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Vicenza High School players took on the Petrarca Padova Team during a friendly match hosted at the post fitness center Dec. 28. The Petrarca Padova team was a combined group of players younger than 19 who play in different age groups within the Padova sports club. The game was an opportunity to play against a strong team and get ready for the upcoming games in 2011, according to Vicenza player Mike Weston. The team's coaches are hoping the VHS team can meet the Padova players on their court later in January.

Photo by Laura Kreider

USARAF commander talks mission on Algeria trip

By David Ruderman
U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs



U.S. Army photo

U.S. Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg and the American country team view the port of Algiers in December. The general talked about USARAF's mission in depth with the Algerian press.

U.S. Army Africa's commanding general met with Algerian military and government leaders in Algiers Dec. 5-7.

Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg discussed bilateral relations and regional issues, toured the Algerian Central Military Museum and met with reporters for a free-ranging press conference before returning to USARAF headquarters in Vicenza.

Accompanied by U.S. Ambassador to Algiers, the Hon. David Pearce, and members of the American country team, Hogg met with Maj. Gen. Ahcene Tafer, land forces commander of the People's National Army (ANP); Mohamed Kamel Rezag Bara, presidential adviser on counterterrorism; Maj. Gen. Ahmed Senhadji, secretary general of the Ministry of Defense; and

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Enter AFN's Super Bowl commercial contest by Monday

AFN Europe Public Affairs Office

AFN is looking for original, viewer-made commercials to air on AFN during the Super Bowl.

For the 2010 Super Bowl, AFN Europe's YouDoIt Campaign resulted in 145 viewer-produced commercials airing on AFN TV during the NFL Championship game.

After the Super Bowl, the commercials were posted on YouTube and were in the top 11 most viewed on the YouTube Director channel in Germany for several days. Many viewer-produced commercials are still airing on AFN.

Submit your 14 or 29 second commercial to AFN by January 10. If it meets submission criteria, it will air during the Super Bowl and pre-game show in February. Find



Two footballs and a baseball chat around the water cooler in a viewer-produced commercial for AFN Europe's YouDoIt Campaign. Viewers are invited to submit their own commercials, and the best will be aired during the Super Bowl on AFN.

Courtesy photo

YouDoIt details and an entry release form at www.afneurope.net.

"This is my favorite event of the year. We know our viewers miss the advertiser's

Super Bowl commercials, but the next best thing is letting the audience make their own Super Bowl commercials," says AFN

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Garrison News

Free AFN Mobile application launched

AFN Europe Public Affairs Office

AFN Europe has released a free mobile application that lets viewers quickly and easily find what's scheduled on AFN TV and watch AFN TV stories on their smart phones or other mobile devices.

"We developed this app to better serve our customers," said Col. Bill Bigelow, AFN Europe commander. "Now folks can access the information about currency rates, gas prices, radio frequencies, TV schedules and events in the community both at home and on the go."

AFN Europe released the app with no advance publicity and more than 600 people downloaded it in two weeks. The app rolls up some of the most popular parts of www.afneurope.net into a mobile experience so updates instantly reflect

within the app. Military personnel and families can also listen to AFN OpenLine radio shows live on the app.

The app also includes a feature called "Pics 'n Flix" which gives users the ability to submit story ideas, photos and videos to AFN Europe. Select submissions will be used on AFN Europe's Facebook page and may be featured on AFN TV.

The iPhone/iPod/iPad version of the application is available via iTunes. Search for AFN or AFN Europe to find it.

The Android version is available in the Android Market.

Users of Windows Phone or modern Blackberry devices can access a web browser-enabled version of the app by going to <http://afneurope.mlnwap.com>.

AFN: Network seeking 'creative, funny' Super Bowl commercials

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Europe commander, Col. Bill Bigelow. "Last year's YouDoIt was a hit with the viewers so why mess with success? We at AFN look forward to this year's batch of commercials created by the viewers. We know they will be creative, funny, and a welcome break from the commercials they see the rest of the year."

AFN can't air standard Stateside commercials at any time, to include during the Super Bowl. Television companies are able to give AFN free live sports and entertainment because AFN is non-profit. If AFN aired talking frog, Internet service and soda commercials, the military network would have to pay for live sports and entertainment, just like commercial broadcast stations -- something AFN can't afford to do.

Those interested in seeing the Stateside Super Bowl commercials can view them on-line or on TV news shows the day following the Super Bowl.

Reporting births abroad to change

Jennifer Storms

USAG Vicenza Passport Specialist

The Department of State is changing how they process Consular Report of Birth Abroad forms, which may cause delays of seven to 10 weeks.

The Consular Report of Birth Abroad is an official record serving as proof of citizenship for a child born abroad to a U.S. citizen parent or parents who acquired U.S. citizenship at birth.

The Report of Birth Abroad will now be printed only at U.S. passport agencies in Portsmouth, N. H., and New Orleans, La. In order to upgrade their systems, the Consulate General is suspending processing of Report of Birth Abroad applications from Jan. 1-18. Applications submitted during that time will be adjudicated after Jan. 18.

"Community members should not procrastinate on submitting their request for the certificate. This application must be submitted as soon as possible following the birth of a child overseas," said Troy Roberts, chief of the Military Personnel Division.

For more information, call 634-7721.



Photo by Laura Kreider

A Good Claus: About 60 members of the Vicenza military community donned Santa suits and braved the snow with 1,200 Italians in downtown Vicenza Dec. 18 for the annual "Corri, Babbo Natale, Corri" fundraiser. The event, sponsored by the Vicenza press association and the city, raised about €5,000 for Italian charities and flood victims. Most of the U.S. participants were from the U.S. Army Health Center-Vicenza. "It's a really fun event and we are happy to join their cause and to help out," said Col. Kimberly Armstrong, clinic commander.

Expect limited loaner equipment during Warrior Adventure Quest

Chris Wolff

Outdoor Recreation Director

From Jan. 18 to March 31, Outdoor Recreation will be running the Warrior Adventure Quest Program for the recently-redeployed Soldiers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team.

Each Warrior Adventure Quest is a one day, high-adventure program designed to help Soldiers adjust to garrison life after

a year in Afghanistan.

During this time, ODR will be running an additional five trips per week, increasing the number of trips being offered by about 200 percent. To fully support the program, ODR will be required to reduce the amount of equipment available for private rental and reduce the number of staff available to serve regular customers in the Outdoor Recreation center.

ODR asks for the community's patience and understanding during the program.

Speak Out

What is your New Year's Resolution?



Lauren Rajotte
8th Grade

"In addition to getting better grades, to have a fun year!"



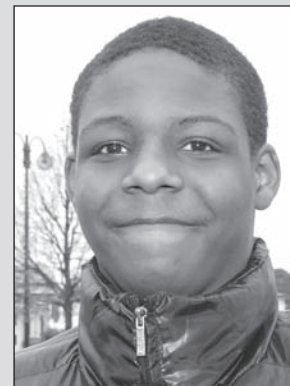
Spc. Oliver Burnsed
2nd Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt.

"I would like to travel more."



Keli Howard with Ian (7) and Madison (4)
Family members

"My New Year's resolution is to spend more quality time with my children!"



Barnes Pryce-Smiley
8th Grade

"My New Year's resolution is to improve my grades."



Devin Hill
8th Grade

"My New Year's resolution is to climb the social ladder."

By Laura Kreider

USARAF: Command's role is cooperation with African forces

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Brig. Gen. Rachid Saoudi, commander of ANP special forces; said Lt. Col. Philip Archer, U.S. Army Africa's North African regional desk officer.

Hogg took the opportunity to clarify USARAF's missions and dispel erroneous perceptions during a press conference Dec. 6 with Algerian and international media.

"This is my first trip to Algeria, and I'm here to meet with the leadership of the land forces and to develop a relationship, and to discuss some of the future training opportunities that both of our nations can do together," Hogg said.

He mentioned upcoming joint Algerian-American reconnaissance and counter-IED training possibilities, and a future visit by Algerian soldiers to the United States to investigate how the Army integrates its lessons learned center into its training regime.

"A lot of mutual discussions and a lot of mutual benefits this year," he said.

Hogg went into some detail to explain what U.S. Army Africa is, its place in the overall U.S. military, and the context of its operations in Africa.

"Let me explain a little bit about what U.S. Army Africa does. It's one of these headquarters that a lot of people don't know anything about, to include some of the people I talk to in the U.S. military," he said.

Hogg clarified that USARAF is an Army component command with its headquarters in Vicenza, and is the land forces component of U.S. Africa Command, led by Gen. William E. "Kip" Ward, which is headquartered in Stuttgart, Germany.

"It is strictly a headquarters. That means I have a staff and personnel that do headquarters-type business. I have no assigned forces, which means I do not have combat forces assigned to my headquarters," Hogg said.

"Our primary mission here on the continent of Africa is what we refer to as theater security cooperation. In other words, we come at the request and the permission of the sovereign countries here in Africa to train, to work with, to cooperate on a variety of areas — from just basic command-post exercises to doing humanitarian- and disaster relief-type events — the whole realm.

"But we come only if a nation says,



U.S. Army Africa photo

Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg meets with reporters for a press conference in Algiers, Algeria, Dec. 6.

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Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg

"Hey, we'd like to do some work with you, we'd like to partner with the U.S. Army forces."

"And the other piece that's very important is that we are in support of the embassies. So we do not do anything on our own, unilaterally. We work with the countries and we work with the embassy, and that's really what our mission set is."

Hogg responded in the negative when asked whether USARAF had established or was in the process of establishing bases in Algeria or the region.

"I think the question you're trying to ask is: Do we have any bases here in Algeria? And the answer is: No, we don't have any bases here," he said.

Hogg responded as well to a number of questions regarding security and counterterrorism activity in the Sahel region.

"As you know, this is a regional issue, where Algerian land forces have taken a leadership role, and it's very impressive, the progress that's been made," he said.

He described the current status of counter-terrorism in the Sahel as a work

in progress. "And with the leadership of the Algerian land forces and the work that they're doing down there for coordination, there's progress being made," Hogg said.

He was asked about whether counterterrorism training is part of the Algerian-American land forces relationship.

"Our support and assistance is based on request from sovereign countries, and it's really in a training piece, so that kind of flows into your counter-terrorism training," he said.

The general was asked whether USARAF, or AFRICOM, is planning to establish a headquarters on the African continent proper, and took the opportunity to dispel that lingering notion.

"There is no decision, no desire to move the AFRICOM headquarters. I mean, Gen. Ward's been pretty clear on that: He wants to get beyond that and just get into the mission. As far as my headquarters goes — Vicenza, Italy: that's where we're at, that's where we're going to stay. Which means we do a lot

of travel to make the mission happen — but that's OK.

"So there are no plans now, in the future or in the past to move AFRICOM into the continent... and that's really where we're at at this stage. We're more interested in getting on with our mission of cooperation and helping with security and stability on the continent.

"The bottom line is: continued engagement and agreement as far as some of the future activities that are planned, and the potential for future exercises here in Algeria. And so it's very productive and very enjoyable. I've enjoyed it and I'm looking forward to coming back."

Hogg returned to Vicenza Dec. 7. The visit strengthened the overall relationship between the Algerian and American land forces, said Archer.

"They value the growing partnership with the U.S. military. They are a very modern military and we have much to learn from them," he said.

To see more photos of the visit, see www.flickr.com/photos/usarmyafrica/.

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At your service



The Thrift Shop

Dalia Buss, Samantha Price and Heide Vaught (from left) are members of the Vicenza Thrift Shop staff. Run by the Vicenza Community Club, the Thrift Shop sells items donated or consigned by the community at discounted prices, and re-donates items to off-post charities and churches. The funds generated by sales are funneled back into the community in the form of scholarships and community enrichment.

The Thrift Shop is open Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. in Bldg. 243, across the parking lot from the PX. For information on donating, consigning items or volunteering, call 634-7460 / 0444-71-7460 or e-mail sam.price@us.army.mil.

Garrison news

So long 2010... Hello 2011!



January-February: The Soldiers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team had just begun their deployment to Afghanistan, where they would work with Kunar provincial government and tribal leaders, Afghan National Security Forces, and International Security Assistance Force as part of Task Force Rock. Camp Darby units sent aid to victims of the earthquake in Haiti, the 14th Transportation Battalion changed patches, the USAG Vicenza indoor pool opened and U.S. Army Africa hosted the first visit by a high-ranking African officer to their headquarters.



May-June: Happy families welcomed home their Soldiers from the 386th Movement Control Team, who returned after a year-long deployment to Afghanistan. Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg assumed command of U.S. Army Africa and USAG Livorno welcomed Lt. Col. Kevin Bigelman as their new commander. The school celebrated their spring carnival, 53 local mayors toured the installation, and Caserma Ederle hosted its largest-ever track meet. The installation received accolades for the local implementation of the Comprehensive Soldier Fitness program and Darby opened its new ACS building.



September-October: Camp Darby and USAG Vicenza practiced their emergency response capabilities with their Italian counterparts. Caserma Ederle elementary and middle school children went back to school in style at their new campus in Villaggio, next to the also new CYSS Child Development Center. The new U.S. Army Vicenza Health Center opened its doors. The White House announced that Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta of the 173rd ABCT would be awarded the Medal of Honor. Thousands of Italians visited Villaggio for Halloween and the first baby was born at the new Benincaso Women's Center.

It's hard to believe, but 2011 is here! As the new year begins, *The Outlook* takes a look back with these file photos and remembers some of the highlights and what 2010 meant for the personnel at Caserma Ederle and Camp Darby.



March-April: Many of the Soldiers of the 14th Transportation Battalion shipped out on their deployment to Iraq and E Company of the 106th Finance Management Company returned from Afghanistan. The Walk for Freedom kicked off, in which community members would clock the miles they walked and receive mile-equivalent points for taking part in community activities. Other community members upped the fitness challenge, participating in the Rome Marathon. Vicenza held the NCO and Soldier of the Year competitions for Darby and Vicenza personnel.



July-August: The U.S. community had fun with the Italian community from outside the gates as the post opened to celebrate the American Independence Day. Community members volunteered with local off-post groups, such as La Fraglia's theater group. The Family Fitness Room opened at the Fitness Center and 173rd ABCT troopers oversaw the opening of a vital road structure in Afghanistan. The Secretary of the Army visited Vicenza and U.S. Army Africa took part in Africa Endeavor, a 36-nation exercise.



November-December: The main body of troops from the 173rd ABCT returned to Vicenza completing their deployment. The city of Vicenza and surrounding areas dealt with historic flooding and the U.S. military community rolled up their sleeves and helped out. The DFAC took culinary honors, the post held the biggest Mayors Day ever, and the community celebrated the holidays with a festival and tree lighting and prepped to start a new year.

Stay motivated during resolution time

By Joyce Costello

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Every January 1st, I go for a long walk and mull about what I plan on accomplishing for that year.

Two weeks later, I've usually conveniently forgotten all of my resolutions and have returned to the endless, mundane tasks of life.

This year, even the sound of 2011 seems odd and made it almost worth not setting any goals. But, not setting a few resolutions seemed almost more pointless. I eventually settled on pursuing personal improvement in a few areas of my life: fitness, family, finances and fun.

Fitness - This is my favorite reoccurring resolution of them all. It is one where I can actively decide what I will eat and how much and what exercises I will do. It is also one of the hardest to do alone.

Since Camp Darby's Fitness Center is having a Biggest Loser contest, it almost seemed like a sign that it was time to waddle on over to the gym and sign up. With the added incentive of the first 40 people signing up receiving a free t-shirt, you know I was waiting patiently at the gym's front desk on Monday.

The program coordinator and licensed dietician, Janet Carmen, reassured me that the program was about promoting a healthier lifestyles and could help people

DID YOU KNOW? Camp Darby's Army Community Service, Fitness Center and Outdoor Recreation have programs designed to help you meet your New Year's resolutions.

not only lose weight, but improve their body fat percentages.

Family - This year I decided to remember each day to give thanks for my family and loved ones and make a point of doing something for someone else once a week without them knowing.

I realized Army Community Services can help me improve my personal relationships and parenting skills with a wide variety of classes that they are offering.

Finances - Now that I've decided to go back to college to finish my Masters, I realized I needed to figure out how to come up with \$45,000 to pay for it. Bethy Vallejo, Financial Readiness manger, reminded me that military spouse scholarships are available, such as the Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse scholarship from the National Military Family Association, we well as the Friends of Camp Darby Women's Empowerment Award. The deadline to apply is Jan. 15. Even the Army Emergency Relief has a scholarship program.

Vallejo added that ACS offers Get out

of Debt, Using Credit wisely, Budgeting and a wealth of other financial classes and clubs.

Fun - Life just wouldn't be any fun unless one actually took time out to enjoy it. I decided that this year I would find a fun activity that my family and I could do together each season.

Winter definitely means taking up skiing or snowboarding with the Outdoor Recreation ski trips. Spring in Tuscany is well suited for playing golf with the Camp Darby intramural league. Summer will be spent finally getting scuba qualified through the program offered by Outdoor recreation. Fall will be spent enjoying wine trips with Friends of Camp Darby and the annual Run to the Leaning Tower.

I realize that making resolutions and following them can seem more daunting than a drill sergeant the first day of boot camp, but this is life and I believe it is for living.

Best of luck in your own endeavors and remember- there is always a program on the installation to help you through whatever stage in life you are at.

Darby Dates

Visit the community calendar for upcoming events and details at www.usag.livorno.army.mil

Newest eatery to open

Camp Darby's newest eatery, Girasole, will be opening at the bowling alley Monday. They will serve American and Italian food along with daily specials.

Biggest Loser competition

Register for the Biggest Loser competition by Jan. 26. The competition takes place Feb. 1- March 31. Call 633-7440 for information.

BOSS Taco Tuesdays

Help support Better Opportunities for Single Service members and buy a taco Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the DCC.

MLK story hour

Enjoy a special Martin Luther King Jr. story hour Jan. 12 at 10 a.m. at the library.

Vet visit

Schedule appointments for your pets by calling 635-4841. The next vet visit is scheduled Jan. 20.

Army Community Service

ACS is offering the following classes and programs. Call 633-7084 for more information.

- ♦ Get out of debt, Jan. 13
- ♦ Using credit wisely, Jan. 18
- ♦ Card making class, Jan. 19
- ♦ Operation Warm Heart, Jan. 20

Youth Services

For more info on upcoming youth programs, call 633-7629.

- ♦ Work ethics for teens, Tuesday
- ♦ Paying for college, Jan. 27
- ♦ Kick back night, Jan. 28

Outdoor Recreation

There are one-day skiing and snowboarding trips to Abetone and Monte Cimone planned every Saturday until March 12. Call 633-7555 for info.

ITR trips

Join ITR and head to **Florence** Jan. 15, **Venice** on Jan. 22, **Rome** on Jan. 29 and the **Viareggio Carnival** on Feb. 20 or 27. Call 633-7589 for more information.

Darby Community Club

Ray, Goodman and Brown will perform Jan. 29 at 8 p.m.

Religious activities

9:40 a.m. Catholic reconciliation
10 a.m. Catholic Mass
11:15 a.m. Protestant worship
11:15 a.m. Catholic CCD

Join us Tuesday mornings for Tony Horton's P90X workout in the chapel at 6:30 a.m. followed by devotion from Our Daily Bread beginning Tuesday.

Call 633-7267 for information on the chapel's upcoming programs and events.

Warm up your winter at hot springs



Photo courtesy of Venturina

Taking a dip in the natural hot springs, only an hours drive from Camp Darby, is a wonderful way to enjoy winter.

By Chiara Mattirola

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

If you are tired of the cold weather and snow, Tuscany offers many unique alternatives to warm up.

Enjoy the pleasure of pampering yourself by relaxing and enjoying a warm bath or a body massage at one of the area's many hot springs resorts.

About an hour's drive from Camp Darby are the Venturina hot springs in Livorno, the medieval site of Saturnia in Grosseto and Bagno Vignoni in Siena.

Venturina has a natural hot springs lake where the water temperature stays

at 36 degrees Celsius, or 97 degrees Fahrenheit.

The pool and the waterfalls can be reached internally, directly through the heated changing rooms.

Besides enjoying the hot water pool, it is also possible enjoy the "Thermarium", a beauty center offering massages and a complete line of natural body products to extend the well-being sensation.

Saturnia is an ancient town in the Maremma area of Tuscany, around Mount Amiata. In the area there are several natural hot springs with modern spas. Some of them are outdoors, others bring the hot springs water into

swimming pools indoors. The water is hot, 37 degrees Celsius or almost 99 degrees Fahrenheit and it smells a little bit sulphurous.

At Bagno Vignoni, the hot waters are rich in sodium chloride, calcium, iron, magnesium and sodium sulphates.

The little town is surrounded by a panorama of rocks and castles and has a beautiful square with a thermal water basin. It is like taking a walk through the past when you are strolling past the historic and interesting town's buildings.

Learn more about these and other destinations by visiting Camp Darby's ITR office.

Motor Bike Expo Show:

Stunt riders will be flying high at the Motor Bike Expo Show in Verona, Jan. 21-23 from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. at Via del Lavoro, 8, about 38 miles west of Vicenza. Stunt riders will show off exciting tricks. Admission fee is €16 or €13 for children between 6 and 12. For details in English visit www.motorbikeexpo.it/inglese/index.htm.



Courtesy photo

Local festivals & shows

Italian Holidays

Jan. 6 is a national holiday in Italy, which celebrates the visit of the Magi (The Wise Men) to the infant Jesus. It's also known as "La Befana", who is a kind, ugly, old hunchbacked witch with a crooked nose. She dresses in rags and travels on a flying broomstick carrying a self-replenishing sack full of presents for children.

Broccolo Fiolaro Festival:

Jan. 14-23, in Creazzo, Sports center, Via Torino, about 5 miles west of Vicenza. The broccolo fiolaro, a typical cultivation of the Creazzo hillside area, is named for the sprouts along the stalk of the plant, which in Venetian dialect are called "fioi" (offsprings). The festival will feature food booths featuring typical Creazzo dishes, such as "gnocchi with broccoli" and the traditional "fritola" doughnut.

Ice Rinks:

♦ **Asiago Ice Stadium**, Via Stazione, about 37 miles north of Vicenza. Open Monday - April 25. Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 10 a.m.- noon; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.- noon and 3:30-5 p.m.; Saturdays, 10 a.m.- noon; 3:30-5:30 p.m.; 9-11 p.m. Sundays, 10 a.m. - noon; 2:30-6 p.m. The rink closes at 5:15 p.m. when there are hockey games. For details on the hockey schedule, call 042-464-144 or visit www.asiagohockey.it/index.php. If you need help, call Shay Morris at 634-8879 or send an e-mail to shay.morris@eur.army.mil.

Entrance fee: €5; reduced €3.50 for children younger than 14; skate rental is €4. Discount for families of four or more: €6.50 for entrance and skate rental; Groups of 15 or more: €7 for entrance fee and ice-skate rental.

♦ **Padova Ice-energy**, Sports Center Plebiscito, Via Geremia Guglielmo, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. Open until April 30. Monday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. & 3-7 p.m.; Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m.-1 p.m., 3-7 p.m. & 9-11 p.m.; Saturday and holidays 9 a.m.- 1 p.m., 2-8 p.m. & 9 p.m.-midnight; Sunday 9 a.m.-1 p.m. & 2-8 p.m.

Entrance fee: €5.50 weekdays, reduced €4 for children up to 14 years old; €8 weekends and reduced €6. Skate rental is €3.

♦ **Bosco Chiesanuova (Verona)**, Ice Skating, Via Danilo Vinco, about 49 miles west of Vicenza. Thursday-Friday 3-5 p.m. & 9-11 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-noon; 3-6 p.m.; 9-11 p.m.; Sunday and holidays: 10 a.m.-noon; 2:30-4:40 p.m.; 5-7 p.m.; 9-11 p.m.; Entrance fee: €6; reduced €5 for children up to 12 years old; €8 weekends and reduced €6. Skate rental is €3.

International Cat Show:

Saturday & Sunday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Padova, Via Tommaseo, 59; about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. This competition features more than 700 pedigreed cats from around the world. Admission fee: €12. Free entrance for children younger than 10.

Nativity Scenes Exhibit:

Ongoing through Jan. 23, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Arena in Verona. It features more than 400 nativity scenes from around the world. Entrance fee: €7; reduced cost of €6 for children 6-12 and senior citizens older than 60.

Movie festival:

The "It's a wonderful film! Some like it original" movie festival is being held at the Odeon Theater in Vicenza at Corso Palladio 176. The festival will be featuring movies in English throughout the winter season.

Monday: "Precious" by Lee Daniels, USA, 2009. Tickets: €6;

reduced €4.50 for students. Times: 4 p.m.; 6:15 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Motor Bike Expo Show:

Jan. 21-23, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m., in Verona, Via del Lavoro, 8, about 38 miles west of Vicenza. Admission fee: €16; €13 for children between 6 and 12. For details in English, visit www.motorbikeexpo.it/inglese/index.htm.

FREE concerts, exhibits & events

Painting exhibit:

Joe Stein exhibit, ongoing to Jan. 16 in Vicenza, LAMeC, Basilica Palladiana, Piazza dei Signori. Tuesday-Sunday, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.

Memorabilia exhibit:

Ongoing through Jan. 30 in Vicenza, Casa Cogollo, Corso Palladio 165. Tuesday-Sunday 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. & 3-7 p.m.

Live music

Sabotage Bar, in Vicenza, Via dell'Industria 12T. Shows include: Big me (Foo Fighters Tribute Band), Friday, 9 p.m. Iron Souls – Iron Tribute Band, Saturday, 9 p.m.

Explore the sky:

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

Single Soldiers events

Heli Ski weekend in Cervinia, Jan. 15-18, \$300. Price includes transportation and lodging. Those interested must bring their own equipment or rent equipment from ODR. Sign up at ODR.

For more information, call POC Sgt. Justin Vincent at 634-6475 or 335-751- 8529.

Concerts

My Chemical Romance: March 7 in Milan, PalaSharp.

Roger Waters: April 1-2, April 4-5, July 6 in Assago, Milan;

Belle & Sebastian: April 14 in Milan, Alcatraz. Backfield: April 19 in Milan; April 21 in Roncade (Treviso).

Delain: May 9 in Milan, Alcatraz.

Sade: May 6 in Assago, Milan, Mediolanum Forum.

Gods of Metal: June 22 in Milan, Arena.

Bon Jovi: July 17 in Udine, Stadio Friuli.

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

Keep checking *The Outlook* for more concerts.

ODR trips

Kronplatz Ski/Snowboard: Voted top child-friendly skiing destination with a 360-degree view across the Dolomite mountains. Saturday, 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. Cost: \$35 (includes transportation).

Milano - The Big Apple of Italy: Enjoy a two-hour tour of the main cultural sites in Milan including the Castello Sforzesco, the Gothic Duomo and La Scala Opera House. Saturday, 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. Cost: \$55; free for children 2 and younger (includes transportation and guided tour).

Local Purse Shopping: Check out local artisan shops Niccoli and Francesco Biasia. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - noon. Cost: \$15 (includes transportation).

Folgaria ski/snowboard: Head to this Trentino resort with 22 lifts and 800 meters of vertical descent. Wednesday, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. Cost: \$25 (includes transportation).

Alleghe Ski/Snowboard: Located above 2000 meters, the Italian resort of Alleghe has direct access to 21 km of downhill skiing served by 8 ski lifts. Jan. 15, 6 a.m. -7 p.m. Cost: \$30 (includes transportation).

Munich Overnight: Spend the weekend exploring Munich's traditional Bavarian character and modern life. Jan. 15-16, 6 a.m. Saturday - 9 p.m. Sunday. Cost: \$230; free for children 2 and younger (includes transportation, one night lodging with dinner, and guided tour).

See the complete ODR schedule online at www.VicenzaMWR.com.

Looking to buy or sell items? Check out MWR's Marketplace at www.mwrmarketplace.com

Now Showing



Ederle Theater

Thursday	Hereafter (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Friday	Skyline (PG 13)	6 p.m.
	Paranormal Activity II (R)	9 p.m.
Saturday	True Grit (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	Paranormal Activity II (R)	6 p.m.
Sunday	True Grit (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	Saw 3D (R)	6 p.m.
Wed.	Saw 3D (R)	6 p.m.
Jan. 13	Skyline (PG 13)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Friday	How do you Know (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Saturday	Jackass 3D (R)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Tron: Legacy (PG 13)	1 p.m.
Jan. 14	Little Fockers (PG 13)	6 p.m.

Admission: Age 12 and older, \$4, younger than 12, \$2. The Ederle theater box office opens one hour prior to show.

View MOVIE TRAILERS and more online at www.shopmyexchange.com/ems/euro/vicenza.htm or www.aafes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm.

Martin Luther King commemoration walk

Equal Opportunity will host the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial March will take place Jan. 13 at 2 p.m. Participants will meet in the Post Movie Theater parking lot then proceed down Olson Avenue to Soldiers' Theatre where there will be a brief ceremony with guest speaker, Lt. Col. Clarence Counts, AFN commander. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Richard Colon at 634-7914.

AFAP issues

Army Family Action Plan is collecting issues for the 2011 AFAP Conference. Submit your issues at www.vicenzamwr.com/acs_afap.html. The deadline for issue submission is Jan. 31. For more info, call ACS at 634-8526/7500.

Become a volunteer

Become a community volunteer, build your experiences and resumé and meet a new network of people. Call the Army Volunteer Corps to find out about the volunteer opportunities in our community. Register at www.myarmyonesource.com to log your hours. Call 634-7500 for more information.

Country night

Thursdays are Country Night at the Lion's Den, 8 p.m. - closing.

MOMS Club events

- ♦ Thursday: Toddler play, 10 a.m.
- ♦ Tuesday: Lunch play, 11:30 a.m.
- ♦ Jan. 12: Preschool play, 10 a.m.
- ♦ Jan. 18: Toddler play, 10 a.m.
- ♦ Jan. 19: Aquarium trip, 9 a.m.
- ♦ Jan. 20: Bunco, 7 p.m.
- ♦ Jan. 21: Out-n-About, 9 a.m.
- ♦ Jan. 24: Monthly mtg., 10 a.m.
- ♦ Jan. 25: Book club, 10:30 a.m.
- ♦ Jan. 26: Preschool play, 4 p.m.
- ♦ Jan. 28: Art Center activity, 4 p.m.; MNO, 7:30 p.m.

UMUC classes

Register for University of Maryland University College spring session I (Jan. 24-March 11) by Jan. 23. Session includes: Italian 1, 2 and 4, Human Biology & Lab, Human Resource Management, College Math, Philosophy Moral Issues, Psychology Adjustment, Advance Expository Writing and Library Research. Enroll and purchase books by Monday and get books 50 percent off. Active duty and military spouses, apply for a \$100 book scholarship. For info, call 634-7055 or e-mail vice@europe.umuc.edu.

U of Phoenix degrees

The University of Phoenix offers master's programs in MBA, MAED, classroom or online. Classes are 6-weeks long and offer continuous enrollment. Most students can complete their MBA or MAED in less than two years. For more info, call at 634-8928 or e-mail Sarah.Foley@phoenix.edu.

Sale for active-duty

The Vicenza Thrift Shop will be cleaning house! To begin the New Year, the Thrift Shop is having a 50-percent-off sale on all merchandise (except consignments and transformers). The sale lasts

until February, or until stock runs out. The sale will end at the manager's discretion.

AUSA membership

Those interested in joining the AUSA Mediterranean chapter can e-mail osvaldo.delhoyo@us.army.mil. For info, visit www.ausa.org.

Soldier Show

The U.S. Army Soldier Show is still accepting nominations for performers and technicians for the 2011 show. Nominations for performers are being accepted for vocalists, dancers, musicians, and specialty acts. Nominations for technicians are being accepted for lighting, audio, video, costuming and stage technicians. The deadline to submit packets to IMCOM Europe is Jan. 14. For information about how to apply, contact jim.mattngly@eur.army.mil.

Godspell auditions

Auditions for Soldiers Theatre's production of the musical "Godspell" are Monday and Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the theatre. There are roles for five males and five females, plus an optional chorus. Auditions consist of a prepared solo, simple dance steps taught at the audition and readings from the script. Song should be 24-36 measures of a show tune not from "Godspell" to be sung acappella or accompanied by piano if you bring sheet music. "Godspell" is primarily an ensemble show so all auditioning will need to sing, dance and read from the script. No experience is necessary and anyone 16 or older is invited to audition. Performances will be March 4-20 on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Rehearsals begin immediately. Call 634-7281 for information.

Music Cafe

Relax with other music lovers and enjoy light refreshments while listening to local musicians at the next Music Café Jan. 14 at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in performing, call 634-7281. This event will be celebrate the one year anniversary of Music Café.

Tap dancing class

Tap dance classes begin Tuesday for 4 weeks with instructor Linda

Dahlstrom. Beginners classes are Wednesday, Intermediate are Tuesday and Advanced are on Thursdays. Classes begin at 5:15 p.m. Call 634-7281 for more info.

Arts and Crafts

- ♦ **Kids' Craft Club** is every Wednesday from 4-6 p.m.
- ♦ **Adult Wheel** classes are Saturday and Jan. 22, 10 a.m.-noon. This is a two part class for \$50.
- ♦ **Teen Building with Clay** is Thursday, 3:30-5:30 p.m. The class teaches basic techniques and is fun and easy. Cost is \$20 and includes all materials. Open to ages 12-18. Call 634-7074 for info.
- ♦ **Get creative with clay** Monday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. while making a hedgehog and learning the basics of hand building.
- ♦ **Adult Hand Building Basics** class is Wednesday 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Learn the clay basics.
- ♦ **Sewing Animal Hats** will teach students how to fine tune sewing around the curves of this fun hat. Class is Tuesday and Jan. 18. Visit the center for a supply list.
- ♦ **Beginning Quilting** starts Jan. 20, 5:30-7:30 p.m. The 6-week course teaches the basics of construction; rotary cutting, piece blocks, assembling, binding and more. No experience is required.
- ♦ **Cake Decorating Class** begins Jan. 19. Class is Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Register at the center by Monday and pick up your supply list.

CYSS PAC meeting

The next CYSS Parents' Advisory Group meeting is Jan. 19 at noon in the ACS conference room. On the agenda; the nomination and selection of a parent to serve as the CYSS Parents' Advisory Group Coordinator, a review of the fees for no-show and late arrivals in hourly care, opportunities for new parent education, review of homework and assistance available at the SAC and YC, Youth Apprenticeship Program and Family Care update. For information, call 634-8347.

Homework help

The Villaggio Homework Lab is available Monday - Friday until 6 p.m. Students who attend Homework Lab two or more

Community Calendar Highlights

Thursday: Italian holiday, Feast of the Ephiphany
Friday: Local national day of rest
Jan. 13: Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial March
Jan. 17: Federal holiday (Martin Luther King Jr. day)

sessions per week typically see their grades improve within three months. The instructor can assist students in building skills to improve school attitude and attendance and elevate self esteem for better grades. Call 634-7659 for more info.

Redeployed single Soldiers program

Join us for Bentornati Jan. 21 from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at ACS. Bentornati is for Re-Deployed Single Soldiers. Come get reacquainted with post resources. Experience an Italian cooking demonstration and lunch. Learn fun and exciting things to do in Vicenza and the Veneto. Build mental toughness with resiliency training.

Join the Boy Scouts

Boy Scout Troop 295 meetings are every Tuesday from 5:45-7 p.m. in the Vicenza High School cafeteria. All boys ages 11-18 are invited to join and experience fun and adventure while learning valuable life and leadership skills. For information, call Philip Bonney at 327-130-8933 or Rich Price at 634-8082 or 347-289-6163.

Health care numbers

For emergencies, call 118 or 99-118 from on post. For medical advice, call the 24-hour Nurse Advice Line at 800-877-660. For the San Bortolo Patient Liaisons, call 0444-75-3300. For the clinic patient advocate, call 0444-61-9106.

Office closures

Thursday is an Italian holiday and Friday is a day of rest for Italian local national employees. Many offices and services will be closed or will offer limited services.

Religious activities

Chaplain Crisis Line

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

Sunday services

- 8 a.m.:** Sacrament of Reconciliation, or by appointment
- 9 a.m.:** Roman Catholic Mass (Daily Mass is held weekdays at noon)
- 9 a.m.:** Protestant Sunday school and AWANAs (September-May at Vicenza High School)
- 10:45 a.m.:** Catholic religious education (September-May at Vicenza High School)
- 11 a.m.:** Protestant worship
- 1:30 p.m.:** Full Gospel Pentecostal worship
- 5 p.m.:** Contemporary Christian service

Mondays

Noon: LDS scripture study

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

- 3 p.m.:** Praise dance practice
- 3:30 p.m.:** Middle School Club Beyond meets in VHS cafeteria September-May
- 5 p.m.:** Contemporary Praise band practice
- 5:30 p.m.:** PWOC Bible study. Dinner provided. No child care.
- 5:30 p.m.:** High School Club Beyond meets at the Teen Center September-May. Call 340-139-4073 for information.
- 5:30 p.m.:** Catholic choir practice
- 6:45 p.m.:** Gospel choir practice

Thursdays

- 9:30 a.m.:** Catholic Women of the Chapel
- 5:30 p.m.:** Gospel service choir rehearsal
- 7:15 p.m.:** Gospel service Bible study

Faith group contacts

- Islamic:** Call 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for info.
- Jewish:** Call Paul Levine at 345-907-2108.
- Latter Day Saints:** Call Chance Wilson at 327-869-8107. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. downtown. Scripture study held Mondays, noon-1 p.m. at the chapel. Call the Caserma Ederle chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for more information on religious activities.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Thanks to Rear-D: Soldiers, staff and family members of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team rear-detachment are served goodies at a luncheon held in their honor Dec. 16 at Army Community Service. The lunch was intended to thank them for all of their work during the brigade's deployment.

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



Courtesy photo

George Atkinson III carries the ball during a Granada High School game. He will play in the Army All-American Bowl Saturday.

Army All-American Bowl kicks off Saturday at Alamodome

Army News Service

The U.S. Army All-American Bowl, the longest-running active high school all-American game, will showcase 90 athletes in an East-West match up at San Antonio's Alamodome in Texas Saturday.

The game will also be televised live on NBC and the Armed Forces Network at 7 p.m. Vicenza time.

In addition to the game, the U.S. Army All-American Marching Band, composed of 125 of the nation's top high school marching musicians - nominated by their band directors and auditioned by the National Association for Music Education - will perform at halftime.

"The Army is proud to celebrate the hundreds of athletes, musicians and Army-Strong Soldiers who have participated in the Bowl in the past ten years, and looks forward to welcoming a new group of participants and celebrating the 2011 game," said Col. Derik Crotts, director of Marketing and Outreach, U.S. Army Accessions Command.

Army Accessions Command is the primary sponsor of the game along with more than a dozen national businesses and organizations. First played on Dec. 30, 2000, at Highlander Stadium in Dallas, Texas, the game has since been played annually inside the Alamodome.

Currently more than 150 former Army All-American high school players play in the National Football League, including more than 40 first-round picks.

The bowl has featured several players who went on to the NFL. One former Oakland Raiders player will watch his own son play in the 2011 Army bowl. The son of Raiders safety George Atkinson - George Atkinson III - is making quite a name for himself in the defensive backfield.

According to *www.rivals.com*, which ranks the All-American players, Atkinson is an elite safety who stands out as a return man for Granada High School, totaling 1,200 all-purpose yards.

George "Butch" Henry Atkinson, a strong safety for the Oakland Raiders from 1968 to 1977 and current radio host of the Raiders' pre- and post-game shows, has raised his

boys with the same love for the game. In fact, he took on the position of assistant coach when his twin boys, George III and Josh, began their varsity careers at Granada High in Livermore, Calif., in 2008.

George's half brother, 1st Sgt. Jeremy Wright, 42, who was named his brother's Soldier Hero, will be at the game cheering him on to victory.

Jeremy, currently stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., has never stopped loving the game of football.

"Even though I had offers to attend college on a football scholarship, I joined the Army in 1986, figuring I'd do my four and then go to college," Wright said. That was 24 years ago.

While stationed in Italy, Wright played for the Venice Mariners, an Italian football team. He also coached high school football in Europe.



David McNally

More than 34,000 fans and a nationally televised audience watch the 2010 All-American Bowl live in San Antonio's Alamodome Jan. 9.

EDGE! Program upcoming events

The following CYSS EDGE! after school programs for youth in grades 6-12 are coming up. Enrollment may be done online using WEBTRAC or at Parent Central Services, Davis Hall, Bldg. #108. Space is limited for all programs.

1. The Ski and Snowboard Maintenance Program is Mondays, 4-5:30 p.m. at the Outdoor Recreation Center, Bldg #249. This is an on-going

class for youth to learn to wax and maintain their skis or snowboard.

2. The Winter-Spring Fitness Program runs Jan. 10-May 19, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Post Fitness Center, 3:15-4:45 p.m. A professional fitness instructor will help youth learn healthy exercises.

3. Winter Soccer starts Jan. 18 on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4-5:30 p.m. at the turf field.

4. The Teen Scene Magazine meets every Thursday, 4-5:30 p.m. at the Post Library.

Learn to write stories, create a quarterly online/print magazine and learn about the production of a magazine.

For information, call Parent Central Services at 634-7219 or Tom Hlavacek, EDGE! Program Manager, at 634-7502 or 335-818-6927.

Zumba class

Join the Zumba fitness classes on Mondays, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Tuesdays, noon-12:45 p.m. or Thursdays, 9:15-10:15 a.m. Zumba is a style of dance-aerobic workout to Latin music.

Seeking group instructors

The Fitness Center is seeking certified group fitness instructors. Not certified? Stop by the Fitness Center and get information on how you can become certified and get paid while you lead a work out. Call 634-7887 for more information.

Volleyball officials clinic

A volleyball officials clinic is Monday - Jan. 15 at 6 p.m. in the Fitness Center upstairs conference room. Prior experience is not necessary. Officials, scorers and timers are needed for the season. Deadline to sign up is Jan. 5.

Volleyball open play

There will be volleyball open play matches Jan. 15 at 9:30 a.m. at the Fitness Center. Sign-up at the Fitness Center.

Recreational volleyball

A recreational volleyball league starts around Feb. 24. A coaches meeting is set Feb. 17 at 2 p.m. in the Fitness Center upstairs conference room. Coaches should bring a roster. Sign up by Feb. 17.

Racquetball tournament

A racquetball tournament is set Jan. 21-22. There is a participants' meeting Jan. 21 at 6 p.m. in the Fitness Center. The tournament has male and female divisions and includes: beginners, 0-2 years experience; intermediate, 2-5 years experience; advanced, more than 5 years experience; open play; doubles. There is a prize drawing and 1st & 2nd place awards per category. Sign up by Jan. 14.

Dodge ball league

The recreational dodge ball league starts around Feb. 8. There will be a coaches meeting Feb. 2 at 2 p.m. in the Fitness Center upstairs conference room. Coaches should bring a roster. Sign up by Feb. 2.

Snow sports workout

Skiers and snowboarders can join a coached workout at the fitness center Tuesdays at noon. Call 634-6240 for information.

CYSS coaches needed

Potential coaches must pass a background check, and will receive training and certification. Contact 634-6151, alex.ruiz5@eur.army.mil or Krista.Cahill@eur.army.mil for information.

Unit & rec play

Basketball: 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for 10 or more, fitness center.

Volleyball: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays for 8 or more players, fitness center.

Men's Soccer: 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for 11 or more players.

Women's Soccer: 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesdays for 8 or more players. Call 634-7009.