Davis Soldier & Family Readiness Center, bldg 108.

Pre-registration is required for all classes. Call the American Red Cross at 634-7089 or 0444-71-7089 for details.

## Now hiring

University of Phoenix is now hiring adjunct faculty in Vicenza for the MBA and MAED programs. Qualified candidates must have a MAED or MBA (or related degree) and 5-plus years of professional experience in a related field.

For more information or to submit a resume, contact Diana Frayne via e-mail at: [dfrayne11@email.phoenix.edu](mailto:dfrayne11@email.phoenix.edu).

## ACS functions

The **Army Family Action Plan** is now taking your issues. Deadline is Feb. 10. Submit your issues: online at [www.vicenzamwr.com/acs\\_afap.html](http://www.vicenzamwr.com/acs_afap.html) or [afap@vicenzamwr.com](mailto:afap@vicenzamwr.com) or call 634-7500.

## Military Saves

Military Saves week begins Feb. 23. Protect your family and your future by increasing your financial readiness. Take the saver pledge at [www.militarysaves.org](http://www.militarysaves.org), and join a community that is working to build wealth and not debt. Access to free services and resources, plus tips on how to make saving automatic. Call the FRP at 634-7500.

## Anger management

Have trouble managing your anger? Join the anger management class for adults on Feb. 5, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. and anger management for children ages 6 to 12 at 3:30 - 5 p.m.

## University of Phoenix MBA

Next start date for the Master of Business Administration (MBA) face-to-face program is March 2. Registration is now open. Classes will meet one evening a week at the Vicenza Education Center.

In addition, UoP is offering the Master of Arts in Education with face-to-face classes starting in May. For more information contact Ana LaForgia at [ana.laforgia@phoenix.edu](mailto:ana.laforgia@phoenix.edu) or call DSN 634-8928.

## Refresher framing

Those framing customers who have not framed with the new equipment should enroll in the refresher framing class on Feb. 12, 5 p.m. at the art center. Brush up on your skills and learn to operate the new equipment. An alternate date for this course is Feb. 28. Call 634-7074 to register.

## 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

4 p.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.

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.





## Lion's drop one to Perlana

Story and photos by Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

After the winter break, the second part of the soccer season started with a home game between the Garrison Lions and Perlana Calcio, a team from the Vicenza province.

On a cold Saturday afternoon, the Garrison Lions scored toward the end of the game on a penalty but didn't help the final result which was a loss of 1-2.

"After a month of no practice, the team is back together. However, we have lot of work to do, especially communication between the team members," said Wilmer Aguilar, Garrison Lions' team captain.

"I believe that even with the loss of this game we can still bring the team to the top. We will work on the weak areas so we can be ready for the next match. But soccer is in our blood and we will continue playing it with our hearts while having fun at the same time," he said.

The next game will take place in Piovene Rocchette, another local team, which is in the middle of the standings. It is scheduled Feb. 7 at 2 p.m.



(Top) Lawrence Paustian, No. 6, left, runs to get the ball and cross during an offensive action. (Above) Matthew Moles, No. 5, right, passes the ball in midfield during the second half of the game. The Garrison Lions lost 1-2 against Perlana Calcio this past Saturday.

### Volleyball season

Unit Level Volleyball begins Feb 10. Your entry sheet with your alpha roster must be submitted to the Sports Office by Feb 9. The coaches meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 10 at either 2:30 or 5:30 p.m. Call 634-7009 for information.

### Indoor soccer tournament

USAG Vicenza Indoor Soccer Tournament is Feb 27-28. Teams should have a max of 7 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.

### CYS baseball clinic

CYS sports is holding a free baseball clinic for ages 10-18, Feb. 24-26, 3-5 p.m. at the Villaggio Field. Enroll before Feb. 20 by calling 634-6151.

### High School volunteer coaches

Vicenza Middle/High School needs volunteers to help with fast-pitch women's softball (especially need a pitching coach) and track and field. Spring practice starts March 2. Volunteers must be registered with ACS. Please contact the VHS Athletic Director Garrett Barton at 335-773-9710 or the high school main office at 634-7656.

### Paintball

ODR offers two paintball trips this month. Feb. 8 and Feb. 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. Call 634-7453 for information.

### Heliski trip

Feel the rush. ODR takes expert ski and snowboarders to Interlaken, Switzerland for a weekend of Heliskiing on Feb 13-18. Lodging and transportation are provided. You must have a passport. Call ODR at 634-7453 for complete details.

### Ski trips

Every weekend ODR takes you to the slopes; Feb. 7 San Martino and Feb. 14 Obereggen. Call ODR for information on equipment and fees at 634-7453.

## Garmisch ski race

**GARMISCH, Germany** – If you haven't had enough skiing this year, mark your calendar for a very exciting and fun ski race being planned for Feb. 28 in Garmisch.

The U.S. Army Garrison Garmisch Morale, Welfare and Recreation branch and its Outdoor Recreation is holding an invitational ski race at the Kreuzwankl' Ski run, located on the Hausberg ski area.

The race is open to all U.S. personnel and it will cost \$10 per person or \$25 per family.

The race will be a one day giant slalom event and will be broken down in categories based on age and gender.

If you are interested and would like to register for the event, please link to the USAG Garmisch website at: <http://www.garmisch.army.mil/> or call Garmisch Outdoor Recreation at 440-2638 or 08821-750-2638.



Cougars' Kyle Kaus, left, wrestles Keyth Robinson of Aviano in the 171 lbs. class. Kaus won the match pinning Robinson in 2:55.

## Cougars slam opponents at home match



Calen Fields, from Patch High School, right, topples Cougar wrestler Jimmy Touzinsky, winning the match in the 135 pound weight class.

Story and photos by  
Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

The Vicenza Cougars wrestled in their final home match last Saturday. The meet was attended by wrestlers from Ansbach, Aviano and Patch Barracks (Stuttgart).

This weekend's wrestling sectionals will be at the Aviano High School gym. The teams participating in the sectionals will include Aviano, Naples, AOSR, Sigonella, Vilseck and Hohenfels.

Europeans will take place in Wiesbaden, Germany, the following weekend, Feb. 13-14.