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■ Caserma Ederle's Gate 4 will be closed Saturday from 7 a.m.-noon for maintenance.

■ A memorial service for former USARAF employee Doug Yocum will take place Feb. 25 at 4 p.m. at the post chapel. The community is invited.

Study: Patriotic, active kids suffer less deployment stress

By Master Sgt. DOUG SAMPLE
Army News Service

Adolescents who believe that America supports the war in Iraq and Afghanistan and that Soldiers are making a difference in the world are less likely to suffer from anxiety and stress when their parent deploys, according to research unveiled Jan. 28.

Army War College researcher Leonard Wong described his 2009 study during a media roundtable last month at the Pentagon. The study, which was supported

by U.S. Army Forces Command, examined the effects of multiple deployments on military adolescents.

The research revealed that strong Army Families and increased activity by children also reduced the level of stress, Wong said.

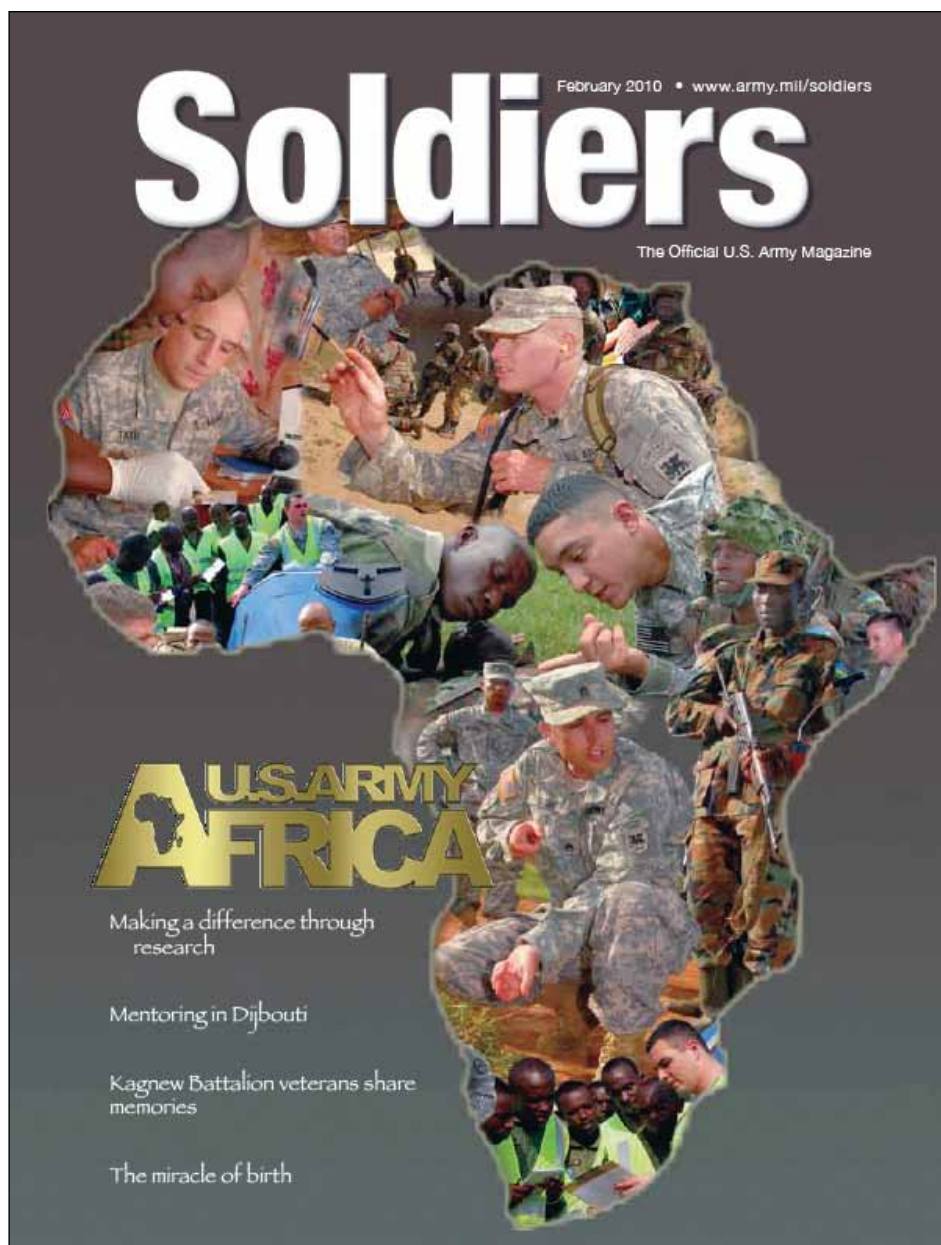
Wong and War College colleague Stephen Gerras conducted a survey of more than 2,000 Soldiers, 700 Army spouses and 550 Army adolescents. They further interviewed more than 100 Army children (ages 11-17) at eight Army installations across the country,

asking them a variety of questions based on psychological scales.

The study was based on six factors they believed influenced the amount of stress that a child experiences when their Soldier deploys to war:

- The cumulative number of deployments.
- Strong families
- Supportive mentors
- Activities

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Magazine highlights U.S. Army Africa Soldiers' mission

U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs

Several Soldiers from the U.S. military community in Vicenza are featured in the February edition of Soldiers magazine.

On Oct. 1, U.S. Army Africa was designated an Army Service Component Command, reporting to U.S. Africa Command. Recently, U.S. Army Africa Soldiers have led several military mentorship efforts on the continent to build capacity within the land forces of partner nations.

Stories featuring local Soldiers include Spc. Daniel Bateson and Sgt. 1st Class Roddy Rieger mentoring medics in Djibouti, Chief Warrant Officer Randy Austin taking part in a logistics exercise in Burkina Faso and in-depth coverage of Natural Fire 10, U.S. Army Africa's recent humanitarian and disaster relief exercise held in Uganda.

Other stories feature U.S. Army medical researchers in Kenya and a historical piece on the Kagnew Battalion, Korean War veterans from Ethiopia who served alongside U.S. troops during that conflict.

The magazine is currently being distributed to bases worldwide. The full version of the magazine can be viewed or downloaded at the U.S. Army Africa Web site: www.usaraf.amy.mil.

Training facility hoping to drum up business

By ADRIANE FOSS
Editor

Soldiers and DA civilians looking for a location to hold classes, video teleconferences or check the Web are encouraged to use the installation's digital training facility (DTF), Bldg. 128, next to the post gym.

The air-conditioned facility houses two classrooms with 34 Internet-ready computer work stations, state-of-the-art VTT technology and multi-media projectors and screens, said facility manager Jennifer Eye. Users can link up with personnel in any of the other 34 DTF classrooms at 12 locations throughout Europe or the five deployable digital training campuses.

In addition to providing service members global access to training, Eye said "it's a very comfortable, quiet location where anyone can take online classes, study online or just check your

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Photo by Laura Kreider

Mainly geared toward troops, the facility has suffered from decreased usage since the 173rd ABCT deployment. Manager Jennifer Eye hopes community members will take advantage of the DTF.

Vicenza school staff at the ready, lending helping hand to students with deployed parents

Dear parents, sponsors and students,
Deployment + fear, anger, frustration, loneliness and feelings of depression = normal. Deployment creates a mixed bag of emotions for family members and the entire community. What is important to the faculty, staff and administration at Vicenza Middle High School is that the life of our students—between the hours of 8 a.m. and 2:50 p.m.—is as normal as possible. Our staff wants to help students maintain a consistency throughout the school day. During the school year some of our students will have extra responsibilities and worries that the faculty may or may not be aware of. I want to

reassure our students, parents and guardians that we realize that these worries are a normal part of the deployment cycle. How long will this difficult period last? It is different for each person. After more than a month of experiencing the initial deployment-related worries, students may enter a “new normal” in which the everyday realities of the deployment set in. They realize that their life is altered, and they may not be happy with the changes. We may notice that student behavior is changing, their grades may be dropping and they may not look or feel themselves. We care. We want to reach out to you, your friends and families. You may turn us away, but we will continue to extend that hand for

support. You are not alone. Your school stands behind you. Remember that others are experiencing this rollercoaster of emotion and many faculty members over the years have helped students through various deployments and family separations. With school being a major portion of a student’s life (eight-12 hours a day), we recognize the importance of lending a helping hand. Every month the school and Army Community Service invites our students to lunch from 12:30-1:45 p.m. to build bonds and network with others who are going through the same difficulties. Together, we can reassure one another that it is going to be okay, and we will make it through the tough

times.
Lunch Dates:
■ **Feb. 19:** Bring a Parent (Pick up tickets Feb. 16- 17)
■ **April 21:** Bring a Parent (Pick up tickets April 19-20)
■ **March 9:** Bring a Friend (Pick up tickets March 3-4)
■ **May 18:** Bring a Friend (Pick up tickets May 13-14)
Being a student is the one of the toughest jobs in the world, and our doors are open to you. Students, thank you for your service, dedication and the contributions you make to our community.

Lauri Kenney
Principal
Vicenza Middle/High School

Teens involved in sports exhibit lower stress levels

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- Communication
- Personal beliefs

Wong said when children were asked to agree or disagree with the statement: “The American public supports the war,” the results were significant. “What we saw was not a steep relationship, but a significant relationship, that the more a child agrees with this statement, the lower their stress levels,” Wong explained. He also said their analysis revealed that adolescents, especially teenagers, who were active in sports and came from strong military families, produced significantly lower stress levels as well. “If we had to pick the one influence that accounts for the most variant in a child’s stress level, it is their participation in activities, specifically sports,” Wong said. “It (sports) keeps them distracted, takes their mind

off the deployment, keeps them busy,” he added. “The next largest influence is that you need a strong family.” Wong attributed strong families as the reason why the majority of military children cope well during multiple deployments, noting the 56 percent of children surveyed said they were doing, “not Okay, but well or very well overall with deployments.” “That surprised us, we were really expecting it to be worse,” he said. However, Wong said he was even more surprised when their research revealed the biggest predictor of a child’s ability to cope with a life of deployments is the child’s belief that Soldiers are making a difference in the world. “This totally surprised us,” he added. Wong pointed out the study showed a cumulative number of previous deployments did not significantly relate with adolescent levels of deployment stress. “There was no raising of the stress levels,” he said.

“Interestingly, we found that with each deployment, the child’s level of stress went down. That’s because they’ve coped with it the first time, and then by second time they’ve already learned how to deal with it, so when third time rolls around, they deal with it even better.” Meanwhile, Wong emphasized that while there are a lot of hurting kids out there -- meaning those having trouble coping with a parent’s deployment -- there are many others who’ve come to accept it as a way of life. “There are also a lot of kids out there who have internalized the value of sacrifice, of selfless service, of duty. And they’re not happy about their parent being gone, but they understand it, and that helps them to cope.” The complete Army study can be found online at <http://www.strategicstudiesinstitute.army.mil/pubs/display.cfm?pubID=962>.

Speak Out

What was your most valuable childhood lesson?



Federica Moretti
Housing

“Always share friendship and generosity.”



Cara Panzarella-Tarr
Family member

“The realization that although I was expected to ‘make my own way’ with a family of six children, I had the support of my entire family.”



Lt. Col. (P) Shelley Rice
Vicenza Health Center

“Always do the right thing even when no one is looking.”



Jackie Ross
CDC

“Always respect your elders and never take anything for granted.”



Jennifer Stewart
1-503rd Infantry FRSA

“My dad always said, ‘Study hard, learn lots and eat your vegetables’.”

Know what to do if your pedal gets stuck?

USAG Vicenza Safety Office

Toyota's massive vehicle recall due to sticky accelerators earlier this year has affected millions of motorists in the U.S.

All drivers, whether or not they own a Toyota, should know what to do in case they find themselves in this very dangerous situation--driving when out of the blue the gas pedal gets stuck in the down position.

Suddenly you are accelerating far faster than you want to and unable to decelerate. This scenario has caused fatal accidents, but it doesn't have to

For more information about the recall,

visit www.recall.gov or www.nhtsa.dot.gov.

end tragically.

Some quick application of common sense can help you avoid an accident.

There are two methods for getting stopped if your gas pedal gets stuck in the down position. The method you employ depends on your transmission.

Manual transmission

If you have a manual transmission,

simply push down on the clutch and take the car out of gear, then brake as you normally would to stop.

Automatic transmission

If your car is an automatic, then move the shifter into the neutral position and brake normally to a stop. When you get it stopped, turn the car off and call a tow truck.

Do not attempt to move the car again. Your car will need repairs if the engine has accelerated to its maximum RPM's and stays there. It may even be a total loss, depending on the cost of the vehicle.

Just remember that if you find yourself in this sticky situation, you can stop the car before it gets out of control. It's better to have a blown engine than a horrific accident. Remember to get your car out of gear, stop it and turn it off.

For more information about the recall, visit www.recall.gov or the NHTSA Web site at www.nhtsa.dot.gov.

Find out how YOU can practice OpSec

Vicenza DPTMS Security

Step 1

Learn who should practice Operational Security (OPSEC). Military members, their husbands or wives, children, parents, extended family members and friends should learn to not give out information in venues that can be easily accessed by just about anyone.

Everyone has a responsibility to protect the information they have access to from falling into the wrong hands.

Step 2

Understand what information is considered sensitive and even critical to the military.

Information about the exact location of Soldiers, troop movement (deployments, returns, TDYs and R&R

included) and dates, times and timeframes should never be disclosed. Do not disclose information about military housing areas or installations. Information about weapon systems, training and numbers are also sensitive pieces of information.

Missions, exercises and changes in duty hours at specific bases are also to be considered sensitive information that can be put together to give a better picture of what may be taking place or may soon take place.

Step 3

Know that just because it appeared on the news does not make it okay to talk about it. This will only verify the information. Military sites are highly monitored. In other words, they know who frequents the sites, but OPSEC must still be practiced regardless of where the information appears.

Step 4

Keep sensitive information out of Web sites, journal posts, message boards and any other online forum and venue.

We are taught not to put too much information about ourselves on the Internet because of the personal dangers this can present.

It is not okay to post information regarding times, dates, time frames and locations that would allow people they do not know to view the information and do whatever they wanted with it? That puts our troops in more danger.

Step 5

Stop using decorative tickers on Web sites and in online venues. Many family members of deployed military have taken to using countdown tickers that give out specific information as to when the troop

will return or a time frame, which breeches OPSEC.

For those who really feel the need to broadcast this type of information, it would be better to have a ticker that indicates the amount of time their Soldier has been gone, although it would be better to refrain from this completely.

Step 6

Refrain from sending sensitive information via e-mails and instant messages.

E-mails and instant messages are not secure venues and information sent can wind up in the wrong hands.

Step 7

Never advertise specific information about a Soldier.

This includes info regarding the Soldier's name, rank and unit. In photos, black out the Soldier's name tape and rank.

Step 8

Practice OPSEC when using telephones and cell phones. It may sound funny, but you never know who can be listening, right?

Step 9

Do not discuss sensitive information out in public venues.

Think about it. You and a friend are in line at the Commissary or PX and talking about a spouse's or parents' upcoming deployment and the person standing behind you overhears. You just put sensitive information out there which can potentially compromise a mission and create danger for our troops. Learn to think before you speak and refrain from sensitive-information conversations in public.

For more information, call Peggy Clevenger at 634- 8998.

Need classroom facilities, quiet place for online studies? Local DTF available

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mail. "It can be used to conduct sergeant's time training, spouses' club meetings, submitting Defense Travel or other paperwork or just viewing the news online," she said. "I just wish people would use it because it is a 'use or lose' situation."

Eye said the facility is mainly geared toward

Soldiers, but with the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team's recent deployment, visits are on the down slope. She said the DTF's operating hours have dwindled from 60 hours a week to 32, but she's hoping the facility will be able to keep its doors open as community members take advantage of the free service.

"I know there are a lot of groups and organizations on

post that could use the classrooms for meetings: FRGs, spouses groups and school clubs," she said. "We're here for them. It's as simple as a phone call."

To schedule individual or collective training or for personal use, call 634-7989 or walk in. Hours of operation are Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lunch).

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At your service

Family Life Chaplain



Chaplain (Maj.) Douglas S. Thomison is the installation's new Family Life chaplain.

The Family Life chaplain strives to address and improve Soldiers' and family members' personal and interpersonal relationships (with an emphasis on marriage and family issues) through integrating faith-based counseling with current counseling techniques.

"My overall goal is to bring peace and stability to Soldiers and families," said Thomison. "The Family Life chaplain also participates in community functions as well as helps connect participants to community health and support resources."

He can be reached at the post chapel at 634-7472/7519.

Community Camera

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



Heart-felt crafts: Gwendolyn Bronson, 3, (at left) daughter of USARAF Command Sgt. Maj. Gary Bronson, glued a heart during a Valentine's Day craft workshop at the post library Feb. 10. More than 30 kids, ages 3-11, and parents attended the event. The library will host similar after-school events monthly. Call 634-8419 to sign up for the next workshop, scheduled March 17 at 3:30 p.m.

Photo by Laura Kreider



Photo by Chiara Mattiolo

Special delivery: Camp Darby's Better Opportunities for Single Service Members' president, Airmen 1st Class Daryl Perales (above, right), delivers roses to Maria Poole, a Darby official mail clerk Feb. 13. Perales said the BOSS Valentine's Day flower delivery was the group's way to give back to the community.



Photo by Rick Scavetta

Prayer breakfast: U.S. Army Africa Command Sgt. Gary Bronson (left) and USAG Vicenza Garrison Commander Col. Erik Daiga bow their heads during the installation's national prayer breakfast observation at the South of the Alps dining facility Feb. 11. Prayers were offered for the community and family members, for the nation and its leaders and for deployed Soldiers. Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Eye read from the Bible.



Photo by Rick Scavetta

Breaking bread: Troops line up and enjoy the menu during the national prayer breakfast Feb. 11 at the South of the Alps dining facility. Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III, commander of U.S. Army Africa, welcomed Soldiers to the breakfast during his opening comments. Col. Charles Bailey, command chaplain for U.S. Army Europe, was the guest speaker. Bailey is well-known to the Vicenza community, having served previously as chaplain for the Southern European Task Force.

It's pie time we got together:

Caserma Ederle's Army Community Service gave its volunteers a sweet thank-you for their support to families and Soldiers Feb. 11. The pie-themed event included 15 types of pie, pie tunes and pie trivia. "We wanted a fun way to thank our amazing volunteers for everything they do, and everyone loves pie," said Farrah Overman, ACS volunteer supervisor.

ACS volunteers work in various programs and offices throughout the installation, ranging from helping with translations and financial education to helping run the Army Family Action Plan conference and assisting with training. To find out more about volunteering, call Allie Vallery, USAG Vicenza's Army Volunteer Corps coordinator, at 0444-71-7942.

Photo by Laura Kreider



Where is he now?

MWR's Jimmy Roddy, working with the 1st Infantry Division, displays a gift from the 3rd Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Inf. Div., while accompanying country music star Kellie Pickler on an entertainment tour Jan. 16. Roddy and his MWR colleagues at Contingency Operating Base Basra work to boost troop morale in Iraq with entertainment tours and gym equipment throughout United States Division-South.

Photo by Dave Gatley



Local MWR employee deploys to Iraq, brings entertainment tours to widespread troops

By Spc. SAMUEL SOZA
367th MPAD

The line stretched the length of the USO at Iraq's Contingency Operating Base Basra, and who wouldn't want to meet and get autographs from the Florida Marlins cheerleaders, players or managers?

It was the same scenario for country music star Kellie Pickler and professional mixed martial-arts fighter Tito Ortiz.

These entertainers, however, did not seek out the opportunity to visit Iraq. They ended up here thanks to COB Basra's award-winning Morale, Welfare and Recreation team.

Jimmy Roddy is an MWR community recreation officer working alongside Soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division in the nine provinces that comprise United States Division-South.

"We're here to make sure that the entertainment gets out to all the areas in the south—basically from Bucca, which is Umm Qasr, right near Kuwait, up to Kalsu, a little bit south of Baghdad."

"My other responsibilities include being a kind of gym coordinator, seeing what MWR those areas might need," he said.

His weapon of choice

As a civilian, Roddy does not carry a rifle. Instead, he is armed with lines of communication.

From his desk, he makes purchases for gyms, reallocates extra equipment at various bases and assists in bringing entertainers to the service members in USD-S, like the upcoming tour featuring former Pussycat Doll singer Kaya Jones.

"She'll be in the south, [early]

February," he said.

Working such a big area has not forced the MWR team to focus tours on larger bases but rather the opposite, establishing a precedent for touring routes and acts that touch the entire area.

Such was the case when Ultimate Fighting Championship's Ortiz visited in December and wanted to meet Soldiers at one of the smaller bases.

The first time

"That was the first time [patrol base] Minden saw anyone," said Roddy. "Minden's a prime example. Because they are so isolated, sometimes it's a logistical nightmare, but if we can get out there, we will."

So few were the Soldiers at Minden that the scheduled hour for the meet-and-greet was met with 30 minutes to spare.

That led to a spontaneous trip to the patrol base's tiny gym, where Ortiz showed the Soldiers some new submission moves for their hand-to-hand repertoire and even had a few takers for some quick matches.

Roddy's resolve to serve troops even in Iraq's more remote locations won him and colleague Emma Burghart the Superior Civilian Service Award.

Bigger names

"That award was mainly for how we made a difference in getting the shows out," he said. "We made a difference, also, in the type of shows. We've started getting bigger names out here and it's because we've shown that we can take care of them."

Part of taking care of the acts directly involves the Soldiers.

"Basically, what we do is [assign tasks

to] the units to help," he said, "Without the units, we wouldn't be as successful—whether it's moving the gear to the stage, baggage detail, transportation, security or housing."

The MWR team works with tours of all sizes, both in popularity and personnel. The ease of coordinating these tours relies on various considerations, Roddy said.

"It depends how big they are," he said. "Kellie Pickler put on more of an acoustic show, so we were able to do two shows a day. Typically, comedians [and] meet-and-greets are two-a-day, but if it's a big band, then there's a lot of equipment, and they'll usually do one show a day."

For them, not me

Roddy said the team does not choose artists or entertainers they prefer.

"It's not about me," he said, "It's about the Soldier."

The Soldiers' feedback is what helps the MWR team know which tours should be invited back and which ones to recommend to other MWR teams across Iraq, he said.

Back to Darby

Roddy arrived at COB Basra Sept. 1. In late March, he will make his way back to his station at Camp Darby and continue his 11-year career with MWR at the gym there.

"I volunteered to come over here, to see what it's like," he said, "to make a difference." "I think that what we've done in the past five months has been a great benefit for the Soldiers," he said. "It's a huge team effort, because we couldn't cover all the areas in the south without the units. They do a great job."

Darby dates

ITR visits Pistoia Zoo

Spend a day with the animals Feb. 27. Entrance fee not included in trip cost. Call ITR for more information at 633-7589.

Karaoke Night

Sing along with Bibi at Karaoke Night every Thursday at the Community Club. Contact the DCC at 633-7855 for details.

Salsa Night

Let's salsa at the DCC! Come out for a night of fun on February 27. Fun begins at 7:30.

If you don't know how to salsa, we'll teach you.

Contact the DCC at 633-7855 for details.

Black History Month Event

Celebrate Black History Month with a gospel concert featuring Jubilation Spiritual and Gospel Choir of Livorno Wednesday from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at the Darby Theater.

Outdoor recreation adventure trips

ODR offers ski trips every Saturday during February.

Call 633-7775 for information.

Understanding Investments

Does talking about investments sound like 'blah blah blah' to you? A Feb. 23 class will help you turn all those 'blah's' into knowledge you can use. Call ACS for more information at 633-7084.

Thrift savings plan

A class on thrift savings plans and how they can benefit you will be offered Feb. 28.

Call ACS for more information at 633-7084.

Darby Religious activities

For details, call the chapel at 633-7267 (050-54-7267).

9:40 a.m.: Catholic Reconciliation

10 a.m.: Catholic Mass

11:15 a.m.: Protestant worship

10 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school

11:15 a.m.: Catholic CCD

Christian Men's Bible study is every Thursday at **5 p.m.** in Mertz Hall at the Darby Chapel.

Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible study meets Tuesday from **noon to 1 p.m.** and Wednesdays from **5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.**

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

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

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



No bull:

Community members are invited to a hunting and fly fishing and spinning show Saturday-Monday in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria 16. Hours are Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and Monday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is 10 euro; reduced rate is 7 euro (for ages 6-12, seniors over age 60 and those who hold a hunting or fishing license). Admission is free for children under 6.

Photo courtesy of LaPresse

Local events

Golf Town-Italian Golf Fair: Feb. 27-March 1 in Verona, Viale del Lavoro 8, about 38 miles west of Vicenza. **Cioccolando chocolate fair:** Saturday, 2-8 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., in Padova, Palazzo Moroni, Via del Municipio 1.

Saturday-Sunday from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Monday 10 a.m.-3 p.m. More than 100 companies will present the latest news on equipment, shoes, clothing and accessories. It will feature the world's largest indoor golf course with attractive and ecological scenery reproducing a typical Italian landscape.

Golf competitions will be held between champions and professionals-amateurs. The fair also provides non-golfers opportunities to try out a new sport.

Admission is 20 euro and free for children under age 14. The general 20 euro fee also entitles attendees to visit the **Luxury & Yachts Fair** Feb. 26-March 1 (10 a.m.-8 p.m.) at the Show District of Verona Fair (<http://www.nauticshow.com/luxury/index2.html>). For details in English on the golf fair, visit http://www.golftown.it/salone_eng/index-salone.php.

Cioccolando chocolate fair: Saturday, 2-8 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., in Padova, Palazzo Moroni, Via del Municipio 1. Taste different kinds of chocolate, including yogurt and cacao cream crêpes; admire objects and figures made entirely from chocolate.

Entertainment includes live

music, dances, majorettes, clowns, jugglers and acrobats. The fair is a charity event. All proceeds will go directly to Padova's Children Hospital.

A world of flavors-local, traditional and natural food and wine fair: Friday-Sunday, in Mussolente, about 25 miles northeast of Vicenza.

Free concerts & classes

"Close the Circle" Childhood in Africa photo exhibit: through Feb. 28 in Vicenza, Basilica Palladiana on the first floor. Hours are Tuesday-Sunday 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.

My Head for a Goldfish in Concert-indie-rock-experimental music: Friday at 10 p.m. in Vicenza, Bar Sarte, Corso S. Felice e Fortunato 362.

Conservatory students in concert-Homage a la Melodie Française: Saturday at 5 p.m. in Vicenza, S. Chiara Chapel, Contrà Santa Chiara.

Sting & Police Cover with the Ritornodeco: Saturday at 10 p.m. in Povolara, Birreria Cricca, Via Redentore 21, about six miles north of Vicenza.

Painting exhibition, contemporary dances, live music and performing art: Sunday at 6 p.m. in Vicenza, Bar Sarte, Corso S. Felice e Fortunato 362.

La Blanche Alchimie live jazz: Sunday at 9 p.m. in Marostica at Panic Jazz Club, Piazza degli Scacchi, 18 miles north of Vicenza.

Explore the sky at the Astronomical Observatory in

Arcugnano Tuesday at 8:30 p.m., Via S. Giustina 127, about five miles south of Vicenza. View the sky and the planets in great detail with the observatory's telescope.

Jazz not Dead Festival-Quarion DJ Set: Tuesday at 10 p.m. in Vicenza, Bar Sarte, Corso S. Felice e Fortunato 362.

The Odeon Theater in Vicenza, Corso Palladio 176, features movies in English through the winter. Monday: Amelia by Mira Nair. Times: 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. Tickets: 6 euro. Visit www.mymovies.it/cinema/a/6217/.

Sporting Events

World Figure Skating Championships: March 22-28 in Torino.

MotoGP Italian Grand Prix 2010: June 4-6 at Mugello Circuit in Scarperia (Florence).

Oktagon kickboxing: June 13 in Milan, Palasharp.

Pay concerts

Dave Matthews Band: Monday in Milan at Palasharp; Tuesday in Rome at Palalottomatica; Feb. 25 in Padova at Palasport.

Spandau Ballet: March 1 in Milan, Assago Mediolanum Forum.

Labyrinth: March 3 in Milan, Alcatraz.

Johnny Winter: March 4 in Roncade, Treviso, at New Age Club; March 5 in Milan at Music Drome; March 7 in Rome.

The Black Eyed Peas: March 12 in Milano at the Assago Mediolanum Forum.

Jethro Tull: March 14 in Genova at Vaillant Palace.

Saxon: March 15 in Milan, Trezzo sull'Adda at Live Club; March 16 in Bologna, Estragon.

Cranberries: March 16 in Milan, Assago at Mediolanum

Forum.

Tokio Hotel: March 26 in Padova at Palasport.

Kevin Costner & Modern West: March 31 in Milano at the Smeraldo Theatre.

Ian Paice & Tolo Marton: April 8 in Padova at Gran Teatro.

Foreigner: April 11 in Milan at the Alcatraz Club.

Alicia Keys: May 2 in Verona at the Arena.

Whitney Houston: May 3 in Milan, Assago at the Mediolanum Forum.

Kiss: May 18 in Milan.

AC/DC: May 19 in Udine.

Michael Bublè: May 22 in Verona at the Arena; May 23 in Milan, Assago, at the Mediolanum Forum.

Mark Knopfler: June 10 in Lucca; July 10 in Piazzola sul Brenta, Padova; July 13 in Rome.

U-2: Aug. 6 in Torino at Stadio Olimpico.

Elton John & Ray Cooper: Sept. 17-18 in Milan at the

Arcimboldi Theatre; Sept. 19-20 in Rome at Auditorium Parco della Musica.

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

Outdoor Recreation

■ Time to kick back with friends and a glass of wine. Join ODR for **Wine Down Wednesday** at Lake Garda Wednesday.

■ Experience the beauty of Tuscany Feb. 27 with a tour of the hillside towns of **San Gimignano and Volterra**.

■ Ski and snowboard on the **Val Gardena** snowy slopes Feb. 27 with ODR for only \$35.

■ Tour the oldest republic in the world, **San Marino**, with Outdoor Recreation Feb. 28.

Now Showing



Ederle Theater

Thursday	Everybody's Fine (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Friday	The Princess & The Frog (G) Brothers (R)	6 p.m. 9 p.m.
Saturday	The Princess & The Frog (G) Valentines Day (PG-13)	3 p.m. 6 p.m.
Sunday	The Princess & The Frog (G) Valentine's Day (PG-13)	3 p.m. 6 p.m.
Wed.	Brothers (R)	6 p.m.
Feb. 25	Brothers (R)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Friday	Edge of Darkness (R)	6 p.m.
Saturday	Brothers (R)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Everybody's Fine (PG-13)	1 p.m.
Feb. 25	Invictus (PG-13)	6 p.m.

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

Looking for the movie synopsis? Visit www.aafes.com, 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.

Need repairs? Contact Operation Handyman

To support the deployment of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, 14th Transportation Battalion and other deploying units, the Vicenza chapel community is sponsoring Operation Handyman.

Spouses, if your Soldier is deployed and you need assistance with minor household repairs, e-mail or phone Steve Berger at 0444 535-652 or steveandkirstin@gmail.com. Repairs can include yard maintenance, auto repair advice or assistance with computer problems.

Each job will be completed with no less than two volunteers. Operation Handyman is accepting volunteers to support this ministry.

VCC invites community to CIAO workshop

The VCC is hosting the Combined Italian American Organization Conference, a day of mini workshops, fellowship and friendship to celebrate Woman's History Month. There will be a luncheon and door prizes. Call Kym Price at 349-762-1151 to register through Feb. 25.

Submit your feedback, attend March 8 meeting

Do you have issues or concerns that affect the Vicenza Elementary School community? The School Advisory Council meets quarterly and discusses concerns brought up by the community.

E-mail sac.vicenzaelementary@yahoo.com to submit issues you think the council should address and to give recommendations that will improve the school community.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 8 at 3:30 p.m. in the VES Conference room.

Deadline Friday for parent-child dance

Sign up before Friday for the Parent & Child Dinner 'n' Dance at the Arena Feb. 27. Dress attire is spy-themed. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for children and are on sale now at the Tax Relief or at CYSS Parent Central Services.

Snoopy!!! the Musical tickets on sale now

Snoopy comes to town along with all the Peanuts gang with song, dance and hilarity. Attend Soldier's Theatre's musical production that is as much fun for adults as it is for kids.

Weekend performances begin March 5. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for students. Call the Box Office at 634-7281.

Community Calendar Highlights

Thursday: Black History Lunch at DFAC
Feb. 24: InfoX
March 4: Quarterly Awards Ceremony
March 15-19: Terra Nova Testing
March 17: St. Patrick's Day
March 19-22: Training Holiday
 Easter Sunrise Service

Send someone a thumbs-up with ICE

Your ICE comments work to improve our community. And don't forget that ICE comments work both ways.

In addition to submitting suggestions for improvement, community members can also give deserving employees and volunteers a thumbs-up by submitting positive comments.

Visit www.usag.vicenza.army.mil <http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil> and click on the ICE link at the bottom of the page, or go directly to the Vicenza ICE site at http://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=site&site_id=321 to submit your positive comments, concerns or suggestions.

Take part in Read Across America

Community members are invited to take part in "Read Across America" at Vicenza Elementary School. During the week of March 1, the school will celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday. The PTSA is seeking readers for classrooms. Books are available for reading or bring one of your own.

For information or to schedule a time, contact event coordinator Brenda Konop at brenkonop@yahoo.com or 348-298-8011.

Estate claims

Anyone having any claims on or obligations to the estate of Sgt. Lucas T. Beachnaw of 2-503 PIR should contact the summary court martial officer, 1st Lt. Brett Bussart at 328-344-356.

ACS happenings

What's causing you stress? Participate in the ACS **Stress Management workshop** Monday at noon and learn how to identify your sources of stress.

Discuss how to save your money during **Financial Readiness classes** through February. Mark your calendar for classes starting at 9 a.m.: Savings and Investments, Monday; Saving Tips and Strategies on Tuesday; Saving for Emergencies on Wednesday; Saving for Major Purchases Feb. 25; Saving for College Feb. 26.

Just can't get a job interview? Learn how to increase your chances by attending the **Phone Calls to Hiring Managers workshop** at ACS Tuesday at 10 a.m.

Come relax and share with other spouses in the community at the **EFMP Roundtable** at ACS Tuesday starting at 11 a.m. Laugh, talk and eat with the group!

Health center hours change due to feedback

As result of the community's feedback, the Vicenza Health Center will open at 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays, with the first appointment scheduled at 1 p.m..

For urgent concerns when the clinic is closed or for medical emergencies anytime, you may go directly to the San Bortolo Hospital Emergency Room. You may contact a patient liaison at 0444-75-3300 or 0444-92-8166.

Pregnant patients with any concerns can call the Benincaso Pavilion at 0444-71-6667 / DSN 634-6667.

Patients requesting an ambulance should call 0444-71-7114 from off-post, or 114 from any DSN phone on post.

To make an appointment on line, register at tricareonline.com.

The nurse advice line is available 24 hours a day. Call 800-877-6660 to speak with a registered nurse about health concerns. For any comments/concerns, please call the clinic patient representative at 634-7952 / 0444-71-7952, or e-mail VZHCPatRep@amedd.army.mil.

Library

Share your opinion about Nicholas Sparks' best-selling *Dear John* during the book club discussion Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. at the library. Refreshments will be served. Sign up by Wednesday.

Rome, Brussels, Paris field studies offered

UMUC Europe is offering two three-credit undergraduate field study courses, Expatriate Writers in Rome, held in Italy, and Northern Renaissance Art in Brussels and Paris, held in Belgium and France. The registration deadline is Feb. 19.

Visit www.ed.umuc.edu/fieldstudy or call 370-6762, CIV +49 (0)6221-378367, or e-mail edfieldsty@ed.umuc.edu.

Phoenix hosting MBA info session

University of Phoenix is hosting an information session on its MBA program Feb. 25 from 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. at the Vicenza Education Center.

Learn about the program, including requirements, costs and duration. RSVP at 634-8928 or ana.laforgia@phoenix.edu.

The first class of the next on-site MBA program with all face-to-face classes is set to start March 8.

MOMS Club events

■ Friday: Infant Playgroup 11a.m.; MOMS Night Out 7 p.m.

■ Monday: Monthly Meeting 10:30 a.m.

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

■ Feb. 26: Out-N-About 9:30 a.m.

■ Feb. 27: Family Night Out 5 p.m.

E-mail momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com for information.

Want a portable career?

Use your tuition assistance or MyCAA to participate in the Central Texas College-Vicenza's Emergency Medical Technology classes to become eligible to take the EMT exam and become a registered EMT. Or try the classes leading to a degree in early childhood professions.

Two seminars are offered and each meets only twice at CTC this term. Visit CTC in Bldg. L-958, the Education Center or call 634-6514.

African-American observance set

The African-American History Month observance will be held at the post theater 1-2 p.m. Friday.

Vicenza Elementary School's third grade students will perform a tribute to Harriet Tubman and several Soldiers will present readings on the economic empowerment of Black Americans.

Religious activities

Chaplain Crisis Line

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

Sunday services

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

9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass

(Daily Mass is held weekdays at noon)

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

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

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

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

4 p.m.: Lutheran worship

5 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Mondays

Noon: LDS scripture study

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

3 p.m.: Praise Dance practice

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

5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

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

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

5:30 p.m.: Catholic choir practice

6:45 p.m.: Gospel choir practice

Thursdays

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

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

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

Faith group contacts

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

Jewish: Sandy Schoenberg at 634-6202 or sandy.schoenberg@eur.army.mil.

Latter Day Saints: Scripture study is held each Monday, noon-1 p.m. at the chapel. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. downtown. Call Sean Peterson at 335-821-9492.

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



Photo by Nancy Hacker

Something Sweet: Members of Brownie Troop 43 sell cookies in the PX Feb. 7. Cookie sales run through Feb. 28 or until supplies run out. Proceeds will be used for troop projects and events. The Girl Scouts are also accepting monetary and cookie donations to send cases of cookies to 173rd ABCT troops downrange.

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



Courtesy photo

Edge! experience: Caserma Ederle's SoccerEdge! players Filippo Lippi (first from left, bottom row) and Michael Catena (second from left, bottom row) are pictured as members of the Heidelberg Select U13 team during the 2010 U.S. Youth Soccer-Europe Michael Brendel Tournament in Kaiserslautern, Germany, Feb. 12-14. Players from Ederle's Edge! program made significant contributions to their team, playing with some of the best youth soccer players from across U.S. military communities in Europe, said Gene Catena. Teams from Stuttgart, Heidelberg, Kaiserslautern and Grafenwoehr-Vilseck participated.

Lippi and Catena were placed on the Heidelberg Select team while Ronito Reyter, John Camuso, and Taylor Curry played for Kaiserslautern and Graf-Vilseck Select teams. Lippi and Catena provided the offensive firepower scoring all goals by Heidelberg Select enroute to a surprising fourth place finish among the eight teams in the U13 age bracket. Reyter, Camuso, and Curry were keys to their teams' abilities to score and play coherent defense.



Photo by Viki Frey

Austin Pond takes on the Heidelberg competition during the Southern Sectional Championship Feb. 13.



Photo by Viki Frey

Members of the wrestling team, pictured shortly before departing for the Feb. 13 Southern Sectional Championship in back row (from left): Wyatt Overman, 1st place; Kyle Kaus, 1st place and Joe Boswell, 1st place. Bottom row: Austin Pond, 2nd place.

Grapplers end successful season, heading to European Championship

Vicenza High School Wrestling

Three Vicenza High School students went to bed as Southern Sectional champions Feb. 13.

Freshman Wyatt Overman dominated his 103-pound weight class with an undefeated season of 8-0.

Sophomore Joe Boswell, at 135 pounds, racked up a perfect 16-0 record.

Senior Kyle Kaus, dominated his 171-pound weight class with a 14-0 record.

All automatically qualify for the European Championships, held Friday and Saturday in Wiesbaden.

Austin Pond, a newcomer to the sport and wrestling at 215 pounds, will also travel to the European Championships. Pond energized everyone with his outstanding performance at the sectional tournament finishing 2nd in his weight class with a tournament record of 2-1. Pond showed a determination and drive that made him a crowd favorite in the gym. He has been named wrestler of the

week for his tourney performance.

Other VHS wrestlers who competed for the right to represent Vicenza at the Europeans were senior Antonio Echevarria wrestling at 160 pounds, sophomore Jeremy Huller at 145 pounds and sophomore Kyle Leanhart at 125 pounds.

Leanhart was selected as a candidate for a wildcard berth because of his outstanding performance, a fourth place finish and his regular season 12-11 record.

Dodgeball tourney scheduled March 6

Participate in the Epic Dodgeball Tournament March 6 at the fitness center. It will be a battle.

Costumes are strongly encouraged and awards will be given to the top team.

Call 634-7009.

Make money as a CYSS coach

Get certified. Become a baseball, softball, track or rock climbing coach for CYSS Sports & Fitness.

Sign up for the Feb. 26 clinic by Feb. 25. Call 634-6151.

Volleyball league kicks off Tuesday

Take part in the CYSS intramural league weeknights starting Tuesday through April at the fitness center.

Make wellness a top priority

The Army Wellness Center's fitness assessment and metabolic testing provide great ways to set goals and learn how to implement your fitness goals and earn points/miles for the Lion Strong and Walk for Freedom Programs.

Classes include:

Finding the Balance-Relaxation Techniques March 3, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Principles of Strength Class March 11, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Finding the Balance-Relaxation Techniques March 17, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Appointments are available Monday-Friday from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Call 634-8186 or 0444-71-8186.

Free spouses swim lessons available

Every Wednesday at the post pool there will be free swim lessons for military spouses.

Class size is limited to six per lesson. Sign up no later than the Monday prior to class at the fitness center.

For information, call swim instructor David Besuden at 634-7009.