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U. S. Army celebrates another year of service



Photo by Laura Kreider

Sp. Martha James, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza, attaches a streamer with the help of USAG Vicenza Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Hartless during the 236th Army Birthday Ceremony held at Soldiers' Theatre June 14.

U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs

U.S. Army Africa's Commander Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg, and Command Sgt. Maj. Hu Rhodes, along with more than 100 Soldiers and civilians from Caserma Ederle poured into Soldier's Theatre June 14 to celebrate the U.S. Army's 236th birthday, which was established June 14, 1775, to secure the nation's independence. Since then, generations of Americans have stepped forward to defend our freedoms and security.

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffrey Hartless asked those in attendance to take

a moment to reflect on the things that the men and women serving in the Army have fought, sacrificed and died for over the past 236 years.

"I am very grateful to live in a nation and be part of an Army that is willing to put so much on the line, to ensure that our Families and the people of our great country, can continue to live and enjoy the freedoms that we so often take for granted," Hartless said.

The ceremony involved narration that detailed the history of the Army.

From the Revolutionary War to today's current operations, Soldiers have remained committed to the Army's values: loyalty,

duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage.

Soldiers have selflessly and continuously defended our rights at home, and they have protected the rights of our friends and allies in various conflicts throughout the world. In addition, the Army has contributed to society with science, exploration and medicine. On June 14, 1775 at the outbreak of the Revolutionary War, the Army was established by a resolution of the Continental Congress of the 13 colonies that would become the United States of America. The strength of our Army was

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USARAF civilian receives top transportation honors

By Mindy Anderson
USARAF Public Affairs

If you've forgotten more about surface transportation than most in the business will ever know, it makes sense that your supervisor would nominate you for a prestigious award, right? In Chris Zahner's case that is exactly what happened. Zahner, U.S. Army Africa's Logistics Office Chief of Surface Transportation, was recently named U.S. Army's Transportation Corps Regimental Civilian of the Year for 2011.

Todd Johnston, USARAF's chief of mobility, said he nominated Zahner because he doesn't just know about 'moving' things, he knows how it should route, who to talk to, who does it best in which port, and which office/minister/official to coordinate USARAF cargo movement through borders smoothly.

"The recognition of one of our own reflects well on the quality of personnel and work being done in all of USARAF and AFRICOM," Johnston said. "As a nascent Army Service Component Command and Combatant Command, it's imperative that we be able to tell

our story and validate the significant investment the (Department of Defense) is putting forth as we seek to engage with our African partners -- plus it highlights the progress we've made over the last 24 months and the way ahead," he said.



Chris Zahner

Bottom line, Zahner is fully dedicated to maturing DoD transport operations in Africa as well as the knowledge and experience to do so, according to USARAF Chief of Logistics Col. Michael Balsler.

"This is recognition from our DA-level transportation community on the complexity of the African mobility environment, and an affirmation of Chris Zahner's tangible and immediate contributions," Balsler said.

In numerous deployments to Africa, discerning commercial capability and customs issues, Chris continually punches above

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Opinion & Editorial

Advice for handling potential houseguests

Commentary by Julie M. Lucas
Outlook editor

When I found out I got my job in Italy and told people where I was going, many were jealous. I had near strangers saying they were coming to visit. I of course laughed this off, knowing that plane tickets are nearly \$2,000 roundtrip. I lived in Colorado for more than three years and friends in Kansas couldn't even cross the state border.

My parents were very fearful from the beginning warning me to set up some ground rules for visitors. They know my mid-Western hospitality and that I'd never say no to houseguests. When the first few people brought up a semi-serious discussion of coming to visit, I immediately said, "If you're coming over, I can't take off work." Seriously, newspapers don't make themselves!

The first tourist who showed interest in coming here is a friend of a few years. I'd like to mention that I've been in Vicenza for almost four months, and at this point, in my house for fewer than two. I like the idea of seeing an old friend, but I barely know my way around, let alone being a tour guide for someone else. I'm trying my hardest to learn the language, which is very important here as well. My houseguest got here and surprisingly did better than I do at navigating her way around, relying on the kindness of strangers. The hardest part was having an American in my house complaining about not being able to plug stuff in after I've just gotten used to it. Yes, the washers and dryers are smaller here and stores are not open

24 hours a day, but that's how it's done here. The second visitor I've had — yes, I've had two guests in less than four months in Italy — was a former colleague. To even call this person a former co-worker would be a stretch. He is military and took a Space-A flight over. I know the idea behind this sound great to all penny-pinching people, but you have to have the patience of a saint — and lots

of time off or money in the bank if you have to buy a ticket to get back. Both of my visitors griped at me for having to work all day — I'm not sure if they understand that I'm not on vacation here?

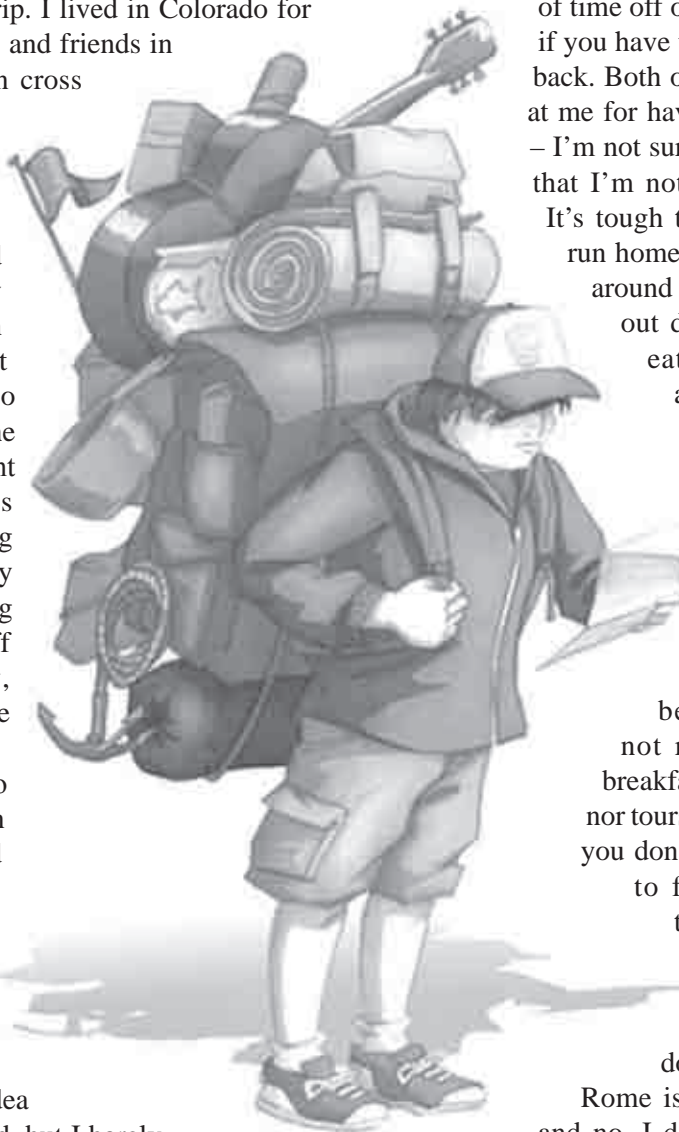
It's tough to work all day and run home to chauffeur people around to local cities or stay out downtown all night, eating tons of gelato and having to work the next day.

My advice for those who might possibly have houseguests from America coming over is this: set guidelines and be firm. Sorry, I'm not running a bed and breakfast out of my house, nor tours of Northern Italy. If you don't feel brave enough to figure out bus and train schedules or try to learn a little of a new language to communicate, don't come over. Yes,

Rome is a long ways away and no, I don't know the train schedules by heart.

The bottom line is Italy is great place for Americans to visit and learn a different way of life. Stress the fact that you aren't here vacationing, but live here and life has to go on. I believe if Americans come with an open mind, an adventurous spirit and don't ask where the nearest Olive Garden is, they will love it here, too.

Learn from my mistakes and you won't lose friends.



CIVILIAN: Zahner receives honor as top transport corp civilian

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his weight class.

"As the single authoritative source for movement execution in U.S. Army Africa Command, Chris lends his expertise repetitively to U.S. Africa Command, other services, and the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa," Balser said. "He is a role-model employee for the command whose supervisory execution, high level of motivation, responsiveness to employees, and vision are without parallel," he said.

Africa is a very large continent and although USARAF's Logistics Mobility Branch is a small organization, according to Zahner, it's a great team, with one purpose and one heart.

"My co-workers in the Mobility Branch have supported all efforts continuously in the development of the Surface Transportation Section into being the lead component organization for coordinating and executing all intra-theater surface movements and distribution for all U.S. military services for the entire continent of Africa," Zahner said. "If there is a truck, railcar or barge hauling U.S. military equipment or supplies anywhere in Africa, then our Mobility Surface Section is responsible for that movement, and without the support of my co-workers, we would have never gotten down that long road to Kitgum, Uganda or Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo, or Dire Dawa, Ethiopia."

Zahner said he is honored to be selected as the Transportation Corps Regimental Civilian of the Year for 2011.

"Being selected as the top civilian transporter among all these outstanding logisticians is a great honor," Zahner said. "I know most of my peers and they are all superb employees and real professionals — I consider this award to be the greatest honor of my civil service career."

The Transportation Corps Regimental Civilian of the Year is awarded each year to the top-performing Department of the Army Civilian Transporter.

There is one award given in this category worldwide by the U.S. Army Transportation Corps each year. Presentation of the award is given at Fort Lee, Va., the home of U.S. Army Logistics.

CORRECTION

On page 4 of the June 16, 2011, edition of the *Outlook*, there was a photo with the "Hollywood Knights" article that contained imagery which some community members may have found offensive. We apologize for the inclusion of the photo and any discomfort it may have caused our audience. It was not our intention to offend or include material that some community members may have found unsuitable for publication.

Speak Out

What are your summer vacation plans?



Pfc. Crystal Campbell
HHC, 173rd BSB
"Visit Camp Darby and Rimini; also go jet skiing on Lake Garda."



Magdala Massieu with daughters Nahama and Amanda
DoDDS
"We plan to go to Croatia to enjoy the beach and then to EuroDisney and Spain."



Spc. Brittney Posey
HHC, 173rd BSB
"Getting as much traveling in as I can before IETC in December."



Alessandro Spigolon
Family member
"I will go to the beach with my family and to the pool and some recreation activities with my friends."



Pfc. Briana Williams
USARAF
"To go home and spend time on the beach."

By Laura Kreider

Teachers receive recognition at Wine Down event

By Tom Hlavacek
Special to the Outlook

The “Thank A Teacher” social event with wine tasting for all Vicenza teachers and school staff hosted at the Arena Thursday was a different way to end the school year. The gathering of more than 70 included elementary, middle and high school members, Child, Youth and School Services staff and others who enjoy wine and appreciate teachers, following the last day of the DoDDS school year. The group gathered to talk about the past year and plans for the summer with local wine tasting and live music.

The band Drop Simpler performed live music while attendees sampled finger food and tasted white and red wines from the Coli Berici. School teacher Alicia Bryant-James joined in with the band providing vocals and singing her original impromptu version of the school-teacher blues.

Veteran teacher Eddie Adams danced to celebrate her retirement after 42 years of teaching before flying to South Carolina. When asked about her thoughts on teaching, Adams said, “It’s all good.”

During the event, Garrison Deputy Commander Chuck Walls handed out flowers to every teacher in attendance. Vicenza Middle School Principal Dr. Julio Gonzalez congratulated teachers and joined in socializing.

The Giassara wine company provided the beverages. The Giassara company schedules wine tasting events monthly at the Arena.

Giassara staff organizer Sonya Day said “I love wine and I love sharing good wine with people.”



Photo by Julie M. Lucas

Vicenza teacher Alicia Bryant-James joins the band Drop Simpler, to perform during the Wine Down social at the Arena Friday. Teachers were honored on their last day of school for the year.

BIRTHDAY: 236 years of U.S. Army’s selfless service, sacrifice

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the Soldiers and their families who fought tyranny and oppression to form a union of America.

Brave militiamen fought to defend freedom and defeat injustice for a new nation to rise up from oppression. Wives and daughters tended the wounds of the injured and even manned the cannons of the new Continental Army. In their hearts, they carried a spirit of revolution – a sheer determination and the will to sacrifice for their freedoms.

In the next 236 years, Soldiers continued to maintain the highest strength of character and resolve. They fought to ensure that freedom would reign in the face of a civil war, two world wars, and conflicts around the world.

Today’s Army is not the Army of 1775. Soldiers were once untrained farmers, merchants and tradesmen using their own rifles.

Much has changed. Today, the Army has the very best equipment, training, leadership and medical care available. What has not changed is the fighting spirit and values of the American Soldier.

As America was torn in two, it was loyal Soldiers who defended the union on the fields of Gettysburg, Antietam and Shiloh.

It was the disciplined Soldier who dug trenches across Europe during the Great War.

Twenty years later, in two theaters a world apart, Soldiers fought on foreign soil to defend freedom, fight tyranny and ensure peace.

Later, it was American Soldiers answering America’s call to fight in faraway places like Chosin, Korea, Saigon, Vietnam and Kuwait.

The attacks of 9-11 nearly ten years ago forever changed the world and the U.S. Army. To volunteer and serve in an Army that is frequently deployed in a world state of persistent conflict, demands incredible personal courage and a dedication to selfless service.

There are still more than 120,000 Soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq. Every day, they continue to make improvements and set the conditions for increased security and stability in the region.

In the last 10 years, they have been repeatedly tested, and today’s Soldiers have emerged stronger with a deeper commitment to the Army as a profession.

In this profession of arms, the Army is driven by innovation and creativity. As such, Soldiers are today prepared and trained for the future operations in this ever-changing world.

The U.S. Army is committed to constantly modernizing its technology and equipment to retain the fighting edge.

In all these efforts, it is important to remember that people make-up the Army – not just Soldiers, but

Families as well.

From the beginning, the Army has relied on the strength of its Families. Since the time Molly Pitcher took over her husband’s cannon at the Battle of Monmouth, Army Family members have been crucial to our success as an Army. Now, they play an increasingly important role in the readiness of an All-Volunteer Force.

They are the support network for Soldiers. Many Family members dedicate long hours volunteering, and their Family members as they continue to make tremendous sacrifices for the nation.

Since the Army’s early days, through the generations that followed, and amid the conflicts, hardships, millions of Americans have risked what the Founders called “their lives, their fortune and their sacred honor,”

They risked it to defend America’s ideals and its missions. Now that duty, that burden — that privilege, falls to this generation — just as it had to earlier generations. Every man and woman serving in uniform is helping to write a new chapter in America’s glorious history.

“As we celebrate 236 years of America’s Army, it is more than a celebration of the institution; it is a celebration of its history, heritage and its people,” Hartless said. “Our Soldier’s, Families, and Army civilians are the “strength of our nation.”

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At Your Service



Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers

Joe Reeder is the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers advisor. The center offers movies, a gaming room with XBOX and Playstation, computers to check email and a kitchen.

BOSS events throughout the year include sightseeing and skiing/snowboarding trips “to enhance the quality of life for single Soldiers,” Reeder said.

The BOSS center is located in building 9B, across from the USO. The hours of operation are Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Wednesdays 11 a.m.-8 p.m. The center is closed Saturdays and Sundays and can be reached at 634-5406.

To suggest a new staff member or volunteer to be featured in “At Your Service,” e-mail their name, contact information and why we should feature him or her to **The Outlook** staff at editor@eur.army.mil.

USARAF staff ride retraces Italian World War I trench battles

Story and photo by Rich Bartell
U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs Office

U. S. Army Africa leaders took part in a staff ride to explore and learn about Italian involvement in World War I, May 24-26. More than 40 people from the USARAF command took part in the ride that featured a guided bus and walking tour of World War I Italian battlefields, memorials and museums.

Taking part in the three-day staff ride that followed a route in northern Italy through the mountains of western Slovenia where the 1917 battle of Caporetto was fought were USARAF Soldiers and civilians, and Italian Army soldiers.

“This staff ride was an opportunity to learn more about Italy as a host nation and take back knowledge from lessons learned from the Italian Army’s World War I battles,” said Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg, USARAF commander.

Lt. Col. Angel Mesa, USARAF chief of operations, explained the reasoning behind staff rides.

“Staff rides have been a part of Army culture for many years, and this was a great opportunity to learn more about, and partner with our Italian hosts,” Mesa said. “It was also a great opportunity to see another historical perspective of World War I and how we can use some

of the lessons learned for ourselves as we look at conflicts now.”

The tour offered an expanded perspective of World War I politics and trench warfare. USARAF Operations Sgt. Maj. Frank Lauer said the tour enhanced his viewpoint of World War I.

“When most Americans think of World War I trench warfare, it’s normally fighting in France alongside the British,” Lauer said. “This staff ride really showed the tremendous sacrifice the Italians made in defending their country – and it’s not something we see a lot of in our history books.”

Italian military history experts gave staff ride participants the benefit of their vast knowledge of each and every memorial and battlefield during the ride. Italo Cati, an Italian military historian and author, provided insights to the vast number of casualties the Italian Army suffered defending their border from troops of the Austro-Hungarian Empire during the war.

Cati spent a day guiding participants on a walking tour of trenches on former battlefields adjacent to the huge Italian war memorial known as Sacrario Militare di Redipuglia near Gorizia, Italy, where more than 100,000 Italian soldiers are buried at the memorial.

Italian Army Maj. Manuele Savio, who works with USARAF operations,



Italian army Maj. Manuele Savio translates and elaborates on Italo Cati’s, left, description of the Sacrario Militare di Redipuglia, a huge military monument near Gorizia, Italy. More than 100,000 Italian soldiers are buried there, including the remains of 60,000 unknown soldiers. The visit to the monument was part of a U.S. Army Africa staff ride focusing on Italian trench warfare during World War I.

translated Cati’s descriptions of the site into English for ride participants. Italian Professor Paolo Pozzato, a military historian and former Italian Army officer, spent a day giving ride participants detailed analysis of Italy’s involvement in World War I that culminated in the battle of Caporetto. On the last day of

the tour, Lt. Col. Lucio Merlo, Carabinieri commander of Southern European Task Force, provided commentary on historical structures in Venzone, Italy.

Ride participants also visited battlefield sites near Gorizio and Pozzuolo del Friuli, Italy, as well as in Koberid and Bovec, Slovenia.



Photo by Laura Kreider

14th Trans. changes command:

Maj. Joseph Gallaher, left, receives the 14th Transportation Battalion (Movement Control) colors from 16th Sustainment Brigade Commander Col. Keith Sledd. The ceremony was held on Hoekstra Field Tuesday. Previously, Maj. Gallaher was assigned to the 14th Transportation Battalion as the Battalion Executive Officer and deploying with the 14th Transportation to Iraqi Freedom. He replaces Lt. Col. (P) James Rupkalvis. “Gen. McQuiston and Col. Shedd thank you for the opportunity to command the next chapter in the 14th Trans history and the first chapter of the 21st TSC-I history,” said Gallaher.

“It is a great and at the same time sad honor to accept the colors of the 14th Trans today as the history of the most decorated Transportation Battalion in the Army comes to a close in a few months. To the Officers, NCOs, and Soldiers of the 14th Trans and 21st TSC-I, as always you look great today, I am looking forward to working with you in your preparation for the upcoming deployments and with you on your daily mission support of the units here in Vicenza.”

Suggestions to prevent crime on your POV

Provost Marshal’s Office

Due to recent rise in vehicle break-ins, the following list was created to help protect you from becoming a victim.

If you have a garage, use it. If you do not have a garage, park in a well illuminated area and if you have a gated area where you can park your vehicle in, use it. Lock the gate if possible.

Secure your vehicle and leave nothing in plain view to invite a thief. Keep the inside of your vehicle clean and clear of clutter. A cluttered vehicle leads a thief to believe you are careless enough to leave valuable items in your vehicle.

Many vehicles have alarm systems that only cover the front doors and this is well known by thieves and is why they break the back wing windows to get inside vehicles.

It is suggested that vehicle owners purchase a system that covers all doors instead of just the front doors.

If you have no alarm system on your vehicle, even a fake system with a small red flashing light that can be attached to the front windshield, can be effective in scaring away thieves.

Report any suspicious activity to the military police at 634-7626/7233 and from off post, 044471-7626/7233.

Speak Out

What are your plans after retirement?



Lt. Col. Dave Segulin
USARAF

“After retirement, I plan to continue in government service as a D.A. civilian.”

Editor’s note: Last week’s Speak Out erroneously printed the wrong rank for Segulin. We regret the error.

Reducing environmental impact now easier

By Doug Powell

Directorate of Public Works Environmental Engineer

As part of Camp Darby's good stewards of the environment initiatives, the Directorate of Public Works has started providing building occupants on the installation with paper recycling collection boxes and will soon be distributing mixed (metal, glass, plastic) recycling collection containers. The new recycling collection system is designed to make it easier for the garrison to recycle and reduce the amount of trash.

Building cleaning contractors will remove the collected recyclables as long as the building occupants properly separate the materials. The key is to make sure the paper box contains only paper or cardboard and the mixed recyclables box contains only glass, plastic or metal items. If the containers are not properly separated, the material will be disposed of as regular trash. The cleaning personnel will transfer the recyclables into the larger bulk containers outside of the buildings.

It is important for everyone to do their part to minimize waste. DPW officials said recycling containers are located throughout the garrison. Paper goes in the yellow dumpsters; glass, plastic and metal in the blue domes; and regular trash in the silver dumpsters.

A detailed description of the mixed recycling particulars for the Pisa (Camp Darby/Depot) and Livorno communities can be found at www.usag.livorno.army.mil on the environmental management page. For more information, or requests for additional recycling containers, call the DPW Environmental Office at 633-7202.



Photo by Joyce Costello

Steve Mechur, Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation, does his part to protect the environment by recycling papers in the GEOFOR paper recycling bins that are being distributed to offices on Camp Darby. Offices that would like these new collection boxes should contact DPW at 633-7202.

Darby Dates

Visit the community calendar for upcoming events and details at www.usag.livorno.army.mil

July Fourth Celebration

The beach opens at 9 a.m. Kids games planned throughout the day, along with adult beach volleyball games. Barbecue dinner for sale at 5 p.m., followed by DJ at 7 p.m. and fireworks at 10 p.m.

Child, Youth and School Services

Registration now open for a dance and theater program to begin in July.

Summer Reading Program

Kids can win prizes for reading books during "A Midsummer Knight's Read" program at the library June 27-Aug. 12.

Call 633-7000.

Army Community Services

- ◆ Breast-feeding 101, June 29
 - ◆ Effective relaxation techniques, June 30
 - ◆ Play group, July 6
 - ◆ Couples Communication, July 8
- Call 633-7084 to learn about these programs.

ITR trips

- Daily trips June-August
- ◆ Cinque Terre, Mondays
 - ◆ Venice, Tuesdays
 - ◆ San Gimignano and Siena, Wednesdays
 - ◆ Rome, Thursdays
 - ◆ Elba, Fridays
 - ◆ Florence, Saturdays
- Call 633-7589.

Outdoor Recreation

- ◆ Aqua Fitness Class at the pool at noon, Mondays and Wednesdays in July
 - ◆ Hiking in San Rossore, July 9
- Call 633-7775.

Darby Community Club

Mathew JC & The All-Stars Rock Band and fashion show July 9. Call 633-7855.

Fitness Center Upgrade

The women's locker room and the racquetball courts are being renovated. All female patrons wishing to shower can use the tennis or pool shower facilities.

AFN Decoder Upgrade

AFN is moving to a new satellite July 31. Before then you need to program your decoder to a new frequency and realign your satellite. Call CFMO at 633-7882 to schedule an appointment with an electrical satellite contractor.

Religious Activities

9:40 a.m. Catholic reconciliation
10 a.m. Catholic Mass
11:15 a.m. Protestant worship
11:15 a.m. Catholic CCD
Call 633-7267.

News notes

Check out who stars in the Photo of the Day everyday on www.usag.livorno.army.mil



Photo by Joyce Costello

Italian American Carnival:

The annual Italian-American Carnival on Camp Darby is open to the public through June 26 from 7 p.m. to midnight. There are rides and games for all ages, live music and an assortment of American style foods like hot dogs, hamburgers, fried chicken, ice cream and beverages.

Carnival Highlights:

- ◆ June 24- live music at fest tent by 'D8Dimension Band' from 8:30-11:30 p.m.
- ◆ June 25- live music in the fest tent by 'Grass Circle Band' from 8:30-11:30 p.m. Check out the Car Tuning display and competition.
- ◆ June 26 - Rock out to Sixty Six Blues' Band in the fest tent from 8:30-11:30 p.m.

See more event photos at www.flickr.com/photos/campdarby/sets/72157626859209769/

Class of 2024:

A child shows his counting skills at the Strong Beginnings pre-kindergarten class's graduation ceremony June 14. According to Nicole McKenna, teacher, the program, is geared towards preparing youngsters for kindergarten. Parents and teacher's aide, Mei Lan Bargas, said they have seen what a difference this program makes in the educational development of young students.

Read the full story at www.usag.livorno.army.mil/News2809.html and see more event photos at www.flickr.com/photos/campdarby/sets/72157626842180287/



Photo by Chiara Mattiolo



Photo by Chiara Mattiolo

Camp Darby's got talent:

Some of the top performing stars were impersonated at the Livorno Elementary and Middle Schools during the talent show that rocked the stage with singing, dancing and music June 9. One rocker, Chris Meeks, captured the rhythm perfectly, according to his dad, David Meeks.

"Chris has always been around music with both his uncles being professional musicians in a very famous band called Strana Officinal," said Meeks. "One of my uncles played from when he was little to when he's big and when I said I want to play the guitar, my uncle said, 'play the drums'," said Chris. Read the full story at www.usag.livorno.army.mil/News287.html

Catfish fest:

will be Saturday-Sunday in Mossano, Località Munari, about 12 miles south of Vicenza. The fest will feature food booths of steamed and fried catfish, live music and dancing.



Courtesy photo

Vigevano (Pavia); July 12 in Udine
Chicago: July 10 in Milan
George Benson: July 11 in Milan; July 13 in Naples
Take That: July 12 in Milan
Elton John: July 12, Piazzola sul Brenta, Padova; July 14 in Lucca
Joe Cocker and B.B. King: July 15 in Lucca
Amy Winehouse: July 16 in Lucca
Bon Jovi: July 17 in Udine, Friuli Stadium
Paul Simon: July 17 in Milan
Deep Purple: July 18 in Verona
Ben Harper: July 18 in Lucca; July 19 in Rome; July 20 in Milan; July 29 in Tarvisio (Udine)
James Taylor: July 19 in Venice, Piazza San Marco
James Blunt: July 21 in Lucca; July 23 in Mantova
Sting: July 29 in Venice, Piazza San Marco
George Michael: Sept. 10 in Florence; Sept. 11 in Naples, Sept. 13-14 in Verona
Lenny Kravitz: Nov. 20 in Villorba (Treviso); Nov. 21 in Assago (Milan)
Rihanna: Dec. 11 in Torino; Dec. 12 in Assago (Milan)
 Tickets available in Vicenza at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center or at www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing or <http://www.ticketone.it/EN/>.

Local events

Catfish Festival

Saturday-Sunday in Mossano, Località Munari, about 12 miles south of Vicenza. Food booths feature stewed and fried catfish and other typical local dishes

♦ Saturday: food booths open at 7 p.m.; 9 p.m. live music and dancing

♦ Sunday: free guided visits to Mossano's Prisons depart from Fattoria della Pozza, località Munari; food booths open at noon and at 7 p.m.; 4:30 p.m. puppet show; 9 p.m. live music and dancing

The prison is cave that was used as a shelter by the local people in times of war and invasion. The "prisons" are a fortification built in a rock-face, including a hidden building with stairways, chambers, small rooms, terraces and windows, partly reinforced with brickwork. This construction, carved out of the rock, is unique on account of its size and structure, but the reason for its creation is not known.

Bruschetta Festival

Friday-Sunday, in Arcugnano, about 5 miles south of Vicenza. Food booths feature typical bruschette (i.e. toasted bread seasoned with garlic, olive oil, etc.), bigoli, gnocchi, and other local specialties. Photo exhibit and charity raffle.

♦ Friday: 7 p.m. food booths; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with the Walter Diamanti Orchestra

♦ Saturday: 7 p.m. food booths; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with the Liscio Simpatia Orchestra

♦ Sunday: 6 p.m. food booths; 9 p.m. Caribbean dance show; 9:30 p.m. Latin-American music and dancing with DJ El Malanga

Frog Festival

Friday-Wednesday, in Gossa di Gazzo Padovano, about 12 miles east of Vicenza. Food booths feature frog risotto, fried frogs, sausage and polenta, gnocchi, horse steaks, homemade desserts and local sweets. Carnival rides and free parking.

♦ Friday: 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Castellina Pasi Orchestra; disco with the Extro Band

♦ Saturday: 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Renato

e Gli Amici; disco with DJ14

♦ Sunday: 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Marco e Il Clan; Radioliga in concert

♦ Monday: 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with Omar Codazzi; disco with DJ14

♦ Tuesday: 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Franco Bagutti Orchestra; disco with DJ Yano and Kuma Live Percussion; 11:45 p.m. fireworks

Patron Saint Festival

Friday-Sunday, in Schio, about 16 miles northwest of Vicenza. Food booths featuring local specialties.

♦ Friday: 7 p.m. festival grand opening; 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-8 p.m. in Palazzo Fogazzaro, Via Fratelli Pasini 44, collectors' items and stamps exhibit; 8:30 p.m. Jelly Rolls Band at Palazzo Toaldi Capra's amphitheatre, Via Pasubio 52. In case of inclement weather, the show will be postponed to July 8.

♦ Saturday: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-8 p.m., Palazzo Fogazzaro, collectors' items and stamps exhibit; 9 p.m. in Piazza Falcone Borsellino, Miss Biker Old America; 11 a.m.-9 p.m. painting exhibit in Via Pasubio

♦ Sunday: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-8 p.m., Palazzo Fogazzaro, collectors' items and stamps exhibit; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. painting exhibit in Via Pasubio; 9:15 p.m. in Piazza Falcone Borsellino, folk revival night; in case of inclement weather, it will be at the Astra Theatre

♦ Wednesday: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-8 p.m., Palazzo Fogazzaro, collectors' items and stamps exhibit; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. painting exhibit in Via Pasubio; 8:45 p.m. dance show; 9:15 p.m. "America: words and music" concert in Piazza Falcone Borsellino. In case of inclement weather, it will be at the Astra Theatre. Stores will be open until 10 p.m.; 11 p.m. fireworks

San Paolo Festival

Saturday-Wednesday in Alte di Montecchio Maggiore, Piazza San Paolo, about 8 miles southwest of Vicenza. Food booths, art exhibits, carnival rides and charity raffle. Live music and dancing start at 9 p.m.

♦ Saturday: 8 p.m. dance show; 9 p.m. live music and dancing with Jimmy Bonato Orchestra

♦ Sunday: 4-7 p.m. games and entertainment for children; 9 p.m. live music and dancing with the Fabio Cozzani Orchestra

♦ Monday: 9 p.m. live music and dancing with the Stereo B. Orchestra

♦ Tuesday: 7:30 p.m. procession accompanied by the P. Ceccato Band; 8 p.m. happy hour and entertainment

♦ Wednesday: 9 p.m. bell concert; 9 p.m. live music and dancing with the Loretta Giorgi Orchestra; 10:45 p.m. charity raffle drawing; 11:30 p.m. fireworks

Beer and Würstel Festival:

Friday-Monday, in Costabissara, Via Monte Grappa, about seven miles northwest of Vicenza. Food booths featuring Bavarian specialties, würstel, sauerkraut, salted smoked raw ham, beers. Live music and dancing

Saint Pietro and Gaetano Festival: Friday-Monday, in Monticello Conte Otto, Via Roma, about 6 miles north of Vicenza. Carnival rides, charity raffle, food booths at 7 p.m., free parking. Live music and dancing start at 9 p.m.

FREE concerts, exhibits & events

Bridal expo:

Ongoing through June 30, 3-7 p.m. in Vicenza, Vi.Art, Contrà del Monte

Argentine Tango show:

Sunday, 9 p.m.-midnight, in Dueville, Busnelli Giardino Magico, Via Rossi 37, about seven miles north of Vicenza

Sculpture/painting exhibit:

Renato Meneghetti paintings and sculptures exhibit: ongoing through July 3, in Bassano del Grappa, Palazzo Agostinelli, Via Barbieri 34, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza. Tuesday-Friday 3-7 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and holidays 10 a.m.-1 p.m. & 3-7 p.m. For more info in English, visit http://www.meneghettirenato.com/bio/annexes_en

Explore the sky:

Astronomical Observatory of Arcugnano, Tuesday, 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

Model ship exhibit:

Ongoing through Sunday, 5-10 p.m. in Cavazzale, Sport Center in Via Revoloni

Live acoustic guitar concert:

Wednesday, 9:30 p.m., in Arzignano, Barbie Music Bar, Via Bottego 20, about 12 miles west of Vicenza

Opera Viva

An educational program for young opera singers offers two concert performances. The first will be a program of sacred Italian repertoire at Sant' Anastasia church in Verona July 15 at 9 p.m. The second concert will be a performance of Italian opera arias presented at the officers club at the Castelvecchio in Verona July 22 at 8 p.m.

Concerts

Sean Paul: July 2, Rome

Roger Waters: July 3 and 4 in Assago (Milan)

Ricky Martin: July 4, Verona

Burt Bacharach and Mario Biondi: July 5 in Lucca; July 6 in Milan

John Mellencamp: July 9 in

ODR trips

Florence and Fiesole, July 2
Mountain bike group ride, July 6
Milan and the Last Supper, July 9

Riccione Beach, July 10
Sirmione, Lake Garda, July 13
Waterwater rafting, July 16
Slovenia Caves and Castles, July 23

La Thuile and Chamonix Monte Bianco, July 30

Trips can be booked on WebTrac at <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil/webtrac/Vicenzarectrac.html> or by following the WebTrac link on www.vicenzaMWR.com or at ODR.

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

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| Friday | Source Code (PG 13) | 6 p.m. |
| | Scream 4 (R) | 9 p.m. |
| Saturday | Source Code (PG 13) | 3 p.m. |
| | Green Lantern (PG 13) | 6 p.m. |
| Sunday | Green Lantern (PG 13) | 3 p.m. |
| | Scream 4 (R) | 6 p.m. |
| July 1 | Rio (PG) | 6 p.m. |
| | Madea's Big Happy Family (PG 13) | 9 p.m. |

The Caserma Ederle Post Movie Theater will be closed Monday-Thursday for renovations until further notice.

Camp Darby Theater

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| Friday | Source Code (PG 13) | 6 p.m. |
| Saturday | Scream 4 (R) | 6 p.m. |
| Sunday | X-Men First Class (PG 13) | 1 p.m. |
| July 1 | Madea's Big Happy Family (PG 13) | 6 p.m. |

Admission: Age 12 and older, \$4, younger than 12, \$2. The Ederle theater box office opens one hour prior to show.

View MOVIE TRAILERS and more online at www.shopmyexchange.com/ems/euro/vicenza.htm or www.aafes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm.

July 4 celebration

This year's Festa Americana July 4 celebrations will be a one-day event July 4, 5 p.m.-midnight. The festival area is located in the hospital parking area, the Sports & Fitness Field and in front of the Ederle Inn. Italian guests are invited to enter through Gate 5 near the Health Clinic on via Corbetta. Italian guests signed on by ID card holders will be required to enter only at Gate 1 on via Aldo Moro and sponsors must remain with their guests at all times. No alcohol, glass bottles, roller skates, skateboards, hee-ies, bicycles, mopeds or pets are allowed to in the festival area. Activities include carnival rides for young and old. Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will operate the popular dunk tank and car bash. Food and entertainment will be available throughout the evening. The "Jalapenos" Country Rock Band will be the featured stage performance for the evening. This year fireworks will be set off from one of the highest points in Vicenza, the historical Monte Berico. The reason for shooting them off from that point will give the greatest viewing from Caserma Ederle and Campo Marzo. It is not recommended to go to Monte Berico during this time. For more information as it becomes available visit www.vicenzamwr.com or DFMWR Vicenza on Facebook.

Motorcycle show

Join the motorcycle show July 4 during the post Independence Day celebration. All riders are welcome. There will be six "People's Choice" awards for: Photo Shoot, Spent the Rent, Bad Attitude, Smokin' Knees, Good Vibrations and Diva, plus Best in Show selected by "Celebrity" Judges. All motorcycles must have a valid registration and insurance. Entrance is free. Registration is July 4 in the Health Center Parking lot from 4-6 p.m. All bikes must be in place before 4:30 p.m. for the judging. For more info., contact grant.sattler@eur.army.mil.

Event road closures

- Roeder Avenue and Slaton Avenue, parking lots between pavilion and dining facility will be closed Thursday, Friday, June 29-30.
- Ederle Inn front parking lot and "no-name" street adjacent to CDC and track will be closed June 27-July 5 for set-up and carnival. Ten parking spaces at the corner of 9th Street and "no-name" street will be marked for CDC drop off/pick up only. 9th Street from the Arena to Gate 5 will be closed July 4-5.
- School bus parking lot behind Golden Lion will be reserved for host nation reception attendees June 30 for the Salute the Nation event. All Department of Defense attendees park along Olson Avenue adjacent the high school.
- Roeder Avenue and Slaton Avenue, parking lots between pavilion and dining facility will be closed July 1 for the Salute the Nation ceremony.

Job openings

- Anthony's Pizza is hiring a food service worker. Position closes Sunday.
- Subway is hiring a food service worker. Position closes Sunday.

CYS Services

- The Jr. Life Guard swim program is available thru EDGE! Starting Monday. Youth in grades 6-9 can develop the technical skills of a lifeguard under the guidance of an aquatics trainer. Call 634-7502.
- Children who have completed kindergarten this past school year can enroll in "KinderKamp." The program runs Monday-Friday 5:45 a.m.-6:15 p.m. Full-day and hourly care are available. Children will enjoy the variety of activities including swimming, on post excursions, water fun days and occasional off post trips. Cost is based on the IMCOM-Europe fee policy and income category. Enroll at Parent Central Services, 634-5700.
- EDGE! youth programs for this summer include: Spike Volleyball Tuesday-Aug. 25 and Pre-conditioning until Aug. 26. Programs are for youth in grades 6-12 and are free. Register at Parent Central Services or on Web Trac. Call 634-7502.
- Visit www.vicenzamwr.com for a complete listing or call Parent Central Services at 634-7219.

Arena

- Summer Movie Nights are every Thursday through Sunday, 6-8 p.m. Enjoy a movie, two hours of bowling, shoe-rental, a large pizza and a pitcher of soda for as many as five people for \$29.95.
- Every Monday in June from 4-9 p.m. enjoy one hour of bowling/pizza package for just \$19.95 for up to five persons.
- Children under 18 and still enrolled in school, can bowl all summer long for \$1 per game including shoes 11a.m.-6 p.m. Mondays-Fridays.

ACS

- Become a volunteer, build your

resume and meet new people. Call the Army Volunteer Corps to find out about opportunities in Vicenza. Register at www.myarmyonesource.com and your volunteer hours will follow you to any installation. Call 634-7500.

- The deadline to apply for the AER Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program (term 1) is July 18. Spouses of active-duty Soldiers pursuing their first undergraduate degree and residing with the Soldier overseas are eligible.

Arts & Crafts Center

- Use one of the many studios for \$2.50 per hour. Get creative with clay, paint on canvas, have fun making cards, finish up some of your framing projects, or choose from our wide variety of bisque ware and paint some pottery.
- Learn to use the equipment in the frame studio and become certified to frame your own pictures Saturday at 10 a.m. The class costs \$40, including a 4x6 picture and all the supplies needed. Call 634-7074.
- Are you ready for some messy art time with your young child? Not sure where to start? Bring messy clothes, a camera and an open mind and the Art Center will provide everything else. Open time for Messy Art is Saturday, 10 a.m.-noon, for children 6 months-5 years. Call 634-7074 for more information.

Change of command

The 509th Signal Battalion will hold a change of command ceremony Friday at 10 a.m. on Hoekstra Field. All are welcome to attend as Lt. Col. G. Shawn Wells turns over command to Lt. Col. Kevin P. Romano. For more info, contact 1st Lt. Neville Rose at 634-5280.

Summer PWOC studies:

- Wednesdays until Aug. 17, 5:30-7 p.m., 10-week Summer Bible study, "Really Bad Girls of

the Bible" by Liz Curtis Higgs (e.g., Bathsheba, Herodias, Tamar the widow & five others)

- Tuesdays, July 12-Aug. 16, 9:30-11 a.m., six-week Summer Bible studies & book clubs with child care available. Bible studies include, "Satisfied ... at Last!" by Kay Harms and "Understanding Spiritual Gifts" by Kay Arthur, David & BJ Lawson. Summer book clubs will be determined later on "Conversation Peace" by Mary Kassian and "She's Gonna Blow" by Julie Barnhill.

Library

- Monthly Book Club will meet on July 7, 7 p.m. to discuss "Sixteen Pleasures" by Robert Hellenga. Bring a snack to share and bring a friend to join in the discussion. Call 634-8419 or stop by the circulation desk for more information.
- Registration for Summer Reading Programs begins Monday. A "Midsummer Knight's Read" is the theme this year. Teens participating can fill out a slip each week when they finish a book and enter for a prize drawing at the final party July 26 at 3 p.m. The program for ages 6-11 will offer different activities each week on Tuesday from 11 a.m.-noon. Children ages 3-5 can come Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-noon. Read 10 books over the summer and receive a prize at the end of summer party. Call 634-8419 or stop by the circulation desk to register.

MOMS Club events

- Fitness Group, Friday at 10:30 a.m.
- Monthly Meeting, Monday at 10 a.m.
- Jesolo Beach Trip, Wednesday at 9 a.m.

Alcoholics Anonymous

AA meetings are Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the ASAP, building 169.

It is an open meeting and anyone can come to learn about AA's 12 step recovery. There are no requirements except confidentiality.

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
11 a.m.: Protestant worship
1:30 p.m.: Full Gospel Pentecostal worship
5 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Tuesdays

9:30 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel, July 12-Aug. 16. Child care available.

Wednesdays

3 p.m.: Praise dance practice
3:15 p.m.: Middle School Club Beyond meets in Villaggio Youth Center until Wednesday
5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice
5:30 p.m.: PWOC Bible study. Dinner provided. No child care
5:30 p.m.: High School Club Beyond meets at the Teen Center for dinner; meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. until Wednesday. Call 340-139-4073 for information
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: Call 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for info
Jewish: Call Paul Levine at 345-907-2108
Latter Day Saints: Call Chance Wilson at 327-869-8107. Sunday services, 1:30-4:30 p.m. at Viale Trento 246, Vicenza.
Call the Caserma Ederle chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for more information on religious activities.

Vacation Bible School

This year's theme is Pandamania: Where God is Wild About You. Bible school will be held at the post chapel Monday-July 1 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Participants should be age 4 by Sept. 1 or Pre-K through completed 5th grade. Spaces are limited so register early.



Photo by Rich Bartell

Italian National Day: U.S. Army Africa Commander, Maj. Gen. David R. Hogg, along with Col. Aldo Rando, Italian liaison to U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza, join dignitaries from all parts of the Veneto Region to celebrate Italy's National Day June 2 in Vicenza.

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

3 Cougars play, place in Milan International tourney

By Tom Hlavacek
Special to the Outlook

Alex Frank, Rima Gasparini and Maya Swinehart teamed with four players from Naples and two from Rome to place ninth in the 14-team Milan Cup tournament.

Competing in a five-on-five tournament they finished with a 6-2-1 record. High School freshman Alex Frank had six goals and junior Maya Swinehart netted two.

According to Vicenza High School girls soccer coach Charity Smith, "They really played well together for girls that were opponents just weeks earlier. The Olympic Development Program is really going to build their skills as total players."

Smith, with Heather Jerardi from Rome and Chad Lucy from Naples are working to expand the USYS-Europe team to give girls the opportunity to play year-round and hopefully gain college recognition, which can be hard to get in Europe. A camp in Naples is planned for Aug. 22-27 and a mini-weekend session in Vicenza in July. There are also upcoming tournaments at Lake Garda and in Germany.

Girls in grades 8-12 who are interested, should contact Smith at 329-191-2137 or email charity1725@yahoo.com.



Courtesy photo

From the left, Maya Swinehart, Alex Frank and Rima Gasparini recently competed in the Milan Cup tournament, placing ninth out of 14 teams. The girls are Vicenza High School students and played on the girls soccer team last spring.

Sports Shorts

Float day

Bring your "floaties" and head to the Villaggio Pool for Family Floats Day Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Enjoy a lazy afternoon of floating. BOSS will be on hand to sell root beer floats too. Call 634-5181 for information.

Breast cancer 5k in Bologna

An information meeting will be held for those interested in participating with a local group in the Susan G. Komen breast cancer 5k in Bologna in September. The meeting will be June 29 at 11:30 a.m. at the USO. For more information call Julie Lucas at 634-7581 or email at julie.lucas@us.army.mil.

Become a ninja

Check out the new Ninpo Taijutsu class at the Fitness Center. Learn the ancient art of Ninja with classes every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the Fitness Center.

Unit & rec play

New players are always welcome. Call 634-7009 or individual POCs.

Rugby: on break until Aug. 1

Basketball: 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for eight or more, Fitness Center.

Men's Soccer: 7-9 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for 24 or more players at the turf field behind the Ederle Inn. Email shaun.nurse@amedd.army.mil or call 636-9648/9120 / 9632.

Women's Soccer: 5:30-7 p.m. Tuesdays & Thursdays for 12 or more players at the turf field behind the Ederle Inn. Email sr_brasher@yahoo.com or call 634-8925.

Volleyball: 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays for eight or more, Fitness Center.

Frisbee golf: 6 p.m. Wednesdays, North 40 field.

Women's softball

Participants and coaches for softball must be at least 18 years old and out of high school. For those interested, call 634-7009 or 634-5033.

Tennis tournament

A Tennis Classic Tournament is July 8-9. Participants meeting is July 8 at 6 p.m. at the Ederle Tennis Courts. Males & Female divisions for categories of: Beginners (0-2 years experience), Intermediate (2-5 years) and Advanced (more than 5 years). Awards will be given for first, second & third place per category. Sign-up by June 28.

40 and older basketball

For those interested in playing against a men's Italian 40 and older team, contact Sports, Fitness & Aquatics at 634-7009 or 7616, and leave your contact information.



Photos by Laura Kreider

Above, Tim Major of the Rough Riders was caught between second and third base by Vicenza Health Clinic's Cory Fisher, right. At right, Tim Major pitches the ball during a game Tuesday. The Rough Riders team competed against Vicenza Health Clinic on the post softball field as part of the 2011 USAG-Vicenza Unit/Recreational Softball League. The USAG-Vicenza Unit/Recreational Single Elimination Softball Championship is scheduled July 7-9. The USAG-Vicenza Unit Level Single Elimination Softball Championship is scheduled July 12-13. The USAG-Vicenza Unit Level Softball Championship Team will advance to the Army Europe Unit Level Softball Championship in Hohenfels, Germany, Aug. 5-8.



COMMUNITY UNIT/REC OPEN PLAYSOFTBALL

| American League | Win | Loss | National League | Win | Loss |
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| HHC USAG V | 7 | 2 | 1/503rd Hostile | 6 | 0 |
| USARAF | 5 | 1 | Battling B's | 4 | 2 |
| Chosen Co. | 5 | 1 | AFN South | 3 | 2 |
| 1/503rd Attack | 4 | 3 | Rough Riders | 2 | 1 |
| HHC 173rd BDE | 2 | 2 | E Co. 1/503rd | 2 | 1 |
| Mod. Co. 1/503rd | 2 | 5 | USARAF (OSJA) | 1 | 3 |
| D. Co/1-503rd (Dogs) | 1 | 4 | Vicenza Health Clinic | 1 | 4 |
| 386th MCT | 0 | 6 | USAG V Females | 1 | 7 |

The 2011 USAG-Vicenza Unit/Recreational Softball League games are Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. on the post softball field. There will be two softball tournaments coming in July to Caserma Ederle. The winner of the USAG-Vicenza Unit Level Softball Championships will advance to the Army Europe Championships Aug. 5-8. Call the Fitness Center for specifics at 634-7616.