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Brig. Gen. Rhonda Cornum, the director

of the Army's Comprehensive

Soldier Fitness

member during a May 26 meeting with

the installation's Comprehensive

Fitness council members at garrison headquarters. Cornum

listened as local

council members discussed how they

have implemented CSF at USAG Vicenza

challenges facing the program overseas.

Cornum said she will

take back some of the ideas, calling USAG Vicenza a leader in

Photo by Laura Kreider

and the unique

CSF initiatives.

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program talks with a community

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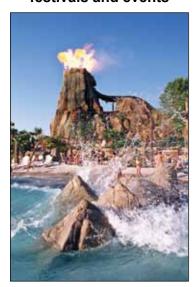


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by ADRIANE FOSS
Outlook Editor

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During a two-day visit to Caserma Ederle, Brig. Gen. Rhonda Cornum, director of the Army's Comprehensive Soldier Fitness Program met with installation senior leaders to share her vision for CSF.

Cornum also met with the installation's Comprehensive Soldier / Community Fitness Council members May 26 to learn

how CSF is being implemented locally.

She said she was pleased with the council's initiatives and plans to take several ideas back with her to Washington to see if they can be implemented Armywide.

"What I saw during my visit here was very positive," she said. "Vicenza is definitely a leader in Comprehensive Soldier Fitness."

MEMORIAL DAY SPECIAL: All gave some, some gave all

USARAF Soldiers honor WWII fallen during North Africa ceremony

Story and photo by RICK SCAVETTA *U.S. Army Africa*

CSF director

visits Ederle

for feedback

TUNIS, Tunisia – As the lonely sound of "Taps" drifted over 2,833 bleached-white headstones Monday, dozens of U.S. Army Africa Soldiers raised their hands in salute at the North African American Cemetery.

They were among a group of U.S. service members who traveled to the cemetery to honor the fallen, men who paid the ultimate sacrifice during the North African campaign in World War II.

The ceremony began with a prayer and remarks from Hon. Gordon Gray, U.S. ambassador to Tunisia. Then Gen. William E. Ward, commander, U.S. Africa Command, stepped to the podium echoing the words of Gen. Omar Bradley, who led U.S. Army II Corps in North Africa.

"We are given one life. The decision is ours whether to wait for circumstances to make up our

mind, or whether to act... and in acting, to live," Ward said. "Those whom we honor today certainly embody this sentiment. The results of their sacrifice live within us and in our way of life."

Wreaths were laid, anthems played and salutes rendered. But the most moving part of the event followed the ceremony, when U.S. service members fanned out among the seemingly endless rows of white markers.

A strong Mediterranean breeze caught the huge U.S. flag hung at half staff. Tiny American flags next to each grave marker fluttered.



American flags were placed at every grave marker Monday at the North Africa American Cemetery and Memorial near Carthage, Tunisia. Single roses were placed at graves of the unknown.

Single roses, wilted from the hot Tunisian sun, marked headstones of the unknown that read, "Here rests in honored glory a comrade in arms known but to God."

In all, there are 2,841 burials in the cemetery, to included 240 unknowns. Amid the graves are fountains surrounded by flowers, where Soldiers sat to contemplate those who gave the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of freedom.

"This should be the first stop for any American planning to visit Tunisia," said Maj. Philip Archer, a U.S. Army Africa officer who plans the command's partnership engagements in North Africa. "This is a solemn place."

For U.S. Army Africa Soldiers, the Memorial Day service was the culmination of a four-day journey through Tunisia's World War II battlefields.

In late 1942, U.S. forces landed in North Africa with British See CG, STAFF Page 2

CYSS working to improve hourly child care availability. Find out how

By ELIZABETH MONTANINO

CYS Deployment Support

Child, Youth and School Services has many hourly child care options available in Vicenza.

Hourly care is available 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the Child Development Center Bldg. 395, and can be reserved up to two weeks in advance by calling 634-7559.

If space is not available for the desired time, the customer can request to be placed on the waiting list. Families on the waiting list are contacted when an hourly slot becomes available.

In addition, CYS Services is filling full-day spaces with hourly care when they become vacant due to a child's leave or illness.

Due to the high demand for hourly care for more than 600 community children who use hourly care, CYS Services has begun implementing an hourly child care policy limiting customer use to three times per week and/or 24 hours each week per child.

"This allows more children in the community access to hourly care and hopefully reduces the stress experienced by parents in obtaining a reservation," said Luca Harbeson, CDC Bldg. 395 director.

Peak hours for hourly child care requests are usually from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., so families who have some flexibility for when they need care are encouraged to request afternoon reservations, which are easier to obtain.

Hourly care is also available from Family Child Care providers who provide care in their Villaggio homes. FCC providers offer hourly care from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday. There is also one extended care provider who can provide some evening and weekend care. As another option, Parent Central Services has a list of American Red Cross certified baby sitters in the area. The Army Family Covenant provides benefits for deployed families. Due to these benefits, including free and reduced cost hourly child care, the request for hourly child care increases

significantly during deployment. At the CDC facilities, there is a struggle to provide staffing and space to meet the increased hourly need while providing care for all the children with single or dual working parents who need regular full-day and part-day care.

CYS Services is committed to providing as many opportunities as possible for families to use benefits. In addition to offering hourly care during regular duty hours. Vicenza offers extended child care opportunities the first Saturday of the month from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and care for Parents' Night Out from 7 p.m. to midnight every third Friday of the month.

Reservations for Saturday Care are accepted two weeks in advance at CDC Bldg. 395, and reservations for Parents' Night Out are accepted starting the first business day of the month at Parent Central Services.

"Although with over 38 hourly care spaces available daily at the CDC, Vicenza probably offers more hourly

care than most other Army garrison in Europe," said Eric Weisel, CYS Services coordinator. Weisel said the following steps are being taken in hopes of making hourly child care more readily available: CDC Bldg. 398 will begin operating an additional hourly infant classroom as of June 1 and both CDCs will continue to fill no-show full day spaces with hourly care. In addition, a part-time toddler classroom is due to open in the fall.

Please visit Parent Central Services for information about child care options in advance of your need to ensure you are aware of all that is offered and have time to complete any paperwork.

For organizations that need child care for a special event during non-duty hours, call Elizabeth Montanino at 634-7401 at least one month in advance.

* Recruiting and hiring more staff is a current focus for CYSS. Anyone who is interested in working is encouraged to visit the NAF Human Resource office next to SATO to apply for child care provider positions.

CG, staff visit places of Army legend during Memorial Day trip

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troops. Their first fights were with Vichy French units, who later joined the Allied cause. Together, they pushed east into Tunisia, where they clashed with German and Italian troops among craggy, cactus-covered hills and washed out wadis.

The battles that followed were retold in detail by Rick Atkinson in his book "An Army at Dawn," a historical novel that brought the ghosts of the winter of 1943 to life during U.S. Army Africa's staff ride, dubbed "Lion Torch."

Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III, commander of U.S. Army Africa, and roughly 30 members of his staff made visits to places of Army legend, such as El Guettar, Longstop Hill and Kasserine Pass. They also paid respects at the resting place of French and British Commonwealth troops who died during the North African campaign.

Retired Army Col. Len Fullenkamp, who guided U.S.

Army Africa's staff ride, said discussions touched on the human dimension of war and the human costs of war.

"When we walk through a cemetery, stop at a marker and read the name of the Soldier, you make a connection. You read out loud the date he was killed and make a connection with a particular battle," Fullenkamp said. "But there's also a silent communication between the Soldier living and Soldier dead that is so powerful it reduces grown men to tears."

Col. Bill Phillips, U.S. Army Africa's chaplain, walked along the 364-foot limestone wall listing the 3,724 names of those whose remains were buried at sea or never found.

"There are more lost and unknown than there are headstones here," Phillips said. "That really hit me."

Phillips also thought of his visit to Hill 609, where the 34th Infantry Division fought in the final days of combat in Tunisia.

"We stood at the foot of the hill looking up, thinking

about how they fought their way to the top, now we are here where many of them are laid to rest," Phillips said. "It's overwhelming."

Nearby, Sheila Perks, a Wisconsin-native whose husband works in Tunisia, walked with her daughters Holly, 6, and Lauren, 4. The girls curiously ducked between headstones, asking questions about the men who died.

They wondered why the grave marker of Pvt. Nicholas Minue has a gold star and gold lettering. Minue, a 1st Armored Division Soldier, was awarded the Medal of Honor after braving machine gun fire to charge the enemy with a fixed bayonet. Perks, who thought it was important to bring children to such a place, especially on Memorial Day, spoke to the girls in a way anyone could understand.

"I explained to them, this is why we have our freedom," Perks said. "These men did not die for you, they lived for you."

Speak What was your favorite summer job?



Navy Petty Officer Erick Holmes AFN South

"When I was 16, I hawked Festival. My best friend worked with me, we dressed in ridiculous outfits and we were paid well (for a couple of 16-year-old teenagers). It was really fun."

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Chaplain (Maj.) **Allen Stanley** U.S. Army Africa

"One summer in college, games for Renaissance I carried an advertisement sandwich board in a popular tourist spot and was in a Pepsi commercial."



Sgt. Amelia Trueblood HHC, USAG Vicenza

"An ocean jet ski job while I was in Hawaii."



Maria Montez Family member

"When I was younger and in the Army, I was jumping out of airplanes."



Archimedes Sorenson Family member

"I was waitressing in the States for a few summers while I was in high school and college. "

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Garrison news

U.S. Army Africa
Commander Maj.
Gen. William B.
Garrett III and wife
Kimberly during
a hiking trip in
Val Gardena,
Dolomites. The
Garretts said hiking
in the Dolomites or
relaxing on Capri is
their idea of a perfect
day in Italy.

Photo from the Garrett family photo album



Garrett: I'd like to be remembered as son of Vicenza

By ANNA CICCOTTI Special to Outlook

As they prepare to leave Vicenza, U.S. Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III and wife Kimberly Garrett share with The Outlook some impressions about their experience in *bella* Italia.

Despite multiple missions to Africa and endless official duties, they managed to carve out some time from their busy schedules to travel in and around Italy and make the most of their time in the Veneto region.

"Vicenza has easily been our favorite assignment in nearly 30 years of service," said Garrett, his only regret being that "it took so many years to finally get here."

They arrived two years ago, wide-eyed tourists, like so many newcomers. Their expectations centered around the typical iconic structures - ancient cities, immense cathedrals, impressive monuments, art and statues.

"Certainly, all of that is here," said Garrett, "however, places like Camisano or Scanno in Abruzzo show that Italy is also a place of a thousand small villages and towns, each with its own rich history, traditions, culture, food, wine and proud citizens who are eager to describe the unique charms of their own very special place."

When asked what they liked – and disliked the most - about Italy, without hesitation they said they liked the Italian people most of all for being "very warm, friendly, generous, gracious, considerate, and deeply caring about family and friends."

In fact, if there is one thing they will take back to the United States to share with their son Matthew and their American friends, it is the importance of maintaining tight-knit family relationships. Another trait they admire is that Italians take genuine pride in every aspect of their craft or profession.

Their one dislike? The geographical distance between Italy and the United States.

From a sightseeing perspective, their perfect Italian day would be hiking in the Dolomites, relaxing in Capri or visiting cultural jewels like Galleria Borghese in Rome. Mrs. Garrett suggests that a nice gourmet cooking class is another way to enjoy a fundamental aspect of Italian culture.

Even if all roads lead tourists to Rome, "Caserma Ederle remains an absolutely wonderful place to live, work and play," said Garrett.

In fact, Ederle has fundamentally changed over the last two years.

From small, but significant, things like the crossed U.S.-Italian flags at the gates to all the new and renovated buildings to the dramatically increased activities, the Garretts are leaving behind a thriving and bustling installation.

"The setting is also quite inspiring, as Caserma Ederle sits inside bella Vicenza - in the shadow of Palladio," noted Garrett.

A great lover of the famous Vicentino architect, Garrett says if he could be invisible, he would visit every Palladian villa in the region, always returning to Vicenza's centro storico to enjoy the cheerful fizz of chilled Prosecco with his dear wife.

There is already a bit of nostalgia in his words when he says that one day he'd like to be remembered as "a son of Vicenza."

GARRETT: MI PIACEREBBE ESSERE RICORDATO COME UN FIGLIO DI VICENZA

By ANNA CICCOTTI Special to Outlook

A pochi giorni dalla partenza da Vicenza, il comandante della SETAF e U.S. Army Africa, il Magg. Gen. William B. Garrett III e la signora Kimberly condividono con i lettori di Outlook alcune impressioni sulla loro esperienza nella "Bella Italia".

Nonostante le molteplici missioni in Africa e tutti gli impegni ufficiali, sono comunque riusciti a trovare del tempo per viaggiare e apprezzare al meglio il periodo trascorso qui in Veneto. "È facile dire che Vicenza è stata la nostra sede di assegnazione preferita in quasi trent'anni di servizio", dice Garrett. "L'unico rimpianto è che ci sono voluti così tanti anni per arrivarci".

Sono arrivati infatti due anni fa per la prima volta, anche loro come molti turisti stranieri, sbalorditi di fronte a tanti tesori d'arte. Si aspettavano di trovare le attrattive tipiche città antiche, chiese immense, monumenti e statue imponenti. "Certamente tutto questo c'è", dice Garrett, "tuttavia, visitando posti come Camisano o Scanno in Abruzzo, si scopre che l'Italia è anche un paese di mille piccoli borghi e cittadine con la propria storia, cultura, tradizioni e specialità enogastronomiche. Sono luoghi abitati da cittadini molto orgogliosi di vantare le attrattive uniche e speciali del proprio territorio."

Alla domanda su cosa hanno amato di più - e di meno - dell' Italia, la signora Garrett dice che hanno apprezzato soprattutto gli Italiani per il loro calore, il senso dell'amicizia e della generosità e per il valore della famiglia.

"Infatti, se c'è una cosa importante che porteranno negli Stati Uniti da condividere con il loro figlio Matthew e con gli amici in patria, è l'importanza di mantenere ben saldi i legami familiari.

Un altro aspetto che ammirano degli Italiani è il sincero orgoglio con cui si dedicano ad ogni aspetto del loro lavoro o mestiere."

La cosa che dispiace invece è la grande distanza geografica che separa l'Italia dagli Stati Uniti.

Dal punto di vista turistico, un perfetto giorno italiano li porterebbe a camminare sulle Dolomiti, rilassarsi a Capri o visitare i tesori della Galleria Borghese a Roma. La signora Garrett aggiunge che anche un bel corso di cucina tipica è un modo per gustare al meglio un aspetto fondamentale del vivere italiano.

Anche se tutte le strade dei turisti portano a Roma, in ogni caso la Caserma Ederle resta un posto ideale per vivere, lavorare e divertirsi, dice Garrett. Molte e significative le novità degli ultimi due anni: da piccole opere come l'insegna con le bandiere italiana e americana ai cancelli di ingresso, ai lavori di ristrutturazione, fino al notevole incremento di tutte le attività in generale. È infatti un'installazione vivace e in piena crescita quella che i Garrett si apprestano a lasciare.

"La sede stessa della Caserma è particolarmente felice, visto che si inserisce nel contesto urbano della bella città di Vicenza, all'ombra del Palladio," nota Garrett. Grande estimatore del famoso architetto vicentino, il generale confessa che se potesse essere invisibile, visiterebbe ogni villa palladiana dei dintorni per poi tornare nel centro storico di Vicenza a degustare un buon calice di prosecco in compagnia della sue dolce consorte.

Dalle sue parole traspare già un pò di nostalgia quando si congeda dicendo che gli piacerebbe un giorno essere ricordato come "un figlio di Vicenza."

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Community Camera

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



Heel, boy!:

Family member and Army veteran Mary Grzeszak (center) is "attacked" by Zorby a 9-year-old German shepherd during the military working dog demonstration at the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team Halfwayay Point party May 21. The brigade observed the milestone--the unit reaching the six-month mark in a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan--by hosting a family fun event for about 300 families and friends of the brigade. Events included a kids' bouncy house, dunk tank, live AFN broadcast and barbecue dinner. "Celebrating this milestone gives us the opportunity to reflect on our strength over the past six months and the push we need to continue on until redeployment," said Kelly Thames, Brigade FRSA. "It was evident throughout the event that the deployed Soldiers were in everyone's thoughts and hearts as pictures and video were taken to share the event and memories with the loved ones serving in Afghanistan."

Photo by Laura Kreider





Photos by Laura Kreider

Pi-ya!: Eprahim Wertz performs a board-breaking high kick during a taekwondo exhibition May 27 during Caserma Ederle's Asian Pacific American Heritage Month celebration on Hoekstra Field. Wertz has been taking taekwondo at Caserma Ederle for three years. The guest speaker during the heritage celebration was Dr. (Capt.) Malia Shimokawa, chief of pediatrics and newborn medicine at the Vicenza Health Center. The remarks were followed by traditional dances, activities, a roast pig barbecue and other ethnic food samplings. Soldiers and community members performed "War" and other traditional dances while girls (at left) performed dances known as "Lilo and Stitches," "He Mele No Lilo," and "Rollercoaster Ride." In keeping with Samoan tradition, Tauluga--meaning the final dance--concluded the day's event.



Courtesy photo

Festive relations: Caserma Ederle's Luciano Prestipino performs with his band May 20. He, along with the U.S. military community in Vicenza, joined in Camisano's annual spring celebration. A sizeable American population calls Camisano home-away-from-home while stationed in Italy.



Photo by Adriane Foss

Ripped & Ready: Tony Horton, training guru to the stars, puts Caserma Ederle troops through the paces during an early morning workout session at the post fitness center May 26. Horton, best known for the P90X home fitness program, visited Ederle as part of his Ripped & Ready Fitness Tour, sponsored by Armed Forces Entertainment. During his visit he offered training tips, signed autographs, and worked out with troops, spouses of deployed Soldiers and CYSS Edge! youth and Vicenza high school students.

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AFN Livorno debuts new studio

Didn't attend the grand opening? Stop by for a personal tour

AFN Livorno news release

American Forces Network Livorno celebrated the grand opening of its new radio studio May 26.

Station Commander and Operations Manager Marisa Gaona thanked Camp Darby leadership and her staff for all their support during the construction and installation of the state-of-the-art radio broadcasting equipment.

"We're always welcome to come over and do radio spots, television spots and things like that," said Jennifer Kandell, School Age Center and Youth Center Assistant Director and longtime AFN supporter. "I think it's important that they have a new image, and a new image projects their availability and their willingness to help out."

The new facility also has the AFN



Photo by Chiara Mattirolo,

AFN Livorno disc jockey Sgt. Ross Salwolke talks with Oliver Brown, Camp Darby community member, on the AFN Eagle afternoon radio show during opening day of the new AFN Livorno studio May 26. Listen to the live shows weekdays from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. on 106 FM.

staff excited.

"I think one of the biggest benefits for AFN to get this new equipment is that it helps Soldiers, including myself, learn how to operate cutting-edge equipment," said producer Spc. Tony Brazier.

"This new facility brings an added energy to the work environment," said

Gaona, "and we hope our customers take advantage of it."

She also encouraged those who couldn't be at the grand opening to stop by for a personal tour. Publicity and coverage requests can be called in at DSN 633-8300 or e-mailed to afnlivorno@afn.dma.mil.

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 broadcast on large screen TVs in the fest

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 June 12 and 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 June 13.
- Built on 117 small islands, Venice has over 150 canals and more than 400 bridges. See for yourself June 14.
- Cinque Terre is a remote piece of the Italian Riviera consisting of five villages connected by trails that hug the coastline. Visit with ITR June 15.
- 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 June 16.
- 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.

Smooth Move Class

Learn what it takes to make vour transition smooth June 9. Call 633-7084.

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ACS renovation complete, offering improved services

By CHIARA MATTIROLO

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Camp Darby Army Community Service celebrated the opening of its newly renovated building May 28.

The \$620,000 yearlong project is expected to help ACS offer improved quality of life services for Camp Darby families. A new \$45,000 playground has also been built in the ACS center.

"This project and the new playground represent an important step forward, said ACS Director Evelyn Watkins. "It is a way for the military to show appreciation to the service members, civilians and families for the commitment and increasing sacrifices that they make every day."

USAG Livorno Commander Col. Steven Cade highlighted the fundamental role ACS plays in a Soldier's quality of

"ACS is critical in providing to Soldiers and families a quality of life that is commensurate with their service, efforts and commitments," said Cade.

Watkins thanked Rebecca Cade and Elaine Miles, who he said worked hard to make the renovation a reality, and presented them with a bouquet of flowers in appreciation.

"As a building engineer I put my expertise in ACS's service and helped interpret the needs and identify the work that needed to be done and to pass the ideas to the Directorate of Public Works personnel," said Rebecca Cade.

Rebecca Cade also said the new facility is more welcoming, user friendly and child friendly. She said the renovated facility has the proper office space and it is very well organized.

"We have new staff, new ideas and a new structure that will help us implementing new programs to meet new military needs," Watkins said.

For more information on ACS, contacts and hours of operation, visit http://www.usag.livorno.army.mil/ACS.

Let the fun begin



Photo by Joyce Costello

Spc. Jered Whicker and Spc. Holly Arnold, of the U.S. Army Livorno Health Clinic, enjoy taking the new paddle boats for a spin during the May 27 pre-opening day celebration at the American Beach in Tirrenia. The American Beach is now open through Sept. 15. This year there are 15 percent more umbrellas for rent, new paddle boats and a new bar concessionaire.

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Aqualandia:

Located in nearby Jesolo, Via **Buonarroti 15, about 63 miles** east of Vicenza. Aqualandia water park is now open through Sept. 12, from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Admission is 26 euro for adults and children taller than 55 inches, 22 euro for children between 39 and 55 inches and senior citizens over 60 and free for children shorter than 39 inches. Activities include water games, extreme sports, water gym, animators and clowns for children and bungee jumping. For more information on discounts and attractions, visit http://www.aqualandia.it/en/.

Courtesy of Aqualandia Press



Local amusement parks

Aquafollie Waterpark: in Caorle, Via Aldo Moro 1, about 86 miles west of Vicenza. Open through Sept. 12, 10 a.m.p.m. Admission: 15 euro for adults and children taller than 51 inches; 12 euro for children up to 51 inches and people over 65. Discount for families: parents + 2 children: 50 euro. Free for children up to 39 inches. Giant water slides with parabolic curves and a kamikaze dive of 30 meters; creative workshops for children. For info in English, visit http:// www.aquafollie.it/eng/index.html.

Aqualandia: in Jesolo, Via Buonarroti 15, about 63 miles east of Vicenza. May 22-Sept. 12, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Admission is 26 euro adults and children taller than 55 inches, 22 euro for children between 39 and 55 inches and senior citizens over 60 and free for children shorter than 39 inches. Water games, extreme sports, water gym, animators and clowns for children; bungee jumping. For more information on discounts and attractions, visit http://www. aqualandia.it/en/.

AquaSplash: in Jesolo, Via Buonarroti 15, 63 miles east of Vicenza. Open through Sept. 10, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Admission: 20 euro all day ride pass and 15 euro for ages 3-8; 15 euro from 3 p.m. to closing and 13 euro for children 3-8. Web site (only in Italian): http://www. aquasplash.it/mappa.htm.

CanevaWorld Resort: in Lazise sul Garda, località Fossalta 58, about 48 miles east of Vicenza. Movieland Studios, AquaParadise, Medieval Times, and Rock Star theme areas. Prices: Movieland Studios: 24 euro and 19 reduced; Movieland Aquastudios: 34 euro and 29 euro reduced; Medieval Times 38.90 euro and 28.90 reduced. Discounts for combined attractions. For more info in English on opening hours and special offers, visit http://www.

canevaworld.it/movieland/.

Cavour Waterpark: in Valeggio sul Mincio, località Ariano, Verona, about 55 miles west of Vicenza. Open through Aug. 31, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Admission: weekdays 14 euro; holidays and in Aug.: 16 euro. Reduced 11 euro for

children 3-10 and senior citizens over 65; from 3 p.m. to closing: weekdays 13 euro; holidays and Sundays 11 euro; 8 euro for children 3-10 and seniors over 65. Free for children under 2. For info in English, visit http://www. parcoacquatic ocavour.it/index. php?sez=00&lang=en.



in Castelnuovo del Garda, Via Derna 4, about 52 miles west of Vicenza. Open through Oct. 3. The Gardaland Sea-Life Aquarium is open daily 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission: 35 euro, reduced 29 euro. Until June 14, afternoon fare (2-6 p.m.) 15 euro. From June 18 to Sept. 12, evening fare (7-11 p.m.) 15 euro. For detailed info in English on opening hours, prices, attractions and services, and more special offers, visit http://www. gardaland.it/en/home.php.

Padovaland Waterpark: in Padova, Viale della Regione Veneto 6, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. Open through Aug. 31, Monday-Friday 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays 9:30 a.m.-6:45 p.m. Wave pool, water slides for children and adults, playground built on piles, restaurant and game rooms. Admission: 18 euro all day ride pass and 14 euro from 3 p.m. to closing; 12 euro all day ride pass for children (2-12) and 10 euro from 3 p.m. to closing.

Gulliverlandia: in Jesolo, Via San Giuliano, about 63 miles east of Vicenza. Open through Sept. 13, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. Aquarium, Volcano Rapids, Medieval challenges, Maya ruins, Panoramic Towner and Giant Wheel. Admission: 17 euro and 13 euro for children 3-8. For more info in English and videos, visit http://www.gulliverlandia.

> it/inglesetoto/ secondaita/ indice2.htm.

Persicum Waterpark: in Pescantina, Verona, Viale Verona, about 42 miles west of Vicenza. Open through Sept. 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Weekday admission: 8 euro; reduced: 6 euro children 7-12 and for adults after 3:30 p.m.; 4 euro for children 3-6.

Sunday & holidays admission: 10 euro; reduced: 8 euro children 7-12; 5 euro for children 3-6; 9 euro for adults and 7 for children 7-12 after 2 p.m.; 5 euro for children 3-6 after

Riovalli Waterpark: in Cavaion Veronese, località Fosse, 51 miles west of Vicenza. Open through Sept. 5. Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Admission: 8 euro weekdays; 10 euro Sunday and holidays; children 3-12: weekdays 6 euro, Sunday and holidays 7 euro. Reduced 4 euro from 4 p.m. to closing. For info on special offers and attractions in English, visit http://www.riovalli.it/parco_eng.

for children and food booths. Admission: 10 euro; 7 euro rate for people over 60 and under 12.

Park Jungle Adventure: in San Zeno di Montagna, Pineta Sperane, Lago di Garda, about 42 miles northwest of Vicenza. Open through Sept. 19, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Tickets vary according to difficulty level of the obstacle course: Green course "Discover" (children must be over age 8): 12 euro; Blue Route "Adventure" (children must be over 11): 18 euro; Red route "Sensation" (children must be over 14): 20 euro.

Discounts for combined courses. Credit cards are not accepted. Web site (only in Italian and German) http://www.jungleadventure.it/ legenda-verde.htm.

Safari Park and Zoo: in Bussolengo, Località Figara, 40, about 42 miles west of Vicenza. Open through Oct. 3, 9 a.m.–6 p.m. Admission: 19 euro; 16 euro rate for children 3 -12.

Rent a 9-passenger vehicle for the safari for 18 euro/day by calling 045-7170113.

For more information in English,

visit http://www.parconaturaviva. it/index-en.php.

Varone Waterfall Cave Park and Botanic Garden: in Tenno, Via Cascata, 12, about 90 miles northeast of Vicenza. Open through Aug. 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

A natural gorge, eroded for more than 20,000 years by Lake Tenno's waters, which rumble their way down from a height of almost 100

Admission is 5 euro. Free parking and picnic area. For more detailed information in English, visit http://www.cascata-varone. com/index en.htm.

Villabella Water Park: in Villabella di San Bonifacio: about 20 miles southwest of Vicenza. May 29 -Aug. 31, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Admission: adults and children taller than 59 inches: 8 euro, Sundays and holidays 10

Children shorter than 59 inches: 5 euro; from 4 p.m. to closing: 4.50, Sunday and holidays: 6 euro and 4.50 for children. Free entrance for children under 3 and senior citizens over 70.

For more info in English, visit http://www. parcoacquatic ovillabella. it/index.asp?lingua=2.

ODR trips

ODR offers sea kayaking June 5 or 12 and Mediterranean fishing

Jump on the Rome Express with ODR June 12.

Check out other trips coming up this summer in the ODR Schedule available online @Vicenza MWR.

To access RecTrac online and enroll for a Recreation activity like Outdoor Recreation trip or an Arts & Crafts class, select "Vicenza" under "Recreation and Morale Activities" or, visit the direct link at https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/ webtrac/Vicenzarectrac.html.

Gardaland roller coaster.

Natural adventure parks in Veneto

Cappeller Animal Park and Zoo: in Cartigliano, Via Kimle, 28 miles north of Vicenza. April- September, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Botanical gardens, picnic areas, playground

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

Thursday Alice in Wonderland (PG) 6 p.m. Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG) ь p.m. Bounty Hunter (PG-13) 9 p.m. Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG) 3 p.m. Saturday Sex in the City 2 (R) 6 p.m. Sunday How to Train Your Dragon (PG) 3 p.m. Sex in the City 2 (R) 6 p.m. Wed. Hot Tub Machine (R) 6 p.m. Hot Tub Machine (R) June 10 6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Robin Hood (PG-13) **Friday** 6 p.m. Saturday How to Train Your Dragon (PG) 6 p.m. Sunday Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG) 1 p.m. June 10 Why Did I Get Married Too (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.

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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:

June 14 from 2-4 p.m.

June 15 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.

Red Cross events

The American Red Cross located in Davis Hall, Room 47, holds volunteer orientations on the first Tuesday in every month in Davis Hall and holds CPR and first aid classes on the second Saturday of every month. Pre-registration (and pre-payment if applicable) is required for all classes. Additional classes are also offered.

CPR and first aid is offered June 12 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The Red Cross is also seeking community participation for the annual Fiaccolata, a torchlight procession which draws Red Cross Society volunteers from around the world to commemorate the founding of the Red Cross Movement in Solferino, Italy.

This year's Fiaccolata takes place June 26. For more information. e-mail redcross.vicenza@eur.army. mil or call at DSN 634-7089 / CIV 0444-71-7089.

Inspection point closes early June 11

On June 11, the POV inspection point will close at 2:30 p.m. to attend a mandatory unit event.

The inspection point will resume normal business hours June 14.

Re-apply for Puerto Rico birth certificates

The government of Puerto Rico, in collaboration with the U.S. State Department and Department of Homeland Security, enacted a new law on issuing and using birth certificates to combat fraud and protect the identity of people born in Puerto Rico.

Beginning July 1, the new law will invalidate birth certificates issued before that date by the Puerto Rico Health Department through its Vital Statistics Record Office. Affected personnel must request new birth certificates. New birth certificates may be obtained by filling out an application form from the Puerto Rico Vital Statistics Record Office on or after July 1.

Applications are available at www.salud.gov.pr/.

Soldiers, Family members, civilian employees, and contractors who receive individual logistic support may obtain application forms from their servicing garrison military personnel division.

Local passport offices can also provide assistance on how to request new birth certificates.

USO Italian class

USO Vicenza is offers beginners Italian June 15. Class will be held in the education center every Tuesday from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

The cost of the class is \$146 and includes eight weeks of instruction ending Aug. 3, textbook, and textbook shipping. Payment will be accepted by check or cash. Exact change requested.

To sign up, bring payment to Glenn Gibbs or Torie Gotaas at the USO, Bldg. 9A (across from the DFAC), or call 634-8146. The 20 seats are expected to fill up fast.

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 completed 5th grade.

SSA requests needed by Friday

The USAG Vicenza Supply Support Activity will conduct its annual wall-to-wall inventory June Monday to June 11. The inventory cutoff time is 5 p.m. Friday.

There will be no customer transactions after the cutoff date. All automated customers should blast their requests and manual customers should submit requests on diskette for processing before 5 p.m. Friday. All MROs generated before the cutoff date will be issued and made available for pickup on the cutoff date.

The stock control section personnel will not process any requisitions except for 02 HI-PRI transactions signed by the commander. Call Anibal Alvarez at 634-3928 for more information.

CG change of command set June 10

The community is invited to a change of command ceremony at which Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III will relinquish command to Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg June 10 at 10:30 a.m. at Hoekstra Field. Military dress is duty uniform. Civilian dress is informal.

Job openings

The American Battle Monuments Commission, a U.S. government agency responsible for 24 overseas military cemeteries, has several vacancies for assistant cemetery superintendent.

These are entry-level facility maintenance supervisory positions. Key requirements: U.S. citizenship and proficiency in French. COLA, Housing with utilities and other benefits provided. Visit abmc.gov or usajobs.gov (Announcement

Community Calendar Highlights

Saturday: Carabinieri Anniversary

Sunday: D Day Anniversary Tuesday: USAREUR Anniversary

June 10: USARAF CG Change of Command

June 13: Vicenza High **School Graduation**

June 14: Army Birthday

June 17: Last Day of School

ER-10-03) for more information. Open April 12 – Oct. 12.

Wounded Warrior donation drive

Vicenza Venture Crew 3 in conjunction with the Red Cross is sponsoring a Wounded Warriors donation drive. You can donate the following items in the drop box located in 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 (large, any color).

EFMP run Saturday

An EFMP run is set Saturday in coordination with the Armed Forces Day Run. EFMP members run around the track and receive a medal for finishing. Sign up after 7 a.m. for the 7:30 run, which takes place immediately before the post run. Drinks and fruit provided after the run. Call 634-7500.

Arena events

- Ladies, bowl every Tuesday and Thursday for the entire month of June free from noon to 1 p.m. Shoe rental (\$2.25) not included.
- Two for Two Special: Bowl two games at regular price and receive two more games for free. Shoe rental not included. Valid 3:30-10 p.m. on Tuesdays in June.

Arts and crafts center

Explore the "World of Crepes" Saturday, 5-7 p.m., at the art center.

On Monday in the "Honorable Eggplant" session, discover the wonderful facets of this delicious vegetable.

Both classes are part of the Krafty Kitchen series. Register at the arts center or https://webtrac.mwr.army. mil/webtrac/Vicenzarectrac.html. Call 634-7074.

The Vicenza Arts and Crafts **Contest** is ongoing through June 30 and on display in the post library.

U.S. ID cardholders with current AKO accounts may enter their art in: ceramics, wood, fibers, glass, metals and jewelry, mixed

media, drawings, prints, water base painting and oil base painting. Entry forms available at the arts and crafts center before June 18. Award presentation set June 25. Winners in each category will advance to the 2010 All-Army Arts and Crafts Contest.

CYS Services

CYSS EDGE! offers summer volleyball on Tuesdays and Thursdays Tuesday through Aug. 26, 3-5 p.m. Program includes one hour of instruction. Participants will learn the basic skills. Youth in grades 6-12 are eligible to enroll free on CYSS Web Trac. Call Tom Hlavacek at 634-7219.

The June Family Art Day is June 12, 10 a.m. -1 p.m, at the arts and crafts center. The event is a continuation of the Deployed Family Scrapbook project; new families are welcome to start at any time during the year-long project. Basic materials provided free. Just bring photographs. Call 634 7206.

Sports, Fitness and **Aquatics news**

Training is available to receive life guard certification. Class is June 11-14 (Friday 4-10 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday times will be announced.) Cost is \$140. Candidates who successfully complete the training and work for Family and MWR for the summer will have the fee reimbursed. Sign up at the fitness center or call 634-6536.

The summer basketball league begins June 15. Bring your roster to the fitness center, ten players per team. Players must be 18 and out of high school. Coaches meet set June 10, 2:30 p.m. at the fitness center

Beat the Heat Run set Saturday at 8 a.m. The pre-brief is at 7:45 a.m., and you can enjoy the Army's 235th birthday cake following the race. Register at the fitness center.

Soldiers' Theatre

The next Music Café will be June 11 at 7:30 p.m. Local artists will perform. 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.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Doggy Break: Staff Sgt. Nathan Leo and his K9 Jalk, a 6-year-old German shepherd, take a break during a military working dog demonstration at the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team Halfway Point party May 21. 173rd ABCT family members and troops gathered to celebrate the unit reaching the six-month mark in a yearlong deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

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.

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.

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Courtesy photo

Italian bicycle racing team "111" based in Vicenza was represented Sunday by USARAF G4 employees (left) Chris Constantino and (right) Alex Menzies. The 77-kilometer race started in Montegrotto Terme, near Padova, and traversed throughout the Eugani mountains. Constantino and Menzies placed 331st and 335th out of a field of more than 800 competitors.



Courtesy photo

VES third-grader Jesse Swinehart (far left) goes for a fast break during Trofeo Topolino tournament play May 9 at the Ghirada sports field.

Ederle student excels with Italian rugby team

Special to the Outlook

Vicenza's Mini Rugby School, Rangers Vicenza, achieved another sporting success, winning the Under 10 and Under 14 categories in the finals of the 19th *Trofeo Topolino* May 9. Having won the double in 2007, the white and red of Vicenza did it again, placing two teams at the top of arguably the most important mini rugby tournament in Italy.

Vicenza Elementary School third-grader Jesse Swinehart took part in the Under 10 victory, beating CUS Verona by four tries to one.

The tournament boasted 5,200 athletes participating in five categories: Under 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14; an overall total of 296 teams from throughout Italy and abroad; and approximately 15,000 spectators.

With 140 athletes and nine teams lined up on Benetton's Ghirada sports fields in Treviso, the Vicenza Rangers worked their way through pools of 72 teams for the honor of competing in the finals in Northern Italy's national stadium *Stadio Monigo*. Visit *www.rugbyvicenza.it*.

CONGRATULATIONS COUGARS !!!

Vicenza grabs third at European baseball tourney

The South Region Champion Vicenza Cougars took third place in the 2010 DoDDS European Baseball Championship Tournament in Kaiserslautern, Germany, winning four of the five games they played.

All Tournament pitcher Jack Buffington was the winning pitcher in two of the games, bringing his season record to a sterling 9 wins and no losses. Jeremy Huller and Zach Paulino combined on a 1-hitter to beat regular season foe Sigonella in the tournament's first game.

For the tournament, the Cougars had four players hit above .500, led by first baseman Trevor Rice, who hit a sizzling .667.

"Being seeded No. 1 pitted us against every team's best pitchers, but the bats came alive to meet the challenge," said Coach Mark Wilson.

Vicenza led all teams in scoring, amassing an eyepopping 58 runs in their 5 games.

The Cougars lost in the semifinal game to eventual champion Rota, 11-4, but bounced back against defending champion AFNORTH, clinching third place with a 6-4 victory. The winning run was a steal of home against the AFNORTH left-handed pitcher. "It was a gutsy call by Coach George Nessmith, which Kyle Kaus executed perfectly," said Wilson.

For the season, Vicenza had four players named to the All Region team:

Buffington, Kaus, Rice and Joe Boswell. Of particular note, Boswell, who hit .480 for the season, also had an on-base percentage of .833. The Cougars finished with a record of 12 wins and 5 losses.

"The team had a great tournament and a great season," said Wilson. "I'm very proud of our players."

Sports horts

Wellness Center classes

- Finding the Balance: Wednesday, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
- Principles of Strength: June 10, 10 a.m.-noon

EFMP run Saturday before post run

An EFMP run is set Saturday in coordination with the Armed Forces Day Run. EFMP members run around the track and receive a medal for finishing.

Sign up after 7 a.m. for the 7:30 run, which takes place immediately before the post run. Drinks and fruit will be provided after the run.

For more information, call ACS at 634-7500.

Teams getting in gear for softball season

Teams that have attended the first softball coaches meeting and 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 AFN

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

Register now for the Beat the Heat run

A Beat the Heat 5K run is set Saturday.

The pre-brief begins at 7:45 a.m. and participants can enjoy an early Army Birthday celebration with cake after the race.

Register at the fitness center or call 634-7009.

Become a CYSS coach today

Potential coaches must pass a background check, and will receive training and certification in coaching, child abuse prevention, CPR and first aid.

To volunteer or for more information, 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.

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 participants

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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