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## Family Covenant signed

Surrounded by the Army families for which it is written, SETAF Commander Maj. Gen. Frank Helmick displays the Army Family Covenant he had just signed Nov. 2 with the Vicenza Garrison Commander Col. Virgil Williams and their respective command sergeants major, Command Sgt. Maj. Earl Rice and Command Sgt. Maj. Keith Filipp.

The covenant is a document introduced by the secretary of the Army and the Army chief of staff stating the Army's commitment to caring for Soldiers and their families. The signing ceremony included a briefing about the many programs and funding the Army has already brought to the Vicenza military community, and the showing of the Army Family video.



Sgt. Joshua C. Brennan



Spc. Hugo V. Mendoza

## Sky Soldiers killed in Afghanistan

CASERMA EDERLE, Vicenza Italy – Two Soldiers with the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, currently deployed as Task Force Bayonet in support of the NATO International Security Assistance Force, were killed near the Korengal Valley, Afghanistan.

Killed were: Sgt. Joshua C. Brennan, 22, of Ontario, Ore., who died Oct 26 and Spc. Hugo V. Mendoza, 29, of Glendale, Ariz., who died Oct 25.

The two Soldiers, assigned to Battle Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry, died of wounds sustained when they came in contact with enemy forces using RPG, machine gun and small arms fire during combat operations on Oct 25.

A memorial ceremony was held for Staff Sgt. Larry Rougle, Sgt. Brennan and Spc. Mendoza at the Caserma Ederle Post Chapel Nov. 2.

# Able Company locks-in on Taliban

Story and photos by  
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**KUNAR PROVINCE, Afghanistan**—Under the cover of darkness, Soldiers from Able Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry (Airborne) air-assaulted onto Phase Line Ridgeway approximately three miles south of their forward operating bases located in the Pech River Valley Oct. 22 as one part of Operation Rock Avalanche.

Operation Rock Avalanche was a multiple-company mission running from Oct. 19-25 in the Chapa Dara, Korengal, Shuryak and Pech Valleys. Participating units were Able, Battle and Chosen Companies from the 2nd-503rd, Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry (Airborne) and multiple companies from the Afghan National Army's 201st Corps.

The companies were moved into different areas of Kunar Province at different times hoping to flush insurgents out of one area into another, where U.S. and Afghan forces would be waiting for them.

From a vantage point 7,500 feet up and overlooking the Shuryak and Pech Valleys, Able Company's four-day mission was to locate and destroy insurgent command-and-control and logistical elements operating in that area, according to Capt. Louis Frketic, Able Co. commander.

After having set up a perimeter and establishing a command post on the top of Phase Line Ridgeway, 2nd Platoon was dispatched to the nearby village of Aybot. Previous intelligence had suggested that Taliban leaders might be holed-up in that area.



(Above) Sgt. Steven Martin (left), Spc. Cody Martin (center), and Staff Sgt. Brandon Thomas (right), launch an 81mm round from a M-252 mortar Oct. 24 during Operation Rock Avalanche. The mortar team from HHC, 2-503rd was targeting known insurgent positions in the Pech Valley during the operation.

"We were looking for two named [high-value targets]. One of them is the commander of the entire Shuryak forces and the other guy is an IED specialist," said Frketic, "We searched their compounds and they were not there or in the area."

Frketic and his paratroopers were not dissuaded. A Low-Level Voice Intercept Team from Bravo Co., 173rd Special Troops Battalion (Airborne) was tasked to Able Co. for the mission.

The team had begun listening to Taliban radio traffic as soon as they hit the ground and were already getting a bead on the insurgents operating in the surrounding valleys.

The team was an invaluable

asset; one that Frketic uses every chance he gets to collect intelligence on the enemy.

"A lot of times we will start getting locations and then we will pick up names," said Frketic, "It is usually specific to that cell what kind of things they are talking about. Sometimes they will start talking about people, fighters, locations, ammo, or weapons systems that they have."

Even the smallest details, including the specific words used, can yield valuable information, said Frketic.

"A couple days ago, right before the mission started, we heard a cell talking about their fighters and their leaders in the terms of soldiers and

officers. Other times we'll hear them about talk about fighters and commanders. The one talking about officers and soldiers: that is a professional organization. Little details like that are very critical in my mind," explained Frketic.

With so much U.S. military and Afghan National Army activity on the surrounding mountains and in the surrounding valleys, the Taliban were never sure of Able Company's position and never mounted an attack on their position. The LLVI team used the time to continue to collect intelligence on enemy in area. The formerly suspected enemy locations were now known.

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# Downrange

## Able Company locks-in Taliban

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Around noon of Oct. 24, Frketic put that information to use and launched Soldiers from 1st Platoon, Destined Co. into action. The platoon is a heavy-weapons platoon attached to Able Co. for the deployment and commonly referred to as the Dragon Platoon.

They had air-assaulted onto the ridgeline with their MK-19 and M-2 machine guns. A mortar team with an 81mm tube from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2-503rd was also put in action.

Their fire destroyed one command-and-control node operating in the Shuryak Valley. But destroying the enemy position was probably the easiest part of the mission for the MK-19 gun team, said Spc. David Hooker, and a Dragon Platoon member.

"I've never air-assaulted in with a MK-19 before," said Hooker, "But since we just set in and manned a blocking position it was okay."

"The weight is the biggest challenge, getting it in and out," he said.

The MK-19 without the tri-pod weighs 75 pounds and the ammo cans weigh between 40 and 60 pounds each depending on the number of rounds in them. Many cans were brought for this mission.

The mortar team, one of the busiest in the battalion, also spent most of the day putting rounds on target. The team averages firing more than 1,000 rounds per month.

"As far as firing goes, this is hands-down the most intense deployment that I have been on," said Staff Sgt. Brandon Thomas.

While there are howitzers available for fire missions throughout the Kunar Province, the mortar teams are able to react the quickest when indirect fire is needed, said Thomas.

"We have eyes on a lot of the targets and our response is a little bit quicker," said Thomas, "The channels to clear the 155s go all the

way through battalion and then back through their fires. Ours are cleared right here. If we are in direct contact, I can engage freely."

The number of rounds fired combined with the danger of their job has earned the team the respect of Thomas and the Rock leadership.

"These guys are awesome," said Thomas, "Everybody has been put in for valor awards."

The mortar team and the pit in which they work are a favorite target of the Taliban, making it a dangerous job.

"There is no overhead cover and they stand out there and fire throughout the entire engagement and also in support afterwards by hitting exfil routes," said Thomas, "It's pretty remarkable what they do."

During the night of the 24th, Dragon Platoon was flown back to Able Main, but early the morning of Oct. 25, the remainder of Able Co. began what would end up a 10-hour trek down treacherous, slippery and steep terrain back to their base. No small feat for even the most fit paratrooper, yet a regular occurrence for Soldiers in Kunar Province.

"We go on ruck marches into the mountains every other day or

every third day," said Staff Sgt. Brian Mading a member of Headquarters platoon.

"The first couple are tough. Then, of course, the more you are doing it, the more you get built up," said Mading.

"The guys that come here right out of basic or other units usually get broke down pretty quick or get into it pretty quick depending on what their physical fitness level was before," said Mading.

All of the gear these paratroopers carry is heavy: helmet, protective vests, rucksacks, weapons, ammunition, and water. It makes packing before the mission extremely important, leaving little room for extra cold-weather gear or even extra food.

During the trip down the mountain, the Able Co. Soldiers had hoped to drop-in on some insurgents the LLVI team had confirmed were hiding out in villages in that area. But none were spotted and no contact was made.

But that's okay, according to Frketic.

"Those villages are only a three-to-four walk from our base," Frketic said.

"They'll be getting visits from us again soon."



(Above, Left) Sgt. Chad Mohr watches rounds land on target as Spc. David Hooker fires the MK-19 grenade launcher at an insurgent position. The Dragon Platoon Soldiers of Destined Co., 2-503rd were occupying a ridgeline between the Pech and Shuryak Valleys in Kunar Province, Afghanistan. (Above, Right) Sgt. Steven Martin (left) Spc. Cody Martin (center) and Staff Sgt. Brandon Thomas (right), launch an 81 mm round from a M-252 mortar. The mortar team from HHC, 2-503rd was targeting known insurgent positions in the Pech Valley during the operation.



## Speak Out

### "How will you be celebrating Veterans' Day this year? What does it mean to you?"

By Monita Alacantara



Anthony 'Ty' Daniels

**Fitness Center**  
It's a day to remember the guys that went to war and died for their country or just served in general. I think it's more a military day and celebrated within our community with pride.



Spc. Derena McCray

**D-Co., 2-503rd**  
I'm not sure what I'll be doing. But since I am a veteran it's like my kick butt day, heck yeh.



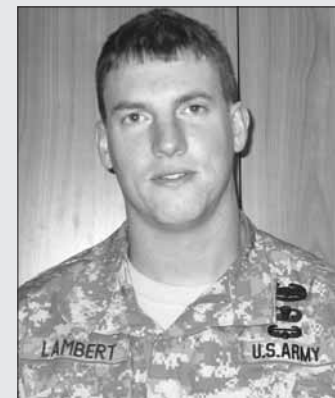
Capt. Matthew Heimerle

**2-503rd, Rear Det.**  
I will be working to support Soldiers that are deployed forward in harms way. It's a day to remember all the Soldiers and heroes, both past and present, that fought and did their job.



Blyss Westcott

**Family member**  
I'll call my dad and thank him as he's a Vietnam veteran and hopefully I'll get to talk to my husband. My eyes tear up thinking about it. It makes me proud to be an American.



Sgt. John Lambert

**2-503rd, Rear Det.**  
I'm going to make sure I observe a minute's silence because I have a lot of fallen friends. It's a day to honor fellow Soldiers that came before me to give me the freedom to speak freely.



# Garrison news



## Trunk-or-Treat on Camp Darby

(Above) Victoria Pearson checks out her brother Kameron's Halloween goodies while waiting to go on a hay ride. American and Italian children had an afternoon full of tricks, treats, games and prizes during the annual Camp Darby Halloween fest. Camp Darby hosts a Trunk-or-Treat festival where families decorate their cars and allow trick-or-treaters the opportunity to go from car to car as part of the Halloween festivities. (Photo by Joyce Costello, USAG Livorno Public Affairs)

## Army hero advocates employment of disabled veterans

USAG Vicenza news release

Standing tall on her artificial legs, former Army helicopter pilot and current director of the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs Tammy Duckworth told Soldiers and families that many veterans were underselling themselves when they sought civilian employment.

"Where else can you find people who are used to guaranteeing their work with their lives?" Duckworth asked her audience in the Caserma Ederle Post Theater Oct. 29 as the guest speaker for the National Disability Employment Awareness Month.

"Director Duckworth has helped develop state programs giving tax

credits to employers who hire vets who served in Iraq, Afghanistan or Desert Storm, more state grants to service organizations and backing for below-market mortgages for veterans," said Col. Virgil Williams, Vicenza garrison commander, in his welcoming remarks. He said that Duckworth, who followed a long family tradition of serving in the military, had decided to become a helicopter pilot "because it was one of the only combat jobs available to women."

Duckworth said she suffered serious injuries and lost both her legs after a rocket-propelled grenade struck the cockpit of her Blackhawk helicopter and exploded during a mission in Iraq in November, 2004.



She told her audience of the expert care and support she received in Army hospitals during her rehabilitation (photo above).

A major herself in the Illinois National Guard, Duckworth's husband Maj. Bryan Bowsbey is deployed to Kuwait.



By Kathryn Morse  
TRICARE Medical Service  
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Vicenza  
Special to the Outlook

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## Supporting our troops, one pot-pie at a time

Story by Monita Alacantara  
Photo by Cristin Pike  
Special to the Outlook

There is nothing quite like a home-cooked meal. On Oct. 25 the spouses of 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team Soldiers decided to give the Soldiers in the Wounded Warriors Transition Unit on Caserma Ederle a taste of home.

The 2-503rd conference room was hidden under the avalanche of food cooked by all the spouses and Rear Detachment personnel.

Lt. Furlong, 1-503rd Rear Detachment commander expressed his joy, "It shows how much our community cares, that our soldiers are not forgotten."

Lisa Preysler echoed this sentiment, adding, "It helped spouses also because they felt they were doing something to help their husbands."

There were smiles all around as spouses heard various antics from downrange. Many of the wounded



Soldiers from the Wounded Warriors Transition Unit on Caserma Ederle join with 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team spouses and Rear Detachment personnel for a potluck supper. The spouses treated the Soldiers to a home cooked meal as a sign of their support for them and the Soldiers deployed downrange.

Soldiers turned up in anticipation of the great food.

"The wives are always nice, and always have great food. It's nice to see they care," said Pfc. Guetierrez,

Battle Company 2-503rd.

Cristin Pike, 2-503rd FRSA aptly said, "They got hurt defending our freedom, the least we can do is give them a home cooked meal."

### Estate Claims

Anyone having any claims on, or obligations to the estate of Spc. Hugo Mendoza of 2-503rd, 173rd ABCT should call the SMO, 2nd Lt. Van Doan, at DSN 634-6573 or van.doan@us.army.mil.

Anyone having claims on or obligations to the estate of Staff Sgt. Larry I. Rougle, HHC, 2-503rd Inf. (ABN), 173rd ABCT, should call the SMO 2nd Lt. Michael Cummings, at DSN 634- 6573.

Anyone having claims on or obligations to the estate of Sgt. Joshua C. Brennan, B-Co., 2-503rd Inf. (ABN), 173rd ABCT, should call the SMO 2nd Lt. Michael Cummings, at DSN 634-6573.

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## At your service

Michael Marshall, communications coordinator is at your service 8am.-10pm Mon-Fri and 10am.-10pm Sat-Sun. Marshall has been in Vicenza since 1998, as a Soldier, a reservist and is now here to help Soldiers and family members stay in touch across the miles.

The communications center has every conceivable method of free communication including e-mails, webcams, instant messaging, fax, and video teleconferencing.

Soldiers can come in and record a bedtime story for their children. Marshall enjoys working out and poetry and brings these diverse interests to his job, where enthusiasm puts everyone at ease.

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Michael Marshall  
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# Community events

## During this time of thanksgiving, what are you thankful for?

"I'm thankful that the Soldiers, the family members and civilians that we have serving today continue to serve. This last year we had 250,000 Americans that either made the decision to enlist to come into the Army or made the decision to reenlist and stay with the force. This is something that our nation and the American people can be very proud of. During a time of war we've got these Americans who will volunteer with their families and come forward to serve our nation."

Sgt. Major of the Army  
Kenneth Preston.



"I am thankful to be here with my wife and kids. My wife is in the Air Force and we are fortunate enough to have been stationed together in Aviano."

Cpl. Earskel Caul,  
G-Co., 52nd Aviation (Aviano)



"I am thankful for my children's health and their bright futures. And, my mama's fried chicken."

SFC Michael Arroyo,  
173rd Airborne  
Brigade Combat  
Team, S-3



"I am thankful for the terrific people I am surrounded with at work and in my personal life. It's nice to have such a great 'family' when I am so far away from home."

Amanda Grigsby,  
173rd ABCT Family  
Readiness Support  
Assistant



"I am thankful about my job. It is the second generation in my family working here on post because, before me, my father was working for DPW as a mason, and recently retired."

Massimo Bergamin, IMMA, DOL

"I am thankful that I get to spend the holidays with my wife. Especially so, when so many of our brothers-in-arms are unable to be with theirs."

Specialist Ricardo Diaz,  
Headquarters Support Co.  
SETAF



"I am thankful because I have the chance to work for the U.S. Army. I was hired as a mechanic here at Caserma Ederle about five years ago, and work in the tactical shop. I feel honored to work here because I like the American people and even if I was not born in the United States, I feel close to their country."

Alessandro Franchi,  
Heavy duty mechanic at  
IMMA, DOL



# Community Events

# Pipes, pipes, pipes

## Millions in construction slated for SETAF

Story and photos by  
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Special to the Outlook

Although a dozen years away, 2020 is close for the engineers and planners at the U.S. Army Garrison, Vicenza. By that year, say the folks in the garrison's Plans, Analysis, and Integration office, the U.S. Army post in northern Italy will be the model for all other Installation Management Command-Europe garrisons, providing the best maintained facilities, the highest quality services, the safest environment and the most efficient organizations.

Vicenza's ambitious long range plan includes about \$190 million of new military construction projects, renovation, and right-sizing, with the ultimate outcome an attractive and energy efficient campus, with plenty of parking and plenty of green space.

Fundamental to that outcome, say planners at this enduring installation, is the work of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Europe District.

"What we need the Corps for is to help us repair our old facilities – [both] buildings and infrastructure – to bridge the years before the MILCON kicks in," said David Murr, from the garrison's Directorate of Public Works' engineering services section. "It's going to be a shell game moving people around until then and we're going to rely a lot on the Corps to make that happen."

Historically, said Damian O'Neill, the District's acting resident engineer at Vicenza, the Corps has been asked to execute small-ticket infrastructure and renovation projects due to the primacy of the Navy's facilities engineering command – the principal military engineering agent south of the Alps. However, since the



Trenches filled with pipes have dominated the Caserma Ederle landscape for months. Construction projects will continue on the post, in Villaggio and at Longare for many years to come. However, the new facilities will provide better living conditions throughout the community.

announcement of USAG Vicenza's effort to enact one of the largest MILCON programs in Europe, the Corps has noticed a boost in duties – mostly, he said, showing up as infrastructure projects.

In fact, the infrastructure work awarded in 2007 is 76 percent higher than the five-year average, O'Neill said.

Greg Vallery, chief of the DPW's engineering services section, said the garrison in general has seen a similar increase due to the preparation for the 2020 plan. "Our overall program has probably doubled in the past three years," said Vallery. "the Corps is a big part of the team making it happen."

"There's big stuff going on here," said O'Neill, rattling off some of the larger MILCON projects coming to the garrison as part of the 2020 plan, including a \$10 million Soldier and Family Entertainment Center, a \$35 million Enhanced Health Services Center, and a \$54 million build-to-lease family housing complex in Quinto Vicentino. "We just support in whatever way we can – and that's mostly in utility work."

Currently, the Corps is working on about \$3 -million in utilities upgrades throughout the

garrison's footprint, said Tom Perkins, civil engineer with the Corps' Vicenza office. This work not only sets the stage for the demands of future MILCON work, he said, but it also modernizes the garrison to accommodate the demands of current force levels.

"We're really the infrastructure go-to guys here," Perkins said. "It's our job to be receptive to the DPW's needs and support the garrison in any way we can."

Most often that involves what Perkins called "horizontal work" – the building and sustaining of infrastructure to support readiness, power projection, and the well being of Soldiers, families and civilian employees.

One of the larger infrastructure projects the Corps has taken to modernize the garrison is to revamp the existing roads and utility lines in the Longare military installation, a small installation now mostly used for barracks, storage, and maintenance space.

"The roads up at Longare used to be old goat trails," said Perkins, who was in charge of the \$350,000 project to widen, lengthen, and restore the roads, sidewalks, and curbs as well as install new drain lines, electric lines, and light fixtures. "Now it's a pretty nice road. It's pretty nice up there."

Another massive infrastructure project is the upcoming \$2 million co-generation power plant, a set diesel engines to be located on Caserma Ederle, which would produce enough electricity and heat to supplement almost half the existing electricity and heating draw

"In at least three of the four high electricity rate periods, it's going to save us money," said Vallery. "Effectively, we're going to be able to produce electric power cheaper than we can buy it. And the heating ... almost comes along for free."

The Corps' largest infrastructure project, however – which is in

support of the future MILCON work – is a \$2.5 million replacement of all the existing water, sanitary, and storm lines in the nearby Villaggio Della Pace residential area.

The project precedes a \$50 million, 18,000-square-meter DoDDS complex – including a middle school, elementary school, child development center and school age services building – which will tie into the existing utility infrastructure of the housing area directly across the street.

"These utility systems ... have pretty much exceeded their life expectancy," said Vallery.

"We have to ensure we can match up and be able to handle what's coming out of the new DoDDS complex," said O'Neill of the project. "The water wells, water treatment system, and the discharge point for both the sanitary and the storm lines are in the existing housing area."

All this utility work is the realization of one of the four guiding principles the garrison's master planners say is necessary to fulfill the 2020 plan.

"This is a very small base – a postage stamp base. But we don't utilize the space appropriately," said Kambiz Razzaghi, chief of the garrison's Transformation Construction Management Office.

"The work the Corps has done for us is to direct ... funds in an appropriate way to support not only the current needs, but also in the future when we go from 133 buildings to only 33 buildings, that all those buildings will be supported by the same system. This is part of the master plan," Razzaghi said.

"We're a happy customer," said Razzaghi. "The Corps is doing a great job here. ... When, from the command point of view, they don't really see a difference between the Army Corps of Engineers and the DPW, we think that's a good thing. It's one engineering team."

Vallery said he has valued the Corps' work in the five years he has been on the organization and will continue to rely on them in the future. "They're an organization of choice because they're an organization we trust," Vallery said. "You can quote me on that."

By supporting the garrison's long-range development plans, O'Neill said, the Corps is doing more than just lowering maintenance and utility costs. "We're making this garrison more livable, which improves the quality of life for the warfighter and their families and allows them to focus more on the mission."

### Villaggio construction

The contractor for the DoDDS School/CDC project at Villaggio plans to begin installing his construction fence on Nov. 12.

The biggest impact on residents will be school bus route changes, and additional construction traffic when entering and exiting Villaggio. Ceremonial groundbreaking for this project is set for Nov. 20 at 3:30 p.m..

In addition to this Villaggio project, the Corps of Engineers, through a contract managed by the DPW, will start an underground utility upgrade project in late November that will affect all remaining Villaggio units.

This upgrade will be phased through one section of Villaggio at a time. The overall upgrade will take a little more than a year.

A town hall meeting is scheduled for Nov. 13, at Villaggio, to go over these projects in detail, review bus route changes, and go over safety concerns with Villaggio residents.



Frequent road closures, temporary utility outages and changes in traffic patterns are becoming a way of life on Caserma Ederle.



# Out & About

By Dorothy Spagnuolo

### San Martino festival

The town of Quinto Vicentino is celebrating its patron saint, San Marino on Nov. 10-11. Events of Nov. 11 at 10 a.m. pre-Christmas market opens; 10:15 a.m. exhibition of herding dogs with sheep; 12:30 p.m. opening of the Osteria serving a mixed grill and beans-adults 10 euro; children half portion five euro; 2:30 p.m. historical parade led by flag wavers; 3 p.m. see grapes being pressed and the tapping of the Mosto new wine, 4:30 p.m. 2nd exhibition of herding dogs with sheep; 5 p.m. historical event and the legend of San Martino.

At 7:30 p.m. San Martino dinner on the first floor of Ca' Prigioni booking is mandatory from the Pro Loco: 0444-356053 open Tuesday and Saturday morning and Thursday afternoon.

### In Vicenza

A musical will be performed in the Sala Palladio, located in the Vicenza exhibition hall on Nov. 17 at 9 p.m. and Nov. 18 at 5 p.m. The programmed musical *L'Orco*, The Ogre, is especially designed for children to enjoy.

Tickets available at Teatro Astra until the Nov. 16 and cost 6,50 euro, children under 14 years old 3,50 euro.

The monthly market will be held in the main squares of Vicenza Nov. 11 open from sunup to sundown, find over 250 vendors.

Irish blues and jazz singer Mary Coughlan and her band will perform in the Auditorium Canneli located in Leva' degli Angeli, downtown on Nov. 14 at 8:30 p.m., entrance fee is 15 euro

and tickets are available by phoning 0444-676-666, Italian spoken.

### Illuminations

In Torino illuminations by contemporary artists can be seen in the streets of the city. Some of the greatest illumination artists of Europe try their hand at lighting up over twenty kilometers of the city streets and public squares for the holiday season. The artists include Daniel Buren, Joseph Kosuth, Mario Merz and Gilberto Zorio.

Most of the displays follow avenues lined with late-night stores, but some of them are outside the shopping district and glow in peaceful isolation.

You can see the lights from Nov. 6 to Jan. 13. The web-site [www.turismotorino.org](http://www.turismotorino.org) will also give you full information on events, markets and concerts that are taking place during the holiday season.

### Ancient fair of Santa Lucia di Piave

The ancient fair of Santa Lucia di Piave, province of Treviso, was set up in 1998 with cultural, social and charitable aims, it takes form in a commemoration of the 14th century ancient fair of the town.

The fair, which takes place Nov. 10-11, is reproduced and is populated with musicians, storytellers, animal merchants and the reality of days gone by with vendors who skilfully prepare sausages, traditional cakes and sweets for the occasion.

Events start each day at 2 p.m. when the medieval market opens and the historical parade which includes over 100 costumed participants; at 2:30 until 7 p.m.

exhibitions of Vini Novelli with over 36 vendors present; cheese and one of bread, entrance fee is five euro. At 2 p.m. sees the historical parade with over 180 participants in period costumes.

Throughout the day on Nov. 11 find money changers where you can change your euro for 'ancient' Veneto coins to buy the local produce from dairymen, sausage makers and wine makers. If the weather is bad the events on will take place on Nov. 18. The town of Santa Lucia di Piave is 77 km from Vicenza.

### International horse show-exhibition

Verona's Fiera Cavalli is the biggest event of its kind in Italy, welcoming horse-lovers and associated professionals to a massive celebration of all things equestrian.

From Nov. 8 through 11 a host of events will take place during the period to include exhibition of Western-style skills and American breed showings, a Spanish horse area with performances of flamenco-dressed riders and their horses and an area dedicated to children and horses where there are competitions, cartoons and equine spectacles.

There is also an exhibition about hunting on horses, an area devoted to horse tourism and ways to enjoy the great outdoors on the back of a four-footed friend and not to be missed, is the only Italian leg of FEI World Cup competition which is the prestigious show jumping winter circuit.

Full information on events, advance booking for shows and the cost to see some of the events

etc from [www.fieracavalli.com](http://www.fieracavalli.com). The exhibition grounds are located near the Verona sud autostrada exit.

### Festival of the goose

The town of Mirano will hold its annual game of Goose Game in the Square, *zogo de l'oca* in piazza on Nov. 10-11.

The town offers a chance to discover this ancient past-time: *Goose Game* which will be held in the main square with human pieces, other initiatives include a market of miscellaneous objects and wine and food stands, an exhibition that will be held at the Villa Morosini entitled *Mostra Abiti Antich*, clothes of days gone by.

Main events on Nov. 10: 3:30 p.m. market opens all wares have the theme of the 'duck'; 4 p.m. 'Goose game for children'; 6 p.m. the election of 'Miss Oca.' Nov. 11 9:30 a.m. the market opens; 11 a.m. *Il Palo della Cuccagna*, climbing of a greased pole; 3 p.m. parade of the 'players' through the streets of the town; 3:30 p.m. the Goose Game in the main square. Before the game look for cards that you can play while watching the game. There will be an entrance fee.

By car: Mirano is located by taking the autostrada A4 towards Venice and exiting at Dolo-Mirano. By train to Mestre then by bus to Mirano.



Night view of the San Carlo Square in Torino, with the centerpiece of the equestrian bronze statue of Duke Emanuele Filiberto created by sculptor Carlo Marochetti in 1838. The square is surrounded by elegant palaces and the twin Baroque churches of Santa Cristina and San Carlo, designed by Sicilian architect Filippo Juvarra. (Photo by Laura Kreider, Outlook Staff)

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## Now Showing

### Caserma Ederle Theater

Nov. 7	Super Bad (R)	6 p.m.
Nov. 8	Death Sentence (R)	6 p.m.
Nov. 9	Balls of Fury (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Nov. 10	Mr. Bean's Holiday (G)	3 p.m.
	Bee Movie (PG-13) (1st Run)	6 p.m.
Nov. 11	Mr. Bean's Holiday (G)	3 p.m.
	Bee Movie (PG-13) (1st Run)	6 p.m.

### Camp Darby Theater

Nov. 8	The brothers Solomon (R)	6 p.m.
Nov. 9	30 Days of Night (R) (1st Run)	6 p.m.
Nov. 10	Balls of Fury (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Nov. 11	Mr. Bean's Holiday (G)	2 p.m.

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

### Movie Synopsis

**BALLS OF FURY** - Dan Fogler, Christopher Walken  
In the unsanctioned and unhinged world of extreme Ping-Pong, the competition is brutal and the stakes are deadly. This outrageous new comedy serves up this secret world for the first time on-screen. Down-and-out former professional Ping-Pong phenom Randy Daytona is sucked into this maelstrom when FBI Agent Rodriguez recruits him for a secret mission. Randy is determined to bounce back and recapture his former glory, and to smoke out his father's killer. Rated PG-13 (crude/sex-related humor, language) 90 min



# Community notes

## Winter Safety Day

Driving around the Veneto region in the winter months can be treacherous. Make sure you mark your calendar now to attend one of the winter driving briefings that will be running on Safety Day, Nov. 8 at the Post Theater. These sessions will be conducted in both Italian at 8:30 a.m. and English beginning at 10 a.m.

Attendance is mandatory for personnel who operate military vehicles, however; spouses and family members are invited to attend on a space available basis.

The new Army Supervisor Traffic Safety Training course will take place at the Post Theater from 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. This new course is required for all personnel that supervise Soldiers, DA civilians, and/or Local National employees.

## SETAF Holiday Ball

The SETAF G4 is hosting this year's Holiday Ball at Ristorante Dai Gelosi in Quinto Vicentino, Dec. 15.

This gala event is open to all SETAF service members, civilians, family and invited Italian guests. The event begins at 6 p.m. and concludes with the retiring of the colors at 10 p.m.

There will be a DJ and dancing in the discothèque for those wishing to keep the holiday party going. The attire for the evening is dress mess, dress blues, class A's or formal gown and suit and tie for civilians.

Tickets are available through each staff section representatives, and the cost is E1-E4, 10€; E5-E7, 17€; E8-E9, WO1-CW2 and O1-O3, 20€; and 04 and above, CW3 and above, and all civilians, 25€ each. Host Nation and DA civilians and contractors 25€. For more information call SGM Ochart at DSN 634-8702 or 634-7720 [amaury.ochart@us.army.mil](mailto:amaury.ochart@us.army.mil).

## USO classes

*Beginning Italian:* Level 2; cost \$100; starts Nov. 27-Jan. 29.

*Thanksgiving Essay/Poem Contest:* "Why I'm Thankful for My Soldier." Entries must be turned in at Capitol Motors no later than Nov. 16. Winners will be announced Nov. 19, at Capital Motors.

"*Since You Went Away*" video. Make a free 30 minute video message greeting to send to your Soldier.

Talk to your Soldier in Afghanistan via *WEBCAM*.

For more information call DSN: 634-7156/CIV: 0444 71 7156 or stop by the USO.

## Passport info

Passport applications are currently taking between four and six weeks for service. Fall is traditionally the low demand season, so you are urged to apply now.

You are urged to check <http://travel.state.gov> regularly, or apply now if contemplating international travel.

Also, getting no-fee passports for a new-born is now a two step process. First you need to get the Consular Report of Birth Abroad

from Milan, then you must apply for a no-fee passport.

## CWOC evening group

Have you been interested in attending Thursday morning's Catholic Women of the Chapel (CWOC) meetings, but are just too busy during the day? Right now, Vicenza's CWOC is seeking women who are interested in participating in an evening study group. This group will offer Catholic women the opportunity to learn and grow in their faith together through study, prayer and fellowship. If interested, please contact Ginger Fleming at 328-886-5154 or [flem\\_06@yahoo.com](mailto:flem_06@yahoo.com).

## Full-time HR job opening

DoDDS Human Resources Office is hiring one GS-06/07, full-time, Human Resources assistant.

The HR Assistant must have knowledge of federal personnel policies, regulations, employee allowances and benefits.

For more details and application packages, please call the DoDDS HR Office at DSN 634-8428 or come by Bldg. 307.

## Jobs working with kids

If you enjoy working with children and youth you can have fun and earn between \$9-\$13 dollars per hour. CYS needs caregivers and CYS will provide all the training that you need.

Caregivers are needed worldwide so there is always a job at your next duty station.

Call the Civilian Personnel Assistance Center at 0444-716597 or DSN 634-6567 to apply. There are also opportunities to become a childcare provider in your own home. Call 634-7615 to find out more.

## NAF Jobs

The Sport Office has a Recreation Assistant (Sports Officiating), flexible. The closing date is Nov. 1

There are also a variety of open and continuous intermittent, part-time and full-time positions available to include: bartender, positions with child and youth Services, Recreation Aide at the, post gyms, arts and crafts, ITR, Outdoor Recreation, and custodial worker, housekeeping and desk clerk with Army lodging.

Stop by our office for an application or email us your resume to: [Vicenza.NAF@EUR.army.mil](mailto:Vicenza.NAF@EUR.army.mil)

For detailed information about these and other positions please visit our website at: <http://cpolrhp.belvoir.army.mil/eur/index.htm> or call us at DSN 634-7290.

Our office is located across the street from Gate # 2 on Viale Della Pace. The NAF personnel office is open Mon.-Fri. from 9 a.m.-4 p.m., and is closed noon -1 p.m. and Thursday mornings.

## ODR Adventures

ODR has adventures for everyone. Check out these trips planned in November. Nov. 2, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., school is out so they are going ice skating in Asiago.

On Nov. 7 is the Valletta del Silenzio Walk, 3:30-6 p.m., and Nov.

14, 3:30-6 p.m.

Parco Querini walk and Nov. 28, 3:30-6 p.m. the Brendola Hike. For other adventures call ODR @ 634-7453.

## Invest in your family's future

Learn the basic techniques on saving and investing Nov. 8, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center. Sponsored by ACS Financial Readiness Program reservations are required before Nov. 2.

## Support Wounded Warriors

Our wounded Soldiers at Landstuhl are required to pay for their own haircuts.

Take a moment to support our troops through "Clip to Cut" sponsored by Frito-Lay. Just purchase any Frito-Lay bag item in November and clip the UPC code from the bag. Drop your UPC code off at the Frito-Lay display in any European Commissary.

Up to \$10,000 will be donated by Frito-Lay to provide free hair cuts to our Wounded Troops.

## Holiday mail dates

**To ensure delivery of holiday cards and packages by Dec. 25, mail must be sent by the mailing dates listed below:**

**Nov. 27-SAM parcels**

**Dec. 4-PAL parcels**

**Dec. 11-Priority mail**

**Dec. 11- First Class mail**

**Dec. 20-Express mail**

**Mail early to ensure delivery.**

## Dining Facility changes

Effective Nov. 1, all active duty military personnel and their family members are authorized to dine in the South Of The Alps DFAC, no guests are authorized. Military personnel on leave and their family members are not authorized to dine in the DFAC.

Questions concerning this policy should be directed to John Clouse, DSN 634-6804.

## Vicenza Health Center holiday schedule

**Veteran's Day weekend**

Friday, Nov. 9 Closed

Saturday, Nov. 10, Open

9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 11, Closed

Monday, Nov. 12, Veteran's Day, Closed,

**Thanksgiving Holiday**

Thursday, Nov. 22,

Thanksgiving Day, Closed.

Friday, Nov. 23, Closed

Saturday, Nov. 24, Open

9 a.m.-1 p.m. (

Sunday, Nov. 25, Closed

For urgent concerns or for medical emergencies at any time,

go directly to the San Bortolo Hospital Emergency Room. call Patient Liaisons at 0444-75-3300 or 0444-928166). Pregnant patients can call the Benincaso Pavilion at 0444-71-6667 (DSN 634-6667).

To request an ambulance call 0444-71-7114 from off-post, or 114 from any DSN phone on post

For any comments or concerns, call the Clinic Patient Advocate at DSN 634-7952 (commercial 0444-71-7952), or e-mail [VZHCPatRep@amedd.army.mil](mailto:VZHCPatRep@amedd.army.mil)

## University of Phoenix

The University of Phoenix is offering a ground Master of Business Administration program at the Vicenza Education Center starting in January.

Classes will meet one evening a week. Take advantage of our contract rate in Europe. Register now.

University of Phoenix offers continuous enrollment for MBA and Master of Arts in Education online programs.

## Food and Football

Watch American football on 13 TV's with six channels at your local sports bar, Club V, Sundays in November, 8 p.m.-midnight. Enjoy hot wings and nachos and a cool one while you watch the games.

## Battlemind Training

Learn techniques and how to tap into resources that will help you and your family reconnect during upcoming R&R. Childcare is available. Several dates are available for this training; Nov. 7, 14, 21 and 28, 11:30 a.m. -1 p.m. Reservations are required, so call ACS 634-7500.

## Family Child Care homes available

FCC homes offer a warm, homelike environment with fewer children so more personalized care is possible. Developmental care and programming is also provided.

Often a FCC provider has more flexible hours than the CDC can offer. These homes in Villaggio receive the same health, fire and safety inspections as the CDC does and the providers are certified and have cleared background checks.

## Family Fun Night

Join the fun at Club V, Nov. 9 from 6-8 p.m. Take the whole Family out for pizza and lemonade. Adult tickets are \$5 and for 5th graders and younger, tickets cost \$2.50.

The DJ will play a variety of music. Kids will receive a club card and a special Glo-Jo Juice drink with a "glow in the dark" straw from the Bar. Get your tickets at the door.

## Kids Day at Guggenheim Museum

Nov. 11 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m. ITR takes a trip to the Peggy Guggenheim Museum in Venice. The trip includes a guided tour and workshop for children ages 4-12. Call ITR at 634-7094 for details.

## New SKIES Unlimited music lessons

SKIES *Unlimited* now offers music lessons in violin and flute. Lessons are available by

## Religious Activities

### Ederle Chapel

For details call the chapel at: 634-7519 (0444-71-7519).

### Weekday Mass

Mass is now held at noon Wednesday-Monday.

### Saturday services

**4-4:30 p.m.:** Sacrament of Reconciliation, or by appointment  
**5 p.m.:** Roman Catholic Mass

### Sunday services

**9 a.m.:** Catholic Mass  
**10:45 a.m.-noon:** Catholic Religious Education  
**11 a.m.:** Protestant worship  
**1:30 p.m.:** Full Gospel Pentecostal worship and Children's church  
**4 p.m.:** Lutheran Services  
**6 p.m.:** Contemporary worship

### Muslim services

The khutba and prayer will take place in the post chapel conference room Fridays, just after noon.

### Jewish services

Jewish services and traditional Sabbath meals are available each Friday night and Saturday. Please contact Dr. Stephen and Nancy November at november6@msn.com

### Club Beyond

For details about Club Beyond youth activities, contact the chapel or Jocely Cary at 340-385-3476.

### Darby Chapel

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

**8:30 a.m.:** Catholic Reconciliation

**9:30 a.m.:** Catholic Mass

**11:15 a.m.:**

Protestant worship

appointment on Mondays and Thursdays for violin and Tuesdays for Flute. Enroll at CYS Central Registration 634-7219.

## Start Smart Basketball (Mom and Me)

A new class that is designed to teach the basic motor skills of basketball to youth ages 3-5 is starting Thursday, Nov. 15 from 10am-10:45am at Villaggio Gym at a cost of \$10.

These motor skills will help them build confidence, coordination, and a base of knowledge for the game of basketball. They will have lots of fun doing it too.

Moms must attend the class one-on-one with the child. We will have an FCC provider providing care if the child has a younger sibling that needs child care during the class.

The cost for the FCC provider is \$4/hr and they will be onsite in the FCC room right next to the gym. We will need to schedule this service in advance if needed. Please call Lacy Wolff at 634-6151 for more information.



# Powder puff football makes Vicenza debut

Story and photos by  
Brad Polensky  
Special to the Outlook

**CASERMA EDERLE, Vicenza, Italy**-The last home pep rally was totally different for all of those able to be there. It was the inaugural of the powder puff football between the high school grades. It was an exciting event for all of those that participated as well as their parents.

Each game was 30-minutes long, and were officiated by Rich Price and Jim Brouollette.

The first game involved the freshmen and juniors. Although the freshmen tried their best, in the end the juniors prevailed with a strong defense and good passing skills. Final score was, 14-7.

The next game pitted the sophomores against the seniors. The seniors played a very physical game, but it was not enough to stop the overall athleticism of the sophomore class.

The sophomores continued to run the ball for their first win with a decisive 21-7 victory.

The final game of the evening saw the winners of the preliminaries playing each other. This was perhaps the best game of the evening.

The juniors had a good solid passing game, but this came up short, as the sophomores' lightning fast Lauren Vanderlaught ran for two touchdowns in the 21-0 shutout. The sophomore class looks like the players to beat.



(Above) Sophomore Lauren Vanderlaught evades pursuing defenders as she runs for a 30-yard touchdown.



(Above, Left) Janette Prados runs by the sophomore defense for a first down. (Above, Right) Tyler Rivers runs past the freshman defense for a touchdown.



# Vicenza girls' spike Milan, boys' lose squeakers



(Above) Vicenza High School's Ariel Vimoto spikes the ball over the net during the match against Milan held at the Post Gym Oct. 27. (Right) Vicenza's Sam Tate, No. 6, center, extends as she sends the ball back during the volleyball action against Milan.



Story and photos by  
Laura Kreider  
Outlook Staff

**CASERMA EDERLE, Vicenza, Italy**-The Vicenza post gymnasium was the scene of fast paced volleyball action Oct. 27. Both the girl's and boy's teams played the tough minded teams from Milan.

The girls won three straight games with their aggressive style and good defense, taking the games; 25-22, 25-19 and 25-22.

The boy's team however didn't fare as well. No matter what they tried, it just didn't seem to be enough as they lost in three tight games; 25-21; 25-23; 25-18.

Both teams did move forward to Division III playoff tournaments to end their season.



(Above) Vicenza's Christian Addison, No.3, sends the ball over the net while his teammate Adrian Kabonick, No.15, stands ready.

## Sports Shorts

### Ski Val Senales

Every Saturday in November ODR takes you to the slopes.

Enjoy glacier skiing or snowboarding just south of the Austrian border. Call ODR at 634-7453 for details and booking.

### CYS coach clinics

These clinics are designed to train volunteer coaches in their responsibilities. Clinics will cover basketball and cheerleading. Dates for coaching clinics are: Nov. 6 & 15, 6-9 p.m. and Nov. 7, 16, 17, 20, Dec. 1, 9 a.m.-noon. Call 634-6151 for more details.

### Cheerleading and basketball

Enrollment for CYS Sports & Fitness cheerleading and basketball starts Nov. 1 and ends Nov. 30. Cheerleading is open to children 6-18, while basketball is for ages 3-18. The age cutoff date is Oct. 31, 2007.

Participants must be CYS members, have a valid health physical, valid I.D. card, and have two emergency contacts.

The season for both sports lasts from Jan. 5-March 8. Practices begin Dec. 10.

Volunteer coaches are needed. For details, call DSN 634-6151 or DSN 634-7219.

### Nine-pin-no-tap

The Ederle Lanes will hold a nine-pin-no-tap tournament, on Nov. 11 at 6 p.m. involving the Ederle Lanes and local Italian bowling alleys. Nine-pin-no-tap means that when a bowler knocks down nine pins with the first throw, it counts as a strike. Call 634-7013 to reserve a lane for Nov. 11 at 6 p.m.

### Scuba

Enjoy your scuba skills with an overnight trip to Livorno Nov. 16-18. Lodging, transportation and equipment are all provided. Registration deadline is Nov. 9. Call ODR for complete details at 634-7453.

### Turkey Bowl

Win a Thanksgiving turkey from the Ederle Lanes. The Bowling Center is having its annual Turkey Bowl competition Nov. 11-20. The turkey goes to the highest score in a single game between Nov. 11-20. Go try the Ederle Lanes and earn a Thanksgiving dinner the old fashion way, bowl for it.

### More free bowling

Ederle Lanes adds two more nights of free bowling. You now get free lane rental on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays and bowl up to three games per person. Shoes are still only \$1. Call Ederle Lanes for information 634-7013.