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First-ever Meet the Mayors



USAG Vicenza Public Affairs
Press release

The true spirit of the Army Community Covenant was in the air Friday as Soldiers and their families mingled with the representatives of local Italian towns in the first-ever "Meet the Mayors" information fair at Caserma Ederle Friday.

"Your presence here today opens up a new and memorable chapter in the history of our VicenzaAmerican community," the garrison commander, Col. Erik Daiga, told the Italian participants in their own language in his welcoming remarks at the luncheon following the open house.

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Giuseppe Doppio, town council member for Marano Vicentino, explains the ingredients for polenta to Col. Aldo Rando (left), Italian liaison officer, and Col. Erik Daiga, USAG Vicenza commander during the Meet the Mayors open house Friday. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

Italian, American NCOs share experiences at BNCOC

By Spc. Gregory Argentieri
173rd ABCT Public Affairs

Senior Sky Soldiers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team and several Italian army counterparts participated and completed the second phase of the basic noncommissioned officer's course (BNCOC) Oct. 14 - Nov. 6 in Vicenza.

Instructors from Fort Benning, Ga., came to Vicenza and conducted the four-week block of instruction that included classroom, computer simulation, and field training. The course was taught as a give-and-take between instructors and Soldiers where they share battlefield experiences, exchanging tactics, techniques and procedures.

BNCOC is designed for Soldiers preparing to, or who have already, put on the rank of staff sergeant.

"I teach them and they teach me. It's a give-and-take process," said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Casarez, a small group leader from the NCO Academy at Fort Benning, Ga. "These guys have been through some stuff and I've been learning a lot from them," he said.

Casarez incorporates what he learns from Soldiers returning from the two fronts downrange into his teaching.

Afghanistan and Iraq are two



Italian Master Sgt. Paolo Donati, 1st Regiment, Carabinieri Paratroopers, fires his M4 rifle from a kneeling position knocking down pop-up targets Oct. 23 in Cao Malnisio, Italy. Donati participated in the U.S. Army basic noncommissioned officers course conducted on Caserma Ederle. (Photo by Sgt. Henry Selzer, 173rd ABCT Public Affairs)

totally different fights, and it's good to hear both sides of the story, he said.

"Learning from one another is important because even in theater, there are different regions and what one region is doing could spread over to another," said Casarez. "All your little tactics and techniques you've spread through your Joes, I would want you to teach me and my Joes."

According to Casarez,

learning from experienced boots on the ground is the best way to learn. He added that another major benefit of this training is the networking skills, and working with other multinational forces. The Italian Soldiers participating in the training agreed.

"A big chance has been given to me to learn new techniques, and to improve my soldiering skills," said Italian Master Sgt. Paolo Donati, with 1st Regiment,

Carabinieri Paratroopers. "This kind of partnership training is amazing."

According to Donati, you have to be flexible to improve with this type of training. For example, on the range he was getting a lot of instruction from the American Soldiers, but also he was sharing his techniques with them, he said.

"I was studying call-for-fire doctrine, but when you find See BNCOC Page 2

Caserma Ederle inclement weather plan



Monday's snow storm caught many Vicenza residents off guard and closed Caserma Ederle. (Photo by Steve Saunderson, SETAF PAO)

**Directorate of Plans,
Training, Mobilization and
Security**
Press Release

In the event of inclement weather, upon the approval of Col. Erik Daiga, USAG Vicenza commander, AFN Vicenza will broadcast no later than 6 a.m. (if inclement weather warning is received before then) over AFN radio 106FM (channel 142 on AFN decoders), AFN television channel 14 and the Command Information Channel (found on post, Villaggio and in barracks), for a two-hour delay or closure information for schools and the installation.

Personnel without access to AFN radio or television can contact the installation staff duty office at 0444-71-7867 or 634-

7867 from on post for delay or closure information.

All installation units and agencies will be responsible for activating their internal phone rosters to contact and inform their Soldiers and civilian employees.

The DODDS school management will inform their employees and transportation assets. In the event of early school closure, the DODDS Student Transportation office will inform the USAG Vicenza commander, who will relay the information to the garrison Installation Operations Center.

The IOC will then contact all units and agencies on the installation via mass notification system and inform them of the early closure.

These announcements will air

over AFN radio (106 or decoder channel 142) and AFN television channel 14. In the event of inclement weather, parents are advised to allow their children to be transported home through normal means (contracted bus).

If parents must pick up their children, coordinate with the school office to ensure proper accountability for all students. In the event a student cannot be dropped off at home (no parent or guardian available) student(s) will be returned to the school and the school will contact the parents or guardians.

Parents can get information on student locations by contacting the School Transportation office at 0444-71-8132 or the IOC at 0444-71-7378/6540 (634-6540/7378).

Downrange experiences enhance BNCOC training

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yourself going through live training scenarios, it allows you the opportunity to check if you have learned the instructions and procedures properly, and then see if you can remember them," said Donati.

"The aim is the same for the Italians and Americans and the more we train with our American counterparts the more we will benefit," he added.

According to Donati, he has had positive feedback from his Italian Soldiers about BNCOC, and he said they made good connections with the American Soldiers and instructors.

"The American Army is a different organization and is very large compared to the Italian army," said Sgt.

Guiseppe Contirino, a 4th Brigade paratrooper, from Livorno, Italy. "I have been learning all the different weapons."

Contirino also participated in phase one of BNCOC three months ago with the U.S. Soldiers.

"The call-for-fire in the American Army is easy," said Contirino, a 12-year veteran in the Italian Army. "All the training has been good."

Contirino and his Italian army BNCOC graduates will multiply their experiences and knowledge by teaching and sharing what they have learned with their Italian army units.

"These guys have big experiences on the battlefield," said Donati. "I have great respect for them."



173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team noncommissioned officers fire their weapons Oct. 23 in Cao Malnisio, Italy, during the marksmanship portion of the basic noncommissioned officers course (BNCOC) that was conducted at Caserma Ederle, in Vicenza Italy. (Photo by Sgt. Henry Selzer, 173rd ABCT Public Affairs)

Speak Out

What is your favorite part of the Thanksgiving holiday?

- Outlook staff



Frank Powell
SETAF Engineer

"Whether I'm here or in the states, the important part is getting together with family or friends."



Master Sgt. Michael Toolin
SETAF G-3

"The fellowship between friends and family and giving thanks for what we have."



Steve Kendall
SETAF Knowledge Management office

"Being at home with family and friends, sharing good food and having fun."



Sgt. Major Bryan Witzel
SETAF G-4 sergeant major

"Enjoying eating turkey dinner with my family followed by football."



Steve Sanderson
SETAF Deputy Public Affairs officer

"Reuniting with old friends and family in a festive holiday spirit."

GI Bill facts

The Post- 9/11 GI Bill is a new benefit providing educational assistance to individuals who have served on active duty on or after Sept.11, 2001.

Below are questions and answers to help understand how the new education bill works:

When is the post-9/11 GI Bill effective?

The Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits are payable Aug. 1, 2009 towards training completed after July 31, 2009.

Am I Eligible?

An individual must have a minimum of 90 days active duty after Sept. 10, 2001 and

- ◆ Be honorably discharged from armed forces; or

- ◆ Be released from the armed forces with service characterized as honorable and placed on the retired list, temporary disability retired list, or transferred to the Reserves, or

- ◆ Be released from the armed forces with service characterized as honorable for further service in a reserve component; or

- ◆ Be discharged or released from the armed forces for:

- o EPTS (Existed Prior to Service)

- o HDSP (Hardship) or

- o CIWD (Condition Interfered with Duty) or

- ◆ Continue to be on active duty.

If I am eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill (chapter 30), Montgomery GI Bill- Selected Reserve (chapter 1606,) or the Reserve Educational Assistance Program (chapter 1607), am I eligible for Post-9/11 GI Bill?

An individual may elect to receive benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill if, on Aug. 1, 2009, the individual is eligible for chapter 30, 1606, 1607, or is serving in the armed forces.

How many months of assistance can I receive?

Generally the number of months of entitlement you can receive is 36 months. A person could earn 36 months of entitlement after serving the minimum 90 days.

How much will I receive?

Eligible individuals will receive a percentage, as determined by length of credible active duty service, of the following:

- ◆ Amount of tuition and fees not to exceed the most expensive in-state public institution of higher education;

- ◆ Monthly housing allowance equal to the basic allowance for housing amount payable to E-5 with dependents, in same zip code as school *; and

- ◆ Yearly books and supplies stipend of up to \$1,000*; and

- ◆ A one-time payment of \$500 may be payable to certain individuals relocating from highly rural areas.

Note—Housing Allowance and books and supplies stipend is not payable to individuals on active duty.

Housing allowance is not payable for those training at less than half-time.

The amount of time individuals serve on active duty after Sept. 10, 2001, will determine the amount of benefits received.

Example 1: If you served for three years on active duty and separated, and you are going to school full-time, you would be eligible for \$3,000 for tuition and fees, the monthly housing allowance, and \$1,000 for books and supplies.

Example 2: If you served 12 months in the Guard or Reserves, and were going to school full-time, you would be eligible for \$1,800 (60 percent of \$3,000) for tuition and fees and \$600 (60 percent of \$1,000) for books and supplies stipend.

Thanksgiving Day message

Nearly 400 years ago, after landing at Plymouth Rock and surviving their first winter, the Pilgrims celebrated a harvest feast to give thanks.

Proclaimed a national day of "thanksgiving and prayer" by George Washington in 1789 and revived by Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War, Thanksgiving Day brings Americans all over the world together to give thanks for the many ways our nation and our people have been blessed.

Brig. Gen. William B. Garrett III
SETAF Commanding General

We have much to be thankful for on this holiday; our Soldiers who returned home from Iraq and Afghanistan; our families and friends; the hospitality of our Italian neighbors and the freedoms we enjoy as Americans.

Thanksgiving Day is also a great opportunity to open your home to those who are unable to spend the holiday with their family and friends.

Thank you for all you do. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

Col. Erik Daiga
U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza
Commander

Top five ways to spend Thanksgiving in hospital

By Robert Williams
USAG Vicenza Safety Office
Press release

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time of year filled with stuffing yourself on stuffing, watching your favorite football team on television and enjoying time with family and friends.

In the midst of all this fun there are some hazards, and safety must always be at the forefront.

The USAG Vicenza Safety office presents the *Top Five Ways to Spend Thanksgiving in the Hospital.*

5: Getting sick from the food. To eliminate this hazard, ensure the turkey is cooked thoroughly and try to avoid over-indulgence.

Becoming sick from food poisoning or from eating too much is easy to avoid.

Many turkeys come with meat thermometers and thermometers are available in

the commissary and post exchange.

4: Setting the kitchen on fire. This is one hazard that can be avoided if simple measures are taken. Never leave food unattended while preparing. Keep loose fitting clothes from dangling over the stove top. Keep young children away from the cooking area.

3: Getting burned. The dreaded "Getting burned by the

holiday spirit with spirits should also be kept away from the stove, and for the sake of eliminating many other mishaps you may want to keep them out of the kitchen completely.

2: Cutting yourself instead of the turkey. While carving the turkey use a fork to hold it and carve it on a solid surface.

This will reduce the chance of you carving your hand and not the bird.

And the number one way to ensure you spend Thanksgiving day in the hospital: Choking. This hazard is most likely to happen to a child or someone of advanced age, but can also result if someone takes in too much holiday spirits.

Chew food properly to avoid choking and cut up children's portions to a size that won't present a problem.

Thanksgiving is a truly an American holiday, enjoy the time with family and friends, but please be safe and have a happy Thanksgiving.



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At your service Physical Therapy

At your service for your physical therapy needs are (from left) Christopher Buscema, chief, physical therapy; Sgt. Nelson Nunez, physical therapy technician; Capt. Philip Royer, physical therapist and Spc. Jlynn Johnson, physical therapy technician. The team work out of the U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza's Physical Therapy and Sports Medicine Center located in the post fitness center.

The physical therapy center is open Monday-Wednesday and Fridays from 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Thursday hours are 1-4:30 p.m. To make an appointment call the health clinic central appointment line at 634-7484 or 0444-71-7484, or stop by the health clinic's appointment desk.

Community events

Meet the Mayors

Information fair promotes

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs
News release

A combination of mayors, deputy mayors, council members and representatives from 36 municipalities set up booths in the Arena that offered an array of books, brochures, posters and fact sheets highlighting festivals, cultural events, history, commercial activities and municipal services. In addition to a wealth of material in English, the City Of Vicenza displayed a large three-dimensional model of Palladian architecture.

The food and beverage samples of typical Italian gastronomic specialties were very popular. Salami, polenta, extra virgin olive oil and a variety of wines were among the palate-pleasing treats the towns offered. The mayor of Monteviale, the town famous for its annual roast pork festival, brought an entire roast pig to share.

After the open house, it was the Americans turn to offer some culinary samples of their traditional food.

The luncheon menu was a complete Thanksgiving Day meal, starting with turkey and cranberry sauce and ending with pecan and pumpkin pies.

During the luncheon the mayors and their representatives were invited to sign a proclamation to mark the historic nature of the day and to show



(Above) Mayors and their representatives welcomed members of the Vicenza military community to their booths set up on the ground floor of the Tonello from Monteviale carves samples of roast pork. (Below center) Anna Terracino shows the deputy mayor of Altavilla Vicentina, Ma... (Photos by Laura Kreider)



...notes understanding



ground floor of The Arena on Caserma Ederle. (Lower left) Giovanni Ponzoni, Massimo Conforto, where to sign the Mayors Day Proclamation.



unity in the “desire to build strong communities and foster friendships.”

In the question-and-answer session with the garrison commander after lunch, the current build-to-lease request for proposals was a popular topic.

The day’s final activity had been kept off the program so it could be a surprise. The Italian officials were all invited to try their hand at bowling.

Barbara Tomiozzo, council member from Brendola, took down seven pins with her first ball even though she said it was the first time she had ever bowled.

Commenting on the day’s activities, the deputy mayor of Altavilla Vicentina, Massimo Conforto, said his wish was for initiatives like “Meet the Mayors” to be repeated.

(Left) Giovanni Francesco Ponzoni, Monticello Conte Otto councilor throws the ball while Col. Erik Daiga, USAG Vicenza commander gets ready to play his.



(Above) City of Vicenza representative Gisella Garzaro (left) talks with Col. Erik Daiga and Col. Aldo Rando. (Left) The deputy mayor of Monticello Conte Otto, Claudio Beninca, is served a traditional Thanksgiving meal at the “Meet the Mayors” luncheon. (Photos by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

Start holiday shopping early; outlets, markets abound

The following designer outlets are either close to post or within reasonable driving distance.

Vicenza's ITR also offers shopping trips to outlets. Call ITR at 634-7094 for details.

Armani Outlet, in Trissino, 93 Via Stazione - about 13 miles west of Vicenza. Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Diesel Outlet, located in Molveno, 42 Via Ponticello. Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Mon. 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. Offers Diesel, Levi's, Replay and much more.

Donatello, in Mestre, Via Antonio da Mestre, 15. Tues. - Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Mon. 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Offers Dolce & Gabbana, Donna Karan, Fendi, Moschino and more.

Factory Outlet, S.r.l. in Rossano Veneto, 10 Via Cusinati.

Open Mon. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Offers Levi's, KKS, My Bike and Goose & Gander.

Francesco Biasia Outlet, in Dueville, 2 Via dell'Artigianato - about 8 miles north of Vicenza.

Mon. - Fri. 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Marzotto Factory Outlet, in Valdagno, 1 Via dei Lanifici. Mon. 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Tues. - Fri. 10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Outlet Colle Sport, in Crocetta, 10 Via delle Industrie.

Open Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - noon and 3 p.m. 7 p.m. Sun. - Mon. 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

RJ Outlet, in Padova, 58 Via Po - about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza.

Offers savings on Prada, Gucci, Cavalli, Versace, Dolce e Gabbana, Trussardi, Levi's and Valentino.

Mon. 2 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.; Tues. - Sat. 9:30 a.m. 7:30 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Stefanel Outlet, in Marostica, 76 Corso della Ceramica, about 18 miles north of Vicenza.

Mon. 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Tue. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Surplus, in Vicenza, 25 Contrà S. Barbara.

Tues. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Closed Monday morning.

Offers Diesel, Everlast, Ikks and Nolita.

Veneto Designer Outlet, in Noventa di Piave, 1 Via Marco Polo. A mall off A4 Venezia Trieste Highway, Noventa di Piave exit - about 90 miles east of Vicenza.

Open Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Closed Dec. 25 and 26. Offers Calvin Kline, Rifle, Guess and Nike.

For more details in English visit www.mcarthurglen.it/noventadipiave/home/home.php?lang=en

Antique market Nov. 30, in Piazzola sul Brenta, about 16 miles east of Vicenza.

Held the fourth Sunday of each month, this features a vast assortment of antiques outside Villa Contarini.

Holiday season brings out post angels



Community members pluck angels off the tree located in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center. (Outlook file photo)

Army Community Service
Press release

The Angel Tree program, sponsored by ACS, provides an opportunity for community members to help other families in the Vicenza military community.

Holiday trees are set up in both the Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center lobby and the area right outside the post exchange entrance near the food court.

The trees are decorated with angels and each angel

has the age, gender, clothing sizes and interests of a participating child.

The community member can select the angel and purchase presents, which are then collected in boxes either at the post exchange customer service area or in the lobby of DSFRC.

All gifts are due in either drop box by Dec. 12 and will be distributed to the families Dec. 17. Angels are asked not to wrap presents in advance.

For questions about the Angel Tree program, contact Allie Vallery at 634-6884, or 0444-71-6884.

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

Nov. 26	Tyler Perry's Family that Preys (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Nov. 27	Bolt (PG)	6 p.m.
	The Women (PG-13)	9 p.m.
Nov. 28	Tyler Perry's Family that Preys (PG-13)	6 p.m.
	My Best Friend's Girl (R)	9 p.m.
Nov. 29	Bolt (PG-13)	3 p.m.
	Burn after Reading (R)	6 p.m.
Nov. 30	Bolt (PG)	3 p.m.
	My Best Friend's Girl (R)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Nov. 27	CLOSED	6 p.m.
Nov. 28	The Women (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Nov. 29	Miracle at St. Anna (R)	6 p.m.
Nov. 30	Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa (PG)	2 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, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Movie Schedule.

Celebrating holiday season

ITR trips

Christmas time in Slovenia

Dec. 6, visit the capital of Slovenia, Ljubljana, as it transforms into a fairytale town with thousands of lights. Enjoy the delights of mulled wine and roasting chestnuts as you explore the Christmas markets. This town chooses a different local artist's design each year, but the castle is decorated in blue lights. Dec. 6, 6:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Cost is \$55-45.

Bolzano, Merano holiday markets

Experience the magic of Christmas with the

Austrian influence of these northern Italian cities close to the Austrian border.

Enjoy the holiday scents and sounds of carols while you shop the markets for unusual decorations, candles, pastries and toys. Dec. 7, 7 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Cost is \$49-39.

Italian Christmas cake

Savor the taste of Italy; panettone is the Italian Christmas cake tradition.

Enjoy the private guided tour of the pastry factory and learn about the traditions of this national favorite. Dec. 10, 9 a.m.-12:15.

At right: Italy's traditional Christmas cake, panettone, can be found in stores everywhere.



ODR trips, classes

ODR takes you to the slopes of San Martino Dec. 6, 6 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. cost is \$30.

Dec. 20: Madonna Di Campiglio ski/snowboard, 6 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$30.

Dec. 27: Obereggen ski/snowboard, 6 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$30.

Call 634-7453 to sign up.

Ski-wax class

ODR shows you how to prepare your skis and snowboards for the slopes.

Class is Dec. 17, 5:30 - 7 p.m. Call ODR at 634-7453 for details.

Looking to buy or sell items? Check out MWR's Marketplace at www.mwrmarketplace.com.

Happy Hour comedy show

Comedian Bernie McGrenahan appears at the post theater Dec. 1 and 3 at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., and Dec. 2 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Entry is free and open to the community. Attendance gives Soldiers and civilians credit toward their annual Drug and Alcohol training requirements.

Holiday hours

Health clinic

Nov. 27: Closed
Nov. 28: Closed
Nov. 29: Regular Sat. hours

Family Computer Center

Nov. 27: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Dec. 24: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Dec. 25: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Jan. 1: 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Vehicle Registration

Nov. 27 and 28: Closed
Dec. 25, 26 and 31: Closed
Jan. 1, 2, 5 and 6: Closed
Individuals who are PCSing will need to make arrangements to clear Vehicle Registration prior to its closure. Failure to properly clear could result in unnecessary delays in your PCS.

Normal work hours are 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday
For details, call Vehicle Registration at 634-7001 or 0444-71-7001.

Army Community Service

Nov. 27: Closed
Nov. 28: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Dec. 25: Closed
Dec. 26: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Jan. 1: Closed

NAF job opportunity

ODR is seeking individuals with knowledge and experience in cycling or rock climbing to join

the ODR team as either a contractor or staff member.

Interested applicants should have extensive knowledge in the field and experience leading participants. Contact ODR at 634-7453 for more information.

Winter driver's training classes offered

USAG Vicenza Driver's Testing is offering two additional classes for Winter Driver's Training at the Ederle Theater.

This class is mandatory for all personnel licensed to drive military vehicles.

Be sure to bring DA Form 348 and OF 346 to the class so your records can be updated.

Date: Nov. 26, 1-2 p.m. and 3-4 p.m.

Call Bryan Dorman at 634-6912 for details.

VCC Christmas market

Support community artisans and shop for holiday gifts at our Christmas market Saturday, Dec. 6 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Club V (next to Mensa). If you're interested in being a vendor or have questions, contact Jennifer Reverri at jyf328@aol.com.

Suicide Prevention class offered

USAG Vicenza chaplain's office will conduct a Suicide Prevention training session Dec. 15 at 2:30 p.m. in the chapel. Space is available for community members to attend.

Leaders, if you would like members of your unit to attend, call the chapel at 634-7519 or e-mail Spc. Andrea Fifer at andrea.fifer@eur.army.mil to reserve space. Units are responsible for maintaining rosters.

Army Community Service classes

Financial Readiness: Money and Divorce in the Military is a new service offered by Financial Readiness. This is a three-part class for couples who are contemplating divorce. Husband and wife may attend separately or together. Look at finances before, during and after the divorce to avoid financial ruin. Call ACS for details at 634-7500.

Basics of Investing: Dec. 9, 9-10 a.m.

The Investment club: Dec. 17, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Post Library. Call Financial Readiness for details at 634-7500.

ID Theft prevention: Dec. 17, 9-10 a.m.

Exceptional Family Member Program: Are you an Exceptional Family Member? Join us for free movie, popcorn and a drink at the Movie Bash on Dec. 4, 3:15 p.m. at the post theater.

EFMP Roundtable meets Dec. 16, 11 a.m. - noon. Share ideas and experiences. The roundtable is open to the entire community.

Family Advocacy Program: Relaxation techniques: Take a stress free lunch break, Dec. 8, noon to 1 p.m. in ACS.

Parent-Child Play: Build a strong relationship with your child through play. Dec. 9, 10 - 11 a.m. Call Family Advocacy for details and reservations 634-7500.

Communication Miracles for Couples: Create more love and less conflict, Dec. 12, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. join .

Stress Management: Learn the basics of stress management, and learn the about the profound effects of

stress on your life. Dec. 15, noon - 1 p.m.

Freddy FAP is at it again. Dec. 17, 3 - 4:30 p.m. join Freddy FAP returning from Morocco with fun family activities and snacks. Please make reservations, call ACS 634-7500.

Anger Management with Family Advocacy Dec. 18. Anger Management for adults will be 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., and for children ages 6 to 12, 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Soldiers' Theater notes

Nominations for the 2009 Army Soldier Show are being accepted by Soldiers' Theatre for performers and technicians.

The deadline for submissions is Dec. 31. Call Soldiers' Theater, 634-7281.

Soldiers' Theatre production: Dec. 12-14 Soldiers' Theatre presents "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" a two-act song and dance revue filled with joyous music of the season.

Tickets on sale now. Box office is open 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., call 634-7281.

Welcome to Italy

Benvenuti begins Dec. 16. Enjoy four days of fun, culture and adventure. Reserve your spot by calling ACS at 634-7500.

Volunteer orientation

A mandatory orientation and registration class is open to community members interested in volunteering on Caserma Ederle.

Check out what opportunities are available for you Dec. 11, 1 - 2 p.m., and build your experience and resume by supporting your community.

Arena events

The USO hosts Southern rap band *Nappy Roots* Dec. 3, rising R&B artists, *Washington Projects*, open the show at 9 p.m.

Calling all doctors, nurses and patients: Join the hospital theme party at the Lion's Den Dec. 5, 8 p.m.

Prizes will be awarded for best costumes, plus enjoy themed drinks and a DJ spinning R&B.

Holiday carnival, tree lighting ceremony

Dec. 4 enjoy a fun-filled carnival at Club V from 3 - 4:45 p.m. where children can meet Santa (bring your camera) and have story time with Mrs. Claus.

At 5 p.m. the holiday tree lighting ceremony takes place followed by horse carriage rides around post. Call 634-5087 for details.

Religious activities

Caserna Ederle Chapel

Call the chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for details on post 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.: Vigil 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 worship

Monday

Noon: LDS Scripture Study
3:05 p.m.: Middle School Club in the high school cafeteria. (October-May)

5:30 p.m.: High School Club in the Teen Center. (October-May)

For details contact Jocelyn Cary at 634-7890 or 349-385-3476 or vicecb@yahoo.com.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

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

Thursday

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: Mohamed Noeman at 634-6306.

Jewish: Sandy Schoenberg at 634-6202 or sandy.schoenberg@eur.army.mil.

Latter Day Saints (LDS): Sean Peterson at 329-034-3451 or Elder Openshaw at 334-665-6845. Scripture study is held Monday, noon-1 p.m.

Darby Chapel

For details call the chapel at: 633-7267 (50-54-7267).

9:40 a.m.: Catholic Reconciliation

10 a.m.: Catholic Mass
11:15 a.m.: Protestant worship

Protestant Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. and Catholic CCD is at 11:15 a.m.

Santa seeks helpers



A community mail room worker checks the name on a package before removing it from the shelf. (Outlook file photo)

The USAG Vicenza community mail room is looking for community members interested in lending a helping hand over the holiday season.

Volunteer duties may include, but are not limited to, sorting and stacking mail according to a specific numbering system. Volunteers are needed between the hours of 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Community members interested in volunteering at the CMR should speak with Chris Hess at the CMR, bldg 302, about the duties and then stop by the Army Volunteer Corps office located in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center, 634-7942, or 0444-71-7942.



A member of the Mako Sharks swim team competes during the European Federation Swim League meet in Lignano, Italy.

Fleming qualifies for freestyle finals

By Ann Gasparini and Cindi Unger
Special to the Outlook

Caitlyn Fleming, USAG Vicenza Mako Sharks swim team member, qualified in the girls 12 and under 50-meter freestyle in a meet Sunday.

This feat ensures she

qualifies to swim in the European Federation Swim League finals held in Berlin in February 2009.

Previous swimmers to qualify for the finals in Berlin are Chris Unger and Kyla Hallam.

The Mako Swim Team participated in a regional meet in Naples Nov. 23.

The Makos came in fourth overall, with swimmers participating in pentathlon events, a relay, butterfly, freestyle and backstroke.

This meet marked the halfway point in the Mako Sharks swim team's year, preparing its members for the Vicenza swim meet, which will

be held in Aviano Dec. 6.

The team also looks forward to a swim meet with the Creazzo Italian swim league in January.

The meet will help the Mako Shark swimmers compete against their Italian peers and will further develop our strong swim relationship with this team.

Sports shorts

Fitness class schedule

The fitness class schedule effective Dec. 8 is available on *Vicenza MWR.com*.

Classes include yoga, Body Balance, Body Attack, Body Pump, Body Step, Body Jam and unique physique.

For details on fitness classes and prices call 634-5181.

New hours for fitness center

The fitness center has expanded their hours. Monday – Friday 5 a.m. - 11 p.m. Sat – Sun. 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Federal holidays from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and training holidays from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. For details call 634-7616.

CYS basketball, cheerleading

Enrollment for CYS basketball and cheerleading continues through Dec. 8. For complete details on age limits and what you need to register your child, call 634-7219.

Jingle Bell 5K run/walk

Put a jingle in your step with the annual Jingle Bell 5K Run/Walk Dec. 13. Pre-registration is from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Sign up is mandatory before Dec. 9, call the fitness center at 634-7009.

Basketball tournament

Bring your game Dec. 5-7 at 6 p.m. for the 3-on-3 basketball tournament.

Maximum of four players per team to include the coach. Signup deadline is Dec. 2, call sports and fitness at 634-7009.

Attention wrestlers

Sports & Fitness needs your help to organize and build a competitive wrestling team.

Whether you're a coach or wrestler, meet at the Fitness Center Dec. 10, 2:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. Questions? Call 634-7009.

Are you a boxer?

Sports & Fitness needs your help to organize and build a competitive boxing team.

Whether you're a coach or boxer, meet at the Fitness Center Dec. 9, 2:30 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. Questions? Call 634-7009.