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No Driving Sunday

Because of the high concentration of traffic pollutants, Sunday is a "no-driving" day in Vicenza from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in all posted ZTL (no traffic zone) areas. The ordinance applies to all vehicles including SETAF registered vehicles.

Vicenza city residents cannot use their vehicles from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. in the historic city center and adjacent neighborhoods. If they need to drive their cars outside the city limits, they should do so before 9 a.m. Violators will be fined € 78. Main access roads to Caserma Ederle will not be blocked.

Ceremony honors fallen Sky Soldier

Staff report

Community members are invited to attend a remembrance ceremony Tuesday at 4 p.m. at the post chapel to honor a fallen 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Soldier.

Pfc. Nicholas S. Cook, 19, of Hungry Horse, Mont., was killed in action March 7 while conducting combat operations in Dab Sar, Konar Province, Afghanistan. He was assigned to the 2nd Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd ABCT, in early September.

Cook, who enlisted in the Army on April 7, 2009, deployed to Afghanistan where he and his platoon conducted counter-insurgency operations in Dangam, Asmar and Shaigal districts in the Konar valley, in the

vicinity of combat outpost Monti. He is survived by his mother, Charlotte Martin of Hungry Horse, Mont.

His pending posthumous awards include the Purple Heart Medal and the Bronze Star Medal.

"Pfc. Nicholas Cook selflessly enlisted in an Army at war and volunteered for one of the most demanding assignments--airborne infantryman," said 173rd ABCT Commander Col. Jim Johnson. "Pfc. Cook answered his nation's call and gave everything he had to a mission to bring security to the people of Afghanistan. His service was with distinction and represented everything that the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team stands for."

Free child care will be provided to attend the ceremony. Call 634-8253 or 634-7559.



Pfc. Nicholas Cook
Age: 19
Of: Hungry Horse,
Mont.

173rd troops to receive new camo, gear

Sky CSM: Upgraded design will enhance Soldier survivability in Afghan environment



Spc. Eddie L. Williams, a computer detection repairer at Fort Belvoir, Va., models the new MultiCam Army Combat Uniform, which will be issued to Soldiers deploying to Afghanistan beginning in July.



The new Mountain Combat Boots feature a tougher, more durable sole for gripping the mountainous Afghan terrain.

Story and photos by
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Army News Service

173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team Soldiers are expected to receive new uniform, boots and gear later this year to increase their edge in Afghanistan.

The new "MultiCam" fire-resistant Army Combat Uniform, complete with new Mountain Combat Boots and MultiCam-patterned Modular Lightweight Load-carrying Equipment, or MOLLE, will be issued to 173rd troops and other Soldiers already in Afghanistan this fall.

The 173rd ABCT Command Sgt. Maj. Nicholas Rolling said MultiCam will arrive at the correct point in time, as the Army continuously evaluates its challenging

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DES warning motorists against illegal parking

Staff report

The USAG Vicenza Directorate of Emergency Services is urging USASETAF-licensed motorists to avoid illegal parking, a growing concern on Caserma Ederle.

"We want to remind everyone that Caserma Ederle is an Italian installation, which means the Italian authorities have primary jurisdiction over U.S. and Italian personnel on and off the installation," said Adeal Frater, DES deputy director.

Frater said questions have been raised about illegal parking on the installation and what can happen to violators. Questions during the February Info X included whether it is illegal to park parallel on the left side of the road in Italy and is it illegal on the installation.

"The answer is yes to both questions. Article 157 of the Italian Penal Code states that a motorist can be issued a fine of 38 euro by the Italian authorities for parallel parking on the left side of the road unless marked otherwise, i.e. a one-way street with parking stalls on both sides," said Frater.

He explained that because military police have concurrent jurisdiction over USASETAF licensed personnel on the installation, the MPs can cite U.S. personnel operating privately owned vehicles or U.S. government vehicles for the same offense,

as well as other parking offenses on the installation which can result in 3 points accessed against a driver's USASETAF license.

"The MPs have the discretion to cite or issue a warning on an Armed



A citation can result in 3 points against a driver's USASETAF license.

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MyCAA funding for spouses reinstated

Department of Defense news release

The Department of Defense announced March 11 the resumption of the Military Spouse Career Advancement Account, or MyCAA, program. As of Saturday at noon EST, the 136,583 military spouses who are currently enrolled in the program were once again able to receive tuition assistance.

"We made a commitment to our military spouses when they established a career advancement account and we will be true to our promises," said Tommy Thomas, deputy under secretary of defense, military community and family policy.

"There are a significant number of spouses whose applications for the MyCAA program were approved, but who had not yet applied for approval of individual course enrollments," said Caserma Ederle's Education Services Officer Mark Summerlin. "These applicants and those who previously had courses approved will now be able to apply for additional courses through MyCAA up to the \$6,000 ceiling."

Summerlin said on-post colleges are now registering students for courses beginning Monday.

Over half of Ederle enrollees in 10 colleges last term were spouses. DoD is planning the long-term management of MyCAA.

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Multi-cam a solution to multi-region problem

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environments.

“The upgraded design and camouflage pattern is a fighting fit, to our Sky Soldiers,” said Rolling. “This will enhance our survivability while the Army continues to transform and adapts to new requirements on the battlefield.”

Soldiers deploying to Afghanistan will be issued MultiCam beginning in July.

At mobilization sites throughout the U.S., the uniform will be issued to Soldiers deploying to Afghanistan as part of the Rapid Fielding Initiative process beginning in July.

“Anything we can do to give our Soldiers an edge, we want to do,” said Col. William E. Cole, project manager for Soldier protection and individual equipment at the Program Executive Office on Fort Belvoir.

The decision to field and develop an alternative camouflage for uniforms in Afghanistan came out of the realization that the Army’s current Universal Camouflage Pattern, or UCP, did not meet all of the concealment needs for

Afghanistan’s multiple regions.

“Afghanistan is a unique camouflage challenge because it’s such a terrain-diverse country,” Cole explained. He also confirmed that the uniforms and gear in MultiCam will, for now, only be used in Afghanistan.

In Afghanistan, Soldiers on a single patrol can potentially go from desert conditions, to wooded areas, villages, and rocky mountain environments. When coming up with a new camouflage color palette, PEO Soldier wanted to be sure the uniforms gave Soldiers a combat edge in each possible terrain situation.

Similar to the Battle Dress Uniform woodland print, the new MultiCam is a combination of seven different shades which “takes in surrounding colors.” A jumble of greens, browns and beige, the MultiCam camouflage presents a solution to Afghanistan’s multiple-region problem.

“Troops like the fact that it helps them blend in to different terrain types,” Cole said of the new pattern.

Beginning in September 2009, four

phases of developing and testing new camouflage options were initiated: deciding on alternative uniform patterns, conducting testing and receiving Soldier feedback, choosing a final pattern to produce, and evaluating a long-term plan for the Army Combat Uniform.

First, a unit field-tested the ACU in MultiCam alongside their standard-issue ACUs, while another tested the UCP-Delta, a digital pattern with the added color ‘coyote brown’ for better concealment. When polled, the MultiCam and the UCP-D ended up as the top two choices by Soldiers.

Then, a team representing the U.S. Army Infantry Center, PEO Soldier, Natick Labs, the Asymmetric Warfare Group, Army Special Operations Command, and the U.S. Naval Research Center traveled throughout Afghanistan to gather data on six different patterns including the UCP, UCP-D and MultiCam. They took photos of Soldiers in the six different uniforms against eight terrain conditions. From those pictures, photo simulation was created comparing

the uniforms at different distances and settings.

About 750 Soldiers who had recently deployed to Afghanistan were then asked to judge the uniforms in the photos based on their detectability, blendability, and rank them from best to worst—the MultiCam was chosen as the best performer in all categories.

The MultiCam, while cut in the same style as the ACU, will have several upgrades including a reinforced seat, buttons on the trouser cargo pockets, be constructed of flame-resistant fabric (like the newer ACUs), and treated with permethrin. New Mountain Combat Boots will also be issued to deploying Soldiers, which feature a tougher, more durable sole for gripping the mountainous Afghan terrain.

So far, three of the four phases of exploring camouflage alternatives have been completed, while the process of making a long-term decision about the ACU, and how big a role the MultiCam camouflage will play is still up for debate.

MyCAA

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“Over half of our enrollees in 10 college courses last term were spouses,” he noted.

The first phase of the reinstated program will enable the department to continue to pay up to \$6,000 in tuition assistance for spouses currently enrolled.

The department is working hard to adjust and meet the demands of the program and develop a long-term solution for spouses not yet enrolled who would like to establish an account.

The program was launched March 2, 2009, to assist military spouses in attaining portable careers in high-demand, high-growth occupations.

An unexpected spike in enrollment prompted the Defense Department to pause the program on Feb. 16. A

thorough review began immediately to assure the program was accomplishing its intended goals.

“When we determined that an operational pause in the program was critically needed, we failed to notify our spouses in a timely and appropriate manner,” said Thomas. “As a result of our failure, we know we will have to work hard to restore their faith in us. We are committed to earning that trust through improved communication and

by delivering services.”

The Defense Department is currently developing options for the long-term management of the program and expect to be able to announce the details soon.

Until new accounts can be created, Military OneSource Spouse Education and Career Consultants will continue to be available to provide education and training, career exploration, assessment, employment readiness and career search assistance.

Speak Out

The Outlook asks the 2010 SOYNOY judges: What traits are you looking for in a Soldier and NCO of the year?



1st Sgt. James Cook
DPTMS

“Physical fitness, military bearing and appearance, and competence—both technical and tactical.

Lives the Army Values, projects confidence and is able to motivate and lead Soldiers.

Remains calm during stressful and difficult situations and makes timely and sound decisions.”



Sgt. 1st Class Stephen Junod
Vicenza Health Center

“Professional Soldiers function as a team but some traits I am looking for in an NCO are: an experienced motivated Soldier who focuses on mentoring, developing and training Soldiers.

In a Soldier of the Year: a Soldier who is eager to learn, motivated, involved in the community and not afraid of the hard road.”



Sgt. 1st Class Kristopher Moeller
Central Processing Facility

“The traits that I am looking for in the Soldier and NCO of the Year are Soldiers who put the effort to stand out above their peers, Soldiers who are dedicated to the mission and will represent a solid USAG-Vicenza at the IMCOM Europe competition.”



1st Sgt. Jimmy Gomez
USAG Livorno

“I’m looking for Soldiers and NCOs who are quick on their feet and in their thinking, that are able to adapt to constant changes in both garrison and on the battlefield. Most of all, a Soldier or NCO that when confronted with an obstacle both shows and tells how they can overcome the obstacle, not why they can’t.”



1st Sgt. Troy White
HHC USAG Vicenza

“I look for someone who puts their best foot forward and never quits, regardless of how things appear to be going.”

SKIES cheerleading slots still available Instructor, four-time NCAA champion trained competition-level squads

By KELLI COVLIN

SKIESUnlimited program manager

SKIESUnlimited kicked off its cheerleading instructional program this month, and slots are still available.

“Cheerleading is a great program in which youth can grow individually and learn to work together as a team,” said Mallory Wyatt, SKIES cheerleading instructor. Wyatt is a four-time National Cheerleading Association All-American and the spouse of Capt. Charles Wyatt, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team.

Wyatt, who has been cheerleading, instructing cheerleading and choreographing for more than

10 years, comes to the SKIES program from the Vancouver Cheer Academy in Vancouver, Wash., where she trained competition-level cheer squads.

In the SKIES classes, each group will learn cheernastic skills, cheerleading chants, and spirit routines, said Mallory. Specific attention will be paid to proper cheer movements and postures.

“We will be focusing on skill building and refining techniques,” said Wyatt. “I’m really excited about being able to share my experience with the youth of our community.”

Classes are broken down by age with youth 6-8 meeting Mondays, 9-11 on Wednesdays

and 12 years and older meeting Fridays. Classes take place in the multipurpose room of the post fitness center and meet from 3:15-4:10 p.m. The cost of the 10-week session is \$75.

Classes began Monday, but enrollment is still open. Parents of interested youth can enroll at CYSS Parent Central Services or online at <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/vicenzacyms.html>.

For more information about this and other programs, call SKIESUnlimited at 634-8051 or e-mail Kelli.Covlin@eur.army.mil.

Families of deployed Soldiers can use their SKIES deployment credit, courtesy of Army Family Covenant, for the class.



Mallory Wyatt has been cheerleading, instructing and choreographing for more than 10 years.

Poison prevention a priority in every home

USAG Vicenza Safety Office

Many people may remember the “plop, plop, fizz, fizz” jingle from the 1970’s as a medicinal message of relief from indigestion, but would it provide the same relief to a child?

Probably not. Worse, it could signal the beginning of a harrowing hospital experience.

Children are most likely to be affected by ingesting a poisonous substance, whether it is a cleaning product or a prescribed medicine. Poisons are present in all homes. Whether they cause us problems or not depends on the precautions we take with them.

The first step in poison prevention is to identify all of the potential poisons in our home. Poisons can be

found in the kitchen (cleaning products), the bathroom (cleaning products and medicines) and in the garage (car fluids, gardening products).

Next, we need to safeguard those poisons from our children. Keep chemical products in their original packaging and out of reach of children. Use child safety locks when you can’t place poisons above a child’s reach.

Keep medicine out of reach and ensure you replace the childproof lids. Many medicines will look like candy to a child. Do not mix cleaning products; many contain chemicals that when combined with other chemicals will create deadly fumes, and you don’t want to discover which ones the hard way.

Next, we need to teach our children about poisons. Lastly, we need to keep a list of emergency numbers posted that we can access quickly in case of a poisoning.

Off post:

112 – Carabinieri

113 – Emergency Police Help Number (also ambulance and fire)

115 – Fire Department

118 – Medical Emergencies

On post

Call 634-7696 to reach the MP’s.

Poison prevention takes constant effort, but a safe home is worth it. March 14-20 is Poison Prevention Week. For more info, visit poisonprevention.org.

Volunteer Spotlight

By SASHA SIBILLA

Outlook contributor

Christa Cahill arrived in Vicenza just seven months ago and has been labeled an outstanding volunteer in our community. She has put in more than 100 hours of volunteer service as a basketball coach with CYSS.

She served as coach for three youth sports basketball teams this winter and said she enjoys the excitement of mentoring kids of all ages.

“I just love being a mentor and role model for children who like to play sports.

Teaching them the fundamentals of basketball gives me great satisfaction when I hear them say that they really like playing the game” said Cahill.

When she is not coaching and taking care of her family, Cahill also volunteers at the Vicenza Elementary school where her two children attend.



Christa Cahill

has put in more than 100 hours of service as a CYSS coach

at the school where her two children attend.

“The main thing that I like is giving back to the community,” she said. “Volunteering has become my fulltime job.”

Cahill said community members should not fear volunteering for youth sports, regardless of how little they know.

“Vicenza has an awesome CYSS team and director,” she said, “and they will teach you and help facilitate you in any programs you would like to coach or officiate.”

To join Vicenza’s Army Volunteer Corps, call 634-7942.

Illegal parking can result in penalty points

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Forces Traffic Ticket, DD Form 1408,” said Frater. “The warning can also be verbal at the discretion of the MP. The MPs will correct violations with verbal or written citations when feasible, but we need all personnel to voluntarily comply to the road rules to be safe.

“Good and safe driving habits equate to saving lives,” he said, “so motorists have to do their part.”

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At your service

Digital Training Facility



Jennifer Eye is the installation’s Digital Training Facility manager.

“The facility offers 32 computers with Internet in a quiet comfortable environment,” said Eye. “I am here to assist with any computer issues and help maintain a positive and clean environment.”

She said anyone can take online classes, study online and schedule individual or collective training.

The DTF hours of operation are Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. It is located in Bldg. 28, next to the post gym across from the Arena.

For more information, Eye can be reached at jennifer.eye@us.army.mil or DSN 634-7989 / CIV 0444-71-7989.

Community Camera

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



On their way...

About 60 troops from the 14th Transportation Battalion leave Caserma Ederle Monday at noon for a one-year deployment to Iraq. The unit will assume Command and Control of a host of MCTs throughout Iraq, said Master Sgt. Richard Franklin with the 14th Trans. Rear Detachment. "The 14th Trans. continues the tradition of deploying and supporting the war fighters with critical logistical support in the Iraqi theater of operations. It's one of the highest decorated units and will continue to be very relevant to the Global War on Terrorism," said Franklin.

Photo by Graigg Faggionato



Photo by John Beamish

Somebody's gotta win: U.S. Army Africa's Staff Sgt. Elmar Tomas and wife Digi Anna look at a laptop they plan to purchase with their winnings from an AAFES sweepstakes. The couple were presented a \$1,000 gift card Monday, courtesy of the Vicenza PX, after entering the store's Kimberly Clark Sweepstakes. "Every time we see one of those sweepstakes, me and the wife just fill them out," said Tomas. "I guess we just got lucky." Tomas said he purchased his children some items, then purchased a laptop for the family.



Courtesy photo

Lighting the way: USAG Vicenza Host Nation Community Relations Program Manager Shay Morris lights a candle Friday during the International Federation of Business and Professional Women candle lighting ceremony at Gonfalone chapel in Vicenza. The candles symbolize the ambitions and endeavours of dedicated women in every country around the world. Morris and nine other volunteers from the installation represented Caserma Ederle, which was publicly thanked during the ceremony for participating. Also in attendance were Vicenza Prefect Melchiorre Fallica. The BPW was founded more than 80 years ago.



Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Kyle Davis

On the dotted line: U.S. Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III signs the proclamation announcing March 13-17 as Dental Assistants Recognition Week. Attending the March 3 signing are (from left) Rose Thom, Pfc. Robert Poulard, Spc. Sara Newton and Addy Green, dental assistants from the Caserma Ederle's dental clinic.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Holding on: Fire Capt. Joseph Brewer assists Caleb Bullock, 3, while spraying the fire hose during the Vicenza Home School Connection visit hosted by the Caserma Ederle Fire Department March 12. "About 20 students and parents were able to get hands-on knowledge of the firefighters' daily duties," said Christopher Bender, Assistant Fire Chief.

Darby Dates

Parents Night Out

Parents, you deserve a break. Enjoy an evening out and leave the child care to CYSS March 26. Children must be registered by Tuesday. Call 633-7681.

Table tennis tournament

Sign up at the fitness center for the table tennis tournament (single players) Monday-Wednesday. Call 633-7440.

Visit Ducati, Lamborghini museums with ITR

See 45 pieces of the best of the Ducati collection and admire the top 20 pieces in the Lamborghini gallery. This March 27 trip is a must-see for two and four-wheel buffs! Call 633-7589.

Debt liquidation

If you are in debt and have problems managing your credit, you are not alone. ACS can help Tuesday. Call ACS for more information at 633-7084.

Investment club

Learn what it takes to get the most out of your investing Tuesday. Call ACS for more information at 633-7084.

Bingo night

Bingo comes to Camp Darby March 26. Ticket sales for a big jackpot begin at 5:30 p.m. First game kicks off at 6:30 p.m. Call the DCC at 633-7855 for details.

Infant CPR, spouse fitness

Come learn infant CPR followed by an informative fitness program for spouses Tuesday. Call ACS for more information at 633-7084.

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

10 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school

11:15 a.m.: Catholic CCD

Christian Men's Bible study is every Thursday at **5 p.m.** in Mertz Hall at the Darby Chapel.

Protestant Women of the Chapel Bible study meets Tuesday from **noon to 1 p.m.** and Wednesdays from **5:30-6:30 p.m.**

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

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

Sal Gomez, USAG Livorno's chief of Military Personnel Division (right), and Sgt. John Miller, chaplain assistant, flip patties to raise money to help junior enlisted Soldiers attend the annual Army Birthday celebration at little or no cost.

Photo by Chiara Mattiolo



Grill duty ensuring junior troops enjoy Army tradition

By **JOYCE COSTELLO**
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

For the second year in a row at Camp Darby, NCOs and officers are rolling up their sleeves and grilling hotdogs and hamburgers so that junior enlisted Soldiers can attend the Army birthday celebration at little to no cost.

According to Capt. Annie Robinson, USAG Livorno Headquarters and Headquarters detachment commander, it's an important tradition to celebrate the Army Birthday and it is a great way

to celebrate and interact with the Camp Darby Community.

"This year the Army Birthday committee decided to have the catered dinner and semi-formal celebration at the American Beach in Tirrenia in the evening on June 12," said Robinson.

"I'm excited to do something different for this year's Army birthday," said Sgt. John Miller, Camp Darby Chaplains assistant. "I'm a team player and I'm willing to take time out of my schedule to raise money for a good cause."

Volunteering wasn't limited to

just Soldiers. A Department of Army employee, Sal Gomez, was also on hand to flip burgers.

"I am volunteering during this fundraiser and will be supporting young Soldiers every chance I have because if it wasn't for Soldiers I wouldn't be here and I wouldn't have a job today," said Gomez.

Robinson said volunteers will be holding a barbecue fundraiser from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. March 29; April 19 and 26; May 3, 10, 17 and June 7 in the commissary parking lot.

Coastie cadets sing for spring break

Story and photo by **JOYCE COSTELLO**
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Every year, the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Cadet Choral spends its spring break performing, usually in Florida. This year, however, they decided to make their first overseas appearance.

The 22-member team traveled from New London, Conn., to perform in Venice, Florence and Livorno, Italy. During their trip, they stopped by Camp Darby to perform for the Livorno Unit School.

"This was an incredible opportunity for cultural exchange and these cadets learned that while different parts of the world are diverse, the people are not," said Coast Guard pilot Cmdr. Elizabeth Young.

Young said the visit was made possible in part by Consular General Mary Countryman of the American Consul in Florence.

"She was able to help us secure performances in the Guggenheim Museum in Venice and the Italian Naval Academy in Livorno along with other venues in Florence," said Young.

The cadets specialized in jazz music and snappy ditties from the roaring 20's

and 30's.

"I love getting up in front of an audience and interacting with them and this type of music is always very engaging," said 1st Class Cadet Jason Veara, a senior at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

Because this is an extracurricular activity at the academy, the cadets only have one hour a week allotted for

practice.

"Our admiral believes it's important to interact with the outside community and that these types of activities are important for any education, especially at university level," added Veara.

Young encourages organizations wanting the cadet choral to perform for them to contact the academy through their Web site www.uscga.edu.



Members of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy Cadet Choral perform for students at Camp Darby's Livorno Unit School as part of the cadets' spring break tour in Italy.



Hear ye, Hear ye: Community members are invited to enjoy a day with knights, ladies, fortune tellers and jesters during the medieval festival at the Bevilacqua Castle in Verona Sunday 21. See below for details.

Local festivals & shows

Medieval Festival: Sunday in Verona at the Bevilacqua Castle, Via Roma 50, about 33 miles south of Vicenza, starting at 10:30 a.m.

Children and adults can experience medieval life for a day with knights, bowmen, musicians, fire-eaters, fortune-tellers, jesters, flag-flyers, a medieval encampment and medieval market. Guided visits to the Museums of Tortures of the Bevilacqua Castle. Everyone is invited to play games and attend bow and arrow competitions and duels. Admission is 7 euro; 3 euro for children 4 – 6 and senior citizens over 70. Children younger than 4 get in free.

At 12:30 p.m., enjoy a medieval lunch with knights, dancers and musicians. The cost is 35 euro. The cost for children ages 4-6 is 20 euro. Free for children under age 4. Reservations are mandatory. Call 0442-93-655. English operators are available.

Father's Day – La Festa del Papà: Italians celebrate Father's Day Friday. It is also the day they celebrate St. Joseph, the Father of Jesus. Stores all over Italy will be offering specially wrapped gift items for family members to buy for their fathers. Typical sweets are the St. Joseph's Day Cream Puffs or Zeppole di San Giuseppe: they are more common in southern Italy but they can also be found in local *pasticerie* (pastry stores).

105th Saint Joseph Festival & Spit-Roasted Quail Fair: March 19-21 in Villaganzerla, about nine miles south of Vicenza. Carnival rides, fair trade market, craft show, painting and photo exhibits, food stands and raffle.

■ Friday: 9 p.m. dance and show contest.

■ Saturday: 5:30 p.m. children and teenagers dance and show contest.

■ Sunday: 9 p.m. ballroom dancing with I Casanova and Rossella Ferrari.

Spring Flavors and Colors: March 18-21 in Quinto di Treviso, about 36 miles east of Vicenza. Local products, crafts and flower show and market. Food booths featuring a variety of red radicchio dishes. Live music.

Bike Show: Friday 6-10 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m.-8 p.m. in Mussolente, Via Pavane 3, about 25 miles northeast of Vicenza. Admission is 5 euro and free for children under 14. Bicycle clothing and accessories, exercise bikes, bicycle-tourism information, and nutrition food for sportsmen.

Verde Casa-Greenery Fair: March 19-21. Friday from 3-7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. in Padova, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza.

Admission is 6 euro and a reduced rate of 4 euro for children 12 or younger and senior citizens over 60. Indoor and outdoor plants, bonsai, aquatic plants; artificial and dried flowers; wicker and bamboo products; gardening items and accessories; decorative flowerpots and outdoor furnishings.

Spring Wind Festival-Japan in Vicenza: ongoing through Sunday. Free events:

■ Suiseki Exhibition: ongoing through Sunday, 3-7 p.m. SS. Filippo e Giacomo Church, Piazza S. Giacomo. *Suiseki (sui = water and seki = stone) is the Japanese name for miniature, naturally formed stones that have the power and beauty to suggest a scene from nature or object closely associated with nature. They are also known as 'Viewing Stones' and 'Scholar Stones'.

■ Contemporary Japanese Art Exhibition: Today 10 a.m.-1 p.m. & 3-7 p.m.; Friday 3-7 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m. – noon; Sunday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Galleria Primo Piano Arte Studio, Contrà S. Barbara 21.

■ Japanese Art and Tradition: Kimonos, origami, suiseki, ningyo dolls exhibition. Today and Friday 3-7:30 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. & 3-8 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. SS. Filippo and Giacomo Church, Piazza S. Giacomo.

■ Bonsai Exhibition: Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-8 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. SS. Filippo e Giacomo Church, Piazza S. Giacomo.

The Odeon Theater in Vicenza, Corso Palladio 176, will be featuring movies in English through the winter. The *Lovely Bones* shows Monday 4, 6:30 and 9 p.m. Tickets cost 6 euro. Visit www.mymovies.it/cinema/vicenza/6217/.

Free local events

Galileo, Venice and the Moon historical/scientific exhibition: through April 5 in Bassano del Grappa, Palazzo Bonaguro, Via Angarano, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza. Open Thursday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. Closed on Easter.

Admission fee is 3 euro, 2 euro reduced for children between 10 and 18 and senior citizens over 60. Free for children under 10.

Live rock with Sabrina Turri: 10 p.m. Friday in Vicenza's Bar Sarte, Corso S. Felice e Fortunato 362.

Conservatory students in concert: Saturday at 5 p.m. in Vicenza's S. Chiara Chapel, Contrà Santa Chiara.

Thelonious School Bands jam session: Saturday at 10 p.m. in Vicenza's Bar Sarte, Corso S.

Felice e Fortunato 362.

Crux Mundi—a modern reassessment of the Stations of the Cross associated with the last century's 10 worst cases of human rights violations: Sunday at 11 a.m. in Vicenza's Basilica di Monte Berico, Sala Sette Santi Fondatori, Viale X Giugno 87.

Concerts

Tokio Hotel: March 26 in Padova, Palasport.

Kevin Costner & Modern West: March 31 in Milano's Smeraldo Theatre.

Ian Paice & Tolo Marton: April 8 in Padova, Gran Teatro.

Foreigner: April 11 in Milan, Alcatraz Club.

Alicia Keys: May 2 at the Verona Arena.

Whitney Houston: May 3 in Milan, Assago, Mediolanum

Forum; May 4 in Rome's Palalottomatica.

Buy tickets at Media World in the Palladio mall or www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing or <http://www.ticketone.it/EN/>.

ODR trips

Visit **Munich** and **Dachau**, Germany with ODR Saturday.

The Lake Bled Slovenia Trip on March 27, includes a boat tour.

The Marzadro Distillery is a vast complex where you will see how to make grappa, fruit jars and liqueurs. Castle tour also included.

To enroll for a trip or arts and crafts class, visit <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/Vicenzarectrac.html>

Check out the trips coming in the ODR new Spring and Summer Schedule available online at www.VicenzaMWR.com.

Now Showing

Ederle Theater		
Thursday	Youth in Revolt (R)	6 p.m.
Friday	Alvin & Chipmunks: Squeakquel (PG)	6 p.m.
	Day Breakers (R)	9 p.m.
Saturday	Avatar (PG-13)	2 p.m.
	Green Zone (R)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Avatar (PG-13)	2 p.m.
	Green Zone (R)	6 p.m.
Wed.	Day Breakers (R)	6 p.m.
March 25	Day Breakers (R)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater		
Friday	Cop Out (R)	6 p.m.
Saturday	Leap Year (PG)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Avatar (PG-13)	1 p.m.
March 25	The Book of Eli (R)	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 the 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.

Free child care available to attend Tuesday remembrance ceremony

CYSS will provide free child care for the memorial service of Pfc. Nicholas Cook Tuesday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Children must be registered with CYSS and any additional time reserved before or after the two-hour period must be paid by the parent. Reserve care in advance by calling the School Age Center at 634-8253 or the CDC at 634-7559. When reserving, parents must mention that they will be attending the ceremony.

Red Cross volunteer orientation slated

New volunteer orientation will take place April 6 in the classroom at Davis Hall from 1-3 p.m. Pre-registration is requested.

April's CPR/first aid class is scheduled April 10 in the classroom at Davis Hall from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required.

For more information or to register, visit Davis Hall, Room 47, or call 634-7089 / CIV 0444-71-7089.

BOSS lounge open during work hours

The B.O.S.S. lounge is now open during working hours. Stop by between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. for a free snack or to check your e-mail or Facebook.

Photo exhibit at library through April

The Image Makers Photography Exhibit will be on display in the Vicenza Library Monday through April 9. CYS Service has partnered with the Boys and Girls Clubs of America for this event.

Judging will take place from Monday- April 2. Call 634-7659 for information.

Dance to salsa, meringue, reggaeton

The Lion's Den dance floor sizzles with salsa, meringue, Bachata and reggaeton music March 26 from 8 p.m. until closing.

Wood certification class offered Sunday

Wood certification class set Sunday at 10 a.m. The class teaches

proper use of equipment.

This safety course is required prior to using the wood shop. Call 634-7074 to register.

Try out for female version of Odd Couple

Auditions for the next Soldiers' Theatre production of Odd Couple-Female Version will be held Monday and Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

There are adult roles for eight women and two men. Audition requirements are cold reading from the script.

Enjoy local artists at next Music Cafe

The next Music Café will take place March 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Soldiers' Theatre. Enjoy the casual music of local artists while enjoying snacks and drinks in a relaxed atmosphere.

Tap classes run Tuesdays, Thursdays

Adult tap classes begin Tuesday at Soldiers' Theatre with instructor Linda Dahlstrom. Beginning classes are on Tuesdays; advanced classes are on Thursdays. Learn to tap, meet new friends and have fun. Call 634-7281.

Deployment support workshop set Friday

A Communication During Deployment workshop is set Friday 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and will focus on ways couples can keep the lines of communication open despite technological challenges and distance. Call 634-7500.

Bake sale set

The Warrant Office South of the Alps Chapter is having a bake sale Sunday-Monday in front of the PX from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Funds raised will go to local charities.

For information, call CW4 Roberts at 634-7750.

Rehearsals set for CFE treaty inspection

The Conventional Forces Europe Treaty Inspection is an annual evaluation for each member state of the Treaty on Limitations of Conventional Forces in Europe.

Each member state is obligated to submit to annual inspections to verify compliance with the provisions of the treaty. USAG

Vicenza's inspection will be April 8 and practically all elements of the installation will be impacted.

Agencies involved should attend rehearsals to prepare for the event. Call Jonathon Allen at 634-6232 for more information.

Health center seeking patient perspective

The U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza is developing its Patient and Family Centered Care program. Patients and families are seen as essential members of the health care team.

With this program, the customer's perspective as a patient is directly incorporated into planning, delivery and evaluation of health care and improving both quality and safety.

The community is invited to join the health center for its community kick-off Tuesday at 6 p.m. in the chapel for more information and to find out how to get involved and make your health care what you want it to be.

Light snacks will be served. For information, call Maj. Cynthia Sanchez at 634-5800 / CIV 0444-71-5800.

Technical instructor jobs available

Global Knowledge Germany, as part of the U.S. Army Training program, is seeking dynamic individuals to teach U.S. Army trainings at the AE-ITT training facility in Vicenza.

Army background and teaching experience desired. Qualifications include CompTIA, Microsoft Sharepoint and other IT certifications.

Call DSN 379-5552 (+49-6202-80-5552) or e-mail Jeffrey.lodge@globalknowledge.de

MOMS Club events

■ Thursday: Park Playdate 4 p.m.

■ Wednesday: Pre-school Playgroup 4 p.m.

■ March 26: Infant Playgroup 11 a.m.

■ March 29: Monthly Meeting 10 a.m.

■ March 30: Toddler Playgroup 10-11:30 a.m.

E-mail momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com.

Scholarships available

Scholarship information is available at:

- www.campuschamps.com
- www.fastweb.com
- www.students.gov
- www.ncaa.org

Help decide how much COLA you receive

Community members are urged to participate in a new Living Pattern Survey at <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/oscola/lps/italy/>. The survey is conducted every three years and its results will determine the amount of COLA, or Cost of Living Allowance, each family in the area will receive.

Community members can contribute to the outcome by participating.

Easter sunrise service

The community is invited to the annual Easter sunrise service, hosted by the post chapel, under the pavillion at Hoekstra Field April 4 at 7 a.m.

The guest speaker is IMCOM-E Chaplain (Col.) Douglas Kinder. Uniform is civilian casual and dressing warm is advised. Uniform for Soldiers on duty is ACUs.

A no-host breakfast will follow at the dining facility, which will open at 8 a.m.

For more information, contact douglas.thomison@eur.army.mil or 634-7472.

POV vehicle inspection closed 12:30-2 Friday

The installation's POV vehicle inspection station will close 12:30-2 p.m. Friday so employees can attend a retirement luncheon.

Community Calendar Highlights

Friday-Monday: Training Holiday

March 26: No School for Students (Full Day CSI)

March 31: Info-X

April 4: Easter Sunrise Service

April 5: Italian Holiday (Easter Monday)

April 9: No School for Students

April 9-12: Training Holiday

April 12-16: Spring Break

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.

Spring holiday services

Messianic Passover Sedar Supper, March 29 in the chapel activity room at p.m.

Lenten Catholic Penance Service March 29 in the sanctuary at 5:30 p.m.

Catholic Holy Thursday Mass and Adoration April 1 in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.

Protestant Easter workshop for families April 2 in the chapel activity room at 5:30 p.m.

Catholic Good Friday Service April 2 in the sanctuary at 3 p.m.

Gospel Good Friday Service April 2 in the sanctuary at 7:30 p.m.

Catholic Easter Vigil April 3 in the sanctuary at 8:30 p.m.

All other Easter Sunday Services will follow the regular Sunday schedule.

Comedy, concert tour set at Arena Monday:

Recording artist Leigh Jones (at right) will headline the I. A.M. STRONG Tour, performing free at Caserma Ederle's Arena Monday 7 p.m.

The concert and comedy show are designed to raise awareness about the prevention of sexual assault and harassment among Soldiers and military families. Jones, who is travelling to 24 Army installations over two months, will be joined by hip-hop band Animate Objects, professional comedians and Soldier talent. B.O.S.S. Soldiers will receive free water bottles and T-shirts. I. A.M. STRONG stands for intervene, act and motivate others to stop sexual harassment, assaults and sexually offensive language, innuendo and gestures that create an environment friendly to abuse. Toleration of these acts among troops has been reduced to zero, Army leaders say.

Photo by Tim Hipps



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.



Courtesy photo

Join the crowd this Sunday: The City of Vicenza's annual StrAVicenza Marathon will take place Sunday at 10 a.m. Events include the 1.5, 4.5 and 10K marathons. The start and finish point is at Campo Marzio. Community members can register at the StrAVicenza Point, Loggia del Capitaniato in Piazza dei Signori, Friday from 4–8:30 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m.–1 p.m. and 3:30–9 p.m.; or Sunday from 7:45–9:45 a.m. at Campo Marzio. The cost is 4 euro and 2 euro for children under age 14. Cost includes bib number, snack and medical coverage. Bag storage service is available for 0.50 euro. Sunday is also a no-driving day in Vicenza. Participants can park their vehicles in the Stadio, Via Cricoli or Via Farini parking lots and take a bus to the city center. According to a Vicenza Town Hall news release, buses will be free from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. March 21. From Caserma Ederle, participants can take either the #7 or #1 bus from Viale della Pace and get off at the Stazione (Train Station). For more information, in Italian only, visit www.stravicenza.it.

David Mulack wheels his sons (from left) Nicolas, 2, and Jacob, 4, along with wife Sonya during the quarterly community 5K walk/run Saturday. The event began and ended at the North 40 sports field. Sunny weather contributed to a turnout of 203 participants. The walk/run followed the post's Exceptional Family Member Program Run. The next quarterly walk/run is set June 5. Call 634-7009 for information.

Photo by Laura Kreider



Assessments offered for swim lessons

SKIES Unlimited is conducting swim assessments for youth interested in swim lessons Wednesday-March 26 from 3:30-4:45 p.m. and March 30-31 from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Assessments will take place at the post pool. The first session of swim lessons will take place April 21-May 14. Levels offered will be determined based on assessments. Enrollment begins April 1. Youth must have a current assessment to enroll. For more information, call SKIES Unlimited at 634-8051 or e-mail kelli.covlin@eur.army.mil.

Coaches needed for baseball, softball

CYSS Sports & Fitness needs coaches for baseball and softball. Due to the deployment, there are limited coaches. If enough coaches do not volunteer, CYSS will not be able to offer a baseball or softball league to children who would like to participate this year.

Potential coaches must fill out the required background check forms. All coaches will receive NYSCA coaches training and certification, child abuse prevention training and CPR/first aid certification. To volunteer or for more information, contact the CYSS Sports & Fitness Office at 634-6151 or alex.ruiz5@eur.army.mil or sky.clarke@eur.army.mil.

Indoor fitness fun

Bring the family out for indoor fitness fun March 27 from 9 a.m.-noon. Call 634-7009 for information.

Family swim meet

Participate in the family swim meet March 27 at 10 a.m. at the post pool. Cost is \$5 per team of four. Register at Parent Central Services before March 22. Call 634-6536 for more information.

Free spouses swim lessons available

Every Wednesday at the post pool there will be free swim lessons for military spouses. Class size is limited to six per lesson. Sign up no later than the Monday prior to class at the fitness center. Call 634-7009 for info.



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Lt. Col. Evelyn Townsend, chief of Preventive Medicine and Public Health Nursing at the Vicenza Health Center explains, the importance of eating healthy to young participants in Saturday's 5K Spring Run/Walk at the North 40 sports field. March is National Nutrition Month. This year's theme is "Nutrition from the Ground Up."

DODGE BALL Soldier League Standings

Team	Win	Loss	Game Scores	March 6 Tournament Results
46th MP Po Po's	3	0	March 4	AFN Vicenza 6 vs. HHC USAG V 2
Cup Cakes	0	3	AFN Vicenza 0 vs. Lame Ducks 6	Lame Ducks 6 vs. Po Po's 4
Lame Ducks	2	1	Two Tons of Irony 0 vs. Po Po's 6	Po Po's 4 vs. AFN Vicenza 6
AFN Vicenza	2	1	March 11	HHC USAG-V 4 vs. Lame Ducks 6
Two Tons of Irony	1	3	Health Clinic 6 vs. Two Tons of Irony 1	Po Po's 6 vs. HHC USAG-V 2
Health Clinic	1	2	Po Po's 6 vs. Lame Ducks 1	Lame Ducks 6 vs. AFN Vicenza 1

Unit/recreational volleyball open play takes place at the fitness center every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.