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A sign on the road to the airport in Kigali sends a welcome to the U.S. Army Africa Soldiers working in Rwanda. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Brian Ruse)

By Rick Scavetta

U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs

Kigali, Rwanda-When a U.S. Air Force officer saw Rwandan soldiers marking equipment and loading gear onto a C-17 cargo plane at Kigali International Airport, he asked Staff Sgt. Brian

Ruse if that was okay.

Ruse and 1st Lt. Charlie Jones, both Soldiers with U.S. Army-Africa, had been training the Rwandan Defense Force to do the job.

"It's all right, sir," Ruse told the officer, "They got it."

Ruse and Jones deployed to

Rwanda in early January. Around that time, the U.S. government announced U.S. Africa Command would support the international peacekeeping mission in Darfur by airlifting Rwandan peacekeepers' equipment into the war-torn region of the Sudan.

That day, Ruse and Jones were already headed to Africa. They learned about the airlift mission when they arrived in Rwanda.

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U.S. Army Africa Soldiers assist Rwandan airlift for peacekeepers in Darfur

Training for Africa with Lion's Focus

By Rick Scavetta

U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs

Soldiers from U.S. Army Africa spent the first weeks of 2009 preparing for upcoming missions to Africa.

Lion Focus, a two-week exercise that began Jan. 5, took place at two locations in Italy—Longare and Aviano Air Base.

The training was conducted simultaneously with an exercise in Virginia that was preparing troops heading to Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa.

The main exercise goal was to improve the way headquarters' staff plan and conduct operations, said Col. Eric Nantz, U.S. Army Africa's senior operations officer.

"This training is an opportunity to test our capabilities and lay a solid foundation for future Army missions in Africa,"



Spc. Chadd Young (left) and Spc. Seth Garner, both military intelligence Soldiers assigned to SETAF-U.S. Army Africa, construct a satellite receiver during Exercise Lion Focus.

Nantz said.

As part of the exercise, Soldiers launched an "early-entry" command post from Longare to Aviano Air Base. On a field near the flight line, Soldiers from the 509th Signal Battalion assisted U.S. Army Africa troops to construct the command post – tents filled

with vital communication gear.

"This gives us the opportunity to get out here and do this," said Staff Sgt. Joshua Sweeton, 30, of McMinnville, Tenn. "So when the call comes for us to deploy into Africa in support of some type of operation then we know we can do this."



Sgt. Richard Clement, signal support system specialist with SETAF-U.S. Army Africa, sets up a tactical satellite antenna.

Workshops scheduled March 6

CIAO 2009

**Vicenza Community Club
Press release**
Special to the Outlook

Each year, the Vicenza Community Club hosts a conference to inspire, educate and uplift the women of our community. Italians celebrate the Festa Della Donna in March - the same month that Americans celebrate Women's History Month.

In that spirit, VCC created the CIAO Women's Conference to focus on women celebrating women through education, friendship and fun.

This year's CIAO Conference will take place on March 6 at ristorante *Dai*

Gelosi. Transportation is arranged.

The CIAO conference is a compilation of mini-workshops celebrating women and the combined Italian American experience of being stationed in Vicenza.

Classes range from Italian cooking classes with the chef of ristorante *Dai Gelosi* and wine tasting with Antonietta and Rodolfo of *Villa Sceriman*, to an eclectic approach to degree completion for military spouses.

A variety of presenters are lined up to share a little something with everyone attending the conference.

"I was really surprised at how much information is out



Workshops from wine tasting to degree completion are offered during the CIAO conference. (Outlook file photo by Laura Kreider)

there for spouses wanting to further their education," said Rachel Perez, who attended the 2008 CIAO conference.

Volunteers for the CIAO conference have been hard at work pulling together the details to create an unforgettable experience complete with childcare,

transportation, breakfast and lunch, easy registration and door prizes available for each participant.

Each year, CIAO receives rave reviews from attendees saying they enjoyed spending time with friends and meeting new ones and being afforded the opportunity to have a

special day "just for me" without the children.

"I look forward to the CIAO conference each year," said Andi Fehl. "The workshops offered are terrific and it's nice to have a girl's day out."

This conference is open to the entire community. Pick up your registration form at Davis Hall, the post library, the gym or the thrift shop.

Transportation is provided from Caserma Ederle to *Dai Gelosi*. Childcare is available to those attending the conference. Current registration with CYS is required.

Completed registration forms (and applicable fees) should be dropped in the VCC drop-box located in the post library no later than Feb. 23.

Workshops are filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you have any questions; contact Ani Pry at 346-3940328 or via email at: ani.pry@us.army.mil.

Who's on first? TRICARE vs. OHI

By Muriel D. Metcalf
Tricare Press Release

Believe it or not OHI is always on first.

But what is OHI?

OHI (other health insurance) is any health care coverage provided through an employer, national health insurance from other countries, school health program, private insurance companies or other entitlement programs such as Medicare.

TRICARE, on the other hand is not insurance *per se*, but a medical entitlement program, available for eligible

beneficiaries from any of the seven uniformed services and their families, both active duty and retired.

Eligibility for TRICARE is determined by the above uniformed services and documented in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) for active duty members, reserve members, retired service members and family members.

When a beneficiary has both TRICARE and OHI, the other health insurance is always considered the primary insurance, so the rules of that

plan, including referrals and authorization requirements, must be followed.

Federal law requires TRICARE to be the secondary payer to any OHI with very few exceptions - that's why OHI is always on first.

Three simple steps can make the process easy.

Step 1. Know the benefits offered by your OHI and the process for seeking preauthorization or care from your insurance.

Step 2. File health care claims with your primary health insurance (OHI) first.

Step 3. After your OHI determines the amount it will pay, you then submit a copy of the OHI payment determination (i.e. EOB), a copy of the itemized bill and a signed claim form (DD2642) to the TRICARE overseas claim processor.

For more information on filing claims or obtaining forms visit the Web site: www.tricare.mil/ claims or contact your local TRICARE Service Center for assistance.

In Italy the TRICARE Service Center is located inside the Vicenza and Livorno Health Clinics

It is important to follow the rules of your OHI. If something is not covered because you did not follow the rules of your OHI, i.e. you saw a private physician rather than a statutory physician, then TRICARE cannot pay either.

TRICARE beneficiaries may choose to purchase a TRICARE supplemental insurance policy offered by a military association or private company.

Unlike OHI, supplemental insurance pays after TRICARE has paid. For details on OHI or supplemental insurance visit www.tricare.osd.mil/OHI.

Speak Out

What are the benefits of walking on post?

-By Laura Kreider



Mike Weston
VHS student

"Get around easily on post with friends. On my basketball shoes I put the names of my family members, so they are always with me on the court."



Staff Sgt. Reinaldo
Gotierrez
Vicenza Health Clinic

"I prefer to walk because things are not far from each other and I get some exercise."



Dominic La Forgia
USAG Vicenza
Internal Review

"You don't get sculpted, muscular calves like these by driving around."



Gary Donald
VHS Student

"Walking works my legs out. It's good exercise."



Anna Terracino
USAG Vicenza PAO

"It might be faster than driving. Sometimes it takes longer to drive around trying to find a parking space."

SETAF, Vicenza military community ramp up for Year of NCO

The Army's senior leadership recently announced 2009 is the Year of the NCO, which means great things are in store for our NCOs this year.

Both Maj. Gen. Garrett and I feel strongly about this initiative, and we will work hard to ensure NCOs from SETAF and the Vicenza military community receive the honor and recognition they deserve.

Starting Jan. 29, you will see an NCO from Vicenza featured weekly in both the Outlook and on the SETAF Web site. This is a terrific opportunity to showcase the hard work and dedication our NCOs demonstrate every day.

Once a month, you can expect to see in-depth articles in the Outlook and the SETAF Web site. These articles will explore the four pillars of

education, fitness, leadership development and pride in service that form the foundation of the Year of the NCO program.

Additionally, you will see commercials and feature spots on AFN, further highlighting our high-speed NCOs.

You can learn more about the Year of the NCO on the Army Web site at <http://www4.army.mil/yearofthenco/home.php>. There you will find information about initiatives, such as: the Warrior University Web site, where NCOs can get college credit for military schooling; an improved Master Fitness Course, which will focus on physical and mental fitness; and the NCO Congressional Fellowship Program, which will for the first time assign two sergeants major to the House and Senate Armed Services



Committee as official Army Legislative Liaison officers.

It has long been recognized that NCOs are the backbone of the Army, and initiatives such as these will advertise this fact.

This is going to be an exciting year for the NCO Corps, and I'm proud to represent the NCOs in the Vicenza military community – the best in the world. Airborne!

Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice
SETAF Command Sgt. Major

Frozen ponds, lakes: fun but dangerous

IMCOM press release

HEIDELBERG, Germany - Winter weather conditions are ideal for fun activities, especially for children, but they also can increase the number of accidents.

The Installation Management Command-Europe Safety Office is advising everyone to stay aware while outside and follow the following safety rules when ice skating, sliding or just walking on frozen ponds and lakes:

*Everyone should know, and parents shall emphasize to their children, that the most important safety rule to learn is that there's no such thing as safe ice.

*Never go or skate alone. Children shouldn't be allowed on a ponds or lakes unsupervised.

*In Germany, the ice has to be checked and inspected by the local community. It has to have

a thickness of 15cm (about 5 inches) before it can be entered. Watch for signs or ask members of the local community if the area is approved. Be aware that conditions might change.

*Beware of ice around partially submerged objects, such as trees, logs, brush, embankments, or dam structures; the ice is thin around these objects.

*Don't enter ice after dark.
*Don't congregate in one area.

*Stay away from cracks, seams, pressure ridges, slushy areas and darker areas that signify thinner ice.

Other factors that have to be taken into consideration when assessing the strength of ice are:

·Ice is not only subject to temperatures from above but also from constant thawing temperatures from below due to



water temperatures in the 40 degree Fahrenheit range (about 4 degrees Celsius).

*Areas where there's any water movement due to either overland runoff or underground springs, and shaded or sunny areas, all lead to freezing and thawing conditions.

+Snow is another contributing factor, as snow cover acts as insulator and ice may actually begin to melt despite freezing temperatures.

Keep in mind ...there is no such thing as safe ice.



Commander's Intent, 2009

2009 ushers in our first year as U.S. Army Africa - and it promises to be an exciting year! Although our fundamental Army Values remain unchanged, transformation has given us new responsibilities, mission and focus. Forging a new path as the Army component for U.S. Africa Command will be challenging and rewarding - but our azimuth to the future is true.

Our Vision: *SETAF will be America's premier Army team dedicated to achieving positive change in Africa.*

Our transformation symbolizes America's enduring commitment to Africa. Yet the Army recognizes that SETAF's current structure and size are inadequate to attain this vision. So our headquarters will continue to evolve during 2009 in composition and structure. Regardless of size, we share a responsibility to create a world-class organization that is well-designed, expertly run and mission-focused. We must act now to lay the foundation for our future success.

Our Mission: *SETAF, in concert with national and international partners, conducts sustained security engagement with African land forces to promote peace, stability and security in Africa. As directed, deploys as a contingency headquarters in support of crisis response.*

As we take on new

responsibilities, I expect each of you to be guided by the following principles: *foster a favorable attitude towards the U.S. everywhere you go; be team players go beyond cooperation to collaboration; add value to existing programs in Africa without disruption or confusion; exemplify professionalism in all your actions and promote the same in our African partners; maintain a strong relationship with our Italian ally and host - remember we are guests in their country; share your experiences and learn lessons.*

Our missions in Africa will continue to be both complex and novel as situations change. But we will learn and adapt quickly so we can move forward boldly, not bureaucratically.

Our successful launch as U.S. Army Africa team like no other is a direct result of your hard work. As we go forward, everyone must be at the top of their game because there is enormous opportunity in 2009, and we intend to seize it. The rewards are high: a chance to engage with our African partners to forestall crises, rather than merely respond. Together, we will make a positive difference for our nation, and for the people of Africa.

Change your homepage and keep yourself informed at www.setaf.army.mil.

William B. Garrett, III
Maj. Gen.,
Commanding

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At your service

UMUC Field Rep

Michael J. Leahy
University of Maryland University College,

As a field representative, he provides educational information to the Vicenza community. Leahy counsels students on enrolling in college, planning degree programs and also performs unofficial evaluations.

"I assist students in filling out VA, financial aid, scholarship and enrollment forms. I also provide job opportunities for community members who would like to teach for UMUC," Leahy said. He also volunteers to do presentations and participates in events to generate interest in education

Leahy's office is in the education center. Hours are, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.. For more information call 634-7055, or e-mail at: vice@ed.umuc.edu.



Michael J. Leahy, UMUC,
Field representative

Community events

Future of Army on display at Caserma Ederle

PEO Soldier highlights next generation Army gear, weaponry

SETAF PAO Press Release

Are you ready to see the future of the Army? Visit the PEO Soldier display in the IMMA Motor Pool (bldg 266) Feb. 9 and 10 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. and you will. The next generation of Army gear, including the most technologically advanced weapons systems, cutting-edge communication technology, innovative clothing and ground-breaking equipment, will be on display.

PEO Soldier, which stands for Program Executive Office Soldier, is the Army organization responsible for every item of clothing and piece of equipment Soldiers wear or carry. PEO



The Enhanced Night Vision goggles and Sniper Night Sight will be on display.

Soldier's objective is two-fold. Develop the best gear and field this gear as quickly as possible, thus making the Soldiers the best equipped, best protected and most lethal.

Some of the display highlights will include:

- *Interceptor Body Armor with Improved Outer Tactical Vest and associated plates

- *Advanced Combat Helmet with ballistic protective nape pad and helmet sensors

- *Electronic Data Manager, a light, portable, touch-screen kneeboard computer

- *Generation III Extended Cold Weather Clothing System

- *Thermal Weapon Sights, Generation II

- *Enhanced Night Vision Goggle and the Sniper Night Sight

- *XM25 25mm Counter Defilade Target Engagement System

- *Lightweight .50 Caliber Machine Gun

- *M26 12-Gauge Modular Accessory Shotgun System

In the past Soldiers were outfitted with one piece of equipment at a time. Little or no regard was given to how the individual pieces work together, according to the PEO Soldier website at peosoldier.army.mil. PEO Soldier, on the other hand, looks at Soldiers as systems.

This new concept evaluates how each piece of equipment works together; everything a Soldier wears or carries is part of an integrated system. As a result, Soldiers are now better equipped and protected, redundancies in equipment have been eliminated and levels of effectiveness and comfort have been increased, according to the PEO Soldier website.

The Interceptor Body Armor illustrates this concept. Initially, it was designed to be worn over the Soldier's Army Combat Uniform. Yet, in response to feedback from Soldiers who stated that wearing it that way created bulk and produced heat stress, PEO Soldier engineers in cooperation with their industry partners designed the long-sleeve Army Combat Shirt.

The flame resistant shirt has sleeves similar to the FR ACU and a cool, moisture wicking fabric over the torso areas covered by the IBA. Thus by reducing heat stress, Soldiers' comfort is improved and mission effectiveness is increased.

At the display you can also preview the new Army Service Uniform, which simplifies the current uniform while preserving tradition and providing quality, fit and convenience. The new uniform is to be available in military



The Interceptor Body Armor with Improved Outer Tactical Vests will be somewhat familiar to all U.S. Soldiers. (U.S. Army photos)

clothing stores by next summer, and Soldiers will be required to have it by the end of fiscal 2014, according to the PEO Soldier website. Visit the PEO Soldier display and see it and the future of the Army.

Vicenza Community Club moves to add more men

VCC press release
Special to the Outlook

The Vicenza Military Spouses and Civilian's Club, recently changed their name to the Vicenza Community Club to reflect the members' desire to become more of a community organization, according to club president Richard Breen.

The club is trying to get more men involved and "break some of the traditional molds" says Breen who became president last May at the urging of Melissa Helmick, wife of Lt. Gen. Frank Helmick and Debbie Jordan, wife of the dental clinic commander Col. Andy Jordan.

One of the recent club additions is a men's poker club, he says, since there aren't many opportunities for men to get together on post. Another addition will be more evening events, like an evening ball and Carnevale celebration slated for February. According to Breen, these events will provide outlets

for people who otherwise can't make the normal monthly luncheons, because of work or other commitments.

Other mini clubs within the VCC include wine tasting, an agriturismo club, shopping and a bunko club. If a member has a particular interest, the VCC can sponsor a club and then sustain it and run it so it's effective, says Breen.

"People who join the VCC are motivated by a sense of community, an opportunity to make a difference and to enjoy a camaraderie with others," says Breen. In the 2007-2008 season, he calculates that the club donated more than \$94,000 to the Vicenza military community.

The annual membership drive happens in September, says Breen, although you can still join the club now. To join, there are applications at the post thrift shop or you can email Breen at richard.breen@us.army.mil. After the first of the year, the membership fee dropped from \$20 to \$15 dollars.



Richard Breen and Sara Nantz discuss upcoming events at a recent VCC event. (Photo courtesy VCC)

According to membership chairperson Sara Nantz, the club has more than 230 members, the majority of which are women. However, says Breen, this year has seen an increase in the

number of male members, not least of which is Breen himself.

"This year is the largest membership ever that reaches across the entire Vicenza military community," says

Breen.

The next VCC event will be a luncheon Jan. 21 with a theme, "Once upon a time in China" in celebration of the Chinese New Year.

Soldiers assist Rwandan airlift for peacekeepers

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“We were there to train members of the Rwandan Defense Force to U.S. standards for airlifting cargo,” Jones said. “We ended up partnering with an African nation to help get their mission done.”

The Soldiers’ assignment began Jan. 7, when 36 Rwandans gathered in the third-floor classroom in the Kigali airport terminal. Jones covered the role of a unit movement officer and the basics of loading military gear onto aircraft. Ruse then explained how to handle and mark hazardous material for shipment.

“The RDF is very professional,” Jones said. “The students were very attentive and eager to learn and they did not hesitate to ask questions.”

Soon, RDF soldiers were building shipping pallets and preparing equipment for air movement. Their first test was to load and unload wooden pallets from an MI-17 helicopter from the Rwanda Air Force. They also learned how to prepare vehicles to load on planes.

On Jan. 14, when a U.S. Air Force C-17 landed in Kigali, the Rwandan team was prepared to do its first mission—loading their equipment onto American planes.

“We were helping the RDF with materials that they needed airlifted to their peacekeeping

mission in Darfur,” Ruse said. “We helped make sure it was done right, so there weren’t any hiccups with the Air Force”

Senior Rwandan military leaders and the local press were on hand to see the planes loaded, Jones said.

“There were high expectations, but everything went well,” Jones said. “We made sure that our command has a good name in Rwanda and set the standard for future missions.”

In December 2008, Southern European Task Force began its transformation to become the Army component to U.S. Africa Command. The mission Jones and Ruse accomplished is part of an ongoing U.S. effort to build strong partnerships with African nations.

Both Soldiers relied on knowledge from previous assignments. Jones returned from a combat deployment in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, with the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, where he gained valuable logistics experience—especially preparing equipment for airlifts.

“I had been through that process with the brigade, so when I got back from deployment, they asked me to train others in Africa,” he said.

Ruse, a tracked vehicle mechanic who served six months in Iraq with the 3rd Infantry Division, arrived in 2007. Ruse is an expert in handling



(Above) 1st Lt. Charlie Jones, a U.S. Army Africa transportation officer, worked with Rwandan soldiers to prepare their equipment for airlift to Darfur. (Below right) A Rwandan Defense Force soldier offers his sentiment on a mission accomplished. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Brian Ruse)

chemicals, fuel and ammunition; he is certified to train others.

Jones and Ruse made their first trip to Africa in July 2008 to train Ugandan soldiers in Entebbe, Uganda. The Rwanda mission allowed Ruse and Jones to further explore African culture. A Rwandan captain even invited Ruse and Jones to his home, where they met his family and enjoyed a home-cooked meal of fish, meat and rice.

“It reminded me of back home,” Ruse said. “They were

very friendly and welcoming.”

On the tarmac though, the RDF were all business. The Rwandans quickly put the skills they learned during training into practice, beating the standard U.S. Air Force loading times, Jones said. Both Jones and Ruse assisted their Rwandan partners during the upload, but mostly credit the RDF Soldiers for their motivation.

“For us, this was rewarding. They learned really well and took charge,” Ruse said. “For them, it was a mission accomplished.”



(Far left) U.S. Air Force C-17 crew look on as Rwandan soldiers load gear onto a C-17. (Left) Rwandan Defense Force soldiers load boxes onto an MI-17 helicopter during training at Kigali International Airport. (Below) A Rwandan soldier greets a U.S. Air Force C-17 as it arrives in Kigali to airlift Rwandan equipment to international peacekeepers in the Sudan. (Photos by Staff Sgt. Brian Ruse)



Ice rinks, concerts, markets, book drive, old records

Road to Monticello Conte Otto closed

Via Morosana is closed through June for work that will widen the road. Drivers from Caserma Ederle going to Monticello Conte Otto, Cavazzale or Vigardolo using Via Ospedaletto should go left off Via Ospedaletto as usual, but instead of turning right at the round about, go straight through, keep on SS53 and take Via Nicolosi when it comes up on your right.

Book drive for Kenyan free lending library

In support of an initiative by the local Italian volunteer group "VI Press" (Vicenza Press Volunteer Association), the Vicenza military community is collecting books in English to ship to Kenya where VI Press is helping set up a free lending library. Please bring your books to the public affairs office in bldg 3, room 106A. The kind of books you would find in a public library would be appropriate. Deadline for donations is Feb. 6. For more information, call Anna Terracino at 634-7169.

Fairs, ice rinks, concerts

Vivi la casa - Home Gallery, Jan. 23-25, in Verona, Viale del Lavoro, 8, about 38 miles west of Vicenza. Classic and modern furniture solutions; products and services for the house and the wedding day. Admission fee: Fri 3 euro; Sat

- Sun 7 euro. Free entrance for children up to 12 years. For more details in English visit http://www.home-gallery.it/hg_english/evento_eng.asp.

Old Records Show - Trade fair of used and collectors' records, Jan. 24-25, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., in Pordenone, Viale Treviso, 1 33170 Pordenone - about 92 miles northeast of Vicenza. Admission fee: 4 euro.

Ice rink, in Torri di Quartesolo, next to the Warner Village Cinemas, Via Brescia, 11. Open until Mar. 1; weekdays 2 p.m. - 2 a.m.; Sun and holidays 10 a.m. - 2 a.m. Entrance fee: 5 euro, ice-skate rental: 5 euro. Reduced: 4 euro entrance fee and 4 euro ice-skate rental for children up to 12 years old.

Ice rink, in Asiago, Via Stazione, about about 37 north of Vicenza.

Mon, Wed, Fri 10 a.m. - noon; Tue, Thu 10 a.m. - noon and 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m. - noon; 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.; 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. When it has hockey games, it closes at 5:15 p.m. (to check if there is going to be a hockey game, call 0424/64144); Sun 10 a.m. - noon; 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Entrance fee: 5 euro; ice-skate rental: 4 euro. Discount for families of 4 or more: 6.50 euro for entrance fee and ice-skate rental; Groups of 15 or more: 7 euro for entrance fee and ice-skate rental.

Antique market, Jan. 25, Piazzola sul Brenta, (PD), Villa



The ice skating rink located in Asiago is close by and warm inside with a clean surfaced floor. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

Contarini, about 16 miles east of Vicenza. More than 500 vendors.

Classical Music Concert, Jan. 25, 5 p.m., in Vicenza, Teatro Comunale, Viale Mazzini, 39. Music by G. Rossini, W. A. Mozart, J. Offenbach. Ticket: 6.50 euro. Reduced 3.50 euro for children younger than 13.

Free concerts, exhibits and classes:

Live Jazz music: from the 30's to present day, Jan. 22, 9 p.m., in Recoaro Terme, Via Montagna Spaccata, 4, about 30 miles west of Vicenza.

Akusticalma in Concert - Jazz music, Jan. 22, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Strada Vicinale Monte Crocetta.

Radikanera Funk-Rock Concert, Jan. 23, 10 p.m., in Torrebelvicino, Caneva Center,

Via XXV Luglio, about 17 miles southeast of Vicenza.

Conservatory students in Concert, Jan. 24, 5 p.m., in Vicenza, Santa Chiara Chapel, Contrà Santa Chiara.

Aim Indie Rock, Jan. 24, 10:30 p.m., in Vicenza, Totem Club, Via Vecchia Ferriera, 166.

Exhibits

Popular and oriental style nativity scenes exhibition, Jan. 24-25, 9 a.m. - noon and 3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m., in Castelgomberto, Piazza Marconi, about 19 miles northwest of Vicenza. Free entrance.

Explore the sky, Astronomical Observatory of Arcugnano, Jan. 27, 8:30 p.m., Via S. Giustina, 127 - about five miles south of Vicenza. View the sky and the planets in great detail with the observatory's

telescope.

Punk Rock from Netherlands + Sun City Falls HCM, Jan. 27, 9:30 p.m., in Vicenza, Bar Saratea, Contrà San Felice e Fortunato.

Jazz Live musica with Quintet Feat Mike Moreno, Jan. 28, 10 p.m., in Marostica, Piazza degli Scacchi, Panic Jazz Club.

Movies in English

Jan. 26, *Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa*

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

For the schedule of upcoming English-language movies at the go to the web site, visit www.mymovies.it/cinema/vicenza/6217/

Ski Italy with ITR/ODR

Folgaria discounts

Going skiing or snowboarding to Folgaria? ODR has discount coupons. Adults can save 5.50 Euro Mon-Fri, 6 Euro on Sat & Sun and kids save 1.50 Euro. Just stop by Odr and pick up as many as you need.

Ski trips

Every weekend ODR takes you to the slopes. Jan 24 Kronplatz, and Jan 31 Madonna Di Campiglio. Looking for a romantic getaway? The overnight to Panarotta on Jan 31 is just the place. This is a beautiful small ski village and the ODR trip includes transportation plus full



Hit the slopes with ITR/ODR. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

board and accommodations. Call 634-7453 for information on all ski trips.

Discover Cortina

iTR! Trips takes you to Cortina the pearl of the

Dolomites on Jan 25, 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Discover this Alpine village and taste hot chocolate Italian style as you savor the last of the holiday season. Register by calling 634-7094.

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

Jan. 22	Soul Men (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Jan. 23	Twilight (PG-13)	6 p.m.
	Sex Drive (R)	9 p.m.
Jan. 24	Bolt (PG)	3 p.m.
	Bride Wars (PG)	6 p.m.
Jan. 25	Bolt (PG) 3 p.m.	
	Bride Wars (PG)	6 p.m.
Jan. 28	Twilight (PG-13)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Jan. 22	Quantum of Solace (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Jan. 23	Twilight (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Jan. 24	The Curious Case of Benjamin Button (PG13)	6 p.m.
Jan. 25	Bolt (PG)	2 p.m.

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

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

Looking for the movie synopsis? Check out the AAFES Web site: www.aafes.com, 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.

Memorial service planned

John Larry Cannon passed away on Dec. 23, 2008. He was a long-standing resident of the Vicenza community. Cannon served here as a Soldier and then as a civilian employee for the 509th Signal Battalion.

There will be a memorial service to honor Cannon Jan. 30 at 1:30 p.m. in the post chapel.

ACAP briefings

Transitioning Soldiers, retirees, veterans who have ETS'd the Army within the last six months and family members of these categories are eligible to attend both the advanced resume class and the federal jobs application class at the ACAP Center bldg 28.

If you are a transitioning Soldier you must first complete the Transition Assistance Program workshop.

All attendees to the advanced resume class must have a draft resume.

Feb. 11: Advanced resume 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Feb. 11: Federal job application 9-11:30 a.m.

Also available: VA benefits briefing, disability transition program briefing, and individual counseling for sensitive discussions with a VA representative.

To schedule, call 634-7189 or stop by the ACAP Office, bldg. 28 or go to www.acapexpress.army.mil/login and reschedule an appointment.

Job Opportunities

The Auto Skills center is seeking a contractor to provide automotive detailing services using the west end of Bldg. 44.

Equipment provided include: high pressure washer, industrial vacuum cleaner, wet carpet shampooer and pneumatic buffer. Contractor will provide supplies. Only individuals with experience will be taken in consideration.

If interested email to Paola.Liberatore@us.army.mil.

The NAF Contracting Office is seeking **Artistic Director** to be contracted. Minimum requirements include; required education and experience, BA degree in Education, extensive background and experience in theatre education and theatre artistic direction, coordination, staging, and music.

If interested provide resume to the NAF Contracting office via e-mail to Paola.Liberatore@eur.army.mil

Parent Child Dance

Parents and children can enjoy a special Carnevale

themed dinner dance Feb. 21, 6-9 p.m. at Club V.

The adult menu is \$19 and children's tickets are \$14.

Tickets are on sale at Child, Youth and School Service locations and the Tax Relief Office.

Call 634-5087 for information.

Disney's Armed Forces salute tickets

Active and Retired U.S. Military personnel may obtain complimentary five-Day Disney's Armed Forces Salute ticket and may purchase up to five five-day tickets for \$99 per ticket (tax not included).

Visit www.vicenzaMWR.com 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.

Super bowl party

The Arena Super Bowl party offers surround sound on the big screen and projection tv's in the Lion's Den.

There is a \$5 cover charge that includes finger foods and door prizes throughout the night.

Got an issue?

The Army Family Action Plan is now taking your issues until Feb. 10:

To submit an issue:

♦ go online at www.vicenzamwr.com/acs_afap.html

♦ e-mail us at afap@vicenzamwr.com; or

♦ call us at 634-7500

Snowflake sale

The Art Center will hold its semi-annual clearance sale Jan.

28-31. Come early to find the best bargains on scrap framing materials, sewing and pottery kits, samples and scrap booking materials.

For details stop by the Art Center or call 634-7074.

School Improvement Program meeting

Vicenza Middle/High School will have their monthly school improvement meeting Jan. 28.

Both parents and students are invited to attend the meeting to learn more about what Vicenza faculty are doing to improve critical thinking and information literacy skills within the student body.

The meeting begins at 3 p.m. in the school's library and lasts for 30 minutes. For details e-mail mary.miller@eu.dodea.edu or antoinette.boscacci@eu.dodea.edu.

USO events

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

Level One Italian class is being offered from Feb. 23 to April 22.

The classes are held Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:45-7:45 p.m. at the Education Center. Course fee is \$118 plus 11 Euro for the book. Sign up at the USO.

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

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

Join us for refreshments.

Come to the **USO for Super Bowl Sunday** and enjoy finger food and watch the game with surround sound on our leather reclining sofas. Party kicks off at 6 p.m.

The **USO** is located in bldg 9A. Hours are Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-10 p.m. and weekends from noon-6 p.m.

The USO phone number is 634-7156.

Passports left in Bagram

The Vicenza passport office has established contact with the passport agents in Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan.

If you are a Soldier from 173d who applied for a tourist passport during the last deployment in Afghanistan and still have not received the passport, stop by the passport office, leave your information and they will send the information forward to help in obtaining your passport.

Passport office hours are Monday-Wednesday and Friday from 9-11.30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. The office is open Thursday from 1-4:30 p.m.

The passport office is located in bldg 28, next to the Military Personnel Division. Call: 634-7721 or 0444/71-7721 from off post.

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.

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, 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 and available on channel 142 on your AFN

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.

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.

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

Darby Chapel

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

9:40 a.m.: Catholic Reconciliation

10 a.m.: Catholic Mass

11:15 a.m.: Protestant worship

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

Catholic CCD is at 11:15 a.m.

Family Advocacy Issues topic of Up Front with SETAF, Garrison commanders

Up Front, the monthly AFN radio show featuring SETAF Commander Maj. Gen. Burke Garrett III and USAG Vicenza Commander Col. Erik Daiga is set for Friday beginning at 8 a.m. on AFN 106FM.

This month, the commanders are hosting two special guests; Tammy Wilbur-Hoistad (on left), Army Community Service's Family Advocacy Program acting manager will talk about programs for community



members on Friday's Up Front radio show. She'll be followed by Carolyn Parse-Rizzo (right) FAP's Sexual Assault Response coordinator. Get the



answers Up Front Friday in the 8 a.m. hour on AFN 106FM The Eagle. AFN 106FM can also be found on channel 142 on your AFN decoder.

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

Cougars take 3-of-4 from Milan

Story by Angela Weston and Laura Kreider

On Saturday the Cougars hosted Milan and easily got the wins.

“Overall the team made a lot of mistakes and didn’t execute effectively on Friday although the score would indicate differently,” Head Coach, John Parker said.

“However on Saturday the players were more willing to sacrifice the scoring for ensuring proper execution was done,” he added.

Vicenza boys won (71-20 and 53-10).

The team was lead by junior Fabian Severson who had 20 points hitting on four three-point attempts in limited play. Kan Miller, a sophomore, hit 3-of-5 for seven points. Nearly all the Cougars scored between the two contests this weekend. Shakeel Skeete had a game high of 14 points on Friday and James Erickson added 12 points and 10 rebounds.

“To win at Naples we can

not play as we did against Milan. It will be a tough test for the boys, but if they can execute and believe in one another they can play with anybody,” Parker said.

The Vicenza Cougars girls team lost the first game 33-31 but won the second 55-46.

Adriana Cleveland scored 26 of the 55 points again, being the highest scoring player of the weekend.

“Cleveland was our high scoring player today and she did really well on the defense as well,” said Stephanie Tutton, VHS assistant coach for the girls basketball team.

“Last night was harder, we learned what we needed to know, so today we were ready,” commented Ebony Tyson, who scored four points in the second game.

“They were strong in the defense, but our team has been very good and we plan to represent Vicenza when we go to the Europeans, we just plan to play harder,” she said.

This weekend, the Cougars travel to Naples.



(Above) Vicenza Cougars Mickey Stoner, right, releases a jump shot, while Milan’s Elliot O’Connor, No. 15, attempts a block. (Left) Perri Sweed, No. 52, attempts to rebound the ball while surrounded by two defensive players, Veronica Maes, No. 13, left, and Natalie Forstar. (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)



Vicenza military community Soldiers’ basketball

League statistics

	Win	Loss
Certified	3	0
Unbeatables	3	2
14th Trans	2	3
HSC SETAF	1	4

Recreational basketball game scores

Wed. Jan. 14
14th Trans 32 vs. Unbeatable 56
SETAF 31 vs. 14th Trans 39

Peewee sized, but big action



Both teams make a break for the far end of the court during the first Peewee basketball games of the season in Vicenza. The league for 6-7 year olds, provides plenty of exercise for the young children and helps them establish the basics of teamwork and sportsmanship.

Story and photo by Lourdes Fenandez Outlook volunteer

The first Peewee (ages 6-7) basketball game was held Jan. 14 at the Villaggio Gym.

Georgia Salyer, CYS Sports and Fitness Director, said “we are very impressed with the skills that the Peewees had for their first game. “We had a lot of buckets made and for the most part the children dribbled and did not run with the ball too much.” Sports teach children to work as part of a team and keep them healthy and active, she added.

Master. Sgt. Evelin Montealegre, SETAF chaplain assistant, and Sgt. 1st Class

Maria Escobedo, SETAF G4, have coached the kids for two years. This year they are coaching the Wild Cats.

Escobedo said that they do not mind the extra hours because “it is mostly a privilege, the parents are always very appreciative of our efforts, and the kids love to learn.”

She added that it is “very exciting to watch them [the kids] make progress” and that “they have to adapt and overcome different personalities, attitudes and ethnic backgrounds.”

The Peewee group plays only other CYS Vicenza teams and does not keep score. The focus is on teaching the fundamentals and having fun.

Sports shorts

Renovation of the fitness center

Phase-4 renovation of the fitness center begins on Jan 21. Parts of the gym and the weight room will be off limits due to this construction until Jan. 31. Plan accordingly.

Badminton

Give the Badminton Tournament a try on Jan 30. The mandatory participant meeting is Jan 27. For information call 634-7009.

Volleyball season

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

Class rates lowered

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

Call the fitness center at 634-6222 for details.

Changes for VHS cheerleading camp

The Vicenza High School Cheerleading Squad will host a cheerleading day camp for all community members in grades K-6. Campers will learn cheers, chants and basic jumps.

The camp date has been changed to Jan. 31 from 12- 3p.m. Camp will be held in the Luna Bubble.

All campers will be able to cheer at half-time with the VHS cheer squad at the next home game. Registration begins at 11:45 a.m. on the day of camp. Cost is \$15. Space is limited to the first 50 campers.

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.

Call 634-6151 for registration information.