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On the front page

A Boy Scout lays flowers on the graves of Soldiers at the Florence American Cemetary May 27.

Photo by Elena Baladelli, 7 JMT-C-TSC
Camp Darby

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Meet Stefania Gliedman, the Vicenza Military Community's new translator for Army Community Service on Caserma Ederle.

Gliedman grew up in Padova, but has been living in Germany since 2000. She is an Italian language translator and her expertise is available on a walk-in basis at Davis Hall, Building 108, Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Gliedman can assist with translating a wide range of documents as well as making phone calls to doctors, vets, businesses, schools and retailers.

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Stefania Gliedman
Translator, Army Community Service

Speak Out

How are you celebrating Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month?



Wendy Venerio
AAFES

"I participated last year and I loved their dance and food."



Emily Garcia
Family member

"I usually celebrate with classmates by doing projects and having get-togethers in honor of the different cultures."



Staff Sgt. William Ransom
2-503rd Infantry Regiment

"I didn't have the opportunity to celebrate this year. Last year I was invited to join my buddy at the pavilion, just to find out that he was performing the traditional Haka dance."

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Thinking about working in Italy?

Think twice before you start

Vicenza Legal Assistance Office

Thinking about working in Italy or setting up a business while on a tour of duty? It's not as straightforward a proposition as you may think. Here are some basic facts and guidelines to consider before getting started.

Q: Can I accept a job working for an Italian or American business off post?

A: U.S. military members, government civilian employees, contractors and their dependents in Italy live here pursuant to the NATO Status of Forces Agreement, or SOFA. U.S. military members on orders do not need a passport or a visa to enter and remain in Italy; however, U.S. government civilian employees and all dependents who are not European Union citizens are required to have a Missione visa and Missione Soggiorno permit. The Italian government provides these documents to individuals who are here solely for the purpose of the U.S. military mission and, therefore, have "SOFA-protected" status. Those who reside in Italy with a Missione visa and Missione Soggiorno permit are eligible for employment on base with the U.S. forces. The jobs available on base are divided among those offered to persons with

a Missione Soggiorno permit and to Italian civilians, as stipulated in the SOFA and other applicable international agreements.

To be employed in Italy by someone other than the U.S. forces requires an Italian work visa and work permit. This applies to employment by both Italian businesses and American-based corporations. An individual who chooses to obtain an Italian work visa and work permit is, in effect, declaring to the Italian government that he or she desires to be considered an ordinary resident of Italy. However, an individual cannot hold both ordinary resident and SOFA-protected status at the same time. This applies whether one is a military member, a civilian employee or a dependent.

Someone who gets a job on the Italian economy as an ordinary resident will no longer be entitled to SOFA-protected privileges such as shopping in the PX and commissary, sending mail through the Military Postal System, driving SETAF-registered vehicles or purchasing gasoline coupons. Such an individual would be responsible for all the additional expenses that ordinary Italian residents incur, such as Italian income taxes, contributions to the Italian social security system and the Italian television tax, to name just a few.

Perhaps most importantly, ordinary residents cannot avail themselves of foreign criminal jurisdictional assertion or waiver rights under Article VII of the NATO SOFA. This means that if you are accused of committing a crime in Italy, you're on your own within the Italian legal system.

Some frequently asked questions

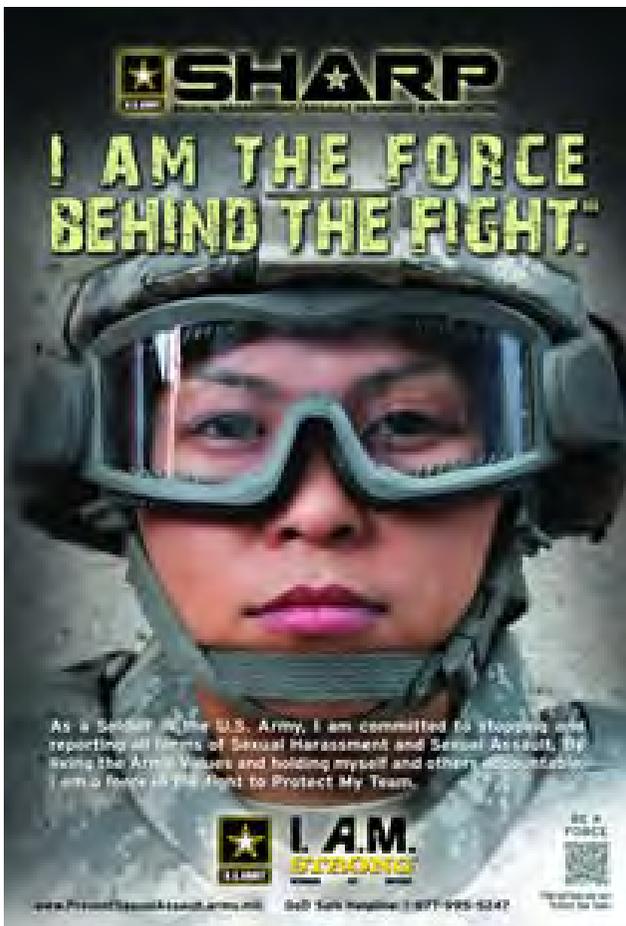
Q: Can I maintain skills by providing my services, such as baking cakes or coloring hair, for free, but be reimbursed for supplies?

A: Activities such as baking cakes or coloring hair would not be considered a "profitable enterprise" as long as any reimbursement is limited to the cost of supplies. It is important to note, though, that any payment for your time, labor, or expertise would be considered profit and would require a valid work visa and permit, with all the consequences outlined above.

Q: Can I operate a home-based business along the lines of Mary Kay or Scentsy or similar marketing endeavors?

A: If you generate profit by work performed while living in Italy, even on your home computer, Italian law mandates that you have a valid work visa and permit. Furthermore, using your APO for home-based businesses is not allowed.

Working in Italy is not as easy a proposition to pursue as one might initially think. For more information or for specific advice, call the Vicenza Legal Assistance Office in Building 241 on Caserma Ederle at 634-7041 or 0444-71-7041.



Letter to the Editor

In Perpetual Gratitude

Hello, Great Vicenza Military and Civilian Community!

I am Master Sgt. Dayaprema. I am sure most of you may have seen me running in and around Caserma Ederle, Villaggio or Longare. And you may also have heard what happened to me at about 7:10 a.m. on April 23.

Please let me let you know the timeline to my sudden cardiac arrest event. I took part in the Milan City Marathon on April 7, and then after one week down time, started training for this year's Army 10-Miler in Washington. Next, I ran the Army Physical Fitness Test 2-mile on April 23.

Next thing I could faintly remember was a number of human faces and an oxygen mask over my face while I was fighting off death and gasping. I also heard a voice saying "I am Dr. Donahue," and then faintly remember being rushed to the San Bortolo emergency room in an ambulance.

I am back at home from the hospital now and on convalescent leave for two weeks. Now I have a fair idea what happened to me that day and know of some of the persons who were on the spot to revive me.

This is to publically and loudly say, "Thank You," and show how grateful my family and I are to them for their timely action and presence of mind that saved my life for me and my Family and my kith and kin.

I need to thank, in particular, Dr. (Capt.) Sean Donahue and Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Hillby for performing CPR on me; Pfc. Anatricque Hembrick for helping Lt. Col. Timothy Williams, who ran to the Ederle Inn and then to the gym to get an automated external defibrillator; Chris Bender and his USAG Vicenza Fire Department crew and the San Bortolo Hospital emergency services for the on-the-spot critical care; and the

doctors and staff of the ICU and Department of Cardiology for follow-on treatment, medical attention and care.

I also cannot forget the memory of Col. Michael Balsler in our Army's uniform being by my bedside as soon as I was stabilized. I told death at that time, "Not today. Do you see the U.S. Army is around me?"

May I also take this opportunity say "Very Many Thanks" to Dr. Novak and the military liaison staff at San Bortolo, the Great Vicenza Military Community, our schools and each and every one who extended overwhelming support by way of encouraging words, providing food for my Family, bringing flowers, sending get-well cards, making hospital visits and praying for and thinking of my speedy recovery.

I beg your pardon if I have missed a name inadvertently of a person who was part and parcel for saving my life in the first "titanium seconds or platinum minutes."

If not for their skills and presence of mind I am dead and gone and the memorial already held, to be honest with you. I am eternally thankful to them.

Last but not least, I have some words of advice to everyone who is a runner, young or old. I have run more than 160 races, from 1-milers to marathons. I have never experienced pain in my chest, before, during or after training or competitions. Most of the time, I did my training alone, day and night, shine or rain, in desolate trails, streets or roads all over the world. I never expected the unexpected, as happened on April 23.

I request you, when you run, please think of running with a "buddy" at all times. It is also advisable to have a cholesterol check for LDL cholesterol particle size Pattern B and a PLAC Test, and if you are over 40 years old, a coronagraphy done. These tests will not be a waste of your time and money, for sure.

Thank you indeed. And my family and I will make every effort to say Thank You personally.

Very sincerely,

MSG Dayaprema and Family



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Lacy Wolff, Army Wellness Center Vicenza director, demonstrates an EmWave 2 bio-feedback device to Under Secretary of the Army Dr. Joseph W. Westphal during his meeting with USAG Vicenza leaders, Soldiers and staff May 28. Vicenza ACS employs the devices to conduct unit-level stress reduction training.

Army senior leaders discuss fiscal priorities, support for force during visit to Vicenza

Story and photos by David Ruderman

USAG Vicenza PAO

Under Secretary of the Army Joseph W. Westphal and Vice Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. John F. Campbell met with Soldiers and the civilian work force here May 28 to discuss current Army priorities and gain situational awareness of key initiatives and programs. The pair was on the first portion of a visit to Afghanistan to observe the status of retrograde operations.

"Gen. Campbell and I thought it was important to recognize extraordinary efforts of the Soldiers, families and civilian work force here," Westphal said.

The Army senior leaders recognized the paratroopers of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team for the success of their recent deployment to Afghanistan, and their sustained readiness.

"These paratroopers have had quite a fight in the last several years and have stayed the course for our Army. They are true patriots and we depend on their unique capabilities. The Army thanks them tremendously for their service and support of their families. Their continued contributions to our country are essential," Westphal said.

The senior leaders also spent time with USAG Vicenza leaders and staff to gain insight on the health of the force, funding and the effectiveness of a range of programs.

Priorities, effectiveness, innovation

A primary focus of the discussion centered on the need to prioritize garrison programs and resources due to the Army's current budget reductions.

"The Army is committed to ensuring we continue supporting effective programs, but we must eliminate redundancy and prioritize our initiatives," Campbell said as he detailed the Army's current fiscal constraints.

Campbell underscored the vital role of the Army's civilian work force and encouraged them continue the extraordinary support they provide. "You are valuable members of the U.S. Army team and we appreciate what you do," he said.

The USAG Vicenza team presented an overview of its activities and initiatives that address the well-being and resiliency of Soldiers, families and civilians. The team outlined the steps they are taking to maintain support for the community, despite the current fiscal environment.

Westphal and Campbell met with U.S. Army Africa leaders to discuss the importance of Regionally Aligned Forces and the necessity of inter-agency cooperation as they execute key initiatives in the USARAF area of responsibility.

"Africa is an important continent, a tremendous growth area; it's an area of significant natural and human resources," said Westphal. "We must proactively engage in areas around the world where potential adversaries and enemies can grow and inflict damage on our society, and that's exactly why U.S. Army Africa's initiatives are so important and play a very key role in our joint force."

First look at Caserma Del Din

Westphal and Campbell toured the nearly complete Caserma Del Din installation, observing the state-of-the-art facilities and stressing the importance of providing the best resources possible as the Army postures for the future.

"After all these years of deployments and combat operations, this remains the best Army in the world, the strongest Army in the world and the most experienced Army in the world. One of the things our service has effectively done is adapt to change and we'll continue to do that as we transition out of combat operations in Afghanistan and focus on the global regional alignment of our forces.

"Our entire Army family here in Italy is absolutely critical to the Army's ability to posture for future requirements and maintain readiness," said Westphal.



Col. David Buckingham (above, left), USAG Vicenza commander, and Vice Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. John F. Campbell confer during a tour of Caserma Del Din May 28. Under Secretary of the Army Dr. Joseph W. Westphal (left, second from right) speaks with Soldiers to get a sense of the health of the force during the visit.

How to do business with the Army

VMC leaders reach out to Vicenza entrepreneurs

Story and photos by David Ruderman

USAG Vicenza PAO



Vicenza entrepreneurs listen to an overview of the U.S. Army contracting process during a presentation arranged in collaboration with Confartigianato Vicenza May 22 to clarify business opportunities on U.S. bases. Roberta Satterfield (opposite from left), Anna Ciccotti and Chris Bradford answer individual questions after the presentation.



Vicenza Military Community leaders met with more than 90 area business leaders and entrepreneurs in Vicenza May 22 to discuss business opportunities at Caserma Ederle and Caserma Del Din .

USAG Vicenza Deputy Commander Chuck Walls, DFMWR director Chris Bradford and Italy Consolidated Services business manager for concessionaire Roberta Satterfield represented the VMC at a public forum organized in conjunction with the area's association of independent artisanal business owners, Confartigianato Vicenza.

"It's kind of like a chamber of commerce, but specifically for artisans. They're all small businessmen, businesswomen," said Peter Brownfeld, host nation adviser. The meeting was a follow-up to a gathering in December, at which Walls made a presentation to the artisan community.

"The consul general from Milan came for that one," said Brownfeld. "That was a broader discussion of what the economic opportunities were. We didn't really get into the specifics of how somebody could contract with us, have a stand set up for an operation or how to compete for a contract. So this is kind of a follow-up to that to get more details. We wanted to get people who are really more operational here so they could respond to how somebody gets involved in doing business with the base."

Largest artisan's group of its kind

The Confartigianato is the largest association of its kind in Italy and has some 22,000 members in the Province of Vicenza, said Stefano Baroni, the group's communications and external relations director.

"When we were here last time we talked about opportunities with the opening of Del Din and at Caserma Ederle," Walls told the audience, introducing Bradford and Satterfield. "We responded to that opportunity, so tonight I have two people with me who represent the bosses who actually arrange for businesses to come on to Caserma Ederle and Del Din.

"Even after the presentation we will stay here a little bit

to answer any of your questions if we don't answer them on the stage tonight because it's important for us to know your concerns and your questions," said Walls. "Thank you for this opportunity."

Satterfield addressed the business owners directly in Italian and Anna Ciccotti of the garrison Public Affairs office provided translation support for Bradford in explaining contracting with the Army and other business practices. Their presentations were an overview of business opportunities on the American installations, the government contracting process and online links for additional information and contacts.

Afterward, several audience members asked questions that were addressed from the dais, and then dozens of individuals came forward to discuss particulars face-to-face with Bradford, Satterfield and Ciccotti. The back and forth went on for more than half an hour.

Bradford was surprised at the amount and intensity of questions from the audience afterwards.

Entrepreneur Laura Vicino, whose business manufactures porcelain flowers, came with specific questions.

"I have already been working with the AAFES and I used to go inside the caserma for the bazaars, so I more or less have an idea of how it works. I wanted to know if something was changed, though," she said.

Vicino was impressed just the same. "I saw this person very open, very . . . *disponibile*," she said, searching for the right word in English, " . . . available to answer any questions and so I think it was very, very interesting."

"Very good dialogue tonight, and I did not expect the questions on contracting, but those are good questions and we can come ready the next time with even more information on that," said Walls. "We think these are very important, the opportunities to dialogue, and we will keep that door open so that we continue the dialogue."

A date for another follow-up meeting this summer has yet to be set, said Ciccotti.

Story and photos by Julie M. Lucas
USAG Vicenza PAO

Caserma Ederle library moves to temporary location



If you have visited the post library in the last few weeks, you probably noticed a mountain of boxes near the front entrance.

No, it isn't a shipment of new books, rather the library will be moving while work takes place through the middle of July.

As of June 3, the library's temporary location will be the BOSS office in Building 9B on Third Street and Olsen Avenue, across from the USO. The reason for the move is so that the library can have new flooring installed.

According to librarian Michelle Ortiz, the current carpet is more than seven years old. The replacement project has been in the works for more than six months, she said.

The new location will operate during usual library hours, Monday to Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturday, 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and U.S. holidays from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The services offered will be check out of new materials including movies. You will also have the capability to pick up online holds placed on items. Additionally computers will be available for use as well as return of items. Items can still be returned at the old location during the closure.

"If you want to request an item online, please make sure another location has it," Ortiz said. "When items are available we should have it in a week. Please remember to be patient with us during the transition."

The work is scheduled to be completed by July 12.

While Caserma Ederle is fixing up one location, the Del Din Library is ready to open its doors June 2. The new location will provide computer access and have a collection of fiction and nonfiction materials geared toward single Soldiers who will be living at Del Din.

"The Del Din Library will have 2013 travel guides, so if you are planning a summer trip it is worth the drive to Del Din to check them out," Ortiz said.

While the library is open to all ID card holders, there will be no children's materials at this location. The hours of operation at Del Din will be Monday to Thursday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. The library will close Friday and Saturday.

Despite the construction, Ortiz said that the Summer Reading Program will go on as scheduled. This year's theme is "Have Book, Will Travel." Registration will begin June 17. The program will take place at the Hoekstra Field Pavilion with children ages 3-5 meeting on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. and children ages 6-11 meeting Tuesdays at 11 a.m.

After filling out a log of 10 books read, the child will receive a prize. Teens are invited to join in the fun by reading one book per week between June 24 and July 29 at their age level. A party is planned for July 30 at 3 p.m. and prizes will be given out to include iTunes gift cards and video games.

Children are also invited to the party for games, food and other prizes.

For more information about the libraries, their collections and programs, call DSN 634-7291 or order books, movies and more at <http://mylibraryeu.armybiznet.com/>.



VMS sponsors great debate challenge

By Julie M. Lucas
USAG Vicenza PAO



Taking lessons from the ancient Greeks, students from the Vicenza Middle School verbally battled in a speech and debate competition May 13. The extracurricular activity has taken off in the last few years, nearly doubling in participation every year.

"These kids come in during lunch, after school, just to learn and get a chance to practice," said Angela Wilson, speech and debate coach.

Nearly 50 youths from each grade participated in the individual, team and humorous interpretation categories. Before heading into the round the students were told the topics they would be debating. They were then given five minutes to prepare their three main points in support of their positions.

AFF or affirmative side went first, showing their support of the topic within a minute and half. Then the NEG or negative side got a chance to question them on their statement for a minute before they had a minute to refute the original statement for a minute.

The NEG side then had a minute and half to highlight their three points of rebuttal before the sides were switched, giving the AFF side a chance to argue its

points. Both sides finished with a one-minute conclusion. Additionally both teams are given two minutes to prepare between rounds.

Topics the youths were given to debate about included whether gum should be allowed at VMS, cell phone usage and uniforms. At the end of the rounds, certificates were given to all participants and the highest scorers moved on to the finals.

"The skills learned from speech and debate will be invaluable in each student's future," said Wilson.

The overall winners, taking first place in their event were: Abigail Matheson and Kaely Wilson in team debate; Kiki Sibilla in individual debate; and Alex May in humorous interpretation.

Other finalists in team debate were Keyshawn Nunley, Zach Borja, Kyla Hinton, Emily Pena, Alex Decaro and Shakil Hossain. Finalists in individual debate were Ha-keem Smilth, Dylan McDonald and Victoria Jackson.

Finalists in humorous interpretation were Tara Padilla, Virginia Pardew and Katelyn Proffitt.

VES first-grader is reading paragon

Story and photos by Laura Kreider

USAG Vicenza PAO

As Francis Bacon wrote in his *Essays: Of Studies*, "Reading maketh a full man. The British philosopher, who lived at the end of the 1500s and the beginning of the 1600s, continued by saying, "and if he read little, he had need have much cunning, to seem to know, which he doth not."

It may seem improbable that a first-grader would know about the message of this significant thinker, who described the importance of reading to make a fuller and better-informed individual through knowledge.

However, in Vicenza Elementary School a very young student has read as many as 1,457,445 words, the equivalent of more than 150 books, of which he has finished 27 since the beginning of April.

"One of the books he read had more than 52,000 words," said Lucille Rogers, VES first-grade teacher. "This is a terrific accomplishment for a first-grade reader."

The student in question is Micah Austin, who does not seem surprised by the stir all his reading creates. As if it were a very ordinary fact, he said that he taught himself to read while 4 or 5 years old.

"My mom and dad taught me too," he added.

Asked why he started, Austin said, "because I liked it and I couldn't stop."

Austin also said that one of the first memories related to books is when he was around 1 year old.

"My mom told me that when I was a baby," he said, smiling. "I was putting all the books off of the shelf and then I looked at them. I think my mom was happy because it would keep me quiet for a few hours, but every day she had to clean up all those books."

Nowadays, Austin does not just look at the books, he reads them and answers 10 questions about each one, its author and the characters' motives.

The longest book he has read so far is "Farmer Boy" by Laura Ingalls Wilder, he said. "I liked it a lot. Without

stopping reading it would take about two hours, but I stopped here and there, so it took probably a couple of days," said Austin.

His favorites are book series. "My favorite character is Junie B. Jones from the Junie B. Jones series; she is a funny kindergartener and then first-grader."

Other favorite authors include Cleary Beverly. He estimated that he has read about 15 of her books.

Austin reads whenever he can. "I guess my best time is when I come home from school," he said.

And what about computer games and friends?

"I have friends and I do like computers, but not as much as reading," he said.

Rogers said, "I just continue to be amazed at Micah. Some of the books he reads are on a sixth-grade reading level. Most first-graders read 10,000 or less words. I have never had a first-grade student read so many words and books."

Because of his reading, whatever topic comes up in class, Austin can always contribute additional information, Rogers said.

"He not only reads so many books, but he remembers the details of what he has read. He is a terrific student in all subject areas and he never wastes a minute in class. He will always have a book close by to read. I think he has a brilliant future in front of him and what a great example he is for our class," she said.

Now that summer vacation is rapidly approaching and reading may become more difficult for most children during the upcoming months, we may all benefit from Austin's reading as motivation to keep at it during the school break.

"I guess you don't have to read as much as I do, but you should be able to read because you are going to learn a lot of things in the future if you can read. Reading is pretty important," Austin said.



FLORENCE AMERICAN CEMETARY



Photos by Elena Baladelli, 7 JMTC



MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY



FLORENCE, Italy--Paratroopers from The 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, VFW 27, and Vicenza and Darby community members participated in the Memorial Day ceremony at the Florence American Cemetery here March 27. The brigade supported the American Battle Monuments Commission by providing the color guard and ceremonial wreath bearers at the event which was attended by provincial and local American and Italian government officials, Italian defense forces, and many veterans groups. The cemetery is one of 24 overseas military cemeteries that are managed and cared for by the AMBC.



Friends and families of Nisei Veterans **honor heroes**

Story and photos by **Amy Drummond**
Special to The Outlook



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Members of the Friends and Family of Nisei Veterans (FFNV) visited the Darby Military Community May 24 to take part in a Memorial Ceremony hosted by DMC honoring Pfc. Masato "Curly" Nakae in the Masato Nakae Square adjacent to the Post Exchange.

Deputy Garrison Manager Lawrence Kilgore opened the ceremony by welcoming guests and recognizing Roy Fujiwara, a 95-year-old nisei veteran of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Company L.

During the ceremony a large wreath was placed on the Pfc. Nakae memorial. Several of the FFNV also placed origami cranes, which signify hope and peace, next to the monument.

"Today we remember all those American Soldiers that left their home and came to Europe to fight a war between the opposing Axis, Germany, Japan and Italy, and the Allied forces, the United States, Great Britain and many others. The war left behind many fallen military and civilians," said Col. Rafaele Lubini, DMC Italian Base Commander.

Nakae's Medal of Honor Award reads, "Private Masato Nakae distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action on 19 August 1944, near Pisa, Italy. When his submachine gun was damaged by a shell fragment during a fierce attack by a superior enemy force, Private

Nakae quickly picked up his wounded comrade's M-1 rifle and fired rifle grenades at the steadily advancing enemy. As the hostile force continued to close in on his position, Private Nakae threw six grenades and forced them to withdraw. During a concentrated enemy mortar barrage that preceded the next assault by the enemy force, a mortar shell fragment seriously wounded Private Nakae. Despite his injury, he refused to surrender his position and continued firing at the advancing enemy. By inflicting heavy casualties on the enemy force, he finally succeeded in breaking up the attack and caused the enemy to withdraw."

Nakae was one of many nisei Soldiers who, despite being one of the many Japanese Americans from the U.S. West Coast who were detained in American camps, joined the U.S. Army. Nisei is a Japanese term meaning second-generation Americans of Japanese ancestry.

According to the United States Army Center of Military History, Japanese American Soldiers from the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, including the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 522nd Field Artillery Battalion comprise the most decorated unit in American military history. In slightly less than two years of combat service, these Soldiers received more than 18,000 individual decorations.





Kilgore said their decorations included 21 Medals of Honor, 33 Distinguished Service Crosses, 560 Silver Stars, more than 4,000 Bronze Star medals, 9,486 Purple Hearts and seven Presidential Unit Citations, an amazing feat for a unit that barely had more than 3,000 Soldiers at any given time.

Brian Yamamoto, FFNV trip organizer said, "This memorial to Pfc. Masato 'Curly' Nakae Medal of Honor recipient helps to preserve the legacy of the WWII nisei Soldier. It is fitting that we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team in Italy at this memorial."

Fujiwara recounted the legacy of the nisei before and after the ceremony by telling war stories about his time fighting and being wounded in Italy and France. He showed the scars on his face and neck where he was shot during a battle in Italy.

According to Yamamoto, DMC was just one stop on a two-week trip through Italy, during which FFNV members plan to visit all the known memorials to nisei veterans in Italy. Their trip included a stop at the Florence American Cemetery and Memorial for the annual Memorial Day Commemoration.

In Florence, speakers recognized nisei veterans and acknowledged WW II nisei veteran Roy Fujiwara and other FFNV members who traveled half way around the world to attend the ceremony.

Clockwise from top right: Roy Fujiwara, nisei veteran of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team, Company L, speaks with Maj. Stephen Clark and 731 Munitions Squadron Airmen, Friends and Family of Nisei Veterans (FFNV) place mementos on the memorial, the FFNV poses for a photo in front of the Pfc. Masato "Curly" Nakae memorial, Brian Yamamoto, FFNV, talks to Darby Military Community members about the importance of preserving military history and legacy. See more photos on www.flickr.com/photos/campdarby/sets/72157633654943990/





Speak Out

How are you celebrating Asian-American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month?



Ernest Beezley
FMWR Livorno

"I will host the annual food tasting event at the DCC on May 31."



Jane Spencer and Jim Emmons
DMC members

"We will take part to the Asian -American pacific Islander food tasting event here on Post."



Marisa Gaona
DMC visitor

"I will miss my 'official' event here at Darby, but I will still celebrate enjoying a good Thai cuisine restaurant in Germany with a friend."

**“Le incredibili macchine di Leonardo”
The incredible Leonardo’s machines**

Exhibit in Genova, Museum of Sant’Agostino in Piazza Sarzano through June 30. On display some interactive machines reproduced from Leonardo’s codices. The exhibit is open Tuesday - Friday from 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Closed on Monday. Ticket cost €7, reduced ticket €6, 0-5-year-old free entrance.

*The museum is in the medieval (13th century) Augustinian monastery, which also contains sculptures, detached Italian and Ligurian frescoes, and stone relics from 10th to 18th century. Info at:
www.museidigenova.it/spip.php?article866*



Courtesy photo



VENETO

11th Festa di Primavera in Maddalene, Vicenza, Spring Festival

Through June 3, in Maddalene, less than a mile from post on the west side of Vicenza. Every night food stands open at 7 p.m. with table service and wine stand.

May 31 at 9 p.m.: Ballroom dance with Enrico Marchiante orchestra

June 1 at 9 p.m.: DJ Summer Tour

June 2 at 9 p.m.: Ballroom dance with I Valentinos orchestra

June 3 at 9 p.m.: Ballroom dance with Gli Incontri orchestra; at 10:30 p.m.: lottery and at 11:30 p.m. fireworks.

Festa di Primavera in Costozza, Spring Festival

May 31-June 9, in Costozza, about eight miles south of Vicenza. Food tent, dance, sculpture and painting exhibit at Casa della Comunita’ di Costozza throughout the festival.

May 31 at 7 p.m.: Fest opening

At 9 p.m.: live music with Monica Viola orchestra.

June 1 at 7 p.m.: Food tent open

At 9 p.m.: live music with Tortuga Dance and Fitness, Latin dance and performance.

June 2 at 8 a.m.: vehicles and motorbikes exhibit in the area behind the church.

At 9:15: vehicles parade

At 6:30 p.m.: food tent open

At 9 p.m.: live music with the D’Animos Band.

June 3 at 7:30 p.m.: food tent open

At 9 p.m.: live music with the Graziano Maraschin orchestra.

11th Pizza solo Pizza in Montelgaldella, Pizza Fest

May 31-June 3, in Montelgaldella, Teatro Tenda Parco Robinson, about 12 miles southeast of Vicenza.

Food stand opens at 7 p.m.; live music every night in the tent.

May 31 at 7 p.m.: Fest opening

At 10 p.m.: live music with Soy Taranta, special guest guitar player Alessandro De Crescenzo.

June 1 at 8 p.m.: Karate show; at 10 p.m.: live music with Lies band, Guns’n’roses Tribute.

June 2 at 7:30 p.m.: Fashion show; at 10 p.m.: live music with Toni ti anima la macchina rock band.

June 3 at 8:30 p.m.: live music with three local rock bands.

**ASD Gymnica Vicentina
Gymnastic Spectacular**

June 1 at 8:45 p.m. in the Palazzetto dello Sport, Via Goldoni in Vicenza, featuring Elevea Giaretta and Filippo Zanini. Entertainment is suitable for all ages. **Admission is free.**

Brahms Requiem in concert

The beautiful **Brahms’ Requiem will be performed June 6 at 9 p.m.** at the Tempio di Santa Corona in Vicenza. The performance features the Gainesville Civic Chorus, the Pueri Cantores del Veneto of Vicenza and the Pueblo Choral Society. The Croatian Chamber Orchestra and Florida State University will be conducted by Maestro Will Kesling; the soloists will be Kandie Smith, soprano, and Russell Franks, basso-baritono. Tickets can be purchased at www.tcvl.it

TUSCANY

56th Lari Festa della ciliegia Cherry Festival

June 2-3 in Lari, stands open at 10 a.m. and events continue throughout the day.
http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi_Sagre/1440_Sagra+delle+Ciliegie+di+Lari.html

Festa della ciliegia Cherry Festival

June 7-9 in Carmignano (PO),
www.bacchereto.it/

Sagra della Porchetta e Birra Pork and beer fest

June 8-9, 15-16 in Buti. Stands open at 5:30 p.m. with local specialities and live music.
www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi_Sagre/21099285_Sagra+Della+Porchetta.html

Sagra del Sombrero

June 7-9, 14-16 in Bientina. comune.bientina.pi.it

Sagra Veg(etari)ana Vegan festival

June 21-23 in Marina di Massa in the Park della Comasca. Opens at 5 p.m. Learn more on www.facebook.com/sagravegetariana

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UPCOMING CONCERTS

Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band: June 3 in Milan; July 11 in Rome

Alicia Keys: June 19 in Torino

Toto: June 22 in Padova, Gran Teatro Geox

Zucchero: June 28 in Padova, PalaFabris

Bon Jovi: June 29 in Milan

Santana: July 5, Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova) Hydrogen Festival

John Legend: July 8 in Perugia; July 9 in Milan

Sting: July 8 in Verona; July 9 in Rome

Elton John: July 9 in Barolo (Cuneo)

Mark Knopfler: July 12, Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova) Hydrogen Festival

Lorenzo Jovannotti: July 13 in Padova, Stadio Euganeo; July 20 in Cagliari

Mars: July 14, Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova) Hydrogen Festival

Crosby Still & Nash: July 20, Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova) Hydrogen Festival

Neil Young and Crazy Horse: July 25 in Lucca; July 26 in Rome

Roger Waters: July 26 in Padova, Stadio Euganeo; July 28 in Rome

Robbie Williams: July 31 in Milan

Tickets are available in Vicenza at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center, or online at <http://www.ticketone.it/EN/> or <http://www.zedlive.com>

Event listings are as reported at press time. Details are subject to change without notice; check before you go.

Cheery about cheerries

The end of May and beginning of June means cherry festivals in Tuscany. Many small villages will showcase their products at weekend events. The season is short so make sure to check out a cherry festival.

Courtesy photo- Lari Comune





Family and MWR

Vicenza Military Community

Ederle Fitness Pool Closure

The Ederle Fitness Pool will be closed for maintenance June 10-21. Please visit our other Sports, Fitness & Aquatics pools located in the Villaggio housing area and the Del Din Fitness Center.



EDGE! Soccer Excellence

June 5-14 on Wednesdays and Fridays, 5-6:30 p.m. youth in grades 3-5 can learn and improve their soccer skills. Cost is \$20. Call 634-7219 for information. Enroll at Parent Central Services or on WebTrac.



Comedy Improv Night

Soldiers' Theatre's popular Comedy/Improv Night returns May 31, 7:30 p.m. Hilarious fun and hysterical antics result as the cast improvises scenes and games using the audience suggestions and input. Contains adult language and situations and is not suitable for children. Tickets are on sale now, \$10. Call 634-7281 for reservations.

Xbox Battle of the Bands

CYSS Youth Center is turning the popular video game into a full scale battle of the bands for grades 6-12, beginning May 20. And it's free! For complete details visit our website or stop by the Youth Center.

Dance Instructor Wanted

Soldiers' Theatre is looking for a qualified multi-disciplined dance instructor. Applicants should have 3-5 years experience teaching adults in ballet, modern, hip-hop, tap and jazz. Call 634-7281.

Kids Summer Bowl Special

Come to the Arena and beat the heat all summer! Everyday open to close, June 14 - September 1 kids can bowl for just \$1 per game including shoes. Special is not available during Cosmic Bowling. For more information visit our website.

ODR Trips

- June 14, 8:30 a.m. Historical Naval Museum Venice
- June 15, Salzburg and Eagle's Nest
- June 22, Slovenia Beach Day
- June 27, Italian Culture-Cappuccino

Register using MWR Online Services for:

Vicenza Trip & Classes

Vicenza CYSS Activities





Darby Military Community



Italian-American Carnival

It's that time of year again! Come on out to the Italian-American Carnival, June 14-23. You can find carnival rides for adults and children, food booths with typical American BBQ cuisine and the beer fest tent. Entertainment will include live music, DJs and a car show. Darby residents can enjoy Darby Day on June 14, 5-7 p.m. All rides are free for Darby residents.

Treat Dad to a Massage

Looking for a special gift to show dad how much you care? The Darby Fitness Center is offering a \$5 discount on any one hour massage during the entire month of June.

Adult Beach Volleyball League

Volleyball at the Beach! What could be more fun? Join us for Intramural 4-man Beach Volleyball at the American Beach every Wednesday evening June 26-July 31. Register your team at the Fitness Center Jun 3-21. For more info, contact Sports & Fitness 633-7438.

Youth Center End of School Lock-in

Celebrate the end of the school year with a bang at the Youth Center Lock-in on June 7, 8 p.m.-8 a.m. Enjoy outdoor games, prizes and all-night fun. Bring your pajamas and a smile! Call 633-7629 for more information.

ODR Trips

- June 1, Florence
- June 2, Cavallino Matto
- June 3, Pisa and Lucca
- June 4, Venice
- June 5, Cinque Terre
- June 6, Rome
- June 7, Elba

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

CYSS Summer Activities

Darby CYSS has great summer programs for youth! School Age Center Summer Camp has a full day of activities that may include movies, swimming, bowling plus a special field trip each week. The Youth Center opens daily at 1 p.m. for recreation activities at no charge. They also have field trips each week. Cost for these trips vary and space is limited so register early. SKIES *Unlimited* offers swimming lessons, register thru June 12. Other activities include; Bowling, Family Walking Club, Zumba for Kids, Flag Football and a Parent-Child Golf Challenge. For more information visit our website or pick up a brochure at Parent Central Services.

Register using MWR Online Services for:

Darby Trip & Classes

Darby CYSS Activities



Darby Facebook Page

Visit the VMC community calendar for the latest event details and updates at

www.usag.vicenza.army.mil

Mosquito spraying on Villaggio

Mosquito spraying with ULV fogger is scheduled for the Villaggio Housing Area June 10 from 7-9 p.m., weather permitting. Residents are advised to not walk the streets during spraying and for an hour after. In case of rain spraying will take place the following day. Details are available at 634-8888.

Soldiers' Theatre

* **Beginning Tap** classes start June 11

* **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.

Propose a Toastmasters

Interested in forming a local club of Toastmasters International in the Vicenza Military Community? Contact Al Meyers at acarvetm@gmail.com or call 340-172-6341. Toastmasters International is a nonprofit educational organization that teaches communication and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs. The organization currently has more than 260,000 members in over 12,500 clubs in 113 countries. For additional information visit www.toastmasters.org.

Quarterly Retirement Ceremony

The Vicenza Military Community's Quarterly Retirement Ceremony will take place June 5 at 4 p.m. in the Golden Lion Conference Center. Retiring are Lt. Col. Michael Brantley, 1st Sgt. Stephen Zaleski, Master Sgt. Timothy Powell and Sgt. 1st Class Melissa Wakefield. The public is invited.

EFMP Movie Bash

Your entire EFMP Family is invited to view a fun Family film June 7 from 3-5 p.m. at the post movie theater on Caserma Ederle. Sign up by June 6

by calling 634-7500 or 0444-71-7500. The first 75 EFMP Family members to sign up will enjoy a movie, popcorn and a soda for free. Call today.

Upcoming F2F events

June 8: Resiliency event at Mt. Pasubio, register with Outdoor Recreation.

June 14: Aperitivi Friday, practice Italian etiquette while enjoying a cocktail downtown.

June 27: Breaking the Glass Ceiling, at the Golden Lion, 4-6 p.m.

July 11: Ride to Recovery, ODR bike trip honoring wounded vets, register with Outdoor Recreation.

July 16: Art Therapy with Michelle at the Arts & Crafts Center.

July 25: Building Life Skills, at the Golden Lion, 4-6 p.m.

July 27: Building Life Skills, Part 2: Zip Lining, register with ODR.

All are welcome, however single Soldiers have priority for events with limited space.

AE-ITT jobs and courses

Knowlogy Corporation is seeking employees to fill a range of positions: receptionist, test proctor, learning center operator, instructors, academic and organizational counselors, and academic advisor. Email Domieh Daoud at ddaoud@knowlogy.com for details. Upcoming AE-ITT classes include:

June 3-7, DoD IA Certification 8570.1

(Network+) 2012; **June 10-14,** MCITP: Windows 7 Enterprise Desktop Support Technician Boot Camp; and **June 24-28,** DoD IA Certification 8570.1 Information Assurance Security Course (IASC/Sec+). Email lydia.t.larimore.ctr@mail.mil or call 634-6077 for details.

Thrift Shop reopen

The Vicenza Thrift Shop is reopen. For those PCSing out, they are taking consignments and donations. Those looking for great prices on gently used items--from clothing to transformers, toys, books, and appliances, can visit them in Bldg. 243. Hours are Tuesday -Thursday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Dispose of prescription drugs

U.S. Army Health Clinic Vicenza has an authorized collection box directly in front of the clinic entrance way for disposal of unwanted, unused and expired prescription drugs. Drop off your unwanted and expired medications any time.

414th CSB quarterly training,

The 414th Contracting Support Brigade will conduct quarterly training July 30-31 in acquisition planning and requirement documents development training. Training is for new personnel and to re-certify CORs, GPC holders and FOOs for all USARAF, USAG-Vicenza



Capt. Nathan Platz relinquishes command of Company E, 1-503rd Infantry Battalion, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, to Capt. Carl Hartman during a change of command ceremony May 16 at Caserma Ederle in Vicenza, Italy. Lt. Col. Jeremy Schroeder, commander of 1-503rd Battalion, presided.

**Photo by
Barbara Romano**

and other tenant units. Go to <https://portal.setaf.army.mil/CSB414/training> and click on 'new' to get started. Call John Dingeman at 637-7728 for assistance.

Army Birthday

The Vicenza Military Community will commemorate 238 years of the Army's selfless service to the United States of America with a Cake Cutting at noon, June 13, at the DFAC and an Army Campaign Streamer ceremony at 2 p.m., June 13, at the Post Theater.



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

The Outlook accepts submissions

Email news briefs by noon Thursday
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At the movies



Now You See Me

Now You See Me pits an elite FBI squad in a game of cat and mouse against "The Four Horsemen", a super-team of the world's greatest illusionists. "The Four Horsemen" pull off a series of daring heists against corrupt business leaders during their performances, showering the stolen profits on their audiences while staying one step ahead of the law.

Rated PG-13 for language, some action and sexual content.

Ederle Theater

- May 31, 6 p.m. Epic 3D (PG) *
- 9 p.m. Hangover Part III (R) *
- June 1, 3 p.m. Epic 3D (PG) *
- 6 p.m. Fast and Furious 6 (PG-13) *
- June 2, 3 p.m. Fast and Furious 6 (PG-13) *
- 6 p.m. Hangover Part III (R) *
- June 5, 7 p.m. Olympus has Fallen (R)
- June 6, 7 p.m. Olympus has Fallen (R)
- June 7, 7 p.m. G.I. Joe: Retaliation (PG-13) (3D)
- 10 p.m. Now You See Me (PG-13)*
- June 8, 3 p.m. The Purge (R)*
- 6 p.m. Now You See Me (PG-13)*
- June 9, 3 p.m. The Purge (R)*
- 6 p.m. Now You See Me (PG-13)*

Camp Darby Theater

- May 31, 6 p.m. Hangover Part III (R) *
- June 1, 6 p.m. Fast and Furious 6 (PG-13) *
- June 2, 1 p.m. Epic (PG) *

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>

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

June 7, celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Mass at noon in the chapel.

Catholic Summer Childrens Program

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. The course has the imprimatur and is a wonderful way to begin your summer break. It will occur the first week after the school year ends. Classes scheduled in the morning, Monday through

Friday. This is a beautiful way to give your Children a deeper Knowledge of our Faith, a Faith handed down to us from the Apostles. POC is Mrs. Karla Barnes at gkbarnes77@yahoo.com or see her after Mass.

Are you Catholic and married outside the Catholic Church?

Catholics who married in a different protestant church or in the Town Halls, by a Justice of the Peace, in the eyes of the Catholic Church are not married. Those who are in these unions cannot receive Holy Communion, cannot be godparents for Baptism, sponsors for confirmation, witnesses to Catholic Marriages nor have any liturgical function in the community. In short, a Catholic in this kind of a union has lost all the privileges of participation in the sacramental life of the Catholic Church. In order to regain these privileges that marriage must be convalidated in the Catholic Church. If it is the first marriage for both parties then convalidation process is simple. For more information contact Fr. Dynek.

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 vicenzaitaly-churchofchrist@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 trinity-churchvicenza@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

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.

The Explanation of 'The Eucharist – source and summit of ecclesial life' According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church

By **Father Wieslaw Dynek**
Lt. Col, US Army

The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." "The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch."

The Eucharist is the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being. It is the culmination both of God's action sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship men offer to Christ and through him to the Father in the Holy Spirit."

Finally, by the Eucharistic celebration we already unite ourselves with the heavenly liturgy and anticipate eternal life, when God will be all in all.

In brief, the Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith: "Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking."

HOLY FATHER'S JUNE GENERAL INTENTION: "That a culture of dialogue, listening, and mutual respect may prevail among peoples."

HOLY FATHER'S JUNE MISSIONARY INTENTION: "That where secularization is strongest, Christian communities may effectively promote a new evangelization."

Camp Darby Chapel celebrates Mothers Day, May 12

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Lady cougars win Division II European Softball Championship



By Bryan Morvay

VHS softball assistant coach

RAMSTEIN, Germany - The Vicenza Lady Cougars softball team capped off a Southern Region best 10-2 regular season with six straight victories to win the Division II European Softball Championship for the first time ever May 25.

It all started on a cold and rainy Thursday morning, when the Cougars started off hot and never cooled down until the final pitch on Saturday afternoon. With an easy 16-0 win against the Bitburg Barons, the Cougars established themselves as the team to beat this year despite their number 3 seeding going into the tournament.

Due to heavy rain and hail, the Cougars second game of the day was postponed until Friday, and though the weather did not improve the Lady Cougars kept the heat on. They won all three of their Friday games, putting away

an up-and-coming Schweinfurt Razorbacks team 6-1, the defending fourth-place Ansbach Cougars 15-3, and a tough AFNORTH Lions team 3-2.

The outcomes decided the seeding going into the quarterfinals. The Cougars were able to hold off the Lions, who had runners on second and third and no outs, in the final inning thanks to pitcher Megan Buffington securing the final three outs of the game with a diving catch, a put-out on an attempted steal at home plate and a strikeout.

That would not be the last the Cougars saw of the Lions that weekend though.

In the quarterfinals game on Saturday morning, the Cougars came out bats a-blazing against the Hohenfels Tigers, taking a 7-0 lead and never looking back. They finished with a 12-3 victory that set them up for a championship game showdown against AFNORTH, which had beaten Naples.

Behind the bats of seniors Alyssa Seibel, who hit 3 for 3 with a double, two singles and an RBI; and Katie McKeever, who went 2 for 4 with a triple, a single and an RBI; the Cougars started off the game hot again, jumping out to a 6-0 lead at the end of three innings.

Sophomore pitcher Buffington held the Lions to only four runs in the final four innings while tallying 12 strikeouts to secure the victory for the Cougars. Unbelievably, the Cougars never played from behind the entire tournament, taking leads early in each of their six games thanks to their sharp hitting and aggressive base running.

"Determination was our theme for the season and these girls really stepped up and proved that they can compete with anyone," said coach Julie McClellan. "We have three unbelievable leaders in our senior captains. Kate (Panian), Katie and Alyssa deserve a lot of credit for getting this team to where they are today."

Buffington was another big key to success for the Cougars, racking up 44 strikeouts in 22 innings and earning MVP of the Tournament. McKeever and Panian were selected for the All-Tournament team in recognition of their outstanding championship play.





VHS men's baseball finishes second

By Pete Huller

Special to The Outlook

It's become a rite of spring. Every year the Vicenza High School baseball team travels to Germany to participate in the Department of Defense Dependents Schools-Europe Baseball Tournament, and every year they return with a plaque.

This year, the elements and an inexperienced team challenged the pattern of excellence that's been established since the baseball program began. Undaunted by the rain, wind and hail that plagued and threatened throughout the tournament, the Vicenza Cougars scratched and clawed their way to their third second-place finish in the five years of the tournament's existence. The team triumphed in four games and only lost in the finale to a strong Naples squad flush with returning starters.

Strong pitching was key to Vicenza's success and it came from sophomore Levi Martin, freshman Louis Veazey and senior John Young. Martin and junior Matt Stitzel provided timely hitting along with the rest of the



squad to keep the balance tipped in Vicenza's favor.

The Cougars allowed an average of four runs per game this season in pre-championship play, scoring an average of eight runs per game themselves. Defensive lapses, however, undid the Cougars in the championship game, giving the Naples Wildcats 10 unearned runs despite strong pitching by Veazey.

Martin and Veazey took All Tourna-

ment honors for the team. Vicenza, with a 1-3 record after the opening weekend of play, finished strong with 10 wins and 7 losses.

Coach Mark Wilson said, "We started the year with a very inexperienced squad, but they worked hard to improve with every game. To make it to the final was more than we expected, but I was proud of how they played throughout the tournament."

ATTENTION

Ederle Fitness Center Pool Patrons

The Ederle Fitness Center Pool will be

CLOSED

June 10-21

due to maintenance requirements in the Aquatics area. During this time please visit our other Sports, Fitness & Aquatics pools:



Villaggio Housing Area Pool
Del Din Fitness Center Pool



We apologize for the inconvenience.

For more info call 634-8642/7876. | www.vicenza.armyMWR.com