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Ederle Soldier wins USAREUR NCO of the year



Staff Sgt. Jonathan Higgs, a military policeman with the 464th Military Police Company, leads a squad of Italian soldiers through building clearing maneuvers during the Sothern European Taskforce Soldier and Noncommissioned Officer of the Year competition June 12. After winning the SETAF competition, Higgs went on to win the USAREUR competition and is now preparing to compete in the Department of the Army Best Warrior competition later this month. (Photo by Spc. Crystal Abbott, SETAF Public Affairs)

By Spc. Crystal Abbott
SETAF Public Affairs

After three days of intense competition Aug. 11-14 in Grafenwoehr, Germany, one Soldier from Caserma Ederle walked away with the title U.S. Army Europe Non-

commissioned Officer of the Year.

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Higgs, a military policeman with the 464th Military Police Company, spent three days competing against five other NCOs from USAREUR in land navigation, a 15-kilometer ruck march, day and night weapons qualifications, an appearance before a board, written examinations, an Army Physical Fitness Test and a series of other combat tasks before being named top NCO.

"My Soldiers motivate me more than anyone else," said Higgs. "I want them to have the best leadership that they deserve and I try to honor them in that respect. That is what being a leader is all about."

Higgs described the key to his success as always doing the right thing, which is the same advice he gives to fellow Soldiers and NCOs.

"Always do the harder right than the easy wrong. Do the right thing no matter what you

do in life, and you will go very far, especially in the Army."

Higgs will now go on to represent SETAF and USAREUR at the Department of the Army Best Warrior Competition at Ft. Lee, Va., this month.



Higgs runs two miles as part of the NCO of the Year competition. (USAREUR file photo)

Barracks management to change

Spc. Crystal Abbott
SETAF Public Affairs

The implementation plan for the First Sergeants' Barracks Initiative, a new program that will transfer barracks administrative responsibilities from the unit to the garrison staff, is in progress for Caserma Ederle and should be in effect early next year.

Under the FSBI, the Directorate of Public Works Housing office will be in charge of assignments and terminations of rooms and key management, as well as property and room

maintenance, while also maintaining unit integrity and improving the quality of life for the single Soldier.

"We are trying to create a commercial kind of operation that you would see in a private industry in order to provide quality service to the Soldier in terms of accommodation and customer service," said Lewis Smith, USAG Vicenza, Directorate of Public Works, chief of housing. "Soldiers will be greeted upon their arrival, taken to their assigned barracks, checked-in, briefed and given a copy of the barracks policy."

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Toga parties, volunteering by Italian teens still on summer vacation

By Sasha Sibilla
Outlook volunteer

As Vicenza High School students start back to school, their Italian peers still have a few weeks of summer vacation left and we thought it would be interesting to give you an idea of how they're spending their holidays.

Lavinia Leahy, 17, is half American and half Italian. She goes to the Liceo Classico Pigafetta in downtown Vicenza.

This summer Leahy has been volunteering at *La Fraglia*, a center near Caserma Ederle that welcomes people with disabilities. Her job is to help and interact with the members of the center and she said it has been a life-changing experience for her.

She also stayed a month in



Lavinia Leahy (second from left) visits with Francesco Putti (left) and sisters Laura and Sonia Tonegato at La Fraglia, a center for people with disabilities. (Photo courtesy of Michael Leahy)

LaMaddalena, Sardinia, where she went to the beach, on excursions, to a toga party and slept under the stars. Every Saturday night was disco night.

Andrea Monti, 17, a student at the *Collegio Salesiano Astori* of Mestre, is having a very active holiday. All summer he has been keeping fit by playing tennis, ice hockey, hiking and mountain biking in Cortina d'Ampezzo. In July he stayed a week in Stentino, on the coast of Sardinia, where he relaxed at the beach and made lots of friends.

When he's not playing sports or at the beach he likes to go to parties at the Lido of Venice. Before school starts, he hopes to bike on a 90-km trail from Cortina to Lienz, Austria, with two buddies.

Alice Faggionato, 18, from Vicenza is a student at the *Liceo Scientifico Lioy*. In June she attended a tennis camp where she learned new skills and improved her backhand.

During the week she works at a children's shoe store in

Camisano and loves it. On the weekend she's mostly out of town, like in Jesolo where there are parties and clubs.

Eric Marton, 17, originally from Switzerland, lives in Milan and is a student at a *liceo linguistico*. This talented ice hockey player did not train in the ice rink this summer because of a broken wrist but did a lot of free riding, a sport similar to mountain biking.

He went to the island of Lampedusa and had a great time. His typical day was beach in the morning and afternoon, and disco pub at night with friends.

Giulia Salerno, 15, also a student at the *Liceo Pigafetta* of Vicenza has spent most of the summer in Mossano where she has a summer home.

In July, she went with a friend to England for two weeks to improve her English at a language school. When she's not doing summer homework she goes downtown with her friends and never misses out on a good ice cream.

What we know about alcohol, suicide

Editor's note: This is the second in a two-part series. Part one ran Aug. 28.

By Charlie Fields
Army Substance Abuse Program director

Alcohol is a contributing factor in scores of suicides for both men and women. One study showed that between 18 and 66 percent of suicide victims have alcohol in their blood at the time of death.

While the exact role that alcohol plays remains unclear, research has shed light on some of the most important contributing factors.

Decades of research on the link between alcohol and suicide have shown the following:

Firearms is a factor

A connection exists among alcohol and suicide and firearms.

One study showed that suicide victims who had been drinking even though not necessarily intoxicated, were 4.9 times more likely to have used firearms than those who had not been drinking. The disinhibiting effect of alcohol may play a part in the person's willingness not only to act on suicidal impulses but also to use highly lethal methods.

Cocaine is a factor

Cocaine use is associated with increased suicidal behavior and suicidal ideation in people with alcoholism and

depression. This means that if a person with alcohol dependence and major depression uses cocaine, the risk for suicide is heightened even further than if that person did not use cocaine.

Age, sex a factor

As people with alcoholism get older, they face increased risk for suicide. In other words, middle-aged and older alcoholics have a greater suicide risk than do young alcoholic adults. Males with alcohol dependence also have increased rates of suicide over those who are female.

Financial problems are a factor

Alcohol dependent persons who have financial difficulties are more likely to make serious suicide

attempts than those who are not experiencing financial problems.

Also, when unemployment rates rise, so does per capita alcohol consumption and the suicide rate for the population as a whole, according to a 1998 study of alcohol use and suicide in the United States between 1934 and 1987.

Help is available

If you notice any of these signs above in yourself, your friends, family members or co-workers, call ASAP at 634- 7554 or 0444-71-7554 from off post.



Wellness speakers' series begins

The Health Promotion office is kicking off a Wellness Speakers' series Sept. 12. The first speakers are Diane Cirincione, Ph.D. and Dr. Gerald Jampolsky, who will present "Change Your Mind, Change Your Life" at 9 a.m. in Soldiers' Theatre. This will be followed by a second presentation at 2 p.m., "Fostering Homefront Resiliency."

Attendees will receive a copy of the book "A Mini Course for Life" written by the presenters.

For details call Betsy Walters, Health Promotion coordinator, at 634-8828.

Speak Out

What is your favorite Italian dish?

By Outlook Summer Staff



Staff Sgt. Edward Bookout
SETAF

Tiramisu' because it's not too sweet, I don't like really sweet desserts.



William
Family member

Gnocchi because my friend's mom used to make it home made, so I ate it a lot.



Spc. William Stossmeister
SETAF

Fettuccine because the way they cook it, it's healthy, it tastes good and it's filling.



Marcie
Family member

Gnocchi, because it's something different that we don't have in the states.



Pfc. Kristopher Dominy
2d/503d

Lasagna and tortellini because they are good.

Sept. 11 memorial ceremony set for post chapel

A memorial ceremony to commemorate the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks against the United States is planned for 2 p.m. Sept. 11 at the post chapel. The community is invited to attend.

Program moves barracks management from company-level to housing division

Barracks from page 1

Soldiers will also out-process the barracks in a similar fashion to how married soldiers out-process housing.

“At the time of departure, Soldiers will coordinate with our office for an inspection of the room and a review of the hand-receipted items. We will then turn that space in for maintenance,” said Smith. “What we are looking at is being able to control maintenance in the barracks to ensure they meet the quality of standards these Soldiers deserve.”

Moving the responsibility of barracks management to the housing division is meant to lighten the load of the unit leadership.

Housing takes control of barracks maintenance and general administration while still allowing unit leadership to be responsible for the day-to-day living standards of their Soldiers.

“The main thing is that this doesn’t take the leadership out,” explained Smith. “The leadership is still involved under the FSBI, but it gives them the opportunity to concentrate on the mission.”

Apply for law school

The Office of The Judge Advocate General is now accepting applications for the Army’s Funded Legal Education Program.

Selected officers will remain on active duty while attending school.

Interested officers should review Chapter 14, AR 27-1, “The Judge Advocate General’s Funded Legal Education Program,” to determine their eligibility.

This program is open to commissioned officers in the rank of second lieutenant through captain. Applicants must have at least two, but not more than six, years of total active federal service at the time legal training begins. Eligibility is non-waivable.

Eligible officers interested

in applying should immediately register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test.

Applicants must send their request through command channels, to include the officer’s branch manager at AHRC, with a copy furnished to the Office of the Judge Advocate General, ATTN: DAJA-PT (Yvonne Caron-10th Floor), 1777 North Kent Street, Rosslyn, VA 22209-2194, to be received before Nov. 1.

Submission of the application well in advance of the deadline is advised.

Interested officers can call Maj. Sean McGarry, SETAF Staff Judge Advocate’s office, 634-8486/8553 for details.

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September is Health Benefits Month

Make your military health benefit work for you: Updating Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System

U.S. Army Health
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Special to the Outlook

If you are new to the European theater or have recently had a change in your family – such as a move or a new baby – take the time to make sure your military health benefit information is up to date.

There are four simple steps clients can take to ensure easy access to health care when you need it. Below is the first, the rest will follow in subsequent articles:

Step 1: Verify Eligibility

The Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, better known as DEERS, is a database used to determine eligibility for a variety of military benefits, including health benefits such as TRICARE.

Inaccurate or outdated information could cause delays or other problems in accessing health care, so it’s important to keep this information up to date.

As a general rule, you should check your DEERS information annually by visiting your nearest ID card-issuing facility.

But there are other times when you should make a special effort to update your information.

When to update DEERS

Update DEERS whenever there is a change in family or career status.

Some examples include:

- ◆ Change in address
- ◆ Birth or adoption of a child
- ◆ Marriage or divorce
- ◆ Death of a family member
- ◆ Change in rank
- ◆ Retirement

- ◆ Activation (for Reserve or Guard members)

How to Update DEERS

Simple address changes can be made in DEERS online at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/appj/address/index.jsp>, by calling 1-800-538-9552 or 1-866-363-2883 (TTY/TDD for the deaf), or by fax at 1-831-655-8317.

For other changes, visit the ID card facility located in the central processing facility. The phone number is 634-8352/6998.

Keep in mind that you may need to provide documentation

Wednesdays on AFN 107FM, or channel 141 on your television decoder, will be dedicated to medical topics. Listeners can phone questions to a panel of medical experts or e-mail them prior to or during each show.

The phone number is DSN 389-4595 or off post from Italy, dial 49-621-46085-595. The e-mail address is openline@afne.army.mil

The Sept. 10 Open Line show will focus on medical care for Soldiers before, during and after deployment.

Sept. 17 Open Line show will feature Soldier and family issues,



Sp. Phillip Brown (right) helps retiree Helmut Sirch and wife, Erika, fill out DEERS paperwork at the ID card office in the central processing facility.

such as birth, marriage or death certificates; DD-214s or DD-1172s.

Next week’s topic: Check your coverage

AFN Open Line help

In September, AFN’s weekly radio Open Line talk show, which airs 10-11 a.m.

including Installation Management Command-Europe prevention and Europe Regional Medical Command Soldier and Family Support Services treatment programs, will be discussed.

Dental care, maternity issues, pediatrics and pet health are scheduled for the Sept. 24 show.

At your service

DOL, Transportation Motor Pool

Need to go somewhere or move something? Your first call should be to the Directorate of Logistics Transportation Motor Pool folks.

“We provide transportation assets for the command in the form of small and mid-size vehicles,” said Kevin “Smiley” Aitchison, TMP supervisor. “We also have small cargo vehicles and buses for units and sections to borrow.”

“The TMP also has heavy lift capability in the form of forklifts and cranes and provides tactical support to SETAF and the 173rd ABCT in the form of heavy lift, line-haul and various other transportation needs during contingency operations,” he said.

Transportation of larger or bulk items can be made with prior coordination. TMP provides a shuttle bus service between main post and satellite compounds to assist personnel conducting business in those areas, said Aitchison. We also provide transportation for the TRICARE office of the clinic for those personnel who have medical appointments on the economy or in Aviano. This service is scheduled through the TRICARE office in the clinic.



Transportation Motor Pool staff (l to r) Kevin Aitchison, Fabrizio Varotto and Remigio Perazzolo.

Community events

Last minute entry takes second place

Story and photos
by Diana Bahr

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

The staff South of the Alps Dining Facility received a welcome surprise Aug. 19 when they were notified that it had won second place in the 2008 Phillip A. Connelly awards contest.

The news was especially surprising to the dining facility manager Marshall Fowler, as he put in his packet at the last minute.

"I told my crew that we would run for the award in 2009 after we received our new furnishings," he said. "I decided to enter at the last minute thinking it would be a nice train up run, but I never expected to place in the top three, much less receive second place. From what I understand, the last time the dining facility entered the contest was 2000.

"The judges thought that we had a program that was customer-friendly and a staff who helps enhanced the filling of the dining facility with a personal approach to dining. They also like our food and the way we presented it to our Soldiers," said Fowler.

April and Nick McGraw dine at the facility often and agree with the judges, especially the part about a customer-friendly staff.

"I think Marshall has made big improvements to the DFAC," said April. "He makes it a point to visit the tables and talk to people – it gives the place a more personal touch."

Nick, a former Soldier, said that it's best dining facility he's eaten at; he likes the choices and is a big fan of Fowler's chili-mac recipe.

"I think the new look with our sandwich bar and take out service is a big customer draw," continued Fowler. "Also having good food today, good food tomorrow and a clean facility with a clean staff helps."

Fowler also thinks that having the ability to talk face-to-face with the garrison and SETAF commanders about dining facility issues has helped provide improvements to the facility.

But Fowler doesn't take all the credit.

"This team and the command demonstrated what could happen when you put the need of the Soldier first. We've worked hard over the last two years to put this train back on track and moving in the right direction," he said. "I would like to thank everyone who put up with me and help me establish a dining facility that is a home away from home."

The Philip A. Connelly Award Program for Excellence in Army Food Service was established in March 1968 to recognize excellence in Army

Food Service with the co-sponsorship of the International Food Service Executives Association (IFSEA).

The program is named after Philip A. Connelly, a professional in the food service management field and former president of the IFSEA.

He worked throughout his life to promote professionalism in the food services, both in the civilian industry and military.

As a result, civilian and military food service programs are more closely aligned and personnel in these programs now have uniform goals in education, training, career development and job opportunities.

The Connelly competition is composed of two active-duty garrison categories, which are: large dining facility – serves more than 401 Soldiers and small facility that serves 400 Soldiers or less.

The Connelly Awards Program has had a major impact on the degree of professionalism now associated with Army food service, according to Verlena Wilson, Regional Food Program manager for IMCOM-Europe. These benefits include specific improvements in the quality of food and food service provided to Soldiers, she said.

The South of the Alps Dining Facility honors our returning heroes with a special lunch Sept. 19. Soldiers in uniform have priority from 11:30 a.m. - noon, all other customers are welcome from noon-1:30 p.m.



Marshall Fowler, South of the Alps Dining Facility manager, chats with two Soldiers. Fowler's hands-on approach to customer satisfaction ensures that customers enjoy coming to the DFAC for meals.



(Above) Civilians and military enjoy lunch at the dining facility. (Below) Dining facility staff prepare one of two salad lines in preparation for lunch.



Keith Boydston, AFN South, orders lunch from Marian Bass at the South of the Alps Dining Facility's Grab-n-Go. The Grab-n-Go reopened is open weekdays for breakfast from 7-9:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. for lunch.

Tuscany devils travel to Volterra

Story and photo

by Joyce Costello

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

Sunny skies, miles of country roads and great weather all make for good conditions for motorcyclists who want to enjoy touring through Tuscany on their motorcycle.

The Camp Darby Motorcycle Club, *Diavoli di Toscana*, routinely do mentorship rides to Volterra and San Gimignano, according to Tech. Sgt. Christopher Jackson, 31st Munitions Squadron ground safety and quality assurance Inspector. The purpose is to promote safe riding and evaluate some of the less-experienced riders.

"In Italy we have this luscious array of back roads no matter where you go, ranging from a few twisties to major switch backs to long sweeping knee-draggers that tempt riders of all abilities," said Jackson. "With a little mentoring and the right attitude this all can be experienced with less risk."

Tech. Sgt. Ryan Keil, 31st MUNS, says riding in Tuscany is like a runner's high.

"If you don't run, its hard to



Camp Darby motorcyclist take a break under the Tuscan sun during a mentorship ride. The quarterly ride to Volterra allows experienced motorcyclists to mentor those not used to riding on the Italian roads.

explain a runner's high, but it's the same feeling I get when riding my bike on the back roads in Tuscany," said Keil. "It's just you, your bike, the road and the environment—riding here will get your heart rate up."

Motorcyclists who are interested in going on the next mentorship ride should call the USAG Livorno Safety office at 633-7318.

Top two recommended rides for motorcyclists visiting

Tuscany: taking a left onto SS1 Aurelia Road from Camp Darby to Cinque Terre returning via Lucca or taking a right onto the SS1 from Camp Darby and going toward Volterra and San Gimignano.

Camp Darby hosts European Softball Championship

Story and photo

by Joyce Costello

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

As major league baseball season begins to wind down in

the states, the action on the diamond was starting up Labor Day weekend at the Camp Darby European Softball Championship.

Over the course of three days,

seven men's teams and six women's teams from across Europe played 49 games to see who would be the European Softball Champions.

Women's teams from Ramstein and Lakenheath battled for first. Umpire Thomas Villegas said the highlight of the women's finals was when Ramstein scored six runs in the first inning.

"Both teams played their hearts out, but the first inning really set the pace for the rest of the game," said Villegas. "Ramstein defeated Lakenheath 14 to 8."

In the men's finals, Spangdahlem went up against Ramstein men's team.

"The first five of the six Ramstein batters hit homeruns in the first inning and then at the end of second inning, Ramstein was leading 11-0," said Villegas. "However, at the top of the third Ramstein didn't score and in the bottom of the third Spangdahlem scored 11 runs. In the bottom of the fifth, Spangdahlem hit another 13 runs and the game by won by maxing run rules with Spangdahlem winning 24-14."

Originally 22 teams from across Europe had planned on attending.

"Unfortunately, nine teams were unable to attend at the last

minute because of mission constraints," said Todd Smith sports programmer. "However, the teams that did make it had a great tournament and a chance to enjoy the Mediterranean weather at Camp Darby."



Corina Vierya, Ramstein women's team, smashes the ball into the outfield during the European Softball Championship finals held Labor Day weekend on Camp Darby. Ramstein defeated Lakenheath 14-8 to take first place. Lakenheath's Christy McMillin was named Women's Tournament Offensive MVP while Ramstein's Corina Vierya and Jen Taylor were named Tournament Defensive MVP and Tournament MVP respectively.

Darby dates

ID card check at fitness center

The Sports and Fitness center staff will conduct a 100 percent ID check Sept. 2-12. The ID check is to ensure that all personnel are registered as an DFMWR customer in Rec Trac, a system used to track usage of DFMWR facilities, programs and to account for fees collected at DFMWR facilities.

Lifeguard class

A lifeguard certification class is set for Sept. 16-19 at the Darby pool. This class is free but applicants must pass a physical abilities test beforehand.

Call Outdoor Rec for details at 633-7800.

Dinner on the Beach

The American Beach is accepting reservations for a special dinner on the beach Sept. 6. Call 633-7800 for reservations.

VA briefing

Claude Bookhart, Veterans Affairs representative, will be at Camp Darby Sept. 10-11. Appointments can be made for Sept. 10 at ACS, bldg 407 by calling 633-7084.

A briefing open to the public will be held Sept. 11, 9 a.m.-noon in the Sgt. Maj. Shield conference room.

Livorno HHC changes leadership



U.S. Army Garrison Livorno Commander Lt. Col. Steven Cade (right) passes the guidon for Headquarters and Headquarters Company to incoming commander Capt. Stephanie Feagin during the change of command ceremony Aug. 18. Feagin took command from Maj. Raul Rovira. (Photo by Marino Gioia, 7th ATSC Photo lab).

Palladian tours, chess matches, concerts on tap

Vicenza no-driving day

Sept. 21 is a no-driving day in Vicenza from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. in all the posted ZTL (no traffic zone) restricted areas. The ordinance applies to all vehicles including American vehicles.

Sagras, events

Winter hours for the Teatro Olimpico and the picture gallery at *Palazzo Chiericati* started Sept. 2: Tue-Sun 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Vicenza: *Madonna di Monte Berico* (Our Lady of Mount Berico) celebration is Sept. 8. This is Vicenza's patron saint
Vicenza: Through Sept. 14 - annual *Festa dei Oto* (end of summer carnival) at Campo Marzio.

Fiera del Soco (Tree Trunk fair), Sept. 13-17 in Grisignano, 8.6 miles from Vicenza.

This is a large annual market with hundreds of booths, exhibitions, and carnival rides. Sept. 13 starts at 3p.m.; Sept. 14-15 starts at 8a.m.; Sept. 16-17 starts at 4p.m.

Sagra del Baccalà (dried cod festival), Sept. 5-9, in Gaianiga di Gazzo (10 miles from Vicenza).

It starts at 7 p.m. with food booths, live music, and fireworks.

Sagra del Sedano (Celery Festival), Sept. 5-8, in Rubbio (12 miles from Bassano del Grappa). It's an annual festival with food booths and music.

Sept. 7 there will be a show of bridal gowns from the early 1900s to the present.

Biennial chess match

Tickets are now on sale for the live chess game that takes place in the main square in Marostica.

Sept. 12-13 starts at 9 p.m.; Sept. 14 at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Details and tickets are available at www.marostica.scacchi.it.

Vicenza's ITR offers transportation to the Sept. 12 and 14 chess matches. Call ITR at 634-7094 or 0444-71-7094 from off post for details.

Venice marathon

This year's Venice Marathon is Oct. 26.

Details and booking is online www.venicemarathon.it (also in English).

Buon compleanno Andrea Palladio

Saturday afternoon and Sundays through Nov. 2: Guided tours on the 500th anniversary of Andrea Palladio. Discover some of Palladio's works in downtown Vicenza and a few of the architect's most important villas in surrounding towns.

Saturdays: Downtown tour on foot, 2:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m, 12 euro.

Sundays: There are two tours available. One from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m or one from 9 a.m. - 5:30

p.m. Prices vary and tours are available in English.

For information and bookings visit www.palladio2008.info/html/home.php or visit the Vicenza tourist information office next to *Teatro Olimpico*.

A unique Italian experience

An *agriturismo*, a combination of the words "agriculture" and "tourism" - is a restaurant where they serve food prepared from locally grown or raised produce or animals.

For a complete list of agriturismo restaurants in the province of Vicenza visit: www.agriturismoveneto.org/image/tid/5.

Upcoming concerts

Stevie Wonder in Milan-Sept. 26;

Coldplay in Bologna-Sept. 29 and Milan-Sept. 30;

Joan Baez in Milan-Oct. 11; Leonard Cohen in Milan-Oct. 23;

Burt Bacharach in Milan Oct.26; in Florence-Oct. 27 and in Rome-Oct. 28;

Liza Minnelli in Milan-Nov. 14;

Morbid Angel in Milan-Dec. 9 and Padova-Dec. 11.

"Winx on Ice" musical, in Padova, Dec. 13-14 at 14:30.

Tickets are available from your local box office or online

at www.vivaticket.it.

Local markets

All markets are from 8 a.m.- 1 p.m. unless otherwise stated.

Sunday: Camisano - 250 stalls;

Monday: Lonigo - 200 stalls, Thiene - 187 stalls, Cerea - 114 stalls;

Tuesday: Noventa Vicentina - 120 stalls, Marostica - 100 stalls and Arzignano - 175 stalls;

Wednesday: Schio - 113 stalls, Dueville - 90 stalls and

Villafranca - 200 stalls;

Thursday: Vicenza by the train station - 70 stalls, Bassano - 167 stalls and Bussolengo - 220 stalls;

Friday: Vicenza, San Pio X - 25 stalls, Valdagno - 9 a.m.-2 p.m. - 104 stalls and Montebelluna - 150 stalls;

Saturday: Bassano - 7:30 a.m.-2 p.m. - 125 stalls, Schio - 113 stalls, Chiampo - 103 stalls, and Verona near the soccer stadium - 260 stalls.



A view of the chess square in Marostica. A chess match using live people is held during even-numbered years. This year the event is held Sept. 12-14. (Outlook file photo)

ITR, Outdoor Rec trips entice you to get out, get going

ITR Trips

Correction: ITR trips do not leave from the ITR parking lot. Always verify departure location by calling 634-7094.

Medieval Times Dinner and Show: Sept. 19-Enjoy a medieval show and dinner. Cost is \$49 for adults, and free for kids under 1 meter. Meet at 5 p.m. Sign-up deadline is Sept. 18.

Oktoberfest Express: Sept. 20-Spend the day at the famous Oktoberfest in Munich. Cost is \$69 for round trip transportation to the event only. This is not an overnight trip. Depart at 1 a.m. Sign-up deadline is Sept. 19.

Ferrari, Ducati museums along with balsamic vinegar tastings: Sept. 20 - Adults only can tour the auto museums and receive a guided tour and tasting of local balsamic

vinegar production. The cost is \$69. Meet at 7 a.m. Sign-up deadline is Sept. 19.

Florence for families: Sept. 20-Take a guided tour of Florence and have free time to explore, dine and shop. The cost is \$45 for adults, \$29 for ages 6-12, and free for under 6 years old. Meet at 7 a.m. Sign-up deadline is Sept. 19.

Biking along Lake Garda: Sept. 21- Bring a picnic and bike for a day outdoors as we visit three cities in Lake Garda. Leave at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$29 for adults, \$19 for kids 4-12, and free for under 4 years of age. Sign-up deadline is Sept. 20.

Beretta factory tour: Sept. 25 -This is an adults-only guided tour of the Beretta factory followed by a. Leave at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$25. Sign-up deadline is Sept. 24.

ODR trips, classes

For details on these and other trips, call ODR at 634-7453.

Deep sea fishing: Sept. 20 - Bring home dinner when you go deep sea fishing in Chioggia. Leave at 8 a.m., return by noon. Cost is \$40 and includes fishing and registration fees.

Free proper bike fit cycling class: Sept. 24 learn how to properly fit you to your bike. Class is 5:30 to 7 p.m. at ODR.

Sea kayaking: Sept. 21 - Go sea kayaking on Lake Garda from 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. The cost is \$35, which includes transportation and equipment.

Horseback riding weekend: Leave Sept. 26 at 5:30 p.m., return Sept. 28. Go by horseback through the hills of Torreselle. The cost is \$220, which includes transportation, lodging, and food. Meet at the ODR parking lot. Sign-up deadline is Sept. 23. Call 634-7453 for details.

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

Sept. 4	Step Brothers (R)	6 p.m.
Sept. 5	Wanted (R)	6 p.m.
	Death Race (R)	9 p.m.
Sept. 6	Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (G)	3 p.m.
	Wanted (R)	6 p.m.
Sept. 7	Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (G)	3 p.m.
	Death Race (R)	6 p.m.
Sept. 10	Wanted (R)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Sept. 4	Wanted (R)	6 p.m.
Sept. 5	Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG)	6 p.m.
Sept. 6	Star Wars: The Clone Wars (PG)	6 p.m.
Sept. 7	Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (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.

Looking for the movie synopsis? Check out the AAFES Web site: www.aafes.com, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Movie Schedule.

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

Voting week

Armed Forces voting week is Aug. 31-Sept. 7. A voting representative will be at the post exchange Sept. 2-5 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Girl Scout leaders needed

The Girl Scouts of Vicenza need leaders, assistant leaders, co-leaders and parent volunteers for all age groups.

Call Nancy at 349-520-9980. Visit myarmylifetoo.com for position descriptions.

With enough volunteers, registration for girls will be held Sept. 20, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the park across from Vicenza Elementary School.

American Red Cross

Adult, Child and Infant CPR: Sept. 20, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The course fee of \$30 includes class materials.

Babysitter's Training Course: Sept. 27, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. for ages 11-15 years old. The September course for youth is free thanks to Child and Youth Services.

To preregister for any of the courses visit the American Red Cross office Mon.-Fri, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center, bldg 108, room 47 or call 634-7089 off post at 0444-71-7089.

Festa Italia Bazaar

The Vicenza Community Club will host this year's Festa Italia Bazaar Sept. 27-28. Volunteers are needed.

If you or your organization would like to volunteer, contact Karen Smith at smithfamily80@hotmail.com or Danielle Bentz at ezds4fam@yahoo.com.

Free full-day preschool

Vicenza Elementary School's Sure Start Preschool program is modeled after Head Start in the United States. It is a full-day, high-quality preschool for 4 year olds. It targets children who may not be ready for kindergarten the following year.

There is a mandatory parent education component that includes scheduled home visits, quarterly parent meetings and participation in the classroom.

Applications are being

HomeFront News correction

The DFMWR HomeFront News erroneously reported that HomeFront specials for CYS Army Family Covenant benefits were available up to Nov. 1. This is incorrect, the final date is Oct. 15.

Motorcycle safety courses required



Mike Six, NAVFAC EUROPE SWA fire protection engineer, rides his motorcycle toward instructor, Jurgen Weiss, during his Experience Motorcycle Rider class. Six has been riding motorcycles for 15 years but is still required to take the course before having the motorcycle license applied to his SETAF driver's license. The Directorate of Logistics Drivers' Testing office offers Experienced Motorcycle Rider classes Sept. 18 and Oct. 20. A two-day Basic Motorcycle Rider class is set for Sept. 16 and 17. Advance registration is required. Call Brian Dorman, Drivers' Testing office, 634-6912.

accepted now for the school year 2008-2009, and children must be 4 years old by Oct. 31 to participate.

Applications are available at the elementary school office, or call or call 634-7579 for details.

USO Italian classes

Level I Italian class is Sept. 23-Nov. 20, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:45-7:45 p.m. at the USO. Course cost is \$118 plus 11 euro for the book.

Level II Italian class, Sept. 29-Nov. 19, Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:45-7:45 p.m. at the USO. Course cost is \$112 plus 10 euro for the book. Sign up at the USO, located in bldg 9A. Both classes are held at the Education Center.

USO has volunteer opportunities. Stop by to sign up or check out the Web site: www.myarmylifetoo.com.

PTSA meeting

There will be a potluck dinner for PTSA members Sept. 18 in the school cafeteria at 6 p.m. Guest speakers will be representatives of the Parent 2 Parent program.

E-mail ptsavicenza@hotmail.com for more details.

ACS Events

Stress Relief through Deep Breathing & Guided Imagery: Sept. 17, 9-10 a.m. Learn and practice basic, easy relaxation techniques that relieve

stress and support wellness. This class is ongoing.

Club Beyond

Club Beyond opens Sept. 15, 5:30-7 p.m. at the Teen Center. For three Mondays in September, Club Beyond will be hosting Family Nights, giving families with teens a chance to experience what Club Beyond is all about.

Anyone interested in volunteering with Club Beyond is also welcome to attend.

For details on Club Beyond, contact the chapel at 634-7519.

Villaggio Youth Center reopens

The Villaggio Youth Center will hold a grand opening Sept. 5. There will be a barbecue for grades 6-12 from 7-8 p.m., and a dance for grades 7-12 from 8-10 p.m.

Regular opening hours are from Monday-Friday 3-7 p.m.; the first Friday of the every month from 3-10 p.m.; and on days that school is not in session, from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

For details call 634-7659.

Free Outward Bound trips for veterans

Outward Bound is an international non-profit outdoor education program offering fully funded five-day outdoor adventure excursions to all OEF/OIF veterans.

To learn more about the

program and trips, visit the Web site: www.outwardboundwilderness.org/veterans.html.

Club V entertainment

Off the Wall will perform for free Sept. 16 at 8 p.m. in Club V. Call 634-7685 for details.

Fashion show at PX

AAFES sponsors a Back-to-School fashion show Sept. 13 from 1-3 p.m.

Stop by and watch as aspiring models from your community show off the latest styles.

Green card holder's notice

If you are a two-year green card holder and your card is approaching 18 months from the issue date, see the Passport office for assistance in the renewal process.

Office hours are Monday-Wednesday and Friday, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. Thursdays from 1-4:30 p.m.

Call 634-7721 or off post to 0444-71-7721.

Super sign-up luncheon

The Vicenza Community Club is holding a free luncheon Sept. 12, noon-2 p.m. in Club V.

Stop by, check out what we have to offer and sign up for the 2008-09 club year.

Overseas Spouse Education Assistance deadline nears

The deadline for the Army Emergency Relief Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program deadline is approaching.

Term 2 begins Sept. 29. Call AER at 634-7500 for details.

SKIES offers Driver's Education training

SKIES Unlimited offers driver's education classes this fall. Class is held after school in the Education Center.

For instruction and eligibility details call 634-7219.

NSPS leadership training

Rating officials are encouraged to sign up for this free interactive training held Sept. 11-12 on post.

Apply via the Civilian Human Resources Training Application System, Course Number: XB8TAL, Session #002, Sept. 11-12, Vicenza.

Call Gayle Richard, Vicenza CPAC, for details at 634-7371.

ACAP, VA benefits

A job assistance workshop (spouses welcome to attend) is Sept. 9-11. Call the Vicenza ACAP center at 634-7189/7188 for appointments.

Religious activities

Caserma Ederle Chapel

Call the chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for details on post religious activities.

Chaplain Crisis Line:

To speak with a chaplain after hours call **634-KARE** (634-5273).

Saturday services

4 p.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation, or by appointment.

5 p.m.: Vigil Mass

Sunday Services

9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass
9 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school and AWANAs (Sept. through May in Vicenza High School)

10:45 a.m.: Catholic religious education (Sept.-May in Vicenza High School)

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

1:30 p.m.: Full Gospel Pentecostal worship

4 p.m.: Lutheran worship

6 p.m.: Contemporary Christian worship

Monday

Noon: Weekday Mass

Noon: LDS Scripture Study

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

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

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

Tuesday

9:15 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel (PWOC)

Wednesday

Noon: Weekday Mass

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

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

Thursday

Noon: Weekday Mass

5:30 p.m.: Gospel service choir rehearsal

7:15 p.m.: Gospel service Bible study

Friday

Noon: Weekday Mass

Noon: Muslim Khutba and prayer

Faith group contacts

Islamic: Mohamed Noeman at 634-6306.

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

Latter Day Saints (LDS):

Elder Openshaw, 334-665-6845 or Frank Petty at 634-3907/340-899-2218. Scripture study is held Monday, noon-1 p.m.

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 a.m.: Protestant worship

All briefs must be received at editor@eur.army.mil noon Monday, or by Friday at 4 p.m. if Monday is a holiday.

In the footsteps of the Alpini at Mount Pasubio

By Samantha Smith
Outlook
 volunteer

Northern Italy is full of dramatic evidence of World War I, from battle sites and trenches to memorials and museums.

One of the most interesting of these is just outside of Schio where a series of 52 tunnels (or *gallerie*) were carved out of the rocky peaks by the Italians in 1917.

This area was a strategic position during the war and was originally in the hands of the Austrians.

Had the Austrians held this area, they would've had access to the Venetian Plain and been able to capture the Italian Army from the rear.

The Italians, under the command of Gen. Achille Papa, were able to hold back the Austrians and

secure the southern peak called *Dente Italiano* or Italian tooth.

Later, thousands of miners of the 5th Engineering Regiment were assigned to build the tunnels for communication and refueling purposes.

Amazingly, they did so in

only 11 months between February and November 1917 due to enormous time pressure.

The total length of the "*Strada delle Gallerie*" or Road of Tunnels is 2,280 meters or 7,480 feet.

This area of the Italian front never fell due to these impenetrable tunnels and 30

Gold Medals for valor were awarded to soldiers who fought there.

Be sure to bring plenty of water and a flashlight for some of the longer tunnels. You will also need good hiking shoes as the trail can get rough and sometimes slippery inside the tunnels.

Regardless of the time of year you hike Pasubio, it's advisable to take along a windbreaker or something warm as the temperature drops the higher you climb and especially inside the tunnels.

At the top, you are rewarded with a great spot to stop and rest, *Rifugio Papa*. This is a typical refuge, or rustic Italian restaurant, which serves sandwiches, pasta, beer and wine.

Outdoor Recreation has a trip to Pasubio scheduled for Sept. 13, from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cost is \$30 and the trip leaves from the Shoppette parking lot. For details or to sign up, call Outdoor Rec at 634-7453, 0444-71-7453 from off post.



Two hikers stop to take in the cliff-top view of the valley below. (Photo courtesy of Outdoor Recreation)



A view through one of the tunnels. (Photo courtesy of Tim Stanley)



Hikers make their way along the path. Because of the altitude, fog is sometimes a problem. (Photo courtesy of Outdoor Rec)



USAG Vicenza Patriot 5k Fun Run Walk

Free 5k Fun Run Walk on Sept. 13 at the N-40 Track. Mandatory sign-up deadline Sept. 9. Pre-registration is 6:30-7:30 a.m. Pre-brief is at 7:45 a.m. Start time is at 8 a.m. Call 634-7009.

Summer Basketball

Summer basketball sign-ups end Sept. 15. Practice is at 6:30 p.m. Mandatory coaches' meetings Sept. 4 and 15, at 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. at the fitness center.

Football

Football sign-ups end Sept. 15. Practice is at 6:30 p.m. at the all purpose field. Mandatory coaches' meetings Sept. 4 and 15, at 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. at the fitness center.

Soccer

Soccer sign-ups end Sept. 15. Practice is at 6:30 p.m. There is a mandatory coaches' meetings Sept. 4 and 15, at 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. at the fitness center.

6 vs. 6 Indoor Volleyball Tournament

Free 6 vs. 6 Volleyball Tournament at the fitness center Sept. 19-21 at 6:30 p.m. Mandatory sign-up is Sept. 16.

Coaches' meetings are Sept. 16 at 2:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. at the fitness center.

Garrison Tennis Tournament

Sept. 19-21 at 6:30 p.m. Mandatory sign-up deadline is Sept. 16. Divisions: Male and Female.

Participation meeting Sept. 19, at 6 p.m. at the tennis courts.

Civilian Fitness program begins

It's time to enroll in the Civilian Fitness program. Participants are enrolled for six months from Oct. 1-March 31, 2009. Final assessments are mandatory.

Initial assessments are Sept. 16 11 a.m.- 1 p.m. or 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the fitness center.

Assessments for Livorno are Sept. 17 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

For details call Betsy Walters, USAG Vicenza Health Promotion coordinator at 634-8828 or health@setaf.army.mil