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Buona Festa dell'Unità d'Italia! March 17 is the 150th anniversary of Italy's unification! Many agencies will be closed on and off post.

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Little readers get big help:

Pfc. Ben Stecker, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, reads in a SureStart class March 3 at Vicenza Elementary School as part of the "Celebrity Reader" program during Read Across America week Feb. 28 - March 4. Several community members visited to join in the week's activities, including U.S. Army Africa Commanding General Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg and his wife, Martina Hogg, Command Sgt. Maj. Hu Rhodes, USARAF command sergeant major, Chuck Walls, deputy garrison commander, 20 Soldiers from the 173rd ABCT and the 509th Signal Battalion. Two even dressed as the Dr. Seuss character, the Cat in the Hat.

Photo by Janet Geisler

Commander of Kenyan Army visits Caserma Ederle

U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs

The Commander of the Kenyan Army, Lt. Gen. Njuki Mwaniki, met with U.S. Army Africa leaders and toured the command's headquarters at Vicenza Feb. 23-25.

In addition to meeting with U.S. Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg, Mwaniki delivered a presentation on border security issues affecting Kenya and toured some of the installation's skills training facilities and Battle Command Training Center.

The Kenyan general said he was impressed by the sophisticated training and the working relationships he observed among American Soldiers and their leaders.

"I think the relationship between



Photo by David Ruderman

the command and the staff, for example between the sergeant major and the staff, is a very good example," he said. "That

is one of the highlights that I can pick straight away. That shows you it will be a

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Antiterrorism team lands IMCOM award

By Grant Sattler
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs Officer

Safeguarding Vicenza Military Community members' private property recently earned the U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Antiterrorism Team an Installation Management Command award.

The Residential Security Program was selected for the IMCOM Outstanding Installation Antiterrorism Innovation award for calendar year 2010. Started in January 2009, the program is credited with cutting home burglaries in half in its first year.

"Home burglaries were considered a fact of life, with someone in our community losing jewelry, electronics and other valuable property to a break-in every couple of weeks," said Keith Horne, garrison antiterrorism officer. "It was time to get that under control, but even more

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Chapel's 'Great Date' helps couples kindle romance

By Dena Barto
USAG Vicenza Chapel volunteer

As Valentine's Day flowers wilt and die and couples fall back in the daily routine, it is easy for romance to fade away, but the chapel is offering a novel way to keep love and romance alive called "The Great Date Experiment."

The Great Date Experiment includes eight dates for married or engaged couples in the course of eight weeks. The program began Feb. 13 and runs through April 3, so there's still time to give it a try.

Each week, couples can pick up the free date packet from the chapel on Sundays or at a table at the post exchange Mondays,



Courtesy photo

Sgt. 1st Class Terrence and Hal Batts, and their daughter Gabrielle, 4, enjoy lunch in Venice during Carnevale as part of the "Great Date Experiment."

and follow the instructions. They can be as easy as calling your date by pet names throughout the night or as difficult as trusting the server to pick what you are going to eat.

"The chapel wanted to show its support

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Opinion & Editorial



Comprehensive Soldier Fitness: Decide to build emotional wellness

By Dr. Deanna Beech

U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza Behavioral Health

Emotional well being and resiliency are fancy phrases for some pretty basic ideas. They're really about how you feel about yourself and your life.

That can be hard to figure out when you're mired in the stress of everyday demands. In difficult times, we tend to go for the easy road to feeling better.

We all do it, because no one wants to feel bad, and we can't be "self-improving" all the time. But, when you look at the whole of how you're living at this moment, ask yourself a few questions. Are you giving yourself enough sleep? Are you drinking too much, too often? Are you making time to intentionally relax or be with family and or friends? Do you feel satisfied with your choices?

The best part is - you have the control. What you think, say and do is up to you, and it directly relates to how you feel.

For instance, we can choose to look on the bright side. Whether you are pessimistic or optimistic about the things life is bringing you, really is up to you. It is just a pattern of thoughts, a habit. Habits are hard to change, but they can be changed. How? The simplest way to start shifting your thinking is to catch yourself saying or thinking negative things and then immediately say, "... but, aren't I lucky that ____." Fill in the blank with the good things that are also true about your life at that moment.

Luckily, in the Vicenza military community, you can reach out for assistance in building your personal resiliency. Locally, the Emotional Fitness Pillar Champion is Lt. Col. Robert McKenzie, D.O., the U.S. Army Health Clinic Vicenza Department of Behavioral Health chief, but there are many members of the community who can help you build emotional wellness.

Want to find out more about how you can build resiliency and emotional wellness here at Vicenza? The one-stop shop for resiliency is the Vicenza Comprehensive Soldier and Community Fitness website at www.csf.vicenza.army.mil.

Join the community online for ideas on things you can do to live your best life.



McKenzie
Emotional fitness 'pillar champion'

Finding joy in bubble-wrapped little things

by Julie M. Lucas
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

I believe in living every day like it is a gift.

Being here in Italy, I feel especially lucky for this opportunity. After being here for a few weeks, I am still in awe of the beauty in the turn of every corner here.

However, there is one place on post that I would have to say is my favorite spot, which most would find surprising - it's right outside the post office.

I've heard from several people that I'm not the only person who can't figure out how to open my mailbox, but every day I peek through the window to see if there is anything waiting for me. If I can pick out that blue card, my hands fly around the

dial. My heart literally flutters in anticipation waiting in line to pick up my package. What is waiting for me today - a box from home!

It's amazing that getting something, other than a bill in the mail, can make you feel special or loved. I don't care if it's a post card, a greeting card or even a letter written on lined paper, the fact that someone took the time and was thinking about you is great.

I've never been deployed but I can only imagine the feeling of getting a box of stuff from people who truly love you.

The same could be said for something you purchased for yourself. I wonder if I'm the only person who orders things and then forgets, so when it does arrive, it's like a gift to myself. I can barely get through the door before I'm tearing at the package, trying to get my treasure out.

I'm even more excited about the Postal Service Center's new system.

People can now register to receive e-mails notifying them that they have packages to pick up. To register for the service, pick up the card from your mail box, and enter your pin number at the USAG Vicenza web site at www.usag.vicenza.army.mil/sites/local/postoffice.asp, or go to the homepage and scroll down to click on the "Sign up for mail alerts" icon.

My advice - get yourself a cup of coffee and sit across from the post office. You'll see the look of joy on the majority of the faces of people carrying out boxes of various sizes with dot coms printed on them.

A fun game I like to play is trying to guess what is in the box. Is it a video game or a book? Maybe it is a pair of shoes or a suit? Whether it's something they ordered or a gift from back home, you have to remember the joy in the little things. I never thought I could get so excited over something bubble wrapped and in cardboard.



Torri di Quartesolo students visit Vicenza Middle School

Story and photo by Laura Kreider
Outlook staff

Vicenza Middle School students welcomed middle schoolers from Torri di Quartesolo to VMS Feb. 23.

The Italian students, accompanied by their teachers, Paola Pivato and Alessandra Curti, spent the day with the Americans, participating in various lessons and eating lunch together at the cafeteria.

The students were able to evaluate the similarities and differences between the schools and to practice their English.

"We started this exchange program three years ago and still



Vicenza Middle School students William Tramm (left) and Quinn Hurt demonstrate an experiment during their science lesson to Torri di Quartesolo students during the Torri students' visit to VMS Feb. 23.

this experience is positive and enriching for both," said Pivato.

Isabella Pani, Italian/Intercultural Communications teacher agreed.

"The experience will surely be repeated in the future years, to strengthen the project of collaboration between the two schools."

Speak Out

What do you consider important about your job? What do you enjoy?



Spc. (P) Victor J. Reyna
14th Trans. Bn.

"It's important to me to be able to get the Soldiers to their proper destination so they can complete their mission. I enjoy my job because I am able to help ... anytime they need me."



Pfc. Alicia McKay
14th Trans. Bn.

"My time in the Army has taught me many important life skills that I will be able to use when I am a civilian."



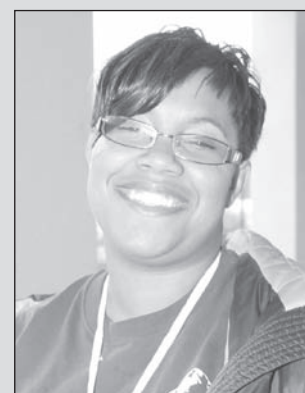
Beatrice Giometto
Outdoor Recreation

"The best part of my job is linking ODR customers to the Italian culture."



Jim Walker
509th Signal BN - IPN-I Section

"It is important to get the job done precisely. I enjoy working in the information technology field because it is my hobby as well."



Nicole Carson
CDC 398

"I love watching the kids learn and grow up to little adults."

By Laura Kreider

Medal-of-Honor awardee says farewell to Army, Italy, 173rd ABCT

Story and photo by Spc. Michael Sword
173rd ABCT Public Affairs Office

More than five months after the announcement that he would be the nation's first living Congressional Medal of Honor recipient from the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, and more than three years after his heroic actions in Afghanistan's Korengal Valley earned him the military's highest decoration for valor, Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta said farewell in a ceremony Monday.

"Lately I've been able to stand up front of a lot of people and say a whole lot of things," Giunta said, "but to stand up in this room today and to know the 173rd has been my family for the last seven years and Battle Company has been my home, it really means the world to me to be able to stand here among the people whom I'm so privileged to serve with."

During the ceremony, Giunta was presented with the Meritorious Service Medal for his service in the Army by Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg, commander, U.S. Army Africa. Also, three plaques detailing Giunta's actions on Oct. 25, 2007, were unveiled and will hang in the battalion and brigade headquarters buildings, as well as the post's Hall of Heroes.

Hogg said, "Staff Sgt. Giunta is going to be part of this unique group of warriors and heroes who will



Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg, U.S. Army Africa commander, left, and Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, and recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, unveil a plaque detailing the distinguished actions of Giunta, during a farewell ceremony for Giunta at the Post Theater Monday.

be part of our Army legacy to our future generation of Soldiers who will use you as an example of what it means to have pride, standards, determination, courage under fires and most importantly, a representative of what the professionalism of being an American Soldier is all about."

In front of a crowd that included his fellow

paratroopers and post leaders, Giunta thanked those who helped make the post in Italy feel like home.

"I want all of you to know it's my honor to be with you, and to be part of this great unit and to be part of this opportunity to serve with each other for the greater good of all," he added. "I'll be forever proud of that."

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successful command," he said.

Command Sgt. Maj. Hu Rhodes, USARAF command sergeant major, said visits like this put a personal face to a professional relationship. The command relationship endures changes in personnel; however, a familiar face can make things easier at times.

"All three of the officers who visited were great, but, in particular, the general was impressive in each opportunity I had to spend time with him," Rhodes said. "He is a studied leader that readily shares his experiences. I learned a lot, took a lot of notes, and look forward to meeting his NCO's in the near future."

Mwaniki thinks the military profession is about survival, securing the nation and, in doing so, saving lives.

"That is the bottom line of our profession, therefore, we must be perfect in the task we undertake to secure the nation," he said. "You must have the passion to love what you do - it must be in your genes."

ATFP: Award-winning program increased threat reporting

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importantly, we're working to mitigate a force protection vulnerability."

Home security weaknesses thieves take advantage of are also exploitable by criminals with more grievous intent. Horne said the U.S. Army Europe Antiterrorism Program Management Control Evaluation Checklist directs residential security assessments be conducted on initial occupancy and periodically thereafter.

"We developed a unique, comprehensive plan with three main points," Horne said. "We did trend and criminal Tactics, Techniques and Procedures analysis, we coordinated through the Housing Office and others to educate the Vicenza military community, and we began conducting home surveys to identify vulnerabilities and recommend mitigating measures."

Work started with analysis of three-year's worth of statistical data that helped paint a picture of the methods used by local criminals and aided in spotting break-in trends. The AT office shared their analysis with the Directorate

of Emergency Services and the Carabinieri and began an on-going information campaign using available media and venues to address home security.

There are three facets to home surveys under the program.

Home surveys include learning from crime scenes at burglarized houses and apartments to see what avenues of approach and concealment thieves used, and what security features they avoided. Home surveys also include assessing the general security environment around government-leased housing. Finally, AT Specialists Horne, Carl Turner and Pete Huller began visiting individual quarters under consideration for private lease by Soldiers and civilians.

"If the housing unit appears too vulnerable to break-in, we'll advise the individual and the housing office," Horne said. "They then have the option

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to look at other units, or request specific improvements by the landlord to raise the security to an acceptable level."

With regular turnover of personnel and new properties being listed continually by the Housing Office, the program keeps the AT Office busy.

"The program provides support on request," Horne said. "If a newcomer wishes to have a home surveyed, we make time to do it."

Horne says the program is worth the man hours.

"Not only do residents better understand the threat of home burglary and that prevention is possible through basic security measures, but the general force protection awareness and vigilance in the community improved, evidenced by greater suspicious activity reporting in 2009," he said. "We try and change the mindset of new arrivals and the best way to do that is by 'awareness'."

"The more information our folks have and know about the threat, the easier it is for them to counter that threat."

For more information on home reviews, call 634-8069 / 8984 / 8699.

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DATES: Chapel program bringing laughter, fun to couples

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for married couples on post by sponsoring a program that was easy to follow, fun and flexible," said Dr. Grace Yeuell, the director of Religious Education. "The idea behind the Great Date Experiment was to get couples out and making memories together. We provide the ideas, and couples make the dates their own."

Created by MarriedLifeOnline, the dates focus on marriage essentials. Currently, more than 100 couples have signed up. The Chapel credits the success on the ability to personalize each date to fit the couple's schedule and personalities.

"I heard about one couple who got stranded at the Mestre train station and did some of their date right there on the platform and in the shops," Yeuell said. "Another couple had planned to do

one of the dates in Vicenza, but ended up spending the weekend in Barcelona and took their Great Date packet with them."

"Great Daters" Laura and Day Lusby did the program so they could try something fun together.

"We don't get to go out without the kids often enough. We had a really great time on the first date and laughed more than we have laughed in a long time."

Sean and Kim Wead believe the Great Date Experiment has improved their marriage.

"The dates are designed to bring about fun and loving communication with your spouse," Wead said. "You move forward together in the greatest gift God will ever give you - a beautiful marriage."

For more info, call the chapel at 634-7519.

Community Camera



Welcome home! The Vicenza military community welcomed home the Soldiers of the 14th Transportation Battalion from a deployment to Iraq March 1 at Hoekstra Field. Above, Soldiers march onto the field for a quick welcome home ceremony before greeting their families and friends. Top right, Solange Aguilera waves at her husband while holding her 8-month-old son Jonathan, during the welcome back ceremony. Her other son Justin, 2, is in front of her. Lower right, Soldiers and family members cheer for the newly-arrived troops.

Photos by Laura Kreider



Safety accolades: The 772nd Civil Support Team, 209th Army Liaison Team, 7th Civil Support Command, was awarded the Army Safety Excellence Streamer Feb. 5 in Longare for 12 consecutive months without any loss of Soldiers or equipment from Oct. 1, 2009, to Sept. 30, 2010. The 772nd CST surpassed the 98 percent requirement for 24 months in Composite Risk Management training.

Photo by Sgt. 1st Class David Barnes



New citizens: Four community members became U.S. citizens in a naturalization ceremony held at the Central Processing Facility Feb. 26. From the left, Yaire Lapaix from the Dominican Republic, Griselle Christensen of Mexico, Rhoda Joy Jimbo from the Philippines, and Laurence Valentin Degret of France, raise their hands during the ceremony.

Photo by Laura Kreider



Building bonds: Staff Sgt. James Glover, operations NCO, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, listens with his wife, as Chap. (Maj.) Sean Weed shares insights on marriage at a Strong Bonds retreat in Garmisch, Germany, Feb. 24.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Bruce Cobbeldick



Presidential parade: Vicenza Elementary's fifth grade students perform in the "Parade of Presidents" Feb. 25 at the VES. Each student, with the guidance of their Social Studies teacher, Buddy Leavitt, selected a president to study. The students also learned about events that occurred during their president's administration. The students represented all 44 presidents, starting with President George Washington and ending with President Barack Obama.

Photo by Denise Martin

Girl Scouts discover Italian history, culture

Story and photo by Chiara Mattiolo
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

From learning to cook Italian cuisine in Lucca to visiting museums in Florence, and from hiking in Tirrenia to visiting the Etruscan town of Volterra, the Passport to Pisa Conference is a chance for Girl Scouts to experience a touch of Italian culture.

The year's annual conference took place at Camp Darby Feb. 18-20.

"The purpose of the Passport to Pisa event is to expand girls' horizons beyond the typical Girl Scout troop experience," said Kathryn Owen, chief executive officer of the USA Girl Scouts Overseas - North Atlantic. "It was an opportunity and adventure designed to develop leadership in girls."

Girl Scout Savannah Red loved getting to see Italy.

"This is a learning experience where everyone is having fun," she said. "The weather in Italy is just perfect - sunny and warm. The most interesting thing was to see the sites where the TV series Twilight was filmed in Volterra."

According to Girl Scout Jessica Hofmann who took part in the visit to Volterra, there is something magical in the town where the cobblestone streets are old and narrow.

The Girl Scouts in Volterra also had the chance to visit the Etruscan museum, one of the oldest museums in Europe.

"It is fantastic to be here and learn more about the Etruscan culture," said Jennifer Colter.



Savannah Red, left, enjoys a visit to Etruscan Museum in Volterra. Red, who is part of the USA Girl Scouts Overseas - North Atlantic, participated in the Passport to Pisa Conference at Camp Darby Feb. 18-20, which included a visit to Volterra.

Girl Scout Krista Burton agreed.

"It is amazing how history comes together with modern times," she said.

According to Owen, the Girl Scouts who attended were all very impressed with their Italian experience.

"I could live here," said Girl Scout Amber McKim. "Actually I talked to my friends and really, we could all live here. It is fantastic."

Girl Scout Vanessa Galvan also enjoyed the trip.

"It made us feel more independent," Galvan said. "It taught us to appreciate diversity. We learned how to take care of our personal belongings, and last, but not least, we made new friends."

Owen was appreciative to Darby for their support.

"We owe deep gratitude to the Camp Darby community for welcoming our Girl Scouts and the Girl Scout leaders who mentor the girls on travel destinations," said Owen.

Darby Dates

Visit the community calendar for upcoming events and details at www.usag.livorno.army.mil

Motorcycle course

The Experienced Riders Course is March 28. Call 633-7841.

Awards ceremony

The Quarterly Awards Ceremony is March 24 at 3 p.m. at the DCC.

Veterinarian visit

Schedule appointments for March 24. Call 635-4841.

Dentist visit

Schedule appointments for March 28-31. Call 633-7461.

Army Community Services

- ◆ Stress management, Tuesday
 - ◆ Using credit wisely, Tuesday
 - ◆ Exceptional Family member roundtable, March 23
 - ◆ Insurance basics, March 24
- Call 633-7084 to learn about these programs and more.

Army Emergency Relief

The 2011 Army Emergency Relief annual campaign, "Helping to make Soldiers and their Families Army Strong," runs through May 15. Contact ACS for more information.

Operation Warm Heart

All single servicemembers are invited to the ACS Yellow Ribbon Room for a free, home-cooked meal March 24 at 5:30 p.m.

Fitness Center

- ◆ Pilates classes, Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon
- ◆ NIA classes, Wednesdays at 11:45 a.m.
- ◆ April Fool's Fun Run, April 2. Call 633-7440.

Youth Services

- ◆ Kick back night, March 26
 - ◆ Parents' Night Out, March 26
- Call 633-7629.

ITR trips

ITR is offering the following upcoming trips. Call 633-7589.

- ◆ Ducati & Lamborghini, March 19
- ◆ Assisi, March 26

Darby Community Club

- ◆ Karaoke, Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Texas Hold 'em, Friday at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Irish Shindig for free Irish Stew & Potatoes and live Irish folk music, March 17 at 5 p.m.

Religious Activities

9:40 a.m. Catholic reconciliation
10 a.m. Catholic Mass
11:15 a.m. Protestant worship
11:15 a.m. Catholic CCD
Call 633-7267 for more information about upcoming programs.

Community Camera

See what's happening at Camp Darby with our Photo of the Day on www.usag.livorno.army.mil.



Photo courtesy of Command Sgt. Maj. Felix Rodriguez

Campaign kick off: Above, USAG Livorno Commander Lt. Col. Kevin Bigelman fills out his Army Emergency Relief Campaign pledge for the campaign, which runs March 1 - May 15. Last year's donations from Camp Darby totaled \$4,038, while AER assistance amounted to \$15,472 for local Soldiers and family members, according to Command Sgt. Maj. Felix Rodriguez, USAG Livorno command sergeant major.



Photo by Chiara Mattiolo

Finding balance: Above, a Pilates instructor helps students during a demonstration at the Camp Darby Fitness Center. Pilates classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Fitness Center from noon-1 p.m.



Photo by Joyce Costello

Celebrating heritage: Above, Camp Darby community members serve samples at an African American Food tasting event at the Darby Community Club Feb. 25.

Hot Shot:

Hylisha Thomas preps for a shot before winning the women's category during the Hot Shot Basketball Shooting Contest at the Fitness Center Feb. 26.

Photo by Joyce Costello



Local antique markets:

Antique markets can be found in many cities in and around Vicenza every Sunday. The markets offer a chance to buy second hand collectibles, furniture and sometimes valuable items. This is a family friendly event that can draw large crowds.

Courtesy photo



Antique markets

Antique markets:

There are recurring antique markets held in Vicenza and surrounding towns many weekends. See below for a schedule of recurring festivals.

First Sunday of the month:

- ♦ Marostica, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Castello, about 18 miles north of Vicenza (130 vendors)
- ♦ Noventa Vicentina, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza IV Novembre, about 20 miles south of Vicenza (120 vendors)

Second Sunday of the month:

- ♦ Vicenza, except July and August, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza dei Signori, Piazza Duomo, Piazza Garibaldi, Piazza Palladio, Piazza Biade and Piazza Castello. In June, it will be held in Campo Marzo (220 vendors)
- ♦ Lonigo, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Via Garibaldi, about 20 miles southwest of Vicenza (100 vendors)

Third Sunday of the month:

- ♦ Godega di Sant'Urbano, except July and August, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Via Roma, about 75 miles north of Vicenza (220 booths)
- ♦ Montagnana, except July and August, 8 a.m. to sunset, in Piazza Maggiore 150, about 27 miles south of Vicenza
- ♦ Padova, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Prato della Valle, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza; This April, it will be held on Monday, April 25. (180 vendors)
- ♦ Verona, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., in Piazza S. Zeno, about 38 miles west of Vicenza (50 vendors).

- ♦ Soave, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Antonio Marogna and Corso Vittorio Emanuele, about 23 miles west of Vicenza (110 vendors)

Fourth Sunday of the month:

- ♦ Treviso, 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Via San Liberale, about 56 miles east of Vicenza (130 vendors)

Last Sunday of the month:

- ♦ Piazzola sul Brenta, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. in Via Camerini, about 16 miles east of Vicenza (700 vendors); Next month it will be April 25, since the last Sunday is Easter.
- ♦ Recoaro Terme, from May to October, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. in Piazza Dolomiti (40 vendors)

First Saturday of the month:

- ♦ Thiene, except in August, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. in Piazza Chilisotti, about 18 miles north of Vicenza (about 50 vendors)

Local events

Annual StraVicenza races:

The City of Vicenza's annual StraVicenza Marathon will take place March 20 at 10 a.m. Events include the 1.5, 4.5 and 10K races. The start and finish point is at Campo Marzo. Community members can register at the StraVicenza Point, Loggia del Capitaniato in Piazza dei Signori, March 18 (4-8 p.m.) and March 19 (10 a.m.-1 p.m. & 3:30-8 p.m.), and March 20 (7:45-9:45 a.m.) at Campo Marzio.

The cost is €4 and €2 for children younger than 14. Cost includes bib number, snack and medical coverage. Bag storage service is available for €0.50.

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. Vicenza buses and parking in the above lots will be free after 7:30 a.m.

From Caserma Ederle, participants can take 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.

Spring Flavors and Colors Show:

Sunday, 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m., in Vicenza, Corso Fogazzaro; show includes local products, crafts and flower show and market. Food booths featuring a variety of red radicchio dishes. At 4 p.m., in Piazza Carmini, Wind Band Concert presented by the students of the Vicenza Conservatory to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the unification of Italy.

Antiques Fair:

The Antiquaria show is March 12-20 in Padova, Via N. Tommaseo 59, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. Saturday, Sunday and holidays 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; weekdays 3-8 p.m., Antiques and collectors' items will be for sale, including

furniture, lighting, glass & tableware, vintage jewelry and fashion accessories, prints, rare books, coins, medals postcards and old advertisements. Admission: €5; reduced €2.5 (children 6-14). Free for children younger than 6.

Movie festival:

The Odeon Theater, in Vicenza, Corso Palladio 176, features movies in English in the winter. Monday: "Hereafter" by Clint Eastwood, 3:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Tickets: €6; reduced €4.50 for students.

CrossFit power lifting

A CrossFit Olympic Lifting Trainer Course is being held in Padova June 25-26, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at CrossFit Padova, Via Daniele Manin, 44. Spend two days with Coach Mike Burgener or one of his tier-one coaches learning and practicing Olympic lifts. Registration is ongoing. See www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=897434 for information and prices.

International shooting event

An international shooting competition will be held June 10-12 in Tirano, about 153 miles northwest of Vicenza. Teams should be composed of three competitors, with a team leader preferably an officer or NCO.

The competition features four matches including rapid fire, precision at altering distances, and dynamic shooting. Weapons are provided by the organizers and include an M1, 9mm as well as other weapons. The competition is limited to 25 teams. The preregistration date is May 1. For more info, e-mail nastroazzurrosondrio@alice.it or call 333-668-5617.

Sporting events

World Trial Indoor Championship:

March 19, in Assago, Milan, Mediolanum Forum.

Kickboxing Champs:

The World Kickboxing Championship is April 22 in Florence, Nelson Mandela Forum.

Harlem Globetrotters:

The Globetrotters perform May 8, in Assago; May 9 in Biella.

FREE concerts, exhibits & events

Japanese art exhibit:

Ongoing through March 27, in Vicenza, Vi.Art, Contrà del Monte 13. Tuesday-Sunday 10 a.m.-noon & 4-7:30 p.m. Monday 4-7:30 p.m.

Sculpture exhibit:

Marble and stone sculptures exhibit ongoing through May 28 in Vicenza, Vi.Art, Contrà del Monte 13. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-noon & 3-7 p.m.; Wednesday & Friday 3-7 p.m.

Explore the sky:

Astronomical Observatory of Arcugnano, Tuesday, 8:30 p.m., Via S. Giustina, 127, about five miles south of Vicenza. View the sky and the planets in great detail with the observatory's telescope.

Live Music:

Concert with the Conservatory students: Saturday, 5 p.m., in Vicenza, Conservatory, Contrà San Domenico 33.

Jazz not Dead Festival: live with Darshan Jesrani Tuesday, 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Bar Sarte, Corso S. Felice e Fortunato 362.

ODR trips

ODR has limited skiing and snowboarding equipment available for check out until March 31 due to the Warrior Adventure Quest.

Ski/snowboard Castrozza Saturday

Visit Cinque Terre Saturday
Visit Budapest, Hungary, March 17-20

Ski / snowboard Arabba—40 km of slopes, March 19

Shopping in Nove—dozens of ceramic shops and warehouses, March 22, 8:30 a.m.

Mystery ski/snowboard destination—bring your passport, March 26

Visit Opatija, Croatia, March 26

Visit Portofino—located on the Italian Riviera March 27

Visit Tuscany towns, April 2

Visit Paris in the springtime, April 11-15, book by March 21.

See the complete ODR schedule online at www.VicenzaMWR.com.

Concerts

Belle & Sebastian: April 14 in Milan, Alcatraz.

Blackfield: April 19 in Milan.

Delain: May 9, Milan, Alcatraz

Sade: May 6 in Assago, Milan, Mediolanum Forum

30 Seconds to Mars: June 17, in Rho, Milan; June 18 in Rome.

Gods of Metal: June 22 in Milan, Arena

Take That: July 12 in Milan, San Siro Stadium

Elton John: July 14 in Lucca

Bon Jovi: July 17 in Udine, Friuli Stadium.

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

To buy or sell items, Check out the classifieds at www.mwrmarketplace.com

Now Showing



Ederle Theater

Friday	Gulliver's Travels (PG)	6 p.m.
	Season of the Witch (PG 13)	9 p.m.
Saturday	Rango (PG)	3 p.m.
	Gulliver's Travels (PG)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Rango (PG)	3 p.m.
	Season of the Witch (PG 13)	6 p.m.
March 18	The Dilemma (PG 13)	6 p.m.
	The Fighter (R)	9 p.m.

The Caserma Ederle Post Movie Theater will be closed Monday-Thursday for renovations until further notice.

Camp Darby Theater

Friday	Season of the Witch (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Saturday	Big Mama's: Father Like Son (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Gulliver's Travels (PG)	1 p.m.
March 18	The Fighter (R)	6 p.m.

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

View MOVIE TRAILERS and more online at www.shopmyexchange.com/ems/euro/vicenza.htm or www.aafes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm.

March 17 closures

Many offices on post will be closed or offer limited services March 17 for the observance of the 150th Anniversary of the Italian Republic. *The Outlook* will come out March 18. Closed offices include: SATO, ITO (for customers), IMMA-POV inspection, customs, POL-fuel coupons, SSA and CIF and others. All facilities will re-open for normal business March 18.

Tobacco cessation

USAG Vicenza has numerous resources to help community members quit using tobacco. Medications, biofeedback, one-on-one counseling and group education classes are available locally. Contact the Army Wellness Center to schedule attendance at the Tobacco Cessation Class, held every Tuesday from 4-4:45 p.m.

Call 634-8186 or 0444-718186 to schedule a class, or contact Raymond Hernandez at 636-9519 or 0444-61-9519 for more info.

Thrift Shop open Saturday

The VCC Thrift Shop will be open Saturday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Stop by and check out all the bargains. PCSing or have too much clutter? Make an appointment to bring in electronics and household appliances for consignment to make some extra money.

Child screening

Infants and children up to 5 years can have a free screening by a member of the Early Intervention Team or the Developmental Preschool Team April 6 at the Vicenza Elementary School in room 333, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Schedule an appointment with the Child Development Center at 634-5700. Arrangements can be made on alternate dates.

ID card appointments

The ID Card/Deers office located at the Central Processing Facility will begin scheduling appointments as well as taking walk-ins April 1. To schedule an appointment, call the CPF at 634-6996 or stop by the customer service desk. Computer issues may affect appointment times. Appointments will be offered Mondays-Fridays, 9 a.m. - noon and 1-4 p.m.

CTC Classes

Register for Central Texas College's Term 4 by March 18. Courses are offered in criminal justice, early childhood professions, auto mechanic/technician and applied management/military science. Term 4 is March 28 - May 20. For more info, call 634-6514 or e-mail vicenza@europe.ctcd.edu

SOS luncheon

The Survivor Outreach Services program's support group lunch is Friday, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. For the event location and more information, contact Hal Batts at 634-6173.

Soldiers' Theatre

Stephen Schwartz's "Godspell" runs until March 20 at Soldiers' Theatre. The contemporary,

family-friendly musical celebrates community through music and dance. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for youth. Reserve at the box office or call 634-7281.

Airport Shuttle

The Marco Polo Airport Shuttle will observe holiday schedule (four runs instead of six) March 17.

Children's Musical

The Chapel Children's Choir is seeking children in kindergarten-eighth grade to be in the Easter musical. Rehearsals are Sundays at 1 p.m. in the Spiritual Fitness center (the old CDC behind the theater). Children do not have to attend chapel services to be a choir member. For more information contact dana.brue@eur.army.mil.

Arts and Crafts

- ♦ Ceramics lab is an opportunity to work directly with an instructor to improve your skills. All are welcome Fridays from 4-5:30 p.m. to work in a small group.
- ♦ Adult hand wheel throwing class is Friday.
- ♦ Lunchtime Italian Cooking Class begins Monday.

Photo exhibit

CYS Services and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America's annual ImageMakers Photo Exhibit will be on display at the Post Library March 14-April 1. View photos taken by Vicenza youth and vote for your favorite. Call 634-7659 for information about the exhibit.

Homeschool group

- ♦ Italian Enrichment, Friday and March 18, March 25, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
- ♦ Connection Co-op, Tuesday, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; March 22, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,
- ♦ March 22, Field trip, sculptor
- ♦ March 29, Field trip Museo Aria, 10 a.m.

For info, e-mail vicenzahomeschoolconnection@yahoo.com.

Homeschool Terra Nova

VHS will administer the Terra Nova Achievement tests Monday-March 18. Command-sponsored

homeschooled students grades 9-11 can take the tests.

Arena

- ♦ March 17 the Arena hosts a "Shamrock Shindig" with potato bowling, trivia and green beer, plus live music by "Drop Simpler".
- ♦ March 18 enjoy a wine tasting and finger foods 4-7 p.m. for \$10. Call 634-8257 for more info.
- ♦ The Intramural Bowling League will be March 28-June 13, Mondays at 6 p.m. except on training holidays. There will be a \$20.00 fee per four-person team weekly. Each team's roster is allowed eight players, with four participating per game. Submit entry forms to the Arena office, the Fitness Center or to Gerald.V.Wilson@eur.army.mil, by March 21. There is a mandatory team captain's meeting Monday at 6 p.m. The championship is June 27. Call 634-7886.

Estate claims

Anyone having any claims on or obligations to the estate of Pvt. Michael Cumpston of Company B, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment, 173rd ABCT, should contact the summary court officer, 1st Lt. Nicholas Lopez at 634-5226 or Nicholas.john.lopez@eur.army.mil.

Library

Kids ages 3-11 can make a leprechaun hat for St. Patrick's Day Wednesday, 3:30 p.m. Sign up at the Library desk by Tuesday.

Tax Center open

The Tax Center is open to help military I.D. cardholders to file taxes. Taxpayers should bring all pertinent documents, such as prior year tax returns, W-2s and mortgage statements. The Tax Center is in the Bldg. 241 on 6th Street across from the AAFES Car Care Center. Hours are Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. for walk-in or drop-off, and Tuesdays and Thursdays for scheduled appointments only. Call 634-7316 or 0444-71-7316.

Free legal help

Navigating the MEB-PEB process is complicated, but free

legal help is available. Visit the USAG Vicenza webpage at www.usag.vicenza.army.mil and click on "Hot Topics" to read the article.

CYS Services

- ♦ The CYSS Spring Break Trip to Naples is April 10-15 for grades 8-12. Cost is \$150 and includes food and transportation. Space is limited and due to high demand, a lottery system will be used to select for the trip. Sign up by Wednesday on Web Trac or Parent Central Services to be eligible for the lottery. For more info, visit www.vicenzamwr.com or call 634-7659.
- ♦ The Youth Center will host a lock-in for eighth grade students March 18, beginning at 8 a.m.
- ♦ The CYSS track and field season is April 11-May 27. Practices are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. for youth ages 6-15 at the North 40 Track. Enroll by March 31 at CYSS Parents Central Services. Call 634-6151.
- ♦ EDGE! track and field for high school teens is Mondays-Fridays, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Call 634-7502.

EFMP events

- ♦ An Exceptional Family Member Program fun run is Saturday at the track before the Shamrock Run Register at 8:45 a.m. at the track.
- ♦ EFMP Creative Minds Art Hour is Saturday at the Arts and Crafts Center. Call 634-8582.
- ♦ Chit Chat and All That is March 22, 11 a.m.-noon about food allergies. No RSVP is necessary. This is an event for parents, however, children are welcome. For more info, call EFMP at 634-7500/8582.

AER Campaign

The 2011 Army Emergency Relief Campaign is ongoing to May 15. AER provides emergency financial assistance to Soldiers and their families and scholarships for dependents. To donate, contact a unit representative or call 634-8524 or stop by the AER table Thursdays at the PX from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Women's History Month

The Women's History Month celebration is March 23 at 1:30 p.m. at Soldiers' Theatre.

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 "Spiritual Fitness Center", Bldg. 395 behind the Arena)
10:45 a.m.: Catholic religious education (September-May at "Spiritual Fitness Center", Bldg. 395 behind the Arena)
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
3:15 p.m.: Middle School Club Beyond meets in Villaggio Youth Center September-May
5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice
5:30 p.m.: PWOC Bible study. Dinner provided. No child care
5:30 p.m.: High School Club Beyond meets at the Teen Center for dinner; meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. 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: Call 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for info
Jewish: Call Paul Levine at 345-907-2108
Latter Day Saints: Call Chance Wilson at 327-869-8107. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. downtown. Scripture study held Mondays, noon-1 p.m. at the chapel
Call the Caserma Ederle chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for more information on religious activities.



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Auction for athletes: A community member looks at items up for bid at the Vicenza High School Booster Club's furniture auction March 26, 2010. The 2011 auction is scheduled for March 19 in the High School gym. The silent auction begins at 10 a.m. and the live auction starts at 11 a.m. There will be furniture, lamps, jewelry and collectibles. The proceeds from the auction go to support local student athletes through scholarships, awards and equipment for the school's athletic department.

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

A member of the Pennsylvania State University women's rugby team prepares to take down a teammate during an intra-squad match played at Caserma Ederle's North 40 field Sunday. The team visited during their spring break to play Italian teams in preparation for their upcoming season.



Vicenza hosts Penn State women's rugby

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On Sunday afternoon at Caserma Ederle, the sounds of grunts and cheers could be heard coming from the North 40 field. No, it wasn't extra duty physical training, but the women's rugby team from Pennsylvania State University holding an intra-squad game here.

For the past 10 years, PSU has traveled to Europe just before the spring season starts in the U.S. to play against Europeans.

"We haven't been able to play outside due to the weather and this is a beautiful field here," said Head Coach Peter Steinberg. "The competition here is great and we look forward to the experience."

This year is the first spent in Italy and while trying to find facilities to practice and a place to stay, things fell into place through coordination with Mark Juliano, Sports Center and Aquatics director, for the team to use Ederle's amenities.

"We couldn't be happier to be here," said Bob Langton, tour manager and referee, who was part of the 70-person tour including their mascot. "These girls give up their spring break for the opportunity to play here."

The game that was played is referred to as the "War of the Roses," which comes from the Civil War in England. The white team is York and the red team,

Lancaster. At the end, the two came together to create a red and white rose. When players come to the team, they stay with that team throughout their career. Going into this year's game, the score was two wins, two losses and two draws.

Dirt-caked and bruised knees, athletic tape and bags of ice were common sights on the field.

The brutality and quickness of the females left the fans in the stands gasping and cheering. The match brought a crowd of curious Soldiers and family members to check out the action.

"We don't usually get anything like this and I'd like to see more of it," said Pfc. Vince Berkenheuer, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment.

The red roses of Lancaster won the game, but according to the players, the experience is the more important part of the opportunity. The team spent the week in Italy, playing teams from Venice, Milan and other surrounding cities. In addition to daily practices, the women did yoga and used the pool for additional training.

"This is the most support we've received and the facilities here are amazing," said senior fullback Lisa Henneman, who scored during the game. "I'm making the most of being here."

Players on the team come from all over the U.S. and have varying backgrounds from high school standouts to first time



Players employ a lineout during a game Sunday.

players. Two of the team's players are on the national team. Penn State has one of the most successful women's rugby programs in the U.S. They have won six national championships and are the defending two-time national champions of women's rugby in the States. This year they are preparing for a third win, a first among women's rugby.

A men's team is forming to start playing here. A meeting is scheduled for prospective players and coaches March 17 at 6 p.m. at the Fitness Center. Contact Ricky Jackson at 634-7009 for more information.



Taking shots: Above, players on a Vicenza Bantam team in the Child and Youth School Services Basketball League play against Aviano Saturday at the Pavilion. Right, the Suns take on the Spurs.

Photos by Sasha Sibilla



Sports Shorts

Shamrock 5K Run

The Shamrock 5K Run is Saturday at 10 a.m. at the track. The event is free and open to all ID card holders and dependents. Register at the Fitness Center or find the form on the sports page at www.VicenzaMWR.com and e-mail it to sports@vicenzamwr.com. The first 200 registered participants will receive a T-shirt when the race is completed. Awards will be presented to the top male and female finishers in six age groups, the first runner to finish pushing a stroller, top overall male and female finishers and the best costume. Contact jackson.holahan@eur.army.mil or call 634-6530 for more info.

Coaches needed

USAG Vicenza CYSS is seeking volunteer coaches for baseball and softball teams for ages 3-15. The programs cannot be offered without coaches. Potential coaches must pass a background check and complete training (provided and funded by CYSS, including NYSCA Coaches Training and Certification). Contact CYSS Sports & Fitness to volunteer. Contact Krista Cahill or Nicole Fulbright at 634-6151 or e-mail nicole.fulbright@eur.army.mil or krista.cahill@eur.army.mil.

Tae Kwon Do

Tae Kwon Do classes are Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. or Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Fitness Center. Cost is \$10 per session. Call 634-7876 for info.

Seeking group instructors

The Fitness Center is seeking certified group fitness instructors. Stop by the Fitness Center to learn how to get certified. Call 634-7887.

Unit & rec play

New players always welcome. Call 634-7009 or individual POCs.

Basketball: 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 6 or more, fitness center.

Volleyball: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday for 8 or more players, fitness center.

Men's Soccer: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday for 10 or more players at the turf field behind the Ederle Inn. E-mail shaun.nurse@amedd.army.mil or call 636-9648/9120.

Women's Soccer: 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday for 8 or more players at the turf field behind the Ederle Inn. E-mail carl.kerr@amedd.army.mil or call 636-9632.

Adult swim lessons

A new session of swim lessons for adult beginners starts March 29. This session is dedicated to helping students become comfortable in the water and learn about water safety.

If you can swim the length of the pool but want to learn more, join the intermediate session beginning March 30.

This class meets Wednesdays and Fridays at 5:45 p.m. Each class meets eight times for 45 minutes at a cost of \$45. Call 634-6536 for information and session times.