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TEENS GET DOWN TO EARTH,
DENIM DAY & F2F EVENT**

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Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, speaks at a Town Hall event on Caserma Ederle May 1. Odierno, accompanied by USAREUR Commander, Lt. Gen. Donald M. Campbell Jr., discussed transformation, met with senior leaders and toured Caserma Del Din during his two-day visit to the Vicenza Military community. Full coverage begins on page 4; [click here](#) to view more photos.

Photo by Rich Bartell



Speak Out

What outdoor activities are you looking forward to this season?



Photo by Raymond Hernandez

Keeping children safe in the back seat

Parents and children line up for a demonstration of child car seat safety on Caserma Ederle April 30. Properly using child car seats to protect young passengers may seem like a no-brainer, but large numbers of parents don't know how to properly use them. The safety demonstration was organized by ACS's First-time Parent Support program, Child, Youth and School Services, U.S. Army Public Health nurses and Global Credit Union pulling together to provide demonstrations and adjustments. In all, 15 car seats were inspected and three parents received a new car seat courtesy of Global Credit Union. Another child car seat safety event is in the works for sometime this summer.



Alexandra Cordova
Family member

"Biking around my neighborhood or other towns, like Citadella. We all like biking."



Sgt. Maj. Carolina Johnson
USARAF EO

"I like to visit the beach, maybe in Croatia. I see ODR has a couple of trips going there."



Alex and Ryan Wiegel
Child, Youth and School Services

"Amusement parks, bicycling, hiking, going to the beach."

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CSA visits Vicenza

Odierno conducts Town Hall addressing transformation, budget, training issues, meets leaders, mentors officers

By Grant Sattler, USAG Vicenza PAO

Photo by Joyce Costello

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Raymond T. Odierno visited the Vicenza Military Community April 30 to May 1, where he got a firsthand look at the U.S. Army in northern Italy. The 38th Army Chief of Staff toured U.S. Army Africa operational facilities, met informally with Soldiers of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team and other units, held a Town Hall meeting open to Soldiers, Army civilians, local national employees, contractors and Family members, and concluded with a tour of the Army's newest installation, Caserma Del Din, set to open this summer as two battalions move south from Bamberg, Germany.

Hundreds of Sky Soldiers from the 173rd ABCT, USARAF and other Vicenza-based units packed the gymnasium on Caserma Ederle for the Town Hall.

"It's a great honor for Linda and I to have the chance to come down here to Vicenza. Actually for me it's always special to come to Italy," Odierno said, speaking of a grandfather who emigrated almost a century ago from a small town near Naples to America. "It's always great for us to come back here where my ancestors came from."

Odierno said he became acquainted with Sky Soldiers during Operation Iraqi Freedom I. "I commanded the 4th Infantry Division and the 173rd was part of the division that first year in Iraq, so I have a personal relationship with this brigade, a great brigade that has deployed numerous times to both Iraq and Afghanistan and on every occasion has performed superbly."

He commended unit members, just completing their block leave after returning from Afghanistan, for their

work assisting in transitioning security to Afghan responsibility.

"For us that's hard to do, but to be successful in Afghanistan it's important to turn the responsibility over," he said, noting that in the six months between his most recent October and February visits to Afghanistan he noticed significant progress.

"You were in a tough area, you did a great job, so thank you and welcome back," Odierno said.

Odierno lays out his vision

The Chief of Staff began his talk to the troops by presenting his perspective.

"Today, as I stand here, the U.S. Army has 80,000 Soldiers deployed. We have nearly 60,000 Soldiers deployed in Afghanistan. We have another 10-12,000 deployed to Kuwait. There are Soldiers deployed to Turkey, Jordan, Qatar, many other places in the Middle East," Odierno said.

"We also have 90,000 Soldiers deployed in more than 150 countries, including Italy and Germany, but most recently in the news are the 28,000 we have in South Korea working with the South Korean Army every day making sure we maintain stability on the Korean peninsula."

Bringing the point home, he said, "Our Army plays an important role in our nation's security every single day and you all play a huge part in that. It's important that we never forget that."

He then addressed the \$13 billion shortfall in FY13 funding due to sequestration and higher than anticipated costs in Afghanistan.

“Top priority is to fund Afghanistan, so money had to come from the Army’s budget to meet the shortfall. So we had to do a couple of things that really we didn’t want to do . . . had to reduce training, cancelling seven Combat Center rotations, reduced the dollars available for training for the rest of the year, and are having a conversation about having to furlough civilians – originally 21 days, currently 14 days,” Odierno said.

“I’ve just spent the last couple weeks testifying with the Secretary of the Army on our budget for the future . . . trying to inform Congress about what we need and hopefully get them to fund us at the levels necessary to sustain readiness at the right levels so we can do the missions that they are asking us to do all around the world.”

Odierno said, “My assessment of the world today is that it is probably more unstable than it has ever been during my 37 years in the military.”

Citing conflicts in Syria and Afghanistan, tension with Iran, new governments in Tunisia and Egypt, the CSA maintained that the Army’s priority is to ensure we never send a Soldier on a mission without being properly trained, equipped and led.

“What does the future of our Army look like?” Odierno asked. “We’re in the process of reducing the size of the active Army from 570,000 to 490,000 people. In two years we’ve gotten to about 530,000, so we’re about half way there. We’ve done that mostly through natural attrition and I think it’s gone pretty well so far.

“In June the Secretary of the Army and I will announce the 14/15/16/17 force structure cuts, which will come



Photo by Rich Bartell

CSA Gen. Raymond Odierno presents the Bronze Star with V Device to Staff Sgt. Scott Gerwitz, 173rd ABCT, for service in Afghanistan during his tour of the Vicenza Military Community April 30 to May 1. Below, Odierno addresses the Town Hall.

mainly out of the continental United States because we’ve already taken force structure out of Europe – two brigades out of Germany and V Corps Headquarters that will deactivate when they come back.”

The CSA said he is comfortable with 490,000 as a level for readiness capability, but is not certain that future congressional decisions will keep the

active Army at that strength.

“We want an Army that is globally responsive and regionally engaged,” Odierno said. “We need an Army that can fight and win our nation’s wars . . . but that’s no longer enough.”

He said in order for the Army to be globally responsive, it must develop forces that are scalable and can be tailored to deploy rapidly to operate



Photo by Rich Bartell

in many environments to respond to the nation's national security needs.

"Whether it be Company Task Forces, Battalion Task Forces, a combination of Combat and Combat Support Task Forces, or Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief capabilities, so we are able to operate decisively across a broad spectrum of responses," Odierno said.

He said the Army must go back to an expeditionary mindset and work with sister services, the Air Force and the Navy, to ensure strategic mobility to move around the world.

Odierno said the future Army will be regionally engaged.

"Forces that are aligned to regions will allow us to do everything, from operational deployments, building partner capacity, training coordination to doing joint exercises, in order for us to build their capabilities and to shape that area of operations so we can reduce the instability that we see around the world, in support of the combatant commanders," he said.

"U.S. Army Africa is leading the way in developing this new strategy. They are using regionally aligned forces in order to engage, train and provide forces for security on the African continent."

Africa's growing importance

He said the continent is growing in importance.

"Unfortunately we're starting to see some terrorist organizations starting to take root there, so the work U.S. Army Africa is doing to shape the operational environment and prevent terrorists from taking hold is incredibly important to our National security," Odierno said.

"I had the chance to spend the afternoon with (USARAF Commanding General) Maj. Gen. Patrick Donahue and staff yesterday. I enjoyed very much their vision and where they are headed."

Odierno spoke about Army priorities for leader development in the future.



Photos by Julie Lucas

Vicenza Middle School principal Dr. Julio Gonzalez (above, left to right) accompanies Ann Donahue, Linda Odierno and Aly Rohling on a tour of the school May 1. Below, Odierno tours gym facilities at Caserma Del Din. [Click here to view more photos.](#)

"One advantage that we have over every other nation in the world is our ability to develop leaders, noncommissioned officers and officers. But we're going to adjust how we do that, because the world is changing. The environments we operate in are more complex. Our technologies are changing," he said.

The CSA spoke of pending release of a new leader development strategy that will adjust NCO and officer education, talent management and assignments to broaden abilities of NCOs, officers and Department of the Army civilians.

Odierno spoke about the importance of professionalism in the Army.

"The one thing I've learned over the last 12 years of combat operations is that the American population believes in our military," he said. "They believe that we have the moral and ethical values that are necessary for us to project to other nations. As we conduct our military operations, they believe that we are given a responsibility to not only protect our nation, but also to develop others to understand the importance of moral and ethical values."

Odierno said Army leaders must be competent in their military operational specialty, but also people of



high character, who understand the importance of values and understand how to make moral judgments in very difficult situations. He said leaders must also be committed to the unit, fellow Soldiers and the Army as a whole.

"We want an Army that is competent, of high character and committed," he said.

Odierno said priorities are to be "globally responsive, regionally engaged, develop the best leaders in the world and continue to have a professional Army that is respected not only by the American people, but respected by the world . . . and we're going to do this at a time when we're



Photo by Julie Lucas

CSA Gen. Raymond Odierno gets a rooftop view of the Caserma Del Din installation while talking to USAG Vicenza Commander, Col. David Buckingham, May 1. [Click here to view more photos.](#)

reducing the size of the Army. But one thing I know is that we're beginning today at a position of strength because we have the most capable leaders with combat experience that we've ever had since I've been in the Army."

Making sure the Army maintains the right programs for Families and Soldiers remains a key priority, Odierno said, so they continue to serve and make the sacrifices asked of them. He laid out the "Soldier for Life" initiative that will support Soldiers as they transition out of the Army and carry the Army Values with them into broader American society.

"I also want to thank the community here for the great support they give the Families. I really appreciate everything that our civilians do every day to support our great Army here in Vicenza," he said.

The CSA took questions from the audience that ranged from his view of future Army budgets, working with the Air Force to ensure paratroopers can get enough jumps to remain qualified, to whether he would consider a future bid for president, an consideration which he declined.

The Chief presented four awards at the conclusion of the Town Hall. Three Sky Soldiers awarded were: Bronze

Star with V Device to Staff Sgt. Scott Gerwitz; the Purple Heart to Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Richey; and the Army Commendation Medal with V Device to Sgt. 1st Class Jesse Miller.

Retiring Department of the Army civilian Kambiz Razzaghi received the Meritorious Civilian Service Award for his service as Supervisory General Engineer and Director of Public Works, USAG Vicenza.

Looking after Families, Soldiers

Following the Town Hall, Odierno's wife Linda visited Department of Defense Dependents Schools and Child, Youth & School Services facilities on Villaggio in Vicenza. While engaging with students, the Army's First Lady learned what they like most and least about their educational experience. "Our teachers are subject matter experts," said one. Others praised the school band program. One expressed concern about lunch nutrition.

Odierno continued his visit with a roundtable discussion with unit-level leaders and a tour with U.S. Army Europe Commanding General Lt. Gen. Donald M. Campbell to see new facilities at Caserma Del Din.

Visiting the fitness center, Odierno said, "There's no reason Sky Soldiers won't be fit."



Italian, American teens visit Lago di Fimon

Environmental
science, crosscultural
socializing mark first-
of-its-kind field trip



Story and photos by Julie M. Lucas

USAG Vicenza PAO

Vicenza Middle School students experienced a unique field trip April 30 when they traveled to nearby Lago di Fimon to learn about the history and ecology of the lake along with students from the Ugo Foscolo school in neighboring Torri di Arcugnano.

"It is the first time that we have done an exchange at the lake, we normally go to schools," said VMS Italian teacher Isabella Pani. "We started the exchange program with Torri di Arcugnano middle school three years ago and we have it every year."

After a quick introduction, the students broke into four groups that consisted of half Italian, half American students. Each group conducted to a separate lesson and then rotated through the others. Subjects of discussion included the archeology, flora and fauna of Lago di Fimon.

Seventh-grade VMS science teacher Kim Stephenson said, "Students worked in groups to learn about the flora (flowers) and fauna (wildlife) of the area. They learned a little bit about how the lake was formed, and then observed microvertebrates and conducted water studies. The experience was enjoyable and as one student said, 'It was educational but not boring. It was a cool opportunity to learn about how the Italians study at their school.'"

Lago di Fimon is the oldest lake in Northern Italy and is believed to be 170,000 years old, according to the science and math teacher from Ugo Foscolo. During the Ice Age, the land was frozen from the Arcugnano region all the way to what is today Asiago. As it began to melt away more than 2,000 years ago, Italy was under water, and as the sea receded the lake formed because of the hills that surround it. The land the surrounds the lake is very fertile today and corn was brought to Italy from the U.S. and was grown around it.

One segment focused on water quality. Students got to examine the water, checking its temperature and pH balance.

During a break in one of the lessons, the Italian students began asking questions to the VMS students in English. The ever popular "Are you a fan of Justin Bieber?" turned out to be a good icebreaker and led to other questions about sports, pets and America.

Students were encouraged to exchange phone numbers and emails to make contacts with each other.

"It is important to have these exchanges because our students can feel the differences between the two school systems, and also because they can practice Italian language while meeting new friends," said Pani.

"I know some of them will keep in touch after they have met," she said.

Teenagers from the Ugo Foscolo middle school in Torri di Arcugnano and Vicenza Middle School meet at Lago di Fimon April 30 for a field trip that focused on environmental science and a chance to speak each other's language. It was the first time the two schools, which have a longstanding partnership, had met at the nearby body of water.



Italian tech students tour Del Din

By Julie M. Lucas

USAG Vicenza PAO

High school students with Converse shoes, skinny jeans and hoodies visited Del Din April 23. Except for their conversations in Italian, they could easily have been mistaken for American youth.

More than 50 final-year students and instructors from Vicenza's two technical high schools, *Istituto Tecnico per Geometri*, were hosted April 23 at Caserma Del Din to see firsthand the largest construction program in Vicenza province that has transformed the former Italian air base into a modern military installation.

Transformation Construction Management Office program manager, Susan Wong, a civil engineer, stopped in to welcome the group, encouraging them to consider a future career working in cooperation with the U.S. government.

"Today we want to create a spark, an excitement for what your career and future can be like," Wong said.

The introduction to the \$309 million program began with an overview briefing presented by TCMO strategic communicator Anna Ciccotti. Her presentation was in Italian, but the slides she used were in English to reinforce language learning for the students.

Some of the highlights the students learned were that 10 of the original buildings of historical significance were retained; 35 percent of the new base is

dedicated to open green space; and 95 percent of construction waste from the site is being reused. These and a number of other measures contribute to an anticipated Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, or LEED, gold rating when the complex is complete.

"This was my first time inside a U.S. base," said Stefano Cauzzo, an *Istituto Baronio* student. "As for the environmental impact, I did not see any impact at all because the complex is really very nice and it fits beautifully in the surrounding urban tissue of the city of Vicenza."

The group divided into four and went on a one and a half hour tour of the installation that began atop one of the installation's two parking structures. There, TCMO engineers explained the key infrastructure features of the entire construction site. From there, they walked around the installation visiting the dining facility and the barracks to see Soldiers' living conditions.

The next stop on the tour was the fitness center

Final year students from Istituto Antonio Canova of the Istituto Tecnico per Geometri in Vicenza get a bird's-eye view of the Caserma Del Din installation (right) and discuss the construction project during a site tour April 23.



featuring a rock climbing wall, a swimming pool and a huge indoor gym with a walking track above it.

"It was of benefit from the point of view of the students to see how the design and organization of the base supports the accommodations for Soldiers' living and activities such as sports," said *Istituto Antonio Canova* teacher Bruno Ruaro. "It was also interesting that the traffic is limited, with the parking structures in the center and the movement inside the base will be by bike or on foot."

The last stop on the tour was the Warrior Zone, a recreation facility with game tables, Wi-Fi, a fast food area and a theater viewing room with reclining chairs.

"It was great to see how the well-being of its Soldiers is very important to the Army. I liked the way they take care of the landscape and the fact that the buildings are far apart from each other and not too congested," said Umberto Dalla Verde, a *Canova* student.

One student said he would love to live in such nice conditions and wished he could join the U.S. Army.

"As an outdoor and sport person I really liked the fitness center," said Davide Montagna, a student at *Istituto Baronio*. "It's just fantastic and I have never seen anything like this before. If I think of an American Soldier of my age who chooses to join the military, I think it is a very patriotic thing to do. Personally, after seeing such a military base I would not hesitate a moment to enlist here if I could."



Healing invisible wounds



F2F get-together, Denim Day march at Caserma Ederle

By Laura Stocklin

USAG Vicenza SHARP Victim Advocate

The Vicenza Military Community closed out its 2013 Sexual Assault Awareness Month April 24 with a spirited march and lots of good conversation.

Roughly 200 Soldiers, Family members and civilians joined together at the Caserma Ederle ACS building to kick off to the community's Denim Walk. The Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention (SHARP) program organized the Vicenza walk in observance of International Denim Day, observed April 24, in response to a rape conviction that was overturned in Italy in the 1990s, based on the fact that victim was wearing jeans at the time of the assault.

Denim Day is now a time for people to come together to assert that what someone wears is never an invitation or excuse for sexual assault, and that offenders must be held accountable. Most marchers wore denim and jeans.

USAG Vicenza Commander, Col. David Buckingham, reminded the crowd that prevention is key to eliminating sexual assault. His message was that through changing the cultural climate, a zero tolerance for sexual harassment will systemically eradicate any tolerance for sexual assault.

The walkers rallied and set out, carrying banners and chanting, drawing attention from everyone they passed. The mood was jovial and voices were strong, a sign of the VMC commitment to support victims and eliminate harassment and assault.

The walk ended at the Golden Lion, where the denim walkers joined other community members for the April Female-2Female (F2F) Networking event.

The F2F event, titled "Invisible Wounds: Healing, Helping and Protecting," rounded out the month's focus on sexual assault, which began April 3 with an incredibly successful

SHARP focus day. The entire garrison, Soldiers and civilians, stood down, viewed the documentary film "The Invisible War," and took part in a community panel discussion.

After a month of prevention focus, the April F2F was an chance to talk about the realities of assault and to ensure that everyone actually understands the response processes, and knows who the community helping and healing service providers are. The focus was on hope and healing, and letting everyone know that the necessary systems are in place to support and protect assault survivors.

After an icebreaker and opening remarks by F2F's Julia Sibilla, attendees heard behavioral health social worker Jillian Weis discuss hurdles that victims and survivors of assault face in daily life and treatment success stories.

Maj. Winifred Grady, a nurse at Vicenza Health Center with more than 40 years of active duty and civilian experience, spoke of the cultural change she has witnessed in the Army over that time.

Anita Fitch, a former Army judge advocate present chief of client services in Vicenza, conducted a question and answer session on topics she had seen while prosecuting sexual assault cases. She reiterated that the Army has made tremendous strides in handling and prosecuting cases, including mandatory training on sexual assault for all JAG officers and CID agents. Fitch also spoke about the specially trained special victims prosecutors the Army has put in place to prosecute cases of sexual assault.

Afterward, attendees, service providers and speakers networked and spoke informally. Community networking and relationship building remain cornerstones of the F2F mission.



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FORT RUCKER, Ala. - With spring here and summer rapidly approaching, the U.S. Army Combat Readiness-Safety Center recently released an update to the Off-Duty Safety Awareness Presentation, a tool designed to help Soldiers recognize hazards during these high-risk seasons.

Data from previous years show accidental fatalities generally rise between April and September, with a majority of those deaths occurring off duty.

"During the last five fiscal years, the Army has lost an average of 133 Soldiers to off-duty accidents annually," said USACR/Safety Center Command Sgt. Maj. Richard D. Stidley.

"As an institution, we can and must change this trend," he said.

The 2013 version of ODSAP, called "What Have You Done to Save a Life Today?" contains material and statistics that highlight the role of safety in off-duty activities, address risky behaviors and emphasize the

often deadly consequences of fatigue and alcohol.

Developed for use at battalion level and below, the package features embedded videos from actual Soldiers telling their safety stories and speaker notes to prompt briefers during their presentation. While the complete briefing kit may be used as is, leaders can tailor the information to reflect trends specific to their formations.

"Soldiers can be part of the solution in preventing the next accident and senseless loss of life," said Lt. Col. James Smith, director, USACR/Safety Center Ground Directorate.

"This presentation provides great conversation starters for young leaders by sharing real-world stories Soldiers can relate to and talk about," he said.

"Our goal is to help Soldiers recognize the off-duty hazards they face," Stidley said. "We need to ensure they apply the principles of training, discipline and standards which they embrace on duty to their off-duty activities as well."

The 2013 presentation is available at <https://safety.army.mil/ODSAP>.

Inspector General on non-support of family members

By Col. Jonathan Johnson

Inspector General, U.S. Army Africa

One of the most common requests for assistance received by the Office of the Inspector General is that of nonsupport for family members.

Army Regulation 608-99, Family Support, Child Custody and Paternity, chapters 1-3; and AR 20-1, Inspector General Activities and Procedures, Paragraph 6-3a; states that nonsupport of family members is a command issue. As such, commanders are responsible to counsel Soldiers on the responsibilities to their family members.

Soldiers have an obligation to provide adequate financial support to their dependents, but when that falls short of compliance, the chain of command must become involved. The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate is the proponent for AR 608-99 and should be consulted for any questions regarding family support requirements.

The role of the IG in nonsupport of family members is to ensure that the immediate needs such as food and shelter are met and, when necessary, provide information regarding military support agencies for additional assistance. The IG is also authorized to provide family members with the commander's name and telephone number or, if requested, provide the commander with the personal information of the family member seeking assistance.

In accordance with AR 608-99, the commander has 14 working days to conduct a commander's inquiry and determine the facts surrounding the request for support. Once the commander's inquiry is completed and it has received a legal review, the family member and the IG will receive a memorandum detailing the results of the inquiry, including any support requirements. Should the IG receive another request for assistance with nonsupport from the same family member, due to inaction on the part of the commander, the IG will contact the next higher commander and allow the chain of command to resolve the issue.

Any community members with questions about family support obligations should contact the Legal Assistance Office at 634-7041.

As always, the USARAF IG office is available to help and may be contacted at 634-8555 or via email at usarmy.vicenza.usaraf.list.usaraf-ig@mail.mil.

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Echi di pianto dall'Indocina Francese

Vietnam MOH recipient **Luigi Albanese finds place in Italian history** di Franco Lovato

Story and photos by Anna Ciccotti, USAG Vicenza PAO

Aristotle once asked, "What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good. All virtue is summed up in dealing justly."

Yet in our own time, among veterans of the Vietnam War, there are countless stories of virtue of which most have been largely ignored.

Of the more than 540,000 Americans with boots on the ground at the height of the war, the 58,148 who were killed or missing in action, and the 4 million in all who served in uniform in Vietnam, there is one who stands out among the rest for Italians. His name is Luigi Albanese, a son of the province of Vicenza and the only Italian-born citizen who posthumously received the Medal of Honor for his actions during that conflict.

Albanese was born in Cornedo Vicentino, Vicenza, in 1946 and his family moved to Seattle, Wash., when he was 2 years old. He joined the Army in 1965 and was sent to Vietnam in August 1966.

On Dec. 1 of that year, Pvt. 1st Class Albanese was killed during a firefight in which he freed his platoon from sniper fire at the cost of his own life.

Local Italian author Franco Lovato does justice to the heroic actions and the memory of Albanese in

his just published history, "*Echi di Pianto dall'Indocina Francese*," available from *Societa' Generale dell'Immagine*, Torino. To mark its publication, Lovato made an author's appearance in a bookstore in downtown Vicenza April 18. The event was attended by more than 100 people, including a delegation of seven Vietnam veterans from the Veteran of Foreign Wars section of the Vicenza Military Community.

The look in a veteran's eye

"The look I saw in the veterans' eyes filled my heart with joy, and showed the gratitude for the effort I put into this work," said Lovato, recognizing that their attendance in particular brought a powerful reality and a message to the event.

"After having been in Vietnam, having seen those places and having breathed that air, I was only missing the looks on their faces to reconfirm my conviction that I have worked for something good. The memory of a brother of ours: Luigi Albanese," he said.

"From the moment I stepped into the *Libreria Galla*, it was a tremendous experience. This was a remarkable team effort, among the bookstore staff, the various officials involved in the planning of the presentation, the friendly, detail-

oriented and articulate author, the media representatives and our small American contingent," said Lt. Col. Christopher S. Dillard, who was invited to represent the Vicenza-based U.S. Army Africa command.

"I was impressed by the respect displayed in the presentation toward the author, his research work, the book, all of the contributors and, most of all, for the subjects of the book presentation, the Vietnam War and U.S. Medal of Honor recipient, Luigi Albanese," he said.

Dillard said the presence of the veterans brought enormous value to the event, in terms of showing their support and respect for both Albanese and Lovato's book, and provided a living reminder of the sacrifices made and hardships endured by all Soldiers fallen in Vietnam, and by Albanese.

During his remarks Dillard asked the Vietnam veterans to stand and be recognized. The audience gave them a warm and heartfelt round of applause.

"I think everyone knew we were applauding for Luigi too, as he courageously gave his life for his American countrymen and could have otherwise been standing alongside the veterans," Dillard said.

Later, Vietnam veteran Patrick



Historian Franco Lovato speaks at the Libreria Galla in Vicenza April 18 to mark the publication of his book about Italian-American Vietnam War Medal of Honor recipient, Luigi Albanese. A portrait of Albanese is at rear.

Quinn of the Vicenza VFW section addressed the book-signing audience in Italian and thanked Lovato for the event. Quinn said he felt more appreciated during the book presentation in Vicenza than he had when he and his fellow Soldiers came back home from

Vietnam, when they were accused of doing things they had no control over whatsoever.

"I think the story of Luigi Albanese and his heroism will help strengthen the ties of friendship between the Italian and the American community here," said Vietnam

War veteran Ron Reynolds, service officer with the Vicenza VFW.

"You have a frontline example of an Italian who migrated to the United States at the age of two, became an American citizen, went to our schools, the U.S. school system, joined the military and performed his duties in a totally professional manner with total commitment, with the utmost sacrifice," Reynolds said.

"Albanese is certainly to be applauded from every angle and everyone who served in Vietnam will have the highest respect for this man," he said.

"During the event I saw and felt the strong bond that ties our nations," said Lovato. "Just think of the long applause dedicated to the veterans. I do think that the example of Luigi Albanese may serve as a bond between the two communities and help us understand that concepts of democracy and freedom have no territorial borders," he said.

Lovato's book will be released in English this summer. To read more about the author and Albanese's story visit www.viaggidistoria.it and <http://www.history.army.mil/html/>



AER Campaign Opportunity Drawing MAY 6 – JULY 19 2013

Visit the AER info table **THURSDAYS** at the PX or Commissary from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. for a chance to win:

Sea Pines Camp Darby Vacation
ODR Trip

Italian Cooking Classes
Fitness Classes

Commissary Gift Card

MWR Gift Game Bag/Folding Chair



For more information, contact the AER Campaign Coordinator at DSN 634-7262

VMC children stage 'Snow White'

Missoula Children's Theatre brings magic to Vicenza during Month of Military Child

Story and photos by Julie M. Lucas

USAG Vicenza PAO

In the version of "Snow White and Seven Dwarves" you grew up with, there might not have been a dwarf named "Whiner," but there was in the Missoula Children's Theatre production on Caserma Ederle April 27.

For the last 15 years, the Missoula Children's Theatre in Montana has partnered with the Army to teach a traveling workshop to children. The theater company came to Vicenza last week as a part of the Month of the Military Child.

"We are so pleased when we can provide quality programs to our youths like the Missoula Children's Theatre," said Arlana Young, Child, Youth and School Services Outreach Services director. "This isn't just about being on stage; it teaches life skills such as teamwork and builds confidence and resiliency."

At the beginning of the week auditions were held and 39 children in the community were cast in the production. Ages in the show range from 6-17. Rehearsals for the show started Tuesday for two performances on Saturday. The two-person team from Missoula has been traveling around Europe for the last five weeks and Vicenza was their last stop, said Young.

"We pack up our costumes and gear and go," said actor-instructor Natalie Sullivan.

This year's show, Snow White, featured a king who would say the opposite of what he meant, an evil queen, forest creatures and, of course, a magic mirror.

Some cast members have acted before. Caroline Bennett was in the recent Soldiers' Theatre show "The Wiz," and performed as "Bob," one of the dwarves, in "Snow White."

"I don't get nervous being on stage because the lights are so bright, you can't see the audience and you don't care about messing up," Bennett said.



The 'Backward King' and the Evil Queen's henchmen thicken the plot (above) and the cast gather at the queen's behest in scene's from the Missoula Children's Theatre production of 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarves' on Caserma Ederle April 27.

The title character was played by Kaely Wilson, who has been in three other Missoula shows.

"This is a really cool program and I think it is great how they get the military community involved," Wilson said. "When I did my audition I was just happy to get a part."

In addition to putting on the show, three, free weekend workshops were

held for community children that focused on improvisational acting and make-up techniques. About 50 children learned the difference between corrective and character make-up and some even went home with a painted face.

"We have loved being in Vicenza. This is a very grateful and welcoming community," Sullivan said.

Sweepstakes winner beats odds, wins bucks

By Keola Chan

AAFES Vicenza

Do you ever see those sweepstakes boxes at the PX and think, "Why should I put my name in, I never win anyway?" You may want to rethink that now.

The Air Force Exchange Service Exchange and the Kimberly-Clark Corporation held a Spruce Up Your Space Sweepstakes at all exchanges worldwide this past February, awarding grand prizes that totaled \$10,000 to 10 lucky winners. Two individuals from each Exchange region around the world had a chance to win a \$1,000 AAFES gift card.

For the Europe region, Corrina Guerrero of the Vicenza Military Community was one of the lucky recipients. A second gift card winner from Aviano was also selected.

"This was the first time I've ever won anything," said Guerrero.



Photo by AAFES Vicenza

Spruce Up Your Space Sweepstakes winner Corrina Guerrero poses recently for a picture with Vicenza store manager, Charles Eaves.

What was she planning to do with her \$1,000 Exchange gift card?

"Buy a new computer," said Guerrero.

The moral of the story? You can be a winner too, but you have to put your name in hat to have

a chance. There is no purchase necessary to enter these AAFES sweepstakes, so what have you got to lose?

Next time you see that box, fill out a card, drop it in and forget about. You might just have a sweet surprise coming your way.



Mother's Day Bowling

Sunday, May 12
11 a.m. - Close



Mothers can come enjoy free games and free shoes all day, open until close at the Arena!

For more information call 634-8257. | www.vicenza.armyMWR.com

DMC children trek to Belgium for adventure

By Patty Hussey

Special to *The Outlook*

Seven Darby Military Community middle school students traveled to Belgium during the DoDDS-Europe spring break April 5-12 to participate in Club Beyond's third annual Adventure Camp.

This year's theme was "Life in Hi-Def." Students were motivated to experience life in all three dimensions. They spent the break with teens from other military communities around Europe, taking part in supervised activities on a high intensity outdoor ropes course and rock wall, and playing laser tag.

Students also engaged in go-karting and archery, all the while enjoying a greater sense of community through team-building exercises and small group activities aimed at developing problem-solving and communication skills.

Club Beyond is a chapel-based program available to military teens. It aims to organize events and activities that create a fun and safe environment in which teenagers feel welcome and accepted, and where they can find real help with the challenges of being a military teen. Club Beyond camps and activities are designed to encourage students to develop a greater sense of resiliency and to help them navigate the challenge of being a military teen.

The Adventure Camp in Belgium gave participating teens an opportunity to leave their normal routine and environment behind and have a unique, challenging and fun experience.

To fund this year's outing, DMC students and parents began seeking donations months in advance, holding two fundraiser lunches, which the teens worked hard to promote.

Photos by Megan Huerta



Library week at Camp Darby

Story and photos
by Chiara Mattiolo

Darby Military Community PAO

National Library Week in the Darby Military Community April 14-20 was a time to celebrate the contributions of the Army libraries to the community and an occasion to find out more about upcoming programs and initiatives, and also a surprising introduction to hidden talents in the DMC.

The Livorno library held an open house April 17 with a special story hour for children, a scavenger hunt, and an art and photo display. Lots of people dropped in to find out more about their services.

"The open house and art display is just another way to let the community know more about our services, to spend some time together, and to familiarize everyone with our personnel," said Michael McDaniel, Livorno librarian.

Art displays included photography, painting, quilting and crafts made by DMC artists. Community students

took part as well, displaying their artworks as part of the permanent exhibit. Students also got to take part in a variety of age-based activities.

"Kindergarteners to third-graders were welcome in the children's room to enjoy a story read by DMC volunteer Tavy Davis," said DMC library technician Deborah Lomi. "They got to view the artworks in the exhibit and meet with the artists."

Most students asked about the oldest book or movie the library has available. Although they were interested in the new items and services, they appeared to be fascinated by the "old."

A second group of students, fourth- to eighth-graders, after a detailed explanation of library resources, split into two groups for a scavenger hunt based on finding answers with traditional library research techniques.

"During this phase students are not authorized the use of Internet or any electronic device. They have to familiarize themselves with books and find the answers to their questions by consulting books," said McDaniel.

"Today I learned that I can easily order books or music that are not available locally by consulting the library website," said student Brianna Tyner. "I think this was a great occasion to ask questions that you normally don't



DMC teens check out library resources (above) and Tavy Davis (below) reads to youngsters during the Library Open House April 17.

have time to ask."

Various library items not available in the DMC library can easily be ordered from other installations around Europe through the system's shared online catalog. Customers can normally pick up requested items in 7-10 days from placing a request, said Lomi.

There's more to being a librarian than just providing books, as some of the DMC students found out during their visits. Part of a librarian's duties is to recommend books based on reading levels and personal interests, and to educate by stimulating interest and enthusiasm.

"The most important person to me is Mr. Mike (McDaniel). He picks our books and helps us," said elementary school student Nathan Setaro.

Lomi said that anyone holding a European library card can order books or music from any of the system's libraries and return them to their own installation library.

"The Livorno library's programs are continually improving, and customers are welcome to visit and gather information while using the 15 computers available at no cost," said McDaniel.



By Sgt. Terysa M. King

U.S. Army Africa PAO

USARAF spouse named Warrant Officer Association Spouse of the Year

The spouse of a U.S. Army Africa Soldier was recently recognized by the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association for her hard work and dedication in the Vicenza Military Community.

Sara Consiglio, a stay-at-home mother and resident of Naples, Italy, received the Virginia Holcombe Memorial Award, also known as the Warrant Officer Spouse of the Year award, for contributing more than 320 hours of community service to the WO community and members of USARAF.

Chief Warrant Officer 5 Joachim Consiglio, Sara's spouse and Detroit, Mich. native, said the European Regional director, Chief Warrant Officer 5 Jim Rathburn, saw Sara in action while visiting Vicenza and requested the chapter president build a packet to send forward for the award, a process of which Sara remained unaware until her selection.

"I received a call from the national president in Washington, D.C., who informed me I had won this honor. I never knew I was in the running for this award. I don't feel as though my contributions have been any greater than those of others. Nevertheless, I was proud to receive the recognition. I believe in all the eminent work the Warrant Officer Association does and their support to the local communities," Sara said.

During 2012, Sara helped arrange events for the WOA with the local Italian community, which deepened a lasting impression of American and Italian friendship.

"I am an Italian citizen and use my skills to aid as an interpreter to strengthen the bond between the Italian and the WO community. I have arranged for numerous team-building events within the Vicenza Military Community. I have devoted most of my time helping newly assigned Soldiers with setting up their utilities, looking for houses and medical appointments on the local economy, to ensure their needs are being met. One of the most challenging items for newly assigned members to Europe is dealing with the language bar-



Sara (seated, center) and Chief Warrant Officer 5 Joachim Consiglio pose with their children, Vito and Grazia, after Sara was awarded the Virginia Holcombe Memorial Award for contributing more than 320 hours of community service in 2012 to help the Warrant Officer community and members of U.S. Army Africa.

Photo by U.S. Army Africa

rier, and this is where I feel I can help the most," Sara said.

Joachim said he was thrilled when he heard the news. He said Sara's outstanding contributions to the community and her ability to build and strengthen the bond with the Vicenza WO community and the Italian community helped her win.

"I was very happy for my wife. She has done so much to help strengthen the Italian and American bond here in Vicenza since we arrived. It's an excellent time for the spouses to be in the forefront for their hard work and their behind-the-scenes accomplishments. This award makes my wife's hard work ever so much more enjoyable," Joachim said.

Sara said she is committed to helping the Vicenza Military Community and strengthening relationships between the Italian and American communities.

"It has been a pleasure to serve alongside my husband and the European WO community, who strive daily to promote the greatest values and ethics. I also consider myself lucky and proud to be called a Warrant Officer spouse," Sara said.

The USAWOA Warrant Officer Spouse of the Year Award was instituted in 1989 as the Virginia Holcombe Memorial Award in honor of USAWOA spouses who distinguished themselves by their selfless dedication to the association and the Army Warrant Officer Corps.

To receive the award, spouses have to be nominated by their respective WO chapter president and have their packet sent through the European Regional director for final approval.

Owens retires in USARAF ceremony



USARAF Deputy Commanding General, Brig. Gen. James D. Owens and his wife Sherry converse with well-wishers following his retirement ceremony April 23.

Story and photo by Rich Bartell
U.S. Army Africa PAO

For more than three decades U.S. Africa Deputy Commanding General, Brig. Gen. James D. Owens Jr., served as an officer in the U.S. Army.

Owens' service was recognized April 23 during a retirement ceremony hosted by USARAF Commander, Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Donahue II, on Caserma Ederle in Vicenza.

"Brig. Gen. Jim Owens has served for nearly 34 years; 30 years of service goes by in the blink of an eye if you love what you do, and Jim Owens loves being a Soldier," said Donahue. "He loves being a leader of Soldiers, just like the ones in front of us today. This retirement from the Army isn't the end of a career of service; it is a transition to a different way of serving."

Owens said, "From my earliest days I can remember wanting to serve in the military. For nearly 34 years I have had the honor and privilege to serve with some of the greatest individuals you could ever meet. These are the men, women and families that make up our armed forces."

Owens said he would continue to be involved in military affairs. "For me, the Army is one of those things

you never leave," Owens said. "There is a huge military community in the Tidewater area of Virginia. We'll find ways to contribute and interact with the military organizations as we have in the past."

Owens remarked on the impact noncommissioned officers made on his career development.

"I've learned from our great noncommissioned officers who taught me how to be a Soldier and become a better officer and leader," Owens said.

"I also had the privilege of serving in some great organizations such as the 20th Engineer Brigade, the 82nd Airborne Division, the 321st Civil Affairs Brigade and 351st Civil Affairs Command, and U.S. Army Africa," he said.

Donahue noted that Owens has been deployed multiple times in the last several years. "You probably have more deployed time than many of the officers in the command, and you are a reservist," Donahue said.

Owens deployed multiple times between 1999 and 2006, serving in Bosnia, Iraq and twice in Afghanistan, and became the deputy commanding general at Combined Joint Task Force – Horn of Africa at Camp Lemonnier, Djibouti, from December 2009 until March 2011.

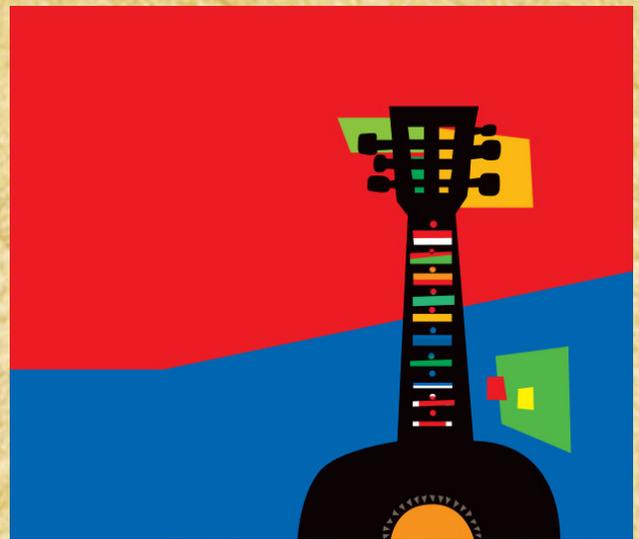
As a deputy commanding general for USARAF, Owens continued to serve during official events in a myriad of locations on the African continent.

Vicenza Jazz Festival

West Coast and Spanish Tinge

May 10-19, jazz concerts will take place at the Teatro Olimpico, Teatro Comunale, Jaz Cafe Trivellato Bar Borsa (Basilica Palladiana). [Click here](#) to see the full schedule of events.

Photo courtesy of Vicenzajazz.org



VENETO

Sagra di Bisata e rane Eel and Frog Festival

Through May 6, check out this traditional festival that celebrates the many ways one can prepare eel and frogs along with other local specialties. The fest takes place in the village of Debba, South of Vicenza, from 6:30 p.m.- 11:40 p.m.

Sagra della Bondola

Ever been to a sauerkraut and polenta festival? The town of Torrebelvicino will be celebrating this local dish May 3-5, 10-12. Evening there will be live music and other foods such as gnocchi and sausage.

43rd Palio di Romano d'Ezzelino

Through May 5 in Romano d'Ezzelino, about 24 miles north of Vicenza. Visit the old districts on foot or by free shuttle bus and see re-enactments of old trades in farmer homes, barnyards and fields. Check for public parking. Cost of parking €2. • May 1: Festival Musicale May Day, Music Festival. 3 p.m.: Local rock bands perform in downtown.

- **May 3:** Serata Stra...Vagante, 5:30 p.m. Happy Hour in the square, 7 p.m. Locanda in piazza, 9:30 p.m. live music with "Piccola Orchestra StraVagante".
- **May 5:** Fiat 500 and Vespa meeting; noon Locanda in piazza open.

Inflatable games in Campo marzo Park

For 6 Euro, families can enjoy bouncy games and

playing in a tub of balls weekdays from 3 p.m.- 6 p.m. and holidays from 10 a.m.- 8 p.m. No time limit!

BAU DAY 2 - Six-legged walk (with your dog) in the hills of Nanto and Castegnero

May 5, register at 9 a.m. at the Nanto sports village, walk begins at 10:30 followed by a wine tasting at the Costalunga Winery.

Walking with Bacchus through the Recioto Hills in Gambellara, Vicenza

May 5, there will be a guided food and wine tour in Gambellara. Call 0444-444183 to register.

Sagra dei Bisi Pea festival

Remember being told to eat your peas? Now you can experience the Italian way of preparing peas at the 57th annual Pea Festival May 16-21 in Colognola ai Colli (Verona). Try rice and peas, parparele and peas along with the local wines Soave and Valpolicella.

Rose Show

Wanting to sweeten up your home, visit the rose show at Villa Giusti in Bassano del Grappa on May 18-19

Vintagemania

May 24-26 all things vintage can be found at the Villa Giusti in Bassano del Grappa. Children under 14 free, adults 5 Euro.

Upcoming Markets:

May 11, Antique market in Treviso between via Collato, via avodari and via pascolpe.

May 19, Antique market in Asiago

TUSCANY

Wine Town in Florence

May 17 and 18 from 3-11 p.m. Twelve large historic homes in Florence will be open for the fourth edition of Wine Town. The two day event will allow visitors to taste quality wine, listen to concerts and attend theater performances. For more information, go to www.winetown.it

Florence Gelato Festival

May 23-27 from noon to midnight. The festival brings together the best gelato makers and industry leaders from Italy and abroad. A gelato card can be purchased at the event and includes 5 samples of gelato, a gelato cocktail, a "Gelatoguida" handbook of festival events, entry into gelato exhibitions and events and other festival treats. A festival card is not required for the event, tickets and gelato samples can be purchased separately.

Anteprima vini della costa toscana a Lucca

The Lucca Wine Festival is May 4-6, Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Monday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Preview more than 400 wines of the Tuscan Coast: more than 80 winemakers from Massa Carrara, Lucca, Pisa, Livorno and Grosseto from large corporations, small businesses and family run wineries. Associazione Grandi Cru della Costa Toscana. www.grandicru.it or www.anteprimavini.com

Festival della Fragola di Terricciola

The Strawberry festival in Terricciola is May 4, 5, 11, 12 hours vary. There will be strawberry specialties on stands within the communal garden. The 31st annual fair offers strawberry dishes, wine and local goods from local producers. Young and old may also attend a series of shows, and a market of crafts and antiques. Web: www.festivaldellafragola.it

Siena Cathedral

Gate of Heaven open until Oct 27.

After extensive renovation you can see the 'sky' of the cathedral, a series of rooms never opened to the public before, where for centuries no one was allowed access, except for the workers directed by the great architects who have come .

OUT OF TOWN

Officinialia Biological Fest

If you love organic food, personal care and domestic ecology, visit this festival in Belgioioso now through May 5 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Belgioioso Castle (10k outside of Pavia).

Latin American Festival

Beginning June 13 in Milan is the largest Latino Festival in Europe. Live concerts, food, dancing, expo and more.

Events times and locations are correct at time of publishing, but could be changed. Please check prior to going.



Dusty Saddle Boy at Piazza Dei Signori

Free concert in the Piazza dei Signori on May 4, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. if you like country music, then make sure not to miss this spring concert.

Photo courtesy of Dan Schelor

[Dusty Saddle Boys](#)





Family and MWR

Vicenza Military Community

Mother's Day Gift

Need a gift for Mom? Children ages 3-11 can decorate a flower pot for Mothers Day on May 8, 3:30 p.m. at the Ederle Library. Register at the library before May 6 or call 634-7291 for more information.

Mother's Day Bowling

Mother can come and enjoy free games and free shoes all day on Sunday May 12, 11 a.m.-closing!

Army Ten Miler Orientation

Be a part of the winning team that represents Vicenza in Grafenwoehr Germany on June 29 and in Washington D.C. on October 20.

To Qualify:

- Men must run 10 miles under 75 min
- Women must run 10 miles in under 80 minutes
- Must be Active Duty

Find out more at the information meeting on **May 10, 6-8 p.m.** at the Ederle Fitness Center.

Join the May Fun with The EDGE!

The Edge! sessions are open to grades 6-12. The cost is just \$20 per course. Register at Parent Central Services or on WebTrac.

- Basket Weaving -May 7-28
- Garage 102 -May 8-29
- Bowling - May 9-30
- Project Greenhouse Woodworking-May 10-31
- Soccer- May 22-14

Call 634-7219 for additional information.

Mother's Day Racquetball Tournament

Pay your game in the Mother's Day Racquetball Tournament on May 10-11. Male and female divisions with the following categories:

- Beginners 0-2 years experience
- Intermediate 2-5 years experience
- Advanced +5 years experience
- Open and Doubles
- Registration deadline is May 6 with a mandatory meeting on May 10 at 6 p.m. Play will begin following the meeting

Armed Forces Day

One Pitch Tournament

May 17-19 teams with players 18+ and out of high school can register for the Armed Forces Day Softball Tournament. Coaches meeting is May 14, 6 p.m. in the Ederle Fitness Center. Register before May 13 with your team roster and two POC's. Call 634-7009 for more information.

ODR Trips

- April 23, 8:30 a.m. Italian Market Culture
- April 27, 6:30 a.m. Innsbruck and Swarovski Crystal
- April 30, 8:30 a.m. Palladian Villa Tour
- May 4, 6:30 a.m. Introduction to Sailing

Month of the Military Child Events

- April 27, 9 a.m.-noon -free Theatre Workshops
- April 30 Parent Education Conference -call Parent Central Services 634-7206.

Register using MWR Online Services for:

Vicenza Trip & Classes

Vicenza CYSS Activities





Darby Military Community



America's Armed Forces Kids Run

Come and run in the sun, just for fun on May 18 at 9 a.m. beginning at the Youth Center. Fastest runners in each category win a medal and everyone gets a t-shirt for participating. It is free for youth ages 4-18 years. Call CYSS Sports and Fitness for more information 633-7521.

SKIES Unlimited

The Iron Chef Series is a 4 week cooking program for middle school teens, featuring Italian dishes. Classes are every Monday 3:30-5:30 p.m. April 29-May 20. Cost is \$25 and parents should enroll at Parent Central Services or on WebTrac.

ODR Trips

- April 27, 9 a.m. International Handicraft Fair
- May 4, 8 a.m. Cinque Terre Trip
- May 11, 9 am. Florence Trip
- May 18, Venice
- May 27, Wine Tasting

Complete list and trip info on www.vicenza.armyMWR.com

Darby Vigil & Walk

Let your silence be heard; support Sexual Assault Awareness Month with a silent vigil and walk on April 30. Stop by the info booth at the Commissary and join in on the walk.

Darby Job Fair

ACS in collaboration with NAF Human Resources and non-profit agencies will be available to assist about job opportunities on May 3 in Bldg 428 (Yellow Ribbon Room), 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

6th Annual European Softball Championships

Global Credit Union sponsors this tournament on Memorial Day Weekend, May 24-26. Your team won't want to miss this annual event, so get signed up before May 17. Entry Fee is \$350. For information, call 633-7438 or visit our website.



Strong B.A.N.D.S. Triathlon Challenge May13-26

Register using MWR Online Services for:

Darby Trip & Classes

Darby CYSS Activities



Darby Facebook Page

Visit the community calendar for more upcoming events and details

www.usag.vicenza.army.mil

Volunteers needed

We're looking for some brave of heart volunteers to set up and tear down, direct runners and re-set obstacles during the **Highland Games** May 16 from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call Chris Wolff at 0444-71-7453 or email chris.wolff@us.army.mil for details.

The Vicenza Parent Teacher Student Association needs physically strong volunteers to help set up for **carnival booth games** at the Vicenza Elementary School May 17 from noon to 5:30 p.m. A hot dog dinner will be provided. For information mail Berni Hanley at bernadettehandley@me.com or call 329-244-9718. To sign up go to <http://www.tinyurl.com/ptsacarnival>.

Soldiers' Theatre

* **The Music Café** returns May 17 with performances by an eclectic variety of Italian and American musicians. It's a free show. Come in to listen and to play if you'd like.

* **Comedy-Improv** returns May 31, stop by to take part.

* **Guitar, piano, flute and voice** lessons are available for all levels.

Stop by the theater for details or call 634-7281 or 0444-71-7281.

Dispose of prescription drugs

National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day continues on Caserma Ederle on an ongoing basis. Sponsored by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the day is specifically set aside to encourage everyone to empty their medicine cabinets, kitchen drawers, purses and pillboxes of unwanted, unused and expired prescription drugs, and take them to authorized collection sites. In Vicenza, a collection box continues to be available beginning this weekend directly in front of the U.S. Army Health Clinic

entrance way for deposit of any and all expired or excess medications. Drop off your unwanted and expired medications any time.

DKO coming to an end

The DKO website will go offline May 31. As of June 1, account holders will not be able to access DKO. If you wish to retain content stored on DKO, download it before May 31 or you will lose it. Non-Army users who require access to AKO beyond May 31 require an Army sponsor. Sponsorship is permitted for non-Army users who must access Army applications or who collaborate with Army personnel for official business.

UMUC Europe

* **UMUC Textbook sale:** All textbooks will be 50 percent off regular prices through May 29 when ordered through webText Europe, the University of Maryland University College Europe's online textbook ordering system.

* **Summer Field Study Classes:** Early registration is now open for Summer 2013 courses, which begin June 3. The full schedule at www.ed.umuc.edu. Explore Italian culture in Naples, WWI history in Paris, Baroque art in Rome or history in Scotland while earning 3 credits toward a degree.

For details and assistance go to www.ed.umuc.edu/fieldstudy or contact the UMUC Europe field representative at the Education Center.

USO Bingo

Bring the whole family for free Bingo May 31 from 6-8 p.m. at the USO Vicenza Center, Building 9A. Enjoy food, prizes and fun for the whole family. Bring your own steak night starts at 5 p.m. and bingo begins at 6 p.m. on the patio. For details call 0444-71-8146 or stop by.

No USAHC Saturday clinics

Beginning May 4, Saturday clinic services will no longer be available at the Vicenza Health Center. The last Saturday clinic will be held on 27 April. Beginning May 2, the Health Center will open at 10:00 a.m. instead of 1:00 p.m. Appointment bookings will begin at 9:30 a.m. For emergencies or to reach an ambulance, call 118 from off post or 99-118 from on post. For the 24/7 Nurse Advice line, call 800-877-660. To book appointments, call 636-9000 or 0444-61-9000. Call the Patient Advocate at 636-9000 or 0444-61-9000 with questions or concerns .

Summer Enrichment at VES

This year's Summer Enrichment program will take place July 1-26 at the Villaggio school complex for children currently enrolled in kindergarten through eighth grade. Classes will be held from 9 a.m. to noon. Parents must provide their own transportation and no lunch will be provided. The program features an academic enrichment curriculum emphasizing mathematics and language arts. This summer's themes will be Mysteries for K through 5 and Media Magic for 6-8. Register early.

Scoliosis screening at VMS

Middle school eighth-graders will undergo scoliosis screening at Vicenza Middle School May 2. Girls are requested to wear either an exercise bra or swim suit top under their clothes that day.

AE-ITT training

The AE-ITT program offers DoD Directive 8570.1 compliance by training and certifying individuals to meet Baseline and Computing Environment certification requirements. IT courses are on <https://itt.eur.army.mil>. Upcoming courses include CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner, May 13-17 and MCITP, May 27-31. Call at 634-

6077 or email lydia.t.larimore.ctr@mail.mil for details and assistance.

Financial assistance update

The USAG Education Center is providing Financial Aid Workshops and help in applying for financial aid programs to active duty students. Workshops meet Tuesdays from 10-11 a.m. at the Education Center, Building 113, Room 12. Workshops are open to DoD civilians, retirees, dependents and active duty. For information call 634-8933 or email vicenza.edcenter@us.army.mil.

Vet clinic hours update

Vicenza VTF (veterinary clinic) hours of operation are Monday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. by appointment only. The clinic is closed Saturday and Sunday, except periodically. The clinic is closed on all federal and training holidays, and the afternoon of the last working day of each month. Call 635-4841 to schedule an appointment for your pet.

Asian-Pacific volunteers

The Vicenza Military Community Equal Opportunity Office seeks volunteers in support of Asian, Pacific-American Heritage Month scheduled for the month of May. Call Master Sgt. Richard Colon at 634-7914 or via email at richard.colonvaldes.mil@mail.mil.



Photo by Grant Sattler

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

May 2	A Good Day to Die Hard (R)	6 p.m.
May 3	Escape from Planet Earth 3-D (PG)	6 p.m.
	Side Effects (R)	9 p.m.
May 4	Escape from Planet Earth 3-D (PG)	3 p.m.
	Pain and Gain (R) *	6 p.m.
May 5	Escape from Planet Earth 3-D (PG)	3 p.m.
	Pain and Gain (R) *	6 p.m.
May 8	Silver Linings Playbook (R)	6 p.m.
May 9	Silver Linings Playbook (R)	6 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

May 3	Silver Linings Playbook (R)	6 p.m.
May 4	Pain and Gain (R) *	6 p.m.
May 5	Escape from Planet Earth (PG)	1 p.m.

Admission: 3D, adult, \$7.50, under 12, \$4.50; * 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 <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/ReelTimeTheatres/reeltime-landing.htm>

Look at that thing go!

Boy Scouts of America Pack 295 scouts watch a tight finish in wonder at a Pinewood Derby for Cub Scouts and Webelos at the Teen Center gym April 20.

JOIN THE FUN!

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May



Basket Weaving

May 7-28, 3:30-5 p.m. (Tuesdays)
Arts & Crafts Center
Design and make your own basket.
Cost: \$20 | Enrollment starts April 1



Garage 102

May 8-29, 3:30-5 p.m. (Wednesdays)
Auto Skills Center
Learn engine & electrical systems, computerized controls & diagnose problems. (Garage 101 required)
Cost: \$20 | Enrollment starts April 1



Bowling

May 9-30, 3:30-5 p.m. (Thursdays)
The Arena
Learn skills, teamwork, bowling etiquette & more!
Cost: \$20 | Enrollment starts April 1



Project Greenhouse – Woodworking

May 10-31, 3:30-5 p.m. (Fridays)
Arts & Crafts Center
Build a community greenhouse and learn to work with workshop tools.
Cost: \$20 | Enrollment starts April 1



Soccer

May 22 – June 14, 4:30-5:30 p.m. (ages 8-12)
May 22 – June 14, 5:30-6:30 p.m. (ages 13-18)
Villaggio Sports Field (Wednesdays & Fridays)
Learn soccer fundamentals and improve your skills!
Cost: \$20 | Enrollment starts April 1

Open to grades 6-12.
To enroll visit CYSS Parent Central Services or register online with WebTrac. Register for one or all three. For more information call 634-7219.
www.vicenza.armyMWR.com

U.S. Army Child, Youth & School Services



Religious Activities

Chaplain Crisis Line

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

Vicenza

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.: Military Council of Catholic Women

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

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

Catholic Summer Program for Children

This summer we are conducting a one week Catholic Summer Program for Children in preschool - 6th grade entitled Growing with the Saints in Faith, Hope and Charity. POC can be reached at sattlerclan@yahoo.com

Faith groups in Vicenza contact information

Bahá'í Faith: Call Russell Menard at 389-133-4627 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

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

Jewish: Call Paul Levine at 345-907-2108

Latter Day Saints: Sunday services, 1:30 p.m. in Vicenza. Call Bob Shakespeare at 389-268-5605 or email drbob143@gmail.com.

Trinity Church Vicenza: An International Presbyterian Church (IPC) congregation. Call Pastor Rinn at 328-473-2949 or email trinitychurchvicenza@gmail.com.

Vicenza Hospitality House: A good place for anyone - single Soldiers, men, women and couples to enjoy food, fun and fellowship. Tuesday: Dinner at 6:30 p.m. with PMOC Bible Study and Women's study following at 7:30. Friday: Potluck Dinner at 6:30 p.m. with Walk in the Word following. Call if you need transportation. For more information call 0444-581-427

Call 634-7519 or 0444-71-7519 for info on Chapel activities.

Club Beyond activities

May 5- HS club (dinner included)

May 8- MS Club (snack included)

June 1- Paint Wars

High School Service Project registrations are now open. DSN 634-7757

Camp Darby

Sunday services

11:15 a.m.: Protestant worship and children's service

Catholic Mass: please call the Chapel at 633-7267 to confirm times as it changes with the Priest covering mass.

Tuesday

9:30 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

Wednesday

5:30 p.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

5:15 p.m.: Protestant Men of the Chapel

6:15 p.m.: Choir Practice

For Camp Darby chapel activities and information call 633-7267.

OPEN TO EVERYONE: SOLDIERS, FAMILIES, CIVILIANS, LOCAL NATIONALS

BLESSINGS BONANZA May 10th from 10-12

@ The Chapel Multipurpose Room



FREE Give Away
and/or
FREE Take Away

Perfect time to get your spring cleaning done

- ❖ Bring clean clothes, household goods, books, knick-knacks, bric-a-brac, or whatever can be used by someone else.
- ❖ You may just show up empty handed and be blessed!

This event is sponsored by PWOC and approved by the Religious Support Office. If you have any questions, please contact NikiMcNeil, pwocvicenza@gmail.com, DSN 634-7519

Cougar track teams shine in Naples

Story and photos by Phil Greene

Special to *The Outlook*

After a long journey and despite very poor weather conditions in Naples, the Vicenza High School track team excelled this past weekend in a four-way meet with Naples, Aviano and the American Overseas School of Rome.

Stellar performances by Ronnie Wilcox, Gabriel Moore, Ashley Diaz-Correa, Shani Cook, Destany Schendel and Makeda Ely-ORIelly highlighted an outstanding women's team performance.

Moore, Schendel and Cook swept top finishes in the long jump; Diaz-Correa and Cook finished first and second in the shot put; Moore took first in the 100-meter dash and 400-meter run; Ely-ORIelly took second in the 800-meters; Williams won the 1,600-meter run; and Wilcox added strength to the team's distance performance.

It came down to the wire and the final event to deter-

mine the winning team, as Naples squeezed by the Lady Cougars by a mere 4 points.

Despite fielding a very small men's team compared to the competition, the Cougar men placed third overall based on very strong individual efforts by Zachary Winn in several distances and Tanner Allen on the hurdles. The men's 4x400 relay team of Early Wheeler, Earl Denmon, Carl Hardy and Carleton Hardy racked up points for Vicenza with an outstanding finish of 4:27, and Austin Kelly took second for the Cougars in the shot put.

Senior Carl Wilkerson led all Cougars in the long jump, and helped push the sprint medley relay squad to finish among the top three.

The Cougars are looking forward to a repeat trip and triumph in Naples this weekend, and at their only remaining home meet of the season May 11 at the Schio facility. The meet will be a last hurrah for stalwart VHS seniors Ely-ORIelly, Wilkerson and Denmon, a final chance for the hometown crowd to cheer them on to victory.

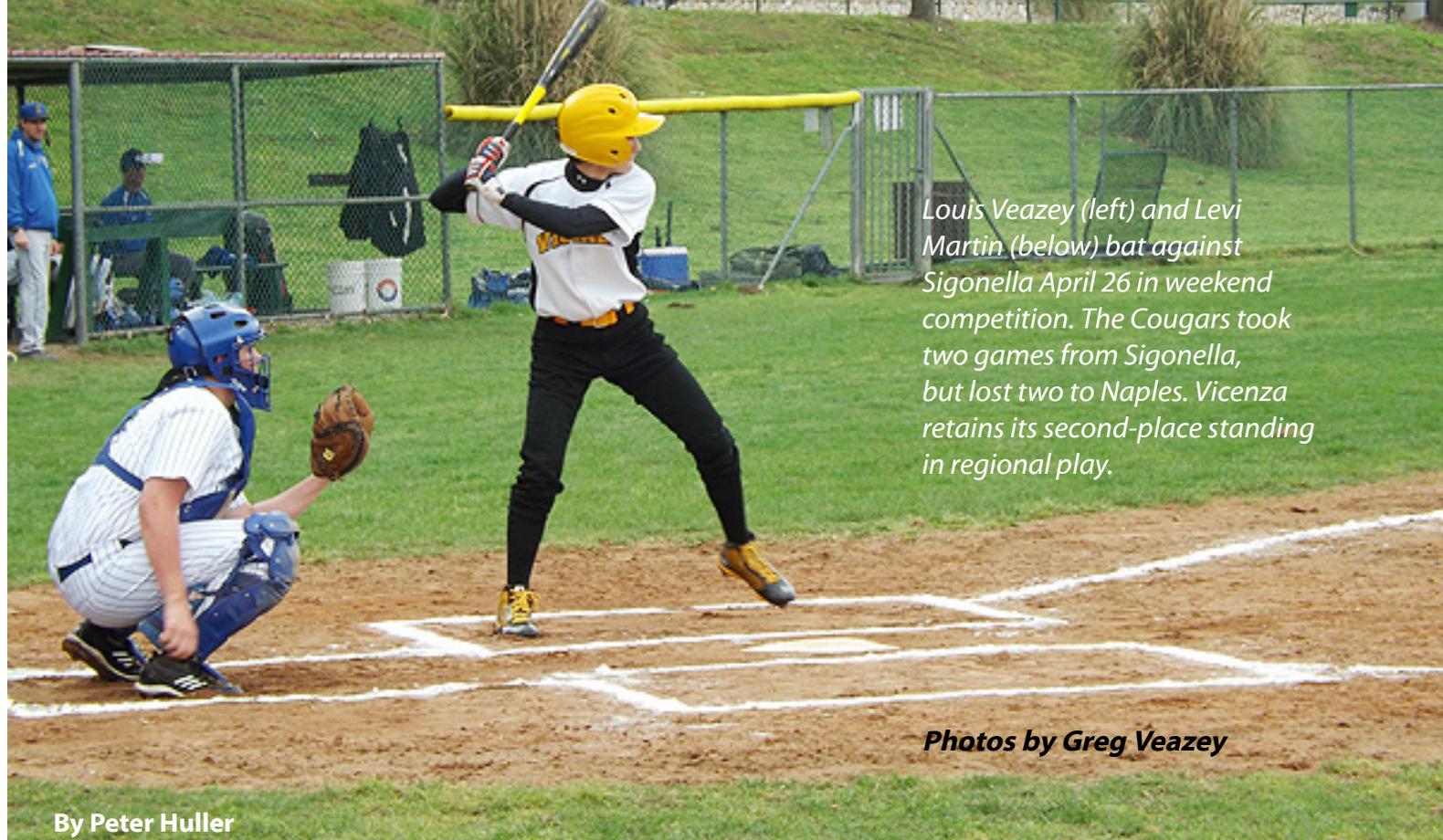


Ronnie Wilcox (far left) strides home to finish second in the women's 1,600-meter final at Naples.

- Carl Wilkerson and Earl Denmon (above) execute a near perfect handoff in relay competition and Carleton Hardy (left) cruises home in the men's 800-meters race.

The Cougars return to Naples this weekend and finish up their last home meet May 11.

Cougar baseball put away Aviano, fall to Naples in weekend play



Louis Veazey (left) and Levi Martin (below) bat against Sigonella April 26 in weekend competition. The Cougars took two games from Sigonella, but lost two to Naples. Vicenza retains its second-place standing in regional play.

Photos by Greg Veazey

By Peter Huller

Special to the Outlook

Braving the elements once again, the Vicenza High School Cougars won two games against Sigonella and dropped two games to undefeated Naples on the diamond this past weekend.

Friday's games saw Vicenza winning by scores of 10-0 and 13-3, with another outstanding pitching performance from Louis Veazey in the first game. Levi Martin led the offensive onslaught in game two with three hits including two doubles, while Bryce Fisher and Jacob Murillo contributed two hits each.

Saturday's games were a much different story as the Cougars struggled defensively, dropping both games by scores of 19-8 and 21-2. Martin and Fisher had two hits each in game one, which Vicenza led until the third inning.

With a current 4-6 record, Vicenza is now second in the regional standings with games upcoming May 11 at Aviano to end the regular season.

The Cougars will travel to Kaiserslautern, Germany, May 22 to participate in the annual DoDDS-Europe Baseball Tournament.





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TEAM ORIENTATION MEETING

Be part of the winning team and represent USAG Vicenza!

To Qualify for the Army Ten Miler (ATM):

Men must run 10 miles under 75 minutes

Women must run 10 miles under 80 minutes

Must be Active Duty in the U.S. Army



May 10, 2013

6-8 p.m.

Ederle Fitness Center Conference Room



ATM Qualifier Race in Grafenwoehr, Germany - June 29

ATM in Washington, D.C. - October 20

For more info call 634-7616. | www.vicenza.armyMWR.com

All participants must be 18 years of age and out of high school. Open to all ID card holders.

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KIDS RUN

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MAY 18, 2013

Beginning at 9 a.m.

at the Youth Center

Come and run in the sun for fun!

Fastest runners in each age category win a medal and everyone gets a t-shirt for participating.

Youth ages 4-18 years. | Cost: FREE

Call the CYSS Sports & Fitness Office for more details at 633-7521.



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Mother's Day

Racquetball Tournament May 10-11

Male & Female Divisions | Awards by Category

Registration Deadline: May 6

Registration is mandatory.

Participant Meeting: May 10

in the Racquetball Court Area, 6 p.m.

Play begins immediately after completion of participant meeting.



For more information, call 633-7009 or visit www.vicenza.armyMWR.com

