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The grace period for two-hour parking on Caserma Ederle runs Aug. 2-22.

Motorists are reminded to set their *disco orario* (blue parking disc) to the time they arrive and place it on their dashboard in plain view.



MAKING PROGRESS: Pile driving machines work full speed at Dal Molin for the foundations of the \$289 million multiple facilities complex scheduled to be completed in the summer of 2012. **SEE PAGE 3 for the Italian language version of the Dal Molin update.**

DAL MOLIN Update

UXO removal, trenching, pile driving moving forward

Story and photo by ANNA CICCOTTI
Special to the Outlook

Construction on the multi-facility complex at Dal Molin will continue throughout August, said the director of the Transformation Construction Management Office for the U.S. military community in Vicenza.

"Pile driving is underway to provide support for the foundations of the new barracks, headquarters, fitness center and consolidated parking garages of the complex

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AAFES working tobacco delays

USAG Vicenza PAO news release

Tobacco products should be on the Caserma Ederle shoppette store shelves by mid-August, AAFES officials said Tuesday.

The shortage of tobacco products in Italy is largely due to distribution procedures related to host-nation regulations, according to Lt. Col. Carl Marotto, AAFES Europe public affairs officer.

He said AAFES, along with the Surface Deployment Distribution Command and

related U.S. military units in Italy, is developing distribution procedures to ensure a continuous supply of tobacco products in Italy.

"Unfortunately we aren't able to request additional emergency shipments as the product is produced specifically for tax-free outlets in Italy and contains special stamps and monitoring numbers, issued by the tobacco monopoly office after the order is approved," said Michele Mackey, AAFES

Italy regional manager. "This differs from Germany, Korea, contingency operations and all other worldwide locations."

Mackey said this requirement also prevents AAFES from obtaining product from its other stores or from its warehouse in Giessen, Germany.

"The recent shortage of tobacco in Italy is not related to, and has nothing to do with, a recent proposal for a smoke-free military," Marotto said.



Photo by Laura Kreider

HOME AGAIN: Sgt. Petko Kafadarov, 1/38th AG Postal Company, kisses his wife Nadia after a 14-month deployment. "I am glad, and beyond, to be back," said Kafadarov after his arrival. "We have begun planning on our tons of fun of catching up in front of us."

Army Family Covenant What it's doing for YOU

USAG Vicenza PAO news release

Since the unveiling of the Army Family Covenant in September 2007 by Gen. George W. Casey, Army chief of staff, military families on Caserma Ederle have been the beneficiaries of numerous programs funded by AFC.

"Army Community Service has reaped many benefits from

AFC," said Marva Dixon, ACS director. "Among the benefits are six full-time positions available to military spouses; these positions were originally contract positions but are now federal slots."

The six slots are:

The first position is an Army Family Team Building/Army Family Action Plan specialist

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Newcomer gives the skinny on Benvenuti

JUST MY OPINION

by SARA HURT
Vicenza Military Personnel Div.

Benvenuti is one of the best kept secrets of the U.S. military community in Vicenza.

It is an Army Community Service program designed for military and civilian spouses to familiarize them with basic Italian language, customs and how to get around using the public transportation system so they won't hesitate to get out and enjoy all that Italy has to offer.

Added benefits of attending, and possibly even more important in the long run, are the lasting friendships and bonds created among the participants. As a civilian coming to Vicenza for a five-month TDY developmental assignment, I was asked if I would like to participate and provide feedback on my experience.

Benvenuti is a four-day program designed and led by Cristiana Guardini. It is offered once a month and has been running for the past 10 years.

On Day One, participants meet at Davis Hall. ACS staff and Army Family Team Building volunteers brief the class on available ACS programs and services and discuss AFTB and the importance of creating and maintaining good community relations.

Afterwards, Cristiana welcomes everyone to Italy and introduces them to some of the key points of adjusting

to life in Italy.

She patiently guides the class through the pronunciation of common Italian words, phrases and expressions. These, as well as some of her favorite Italian recipes, were provided in a helpful handout to take home. Lunch was provided by the ACS staff.

On Day Two, the class took a trip by bus and train to Venice and back. We met at the chapel gate bus stop and learned how to validate our tickets before riding the bus to the *Stazione Centrale* (train station) in Vicenza.

Cristiana explained the various ticket options and we ultimately purchased group tickets at a slight discount for the EuroStar (fast train) and climbed aboard. After arriving at the train station in Venice, we made a quick stop for a *caffè* and *brioche*, the traditional Italian breakfast, and then followed Cristiana through the winding streets of Venice, occasionally shopping along the way.

She took us through the Jewish Ghetto, explaining the area's history, before we stopped for lunch at an outdoor restaurant. We then walked to San Marco square and the cathedral.

We took the *vaporetto* on the way back to the train station for our return to Vicenza. Vaporetti (very much like a bus on the water) run continually up and down the Grand Canal stopping at various destinations.

On Day Three, Thursday, we met

again at the bus stop outside the chapel gate (all of us experienced bus travelers now) and rode to the *Stazione Centrale* again. This time we explored the streets of Vicenza.

Thursday is market day in Vicenza with vendors displaying their wares at several locations throughout the town. We stopped and shopped in between sightseeing and learning the history of the city's buildings and famous personalities.

We were especially privileged to be invited to tour the courtyard of the monastery at the Chiesa di San Lorenzo church.

An extremely gracious and friendly monk in blue jeans, Brother Graziano, invited us to enter the private courtyard for a view of the church's beautiful rear walls, which the public doesn't usually have the opportunity to see.

On Day Four—the final day—we took a whirlwind trip to Marostica and Nove and capped the day's activities with the Chicken Man, a

custom furniture builder in Rossano Veneto who is quite popular with the American military community.

In Marostica, we learned about the world renowned human chess game played on even years (the next one will take place in fall 2010). We then drove to Nove, where we enjoyed an interesting tour of the La Ceramica VBC pottery with our guide explaining

the process of making ceramics—start to finish. He also took us into the area where the different patterns are designed and then molded by a single in-house artist.

This particular pottery provides Lennox, Williams-Sonoma and Vietri dishes, to name a few. From there, we drove to Rossano Veneto to a furniture manufacturer, Bizzotto Silvano (aka the Chicken Man).

The Bizzotto Silvano firm was founded in 1965 and passed down from father to son. It remains a family business today with only five employees. Ermanno, one of the owners, gave us a tour of the factory and showed us some examples of his work.

You can custom design your own furniture pieces from top to bottom to include type of wood, style, size, inlays and color of stain.

After the tour, we were treated to a wonderful lunch prepared by Signora Bizzotto, Ermanno's mother.

Before everyone departed, a list of e-mail addresses and phone numbers were handed out so we could keep in touch.

Our class was an eclectic mix of folks. We had the incoming medical clinic commander and her family, the incoming dental clinic commander and his wife and a couple of young wives whose husbands were on their first tour of duty for the Army.

Everyone I talked with thought the Benvenuti class was a valuable experience and intended to spread the word. If you know someone new to the community, please encourage them to call ACS and sign up for the next Benvenuti class.

An extremely gracious and friendly monk in blue jeans invited us to enter the private courtyard for a view of the church's unseen rear walls.

Speak Out

What is your tip for staying cool in summer?



Jessica Clark
Family member

"Living at the pool."



Tevin Cleveland
11th grader

"Drinking a lot of liquids and eating ice cream."



Spc. Willis Coley
AFN Vicenza

"Drink plenty of water and carry a bottle of water if you're outside for longer periods of time."



Chris Le
CSU student

"Staying indoors in an air-conditioned room."



Spc. Carl Vitiello
HHC, 173rd

"Stay in the shade, and it doesn't hurt to jump in a pool."

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The Noncommissioned Officer PROFILES OF SUCCESS



Staff Sgt. Erick Gallardo

Unit: Battle Co., 2-503
Current Position: Weapons Squad Leader

Age: 25

Hometown: San Diego, Calif.

Years in service: 6

What would surprise people about you: I'd like to become a teacher or youth probation officer in order to help and mentor troubled youth.

Biggest mentor(s) and why: Master Sgt. La Monta Caldwell. He showed me that there is more to being a leader in the Army than just knowing all aspects of the technical and tactical sides of your MOS. He taught me an NCO also provides his Soldiers with a mentor and role model on how to become a successful man, husband, and father.

Life's ambition: Successfully retire after 20 years, watch my children graduate from college.

Your definition of an NCO: A leader who Soldiers know will put their wellbeing and safety before his own and inspire his Soldiers.

Advice for junior Soldiers: Follow doctrine; it works. Enforce the standards. Complacency kills. Being a leader is a non-stop job.

Reason for your success: My wife. She has supported me throughout my career and has always pushed me harder and held me to a high standard.

Your defining moment as an NCO: Oct. 25, 2007, during Operation Rock Avalanche.

Visit the Army's Web site dedicated to the Year of the NCO at www.army.mil/YearoftheNCO.

Dal Molin: la bonifica bellica, le ispezioni archeologiche e l'infissione dei pali

ANNA CICCOTTI

L'attività del cantiere per il Multifacility Complex Dal Molin continua anche ad agosto, secondo quanto dichiarato dall'ing. Kambiz Razzaghi, responsabile dell'Ufficio Progetti per l'Esercito Americano di Vicenza.

“Sono iniziate le operazioni di infissione dei pali per le fondamenta dei futuri dormitori”, conferma Razzaghi, come pure “della palazzina comando, del centro fitness e dei due parcheggi multilivello all'interno della costruenda installazione a Dal Molin, futura sede di quattro battaglioni della 173ma Brigata Aviotrasportata”.

La scelta delle caratteristiche delle fondamenta a pali tiene conto delle indicazioni ricevute dalle competenti autorità italiane e dalla Regione Veneto, al fine di ridurre l'impatto ambientale dei nuovi edifici e non interferire con la falda acquifera.

I pali di cemento armato, di forma conica, vengono infissi nel terreno alla profondità di 14 e 18 metri. “Si useranno le fondamenta a pali solo per le strutture più elevate”, spiega Razzaghi, “mentre la maggior parte degli edifici, che si svilupperà su uno o due piani al massimo, richiede l'utilizzo di semplici fondazioni superficiali comunemente usate in edilizia”.

Le operazioni di infissione dei pali fanno seguito ai collaudi rilasciati dall'Esercito Italiano per certificare l'avvenuta bonifica delle aree da residui bellici risalenti all'ultimo conflitto mondiale.



Ritrovamento di una bomba inglese di circa 220 kg. avvenuto agli inizi di luglio durante l'operazione di bonifica.

Tali operazioni di bonifica dureranno ancora per un anno e a tutt'oggi hanno permesso di individuare la presenza di oltre trenta ordigni, messi in sicurezza e prontamente rimossi secondo le procedure vigenti, a maggiore garanzia della sicurezza del cantiere e della comunità circostante.

Oltre alla bonifica bellica, requisito fondamentale per le operazioni in corso è il Nulla Osta rilasciato dalla competente Soprintendenza per i Beni Archeologici.

L'Esercito Americano, dice Razzaghi, ha affidato ad uno studio di esperti italiani il compito di eseguire la verifica preventiva di indagine archeologica, documentando tutti i dati ottenuti secondo le prescrizioni ricevute dall'Ufficio del Soprintendente di Padova.

Prima di infiggere i pali, si procede con lo scavo di trincee conoscitive che vengono rigorosamente ispezionate ogni settimana.

“Non sono stati finora rilevati

all'interno dell'area strutture o manufatti di interesse archeologico”, conferma Razzaghi, il cui team collabora con i funzionari incaricati da Padova per verificare il corretto svolgimento delle operazioni.

In corrispondenza della recinzione sul lato Ovest, tuttavia, saranno necessarie ulteriori e più approfondite indagini per verificare l'esatta localizzazione dei resti di strutture appartenenti all'acquedotto di epoca romana, già parzialmente individuato in un lavoro di scavi nel 1995. Le trincerazioni continueranno quindi ancora per diversi mesi.

L'infissione dei pali è iniziata nel mese di luglio e si ritiene che possa essere completata entro settembre, quando inizieranno i lavori di edificazione veri e propri.

Secondo Razzaghi, resta confermato il cronoprogramma che prevede la conclusione dei lavori per la nuova base a Dal Molin entro l'estate del 2012.



WORKING TOGETHER:

USAG Vicenza's Master Sgt. Troy White discusses security and fields of fire during movements and security halts with members of the Armed Forces of Liberia July 24. White is deployed to Liberia in support of U.S. Army Africa.

Courtesy photo

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At your service AFTB & AFAP programs



Lourdes Fernandez is the installation's Army Family Team Building and Army Family Action Plan program manager.

“I coordinate the annual AFAP conference, a forum where volunteers discuss and develop issues that affect quality of life and retention,” said Fernandez. “The issues are submitted by the local military community. I also coordinate the volunteer-run AFTB program, which teaches Soldiers, family members and civilians what to expect from the Army and eases their transition into Army life.

AFTB also teaches leadership skills, and Soldiers may earn promotion points.

Fernandez is located in Davis Hall, first floor. She can be reached from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Call 634-8526 or 634-7500.

Community Camera

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

Welcome home



About 12 Soldiers arrived July 22 at Hoekstra Field where family members and friends welcomed them home from a 14-month deployment.

“Our mission in Qatar fell under Welfare and Recreation,” said Sgt. Petko Kafadarov, 1/38th AG Postal Company. “It involved air and ground transportation coordination, personnel accountability and briefings for the four-day passers from over 30 destinations spread over Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan.”

When the year-plus deployment was up, the unit’s logs reflected more than 30,000 military and (Department of Defense) members from all of the services. The constant flow of new faces made the usual mundane routine of a deployment somewhat less intrusive in our daily lives on and off the clock,” he said.

“My wife back home—Nadia—has been the real troop. She has remained strong and faithful, taking care of our family affairs in my absence, through two deployments. I am glad, and beyond, to be back,” said Kafadarov.

Rita Bonamego, mobilization and deployment program manager, (right) welcomes members of the 1/38th AG Postal Company after their arrival, offering food and drinks. Soldiers began their reintegration period July 24. (Photo by Laura Kreider)



Photo by Laura Kreider

MARKING A MILESTONE

(Above) From left: USAG Vicenza’s Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Hartless, ACS Director Marva Dixon and Commander Col. Erik Daiga perform the ceremonial cake cutting during the ACS celebration of its 44th birthday and accreditation July 28 at the Arena.

SPLAT!

(At left) A member of Caserma Ederale’s 14th Transportation Movement Control Brigade blow off some steam playing paintball with his unit at Camp Darby’s new course. The paintball program is part of the Warrior Adventure Quest series that allows veterans to enjoy high-adrenaline activities in a positive environment. To download and share photos from the day’s event, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/campdarby/sets/72157621853878816/>. (Photo by Joyce Costello)

POTTER-MANIA

Community members began lining up at the Vicenza post theater more than three hours in advance July 25 to purchase tickets to see Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince, the sixth and next to the last movie in the blockbuster book and movie series.

AAFES employee Darryl Mc Farland (left) checks pre-purchased tickets. Movie-goers began buying tickets as soon as “we opened the doors at 11:15 a.m.,” said theater manager Danyel Torres, “and within the first 40 minutes, we had already sold 200 (of the facility’s 422) seats.” By 1:15 p.m. on both days (July 25-26), the show was sold out. Torres said the theater has not sold out since the summer 2007 release of Spider-Man 3.

Photo by Laura Kreider



AFC providing jobs to help spouses

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who provides information and resources for military families and improves readiness by teaching and promoting self-reliance through education.

The second position is an office automation technician who helps Soldiers and families at ACS with copying and faxing documents related to mission transitions and records maintenance using technology systems such as the Army's Client Tracking System.

"Most of the experience for my position came long before I ever applied," said Tiffany Tran-Ozuna, who recently began her career with the military as the office automation technician for ACS.

"As a military spouse I've gone through a lot of things other spouses have gone through; PCSing, job hunting, being a new mother, ... We've been here over two years now so I already knew about most of the services provided by ACS," she said. "Being a spouse helps me empathize with other spouses when they come in and they're distraught. It's easy to diffuse a negative situation by being able to tell them I've been in similar

situations, this is what I did and this is what else ACS can do for you."

A third position is the Family Advocacy Program specialist, which has increased ACS's ability to provide programs and services to prevent domestic violence and child abuse and neglect and to promote healthy families.

A program support assistant was hired to provide functional and administrative support for all ACS program managers by tracking taskers that meet mission requirements, regulatory management taskers and personnel management thus enabling staff to focus on serving Soldiers and families.

Another position created by AFC funds is for the information and referral manager who supports programs and all AFC services that were previously provided by a contractor funded with Global War on Terror funds.

Finally, the mobilization and deployment specialist helps ensure essential training is being provided to include pre-deployment briefings, rear detachment commander and family readiness liaison training,

family readiness group training and Battlemind Training.

Converting these positions to fulltime permanent federal positions ensures these critical support services are not jeopardized by non-availability of funds, added Dixon.

Not only do these additional positions help spouses who have had to leave careers behind in the U.S., but they help spouses learn new skills and pass on valuable knowledge to newcomers.

"I think the best advice I can

give a newcomer is to build a support network for him or herself," said Tran-Ozuna. "It's hard being so far away from family and friends, plus the cultural and language differences of a foreign country add to the difficulty. You really have to advocate for yourself and your family. Despite all the programs and public relations campaigns the Army puts out no one knows your needs better than you do. Speak up for yourself and you may be surprised at the results."



Courtesy photo
Thanks to AFC funds, Tiffany Tran-Ozuna was hired as an automation technician at the Caserma Ederle ACS.

Consultants ensure archaeological investigation

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that will house four battalions of the 173rd Airborne Combat Team Brigade," Kambiz Razzaghi said.

The choice of the characteristics of the pile foundation takes into account the prescriptions received from the Italian authorities and the Veneto Region to reduce the impact of the new buildings on the

environment and to not interfere with the underground aquifer. Razzaghi said the piles are reinforced, tapered concrete posts and are being driven 14-18 meters into the ground.

"The project requires driving piles only for the highest structures, considering that most of the buildings are one or two stories and will require only shallow concrete footing-type foundations," he explained.

The pile driving is done in areas that have received unexploded ordnance clearance certification from the Italian Army. Razzaghi said UXO clearing will continue for about another year.

"To date more than 30 old bombs and explosive devices have been uncovered and properly disposed of, and this adds to the safety of the work site and the nearby community,"

Razzaghi said.

Another prerequisite for pile driving is the area must receive clearance by the responsible archaeological superintendent.

"The U.S. Army has hired a team of dedicated consultants to ensure the archaeology of the site is investigated and documented in line with the prescriptions established by the inter-provincial superintendent," explained Razzaghi.

Prior to pile driving, exploratory trenches are prepared to reveal soil strata and they are investigated under strict supervision on a weekly basis. Up to now, Razzaghi said, no significant archeological structures or artifacts have been recovered from the new project site. Along the west perimeter, however, further explorations will be necessary to reveal the exact location of a Roman aqueduct's arched pillars already documented during work in 1995. Trenching and investigations will continue for several months. Pile driving began early July and is slated to be completed in September when above-ground work is expected to begin. Razzaghi said completion of the entire complex is on track for the summer of 2012.



Photo by Anna Ciccotti

Workers crop piles at the future barracks site prior to placing the building's foundation.

Darby Dates

Stress management

Learn to identify personal signs of stress and build coping strategies at this Aug. 3 class. Call 633-7084 to RSVP.

Multicultural spouses meeting Aug. 5

Obtain valuable information on medical services, employment, immigration and naturalization services, driver's licenses, ESL and much more at this Aug. 5 meeting. Call 633-7084.

Anger management for adults class

This Aug. 6 class is designed to support wellness, self-resiliency and enhance coping skills for troops and family members. Call 633-7084.

Story hour at post library Aug. 5

Aug. 5 at the post library for ages 3-5. Call 633-7623.

Karaoke night

Sing along with Bibi every Thursday at the Community Club. Call 633-7855.

Texas hold'em

Wanna get lucky? Come to Texas Hold'em Aug. 7. Free hot dogs for all players. Call 633-7855

Upcoming ITR trips

- Venice Aug. 3
- Cinque Terre Aug. 4
- Volterra Aug. 5
- Rome Aug. 6
- Elba Aug. 7
- Florence Aug. 8

Call ITR at 633-7589 for trip details or to RSVP.

Darby Religious activities

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

9:40 a.m.: Catholic Reconciliation

10 a.m.: Catholic Mass

11:15 a.m.: Protestant worship

Protestant Sunday school starts at 10 a.m.; Catholic CCD at 11:15 a.m.

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

Contact the Catholic education coordinator to find out when the next confirmation will take place.

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

The congregation needs a cantor. Talk to Chaplain Porter or Father Roberto to serve.

Dive into the past at CanevaWorld



Photo courtesy of CanevaWorld

Blast from the Past: CanevaWorld Resort, in Lazise sul Garda, Località Fossalta, 58, about 48 miles east of Vicenza. Movie Land Studios, Aqua Paradise, Medieval Times (above), and Rock Star theme areas. For information in English, visit <http://www.canevaworld.it/movieland/>.

Festivals & events

Anguria Day, Aug. 1, in Montebello Vicentino, about 14 miles southwest of Vicenza. 9 p.m. free watermelon, bread, cookies and wine for everyone. 60's music and dancing.

The sky, the moon and the stars shown with a Magic Lantern, ongoing until Dec. 31 in Padova, Precinema Museum, Prato della Valle, 1/a, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza.

Open Wednesday-Monday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is 3 euro but entrance is free the third Sunday of the month.

Vintage pedal cars, toys and miniature trucks and trains will be on exhibit until Oct. 4 in Romano d'Ezzelino, Automobile Museum "Luigi Bonfanti," Via Torino, 2, about 26 miles north of Vicenza. Admission fee is 6 euro.

Amusement parks

Acquafollie Waterpark, in Caorle, Via Aldo Moro, 1, about 86 miles west of Vicenza. May 23 - September 6, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission: 15 euro for adults and children taller than 51 inches; 12 euro rate for children up to 51 inches and people over 65. Free parking.

Aqualandia, in Jesolo, Via Buonarroti, 15, about 63 miles east of Vicenza. May 23 - September 13, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Water games, extreme sports, water gym, animators and clowns for children. Bungee jumping. For detailed information and prices in

English, visit the Web site <http://www.aqualandia.it/en/>.

Botanical Garden: in Padova, Via Orto Botanico 15, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. It's the world's first botanical garden: it opened in Padova in 1545 and it still preserves its original layout - a circular central plot, symbolizing the world, surrounded by a ring of water. Open April-October 9 a.m.-1 p.m. & 3-7 p.m. Admission fee: 4 euro; 3 euro for senior citizens over 65; 1 euro for students (6-17). For more details in English, visit <http://www.ortobotanico.unipd.it/eng/index.htm>.

Butterfly Arc: in Montegrotto Terme, Via Degli Scavi, 21, about 34 miles southeast of Vicenza. Open every day 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Admission fee: 8 euro; reduced 6 euro for children 4-12 and senior citizens over 65.

The ticket includes the entrance to the Fairy's Wood. The Butterfly Arc houses hundreds of specimens of arthropods, including a scorpions, scarabs, dung beetles, caterpillars, orchid preying mantises all chosen from among the largest specimens in the world.

Specialists are on hand to provide visitors an opportunity to become better acquainted with the arthropods by interacting with them.

The Fairy's Wood is a mythological and ecological trail in a 7,000 square meter park where the relationship between man and nature is examined by connecting history, traditions, fantasy and science.

For more details in English on

the Butterfly Arc and the Fairy's Wood, visit <http://www.casa.dellefarfalle.it/eng/index.php> and <http://www.bosco.dellefate.it/eng/default.htm>.

Esapolis -Museum of live insects, silkworms and bees: in Padova, Via dei Colli 28, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. Tue-Sat 9:30 a.m.-noon & 2:20-5:30 p.m. Sunday and holidays 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Admission fee: 7 euro. Reduced: 5.50 euro for ages 4-12 & senior citizens over 65. Free for children under 4.

CanevaWorld Resort, in Lazise sul Garda, Località Fossalta, 58, about 48 miles east of Vicenza. Movie Land Studios, Aqua Paradise, Medieval Times and Rock Star theme areas.

For information in English, opening hours and prices, visit their <http://www.canevaworld.it/movieland/>.

Cappeller Animal Park and Zoo, in Cartigliano, Via Kimle, about 28 miles north of Vicenza. April - October, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.; on Sunday 9 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Botanical gardens, picnic areas, fast-food outlet and a children's playground. General admission: 9 euro; 6 euro rate for people over 60 and under 12.

Gardaland, in Castelnuovo del Garda, Via Derna, 4, about 52 miles west of Vicenza. Open April 4 - Oct. 4. The Gardaland Sea-Life Aquarium is open daily 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. For detailed info on opening hours, prices, attractions and services, and special offers visit the Web site <http://www.gardaland.it/en/home.php>.

Padovaland water park, in Padova, Viale della Regione

Veneto, 6, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. May 31-Aug. 31, Monday - Friday 10 a.m. - 6:45 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays 9:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. Wave pool, water slides for children and adults, playground built on piles, restaurant and game rooms. General admission: 16 euro all day ride pass and 13 euro from 3 p.m. to closing; 12 euro all day ride pass for children (2-12) and 9 euro from 3 p.m. to closing.

Park Jungle Adventure, in San Zeno di Montagna, Pineta Sperane, Lago di Garda, about 42 miles northwest of Vicenza. May - September 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; June - August, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Tickets vary (12 euro to 28 euro) according to the difficulty level of the obstacle course. Credit cards are not accepted.

Villabella Water Park, in Villabella di San Bonifacio, about 20 miles southwest of Vicenza. May 30 - Aug. 30, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Admission: adults and children taller than 59 inches: 7 euro, Sundays and holidays 10 euro. Children shorter than 59 inches: 4,50 euro, Sundays and holidays 5 euro. Free entrance for disabled and their assistants, for children under 3 and adults over 70.

Safari Park and Zoo, in Bussolengo, Località Figara, 40, about 42 miles west of Vicenza. March - November, 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. General admission: 17.50 euro; 14 euro rate for children 3 - 12. By calling 045-7170113 you can rent a nine-passenger vehicle for the safari.

Varone Waterfall Cave Park and Botanic Garden, in Tenno, Via Cascata, 12, about 90 miles northeast of Vicenza. May - August 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. A natural gorge, eroded over 20,000 years by Lake Tenno's waters, which rumble their way down from a height of almost 100 meters.

Admission: 5 euro. Free parking and picnic area. For details in English, visit http://www.cascata-varone.com/index_en.htm.

Pay concerts & events

ColdPlay: in Udine, Friuli Stadium, Aug. 31.

Notre Dame de Paris: in Verona, Arena, Sept. 10.

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

Outdoor Recreation

Sea kayaking

Spend the day sea kayaking Aug. 9 at Isola di Garda.

Southern Italy

Enjoy a weekend in the south of Italy Sept. 4-6. See Pompeii, Naples, and Amalfi Coast. Includes lodging, guided tours, transportation and trip assistance. Sign-up by Aug. 17.

Lake Garda

Kayak on Lake Garda alongside a castle in the southern town of Sirmione Aug. 2 at 8 a.m.

Waterpark fun

Cool down at Aquaparis Waterpark Aug. 15, 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m. ODR provides transportation.

Genova trip

Visit Genova and the aquarium Aug. 8, 6 a.m. You'll be amazed by the diversity of the largest aquarium in Europe.

Medieval Times

The king of Medieval Times invites you to a dinner show Aug. 14. ODR provides transportation. Sign up now for \$25.

Call ODR at 634-7453 for details or to register for trips.

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

July 30	Star Trek (PG-13)	6 p.m.
July 31	Drag me to Hell (PG-13)	6 p.m.
	Dance Flick (PG-13)	9 p.m.
Aug. 1	G-Force (PG)	3 p.m.
	Terminator Salvation (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Aug. 2	G-Force (PG)	3 p.m.
	Dance Flick (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Aug. 5	Terminator Salvation (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Aug. 6	Drag me to Hell (PG-13)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

July 31	I Love You Beth Cooper (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Aug. 1	Angels & Demons (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Aug. 2	X-Men Wolverine (PG-13)	1 p.m.
Aug. 6	Terminator Salvation (PG-13)	6 p.m.

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

Looking for the movie synopsis? Visit www.aafes.com, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Movie Schedule.

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

Mensa reminder

The Italian Mensa inside Club V is provided to the local national workforce as part of its employment entitlement.

This is an agreement between the Italian government and U.S. forces. This entitlement can only be used at the mensa and not other post dining facilities. Most local nationals have their lunch break between the hours of noon and 1 p.m.

Non-local nationals are asked to dine with the Italian employees after 12:30 p.m.

Mensa Hours:

Coffee Bar 7:30-10:50 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

Priority lunch for local national cardholders 11:30-12:30

Lunch for non-local national cardholders 12:30-2:30 p.m.

Optometry services limited Aug. 1-15

Due to training, the Health Center Optometry Clinic will provide limited services Aug. 1-15. The following services will be available to active duty personnel:

- Ordering glasses
- Update MEDPROS
- Obtain copies of prescriptions already on file
- Limited scope exams (refraction) for **deploying personnel**.

Call the Optometry Clinic at 634-7412 or CIV 0444-71-7412 for more information.

For emergencies, visit the nearest hospital. For assistance, contact the patient liaisons at 0444-75-3300 or 634-8384.

Pool tourney Aug. 6

Test your skills at the pool tournament Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Lion's Den in the Arena. Stay for country music night afterwards.

Got talent? Show it off at Operation Rising Star

The Arena will host Operation Rising Star Sept. 18-19. Win the ultimate recording music experience.

Singers must be active duty, Reserve, National Guard or a military family member 18 years or older. Win local cash prizes for first through third place. Sign up before Aug. 14.

Complete details on www.vicenza_MWR.com. Registration forms are available online, at the Arena or BOSS lounge.

Eleanor Roosevelt topic of book club meeting

The next book club group will

meet at the library Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. Topic: the autobiography of Eleanor Roosevelt.

The library has several copies available for check-out.

Art & Culture

Afternoon with Art & Culture event at the Arts Center Aug. 8 from 4-7 p.m.

Enjoy free refreshments and an exhibition of local artists for an afternoon of art and culture. All artwork, including Murano glass jewelry, photography and more will be available for purchase with dollars or euro.

Texas Hold'em

The next Texas Hold'em Tournament will be held Aug. 15. Sign-up begins at 4 p.m. Tourney begins at 8 p.m. \$20 buy-in with one \$10 re-buy. Cash prizes.

Bowlopolis discounts

The next Bowlopolis benefit night is Aug 4. When you bring your Bowlopolis card you and all of your guests get \$1 off bowling games and \$1 shoe rentals, all day every Tuesday until Aug 25.

Bowlopolis Family Night at the Arena, is Aug. 6, beginning at 4 p.m. Two hours of family bowling includes shoe rental, a pitcher of soda and one large cheese pizza for \$24, with up to six people on one lane.

Looking for a job?

ACS offers a series of free classes throughout August to help build the skills you need.

Next classes: Army Civilian Resume Builder, Aug. 5 at 10 a.m. Personal Skills for Volunteers, Aug. 11 at 9 a.m.

Hang loose

Enjoy a night of food and drink specials at the Hawaiian Luau party in the Lion's Den Aug. 14.

Wear your best beach attire. 8p.m.-close.

Hip-hop Fridays

Listen to your favorite hip-hop music at the Arena every Friday night, beginning at 8 p.m. in the upstairs Lion's Den.

Oil painting class

Beginner oil painting class begins Aug. 13 at 3:30 p.m. Paint your own masterpiece in three easy sessions. Supplies included.

Call 634-7074 before Aug. 9 to register.

Volunteer info session

Volunteers learn how to build valuable skills Aug. 11, 9 a.m. at

ACS.

Learn time management, how to log volunteer hours and add training to your resume, taking care of yourself and stress management. Call 634-8526.

Providing a need

Families are needed to provide a caring and stable home-away-from home for children in need.

The next quarterly emergency placement care training class is Aug. 13, 5 p.m. Fulfill an important need in your community. Call 634-7314.

ACS classes for all

ACS has free classes to help everyone build life skills. Breast Feeding Basics for new moms Aug. 11, 9:30 a.m.; Stretching Your Money in a tight economy, Aug. 11, 9 a.m.; and Communication Miracles for Couples, Aug. 14, 11:30 a.m.

Call 634-7500 to register.

Register for CTC classes, get a free iPod

Central Texas College is now registering for classes. Register for legal assistant or child development classes, or for the Microsoft certification program and get a free iPod.

Call 634-6514 or e-mail vicenza@europe.ctcd.edu.

UoP MBA info session scheduled Aug. 11

University of Phoenix is hosting an information session on its Master of Business Administration (MBA) program Aug. 11, from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Vicenza Education Center.

RSVP at 634-8928 or ana.laforgia@phoenix.edu.

The first class of the next on-site MBA program with face-to-face classes begins Sept. 24.

July MOMS club

- **Aug. 3:** Park play date
- **Aug. 4:** Board meeting
- **Aug. 11:** Lunch play date: new members meet-and-greet
- **Aug. 19:** 11 a.m. Pool play date and picnic lunch
- **Aug. 21:** Out and About, meet at 9 a.m.; Moms Night Out
- **Aug. 27:** Park play date
- **Aug. 29:** Family night
- **Aug. 31:** Monthly meeting and park play date

Preschool programs

Participate in a quality educational preschool program for your child. Part-day preschool and Strong Beginnings pre-K registration set Aug. 20.

Where: CYS Services Central Registration, Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., or call 634-7206.

VenturePoint Expo

Parents and teens can learn more about what VenturePoint has to offer this year. Learn about the new HIRED! Teen apprenticeship opportunity, win a prize, and more Aug. 29 at the PX food court.

Use free care for trip

The next SAS weekly field trip goes to Aqua Paradise Waterpark Aug. 4 and 6.

Call 634-8253 to find out how to use five free hours of hourly care for the field trip.

SOTA meet set Aug. 20

South Of The Alps Warrant Officer Chapter is looking for outstanding warrant officers. Come to our warrant officer breakfast every Thursday from 8-9 a.m. at the South of the Alps dining facility.

Call 635-4717. The next SOTA meeting will be Aug. 20.

Autism/ADHD support group meeting

The EFMP Autism/ADHD support group meets Aug. 6 at 11 a.m. at the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center.

Join others to discuss the challenges and solutions. Call 634-7912.

Playgroup meets Aug. 5

The Romp-N-Stomp playgroup meets Aug. 5 at 10 a.m. at the Villaggio YS building. Call 634-7567.

Anger management

Learn the basics of anger management. Adults classes set Aug. 6 and 20 at 11:30 a.m. Parent-child class set Aug. 6 at 2:30 p.m. Call 634-7500.

USO announcements

Back to School Bash Aug. 15 from 1-3 p.m. We'll have live music, crafts, food and a face painter and magician.

Italian culture classes set Sept. 24-Feb 4. Learn about the great country you live in through readings, field trips and art. Class cost is \$240.

The USO is located in Bldg. 9A. Hours are Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday noon-6 p.m.; and Sunday 12:30-6:30 p.m. Call 634-7156.

Preschool library story time held weekly

Bring your preschooler, age 3-5, to the post library's Story Time Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10-11 a.m. and Fridays from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Magic, the Gathering

If you are new to the game, want to get better or just want to stay current, join BOSS every Thursday at 6 p.m. in the BOSS lounge for Magic, the Gathering.

Call 634-5087.

Religious activities

Chaplain Crisis Line

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

Sunday services

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

9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass.

(Daily Mass is held weekdays at noon)

9 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school and AWANAs (September through May in

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

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

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

4 p.m.: Lutheran worship

6 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Mondays

Noon: LDS Scripture Study

5:30 p.m.: High School Club in the Teen Center

Contact Cadena Trusty at 320-808-6148 or vicecb@yahoo.com.

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

3 p.m.: Praise Dance practice

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

5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

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

5:30 p.m.: Catholic Choir Practice

6:45 p.m.: Gospel Choir Practice

Thursdays

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

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

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

Faith group contacts

Islamic: Spc. Kasimov, 329-034-3511

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

Latter Day Saints: Scripture study is held each Monday, noon-1 p.m. at the chapel. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. downtown. Call Sean Peterson at 335-8219492.

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

Community Calendar Highlights

Aug. 8 - DFMWR-1-503rd Health Run

Aug. 10 - Veterans Affairs Individual Counseling

Aug. 14 - Veterans Affairs Benefits Briefing

Aug. 15 - Italian Holiday

Aug. 24-25 - Training Holiday

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



Members of the 509th Signal Battalion (left) and 1/503rd Delta Company softball teams gather after the award ceremony held at the post softball field July 25. 1/503rd D Co. placed first after winning the final game against 509th Signal 20-5.

1/503 slams competition to win title, represent post at European

Story and photos by LAURA KREIDER
Outlook Staff

The final game of the July 25 USAG Vicenza softball championship pitted 1/503rd Delta Company and 509th Signal Battalion, with 1/503rd dominating the competition 20-5.

"We are glad that MWR gave us the opportunity to compete in a championship," said 1st Sgt. David Smith, 1/503rd D Co. coach.

"We are the smallest company in the battalion, about 40 people less," said Smith, "but we really enjoy competing. We do our best. It is all about the team effort."

"Our defense was good, and the team effort was very, very solid," he said.

With two wins under its belt—1/503rd also won the spring volleyball championship—the team continue practicing, honing their skills for the Aug. 6-9 All Army Europe Unit/Recreational Softball Championship to be held in Grafenwoehr.

There, the team will represent Vicenza and vie for the No. 1 spot against top teams from each post.



SETAF's Maj. William Kost takes a solid cut at the ball during the game played against 509th Signal Bn. July 24. The game was won by 509th Signal 9-6.

Mako Sharks kick off season with July 25 meet

Story and photo by LAURA KREIDER
Outlook Staff

More than 20 children and eight adults participated in the first Vicenza community swim meet at the Villaggio pool July 25.

"This is an opportunity for our new swimmers to get experience in a competitive swim event without the full stress of an official meet," said Arlana Young, Mako Sharks head coach.

"We have invited adult community members to join us in the competition and created older age groups for them. A lively competitive spirit and excellent performances on the part of all of the swimmers made for an exciting and enjoyable event," said Young.

Spc. Derek Mollier of Headquarters and

Headquarters Company, 173rd Airborne Brigade, was one of the adults who participated.

"Swimming is fun," said Mollier. "I enjoy doing it on weekends, and one of the lifeguards, Reuben Young, invited me to participate in this event."

A younger participant, 10-year-old John Casey, took part in six of the events, including the 25-meter freestyle, 50-meter freestyle, 50-meter backstroke and relays.

"I come to the pool three times a week," said Casey, who arrived in Vicenza about a month ago.

"Swimming in the team and getting ready to go to Austria for a meet in early August is a very nice way to be involved in the community," said John's father, Lt. Col. John Casey, U.S. Army Africa.



Chris Unger participates in the 200-meter medley toward the end of the event.

SOFTBALL Soldier League Standings

Team	Win	Loss	Game Scores
SETAF	8	3	July 20
HHD 509	8	5	HHC 173: 6 vs. SETAF: 8
D Co. 1/503	7	3	HHC 173: 14 vs. D 1/503: 18
14th Trans.	5	5	D 1/503: 14 vs. 509 Signal: 6
AFN South	5	6	
Female & Male	4	3	
Ghedi	3	4	
HHC 173	2	2	
HHC 1/503	1	2	
USAHC	1	10	

July 22-25 Championship (continued)

HHC 173: 27 vs. 14th Trans.: 9
D 1/503: 16 vs. AFN South: 2
509th Signal: 25 vs. USAHC: 12
HHC 173: 10 vs. SETAF: 5
D 1/503: 16 vs. 509 Signal: 7
AFN South: 8 vs. 14 Trans.: 7
509 Signal: 9 vs/ SETAF: 6
USAHC: 15 vs. AFN South: 9
D 1/503: 6 vs. HHC 173: 3
509 Signal: 24 vs. USAHC: 3
509 Signal: 12 vs. HHC 173: 11

5K/10K slated Aug. 8, pre-register through Aug. 8

FMWR Sports Fitness & Aquatics partners with First Rock 503rd and the Army Wellness Center to host a 5K/10K run Aug. 8 at 8 a.m. (pre-brief mtg 7:45a.m.)

Pre-register until Aug 3. Late registration the morning of the race set 6-7 a.m. Healthy refreshments, T-shirts for first 250 to register, body fat assessments, five-minute massages, music and cardio/stretching areas will also be provided.

Call 634-7009 for details.

Sign up for bodybuilding contest Aug. 14

Sign up deadline for the Mr. and Ms. Vicenza Bodybuilding Contest is Aug. 14. Contest is open to all U.S. ID cardholders 18 years and out of high school. Call 634-7009.

Vollebyall official clinic slated Aug. 17-22

USAG Volleyball Official Clinic is set Aug. 17-22. Learn to officiate and make extra money. Free course. Open to 18 year olds and older. Call 634-7009.

For teams now for tug-o-war, dodge ball, hopscotch

USAG Tug-o-war, dodge ball, and hopscotch tournaments are slated Aug. 21-22. Maximum of eight players per dodge ball team. Start forming your team now. Awards for individuals. More information available soon. Call 634-7009 for information.

Register for tennis

CYSS tennis season runs September through October. Children ages 8-14 years old interested in joining can enroll beginning Aug. 7 at Central Registration. Practice begins Sept. 2, every Wednesday 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Villaggio courts. Cost \$25, includes T-shirt, participation medal, and end-of-season party.

Call Jennifer Mueller at 634-6151.

Coaches needed for triathlon, other sports

CYSS Sports & Fitness is looking for coaches to help with their triathlon special event Aug. 22. CYSS is also looking for coaches for fall soccer, tennis and cross country. New to coaching with CYSS? Coaching clinic required. Next clinic held: Aug. 11 from 6:30-9 p.m. Call 634-6151 to register. Other clinic dates available.

Enrollment begins Aug. 3 for the Aug. 22 triathlon

Call 634-6151 for details.