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## Welcome back 14th Trans!

Sgt. Jean Maye, right, receives a "welcome back" hug so enthusiastic it knocks her hat off, from Pfc. Alicia McKay, Headquarters, Headquarters Detachment, 14th Transportation Battalion rear detachment. Maye was one of the 14th Trans. Bn. Soldiers who returned from their deployment to Joint Base Balad, Iraq, Tuesday to a cheering crowd at Caserma Ederle. "This was a challenging mission from the start last summer with the reduction to 50,000," said Lt. Col. James Rupkalvis, commander of the 14th Trans. Bn. "It was constant every day, moving equipment and personnel. Everybody stepped up and accomplished the mission. It's good to be home."

Photo by Laura Kreider

## 173rd ABCT jumpmasters tell what Jump Day entails

By Spc. Michael Sword  
173rd ABCT PAO

Jump day starts long before the sun comes up. Whether the sun actually rises that morning is an after thought.

Long before the Soldiers on Caserma Ederle rise for the morning's PT, the airborne paratroopers of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team are on their way to Aviano Air Base to spend hours waiting for their chance to spend mere seconds falling through the air.

After almost two hours riding a bus, they arrive at their destination and their day officially begins.

The group separates based on their flight number for the day and the



Photo by Paolo Bovo, 7th JMTC

Paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team cross the airfield at Aviano Air Base to board planes as part of their Airborne refresher training Feb. 15.

Soldiers on the day's first flights, begin their pre-flight drills. They practice their landings, mock door drills and exiting the

aircraft, all under the watchful eye of the day's jumpmasters.

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## ACS employee named Vicenza 'Phenomenal Woman'

USAREUR Public Affairs

A local Army Community Service employee was selected as Vicenza's "Phenomenal Woman" by U.S. Army Europe for her positive impact within the community, as part of the kick-off to Women's History Month observations in March.

Julia Sibilla, the Relocation Readiness Program manager with ACS, was chosen as one of 13 women from the wider USAREUR community.

Christi Ham, wife of USAREUR Commanding General Carter Ham, called on spouses of senior leaders to nominate a woman from each of their communities for the first "USAREUR Phenomenal Woman Scroll of Impact."

Sibilla was nominated by Martina Hogg, wife of Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg, commanding general of the U.S. forces at Caserma Ederle.

"Julia's outlook on life and her ability to inspire others are wonderful gifts



Photo by Laura Kreider

Army Community Service employee Julia Sibilla, Relocation Readiness Program manager, was selected as the U.S. Army Europe Phenomenal Woman for Vicenza. she brings to the Vicenza military community," Hogg said in her nomination for Sibilla. "She is a role model and mentor to many of our young spouses."

The honor "highlights those women

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## Army Emergency Relief campaign begins

Army Emergency Relief

The Army's Annual Emergency Relief Campaign kicked off March 1 and lasts until May 15 to raise money to provide emergency financial assistance to active duty and retired Soldiers and their families.

The campaign objective is to create greater awareness of AER programs and benefits and to give Soldiers the opportunity to help their fellow Soldiers.

"Along with our alternate campaign coordinator, Timothy Scott and the AER officer, Becky Watson, we look forward to a successful campaign, one that the military community will be involved in and allow us to truly implement this year's AER motto of 'Helping to make Soldiers and their Families Army strong'," said Tamela Faulkner, the AER Campaign coordinator

AER provides emergency financial assistance in the form of no-interest loans or See AER, page 3



# Opinion & Editorial



## Comprehensive Soldier Fitness: Programs build family fitness

**Aaron Goodman**  
Vicenza Family and MWR

Family fitness is all about being part of a family unit that is safe, supportive, loving and provides the resources needed for all members to live in a healthy and secure environment.

Each family is unique and special. They can include our parents, siblings, spouse, children and step children - even friends and pets.

No matter what our families look like, we all want to maintain supportive relationships that foster well-being and a loving environment. Keep it light, loving, and meaningful – that’s the foundation of a strong and healthy family. It’s much more fun, and healthier, to laugh and play together than to fight and criticize.

Find out more about building and maintaining strong relationships, having fun with your family, and nurturing resilient kids at one of the many post resources dedicated to helping families.

Moreover, we are one Vicenza family and must continue to ensure we take care of each other. Being resilient together really does say it all. We are all in this together and must continually look for ways to build each other up and promote healthy family environments.

Through the Comprehensive Soldier and Community Fitness website, you will find many outlets for family fitness. Be sure to check out the links to the useful websites from Family MWR to chaplain-led programs, which are sure to help maintain resilient families. Going on one of the many trips offered by Family and MWR or the Chaplains’ Office provides exceptional opportunities for families to reconnect or to maintain a strong connection.

Be sure to look at the different links on the Comprehensive Soldier and Community Fitness website at [www.csf.vicenza.army.mil](http://www.csf.vicenza.army.mil) for more ideas.

Remember, we’re all in this together.



**Goodman**  
Family fitness ‘pillar champion’



Photo by Laura Kreider

**Saving the green:** Tricia Bailey, manager of Army Community Service’s Volunteer Coupon Program, points out some items during the “Smart Shopping Tour”, while attendees Arta Bowers, Amanda Deal and Gertrude Johnson look on Feb. 22. Army Emergency Relief / Financial Readiness organized the tour in support of Military Saves Week to show commissary patrons how to save money while shopping. If there is interest from the community, the tour may be offered quarterly. For information on the coupon program or financial savings events, contact Rebecca Watson, Army Emergency Relief officer, at 634-8524.

## Commissaries change feedback process

Defense Commissary Agency Release

The Defense Commissary Agency is no longer part of the Interactive Customer Evaluation, or ICE, program.

Now, customers with comments or complaints can voice concerns at the DeCA website. To make a comment, go to [www.commissaries.com/store\\_locator.cfm](http://www.commissaries.com/store_locator.cfm) and select Italy, then Vicenza from the drop-down menus. Customers can then call or e-mail the store management.

Customers who think their complaint is not being handled properly or who have a non-local issue can complete an On-Line Customer Comment Form at [www.commissaries.com/YAL/customer\\_comments.cfm](http://www.commissaries.com/YAL/customer_comments.cfm). Feedback can include comments, compliments, questions and suggestions. Customers also have the option of completing a hard copy “Your Action Line” form available in all commissaries, normally located at the store entrance or exit.

## Personal safety, security should remain priority anywhere, anytime

**Mickie McNamara**  
Family Advocacy Program

As the cold, damp, dark days of winter recede into memory, and plans on how to spend the warmer weather become concrete, remember to put safety first.

Anyone can be a victim of violent crime. Remember to use the same safety precautions whether you are on or off post.

Use the following safety tips when travelling on public transportation:

- ◆ Be cautious and aware of your surroundings.
- ◆ Avoid alcohol and/or drugs as they can inhibit your ability to react quickly and make rational decisions.
- ◆ Observe details about suspicious persons. Take note of a person’s size, coloring, hairstyle, facial hair, scars, tattoos, or accent. It can help you to give a good description.
- ◆ Keep your distance from drivers who stop you to ask for directions. Stay out of the person’s reach by remaining a few feet from the vehicle.
- ◆ Walk confidently. Behave in an alert and self-assured fashion. People who appear to know exactly where they are going and are aware of their surroundings are less vulnerable than those who appear timid and confused.

Follow these tips when driving:

- ◆ Drive with your car doors locked.

- ◆ Don’t become a creature of habit: vary your driving route when commuting to work, shopping or conducting personal business. If you become lost, get to the nearest public place and ask for directions or keep a GPS with you.

- ◆ Never leave small children unattended in your vehicle, not even for a minute.

- ◆ Park your car in well-lit, populated areas. Avoid dark, deserted areas. Have your car keys in hand before approaching your vehicle.

- ◆ Check the back seat of your car before entering.

- ◆ Save the phone numbers of the military police and emergency medical personnel in your cell phone. To call the military police from a cell or home phone, dial 800-06-4077 or 0444-71-7233.

- ◆ Dial 118 for an ambulance when in Vicenza or the surrounding area, and operators can transfer you to an English speaker.

- ◆ The emergency number for the Carabinieri is 112 and the number for the local Polizia is 113. You can also always call the military police who have translators on staff.

Crime is never 100-percent preventable, but following these tips can help reduce the chances of you or someone you know becoming the victim of a violent crime.

Remember that safety should be a priority, anytime, anywhere.

## Speak Out

## What are you doing to conserve energy?



**Ashley Anderson**  
DoDDS

“At home, we turn off lights when we’re not in the room. We have power strips with energy-saving technology and we are huge on recycling, even our water.”



**Marianna Giugliano**  
ITO DOL

“I do laundry on Saturday and Sunday. At work, for the most part, I use natural light and turn off all the electrical appliances at the end of the day.”



**Denese and Grace Canedo**  
USARAF / Family member

“We don’t have or use air-conditioning. I limit our use of bottled water and refill the bottles. I turn out lights, including at work, not in use.”



**Fara McKinley**  
Family member

“I only run the dishwasher when full, use the washer and dryer at night, and mostly use cold water. I unplug major appliances, and turn off power strips when we go out of town.”



**Luis Montalvo**  
CYSS

“When I am on post, I try to walk from place to place, and off post I use my bike as much as I can.”

By Laura Kreider



## AWARD: Honors women 'making history now'

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who are making history now during Women's History Month," Ham said.

Sibilla said she was very happy to be selected. "I'm very surprised because there are so many wonderful women who contribute to our community," Sibilla said. "I think it's important to recognize people who are active in the community in positive ways, and I'm really honored that they picked me. I want to be a positive role model for my two daughters and for them to participate in the community as well. It's an honor."

Chuck Walls, USAG Vicenza deputy garrison commander, said Sibilla was a great choice for the award.

"Julia Sibilla is one of those rare finds and we are very fortunate to have her on our team," Walls said. "In dealing with any family issue, Julia knows what has to be done, and makes it happen with both sincerity and compassion."

The awardees were selected using parameters matching the Army's Comprehensive Soldier Fitness Program. CSF is an Army-wide program designed to increase resiliency and enhance the performance of Soldiers, family members and Army civilians. Using the CSF five dimensions of strength (family, social, emotional, physical, and spiritual), nominators considered how the individual contributed to three or more of the pillars in their communities. The submissions included military spouses, active duty and reserve Soldiers and Army civilians.

"Not that these selectees are the 'most' phenomenal in our communities, but they stand to represent the kinds of sisters living amongst us," Ham said.

## VHS students teach techniques at 'Techy Trainings'

Story and photo by Sasha Sibilla

Outlook intern

Members of the Vicenza High School chapter of the Future Business Leaders of America combined their technological savvy to help local community members improve their computer skills.

Under the guidance of Lori Encke, FBLA sponsor, the students helped plan and create software training sessions called "Techy Trainings" Feb. 8 and 22 at the high school. The first session focused on PowerPoint 2007 software, and the second, on creating Microsoft Excel 2007 spreadsheets.

In addition to sharing their knowledge, the FBLA members were able to raise funds to attend the Student Leadership Conference in April where they will showcase their work and present various topics in a competition against other European chapters.

"I really enjoyed the PowerPoint training and learned so many new things I never knew how to do" said Elizabeth Mclean, training participant. "Now I can make a presentation interesting, adding pizzazz through animations, colors and videos."

For this training, the students



Vicenza High School students Joey Crisp and Zulmarie Perez instruct community members in PowerPoint techniques as part of "Techy Training" classes offered by the Future Business Leaders of America Feb. 8. The next class features Adobe Photoshop March 8.

designed and created hands-on activities and had participants perform tasks such as designing a unique slide layout, including music, videos and animation techniques into a presentation.

"The training was extremely successful and the participants enjoyed the overall experience" said Encke. "Many community members have made personal

requests for such training and this provided a great opportunity for the students as an organization to make a contribution and use the skills they have learned outside the classroom."

The next session will be Tuesday and focus on Adobe Photoshop. For more information on the FBLA and Techy Trainings, contact Encke at [lori.encke@eu.dodea.edu](mailto:lori.encke@eu.dodea.edu).

## AER: Program provided \$77 million in financial assistance to Soldiers, families in 2010



Photo by Laura Kreider

Col. Kimberly Armstrong, U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza commander, fills out an Army Emergency Relief donation form while Soldiers assist at the AER kick-off at ACS Tuesday.

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grants. AER also provides scholarships to children and spouses of active duty and retired Soldiers, and financial support to surviving families of fallen Soldiers and wounded warriors.

In 2010, AER provided \$77 million in assistance to more than 66,000 Soldiers and their families. Locally, AER supported Vicenza's military community with \$110,750 in emergency financial assistance and an \$28,400 in scholarships.

AER assistance is available to Soldiers and their families and the amount is only limited by valid need. Soldiers and their family members requiring AER

assistance can contact their chain of command. In the Command Referral Program, company commanders and first sergeants have the authority to approve AER loans for their Soldiers for as much as \$1,000. Soldiers can also visit the AER office in ACS.

One of the 2011 AER Campaign highlights is a chance to win prizes provided by the USO and Family and MWR. Visit the AER information table at the PX on Thursdays 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for a chance to win and to learn more about donating. Prizes include two round-trip tickets from Europe to the U.S., an Outdoor Recreation trip, a one-night stay at Sea Pines Camp

Darby and more.

Those interested in contributing to AER should contact their unit representative or visit the AER table at the PX. Active duty and retired Soldiers can donate by completing DA Form 4908 to authorize an allotment from their pay. Donations can also be made at [www.aerhq.org](http://www.aerhq.org). Donations are not required to receive AER assistance.

For information, contact Faulkner, campaign coordinator, at 634-8743 or Timothy Scott, assistant campaign coordinator, at 634-7262. For more information on AER's assistance programs, contact Becky Watson, AER officer, at 634-8524.

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## At your service



## Army Emergency Relief

Tamela Faulkner is the Army Emergency Relief Campaign coordinator. Along with the assistant coordinator, Timothy Scott, she ensures all active duty and retired Soldiers are provided the opportunity to contribute to AER.

AER is a private, nonprofit organization that provides emergency financial assistance to active duty and retired Soldiers and their families. Contact your unit AER representative to make a donation. Stop by the AER info table Thursdays at the post exchange, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., for a chance to win prizes, including two round-trip tickets to the U.S., provided by the USO. Call 634-8743 or stop by ACS.

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Photo by Laura Kreider

Actors practice a scene from "Godspell" Tuesday at Soldiers' Theatre. The family-friendly musical opens Friday, with performances Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. until March 20.

## Godspell opens at Soldiers' Theatre

By Annette Fournier  
Outlook editor

Commitment and betrayal, love and community, death and rebirth - those are a few of the themes expressed with music, dance, humor and drama in Soldiers' Theatre's production of Stephen Schwartz's "Godspell", which opens Friday.

The contemporary, family-friendly musical revolves around the life of Jesus as he gathers followers and teaches through parables, but the story is largely about building a community, said Jerry Brees, Soldiers' Theatre director.

"This is truly a 'don't miss' production," Brees said. "The talent from our community is amazing. The show is perfect for the entire family - exciting, entertaining,

energetic and just plain fun. Audiences are guaranteed to be impressed with the outstanding cast, music, choreography, costumes and sets."

The show features actors from several agencies on post, including Soldiers and civilians from agencies such as AFN, the garrison, the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, MEDCOM, NAVFAC and others, as well as family members and Italian performers. Multiple cast members have professional performance experience and "the cast is amazingly talented," Brees said.

Performances are Fridays and Saturdays, at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. and the show runs Friday to March 20. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for youth. Reserve at the box office or call 634-7281.

## JUMP: Sky Soldiers take to skies, refresh skills in Aviano airborne operations

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"As the primary jumpmaster, you're in charge of your whole aircraft," said Staff Sgt. Kendall Gilbert, operations NCO for the parachute rigger platoon, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173rd Brigade Support Battalion. "For me, that feeling is 'I'm in charge of these guys. It's my duty to make sure they have a safe jump, make sure they're able to make it out the bird safely'."

Once their planes are ready, the real work begins. Jumpmasters ensure their jumpers are rigged properly, that they've been given their Jumpmaster Pre-Inspection and are ready to jump.

Due to their recent return from their deployment to Afghanistan, this was the first jump in more than a year for many Sky Soldiers.

"I was nervous, not jumping for I don't know how long," said Spc. Willie Davis, HHC, 173rd BSB. "Being in that environment that I thrive so much on being in, I didn't think about it really. I just jumped straight out."

Spc. Jeremy Sarap, HHC, 173rd BSB, said he also had some anxiety but adrenalin carried him through.

"Actually, it felt good," Sarap said. "We were a little nervous because there were some new jumpers with us, but you just gotta trust that they learned the same stuff you did."

"It was cold," added Davis. "Even though it was



Soldiers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team jump from a C-130J above Drop Zone Juliet in Aviano Feb. 15. Each jump requires hours of preparation and attention to the smallest details to ensure jumps are done as safely as possible.

Photo by Paolo Bovo, 7th JMTC

wet, we didn't really get muddy. It was the best landing I've ever had."

Due to weather conditions, only Davis, Sarap and a handful of other paratroopers made the jump Feb. 17. However, the Sky Soldiers will continue jumping and when they do, jumpmasters will be there to ensure their safety and success.

"In the end, you're still responsible for everything that happens on that bird," said Gilbert. "You can delegate authority, but you can't delegate responsibility."



Photo by Spc. Michael Sword

Above, paratroopers prepare to exit the plane. Right, a jumpmaster checks a Soldier's parachute equipment at the Parachute Ammunition Holding Area at Aviano Air Base. The recent airborne operations marked the first time many of the Soldiers have jumped in more than a year due to their deployment to Afghanistan.



Photo by Paolo Bovo, 7th JMTC



Photo by Paolo Bovo, 7th JMTC

Sky Soldiers land in the drop zone at Aviano Feb. 15.



## Soldiers embark on historic journey



Photo courtesy of Airmen Lance Caro

Camp Darby servicemembers hike to Sommocolonia as part of a African American History Month event to honor Lt. John Fox, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, Feb. 24. Fox, a World War II Soldier, made the same hike while serving with the "Buffalo Soldiers Division", the 92nd Infantry Division, in 1944.

By Joyce Costello

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

There was a rustle of leaves as servicemembers stationed at Camp Darby began their ascent up a cobblestone path. Their journey would take them to an isolated village called Sommocolonia in the heart of the Serchio valley.

Lt. John Fox served there with the 366th Infantry Regiment, 92nd Infantry Division, an all-African American unit, and the only segregated unit to see combat in World War II. Fox's actions earned him the Congressional Medal of Honor - an award which would be presented posthumously to his widow, Arlene Marrow, in 1997 - 53 years after his heroic actions in the mountains of Italy.

"The grade of the trail was humbling, but when you reach the summit and see where Lt. Fox and other American Soldiers fought and realize they did this hike on Christmas Eve and in snow, you get a strong appreciation honoring those World War II Soldiers," said Maj. Kenneth Davis, U.S. Army Health Clinic Livorno.

Italian Lt. Col. Vittorio Biondi, Folgare Brigade, escorted the Camp

Darby servicemembers up the trail and explained how the battle progressed on Dec. 26, 1944, between the "Buffalo Soldiers Division" and the German forces.

"Lt. Fox was in the forward operating position and was calling artillery down on the advancing German forces," explained Biondi. "In the end, when the Germans had filled the streets of Sommocolonia, Lt. Fox made his last call adjusting artillery on his position. When his body was recovered days later, he was surrounded by 100 dead German soldiers."

Biondi's family who also fought in the battles, added that they encourage people to visit Serchio valley and Barga to see the rich history.

"I have followed the second World War across Europe but seeing some of these smaller battle sites shows the massive amount of land that this war covered," said Frank Maloney, 509th Signal Battalion.

Lt. Col. Kevin Bigelman, U.S. Army Garrison commander was moved by the experience.

"Being able to follow in the footsteps

of the Buffalo Soldiers and see the austere conditions in which they bravely fought, makes you appreciate the sacrifice they made," he said. "These Soldiers are my definition of a true hero."

Barga's Mayor Marco Bonini and the townspeople of Sommocolonia joined the servicemembers with a procession up the 92nd Buffalo Soldier road to the memorial to lay a wreath honoring those who served.

"We are happy to welcome back the American Soldiers during African American heritage month to come visit this historic site. This visit is a way of remembering and keep(ing) alive the memory of those who sacrificed their lives on Dec. 26, 1944," said Bonini.

To get there from Camp Darby: drive towards Lucca and follow the SS12 to Abetone. At Bagni di Lucca, follow the signs to Barga. You can park in Barga and follow the red and white marked hiking trails (B2) to Sommocolonia. Hiking from Barga to Sommocolonia takes approximately two hours. Hiking from Catagnana will take 45 minutes.

Visit [www.comune.barga.lu.it](http://www.comune.barga.lu.it) to learn more.

## Darby Dates

Visit the community calendar for upcoming events and details at [www.usag.livorno.army.mil](http://www.usag.livorno.army.mil)

### PTSO BINGO

Spring Bingo night March 11 at the school cafeteria begins at 6 p.m.

### Army Community Services

- ♦ Getting out of debt, March 10
  - ♦ Stress management, March 15
  - ♦ Using credit wisely, March 15
- 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. Call 633-7440.

### Youth Services

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

### Outdoor Recreation

ODR has one-day ski and snowboarding trips to Abetone and Monte Cimone every Saturday until March 12.

ODR offers a shuttle service to the airport. Reservations and payments must be made 72 hours in advance. Call 633-7555.

### ITR trips

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

- ♦ Rome, March 12
- ♦ Ducati & Lamborghini, March 19
- ♦ Assisi, March 26

### Darby Community Club

- ♦ Karaoke, every Thursday 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.

## Building strong bonds towards healthier marriages

By Staff Sgt. Brian Tierce

AFN Livorno

Keeping a marriage strong takes work, but that does not mean the work can't also be fun. In an effort to enrich the lives of couples from Camp Darby, the U.S. Army Garrison Livorno ministry team hosted a strong bonds marriage retreat at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch, Germany.

"The strong bonds couples retreat teaches couples tips on communication and how to better manage their marriages," said Chaplain Paul Fritts.

For couples like Staff Sgt. Craig Goodwin and his wife, Jennifer, the training was just a part of the overall experience.

"The training allowed us to learn some areas that we need help with in our marriage and ways to help improve it, and the rest

of the weekend gave us some good time to spend together and be with family, enjoy it all together as a family," said Goodwin.

Jennifer agreed, adding, "Along with great training the trip also provided a chance to connect. It's been a while (since) we have been able to just spend some time away from our jobs and away from our kids and everything else and just kind of rekindle what we have been missing."

As the families spent quality time together, one thing was evident to the staff conducting the retreat.

According to Fritts, for couples thinking about attending future retreats the message is simple: "It's just a chance for families to connect and refresh and energize their marriages once again."

For information on Strong Bonds retreats and other religious and marital support materials, contact the USAG Livorno ministry team.



## La festa della Donna:

March 8 is International Women's Day, or *La Festa della Donna*. In Italy, this is a day when men give bunches of mimosa to the women in their lives. The flowers are bright yellow and fragrant. Authorities don't agree on how or why, but the custom started in Italy, some say in Rome, in 1946. Since then, women have joined the tradition, giving mimosa to each other. The flowers are a sign of respect for and an expression of solidarity and support for oppressed women worldwide.

Courtesy photo



## Carnevale

### Vicenza:

- ♦ **Saturday:** 2:30 p.m., Piazza Matteotti, parade with majorettes and band; 2:30 p.m., children's costume parade with band and majorettes departs from Santa Bertilla, Via Ozanam 2 followed by children's entertainment & games.
- ♦ **Sunday:** 2:30 p.m., carnival costume parade with live music and majorettes, Via P. da Palestrina 82. 3 p.m., costume party for children at Bertesina Church, Via S. Cristoforo 27; 2-4 p.m. in Piazza dei Signori, live entertainment and make-up workshops; 3 p.m., children's costume parade departs from Piazza Castello; 4 p.m. in Piazza dei Signori "Air Bubble" show. Free crostoli for everyone.

### Bassano del Grappa:

- Festival in Piazza Libertà, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza.
- ♦ **Saturday:** 3 p.m., children's carnevale party featuring puppet shows, balloons and face painting workshops; food booths featuring crepes, cotton candy, and pop corn. 9 p.m., float parade, Viale Parolini and Viale Delle Fosse.
  - ♦ **Sunday:** 2:30 p.m., float parade departs from Via Velo and goes through downtown; majorettes' exhibition and dance presentation by Full Time Dance.
  - ♦ **Tuesday:** 2:30 p.m. in Piazza Libertà, children's costume contest and dance shows; 4:45 p.m. in Piazza Garibaldi, magic and jugglers' shows. Bounce-houses and rides in a mini train. 9 p.m., Carnevale closing costume party live music and dancing.

### Caldogno:

In Piazza Europa, about 7 miles northwest of Vicenza. Saturday at 2 p.m., float parade; 4:30 p.m. children costume contest and crostoli for everyone.

### Lerino:

Sunday at 2:30 p.m., about 7 miles southeast of Vicenza. Costume party, face painting, games and entertainment; live music and dancing; bounce-houses and a mini train for children; food booths featuring polenta, sausage, french fries, frittelle, hot chocolate and hot spiced wine.

### Malo:

In Piazza Zanini, about 20 miles northwest of Vicenza. Entrance fee: €3; free for children younger

than 12. Food booths featuring frittelle, hot spiced wine and hot chocolate. Before and after each parade, free rides on a mini train for children and adults.

- ♦ **Sunday:** 2 p.m., entertainment with the Jugglers Group; 6 p.m., float parade; entertainment with the Universal Fire group.
- ♦ **Tuesday:** 2 p.m., town hall band exhibition; float parade and entertainment with the Universal Fire Group. Prizes awarded for the best costumes, masks and floats.

### Roana:

Saturday at 3 p.m., at the Sports Center, Via Maggiore, about 37 miles north of Vicenza. Carnevale party for children. Bounce houses, music, dancing, free cotton candy and entertainment with clowns.

### Sarego:

Sunday at 2 p.m., in Piazza Don Stefano Lago, about 16 miles southwest of Vicenza. Float parade and majorette show.

### Schio:

In Piazza Almerico da Schio, about 16 miles northwest of Vicenza. Food booths featuring frittelle, hot chocolate and hot spiced wine. Saturday at 8:30 p.m., night float parade. Sunday at 2:30 p.m., double float parade with the marching band.

### Sossano:

Sunday at 2:15 p.m. in Piazza Maggiore, about 17 miles south of Vicenza. Float parade, live music and entertainment; free tasting of hot chocolate, frittelle and hot spiced wine.

### Thiene:

Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday, about 12 miles north of Vicenza.

- ♦ **Saturday:** Carnevale party at the Exhibition Hall, Via Vanzetti; live music, dancing and entertainment with I Musicanova. Admission: €5.
- ♦ **Sunday:** Float and mask parade departing from Via Divisione Acqui at 2:30 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the parade will be postponed to March 13.
- ♦ **Tuesday:** Carnevale costume party for children. Games and entertainment in Piazza Chilisotti and free crostoli. In case of inclement weather, the event will be cancelled.

### Venice:

Ongoing to Tuesday in Venice, the Carnevale di Venezia is an annual festival of costumes, entertainment, music, food, dance

and parades held before Lent. For a detailed program in English, visit [www.carnevale.venezia.it/](http://www.carnevale.venezia.it/).

- ♦ **March 3 - Saturday:** costume contests at noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 5 p.m. in Piazza San Marco.
- ♦ **March 3 - Tuesday:** 3 p.m., Children's Carnival in Campo San Polo, including entertainment & ice rink for children.

### Verona:

The Verona Carnevale dates from 1531 when poor people, especially in the Saint Zeno's area, were facing starvation because of a food shortage. A wealthy nobleman, Tommaso Da Vico, donated a large sum for poor people to buy flour and make gnocchi. Da Vico ordered in his will for gnocchi and wine to be given to the people of Saint Zeno's every year on the last Friday before Lent, now called "Venerdì gnocolar" (gnocchi's Friday).

- ♦ **March 3:** parade through downtown Verona to Saint Zeno's Church led by Papà de' gnocco (Gnocchi's Dad).
- ♦ **Friday:** 2 p.m., float parade departs from Corso Porta Nuova.
- ♦ **Saturday:** 2 p.m., Sabato Filippinato; 8 p.m. float parade in Villafranca.
- ♦ **Sunday:** beginning at 10 a.m., Festa del Conte del Liston.
- ♦ **Tuesday:** 2:30 p.m., Carnevale grand final at Porto S. Pancrazio.

## Local events

### Movie festival:

The Odeon Theater, in Vicenza, Corso Palladio 176, features movies in English in the winter. Monday: "Away we go (American Life)" by Sam Mendes, 4:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Tickets: €6; reduced €4.50 for students.

### San Rocco Festival:

Saturday-Sunday in Brendola, Piazza Mercato, about 9 miles southwest of Vicenza. Antique trades show presented by the Brendola craftsmen association.

### Abilmente 2010:

Bricolage and Manual Creativity Exhibition Thursday - Sunday, in Vicenza, Viale del Lavoro, 69. 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Patchwork, craft, decoupage, embroidery, weaving, needlework, and home decorations ideas. Hands-on mini workshops. Admission fee: €11. Reduced: €9 for children 6-12 and senior citizens older than 60. Free for children

younger than 6. Request a reduced €9 fee by registering in English at [www.salonedelbricolage.it/nqcontent.cfm?a\\_id=1886](http://www.salonedelbricolage.it/nqcontent.cfm?a_id=1886).

### Tourism / leisure show:

Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., in Padova, Via N. Tommaseo, 59, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. Information on resorts, wellness centers, natural parks, and the latest on campers, nautical and sports equipment. Traditional dances, music, and food sampling of local products. Free admission.

### Bike expo:

Passione Moto Bike Expo, Saturday-Sunday in Padova, Via N. Tommaseo, 59, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. Admission fee: €14; reduced €10 for children 13-17 and senior citizens older than 65. Free entrance for children younger than 13.

### Antique market:

Sunday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., in Noventa Vicentina, Piazza IV Novembre, about 20 miles east of Vicenza.

## FREE concerts, exhibits & events

### Memorabilia exhibit:

Ongoing through March 13 in Vicenza, Casa Cogollo, Corso Palladio 165. Tuesday-Sunday

10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. & 3-7 p.m.

### Live Music:

**Sabotage Bar:** In Vicenza, Via dell'Industria 12T; Thursday, 9:30 p.m., live alternative rock with Mud Angel; Friday, 9:30 p.m., live heavy rock; Saturday, 9:30 p.m. extreme metal and sludge metal music

**Conservatory students in concert:** Guitar concert, Saturday, 5 p.m. in Vicenza, Conservatory, Contrà San Domenico 33.

**Live post-rock and psychedelic music with the Ipnodelica:** Saturday, 9:30 p.m. in Vicenza, Equobar, Via Marosticana, 350.

## 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** March 12

**Visit Cinque Terre** March 12.

**Visit Budapest, Hungary,** March 17-20

**Ski / snowboard Arabba,** March 19

**Visit Tuscany towns,** April 2

See the complete ODR schedule online at [www.VicenzaMWR.com](http://www.VicenzaMWR.com).

## Concerts

**Silvio Brothers - tribute to the Blues Brothers:** Saturday in Vicenza, Teatro Astra.

**My Chemical Romance:** Monday in Milan, PalaSharp.

**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

**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](http://www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing) or <http://www.ticketone.it/EN/>.

## Now Showing



### Ederle Theater

<b>Friday</b>	Yogi Bear (PG)	6 p.m.
	How Do You Know (PG 13)	9 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Narnia: Voyage of Dawntreader (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	Hall Pass (R)	6 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	Narnia: Voyage of Dawntreader (PG 13)	3 p.m.
	Hall Pass (R)	6 p.m.
<b>March 11</b>	Gulliver's Travels (PG)	6 p.m.
	Season of the Witch (PG 13)	9 p.m.

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

### Camp Darby Theater

<b>Friday</b>	How Do You Know (PG 13)	6 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Just Go With It (PG 13)	6 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	Narnia: Voyage of Dawntreader (PG 13)	1 p.m.
<b>March 11</b>	Season of the Witch (PG 13)	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](http://www.shopmyexchange.com/ems/euro/vicenza.htm) or [www.aafes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm](http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm).



## Soldiers' Theatre

Stephen Schwartz's "Godspell" runs from Friday-March 20 at Soldiers' Theatre. The contemporary, family-friendly musical celebrates community through music and dance. This will be USAG Vicenza's entry in IMCOM-E's Tournament of Plays Festival. 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.

## NASCAR Contest

Nominate a female service member for the Driven 2 Honor - A Salute to Women in the Military promo and you could win a VIP NASCAR experience. Deadline is March 21. Find out more at [www.MWRPromotions.com](http://www.MWRPromotions.com).

## Commissary inventory

The commissary will conduct inventory Wednesday. The store will be open but service may be reduced.

## Scholarships

The deadline is April 1 for the Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Program for dependent children of active-duty, retired and deceased Soldiers pursuing a full-time undergrad degree. Visit [www.aerhq.org/education.asp](http://www.aerhq.org/education.asp).

## 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](mailto: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.
- ♦ Basic sewing begins Tuesday. Check out the samples in the window at the Arts & Crafts Center.
- ♦ Sign up for adult hand building with clay and wheel throwing.
- ♦ Lunchtime Italian Cooking Class begins March 14.

## Library

Learn about the legend of the leprechaun and make a Lucky Leprechaun hat to wear on St. Patrick's Day, for ages 3-11 March 16, 3:30 p.m. It's free and all materials are supplied. Sign up at the Library desk before March 15.

## Estate claims

Anyone having any claims on or obligations to the estate of Pvt. Michael Cumpston of B Company, 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](mailto:Nicholas.john.lopez@eur.army.mil).

## Homeschool group

- ♦ Italian Enrichment, Friday and March 11, March 18, March 25, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
- ♦ Connection Co-op, Tuesday, March 15, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.; March

22, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.,

- ♦ MNO, Friday, 7 p.m.
- ♦ March 22, Field trip, sculptor
- ♦ March 29, Field trip Museo Aria, 10 a.m.

For info, e-mail [vicenzahomeschoolconnection@yahoo.com](mailto:vicenzahomeschoolconnection@yahoo.com) or visit [vicenzahomeschoolconnection.com](http://vicenzahomeschoolconnection.com).

## Homeschool Terra Nova

VHS will administer the Terra Nova Achievement tests March 14-18. Command-sponsored homeschooled students grades 9-11 can take the tests. Contact John Zaborek at 634-7656 by March 8.

## Health Center delays

The Health Center staff will conduct PDP for a unit Tuesday. Beneficiaries with appointments may experience some delays.

## Arena

- ♦ Head to the Arena March 17 for the "Shamrock Shindig" with Irish shenanigans; potato bowling, hash dash, trivia and green beer, plus live music by "Drop Simpler".
- ♦ 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 in each game. Submit entry forms to the Arena office, the Fitness Center or to [Gerald.V.Wilson@eur.army.mil](mailto:Gerald.V.Wilson@eur.army.mil), by March 21. There is a mandatory team captain's meeting March 14, 6 p.m. The championship is June 27. Call 634-7886.

## 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 Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. for walk-in or drop-off, and Tuesday and Thursday 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](http://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. There is a maximum of 24 participants and due to high demand, a lottery system will be used to select youth for the trip. Sign up between March 9-16 on Web Trac or Parent Central Services to be eligible for the lottery. For more info, visit [www.vicenzamwr.com](http://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. Enjoy games and fun all night.
- ♦ 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 Monday-March 31 at CYSS Parents Central Services. Call 634-6151.
- ♦ EDGE! track and field for high school teens is Monday-Friday, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Call 634-7502.

## EFMP events

- ♦ Exceptional Family Member Program will host a fun run before the Shamrock Run March 12. Register at 8:45 a.m. at the track.
- ♦ Free swimming lessons for EFMP families on Wednesdays until May 25, with beginners 3:30-4:15 p.m. and intermediate, 4:15-5 p.m. The lessons are only for children in EFMP. Call 634-8582.
- ♦ EFMP Creative Minds Art Hour is March 12 at the Arts and Crafts Center. Call 634-8582.

## 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. Community members can also stop by the AER information table on Thursdays at the PX from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. for a chance to win

prizes, including two roundtrip airline tickets to anywhere in the U.S., provided by the USO. For info, call 634-8743 or stop by ACS.

## Deployment benefits

Deployment benefits for CYSS AFC programs are good for 90 calendar days after a Soldier redeploy. Deployment or re-DE orders are needed to use the benefits. For more info, call 634-7219 or visit CYSS Parent Central Services in ACS.

## Booster Club Auction

The High School Booster Club's furniture auction is March 19 at the VHS gym. Doors open at 8 a.m. and auction begins at 10 a.m. There will be furniture, collectibles and more. Proceeds support local student athletes with scholarships, equipment and awards.

## Improve GT score

Improve your GT score. The next FAST class begins Monday. Call 634-8933 to sign-up.

## Alcoholics Anonymous

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

## Club Beyond trip

Club Beyond and the Vicenza Chapel are sponsoring an Adventure Camp in Belgium, April 12-16, when middle-school aged students can stay in tepees, rock climb, zip line and lots of fun activities. For info, contact Laura Livingston at 340-139-4073 or [LLivingston@ClubBeyond.org](mailto:LLivingston@ClubBeyond.org) or pick up a registration packet at the chapel.

## Enter volunteer hours

The Volunteer Recognition ceremony is May 4 for those who volunteered April 1-March 31. If you volunteered during that time, submit your hours into the Volunteer Management Information System at [www.myarmyonesource.com](http://www.myarmyonesource.com) site. For info, contact the Army Volunteer Corps coordinator at [allie.vallery@eur.army.mil](mailto:allie.vallery@eur.army.mil).

## 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.



Photo by Viki Frey

**Soldiers share heritage:** Far left, Maj. Junel Jeffrey, public affairs media/plans officer with U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs, waits to speak to Italian high school students and local Italians at a Black History Month event at Farina High School in Vicenza Feb. 25. Spc. Samuel Johnson, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, also sang gospel songs. Promoted by the U.S. Consulate in Milan and the 9/11 Association (an Italian association), the event was attended by U.S. Consul General Carol Perez, Prof. Mario Giulianati, president of the 9/11 Association, the Minority Studies class from Vicenza High School and representatives of the USAG Vicenza Equal Employment Opportunity Office and USARAF Equal Opportunity Office.

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



## VHS Lady Cougars win European Basketball Championship

By Pete Huller  
Special to the Outlook

Capping off the season with an overtime championship game victory against Black Forest Academy, 37-36, the Vicenza High School Lady Cougars took the 2011 Division II European Championship.

Vicenza won six straight games to claim their crown, ousting the teams slotted first, third, fourth and fifth along the way.

The Lady Cougars scored a key win in thrashing top-ranked Aviano 64-48 in the semi-final game. Kelsey Johnson ripped down 17 rebounds against Aviano's All-Europe center Jasmine Mailoto.

Tournament MVP Sella Pauling scored 16 points and swished a buzzer-beating jump shot to seal the championship in overtime, while Lali Baratashvili had a near triple-double with 10 rebounds, seven steals and seven points, to lead the team.

Sophomore guard Tatiana Miranda hit a crucial three-point shot despite being fouled, and nailed the following free throw to slash what had been an eight-point deficit with just 1:20 left to play.

Coach Mike James said, "This was a wonderful season. Tatiana Miranda came up big in the tournament. She really lifted



Photo by Rovena Valek

The Vicenza High School Lady Cougars Basketball Team poses for a photo after winning the Division II European Championships.

the team up on Saturday. Kelsey, Lali, Sella, and Erika took care of business all season long, so we were looking for someone to step up and Tatiana did."

James also thanked the volunteer coaches and said they'll all try to lead the team back to the championships in 2012.

Pauling, Baratashvili and Johnson were named to the Division II All Tournament Team.

"It took a lot of heart and determination to win the championship," said Baratashvili. "It was the best graduation present ever."

## CYSS Phantoms Basketball Team beats Dukes to win post championship

Story and photo by Alex Ruiz  
CYSS Sports and Fitness director

The CYSS Junior Basketball team, the Phantoms (ages 13-15), played their best game of the season and won the USAG



The Phantoms won the CYSS Basketball Championship against the Dukes in a game Saturday at the Luna Bubble.

Vicenza championship against the Dukes Saturday at the Luna Bubble. The final score was 43-37.

"All the players did a tremendous job throughout the season," said Phantoms' coach Sean Crisp.

The Dukes led 22-19 at the half. The turning point came in the second half, with the Phantoms outscoring the Dukes 24-15. In the third quarter, Phantom point guard Brandon Crisp scored six points while the Dukes team combined for six. In the final quarter, the Phantoms tallied 12 points to their opponents' nine.

Crisp led all scorers with 22 points while Phantom forward Jacob Knapp scored 9 points. Center Collin McFarlane led the Dukes with 13 points and forward Brandon Clark had 10.

The Phantoms leave Friday to represent Vicenza in the IMCOM-Europe East Division Championships Saturday and Sunday in Bamberg, Germany. They will compete against teams from Ansbach, Grafenwoehr, Vilseck, Hohenfels, and host, Bamberg.

Nicole Fulbright, assistant director of CYSS Sports and Fitness, said all the junior players did an outstanding job throughout the season, and the league wouldn't be possible without the parents' support of the basketball program.



Photos by Laura Kreider

**Volleyball begins:** Above, Edward Faiello bumps the ball to his teammates on MONTALVO & CO, during a game against USARAF #1 at the Fitness Center Feb. 23. Right, USARAF #1's Jay Pasion, center, and Rich Lacy jump to block the ball sent by Todd Gately, MONTALVO & CO team. Two other two teams, USARAF #2 and DELTA CO have signed up for the league. Matches are scheduled Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call the Fitness Center for details at 634-7009.



### Women's rugby

The Penn State University Women's Rugby Team will play their annual inter-squad scrimmage game at Caserma Ederle's North 40 Field Sunday at 2 p.m. This year, the team is trying for their third consecutive title. Those interested in playing rugby should call the Fitness Center at 634-7009.

### Shamrock 5K Run

The Shamrock 5K Run is March 12 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](http://www.vicenzamwr.com) and e-mail it to [sports@vicenzamwr.com](mailto:sports@vicenzamwr.com). To be timed and eligible for awards, register by Tuesday. 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](mailto: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](mailto:nicole.fulbright@eur.army.mil) or [krista.cahill@eur.army.mil](mailto: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.

### CYSS softball & baseball

Enrollment is ongoing to Friday for girls softball (ages 10-15) and co-ed baseball (ages 3-15). The season is April 16-June 4 and practices begin in March. Cost is \$45 for ages 6-15 and \$20 for ages 3-5. Space is limited. Register at Parent Central Services. Call 634-6151.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:carl.kerr@amedd.army.mil) or call 636-9632.