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8:05 a.m. live  
on AFN 106



The monthly Up Front will be hosted by USAG Vicenza Commander Col. Erik Daiga Friday at 8:05 a.m.

Topics include the Walk for Freedom and programs offered by the fitness center.

In the studio with Daiga will be personnel from the Wellness and fitness centers. Can't get 106 FM on your radio? It will be broadcast on Channel 142 on your AFN decoder.

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## No Driving Sunday

Because of the high concentration of traffic pollutants, Sunday has been declared a "no-driving day" in Vicenza from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in all posted ZTL (no traffic zone) areas. The ordinance applies to all vehicles including SETAF-registered vehicles.

Vicenza city residents cannot use their vehicles from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. in the historic city center and adjacent neighborhoods. If they need to drive their cars outside the city limits, they should do so before 9 a.m. Violators will be fined € 78. Main access roads to Caserma Ederle will not be blocked.



Photo by Laura Kreider

**Making history, honoring families:** Family and friends greet Soldiers of the 14th Transportation Battalion after the unit's color casing ceremony on Hoekstra Field Feb. 17. The unit, led by its commander, Lt. Col. James Rupkalvis, is slated to deploy later this year in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. "We would also like to recognize the family and friends of the battalion. Their support is vital to our success," said Battalion Adjutant 1st Lt. Lawrence Paustian during the ceremony. "As the battalion prepares to deploy and embrace the challenges and responsibilities of conducting movement control throughout the country of Iraq, the Soldiers are prepared to execute the mission with intensity, pride and honor, ultimately adding to our proud history as the most highly decorated transportation battalion in the U.S. Army."

## Civilian sexual assault reporting changes

By Staff Sgt. PATRICIA DEAL  
USAREUR Public Affairs Office

A six-month pilot program begins Monday that gives adult civilian beneficiaries of the military healthcare system in U.S. Army Europe the option to file a restricted report for sexual assaults.

According to Department of Defense policy, restricted reporting allows victims to confidentially report the sexual assault and seek appropriate medical care and advocacy services without triggering a criminal

investigation. Unrestricted reporting allows victims to still seek appropriate care and services while immediately initiating an official investigation of the sexual assault.

USAREUR Commander Gen. Carter F. Ham gained approval for an exception to current Department of Defense policy that prevents non-service members who report sexual assault through military channels from filing a restricted report.

Ham pointed out in his request that

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**[Previously] civilian victims of sexual assault are forced to ... endure the investigative process of an unrestricted report or forego vital treatment in exchange for confidentiality.**

Gen. Carter F. Ham  
U.S. Army Europe Commander



## Senior Reserve officer plans talks with troops

By RICK SCAVETTA  
U.S. Army Africa

The Chief of the Army Reserve will hold a town hall meeting with Reserve Soldiers during a March 4 visit to U.S. Army Africa headquarters.

Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz will be at Caserma Ederle to meet with Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III, commander of U.S. Army Africa. Afterward he will eat lunch with Reserve

**During a Feb. 2009 visit to Caserma Ederle, Lt. Gen. Jack Stultz, chief of the U.S. Army Reserve, spoke to Soldiers. During an upcoming visit, Stultz will meet with local Reserve troops during a March 4 town hall meeting. (File photo)**

Soldiers at the South of the Alps dining facility.

The town hall meeting is scheduled for 1 p.m. at the Arena's second floor conference room. Brig. Gen. Jimmie Jaye Wells, commander of the 7th Civil Support Command, and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Schultz, the U.S. Army Reserve command sergeant major, will be on hand for the discussion.

Stultz and Schultz spent the week of Feb. 15 visiting Reserve Soldiers in Uganda, Ethiopia and Kenya. Reserve civil affairs units support Combined Joint Task Force - Horn of Africa, based at Camp Lemonier, Djibouti.

Stultz last visited Caserma Ederle during

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## Options expanded for U.S. civilians overseas

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civilian beneficiaries in the states have many options to seek any medical care and advocacy help through their civilian community without having to involve either military or civilian law enforcement or the judicial process.

"This is not true in Europe," Ham said. "While initial medical treatment may be received at host-nation facilities, follow on services must be obtained through the military healthcare system, even if only for referrals to host nation assets."

As a result, civilian victims of sexual

assault are forced to choose to endure the investigative process of an unrestricted report or to forego vital treatment in exchange for confidentiality.

"I really think we need to eliminate this inconsistency," he said.

To report sexual assault, call the USAREUR Sexual Assault Hotline at 486-5469 / CIV 06371-86-5469 or toll free 00800-0-277-2858 (00800-0-ASSAULT); or contact your installation Sexual Assault Response Coordinator 634-5878, Victim Advocate, health care provider or chaplain.

## Army fields recruitment pilot

Vicenza CPAC

The Department of the Army will be undergoing a recruitment pilot through the end of September to test the Office of Personnel Management's Web-based USA Staffing system to fill vacancies.

Effective Monday, the CPAC will use USA Staffing instead of Resumix, to fill some, but not all, of its vacant positions.

USA Staffing is currently used to staff many federal jobs and is integrated with OPM's USAJobs which many applicants use to search for federal employment.

Applicants applying for pilot positions will see the following differences during the application process:

- USA Staffing's questionnaire to determine the best qualified candidates.
- Pilot announcements will be

available only at <http://www.usajobs.gov>.

- Applicants must apply through USAJobs, not the Army Resume Builder.

- Applicants must answer assessment questions for each vacancy.

- Applicants can upload supporting documentation (i.e. DD-214, SF-50, certifications, degrees, etc).

- HR specialists will be working directly with managers to create assessment questions.

- Managers will have a USA Staffing login and password to review resumes and a referral list.

Management opinion will be very important during this pilot and managers will be contacted for feedback and experience with using USA Staffing.

Questions can be referred to the Vicenza CPAC at 634-7783 or 634-7260.

## Reserve chief to hold town hall at Ederle

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February 2009 visit to U.S. Army Africa.

During that visit, he said that meeting with senior leaders at U.S. Army Africa gave him a better understanding of how Army Reserve capabilities can support future Army missions in Africa.

"Reserve Soldiers are already performing a variety of humanitarian

and security assistance missions on the continent, and I expect our role will grow," Stultz said.

During the talks, Stultz will discuss how his command is shaping the Reserve force, the Employer Partnership Initiative and Army Community Strong Virtual Installation centers.

After the meeting, Stultz will take part in re-enlistments, promotions and awards

for Reserve Soldiers from the Vicenza military community. Military police from the Army Reserve support the garrison with base security duties.

The 7th Civil Support Command also has Soldiers assigned in Longare.

After visiting Vicenza, the Reserve leaders are scheduled to visit troops in Kosovo.

**Got a question you'd like featured in the Speak Out? E-mail us today at [editor@eur.army.mil](mailto:editor@eur.army.mil).**

## Speak Out

It's Oscar time!  
What was the best film and performance by an actor or actress in 2009?



**Anna Copiello**  
Flower Shop

"Avatar for best picture and Princess and the Frog for best animated film."



**Sgt. Deborah Hayes**  
USARAF Finance

"Avatar deserves all the recognition it can get. The acting and directing were first rate."



**Geonte Haynes**  
Fitness Center

"Movie: The Time Traveler's Wife. Actor Eric Bana and actress Rachel McAdams."



**Samuel Kight**  
DoDEA - MED DSO

"Actor: Robert Downey Jr. for Sherlock Holmes. He really pulled off a great Holmes in this film."



**Roxanna Martinez**  
Fitness Center

"Actress: Rachel McAdams. Actor: Jeremy Renner in the Hurt Locker. Movie: The Blind Side."

Community members can watch the 82nd Academy Awards' live broadcast on AFN March 7 at 8:15 p.m. Eastern Time. See if you can guess who the winners will be.

**Best Picture of the Year nominations include:**

- "Avatar" (20th Century Fox)
- "The Blind Side" (Warner Bros.)
- "District 9" (Sony Pictures Releasing)
- "An Education" (Sony Pictures Classics)
- "The Hurt Locker" (Summit Entertainment)
- "Inglourious Basterds" (The Weinstein Company)
- "Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' by Sapphire" (Lionsgate)
- "A Serious Man" (Focus Features)
- "Up" (Walt Disney)
- "Up in the Air" (Paramount with Cold Spring Pictures and DW Studios)

**Nominated for Best Actor are:** Jeff Bridges in "Crazy Heart," George Clooney in "Up in the Air," Colin Firth in "A Single Man," Morgan Freeman in "Invictus" and Jeremy Renner in "The Hurt Locker."

**Nominated for Best Actress are:** Sandra Bullock in "The Blind Side," Helen Mirren in "The Last Station," Carey Mulligan in "An Education," Gabourey Sidibe in "Precious: Based on the Novel 'Push' by Sapphire" and Meryl Streep in "Julie & Julia."

Visit [www.oscars.com](http://www.oscars.com) for the complete list of nominees and a printable ballot.

## Finance expert offers money-saving tips Soldiers, families urged to decrease debt, set up realistic budget

### Vicenza Financial Readiness

In today's economic climate, financial fitness is increasingly important, especially as part of a Soldier's mission readiness.

Soldiers and their family members are encouraged to increase their personal savings, decrease their debt and develop financial fitness habits that can lead to improved financial stability and ultimately mission readiness, said Erin Wilcher, Financial Readiness program manager.

She said Military Saves Week is an annual opportunity for the Department of Defense to focus attention on encouraging service members and their families to establish savings goals and habits that set

money aside for emergencies and future wants and needs.

"People can set their goals with the Vicenza Financial Readiness program or online at [www.MilitarySaves.org](http://www.MilitarySaves.org)," explained Wilcher. "The Vicenza Financial Readiness Program offers Soldiers and families help to develop and maintain a realistic budget, reduce debts, improve credit, plan for the future through savings and investments and resolve consumer complaints.

Regular classes are offered in budget preparation, debt management, checkbook management and first-term Soldier financial training.

Individual counseling is also available for families and Soldiers in need of special attention.

Wilcher offered the following tips to start saving money:

**1.** Enroll in the Thrift Savings Plan. One percent of your base pay can add up substantially over your career.

**2.** Set up an allotment to a savings account for this year's raise. You won't spend it if you don't see it.

**3.** Bring your own soda, candy and water instead of using the soda and snack machines.

**4.** Pack and bring your lunch at least twice a week instead of going out to eat.

**5.** Carpool to and from work when possible. A couple of days a week makes a big difference in what you spend on gas monthly.

**6.** Make and use a grocery list every time you go to the store.

**7.** Never shop when hungry.

**8.** Track your spending, every day.

**9.** Pay all bills on time or a few days early to avoid late fees and interest rate increases.

**10.** Set up a realistic budget, and follow it.

**11.** Plan out and save for purchases instead of buying with a credit card on impulse.

**12.** Review your credit report and make necessary corrections. To learn more, visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com).

For more information or to sign up for a class, call 634-8634/7500.

## Families gain access to free, online tutoring

By ELAINE WILSON

American Forces Press Service

The Defense Department has launched a free, online tutoring service for service members and their families.

The site – <http://www.tutor.com/military> -- offers round-the-clock professional tutors who can assist with homework, studying, test preparation, resume writing and more.

Marine Corps and Army families have had access to the program for more than a year. Seeing the value, Defense Department officials decided to expand the service to encompass all service members and their families, officials said.

"Providing 24/7 academic and career support for military families during a time when so many parents

have a deployed spouse has been an important and well-received benefit for Marine Corps and Army families," said Tommy T. Thomas, deputy undersecretary of defense for military community and family policy.

"We are pleased to expand this program to all U.S. military families and provide peace of mind that their children are never alone when it comes to learning – there is always a certified, professional tutor available to help," he said.

Active-duty service members, National Guard and reserve personnel on active duty in a deployed status, Defense Department civilians in a deployed status and their dependents are eligible to participate, officials said. Along with test preparation, the site is open to students of any age – from kindergartners to high school seniors – for one-on-one help in math, science, social

studies and English.

Many of these students, officials said, are making the most of the live, one-on-one help. "Thanks for having this service when our family is separated at this time due to deployments and training," a 6th grader of a Marine commented. "My father is unable to help one-on-one."

"I really appreciate this," another program participant, a 9th grader, said. "It really helps me understand my schoolwork. It's going to really help me ace my exams coming up. I am definitely going to use this very often."

Tutor.com's network includes more than 1,800 professional tutors and career specialists who have delivered more than 5 million one-on-one tutoring sessions since 2001, officials said. Each tutor is certified through the site, and all sessions are recorded for quality control.

## 509th hosting social network training Monday

### 509th Signal Battalion

The 509th Signal Battalion will sponsor the U.S. Army Europe Social Networking System Presentation at Caserma Ederle Monday at the post theater from 9:30-11:30 a.m., and again from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

The training is open to all Department of Defense and Department of the Army military, civilians, local national

employees, contractors, and family members and dependents.

The World Wide Web has changed the way people communicate in every facet of their professional and personal lives with individuals increasingly turning to the Internet for information, news, purchases, gaming, research and other uses such as social media. Social media, to include social networking systems,

simply refers to dialogue-based Web platforms or sites like Facebook, My Space, Flickr, YouTube and Twitter.

The Department of Army has an obligation to tell its story in the spaces and places where their communities are present, which includes the Internet. Many military organizations routinely utilize, promote and disseminate their command messages via these social

media Web sites, said Sylvester Mathias.

The SNS presentation will provide information to help attendees protect their government and personal information. Anyone who uses the Internet for government or personal use is invited to attend either session.

For more information, call Dennis Halbert at 634-6077 or CIV 0444-71-6077.

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### At your service

## AFTB & AFAP programs



**Ruth Cowart** is Caserma Ederle's Army Family Team Building and Army Family Action Plan program manager.

"I have the best job in the garrison," said Cowart. "With AFTB, I get to work with wonderful volunteers who want to empower themselves and others through training in areas such as how the Army works, personal development, and leadership development.

"For AFAP, I get to work to improve the quality of life for the total Army Family," she said.

Cowart is located on the first floor, Davis Hall, Monday-Friday with AFTB classes available after hours on request. She can be reached at 634-8526/7500, CIV 0444-71-8526/7500, email [ruth.cowart@eur.army.mil](mailto:ruth.cowart@eur.army.mil).



# Community Camera

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



Photo by Laura Kreider

**Economic Empowerment:** Third-graders from Vicenza Elementary School, directed by Angela Hartwig, perform for the audience during the installation's African American Black History Month observance Friday at the post theater. This year's theme is The History of Black Economic Empowerment.



Photo by Laura Kreider

**Will it hold?** Vicenza High School senior Kola Awe (left) helps junior Iman Sabbahi construct a tower of spaghetti and marshmallows in the school gym Feb. 19. The team-building event was one of many school-hosted activities for students of deployed parents and took place after a parent-student lunch designed to ease students' deployment transition. "It is a nice event because we never have the chance to have lunch together during the week," said Laura Sanchez, mother of sophomore Brenda. To help the students continue to build bonds and network with other students of deployed parents, VHS has scheduled the following lunch dates: March 9 (Bring a Friend); April 21 (Bring a Parent) and May 18 (Bring a Friend).

## Dollars & sense:

Staff Sgt. John McGlothlin (left) and Spc. Derena McCray of 173rd ABCT's HHC listens in as Erin Wilcher, ACS Financial Readiness program manager, discusses smart finances after the Military Saves Kickoff ceremony at the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center Friday.

Photo by Laura Kreider



Photo by Laura Kreider

**Just a pinch:** Local chef Gianni Enzo Gianello demonstrates how to cook risotto al broccolo fiolaro, a local traditional rice dish, during the ACS Lunch Bistro Series at the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center Feb. 17.



Photo by Adriane Foss

**Imagine all the people...** Vicenza Elementary students in Trina Downey's second grade class perform John Lennon's 1971 hit *Imagine*, simultaneously signing the lyrics during a Feb. 17 Parent Teacher Student Association meeting at the school. "This song simply tells how we all can dream a perfect world as one," explained Downey. She said they selected the song because it tied in with the class' "Our Dream" theme. The students are learning about the Continuous School Improvement, better known as CSI, an ongoing process that helps schools focus their efforts in support of their mission and goals.



## Livorno first in Europe to migrate

By CHIARA MATTIROLO  
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

When the Department of the Army directed that all Windows-based computers migrate to Vista, information management officers at USAG Livorno developed plans to meet the Dec. 31 deadline.

"I came up with a plan to program the drives by loading all the programs on the first hard disk and then cloning all the others," said Vincenzo Leto, Livorno's Web master. "Loading a hard drive normally takes six hours whereas the cloning process only requires about 20 minutes."

He said this time-saving process was critical in allowing the garrison to be the first in Europe to

complete the transition.

Within a month, Leto had directed the migration of the garrison's 287 hard drives, with Vista installed in computers across 18 directorates and sections. He was recognized at the installation's Jan. 29 awards ceremony.

During the ceremony, USAG Livorno Commander Col. Steven Cade said he was proud of the hard work of the IM team and proud to be the first garrison to accomplish a 100 percent conversion to Vista with minimal impact on the installation's mission.

Leto said the Army decided to switch to Vista because it was a more stable and mature product and would allow the Army to update and standardize its information systems



Vincenzo Leto

successfully directed the migration of the garrison's 287 hard drives.



Photo by Mary-Kate Bean

(Above) Girl Scouts try to re-invent some of Leonardo Da Vinci's inventions using toothpicks and gumdrops. (Below, left) During the "Eco or Ego Class," Girl Scouts reuse old jeans to make keepsake pillows.

## Scouts learn to make environmental difference during Passport to Pisa

By JOYCE COSTELLO  
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

More than 200 Girl Scouts and volunteers converged on Camp Darby for the second annual Passport to Pisa program Feb. 12-14.

The focus of this year's camp was Live Green and Make a Difference.

"We offered the girls the chance to harness the power of movement by engaging in workshops where they would learn skills to take home to their own military installations and start community action projects that could make a significant impact on the environment," said Ursula Werner, event coordinator.

She said no plastic, paper or

Styrofoam cups were used during the event, prompting the girls to ensure they packed their travel mugs and water bottles.

Classes such as "Eco or Ego Action" and "Bike and the Mechanics" encouraged participants to examine their actions and make a difference by starting their own recycle actions or biking instead of asking parents to drive them.

The girls also visited Florence, Pisa and Livorno.

"We got to try many different new foods and see a lot of cool buildings," said Layla Davis, who visited Livorno. "This trip and experience with the Passport to Pisa program was absolutely memorable and meaningful for me."



Photo by Alyssa Taylor

## Social networking presentation slated Wednesday

509th Signal Battalion

The 509th Signal Battalion will sponsor the U.S. Army Europe Social Networking System presentation in the Livorno military community Wednesday.

It will take place at the post theater from 9:30-11:30 a.m., and again from

1:30-3:30 p.m. This training is open to all DoD/DA military, civilians, host nation employees, contractors, and family members and dependents.

Anyone who uses the Internet for government or personal use is invited to attend. Call Dennis Halbert at 634-6077 or CIV 0444-71-6077 for information.

## Darby dates

### New to Darby? Attend Benvenuti

New to Camp Darby and don't know where to go to get answers?

Learn about Italian customs, local shopping, paying bills and more with the March session of Benvenuti. The class kicks off Monday. Call ACS for more information at 633-7084.

### Assisi Zoo

Visit the birthplace of Saint Francis March 6. This medieval village nestled in the hills of Umbria is a must-see. Call ITR for more information at 633-7589.

### Texas Hold'em Night

Wanna get lucky? Come to Texas Hold'em March 5. Free pasta for all of the players. Call the DCC at 633-7855 for details.

### ODR trips

ODR travels to **Mount Cimone** March 6. Call ODR for more information at 633-7775.

ODR travels to **Abetone** March 13 for the last ski trip of the season. Call ODR for more information at 633-7775.

### 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 March 6. Fun begins at 7:30. If you don't know how to salsa, we'll teach you.

Call the DCC at 633-7855 for details.

### 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.





## Golf Town:

The community is invited to Golf Town, an Italian golf fair Feb. 27–March 1 in Verona at Viale del Lavoro 8, 38 miles west of Vicenza. The event takes place Saturday-Sunday from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Monday from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. More than 100 companies will present the latest in equipment, shoes, clothing and accessories. It will also feature the world's largest indoor golf course with ecological scenery reproducing a typical Italian landscape. Golf competitions are set between champions, professionals and amateurs. The fair also provides non-golfers an opportunity to try out a new sport. Admission is 20 euro. Free for children under age 14. For details in English, visit [http://www.golftown.it/salone\\_eng/index-salone.php](http://www.golftown.it/salone_eng/index-salone.php). The 20 euro entitles participants to visit the Luxury & Yachts Fair Feb. 26-March 1 from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. in the show district at the Verona Fair. For details in English, visit <http://www.nauticshow.com/luxury/index2.html>.

Il Salone Del Golf - Verona photo

## Local events

**Bonfire Night:** Propitiatory bonfires are remnants of ancient rites to welcome spring, celebrating nature's awakening after its winter slumber. Below are nearby towns where bonfires will be lit on Sunday:

■ Breganze, about 15 miles north of Vicenza: Street lights will be turned off, to recreate an old-fashioned atmosphere. At 7 p.m. in Piazza Mazzini departs a 3 km torchlight walk to the bonfire site. 9 p.m. pasta and wine for everyone offered by the Alpini Association. The bonfire is lit at 9:45 p.m.

■ Caltrano, about 23 miles north of Vicenza: 6 p.m. local choir concert; mulled wine and chocolate for everyone.

■ Carrè, about 22 miles north of Vicenza: 8:30 p.m. sweets, hot chocolate and mulled wine for everyone.

■ Chiuppano, about 21 miles north of Vicenza: 9 p.m. mulled wine and candies for all the participants who are invited to make as much noise as possible.

■ Lugo di Vicenza, about 17 miles north of Vicenza: 8 p.m. two bonfires and free local products to everyone.

■ Malo, about 20 miles northwest of Vicenza: 8 p.m. street lights will be turned off. A torchlight walk departs from Piazza Vecchia and arrives at Colle di Santa Libera where a bonfire will be lit up. Free local products to all the participants.

■ Marano, about 14 miles north of Vicenza: 8 p.m. a walk departs from Piazza Silva and arrives in Parco della Solidarietà. 9 p.m. bonfire and folk dance show with the Saltamaran group.

■ Zugliano, about 15 miles north of Vicenza: 8 p.m. a torchlight

march departs from Piazza di Zugliano and arrives at Villa Giusti. Free sampling of local products.

**La Brendolana**, a 7- or 12-km, non-competitive walk is set Sunday, at Vò di Brendola, about 9 miles southwest of Vicenza.

It starts at 8 a.m. at the community center on Via Carbonara 30. The registration fee is 2 euro or 3.50 euro and includes a bottle of wine and a jar of honey. There will be wine and food exhibits and a market featuring typical agricultural products.

**Nemo a Ciamar Marso** – March Call Festival is set Sunday in Recoaro Terme from 2–9 p.m. and includes a cimbric folk parade of groups and floats; live cimbric folk music at 5 p.m. and a propitiatory bonfire at 7 p.m.

The inhabitants of many mountain towns of the province claim to be descendants of the ancient Cimbric of Scandinavian origin.

The Cimbric language is no longer in use but it is still reflected in the nicknames of many local families and old traditions together with ancient legends of gnomes, fairies and other woodland creatures.

**Galileo, Venice and the Moon** – historical/scientific exhibition: ongoing through Apr. 5 in Bassano del Grappa, Palazzo Bonaguro, Via Angarano, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza.

Open Thursday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. Closed on Easter.

Admission fee is 3 euro, 2 euro reduced for children between 10 and 18 and senior citizens over 60. Free for children under 10.

Antique market is scheduled Sunday at Piazzola sul Brenta, Villa Contarini, about 16 miles east of Vicenza. More than 700 vendors and food booths.

## Free concerts & classes

**"Close the Circle" Childhood in Africa photo exhibit:** through Sunday in Vicenza, Basilica Palladiana, 1st floor; Tuesday-Sunday 10:30 a.m.-1p.m.; 3-7 p.m.

**Wora Wora Washington Power Electro & Memory Lost Electro:** Friday at 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Bar Sarte, Corso S. Felice e Fortunato 362.

**Workingprogress in concert:** Saturday at 9:30 p.m. in Polegge, Equobar, Via Marosticana, 350.

**Conservatory students in concert:** Saturday at 5 p.m., in Vicenza, S. Chiara Chapel, Contrà Santa Chiara.

**Scott Hender Trio's live jazz:** Sunday at 10 p.m. in Marostica at the Panic Jazz Club, Piazza degli Scacchi, 18 miles north of Vicenza.

**Marea jazz flamenco:** Sunday at 4:30 p.m. in Altavilla Vicentina, "L. Da Vinci" School auditorium, Via Vicenza 1, about six miles southwest of Vicenza.

**Jazz not Dead Festival-Ralf:** Tuesday at 10 p.m., Vicenza's Bar Sarte, Corso S. Felice e Fortunato 362.

The community is invited to a free concert in celebration of **Chopin's 200th birthday:** at Villa Contarini, Piazzola Sul Brenta, Padova. It will feature pianist Marcin Dominik Gluch and soprano Anna Kostrzynska, who performs annually at Carnegie Hall. Call 320-350-7078 or e-mail [info@aipp.eu](mailto:info@aipp.eu) to RSVP.

**Joey Calderazzo's live jazz:** Tuesday at 10 p.m. in Marostica's Panic Jazz Club in Piazza degli Scacchi, 18 miles north of Vicenza.

**The Odeon Theater** in Vicenza, Corso Palladio 176, shows movies in English. Monday: Sherlock Holmes at 4:30, 6:45 and 9 p.m. Tickets cost 6 euro. Visit [www.mymovies.it/cinema/vicenza/6217/](http://www.mymovies.it/cinema/vicenza/6217/).

## Pay concerts

**Spandau Ballet:** Monday in Milan, Assago Mediolanum Forum.

**Labyrinth:** Wednesday 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.

Tickets can be purchased in Vicenza at Media World inside the Palladio Shopping Center or online at [http://www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta\\_lingua=ing](http://www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing) or <http://www.ticketone.it/EN/>.

## Now Showing



### Ederle Theater

<b>Thursday</b>	Brothers (R)	6 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>	Invictus (PG-13)	6 p.m.
	It's Complicated (R)	9 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Invictus (PG-13)	3 p.m.
	Shutter Island (R)	6 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	Invictus (PG-13)	3 p.m.
	Shutter Island (R)	6 p.m.
<b>Wed.</b>	It's Complicated (R)	6 p.m.
<b>March 4</b>	It's Complicated (R)	6 p.m.

### Camp Darby Theater

<b>Friday</b>	Dear John (PG-13)	6 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	It's Complicated (R)	6 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	The Princess & The Frog (G)	1 p.m.
<b>March 4</b>	Precious (R)	6 p.m.

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

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

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



## In remembrance

A funeral mass will be held at the post chapel at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday for Dr. (Lt. Col. retired) Anthony R. Piacentile.

Piacentile was the deputy commander of the Vicenza Health Center and liaison between the San Bortolo Hospital and the health center for many years before retiring to Texas and then on to Florida two years ago.

He passed away suddenly Dec. 2 and is survived by his wife Dr. Ewa Piacentile and one daughter, Dr. Katherine Piacentile of Padova.

Piacentile would have been 63 on Wednesday.

## Scholarships available

Scholarships available from the U.S. military community in Vicenza include but are not limited to the following organizations:

- Defense Commissary Agency- [www.militaryscholar.org](http://www.militaryscholar.org)
- Vicenza Community Club
- Parent Teacher Student Association
- Army Emergency Relief- MG James Ursano Scholarship Program
- Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Vicenza Middle/High School Booster Club
- Boy and Girl Scouts

Other sites for all students include the following:

- [www.campuschamps.com](http://www.campuschamps.com)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.students.gov](http://www.students.gov)
- [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)

## At the Arena

Attend the **Dinner and a Movie** March 5. It includes two hours of bowling, shoe rental, a large pizza and unlimited soda for up to 6 people for \$20.95.

Enjoy karaoke at the Lion's Den Saturday nights from 8 p.m. until closing. Ask about drink specials.

## ACS happenings

Attend the **Army Emergency Relief** campaign kickoff Monday at 2 p.m. AER provides emergency financial help to active duty and retired Soldiers and their families. AER has educational programs that offer scholarships to spouses and children. Call 634-8524.

A **7 Habits of Highly Effective**

**Military Families** training is set March 11-12 from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Experience a life transformation that fosters greater productivity, increased influence in family relationships, stronger family unity and life balance.

ACS has a new **Lunch Bistro Series** that is held the first and third Wednesday monthly from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. The community is invited to join the group for lunch as they explore a wide range of topics and build lasting bonds. Call 634-7500 to reserve your seat for the March 3 "A Taste of Korea!" and March 17 "Wellness" sessions.

## Art center

A **basic sewing class** will teach participants the basic skills to make any garment. Complete a tote bag, purse and cosmetic bag in the class. Cost is \$50 and class begins Tuesday, 5-7 p.m.

Or join beginner quilting with **Quilting Class Part 1** March 6, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and **Part 2** April 10 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. to learn to make your own quilt. Call 634-7074 to register.

Learn to turn simple vacation snapshots into great travel photos with the **digital photography** class. Four sessions held Wednesdays, 1-2:30 p.m. beginning Wednesday, or Thursdays from 5- 6:30 p.m. beginning March 4. Or join the **acrylic painting** class March 20 and 27.

Join two professional chefs as they guide you through Italian cooking during the March 15 **Krafty Kitchen** class at the art center. Learn to make sauces, pizzas and desserts. Five classes last two hours each. Call 634-7074.

## Library events

The **book club** will discuss *Housekeeping* by Marilynne Robinson March 4 at 7 p.m. at the library. Refreshments will be served. Bring a snack and a friend. Call 634-8419.

## CYSS happenings

FRGs, reserve your **group child care** for March 9 by calling your deployment specialist at 634- 7219 before Monday. Space is limited.

The Youth Program visits the slopes of San Martino di Castrozza March 6. Call 634-7659 to sign up.

A March 6 **SAS field trip** takes participants to Parco Dei Pappagalli

to study a parrot's world.

Cost is \$20 if you use your five free hours. Make reservations for Saturday care with CYSS. Call 634-7559. Space is limited.

## Submit your ballot for Texas elections

Texas will hold its state primary election Tuesday. If you requested a ballot and have not received it, submit the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot. Download it at [www.FVAP.gov](http://www.FVAP.gov) or get a FWAB from your installation/embassy/consulate voting assistance office. Visit [www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/whatisontheballot.shtml](http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/voter/whatisontheballot.shtml) for instructions. State ballots and FWABs submitted by overseas uniformed services members, their families or overseas citizens must be postmarked by 7 p.m. Tuesday and received no later than March 8.

## EMT certification class set Monday-May 20

Central Texas College will offer an EMT certification course March 1-May 20, Mondays-Thursdays from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Call 634-6514.

## 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](mailto:brenkonop@yahoo.com) or 348-298-8011.

## SAC seeking your input on school issues

Do you have issues or concerns that affect the Vicenza Elementary School community?

E-mail [sac.vicenzaelementary@yahoo.com](mailto:sac.vicenzaelementary@yahoo.com) to submit issues and recommendations.

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

## 'Snoopy!!! the Musical' tickets on sale now

Attend Soldiers Theatre's production of *Snoopy!!! the Musical*. Weekend performances

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

## Praise an employee with ICE feedback

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

Visit [www.usag.vicenza.army.mil](http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil) [http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil/](http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil/http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil/) or visit [http://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=site&site\\_id=321](http://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=site&site_id=321).

## MOMS Club events

■ Friday: Out-N-About 9:30 a.m. and ■ Saturday: Family Night Out 5 p.m. E-mail [momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com](mailto:momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com).

## Health center hours change due to feedback

The Vicenza Health Center will open at 12:30 p.m. on Thursdays due to training. The first appointment is scheduled at 1 p.m.

To make an appointment online, register at [tricareonline.com](http://tricareonline.com).

The nurse advice line is available 24 hours a day. Call 800-877-660 to speak with a registered nurse about health concerns. Call the clinic patient representative at 634-7952 / 0444-71-7952, or e-mail [VZHCPatRep@amedd.army.mil](mailto:VZHCPatRep@amedd.army.mil).

## Join Ederle's EEO for Women's History Month

March is Women's History Month. This year's theme is "Writing Women Back into History."

The month provides an opportunity to recognize and celebrate women's historic achievements and honor women in our families and the community.

The Equal Opportunity Office will kick off with a cake cutting ceremony Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at the PX food court. The community is invited to attend.

## Community Calendar Highlights

**March 4:** Quarterly Awards Ceremony

**March 15-19:** Terra Nova Testing

**March 17:** St. Patrick's Day

**March 19-22:** Training Holiday



## Aquatic therapy:

The Vicenza Health Center's Physical Therapy Department offers an aquatic therapy program. The physical therapy sessions will be held at the pool Tuesdays and Thursdays at 3 p.m. Aquatic therapy is especially beneficial for patients with orthopedic injuries and who cannot tolerate exercising on land due to joint pain.

The program is open to eligible beneficiaries and typically lasts four weeks. Entry into the program is by referral only. Patients must be evaluated by a physical therapist. If you have questions, talk with your primary care physician or call the Physical Therapy Department at 634-7779.

Photo by Spc. Joshua Ebert

## 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](mailto:sandy.schoenberg@eur.army.mil).

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

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

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



## Dodgeball tourney scheduled March 6

Get your team together for the dodgeball tournament March 6.

It's a wacky fun tournament where costumes are encouraged and award will be given for the best costumes and top team. Call 634-7009 for information.

## Sign up by March 10 for 5K Spring Dash

Make plans to join the Spring Dash 5K March 13. The pre-brief is 8:45. Race begins at 9 a.m. Free T-shirt to the 1st 50 registered. Register at the front desk in the Fitness Center before March 10. Enjoy refreshments and prizes and get information about the new "Lion Strong" Sports, Fitness and Aquatics incentive program. Call 634-7887 for information.

## Wellness offerings

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** Wednesday at 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, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Call 634-8186 or 0444-71-8186.

## Design, build your own skateboard

The FMWR Edge! Program, in conjunction with the arts and crafts center, is offering a free Build Your Own Skateboard class beginning March 5, 3:30-5 p.m to students in grades 6-12.

Attendees will meet each Friday in March at the arts and crafts center, Bldg. 306, to discuss, design, and build the personalized skateboards. The art center will provide materials and instruction.

The class is limited to 12 students. Upon completion, participants will show off their boards and skating skills during a demonstration at Villaggio's skate park.

The class is free but requires registration and enrollment at Parent Central Services or online registration via WEBTRAC.

For more information on this Art EDGE! program, e-mail [Tom.Hlavacek@us.army.mil](mailto:Tom.Hlavacek@us.army.mil) or call 634-7502 or 335-818-6927.

The Mako Sharks group-hug coach Daniel Burke after a winning show at the European Forces Swim League Championship in Eindhoven, the Netherlands, Feb. 13-14.

Photo by Ann Gasparini



# Sharks shine at Europeans

By JULIA SIBILLA

Mako Sharks

Twelve members of the Mako Sharks team competed in the European Forces Swim League Championship in Eindhoven, the Netherlands.

All of the swimmers, ages 6-15, posted qualifying times or were pulled up to participate in the European meet and three came away with medals as Europe's top swimmers.

First year swimmer James Jones earned first place medals in the boys'

12-and-under events. Return swimmers Rima Gasparini and Kyla Hallam each took honors in their respective categories.

All Mako Sharks swimmers posted personal bests in their events and left the competition with a strong sense of pride and accomplishment.

"It's the amazing support from parents and volunteers in our military community that help make Champs so successful," said Sharks president Cindi Unger. "These kids worked hard all year and this is a great way to celebrate the end of the season."

"I was so touched at Champs when I saw our kids cheering each other on, coaching each other, and, at times, consoling each other," said Megan Hallam, mother of swimmer of Kyla, who took top honors in the 10-and-under pentathlon competition.

"I looked at Coach [Sgt. Daniel] Burke's photos of all the moments outside of the pool and realized that the kids' experience at Champs was truly one of amazing personal and emotional growth as much as it was physical," she said.

# Cougars take top wins at championship

VHS Wrestling team

Gold, silver and bronze.

The Vicenza High School Cougars wrestling team brought home some colorful hardware last weekend from the European Championships.

Representing VHS were Wyatt Overman, Joe Boswell, Kyle Kaus and Austin Pond.

Pond, a freshman who wrestles at 215, ran into some tough competition in his weight class and was unable to bring home a medal. Pond said he looks forward to the challenge again next year.

Sophomore Boswell entered his first DoDEA championship with an undefeated regular season record and won a third place bronze medal with an impressive show in the 135-pound weight class.

Overman, a freshman, earned his second place silver with wins throughout his 103-pound weight class. He met the gold medal winner in what proved to be a tough and well-wrestled final match. Overman had an undefeated regular season record at his class.

"Overman will be a force to be reckoned with next year in the States," said Bess Wills, team sponsor.

Kaus, Vicenza's only senior at the championships and a silver medalist from the 2008 and 2009 seasons, went to Wiesbaden with one goal—to come out the champion of the 171-pound weight

class.

"He focused his sights like a laser and never let it slip away," said Wills.

Kaus finished his undefeated season with an impressive win under the spotlights in the championship match

with a takedown to break a tied score and win the first place gold after the full six-minute time limit. Kaus achieved his goal of finishing his high school wrestling career as the first place 2010 171-pound European champion.



Photo by Bess Wills

(From left) Wrestling coach Rick Overman with Wyatt Overman, Kyle Kaus, Austin Pond and (sitting) Joe Boswell. The wrestlers represented Vicenza High School during the European Championships and came home with gold, silver and bronze medals.