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Parents and children can enjoy a special Carnevale themed dinner dance Feb. 21, 6- 9 p.m. at Club V. See page 7 for more information.

# Renegades in for long haul in Iraq

By 1st Lt. Brian Kinsella  
3rd Sustainment Command  
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**CAMP LIBERTY, Iraq** – The 3-68th Transportation Detachment, 297th Inland Transfer Company, 398th Combat Sustainment Support Battalion, 10th Sustainment Brigade is arguably one of the most unique small units in the U.S. Army.

Headquartered in Vicenza, Italy, the unit deployed to Baghdad, Iraq, in March 2008 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. Over the last nine months the unit has been the Brigade's go-to team for strategic combat line-haul support.

The 3-68 is composed of Soldiers from both Italy and Mannheim, Germany. The Soldiers united in Grafenwöhr, Germany, for two training rotations prior to deploying.

The Soldiers rapidly adapted to Iraq and their combat mission in support of Multi-National Division - Baghdad.

Due to their esprit de cour and the unit's autonomous, the Soldiers dubbed themselves the "Renegades."

To date, the 3-68th conducted over 150 successful deliberate



Soldiers of the 3-68th Trans. Det. set out to deliver equipment to coalition troops in support of Multi National Division-Baghdad. The Vicenza and Mannheim based troops are in Iraq on a 15 month deployment. (Photo by Sgt. Jeffrey Bantay, 3-68th Trans. Det.)

combat logistics patrols, or DCLPs, without incident or accident. The unit traveled over 60,000 miles on the most dangerous roads in Baghdad.

Recently, the detachment's mission changed so that they might better spearhead the Brigade's logistical needs. The unit began supporting tactical movements on Victory Base Complex. This mission is very demanding and the unit has already logged over 160 missions and well over 10,000 miles in little more than a month.

The 3-68th Trans. Det. worked hard to improve the

motor pool it was assigned as a base of operations. In nine months, they improved this archaic infrastructure by adding an office trailer, internet, power, a fully functioning maintenance tent, fence and concrete barriers.

"(We) had to build everything we have from the ground up with only ourselves to lean on, so we take the greatest pride in our mission, what we've accomplished, and our Soldiers," said Staff Sgt. William Langer, a detachment mission commander

The 3-68 maintenance team

consists of only a motor sergeant, Staff Sgt. Alan Rivas, and three mechanics. The team works to maintain and service over 50 pieces of equipment with only four Soldiers.

Assuming control of heavily used equipment, the maintenance section raised the operational readiness rate from 60 percent to well over 95 percent. They completed significant vehicle upgrades to increase performance and safety. Recently, the unit worked to completely retrofit all of their M915 tractors with upgraded armor.

Since deploying, the unit facilitated the priority transportation needs of the Brigade.

Upon redeployment to Italy in the summer of 2009, 3-68th Trans. Det. will disband under USAREUR's force transformation, whereby assets will be realigned to fit the new operational climate of the U.S. Army.

Sgt. Richard Negrete, commented on the end of military line-haul operations south of the Alps, "I'm just glad that I'm a member of such a unique organization. Sadly, future transporters will not be able to have this amazing experience."

## If it's too good to be true, it probably is

The Command Intelligence Operations Center was notified of a website targeting Army personnel, claiming to offer low-cost personal computers, laptops and online educational resources.

The website, [www.armyedcenter.com](http://www.armyedcenter.com), offers computers with preloaded training software as a bundled package.

The company has the potential to offer the Soldier a \$500 product, while charging and interest rate of about 340 percent, making the total price of \$3,500 over two years.

Training opportunities offered by the website are

already available to all active duty Soldiers, retirees and DA civilians at no cost from Army e-learning.

For more information contact your chain-of-command or your post Army Education Center.



## Watch for this sign



There have been temporary driving restrictions imposed on older motor vehicles. See page 4 for details.



## Sound-off now on AFN-Europe programming

**George A. Smith**  
AFN Europe Operations  
Manager

Experience what it feels like to have the ear of the network program director, and the chance to change what you see and hear on AFN. Go to the American Forces Network Europe (AFNE) web site to say what you think should be on the radio and how you prefer to get your military news on TV.

Go on line at [afneurope.net](http://afneurope.net), click on the link to the survey and sound off on the mix of music, types of information and shows airing on AFN radio. Your feedback will help AFN Europe decide when to have live hosted DJ shows and whether the network should change current programming.

AFN Europe broadcasts two radio services to concentrations of military personnel and families in Germany, Italy and Belgium: AFN The Eagle and the Power Network. AFN The Eagle is a family-friendly blend of music and entertainment airing on FM 106 in Italy and a mix of mostly FM frequencies in Germany and Belgium. The Power Network airs on FM 107 in Italy and mostly AM frequencies in Germany and Belgium. It features news and information shows such as *Morning Newswatch*, *National Public Radio* and *Rush Limbaugh*, as well as shows such as *Connections*, a blend of oldies and news.

The survey questions on AFN Television focus on when you

watch TV, which channels you watch and how you want to see your European and base military news. The network also wants to know if you prefer getting your military TV news in a 30-minute AFN Europe Report, 2-minute newsbreaks, the web, a Podcast, or another way.

AFN Europe is not asking any questions about television programming other than what is produced here in theater. The American Forces Network Broadcast Center in California negotiates with producers to get entertainment shows such as American Idol and CSI on AFN TV.



From January through mid-February, AFN stations will be live at Post and Base Exchanges, commissaries and other high-traffic areas encouraging people to take five-to-ten minutes to go on line and fill out the survey. Stop by and fill out the survey there, or just wait until you get home or have a few minutes at the office.

There's an added incentive to fill out a survey. The Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, is giving away a three-night stay for two adults at the resort, as well as a one-day ski or snowboard lesson, rental equipment and lift passes for the appropriate slope.

## Remembering Martin Luther King Jr.

On Jan. 15, the Vicenza military community will celebrate the birth of Martin Luther King Jr. with a march from the post theater to the post chapel at 1:30 p.m. This special day will commemorate King's life work and accomplishments.

The King Center in Atlanta, Ga. sets the theme as **"Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On ... Not a Day Off."** **Remember:** the "dream" of Martin Luther King that all people be judged by the content of their character. **Celebrate:** the impacts of King's actions on our great nation. **Act:** do something in keeping with King's ideology; a simple act of kindness directed toward someone you would not otherwise acknowledge during your daily travels or volunteer some time toward helping someone who can not help themselves.

Let us be reminded of the reflections of King during the Montgomery, Ala. bus boycott. "He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. He who accepts evil without protesting against it is really cooperating with it."



### Child support

# It's not an option

USAG Vicenza Legal Office

There are few things in life that are black and white, but the Army's policy on family support is one of them.

Soldiers are expected to provide adequate and continuous financial support to their family members even when the Soldier and family members are separated because of military service or for personal reasons, such as the Soldier and spouse are contemplating divorce.

Army Regulation 608-99 sets out the Army's policy regarding family support and contains all the rules and answers to common scenarios. In the absence of a court order or a written and signed financial support agreement, a Soldier must pay a set monthly, minimum amount to his family members when the spouse or family members do not reside in government quarters.

Generally a Soldier's

obligation of support is not excused even if there are allegations or proof of desertion, adultery or other marital misconduct, or criminal conduct on the part of a spouse.

Under AR 608-99, a Soldier must provide family support in an amount equal to the Basic Allowance for Housing Reserve Component/Transient with dependent rate for the Soldier's grade. The Defense Finance and Accounting Service publishes a schedule that shows this amount for each pay grade each year.

A Soldier is obligated to pay family support at this rate even if he does not receive BAH or if the BAH RC/Transient rate is more than a Soldier receives in BAH. AR 608-99 only provides for minimum support requirements and only applies if there is no court order or other written agreement.

If a Soldier and spouse agree on an amount of support in writing, that agreement becomes

the amount the Soldier must pay even if it calls for more, or less, support than that required by the regulation.

In a very few limited situations, a Soldier may be released from the Army Regulation's support requirements. This requires action by at least a battalion-level commander only after the commander has talked to the family member requesting support and has received a written legal opinion from a supporting legal advisor, not the Soldier's legal assistance attorney or other attorney working on the Soldier's behalf, that the release is legally sufficient.

A Soldier's or commander's failure to comply with AR 608-99 often becomes the subject of an inspector general or congressional inquiry.

If you have questions about family support, contact the Legal Assistance Office at DSN 634.7041.

## Speak Out

### Why is it important to commemorate Martin Luther King Jr's. legacy?

-By Lourdes Fernandez  
Outlook volunteer



**Jennifer Garcia**  
Family member

*"It is important to remember that one person can make a difference."*



**Mihaela Smith**  
Counselor Aide

*"Because of his impact on today's human status."*



**Tom Brankston**  
Central Texas Coll.

*"Martin Luther King Jr., is a symbol of, and represents, the hopes and aspirations of all mankind."*



**Elsa Ball**  
Family member

*"Because he showed us strong conviction and that changed our world."*



**Spc. Ashtia Maye**  
HHC, 2-503rd

*"He stood for and fought for the rights of the many."*



## DoDEA minimum entrance age change

DoDDEA release

It is the policy of the Department of Defense Education Activity that a child must turn 4, 5 or 6 by Sept. 1 of the enrolling year for entrance into prekindergarten, Sure Start, kindergarten and first grade respectively.

### 1. Why did DoDEA decide to change the entrance age birth date to September 1?

The change aligns DoDEA with national trends as well as the age requirement in many military-impacted states. This change will assist in the transition of military family members beginning school as they PCS from location to location.

### 2. If my child turns five years old on Sept. 1, 2009, will he be able to enroll in the DoDEA kindergarten program this coming school year (2009-2010)?



Yes, he will be able to enroll in the kindergarten program.

### 3. My child just misses the deadline for enrollment in kindergarten by a few days. Is there a waiver of the age requirement?

No. There is no exception of the enrollment age requirement.

### 4. Since my child just misses the deadline for enrollment, is there a

### DoDEA Preschool program which my child can attend?

At DoDDS schools on overseas installations, some children turning 4 years old by Sept. 1 could qualify for the DoDEA Sure Start program.

At DDESS schools, all children turning 4 years old by Sept. 1 are eligible to enroll in the half-day prekindergarten program.

### 5. My child will not be 5 years old by Sept. 1 however is very bright and is ready to go to school. Can I request a waiver to the Sept. 1 birth date requirement?

There is no exception of the enrollment age requirement.

### 6. My child has been evaluated as gifted/talented and has a birth date after Sept. 1. What kind of accommodations/ waivers can I request to enroll him/her into Kindergarten?

Entrance to kindergarten is based on age and not on a child's ability. The developmentally appropriate practices within the in DoDEA kindergarten learning environments are tailored to meet the individual needs of students to ensure continuous le

### 7. If my child is currently enrolled (SY2008-2009) in the DDESS Pre-kindergarten or DoDDS Sure Start program as a four year old, will she be eligible to attend kindergarten next year if the date of birth is after Sept. 1?

No. All children who are currently enrolled in the DDESS Prekindergarten or DoDDS Sure Start programs will be guaranteed an additional year of enrollment in their current program if they do not turn 5 years old by Sept. 1. This continuation will allow children to transition to the kindergarten

program with their same-aged peers.

### 8. My child will not be five years old by Sept. 1 but has a special Individualized Education program for services. Will she be able to attend school?

Special education services written on a DoDEA IEP for any child three years old and older will be provided by the school system at no cost to the parent. The specific services may or may not include enrollment in the kindergarten classroom, depending upon the unique needs of the child. Specific special education questions and/or concerns can be directed to the school principal.

### 10. What impact does this decision have on DoDEA schools and programs like Sure Start, pre-kindergarten, and 1st grade?

A child must be four years old by Sept. 1 to attend Prekindergarten or Sure Start and six years old by Sept. 1 to attend first grade.

### 11. My child will not be six years old by Sept. 1 but completed kindergarten at our previous duty station. Will he be able to enroll in DoDEA's 1st grade?

Yes, a student that has satisfactorily completed the prerequisite grade level in the Local Education Agency, LEA recognized school at the assigned military location, or the Non-DoD Schools program, shall be eligible for enrollment in the next highest grade level in DoDEA, regardless of age.

### 11. My child will not be 5 years old by Sept. 1 but completed prekindergarten at our previous duty station. Will she be able to enroll in DoDEA's kindergarten?

No, the only prerequisite for kindergarten is age. Prekindergarten is not considered a prerequisite grade level for kindergarten.

## Martin Luther King Jr. holiday safety message

Our country will celebrate its commitment to civil rights this 19th of January by honoring a great man, a clergyman, a civil rights leader and a Nobel Prize recipient, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

As we enter this holiday weekend I want to stress the importance of applying Composite Risk Management principles to all of your activities, on and off duty.

We lose more Soldiers, civilians and family members to accidents behind the wheel than any other type of accidents. This time of year brings snow, black ice (especially on bridges, underpasses, and in shaded areas), limited visibility and extended hours of darkness.

These factors, along with the fact that Italian drivers do not often experience snow covered roads, increase the risk of having an accident.

I encourage everyone to take advantage of what Italy has to offer in local attractions and culture. Keep in mind that driving here in Italy is not the same as driving in the U.S. or other parts of Europe.

Be extremely cautious of motorcyclist, pedestrians and when entering traffic circles.

Plan your trips, practice defensive driving techniques, get plenty of rest, watch your speed and adjust for the driving conditions; most importantly, always wear your seat belts.

For those traveling beyond the local area, go to the U.S. Army Safety Center web site and complete TRiPS, a travel risk

planning system that incorporates the five step CRM process into your trip.

Once you arrive at your destination don't become complacent. Practice good individual force protection measures, identify risks and maintain situational awareness at all times.

Supervisors and leaders must continue to emphasize, through oak tree counseling, vehicle



inspections and safety briefings, the increased potential hazards of winter driving and winter activities.

Your discussions should address defensive driving techniques, the use of seatbelts and child safety seats, recreational safety and risks associated with the consumption of alcohol.

We need you to ensure our great Soldiers, civilians and family members are prepared for this upcoming holiday weekend.

To learn more about Composite Risk Management and other great safety tools, go to: <https://safety.army.mil>

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## At your service

### CTC Foreign Language program

Angelo Sibilla is the foreign languages program manager for Central Texas College. He has been the CTC since 2005.

After serving more than 30 years with the Italian Army, including several international assignments, Sibilla retired as brigadier general in 2005.

Sibilla manages the foreign language program in the southern European region and deployed sites in Iraq, Afghanistan, Egypt, Djibouti and Kuwait.

"I can bring education where and when it is needed," he said.

Sibilla can be reached at 634-7698, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.





# Community events

## Older vehicles prohibited on Vicenza streets

**LEGEND**

- RESTRICTED DRIVING AREAS IN VICENZA
- ROADWAYS PERMITTED FOR DRIVING
- NO RESTRICTIONS (OUTSIDE RED AREA)
- P PUBLIC PARKING AREA
- H HOSPITAL

SOURCE: City of Vicenza  
OUTLOOKgraphic

The temporary road sign reproduced on the front page indicates that motor vehicles built before 1997 and motorcycles built before 2000 may not use that street 9 a.m.-noon and 3 p.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday through April 10. This provision is part of a new city-of-Vicenza ordinance to improve air quality. The city is also planning no-car Sundays Feb. 1 and March 22 that will prohibit most types of motorized vehicles, regardless of age, from the downtown area; additional information will be published as it becomes available. The above map shows main roads in green that may be used to arrive at Caserma Ederle gates one and two, via Aldo Moro and viale della Pace. Since the city's ordinance does not apply to vehicular traffic on Caserma Ederle, the Vicenza military community is drawing up guidelines for motor vehicles once on the installation that will also contribute to improving the air quality in the area.

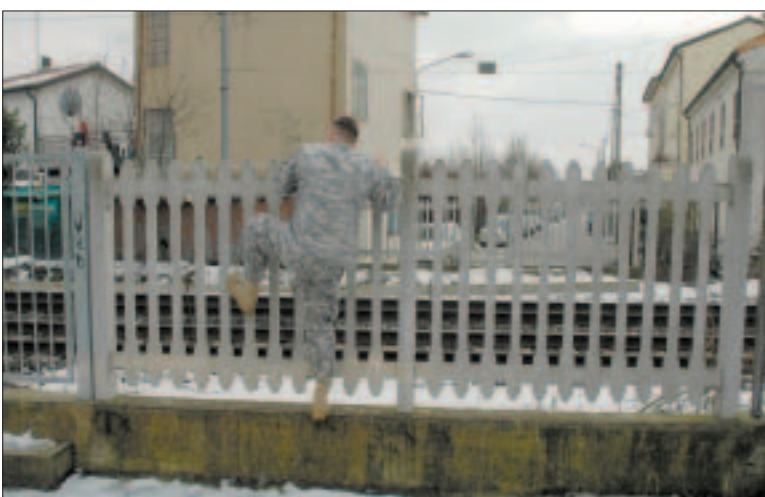
# No more shortcuts to Villaggio

USAG Vicenza News Release

Taking a shortcut through the *Stanga* neighborhood, over the fence and across the railroad tracks that separate either side of *Strada del Pizzolati*, to get to the Villaggio housing area is not an option.

The city prohibits this route for the obvious reason - it's very dangerous due to the trains that frequently run in both directions.

The correct way, and the safe way, is to go right out of gate 2 along *Viale della Pace* to the first roundabout and take the sidewalk along the underpass that connects *Viale della Pace* to *Via Martiri delle Foibe* that then runs to the other side of *Strada del Pizzolati*.





## Army Family Covenant

# Concrete support to families

By Chiara Mattiolo  
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

The Army Family Covenant recognizes the sacrifices of families of deployed Soldiers bear when their Soldier is deployed, as well as the important role they play in the Soldiers peace of mind during the deployment.

At Camp Darby, many programs have benefited from the Army Family Covenant.

"A variety of services were put together to provide help and support to Army families while increasing their quality of life, said Kerry Lawrence, Child Youth and School Services coordinator.

"Here at Camp Darby, funds from the Army Family Covenant have also extended to cover our Air Force families who are deployed too," he said.

CYS recently held a free horseback-riding event at the San Rossore National Park for families of deployed Soldiers of the 497th Transportation Battalion who are in Afghanistan.

"This was a really great time to spend together with other families from the unit," said Julie Gardner, Family Readiness Group leader for 497th Trans. "The carriage ride through the woods was relaxing and my children loved seeing the wild boar and deer bounding past us."

Lawrence added that future events include free Valentine's Day childcare and a trip to the Cavallino Matto amusement park, courtesy of Army Family Covenant funding.

Army Family Covenant funding has also provided a mission essential position, said Evelyn Watkins, ACS manager.

"Camp Darby ACS now has an Outreach Mobilization and Deployment position," said Watkins. "This person's role is to assist Soldiers to be ready to go downrange, (help) take care of their family during the Soldier's absence and help Soldiers to readjust to their home life. This is a critical element to the Army Family Covenant success."

"The Army has really stood by their commitment to provide concrete support to develop strong Soldiers and resilient families," added Watkins.



Kai McKinney, is ready to learn how to ride a horse with the help of Jennifer Kandell, CYS assistant director, during an outing at the San Rossore National Park horse stables. The day was free to the families of deployed service members of the 497th Transportation Battalion thanks to Army Family Covenant funds. (Photo courtesy of Julie Gardner, 497th Trans Family Readiness Group leader)

## Darby Dates

### Checkbook refresher class at ACS

Balancing the checkbook is a phrase that we hear, but how do ATM and debit card transactions work into that phrase?

Come and learn how on Jan. 26.

Call ACS at 633-7084 for details.

### Single Soldier/Airman meal at ACS

Stop by, pick up a plate or eat in on Jan. 27. RSVP to the folks at ACS by calling 633-7084.

### Resume points training

Learn how to make yourself attractive on paper at this special class on Jan. 30.

For more information, call ACS at 633-7084.

### Visit the Pistoia Zoo

Spend a day in with the animals on Jan. 31. Call ITR for more information at 633-7589.

### Ski Abetone

Make learning to ski one of your New Year's resolutions and have a ball on Jan. 31.

Great packages are available for those without ski equipment.

Call ODR for more information at 633-7775.

### Camp Darby Monday lunch

Club Beyond is partnering with Youth Services for the Monday lunches.

Lunches are still be held at the chapel but Youth Services will provide the meals.

### Darby Chapel

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

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

Catholic CCD is at 11:15 a.m.

Women's Bible Study

Tues 12:00-13:00

Wed 17:30-18:30

# Camp Darby ITR/ODR trips

### Dream toys in glass palace

This is the name of the exhibition held in Porcari through Jan. 18 from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

The exhibition takes place in the central Piazza Felice Orsi.

The show offers an historical flashback of all toys, those simple ancient toys that moved thanks to a spring, tin cars from the beginning of the century.

Airplanes, dirigibles, buses, fire trucks and American cars from the 50s will be on hand.

Also find dolls and little lead soldiers representing warriors from the Roman time until the World War II can be found.

For the first time in Italy a 21 square meter diorama with more than 500 soldiers representing the Alamo will be presented.



The entrance to the exhibition is free.

For additional information call 0583.298163 or e-mail [info@fondazioneIazzareschi.it](mailto:info@fondazioneIazzareschi.it).

### Il Mercatale di San Mianitao

Under the gallery in Piazza Dante Alighieri, Jan 17, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. the agricultural products market of San Miniato territory will take place.

More than 20 stands will have locally-cultivated vegetables and fruits as well as items from local

artisans.

The market takes place every third Saturday of the month.

For details call the Comune di San Miniato at 0571-4061 or the Ufficio Cultura at 0571-406-700 or Ufficio Turismo 0571-42745 or e-mail: [ufficio.turismo@cittadisaniminiato.it](mailto:ufficio.turismo@cittadisaniminiato.it).

### Palio di Sant' Antonio in Buti

Jan. 18 in Buti from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. the annual horse race, the Palio will be held.

At 10 a.m the event starts

with a procession downtown to the duomo, where the jockeys will receive their jackets and hats and the participating horses will be blessed.

The race begins at 2.45 p.m., and the seven *contrade* will fight for the historical *Cencio* that is offered to the winner and will be held by his *contrada* until next edition of the Palio. For details call the Comune di Buti at 0587-722-511 or check out the Web site: [www.paliodibuti.org](http://www.paliodibuti.org)

Most Italian markets feature an abundance of fresh locally grown fruits and vegetables as well as clothing and dry goods. (File photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)



## Vicenza offers free WiFi, tour by snowshoe, accessorize your bike

### Free Wi-Fi in Vicenza

Over the next six months Vicenza is offering free wireless Internet access in *Piazza dei Signori* and *Piazza Matteotti*.

To connect using your laptop, click on the wireless option "wifi-vicenza-by-telemar."

Next you'll be requested to enter a code, which can be obtained by sending an SMS to 366-332-7682 containing the word "wifi," your first name, last name and your fiscal code number (the last item is not required for foreigners).

An SMS will be sent out with the password that grants you two free Internet access hours.

Once you use up your two hours or when your password expires (it lasts one month) you can request a new registration.

### Local fairs, exhibitions

**Broccolo Fiolaro Festival**, Jan. 16-18, in *Creazzo*, Sports center, Via Torino, about five miles west of Vicenza.

The *broccolo fiolaro* is a typical cultivation of the broccoli in the Creazzo hillside area.

The name is derived from the presence of several sprouts along the stalk of the plant, which in Venetian dialect are called "fioi" (offsprings).

Jan. 16, 6:30 p.m. food stands open featuring the typical Creazzo dishes "gnocchi with broccoli" and the traditional *fritola* (doughnut).

Live music begins at 9 p.m.

Jan. 17, 2:30 p.m. features children's entertainment; food booths open at 6:30 p.m. *broccoli con morbidelle e salamelle* (broccoli with pasta and local sausage) and *fritola*.

Jan. 18, at 8 a.m. local products and antique exhibition and market open.

Starting at noon you can sample broccoli specialties and *fritola*.

At 4 p.m. dance to live music with the local band and majorettes.

At 9 p.m. it's live Reggae music with "Anima Caribe."

### Tour by snowshoe

Jan. 17, at 3 p.m. in *Recoaro Terme* take a tour by snowshoe from the mountain hut *Piccole Dolomiti* in località Guardia di Campogrosso.

Cost is 12 euro and the guide speaks English. Sign up by Jan. 16 by calling 368-717-6118.

### Time window antique show, market

Held in Pordenone, through Jan. 18, Mon. - Fri. 3 p.m.-8 p.m., Sat. and Sun. 10 a.m. 8 p.m.

Market is on viale Treviso, 1, about 92 miles northeast of Vicenza.

Admission fee is 10 euro. Reduced: 5 euro for children younger than 14, senior citizens over 65 and for disabled.

### New wine festival

Jan. 18, in *Breganze*, Piazza Mazzini, about 15 miles north of Vicenza.

The *Torcolato* is the gem of

*Breganze's* winemaking tradition. It is produced from pressing dried *Vespaiola* grapes, which are hung (*torcolate*, in the local dialect) on strings from the wooden beams of the well-aired attics of farmhouses.

At 4 p.m. watch the pressing of the 2008 harvest grapes with live entertainment.

### Bike Expos

Jan. 16-18, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., in *Padova*, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza.

Admission fee is 15 euro. Reduced rate of 12 euro for children younger than 14 and senior citizens (over 60).

Free parking and reduced admission fee if you ride your motorcycle to the fair.

For details in English visit [www.bike-exposhow.com/index-ing.htm](http://www.bike-exposhow.com/index-ing.htm).

When you're done in Padova, check out the show in Verona.

Jan. 16-18, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., on Via del Lavoro, about 38 miles west of Vicenza.

Admission fee is 15 euro; 12 Euro for children ages 6-12.

For details in English visit [www.motorbikeexpo.it/inglese/index.htm](http://www.motorbikeexpo.it/inglese/index.htm).

### Free concerts, exhibits, classes

*Live 70s Funky music*, Jan. 16, 9 p.m., in *Creazzo*, Sports Center, Via Torino, about five miles west of Vicenza.

*Nativity exhibitions*: Jan. 17-18, 9 a.m. - noon and 3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m., popular and oriental-style nativity scenes exhibited in *Castelgomberto*,

*Piazza Marconi*, about 19 miles northwest of Vicenza. Free entrance.

*Piano concert*, Jan. 17, 5 p.m., in downtown *Vicenza*, in Santa Chiara Chapel, Contrà Santa Chiara.

*Violin and accordion concert*, Jan. 18, 4:30 p.m., in *Altavilla Vicentina's* elementary school auditorium, Via Vicenza, about six miles southwest of Vicenza.

*Live Reggae music*, Jan. 18, 9 p.m., in *Creazzo*, Via Torino, about five miles west of Vicenza.

*Explore the sky* Jan. 20, 8:30 p.m. in the Astronomical Observatory of *Arcugnano*, 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 Concert and Argentine Tango*, Jan 21, 10 p.m., in *Marostica*, Piazza degli Scacchi, in the Panic Jazz club.

### Movie in English

Jan. 19, *Quantum of Solace* plays at the Odeon Theater in downtown Vicenza, Corso Palladio, 176. Tickets: 6 euro. Show times are 5, 7 and 9 p.m.

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

## Now Showing

### Ederle Theater

Jan. 15	Role Models (R)	6 p.m.
Jan. 16	Quantum of Solace (PG13)	6 p.m.
	Soul Men (R)	9 p.m.
Jan. 17	Madagascar 2 (PG13)	3 p.m.
	Notorious (R)	6 p.m.
Jan. 18	Madagascar 2 (PG)	3 p.m.
	Gran Torino (R)	6 p.m.
Jan. 21	Quantum of Solace (PG13)	6 p.m.

### Camp Darby Theater

Jan. 15	Pride and Glory (R)	6 p.m.
Jan. 16	Yes Man (PG13)	6 p.m.
Jan. 17	Saw V (R)	6 p.m.
Jan. 18	Marley and Me (PG)	2 p.m.

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

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



All the hard - but fun - work of picking olives is already done. Now learn how to use the pressings to make delicious Italian dishes, from starters to dessert with ITR's Cooking with Olive Oil class Jan. 21. Call 634-7094 for details (Outlook file photo)

## Explore Italy with ITR, Outdoor Rec

Caserma Ederle's Information, Tours and Registration offers the following trips. Call iTR at 634-7094 for details and reservations on these and other trips.

### Cooking with olive oil

Learn how olive oil is used in every course from starters to dessert Jan. 21, 8:30 a.m.- 2:30 p.m.

The class will take place at the Frantoio Bonamini Company near Verona.

### Florence, Rome express

This popular trip takes in two of Italy's most treasured cities in one trip.

The trip leaves Jan. 17 at 5 a.m. and returns Jan 18 at 4 a.m.

### Innsbruck trip

Find out why Innsbruck Austria is such a special place Jan. 24, 6 a.m.-10:30 p.m.

Enjoy a guided tour and shopping in the Swarovski crystal factory store.

### Work hard, play hard with Outdoor Rec

Looking to add a bit of excitement to your life?

Call the staff at Outdoor Rec at 634-7453 for details on these and other trips.

Go to Folgaria Jan. 19, Kronplatz Jan. 24 and Madonna Di Campiglio Jan. 31.

February trips include: Feb. 7: San Martino, 6 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. \$30.

Feb. 13 - 16: Interlaken

heliski weekend. Must be expert skier. Leave Friday at 5:30 p.m., \$180 (includes accommodation).

### Looking for a romantic getaway?

The overnight to Panarotta Jan. 31 is just the place. This is a beautiful, small ski village; the ODR trip includes transportation plus full board and accommodations. Call 634-7453 for information

### Paintball

Don't miss the excitement of paintball in Padova. ODR takes you there Jan. 25.

The field fee is just 10 Euro and you can rent equipment if you don't have your own.



## Fitness center renovation

Phase 4 of the Fitness Center renovation has begun. This area is a construction site and off-limits Jan 21-31.

## Texas Hold'em tourney

Top three players win cash prizes in the Texas Hold'em Tournament Jan 24. Sign-up starts at 4 p.m. at the Arena. Call 634-8619 for details.

## Extreme winter party

See the Alps from the Lion's Den and enjoy the winter from indoors with themed drinks, alternative music and prizes for the best-dressed guy and gal.

Join the fun Jan. 17, 9 p.m. at the Arena. Call 634-8619 for details.

## Amazing glazing

Glazing ceramics is fun for the whole family. For \$8 create your own family heirlooms.

The next class is Jan. 18 at noon in the Art Center. This workshop includes all supplies, paints and firing.

Call 634-7074 for details.

## Club Beyond spaghetti dinner

Join the Vicenza community at the Caserma Ederle chapel Jan. 27 from 5-6:30 p.m. for a free spaghetti dinner provided by Club Beyond teens.

Donations are accepted, so bring a friend and support the annual service project in Czech Republic this April.

## Got an issue?

The Army Family Action Plan is now taking your issues.

To submit an issue:

- ◆ go online at [www.vicenzamwr.com/acs\\_afap.html](http://www.vicenzamwr.com/acs_afap.html)
- ◆ e-mail us at [afap@vicenzamwr.com](mailto:afap@vicenzamwr.com); or
- ◆ call us at 634-7500

## Scholarship applications available

Applications for the Maj. Gen. Ursano scholarship for dependent children are now available at the Army Emergency Relief office and must be turned in by March 1.

Call 634-7500 for details.

## Money matters

Military Saves Month is coming up in February. Learn

## Need publicity?

Send your items to the Outlook via e-mail at [Editor@eur.army.mil](mailto:Editor@eur.army.mil). Type the address into the TO box in its entirety. The address should revert to: DL USAG Vicenza Outlook Editor. This is our new distribution list.

how to protect your family and your future by increasing your financial readiness.

Take the Saver Pledge at [www.militarysaves.org](http://www.militarysaves.org), and join a community that is working to build wealth and not debt.

You will get access to free services and resources, plus tips on how to make saving automatic. Call 634-7500 for details.

The Investment Club meets at the post library Jan. 21, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. This club is open to all and is free.

How much of a PCS move do you pay for? Find out with Relocation and Your Money Jan. 20, 9-10 a.m.

## New to Italy?

Join Benvenuti for days of fun and cultural experiences Jan. 20-23. Call 634-7200.

## Parenting skills offered

Learn Basic Principles of Parenting and improve your relationship with your child(ren) Jan. 20, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

## Interviewing skills class

Learn how to Ace the Interview and get the job you have been waiting for Jan. 21, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

## Calling all multicultural spouses

Jan. 23, 2:30-3:30 p.m. a guest speaker from the Passport and Soggiorno office will discuss the process for a green card and the naturalization steps.

Make reservations at 634-7500.

## USO events

Level One Italian class runs Feb. 23-April 22, Mon. and Wed. from 5:45-7:45. Learn basic language skills and verbs in the present tense. Course cost is \$118 plus 10 euro for the book. Stop by the USO to sign-up.

Valentine's Day Poem contest. Submit an original poem about the one you love by Feb. 12 for a chance to win a prize. Poems may be in any style and of any length.

Become a volunteer with the USO. Visit [myarmylifetoo.com](http://myarmylifetoo.com) or the USO to sign-up.

## Lend a hand

Stop by the Army Volunteer Corps to find out more.

Build your experience and skills for your resume. Call 634-7500 for details.

## No school days

Vicenza American schools are closed Jan. 19 to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. holiday and Jan. 23 for a teacher work day.



A mother and her daughter get ready to hit the dance floor at last year's Parent and Child Dance. (Outlook file photo)

## Parent, child dance set for Feb. 21

Parents and children can enjoy a special Carnevale-themed dinner dance Feb. 21, 6-9 p.m. at the Italian mensa. Cost for adults is \$19, children pay \$14. Tickets are on sale at CYS locations and the Tax Relief Office beginning Jan. 16. Call 634-5087 for information.

## Soldiers' Theatre auditions

The auditions for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, will be held at Soldiers' Theatre Jan. 20 and 21 at 6:30 p.m.

This production will be Vicenza's entry in the IMCOM-E Tournament of Plays Festival. Call 634-7281 for details.

## Mako Sharks seek Top Chef entrants

The Mako Sharks are compiling a cookbook and community members are invited to enter the Top Chef contest and have their recipe part of the book.

Jan. 28 the Sharks will hold a Top Chef Cook-Off from 5-8 p.m. in the post chapel activity room. Community members are invited to enter their favorite dish for others to come in, taste the selections and vote on favorites.

For details contact Rachael Cameron at [fourmyloves@hotmail.com](mailto:fourmyloves@hotmail.com) or Krerica Whitmire at [Krerica@yahoo.com](mailto:Krerica@yahoo.com).

## DoDEA Customer Satisfaction Survey

The Department of Defense Education Activity asks parents to participate in its online biennial customer satisfaction survey.

The survey runs until Feb. 28 and is available at [www.dodea.edu](http://www.dodea.edu) and [www.eu.dodea.edu](http://www.eu.dodea.edu).

Contact the school if you

need access to a computer.

## Finance section customer service changes

Due to the upcoming finance deployment the following changes take affect Feb. 1:

Finance customer service for individuals E6 and above will only be available at the central processing facility finance section.

All E5 and below need to see personnel clerks for all finance issues.

No individuals will be seen at bldg 28 as of Feb. 1.

Personnel clerks will continue to come to bldg 28 to drop off documents.

Cash cage hours will remain unchanged.

## InfoX is coming

The next Information Exchange (Info X) will be Jan. 28 beginning at 10 a.m. upstairs in the Arena.

Bring your issues to senior leaders who can help.

Can't make it in person? You can call or e-mail your issue.

The phone number is 634-7411 or 0444-71-7411 from off post.

E-mail issues by going to the USAG Vicenza Web site: [www.usag.vicenza.army.mil](http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil), click on the Info X Issues link on the left-hand side and follow the instructions.

The Info X is broadcast live over AFN 106FM, available on channel 142 on your AFN decoder.

## Religious activities

### Caserma Ederle Chapel

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

### Chaplain Crisis Line:

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

### Saturday services

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

5 p.m.: Vigil Mass

### Sunday Services

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

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

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

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

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

4 p.m.: Lutheran worship

6 p.m.: Contemporary Christian worship

### Monday

Noon: LDS Scripture Study

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

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

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

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

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

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

### Thursday

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

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

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

### Faith group contacts

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

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

**Latter Day Saints (LDS):** Elder Openshaw, 334-665-6845 or Frank Petty at 634-3907/340-899-2218. Scripture study is held Monday, noon-1 p.m.

### Darby Chapel

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

9:40 a.m.: Catholic Reconciliation

10 a.m.: Catholic Mass

11:15 a.m.: Protestant worship

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

Catholic CCD is at 11:15 a.m.

All briefs must be received at DL USAG Vicenza Outlook Editor by noon Monday, or by Friday at 4 p.m. if Monday is a holiday.



# Cougars split games with Sigonella

Story and photos by  
Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

This past weekend, the Vicenza High School girls basketball team defeated twice defeated their Sigonella rivals. In both games the girls won after scoring ten points during overtime.

Friday they finished 30-23 and on Saturday with a 39-32 win.

Vicenza, No.33, Adriona Cleveland was the high scorer with 12 points in the first game including eight in the overtime. She also scored ten points in Saturdays' game along with Kia Privitera, No. 31.

"We started playing hard in the second half of the game," said Cleveland after their victories. "Our supporters definitely pumped us during overtime."

Although the VHS boys played hard every minute they lost both games.

Sigonella defeated the Cougars boys 63-49 and 75-47.

"The team is still learning



Cougar Adriona Cleveland, left, passes the ball to her teammate Alicia Tyson, right, while Sigonella's Tianna Klaput tries to block their move.

what their roles are on the offensive and defensive strategies laid out by Coach John Parker," said Angela West, DODEA sponsor.

"We hope to achieve that goal in the game against Milan this weekend," she continued.

According to Cougar, No. 52 Reggi Sweed, "Friday's and

Saturday's games were in our grasp and we let them slip away from us with careless mistakes."

The score difference had a negative influence on the reaction of the Cougars, according to, No. 23, Dahvien Dean.

"I'd say it started out as a good



Vicenza's player No. 22, Tyler Carroll, releases a jump shot over Sigonella's player Darius Johnson during Saturday's game.

game, then after the score just kept getting further and further, people started losing hope one-by-one, and they just stopped trying.

"Nobody was hustling and not one person got a rebound. Overall, people just need to keep faith and play their heart out to the fullest," Dean said.



Mako Sharks get set on their starting blocks prior to their individual heats. (Photo by Nicole and Damian Fosmoe)

## Sharks head to divisionals

By Anna Gasparini  
Special to the Outlook

The Mako Sharks swim team hosted a meet on Jan. 10 in Aviano with the help of the Aviano Sea Dragons.

The Vicenza Mako Sharks earned 293 points with an average of 15 points by each swimmer.

Lizzie Cameron was a first time heat winner in the 50-meter breast stroke.

Abigail Matheson laready qualified in the 50-meter backstroke in the meet in

December. At this point, there are four swimmers who have qualified for the finals in Berlin, Germany; Jonathan Bowman, Chris Unger, Kyla Hallam and Abigail Matheson.

Southern Divisionals will be held in Naples this weekend, Jan. 18. The divisionals provide swimmers with one last opportunity to qualify for the finals. Finals will be held in Berlin, Feb 7-8.

If your child is interested in participating in the swim team, contact Tiffany Trans-Ozuna at [coachmakosharks@gmail.com](mailto:coachmakosharks@gmail.com)

# Cold weather can't stop fun run

Story and photo  
by Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

Despite the cold temperatures, the first Rock 5k Family Fun Run/Walk was a huge success commented Mike Garcia USAG Vicenza, Chief, Sports, Fitness and Aquatics, and the run coordinator at the end of the event.

"Overall top finisher times were among the best ever since incorporating these runs into our monthly calendars and that's no easy task when the temperatures were as cold as they were on Saturday," he said.

"The 5K was the monthly Garrison/MWR sponsored 5K

family fun run/walk," said Lt. Col. Matt McFarlane, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Commander.

"My Command Sgt. Maj. and I (and our spouses) have been attending the race over the past few months. I thought my unit could help support the race with personnel and help get the word out if we sponsored it. Considering the weather, the number of runners was pretty good and people had a great time. The Garrison/MWR make the races a good way to help families enjoy a healthy event for a very good price- free," he said.

For information about the next 5k Family Fun Run/Walk, call the fitness center at 634-7009



John Fruedenberg, Chris Hammonds and Allen Kehoe sprint for the finishing line during the 5k run held on post Jan. 10. More than one hundred people participated in the first Rock 5k Family Fun Run/Walk. Overall top finisher times were among the best ever including Walter Spangler, D Co., 1-503rd Inf., who finished his race in 17:53.2.

## Sports shorts

### Sports and Fitness

The Post Fitness Center offers personal trainers and massage therapist by appointment.

For availability and prices call the front desk at the fitness center at 634-7616 or 0444-71-7616.

### Class rates lowered

The cost for taking fitness classes at the fitness center has been lowered to \$3 per class.

Discounts are available when purchasing monthly passes.

Call the fitness center at 634-6222 for details.

### Youth bowling league

Youth ages 6-18 can enjoy the fun of after-school bowling every Tuesday.

Open registration runs Jan. 19-Feb. 4 through Youth Sports and the league will run Feb. 10- March 24.

Snack time is 3-3:30 p.m. and children can purchase one slice of pizza and water for \$3.50 or bring a homemade snack from home.

*Note that no outside commercial food will be permitted.*

Call 634-6151 for registration information.

### Cheerleading day camp offered

The Vicenza High School Cheerleading Squad will host a cheerleading day camp for community members in grades K-6.

Camp is Jan. 24, 9 a.m - noon and cost is \$15.

Registration begins at 8:45 a.m.

Space is limited to the first 50 campers

### Run and Gun 3-point competition

Enter the Run and Gun 3-point competition on Jan. 23, 6 p.m. at the Fitness Center. Sign-up is required by Jan. 20. Call the Sports Office at 634-7009.

### Youth baseball/softball

Enrollment for baseball, ages 3-15, and softball, ages 10-15, begins Feb. 2 and continues until Feb. 27. Parents should bring a health assessment valid through the season to Central Registration when registering. Call 634-6151 for information.