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Vicenza ACS leads charge on worldwide transformation

By Grant Sattler
USAG Vicenza PAO

Vicenza's Army Community Service will finish a test period March 31, officially becoming its own directorate April 1 to complete a separation from its parent organization, the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

Vicenza was one of 22 pilot sites leading the way on the changes, which are intended to enhance delivery of services to Army communities worldwide. The pilot period was a way to offer lessons learned to garrisons around the Army as they prepare to transform.

The change aims to make it easier and faster for Soldiers and their family members to get the help they are seeking, said Vicenza ACS Director Marva Dixon.

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Photo by Laura Kreider

Family members participate in an event at Caserma Ederle in March. The Vicenza Army Community Service, one of the main offices families turn to for assistance, was one of 22 pilot sites completing transformation early, and is offering input on how to best implement changes to ACS worldwide.

USARAF trans-Sahel forum provides leaders 'deeper look'

Story and photo by
Richard Bartell
USARAF Public Affairs

More than 120 U.S. Army Africa Soldiers and civilians participated in the Trans-Sahel Region Conference March 14-16 in Vicenza, Italy.

The USARAF-sponsored conference featured nearly a dozen presenters, including two former U.S. ambassadors and several renowned academics from colleges and universities throughout the United States.

The trans-Sahel region is an area in North Africa that includes Senegal, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Nigeria and the far northern

tip of Cameroon, ending at Ndjamena, just inside the western border of Chad.

During the three-day conference, several topics such as unique political, economic, social and cultural challenges currently taking place in the trans-Sahel region were presented.

Col. Randall Carlson of the USARAF training office said the conference offered several takeaway benefits.

"This conference has given us a deeper look at the trans-Sahel region of Africa and has provided a tremendous amount of information on the economic, cultural and social interaction that takes place in
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From left, Command Sgt. Maj. Hu Rhodes, U.S. Army Africa command sergeant major, Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg, USARAF commander, and Col. Marcus De Oliveira, USARAF chief of staff, listen to Dr. Leonardo Villalon, director of the University of Florida's Center for African Studies, at the Trans-Sahel Region Conference held at Vicenza March 14-16. Villalon's presentation focused on the socio-cultural dynamics, influences and identity in the trans-Sahel region.

509th Signal trains Georgian army units

By 1st Lt. Clayton Durden
509th Signal Battalion

Soldiers from the 509th Signal Battalion had the opportunity to share some of their technical skills with units from the Georgian army at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany, as the Georgians prepared for their deployment to Afghanistan.

The 509th, with support from the 52nd Signal Battalion, augmented the JMRC 11-03 Exercise from Feb. 8-March 4 in order to install, operate, and maintain SNAP-V terminal support for the Georgian army in a simulated combat environment.

The Soldiers of the 509th and 52nd worked
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Know customs rules before shipping POVs

By Robert Szostek
USEUCOM Customs PAO

U.S. personnel stationed overseas can ship vehicles to the United States free of federal tax and duty, which can mean big savings, as long as personnel meet three conditions.

Personnel must take physical possession of the vehicle prior to shipment, have valid PCS orders and import it for personal use. State taxes may still apply.

"Most people who miss out on the exemption do not take physical possession of the vehicle before shipment," said Bill Johnson, director of the European Command's Customs and Border Clearance Agency. "If you have

a car shipped directly from the factory, you risk having to pay the 2.5 percent federal import duty," he added.

Registering a vehicle is the best way to show possession, but you can also prove it by putting a copy of your movement orders in the glove compartment.

Second, you must have a set of official change of station orders in hand before shipping a vehicle. The exemption is not for people on extended leave or temporary duty.

Third, the vehicle must be for your personal use or for use by immediate family members.

"If you had six dependents of driving age," Johnson explained, "you could justify importing seven vehicles duty-

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Photo by Julie M. Lucas

Adjusting your vehicle's mirrors can help eliminate blind spots when driving.

'Car Talk' tip can help reduce blind spots

Robert Williams

USAG Vicenza Safety and Occupational Health Specialist

After many accidents, big or small, you're likely to hear, "I just didn't see them."

All too often, unseen vehicles or pedestrians become casualties when accidents occur in blind spots. While some vehicles incorporate television cameras to help improve a driver's view to the rear, most motorists must rely heavily on mirrors.

There is a method for adjusting rearview and side mirrors to eliminate most blind spots. Tom and Ray Magliozzi, hosts of National Public Radio's "Car Talk", suggest the following mirror-adjustment tips.

- ◆ Step 1: Start by setting your rearview mirror as you normally would, then, lean your head all the way to the left so it touches the driver's window. From that position, set your left side-view mirror so you can see the back corner of your car.

- ◆ Step 2: Now lean the opposite way, and

set your right mirror the same way.

- ◆ Step 3: Check the mirrors by stopping next to a row of parked cars and pulling slowly past while checking the mirrors. Select a car to act as a "passing car." Set the left-side mirror so that as soon as the car disappears from your rearview mirror, it appears in your left-side mirror.

- ◆ Step 4: Do the same with the right mirror. A car you pull past on the right should disappear from your rearview mirror and appear instantly in the right-side mirror.

When a car comes up behind you, you should first see it in your rearview mirror. As it passes you (let's say, on your left), you'll see it move to the left side of your rearview mirror. As it disappears from your rearview mirror, it should show up in your left mirror.

Driving with the mirrors this way, you must learn to rely on your rearview mirror first. The good news is your blind spots should be gone, which should help make the roads safer for all of us.

CUSTOMS: Personnel importing POVs not exempt from state tax

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free; one for each of them and one for yourself."

However, it is illegal to use the exemption to import vehicles for third parties or in order to sell them. People importing vehicles as part

of a PCS can save federal duties and taxes, but state taxes on imported vehicles can be high. Obtain state tax information from the relevant department of motor vehicles. For more information, visit www.hqusareur.army.mil/rmv/stateside_dmvs.htm.

Call the Vicenza Customs Office at 634-7978 to find out more about procedures and fees.

Health Center to undergo site survey

News release

Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, its six Army Health Clinics located throughout Germany, Belgium, Brussels and its Health Center in Italy, will undergo a rigorous on-site survey April 18-22.

A team of Joint Commission expert surveyors will evaluate LRMC for compliance with standards of care specific to the needs of patients, including infection prevention and control, leadership and medication management.

Maintaining Joint Commission accreditation demonstrates the LRMC healthcare team's commitment to the highest level of care for its patients and the community it serves. Col. John Cho, LRMC's commander, has three strategic priorities: Casualty Reception/Wounded Warriors, Staff Resiliency and Quality/Access to Care/Patient Satisfaction. LRMC makes a significant investment in safety and quality of its services on a day-to-day basis from the top down.

Joint Commission accreditation is designed to provide a framework to move organizations to the next level and create a culture of excellence, sustaining safety and continually improving the car provided. During the survey, the team will conduct interviews with leadership, staff members and patients, validate critical processes and policies and observe how care is rendered in all settings.

The survey includes verifying that facilities and equipment are safe for patient care delivery. Hospitals seek Joint Commission accreditation because it:

- ◆ Helps organize and strengthen patient safety efforts
- ◆ Strengthens community confidence in the quality and

safety of care, treatment and services

- ◆ Provides a competitive edge in the marketplace
- ◆ Improves risk management and risk reduction
- ◆ May reduce liability insurance costs
- ◆ Provides education on practices to improve business operations
- ◆ Provides professional advice and counsel, enhancing staff education
- ◆ Provides a customized, intensive review
- ◆ Enhances staff recruitment and development
- ◆ Provides deeming authority for Medicare certification
- ◆ Is recognized by insurers and other third parties
- ◆ Provides a framework for organizational structure and management
- ◆ May fulfill regulatory requirements in select states.

Founded in 1951, the Joint Commission seeks to continuously improve health care for the public, in collaboration with other stakeholders, by evaluating health care organizations and inspiring them to excel in providing safe and effective care of the highest quality and value.

The Joint Commission evaluates and accredits more than 18,000 HCOs and programs in the U.S. An independent, not-for-profit organization, the Joint Commission is the nation's oldest and largest standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. To learn more, visit www.jointcommission.org.

The community is invited to meet with surveyors April 18-22. For more information or to schedule an appointment with a surveyor, contact Lt. Col. Jose Velez, chief, Quality Management Division and Joint Commission Readiness at 314-590-7895 or jose.velez@amedd.army.mil.

Speak Out

How does Daylight Savings time affect you?



Veronica Aguilera
USAG Command Group

"One less hour or gaining an hour, I don't really feel it because I am up early, go to bed late and always on the go."



Karina Castorina
Contractor

"It is nice to have more daylight to enjoy the evening more, but, in general, it doesn't change a lot for me."



Kaleka Davis
Family member

"It will seem the day will be longer and I get more done."



Laura Di Simone
AAFES

"It gives me more time for exercising and outdoors activities."



Spc. Victor Reyna
14th Trans. Bn.

"It affects me because it ruins my sleep."

By Laura Kreider

ACS: Transformation to aid staff cross-training

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“ACS will remain a one-stop information hub and a location where customers can make their first contact for all available services on the installation,” Dixon said. “What is changing is that we are developing more of a generalists approach to service delivery. Everyone is being cross-trained to handle multiple programs in ACS to better serve every customer.”

The transformed ACS will also be taking more programs and services to units, housing, schools, lodging, commissary, exchanges and offsite locations to meet customers’ needs, Dixon said.

Since it was established in 1965, ACS has developed from a place for spouses to find assistance and information to centers of diversified programs staffed by professionals. ACS programs include: Army Family Action Plan, Army Family Team Building, Deployment/Mobilization Program, New Parent Support, Army Volunteer Corps, Master Resiliency Training, Exceptional Family Member, Family Advocacy, Financial Readiness, Victim Advocacy, Army Emergency Relief, Information and Referral, Relocation Readiness, Sexual Assault and Response Program, Soldier and Family Assistance Center, Spouse Employment Readiness, Survivor Outreach Services, Military Family Life Consultants and Computer/Yellow Ribbon Rooms.

ACS assists commanders in maintaining individual and family readiness, and helps deliver services to promote self-reliance, resiliency and stability. The community will probably not notice the internal changes to allow cross training, but will notice the improvement when they can get information on any program at ACS, even if a particular specialist is not in, Dixon said.

Some positions within ACS require the staff to have specialized credentials and/or licensure while others such as the deployment/mobilization programs, require more generalized credentials.

With the transformation, ACS will no longer be a division under Family and MWR, but will report directly to garrison commanders.

“ACS will continue to work in close partnership with FMWR on many of programs and activities as joint providers in service delivery to the military community,” Dixon said.

Full implementation of the transformation Armywide is expected to be completed by October.

Lessons learned from the pilot program will be implemented at every installation as directed by the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff of Installation Management.

The transformation is a result of feedback from 450 garrison focus groups, surveys and installations visits by IMCOM Commander Lt. Gen. Rick Lynch in 2009 and 2010.

VHS seniors prepare for life after high school

Story and photos by Sasha Sibilla
Outlook intern

While students in the freshman through junior classes concentrated on acing the Terra Nova tests, Vicenza High School seniors were introduced to a number of classes and activities to get them ready for the future March 14-18.

Each year “Senior Week” provides students a chance to engage with each other and prepare for graduation and life after high school.

This year, seniors had a cooking class with a professional chef which included shopping for groceries, preparing the dishes and finally, digging in and tasting their creation. They also visited the Teatro Olimpico in downtown Vicenza and attended lectures on credit card debt at the Global Credit Union and vehicle maintenance at the Auto Skills shop.

“Senior week gave seniors the possibility to appreciate the works and history of architect Andrea Palladio” said Senior Class Sponsor Darrel Hill. “In addition, they were able to recognize the necessity and importance of auto maintenance, everyday banking and the culinary arts.”

Vicenza seniors also took an interactive self-defense class, learning how to react and respond to potentially dangerous situations, and learned about dating violence. Throughout the week, several parents of seniors acted as chaperones and actively participated in the activities on and off post.

“It was great to spend time with my class downtown” said senior Alexander Steger. “Learning more about how to handle a bank account and how to maintain a car were all useful things . . . that I will definitely use next year in college.”



Left, Vicenza High School senior Michael Weston translates for Chef Suiu Florin as he demonstrates cooking techniques for VHS seniors. Below, seniors practice cooking. The class was one of several presented during Senior Week March 14-18 to help seniors prepare for life away from home. Other topics included credit card debt, auto repairs, self defense and avoiding dating violence.



SAHEL: Conference focuses on trans-Sahel specific issues

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the trans-Sahel, in particular in how these subjects relate to our interests in that area,” Carlson said.

For Carlson, a session explaining the evolution of Al-Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb was of particular interest.

“One of the highlights of the conference for me was a presentation on Algeria and in particular the evolution of AQIM, a branch of Al-Qaeda in North Africa,” Carlson said. “It was an informative presentation and they did a great job on explaining AQIM origins.”

Retired Col. Bob Tomasovic, program director for the Leader Development and Education for Sustainable Peace, is responsible for creating the agenda for the conference based on guidelines set by Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg, commander of U.S. Army Africa.

“LDESP began more than 10 years ago [with a] core philosophy that if leadership has a better frame of reference about the area in which they are working, they’ll be more effective as leaders in those areas of operations,” Tomasovic said.

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Photo by 1st Lt. Neville Rose

Soldiers with the 509th Signal Battalion discuss plans during an exercise at the Join Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany. The 509th personnel worked with soldiers from the Georgian army, to help them prepare for their deployment to Afghanistan.

Allies prep for deployment

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closely with Georgian soldiers to gain experience conducting operations with coalition partners. The Soldiers of the 509th and 52nd provided full-spectrum communications during the exercise, including not only Non-classified Internet Protocol Router, but also the secure CoNET Primary Network that was tunneled through a Tactical Local Area Network Encryption or TACLANE.

Eventually the network was supplemented by a microwave line of site that allowed for additional bandwidth, and the Soldiers were able to deal with environmental limitations, and the need to find solutions to work around them.

Community Camera



Photos by Mark Juliano

Exceptional families, Soldiers: Above and right, Soldiers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team join family members running in the Exceptional Family Member Program's Fun Run at the North 40 track March 12. The Soldiers ran with the participants and then presented each child with a medal. "The Shamrock Fun Run (and) walk was truly a joyful and heartwarming experience," said Cara Panzarella-Tarr, the EFMP manager. "The participants ran once around the track with their 'Airborne buddies' running alongside cheering them on. I think this inspired the participants to give it a good go." The EMFP Field Day is planned for May 12 and other activities are ongoing. Call 634-7500/8582 for more information.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Robert Fitzgerald

Pie times! Chuck Walls, deputy garrison commander, laughs after receiving a pie in the face from Pfc. Chaz Oliver, 464th Military Police Platoon, during a fundraiser held by the Military Police at the North 40 March 17. The light-hearted event let community members bid for a chance to throw a pie in the face of a senior leader. Leaders who participated came from the garrison, the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, U.S. Army Africa, the 14th Transportation Battalion and others. The event raised more than \$1,000 and was conducted to offset costs for Soldiers and spouses to attend the Military Police Regimental Ball in September.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Library leprechauns: Avi Rayburn, 5, colors her leprechaun at the Post Library March 16. More than 30 participants enjoyed the "Lucky Leprechauns" after-school program. During the event each participant made a leprechaun and a shamrock hat for St. Patrick's Day. "It was part of our monthly after-school program schedule," said Michelle Krewson, USAG Vicenza supervisory librarian. The next event at the library will be an open house April 12 from 3-5 p.m. to celebrate National Library Week.



Photo by Laura Kreider

The eyes have it: Maj. Tony Patterson, U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza Ophthalmology department, tests the vision of 11th-grader Cooper Armstrong at Vicenza High School Tuesday. "Vision screening is an important yearly program done at the school," said Susan Vanderbeek, RN, school nurse. "It is important because difficulties with vision (are) often very slight and not easily detected." Vanderbeek was pleased with the number of volunteers and medical specialists who assisted, crediting the partnership between the schools, the Health Center and the community. The providers will be at the middle school Tuesday for screenings. Students must wear their contacts or eyeglasses.



Photo by Laura Kreider

VHS auction: George Hanby acts as the auctioneer and watches the crowd for bidders on a piece of furniture during the Vicenza High School Booster Club's auction hosted Saturday in the VHS gym. Around 130 bidders were registered and the proceeds of the auction will fund local scholarships.

Soldiers must update EFMP status before PCS

By Maj. Kenneth Davis
U.S. Army Health Clinic Livorno

Every year, many active duty personnel at Camp Darby eagerly await their assignment orders to new destinations.

However, it can become a frustrating event if they haven't done the necessary legwork to ensure their local personnel office has all of the information necessary to complete this process.

Last year more than 20,000 Soldiers in the Army didn't update their Exceptional Family Member Program status as required every three years. Many didn't even know that they or their family members were even enrolled in the program.

What is EFMP?

EFMP is based on federally mandated laws to ensure children and adults with need of special education, treatment, therapies and counseling receive proper services.

This can be critical for military members and their dependents because foreign assignments may not have the special educational, medical, mental health or others resources family members need.

All the services now require EFMP screening to be completed before any overseas PCS move, to ensure that each family is assigned to an appropriate location that has access to all of the resources that can support their family members' needs.

How do families enroll?

Soldiers and family members must enroll through their local Army medical treatment facility.

The military sponsor and the attending medical or educational specialist complete the EFMP enrollment forms (5888/2792).

The clinic EFMP coordinator will help the member set up an appointment and assist in completing paperwork. Completed forms are forwarded to the regional EFMP team to review and then sent to Personnel Command.

Who can help?

Contact the EFMP coordinator for any questions. The Camp Darby ACS office also schedules monthly EFMP workshops. Contact ACS at 633-7084.

Darby Dates

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

Women's History Month

Join Equal Opportunity on a trip to a vineyard run by women March 31. Call 633-7229.

Motorcycle courses

The Sport Bike Course is Monday and the Experienced Riders Course is April 1. Call 633-7841.

Story Hour

Join us Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the library for story hour. Stories are intended for children ages 3-5 but all are welcome.

Dentist visit

Schedule dental appointments for Tuesday-March 31. Call 633-7461.

Army Community Service

- ◆ Exceptional Family Member Program roundtable, Wednesday
- ◆ Insurance basics, Thursday
- ◆ Promote Sexual Assault Awareness Month by wearing jeans every Friday in April
- ◆ Information fair at main square about domestic violence and sexual assault, April 6
- ◆ The Emergency Placement Care Program is looking for family-oriented people to become EPC providers. Call 633-7084 to learn about these programs.

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

Come on over and join in the fun at the Month of the Military Child barbecue at the Youth Center 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 8. Call 633-7629.

Outdoor Recreation

Spend Memorial Day weekend in Interlaken, Switzerland, river rafting, canyoning and bungee jumping. Deposit is due Wednesday. Call 633-7775.

ITR trips

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

- ◆ Florence, April 2, 9, 16, 23
- ◆ Cinque Terre, April 11
- ◆ Venice, April 12
- ◆ San Gimignano/Siena, April 13
- ◆ Rome, April 14
- ◆ Volterra, April 15

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.

Spiritual resiliency topic of National Prayer Breakfast

Story and photo by Joyce Costello
USAG Livorno PAO

The Camp Darby community joined together March 17 to celebrate the National Prayer Breakfast and focus on spiritual development.

Col. Jonathan McGraw, United States Army Africa command chaplain, tied in his message of faith with how people can be more spiritually resilient.

"Despite the challenges and waves of difficulties, if we retain a relationship with God we can make it through; our weakness can become strength, our problems into possibilities and our trails into faith," said McGraw. "It is when we are in the midst of life's problems that we can look to God to help us ride the wave."

For Spc. Chris Eckstein, a Soldier assigned to the U.S. Army Health Clinic Livorno, this was his first prayer breakfast to attend.



Sgt. John Miller, right, USAG Livorno chaplain's assistant, helps serves Camp Darby community members during the National Prayer Breakfast March 17.

"This was more than I expected and it was good to take the time out of the busy week to reflect on ways that increasing spiritual resiliency

can help me be better as a person," said Eckstein.

Maj. Paul Fritz, USAG Livorno Chaplain said the chapel's next event will be

a marriage enrichment class March 31.

For more information on Chapel programs or to sign up, call 633-7267.

839th Transportation Bn. Soldiers complete border protection course

By Staff Sgt. Philip Goodwin Jr.
839th Transportation Battalion

The 839th Transportation Battalion recently certified 10 personnel to clear cargo to the U.S. Department of Agriculture standards.

The eight-hour Customs Border Clearance Agent course teaches personnel what to look for on cargo heading to the United States. Soldiers have recently completed inspections in Italy, Croatia, the Ukraine, to name a few overseas locations.

The class taught the new CBCAs how to properly inspect the cargo inside and out.

The course is designed to emphasize that proper planning and communication between the customer and inspector helps result in inspections that allow all cargo to be pre-cleared for transport to

the United States.

To ensure a smooth inspection, the customer needs to be fully aware of the steps required to completely inspect each piece of cargo. For a container, a CBCA must be present prior to and during the loading of the container. By seeing the container empty and loaded prior to being sealed, the CBCA can ensure that no harmful organic material is being transported.

After the container is sealed, the customer needs to arrange for the container to be pressure washed at the port to ensure that all organic materials that hitched a ride on the cargo during transport to the port are removed. By following these steps, the customer should not have any trouble obtaining a USDA customs pre-clearance stamp.

For inspectors to remain qualified, they must attend quarterly training

where they receive refresher training and news updates. This training allows each inspector to learn about trends and new regulations from the European Command Agricultural Customs Office and the USDA.

Although the EUCOM Agricultural Customs Office is ultimately responsible for all agricultural customs inspections in Europe, the creation of 839th Trans. Bn.'s Agricultural Customs Program assists with the inspections that occur in conjunction with the battalion's missions.

The battalion's program increases efficiency throughout the EUCOM area of responsibility by allowing for flexibility in mission planning. It has also decreased mission costs by enabling the battalion to provide inspectors when the EUCOM Agricultural Customs Office is unable to support.

Spit-roasted quail fair:

Dancers strut their stuff on the floor in a dance competition at the Saint Joseph Spit-Roasted Quail Festival, going on Friday-Sunday in Villaganzerla, Via Chiesa, about nine miles south of Vicenza. Besides dance, the festival includes carnival rides, a fair-trade market, a craft show, exhibits, food stands and a raffle.

Courtesy photo



John Mellencamp: July 9 in Vigevano (Pavia); July 10 in Rome, July 12 in Udine

Take That: July 12 in Milan, San Siro Stadium

Elton John: July 14 in Lucca

Bon Jovi: July 17 in Udine, Friuli Stadium

Ben Harper, Robert Plant & The Band of Joy: July 19 in Rome; July 20 in Milan

James Blunt: July 26 in Lucca, Piazza Napoleone

Sting: July 29 in Venice, Piazza San Marco

Ben Harper: July 29 in Tarvisio (Udine); July 30 in Villafranca (Verona)

Rihanna: Dec. 11 in Torino; Dec. 12 in Milan

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/>.

Local events

Spit-roasted quail fair:

The 106th Saint Joseph Spit-Roasted Quail Festival is Friday-Sunday in Villaganzerla, Via Chiesa, about nine miles south of Vicenza. Festival features carnival rides, fair-trade market, craft show, exhibits, food stands and raffle. Friday: 9 p.m., live music and ballroom dancing with I Souvenir. Saturday: 9 p.m., live music and ballroom dancing with Laura & Chiara. Sunday: 3:30 p.m., Salsamerika contest of Caribbean dances; 9 p.m., Noche Caribbena, live music with the Caribbean percussionist Manuel La Palma and dances.

Scale model expo:

Expo in Verona, Viale del Lavoro 8, Saturday, 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. & Sunday, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Expo features miniature trains, planes, vehicles, historical models, and offers hands-on workshops. Ticket: €12; reduced: €10 for youth 13-16; Free for children younger than 13.

Movie festival:

The Odeon Theater, in Vicenza, Corso Palladio 176, features movies in English in the winter. Monday: "Little Fockers" by Paul Weitz, 4:30 p.m.; 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Tickets: €6; reduced €4.50 for students.

FREE concerts, exhibits & events

Gitando leisure

Leisure time exhibition, March 23 - Sunday in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria, 16. Exhibition of camping, sportswear and leisure goods, hobbies, cars, boats, holiday ideas for all tastes and budgets. March 23 - Saturday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

525th Trade fair:

Fair in Lonigo, about 18 miles southwest of Vicenza, Friday 3-11 p.m.; Saturday-Monday, 8:30 a.m.-11 p.m.

- ◆ **Friday-Monday:** in Piazza IV Novembre, the Lonigo Alpini Association presents an exhibit and sale of Vicentine products and wines; in Piazza Garibaldi flower and plant exhibit and market; at the Hippodrome, on Via Circonvallazione, local craft displays, agricultural equipment, garden and leisure exhibit and sale.
- ◆ **Saturday:** 10 a.m., horse and carriage parade in Piazza Garibaldi.
- ◆ **Saturday-Monday:** in Piazza Matteotti, stand featuring Bavarian products and beers; in Piazzale Tonelato, carnival rides.
- ◆ **Saturday-Sunday:** in Piazza XX Settembre, Via del Mercato, Via Ognibene and Via Garibaldi

"The Village of Artists" leisure items and biological exhibit.

Japanese art exhibit:

Ongoing to Sunday in Vicenza at Galleria d'Arte Contemporanea Liberismo, Palazzo Valmarana Braga, Corso Fogazzaro 16, and Vi.Art, Contrà del Monte 13. Tuesday - Sunday 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. & 4 - 7:30 p.m.; Monday 4 - 7:30 p.m.

Sculpture exhibit:

Exhibit ongoing to May 28 in Vicenza at Vi.Art, Contrà del Monte 13. Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. - noon & 3 - 7 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 3 - 7 p.m.

Emotions and colors art exhibit:

Ongoing through April 5, in Vicenza, Scaletta 62, Contrà Porta Santa Lucia 62. Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 5-7 p.m.

Antique market:

Sunday in Piazzola sul Brenta, Villa Contarini about 16 miles east of Vicenza. More than 700 vendors and food booths.

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 planets with great detail using the observatory's telescope.

Live music:

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

Live alternative rock with Zoyse: Thursday, 9:30 p.m., in Vicenza, Sabotage Bar, Via dell'Industria 12T

80's-90's music: Saturday, 8:30 p.m. in Vicenza, Equobar, Via Marosticana, 350.

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

Concerts

Japanese Taiko Drums Concert: Saturday in Vicenza, City Theatre. Tickets at www.tcvl.it.

Roger Waters: April 1-2, April 4-5, July 6 in Assago, Milan

Belle & Sebastian: April 14 in Milan, Alcatraz

Blackfield: April 19 in Milan

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

Bob Dylan and his Band: June 22 in Milan, Alcatraz

Heineken Jammin' Festival: July 4-6 in Venice, Parco San Giuliano

- ◆ July 3: Aerosmith, The Cranberries, Stereophonics, Plan de Fuga

- ◆ July 4: Green Day, 30 Seconds to Mars, Rise Against, Editors

- ◆ July 5: The Black Eyed Peas, Massive Attack

- ◆ July 6: Pearl Jam, Ben Harper & Relentless7, Skunk Anansie, Gossip, Wolfmother

ODR trips

ODR has limited skiing/snowboarding gear until March 31.

Visit Opatija, Croatia, Saturday

Visit Portofino on the Italian Riviera Sunday

Visit San Gimignano called the Manhattan of Tuscany and Volterra of the Twilight books, April 2

Visit Genoa, preserved medieval town on the western coast of Italy, April 9

Beretta Factory tour, adults only, April 11

Visit Lugano and Bellinzona, Switzerland, with history and stunning mountain views, April 16

Visit Molina waterfalls, Veneto Region, April 17

Visit Florence and Uffizi Gallery, world-class works of art, April 23

Visit San Marino, the tiny independent republic at the top of a mountain, April 24

Taste of Italy tour, Parmigiano and Prosciutto, April 30

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



Courtesy photo

Vendors show off the specialty item at the Saint Joseph Spit-Roasted Quail Festival in Villaganzerla.

Now Showing



Ederle Theater

Friday	Country Strong (PG 13) True Grit (PG 13)	6 p.m. 9 p.m.
Saturday	Country Strong (PG 13) The Lincoln Lawyer (R)	3 p.m. 6 p.m.
Sunday	True Grit (PG 13) The Lincoln Lawyer (R)	3 p.m. 6 p.m.
April 1	TBD TBD	6 p.m. 9 p.m.

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

Camp Darby Theater

Friday	True Grit(R)	6 p.m.
Saturday	Country Strong (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Rango (PG)	1 p.m.
April 1	TBD	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

Soldiers' Theatre

To make reservations or for more info on any Soldiers' Theatre programs, stop by the theater, call 634-7281 or email jerry.brees@eur.army.mil.

- ♦ A Comedy/Improv Show is Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., including outrageous scenes and adult comedy. Tickets are \$10.
- ♦ Auditions for "The Ladies Man" are Monday and Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Audition includes readings from the script. Roles in the comedy are for four men and four women. Production runs weekends, May 13-22.
- ♦ Adult Tap Dance three-week mini session is April 5-21. Classes are: intermediate, Tuesdays at 5:15 p.m.; beginners, Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m.; advanced Thursdays, 5:15 p.m. Cost is \$21.
- ♦ Classes are ongoing in piano, guitar, violin, voice and flute.

Mandatory training

Mandatory annual Threat Awareness Reporting Program (formerly SAEDA) training and OPSEC training for all USAG Vicenza personnel will be Tuesday and Wednesday in the Post Theater, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.

CIF closure

The Central Issue Facility will be closed Monday-March 31. Emergency and chaptered personnel must turn in OCIE/TA50's to their respective supply rooms. For more info, call Huseyin Kara at 634-3919/3945.

Improve GT score

The next FAST class is April 12-May 3. Call 634-8933.

Child screening

Infants and children 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 CDC at 634-5700.

Arts and Crafts

- ♦ Parent and kids can learn to make a bird whistle April 2. Cost is \$20. Call the Arts and Crafts Center at 634-7074 for information.
- ♦ Digital Photography classes begin April 5 at 1-2:30 p.m. or 5-6:30 p.m. and run Tuesdays for four weeks.

Photo exhibit

CYSS and the Boys and Girls Clubs of America's photo exhibit is ongoing to April 1 at the Post Library. View Vicenza youths' photos and vote for your favorite. Call 634-7659 for information.

Getaways Sweepstakes

Enter the Great Getaways Sweepstakes online for a chance to win a vacation for two to your choice of an AFRC resort. The prize includes round trip airfare for two, seven-nights lodging and a \$2,500 gift card. Sponsored by AFRC, USAA and GM Military Discount. Enter March 15-June 15 at www.afrcresorts.com.

Free preschool

Sure Start preschool is accepting applications for this school year.

Children must have turned 4 by Sept. 1, 2010. Pick up an application at the elementary school.

Saturday childcare

Starting in April, FCC will offer childcare every second Saturday of the month, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and every fourth Saturday of the month from 6-11 p.m. Enrollment starts three weeks before childcare date. Space is limited. For more info, call Parent Central Services at 0444-71-7219.

Money management

Financial Peace University is a 13-week course offered Tuesdays 5:30-7:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday at the Chapel. The course, valued at \$200, is free. Call 634-7519.

Vision screenings

The ophthalmology department will screen middle school students' vision Friday. Students must wear their glasses or contacts for the screening. Referrals will be sent to parents of students who fail to bring their glasses/contacts to the screening or who do not pass the screening. For info, call 634-5710.

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.

Children's theater

The Missoula Children's Theatre returns to Vicenza Monday-April 2. As many as 65 Vicenza youth (kindergarten-grade 12) will be cast in "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves". Auditions are Monday at 3:15 p.m. in the multipurpose room of the Elementary/Middle School in Villaggio. Rehearsals will be every day after school at Soldiers' Theatre. Cast members must attend every rehearsal. Performances are April 1-2. Three theatre workshops will be held April 2. All children 6-18 are eligible. For more info, call Parent Central Services at 634-7219.

CYS Services

- ♦ Spring Tennis Instruction starts April 25 and runs Mondays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., at the Villaggio courts. Guided practice time Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., with a tournament at the last practice. Enroll by March 31 at Parent Central Services in ACS. All participants must be CYSS enrolled and have a valid health assessment. Call 634-6151.
- ♦ School Age Center hosts an Arts Day April 2. Kids will attend Missoula Theatre workshops, do an arts and crafts project and go bowling. Included are eight hours child care, lunch and fees. Sign up by March 25. Call 634-5700.

ACS

- ♦ The volunteer year runs from April 1-March 31. If you have volunteered during that time, be

sure your hours are submitted into the Volunteer Management Information System at www.myarmyonesource.com. The Volunteer Recognition ceremony will be May 4.

The categories for Volunteers of the Year has been expanded due to community suggestions. Awards will be: Community Volunteer of the Year (overall), Youth Volunteer of the Year, Soldier Volunteer, Retiree Volunteer and Volunteer Family. For questions about volunteering, submitting hours or registering online, contact the Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator, Allie Vallery at allie.vallery@eur.army.mil.

- ♦ Building a Stronger Relationship with Your Child through Play is Monday, 3:30-5 p.m. at the Arts and Crafts center. Families begin building kites. Call 634-7500.

- ♦ Soldier and Family Assistance Center provides after-hours telephone use, photocopying and faxing. The center returns to normal hours April 1 (Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.). For more info, contact Mobilization & Deployment at 634-6690/8523.

- ♦ A hands-on workshop about searching for jobs on USAJobs and resume preparation is April 5 at 10 a.m. Bring a current resume and employment history. Reservation required. Call Employment Readiness at 634-7500/6884.

Library

The Book Club will discuss "Half the Sky" by Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn April 7 at 7 p.m. Bring a snack to share.

BOSS changes

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers lounge in Bldg. 9B is now open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. weekdays except Wednesdays, 1-10 p.m., and closed weekends. Eat free Wednesday evenings. Play video games, watch movies, surf the web or meet people. Call Sgt. Justin Vincent at 0444-716-475/634-6475 or Joe Reeder at 0444-715-406 / 634-5406.

USA Staffing town hall

The legacy Resumix application process under CPOL is changing to USA Staffing under USAJOBS. A town hall is April 1 at 1:30 p.m. at the Post Theater to outline changes.

Alcoholics Anonymous

AA meetings Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the ASAP, building 169. It is an open meeting and anyone can come to learn about AA's 12 step recovery. There are no requirements except confidentiality.

Retirement ceremony

The Quarterly Retirement Ceremony is April 1 at 3 p.m. in the Post Theater.

INFO X

The INFO X is Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the Arena.

Club Beyond trip

Club Beyond and the Chapel are sponsoring an Adventure Camp in Belgium, April 12-16. Middle school-aged students can stay in teepees, rock climb, zip line and more. Contact Laura Livingston at 340-139-4073 or LLivingston@ClubBeyond.org.



Photo by Paolo Bovo, 7th JMTC

173rd ABCT celebration: The Lion's Den, on the second floor of the Arena, celebrates the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team Saturday, 8 p.m.-1 a.m. The party is dedicated to the 48th anniversary of the unit being allotted into the regular Army and the eighth anniversary of their historical jump into Bashar Drop Zone. Wear your 173rd ABCT apparel and show your pride.

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.

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.



Photos by Ricky Jackson

A Club Peru player chases the ball while players on the USAG Vicenza Lions try to stop him at the North 40 field Saturday. Club Peru, which has both Soldiers and local Vicenza players, won the game 2-1. A soccer tournament is set for May 6-7 at the caserma.

Club Peru snags win against post Lions

Story by Tom Hlavacek
Special to the Outlook

The Club Peru soccer team won their game against the USAG Vicenza Lions 2-1 during a game at the North 40 Saturday.

Peru started out strong, leading 2-0 at halftime. Peru's Edwin Jamieson scoring from six yards out from the left side and team captain Oscar Hauyanca scored a penalty kick to end the half.

In the 78th minute, Jadmir Holloway struck from 20 meters out from the left side to score the garrison team's only goal and avoid a shutout.

"It was our first game for the Vicenza Lion's post team and a good evaluation,"

said Lions' player Shaun Nurse, USAG Vicenza Lions' head coach. "A rematch is scheduled for next month."

The Club Peru teams is includes players from Peru, Brasil and Colombia, said Club Peru player Ivan Egusquiza. It is an off-post team, and includes both Soldiers and players from the local Vicenza community.

The Sports, Fitness and Aquatics office has scheduled a soccer tournament on the outdoor basketball court adjacent to the Ederle Inn May 6-7. The Vicenza Lions will host Aviano Air Base, Club Peru and local teams from the Carabinieri and Pollice Verde. The tournament is to help the post team prepare for the U.S. Army Europe Soccer Tournament.



A player on the Vicenza Lions runs after the ball.

Lady Cougars players make DoDDS Europe All Europe Basketball Team

By Pete Huller
Special to the Outlook

The DoDDS All Europe Girls Basketball team selections were announced this week and three players from Vicenza High School made the cut.

Lali Baratashvili was named to the First Team while Sella Pauling and Kelsey Johnson were named to the Second Team. All three players were also named to the All Conference team earlier in the month. The announcement caps off a season in which Vicenza won its first European Girls Basketball Championship in its 53-year history.

Coach Mike James received the "Winningest Coach" award during the European Championship Tournament in Mannheim, Germany.

All three girls along with teammate Tatiana Miranda have been invited to participate in the Competitive Athletic Sports Europe Amateur Athletic Union program in Germany this spring. The girls were scouted during the tournament and selected based on their performance.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Vicenza High School basketball player Lali Baratashvili drives down the court in a February game against Aviano, while Tatiana Miranda, left, and Kelsey Johnson, right, defend. Baratashvili, Johnson and Sella Pauling were named to the DoDDS All Europe Basketball Team. The three players and Miranda were also invited to participate in the Competitive Amateur Athletic Union program.

Dodgeball: The DESTINED CO team (orange) meets the HHC BDE 173RD team as part of Caserma Ederle's Unit/Recreational Dodgeball League at the post gym March 15. DESTINED CO won 6-4. The league kicked off Feb. 15 and matches are scheduled Tuesdays and Thursdays starting at 6 p.m. For info, call the Fitness Center at 634-7009. Current league rankings are (team name followed by wins, losses): DESTINED CO (5, 2); HHC BDE 173RD (3, 1); 464TH MP PLT (3, 3); HHC 173RD SCOUTS (3, 4); HHC MEDICS 2/503RD (2, 4).

Photo by Laura Kreider



Basketball in Treviso

A professional basketball game between the Benetton Basket and the Canadian Solar Bologna in Treviso is Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets are €10 each (regular €30) and bus transport is provided at €8 per person. Special seating is available for American families with "meet and greet" with players after the game. Contact Erik Wakefield at 327-136-1490 or eric.wakefield@eu.dodea.edu.

Unit & rec play

New players are 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. Email 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. Email carl.kerr@amedd.army.mil or call 636-9632.

Fitness classes

Group fitness classes at the Fitness Center include: Cycling, Cardio Blast, Power Pump, Yoga, Zumba and AquaFit. Purchase tickets at the front desk for \$3 each or 10 for \$25. Tae Kwon Do is offered 3 days a week for \$10 per session or purchase a monthly ticket for \$60. Personal training and massage sessions are available. For prices and scheduling, call the Fitness Center at 634-6240 or visit www.vicenzamwr.com/sports.html.

Recreational Leagues

♦ **Racquetball League** begins April 19. Enter by April 12. Participants' meeting is April 12 at 6 p.m. at the Fitness Center Racquetball Courts.

♦ **Recreational Tennis** begins April 15. Enter by April 7. Participants' meeting is April 7, 6 p.m. at the Tennis Courts.

♦ **Recreational Softball** begins April 1. Coaches meeting will be April 28 at 2 p.m. in the Fitness Center Conference room. Call 634-7009 for information.

Marksmanship competition

An international shooting competition is June 10-12 in Tirano. Teams should have three competitors, with a team leader (preferably officer or NCO). Space is limited. Register by May 1. 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 and others. For info, email nastroazzurrosondrio@alice.it or call 333-668-5617.

Lifeguards needed

Sports, Fitness and Aquatics is seeking summer lifeguards for the outdoor pools. Two sessions to become certified are available April 7-11 and April 28-May 1, Thursday and Friday evenings and Saturday and Sunday all day. Cost is \$65. To be eligible, you must be 16 or older and able to swim 300 meters. Sign up by April 1 at the Fitness Center. Call 634-8642 for more information.