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Find out how *you* can save on utilities with no-nonsense tips

by ADRIANE FOSS
Outlook editor

Five-thousand dollars isn't a lot to pay for a car or house, but it's an eye-popping amount for a light bill.

Rising temperatures and utility costs throughout Europe can wreak havoc on the family budgets

of military personnel overseas. Coupled with careless energy practices, some families find themselves struggling to pay the bills.

Stefania Panebianco is a contract taxi interpreter at Caserma Ederle's Housing Office and receives requests from

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Soldier, NCO of Year selected

Story and photos by
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USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Competing to be named top U.S. Army Africa Noncommissioned Officer and Soldier of the Year was not a task for the weak. It took physical endurance and mental toughness to make it through the weeklong competition, which began May 17 at Camp Darby.

In the end, Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice, U.S. Army Africa, named one Soldier and one NCO as the best of the best during a May 28 ceremony in Vicenza.

Spc. Andrew Payne, 1st Bn., 503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne), is the U.S. Army Africa Soldier of the Year, and Sgt. Jason Gilliland, 2nd Bn., 503rd Infantry

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(Above) Sgt. Jason Gilliland, 2nd Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt. (Airborne), the 2009 U.S. Army Africa NCO of the Year, plots his points during the competition.



(Right) Spc. Andrew Payne, 1st Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt. (Airborne), the 2009 U.S. Army Africa Soldier of the Year, moves out after completing the competition's obstacle course at Camp Darby May 17-21.

NEXT UP: Gilliland and Payne will continue training to compete in the USAREUR NCO / Soldier of the Year competition in August.

Rice takes top NCO slot at Infantry Center

Story and photo by
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U.S. Army Africa

Soldiers at Caserma Ederle will soon bid farewell to Command Sgt. Major Earl Rice, who is heading to the top enlisted position at Fort Benning, Ga., as the U.S. Army Infantry Center and Fort Benning Command Sergeant Major.

For nearly three years, Rice served as command sergeant major of Southern European

Task Force, now U.S. Army Africa. On June 3, the command honored Rice during a retreat ceremony at Hoekstra Field. Rice reflected on the command's accomplishments over the past few years, to include deployments to Bulgaria, Romania, Georgia and more recently, Africa.

"It saddens me to leave this great team. I am proud to have had the honor of serving with the Army's best here," Rice said.

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Command Sgt. Major Earl Rice during his June 3 retreat ceremony.

Hang in there

Seventh-grader Amber David jumps from the 34-foot tower as part of the activities at Caserma Ederle's Army Kid Strong Day May 29. The event, which covered various aspects of military organization, structure, mission and equipment allowed students through eighth grade to learn more about the job their parents do for their country. Parents and teachers assisted the students during their rotations through the age-appropriate stations. Army Kid Strong Day offered participants an opportunity to experience the jump from the 34-foot tower, wear night vision goggles and to sit inside a Humvee.

"I am very proud the community and all the units gathered here today -- 173 rd, 14th Trans., 509th Signal Battalion, SETAF and USAG, all together in conjunction with DoDDS for the kids," said USAG Vicenza Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Hartless as he walked through the stations. We're giving the children a chance to see what their parents do on a daily basis and the kids really love it," he said.

Photo by Laura Kreider



Community events spark cultural exchange, garner command support

Last Sunday, we participated in what has to be one of the most fun Italian-American events I have attended since coming to Italy.

A ladies basketball game played at the Caserma Ederle gym pitted an Italian and American team of mostly “moms” in a close contest to the end.



The match opened with beautifully sung national anthems, and it was an exciting and suspenseful game for the many spectators who attended.

Hosting our partners

After the game, our side hosted the Italian players, family, and fans (who chartered a bus!) at an American style barbecue with great food, good music, and a lot of laughter amongst all.

An activity like this just does not come together without key leadership and a tremendous amount of hard work. I want to sincerely thank the many people who had a direct or indirect part in making this self-sponsored event a huge success.

It is a classic example of grassroots community relations that reinforces the true partnership between the Italian and American people of Vicenza.

On and off court

As a spectator to the entire event, I clearly saw how everyone on Team USA played a part on the court and off, and not because they were compelled to do so, but because they wanted to.

Every week in Vicenza there are many similar contacts between our two cultures that are planned and conducted by ad hoc groups or organizations without a lot of Army help.

Events with Scouts and schools, sports and *spectacoli* (theater shows), church activities and those among neighbors, family, and friends all serve to remind us that our communities are bound by common values, shared interests, and the legacy of more than 50 years of living and working together in this wonderful City of Vicenza.

Not unnoticed

USAG Vicenza Garrison
Commander Col. Erik Daiga and I fully



Photo by Diana Bahr

Blue Belles' Stephanie Tutton (# 53) goes for a 2-pointer during the American vs. Italian Moms' basketball game Sunday in the fitness center gym. The Belles won 28-23.

appreciate what you all do in the vital area of community relations and want you to know that you are not alone; we will support your event within the bounds of mission and regulation.

Together, we will continue to focus our communities on the ties that bind. What a joy that in this beautiful country,

and with our gracious Italian hosts, all it takes is a little imagination and some American “yes we can”—exactly what was displayed last Sunday.

Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III
Commanding,
U.S. Army Africa

NCOs: Instilling military pride in Soldiers a top priority

Pride in service stems from personal achievements and realization of the contributions an individual makes to the larger organization.

The Army is a professional and well trained force, envied by many countries.

The Army Values are a blueprint that ensures Soldiers serve with honor and distinction.

By living these values, Soldiers are confident and

proud knowing they reflect Army principles and project a positive image to the world.



Soldiers carry themselves with confidence to the precision of executing their daily missions,

Evidence of a Soldier's pride in service is found in every aspect of military life. From the way

it reflects pride in service.

Their pride is found in the ruthless deserts of Iraq, the rugged mountains of Afghanistan, the steamy jungles of the Philippines, and around the world, anywhere there is an American Soldier.

This pride is felt deeply at welcoming ceremonies following a deployment. It's seen clearly in the knowing eyes and sure smile of satisfaction that accompanies a job well done.

As leaders, NCOs cultivate and develop Soldiers' pride in themselves, pride in their fellow Soldiers, their unit and their Army.

NCOs accomplish this by setting the example and enforcing standards to maintain a disciplined and professional force. They conduct tough and realistic training that challenges each Soldier to achieve excellence. They provide mentorship and counsel to their Soldiers, assisting them to

grow and develop both personally and professionally.

The ability of NCOs to instill and cultivate pride in service within their Soldiers is essential to maintaining a professional, ready and capable military force.

Take pride in your service to this great nation. You are an American Soldier.

Sgt. Maj. Bryan Witzel
G4 Sergeant Major,
U.S. Army Africa

Speak Out

What is your favorite summer activity?



Capt. Craig Freccero
Dental Clinic

“I like to go to the European beaches.”



Teresa Puggioni
DPW

“I relax and enjoy reading.”



Mark McWilliams
DoDDS

“White water kayaking in northern Italian regions such as Trentino and Valle D'Aosta.”



Amber Morris
Family member

“I enjoy hiking in the Colli Berici hills.”



Nathan Thomas
DeCA

“I like to go hiking somewhere in the Alps whenever I can.”

The Noncommissioned Officer PATTERNS OF SUCCESS



Staff Sgt. Zachari Rushing

Unit: Medical Platoon, HHC, 1-503rd Inf. Regt. (Airborne)

Current Position: Section sergeant / **Age:** 30

Hometown: Carson City, Nev.

Years in service: 10

Biggest mentor(s) and why: 1st Sgt. Curry and 1st Sgt. Smith. They were outstanding leaders who truly cared about their Soldiers. 1st Sgt. Curry died in Afghanistan, and I will never forget the positive impact he made on me.

Your definition of an NCO: An NCO lives to lead Soldiers, leads by example to his utmost ability, trains Soldiers for combat, cares for them and their needs, and is an adaptable leader.

List of major assignments/deployments: Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Egypt, Afghanistan

Advice for junior Soldiers? Stay focused on task, condition and standards and lead by example. Everyone has weaknesses. Identify yours and work on them.

Your defining moment as an NCO: Serving as a platoon sergeant in 1st Battalion. I had no doubt I would have a massive impact on molding this platoon, but in the end I learned much more from my NCOs and Soldiers than I thought possible.

Reason for your success: My Soldiers.

Life's ambition: To be a bitter, old command sergeant major in a hospital making Soldiers low crawl down the hall.

Motto: Drink water, take a knee, face out.

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

Rice reflects on time in Vicenza

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"Although I'm excited to return to Fort Benning, the home of the infantry, I'm going to miss both this installation and this community."

Rice first came to Vicenza in December 2001, with the task of building the 2nd Battalion, 503rd (Airborne) Infantry Regiment.

Leaders started from scratch, Rice said, one company at a time. It took most of 2002 for the battalion to grow to full strength, first Able Company, then Battle and Chosen. By early 2003, word came down to prepare for Iraq.

"To stand up the 'Rock' was an awesome assignment," Rice said, referring to the 2nd Battalion by its nickname. "We spent that whole year training. It was a fast pace."

On March 26, 2003, Rice was among 1,000 173rd Airborne Brigade paratroopers, known as "Sky Soldiers," who jumped into northern Iraq, where the battalion spent a year-long tour.

In 2004, Rice left Italy for a two-year assignment to Fort Polk, La., as the command sergeant major of the Joint Readiness Training Center & Fort Polk., but then returned to Vicenza as the senior NCO for the Southern European Task

Force.

"Being selected as SETAF's command sergeant major was amazing in itself," Rice said. "Coming back to Vicenza and linking up with the Sky Soldiers team made the return trip even better, offering me an opportunity to take care of these Soldiers from a different level."

Serving as command sergeant major for the 2-503rd, 173rd and SETAF, has been a great honor, Rice said.

"You look back at the NCOs we grew in that battalion and what they went on to do," Rice said. "It's good to see them

grow. Some platoon sergeants from when I was with the battalion are now sergeants major graduating from the academy."

Training, deployments and his command role kept Rice busy during his time in Vicenza, but he takes with him memories of family visits to Florence, Venice and Camp Darby. Rice also remembers sharing holidays with a local Italian family.

"The people in our local community

are truly awesome," Rice said. "There is a language barrier, but it's a wonderful experience spending some time with them, learning about their culture and understanding what their perspective is on life."

To stand up the 'Rock' was an awesome assignment. We spent that whole year training.

In recent months, Rice's leadership has helped SETAF Soldiers understand the unit's transformation to U.S. Army Africa, the land component of U.S. Africa Command.

"We're doing something new here," Rice said. "In shaping this organization for its role in Africa, we're

partnering with nations in ways that – if we do things right – can prevent wars, rather than having to go in to fight wars."

Just as when the 2-503rd was being established, Rice sees Soldiers in U.S. Army Africa making an impact every day.

"It's that good feeling again, starting from the ground up," Rice said. "Our Soldiers are working to help African nations build security capacity and shape their militaries. It's just a good feeling to see our Soldiers making a difference."

Gilliland, Payne named USARAF NCO, Soldier of year

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Regiment (Airborne), is the U.S. Army Africa NCO of the Year.

Both Payne and Gilliland said they were honored to be selected and are looking forward to the next competition.

For Payne, the competition was a great chance to find out more about himself and what he could do for his unit, he said.

"I came into this knowing that I was going to put more than 100 percent effort into the competition and that I was the man for the job. I felt confident all the way," Payne said. "It's a great accomplishment for me. I want to take it to the next level and train my Soldiers to take my place."

The competition was challenging and requires self discipline and motivation, "traits that should be brought out in all Soldiers," Gilliland said.

"I worked hard for it. But I couldn't have done it without the support of my wife," Gilliland said. "My advice for others is that you need to separate

yourself from your peers, study harder, train harder and push yourself for self development."

Cpl. Richarda Amaya, 509th Signal Battalion, and Spc. Lowell Passons Jr., HSC, U.S. Army Africa, spent a grueling time alongside Payne during the Soldier competition. Staff Sgt. Daniel Gaumer, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza, and Staff Sgt. Brian Hong, 509th Signal Battalion, competed with Gilliland, and set themselves apart from the pack.

Throughout the competition the warriors had no idea what task they would be tested on next or when they might get a chance to rest.

"This experience was very challenging and helped me condition my mind and focus on self-improvement," said Amaya, Soldier of the Year second runner up.

Most competitors felt the ruck march was exhausting.

Each said the challenge of doing the stress shooting range and obstacle course

at the Italian Folgore Brigade training area were high points of the competition.

"I enjoyed doing the stress shoot because it's not something you get to do everyday," said Hong, NCO of the Year first runner up. Staff Sgt. Miquel Bures, a 16-year veteran and squad leader with the 464th Military Police Platoon, served as cadre during the competition.

"The competition was full of challenges designed to bring out the best in every candidate," Bures said, adding that the events gave Soldiers a new perspective as to what they can accomplish and how far they can push themselves.

"This competition shapes our future NCOs and makes the NCOs competing better leaders," added Sgt. 1st Class Sean Peterson, the NCO in charge of the competition.

Payne and Gilliland will continue training to compete at the USAREUR NCO and Soldier of the Year competition in August.

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At your service American Red Cross



Kris Adams is the assistant station manager for the American Red Cross - Vicenza.

"The primary mission of the American Red Cross on a military post is to provide emergency communications--a lifeline between service members and their families in times of crisis," said Adams.

"However, your local office also organizes volunteers, helps with local birth registration and offers CPR/First Aid classes," she said.

Office Hours for the American Red Cross are 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. It is located in Davis Hall, Bldg. 108, Room 47. To reach the Red Cross, call 634-7089, off post 0444-717089, or e-mail redcross.vicenza@eur.army.mil.

Vicenza's Class of 2009



Addison, Cristian M



Barton, William M



Buffington, Cristina



Caraballo, Amaris



Cleveland, Adriona



Diaz, Felipe A



DiBias, Andre'



Erickson, James M



Garcia, Rachel C



Haines, Reginald



Holland, Allyson R



Johnson, Emily M



Kight, Christian



LaMarche, Annemieke J



Le, Christopher D



Lopez, TiaRaelene



Madson, Sarah Y



Maura, Yelitza del Carmen



Prados, Janette



Privitera, Marquia S



Robertson, Thomas



Rosario, Miguel A III



Smith, Erik A



Smith, Tarin L



Stoner, Micky D



Tartaglia, Allegra A



Tyson, Alicia L



Vallery, Anna



Wade, Federica R



Williams, Nicholas



Witzel, Tyler C



Wood, Natalie M



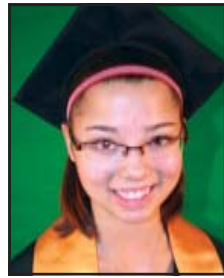
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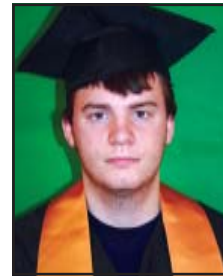
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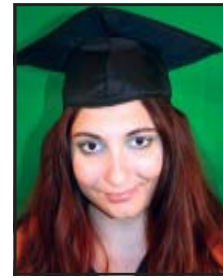
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Thompson, Jennifer



Stevenson, Jason L



Sanders, Morgan B



Cottrell, Ashlee L



Buckner, Megan J

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Delacruz, Anthony
Morris, Allyson E

*Congratulations
graduates from
the U. S.
Army Vicenza
community.*



Darby's Class of 2009

(From left) Camp Darby seniors Julia Garcia, Jennifer Guzzardi, Gianluca Chaffey, who all attend the International School of Florence, and Jessica Branco, who attends Pontederra Language High School, celebrated graduating May 22 at the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

Camp Darby's high school closed in 2007. Students now attend schools in the surrounding area.

Photo by Elena Baladelli

Youth earns Eagle Scout badge, leadership skills

Story and photos by
CHIARA MATTIROLO
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Boy Scout Stephen Speck is hoping to earn his Eagle Scout Badge at Camp Darby.

"In order to earn an Eagle Scout Badge I had to be involved in a big community project," said Speck. "I was undecided between moving the old high school gazebo and refurbishing the picnic tables around the community, so I decided to work on both projects."

Speck thought the old gazebo, once the meeting point for young high school students and now abandoned in the dry field, could be renewed and provide a place for young NCOs to hang out and spend a good time.

Speck, with help from

community volunteers, accomplished his goal May 20. According to U.S. Army Garrison Livorno Command Sgt. Maj. Felix Rodriguez, the young Scout who did an excellent job of coordinating the work shows great leader potential.

"I think I showed I can be a leader," Speck agreed. "I had to make sure that the 31st Munitions Squadron which was supporting the project with the big forklift and the U.S. Army Garrison Livorno Directorate of Public Works personnel were all here at the same time to complete the project."

The gazebo was relocated to the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers lounge.

"We encountered a few obstacles," said Tech. Sgt. Michael Fiyalko of the 31st



Stephen Speck (right) glances at the gazebo that will be moved to the BOSS lounge as part of his Eagle Scout project while USAG Livorno Command Sgt. Maj. Felix Rodriguez discusses the best way to move the structure with Massimo Mazzoni of the installation's Directorate of Public Works,

Munitions Squadron. "The wooden structure was unstable and I thought we had no more than a 30 percent chance of success in moving that gazebo, but I was wrong; we made it."

"I feel better inside since I helped the community," said Speck. "This project was a good cause; I am giving the NCOs a place to relax in a structure that was otherwise left unused."

Foreign reps visit Ederle as part of international agreement

USAG-V PAO news release

Representatives for member nations of the Organization for Cooperation and Security in Europe will visit the Vicenza military community June 9 as part of an agreement called the Vienna Document.

"All the OSCE members, including the United States, signed the agreement in Vienna, Austria, in 1999," explained Col. Erik Daiga, the Vicenza garrison commander. "The Vienna Document requires all member nations to periodically host a visit

to one of its military facilities and this year it's our turn."

The visitors will get tours of the wellness center, the warrior transition unit and the multipurpose indoor range complex on Caserma Ederle.

They will also see the parachute rigging facility at Lerino and get a tour of the command post and operations center at Longare.

"These visits are called confidence and security building measures, Daiga said. "As the name implies, these visits help build

confidence between nations by openly showing our military capabilities and reassuring other nations that we have no hostile intentions. This helps increase security in Europe."

Daiga said many of the Soldiers and civilians in the Vicenza military community will be briefing the visitors or helping in the demonstrations and displays. He said most of the visitors are military officers and NCOs and they will be curious and interested in what members of the various military units do.

"They may ask you questions about your equipment, your jobs or perhaps life as a U.S. Soldier," Daiga said. "Just answer politely and professionally. We don't have anything to hide, but keep operational security in mind. One of the purposes of this visit is to give the visitors the opportunity to speak with the troops."

The one-day visit will include lunch at the South of the Alps Dining Facility and should be completed by 6 p.m.

SAVINGS:

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residents who want their high-cost utility bills investigated. She along with her coworkers have on several occasions conducted probes at the local utility office only to discover and deliver the grim news to residents that, yes, their seemingly excessive bills are accurate.

The problem—and the solution—she said, is discipline and common sense.

"You have to change your lifestyle a bit," she said.

One of the most common mistakes residents make is waiting too long to receive a utility bill.

"It's happened many times," said Panebianco. "A family doesn't get a bill, and they wait, and wait, and wait. And seven or eight months later, they get this huge bill."

She said residents can call their utility company and request a meter reading every two months or relay their reading via phone.

This allows renters to get a better idea of their energy usage, make immediate adjustments in consumption and pay smaller amounts at regular intervals.

When escorting new families to view homes, Panebianco said she

is often asked about the shutters.

"They want to know why many Italians keep their shutters closed during the day. 'Are they unfriendly,' they ask. I tell them no; it's a tool. Shutters keep warm air out in the summer and warm air in during the winter."

During a recent trip to the United States, she said she realized that shutters on many U.S. homes were for decorative purposes only. That's not the case in Europe. Figuring out where your home sits in relation to the sun and closing shutters that face the midday heat can cool a home several degrees.

Thomas Blackmer, USAG Vicenza's environmental division chief, agreed. For summer cooling he also suggested keeping your central air setting at 25 degrees Celsius.

"That is an optimal setting for energy savings and comfort. People should know that for every degree you lower your cooling unit, energy costs rise by 6 percent. If, for example, you lower it by 5 degrees, you're spending 30 percent more on energy costs."

Blackmer also suggested using fans instead of AC, when possible, to save 80-90 percent on cooling costs.

"And there are a lot of times when you should be able to use fans,

especially at night," he said. "There's only about a month and a half out of the year, mainly in August, when fans can't replace ACs for at least part of the day."

For ACs with a dehumidifier setting, Panebianco suggested turning on the dehumidifier instead of the AC.

"You dehumidify first. Once you take the humidity out of the air, it's already cooler," she said. "And cool off one area at a time by closing off the section you're in—living room or sleeping area. It's much easier to cool off a smaller area. Also, don't leave the AC on all day, especially if you're not at home. ACs, along with dryers and ovens, are the highest energy consumers."

She said running the AC a few hours in the morning and a few hours at night will suffice for most working families who are away from home throughout the day.

Another simple money-saving tip includes hanging clothes out to dry.

In addition to cutting costs on dryer use, Blackmer said clothes last much longer and whites are much whiter when dried in the sun.

"You can purchase a drying rack at a grocery store and air

drying laundry on a balcony or porch. It's very easy and clothes dry in about an hour."

For those who aren't willing to give up the luxury of soft fluffy towels, Panebianco suggested tumbling them in the dryer for five minutes after putting them out to air dry.

Purchasing energy saving light bulbs is another easy fix, said Blackmer.

"You'll save 40 percent on lighting costs, plus incandescent bulb put out a lot of heat," he said. "In the summertime, that's a double whammy when you're trapping heat in a room from the sun and from your light bulbs. Another drain is transformers. A lot of people don't realize that even if you've turned off the appliance, the transformer is still drawing energy as long as it is plugged into the wall."

For new renters who are serious about savings and want to avoid sticker shock, Panebianco said residents should note the meter reading on their initial utility bill.

She said "it will list the cost per electric unit and you can read the meter yourself occasionally and do the math," multiplying the cost per unit times the number of units you've used over a period of time.

Darby Dates

Money basics class for teens

A way for parents to help teens learn financial management. June 23. Call 633-7084 for details.

Intro to the military

Army Family Team Building Level 1 is an introduction to the military for newcomers. June 22-23.

Training is also available online at: www.myarmylifetoo.com. Call 633-7084.

Library story hour

Every Wednesday at the post library for children ages 3-5. Call 633-7623.

Acqua village trip

Acqua Village in Cecina Mare features three water slides, wave pool, children's pool, soaped soccer, play room and more. The ITR trip takes place June 21. Call 633-7589.

Venice trip

Built on 117 small islands, Venice has more than 150 canals and more than 400 bridges. The ITR trip takes place June 22. Call 633-7589.

Texas hold'em

Come to Texas Hold'em June 26. Fun begins at 6:30 p.m. Contact the DCC at 633-7855 for details.

Darby Religious activities

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

9:40 a.m.: Catholic Reconciliation

10 a.m.: Catholic Mass

11:15 a.m.: Protestant worship

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

Vacation Bible School is coming in June.

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

Catholic confirmation is being planned in Vicenza for the first week of June.

Contact the Catholic education coordinator for details.

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

The congregation needs a cantor.

Talk to Chaplain Porter or Father Roberto to serve.

Fish, juggling festivals set in local area

A SIDEWAYS EXPERIENCE:

A bikers' fest - featuring speedway, sidecar and dragster motorcycle shows, and a second-hand cycle and accessories market - will take place June 4-7 in Osoppo, Udine, northwest of Vicenza. SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS.

Photo courtesy of Biker Fest



Festivals & events

Bikers' fest: June 4-7 in Osoppo, Udine, Villa Clementi, Via Cardinal De Lai, 61, about 127 miles northeast of Vicenza (take exit A23 Gemona). Speedway, sidecar and dragster motorcycle shows, second-hand motorcycle and accessories market, body painting, tattoos and live music. Four-day admission fee: 20 euro. Free for children under 12. Free souvenir to all visitors.

■ June 4: 6 p.m., 9 p.m., & 11:30 p.m. motorcycles' Burn Fighters shows; 8 p.m., 10 p.m., & midnight rock & blues concerts.

■ June 5: 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 9 p.m., & 11:30 p.m. Motorcycles' Burn Fighters Shows. 5:30 p.m., 8:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m., 10:30 p.m. & 1 a.m. Rock'n roll concerts.

■ June 6: 9 a.m. bike show contest; 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 5 p.m. motorcycles show; 3 p.m. bikers life forum meeting; 3:30 p.m. motorcycle slow race, bike wash, games. 8 p.m. alternative metal & rock concert, 10 p.m. hard rock and heavy metal concerts with the UFO band from United Kingdom. 11 p.m. trial & quad freestyle motorcycle shows; at midnight bikers awards. Lottery draw to win a free Honda Shadow Spirit 750. 1 p.m. Heavy Metal concert.

■ June 7: American cars rally; 10 a.m. hard rock concert; 11 a.m. vintage and

classical motorcycles rally; 12:30 p.m. R&R concert.

Fish Festival: June 5-8, 8 p.m.-midnight in Vicenza, Campo Marzio. Food stands featuring spaghetti with clams, mixed fish-fry, dessert and wine. Live music and entertainment at 9 p.m.

Trout Festival: June 6-7 in Molino D'Altissimo, Via Garavoglia, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths with trout specialties.

■ Saturday: 9 p.m. Latin-American live music and dances.

■ Sunday: 3:30 p.m. water games and entertainment. 9 p.m. live music and dances.

Mushroom Spring show and market: June 7 from 7 a.m.-8 p.m. in Thiene, Piazza Chilesotti, about 18 miles north of Vicenza.

Gran Polu - Polenta & Luganega Festival: June 7 in Castelnovo, Isola Vicentina, Via S. Antonio, about 10 miles northwest of Vicenza. 8 a.m. national dog show. 3 p.m. young dog handlers show. Food booths, carnival rides and car show.

Juggling Festival: June 6-7 in Malo, Villa Clementi, Via Cardinal De Lai, 61, about 20 miles northwest of Vicenza. Food stands, entertainment and free parking.

■ Saturday: starts at 9:30 a.m. Workshops and entertainment. 11 p.m. live music.

Fireworks at midnight.

■ Sunday: starts at 10:30 a.m. Children's games and entertainment with clowns, magicians and jugglers.

Radikanera, dance and rock jungle live music: June 6, 10 p.m., in Malo, Youth Center, Via Molinetto, 16.

Fantasy in clay, sculpture exhibition: June 6-14, in Vigardolo, S. Mary Church, Via Virgoletto, about four miles north of Vicenza. Monday-Friday 3-7:30 p.m.; Saturday - Sunday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 2:30-6:30 p.m.

Explore the sky: June 9, 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.

Indian music show - end of school year show: June 9, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, San Joseph Theater, Via Mercato Nuovo.

Amusement parks

Aqualandia: in Jesolo, Via Buonarroti 15, about 63 miles east of Vicenza. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Water games, extreme sports, water gym, animators and clowns for children. Also bungee jumping. Visit <http://www.aqualandia.it/en/> for information in English.

CanevaWorld Resort: in Lazise sul Garda, Località Fossalta 58, about 48 miles east of Vicenza. MovieLand Studios,

AquaParadise, MedievalTimes, and Rock Star theme areas. Visit the English Web Site: <http://www.canevaworld.it/movieland/> for information.

Acquafollie Waterpark: in Caorle, Via Aldo Moro 1, about 86 miles west of Vicenza. 10 a.m.-6 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. Free parking.

Gardaland: in Castelnuovo del Garda, Via Derna 4, about 52 miles west of Vicenza. For more info, visit <http://www.gardaland.it/en/home.php>.

Padovaland water park in Padova, Viale della Regione Veneto 6, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. Monday-Friday 10 a.m.-6:45 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays

9:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

Wave pool, water slides for children and adults, playground built on piles, restaurant, and game rooms. General admission: 16 euro all day ride pass and 13 euro from 3 p.m. to closing; 12 euro all day ride pass for children (2-12) and 9 euro from 3 p.m. to closing.

Park Jungle Adventure: in San Zeno di Montagna, Pineta Sperane, Lago di Garda, about 42 miles northwest of Vicenza. May-September. 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; June-August, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.

Tickets vary (12-28 euro) according to the difficulty level of the obstacle course. Credit cards are not accepted.

Outdoor Recreation

Cultural exchange

Let ODR introduce you to Vicenza's downtown area and get useful tips on travel and living in Italy. This trip takes place June 9 and costs \$15. Call 634-7453 for information.

Sea kayaking is back

The kayak season begins June 7 with a kayak trip to Lake Garda.

Pay concerts & events

■ **Lenny Kravitz:** June 5 in Rome; June 6 in Brescia; July 11 in Lucca. June 8 in Verona.

■ **Mamma mia** in English, in Forli, June 15-20.

■ **The Killers:** in Verona, June 8; in Rome, July 14.

■ **U-2:** in Milan, July 7.

Tickets available at Media World in the Palladio Shopping Center in Vicenza or <http://www.ticketone.it/EN/>.

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

June 4	I Love You Man (R)	6 p.m.
June 5	Fast & Furious (PG-13)	6 p.m.
	Adventure Land (R)	9 p.m.
June 6	Up (PG)	3 p.m.
	Fast & Furious (PG-13)	6 p.m.
June 7	Up (PG)	3 p.m.
	Adventure Land (R)	6 p.m.
June 10	Monsters vs. Aliens (PG)	6 p.m.
June 11	Monsters vs. Aliens (PG)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

June 5	Angels and Demons (R)	6 p.m.
June 6	X-Men Origins: Wolverine (R)	6 p.m.
June 7	Monsters vs. Aliens (PG)	1 p.m.
June 11	Star Trek (PG-13)	6 p.m.

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

Looking for the movie synopsis? Check out the AAFES Web site: www.aafes.com, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Movie Schedule.

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

Open auditions for Soldier's Theater

Soldier's Theatre is looking for four men and four women to fill singing, dancing and acting roles. No experience necessary.

The play is a musical tribute to old Hollywood movie musicals and the Marx Brothers. It features tap dancing. June 8 at 6 p.m. Call 634-7281 for info.

Warrant officers sought for chapter

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

Visit our Warrant Officer Breakfast every Thursday from 8-9 a.m. at the South of the Alps dining facility.

Call CW4 Pattie Roberts at DSN 634-7750 for more info. The next SOTA monthly meeting will be July 16.

Family Appreciation Day set June 6

Military Family Appreciation Day will be held June 6 at the USO from 1-4 p.m.

Enjoy crafts, ice-cream sundaes, face painting, dunk tank and enter to win one of three bikes. It's free for the entire family.

The USO is hosting a Father's Day photo contest.

Bring your favorite photo of dad and the kids starting June 1. Photos will be accepted until June 17. For more information, call 634-7156.

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

English & Italian as second language

Relocation Readiness offers English and Italian as a second language class.

Classes are offered to family members and cover basic conversational skills.

Take advantage in learning a second language in a fun and friendly environment.

English on Mondays 2-4 p.m. and Fridays from 9-11 a.m.

Elementary English for beginners: Fridays 11 a.m.-noon. Italian as a second language is offered Mondays and Thursdays, 9-11 a.m. Call 634-7500 for info. Reservations are required.

Bowlopolis deals continue

Keep an eye out for a Bowlopolis Summer Bowling

Pass coming soon. Bowlopolis members with this pass will be privileged to \$1 specials at the Arena bowling alley all summer.

There will also be a special Bowlopolis cardholder benefit night June 16. Stay tuned.

B-I-N-G-O!

Come to the Arena June 18 for a special night of adults-only bingo.

Games begin at 6 p.m. Call 634-8257 for more info.

Youth summer camp enrollment begins

Enrollment is now open for youth in grades 6-12 to participate in this year's Youth Program Summer Camp.

Adventures include kayaking, amusement parks, skiing and snowboarding, and overnight trips to Germany or Croatia.

The camps run weekly and include activities, admission to parks, snack and lunch.

Enroll at central registration, Bldg. 108. Call 634-7659.

Summer adventure sensation

Open enrollment has begun for School Age Services' summer camp program.

Enrollment will take place at the SAS, Bldg. 308.

Summer camp booklets with a detailed camp description are available at all CYSS locations. Call 634-8253 for info.

Health center closings

Due to federal and training holidays, the Vicenza health center will be closed June 12 and 15 and July 3-6.

Make a difference through leadership

Army Family Team Building Level III class set June 8-10 from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Call 634-7500.

Communication Miracles for couples

The ACS staff will hold a Communication Miracles for couples class June 12.

Participating couples will learn easy and effective tools to create more love and less conflict in their relationship.

Call 634-7500 for more info.

Pool tournament

The Arena will hold a pool tournament for adults June 11.

This coincides with country theme night at the Lion's Den.

The tourney begins at 6 p.m. Stay after the tournament for country karaoke with DJ Adrian, 8 p.m.-midnight. Call 634-8257

to sign up.

Framing courses

Save money and time by learning to frame your own pictures. Supplies included on June 10 or 13 at the arts center.

Or, update your framing skills at the refresher one-hour course June 11 at 5p.m.

Visit www.vicenzamwr.com to download the June calendar of classes offered at the center or call 634-7074 for information.

Oil Painting 101

Beginner oil painting class begins June 4 at the arts center. Learn the basics of oil painting: strokes, shadowing and layering colors in three sessions.

For \$80, all materials are included. Classes from 4-5 p.m.

Summer crochet series

June 6 kicks off the beginning of the summer crochet series at the arts and crafts center.

Join the group from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday in June and July for crochet instruction, conversation and fun.

Bring supplies. \$55 for eight sessions. Call 634-7074.

YS homework center summer closure

The Youth Services homework center in the community library will close for the summer.

The last day of operation is June 5. The homework center will reopen in September for the new school year.

Library new releases

This just in: Quantum of Solace, Choke, Seven Pounds, the series Breaking Bad Season One, and new release CDs from Mudvayne, The Lonely Island, Now 29 and more.

Visit vicenzamwr.com for a listing.

Pottery hand building

Explore ways to produce pottery by hand using simple tools or by using the hands and fingers in a two-part class at the arts and crafts center. Class is held 3-5 p.m. June 6 and 13.

BOSS Pool Party

BOSS is hosting a private pool party for members only June 11 at 5 p.m. at the Ederle Inn pool. Free food with beer available for purchase.

If you are a single or unaccompanied Soldier interested in membership, call BOSS President Sgt. Alex Jordahl, 634-8076.

Call 634-5087 to RSVP for the pool party.

Relax with ACS classes

■ On June 8, stress management participants will learn about the biology of stress and how it affects our lives.

■ The anger management series begins June 4.

Visit www.vicenzamwr.com or call 634-7500.

Financial Readiness

The ACS financial readiness program is trying to help Soldiers be prepared for any financial situation.

Cast your vote for the subject of the training, held Tuesdays 9-10 a.m. in the ACS conference room. Call 634-7500.

Where's the beach?

Visit www.vicenzamwr.com for directions to area beaches.

Dirty cars cleaned at dirt cheap price

FMWR Auto Skills Center offers car washing for as little as \$2 through Sept. 30.



Photo by Diana Bahr

HOT DOGS & HOOPS: Tim Volk (left) and Mark Oswald man the grill during the barbecue that followed the American vs. Italian womens' basketball game Sunday at Caserma Ederle. A crowd of about 125 people attended the game and party. Food was donated by those attending the game and included American-style hamburgers, hot dogs and baked beans. Italian attendees brought typical Italian desserts and prosecco.

Religious activities

Chaplain Crisis Line

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

Saturday services

4 p.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation, or by appointment.

5 p.m.: Roman Catholic mass

Sunday services

9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass. Mass is held weekdays at noon.

9 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school and AWANAs (Sept. through May in Vicenza High School)

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

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

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

4 p.m.: Lutheran worship

6 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Mondays

Noon: LDS Scripture Study

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

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

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

Noon: Protestant Men of the Chapel Bible study (at DFAC)

3 p.m.: Praise Dance practice

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

5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

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

Thursdays

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

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

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

Faith group contacts

Islamic: Spc. Kasimov, 329-034-3511

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

Latter Day Saints:

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

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

Community Calendar Highlights

June 11 - Army's 234th Birthday: run and cake cutting

June 11 - Last Day of School

June 12 Retiree Appreciation Day

June 22 - Summer Enrichment program begins. Ends July 7.

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.

Making contact

SETAF Benjamins' Lucky Tagaloa takes a swing as Jeremy Fernandes of AFN South (left) follows the action during a May 20 game on Caserma Ederle's new softball field. SETAF Benjamins won, 11-5.



SETAF 'team to beat' in softball league

Story and photo by
LAURA KREIDER
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Six teams consisting of USA Health Clinic, SETAF, 14th Trans., HHD 509th Sig BN, HHC 1/503rd and AFN South participate in the USAG Vicenza Unit/Recreational Softball League.

The games are held on Mondays and Wednesdays at the installation's new softball field near the Ederle Inn.

"I think it's great that we have a softball field again," said Aaron Talley,

who plays for the AFN South team.

"I think softball and baseball are important recreational activities; I'm excited to be playing again, and I look forward to improving as a team," he continued.

Clinton Carroll, who also plays for AFN South, was positive about the May 20 game despite losing to SETAF.

"This was our second time playing SETAF," he said, "The first time we played them we got beat pretty badly. I think the final score for that game was

27-3. Last night was much closer," said Carroll.

The SETAF Benjamins remain undefeated. (HHD 509th is also undefeated with a 3-0 record.) May 20 SETAF dominated AFN South 11-5.

"SETAF is the team to beat because of our teamwork and camaraderie. We have 16 people on our team and we practice hard and make sure that we have the right players in the right positions on the field," said James Hunter, the SETAF coach.



Ten-year-old Andrew Huggins (red shirt) competes in the 400-meter dash (male 10-12) during the meet. He completed the run in 1:14:00, placing second after Heidelberg's Jacquenz Prentice (left) who finished in 1:11:50.

Vicenza takes 63 ribbons in second annual CYSS meet

More than 100 youth from five schools participated in CYSS's second annual track and field meet May 30 at the Ederle track. Teams from Vicenza, Schweinfurt, Wiesbaden, Hohenfels and Heidelberg competed, with Vicenza taking home 63 ribbons. The meet was the culmination of more than six weeks of training for the Vicenza team and the highest enrollment yet for the sport. "I ran the 50 and the 400" said 8-year-old first-time participant Jasmin Taylor. She took home first and second place ribbons in her events.

Photo by Laura Kreider

Owning the night

U.S. Army Vicenza community members participated in the Jesolo Night Marathon, completing either the half or full marathon May 23. The event is the only night marathon in Italy.

(From left) Participants included Cindy Kight, Amanda Fisher, Mari McKenzie, Kirsten Moser, Ben Pry, Sara Sealy, Jeff Banks, Lauren Gardner, Ani Pry, Christina Salas and Claire Banks. Not pictured are Sonya Day, Eric Weisel and Sky Clarke.

Courtesy photo



Sports Standings

Soldiers' Softball

Team	Win	Loss	Game Scores
SETAF	3	0	
HHD 509	3	0	May 20
14th Trans.	2	3	SETAF: 11 vs. AFN South: 5
D Co. 1/503	1	0	14th Trans: 5 vs. HHD 509: 13
USAHC	1	3	
HHC 1/503	0	0	May 27
Female & Male	0	0	D. Co. 1/503: 18 vs. USAHC: 2
AFN South	0	4	AFN South: 9 vs. 14th Trans: 5

If you're a service member involved in an individual sport, like biking in an Italian competition, we'd like to cover you. Call 634-7000 today.

USAG-V 1 pitch softball tournament

A one pitch tournament will be held June 19-20. Bring your team roster to the coaches meeting June 19 at 6 p.m.

Recreational mix and unit-level teams. Awards for individuals and teams. Run bases and home run competition.

Call 634-7009.

Members, coaches needed for post softball team

Sports, Fitness & Aquatics is looking for players and coaches to help build a male and female community (post) softball team.

These teams will represent the Vicenza military community. Both teams will practice on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the softball field.

Participants must be at least 18 and out of high school.

Tennis Tournament

June 19-21 there will be a tennis tournament held on post. Participants should show up for the June 19 meeting at 6 p.m. and be ready to play immediately.

Beginners, intermediate and advanced players welcome. Awards will be given for first and second place finishers.

Call 634-7009 for mandatory sign-up and attend the pre-tournament meeting.

Soccer officials clinic

Get paid to officiate. Training will be held June 22-27 for those 18 years and older who wish to become soccer officials. Call 634-7009.

Flag football league

Enrollment runs June 1-18. Practices begin June 22.

The league is for children ages 9-18 and costs \$36.

Call 634-6151 for information or enroll at CYS central registration office in the Davis Family and Soldier Readiness Center.

Get your sports gear at Outdoor Recreation

You can get your gear at ODR when you sign up for sporting events and trips.

ODR offers dive gear, paintball markers and snowboard pants for purchase. Call 634-7453.

Aqua aerobics instructor

The USAG Vicenza Sports and Fitness Office is looking for certified aqua aerobics instructors.

Call Joe Reeder at 634-5181 or 0444-71-5181 for more information.