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Congressional congratulations

The Italian Prefect (governor) of the Province of Vicenza, Piero Mattei (middle), was honored Oct. 30 with a United States Congressional tribute for his distinguished 40-year career and helping advance the combined interests of Italy and America over the last several years. U.S. Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. William B. Garrett III presented the framed tribute to Mattei during a luncheon organized to bid him farewell and recognize his invaluable assistance to the U.S. Army.

Mattei exercised considerable responsibility and authority in moving forward the Army's project to consolidate the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team at the Dal Molin Airport in Vicenza. "Skillfully balancing the interests of the private citizen, the state and NATO alliance, Prefect Mattei consistently displayed personal courage and respect for the rule of law in dealing with delicate issues of international importance," said Garrett in remarks accompanying the presentation. Noting that Mattei and his wife Piera tirelessly served the greater interests of the Italian and American communities of Vicenza, the Congressional tribute concluded with "they will always be special friends of the people of the United States of America."

Photo by Barbara Romano, JMTC photo lab

Ham: Dal Molin to be best in Europe

U.S. Army Europe commander gauges construction progress

by ANNA CICCOTTI
Special to the Outlook

"This is absolutely amazing progress," said Gen. Carter F. Ham, commanding general of U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army, during his latest visit to Dal Molin Oct. 28.

"When I was last here everything was just a plan. It was an idea. No demolition had

begun. No construction had begun. So to come back now, just a few months after that visit and to see all that has been accomplished is really amazing," Ham said.

He was most impressed by the speed of the demolition, the clearing of the work space and that initial construction has taken place.

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Photo by Alessandro Busato

U.S. Army Gen. Carter F. Ham (center), commanding general of U.S. Army Europe and 7th Army, gets a firsthand glimpse of Dal Molin Oct. 28. The construction tour was led by Kambiz Razzaghi (right), chief of the Transformation Construction Management Office. SEE PAGE 3 FOR THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE VERSION OF THE STORY.



Ederle desk clerk Terry Sanderson shows Navy Lt. Cmdr. Carl Kirar a suite's features Tuesday.

More room at the Inn

Story and photo by ADRIANE FOSS
Outlook editor

USAG Vicenza's Ederle Inn opened up 58 new family suites during a ribbon cutting at the hotel Tuesday to celebrate the end of its two-year construction project.

The \$14 million project added a wing with 58 family suites to the current structure.

The new suites measure 450-square feet—

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Executive order bans text messaging while driving

By JENNIFER CASTELINE
U.S. Army News Service

Texting took a back seat to safety this month with an executive order prohibiting text messaging while driving on military installations or driving anywhere in government vehicles.

Executive Order 13513, signed by President Obama Oct. 1, specifically bans federal employees from texting while

driving government owned, leased or rented vehicles. It prohibits texting while driving privately-owned vehicles on official government business. The policy also extends to federal contractors.

"Despite the shocking accident reports and warnings, people still text while driving, said Mario Owens, safety officer for the Army's Installation Management

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STOP & TEXT: A new executive order bans federal employees from texting while driving a government vehicle or driving a privately-owned vehicle while on government business. It also bans anyone from texting while driving on a military installation.

Photo by C. Todd Lopez

Texting banned while driving

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Command. He said a number of studies show that text messaging while driving is the "modern day top driving distraction" that causes auto accidents.

"It's important to remember that the next time you text message while driving that such texting has been found to be more dangerous than driving while intoxicated," Owens said.

Driver distraction, which includes the use of electronic devices while driving, accounted for 16 percent of fatal crashes in 2008, according to the U.S. Transportation Department.

A recent study conducted by

the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute reports that of all cell-phone-related tasks, including talking, dialing, or reaching for the phone, texting while driving is the most dangerous.

The study also states that for every 6 seconds of drive time, a driver sending or receiving a text message spends 4.6 of those seconds with their eyes off the road. In 2007, Washington became the first state to ban texting while driving. Seventeen other states and the District of Columbia have followed suit.

By way of the ban, the federal government hopes to set an example for state and local governments, private employers,

and individual drivers, and to mitigate the rates of unnecessary and sometimes deadly accidents caused by being distracted by electronic devices while driving.

Before reaching for handheld devices to engage in an other-than-traditional-text-messaging-session, officials said it's important to know that the executive order very broadly defines texting as "reading from or entering data into any handheld or other electronic devices," to include, "e-mailing, instant messaging, obtaining navigational information, or engaging in any other form of electronic data retrieval of electronic data communication."

Ederle Inn hotel project complete

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the standard size for new suites and come with two flat screen televisions and can sleep up to five, according to Ederle Inn Manager Gary Hyde.

The board of directors for DFMWRC determined the size of the rooms "as the standard for all new construction," said Hyde. Amenities include a kitchenette with dishwasher, full-size refrigerator and microwave.

"Guestrooms today are more in line with industry

standards," he said. "They are designed with families in mind, as well as the fact that these families are spending up to a month in the hotel before finding housing. Two decades ago you received a bed and four walls; many places had shared baths."

Eighteen of the Ederle's newly constructed suites are pet friendly and have ceramic tile flooring instead of carpet.

"These units," said Hyde, "will replace the outdated Towers, which has 15 units."

ICE Spotlight #2: Housing goes above and beyond

Compiled by RUTH COWART
Customer Service Officer

This is our second 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:

I would like to voice my appreciation of three of your housing employees. Vally, Fabio, and especially Giacomo, for going,

what I feel is, above and beyond in assisting me during a very stressful (and extremely frustrating) move into my private rental. I moved out of the hotel and into the house on Oct. 26. In the afternoon it was discovered that AIM had lost my paperwork and that I would not have gas until Thursday (no hot water, furnace, or cooking).

Also my furnace began to leak in my kitchen. I decided to check into the hotel (and pay for it myself).

Vally and Fabio worked diligently that afternoon and the next day to contact AIM and set up an appointment for gas connection and to contact the landlord.

Last night while I was at the house with the electrician, Giacomo personally came

out after hours to bring me space heaters to keep me warm. He stayed with me as a plumber and an electrician arrived to do repair work on my house. He acted as a translator on my behalf, ensuring that the plumber would return on Thursday after the gas is turned on and asking the electrician how to turn on my heat (not the furnace).

He even helped carry a TV into my house and hooked up my AFN decoder and switched light bulbs so I would not have an unlit room.

All three of these housing employees are examples of gracious ambassadors of this installation and Italy and deserve recognition for their concern and commitment to their customers.

E-mail reply from : Lewis Smith, chief, Housing Division

Thank you so much for taking the time to participate in the ICE program and also for your extremely kind words regarding our staff members. While I know these three outstanding employees strive on a daily basis to take care of our customers needs it is a real pleasure to hear this confirmed by one of the people they have assisted. I will ensure that your comments are passed on and will be greatly appreciated by those concerned.

Once again, thank you. And I'd like to wish you all the best for the future in your new home. If we can ever be of service please don't hesitate to contact our office.



Giacomo Baravalle



Fabio Crivellaro



Vally Zorzato

Speak Out

What does Veterans Day mean to you? How will you celebrate?



Staff Sgt. Wilmer Aguillar
509th Signal Battalion

"Veterans Day is very special because it is the one day that can show our gratitude to those who fought and are still fighting for our freedom."



Pfc. Cody J. Lambert
Co. F, 2-503rd

"I'll be celebrating by going home for block leave with my family."



Pfc. Gino E. Manguino
Co. A, 2-503rd

"I'm thankful for those who chose to serve our country before me. Serving for the same purpose makes me feel close to not only our veterans, but also our country."



Spc. Emmanuel Sans-Souci
Co. D, 2-503rd

"I will be home with my family and I think it means a lot because of all the blood that our forefathers shed on the battlefield."



Pvt. Ronald Skorupa
Co. D, 2-503rd

"I will spend the day with my squad. Veterans Day to me is to honor those who have come before me and who sacrificed so my family could enjoy freedom."

Drunk Drugged Driving Month - You Drink, You Drive, You Lose

The Noncommissioned Officer PROFILES OF SUCCESS



1st Sgt. Shane Sport
Unit: Chosen Co., 2-503
Current Position: First sergeant
Age: 33
Hometown: Fort Worth, Texas
Years in service: 14
What would surprise people about you: I am a green belt, certified in Lean Six Sigma, and my years in service usually surprise people.
Biggest mentor(s) and why: When I look back through my career, the ones who had the greatest impact on me as a leader are my subordinates. They will always let you know when you are failing them, even without saying anything.
Life's ambition: Provide a respectable name for my family and an example of leadership for all Soldiers.

Motto: There is no such thing as a new idea, just a good idea made yours.

Your definition of an NCO: Bottom line -- sets the example. Though it sounds simple, it is difficult in practice.

List of major assignments/deployments: 3/75, 173rd ABCT, 5th RTB, G3 USAREUR, OER VI, OIF I.

Advice for junior Soldiers: Find a good NCO around you (even if they aren't in your chain of command) and follow their lead.

Your defining moment as an NCO: I've never felt more pride than when I had Soldiers come to me later in their careers and tell me, unprovoked, that I made them the NCOs they are today.

Visit the Army's Web site dedicated to the Year of the NCO at www.army.mil/Year_of_the_NCO.

Dal Molin to consolidate brigade

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"It has been much faster that I would have anticipated," Ham said referring to the delays in beginning the work.

Dal Molin will house the four battalions of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team currently in Bamberg and Schweinfurt, Germany. They are expected to arrive in Vicenza by summer of 2012.

When asked if the U.S. troops in Germany are ready to move to Italy, Ham said they are, as "the brigade really wants to be together." He added "it is very difficult to have soldiers and families split in two countries so the opportunity to put the brigade together is a great opportunity and we're looking forward to that date."

"It is a little bit like a jigsaw puzzle

where you have a lot of pieces to put together," Ham said. "But I am very confident that with the team we have here at the garrison, the team with the engineers and the team of the contractors: we will get through all of that. At the end, this will be a marvelous facility. It will be clearly the best facility in Europe."

(See Italian language version below.)

Ham: Dal Molin la migliore installazione in Europa Il comandante dell'U.S. Army Europe valuta l'avanzamento dei lavori

ANNA CICCOTTI
Speciale per Outlook

"Il progresso è davvero sorprendente", nota il generale Carter F. Ham, comandante dell'US Army Europe durante la sua ultima visita a Dal Molin il 28 ottobre.

"L'ultima volta che sono stato qui, c'era solo un progetto, un'idea. Non erano iniziate le demolizioni né le attività di costruzione. Perciò tornare ora, solo alcuni mesi dopo, e vedere tutto quello che è stato realizzato, è davvero straordinario", ha affermato il generale.

Ham si è detto impressionato

soprattutto dalla rapidità con cui si è proceduto alle demolizioni e alla preparazione del cantiere.

"E' stato tutto molto più veloce di quanto avessi anticipato", ha detto riferendosi ai ritardi nell'inizio dei lavori.

La base di Dal Molin ospiterà i quattro battaglioni della 173esima Brigata Aviotrasportata attualmente di stanza nelle basi di Bamberg e Schweinfurt in Germania.

Il loro arrivo a Vicenza è previsto entro l'estate del 2012. Alla domanda se le truppe americane sono pronte a trasferirsi dalla Germania in Italia, il generale ha confermato che "la Brigata desidera

davvero riunirsi," spiegando che "è molto difficile avere soldati e famiglie assegnati a sedi diverse in due diverse nazioni. La possibilità di riunire la Brigata è una grande opportunità e c'è grande attesa per quella data".

"E' un po' come un grande puzzle con tante tessere da mettere insieme", spiega il generale Ham. "Sono certo comunque che grazie allo staff della Guarnigione di Vicenza, con il team degli ingegneri, i tecnici e le imprese appaltatrici, riusciremo a risolvere tutte le criticità. Alla fine questa sarà una bellissima installazione. Sarà senza dubbio la migliore installazione in Europa".

Local nurses improving OR care in Vicenza

Special to The Outlook

The Benincaso Birthing Pavilion would like to recognize its certified perioperative nurses during Perioperative Nurse Week, which takes place Sunday through Nov. 14.

The Certified Nurse Operating Room credential is a professional designation specifically designed for nurses whose practice emphasis is in providing nursing care in the surgical setting.

Certification recognizes the achievements demonstrated when an individual nurse's knowledge in the perioperative role exceeds what is necessary for competency in practice. It indicates the attainment of a practice standard; licensure and registration are based on minimum competence while certification denotes proficiency.

CNORs are valuable members of the health care team. In 2005, the Competency & Credentialing Institute,



Capt. Christopher Stucky (left) and Maj. Mary Condeluci perform routine checks prior to a surgical procedure.

Photo by Julia Carroll

the certifying body for operating room nurses, conducted research that showed certified nurses are more confident in their clinical abilities and have a strong commitment to quality patient care and continuing education. In general, nurses highly value certification and often seek to fulfill intrinsic rewards such as professionalism and accountability.

Capt. Christopher Stucky, AN, and Maj. Mary L. Condeluci, AN, MBA are CNOR credentialed. Serving as operating

room nurses at the Benincaso Birthing Pavilion, both Stucky and Condeluci provide obstetrical and gynecological surgical services to the U.S. military in Vicenza community. Future plans are to extend those surgical services at the Enhanced Health Care Clinic-Vicenza. Patient safety and optimal patient outcomes, along with patient satisfaction are the key components to a typical day for the OR nurses at the Benincaso Birthing Pavilion.

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At your service Emergency Operations Support



Helinka Papison is the installation's operations officer. She comes to Vicenza from Washington, D.C. and has been associated with the U.S. Army for more than 30 years as both an active duty Soldier, contractor and Department of the Army civilian.

As the operations officer, she "supports the garrison's emergency operations center's daily taskings, operations orders as well as being the point of contact for the 90-day key events calendar," explained Papison.

She can be located at the USAG Vicenza Emergency Operations Center, Bldg. 109 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Papison can be reached at 634-6234.

Community Camera

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



Courtesy photo

Forging relationships: ACS Relocation Readiness Program Manager Julia Sibilla speaks on the positive relationship between the U.S. and Italian communities during a Vicenza E' promotional event Oct. 2-30. Vicenza E' is the city's tourist office. The event hosted 375 U.S. travel and tour operators who visited key sites in the Vicenza area. Each group visited the Villa Cordellina and watched a promotional movie and short presentation on the U.S. relationship with Vicenza, *The American Heart of Vicenza*, followed by a brief introduction by the vice president of the Province of Vicenza on the importance of U.S. visitors in the region.

Halloween hippie:

Equal Employment Opportunity chief Ray Ayala, disguised as a long-haired, bell-bottomed 70's flower child, distributes treats during a Halloween party organized by Vicenza military community volunteers at the La Fraglia Cooperative for disabled persons Oct. 31.

Photo by Laura Kreider



Photos by Annette Fournier

Gearing up: (Above) Nathaniel Geoghegan, equipment specialist with the DOL, completes his inspection of a Humvee undercarriage Oct. 30 at the DOL motorpool prior to the vehicle being shipped to theater. "Deployment support operations never stop," said Gregory Hutcheson, operations officer with the DOL Plans and Operations. "As soon as the Soldiers and equipment arrive in theatre and the hand-over is complete, we begin planning for their redeployment." A solid deployment plan takes 8 to 9 months of planning, he said.

(From left at bottom) DOL motor vehicle operators Giuseppe Mosca and Thomas Priebe tighten the straps on a forklift being moved to assist with pre-deployment operations at the DOL motorpool Oct. 30. All equipment and vehicles must be inspected, inventoried, certified and fitted with tracking devices before departing Caserma Ederle, so the DOL can track their movement on the way to theater.



Photos by Laura Kreider

Fun with dad: (Above) Seven-month-old Brayden Miller takes a break in dad's arms, Spc. Gregory Miller, 1-503rd Infantry Regiment (Airborne), at the Halloween carnival in Villaggio Oct. 30. Community members participated in the event wearing a variety of costumes, including everything from witches and Spider-Man to Mary Poppins and the Incredible Hulk. (Right) Four-year-old Kaitlyn Wayne, dressed as a princess, throws a ring over a bottle as her father, Capt. Jason Wayne, of HHC, 1-503rd, looks on. The ghost ring toss was one of several of the evening's activities. Other events included a costume parade, Twister, and stamped tattoo station.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Mad fun: Richard Gerke, CYS program assistant, shows trick-or-treaters laboratory experiments during Mad Science Lab demonstrations at the Oct. 30 Halloween festivities in Villaggio. Hundreds of U.S. and Italian community members attended the event.

Get your issues resolved with AFAP

Special to *The Outlook*

When Dana Martin first arrived in Vicenza, she had loads of hopes and expectations, but after three months of frustration and disappointments she just wanted to go home.

After several botched attempts at inprocessing and other moving-in issues, Martin asked friends where to get help.

“A friend of mine told me about the AFAP process and possibly becoming a delegate,” said Martin. “Shortly after, I met with Lourdes (Fernandez) for lunch and we discussed several issues my husband and I faced, along with recommendations on how to fix those issues in the future.”

AFAP is a grassroots organization dedicated to bringing forward issues—particularly family issues—that can be solved. This conference discusses ways to improve the quality of life for military families.

“I have heard nothing but great things about what AFAP has done with Army families in the past. It is a great way to get your voice heard in the appropriate forum,” said Martin, noting the service members’ Group Life Insurance that increased from \$50,000 to \$450,000 as a result of AFAP.

Many of the issues resolved recently and within Vicenza have had a profound impact on the Army community at large.

The top two AFAP issues at the most recent Europe AFAP regional conference were issues that came from Vicenza—restricted reporting of sexual assault by ID holders and change to the current Army



Photo by Betty Quintero

Nathan Woods submits an issue in the AFAP box located at the post library.

fitness testing so that Wounded Warrior are not forced to leave the military due to their injuries. The conference took place in February in Weinheim, Germany, to discuss a total of 14 issues.

Other issues that have been recently resolved include paternity leave. The new-parent paternity leave was initially signed into law in October 2008. Paternity leave was an AFAP issue that was resolved into a law, allowing paternity leave to be taken within 45 days of the child’s birth (if in the United States).

Finally, an issue that was specifically an Italy issue was the ability to name ones’ child. In Italy there are laws in place limiting the naming of ones’ child. After an AFAP

conference, this issue was brought to light. A family could not name their child according to their wishes (specifically, if a family wanted to name their child after themselves –Jr, for example). The issue was resolved and it is now possible for families to name their children whatever they like.

If you have an issue you’d like taken care of, stop by Davis Hall to meet with Lourdes Fernandez. Your issues and concerns will be taken seriously and brought forward at the next AFAP conference.

“Spouses shouldn’t feel powerless when it comes to expressing their opinions and concerns,” said Martin. “They ought to know that AFAP exists intentionally for them and it is up to them to make a difference.”

Darby Dates

Sponsorship training

Learn what it takes to ensure you help provide a smooth transition to Camp Darby Tuesday. Call 633-7084 to RSVP for the class.

Bank or credit union?

Learn the differences between banks and credit unions Tuesday. Call 633-7084 to RSVP for the class.

Investment club

Learn what it takes to get the most out of your investing Tuesday. Call 633-7084 to RSVP for the class.

Marriage & Money

Financial issues are one of the leading causes of marital conflict. We are committed to helping you strengthen your marriage and overcome difficult financial situations Nov. 12. Call 633-7084 to RSVP for the class.

Single parents are not alone

Single parents are not alone. A brand new single parent support group will begin Nov. 13. Call 633-7084 to RSVP for the class.

Say thanks

Need to say thanks to someone special? Bring them to the Club Nov. 13. Call 633-7855 for details.

ITR trips

Today ceramics of Montelupo are transported all over the world and sold at prices much higher than you’ll pay when visiting the vendors directly. Visit them with ITR Nov. 14. Call 633-7589.

Spend your long Thanksgiving weekend Nov. 27-29 visiting Pompeii (victim of the world’s most famous volcano disaster), Naples (a city noted for its rich history, art, culture and gastronomy) and the lovely Royal Palace of Caserta. Call 633-7589.

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.

Trick or Treat?

at Camp Darby

Trick or treat? Try bobbing for apples with a new twist. Children remove yellow apples for a cool treat.

Photos by Joyce Costello



(Above) Camp Darby’s Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers hands out bags filled with candy to the American and Italian children at the Oct. 30 fall festival. Other units participated in the trunk-or-treat fall festivities by decorating their vehicles and handing out candy to children. The 3/405th AFSB decorated an M1151 UAH.

(At left) McGruf the anti-drug dog for DARE reminds kids to stay away from drugs.

Mushroom, truffle season in Tuscany

By **JOYCE COSTELLO**
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

After the fall rains subside, I notice all of my neighbors don their Wellington boots and head out the door with a large walking stick and wicker basket.

Being the ever curious journalist, I decided one day to follow a pair of my neighbors. They hiked up the hill into the massive woods by our village with purpose and determination at the crack of dawn. I held onto a tree trying to catch my breath and not slide down the hill in the mud.

They broke into laughter when they saw me peaking around a tree with my camera poised to capture evidence of whatever they were burying. It turns out they had come to pick Porcini mushrooms.

They wagged their fingers in admonishment at me, but urged me forward to see what treasures they had found.

In their gnarled hands were beautiful funghi with the smell of earth wafting upwards. Some were like wildflowers in bloom while others were delicious promises of risottos to come.

I saw some mushrooms off to the side which surely the foragers overlooked. I went to gather them and they quickly



Photo by Patrizio Serru
Patrizio Serru, 3/405th AFSB employee, displays his porcini mushrooms. He advised cleaning them with paper, not water, or "you can damage them."



Photo by Joyce Costello
During the fall many Italian dishes highlight the local mushroom harvest in pasta and risotto. Several area restaurants have multiple dishes to choose from.



Photo by Barbara Ranieri
Hunting for mushrooms can be fun for the whole family, but it is important to never eat what you pick until a certified person has inspected them.

yelled for me to stop. Apparently, not all of the mushrooms that look alike are safe to eat.

They told me if I ever went hunting for mushrooms without them that I needed to take what I picked to the local A.S.L. Department of Prevention where a microbiological inspector would certify which ones were edible and which were poisonous.

In the meantime, there are many mushroom and truffle festivals in Tuscany

to enjoy as I wait for the next rainfall so I too can go hunt for mushrooms.

** Mushroom hunting can be dangerous if you don't have an expert examine your mushrooms. If you experience hallucinations or vomiting after eating mushrooms, bring them with you to the emergency room.*

Mushroom and truffle festivals

While many of the mushroom festivals took place in October, there are a few

truffle festivals scheduled:

■ **Nov. 7-15:** White Truffle Market in San Giovanni d'Asso (Siena)

■ **Nov. 14-29:** White Truffle Festival in San Miniato (Pisa)
www.sanminiatotartufo.it

Where to Stay

Book a room at one of many lodging options on Camp Darby. Learn more on "Plan my vacation" on www.usag.livorno.army.mil.

Pay concerts & events

White Lies: Rome Nov. 12; Milan Nov. 13.

Muse: Bologna Nov. 21; Torino Dec. 4.

Juliette Lewis: Milan Nov. 31.

Backstreet Boys: Milan Nov. 24.

Depeche Mode: Bologna Nov. 24; 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.

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/.

■ The land of the great wines Valpolicella DOC and Amarone DOC, on Fridays, half-day, 20 euro.

■ Medieval villages and castles between Verona and Padova, on Saturdays, full day, 25 euro.

Tours leave from and arrive in downtown Verona. Fees include bus tour, an English speaking guide, visits and free tasting at a local winery and a rice factory or to an art furniture factory or to museums and castles according to the chosen tour. Ticket is reimbursed if you spend more than 100 euro during the tour. Discount: half off for children ages 5-17 and senior citizens over 65. Free for kids under 5. For information in English, visit <http://www.veronattuttintorno.it/eng/index.php>.

International horse festival

Fieracavalli, International Horse Festival will be held in Verona Thursday to Sunday at Verno. Arguably one of the world's most renowned equestrian events, the annual showcase will boast more than 150,000 visitors, 700 exhibits, 950 journalists and 2,500 horses of the best breeds.

The event is an international showcase for equestrian articles, clothing and accessories, country

life giftware, technical equipment, veterinary products and feed for horses.

For the complete listing of activities by day or for more information, visit www.fiera.cavalli. To speak to someone in English, call 051-649-3265.

Outdoor Recreation

Ski, snowboard south of the Alps

Weekend in Val Senales: Just south of the Austrian border in the Alps, for skiing and snowboarding. Trip includes accommodation. Nov. 13-15.

Shop for ceramics during adults-only Poland trip

Weekend in Poland: Adult's only. Nov. 13-15 Shop for ceramics in the town of Boleslawiec. One night accommodation.

Enjoy a weekend of paintball at Darby

Paintball weekend at Camp Darby: Nov. 21-22. \$195 includes lodging, transportation, field fee and equipment. Call ODR in advance for reservations at 634-7453.

Last chance to enjoy free local cycling

The last free Wednesday **cycling ride** through the local

area will be offered Wednesday. Have fun exploring on bike with ODR from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Antique markets

1st Saturday of the month - **Thiene**, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. Starts at 9 a.m.

1st Sunday of month - **Marostica**, Piazza Castello, 18 miles north of Vicenza, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

1st Sunday of the month - **Noventa Vicentina**, 20 miles south of Vicenza, Piazza IV

November, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

2nd Sunday of the month - **Vicenza**, Piazza dei Signori.

2nd Sunday of the month - **Lonigo** (VI), Via Garibaldi, about 20 miles southwest of Vicenza.

2nd Sunday of the month - **Rosà**, 21 miles northeast of Vicenza, Piazza Duomo. 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

3rd Sunday of the month - **Malo**, 11 miles north of Vicenza, Piazzale Zanini.

Last Sunday of the month, **Piazzola sul Brenta**, (PD), Villa Contarini, about 16 miles east of Vicenza.

Shopping trips

Outlet shopping tours in Verona - In July and August to discover the city's surroundings and its typical products.

■ Outlet shopping tour, every Wednesday, half-day, 15 euro.

■ History and flavors in the Vialone Nano Rice Area and visit to an art furniture factory, on Thursdays, half-day, 20 euro.

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

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

Thursday	District 9 (R)	6 p.m.
Friday	Julie & Julia (PG-13)	6 p.m.
	The Final Destination (R)	9 p.m.
Saturday	Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG)	3 p.m.
	Gamer (R)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Michael Jackson's This Is It (PG)	3 p.m.
	The Final Destination (R)	6 p.m.
Wed.	Julie & Julia (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Nov. 12	Gamer (R)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Friday	The Final Destination (R)	6 p.m.
Saturday	Julie & Julia (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Where the Wild Things Are (PG)	1 p.m.
Nov. 12	Gamer (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.

Credit union closed

All Service Credit Union branch offices will be closed Wednesday in observance of Veterans Day. The offices will resume normal hours Nov. 12.

Mandatory antiterrorism training set Nov. 16

Antiterrorism Training Level 1 awareness training is set Nov. 16 from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Hall of Heroes. The mandatory training will satisfy the annual AT Level 1 training requirement. Fifty-six first-come, first-serve seats are available. Contact 634-894 / 8069 / 7146 for more information.

Discount circus tickets

The circus is in town next to the Villaggio Housing Area through Monday. Weekday performances: 5 and 9 p.m. Weekend performances: 3:30 and 6 p.m. One show will be performed Monday at 5 p.m.

U.S. community members can show their military ID card at the ticket window to get discounts (12 and 18 euro per person).

MOMS club activities

- Nov. 9 Lunch Playdate 11:15 a.m.
- Nov. 10 Toddler Playgroup 10-11:30 a.m.
- Nov. 13 Walk the Track 10 a.m.; Infant Playgroup 11 a.m.
- Nov. 17 Park Playdate 4 p.m.
- Nov. 18 Pre-school Playgroup 4 p.m.
- Nov. 20 Walk the Track 10 a.m.; Infant Playgroup 11 a.m.; MNO 7 p.m.
- Nov. 21 Family Night Out 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 23 MOMS Club Monthly Meeting/Thanksgiving Brunch 10-11:30 a.m.
- Nov. 24 Toddler Playgroup 10-11:30 a.m.

For more information on any of these events, e-mail momsclub@vicenza@yahoo.com.

MBA registration open

The registration for the Master of business administration program is open with the University of Phoenix. The first class is scheduled to start Jan. 27.

All classes will held at the education center. Call Ana LaForgia at 634-8928 or e-mail ana.laforgia@phoenix.edu for information.

B-I-N-G-O night

Join the Vicenza Community Club for Bingo Nov. 18 at Club V from 6-8 p.m. Come and enjoy food and prizes. For \$15, you will receive two Bingo cards and have the option of buying more for \$1 each. Seating is limited. Reserve a space by 6 p.m. on Nov. 13 by sending an e-mail to vcc.reservations@gmail.com.

At the Arena

■ Enjoy theme nights at the Lion's Den. Ladies' Night is Friday at 8 p.m. Ladies, grab your friends and come out for Tequila sunrises, screwdrivers, rum and cokes, music and more. Open to all adults.

■ Friday the 13th Movie Night at the Arena – Come watch the movie *Friday the 13th* on our

projector screens while you bowl. Cost is \$49.95 per lane for up to six people per lane. Two hours of bowling, shoe rental, a pitcher of soda and a large cheese pizza. Begins at 9 p.m.

At the library

■ Kids are invited to enter the Thanksgiving **coloring contest**. Materials and decorating supplies will be provided. Register and pick up a coloring sheet at the library. Deadline to turn in your creation is Nov. 23. Prizes awarded for the neatest and most creative entries for ages 3-11. Call 634-7291.

■ Come hear stories, sing songs and make crafts at the free preschool **story time**, held Wednesdays at 11 a.m. For ages 3-5. Sign up at the front desk or call 634-7291.

CYS Services

■ Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to **create a mural** for the library loft to enhance the scene, sponsored by EDGE! Program. The class is free and meets every Thursday from 3:30-5 p.m. through Dec. 18. Open to the first 15 in grades 6-12. Register and enroll at the CYSS Central Registration office in Davis Hall. Art instructor and materials provided. Call Tom Hlavacek 634-7502 for information.

■ **Cheerleading enrollment** for ages 6-15 begins Nov. 16 and runs through December 9 or until spaces are filled. Space is limited. The cheerleading season will be Jan. 11 - Feb 27. Practices begin December 29. For more information, call Alex Ruiz at 634-6151. Enroll at Central Registration, 634-7206.

At the art center

■ Get the 101 on safety in the **woodshop** and gain a certificate which enables you to use the Arts & Crafts Center woodshop on your own. Classes held Saturday and Nov. 22, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Cost: \$10.

■ Beginner quilting is set Nov. 14 from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Cost is \$60. Supplies not included. Learn how to make your own quilt in one day.

■ Lean makeup techniques with Amanda Vander Meer for \$25. Glam it up with the best make-up techniques and a personal instructor every Tuesday in November from 2-3 p.m. Call 634-7074 to learn more.

Medical Q&A with Dr. (Lt. Col.) Vogel

Skip having to schedule an appointment. Take advantage of the

opportunity to ask Dr. (Lt. Col.) Vogel any medical question you have from 2-3 p.m. at the arts and crafts center meeting room. Call 634-7074 for dates.

ACS deployment support services

Free classes are offered through ACS for deployment support in November:

■ **Parenting During Deployment**, Nov. 10 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This workshop will assist parents with the challenges that families face when they temporarily move from a two-parent household to a "single" parent home due to a Soldier's deployment.

■ **Stress Management**, Monday and Nov. 23 from noon-1 p.m.

■ **Anger Management**, Nov. 19 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

For information call 634-7500.

Modified health service in November

The U.S. Army Health Center - Vicenza will be heavily engaged in Soldier medical readiness processing during November.

Routine services will be modified during the following periods: Nov. 12-13; Nov. 17-20 and Nov. 23-25.

Call 0444-71-7952 or DSN 634-7952 for more information.

Also, the health center is closed Nov. 26-27 for Thanksgiving. It will re-open Nov. 28 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

American Indian Heritage observance

The Vicenza Equal Opportunity Office will sponsor static displays at the post and elementary school libraries in observance of American Indian Heritage Month.

For more information on this and other events, call 634-7914.

School NEWS

Swap meet Nov. 14

The Vicenza PTSA will hold a community rummage sale Nov. 14 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Vicenza high school gym.

Vendors can sell anything family

appropriate. There is a \$20 fee to be a vendor. Set-up begins at 8 a.m. Nov. 14. Do not bring large items as space is limited. Pets are not allowed on school property.

Register before Monday. E-mail besswills@gmail.com today.

Book fair Nov. 12-13

The PTSA will host a book fair Nov. 12-13 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Vicenza Elementary School baby gym. Agendas, T-shirt and sweatshirts will also be on sale.

School's out

School is out for students as follows:

Friday - Teacher Work Day

Nov. 11 - Veterans Day

Nov. 12 - parent / teacher conferences (for elementary students only)

Nov. 13 - parent / teacher conferences (for both elementary and middle high school students)

Nov. 25 - Teacher Work Day (no students)

Nov. 26-27 - Thanksgiving

Stay up to date

■ Register at <https://dodea.gradespeed.net/gs/Default.aspx> to keep in touch with teachers and to check your student's grades.

■ If your main e-mail goes to the sponsor that is deploying, send the school an e-mail where the spouse who is on the homefront can receive information from the school.

■ The administration for the elementary and middle/high schools would like to share information with you and hear what you have to say.

Attend a school house chats to share your ideas Nov. 17 at 6 p.m.; Nov. 18 at the Villaggio youth center; at 6 p.m. or Nov. 19 at Ghedi at 6 p.m.

■ Yearbooks will be sold during lunch in the café in November for \$45. On Dec. 1 the price will increase to at least \$55. See Ms. Keller in the IC before and after school to purchase a book.

Make checks payable to VHS Student Activity Fund. E-mail dana.keller@eu.dodea.edu for information.

Local Girl Scouts host Halloween party, celebrate founder's birthday Oct. 31



(From top) Madison Rook, a cadet organizer for the event, first-grade Daisy Scout Kaylyn Newton and Gabriella Mullett enjoyed a Girl Scout Halloween party at the Vicenza Elementary School cafeteria Oct. 31. The event also recognized the birthday of Girl Scouts founder Juliette Low and included themed food, costume contest and prizes. More than 100 Scouts and family members attended.

Photo by Chelsie Mullett

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.

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



A Company's Sgt. Garrett Vaden, # 9, avoids a MOD team member during flag football, played as part of the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment's battalion barbecue Oct. 29 at the sports field. A Co. defeated MOD 27-13.

Thanks & Giving 5K Walk/Run

Free on Nov. 21. The pre-brief meeting is at 8:45 a.m. Run/Walk starts at 9 a.m. There will be turkey drawings.

Free throw basketball contest Nov. 14 with awards

Sign up no later than Wednesday at the post fitness center. Call 634-7009.

Youth Basketball

Registration opens Nov. 16

Join CYSS Sports & Fitness for basketball season. 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 Nov. 16 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.

Cougars KUDOS

by Dawn Polensky

Despite going into Saturday's game with a near-perfect season, the Vicenza Cougars were unable to defeat longstanding DoDDS powerhouse Ansbach.

The 54-12 loss propelled Ansbach again to try out for its fourth division championship.

Vicenza, however, came out fighting. They received the first kickoff and moved the ball down the field and were forced to punt.

Ansbach put the first points on the board with a touchdown and two-point conversion, putting them up 8-0. The Vicenza Cougars answered Ansbach with a 70-yard run by #21 Senior Kyle Kaus, putting Vicenza on the board. The extra point was no good, ending the 1st quarter with an 8-6 score.

Ansbach's tight defense kept Vicenza from scoring during the remaining half. The Cougars did score again, however, in the second half on a pass by #21 Kyle Kaus to #26 Shakael Skeete.

Skeete, who had sat out of the last two games due to injury, ran it in for the Vicenza Cougars' second touchdown.

A job very well done for the Cougars during their first season in Division II play. Kudos!



A Co.'s Chad Kennedy, # 8, makes a furtive pass during one of three flag football games held at the post sports field Oct. 29.

Photos by Laura Kreider



Eight-year-old Perri Potasi (left) smiles at her friends after the face painting, one of the day's many activities.



A Co.'s Chad Kennedy, # 8, rejoices while going for a touchdown during the game.



1-503 Infantry (Airborne) Commander Lt. Col. Matthew McFarlane, addresses Soldiers and family members at the conclusion of the battalion barbecue.

Battalion Barbecue