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Through Dec. 18 and again from Jan. 11-April 9 from 9 a.m.-noon and 3-6 p.m. Monday- Friday the following vehicles are not authorized to operate in the City of Vicenza town center:

■ Mopeds and motorcycles two-stroke registered before Jan. 1, 2000, and are not in accordance with the European directive 97/24/EC, cap 5.;

■ AFI vehicles, gas or diesel registered before Dec. 31, 1996 and mopeds and motorcycles AFI two-stroke registered before Dec. 31, 1999; and

■ Motor vehicles which are classified "EURO 2" diesel-powered every Wednesday from Jan. 13, 2010-March 31, 2010, from 3-6 p.m.



We'd like
to see
YOU
10 a.m.
- noon
Friday

for the second Meet
the Mayors
information fair in
the Caserma
Ederle gym.
(At left) Giovanni
Tonello from
Monteviale
cuts a sample of
roast pork
for a visitor at last
year's event.

File photo by
Laura Kreider

MEET the MAYORS

Last year the Mayor of Monteviale brought a whole suckling pig as a sample of his town's annual roast pork festival, and he's coming again Friday.

"It's a great opportunity to further strengthen the relationship between the American and Italian communities," said Col. Erik

Daiga, garrison commander, "and last year the local food samples we're a big hit."

Daiga is talking about the "Meet the Mayors" information fair and wants to get the word out that the entire U.S. military community in Vicenza is invited to attend this year's event at the post gym 10 a.m.-noon Friday.

Italian mayors, deputy

mayors, council members and representatives from several of the surrounding towns will set up booths with an array of books, brochures, posters and fact sheets highlighting town festivals, cultural events and town services.

Translators will be on hand to help you ask for a slice of roast pork.

Focus on full fitness

By ANNETTE FOURNIER
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

"The more resilient they are, the better off they're going to be, not just as Soldiers, but as men and women," Gen. George Casey, Army chief of staff, said recently.

Casey was referring to the Army's new Comprehensive Soldier Fitness, a long-term program that he says is "absolutely essential to maintain the total health of this force ... given what we have looking at us in the future."

And what we are looking at are seven-

plus years of sustained combat and more to come.

"(CSF) is a long-term assessment and development program that we have instituted to raise mental fitness to the level that we now give to physical fitness," explained Casey.

The high optempo wear and tear on service members has taken its toll and the Army is hoping CSF will be a

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DID YOU KNOW?

Vicenza has the first working group in Europe to integrate the program at the post level.

Vicenza JROTC salutes veterans at Florence cemetery

Story and photos by
JOYCE COSTELLO

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from Vicenza honored America's service members at a joint Veterans Day ceremony at the Florence American Cemetery in Tuscany Nov. 11.

"We have to keep the memories alive and

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Communication key when children face deployment



File photo by Art McQueen

Compiled by Dr. (Lt. Col.)
ROBERT MCKENZIE
USAHC-Vicenza

As our community prepares for another deployment, we know change is coming. With change comes stress, both good and bad. It is important to remember that while deployments are stressful, they also provide opportunities for families to grow stronger and more resilient. Here are some tips that may help you prepare yourself and your family for deployment.

1. First, parents should digest any information you

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First-year Cadet Pvt. Savannah Jones renders a salute at the Florence cemetery Nov. 11.

5,160 minutes of remembrance

Story and photo by
JOYCE COSTELLO
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

I went to the Florence American Cemetery this Veterans Day to cover the ceremony by the Army and Navy JROTC, and I saw these four Italian men wearing baseball caps with the International Police Association logo.

I had seen these men before over the years whenever I covered ceremonies in Florence. Curious about their involvement, I went over to find out why they were there.

"It's the eleventh," one man answered in English, as if it was the most logical explanation in the world. I wasn't sure if he

was referring to the date or the hour. It turned out to be both. Ugo Arrighetti explained that every eleventh day of the month since 9/11, these ex-Carabinieri Italians had been coming to the Florence American Cemetery for an hour of silence from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

It was hard not to break down in tears as the cemetery's church bell tolled 11 times.

"But why?" I asked, still unsure if it was an official function of the International Police Association that they belonged to or if it was something else.

"Because our souls tell us to do it ... because if you refuse to learn history then you never have to do anything about it ... because one hour of our life each month is nothing in comparison to what happened that day ... because that hour of silence

allows us to reflect on sacrifices made," Arrighetti replied.

It was hard not to break down in tears as the cemetery's church bell tolled 11 times right after Arrighetti finished explaining why the four Italian men pay tribute at an American military cemetery for people they never even knew. They had not made the monthly meetings an occasion to go to a restaurant afterwards and share a good Italian meal. No, these men were silently holding fast to their vigil. They were not boasting to reporters, looking to be applauded or asking anything in return. They were taking the time to remember, and honor, a tragic history. I waited until I was alone before I cried. I cried for the two indigent veterans that died in Bakersfield, Calif., and were given a proper military burial by people that never knew them. I cried for the Army private who is blinded and lies alone in Walter Reed without a



Ugo Arrighetti, Franco Banchetti, Vandero Carolo Vergaro and Giorgio Bianchi, members of the International Police Association, have visited the Florence American Cemetery in Tuscany every 11th day of the month since 9/11 to silently remember those who lost their lives.

family to be by his side. I cried for the families at Fort Hood, Texas, for my friends in Iraq and Afghanistan, for my friends who have died doing what they believed in and for those who will be injured tonight while I sleep. Mostly I cried from the shame of knowing that there are so many ways with my job to

make sure people stationed here learn the history about what happened at Camp Darby from World War II to present. That so many have sacrificed so much and that if we don't capture this history and share it, that Arrighetti is right: "We can pretend we don't have to do anything about it."

ICE Spotlight #3: Customer talks 'terrible' parking

Compiled by **RUTH COWART**
Customer Service Officer

This is our third submission to The Outlook spotlighting ICE comments at work for the community while acknowledging our service provider managers who care about our community.

If you would like to have your voice heard regarding services on our installation, visit www.usag.vicenza.army.mil and click on the ICE link at the bottom of the page, or visit http://ice.disa.mil/index.cfm?fa=site&site_id=321 to relay your comments or concerns.

Customer Comments:

Parking is terrible. Specifically if the brand new lot behind the Ederle Inn is going to be reserved specifically for guests (and I don't see how that is legal or right), then the guests should be mandated to park in that lot and not in the lot adjacent to the Inn. That should be left free for the rest of us.

E-mail reply from Directorate of Public Works:

There are three parking garages in the Ederle master plan. We are working with our headquarters and the Department of the Army to get those garages built as soon as possible. Unfortunately, given the funding situation today, it looks like those

garages are many years away (probably long range fiscal year 2020). In the interim, some of the things we are doing to improve the parking situation are:

1. Behind the Ederle Inn, opened 100 new spaces which are being designated for Ederle Inn patron parking. This should open up additional parking in front of the Ederle Inn.
2. With the completion of the new Enhanced Health Service Center in late summer or early fall 2010, 200 additional parking spaces will be added to the inventory.
3. During the upcoming deployment, we are placing vehicles of deployed Soldiers in unit motor pool areas so they

do not encumber valuable street parking.

4. Put in place two-hour parking at key locations for the PX and commissary to prevent all day parking by non-patrons.
5. Put in place additional 15-minute parking near the consolidated mail room for the convenience of CMR patrons.
6. Adjusted designated parking spaces (reserved, handicapped) throughout the installation to free up additional general purpose parking.
7. Enforcing no-overnight parking on the installation except at designated locations.
8. Installed parking directional signs near the PX to direct drivers to locations with available parking.

Speak Out

How will you spend Thanksgiving Day?



John Clouse
USAG Vicenza DOL

"I'll be recovering from the Thanksgiving Day meal at the DFAC the day before."



Nancy Hacker
Vicenza Elementary School

"For the first time in five years, our daughter will be at home on the same continent with us."



Sgt. Victor Parker & (wife) Jennifer Logan Parker
Co. D, 2-503

"We are spending Thanksgiving in Rome for some quality time before deployment."



Lea Scavetta, 1st grade
Vicenza Elementary School

"I am looking forward to seeing my grandparents and I will eat turkey with them."



Sgt. Jacob Walker
2-503 Rear Detachment

"With girlfriend Sara and our Italian neighbors, having a big Thanksgiving dinner."

Routine helps children cope

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receive prior to sharing it with your children, so it can be delivered in a calm and appropriate manner. Be careful about sharing your emotions with your children. Some parents share too much (losing control in front of kids) or too little (no emotion or giving the impression that you can't talk about it). Be aware, children take their cues from you.

2. Children worry about the safety of their deploying parent, so reassure them that their parent is very well trained to do their job.

3. Maintain routines. Activities, such as games, schooling, bedtimes, are important to keep regular. A routine is predictable and can provide safety and security for you and your children. Continue to celebrate birthdays, holidays, or other special occasions with

enthusiasm.

4. Communicate with your children about deployment, but make sure you do it in a way they can understand, based on their age and developmental level.

5. Listen to your children and their concerns. Children may spend a lot of time thinking about or worrying about their deployed parent. Be available when they want to talk.

6. Limit television and other media coverage of the war to help reduce anxiety and worries.

7. Have your spouse before, or during their deployment record chapter books on a cassette recorder, to be played back for younger children. This helps with separation and attachment issues with children, and can help your deploying soldier feel connected. Likewise, help your kids make scrapbook, photo albums,

short videos to send to their soldier parent, or share when they get back.

8. Take care of yourself. Find time to rest, see a movie or do something just for you. Maybe you and your friend's can take turns watching all the kids, giving each of you some free time.

9. Accept help from family or friends if you are feeling over stressed or overwhelmed. We are all more vulnerable to stress when we are tired, and can manage better when we are rested and in tune with ourselves.

10. Use your resources if you need a little extra assistance. Your Family Readiness Groups (FRG's), Chaplains or behavioral health professionals are here for you.

Some of this information was taken from the USUHS Courage to Care campaign (www.usuhs.mil).

Wardrobes on the way

USAG Vicenza Housing Office

As of last week, the CFMO began issuing a maximum of two wardrobes per customer and maintaining a wait list for additional quantities the customers are authorized until replenishment stocks arrive on or about Dec. 22.

CFMO recently received 315 wardrobes, which were ordered in September 2008.

"Due to the volume of private rental contracts, there has been an exceptional request for these items and we are running short," said Housing Chief Lewis Smith. "(An additional 200 are expected to arrive from the U.S.) and this should settle the situation. Temporarily, however, we are limiting issues to ensure everyone has a minimum quantity."

Veterans Day 2009

Vicenza JROTC renders honors fallen veterans in Florence

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respect our veterans because if we don't then you dishonor the people who gave their lives," said Cadet Capt. Jayson Richard, Vicenza JROTC commander.

Cadet Lt. Cmdr. Ashley Travis, Naples Naval JROTC company officer said "I'm grateful that I am able to stand here today because veterans back then decided to stand up for their country and our freedom... I have so much respect for those warriors who made the ultimate sacrifice."

Travis, who is a senior at Naples American High School,

has been in NJROTC for four years and was motivated to join because of her mother.

"My mom is a naval officer and growing up surrounded by the Navy and seeing all you can do in it has helped me to decide to pursue a career as either a helicopter pilot or intelligence

officer in the Navy," she said.

Richard, a senior at Vicenza American High School, has been in JROTC for three years and decided to join because he always had been interested in the military.

"I have always been attracted to the lifestyle and discipline that the military offer," said Richard. "I think being involved in JROTC has

refined my values and helped me to have more focus on what I do in school and in my life."

Travis said she feels that the qualities she gained by being a part of NJROTC has helped her become a better leader and more prepared in life.

"After NJROTC, I'm looking forward to pursuing my bachelor's in international relations using my mother's Post 9/11 GI Bill, hopefully at Duke University," said Travis.

Richard said that while it may seem that being in JROTC is a lot of hard work, he has learned things in the Corps that he could not have learned in any other class.

"I'm honored and humbled to be able to contribute to honoring our veterans in ceremonies such as this," he said.

According to Maj. George Smailes, Vicenza ROTC Officer Instructor, this was the first year the two groups joined together to honor veterans during the Florence American Cemetery Veterans Day Ceremony.



USAG Vicenza JROTC Cadet Capt. Jayson Richard reads the President's Veterans Day message at the Florence American Cemetery Nov. 11.



Photos by Joyce Costello

A view of the Florence American Cemetery, which covers about 70 acres, mostly on the west side of the Greve river and framed by wooded hills. Most of the U.S. Soldiers buried here are those from the Fifth Army who died in the fighting that followed the capture of Rome in June 1944; others fell in the heavy fighting in the Apennines between then and May 2, 1945. The cemetery is run by the American Battle Monuments Commission.



A Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training cadet helps his Army JROTC color guard counterpart get ready for the Veterans Day ceremony at the Florence American Cemetery Nov. 11.

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Win \$1,000 in AAFES holiday photo contest

AAFES news release

The holidays are a great time of year to enjoy special moments and create lasting memories with friends and family. The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is encouraging military shoppers to share those memories for a shot at a \$1,000 shopping spree in the "Memories Etched in Images Holiday Photo Contest."

"Whether it's the kids with Santa, a co-worker at the office party or grandpa dozing by the fire, we're looking forward to showcasing those heartwarming scenes from our shoppers," said AAFES' Senior Enlisted Advisor Chief Master Sgt. Jeffry Helm.

From Dec. 1-31, shoppers can submit their funniest, most creative or heartwarming photos to PatriotFamily@aafes.com with the title "Memories Etched in Images" in the subject line. The top 50 entries will be posted online and the winners will be announced by Jan. 22.

The first place winner will receive a \$1,000 AAFES gift card with \$500 going to the runner-up. Third and fourth place will receive a \$250 gift card and with the next five places earning \$100 each.

Complete contest rules and entry details are available at aafes.com/Patriot Family Connection/Memories Etched in Images Contest (http://www.aafes.com/Patriot_Family/memories.asp).

Community Camera

A snapshot of events making news in and around the U.S. Army military community in Vicenza...

USAG Vicenza firefighters get certified

Story and photos by LAURA KREIDER
Outlook staff

Kenny Ray (red shirt), from the Alabama Fire College in Tuscaloosa, Ala., supervises Caserma Ederle firefighters during Firefighter II training, an advanced level certification held at the fire station Nov. 11.

The Caserma Ederle firefighters entered their second consecutive week of National Professional Qualification Standards training. The training focuses on developing advanced knowledge and skills in firefighting, vehicle extrication, search and rescue, fire ground communication, emergency incident command and control and equipment maintenance.

This physically and mentally demanding training has been conducted with the support of the Schio and Vicenza Vigili del Fuoco and the Alabama Fire College.

"We are extremely proud of our firefighters, programs and the services we provide to our community," said Alexander D. Christie, USAG Vicenza Fire and Emergency Services assistant fire chief.

"This training and resulting certifications will ultimately improve the level of support the fire department is providing to the garrison and put USAG Vicenza Fire and Emergency Services Department at the forefront of U.S. Army fire departments in Europe. As an example, this certification training will be something akin to a paratrooper receiving his jump wings," said Christie.

"A firefighter carrying his Department of Defense certifications means he has been measured against the standards and found to meet or exceed the standard. The (Italian firefighters) are doing a great job as always and this training just reinforces it," he said.



Kenny Ray (red shirt) inspects the training of Caserma Ederle firefighters Nov. 11. Ray, who traveled to Italy from the Alabama Fire College in the U.S., is serving as an impartial third party as the firefighters conduct the intense Department of Defense certification.



A firefighter carrying his Department of Defense certifications means he has been measured against the standards and found to meet or exceed the standard, said USAG Vicenza Fire and Emergency Services Assistant Fire Chief Alexander Christie.



Photo by Joyce Costello

Never forget: Noel Okamoto attaches a "Go For Broke" 442nd lanyard on the Pvt. "Curley" Nakae memorial at Camp Darby to celebrate and remember his brothers and sisters in arms on Veterans Day.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Sweet donations: Warrant Officer Marilyn Bradley, South of the Alps Warrant Officer Association Chapter vice president (right) gives cookies to community member Jacki Rayburn during the group's bake sale in front of the PX Nov. 14. During the two-day sale the association accepted donations. "Thanks to you the community's generosity at the last two bake sales we were able to raise more than \$1,500 to give to local charitable organizations and programs," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Patricia Roberts, the SOTA chapter president.

ACS keeps Thanksgiving tradition alive

By STACY WALKER
USAG Livorno ACS

Whether young or old, thoughts of Thanksgiving normally bring about images of turkey and pie, family and friends, Macy's and its famous parade.

But have you ever thought about the first Thanksgiving? How did it become a holiday? What about how the turkey became the symbol of Thanksgiving?

Most people believe that the first Thanksgiving was celebrated between the Pilgrims and the Native Americans in 1621. However, some scholars say that the true first Thanksgiving happened in 1619 when Captain John Woodlief reached land near Charles River and knelt down giving a pledge of thanksgiving to God for his safe travels.

Whichever version you believe is not as important as knowing that Thanksgiving became a tradition passed down from the English settlers in 1863. It was celebrated as such until Franklin D. Roosevelt declared it a federal holiday in 1941. Roosevelt began the process in 1939 but it was not approved by Congress until two years later. Thanksgiving has been celebrated on the fourth Thursday in November ever since.

The turkey is a longstanding Thanksgiving tradition. This is probably due to the fact that wild turkeys were readily available to the Pilgrims. The Indians taught the early English settlers how to cook the meat that we still so love today. Preparing the holiday bird is in some families a skill



Photo by Joyce Costello

Community members learn how to make the perfect Thanksgiving meal from Camp Darby's ACS staff. The next class takes place Friday at 11:30 a.m. in Bldg. 428. RSVP today.

that has been handed down from mother to daughter for many generations.

WANT TO ATTEND?

To sign up for Friday's How to Make a Thanksgiving Meal class, call 633-7084.

Everybody has heard or experienced firsthand a "my first thanksgiving" horror story, and I can tell you that mine is no better. The first turkey I prepared by myself ended in tears and a long-distance phone call back home to Mama for comfort and advice.

"We always used fresh turkeys growing up. So when I made my first turkey, and a frozen one, mind you, with my husband I did not know that I was to take out the giblet packet from inside the

turkey," said Elizabeth Speck, ACS Financial Readiness Program Manager. "Needless to say when we cut into our beautiful Thanksgiving turkey, what a surprise we found. To this day, I will never forget what my husband said—"Carcinogens or dinner?"

However you choose to celebrate Thanksgiving this year, remember that ACS is there to help. ACS is offering a free "How to Make Thanksgiving Meal" class Friday at Bldg. 428 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Learn how to roast a turkey and make yummy sides that will please family and friends.

Call 633-7084 to sign up.

Garrison leads the CSF way

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proactive shift toward assessing and preventing problems.

"Most of the things we were doing, we were doing after Soldiers already had a problem," Casey said. "We were light on assessing and educating."

The CSF program is focused on building personally resilient troops by ensuring they're healthy not just physically, but also emotionally, socially and spiritually, said Megan Hallam, USAG Vicenza's Health Promotion Officer. At Vicenza, the military community is leading the way by establishing the first working group in Europe to integrate the program at the installation level.

Five areas of concern

The Army-level program began by collecting information about Soldiers' complete fitness. "Soldiers will have to complete the Global Assessment Tool, an online test which evaluates the five areas of concern.

The GAT will then give the Soldier a confidential snapshot of his or her holistic health, followed by access to training modules to build greater personal resiliency skills. The pilot phase of the GAT was completed in October. The test will be re-worked before being introduced at large, although the GAT is still available for Soldiers.

All non-deployed Soldiers will be required to complete the GAT by March 2010. Many Soldiers at Vicenza will be exempt from

taking the assessment by the deadline because of deployments. The GAT will also be adjusted for use by family members and Army civilians, and both tests are scheduled to be available online in 2010.

That information will be separated from personally identifying factors, and used to judge the wellness of the Army community and to find ways that the population can be better served.

Ahead of the game

At Vicenza, the CSF working group is not waiting for information to come back from Army-level. Taking a preventive approach, the group has started by evaluating the risk periods and trends in the Vicenza community to anticipate future needs, Hallam said. Data from the Risk Reduction Program such as disciplinary actions, alcohol incidents, financial problems and positive urinalysis rates as compared to the rest of the Army and as compared to trends in the lead-up to prior deployments, is showing overall trends in the community.

Other data from the last deployment, such as surveys given to Family Readiness Groups, are supplying a picture of the civilian community's well-being.

Just before deployment

Preliminary information indicates that substance abuse, suicidal gestures, high-risk behaviors, domestic violence, accidents and traffic offenses all increase in the two to three months before a deployment. A few months into deployments, there is an

increased feeling of isolation and disconnect among family members, parenting stress and families with exceptional family members require greater support. Financial problems also tend to peak following the holidays.

To meet these needs, the Vicenza CSF working group is matching services to needs during periods of increased stress. "For instance, the Army Substance Abuse's 3-D month (Drugged Drunk Driving) programming was moved to coincide with the pre-deployment period of increased risk for alcohol-related problems.

Getting the training

As part of the pre-deployment process, Soldiers who are determined to need it will be able to attend resiliency training organized by Behavioral Health.

The training also includes couples communication, anger-management, financial readiness, nutrition, stress management and other topics.

"These types of programs are what Comprehensive Soldier Fitness is all about," Hallam said. "This includes the chaplains, medical, Army Community Service—so many of the agencies with programming available to help people.

Comprehensive Soldier Fitness is about integrating all these services and seeing how we can focus our efforts, programming and principles in building a resilient Army community."

For more information on the CSF, visit www.army.mil/csff/.

Darby Dates

Multicultural spouses meeting

Obtain valuable information on medical services, employment, immigration and naturalization services, driver's license, ESL and much more at the Wednesday meeting.

Call Army Community Service at 633-7084 for more information.

Here's how you say 'thank you'

Need to say thanks? Bring that special someone to the club on Nov. 27. Call the Darby Community Club at 633-7855 for details.

Karaoke nights

Sing along with Bibi at karaoke night every Thursday at the Community Club. Call the Darby Community Club at 633-7855 for details.

Texas Hold'em scheduled Friday

Wanna get lucky? Come to Texas Hold'em Friday. Free pasta for all of the players. Call 633-7855 for details.

Call today to sign up for an ITR trip

Ferrari museum: Visit the famous Ferrari museum in Maranello, south of Modena.

You will see how Ferrari cars have changed over the years and trophies won by the Ferrari team Nov. 26. Call ITR at 633-7589 for more information.

Rome trip: At your own pace, visit some of Rome's most important sites Nov. 27. Call ITR at 633-7589 for additional information.

Florence trip: Spend the day in Florence at your leisure on Nov. 28. Call 633-7589 for more information.

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.

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

Contact the Catholic education coordinator to find out when the next confirmation will take place.

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

San Miniato truffle fest set through Nov. 29

By JOYCE COSTELLO
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

The spectacular countryside around San Miniato (pictured at right) produces 25 percent of Italy's celebrated white truffles. Every year during this period the city of San Miniato, 40 minutes east of Camp Darby, celebrates this unique local product with its fall truffle fest.

For the local economy the white truffle plays an essential role in Tuscan business and culture. The biggest truffle ever found in the area weighted 2.520 grams and was donated in 1954 to U.S. President Truman. For the past 30 years the Mostra Mercato Nazionale del Tartufo Bianco di San Miniato (The National San Miniato White Truffle Festival) transforms the city into a huge open-air tasting workshop. Other events include displays, theater performances and marching bands. This is the perfect time to take a chance to visit this medieval town in the vicinity of Pisa.

The truffle is displayed in the historical Piazza del Duomo at the foot of the Rocca, while other squares also have their own markets where other typical products of the San Miniato hills (oil, wine or cheese) are offered together with other culinary specialties. All the restaurants in the area offer special truffle-based menus during November and December. Call 0571418739 / 2745 or visit www.citta'disanniniato.it.



Photo courtesy of San Miniato Comune

Holiday concert

The "Corale dei Colli Berici," an Italian 90-element choir, and the Vicenza garrison chapel invite community members to a holiday concert Dec. 11 at 5:30 p.m. at the Caserma Ederle chapel. A reception will follow.

Outdoor Recreation

Visit www.vicenzamwr.com to see ODR Thanksgiving weekend offerings, including adventure day trips, overnights and a cultural excursion to see Da Vinci's *Last Supper* in Milan.

Paintball weekend at Camp Darby Nov. 21-22.

San Martino **ski/snowboard** day Dec. 5.

Christmas time in Ljubljana, **Slovenia**, departing Dec. 5.

Bolzano and Merano **Christmas markets** Dec. 6.

Wednesday **ski/snowboard waxing 101 class** Dec. 9.

Pay concerts & events

Muse: Bologna Saturday; Torino Dec. 4.

Juliette Lewis: Milan Nov. 31.

Backstreet Boys: Milan Tuesday.

Depeche Mode: Bologna Tuesday; Torino Nov. 26.

Marylan Manson: Villorba, Treviso Nov. 26; in Milan Nov. 27.

Tommy Emmanuel: Florence Nov. 28.

Paradise Lost: Milan Dec. 8; Rome Dec. 9.

Stryper: Milan, Alcatraz, Jan. 19.



Photo by Cesare Greselin

Europe, shown here during a 2008 concert in Piazzola sul Brenta, will perform in Milan, Rome, Modena and Padova in January. See below..

Europe: Milan Jan. 26; in Rome Jan. 28; in Nonantola (Modena) Jan. 9; in Padova Jan. 30.

For tickets, visit Media World or www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing or www.ticketone.it/EN/.

Christmas markets

Vicenza's annual Christmas market is open through Dec. 24 in Giardini Salvi 20. Small wooden chalets open on weekdays, 3-8 p.m. and weekends, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

An ice-skating rink will be set up weekdays from 3 p.m.-midnight and weekends from 10 a.m.-midnight through Jan. 10.

The Epiphany market will be held the weekend of Jan. 6. A medieval market with costumed vendors will be set up in Piazza delle Erbe.

Trento: Nov. 21-Dec. 24. Last year more than 530,000 visitors saw 70 exhibitors in their colorful houses at the market area in Piazza Fiera.

Opening hours: 10 a.m. to 7:30

p.m. daily and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. on Dec. 24.

Asiago: Christmas and Epiphany markets Dec. 7, 8, 9, 15, 16 and Dec. 22-Jan. 6, open 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3:30-7:30 p.m.

Bassano: Christmas market.

Find over 40 chalets between Piazza Garibaldi and Piazzotto Montevecchio open daily from 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., closed on Monday until Dec. 24; also find a train for young and old alike and take a ride around the city center Nov. 28, 29; Dec. 8, 12, 13, 19 and 20; in Piazza Liberta' until Jan. 10. Enjoy an antique roundabout.

Bussolengo: Christmas village open through Jan. 11, open daily from 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m., closed the mornings of Dec. 3, 10, 17 and will open at 3 p.m. Closed Christmas Day.

Trento: In Piazza Fiera the market is open Sunday to Thursday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Friday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m. and Dec. 24 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.;

Bolzano: Market in Piazza Walther Nov. 27-Dec. 23. Open

Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Food stands open until 8 p.m. each day;

Bressanone: Nov. 27-Jan. 6.

Brunico: Nov. 27-Jan. 6.

Market is open weekdays from 2:30-7 p.m. and on the weekends from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Merano: Weekdays 10:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., weekends 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. through Jan. 6

plays the bass line and melody at the same time, performing such greats as Led Zeppelin's *Stairway To Heaven*.

Guitar clinic & concert

Stanley Jordan (at right) will conduct a guitar clinic at the Panic Jazz Club in Marostica Thursday at 5 p.m. The cost is 15 euro. He will also perform a free 9 p.m. concert at the club.

Jordan is known to use the guitar as if it's a piano, using both hands as you would on piano keys, a style called "touch" or "tapping." Using this method, he



Photo by Cesare Greselin

Stanley Jordan performing a 2003 concert at Treviso's Teatro Accademia.

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

Thursday	Inglorious Bastards (R)	6 p.m.
Friday	Shorts (PG)	6 p.m.
	Whiteout (R)	9 p.m.
Saturday	2012 (PG-13)	2 p.m.
	Sorority Row (R)	6 p.m.
Sunday	2012 (PG-13)	2 p.m.
	Whiteout (R)	6 p.m.
Wed.	Sorority Row (R)	6 p.m.
Nov. 26	(Closed)	

Camp Darby Theater

Friday	Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG)	6 p.m.
Saturday	Jennifer's Body (R)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG)	1 p.m.
Nov. 26	Sorority Row (R)	6 p.m.

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

Looking for the movie synopsis? Visit www.aafes.com, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Movie Schedule.

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

Now hiring

■ Outdoor Recreation is now hiring **FLEX recreation aide staff** to support our community Soldiers and their Families.

Weekends are a must. You may e-mail your resume, including job announcement number EUNAFVI0901EOC on the subject line, to Vicenza.NAF@EUR.army.mil.

For more information, contact the Vicenza CPAC at 634-7349/6597 or Vicenza.NAF@EUR.army.mil. For more details about this and other positions in FMWR Vicenza, visit <http://acpol.army.mil/employment/> and search for jobs in Italy.

■ Sports, Fitness & Aquatics is hiring **lifeguards** for the post pool opening. The position requires weekends and early morning hours. Applicants that are not already certified lifeguards must pass free required certification training during their first two weeks of employment. For more information, call Dave Buesden at 634-6536.

■ Positions are available at the Arena, Arts and Crafts Center and Ederle Inn. For all current vacancies and details about the positions, contact the Vicenza CPAC at DSN 634-7349/6597 or Vicenza.NAF@EUR.army.mil, or visit <http://acpol.army.mil/employment/> and search for jobs in Italy.

Lost & Found

A camera and cell phone were left on one of the shuttle bus either from Caserma Ederle to Marco Polo or Marco Polo to Caserma runs. Call Maria Marcantonio at 634-8706 / 6996 for identification.

FMWR gift certificates for the holidays

Family & Moral, Welfare and Recreation gift certificates are now available for purchase at ODR, Sports, Fitness & Aquatics, the Arts & Crafts Center and the Arena.

FMWR Web calendar keeps you in touch

FMWR Vicenza has unveiled a new interactive Web calendar that you can personalize to fit your needs. Browse the calendar for events from every FMWR program, or easily sort and search for events by category or interest. Stay up to date with e-mail reminders and notifications of changes.

Send an event to a friend or add it to your personal calendar (iCal, Gmail, Outlook and more). With customizable views and 24/7 access from anywhere, you have all the information you need to know at your fingertips.

Try it today at vicenzamwr.com.

Fun for kids at PX

■ Visit Curious George Dec. 12 from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. He will be available for story time in the Bookmark area at 11:30.

Frame it yourself

Save time and money by framing your own artwork and photographs. Picture framing class set Saturday at the arts and craft center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 634-7074.

Medical Q & A

Skip having to schedule an

appointment. Ask Dr. (Lt. Col.) Vogel any medical question Nov. 25 from 2-3 p.m. Wednesday at the arts and craft center meeting room.

Texas Hold 'em

Mark your calendars for No Limit, Texas Hold 'em tournaments Saturday and Dec. 5 at 8 p.m. in the Lions' Den. Sign-ups start at 5 p.m. \$20 entry fee and one \$10 re-buy anytime in the first hour.

Connect with your child during deployment

USO Vicenza and United Through Reading is offering the United Through Reading Military Program to service members in the Vicenza community.

Service members can come in and privately record themselves reading a book to a child of their choice. USO will mail the DVD and book to the child. Enjoy this opportunity to emotionally connect with a child during a separation. Call Torie at 634-7156 or tgotas@uso.org for an appointment.

Soldiers invited to USO Thanksgiving

USO Vicenza is hosting Thanksgiving Dinner for Soldiers. Dinner will be served Nov. 26 at 3 p.m. at the USO Bldg. 9A. To volunteer to help with the dinner, contact Torie at 634-7156 or tgotas@uso.org.

Express mail stopped, will not affect shipping

The Postal Service Center has discontinued express mail service, per instructions from the military Postal Service Agency. This change will not affect the amount of time it takes for mail to arrive.

Health center hours

Due to an early morning power outage, the Vicenza Health Center will be open Saturday from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Call 634-7952 or 0444-71-7952.

MOMS club activities

■ Friday Walk the Track 10 a.m.; Infant Playgroup 11 a.m.; MNO 7 p.m.

■ Saturday Family Night Out 6:30 p.m.

■ Monday MOMS Club Monthly Meeting/Thanksgiving Brunch 10-11:30 a.m.

■ Tuesday Toddler Playgroup 10-11:30 a.m.

For more information, e-mail momsclub@vicenza@yahoo.com.

Bowling specials

■ Take advantage of the Arena's

Community Calendar Highlights

November is Native American Heritage Month

Through Dec. 4- Combined Federal Campaign

Friday- Meet the Mayors

Wednesday- InfoX; DFAC Thanks-giving

Nov. 26- Thanksgiving

Nov. 27- Training Holiday

Nov. 30- Winter Safety Day

Dec. 8- Italian Holiday

Dec. 10- Holiday Tree Lighting

pre-Thanksgiving bowling deal Wednesday starting at 8 p.m. Enjoy three hours of bowling, shoe rental, a pitcher of soda and 1 large cheese pizza all for \$49.95 per lane for up to six people per lane. Call 634-8257.

■ Deployment \$\$ Daze Sunday bowling specials at the Arena include \$1 bowling games and \$1 shoe rental every Sunday until the end of the year from 1 p.m. to close.

■ Free EFMP Family Bowling Bash Wednesday from 3-4:30 p.m. at the Arena for all EFMP's and families. Advanced sign-up is required. Call 634-7500.

Shoot pool

Pool tournaments held in the Lion's Den every Tuesday night in November. \$10 of the \$12 entry fee goes to prize fund. Music will be rock and alternative. Call 634-8257.

Country & hip-hop

Kick back with country music every Thursday and hip-hop every Friday at 8 p.m. in the Lions' Den.

Library closed Saturday

The library will be closed Saturday for carpet cleaning.

Personalized child care

The CYS Services' Family Child Care program provides an alternative to center-based care. Enjoy the benefits of personalized care for your child in the comfort of a certified provider's home. Visit Central Registration and ask about FCC Online to preview actual homes with photos and descriptions. Call 634-7615 for info.

New to the area?

An ACS newcomer family briefing is set Friday from 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Call 634-8525.

FAP breakfast

Family Advocacy Program invites families to enjoy a free breakfast at the school cafeteria Tuesday at 7 a.m. Call 634-7500.

DFAC Thanksgiving

The installation's annual Thanksgiving meal will be held Wednesday as follows:

■ 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. for Soldiers and their families.

■ 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. for 173d Soldiers and guests.

■ 12:45-2 p.m. for all other unit Soldiers and guests.

■ 2:30-4:30 p.m. for retirees, DA civilians and Italian employees.

Cost is \$5.95 for Soldiers (E4 and below, and family members). All others pay \$7. Grab and Go will not be available but take out orders are available upon request. Food containers will be available to take out patrons only.

EFMP roundtable

An EFMP roundtable is set Wednesday at 11 a.m. at ACS. Relax with other community women by laughing, talking and eating.

Interview workshop

Increase your hire success rate by attending an interviews workshop at ACS Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Give to Angel Tree

Give to the ACS Angel Tree, Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. at the DSFR. Pick up your "angel" between Tuesday and Dec. 11.

Golden Lion move

The Central Processing Facility is set to move to Bldg. 393 (former Body Shop) in December. The exact closure and move date will be announced as soon as it is available. The CPF is working to ensure a smooth transition with minimal service interruptions.

The ID card section is closed the last day of every month for inventory from 1-5 p.m. and is accepting morning appointments from 9-11:30 a.m. Appointments can be scheduled two weeks in advance.

Levy briefings: Due to upcoming holiday schedules, briefings are set for this Thursday, Dec. 10 and Dec. 17 at 1:30 p.m.

Lost ID Card Class will be conducted Friday Dec. 18 at 3 p.m.

Soggiorno office hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9 a.m.-noon and Monday-Friday afternoons from 1-4 p.m. and Thursday mornings from 9 a.m.-noon for NATO ID cardholders only.

Correction

In the Nov. 12 Outlook the second place winner of the FMWR Halloween yard decorating contest was misidentified as the first place winner. The correct winner listing is as follows: 1st place 105B, 2nd place 218A and 3rd place 103A.

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 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

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.

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.

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 335-821-9492.

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



Photo by Laura Kreider

Learning Diversity: Sgt 1st Class Stu Cameron, the garrison's equal opportunity advisor, presents Understanding Native American Heritage, Now and Then to Trina Downey's second grade class at Vicenza Elementary School Nov. 18.

USAFE flag football tests Darby mettle

By **JOYCE COSTELLO**
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Ten Air Force unit level flag football teams traveled from across Europe to compete in the first combined USAFE flag football championship Nov. 12-16 at Camp Darby.

Divided into two pools, the top contenders in the semifinals were 86th Communication Squadron from Ramstein Air Base, 31st Security Forces Squadron from Aviano Air Base, 52nd Logistic Readiness Squadron from Spangdahlem Air Base and Camp Darby's 731st Munitions.

Ramstein beat Aviano 27-6 and Camp Darby beat Spangdahlem 26-7, leaving Aviano and Spangdahlem to fight it out for third place. Spangdahlem beat Aviano 6-0 in overtime.

"We had to overcome individual injuries and going into overtime was very stressful, but we played together, we played smart and we left it on the field," said Capt. Trey Doby, Spangdahlem's receiver.

"We were out there fighting for third and by reading the different defense I was able to get the extra point diversion," said Darrell Knight, Spangdahlem's quarterback.

Finals went into double overtime when Ramstein beat Camp Darby 20-19 securing them the coveted title of USAFE flag football champions for 2009.

"We were on the verge of being defeated earlier in the tournament and were able to bounce back and take first,"

said Staff Sgt. Randy McGinnis, Ramstein's quarterback. "Going into double overtime was very stressful, but it taught me a valuable lesson--to trust your teammates in overtime. If we could score, then the offense would look after us to clinch the victory."

The Camp Darby team, which had played together for a week prior to the competition, showed an impressive defense said McGinnis.

"It was a challenging tournament as we had 99 percent of our guys playing

both ways with only one guy to substitute in and we normally practice against each other and not as a team," said Camp Darby quarterback Staff Sgt. Johnny Escobar. "It was hard work, but we stuck through it and played some amazing games."

USAFE Sports Director Thomas Burkett said the camaraderie between the teams was outstanding and that is what military sports is about. He said the tournament will be held at Camp Darby again next year.



Camp Darby took second place in the USAFE Flag football championship Nov. 12-16 at Camp Darby.

Sports Shorts

Sign up for cheerleading

Cheerleading enrollment is now open for ages 6-15 through Dec. 9 or until spaces are filled. Space is limited! Cheerleading season will be Jan 11-Feb 27. Practices begin Dec. 29. For more information, call Alex Ruiz at 634-6151. Enroll at Central Registration, 634-7206.

Triathlon training club

Triathlon training club offered through ODR at the post gym. Info meeting set Dec. 9 at 5:30 p.m. Beginners and experience participants are needed and welcome. Call Bea Giometto at 634-7453.

Thanks & Giving

5K Walk/Run set, turkey drawings slated
Free Saturday. The pre-brief meeting is at 8:45 a.m. Run/Walk starts at 9 a.m. There will be turkey drawings.

Youth basketball registration opens Monday for children ages 3-15

Join CYSS Sports & Fitness for basketball season. Registration runs Monday through Dec. 9.

Open to youth ages 3-15. Practice begins in December. Dates will be determined. Season runs Jan. 11-Feb. 27. Cost is \$46.

Youth Ski/Snowboard days return Dec. 5 with \$10 trip to San Martino for a day of fun

Enrollment begins Monday at Central Registration, Bldg. 108 for youth in grades 6-12.

Point of contact is Michael Morris at Youth Services at 634-7659.

Overnight trips this season to Garmisch will be Dec. 29-31 and Feb. 19-21 for youth in grades 7-12.

Day trips include the following locations: San Martino, Folgaria, and Kron Platz. Maximum of 20 spots available per trip.

Need a personal trainer? Call today for help

Call the fitness center at 634-6716 or visit www.vicenzaMWR.com for information.

Open-play volleyball set Tuesdays, Thursdays for participants over 15

The community (over age 15) is invited to join in pick-up, open-play volleyball games every Tuesday and Thursday at the fitness center from 6:30-8 p.m.

Improve your skills, have fun and build morale. Call 634-7009 for information.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Back in business: Reginald Haines (left), from the Vicenza Health Center, dribbles as U.S. Army Africa's David Gundersen defends the basket at the post gym Wednesday. The newly renovated basketball court opened last week. It is open for basketball practice Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Vicenza wins Junior Fall IMCOM-E Soccer East Championship

By **TOM HLAVACEK**
Special to the Outlook

Coach Ronaldo Reyter's Vicenza junior soccer team is once again soccer champions by going undefeated, finishing with a 3-0 record. The team is composed of players ages 13-15.

During the final game of the Junior Fall IMCOM-E Soccer East Championship Nov. 15 in Vilseck, Germany, they won over Bamberg 6-0. Vicenza advanced to the finals with a semifinal win over Bamberg 4-1 in the double elimination tournament.

In the quarterfinals, Vicenza defeated Schweinfurt 8-0. The tournament was hosted at Vilseck's Big Mike Sports Complex Nov. 14-15. Five teams competed from the East region. In the final game, John Camuso led the offense with two goals. Tatiana Miranda scored first. Dale Howell, Ronaldo Reyter Jr. and Christina Rice each scored one. Miranda scored four in the tournament, the most of any player in the tournament.

Reyter's team won the IMCOM-Europe championships last year on his first trip as head coach. When asked what was significant about this year's team, he said "it was the way the team played together. They just didn't kick the ball. There was cohesion. And you could see the improvement from the first day through the IMCOM-Europe championship."

Reyter said when it comes to coaching, "these programs are all about the kids. The players want to be successful and as a coach you help with achieving their goals. Their passing approved week by week. The team won six games during the regular season and three in the finals.

Assistant coach Mariah Martinez said, "the kids love soccer, so to be able to represent Vicenza and travel to Germany was very exciting."