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# We Love OUR Military Spouses



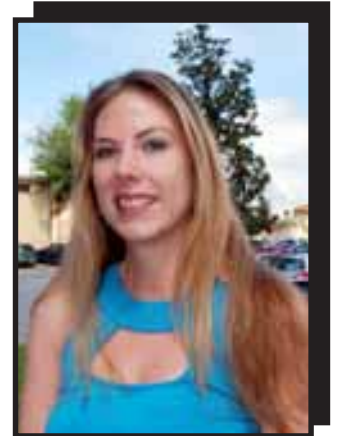
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**THE BACKBONE OF THE ARMY FAMILY:** Since 1984, the Armed Forces have set aside a special day to acknowledge the significant contributions of our spouses. This year, May 8 has been designated Military Spouse Appreciation Day. Our spouses continue to meet the unique challenges of military life with grace and strength. At Caserma Ederle, we will honor these men and women with a luncheon, cooking demonstration, vendor shopping opportunities, and a special gift from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Arena. The Outlook asked local military spouses key questions on what keeps them ticking. SEE THEIR ANSWERS ON PAGE 3.

## Villaggio's energy-frugal family wins backyard solar lamp for cutting costs

### Five more awards slated for local cost-conscious families

Story and photo by  
SAMANTHA SMITH  
Contributing writer

Sgt. Sean Hooker and his wife Talya didn't expect to win any awards for their energy conservation at home, in fact they weren't even aware they were doing it.

"We were surprised" said Sean Hooker, of when their family of five was notified that they were the lowest energy consumers on Villaggio for November-December 2008.

The Hookers were just doing what they have always done.

"I've grown up with the idea that when you leave a room, you turn off the lights," said Talya. "If it's chilly, put on a sweater

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Military spouse and Villaggio resident Talya Hooker hangs laundry in her backyard with her daughters. The post environmental division awarded the Hooker family a solar lamp for its energy savings.



## BACK TO THE BASICS: 173rd Soldier learns survival in the South African bush

by RICK SCAVETTA  
U.S. Army Africa

When evading capture in the South African bush, grassy juice from an impala's stomach quenches thirst. Noisy hippos mean water is nearby, as does sighting an African fish eagle.

These are a few tips Staff Sgt. John Otfinoski, a squad leader with Company C, 2nd Battalion,

Staff Sgt. John Otfinoski, a squad leader with Co. C, 2nd Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt., carries an impala on his back during a survival course taught by the South African Special Forces. Three Army NCOs attended the three-week course, coordinated by U.S. Army Africa, in April. (Courtesy photo)

503rd Infantry Regiment, learned recently in survival school taught by the South African Special Forces.

Otfinoski, 27, of Middletown, Conn., was one of three U.S. Army noncommissioned officers to complete the three-week course in April, which focused on how to live off the land, tracking and evading capture.

"They strip you bare and teach you how to survive in the bush," Otfinoski said. "It was different than anything else I've ever experienced."

Master Sgt. Robert Seifert, of Special Operations Command—Africa, and Sgt. 1st

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# Caserma Ederle salutes its volunteers, military spouses



Photo by Maj. Ryan Dillon

Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III, commander of U.S. Army Africa, chats with military spouses Mindy Butler and Tiffany Ingledue whose husbands serve in the 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment May 1 at a volunteer recognition ceremony.

## CG recognizes installation volunteers, military spouses

By RICK SCAVETTA  
U.S. Army Africa

This week the Vicenza military community will join the Department of Defense in honoring military spouses.

More than a half-million spouses currently support our Army in variety of ways; from directly caring for our warriors to maintaining our communities on the home front.

First celebrated in 1984, Military Spouse Appreciation Day is held each May on the Friday prior to Mother's Day.

On May 11 at the Arena an event for spouses will feature cooking demonstrations, lunch and shopping.

From the American War of

Independence to now, military spouses have supported our Soldiers and our missions – especially those who volunteer their time, said Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III, commander of U.S. Army Africa, during a May 1 ceremony, which recognized community volunteers – many of whom are military spouses.

“They serve and sacrifice in their own way,” Garrett said. “So it’s important that we recognize their vital role in our community - not just once a year. Military spouses make positive differences every day, a fact we recognize and honor this week.”

*See Page 5 for a list of volunteer nominees and to find out who was named the 2008 volunteer of the year.*

## New to the Army? Garrison spouses share tips to help *you* weather the storms

**Kyra Jenkins:**

1. How long have you been a military spouse? Almost 5 years.
2. Have you gone through a deployment? Yes.
3. What difficult situations have you had to overcome as a military spouse and how? Transitions. Whether it be leaving, coming home or adjusting to being home. Moving around and adjusting to new locations is also hard.
4. What makes a good military spouse? Being supportive and flexible. Your husband (or wife) has no control of the dates and your nagging only makes the situation more stressful.
5. What training and support have you received from the military community to help you succeed as a military spouse? The other wives are amazing. You soon find out you are all in the same situation and must stick together.

**Tiffany Ingledue**

1. How long have you been a military spouse? 3 years.
2. Have you gone through a deployment? Yes.
3. What difficult situations have you had to overcome as a military spouse and how? Transitioning into a new community overseas, having my husband leave for deployment, come home from deployment and adjusting to him and his schedule.
4. What makes a good military spouse? Being flexible and supportive to your husband (or wife). Know that times and dates will change with him having no control.
5. What training and support have you received from the military community to help you succeed as a military spouse? I have had support from my command and surrounding community. I have received

treasurer, Family Readiness Group leader, key caller training, among many others from mobilization/deployment - all training which has been and will be very useful.

**Lauren Dawsey**

1. How long have you been a military spouse? 1 year.
2. Have you gone through a deployment? No.
3. What difficult situations have you had to overcome as a military spouse and how? Adjusting to military life and living overseas by taking advantage of services provided on post.
4. What makes a good military spouse? Being supportive of my husband.
5. What training and support have you received from the military community to help you succeed as a military spouse? FRG leader training as well as financial readiness meeting and support from the unit FRG and chain of command.

**April Carroll**

1. How long have you been a military spouse? 8 years, divided between two branches.
2. Have you gone through a deployment? Yes.
3. What difficult situations have you had to overcome as a military spouse and how? Adjusting to living in Italy was a little bit difficult for me, but ACS had classes and information that really helped.
4. What makes a good military spouse? Someone who is flexible, understanding and isn't afraid to ask for help.
5. What training and support have you received from the military community to help you succeed as a military spouse? FRG leader training as well as financial readiness meeting and support from the unit FRG and chain of command.

## Speak Out

What No. 1 tip would you give to a military spouse?

-By Laura Kreider  
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs



**Maria Mecham**  
FRG leader

*“Be patient and supportive, understanding that mission comes first.”*



**Patricia Brown**  
FRG leader

*“Have patience.”*



**Penny Bills**  
Family member

*“Help each other more. Look for a welcome packet in a new location.”*



**Elisabetta Galliard**  
Family member

*“Learn to adjust to many different things, and ask many questions of other spouses.”*



**Tiara Miranda**  
Family member

*“Always stay in contact with their loved one during deployment. They miss you as much as you miss them.”*



## The Noncommissioned Officer PATTERNS OF SUCCESS



**Staff Sgt. Joshua Miller**

**Unit:** K-9 Platoon, 464th Military Police

**Current Position:** Patrol Explosive Detector Dog Handler

**Age:** 29

**Hometown:** Phoenix, Ariz.

**Years in service:** 11

**What would surprise people about you:** The Army pays me to play with dogs every day.

**Biggest mentor and why:** Sgt. 1st Class Dalton because he had a wealth of knowledge, both dog world and general Army knowledge.

**Your definition of an NCO:** Someone who has a genuine concern for his or her Soldiers. Someone who has "been there and done that," and is not afraid to ask questions if he doesn't know the answers.

**List of major assignments/deployments:** Korea (2), Fort Bliss, Texas, Honduras, Italy, Saudi Arabia and Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

**Your advice?** Be early to formations and do as you're told.

**Your defining moment as an NCO:** At Lackland when I would see the working dogs I trained being shipped to support the GWOT.

**Life's ambition:** Retire from the military and be a great husband and father.

**Motto:** PAX ARMIS ACQUIRITUR – Peace is acquired by arms.

Visit the Army's Web site dedicated to the Year of the NCO at [www.army.mil/Year\\_of\\_the\\_NCO](http://www.army.mil/Year_of_the_NCO).

# Library hooks 'Big Fish' author

By **MICHAEL McNULTY**  
*European Regional Library Support*

USAG Vicenza has hooked quite a catch. The garrison will host Daniel Wallace, the author of the 1998 novel *Big Fish: A Novel of Mythic Proportions* at the post library May 12.

Wallace's free writing workshop for the garrison will begin at 5:30 p.m. and is open to service members and their families. After a short break at 6:30 p.m., a reading and discussion will begin at 7 p.m.

"Aspiring writers or anyone interested in learning more about the craft of writing are encouraged to attend the writing workshops," said Christina Kruger, a librarian at the European Regional Library Support Center in Heidelberg.

The author's visit is part of Army Europe Libraries' "Conversations" literary discussion series.

Wallace, whose book is also the basis

for Tim Burton's 2003 film "Big Fish," will visit seven other garrison libraries across the region, offering creative-writing workshops, along with literary discussions and readings of his work.

In addition to writing a screenplay for Universal Pictures, called *Timeless*, Wallace has published more than three dozen short stories in venues such as *The Yale Review*, *The Massachusetts Review*, *Shenandoah*, *New Stories from the South*, and *The Best American Short Stories*, and his work has been translated into 18 languages.

Wallace has also published two illustrated children's books, *Elynora* and *O Great Rosenfeld*. And, Kruger noted,

Wallace is a gifted illustrator whose drawings have appeared, among other places, in the *L.A. Times* and *Italian Vanity Fair*.

A native of Birmingham, Ala., Wallace now teaches creative writing at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Author Fannie Flagg called Wallace "one of the most imaginative and original writers of our times," while Publisher's Weekly Magazine wrote that Wallace's "humor and appreciation of ordinary people, demonstrates [an] extraordinary originality, craftsmanship and charm."

Visit [www.library.eur.army.mil/conversations](http://www.library.eur.army.mil/conversations) for the times, dates and locations of events at each garrison.

For more information on Wallace, visit [www.danielwallace.org](http://www.danielwallace.org).

For more information about the Conversations series, contact Kruger at DSN 370-6678 or commercial 06221-57-6678.



**Daniel Wallace**

Called "one of the most imaginative and original writers of our times."



## Art teacher credits bike as key to sanity

Story and photo by  
**SAMANTHA SMITH**  
*Contributing writer*

The short bike ride to and from work "keeps me sane" said Toni Augustine, an art teacher at Vicenza Elementary School.

"I ride my bike whenever it's not wet, freezing or snowy," said Augustine.

She lives near the soccer stadium and

by making use of the pedestrian underpass, it takes her about 20 minutes to get to post. She usually arrives by 7:30 a.m. to avoid the traffic at the housing gate and leaves by 4 p.m.

"I feel more connected to life in general when I ride my bike," said Augustine. It also allows her "quiet alone time, to decompress before dealing with family," she said.

## Find out how to transfer unused Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits to family

*American Forces Press Service*

With the Department of Veterans Affairs ready to begin accepting sign-ups for the Post-9/11 GI Bill in May, the Defense Department is working to get word out on its proposed policy regarding the bill's transferability provisions to help service members decide if the new benefit is right for them.

In addition to providing broader educational benefits, the Post-9/11 GI Bill that takes effect Aug. 1 includes a provision that enables enrollees to transfer their benefits to immediate family members.

More details about the Post-9/11 GI Bill are posted on the Defense Department and Department of Veterans Affairs Web sites, and the Pentagon's proposed transferability policy is on the Defense Department site:

- <http://www.gibill.va.gov/>
- [http://www.defenselink.mil/home/features/2009/0409\\_gibill/](http://www.defenselink.mil/home/features/2009/0409_gibill/)

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## At your service Installation Security



**Peg Clevenger** is the security manager for the Directorate of Plans, Training Mobilization and Security.

"I am responsible for managing all of the security needs for Garrison Vicenza to include information security, operations security, personnel and community fingerprints," said Clevenger.

Clevenger's support to the garrison includes conducting security surveys, comprehensive assessments, inspections and inventories to ensure compliance with information security directives.

She also ensures all garrison security officers receive training on a quarterly basis.

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# Community Camera

A snapshot of events making the news at USAG Vicenza...

Three-year-old Amberly Clark sits on her dad's shoulders during the free Toby Keith concert held April 30 on the North 40. Dad Jeremy Clark, an Oklahoma native like Keith, made the trip from Aviano Air Base with his family to attend the USO-sponsored event. A large crowd descended on the field to hear the American country music singer-songwriter perform such hits as *American Soldier*, *Should've Been a Cowboy* and *Courtesy of the Red, White & Blue*.

Photo by Laura Kreider



Photo by Laura Kreider

USAG Vicenza Garrison Commander Col. Erik Daiga shakes hands with Stefano Fracasso, mayor of neighboring Arzignano, during the opening ceremony of the town's new police station. "The Vicenza military community depends on our host nation emergency responders to keep American families safe; that's why it is an honor for me to be invited to the opening of the police station," said Daiga.



(Left) Toby Keith autographs an Ibanez RG Prestige guitar for Matthew Thornton during a meet-and-greet session at the post gym before the concert. Thornton said "he is a hero where I come from," the same hometown of Norman, Oklahoma. (Photo by Laura Kreider)

(Below) Dr. Timothy C. Hoekstra and his wife, Dr. Carolyn D. Hoekstra, stand by the memorial panel to Timothy's father, Sgt. Maj. Melvin E. Hoekstra during a May 4 visit to Caserma Ederle. The parade field is named in honor of the late sergeant major, a World War II combat veteran and former SETAF post command sergeant major. Timothy last saw Caserema Ederle as a teenager who lived with his seven siblings on Villaggio and attended the local DoDDS high school. (Photo by Jon Freshman)



Photo by Maj. Ryan Dillon

Gen. William "Kip" Ward, the commander of U.S. Africa Command, talks with Soldiers at U.S. Army Africa's deployable command center in Longare May 4. Ward met with senior leadership and toured the Center of Excellence for Stability Police Units during a two-day visit to Caserma Ederle.





## Mother, son top '08 volunteers

**Farrah, Cole  
Overman win  
outstanding adult,  
youth awards**

by SAMANTHA SMITH  
Contributing writer

"Volunteers are priceless because you do it from the heart," said U.S. Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. William Garrett III in his address to the more than 200 participants at the May 1 volunteer recognition luncheon at Club V.

Allie Vallery, the installation volunteer coordinator, presented the commanding general with a check for \$865,835.23, representing the amount the Army would

have paid to carry out the work of the garrison's volunteers in 2008.

Outstanding adult and youth volunteers recognized at the event were: Mary J. Anderson, John Beamish, Danielle Bentz, Richard H. Breen, Jr., Elizabeth Buffington, Maureen Crone, Christopher Hack, Nancy Hacker, Mary Hinshaw, Christopher J. Nupp, William H. Nupp, Farrah Overman, W. Cole Overman and Doug J. Yocum.

Farrah Overman and her son Cole won the outstanding adult and youth awards, prompting Vallery to call it "a family sweep."

## 173rd Soldier goes 'back to Adam'

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Class Nickolas Maney, of the 6th Ranger Training Battalion, also took part.

As U.S. Army Africa grows, partnering with and engaging African militaries, it's often U.S. Army NCOs offering mentorship. This case was the reverse; South African instructors taught U.S. Army NCOs how to survive in the wild, with little more than a rifle and canteen.

"They call it 'going back to Adam,' right down to the basics," Seifert said.

"The stuff they teach you – it's the real deal. It throws you out of your comfort zone."

That meant navigating at night by stars rather than using a GPS, or rubbing wood together over elephant dung to spark a fire rather than flipping open a Zippo.

"When you're all alone, it's dark and you make fire – that's a psychological victory over nature," Seifert said. "It says, 'I'm not totally powerless.'"

For Seifert, 43, the SASF course reminded the 25-year

veteran of his early days in the U.S. Army infantry, when survival training was an annual event. While some things the South Africans taught resembled training from his 17 years in Special Forces, the Minnesota-native learned important lessons.

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stripped those things away," Seifert said. "We don't train like this anymore. It reemphasized our need to get back to basics."

The course, which is normally just one phase for South African

Special Forces recruits, was held specifically for foreign troops.

The American NCOs trained alongside troops from France, Sweden and Botswana. The training took place in Phalaborwa, near the Kruger National Park – roughly a five-hour drive northeast from Pretoria. The instructors – who spoke English with a distinct South African accent – were Zulus, veteran soldiers who grew up in the bush and fought

with the SASF in Angola in the early 1980's, Otfinoski said.

"They were very proficient and know the bush like Wikipedia in their heads," Otfinoski said. "If you're thirsty, they know a plant with buds growing underneath that can fill your canteen."

Living off the land also meant catching, killing and cooking their food. African monitor lizards taste like – you guessed it – chicken. Fire ash apparently adds a salty taste to boiled grasshoppers. The "gut water" – juice squeezed from the grassy pulp found in an impala's stomach – proved a point, but it was disgusting, Seifert said.

"It was the foulest thing I ever drank," Seifert said.

In all, the Soldiers learned about more than 70 birds, 50 trees and 25 insect species. When it comes to eating bugs – yeah, they did a lot of that – Otfinoski learned to avoid insects with bright colors. Stick to natural tones, like those of the brown grasshopper – of which Otfinoski ate hundreds during his

few weeks in the bush.

"I now know I'll never die if there are grasshoppers around," Otfinoski said. "I'd be totally comfortable."

While learning to feed themselves, the NCOs also practiced the art of bush tracking, spying telltale signs such as broken branches or

**When you're all alone, it's dark and you make fire – that's a psychological victory over nature. It says, 'I'm not totally powerless.'**

moved grass. Tracks – or "spoor," as South Africans say – are better seen with the sun to one side. Tracking at high noon is difficult. Tall wheat appears shinier after it's walked through.

Once they understood how to track, they learned the opposite – how to escape and evade capture. The Gray Lourie bird calls out "go away" when humans are near. It can be heard for miles, indicating danger when evading people tracking you. At night, grasshoppers stop chirping when you pass.

"If you didn't use the knowledge they offered, you wouldn't survive," Otfinoski said. "This course pushed you to your limits."

## Darby Dates

### Get in shape with free noon classes

Looking to get into shape for no money at all?

Check out Eileen's list of classes. There's something scheduled almost every day of the week. ...and the best part is, it's free.

Call the Fitness Center for more information at 633-7440.

### ITR trips

Visit some of Rome's most famous sites at your own pace.

Start off in Vatican City, home of St. Peter's Basilica and Vatican Museum (where you'll find the Sistine Chapel).

Call ITR for more information at 633-7589.

### Identity theft class

Learn ways to protect yourself and your family from identity theft crimes at this May 15 class.

Call ACS at 633-7084 for details.

### Darby Community Club

Every Thursday is Karaoke Night at the Club.

Stop singing in the shower and impress your friends too. Fun starts at 6:30 p.m.

Need to say thanks? Bring your right arm/wing man to the Community Club on the third Friday of each month.

### Darby Religious activities

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

**9:40 a.m.:** Catholic Reconciliation

**10 a.m.:** Catholic Mass

**11:15 a.m.:** Protestant worship

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

**Vacation Bible School** is coming in June.

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

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

Contact the Catholic education coordinator for details.

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

The congregation is in need of a cantor.

Talk to Chaplain Porter or Father Roberto to serve.

## Local energy-saving family wins solar lamp

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or we use blankets on the couch."

In addition to turning off unused appliances and lights, and setting the thermostat to a firm 20 degrees Celsius, Talya also hangs the family's clothes outdoors instead of using the dryer.

"I dry the clothes on wooden racks" she explained.

And when the weather is bad outside, she brings the racks inside and still manages to dry the clothes overnight. As well as saving electricity, Talya said "it also (decreases) wear and tear of the clothes."

As part of the Metering Project, the environment division in collaboration with the operation and maintenance division and housing division has been distributing mock bills to Villaggio residents since January 2008. The bills detail household energy consumption along with a price that the residents would have paid for their use.

The bill also contains an easy color-coded rating system along with a smiley face for low energy consumption (green) and a sad face for high energy consumption (red).

The project's goal is to raise awareness, reduce energy use, and promote

conservation among Villaggio's American residents.

The Hooker family will receive a backyard solar lamp as an award for their low energy use and a certificate of appreciation from the garrison commander.

Thomas Blackmer, the environment division chief, said the award program will recognize families that are doing their part to conserve energy and that five more awards will be distributed this year to other low-usage households.

For more information or to schedule an on-site energy audit, call- 0444-71-5023.



# Take a deep sea fishing trip with ODR

## Local festivals & events

### Plant festival features market, food stands

A flower and plant festival will be held May 10 from 9:30 a.m. – 7 p.m. in Valdagno, Villa Serena, Piazza Dante, 6, about 20 miles northwest of Vicenza.

Events include a plant and flower exhibit and market, entertainment for children, food stands featuring dishes prepared with spontaneous herbs and plants and taste-testing local wines.

### Asparagus festival scheduled May 8-10

In San Zeno di Cassola from May 8-10, about 21 miles northeast of Vicenza, an asparagus festival is scheduled.

■ **May 8 at 9:30 p.m.:** 70's music. Come and dance, wearing your 70's clothes.

■ **May 9 at 9 p.m.:** Live music and dances.

■ **May 10 at noon:** Food stands will be open. Beginning at 7 p.m., there will be a hip hop and video dance show with the "Sweet Devils" group.

Live music and dancing kicks off at 9 p.m.

### Get your antiques at Vicenza market

Enjoy a traditional antique market May 10 at 8 a.m. – 7 p.m. in Vicenza, Piazza dei Signori, Piazza Biade, Piazzetta Garibaldi, Piazza Duomo e Piazza Castello.

Featured items include 17th century furniture, rare books, antique coins, paintings and

sculptures, records, prints, medals and stamps.

### Trade show highlights vintage vehicles

A vintage car and motorcycle trade show and exhibition will take place May 9-10 from 9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m., in Mussolente, Via Pavane, 2, about 25 miles northeast of Vicenza. The admission fee is 5 euro.

### Free concerts, exhibits & classes

■ **ViArt – Arts and Crafts Exhibition and sale** in Vicenza, Monte di Pietà Building, Contrà del Monte, Tuesday – Sunday 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

This ongoing exhibition features the creations of the best Vicentine artisans.

The items on display are changed every four months.

■ **Living Soul in Concert:** May 7 at 9:30 p.m., in Vicenza, Country Club, Monte Crocetta, 6. U2, Police and renowned blues played on acoustic guitars.

■ **Painting Exhibit – works by Gino Prandina** ongoing May 9–17, Monday – Friday from 4–7:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. – noon and 4–7:30 p.m., in Vigardolo, S. Maria Assunta Church, Via Vigardoletto, about 4 miles north of Vicenza.

■ **Esperanto presentation and two-hour training:** May 9 at 3 p.m., in the following locations: in Vicenza, Distric 2 center, Riviera Berica, Via E. De

Nicola, 8; Distric 5 Center, Via Lago di Pusiano, 7; District 7 Center, Via Vaccari, 107; in Montecchio Maggiore, city library, Via San Bernardino, 5, 12 miles west of Vicenza.

Esperanto is the most widely spoken constructed language in the world. Its name derives from Esperanto, the pseudonym under which L. Zamenhof published the first book dealing with this language.

The word Esperanto means "one who hopes." Zamenhof's goal was to create an easy and flexible language that would serve as a universal second language to foster peace and international understanding.

■ **Tibet photo exhibition:** May 9–30, Tuesday – Saturday from 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 2–6:30 p.m., in Dueville, Arnaldi Center, Via Rossi, about 10 miles north of Vicenza.

■ **Buena Vista Social Club:** May 9 at 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Piazz dei Signori.

■ **Open House at the Music Conservatory** on May 9 beginning at 10 a.m. in Vicenza, Contrà San Domenico, 33. Enjoy concerts, exhibitions, and an evening jazz concert.

■ **Daion Hillbillies in Concert – Acoustic country blues** on May 9 at 9:30 p.m., in Povolaro, Dueville, Via Redentori, 21, about 10 miles north of Vicenza.

■ **The Unknown Rebel Band – music jazz live music** on May 9 at 4 p.m., in Vicenza, Piazza Matteotti.

■ **Jazz Vicenza Orchestra meets Tom Harrell** on May 9 at 10 p.m., in Vicenza, Jazz Café Astra Theater, Contrà Barche 53.

■ **Spring Choir Concert** on May 9 at 9 p.m. in Costabissara, Parish Church, Via Chiesa 15, about 7 miles northwest of Vicenza.

### Photo exhibit open in Padova through June

The Oxford Project: Peter Feldstein's photo exhibition is open now through June 20.

Hours are Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 3–6 p.m., in Padova, Galleria, Piazza Antenone 3, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza.

## Pay concerts & events

■ **Mamma mia** (in English): May 6-10 in Florence; June 15-20 in Forli.

■ **Jackson Browne:** May 8 in Padova; May 11 in Bologna.

■ **Dave Holland Quartet:** May 12, in Vicenza, Auditorium Canneti.

■ **Mingus Dynasty:** May 15 in Vicenza, City theater.

■ **Yellowjackets:** May 16 in Vicenza, Auditorium Canneti.

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

■ **Depeche Mode:** June 16 in Rome; June 18 in Milan.

■ **U-2:** July 7 in Milan.

■ **Anastacia:** July 8 in Lucca; July 12 in Rome.

■ **Madonna:** July 14 in Milan; July 16 in Udine.

■ **James Taylor:** July 15 in

Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova).

■ **Motorhead:** July 17 in Piazzola Sul Brenta (Padova).

Tickets are available from your local box office or online at [www.ticketone.it/EN/Home](http://www.ticketone.it/EN/Home).

## Outdoor Recreation

### Beauty in Lugano, Switzerland

On May 9, enjoy the picturesque area of Lugano, Switzerland, with its crystal clear lake, surrounded by mountains.

Experience the beauty of the lake by taking a cruise for small fee, or shopping the markets and shops. Call 634-7094 for reservations.

### Bike the Colli Berici Hills

On May 9, Outdoor Rec leads the way on bikes past the Rotunda and around Lago di Fimon in the Colli Berici Hills. Call ODR at 634-7453.

### Deep sea fishing

Climb aboard the Isabella on May 9 and try fishing the Adriatic with Outdoor Rec.

This trip includes fishing poles, tackle and bait. Call ODR at 634-7453 for reservations.

## Sporting Events

■ **Superbike World Championship:** June 21 in Misano.

For details, visit your local ticket agent or [www.ticketone.it/EN/Home](http://www.ticketone.it/EN/Home).



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Vicenza's Olympic Theatre is the final masterpiece designed by Andrea Palladio. Constructed from 1580-1885, it is the oldest surviving enclosed theater in the world. It is located in Piazza Matteotti, 11 and open Tuesday to Sunday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. General admission is 8 euro; 6 euro rate for people over 60, and free for children under 14.

## Now Showing



### Ederle Theater

May 7	The International (R)	6 p.m.
May 8	Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13)	6 p.m.
	Street Fighter (Legend of Chun-Li) (PG-13)	9 p.m.
May 9	Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13)	3 p.m.
	X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG-13)	6 p.m.
May 10	Street Fighter (Legend of Chun-Li) (PG-13)	3 p.m.
	X-Men Origins: Wolverine (PG-13)	6 p.m.
May 13	The Last House on the Left (R)	6 p.m.
May 14	Madea Goes to Jail (PG-13)	6 p.m.

### Camp Darby Theater

May 8	Fast and Furious (PG-13)	6 p.m.
May 9	Monsters vs. Aliens (PG)	6 p.m.
May 10	Hannah Montana (PG)	1 p.m.
May 14	Push (PG-13)	6 p.m.

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

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



## Register for CTC classes, get free iPod

Central Texas College is now registering for classes.

Register for the Microsoft certification program, learn about network safety, and get a free iPod (When you take two classes. The classes are given on the iPod.), while earning college credit and promotion points.

Call 634-6514 or e-mail [vicenza@europe.ctcd.edu](mailto:vicenza@europe.ctcd.edu).

## Warrant officer chapter seeking new members

South Of The Alps Warrant Officer Chapter is looking for outstanding warrant officers. If you are interested in being a part of our chapter or just want to hang out, come to our warrant officer breakfast every Thursday from 7:45am -8:45am at the South of the Alps dining facility. The next SOTA meeting is May 21.

Call CW4 Pattie Roberts at DSN 634-7750 for more information.

## PTSA seeking elected volunteers for '09-'10

The Parent Teacher Student Association is looking for dedicated volunteers to run for the elected positions within the PTSA for school year 2009 - 2010. Positions include president, vice president, treasurer and secretary.

For position descriptions, duties and requirements, visit the Opportunity Locator at [www.myarmyonesource.com](http://www.myarmyonesource.com).

Elections will be held in the M/HS information center May 14. Submit nominations by May 12. E-mail [farrahoverman@yahoo.com](mailto:farrahoverman@yahoo.com) for more information.

## "Don't Dress For Dinner" opening May 8

The production of "Don't Dress for Dinner," is a sexy comedy combining mystery, madness and mayhem.

This play contains adult situations not suitable for children.

Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Box office is open Tues - Fri, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. or call 634-7281.

## May MOMS Club events

**May 7:** MOMS Mother's Day Brunch at 10 a.m.

**May 8:** Walk the Track at 10 a.m.

**May 8:** Infant Playgroup from 10-11 a.m.

**May 8:** Park Play Date at 4 p.m.

**May 11:** Book Club at 1030 a.m.

**May 13:** Beach Day at 9:15 a.m.

**May 14:** Toddler Playgroup

at 4 p.m.

**May 14:** Craft Club from 10 a.m.- noon

**May 15:** Walk the Track at 10 a.m.

**May 15:** Infant Playgroup from 10-11 a.m.

**May 18:** MOMS Annual Spring Luncheon at 11:30 a.m.

**May 20:** Out-N-About Club at 9:30 a.m.

**May 20:** Preschool Playgroup from 10:30 a.m. - noon

## Marriage enrichment scheduled at Edelweiss

Marriage Enrichment Training provided by the post chapel will be conducted at the Edelweiss Lodge in Germany May 29-31.

Room, meals, transportation, and child care are provided.

Call the chapel at 634-7519 to register or for more information.

## Job announcements

■ **Civilian LPNs** are needed in Vicenza in support of the Army's Traumatic Brain Injury program. For details about the position and qualifications contact Ryan Tibbs at 001-513-984-1800 ext 157, fax 001-513-984-4909 or e-mail [rtibbs@sterlingmedcorp.com](mailto:rtibbs@sterlingmedcorp.com).

■ Resumes are being accepted for the position of USAG Vicenza **health promotion coordinator**. For details contact Betsy Walters, health promotion coordinator, USACHPPM-EUR, at 634-8828 or e-mail [betsy.walters@eur.army.mil](mailto:betsy.walters@eur.army.mil). Deadline: June 1.

■ The Community Bank in Caserma Ederle is looking for a **teller supervisor**.

You can use the "Careers" link at [www.DoDCommunityBank.com](http://www.DoDCommunityBank.com) for a detailed job description, the qualification requirements and to apply (online).

Candidates must be a U.S. citizen and a dependent of a U.S. military servicemember or a DoD civilian stationed in Italy. Community Bank is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## Military Spouse Appreciation set May 11

Join the celebration recognizing the many contributions our military spouses make May 11 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. in the concourse area in the Arena.

Tickets to the event are \$15 and should be purchased at the Tax Relief Office before May 5. Call 634-5087 for details.

## OHA/MIHA online survey available May 4

Starting May 4, Vicenza is conducting the annual overseas housing allowance (OHA) utility and move-in expenses survey online at <https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/oha/survey/utilitymiha.html> for all U.S. service members and their families through June 3.

Call 634-6299 for details.

## Lunch & Learn with University of Phoenix

University of Phoenix is hosting a Lunch & Learn seminar May 7, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with the topic "Why Pursue a Master's Degree."

The event is open to the community and held at the Vicenza Education Center.

RSVP to Ana LaForgia by May 4 at [ana.laforgia@phoenix.edu](mailto:ana.laforgia@phoenix.edu), or 634-8928.

## Salsa night at the Arena

Salsa night returns to the Arena May 13, 7-11 p.m.

## Learn makeup secrets

Discover the secrets behind a pretty face May 9, when the Art Center leads a make-up techniques workshop.

Call the Art Center at 634-7094.

## Military spouses honored May 20

The Art Center celebrates the contributions our military spouses make every day on the home front with a full-day of refreshments, massages and wine May 20.

Demonstrations throughout the day include pottery, framing, scrapbooking and woodworking. Cost is \$5.

Call the Art Center at 634-7094 for more information.

## CDC closure

The CDC Bldg. 398 will be closed May 22 so that staff may conduct annual training.

All children normally cared for in Bldg. 398 will be provided care at Bldg. 395, hours are 6 a.m.-6 p.m.

Call Michelle Sterowicz at

634-5008 or Luca Harbeson at 634-8433 for details.

## Angyal CoC open to community

The Vicenza community is cordially invited to the change of command ceremony between outgoing commander Lt. Col. (P) Joseph W. Angyal and incoming commander Lt. Col. G. Shawn Wells on May 15 at 10 a.m. at U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza's Hoekstra Field.

The dress is duty uniform for service members and casual for civilians.

The event's inclement weather site is the post theater.

Call 634-6509 for more information.

## Deadline to check soggiorno May 13

Check the expiration date on your, or your family members', soggiornos.

If they are expired, bring them and current official passports to the soggiorno office in the Central Processing Facility, Bldg. 311.

This also applies to those who do not have a soggiorno and have not initiated the application process. Do this by May 13 so the garrison can help you with renewals or applications.

Failure to do so could require families to return to the United States for new mission visas at their own expense or be returned to the United States permanently.

## USO notes

Come to the USO and sign up for our Level One Italian Class.

Classes run Mondays and Wednesday May 11 - July 8, 5:45-7:45 p.m.

Cost is \$118 plus book fee. The USO is located in Bldg 9A. Call 634-7156.



Photo by Rick Scavetta

**EARTHQUAKE RELIEF:** Sgt. Maj. Brian Warren, U.S. Army Africa, offers a donation at the Vicenza post chapel during an April 30 lunch to benefit the people of L'Aquila, who endured a 6.3 magnitude earthquake April 6. The lunch raised \$1,508; the Protestant congregation donated \$1,755; and the Catholic parish gave \$1,684 for a net chapel donation of \$3,263. The South of the Alps Warrant Officer Chapter, along with a host of anonymous groups and individuals, also gave to the cause.

## Religious activities

### Chaplain Crisis Line

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

### Saturday services

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

5 p.m.: Roman Catholic mass

### Sunday services

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

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

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

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

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

4 p.m.: Lutheran worship

6 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

### Mondays

Noon: LDS Scripture Study

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

Contact Jocelyn Cary at 634-7890, 349-385-3476 or [vicecb@yahoo.com](mailto:vicecb@yahoo.com).

### Tuesdays

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

### Wednesdays

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

3 p.m.: Praise Dance practice

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

5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

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

### Thursdays

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

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

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

### Faith group contacts

**Islamic:** Spc. Kasimov, 329-034-3511

**Jewish:** Sandy Schoenberg at 634-6202 or [sandy.schoenberg@eur.army.mil](mailto:sandy.schoenberg@eur.army.mil).

### Latter Day Saints:

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

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

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



Vicenza High School Cougar Daniel Madson drives a pitch during an April 18 game against the Aviano Saints. The Cougars have a 3-3 record heading into its final contest at Aviano May 9. The team will travel to Kaiserslautern compete in the European Championships May 21-22

Photo by Laura Kreider



## Cougars top Sigonella, fall to Naples

By PETE HULLER  
Special to the Outlook

The Vicenza High School Cougars baseball team engaged in two thrilling contests last month, beating division rival Sigonella April 24, 6-2, in the opener and narrowly falling to host Naples April 25, 6-4, in the finale.

Strong defense (only one error) and timely hitting support were crucial in the victory against Sigonella.

Pitcher Jack Buffington went the distance in his best outing of the season as he struck out nine, walked one and allowed just three hits and no earned runs.

Nick Williams smashed an RBI single in the last inning and Will Besuden followed

with a long triple to drive in Williams, sealing the Cougars' victory.

The Cougars nearly pulled an upset in the second game, with a runner on third and the tying run at the plate in the last inning.

Great defense by Micky Stoner at third base/shortstop and Jack Buffington behind the plate supported Jeremy Huller's performance on the mound, as he struck out five and allowed just 3 earned runs in 4 2/3 innings.

In a key defensive play, Josh Rizzo applied the tag at second base on a sweet pickoff move by Huller.

"It was the most exciting game I've played in all year," said shortstop Cristian Addison.

"In just a few weeks our team has

improved drastically," noted catcher Josh Rizzo.

The team now has a 3-3 record heading into its final contest at Aviano May 9.

Two weeks later the team will travel to Kaiserslautern to participate in the European Championships.

"Our progressive improvement thus far has been great to see, but we'll have to play our best baseball in Germany to advance in the tournament," said coach Mark Wilson.



Mark Wilson

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### Sports office seeks aqua aerobic instructor

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

Instructors will be needed beginning June 15 on Mondays and Wednesdays each week for noon classes. Classes must be given in English.

Call Joe Reeder at 634-5181 or 0444-71-5181 from off post.

### Italian vs. American Ladies Basketball

Ladies Sports, Fitness and Aquatics program is looking for ladies over 35 to participate in a basketball game with host nation ladies May 31 at 3 p.m. Call 634-7009 to sign up.

### Win Prizes at the Armed Forces Day 5K

All ages are welcome to join in the Armed Forces 5K Fun Run/Walk May 16, starting at 10 a.m. with a pre-brief meeting at 9:40 a.m. Sign up is mandatory by May 10. Call 634-7009

### New Les Mills classes have begun

Check out the new music, routines, and times at [www.vicenzaMWR.com](http://www.vicenzaMWR.com).

Favorites include Body Pump, Combat, Step, Attack, Balance, Jam, yoga and self defense.

### Redeem your GYM RAT points

The current GYM RAT incentive program ends May 31.

All points must be redeemed before that date to claim prizes. Call 634-7616.

### EFMP Fun Run

A May 16 EFMP Fun Run is open to all EFMP families. The EFMP sponsored portion of the run is for youth (18 and under) and parent participation is highly encouraged.

Registration is the day of the run for EFMP participants from 9 - 9:30 a.m. at the track.

All participants who complete a lap will receive a medal.

## Sports Standings

### FINAL 2009 STANDINGS

#### Soldiers' Unit/Recreational Volleyball League

Team	Win	Loss
Lucky	7	3
USAHC	6	5
D Co, 1-503	4	1
Delta Rec	4	4
Top Gun	1	5
BSB Riggers	1	4
Angels	0	5

### FINAL 2009 STANDINGS

#### Soldiers' Unit/Recreational Dodgeball League

Team	Win	Loss
Secret Squirrels	11	4
Doughnut Ninjas	6	7
Dentac	5	7
AFN Vicenza	4	8

### FINAL 2009 STANDINGS

#### Local National/USAG Vicenza Lions Soccer

Win	Loss	Tie
2	2	11

#### Recreational Tennis League Matches

April 27

Jacob Schreiber 8 vs. Kirk Madgic 5

April 28

Kate Jimenez 8 vs. Matthew Garsez 0

Eva Cuello 8 vs. Emily Ward 4

# Track and Field



Courtesy photo

## Don't miss our youth participation

### DESCRIPTION:

Track meet for the installation's CYSS youth ages 6 -15

DATE: Track meet on May 30

TIME: Practices Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Caserma Ederle Track