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prepping to compete
against a local Italian
team later in the season

Hogg takes command of USARAF

By RICK SCAVETTA

U.S. Army Africa

During a ceremony today at Caserma Ederle's Hoekstra Field, Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg assumed command of U.S. Army Africa.

Gen. William E. Ward, commanding general, of U.S. Africa Command presided over the ceremony, which signaled the departure of outgoing commander, Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III.

Hogg, who recently served as deputy commanding general of Combined Security Transition Command-Afghanistan, said he is delighted to become part of the Vicenza military community.

"After 29 years of service and six overseas assignments to include Germany, Panama and Belgium, this is our first opportunity to be in Italy," Hogg said. "We are absolutely thrilled to be here."

Hogg said he is excited to be a part of U.S. Army Africa, the Army's newest service component command, challenged with developing relationships with land forces in Africa and supporting U.S. Army efforts on the African continent.

Garrett took command of the Southern European Task Force in 2008. He commanded SETAF

throughout its transformation to U.S. Army Africa.

Garrett now heads to Iraq, where he will serve as the chief of staff, U.S. Forces Iraq.

"We look forward to building upon the systems that Maj. Gen. Garrett and Mrs. Garrett have developed," Hogg said. "We are truly thankful for the warm welcome that we have received from the community and, especially, the Garretts."

For full photo coverage of the change of command ceremony, pick up the June 17 Outlook or visit www.usaraf.army.mil.



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Livorno welcomes Bigelman to Darby



Photo by Joyce Costello

USAG Livorno's incoming commander, Lt. Col. Kevin Bigelman, receives the garrison colors from USAG Vicenza Commander Col. Erik Daiga during Bigelman's change of command ceremony June 4.

Community farewells Cade during June 4 change of command

By CHIARA MATTIROLOUSAG Livorno Public Affairs

The Camp Darby community gathered June 4 to farewell outgoing USAG Livorno commander Col. Steven Cade and welcome incoming commander Lt. Col. Kevin Bigelman.

"The last three years have been an incredible journey for me and my family," said Cade. "Serving the Camp Darby community and representing the U.S. military in Tuscany have been the most rewarding experiences of my career. I want to take this opportunity

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Sky Soldiers commemorated on U.S. soil



By Staff Sgt. BRUCE COBBELDICK 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team Task Force Bayonet Public Affairs

There are not many occasions that could draw a command sergeant major away from his paratroopers, but 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team's Command Sgt. Maj. Nicholas Rolling trekked from the remote regions of Wardak and Logar in Afghanistan to the National Infantry Museum outside of Fort Benning, Ga., for a worthy cause—to commemorate the Sky Soldiers monument.

Rolling spoke during a June 1 ceremony at which the 173rd Airborne Brigade Memorial Foundation dedicated a monument in honor of the 1,643 men killed in action in Vietnam and

The 173rd Airborne Memorial is the first of several tributes expected to grace the Walk of Honor at Fort Benning, Ga. The path will also showcase a decorative 250-foot jump tower and several other unit monuments. (Courtesy photo)

the additional 69 members killed in Iraq and Afghanistan since the brigade was reactivated June 12, 2000, in Vicenza, Italy.

The circular monument was built on the campus of the National Infantry Museum and Soldier Center and bears the airborne parachute wings and sword insignia at its center. It is surrounded by five stone walls that bear the names of fallen Sky Soldiers from every engagement.

Rolling began the ceremony by extending his gratitude to 173rd ABCT Commander Col. James H. Johnson for allowing him to fly across the globe to participate in the event.

"The ceremony symbolized a lasting tribute to the selfless acts of dedicated paratroopers past and present, who have proudly worn the white wings and red sword known as the The Herd," said Rolling.

The walk of honor at the National Infantry Museum provided spectacular surroundings

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173rd momument memorializes Darby welcomes unit's fallen, past and future

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for memorializing the countless contributions and sacrifices that 173rd paratroopers have selflessly performed for a half-century.

Tradition and reputation

"I could not imagine a more suitable location that will share with the public this magnificent unit's history. tradition and reputation. Sky Soldiers are unmatched in the soldierly virtues that they have exemplified over the years," said Rolling.

He recalled what it was like as the unit prepped to depart for Afghanistan, and paid their solemn respects in a room the unit built and set up for brigade heroes and fallen Soldiers.

"The space we've set aside there at our headquarters in Vicenza is called our "Room of Honor," he explained.

"I was approached by a few, key people inquiring what we are going to do if we have a lot more people who make the ultimate sacrifice during our deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom X," he said.

"This was a somber question about how we were going to continue to display and honor these warriors' selfless actions," said Rolling. "A question like that just cannot be answered on the spot. I wanted to ponder this and give the process the proper dignity to contemplate it fully."

As Rolling strolled the unit headquarters area, something caught his attention on a giant board.

"I stopped to ponder the past—our men and women's significant contributions and I realized the impact of their blood, sweat and tears. It was at that moment that I took in this gigantic board with its jaw-dropping list of names from actions and iconic battles from Vietnam."

One lone battle

"It was then and there that it struck me. It put me in awe of an event – one lone battle that claimed so many."

Rolling shared with the crowd a somber eye-opening

"When I stopped training my eyes on that wall," said Rolling. "I looked straight ahead and saw one date that towered over all else—November 8, 1965."

Rolling explained his emotion as he saw the score of names below that lone date.

"It was daunting. All these names under that

one fateful day in 1965 when the 173rd took part in Operation Hump, just north of Bien Hoa, on the outskirts of Saigon, the capital of South Vietnam.

"They were ambushed by approximately 1,200 Viet Cong fighters, suffering 48 deaths. This was difficult to fathom. I was totally astonished how that one day cost so many lives," said Rolling.

He said that for any unit to suffer those kinds of losses, it had to have been a very dark day for the leaders.

"My jaw was on the ground as I tried to contemplate that fateful day," said Rolling. "173rd's monument establishes a permanent testimonial that allows America to honor all Sky Soldiers in both past and future conflicts, who give their life and limbs in support of our Constitution, warriors who go off to war and fight battle after battle with pride and distinction. This spot here truly symbolizes holy ground we stand on. I am humbled and I am honored to be part of the great history

Land of the free, home of the brave

Rolling reminded the audience of how America is known to readily come to the aid of foreign people, and how its military is ever ready and able to protect freedom and liberty both near and afar.

"Our nation's values and strong stances do not come without a heavy price," he said. "This lasting symbol reveres those who paid with their blood, sweat and tears in order to preserve and support our country's values. Our country has taken on oppression and tyranny whenever they have raised their ugly heads."

Rolling, a two-time combat jump veteran, called his brothers and sisters in arms "members of the elite, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team" – fine Soldiers - past and present.

He concluded by thanking those who helped make the monument a reality.

"Know that your efforts are met with tremendous gratitude," he said.

He ended his remarks with a loud shout to the crowd, proclaiming the 173rd's motto, "Sky Soldiers!"

The monument is a lasting tribute to the men and women whose uniforms adorned the white wings and red sword patch, for generations to come.

new commander

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to give my sincerest thanks to the civil and military authorities of Pisa and Livorno for continuing to making us feel at home and part of the extended Italian family."

Cade's next assignment will take him, wife Rebecca and their three children to Heidelberg, Germany.

Livorno's new commander, Lt. Col. Kevin Bigelman, is a native of Killeen, Texas, and grew up in an Army family. He is a 1993 graduate of the United States Military Academy where he earned a bachelor of science in chemistry.

After completing the officer advanced course at Fort Sill, Okla., Bigelman served as the battalion S4 and battery commander for Battery B, 3d Battalion, 13th Field Artillery (MLRS), IIId Armored Corps Artillery. As the battery commander, he was deployed to support Operation Northern Edge at Fort Greely, Alaska, where his unit fired the Army's first Multiple Launch Rocket System rockets under arctic conditions.

After graduating from Indiana University with a degree in kinesiology, Bigelman served as an instructor in the Department of Physical Education at the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. He taught courses in military movement, rock climbing, alpine skiing, tennis, soccer, and personal fitness.

Following attendance at the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Bigelman served as the brigade fire support officer for 1st Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C.

He deployed to Operation Enduring Freedom as the operations officer for 3d Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, planning and executing maneuver operations with U.S., Romanian and French soldiers in Kandahar Province.

After graduating from the University of Georgia with a Ph.D in exercise science, Bigelman returned to USMA's Department of Physical Education as an assistant professor. He served as the course director for Army Fitness Development and taught courses in military movement, cycling, and alpine skiing.

Bigelman joins the Darby community with wife Karen and their young daughter.

"We look forward to getting to know each of you," said Bigelman, "and we are proud to be the newest members of the Camp Darby community."

What is your favorite summer sport?



Staff Sgt. Wilmer Aguilar 509th Signal Battalion

"Soccer, which is an international sport. It helps you stay physically fit and partnership with the locals at any country we are assigned to. That is very important for us military personnel to maintain."

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Mayra Maura 10th grader

"My favorite summer sport would have to be playing volleyball at the beach, just because it's fun to play in the sand."



Luis Negron 4th grader

"Soccer, because it is nice to play outside and the days are long."



Sarah Mihlfeld Fitness Center

"Swimming in open water is so relaxing. Even better is drying off in the



Mark Summerlin Education Center

"Tennis, because it's outdoors and a great workout."

Tuesday last day for overseas filing Ederle tax center generates nearly \$3M in refunds

By KEITH M. BRACEY

Chief, Client Services

June 15 is the deadline for Americans living overseas to file their income taxes.

It also marks the end of another successful tax season for the Caserma Ederle Tax Center. Here's a closer look at what the Tax Center and its staff were able to accomplish for our clients this

In December, staff members attended an intense and comprehensive income tax course taught by subject matter experts

DID YOU

KNOW?

The tax center

staff processed

941 federal

returns and

458 state

returns for a

total of 1.399

returns for the

2009 season

from the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps and IRS personnel.

After the course, the tax center team continued honing their skills by completing numerous practice returns and familiarizing themselves with the computer program they would use once the tax center doors opened Jan. 28.

Every tax center team member had to pass a grueling, detailed exam

testing their tax knowledge before they were able to be certified as tax preparers under the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program.

During the 2009 tax season, the Caserma Ederle Tax Center was visited by a constant stream of Soldiers, civilians, retirees, and their family members. The tax center's staff processed 941 federal returns and 458 state returns, for a total of 1,399 returns, and generated \$2,727,014 in federal and state refunds. The tax center saved clients more than \$225,000 in tax return preparation fees because it does not charge for services.

Now just because tax season is over

this year, it doesn't mean that people should forget about taxes altogether. If you take the time to prepare now, and throughout this year, tax time next year will run smoothly.

Here are a few quick tips that will help you out for next year's tax season:

■ Pay attention to your withholding information. You will find it listed monthly on your leave and earnings statement. You can view or change your withholding rate online at the website https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx, or by filling out a W-4 form with finance.

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The less tax you have taken out monthly (by increasing your withholding exemptions), the more tax you may end up having to pay at the end of the year.

■ Make sure you know your state's rules about residency and income taxes. Some

states allow you to stop paying

income taxes if you are living outside the state; others require you to pay income tax on all income you earn, no matter where or how you earn it. It is your responsibility as the taxpayer to make sure you are paying the correct amount of taxes to the correct state. These rules vary from state to state and many states have different rules for military members versus civilian employees working overseas. If you have questions about your status and its effect on state income taxes please make an appointment with one of our legal assistance attorneys so we can get you squared away.

■ If you plan to itemize next year, stay organized. Keep good records. Important tax documents may not all arrive at the same time. Make a file for your important tax documents and keep them together in a safe place. Remember to keep legible copies of your dependents' Social Security cards or DEERS verification with your tax documents. If you pay dependent care expenses, make sure you keep records of the name, address, and tax identification number of the facility or individual you

pay money to. If you make charitable contributions, note each organization you donate to, the date and the amount vou donate -- this will serve as your backup if you don't receive receipts at year's end.

■ If you're not sure about what you can deduct, you may use the online resources provided by the **IRS.** This website is available to customers all year long at www.irs.gov.

These are just a few of the lessons learned that may help you in the future.

Remember, even though the Caserma Ederle Tax Center is closed for the season, this does not mean you need to go off post to find help with your taxes. You can still come to the JAG office year round for assistance with your taxes.

If you have an approved extension and still need to file taxes, or need to file amendments, or are just coming back from being deployed, you can call the Legal Assistance office at 634-7041 or CIV 0444-71-7041 to set up an appointment to have your taxes prepared.

Shoplifting, costs down in 2009 at **Vicenza Exchange**

AAFES news release

A focus on electronic article surveillance (EAS) systems, closed circuit television cameras and an aggressive youth shoplifting awareness campaign are being credited with a decrease in shoplifting at the Vicenza Exchange as incidents decreased by 33 percent last year, from nine in 2008 to six in 2009.

The value of merchandise involved in these incidents also dropped from \$1,107.39 in 2008 to \$42.47 in 2009.

"We have aggressively targeted juvenile shoplifting through training sessions with children 5-17 years of age," said PX Manager Charles Eaves. "Additionally, we have increased EAS and stepped up tagging of high demand merchandise."

With a dual mission to provide quality goods and services at competitively low prices and generate earnings to support Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service, which has contributed more than \$2.4 billion to military quality of life programs in the past ten years, continues to focus its efforts on reducing theft.

"Shoplifting from the exchange affects the entire military community," said Eaves. "Because AAFES is a military command with a mission to return earnings to quality-of-life programs, shoplifting impacts the bottom line and, in essence, takes money directly from the pockets of military families."

If shoplifting is suspected, AAFES loss-prevention associates turn the issue over to local law enforcement.

In addition to possible disciplinary action and criminal prosecution, the Federal Claims Collection Act, which began March 1, 2002, allows AAFES to enact a flat, administrative cost (civil recovery) of \$200.

There may be further fees, in addition to the Civil Recovery Program, depending on the condition of the recovered merchandise.

Travelers: Be aware of Q fever in the Netherlands

By Col. EVELYN BARRAZA

ERMC Preventive Medicine Consultant

The Netherlands is experiencing a continued outbreak of Q fever, an in affected areas, eat only milk and dairy products that have been pasteurized, wash hands frequently if near animals, and to inform their healthcare provider if they become ill two to four weeks after exposure or travel. Acute Q fever most commonly presents as a flu-like illness, pneumonia or hepatitis. Q fever is caused by Coxiella burnetii, a species of bacteria found throughout the world.

The majority of cases have been in the southern region of the country humans is usually through the inhalation of dust contaminated by infected animals, but may occur through contact with the animals or ingestion of contaminated food. Dutch authorities have launched a nationwide campaign to control the outbreak. Additional information is available at the CDC Traveler's Health

Web page at http://bit.ly/aDL1Po.

(Noord Brabant, Gelderland, Limburg

and Utrecht provinces). Transmission to

animal disease that could be passed on to humans. Although the risk is low and no infections have been identified in military beneficiaries in Europe, travelers to the Netherlands are advised to avoid farms

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Witzel, Valerie



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Congratulations from the U.S. Army military community in Vicenza.

Livorno's Class of 2010

(From left) Camp Darby seniors Christian Acosta, Lynett Vallejo and Michael Anicete who all attended the International School of Florence celebrate with a final photo in May.

Photo by Joyce Costello



Escape to Elba island with ITR

Story and photos by JOYCE COSTELLO USAG Livorno PAO

itting on the terrace of a very nice resort overlooking the Portoferraio bay in Elba Island, I realized it would be hard for life to get much better than this.

I inhaled the Mediterranean breeze, kissed with the smell of the island wild flowers as I enjoying a cool sparkling glass of Prosecco and a trio of Italian *antipasti*.

I had been to the island before and enjoyed the beaches, visiting the location where Napoleon had been exiled and zipping around mountain roads on a moped. But this visit, well, I was in grave need of a romantic getaway.

Camp Darby's Information, Tours and Recreation recently partnered with Relais delle Picchiaie, a four-star luxury resort that is a 10-minute drive from one of Elba's main ports. Once our discount reservations were secured with ITR, we drove an hour south of Camp Darby to catch the ferry in Piombino. Opting to park in the free lot adjacent to the pay lot, we had our choice of ferry companies Moby and Toremar, which left either on the hour or the half hour, depending on which company you chose.

Once on the ferry, we headed to the top deck to watch the island of Montecristo pass by. The one-hour ride passed quickly and we soon disembarked and were greeted by the hotel van which whisked us away to the top of the mountain resort overlooking the bay.

There were so many choices: should we use the hotel bikes to go mountain biking or enjoy a slow hike on nearby nature trails? Should we do a wine tasting first, enjoy massages or lounge by the pool or jacuzzi (Figure 2)?

We opted to start the weekend off relaxing by the pool and watching the sun set over the bay.

The evenings were lit by star and torchlight, cool music wafting in the background and fresh seafood.

After a rejuvenating night's rest, we awoke to enjoy a wonderful breakfast spread and mused about what island adventure we would explore next.

The hotel offered free shuttle service to either of two beaches: a sandy or pebble beach. Or, we could go horseback riding, play golf, take a lift to the mountain peak or visit one of several Roman and Etruscan archeological sites.

There was just so much to embrace and love about our escape to Elba Island that I'm looking forward to booking again. If you're interested, there's no time like now.

How to book a tour

Call Camp Darby ITR at DSN 633-7589. Trips to Elba are available through October. Learn more about Europe's southern destination of choice at www.usag.livorno.army.mil under "Plan my vacation."









Darby ates

Italian-American Carnival

Don't miss the annual Italian-American Carnival June 18-27. It is open to the public and runs 7 p.m. to midnight. Entry is free.

Visitors can enjoy rides, games, music, American style food and the World Soccer Championship Africa 2010 which will be broadcast on large screen TVs in the fest tent.

Approximately 100 cars will compete to win the trophy for Best in Show, Best Rims, Best Trunk, Best Lights, stickers, sound and more during Darby's first car show by "Evolution Car Tuning Club" from Viareggio June 19.

A Harley Davidson rally with the Pisa Harley Club will take place June 19.

On June 25, the program includes a live gospel concert by the Joyful Gospel Ensemble from Livorno. The free performance begins at 9 p.m. in the fest tent.

ITR Trips

- Spend the day in **Florence** at your leisure. Visit the Uffizi, Accademia, shop the markets, stroll Ponte Vecchio, or just enjoy the sights Saturday and June 19.
- The Acqua Village in Cecina Mare features three water slides, wave pool, children's pool, soaped soccer, play room and more. Let ITR do the driving Sunday.
- Built on 117 small islands, **Venice** has over 150 canals and more than 400 bridges. See for yourself Monday.
- Cinque Terre is a remote piece of the Italian Riviera consisting of five villages connected by trails that hug the coastline. Visit with ITR Tuesday.
- La Luminara: An annual celebration, the city of Pisa lights more than 70,000 candles along the river as Pisans pay homage to their patron saint Wednesday.
- At your own pace, visit Rome's No. 1 sites June 17.
- Elba, one of three major islands off the Italian coast, is considered to be the most beautiful. Find out June 18.

Call ITR at 633-7589.

Parent's Night Out

Parents, you deserve a break. Plan now to enjoy an evening out and leave the childcare to CYSS June 25. Multiple child discount of 10 percent applies. Children must be registered by June 22. Call 633-7681.

Camp Darby religious activities

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

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Country time:

Community members are invited to attend the Voghera **Country Festival June 26-27** in Voghera, Cowboys' Guest Ranch, Via Tullio Morato 19, about 160 miles southeast of Vicenza. Line dance stage, games, and dance contest. **Enjoy the Aaron Tippin** concert Saturday at 10:30 p.m. Tickets cost € 25. Call 0383-364631 to reserve yours. Free entrance for children under 11. For information in English, visit http://www. vogheracountryfestival.com/ programma.html.

Courtesy photo



Local festivals & shows

Lerino Festival: Friday-Tuesday in Lerino, Torri di Quartesolo, Via Rimembranze, about seven miles southeast of Vicenza. Food booths open at 7 p.m. and exhibition of local products and crafts at 9 p.m. Raffle and carnival rides.

- Friday: 8 p.m. popular games; ballroom dancing with the Omar Lambertini Orchestra.
- Saturday: 8 p.m. dance show with the Unika Dance School; 9 p.m. ballroom dancing with Duca D'Este Orchestra.
- Sunday: 6 p.m. Mess and procession accompanied by the Malo Band; 8 p.m. dance show

with the Junior group and the Team Dance Jazzercise.; 9 p. m. popular games; 9 p.m. Ballroom dancing with Silvia and the Italian Band.

■ Monday: 8 p.m. popular games; 9 p.m. b allroom dancing with the Polisano Orchestra.

Tuesday: 8 p.m. popular call 0383-364631 for tickets. games; 9 p.m.

Ballroom dancing with the Magri e Lisoni Orchestra.

Gran Polu – Polenta & Luganega Festival: June 11-20 in Castelnovo, Isola Vicentina, Via S. Antonio, about 10 miles northwest of Vicenza. 7:30 p.m. food booths serving bruschette, horse meat, luganega sausage, bigoli with duck sauce, and gnocchi. Carnival rides and raffle.

- Friday: 9 p.m. live music and dancing with the Checco Band.
- Saturday: live music and dancing with the Mauro Levrini.
 - Sunday: 5:30 p.m. "Snow

White and the Seven Dwarves" performed by the students of Creazzo School; 9 p.m. ballroom dancing with Katia Bagutti Orchestra.

Cherry Festival: through Monday (June 10-14) in Chiampo, about 19 miles west of Vicenza. Local cherry exhibit and sale; cherry contest; food booths in Via Dal Maso open at 6 p.m.; carnival rides and bounce houses for children in Piazza Galtelli.

- Thursday: 9 p.m. live music with Ivana Spagna in Piazza Zanella.
- Friday: 9 p.m. live music in Piazza Zanella, with Wit Matrix (Pink Floyd cover band).
- Saturday: from 5 p.m. local craft and food exhibit and sale in Piazza Galtelli; sustainable craft

workshop for children; 9 p.m. in Piazza Zanella, Magical Mistery Orchestra (Beatles cover band).

■ Sunday: from 9 a.m. local craft and food exhibit and sale in Piazza Galtelli; sustainable craft workshop for children; 11:30 a.m. in Piazza Giovanni Paolo II best cherry

awards; 9 p.m. in Piazza Zanella Music contest.

■ Monday: starting at 8:30 in Piazza Zanella free cherry tasting.

Jacopo Bassano and the Wonderful Optical Illusion Exhibition: ongoing through Sunday, open daily 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Bassano del Grappa, Museo Civico, Piazza Garibaldi 4, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza. The exhibition is a series of tributes to Jacopo Bassano marking 500 years since his birth. Born as Jacopo da Ponte, he later assumed the name of his birthplace. Admission: 9 euro. Reduced 7.50 euro for children

10-18 and senior citizens over 60. To buy tickets online, visit http://www.teleart.org/start/inizio.php?idSito=401.

Free local events

African paintings exhibit: ongoing through Sunday, in Vicenza, San Paolo Cultural Center, Viale Ferrarin 30. Tuesday-Sunday, 4-7:30 p.m.

African images and tales: through Sunday in Vicenza, ViArt, Contrà del Monte 13. Tuesday-Sunday, 3:30-7:30 p.m.

Lyric music concert: Friday, 8:45 p.m. in Vicenza, Sala Loschi, Via Vaccari 104.

Explore the sky: Tuesday at 9 p.m. at the astronomical observatory of Arcugnano, Via S. Giustina 127, about five miles south of Vicenza. View the sky and the planets in great detail with the observatory's telescope.

Concerts

Bob Dylan: Tuesday in Piazzola sul Brenta, in Villa Contarini; Wednesday in Viareggio, Cittadella del Carnevale; June 18 in Parma, at the Parco Ducale.

Rod Stewart: June 21 in the Verona Arena.

Aaron Tippin: June 26 in Voghera (call 0383-364631 to reserve tickets).

Heaven & Hell: July 1 in Rome; July 3 in Milan; July 4 in Pordenone.

Aerosmith: July 3 in Mestre, Parco San Giuliano.

Cranberries: July 3, in Mestre, Parco San Giuliano.

Stevie Wonder: July 5, Arena, Verona.

Massive Attack: July 5, Mestre, Parco San Giuliano.

Ozzy Osbourne (ex Black Sabbath): July 5 in in Piazzola sul Brenta at the Anfiteatro; Sept. 22 in Milan at the PalaSharp.

Camerini.Mika: July 7,

s over Passariano di Codroipo (Udine), e. visit Villa Manin.

Mark Knopfler: July 10 in Lucca, Piazza Napoleone; July 13 in Rome, Auditorium Parco della Musica.

Earth, Wind & Fire: July 14 in Rome, at the Parco della Musica.

Michael Bolton: Aug. 3 in Gardone Riviera, at the Teatro Vittoriale.

Norah Jones: July 20 in Milan. Crosby Stills & Nash: July 16 in Milano.

Simply Red's Farewell --The Final Tour: July 23 in Lucca, Piazza Napoleone; July 25 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova) at the Anfiteatro Camerini; 27 July in Rimini, Arena 105 Stadium; Nov. 20 in Milan, at the Mediolanum Forum.

U-2: Aug. 6 in Torino, Stadio Olimpico; Oct. 8, Roma, Stadio Olimpico.

Placebo: Sept. 3, Villa Manin, Passariano di Codroipo (UD).

Elton John & Ray Cooper: Sept. 17 in Milan, Arcimboldi Theatre; Sept. 19 & 20 in Rome, Auditorium Parco della Musica.

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

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For more information in English and tickets, visit http://www.ticketone.it/EN/.

ODR trips

On June 12 at 7 a.m. hike the 52 tunnels of **Mount Pasubio**, built 1915-1918 to provide communication and supply the Italian V Corps. The Gallerie were used to move troops and equipment out of sight and artillery fire of the Austrian and Hungarian enemy forces.

Visit the picturesque fishing village of **Portofino** June 13. See the beauty of the multi-colored houses reflected in the bay and enjoy shopping and restaurants along the scenic streets.

Check out upcoming trips in the ODR Schedule at www. VicenzaMWR.com.

To access enroll for a trip or class online, select "Vicenza" under "Recreation and Morale Activities" or, visit https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/Vicenzarectrac.html.

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

Thursday	Hot Tub Time Machine (R)	6 p.m .
Friday	Why Did I Get Married Too? (PG-13)	6 p.m.
	Clash of the Titans (PG-13)	9 p.m.
Saturday	Marmaduke (PG)	3 p.m.
	Clash of the Titans (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Marmaduke (PG)	3 p.m.
	The Ghost Writer (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Wed.	The Ghost Writer (PG-13)	6 p.m.
June 17	Why Did I Get Married Too? (PG-13)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Friday	Prince of Persia (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Saturday	Clash of the Titans (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Shrek Forever After (PG)	1 p.m.
June 17	The Ghost Writer (PG-13)	6 p.m.

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

View MOVIE TRAILERS and schedule online at http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/vicenza.htm or http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm.

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

Community briefs

Sinbad performs at Vicenza June 23

Armed Forces Entertainment brings Sinbad to Vicenza June 23 at 7 p.m., when he shares his comedic insights on courtship, marriage and being fired by Donald Trump.

Enjoy lunch at the Strike Zone and meet Sinbad at his autograph session there noon-1 p.m. Call 634-5087 for more details.

Independence Day carnival July 3-4

Family and MWR celebrates Independence Day with a carnival July 3-4 with live music, car bash, kiddy rides and a laser light show.

Visit vicenzaMWR.com for more information.

Two for Two bowling

Bowl two games at regular a.m. price and receive an additional two games for free with the Two for Picnic 10:30 a.m. Two Special.

Shoe rental not included. Valid from 3:30-10 p.m. only every Tuesday in June.

Music Cafe set Friday

The next Music Café will be Friday at 7:30 p.m at Soldiers' Theatre. Local artists will perform and music lovers attending are encouraged to join in after the first set. Relax and enjoy light snacks and refreshment while listening to local talent. Call 634-7281 for information.

Vicenza pool schedule

The Vicenza pools are now open for recreational swimming.

The Ederle Pool is open weekends 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

The Villaggio pool is open for recreational swimming Monday, Tuesday and Friday noon -7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and closed on Wednesday and Thursday for maintenance.

The **post pool** is open Tuesday-Friday 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m. and Saturdays 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Training holiday hours are 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Federal holidays hours are 11:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Call 634-6536 for information.

Basketball league

The summer basketball league begins Tuesday. Bring your roster to the fitness center for the coaches meeting Thursday at 2:30 p.m.

Sports clinics slated

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Visit vicenzaMWR.com for complete information or call 634-

Parenting class set

The Active Parenting Now class is slated Wednesday through July 21, 3:30-4:45 p.m.

Happy families aren't born... They are made. Learn how with Active Parenting Now, a six-session video and discussion program that is fun and effective.

The program is designed for parents with children ages 5-12. Call 634-7500 for information.

MOMS Club events

■ Friday: Walk the Track 9:30

- Monday: Pool Playdate 4 p.m.
- Wednesday 16: Ice Cream Social 4 p.m.
 - June 17: Bunco 7 p.m.
- June 18: Walk the Track 9:30 a.m.; MNO 7 p.m.
 - June 22: Park Playdate 4 p.m. ■ June 23: Out and About 9:30

- June 25: Walk the Track 9:30
- June 28: Monthly Meeting/

More information about the MOMS Club and our activities can be found at momsclubofvicenza@ vahoo.com

AFN seeking your input

If you would like to have your voice heard, AFN is willing to listen. Two focus groups are scheduled as follows:

Monday from 2-4 p.m. Tuesday from 10 a.m.-noon

If you have the time and want to be considered, e-mail the following information by June 10 to afnsops@ afn.dma.mil or call 634-8230 / 6027: name, rank/status, unit (if military), contact number, e-mail address, age and session preference.

Vacation Bible School slated at post chapel

High Seas Expedition; Exploring the Mighty Love of God is set June 28-July 2 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. daily for pre-kindergarten (will turn 4 by Sept. 1) through children who have completed 5th grade.

Wounded Warrior donation drive

Vicenza Venture Crew 3 in conjunction with the Red Cross is sponsoring a Wounded Warriors donation drive.

The following items can be donated in the drop box at the PX Customer Service area through June 19. Wounded warriors are in need of the following items: laundry bag, black backpack, comfort kit with toiletries, twin sheet sets, pillow, blanket, flip flops (size large), underwear (size large), tube socks (size large), shorts and T-shirts

Community **Calendar Highlights**

Thursday: USARAF CG Change of Command Sunday: Vicenza High **School Graduation** Monday: Army Birthday

July 2: Salute to the Nation July 3-4: Festa Americana July 5: July Fourth Holiday; Local National Day of Rest July 6: USAREUR Training

Holiday

June 17: Last Day of School

(large, any color).

AAFES job

AAFES is seeking an automotive worker for the Vicenza Car Care Center. The category is RPT. Base hourly rate is \$10.94. Position closes Sunday.

Warrant officers wanted

The South Of The Alps Warrant Officer Chapter is looking for outstanding warrant officers.

If you are interested in being a part of the SOTA chapter or just want to hang out, come to our warrant officer breakfast every Tuesday from 8-9 a.m. at the South of the Alps dining facility.

For more information, call CW4 Pattie Roberts at 634-7750. The next SOTA monthly meeting will be June 17.

Register, request your ballot now

The following states will hold primary elections during June, July and August 2010 on the dates indicated:

June 22: Utah

July 20: Georgia

July 27: Oklahoma

Aug. 3: Kansas, Michigan, Missouri

Aug. 5: Tennessee

Aug. 10: Colorado, Connecticut, Minnesota

Aug. 17: Washington, Wyoming Aug. 24: Alaska, Arizona, Florida, Vermont

Aug. 28: Louisiana (1st Party Congressional)

All members of the U.S. uniformed services, their family members and citizens residing outside the U.S. who are residents from these States and have not

yet submitted a registration and ballot request (FPCA) for the 2010 calendar year, should do so as soon as possible.

The FPCA ballot application and instructions for the above states are available at www.fvap.gov/FPCA.

Click on your state on the map and follow the instructions to register and request an absentee ballot.

Some states allow submitting the FPCA by fax or e-mail in addition to regular mail.

For more information, visit FVAP at: www.fvap.gov.

Health center closed June 18 for holiday

The Vicenza Health Center will be closed for patient care June 18 for a USAREUR training holiday. It will be open June 19 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

For urgent concerns when the clinic is closed or for medical emergencies at any time, go to the nearest hospital or patients may go directly to the San Bortolo Hospital Emergency Room. Patient liaisons may be reached at 0444-75-3300 or 0444-928166, or 634-8384).

Pregnant patients with concerns can always call the Benincaso Mother and Infant Pavilion at 0444-71-6667 (DSN 634-6667).

Patients requesting ambulance service can call CIV 0444-71-7114 or 114 from any DSN phone.

To make an appointment online, register at tricareonline.com.

The 24-hour nurse advice line is available 24x7 at 800-877-6660.

For any more information or concerns, call the clinic patient representative at 634-7952 or CIV 0444-71-7952, or e-mail VZHCPatRep@amedd.army.mil.

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 evening Bible study (beginning Sept. 8. Child care offered for children ages 6 weeks

to 4 years.) 5:30 p.m.: High School Club Beyond meets at the Teen Center September-May. Call 340-139-4073 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: Spc. Kasimov, 329-034-3511.

Jewish: Sandy Schoenberg at 634-6202 or sandy. schoenberg@eur. army.mil. Latter Day Saints: Scripture study held Mondays, noon-1 p.m. at chapel. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. downtown. Call Sean Peterson at 335-821-9492. Call the Caserma Ederle chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for religious activities information.

Courtesy photo Clay play: Mother-daughter team Colleen and Jordan Moldenhauer make clay bowls at Vicenza's arts and craft center May 22. The Moldenhauers were participating in one of a series of Parent/Child classes offered at the center. Community members are encouraged to take advantage of the monthly classes, which include wheel work and photography. For more information, call 634-7074.

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.

Vicenza pools are back in business:

Community members enjoy the warm weather and fun at the Ederle Inn pool during the 2009 season. The Vicenza pools are once again open for the 2010 season. Hours for recreational swimming are as follows: ■ The Ederle Inn Pool is open weekends from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. ■ The Villaggio pool is open for recreation swimming Monday, **Tuesday and Friday** from noon -7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and closed on Wednesday and Thursday for maintenance. ■ The post pool is open

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International soccer: Jo-Ann Campos, No. 10 of Vicenza Internazionale team (center), runs for the ball at midfield during a friendly game against a local team at Caserma Ederle's multipurpose field June 8. "We have been practicing for a few months," said team member Lourdes Fernandez. The Vicenza Internazionale team consists of about 20 players between the ages of 21 and 47 and at all skill levels. "It was our first game in about five months. It was great to see how much the team has changed and moved forward since the fall," said Fernandez. "We lost 4-2. Even though there is work to be done, we have a great coach, assistant coaches and highly motivated players. We played a good game, and now we need to focus more on correcting our weaknesses and capitalizing on our strong points." The team practices Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-7 p.m.

SOLDIERS & CIVILIANS COMMUNITY UNIT/REC OPEN PLAY SPORTS

Basketball Open Play

11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at the fitness center, approximately 12 or more participants

Volleyball Open Play

6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the fitness center, approximately 12 or more participants

Men's Soccer Team Open Play

7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays at the fitness center, approximately 14 or more

Women's Soccer Team Open Play

5:30-7 p.m. Mondays, 5:30-7 p.m. Thursdays, at the Multi-Purpose field approximately 10 or more participants **Community 10-Miler Team Training** 6 a.m. meet at the track Monday-Bakery Run, Wednesday-Speed work, Friday-Berico Run, Saturday-time to be determined-Long Run approximately 4 participants, preparing for the July 10 Army European 10 Miler Championship in Grafenwoehr, Germany.

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Teams getting in gear for softball season

Teams that have attended the first softball coaches meeting and committed to participating in this year's Soldier and civilian unit / recreational softball league are as follows: AFNS/DoDDS, HHC USAG Vicenza, 704th MUNSS, Health Clinic and AFN.

To sign up or for more information, call 634-7009.

Become a CYSS coach today

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

Enjoy sporting events outside the gate

The Outlook's Out & About section, Page 6, lists sporting events that take place in the surrounding communities.

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