

## Solo patrols showing potential, confidence increases in ANA

Story and photo by Sgt. Michael Sword  
173rd ABCT PAO

**COMBAT OUTPOST GARDA, Afghanistan** — As task forces across Afghanistan continue to adjust to their role as trainers, mentors and enablers, the members of the Afghan National Security Forces are also learning to adjust.

As coalition forces begin to transfer the responsibility of security in provinces across the country, the ANSF are increasingly taking the lead in the planning and execution of missions, increasing their presence in local villages and earning the trust of the people of Afghanistan.

At Combat Outpost Garda, a small outpost in the mountains of Afghanistan's Wardak Province, U.S. Army Capt. Tommy Feeney and the Soldiers of B Battery, 4th Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, Task Force 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, started their deployment building a solid relationship with the Afghan soldiers of 4th Toli, 2nd Kandak, from day one.

"We came into it trying to be as friendly as we could with them," said Feeney, commander of B Battery. "That's something we talked about before we even deployed."

"We're going to be culturally sensitive," he continued. "We're partners with the ANA and we're going to treat them like a brother, like a soldier in our unit and I think that mentality in the battery is what's helped keep us safe and helped build our relationship."

When B Battery arrived at COP Garda this summer, they met 4th Toli, a company-sized element reluctant to immediately welcome in yet another American unit. However, with Feeney's guidance in the minds of the battery's Soldiers, it wasn't long before that initial reluctance faded.

"I think it was the first big engagement we got in," said U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Jim Natiello, the platoon sergeant for B Battery's 1st Platoon. "They saw that we were going to fight, we were going to fight alongside them and once they saw that, they were a little more open to what we have to offer and some of the things we wanted to do."

While B Battery is composed of artillerymen, they trained to be a maneuver unit for this deployment, giving them responsibilities normally reserved for infantrymen.



Afghan soldiers from 4th Toli, 2nd Kandak of the Afghan National Army watch over the Kona Kumar valley in Afghanistan's Wardak province, Oct. 4. The Afghan soldiers were providing security to operation to clear the valley of suspected insurgents.

In addition to their patrols and operations, training has been an increasingly important part of their mission.

"I think where we scored the most points is some of the major training events that we did," said Feeney. "They really appreciate it and they continue to ask us to do more."

"For example, we did a buddy team competition where the buddy teams were one U.S. Soldier and one Afghan soldier," he continued. "They ran through a series of lanes including a buddy carry, a stress shoot, buddy aid and I think events like that build a relationship and some camaraderie between the two companies."

From that point on, the two units began working closely together and the partnership that formed was quickly noticed by Afghan 2nd Lt. Ziudin Mazlumydar, a squad leader for 4th Toli.

"We do a lot of training together, we always plan and do our missions together," he said through an interpreter.

"This team is better than units that I've worked with before."

While missions and training built trust between the two units, for Mazlumydar, it was the concern the Americans showed for injured Afghans that really cemented their relationship.

"The big thing that made trust between us was whenever we got hurt or injured, they would try to take care of us here," he said. "If it wasn't possible they would put us on a helicopter and take us to a hospital or FOB Airborne."

The farms, orchards, valleys and villages around the outpost are highly populated with Taliban fighters and are a hotbed of improvised explosive device activity. While it is a dangerous area, the ANA know the importance of a constant presence.

"We're doing a lot of missions around the area to talk

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## USARAF chaplains traveling contact team work with DRC counterparts

By Rich Bartell

U.S. Army Africa, Public Affairs

**KINSHASA, Congo** – Dealing with years of continuous conflict takes its toll on soldiers and civilians in war-torn countries around the globe.

Recently, U.S. Army Africa chaplains fulfilled a request made by the armed forces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo's chief of chaplains during a week-long training in Kinshasa.

French is the official language in the DRC and the military is known as the Forces Armées de la République Démocratique du Congo or FARDC. The training was conducted in English and translated into French.

A two-man traveling contact team or TCT, consisting of USARAF chaplains Col. Jonathan McGraw and Lt. Col. Scott Hammond, conducted ethics training for 50 FARDC chaplains, a few of whom traveled from distant areas in the DRC, some

flying for more than 1,400 miles to attend the seminar.

U. S. Army Col. Lee Whiteside, a defense attaché at the Embassy in Kinshasa, was instrumental in coordinating the TCT training for the FARDC chaplains, Hammond said.

The DRC has suffered from almost constant warfare since the mid-1990s. According to AlerNet, more than 5 million lives have been lost since then. The conflict is the world's deadliest conflict since World War II. A majority of deaths are due to non-combat related illness such as malaria, diarrhea, pneumonia and malnutrition.

The DRC occupies a large land mass in central Africa; it is the second largest country on the continent in area and the 11th largest in the world. DRC geography is vast and diverse by any nation's standards.

According to McGraw, the training had three main areas of focus: preventing sexual assault as a weapon of war; building more positive relation between civilians

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and FARDC soldiers and prevention of looting and pillaging of civilian property.

“We gave a week-long seminar on chaplain advising the commander, Army ethics and the ethical decision making model. Our intent is training the trainer. Chaplains will return to their units and provide commanders with advice on training soldiers in the area of respecting civilian human rights and the law and morals of land warfare,” McGraw said. “The focus of this week’s training was the role of the chaplain as a staff officer and ethical decision making. Much of our training material was developed in cooperation with the Center for Army Profession and Ethic at West Point.”

Three chaplain church affiliations were represented during the TCT training; Protestant, Catholic and Kimbanguiste, a branch of Christianity founded in the DRC.

McGraw remarked on the significance of the ethics training.

“Commitment of the FARDC leadership is evident. They want to encourage ethical and moral choices on the battlefield. With 50 total chaplains and three who are currently serving in the east where there is continuing conflict and combat, is an example of that commitment,” McGraw said.

“Conflict has flared up in Goma, which is in the eastern section of the country. It’s a serious situation and possibly the most significant national security challenge to the DRC,” McGraw said.

Chief chaplain for the Kimbanguiste, Reverend Lt. Col. Celestin Kasombo Tshinye, said the training was useful and explained some of the complexities of military ministry on the battlefield. He described the chaplain’s role.

“As a staff officer, a chaplain is an advisor to the commander. Chaplains also ensure the troops have good morale and ethics. This seminar comes during a time of war when soldiers are in particular need of chaplain’s support. Seminars like the ones our American partners have provided build capacity for the DRC commander and we would like to continue our partnerships for similar training in the future,” Tshinye said.

Reverend Lt. Col. Aaron Shemusoby Kubut traveled more than 1,400 miles from the eastern region of the DRC to attend the TCT seminar. He commended McGraw’s and Hammond’s training content.

“We were most impressed by the four step processing model chaplains can use to advise a commander. When I return to Goma, I will gather all my fellow chaplains and teach them everything that I have learned in my training here with the USARAF chaplains,” Kubut said.

He added, “We have challenges assisting wartime commanders. Sometimes just finding transportation to reach the troops in the field is difficult.”



U.S. Army Africa photo

Forces Armées de la République Démocratique du Congo chaplains take part in a group exercise during ethics training provided by U.S. Army Africa chaplains recently. Fifty FARDC chaplains participated in the training that focused on ethics. Some of the FARDC chaplains traveled more than 1,400 miles to attend the training.

“From the training we have gathered some excellent methods for ethical decision making and we hope that sharing our experiences with the U.S. trainers has been beneficial to them as well,” Kubut said.

Reverend Maj. Pierre Ntumwa Basima is a chaplain serving in the east and conducting innovative training with the goal of preventing sexual violence.

“We are facing many foreign fighters who use sexual violence as a form of warfare. Some are HIV positive. One of the most important aspects of this training is that it reinforces our adherence to the Geneva convention and for FARDC soldiers, it is important to protect our civilian population, especially women,” Basima said.

Catholic chaplain Reverend Lt. Col. Francoise Gbi Ase Kazongo said the TCT training would inspire him to highlight observance of human rights in his ministry messages.

“For me, the most significant feature of the training is emphasizing the importance of human rights. I will ensure that I stress this in all my messages,” Kazongo said.

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to the people and change the way they think about us,” said Mazlumyar. “If we don’t continue to patrol the area, they will think the ANA is weak and the government isn’t powerful enough to provide security here.”

As coalition troops get further into their role as a support element, combined operations continue to slow, however, 4th Toli continues to patrol the area daily, conducting missions even on Fridays, their traditional day of rest.

“They’re very motivated and they love going out on missions so they’re doing missions on their own,” said U.S. Army Spc. William Lopez, a team leader in 1st Platoon.

While the Soldiers of B Battery watch as the ANA leave the outpost and walk the areas they once patrolled, it has caused some mixed emotions: Part frustration from having to watch the Afghan soldiers that they live and work with patrolling on their own and part satisfaction, as the ANA

continues to go out, day after day with or without their American counterparts.

“In the last two weeks they’ve been steadily going on patrol every single day,” said Feeney.

“It’s frustrating out here that we haven’t been able to patrol as much,” said Natiello. “I know my guys and they’re definitely willing to go out there and patrol with them,” he added.

So they continue to patrol by themselves, many of them driven by a sense of national pride, like Afghan soldier Hameed Ullah, who suffered poor treatment while he spent years as a refugee in other neighboring countries. Finally fed up, he returned to Afghanistan two years ago and joined the ANA shortly after.

“It’s my country and I have to do something for my country,” he said through an interpreter. “Now I’m in my country and I can do something for my family.”

As 4th Toli operates more and more

without their American counterparts, it gives their soldiers a chance to gain a confidence in their abilities that may not be realized during partnered operations.

“The last thing that they need is the confidence to go out and do the mission and it’s going to take us not being here for them to finally realize that they are capable of doing it on their own,” said Feeney. “I really believe they have all the tools and all the training that they need to defeat an insurgency here.”

Ultimately, the future of the country’s security rests on the shoulders of the ANSF and if the soldiers of 4th Toli are any indication, the people of Afghanistan are in good hands.

“It’s our country and we have to do this,” said Mazlumyar. “Our country has been through a lot of war. I joined the army to stop the war and fighting and bring a change to our country and even if I only had one drop of blood in my body I would serve my country.”

## Speak Out

What do you plan to be for Halloween?



Aryanna Poulard

Family member

“Cindy Lou Who.”



April Spradley

Family member

“I’ll be a geisha — it’s part of a group thing.”



Spc. Tim Miller

1-503rd Inf. Reg.

“I plan to be Batman — it’s the only costume I could find.”

## Folgore Brigade wraps up Saber Junction exercise

Story and photos by David Ruderman  
USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

More than 35 Italian paratroopers wrapped up training in the Saber Junction 13 multinational exercise at the Vicenza Mission Training Complex on Caserma Ederle Friday.

The soldiers, members of the 187th Regiment, Folgore Brigade, stationed in Livorno, were one of 19 national contingents taking part in the exercise organized by Joint Multinational Training Command in Grafenwoehr, Germany. The Folgore executed wide-area security operations and reserve forces component roles in the course of SJ-13, said Italian Col. Rodolfo Sganga, brigade commander.

"We are playing the role within the rear area ... and for us it's a great opportunity to experience and to work within the multinational environment to test procedures, to see how the others work," Sganga said.

"It's mutually beneficial to us as well as them," said Col. Jeffrey Meeker, director of the Joint Multinational Simulation Center, who was in Vicenza to observe the Italian component at work. "He's got a fairly new staff and so he's able to get an assessment of how those individuals are operating as a team, as well as to gain a better understanding and better integration with U.S. forces on how we do our planning processes as well as our command and control."

Sganga's main objective is to prepare his staff for its upcoming deployment to Operation Enduring Freedom, he said.

"We are working on the procedures for the staff, and I would say this is the first refinement. We expect to have established rough procedures at the end of this exercise," said Sganga.

"So I expect to deploy with a fully operational and capable staff. This is very important for us because, let's say, every couple of years the key elements of the staff are changing. So we need to re-train and re-train and re-train," he said.

In addition to training up its staff in the Vicenza Mission Training Complex for their upcoming deployment, the Folgore made a significant contribution to SJ-13, which focused on live maneuvers by the 2nd Cavalry Regiment at JMTC's Maneuver Rights Area in Bavaria, said Meeker.



Italian Lt. Col. Mariano Bianchi, 187th Regiment battalion commander and Saber Junction 13 excon, briefs Tactical Operations Center personnel Oct. 15 on particulars of Saber Junction 13 in Vicenza. [See more photos on Flickr.](#)

"The benefit from our side is we get the multinational aspect, which is very prevalent in the Saber Junction rotation. You've got 2nd Cavalry Regiment, doing the live piece out on the Maneuver Rights Area up in Graf-Hohenfels. There are several other nations involved as well, playing the roles of multinational partners, host nation forces and supporting the opposing forces fighting against the 2nd Cavalry Regiment.

"It gives us the platform to get those multinational partners together in a training environment to learn each other's practices — the decision-making process, command

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## Domestic violence becoming war on home front

Victim Advocate Office

Autumn is on the way. As we bundle up against the cool weather and consider the warming balm that is home, let us remember that for some of us, home may not feel as safe and welcoming.

Although domestic abuse or violence in the home is considered a private matter between intimate partners and family members, it impacts us all as we interact in our community. In the Vicenza military community, we are all family and we need to look after the health and well being of every one of our neighbors with compassion and empathy.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and purple ribbons are used nationally to signify awareness and support. Many organizations and causes have adopted the purple ribbon over the years as a unifying symbol of survival, courage, honor and dedication to a particular issue or societal cause. Throughout the month, purple ribbons around post and individuals wearing purple ribbons are acknowledging that Domestic Violence continues to impact the Army Family.

Statistical data published by the Department of the

Army note that in the past 10 years, from fiscal year 2001-2011, there has been an 85-percent increase in substantiated cases of domestic violence. In real numbers, the 85-percent increase translates to 2,699 incidents of substantiated domestic violence being reported for FY 11 in comparison to 1,459 in FY01.

From the same study, covering the period of FY01-FY11, the reported data also reveals a 54-percent increase in alcohol use associated with incidents of physical violence within the home. Additionally, the breakdown of data between FY06-FY11 indicates that recidivism, or individuals who are repeatedly engaging in acts of domestic violence in our Army Families, is on the rise. These numbers should be cause for elevated concern within the Army community.

The battles being waged in the home can be prevented, but we all have a part to play. Prepare as a family by identifying sources of conflict and tension. Prevent by problem solving and creating a plan of action so that arguments and conflict do not escalate. Protect yourself and each other from angry outbursts and violent reactions to frustrations, disappointments and irritations that may weigh you down. Reach out to other families

in the community so that if a family is suffering, they are not alone without a safety net of people to turn to for support.

In Vicenza, the Marriage & Family Life Consultants, chaplains and therapists at Behavioral Health are available to servicemembers, their dependents and civilians on post. These services all act as neutral parties, objective voices, and a network of support for the individual and family to build stronger bonds. Talk to the Victim Advocates at Army Community Services if you are unsure of the resources available to you and your family and if you are looking for a confidential first step in finding services and help. Take advantage of the many programs on post to de-stress, talk about what is bothering you, create calm moments, and engage in fun activities.

Help to ensure that violence is not a part of your or your neighbor's homes. Make the commitment to yourself and to each other ... Don't Turn Your Back on Domestic Violence.

For additional information, call the Victim Advocacy/Family Advocacy Program at 634-5878 or 0444-71-5878.

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# Community news



Photos by Laura Kreider

**Girl Scout welcome:** Above, a Girl Scout makes a pledge during a ceremony held Saturday at Soldiers' Theatre. At left, packets are handed out to new Girl Scouts at the Investiture ceremony Saturday. Around 60 girls attended the event; 100 girls are registered for this year. [See more photos on flickr.](#)

## EXERCISE: Folgore Brigade wraps up Saber Junction exercise

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and control, those types of things — before you go do it as part of a multinational organization in a theater of operations,” said Meeker.

“Here specifically within Vicenza, it’s a benefit to both sides. They’re able to expand the exercise by their inclusion here as a constructive, or simulated, unit in the battle space. So that causes the division to consider their needs for resources as well as the 2nd Cavalry Regiment with the (Decisive Action Training Environment) ... so they have to consider both sides and they have to set priorities between the two.

“So to command and control both of those elements gives it more of a realistic flavor of what it’s really like in a theater of operations,” Meeker said.

“We can do it with the simulations or we can do it live or with a combination, a mix of both, so that when you deploy for the first time you’re not learning how to establish those relationships. Those relationships are pre-established,” he said.

Sganga said, “The quality of the simulation is very high. We can simulate every flow of information, every dynamic among the staff, so it’s great. I mean it’s very adherent to the one you can find in operations when you deploy.”

Remarks at the after action review backed up his positive assessment.

“It was really a great exercise, with very good training for us,” said Italian Lt. Col. Mariano Bianchi, 187th Regiment battalion commander and SJ-13 exercise controller. “It was so realistic that the atmosphere of the exercise was sometimes indistinguishable from that of a real mission. The scenario story line was extremely detailed, coherent and well written.”

The Folgore’s participation also allows the JMSC to plan ahead for the next iteration of Saber Junction, which will include participation by the Vicenza-based 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, said Meeker.

“We’re pre-planning for that now, gathering the lessons learned from what happened here, and how do we make this that much better for the 173rd? My assumption there again, I think a pretty good assumption, is it’ll have a really large multinational flavor. That’s part of what we can do here in USAREUR or over here in Europe, is to pull those multinationals in and give them a training opportunity as part of the exercise,” he said.

Leaders from both nations remarked at the after action review on the Folgore’s interest in conducting similar training in the future.

“Now we know where you live and we’ll come back. It was really a warm, warm environment,” Bianchi said.



Italian company commander 1st Lt. Davide Barone reviews the battlefield during the Folgore Brigade’s Saber Junction 13 rehearsal of concept drill at the Vicenza Mission Training Complex on Caserma Ederle Oct. 16.

# Darby Military Community

## Runners compete in annual Tower race



The 30th annual Run to the Tower took place from Camp Darby to the Leaning Tower of Pisa Oct. 19. This year's 12-kilometer race had 391 participants and was won by Giovanni Brattoli with a time of 44 minutes and 20 seconds. [See more photos on Flickr.](#)

**Story and photo by Chiara Mattiolo**  
*Darby Military Community PAO*

The traditional run that annually starts at Camp Darby and reaches the Leaning Tower in Pisa has come to its 30th edition and didn't lose a bit of the enthusiasm around it.

"This event, just like some other annual appointments that see the participation of the local communities are a unique occasion to underline the feeling of fraternity and friendship between our Base and the territory" said Col. Raffaele Iubini, Italian base commander. "The Run to the Tower has become an enduring tradition that can't be missed at Camp Darby."

This year's run took place on a warm and sunny day, offering perfect running conditions for the 391 participants who enjoyed the event; among them representatives of various civilian and military sport associations, but also families.

The 12-kilometer competition started on time at 9:30 a.m. from Camp Darby and the first to arrive, Giovanni Brattoli, made it in 44 minutes and 20 seconds to the leaning tower of Pisa, winning the top male prize, and first in his category (ages 30-34). His prize was presented by Col. David Buckingham, USAG Vicenza commander in a ceremony following the race.

"We are so lucky to be able to enjoy a beautiful day to celebrate the 30th anniversary of this unique event," said Buckingham. "And even more to be part of this beautiful land of Tuscany."

Some runners are new to this event, others are veterans of the Run to the Tower. Rosario Filippis has participated every year since 1991 and this year made it first in his category (over 50 years old) with a time of 46 minutes 18 seconds.

"I have been running to the tower every year since 1991 and I also won it three

times," Filippis said. "I feel like I am part of the U.S. community by now, besides I am in the Italian military, so being part of the military community makes me feel even more comfortable."

Filippis said the path from Camp Darby to the leaning tower is always beautiful.

The top female trophy went to Pamela Markley, category 30-34. Sensational was the result of Enrico Raugi, who made first in his category (under 17) with a time of 52 minutes 44 seconds at 15 years old. The youngest participant at age 11 was Savery Goodman.

Buckingham thanked all the athletes who participated in this year's run and committed himself to doing even better next year.

Iubini also wanted to underline the crucial role of the military forces of the city of Pisa and of the city mayor and institutions that made the event happen.

## BOSS celebrates 23 years of giving back to single military

**By Amy Drummond**  
*Special to the Outlook*

Darby Military Community single service members gathered Oct. 18 to celebrate the 23rd birthday of Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers at Darby Community Club. More than 50 Soldiers and Airmen celebrated the birthday and received BOSS shirts, hats and other gear.

The BOSS program was established in 1989 to respond to the recreational needs of single soldiers, who make up 35 percent of the Army. In 1991 the program was expanded to assist Soldiers in all aspects of their lives, including the three pillars: quality of life, community service, and recreation and leisure.

The DMC BOSS program is unique from other installations in that it also includes Airmen and geographic bachelors. According to BOSS President Airman 1st Class Conner Allen, 731st Munitions Squadron, "the program was mainly Air Force, until May when the Army got more involved."

Being on the BOSS Council is a great opportunity for lower enlisted service members to get some leadership experience explained Allen. "It lets me be the boss," said Allen. "I love the leadership role."

"BOSS is an amazing program for new Soldiers," said BOSS Secretary Christina Bergeron, 511th Military Police Platoon. "It helps get them out, meet new people and do things for less money."

Allen said, "I have been on almost every trip. I am looking forward to the next one."

During the celebration upcoming trips such as a white water rafting trip and a Thanksgiving ski and snowboard trip to Switzerland were discussed. In addition, a new treasurer was elected by using a traditional "hands-up" vote, loudness vote and a dance-off.

MWR BOSS Advisor Jimmy Roddy, helps the BOSS Council organize their trips and manages contracts so the soldiers don't have to. The service members decide where to go and what to do and Roddy is the middle man who helps with the planning aspects. He enjoys helping the servicemembers and getting them out of the barracks.

"The community is so small, BOSS gives service members a voice, helps them with issues, and gets them to volunteer and help outside of Camp Darby," Roddy said.

DMC BOSS competed against other installation earlier this year and won a first place award for Euro BOSS Best Event, extra small and second place for Euro BOSS best installation, extra small.

If you are a single servicemember and want to find out more about the DMC BOSS program or are a community member who would like to reach out to single servicemembers, contact Jimmy Roddy at 050-54-7438, DSN 314-633-7438.

# Darby ates

Visit the community calendar for upcoming events and details at [www.usag.livorno.army.mil](http://www.usag.livorno.army.mil)

### DCC

As of Oct. 15, the Community Club is closed on Mondays. Tuesdays-Thursdays, the Club is open 5-10 p.m. On Fridays, the club opens at 3:30 p.m. and closes at midnight. Saturdays hours are 5 p.m.-midnight.

### Sports and Fitness

Bring the kids and enjoy the Inaugural Camp Darby Turkey Trot Nov. 15, 4-5 p.m. There's a 5K (3.1 miles) for runners and a 2-mile course for walkers. For more information, contact Sports & Fitness at 633-7438.

### Information, Tours & Recreation | Outdoor Recreation

633-7775

- ◆ Lucca Comics and Games Nov. 3. Fans of Star Wars, Batman, Spiderman and other superheroes cannot miss this event. Take a picture with one of the cartoon characters or choose one of your favorite comic book villains at this unique and exciting festival.

### C.Y.S.S.

633-7629

- ◆ Workforce Prep Seminar Nov. 2. Presentation will focus on job readiness to provide youth with job skills and career development training. Interactive skill building with resume writing, mock interviewing and federal internship opportunities to be discussed.
- ◆ SKIES Unlimited Instructors Wanted! CYSS is looking for SKIES Unlimited instructors to teach dance, voice, guitar, piano, martial arts, gymnastics and Zumba. Anyone interested can contact CYSS at 633-8084.

### ACS

Military Family Life Consultants are professional stateside counselors here to talk about anything from deployment stress to parenting. Free, confidential and no records kept. Call 329-876-2168.

## Chocolate fest:

Chocolate will take on many forms and shapes this weekend during the CioccolandoVi festival in downtown Vicenza. More than 50 vendors will be selling chocolate. [Click here](#) for more information.



Courtesy photo

## Local events

### Italian holiday

In Italy, Nov. 1, is All Saints Day, also known as Ognissanti. Schools, offices and most stores will be closed. The next day, All Souls Day, is set aside to honor loved ones who are deceased.

### CioccolandoVi — Chocolate Festival:

Friday-Sunday, in Vicenza, in Piazza dei Signori, Piazza Garibaldi, and Piazza Biade. Watch the top 50 Italian chocolate manufacturers prepare their chocolate delicacies and sample a great variety of chocolates. Entertainment on Saturday at 10:30 a.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.; on Sunday 10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

### Festa del mas-cio e del bollito — Pig bones and steamed meat festival:

Saturday-Sunday, in Sarego, Via Chiesa, about 16 miles southwest of Vicenza; food stands featuring local specialties open at 6 p.m. and on Sunday also at 12:30 p.m.

### October Ghel Fest:

Friday-Sunday and Wednesday-Nov. 4, in Gallio, Parcheeggio Ghelpak, Via Prestinari, about 40 miles north of Vicenza; food booths feature bigoli, goulash soup, and other local specialties open at 7 p.m. and also at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday; charity raffle. The event will take place in an indoor heated tent.

### Mostra dei Funghi d'Autunno e Rassegna delle Erbe Medicinali — Fall mushroom and medical herb exhibit:

Sunday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Costabissara, Villa San Carlo, Via San Carlo 1, about seven miles northwest of Vicenza; food booths featuring polenta with mushrooms,

chestnuts and other local specialties.

### Sagra Polenta e Baccalà — Polenta and Cod Festival:

Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Thiene, in Piazza Chilesotti, about 13 miles north of Vicenza; food booths featuring the typical Vicentine cod and polenta dish.

### Fiera di San Simeone — San Simeone Fair:

Saturday-Sunday, in Marostica, about 18 miles north of Vicenza; 10 a.m.-11 p.m. in Campo Marzio and in Piazza degli Scacchi, carnival rides, local products and crafts exhibit and sale, food booths, live music and shows. On Sunday, at 11:30 a.m. best pumpkin competition; at 6 p.m. Tombola (Bingo) with prizes varying from €200-2.000.

### Festa d'Autunno — Fall Festival:

Wednesday-Nov. 4, in Valdagno, Piazza del Mercato, about 21 miles northwest of Vicenza. Exhibition and market of local crafts and grown produce; 7 p.m. food booths autumn and other locals specialties. Carnival rides, live music and dances start at 9 p.m.

### Feste delle Castagne — Chestnut Festivals:

◆ **Alvese di Nogarole:** Friday-Sunday, Via Chiesa, about 19 miles west of Vicenza. Food booths featuring gnocchi with fioretta (local ricotta), barbecued steak, local desserts and chestnuts open at 8 p.m. and at noon on Sunday. On Sunday, special breakfast at 8:30 a.m. with local polenta, sopressa (Vicentine salami), and homemade bread; 9 a.m. free guided nature walk with local product tasting with an English speaking guide; 1 p.m. "Spazio bimbi" – games and entertainment for children; 2:30 p.m. Latin American music and dancing; 3:30 p.m. 60s songs.

◆ **Monte di Malo:** Saturday 7-9 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Via Europa, about 24 miles northwest of

Vicenza; food booths open at 7 p.m.; local crafts and products exhibit and sale; entertainment

### Upcoming events:

**Fiera dei Santi** – All Saints Fair: Nov. 2, in Asiago.

### Falconarius — Birds of prey flight demonstration:

Sunday, 4 p.m., in Marostica, Ornithological Museum, Via Cansignorio della Scala 2, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. The €5 fee includes the visit at the museum; reduced €3 (children 3-6); free for children under 3.

## Sporting events

### Thai Boxe (Boxing) Mania:

Nov. 24 in Torino

### The American Wrestling Superstars:

Jan. 5 in Rimini (Postponed from Nov. 17 as previously advertised)

Tickets available in Vicenza at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center or at [www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta\\_lingua=ing](http://www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing) or <http://www.ticketone.it/EN/> or <http://www.zedlive.com>.

## Free concerts, exhibits, events

### Modern dance show:

Saturday, 8:45 p.m., in Campiglia dei Berici, Sports Center, Via Pascoli 5, about 18 miles south of Vicenza.

### Festival Concertistico Internazionale — International Concert Festival:

◆ Saturday, 8:45 p.m., in Campiglia dei Berici, San Pietro Church, Via Nazionale 7.

### New generation jewels:

Vicenza, ongoing through Dec. 18, in Vicenza, ViaArt, Contrà del Monte 13, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday-Sunday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3-7 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 3-7 p.m.

### Raku exhibit:

Ongoing through Jan. 22, Vicenza, ViaArt, Contrà del Monte 13, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday-Sunday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. & 3-7 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 3-7 p.m. \*Raku ceramic pottery is a Japanese technique used since the 16th century.

## Concerts

**Europe:** Saturday in Padova, Monday in Milan

**The Cranberries:** Sunday in Padova

**Andrew Bird:** Nov. 14 in Milan

**Big Sean:** Nov. 20 in Milan

**Kris Kristofferson:** Nov. 26 in Milan

## Now Showing



### Ederle Theater

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| <b>Thursday</b> | Ice Age: Continental Drift (PG)     | 6 p.m. |
| <b>Friday</b>   | Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days (PG) | 6 p.m. |
|                 | Total Recall (PG 13)                | 9 p.m. |
| <b>Saturday</b> | Alex Cross (PG 13)*                 | 3 p.m. |
|                 | Paranormal Activity 4 (R)*          | 6 p.m. |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | Alex Cross (PG 13)*                 | 3 p.m. |
|                 | Paranormal Activity 4 (R)*          | 6 p.m. |
| <b>Wed.</b>     | The Campaign (R)                    | 6 p.m. |
| <b>Nov. 1</b>   | The Campaign (R)                    | 6 p.m. |
| <b>Nov. 2</b>   | Sparkle (PG 13)                     | 6 p.m. |
|                 | Hit & Run (R)                       | 9 p.m. |

### Camp Darby Theater

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| <b>Nov. 2</b> | Argo (R)*                  | 6 p.m. |
| <b>Nov. 3</b> | Sinister (R)*              | 6 p.m. |
| <b>Nov. 4</b> | Here Comes The Boom (PG)*  | 1 p.m. |
| <b>Nov. 9</b> | Paranormal Activity 4 (R)* | 6 p.m. |

Admission: \*First run, adult, \$5.50, under 12, \$2.75; regular release, \$5/\$2.50; repeat releases, \$4.50/\$2.25; special pay \$3.50/\$1.75.

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](http://www.shopmyexchange.com/ems/euro/vicenza.htm)

## ODR trips

**San Marino wine tasting:** Sunday

**Baroque Turin and Venaria Reale Palace:** Nov. 3

**Modern Art Gallery in Rovereto:** Nov. 4

**Wine down Wednesday in Colli Euganei:** Nov. 7

**Veterans Day in Florence:** Nov. 11

**Ljubljana, Slovenia:** Nov. 17

**Thanksgiving in Amsterdam:** Nov. 21

**Antique market in Milan:** Nov. 25

**Nice express and perfumery shopping:** Dec. 1

**Solden ski/snowboard trip:** Dec. 1

**Stubaital ski/snowboard trip:** Dec. 8

**Innsbruck and Christmas market:** Dec. 8

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](http://www.vicenzaMWR.com) or at ODR.

\*All events listed on this page are as reported to the Outlook office by press time. All events and times are subject to change due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

## Memorial ceremony

The 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team will hold a memorial ceremony for the fallen Nov. 1 at 1 p.m. at the post chapel. All are welcome to attend.

## Payments go electronic by March 1

Military members, military retirees and annuitants, and federal civilian employees receiving paper checks from the Defense Finance and Accounting Service will soon get their pay electronically to comply with new mandates from the U.S. Department of the Treasury. By March 1, all federal government payments should be delivered by electronic funds transfer (direct deposit).

- Customers with myPay accounts can go to <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx> to enter desired bank routing and account numbers; changes will be reflected in pay records in about a week.

- Military retirees and annuitants without myPay accounts should complete a Fast Start Direct Deposit form at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/efi/2231.pdf> and mail it to DFAS, U.S. Military Retired Pay, P.O. Box 7130, London, KY 40742-7130.

- Former spouses of military retirees without myPay accounts should complete a Direct Deposit Authorization (Form 1059) at <http://www.dfas.mil/dms/dfas/rapay/pdf/1059.pdf> and mail it to DFAS, Garmishment Operations, P.O. Box 998002, Cleveland, OH 44199-8002.

- Military members or civilian employees unable to access myPay should contact their servicing finance office, civilian pay Customer Service Representative (payroll liaison) or human resources office to start direct deposit.

Additional DFAS customer service assistance is available at 1-800-321-1080 (for retirees and annuitants) or 1-888-332-7411 (for military and civilian employees). (Defense Finance and Accounting Service, News Release)

## Schools to close Nov. 2

Friday Nov. 2 will be a DoDDS-Europe Teacher Work Day. There will be no school for students at any of the three Vicenza DoDDS-E schools. In addition, there will be no instruction Nov. 8 at Vicenza Elementary School, which will hold parent-teacher conferences that day.

## Recycling against domestic violence

The National Coalition Against Domestic Violence is collecting old or broken cell phones, PDAs and small electronic devices to be refurbished and distributed as emergency phones for victims of domestic violence and projects that support them. To donate, bring old devices to the post office and drop them in the Purple Box — be sure to pull out old SIM cards. Call the Victim Advocates Office at 634-5878 or 0444-71-5878 for information.

## Digital Citizenship at VMS

Vicenza Middle School will conduct Digital Citizenship training for parents Nov. 5 from 12:30-

1:30 p.m. in the computer lab. Get up to speed on issues affecting your child's Internet use, social networking and cyberbullying. Call 634-5701 or 0444-71-5701 for information.

## Food for Thought

The Vicenza Chapel Community will host an evening of encouragement for deployed families Nov. 13 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Spouses will share food, conversation and fellowship, and a separate program for children will include games, crafts and pizza. Free care is available from 5-8 p.m. at the CDC for small children. Older children can go bowling with Chapel youth leaders. Reservations are required to attend. Email [foodforthoughtvicenza@aol.com](mailto:foodforthoughtvicenza@aol.com) for information and to sign up.

## MOMS Club meets monthly

The MOMS Club of Vicenza offers play dates, out-and-about excursions, book club, recipe exchange, Bunco, coffee, chat and monthly activities. Membership dues are \$20 annually. Email [momsclubofvicenza@gmail.com](mailto:momsclubofvicenza@gmail.com) for information and a list of events.

## Fall back one hour

European summer time ends throughout the continent and in the United Kingdom Sunday at 2 a.m.

Set your clocks back one hour to stay on time. Daylight Saving Time will end in the U.S. and Canada Nov. 4.

## Arts and Crafts

- Art with Anything** Friday from 3-4 p.m. will focus on Halloween storytelling for EFMP families that lets participants draw their own holiday stories.

- Soap making** for all ages meets Saturday.

- Weave a daytrip tote basket** Nov. 9 at the beginning basket weaving class.

- A four-week digital photography** class begins Nov. 1. Sessions are from 1-2:45 p.m. or 5-6:30 p.m. Understand aperture, shutter speed and ISO to improve your photography.

Call 634-7074, stop by the Arts and Crafts Center or go to WebTrac to register.

## CYSS develops youth

- The Youth Center is running a scavenger hunt photo excursion to Mantova Nov. 3. The trip is free but participants must register before Nov. 2 at Parent Central Services or online WebTrac. Call 634-7659 for information.

- Youth Services continues its series of Youth Workforce Preparation classes with **Time management** this Monday, **Ethics**

**in the workplace** Nov. 5 and **Customer service** Nov. 19 at the Fitness Center from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Register at the Teen Center or call 634-7659.

## At the Soldiers' Theatre

- A three-week **tap dance class** begins Tuesday. Intermediate classes meet Tuesdays, beginners meet Wednesdays and advanced classes meet Thursdays. All sessions begin at 5:15 p.m.

- The **Music Café** returns Friday. Stop by to perform or enjoy your friends and neighbors being musical.

## At the Wellness Center

**Army MOVE! Weight Management Classes:** This three-part class focuses on nutrition, physical activity and building healthy habits. Designed for active duty Soldiers but open to Family members and civilians on a space-available basis. The next iteration begins Nov. 6 at the Wellness Center at 8 a.m. Call 0444-71-9519 for details and to register.

## Estate claims

Anyone having any claims on or obligations to the estate of Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Metcalfe of Company D, 2nd-503rd Infantry, 173rd ABCT, should contact the summary court martial officer, Capt. Benjamin Ravitz, at 634-6036 or by email at [benjamin.j.ravitz@mail.mil](mailto:benjamin.j.ravitz@mail.mil).



Photo by Joyce Costello

**Baking in support of CFC:** Judges tally votes to pick the winner of the Army Public Health Command-Vicenza sponsored Halloween bake-off in support of CFC, the Combined Federal Campaign, at the post exchange Oct. 17. First place winners Lourdes Delong and Stephanie Mills received \$25 from Global Credit Union and a \$100 AAFES gift card. Lora O'Neill placed second and Spc. Amar Walker placed third. The final, Thanksgiving themed CFC bake-off will take place Nov. 16. Drop off entries in front of the Exchange by 11:45 a.m.

## Halloween is here

### Halloween at Villaggio

- Halloween on Villaggio begins Wednesday with contests at the Villaggio Youth Center from 3:30-6 p.m. for U.S. ID card holders and guests; children must be 12 or under, in costume and accompanied by a parent.

- The CDC will close at 5:30 p.m. to allow parents time to pick up their children.

- There will be no driving

in Villaggio from 6-8:30 p.m. Shuttle buses will run from the Commissary parking lot to Villaggio main gate from 3-8:30 p.m.

- The main gate will be open for non-ID card holders from 6-8 p.m. for Trick-or-Treat. Family and MWR and B.O.S.S. volunteers will man eight "treat shacks" throughout the housing area.

- "Trunk or Treat" lets families living off post to decorate their vehicles and distribute candy. FMWR will present a \$100 commissary gift card to the best decorated vehicle.

- "Not Participating Signs" will be distributed to Villaggio homes for those who wish to abstain. Signs should be clearly posted on the front door.

- Get last minute updates on the U.S. Army at Vicenza Facebook page.

### USO Halloween event

USO will host its Halloween

## Religious activities

### Chaplain Crisis Line

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

### Sunday services

**9 a.m.:** Mass, Sacrament of Reconciliation following Mass, or during duty hours

**11 a.m.:** Protestant worship

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

**5 p.m.:** Contemporary Christian service

### Tuesdays

**9 a.m.:** Protestant Women of the Chapel

**5 p.m.:** Contemporary Praise band practice

### Wednesdays

**5:30 p.m.:** PWOC Bible study. Dinner provided. No child care

**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

**Bahá'í Faith:** Call Russell Menard at 389-133-4627 or 349-708-2535 or Giacomo Baravalle at 348-603-2283

**Church of Christ:** Call CW2 Michael Bickle at 345-469-9974 or 0444-335-135 or email [vicenzaitalychurchofchrist@gmail.com](mailto:vicenzaitalychurchofchrist@gmail.com).

**Islamic:** Call 634-7519 (0444-71-7519)

**Jewish:** Call Paul Levine at 345-907-2108

**Latter Day Saints:** Sunday services, 9:30 a.m. in Vicenza. Call Chance Wilson at 327-869-8107 for details.

**Call the Caserma Ederle Post Chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for more information on religious activities.**

celebration Saturday from 2-7 p.m. on the track field opposite the Arena. Activities include bouncy houses, food, face painting, games and candy prizes, live music trunk-or-treating along "No-Name Street" beginning at 6 p.m. All are welcome.

### At the Arena

The Lion's Den hosts a costume party Saturday starting at 8 p.m. Children can bowl from 2-8 p.m. for \$1 Saturday and again Wednesday.

**DON'T BE LATE:** Email briefs to [julie.m.lucas.civ@mail.mil](mailto:julie.m.lucas.civ@mail.mil) by noon on Monday, or by 4 p.m. Friday if Monday is a holiday.

## Caserma Ederle employees learn Russian fighting technique



Italian employees of Caserma Ederle practice fight moves on each other Monday nights. Americans are invited to join in the training.

Story and photos by Julie M. Lucas  
*Outlook editor*

Mondays nights at the post Fitness Center, you can find Italians and Americans knocking each other to the mat. No, they aren't arguing, but studying "Systema," a form of Russian martial arts. Luca Chiarato, who has worked on the caserma for 10 years, teaches the group the technique he learned seven years ago from a Soldier. After years of training and learning the different stages, he became the first instructor in Italy.

"Compared to other forms of martial arts, this has nothing to do with strength," said Italian Army 1st Sgt. Luca Bertozzo, who has been studying for three years. "A lot of this has to do with balance — even women can do this. We are all about teamwork."

According to Chiarato, Systema or system has its roots in the Middle Ages and is linked to the defense of Orthodox Church. For a while it was banned by the Russian government, but a few kept training in secret. During World War II, the Russian special forces practiced the system.

Chiarato says different pillars of the system include wellness to know yourself, having self confidence and using your strength. Controlling fear is another aspect; the group teaches how to fight even blindfolded, how to get out of a crowd, what to do if you are attacked in a car — nearly 1,000 different situations. Unlike Eastern martial arts, here are no belts and no masters.

One of the class participants, Chiara Dalla Vecchia, Directorate of Public Works employee, grew up studying synchronized swimming and had a bad experience at a train station while attending the university in Venice. Despite her fears of fighting, she started with the group nearly two years ago.

"Luca follows you in a step-by-step process and I feel very comfortable," Dalla Vecchia said. "My surprise is that in a martial arts class, you learn to stay calm and fight without tension in your body to survive."

Della Vecchia not only recommends the class for other females but children as well.

"It teaches 360 degrees of what to do," Bertozzo said. He admits he was not a fan at the beginning but after one class, he knew there was "something to this."



Italian employees of Caserma Ederle work on take down moves they learn from the Russian fighting system, "Systema."

The group has an agreement with the Directorate of Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation to use the Fitness Center Monday nights from 5-6:30 p.m. A small fee of \$50 will cover four classes per month. Bertozzo says students should come in normal workout clothes and don't have to purchase anything additional to train. Additional training for those interested happens once a month with Russian instructors in Italy. One of the master trainers from Toronto, Canada, Vladimir Vasiliev, will be in La Spezia Nov. 3-4.

"We won't punch you in the face until we feel comfortable to do so," joked Bertozzo. "If you come try this, you will enter as a friend. If this isn't for you, you will leave as a friend and we will share a coffee as a friend when we see each other."

### Basketball teams forming

Interested in playing basketball? Unit/Rec leagues begin play Nov. 14. You need to sign up by Nov. 1 and the coaches meeting is Nov. 6 at 6 p.m. in the Fitness Center conference room. Call 634-7009.

### Adult swim lessons

Adult advanced beginner swimming lessons meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays Oct. 23-Nov. 15, 5:45-6:30 p.m. Continue to build your skills with rhythmic breathing, front crawl, back crawl and elementary backstroke. Cost is \$50. Sign up at the Fitness Center desk. Call 634-8642 for more information.

### Unit and rec play

**Men's Soccer:** Vicenza Post Soccer Team is currently looking for players. Practice is every Tuesday and Thursday from 7-9 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Soccer Field behind the Ederle Inn. For more information contact Wilmer Aguilar (team captain) at 634-8638 or 335-698-1961, or email [wilmer.aguilarcorea.mil@mail.mil](mailto:wilmer.aguilarcorea.mil@mail.mil).

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

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

**Tennis:** Open play Singles and Doubles on Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 p.m. and 7 p.m.

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

### Rugby Team Open Play

Every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 p.m. to 7:30 join players at the N-40 Football Field to play.

### Basketball Open Play

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Fitness Center. Come out and join the fun. Call 636-9632 to take charge and help this get started.

### Women's basketball

Women's basketball practice held Sundays from 4-5 p.m. at the post gym. All female community members welcome to attend.