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# Caserma Ederle WTU takes adventure to all new depths

USAG Vicenza ODR news release

Soldiers from the Warrior Transition Unit (WTU) in Vicenza left their normal routines to step into a watery, new world.

Six soldiers and one civilian, affiliated with the unit, participated in a month-long training course to become certified scuba divers.

Soldiers met at Outdoor Recreation for weekly classroom sessions as well as spending time in the pool practicing their skills and getting ready for dives up to 45 feet below the surface.

With all of their training complete, the unit traveled to Salo, Lake Garda, to complete their open water dives.

"The mission was to provide confidence building, stress mitigation, and fitness in a recreational activity that is low impact on the body," said WTU cadre Sgt. 1st Class Dallas McKay.

Training included practicing basic scuba and skin diving skills as well as rescue,



Personnel and community members from Caserma Ederle enjoy high adventure at Lake Garda during a Warrior Transition Unit outing last month.

emergency procedures and underwater navigation.

The training was set up by the cadre from the WTU and was made possible with help from several organizations in the community including the American Red

Cross, garrison chaplaincy and Outdoor Recreation.

The Vicenza WTU plans to continue to use scuba as a challenging way to push unit members to set new goals and achieve success while also having a great time.

# USARAF NCO inspires African teens

by Lt. Col. DAVID KONOP  
U.S. Army Africa



Staff Sgt. John Okumu (at left)



When Staff Sgt. John Okumu joined the U.S. Army nearly five years ago, he never dreamed he would one day deploy to Africa, the continent he once called home.

Okumu, who hails originally from Kenya, is among the first U.S. Soldiers setting up operations for Natural Fire 10, a multinational partnership exercise held this month in Uganda.

During a recent visit to Kitgum High School, Okumu, a logistics NCO, found himself surrounded by curious teens eager to learn more about the American sergeant who spoke their language.

For the full story and photos, visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/usarmyafrica/sets/72157622572544776/>

# 173rd's Herd holds own, named among Army's top fighters

173rd ABCT Public Affairs

Fourteen Sky Soldiers traveled to Fort Benning, Ga., after making the grade as pugilists in their brigade Army combatives tourney to compete in an Army-wide event showcasing the best fighters, mixed martial artists and grapplers the Army has to offer.

Over 300 Army Soldiers from more than 66 units competed for top honors, and even the teams from the 3rd Special Forces Group and the 75th Ranger Regiment found that the Sky Soldiers are a force to be

reckoned with.

"The Herd" placed fifth overall and their showing in the tourney made the 173rd's team coach burst with pride.

"This is the first opportunity for us to send a full team," said Capt. Brandon Kennedy, team coach from 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment. "Out of some 66 teams, we took fifth place overall."

"Our finish was the highest of a standalone brigade at the All-Army Combatives Tournament," said Kennedy.

"The 173rd is a single brigade

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Sgt. Andrew McLauchlan poses with the trophy and medal he received for winning 3rd place in the 185-pound weight category while fighting for the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team combatives team at the Army Combatives Tournament at Fort Benning, Ga. Sept. 18-20.

Photo by Ashley E. Kennedy



## VCC: Ever wonder what's in it for YOU?

VCC news release

The Vicenza Community Club works hard for everyone in our military community. With proceeds from fundraisers like the annual Festa Italia Bazaar, the VCC is able to respond to requests for funds from our community and programs.

Each year the VCC gives back to the community through donations to programs offered by the Army Community Service offices, the Health Clinic, the DoDEA schools, the Scouts and other private organizations on post.

"Club members give their time and efforts to make our community a better place to live, work, and raise our children," said VCC president Sherri Funk. "We have members from all sectors of our community and we impact every sector of our community.

Enriching our community through our individual contribution, is what being a part of the Vicenza Community Club is all about. Plus, we have fun doing it."

Sometimes our community is not aware of the source of the funds that are vital to making community programs possible.

■ For example, the EFMP hosts a family bonding activity that is fully funded by the VCC.

■ The Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts Summer Day Camp activity was made possible with the help of the VCC funds they received.

■ One agency that received requested funding for its community enriching program was the New Parent Support Office at ACS. New Parent Support Program nurse Beth Eastman said she was thankful to the VCC for purchasing personalized infant onesies. The little one-

piece shirts say "I was born at Caserma Ederle Vicenza Italy." Parents who participate in the program classes Breast Feeding Basics and Bringing Baby Home receive a onesies from the nurses during their visit to the birthing pavilion.

■ Rita Bonamego, who heads the mobilization-deployment program, is especially conscious of the VCC's support.

"Thanks to the generosity of VCC we are able to provide refreshments for our trainings, cookies for our Soldiers when they leave for deployment or return from deployment and the quarterly breakfast for our first sergeants and company commanders," noted Bonamego.

■ In addition to organizational funds requests, the VCC gives high school seniors the opportunity to apply for three different types of **scholarships**, fully funded by the VCC. Last year more than

\$25,000 was awarded to scholarship applicants.

This spring, VCC will again offer seniors and spouses of VCC members the opportunity to apply for scholarships.

The largest fund raising activity that the VCC has is the community Thrift Shop.

All net proceeds from the Thrift Shop are used to fund the requests that are approved throughout the year.

The impact that the workers and volunteers from the Thrift Shop have to our community is enormous. Because individuals volunteer their time to sort donations and run the Thrift Shop each week, the VCC is able to give back over \$40,000 to community needs.

To join or volunteer to help with any VCC activities, contact Sherri Funk at [sherri.funk@us.army.mil](mailto:sherri.funk@us.army.mil) or Sara Nantz at [sara.nantz@us.army.mil](mailto:sara.nantz@us.army.mil).

## ICE Spotlight #1

### Customer Comments:

I went by Outdoor Rec Oct. 5 to make reservations for four trips for this Christmas. I was informed that the credit card machine had been malfunctioning for a number of months. I was also informed that if the card didn't work, I would need to pay cash for the trips. I decided to take a chance and the machine did not take my card. I then decided to come back the next day they were open and reserve the trips with cash. The employee did suggest that I check my bank online to make sure that the card did not get debited anyway. Two days later, I checked online and my card had been charged \$570. When I came in this afternoon (Oct. 7), I was able to reserve the trips because my card had been already charged.

Please correct this problem. Outdoor Rec must be losing a lot of business because of this issue. Seems to me that

this is a no-brainer--Fix the machine, and you'll have a lot more business.

Facility Appearance: **Excellent**  
Employee/Staff Attitude: **Excellent**  
Timeliness of Service: **Excellent**  
Hours of Service: **Excellent**  
Were you satisfied with your experience at this office / facility?: **Yes**  
Did the product/service meet your needs?: **No**

### Reply from : ODR's Chris Wolff:

Thank you for taking time to comment on our ODR Program. I appreciate the good marks that you gave our facility and staff. I share your frustration with the credit card machine and I can understand the inconvenience of having to get cash while also having your bank account charged. Our funds management division is working to correct the problem and I hope that we can get it resolved shortly.

## Community Recreation nabs four Army awards

### Community Recreation Division

Submissions for the 2009 Army Recreation Awards Program have been reviewed and the results were good news for the community members in Vicenza.

Vicenza Community Recreation had four winners in the All Army competition and won Outstanding Recreation Program (medium sized garrison) for Outdoor Recreation, Arts and Crafts, Sports and Fitness, and Auto Skills.

"I am extremely proud of our programs and the fantastic service that our staff provides to the Soldiers and civilians in this community," said Chris Wolff, interim chief of MWR's Community Recreation Division. "There

is a tremendous sense of pride and a commitment that is shared by all of the activities and it is fantastic to be recognized at the Army level."

These programs first achieved recognition during the IMCOM-E recreation awards in September before competing at the Army competition.

Receiving this type of recognition is not new for programs in this community. Last year, Vicenza also had four Europe winners who brought home the best in the Army award.

"I really want to recognize the great managers and staff in our programs and focus on continuing to give the best service possible," said Wolff.

## Speak Out Last week was Fire Prevention Week. What's your fire prevention tip?



Maj. Jeff Bergmann & Samuel  
USAG Vicenza DES

"If it looks like there are too many things plugged into one outlet, then there are too many things plugged into the outlet."



Bobbiejo Lazo & Omar  
Family members

"Always have a fire escape route planned and share it with your entire family."



Cory J. Prough  
Fire department captain

"Have a fire evacuation plan. Have two places outside your home to meet if there is an emergency. Know fire department numbers: on post 634-8911 and off post 0444-71-8911."



Capt. Kevin G. Thompson  
USAG Vicenza HHC

"Weekly check all heaters, radiators and water heaters to ensure they are functioning properly with no leaks, dust or hazardous obstructions."



Laura Sinigaglia  
DRMO

"Especially having children, I would recommend to always keep pot handles turned inward and away from the edge of the stove."



## The Noncommissioned Officer

### PROFILES OF SUCCESS



#### Staff Sgt. Melissa Potter

**Unit:** HHC, 173rd ABCT

**Current Position:** Consolidated brigade aid station NCOIC

**Age:** 26

**Hometown:** Virginia Beach, Va.

**Years in service:** 5

**What would surprise people about you:** I was a substitute teacher before I joined the Army.

**Biggest mentor(s) and why:** 1st Sgt. Antwan Nicholson. He taught me to never give up and to strive to be the best. He also instilled a competitive spirit in me and molded to be a leader. **Life's ambition:** To positively influence and help people in need, grow spiritually, and open a live-music venue with my husband. My current ambition is to graduate drill sergeant school and become a better NCO.

**Motto:** Stop talking about it and make it happen, or like water on a duck's back, let it roll.

**Your definition of an NCO:** NCOs lead by example, put other's needs before their own, take initiative and live the Army values and Warrior Ethos. They work hard to adapt, overcome and accomplish any mission or task they are given. They are enforcers of standards and they take pride in themselves, their unit and their surroundings. "One team, one fight."

**Advice for junior Soldiers:** Take pride in everything you do, no matter how small. Also take initiative and take responsibility for your success and failures.

**List of major assignments/deployments:** Italy and Afghanistan

**Reason for your success:** Great leadership, hard work ethic and enthusiasm.

**Your defining moment as an NCO:** Starting my current job position.

Visit the Army's Web site dedicated to the Year of the NCO at [www.army.mil/YearoftheNCO](http://www.army.mil/YearoftheNCO).

# Buyers beware of banned belts, beluga

By **ROBERT SZOSTEK**  
*USEUCOM Customs PAO*

Some vacation souvenirs can get you in big trouble if foreign or U.S. customs inspectors catch you with them. A good place to know before you go is the military customs Web site at [www.hqusaureur.army.mil/opm/uscustoms.htm](http://www.hqusaureur.army.mil/opm/uscustoms.htm).

It is a crime to take many natural products across international borders. Customs can seize the goods and fine you, but worst of all is that buying these products adds to the risk of animals and plants dying out completely.

People vacationing abroad should never buy live animals such as baby tortoises, turtles or birds or live plants

such as cacti and orchids. Beluga caviar is another restricted item as are traditional medicines containing ingredients such as tiger bone or rhinoceros horn.

You should also avoid items made from hides, shells, feathers or teeth. For more information on endangered species issues, ask a military customs office for the "Buyer Beware" pamphlet.

## Don't miss the bazaar:

Community members browse last year's Festa Italia bazaar, hosted by the Vicenza Community Club. This year's bazaar will feature 60 vendors from throughout Europe selling everything from purses, pottery and Americana crafts to furniture and wine and cheese. The bazaar will take place at Caserma Ederle Oct. 24-25 in the post gym, Luna bubble and teen pavilion. Entry is free and \$1 raffle prizes include one item from each of the 60 vendors, plus an additional surprise giveaway. Food and beverage will be sold at the event. **Volunteers are needed. For more information, e-mail [farrahoverman@yahoo.com](mailto:farrahoverman@yahoo.com), [sara.nantz@us.army.mil](mailto:sara.nantz@us.army.mil) or [sherri.funk@us.army.mil](mailto:sherri.funk@us.army.mil).**



File photo by Laura Kreider



Courtesy photo

**Award winners:** Aaron Talley as Groucho and Myreta Davis as Mrs. Pavlenko perform *A Night in the Ukraine*. USAG Vicenza's Soldiers' Theatre was honored with four awards in the IMCOM-E Festival of One Act Plays in Kaiserslautern, Germany. *A Night in the Ukraine* was one of 13 entries in the competition. Soldiers' Theatre received awards for best ensemble, best costumes, best actor (Aaron Talley) and best supporting actress (Linda Dahlstrom). The production "A Day in Hollywood / A Night in the Ukraine" continues performances through Oct. 25 on Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. at Soldiers' Theatre. Call 634-7281 for information.

# The Herd takes fifth in All Army combatives tourney

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that outperformed several other divisions sending teams," Kennedy added.

The Army combatives tournament, where four-ounce gloves were unforgiving, served as proving ground for both individual fighters and teams. Sgt. Andrew McLaughlan, a level three combatives instructor with Battle Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment took third-place in the cruiserweight class.

After winning 75 percent of their fights by the submission, Kennedy is confident in the Sky Soldiers' abilities.

"You're putting your life on the line in a way and you've got to be out there and execute what you know how to do and finish the fight," Kennedy said.

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## At your service Club Beyond



**Laura Livingston** is Vicenza's Club Beyond community director.

"I, along with a wonderful team of staff and volunteers, run the chapel-sponsored ecumenical youth program Club Beyond with programming for middle and high school students," said Livingston. "We meet weekly for Lunch Bunch on Tuesdays, club on Wednesdays and various special events, retreats and camps throughout the year."

Livingston said the club is free and open to all middle and high school students.

Her office is at the post chapel. She can be reached at [llivingston@clubbeyond.org](mailto:llivingston@clubbeyond.org) or 340-139-4073. Visit [www.mcym.org](http://www.mcym.org) or look up Club Beyond - Vicenza, Italy on Facebook.



# Community Camera

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



## Sesame Street

Cookie Monster greets fans after a performance of the Sesame Street Show sponsored by USO held at the Caserma Ederle post gym Oct. 8. The show was part of a free traveling USO Tour also featuring Grover, Rosita, Elmo and Zoe. The five popular characters perform at 20 military installations worldwide and will conclude their tour in December. "I liked the show, especially Elmo, my favorite character," said 4-year-old community member Sophia Durrett after the show.

Photo by Laura Kreider



## Smile, you're on ...

Staff. Sgt. Michaela I. Mancini, Southern Europe District Veterinary Command and 6-year-old Michael Vidal wave while taping their holiday greetings message near the Caserma Ederle post theater Oct. 8. A broadcast team from the Joint Hometown News Service in San Antonio taped 85 messages of service members and their families to send to their hometown as part of the holiday seasons programs.

Photo by Laura Kreider



## Night light

Students, parents and community members took part in the Bonfire held at Caserma Ederle's softball field Oct. 8. Members of the post fire department provided their help for the event. In keeping with American football tradition, the bonfire and girls Powder Puff flag football game took place the night before Vicenza High School's Cougar homecoming game. The Cougars won against Aviano Saints 45-7. See Page 8 for a Q&A season overview with Cougars Head Coach Adam Ridgley.

Photo by Laura Kreider



## Raffle rewards

USAG Vicenza Deputy Garrison Commander Chuck Walls presents a cookbook to community member Ebony Mejia, who was won of several raffle winners during the Army Community Service Lunch Bistro Series kickoff at the Davis Hall Oct. 7. "Today's event *Discovering Vicenza* highlighted tourism in the Veneto region and several members of the *Vicenza E' Tourism Board* were here to answer questions and give out freebies," said Julia Sibilla, USAG ACS Relocation Readiness program manager. The series will be held every other Wednesday at lunch time and will include activities such as cooking, and fitness. The Oct. 21 session is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will teach participants how to relieve stress using yoga techniques. Call 634-7500 to RSVP.

Photo by Laura Kreider



## Easy does it

Caserma Ederle firefighters Simone Marangoni (center), Massimo Bondi, and Fire Capt. Cory Prough (right) extract a "victim" from a wrecked vehicle during a Fire Prevention Week demonstration in front of the PX Friday.

Photo by Laura Kreider



(Right) Italian 118 first emergency responders prepare to airlift an "injured" role player to a hospital in Florence during the annual force protection exercise Tuscan Sun Oct. 7. The exercise scenario involved a leak of potentially toxic substances, which then prompted the Italian civil defense agencies into action. (Below) Pisa firefighters begin the decontamination process of a contaminated role player.

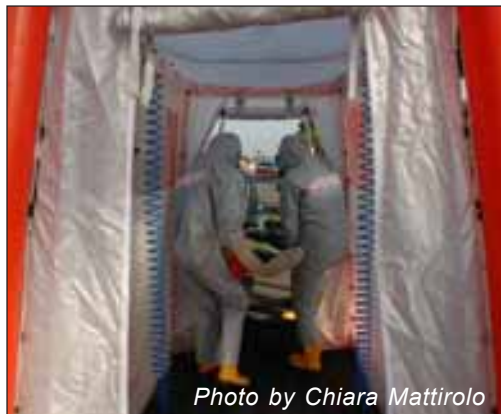


Photo by Chiara Mattiolo



Photo by Elena Baladelli

## Tuscan Sun tests emergency response

By CHIARA MATTIROLO  
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Camp Darby held its annual force protection exercise in conjunction with the local Italian civil defense exercise Oct. 7.

"The Pisa *Prefettura*, in agreement with the Italian and American command of Camp Darby, decided to test our abilities to interact as a team in case of natural disaster or terrorist attack," said Pisa Prefect Benedetto Basile.

The exercise scenario involved a leak of

potentially toxic substances, which then prompted the Italian civil defense agencies into action.

"It's important for us to know how much time is needed to reach Camp Darby during a normal traffic day," said Claudio Chiavacci, commander of the Pisa fire department. "Firefighters had to don appropriate protective gear, in this case chemical hazard devices, at their station in order to be able to react immediately once on the scene."

According to USAG Livorno

Commander Lt. Col. Stephen Cade, "this is a difficult exercise especially during the phase of transition of command. The language barriers may cause some delays. For these reasons it is fundamental to test our assets with our Italian counterparts."

Italian Base Commander Col. Raffaele Iubini said "in case of a real terrorist attack, the Italian civil defense is responsible for force protection inside the base and it is imperative that the local emergency responders get familiar with the place as well as the people they are going to deal with."



A simulated terrorist attack started off the annual Camp Darby force protection exercise.

Photo by Chiara Mattiolo



Italian Red Cross employees put makeup on a role player prior to Tuscan Sun Oct. 7.

Photo by Elena Baladelli

## Penalties in Italy for irresponsible drinking

By Capt. TODD SIMPSON  
USAG Livorno Command Judge Advocate

Whether stationed or visiting Italy, one is not always prepared to handle the stronger local wines. This can result in an alcohol related incident.

If you are living in Italy and enjoying the vino, there are some lesser known Italian criminal laws related to drinking that you should be aware of.

If a person is found to be drunk in public they will be fined from 51-309 Euro. If a person is found to have been intoxicated while in a brawl (a fight involving three or more people) they will be fined 300 Euro in addition to any other punishment.

If you have prior alcohol related incidents, which are considered an aggravating factor, there will be an increase in punishments. And, if you are convicted

of a DUI in the Italian legal system, you can face even more hardship.

Like most countries, driving under the influence is punishable and if convicted of DUI with a blood alcohol content (BAC) between 0,5g/l and 0,79g/l you can be fined 500 - 2,000 Euro and your driver's license can be suspended for three to six months.

If convicted of DUI with a BAC between 0,8g/l and 1,49g/l, you're looking at a fine of 800-3,200 Euro and a driver's license suspension of between six and 12 months.

If convicted of DUI with a BAC of 1,5g/l or more, the fine ranges from 1,500 - 6,000 Euro, a license suspension of one to two years and your vehicle can be seized by the Italian government and sold at auction. Additionally, you must pay storage costs for the vehicle until it is sold.

For drivers that refuse to perform the breath test, if convicted of DUI you can be fined 2,500-10,000 Euro or 3,000-12,000 Euro if there was an accident. Additionally, your license can be suspended six months to two years, your vehicle can be seized for up to 180 days and you must pay storage costs before receiving vehicle from law enforcement.

These penalties are in addition to any corrective action that military authorities may take, which can include adverse personnel actions such as reprimands, negative performance evaluations and administrative discharge from the military or punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice. The smart thing to do is to not put yourself in the position to get a DUI in the first place and to choose your drinking buddies wisely.

## Darby Dates

### Positive self image

Oct. 26 class provides domestic abuse education. Call 633-7084 to RSVP.

### Budgeting basics

Strengthen your marriage and finances Oct. 27. Call 633-7084 to RSVP.

### Investment club

Get the most out of your investing Oct. 27. Call ACS at 633-7084 to RSVP.

### Unconditional love

The class provides domestic abuse education Oct. 28. Call 633-7084.

### Halloween story hour

Don't miss story hour to celebrate Halloween Oct. 28 at the post library for children ages 3-5. Call 633-7623.

### Halloween bash

Start working on your costume now for the Halloween Bash Oct. 31 at the DCC. ID cardholders get in free.

The fun begins at 8 p.m. with live music and deejay. Win big prizes for best costume.

First prize will take away a 22" LCD television. Call 633-7855.

### Karaoke night

Sing along with Bibi at Karaoke Night every Thursday at the Community Club. Call 633-7855.

### ITR trips

- Tour the grounds and vineyards of 'Azienda Agricola Tollena' in San Gimignano, taste wines and lunch on locally produced foods Oct. 31.

- Spend Thanksgiving weekend, Nov. 27-29, in Pompei, Naples and the Royal Palace of Caserta.

Call ITR for more information about these and other trips at 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.

The congregation needs a cantor. Talk to Chaplain Porter or Father Roberto to serve.



## Backstreet Boys in Milan concert Nov. 24



Photo courtesy of Montagna in Città

**Don't miss the market:** Local agricultural products will be sold at market Saturday and Sunday in Schio, about 16 miles northwest of Vicenza. Market activities also include a biological-natural products show, craft show, food booths, exhibition of energy efficient and renewable energy sources, kiddie train rides to local farms, Bernese cattle dog show and flag flyer demonstration. See below for more details.

### Festivals & events

**Chestnut festivals:** Sunday in Durlo di Crespadoro, about 30 miles northwest of Vicenza. 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. Exhibition and market of chestnuts, honey, truffles, pears, apples, cheeses, salami and typical local breads. Local choir performance, music and dancing.

**Chestnut Festival:** Saturday-Sunday in Merendaore, Recoaro Terme, about 34 miles northwest of Vicenza. Indoor food booths and dance floor.

■ Saturday: 6 p.m. food booths, roast chestnuts for everyone and dancing.

■ Sunday: 11 a.m. chestnut, honey and fruit show and market; 12:30 p.m. food booths; 1 p.m. free chestnuts and dancing for everyone; raffle.

**Apple Festival:** Sunday in Lusiana, Piazza IV Novembre, about 24 miles north of Vicenza. 3 p.m. local agricultural products and craft exhibition and market. Old trade demonstration. 3:30 p.m. Wood and marble sculptures exhibition; 4 p.m. apple pressing and free tasting of freshly

squeezed apple juice and chestnuts.

**Montagna in città - Agricultural and biological products show and market:** Saturday - Sunday in Schio, about 16 miles northwest of Vicenza.

■ Saturday and Sunday: 9 a.m. local agricultural products show and market and food booths in Piazza Falcone-Borsellino; biological-natural products show and market in Largo Fusinelle; 5 p.m. artistic craft show and market in Piazza Garibaldi and Piazza Rossi; exhibition on energy efficiency and renewable energy sources in Via Btg. Val Leogra;

■ Sunday: starting at 9 a.m. local agricultural products show and market in Piazza Falcone-Borsellino and biological-natural products show and market in Largo Fusinelle; 10:30 train ride for children to local farms; 3-6 p.m. Bernese cattle dog show and flag-flyers exhibition.

**Health and Wellbeing and fair exhibition:** Friday 6-10 p.m.; Saturday 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sunday 9:30 a.m.-8 p.m.; in Mussolente, Fiere del Grappa, Casoni, Via Pavane 3, about 25 miles

northeast of Vicenza. Admission: 6 euro, 4 euro for senior citizens over 65 and free for children under 14.

**Vintage cars and motorcycles fair:** Oct. 23-25 from 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Padova, Via N. Tommaseo, 59, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. Entrance fee: 17 euro; children 14-17: 12 euro; free entrance for children under 14. There will be three exhibit sections at the event: car manufacturers with their relative clubs and racing teams, dealers and restorers, spare parts and models. On display will be car and motorcycle accessories, rim and tyre companies, motor training, documents and instructions booklets, limited edition tin toys and unique life-size models. For more details in English, visit <http://www.autoemotodepoca.com/?LID=1>.

**Abilmente - Bricolage and Manual Creativity exhibition:** Oct. 22-25 from 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m., in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria 16. Admission fee is 10 euro; reduced 8 euro (children younger than 12, senior citizens, groups of more than 10). Free for children younger than 6, for disabled and their assistants.

Embroidery and patchwork workshops; creating sewing classes and T-shirt decorations; creative techniques workshops for children.

For information in English, visit [http://www.salonedelbricolage.it/nqcontent.cfm?a\\_id=985](http://www.salonedelbricolage.it/nqcontent.cfm?a_id=985).

1st National \*Enotourism

**Festival:** Oct. 23-25 from 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m., in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria 16. Free entrance. Friday 5-8 p.m.; Saturday 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Free wine tasting and wine sales.

\*Enotourism designates all the tourist, leisure and spare time activities dedicated to the discovery and to the cultural pleasure of the vine, wine, and its soil (as defined by the European Enotourism handbook - [http://www.arev.org/IMG/doc/Vademecum\\_EN-7.doc](http://www.arev.org/IMG/doc/Vademecum_EN-7.doc))

### FREE concerts exhibits, classes

**Paper jewelry exhibition:** ongoing until Oct. 25 in Vicenza, Casa Cogollo, Corso Palladio, 165. Tuesday-Sunday 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. & 3-7 p.m.

**Bjorn Kleinhenz Indie Pop SWE + Thans for enquiry Acoustic:** Friday at 9 p.m. in Vicenza, Bar Sarteia, Corso Santi Felice e Fortunato, 362.

**Painting exhibition:** Oct. 18-Nov. 15, Tuesday-Sunday 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. & 3-7 p.m., in Vicenza, Basilica Palladiana, Piazza dei Signori.

**Dominique & Afroguest - live jazz:** Sunday at 9 p.m., in Marostica, Panic Jazz Club, Piazza degli Scacchi.

**Explore the sky:** Tuesday in Arcugnano, Astronomical Observatory, 9 p.m., Via S. Giustina, 127 - about five miles south of Vicenza. View the sky and the planets in great detail with the observatory's telescope.

**Blake Tartare - live jazz:** Wednesday at 10 p.m., in Marostica, Panic Jazz Club, Piazza degli Scacchi.

### Pay concerts & events

**The Drones** in Torino, Oct. 16.  
**Florence and The Machine** in Milan Oct. 16.

**The Thermals** in Milan Oct. 20.

**Brett Dennen** in Milan Oct. 23.  
**White Lies** in Rome Nov. 12; in Milan Nov. 13.

**Muse** in Bologna Nov. 21; in Torino Dec. 4.

**Juliette Lewis** in Milan Nov. 31.

**Backstreet Boys** in Milan Nov. 24.

**Depeche Mode** in Bologna Nov. 24; in Torino Nov. 26.

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

**Tommy Emmanuel** in Florence Nov. 28.

**Paradise Lost** in Milan Dec. 8; in Rome Dec. 9.

**Stryper** in Milan, Alcatraz, Jan. 19.

**Europe** in 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](http://www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing) or [www.ticketone.it/EN/](http://www.ticketone.it/EN/).

### Outdoor Recreation

**Chianti Wine Tasting** in Tuscany Oct. 24.

**Paintball Weekend** at Camp Darby Oct. 24-25.

**WWI trail hiking** in Altopiano Oct. 31.

Most serene Republic of **San Marino** Nov. 1.

**Kids' Day** at the "Frantoio" and Olive Harvest Nov. 8.

Weekend in **Poland** Nov 13-15.

Val Senales **Ski/Snowboard** Weekend: Nov. 13-15.

Depeche Mode is in concert in Bologna Nov. 24; in Torino Nov. 26.



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

## Now Showing



### Ederle Theater

<b>Thursday</b>	Funny People (R)	6 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>	Bandslam (PG)	6 p.m.
	A Perfect Getaway (R)	9 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Bandslam (PG)	3 p.m.
	Zombieland (R)	6 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	GI Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG-13)	3 p.m.
	Zombieland (R)	6 p.m.
<b>Wed.</b>	A Perfect Getaway (R)	6 p.m.
<b>Oct. 22</b>	GI Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG-13)	6 p.m.

### Camp Darby Theater

<b>Friday</b>	GI Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG-13)	6 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Jennifer's Body (R)	6 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	Aliens in the Attic (PG)	1 p.m.
<b>Oct. 22</b>	Whiteout (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](http://www.aafes.com), scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Movie Schedule.



## Villaggio power outage slated Monday

A power outage will take place in Villaggio Monday. The outage is scheduled to survey equipment for an upgrade that will take place the following week.

All power in Villaggio, including housing units and the shoppette, will be shut down from 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

## MOMS club activities

■ Friday: Infant Playgroup 10 a.m.; Walk the Track 10 a.m.; Moms Night Out 7 p.m.

■ Monday: Book Club 10:30 a.m.

■ Wednesday: Pre-school Playgroup 4 p.m.

■ Oct. 23: Walk the Track 10 a.m.; Park Playdate 4 p.m.

■ Oct. 26: Monthly Meeting 10 a.m. Chapel

■ Oct. 27: Toddler Playgroup 10-11:30 a.m.; Halloween Party 3:30-5 p.m.

■ Oct. 30: Walk the Track 10 a.m.

For more information on any of these events, e-mail [momsclub@villaggio.com](mailto:momsclub@villaggio.com).

## Job fair Wednesday

A job fair will be held at the Davis Soldier & Family Readiness Center Wednesday. Call 634-7500 for info.

## Auto Skills closure

The Auto Skills Center will be closed Oct. 26-29 for technician training.

## Holiday play auditions

*Jingle all the Way* auditions will be held Oct. 26 at Soldiers' Theatre at 6:30 p.m. No experience necessary. Call 634-7281.

## USO volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed at the USO. Visit us or call 634-7156.

Need help with the language barrier? Sign up for our Level 1 Italian class.

Class dates are Monday-Dec. 16. Classes meet on Monday and Wednesday nights from 6-8 p.m. The cost is \$125.

The USO is located in Bldg. 9A. Hours are Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Saturday noon-6 p.m.; and Sunday 12:30-6:30 p.m.

Call 634-7156 for information.

## Soldiers' Theatre play

The comedy musical performance *A Day in Hollywood/A Night in the Ukraine* returns to Vicenza Friday-Sunday at Soldiers' Theatre. Call 634-7281.

## Family fun at the chapel

The Contemporary Christian service is hosting Family Crusade Night at the post chapel Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 18 at 6 p.m.

Attendees can enjoy a unique

presentation by KFC (Kids for Christ).

## Ready for reggae?

A reggae costume theme party (red, yellow and green) is set for adults only in the Lion's Den Friday at 8 p.m.

## Art center activities

Join the mixed media art two-session class to express your creative side at the art center Wednesday and Oct. 28 from 4-5:30 p.m.

Also, the art center now offers custom engraving on many surfaces including glass, mirror, wood, plastics and coated metals. Make your next gift even more memorable with a personal message.

## Halloween 2009

The installation will celebrate Halloween in Villaggio Oct. 30 as follows:

■ Halloween Carnival at Villaggio, 3:30-6 p.m. with fun and safe children activities from CYS Services. Dress in your best costume for the costume fashion show and participate to win: Best Howling at the Moon for Kids, plus best decorated lawn wins \$300. Prizes given for second and third place lawns.

■ Trick-or-Treating for U.S. ID card-holders begins at 6 p.m.

Open post trick-or treating is from 7-9 p.m.

■ Adults can enjoy an adults-only Off the Wall Halloween party and costume contest Oct. 31 at 8 p.m. at the Arena.

■ Halloween paper bag mask creation and parade at the post library Oct. 28 beginning at 3:30 p.m. Call 634-7291 for more information.

■ Spend Halloween in Switzerland with an Oct. 31 Outdoor Recreation trip. Cost is \$60.

## Take your protection in your own hands

Personal safety classes will be held every Saturday morning in October at 10:30 a.m. at the post gym. Call 634-7500 for information.

## Visit Freddy in Mexico Wednesday

Freddy FAP visits Mexico Wednesday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. It is a fun event for families. Call 634-

7500 for details.

## What you need to know about your savings

Get the details on the Thrift Savings Plan Tuesday from 9-10 a.m. Call 634-7500 to register.

## Free family art project

Create a scrapbook together at 10 a.m. Oct. 24 and Nov. 14 to ease the distance during deployment and separations. Attend to create the cover for your family's scrapbook. Scrapbook, pages, page protectors and basic supplies will be provided. Monthly scrapbooking family art days will be held once a month. This is a free activity provided through CYS Services. Call 634-7219 for more information.

## SAS open house

School Age Services will hold its fall open house Wednesday from 5-7 p.m. Current SAS participants and parents, as well as community members with school-aged children are invited to Bldg. 308 for the event. Call 634-8253 for information.

## Anything but ordinary

Plan a cosmic bowling party today. Available Thursday afternoons and on weekends.

Call 634-8257 to learn about party packages.

## Become a professional home provider

Increase your family income while staying home with your children. Work part-time to full-time, and get free training.

Call ACS at 634-7615.

## Couples cook-off

A couples chili cook-off is set Oct. 28. Start perfecting your recipe today. Call 634-7500 to sign up.

## Boy Scouting

Have you completed fifth grade? Are you interested in adventure and learning life-long skills? Do you like traveling and meeting new people?

Then scouting is for you. Call Scoutmaster Charles Calabrese at 335-594-0624 or send an e-mail to [charles.calabrese@gmail.com](mailto:charles.calabrese@gmail.com).

## VCC financial support

Need funds to support your community project or event?

The Vicenza Community Club has earmarked more than \$40,000 for our local community in an easy, one-page application process.

E-mail [denice.santos@us.army.mil](mailto:denice.santos@us.army.mil) to apply for the funds you need to enrich our community.

For membership information, e-mail [sara.nantz@us.army.mil](mailto:sara.nantz@us.army.mil) or pick up a membership form at the Thrift Store.

## Scout leaders needed

The Girl Scouts of Vicenza needs leaders, assistant leaders and co-leaders for all age groups for the 2009-2010 Girl Scout year.

If you like working with girls and are willing to help, call Nancy at 349-5209980.

## After hours health care

For urgent concerns when the clinic is closed or for medical emergencies at any time, you may go directly to the San Bortolo Hospital Emergency Room. You may contact a patient liaison at 0444-75-3300 or 0444-928166.

Patients requesting an ambulance should call 0444-71-7114 from off post or 114 from a DSN phone.

## Register at CTC

Central Texas College is seeking spouses, Soldiers and civilians interested in taking college courses this fall.

CTC has many financial aid opportunities available, including information on \$6,000 in scholarships for spouses. Upcoming on-site classes include criminal justice, paralegal, and early childhood development. CTC also has many vocational classes online beginning each month.

For more information or help with signing up, call 634-6514, e-mail [vicenza@europa.ctcd.edu](mailto:vicenza@europa.ctcd.edu), or stop by room 206 at the education center.

## Military blog, Family Matters, up and running

American Forces Press Service has launched a military blog called "Family Matters" dedicated to helping military families deal with the challenges and situations unique to a military lifestyle.

The blog features tips from experts, useful resources and timely responses to comments and questions. Read "Family Matters" at <http://afps.dodlive.mil/>.



U.S. Army Africa photo

**Running the distance:** (From left) Christopher Love, Joseph Osinski, Evelin Montealegre, Jonathan Krepel, Andrew Lotze, Jack Higgs, Katrina Burnett, Adolph DuBose, Seth Garner, Jason Marshall and Stephanie Tutton represented U.S. Army Africa in the 25th Annual Army Ten-Miler Oct. 4 in Washington D.C. The two teams that represented USARAF finished in the top 10 percent of the more than 500 teams competing during the road race, one of the largest in the world and the Army's premier running event. DuBose was the first USARAF finisher at just over 62 minutes.

## 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](mailto: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 335-8219492.

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

## Community Calendar Highlights

**Saturday-** 12K Run to Tower

**Through Dec. 4-** CFC

**Oct. 24-** Quarterly Awards Ceremony

**Oct. 24-25-** VCC Bazaar

**Oct. 25-** Daylight Savings Ends

**Oct. 25-31-** Red Ribbon Week

**Oct. 28-** InfoX

**Oct. 30-** Halloween at Villaggio

**Nov. 6-** Training Holiday

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



The VHS Cougars have lost only one game (to Bamberg by 3 points) this season. If they win against Naples Saturday, they will host a playoff at home Oct. 24. If they lose, they will play a team to be determined as visitors Oct. 24.

File photos by Viki Frey



# Cougar Q&A



## Head coach talks 09 season

Vicenza High School's head football coach, Adam Ridgley, is in his fourth year coaching the Cougars. Ridgley has been at Vicenza for eight years and is an eighth grade math teacher and high school PE teacher. Before arriving in Europe, he was a middle school teacher and coach in McKinney, Texas. After Saturday's homecoming game, he answered a few questions for the Outlook:

**Q.** Give us an overview of the season. What has contributed to the team's success?

**A.** The season has gone well. We lost only 1 game and it was by 3 points. Our athletes are playing as a team, which is contributing to our success. Playing as a team means that some guys have had to sacrifice their individual statistics for the good of the team. Also, without my assistant coaches, we would not have achieved this level of success.

**Q.** Describe the team's makeup?

**A.** We have a large group of juniors and seniors on this year's team. Many of these guys have played with us for two or three years. This really helps our performance. Others have moved in from programs in the United States. This combined experience has helped us to succeed. Our biggest strength is our speed. We have at least five or six starters on offense and defense that are as fast as the other teams' fastest one or two players in most games.

**Q.** Which team was our biggest competition? What was the team's biggest challenge overall?

**A.** Bamberg has been this year's biggest challenge. They were big and strong and fast. This combined with our mistakes put us in a hole against them. I was very proud that our team kept working and had a chance to tie the game with 4 seconds left.

**Q.** What were your predictions for the season? How do you measure success?

**A.** My only prediction for the season was that we would bring everything we had to each game. We would maximize the things we could control and not worry about the things we could not control. I was very confident that we would have a successful season. *"I consider success to be the peace of mind that comes from knowing you gave your all in the pursuit of a worthy cause."* (UCLA basketball coach John Wooden) Making the playoffs would be great but it will not define our success as a team.

**Q.** You used the same offensive and defensive plays as last year. How well

did that work for us?

**A.** Consistency is always helpful to a team. Not only did we have the same offense and defense as last year, but I also had most of the same coaches. The only thing different from last year is that we understand the offense better.

**Q.** Discuss the move from Div. III to Div. II.

**A.** We moved along with at least three other Div. III teams. It provided us with an opportunity to play some teams we haven't seen in a while, such as Naples and Bamberg.

**Q.** Discuss community support.

**A.** I love that our school can provide some traditional American entertainment for our community. There is something special about American football. With the team playing, little kids running around, cheerleaders, fans in the stands and booster club selling refreshments, our Saturday mornings feel very much like a small town Friday night.

### The score

vs. Baumbholder 40-0

vs. Bamberg 23-26

vs. Hohenfels 34-0

vs. Aviano 45-7

If VHS beats Naples Saturday, they'll host a playoff Oct. 24. If VHS loses, they play a team TBD at their school Oct. 24.

### BASKETBALL Soldier League Standings

Team	Win	Loss	Game Scores
Certified	16	1	Sept. 28
Eazy Rock	3	3	Certified: 78 vs. SETAF: 31
HSC SETAF	5	10	Goonz: 40 vs. Eazy: 46
HHO 509 Signal	2	8	Sept. 30
Goonz	0	1	Certified: 61 vs. NTL: 36
Nothing to Lose	0	1	SETAF: 24 vs. Eazy: 42

### FLAG FOOTBALL Soldier League

Team	Win	Loss	The flag football league is on hold until teams are available to participate (effective Sept. 24)
HSC SETAF	9	1	
E Co. 1/503	4	0	
14th Trans.	5	7	
509th Signal	2	4	
Attack Co.	0	3	
Ghedi	0	0	

**Thanksgiving 5K walk/run**  
A Thanks & Giving 5K walk/run is slated Nov. 21. The pre-brief meeting is at 8:45 a.m. The walk/run starts at 9 a.m. There will be turkey drawings.

**Free throw basketball**  
A free throw basketball competition is set Nov. 14. Sign up no later than Nov. 11 at the post gym (634-7009).

A participant meeting is set Nov. 13 at 2:30 p.m. at the gym. Awards given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place per category. Categories include 18 years and out of high school, male and females.

**Sign up by Friday for cross country meet**

Registration is open to community youth, ages 6-12, who are CYSS-registered with a valid health assessment.

Enroll at Central Registration through Friday. The meet will be held Oct. 24 at Lago di Fimon at 9:30 a.m.

Space is limited to the first 15 to sign up. The cost is free.

**The cutting edge of soccer**

CYS Services EDGE! will conduct a program beginning Nov. 2 to help youth improve their soccer skills.

Sessions will be held on Mondays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. for third to fifth graders (\$5 per hour), and from 4:30-5:30 p.m. for sixth to ninth graders (free).

Enroll through Oct. 30 at CYSS Central Registration. Space is limited to the first 15 youth in each age group to enroll.

Call Tom Hlavacek at 634-7502 for information.

**Red Ribbon Week 3-on-3 basketball tourneys**

The adult tournament will be held daily Oct. 26-29 at the post fitness center from 6-7 p.m. Sign up at the gym or e-mail Cheryl.davis@eur.army.mil

The high school and middle school tournaments will be played at the high school and Teen Center courts during lunch period. Sign up at the school office. Sign up by Oct. 22.

**Coaches needed**

If you're interested in volunteering to coach and make a difference in a child's life, contact the Child & Youth Sports & Fitness office at 634-6151.

**Open-play volleyball for ages over 15**

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

Improve your skills, have fun and build morale.

Call 634-7009 for information.