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LAST CHANCE!

The Soldiers' Theatre production of Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple Female Version* is onstage Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. or for a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. This adult comedy contains adult language and situations. Tickets are \$15. Call the box office at 634-7281.



Photo by Barbara Romano, JMTC Photo Lab

(From left) Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Ambassador Donald Y. Yamamoto, U.S. Army Chief of Staff Gen. George W. Casey and U.S. Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III make their way to the main plenary hall during the inaugural African Land Forces Summit May 11.

## Historic summit eyes adapting force for 21st century challenges

By 2nd Lt. AMELIA THATCHER  
U.S. Army

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The African Land Forces Summit closed Friday with remarks from Secretary of the Army John McHugh and Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III, commanding general, U.S. Army Africa.

Emphasizing cooperation and flexibility among military forces, Garrett thanked each delegate for their contributions to the historic gathering.

"Look at what we've accomplished over the past few days," Garrett said. "We see that we all need to adapt our forces to threats



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before they reach a crisis point."

Garrett, mentioning Monday's Pentagon trip, explained the importance of having distinct civil and military authorities.

Recognizing the difference between the two, he said, helps legitimize governments and prevent conflicts of interest within nations. He also expressed gratitude for the

volume of issues addressed.

"Little did we know how much you would all have to say," Garrett said. "The dialogue we started this week will not end here... it must be done on a continuing basis."

He encouraged the delegates to set up their own regional conferences, adding he hoped all future African Land Forces Summits would be hosted on the continent.

Presenting each senior delegate and delegation staff member with U.S. Army Africa coins minted especially for this

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## Ederle staff ride an 'eye-opening' experience

By Capt. JOSE A. MENDEZ  
Special to the Outlook

Soldiers and staff from the U.S. military community in Vicenza participated in a staff ride to the Castello di Miramare in Trieste and the Italian WWI Memorial in Redipuglia Friday.

Col. Aldo Rando, Caserma Ederle's Italian liaison officer, provided in-depth historic information about the staff ride locations, with special emphasis on the Redipuglia memorial and the Italian battles the WWI battles that took place in the area.

The first stop during the staff ride was at the Castle of Miramare, built on the order of Ferdinand Maximilian of Hapsburg, who wanted a

residence befitting his rank. The structure was erected on the outskirts of Trieste, facing the sea and surrounded by a large garden. Maximilian purchased several plots of land at the end of 1855. The stone foundation was laid March 1, 1856.

During a brief orientation of the castle and surrounding area, Ederle Soldiers and personnel learned that the park is so large that it would take at least one day to tour it.

The group's next stop was at Redipuglia, where they visited Italy's largest war memorial, located on the Sei Busi mountain.

"I feel very fortunate to see the history of this area," said USAG Vicenza HHC's Spc.



Photo by Capt. Lucas Cottrell

USAG Vicenza Soldiers and personnel visit sites of interest during an HHC staff ride to Trieste and Redipuglia Friday.

Michael Crawford, who was attending his first staff ride. "We have so much history surrounding us, and most of us don't even know it. This

was a unique and eye-opening experience for me."

During WWI, this high ground was bitterly fought

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## BOSS takes dive for community relations

### LaFraglia parent moved by show of kindness that transcends language, culture barriers

The following letter was submitted by the mother of two members of La Fraglia, a local home for the disabled. She is also a volunteer at the facility.

"When is it going to happen again?" Federico and other "nice guys" from La Fraglia keep on asking, especially when we talk about the great day we spent at La Fraglia April 23, a really unforgettable day, wonderfully different from our daily routine, the "American Barbecue" day.

And we understand why they ask. They really enjoyed having La Fraglia cheerfully "invaded" by at least 30 outgoing and strong young men and lovely young women, all of them volunteers wearing T-shirts with the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers logo.

They arrived at La Fraglia full of energy and glowing smiles.

There was also an American fire truck that, for once, used its water not to put out a fire but to make sure our guys had a great time.

Are you wondering how they accomplished that?

It's simple. They brought a dunk tank, numerous tables, benches and grills.

Inside the tank, there was a ladder, and on top sat two brave volunteers: Justin wearing Bermuda shorts and David in a wetsuit. They would fall in the water below every time our guys would throw a ball or press the large red button (on the tank).

Justin and David were pretty brave, since it was a cold day and they didn't mind falling into the water at least 60 times in a row.

While that was taking place in our park under the magnolias and everyone was having a great time (especially since they were able to play such a fun and simple game), other members of this

wonderful group of American volunteers were getting everything ready for lunch.

Out in the park about 10 volunteers were cooking hamburgers and hotdogs...

Inside, other volunteers were setting the tables..., which were soon completely covered with Coca-Cola and orange sodas, french fries and jelly.

Other volunteers were prepping to serve a typical American picnic lunch, complete with deviled eggs, baked beans and cakes. All sorts of good food and fun were there for our sons, health care providers and about 50 of their compatriots.

There were about 50 Americans because friends of the volunteers decided to join them to find out more about La Fraglia. They arrived with spouses and children, a real mix of ethnic and age groups.

During the first part of their visit, it was nice to see so many of them scattered in our workshops, asking

questions about our activities, showing interest in the people who were working there and trying to communicate with us, using gestures more than words since, undeniably, there was a language barrier.

Afterwards, during lunch, seeing all of us sitting together at the tables, it really moved us to realize how, even without too many words, there was an atmosphere of friendship that went beyond language, cultural or ideological barriers, an atmosphere that transcended everything else and was the result of our common desire to help others, to share a day of friendship and integration.

That's the main reason this barbecue was a huge success.

The event was well organized by the American volunteers. Our health care providers gladly helped and everyone was rewarded by the enthusiasm of our

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Vicenza Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers' Spc. David Baughman is fair game in the dunk tank as La Fraglia members give him a cool dip during the April 23 barbecue.

folks and by the festive participation.

We haven't forgotten the "American breakfast" organized at the Capannina, in 2008 and the Halloween party in October 2009, and we are looking forward to more events fostering cooperation and friendship.

In the meanwhile, we want to thank all those who made these events possible:

■ The young American volunteers from BOSS, led by BOSS president, Sgt. Justin Vincent, who although he had met us a few days before the barbecue, got off with a bang and enthusiastically organized this special day.

■ Anna Terracino, who was the one who introduced Justin to us. We'd also like to thank her for the many Saturdays she and her husband dedicate to our theater company... and for her fantastic idea to translate into English the La Fraglia pamphlet so that the U.S. military

community in Vicenza can read about us.

■ Jon Fleshman, who initiated the "whole thing." He was the first one to come La Fraglia a few years ago asking if La Fraglia needed any volunteers!. He is going to move back to the States this month and we want to say goodbye to him and express our love and gratitude.

■ La Fraglia health care providers, who in addition to improvising as great interpreters, cooperated effectively with American volunteers to make sure the event was a success while taking care, as usual, of our sons and daughters.

■ All those who have always wanted and strived to have an open-door policy at La Fraglia, a place anyone can enter... see... meet new people... understand... share... love.

*Anna Putti  
La Fraglia parent,  
friend and volunteer*

## Speak Out

## What are you most looking forward to this summer?



Elle Ramos  
8th grade

"Being with my friends, and not working on anything school related."



Jayson Richard  
12th grade

"Going home to the States and getting organized for college."



Abigail Armstrong  
8th grade

"Having one of my best friends from the States visit, and going to Gardaland and the beach with my friends here."



Neal Dominguez  
11th grade

"Spending a lot of time with my family and friends wherever we go."



Tireh Sanders  
11th grade

"I am ready to go back home (Georgia) and see my friends and family."

## Following motorcycle rules, tips makes for safe riding season

USAG Vicenza Safety Office

May is the month of motorcycles and motorcyclists. USAG Vicenza would like to remind all riders of a few basic rules to follow to ensure everyone—riders and non-riders alike, can enjoy a beautiful and safe spring and summer riding season.

**1.** Get properly trained and licensed – No matter how skilled you may be even the professional riders keep their skills sharp through training.

Check to ensure your license is valid and hasn't expired. Do you meet the requirements to ride legally in Europe? Check in with DOL Drivers Testing to be sure.

**2.** Wear all protective gear, all the time - T-shirts and shorts are good for the beach, but not for riding a motorcycle.

Helmets, certified to meet U.S. Department of Transportation standards, must be properly fastened under the chin. Don't forget impact or shatter-resistant goggles, wraparound glasses, or full-face shield properly attached to the helmet.

Sturdy footwear, leather boots or over-the-ankle shoes and a long sleeved shirt or jacket, long trousers and full fingered gloves or mittens designed for use on a motorcycle must also be worn.

For on-road operations, a brightly colored, outer

upper garment during the day and a reflective upper garment should be worn during the night.

**3.** Ride unimpaired by alcohol or other drugs - Bikes and booze don't mix.

Government studies show that 46 percent of riders killed in motorcycle crashes had been drinking while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs. Having blood-alcohol content greater than 0.05 percent increases the risk of crashing by about 40 times.

**4.** Ride within your own skill limits and obey traffic laws - Every rider should know the limits of their ability and not attempt to exceed them.

Humans weren't designed to fly, and unless you're a trained professional on a closed course, stunting, high speed or tricks can only create trouble.

Follow all traffic laws and be conscious of how road conditions may affect your riding.

**5.** Be a lifelong learner by taking refresher rider courses - Motorcyclists should keep in mind that no matter how often or how long they've been riding, there is always room to learn something new.

Taking an advanced course to brush up on the basics and work on perfecting current skills is a smart move for any rider.

## Military field study give Soldiers, staff real-world view of historic events

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as it provided a strategically advantageous view to the west. Buried there are the remains of 100,187 fallen soldiers—39,857 known and 60,330 unknown.

Among the identified troops is Commander of the Third Army Duke of Aosta from the Italian royal family Savoy (*Savoia* in Italian). The House of Savoy ruled the unified Kingdom of Italy for 85 years, from 1861 until the end of World War II.

The heavy anchor chain of the torpedo-boat Grado is positioned at the foot of the gigantic stairway. Along the way up the memorial are 19 bronze plaques, each inscribed with bloody fighting that took place there. In front of the rising terraces is the tomb of the Duke of Aosta, flanked by the urns of the generals who fell in combat.

The setting resembles the mighty arrangement of an army of 100,000 men. It was in 1931 that the duke died and was laid to rest among his Soldiers, according to his own wishes.

At the top of mountain Sei Busi, the tour wound its way through trenches, where Italian soldiers walked and fought during WWI. Those trenches extend from the Adriatic Sea near Trieste across the mountain ranges of northern Italy through the Bassano del Grappa area, Pasubio and on to Lake Garda forming the frontline during WWI.

*Staff rides are a field study that give Soldiers and staff an opportunity to learn from important historic events and battles. Friday's staff ride participants received read-ahead information papers and viewed an audio-visual presentation to prepare them for the tour. The day's event ended with a trip to a museum, where they viewed artifacts and weapons used during these battles and talked about how what they learned relates to modern warfare.*

## AKO debuts new webmail, IM system

USAREUR Public Affairs

A new, completely redesigned webmail system debuted on Army Knowledge Online earlier this month, AKO officials announced.

The new webmail system features a desktop-like interface for managing e-mail and calendars, including the ability to "drag and drop" e-mail messages between

folders. It also includes an integrated instant messenger client, improved encryption, secure signing capabilities and an AKO directory search.

Users will be able to launch the new system by clicking "e-mail" on any portal page on AKO.

The new system was slated to "go live" May 5. To check it out, go to [www.us.army.mil](http://www.us.army.mil).

## Senegal officer closes conference with words of partnership

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summit, Garrett accepted gifts from many of the leaders. The gifts included native statues, handicrafts, and framed certificates.

Col. Saliou Ndiaye of Senegal was chosen by the delegates to deliver closing remarks. Speaking through an interpreter, Ndiaye acknowledged the long way African nations have to go - together.

"The frank handshake we have given one another is one of fraternity, and this fraternity knows no borders," Ndiaye said. "The world is an ever-smaller global village, and the stakeholders must know each other."

Turning to Garrett, Ndiaye said Africans are ready to fight through challenges and for security.

"Be our interpreter to the American authorities," Ndiaye said to Garrett. "And don't be impatient - none of these countries have been independent for more than 60 years, for more than one lifetime. We will learn from our mistakes and correct our trajectory."

Ndiaye said this week he met a classmate from his military academy class, whom he hadn't seen since graduation in 1979.

"We are both African, but we had to come to America to find each other after all this time," he said. "Thank you for everything."

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### At your service



### Arts & Crafts Center

Michelle Sterkowicz is the Caserma Ederle Arts & Crafts Center director.

"The Arts and Crafts Center has something for everyone," said Sterkowicz. "We offer classes, open studio times, birthday packages for children of all ages, paint your own pottery and custom framing and engraving services."

Classes also include photography, quilting, painting, wheel throwing and cooking. Community members can use the center's woodshop, framing or ceramics studio or multicrafts room for \$2.50 per hour.

Sterkowicz's office is located at the center, Bldg. 306, open Wednesday-Sunday from 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.

Call 634-7074 or visit [http://www.vicenzamwr.com/crd\\_art.html](http://www.vicenzamwr.com/crd_art.html)

## La Dolce Vita

### American couple falls in love with Italy, returns yearly to their Palladian villa

by SALLY GABLE  
*Special to the Outlook*

In September 1989 I became the princess in a fairy tale.

At least, that's the way it seemed to me. That is when my husband Carl and I, who live in Atlanta, Ga., seized the opportunity to acquire Villa Cornaro, a grand country house in Piombino Dese north of Padua.

I had actually been looking for a vacation home in the northeastern United States, where I was born, but my search ended—and my life changed—when I saw an advertisement in an American newspaper that Villa Cornaro was for sale.

Villa Cornaro was designed by the famous Renaissance architect Andrea Palladio and constructed between 1552 and 1554.

When we first visited, we learned that it was home to six larger-than-life statues by the sculptor Camillo Mariani of Vicenza (and later Rome), elaborate stucco decorations by Bortolo Cabianca of Venezia, and 104 fresco panels by Mattia Bortoloni of Rovigo. It was indeed a fairyland awaiting a princess, and we know that our lives here have been especially fortunate.

Of course, in our 21 years at the villa we have faced some challenges as well. The villa remains unheated, except for a few fireplaces which we dare not use because of the fear of damage to the villa and its frescos. As a result, Carl and I live in Piombino Dese only in the spring and autumn of each year.

We also found, to our surprise, that the villa had a large population of small but ugly scorpions, but we were able to eradicate them without receiving any stings.

Our greatest concern before acquiring the villa was whether the maintenance would prove too great a burden for us.

This proved to be a surprise as well, but a pleasant one. By attending to repairs and conservation promptly and diligently, with expert assistance, we have been able to keep costs at a manageable level.

Our greatest support in tending and caring for Villa Cornaro has come from the people of Piombino Dese. To survive in the modern world, an ancient monument such as Villa Cornaro must have the love and respect of its community. The local townspeople have cheerfully helped us at every turn, and we are indebted to them all.

They have justifiably shared with us our satisfaction as Villa Cornaro has accumulated honors

through the years. In 1996 it was placed on the United Nations' World Monument List.

Six years ago the American publication *Town & Country* magazine named Villa Cornaro on a list of the top ten buildings in the world, along with the Parthenon, Chartres Cathedral and other famous monuments, because of its influence on subsequent architecture.

We are constantly amazed by the livability of our ancient villa, which provides a comfortable home for us and family. We have fallen in love with life in our Italian town and cherish the many friendships we have in the Veneto and throughout Italy. And we are content that we never bought a vacation home in America.

*Sally and Carl Gable have written about their experiences at Villa Cornaro in their book **Palladian Days: Finding a New Life in a Venetian Country House** (Knopf, 2005; Anchor, 2006). They open the villa for tourists (€ 7.00) on Saturdays, May through September, between 3:30-6:00 pm.*



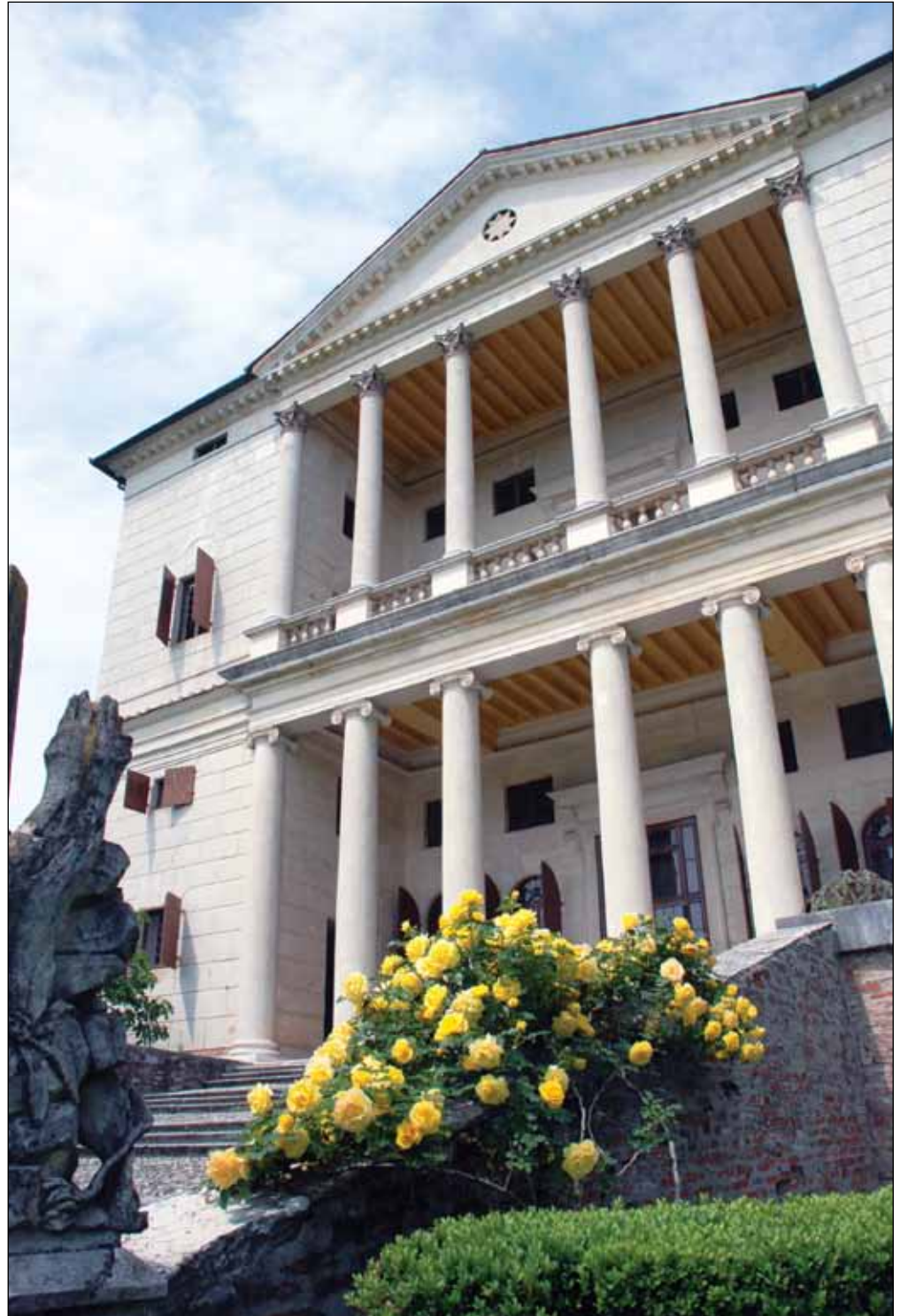
*It was indeed a fairyland awaiting a princess, and we know that our lives here have been especially fortunate.*



(Above) Sally Gable escorts USAG Vicenza personnel on a tour of the Villa Cornaro May 14. She and husband Carl spend each spring and autumn in the villa, located about an hour's drive from Caserma Ederle. (At right) Gable explains to a visitor the ancient writings, important events in the lives of the villa residents, on the south face of the home.



(At right) The villa houses more than 100 fresco panels, elaborate stucco decorations, and six larger-than-life statues of Cornaro family members.



Villa Cornaro, a Palladian villa in Piombino Dese, north of Padua, is owned by Americans Sally and Carl Gable. The 16th century structure is named on the United Nations' World Monument List and was listed in *Town & Country* magazine as one of the top ten buildings in the world, along with the Parthenon, Chartres Cathedral and other famous monuments, because of its influence on subsequent architecture. (Photos by Laura Kreider)

## BOSS continues winning streak

### Darby named No. 1 for best event, installation in X-small group

By JOYCE COSTELLO  
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Camp Darby Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program has again taken first place for best event and best installation in the X-small garrison category at the EURO BOSS Conference.

The annual conference took place May 10-14 in Schwetzingen, Germany, and included BOSS representatives from garrisons across Europe.

"I am proud of the efforts of our single service members on Camp Darby to be part of a program that makes a concrete difference in troops' lives through quality of life initiatives, community service programs and recreational events," said USAG Livorno's Command Sgt. Maj. Felix Rodriguez. "Camp Darby's BOSS program has a long history of being recognized as one of the top x-small garrisons BOSS programs in Europe and at DA level."

Darby's BOSS has won four of five years in the X-small category. But the conference was not just about competing. It was also an excellent opportunity for BOSS presidents, FMWR BOSS advisors and senior enlisted BOSS advisors to get training, said Ernest Johnson, a conference facilitator from Bamberg's BOSS program.

"Representatives from Department of the Army BOSS spoke to attendees



Courtesy photo

(From left) BOSS President Airman 1st Class Daryl Perales, BOSS senior enlisted advisor U.S. Army Garrison Livorno Command Sgt. Maj. Felix Rodriguez and BOSS FMWR advisor Ernest Beezley present the three pillars of the Camp Darby program during the 2010 EURO BOSS Conference in Schwetzingen, Germany, May 10-14.

about the I AM STRONG tour and the new Warrior Zone program, along with updates about the president position on the Table of Distribution and Allowances (TDA)," said Johnson. "Additionally, they learned about proper budgeting, how to do break even analysis, cash and petty cash control and procurement."

"This Europe-wide forum was a great chance to learn how to tweak and improve our BOSS program, along with finding creative ways to continually

engage new troops into participating in the program," said Airman 1st Class Daryl Perales, Darby BOSS president. "I got some good ideas from the FMWR facilities and BOSS partnership session that I'm looking forward to integrating into the Camp Darby BOSS program."

Johnson said the Europe conference was in preparation for the August DA conference in Phoenix, Ariz., where BOSS presidents from installations across the world will compete.

## Darby volunteers helping maintain quality of life, honored at ceremony

By JOYCE COSTELLO  
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

At a small installation such as Camp Darby, where many offices are staffed by one person, volunteers play an important role in providing services to ensure high quality of life for Soldiers, families and civilians.

The Camp Darby community thanked these volunteers May 7 during the annual volunteer recognition ceremony.

Volunteer of the Year Kina Williamson was instrumental in the Army Community Services Army Family Action Plan Conference and helped before, during and after the conference, according to her supervisor, Jenny Sposato.



Williamson

"She routinely volunteers every week at ACS and is on call when the need arises; she is looked to as a subject-matter-expert in many ACS programs because she has volunteered for each and every one of them," said Sposato. "Her expertise is so great that she assists in training new employees."

"Since I volunteer I feel more involved in the community life and projects, and I get to know everyone on post; this

is the perfect place for me to be when my husband John is working long hours," said Williamson. "Additionally, I learned that volunteer job counts towards your résumé and my volunteer experience at ACS really enriched my curriculum."

Air Force Volunteer of the Year Tech. Sgt. Rudy Segobia, 731 Munitions Squadron, was nominated by 1st Lt. Christopher Razor for his role in efforts that raised more than \$25,000 to support Camp Darby programs, along with his continuous support to a variety of squadron and community events throughout the year.



Segobia

Staff Sgt. Stacie Fowler, an HHD supply sergeant, was named the Army Volunteer of the Year. She was nominated by U.S. Army Garrison Livorno Command Sgt. Maj. Felix Rodriguez for her dedication in helping raise funds for the Army Birthday Celebration, Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program and work with the Girl Scouts.



Fowler

"Fowler is a single parent, which already requires a lot of time, but she always volunteers whenever there is a need," said Fowler's supervisor, Capt. Annie Robinson.

The Youth Volunteer of the Year, Natsuki Wittmer, was nominated by Youth Services' Jennifer Kandell for her involvement as a youth leader and presenter during the Army Family Action Program in addition to volunteering with DoDDs and Club Beyond.



Wittmer

This year, Camp Darby celebrated its first Community Choice Award. Sharron Carter of Global Credit Union won with 66 percent of the votes, according to Scheyda Stasik, ACS Army Volunteer Corps coordinator.



Carter

"Overall, Camp Darby volunteers saved the garrison \$198,304.35 in funds," said Stasik. "People interested in volunteering or units that have volunteer opportunities should also contact their local ACS."

## Darby Dates

### Bingo

Come to Bingo at the Darby Community Club May 28. Tickets go on sale at 5:30 pm with first game beginning promptly at 6:30 pm. Big jackpot.

Call DCC at 633-7855.

### ITR Trips

Spend the day in **Florence**. Visit the Uffizi Museum, the Accademia Gallery, shop the outdoor market, stroll Ponte Vecchio, or just enjoy the city scenes at an outdoor café May 29.

In the splendid scenery of **Tenuta Torre a Cenaia**, enjoy a horse and carriage tour of the vineyards and wine tasting with a light lunch May 30.

Call ITR at 633-7589.

### Investment Club

Learn the basics of investing and personal finances Tuesday. Call 633-7084.

### Single / Dual Military Parent Support Group

Single parent? Is your spouse deployed? Are you ready to be a part of a strong, incredible group of people?

If so, join us Wednesday. Call ACS 633-7084 for details.

### ACS Grand Opening

Visit the ACS Grand Opening/Open House May 28 as we cut the ribbon of our newly renovated building at 10 a.m.

Call ACS at 633-7084.

### 3rd Annual European Softball Championships

Come out to the ball field and watch some the games as approximately 10 men's teams and four women's teams battle it out for top honors May 28-30.

Call 633-7440 for information.

### Camp Darby religious activities

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

9:40 a.m.: Catholic Reconciliation

10 a.m.: Catholic Mass

11:15 a.m.: Protestant worship

10 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school

11:15 a.m.: Catholic CCD

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

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

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

## Agricultural, Arts & Crafts Products and Spontaneous Herbs Exhibition & Market:

Community members can enjoy a day of fun at the arts and crafts fair, trade show and market Sunday at San Germano dei Berici, Borgo di Campolongo. The grand opening kicks off at 11:30 a.m. The day-long event will include everything from floral art exhibits to a noon village lunch of lasagna with petit pois and other typical Val Liona specialties. In the afternoon, the Berico flight club exhibit begins at 3:30, followed by a vintage car show from 4-6 p.m. Kids can enjoy Sprizz the clown and his magic suitcase.

Courtesy photo



## Local festivals & shows

**Camisano festival:** tonight, 8 p.m., in Camisano, Piazza della Repubblica, about 12 miles east of Vicenza. The community is invited to the annual spring festival in Camisano. This year's theme is "From Corn to Polenta, From Harvest to the Table".

**Vieni in Villa—Wine & Food Tasting:** Sunday, 10 a.m.—8 p.m., in Isola Vicentina, Villa Branzo-Loschi-Drago, Via Vallugana 9, 10 miles northwest of Vicenza. 10 a.m. grand opening of the exhibit and wine tasting; noon aperitif and typical Vicentine lunch; 3:30-7:30 p.m. preparation and tasting of local dishes and flavors presented by Master Chef Amedeo Sandri; 6:30 p.m. live classical music performed by students from A. Pigafetta Music School; 7:30 p.m. closing toasts. Ten euro admission includes wine and cheese tasting and one local dish.

**Cherry Festival:** Friday-Sunday in Castegnero, Piazza Mercato, nine miles south of Vicenza. Food booths, cherry exhibit and sale daily at 7:30 p.m.; live music and dancing at 9 p.m.

■ Friday at 9 p.m. Country Music Night with Luke & Nike

■ Saturday at 9 p.m. Disco Night

■ Sunday at 9 p.m. live music, dancing with Lara & Mara Venezia.

**Cherries Festival:** Sunday in Pianezze, 18 miles north of Vicenza. Booths feature cherries from Marostica and other agricultural products. Local craft fair.

■ Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in Piazza IV Novembre, live music with local bands and Nove's Majorettes.

■ Sunday at 11 a.m. Local crafts and products exhibition. 8:30 p.m. in Piazza IV Novembre, live music and ballroom dancing with Mery Blu Music.

**Fortaja coi sponsoi — Mushroom Omelette Festival:** Sunday, 4-10 p.m., in Località Holl, Camporovere di Roana, about 37 miles north of Vicenza 4-10 a.m.

**Raw Ham Fair:** Friday—Sunday in Montagnana, 27 miles south of Vicenza. Food booths feature local raw ham, DOP cheeses, DOC wine, local pastries.

■ Saturday and Sunday free guided visits to the historical center of Montagnana 3-7 p.m. and to the Duomo 3-6 p.m.; visits to San Zeno Castle from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Departure from the tourist office of Castel San Zeno, Piazza Trieste 15. Tickets cost 2,10 euro; 9 p.m. live music and entertainment.

■ Sunday from 10 a.m.—7 p.m. Padua artists painting exhibit on Via Roma; 10 a.m.—midnight local craft fair, antique and collectors' market.

**Flowers and Mushrooms Festival:** Sunday from 10 a.m.—12:30 p.m. & 3-9 p.m. in Valstagna, Piazza San Marco 1, about 34 miles north of Vicenza.

**Jacopo Bassano and the Wonderful Optical Illusion Exhibition:** through June 13, open daily 9 a.m.—7 p.m., in Bassano del Grappa, Museo Civico, Piazza Garibaldi 4, 22 miles northeast of Vicenza. The exhibition is a series of tributes to the Jacopo Bassano, marking 500 years since his birth. Born as Jacopo da Ponte, he later assumed the name of his birthplace. Admission: 9 euro. Reduced 7.50 euro for children 10-18 and senior citizens over 60. To buy your ticket online, visit <http://www.teleart.org/start/inizio.php?idSito=401>.

**Campionaria International Fair:** through Sunday, Today & Fri 4:30 p.m.—midnight; Sat. and Sun. 10 a.m.—midnight, in Padova, Via N. Tommaseo, 59, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. More than 1,000 vendors featuring items for home, vacation, hobby, sports, cars, motorbikes, patio furniture, fitness and camping equipment, horse and dog shows, entertainment and live music. Free entrance. For info in English, visit <http://www.campionaria.it/index-uk.htm>.

**Veronafil Exhibit of stamps, coins, postcards, old prints, books and collectors' items:** in

Verona, Viale del Lavoro 8, about 38 miles west of Vicenza. Friday from 10 a.m.—6 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m.—6 p.m.; Sunday 9 a.m.—1 p.m. Free entrance.

**Palladio Sound Touring:** Visit the main works of Andrea Palladio. Rent an MP3 at the Vicenza Tourist Information Office, Piazza Matteotti 12, next to the Olympic Theater. Cost is 3 euro/day. Driver's license must be left at counter and MP3 must be returned by 6 p.m.

## Free local events

**Musical Flowers:** today, 6 p.m., in Vicenza, Sala dei Santi Filippo e Giacomo, Stradella S. Giacomo.

**Lost & found jewelry exhibit:** through May 30, in Vicenza, Casa Cogollo, Corso Palladio 165. 10:30 a.m.—1 p.m. & 3-7.

**African photos exhibit:** through June 6 in Vicenza, San Paolo Cultural Center, Viale Ferrarin 30. Tuesday—Sunday, 4-7:30 p.m.

**Bloom contemporary art exhibit:** through Sunday, 10 a.m.—noon & 4-8 p.m. in San Vito di Leguzzano, Casa Ex Fornaro, Via Roma, 14 miles northwest of Vicenza.

**Alternative psychedelic rock live music:** Friday, Montecchio Maggiore, Caffè Mercato, Via Roma 11, about 12 miles west of Vicenza.

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

**Piano Concert with Philip Glass:** Sunday at 9 p.m., in Vicenza, Piazza dei Signori.

**1900-2000 History of a Century:** Sunday at 8:30 p.m., Villa Tacchi in Vicenza, Viale della Pace 89. Play performed by the amateur theatrical company of La Fraglia, an institute for disabled. To request an English script, e-mail [anna.terracino@eur.army.mil](mailto:anna.terracino@eur.army.mil).

**Explore the sky:** Astronomical Observatory of

Arcugnano, Tuesday at 9 p.m., Via S. Giustina 127, five miles south of Vicenza. View sky and planets in detail with observatory telescope.

## Concerts

**Michael Bublè:** May 22 in Verona, Arena; May 23 in Milan, Assago, Mediolanum Forum.

**Bobby McFerrin:** May 25 in Vicenza at the City Theatre. Ticket is 35 euro. Specially priced tickets (25 euro) are available to American military members and should be purchased in person, in advance by showing a military ID.

**Rod Stewart:** June 21 in the Verona Arena.

**Aaron Tippin:** June 26 in Voghera (call 0383-364631 to reserve tickets).

**Heaven & Hell:** July 1 in Rome; July 3 in Milan; July 4 in Pordenone.

**Aerosmith:** July 3 in Mestre, Parco San Giuliano.

**Cranberries:** July 3, in Mestre, Parco San Giuliano.

**Stevie Wonder:** July 5, Arena,

Verona.

**Mark Knopfler:** July 10 in Lucca, Piazza Napoleone; July 13 in Rome, Auditorium Parco della Musica.

**Norah Jones:** July 20 in Milan.

**Crosby Stills & Nash:** July 16 in Milano.

**Simply Red's Farewell --The Final Tour:** July 23 in Lucca, Piazza Napoleone.

Buy tickets at Media World in the Palladio mall or online at [www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta\\_lingua=ing](http://www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing).

## Sporting events

**MotoGP, the Italian Grand Prix 2010:** June 3-5 and Sept. 3-5 at Mugello Circuit in Scarperia (Florence).

**Superbike Championship San Marino Round:** June 25-27 at the Misano World Circuit.

**Formula 1 Italian Grand Prix:** Sept. 7-9 in Monza.

For more information in English and tickets, visit <http://www.ticketone.it/EN/>.

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## ODR trips

Visit the quaint five little villages on the west coast of Italy during the **Cinque Terre** trip, leaving at 6 a.m. May 29.

ODR heads to **Sardinia** May 27-31 for the Memorial Day weekend. Families can enjoy the sea, mountains and natural landscapes of the island.

Try sea **fishing in the Adriatic** May 30. Trip includes bait, tackle and all your equipment.

Check out **other trips** coming in the ODR new spring and summer schedule available online @ [VicenzaMWR.com](http://www.VicenzaMWR.com). To access RecTrac online and enroll for a recreation activity, visit <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/Vicenzarectrac.html>.

## Now Showing

### Ederle Theater

<b>Thursday</b>	Green Zone (R)	6 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>	Remember Me (PG-13)	6 p.m.
	Shutter Island (R)	9 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Robin Hood (PG-13)	3 p.m.
	She's Out of My League (R)	6 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	Robin Hood (PG-13)	3 p.m.
	Remember Me (PG-13)	6 p.m.
<b>Wed.</b>	Our Family Wedding (PG-13)	6 p.m.
<b>May 27</b>	Remember Me (PG-13)	6 p.m.

### Camp Darby Theater

<b>Friday</b>	Nightmare on Elm Street (R)	6 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Remember Me (PG-13)	6 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	Our Family Wedding (PG-13)	1 p.m.
<b>May 27</b>	The Bounty Hunter (PG-13)	6 p.m.

Admission: Age 12 and up \$4, under 12, \$2.

The Ederle theater box office opens one hour prior to show.

**View MOVIE TRAILERS and schedule online at <http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/vicenza.htm> or <http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm>.**

Looking to buy or sell items? Check out MWR's Marketplace at [www.mwrmarketplace.com](http://www.mwrmarketplace.com).

## Prom after-party lock-in set at Teen Center

Teens, make your plans to attend the after-party for high school prom attendees. The event is hosted by the CYSS Teen Center with Adolescent Substance Abuse Counseling Services and Club Beyond.

The after-party is a lock-in all night long at the Arena. Activities include bowling, video game competitions, and outdoor and indoor team competitions, games drawings for giveaways, free food and sodas. Sign up by June 4.

## Sign up for June 5 Aqualandia trip

SAC heads to Aqualandia for a field trip on June 5. Youth will enjoy slides and rides at the water park. The cost is \$30 if you use your five free hours. Call 634-8253 to register before May 28.

## Family Float Day set at post pool

Dig out your floatables, rafts, tubes and toys and join the Family Float Day at the Post Pool Saturday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

BOSS will sell ice cream on the pool patio. For information, call 634-5181.

## Visit raku display at post library

In celebration of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month, the library is hosting a display of raku, by local artist Peggy Schadler.

Raku is a pottery technique with origins in 16th century Japan and the Tea Ceremony. Schadler will discuss the techniques and the history of Raku Wednesday at noon in the library. Everyone is welcome to attend and ask questions.

## Book club reading Glassblower of Murano

Library Book Club meets on June 3 at 7 p.m. to discuss the Glassblower of Murano. Refreshments are served and you are invited to bring a friend and join the discussion.

## Cooking classes

The arts and crafts center offers a variety of cooking classes in the Krafty Kitchen Series. The next session is Monday from 5-7 p.m. and features cheese and candied mustard jam. Learn to make the spicy jams each with a unique flavor to accompany the many delicious Italian cheeses.

## Painting class

A two-session acrylic paint class begins Sunday. Register for all classes at the arts and crafts center or online at <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/Vicenzarectrac.html>. Call 634-7074 for information on classes.

## Arena birthday party packages

Celebrate your birthday at the Arena with a special party package that includes up to five children on a lane, one large pizza, a pitcher of soda, party bags and hats.

Package includes reserved tables for seating, plates, utensils,

napkins and cups. Party times are limited and require reservation and deposit. Extra options include a party room and birthday bowling pin for guests to sign. Call for reservations at 634-8257.

## Spring Fling set May 28

Spring is in the air so enjoy a night out at the Arena May 28. Spring Fling Party in the Lion's Den with hourly drink specials all night long.

## School's In

There has been a change in the Vicenza school calendar. May 28 was originally scheduled as a half-day (Continuous School Improvement).

School, however, will be in session all day May 28.

## Last chance to see Odd Couple

This weekend is the last chance to see Soldiers' Theatre production of Neil Simon's *The Odd Couple Female Version* Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m. or the Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. This adult comedy contains Adult language and situations. Tickets are \$15 on sale now at the box office, or call 634-7281.

## Music Café is June 11

The next Music Café at Soldiers' Theatre is June 11. Artists interested in performing should call 634-7281 to sign up before May 31.

## Chinese furniture sale cancelled at AAFES

The Chinese antique furniture sale scheduled at the PX May 29-31 for Memorial Day weekend has been cancelled.

## Designated drivers get drinks on the house

Be a designated driver and have yours 'on the house.' It's easy and effective. Just tell the MWR staff at your favorite program that you are the designated driver for your group. Receive and wear the designated driver wristband and enjoy coffee and soda for free.

There is no need to ruin the fun getting stopped or injured. Plan ahead and have a safe ride with a designated driver.

Call 634-6122 for more information.

## Send free book and DVD to child of choice

The USO Vicenza has partnered with United Through Reading to bring their military program to the community. Any service

member who can deploy or endure any separation from a child can participate in the program.

The service member can read to their own child, a niece, nephew, neighbor or any other child. USO Vicenza invites you to come and pick a children's book from our library and read it on a 30-minute DVD. The USO will mail the book and DVD to the child free of charge. E-mail [tgotaas@uso.org](mailto:tgotaas@uso.org) or call 634-7156 for information.

## Photography club

Whether you're new to the area or to the passion of photography, a club is a great way to meet others who share your passion. Learn new techniques and share your ideas with the Faces Photography Club.

Meetings will be held the second and last Saturday of each month at the post library conference room, 1-3 p.m. Contact Jason Resto at 348-592-5339 or [jason.resto@gmail.com](mailto:jason.resto@gmail.com), or call Diana Nickerson at 327-582-1453.

## Grill it your way on Fridays at USO

Every Friday afternoon at 5:05 p.m., the USO will host a Bring Your Own Steak Friday Night Grill-Out. Bring your own meat and grill it the way you like it. Enjoy sides and refreshments, courtesy of USO.

## Get the details, let us explain PFCC to you

The Vicenza Health Center is offering more information on the Patient and Family Centered Care to Family Readiness Groups. If you would like to know how to be part of this process or if you would like to have a clinic representative speak about Patient and Family Centered Care during an FRG meeting, call 634-7952.

## Zero to Three training set June 24-25

"Zero to Three" training comes to Vicenza professionals and

supports military families June 24-25, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., at the Arena.

Register online at [www.zerotothree.org/ctamf](http://www.zerotothree.org/ctamf) by June 4. For information, call 634-7401.

## 24-hour transportation strike scheduled

All Trenitalia personnel will be on strike for 24 hours, from 9 a.m. May 27 until to 9 p.m. of May 28.

The strike includes a rail (train) strike May 27-28 and a public transportation strike (local buses and trams) on May 28.

## Scholarships available

Scholarship information is available at:

- [www.campuschamps.com](http://www.campuschamps.com)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.students.gov](http://www.students.gov)
- [www.ncaa.org](http://www.ncaa.org)

## Praise an employee with ICE feedback

In addition to submitting suggestions for improvement, community members can also give deserving employees and volunteers a thumbs-up.

Visit [www.usag.vicenza.army.mil](http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil) <http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil> or visit [http://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=site&site\\_id=321](http://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=site&site_id=321).

## Italian private school

"Levis Plona, a bilingual (Italian-English) private school in the center of Vicenza, is offering a limited number of scholarships for the 2010-2011 school year.

The scholarships are reserved for students entering fourth and fifth grade, but openings are available for all grades.

The scholarship program encourage the cultural relationship between the American and Italian communities and enhances the linguistic competence of the students.

Call the school director, Adelia Morando, at 0444-322781 (school) or 333-6788633 (cell).



Photo by Laura Kreider

## Put the breaks on impaired driving

Allison McCauley-Cook, from the installation's School Age Services, admires the fish she made from a compact disc during SAS' visit to Centro Culturale San Paolo in downtown Vicenza May 13. The SAS students, grades 1-5, created art projects as part of the annual festival. This year's theme was "Images and Tales from Africa."

## Religious activities

### Chaplain Crisis Line

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

### Sunday services

8 a.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation, or by appointment

9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass

(Daily Mass is held weekdays at noon)

9 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school and AWANAs (September-May at Vicenza High School)

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

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

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

5 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

### Mondays

Noon: LDS scripture study

### Tuesdays

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

### Wednesdays

3 p.m.: Praise dance practice

3:30 p.m.: Middle School Club Beyond meets in VHS cafeteria September-May

5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

5:30 p.m.: PWOC evening Bible study (beginning Sept. 8. Child care offered for children ages 6 weeks to 4 years.)

5:30 p.m.: High School Club Beyond meets at the Teen Center September-May. Call 340-139-4073 for information.

5:30 p.m.: Catholic choir practice

6:45 p.m.: Gospel choir practice

### Thursdays

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

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

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

### Faith group contacts

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

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

Latter Day Saints: Scripture study held Mondays, noon-1 p.m. at chapel. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. downtown. Call Sean Peterson at 335-821-9492. Call the Caserma Ederle chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for religious activities information.

**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.**

# Cougars topple Saints

## VHS team set to compete in European tourney

Pitcher Jack Buffington delivers a strike against Aviano during the Cougars 12-2 victory.  
(Photos by Laura Kreider)



By PETE HULLER  
*Special to the Outlook*

The Vicenza High School baseball team took care of business at home Saturday, defeating the Aviano Saints 12-2.

The victory places the Cougars in first place in the division over a tough Aviano squad. Pitcher Jack Buffington was sharp once again, striking out nine Saints in just 5 innings, allowing only 3 hits.

Joe Boswell and Trevor Rice had the hot bats to lead the offensive onslaught. Coach Mark Wilson was pleased with the strong defense, pitching and hitting.

"This was our best defensive

performance yet and offensively, we're getting into tournament form." Many thanks to the faithful fans who came out in the drizzly weather to support their team. The teams started a second game which had to be suspended after 4 innings with Aviano leading 5-1.

Jeremy Huller pitched 3 innings allowing no earned runs on 2 hits. Vicenza travels to Aviano Saturday where they will complete that game and play two more.

The Cougars can clinch first place

with a win in any one of the three games.

The squad travels to Kaiserslautern Wednesday to participate in the DoDDS European Baseball Championship Tournament.

### THE COUGARS COMPETE IN AVIANO SATURDAY & AT EUROPEAN TOURNNEY WEDNESDAY

"Playing the teams up north isn't easy," said Wilson. "They have more opportunities to play, with more fields and schools

nearby. Hopefully, we can perform as well as last year. With seven players who can throw strikes, our pitching depth may make the difference."



(Left) The Cougars' first baseman Trevor Rice slides safely into second on a stolen base attempt during a game against Aviano Saturday. (Above) Rice squares up the ball as Jeremy Huller creeps off third base. The Cougars defeated Aviano 12-2.

### SOLDIERS & CIVILIANS COMMUNITY UNIT/REC OPEN PLAY SPORTS

#### Basketball Open Play

11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays at the fitness center, approximately 12 or more participants

#### Volleyball Open Play

6:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the fitness center, approximately 12 or more participants

#### Men's Soccer Team Open Play

7-8:30 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays at the fitness center, approximately 14 or more participants

#### Women's Soccer Team Open Play

5:30-7 p.m. Mondays, 5:30-7 p.m. Thursdays, at the Multi-Purpose field approximately 10 or more participants

#### Community 10 Miler Team Training

6 a.m. meet at the track Monday-Bakery Run, Wednesday-Speed work, Friday-Berico Run, Saturday-time to be determined-Long Run approximately 4 participants, preparing for the July 10 Army European 10 Miler Championship in Grafenwoehr, Germany

## Sports Shorts

### Try free classes at fitness center

Stretch yourself and try something new with a week of free classes at the fitness center Monday-May 27.

On May 26 join the 9 a.m. workout with P90X's Tony Horton, special guest in Vicenza.

For class descriptions and schedules visit [vicenzaMWR.com](http://vicenzaMWR.com) or stop by the fitness center.

### EFMP run set June 5 before post run

An EFMP run is set June 5 in coordination with the Armed Forces Day Run.

EFMP members run around the track and receive a medal for finishing. The run takes place immediately before the post run. Drinks and fruit will be provided after the run. For more information, call ACS at 634-7500.

### Tennis tourney set Friday, Saturday

Bring your A-game to the tennis tournament Friday and Saturday at 6 p.m. Call 634-7009.

### EDGE! soccer set through June 15

The EDGE! soccer program will be offered through June 15.

The program is open to 1st-12th graders on Tuesdays, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Enrollment runs until the program is full. Cost is \$5 per hour for grades 1-5; free for grades 6-12.

For more information, call 634-7502.

### Enjoy sporting events outside the gate

The Outlook's Out & About section, Page 6, lists sporting events that take place in the surrounding communities. Upcoming events include:

**MotoGP, the Italian Grand Prix 2010:** June 3-5; Sept. 3-5 at Mugello Circuit in Florence. ... and more. See Page 6.

### Coaches needed

Become a CYSS coach today. Potential coaches must pass a background check, and will receive training and certification in coaching, child abuse prevention, CPR and first aid.

To volunteer or for more information, contact 634-6151, [alex.ruiz5@eur.army.mil](mailto:alex.ruiz5@eur.army.mil) or [sky.clarke@eur.army.mil](mailto:sky.clarke@eur.army.mil).