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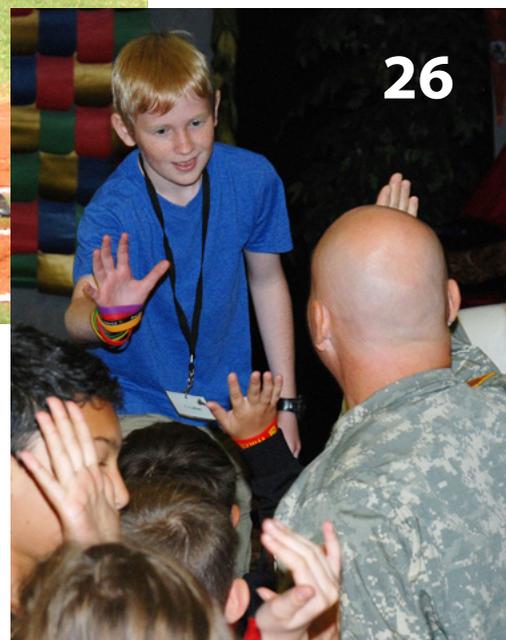
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## On the cover

Capt. Davide Dallago, rock climbing and skiing master with the Italian army's 6th Alpini Regiment, helps USMA Cadet David Blum strap up before they climb in the Alps last month during an internship in conjunction with the Advanced Individual Academic Development program sponsored by West Point that aims to enhance the next generation of officers' leadership, decision and problem solving skills.

Photo by Sgt. Terysa King

# Schools to open with no furloughs

## Department of Defense Education Activity

Furloughs for all DoDDS-Europe teachers and other 10-month employees previously subject to a five-day furlough have been cancelled.

The Secretary of Defense's decision earlier this month reduces furlough days from 11 days to six days. The Secretary granted a specific exception for 10-month, school-level Department of Defense Education Activity



employees (instructional and support staff) to be implemented immediately. These personnel were subject to a five-day furlough in consideration of meeting school accreditation requirements. This is great news for our mission: educating children.

The impact of this decision on the Vicenza and Darby Military Communities means that all DoDDS-Europe schools will open for instruction as previously scheduled on Monday, Aug. 26.

Photo by Nancy DeCaro

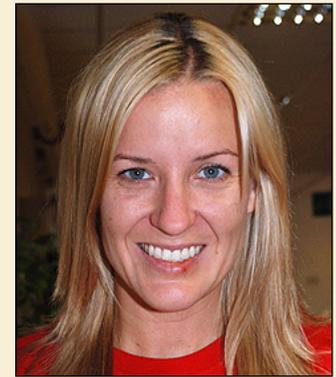
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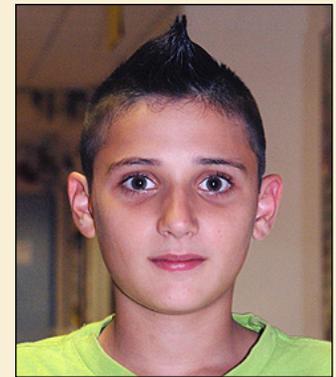
**Shayana Dabney**  
Family member

*"I just arrived in Vicenza and I am looking forward to different extracurricular opportunities."*



**Lori Encke**  
VHS computer science teacher

*"Being able to work with some of the most amazing students in the world. These kids are one of a kind and have a true passion for learning."*



**Vincent Capitini**  
Family member

*"This year I am looking forward to being on the cross-country team."*

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VICENZA HIGH

# Schools open Monday

Parents and students chat outside Vicenza High School Aug. 20 as families made final preparations for the start of the school year. All Vicenza and Darby Military Communities will open for instruction Monday, Aug. 26.

Photos by Laura Kreider

# School notes

## Open Houses and Orientations

Vicenza Elementary School will host a New Parent and Student Orientation Aug. 23 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Class lists will be posted at 1:30 p.m. and students and their parents are invited to visit their classrooms and meet their new teachers until 2:30 p.m. The VES Open House will be held Sept. 5. Vicenza High School will host its Open House Sept. 10 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Meet in the gym.

## Cougar sports

Vicenza High School will conduct a meeting Sept. 4 at 5:30 p.m. in the gym for all students, parents and coaches to discuss the upcoming football season. Students interested in cross-country, volleyball, tennis and cheerleading and their parents can meet with coaches Sept. 10 immediately after the VHS Open House, beginning around 6:30 p.m.

## New SAC homework teacher

The School Age Center next to the CDC on Villaggio is happy to announce that Jutta Anderson has joined its ranks as the new Homework Teacher. She is looking forward to working with children in first through fifth grades on their homework throughout the coming school year. Before- and after-school registration is presently taking place; please drop by Building 703 at Villaggio to sign up. Please make sure children are registered with Parent Central Services beforehand. SAC has an open door policy; parents are welcome to drop in any time. Call 634-5700 or 0444-71-5700 for assistance.

## Homeschool co-op meeting

Homeschooling families in the Vicenza Military Community are invited to attend a support meeting Aug. 26 beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Army Community Service conference room in Davis Hall. Points of contact for Italian schools, regular meetings, field trips, a mini co-op, science fair and possibly bowling will be on hand. ALL homeschooling families, including husbands and children, and anyone interested in homeschooling are welcome to attend.



*Adam Hahn and his daughter Airra check their paperwork while registering at the Vicenza High School Aug. 20.*



*SKE DoDDS maintenance team painter Luciano Sbalchiero puts the final touches on a wall at Vicenza High School a few days before the start of school.*

# Sure Start Preschool

Vicenza Elementary School offers the Sure Start preschool program, a no cost, full-day, high quality preschool for 4-year-olds, which is modeled on the Head Start program in the United States.

Sure Start is designed to prepare children who may potentially be "at risk" to enter kindergarten the following year.

Sure Start is targeted to children of sponsors ranking E-4 and below, but anyone is welcome to fill out an application. VES will offer two classes with space for 18 children in each. Applications are accepted throughout the school year and applicants enter a "waiting pool." When there is an opening in the program, the Sure Start steering committee selects the most qualified child for admission. Consideration for selection may include one or more of the following criteria:

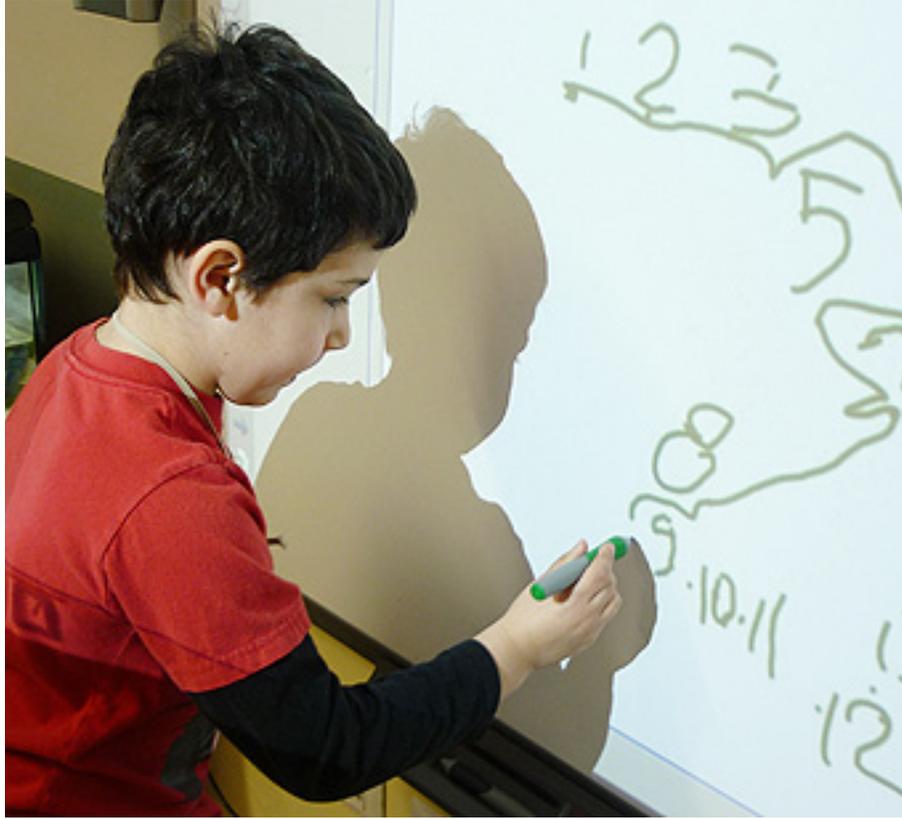
- Child must be 4 by Sept. 1*
- Sponsors rank is E-4 or below*
- Child had a low birth weight (be-*

- low 5.5 lbs.)*
- Child has parent(s) whose primary language is not English*
- Parent(s) were teenagers when the first child was born*
- Parent(s) did not graduate from high school*
- Child lives in a single-parent home*
- The child's sponsor is currently or soon to be deployed*
- The child has an older sibling with a disability*
- The child is one of three more siblings who are close in age.*

Interested parents should be aware there is a mandatory parent education component that includes scheduled home visits, quarterly parent meetings and participation in the classroom.

Applications are being accepted now and throughout the school year.

To file a Sure Start application for your child, come to the Vicenza Elementary School main office or call 634-7069 for more information.



**Photo by Nancy DeCaro**

*A VMC youngster lets his imagination lead while playing at Sure Start.*

## Speak Out

*What are you looking forward to doing at school this year?*



**Patricia Wilson**  
VES third-grade teacher

*"I'm looking forward to taking the kids on a wonderful educational journey."*



**Kilian Oppel**  
Family member

*"I'm looking forward to playing on the playground and no homework and no math."*



**Susan Jackson**  
Family member

*"I'm looking forward to getting back into a routine, not just for the kids but the whole family."*



Photos by Laura Kreider

## One-to-one computer ratio

Vicenza High School student Helois Leosk (left) picks up her own dedicated laptop computer from senior Alexis Camuso after registering at the gym school Aug. 20 as her mother, Katrin Elliott, looks on. More than 200 students received their computers over the course of two days. "The turnout was significant and we are excited," said VHS Principal Justin White. "We've had lots of new students register over the past week and our enrollment has grown significantly from last spring."

# Antiterrorism Awareness Month

## Are they happy snaps or is it surveillance?

By Carl Turner

USAG Vicenza Antiterrorism Officer

August is Anti-Terrorism Awareness month and one lesson to take away is that everyone is a link in the chain of defense.

We must understand that we are all "sensors," the eyes and ears on the ground that notice suspicious activity and report it to the appropriate authorities.

Sometimes people take photographs for recreational or personal reasons; however, you should never assume. You could be key in preventing or disrupting the planning for a terrorist attack.

What is suspicious photography? While it does not necessarily indicate terrorist behavior, photography conducted along with any of the following activities increases suspicion:

- ~ Note-taking or drawing
- ~ Trespassing or trying to access unauthorized areas
- ~ Asking security personnel questions about hours of operation, shift changes, security cameras and the like
- ~ Taking pictures of items of no apparent aesthetic value
- ~ Being furtive or evasive
- ~ Taking pictures of items that are inconsistent with disclaimers
- ~ Repeat occurrences of a photographer at same location
- ~ Odd timing of photography
- ~ The photographer is wearing clothing or behaving in



a way that is out of place or inconsistent with the story

For additional information, contact your chain of command or the USAG Vicenza Antiterrorism Office at 634-8984/8069/7146 or 0444-71-8984/8069/7146.

### Important contact numbers

Other important phone numbers to have at hand to report suspicious behavior, photographic or otherwise, are:

**MP Desk:** 634-7626 or 0444-71-7626/7233 or toll free at 800-064-077.

**Vicenza Military Intelligence Detachment:** 634-7688 or 0444-71-7688 (open 24/7)

**Duty Agent for Vicenza:** 331-172-2142

**Duty Agent for Livorno:** 331-172-2141

### Funded Legal Education Program

## JAG announces application process for law school training

The Office of The Judge Advocate General is now accepting applications for the Army's Funded Legal Education Program, which projects sending up to 25 active duty commissioned officers to law school at government expense. Selected officers will attend law school beginning in the fall of 2014 and remain on active duty while attending.

Interested officers should review Chapter 14, AR 27-1 (The Judge Advocate General's Funded Legal Education Program) to determine their eligibility. This program is open to

commissioned officers in the rank of second lieutenant through captain.

Applicants must have at least two, but not more than six years of total active Federal service at the time legal training begins. Eligibility is governed by statute (10 U.S.C. 2004) and cannot be waived.

### Act now for consideration

Eligible and interested officers immediately register for the earliest offering of the Law School Admission Test.

Applicants must send their request

through command channels, including the officer's branch manager at AHRC, with a copy furnished to the Office of The Judge Advocate General, ATTN: DAJA-PT (Ms. Yvonne Caron-Room 2B517), 2200 Army Pentagon, Washington, DC 20310. Application materials are due to be received by Nov. 1 of this year. Submission well in advance of the deadline is advised.

Contact USARAF/SETAF Deputy Staff Judge Advocate, Lt. Col. Pflaum, for further information at [patrick.d.pflaum.mil@mail.mil](mailto:patrick.d.pflaum.mil@mail.mil)

# Adult Dance Classes



## ■ Ballet Classes

Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. | SKIES Dance Studio, Bldg. 308  
*Learn to use your body gracefully and get an amazing workout at the same time!*

## ■ Jazz/Contemporary Classes

Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. | SKIES Dance Studio, Bldg. 308  
*A great way to explore a new type of dance. Great for beginners or for anyone who wants to try something new.*

## ■ Hip-Hop Classes

Thursdays, noon-1 p.m. | SKIES Dance Studio, Bldg. 308  
*Street style dance that will really get your body moving!*

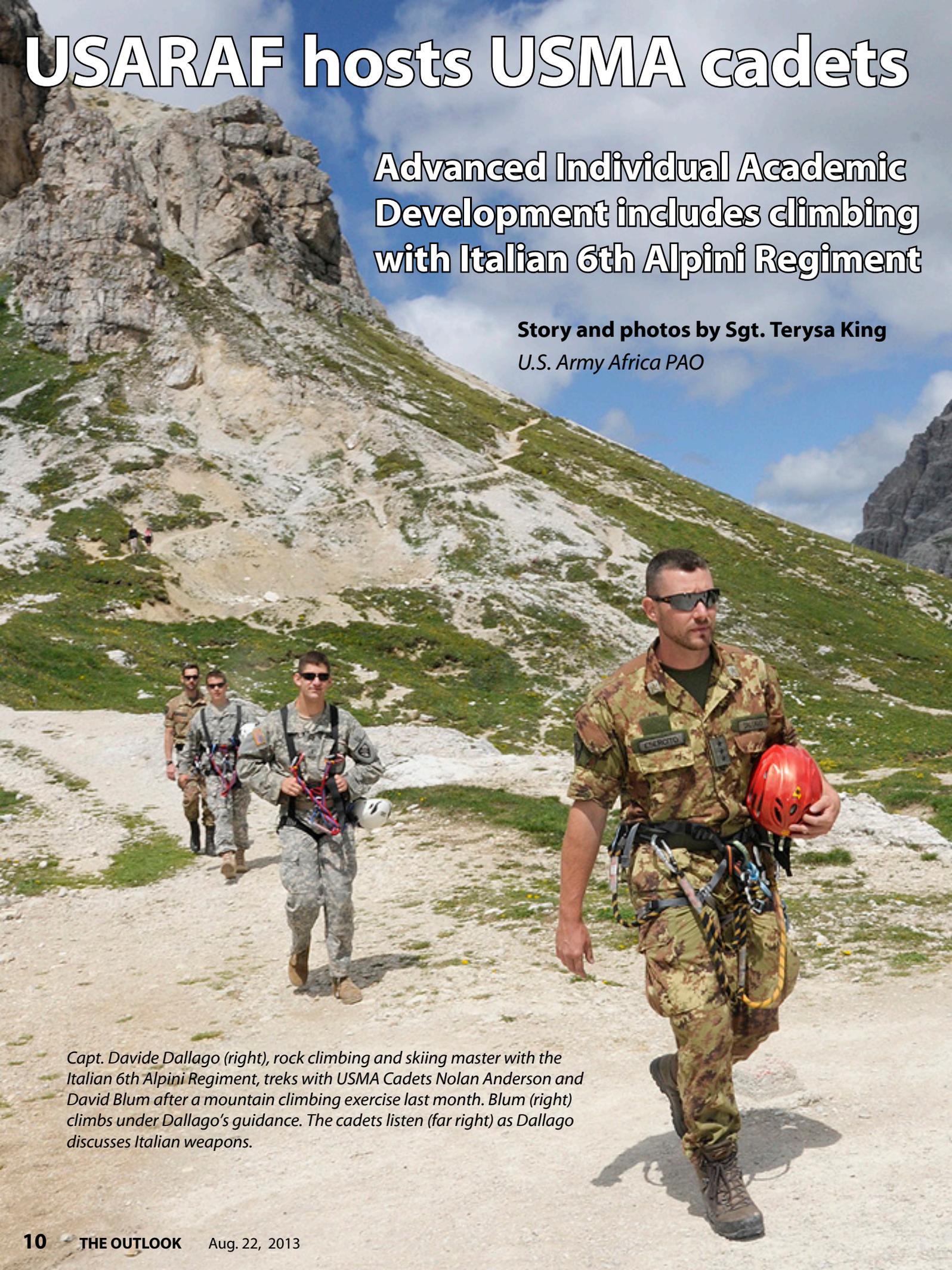


For info, contact 634-7281 or visit [www.vicenza.armyMWR.com](http://www.vicenza.armyMWR.com)

# USARAF hosts USMA cadets

## Advanced Individual Academic Development includes climbing with Italian 6th Alpini Regiment

Story and photos by Sgt. Terysa King  
U.S. Army Africa PAO



*Capt. Davide Dallago (right), rock climbing and skiing master with the Italian 6th Alpini Regiment, treks with USMA Cadets Nolan Anderson and David Blum after a mountain climbing exercise last month. Blum (right) climbs under Dallago's guidance. The cadets listen (far right) as Dallago discusses Italian weapons.*

U.S. Army Africa hosted a three-week internship with two cadets from United States Military Academy beginning last month.

In conjunction with the West Point Advanced Individual Academic Development program, the cadets executed a problem analysis mission and created a senior leader decision-making process to increase the efficiency of information flow from USARAF directors to the commanding general and optimize the battle rhythm for the current challenge with facility separation between Caserma Ederle and Caserma Del Din, said Maj. Bradley Kinser, USARAF strategic intelligence research officer.

"Cadets were here to solve a problem for USARAF, and we put time, money and resources into them coming here. Providing 48 hours of familiarization training, it maximized those resources and time we already put into these young men and the project," said Kinser.

Both parties reaped benefits from the training, he said.

In addition, the cadets also underwent a training familiarization with 6th Alpini Regiment, a mountain infantry regiment of the Italian army, during which they completed a rock climbing exercise and toured Alpini training facilities.

The training introduced the cadets to young leadership in the Italian army and alpine operations, and provided an insight into how the Alpini are trying to incorporate

motorized and mechanized vehicles in an urban setting combined with mountain operations.

"This training familiarization strengthens the relationship with our Italian NATO partners by allowing us to experience how we each approach problems," said Kinser. "As a result of it, the Alpini are writing their own doctrine to understand how to approach the problem, and they got a little input from two cadets who are trained in problem solving."

Both cadets benefitted as well from applying what they had learned at West Point to the real world, and gained a valuable cross-cultural experience by working with a NATO partner military.

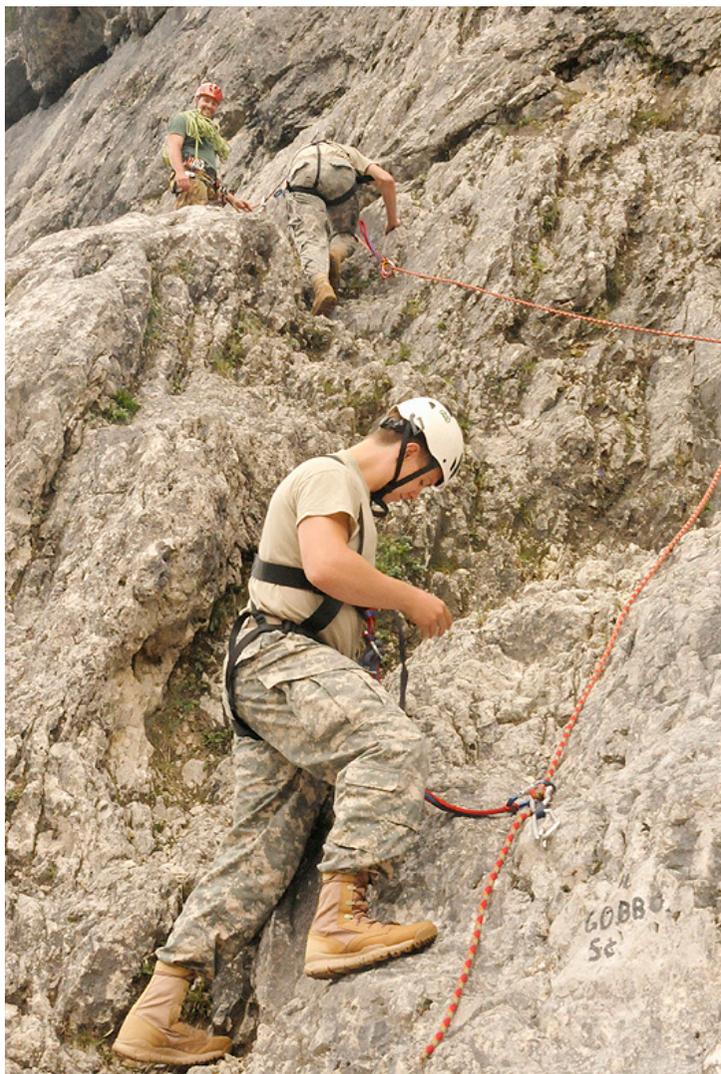
"I really wanted to get out there and apply what I learned and see what lies ahead in the Army for me," said Cadet Nolan Anderson. "One thing I can take away from this is not necessarily the activities we partook in, but mainly relationships we built. Overall I feel it's great for both our nations to publicize the bond we have."

### Building future partnerships

Cadet David Blum said that even though he worked with the Alpini for only two days, the time will potentially forge a lifetime relationship with his Italian officer comrades.

"It was amazing to me how quickly we built relationships. I think in the future, amid budget uncertainty, these coalitions will play an even greater role in our foreign policy," Blum said. "I think the relationship starts by building personal relationships, and hopefully we will continue these relationships, build on them, and create a chain of events where we can continue to schedule joint events like this. I think if we do that we'll be able to build a better relationship with the armies as a whole."

"The cadets are getting an experience before they're commissioned as lieutenants, which is already diverse from U.S. doctrine and U.S. training," said Kinser. "They're going to have outside perspective to problems they'll face as young lieutenants that their peers and counterparts are not going to have. It will help them decide how to lead their Soldiers."



# Bike Rodeo makes safety a fun lesson

Story and photos by Laura Kreider  
USAG Vicenza PAO

Vicenza Military Community children beat the summer doldrums and picked up two-wheeler safety tips at a Bicycle Rodeo conducted Aug. 16 at the Villaggio school complex parking lot. The event, which attracted about 150 children, was coordinated by the American Red Cross, the USO and the Provost Marshal's Office bicycle squad. The adults focused on teaching youngsters about bicycle safety and preparedness in a fun and hands-on way.

Renee Scholle, Vicenza ARC assistant station manager, said "Not only were the kids prepped on how to deal with different obstacles they might face while cycling, they also had their bicycles inspected for safety and had their helmets checked for proper fit."

The rodeo course consisted of eight stations at each of which a Red Cross volunteer helped the child understand, practice and review a particular skill.

"It was great to see kids come out and have a great time testing their bike skills," said William Brockus, one of the many youth volunteers who helped at the event.

Upon completion of the course, each child received a bag with a coloring book focusing on disaster preparedness, a ruler, a Frisbee, an AAFES coupon for bicycle accessories and a certificate of completion.

After scampering around a fire truck brought for display by the Caserma Ederle USAG Vicenza Fire and Emergency Services, the young bikers stopped at the USO tent to get a snack, drink or a snow cone.

## Teamwork paves the way

"This event could not have taken place without the support of many organizations within the Vicenza Military Community," said Scholle. "The kids had a great time and we were even told later about one child who wanted to go back the next day to do the course over again."



*Nine-year-old Ian Walrond rides his bicycle through one of eight stations during the Bicycle Rodeo safety awareness event held at Villaggio Aug. 16.*

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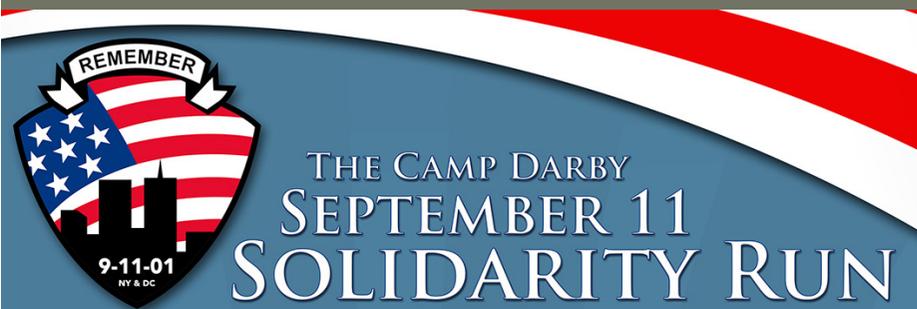
**Stephen Brown**  
Livorno Unit School principal

*"I am looking forward to seeing my kids again. We are like a big family here at Darby and I miss them."*



**Christopher Pounds**  
Family member

*"I am looking forward to learning how to write and being able to write a letter to my big brother."*



## THE CAMP DARBY SEPTEMBER 11 SOLIDARITY RUN

Wednesday, September 11, 2013  
Beginning at 7:30 a.m.  
at the Command Flagpoles

Join this 5K run or 2 mile walk to remember and honor the victims and survivors of September 11, 2001.

Registration begins August 26 at the Darby Fitness Center or on the day of the run. Must be registered to be eligible for the Camp Darby Fall Fitness Series (3 of 4 events for prizes).

# The Outlook

accepts submissions

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[editor@eur.amy.mil](mailto:editor@eur.amy.mil)

# Camp Darby BOSS program honored

By Chiara Mattiolo

Darby Military Community PAO

The Darby Military Community Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program took its share of well deserved limelight at the IMCOM Europe BOSS training seminar Aug. 5-9 in Germany, walking away with three awards.

The DMC BOSS program took second for Best Event for Small Installations in Europe based on its presentation of different activities in support of this year's Summer Carnival; DMC BOSS president, Air Force Staff Sgt. Travis Dobbins, received the Best Presenter award; and the program was bestowed the Best Practices award in recognition of the superior cooking classes it organizes for its single service members.

"We have a great attendance at these cooking classes," said Dobbins. "We already have 13 people signed for the next cooking class featuring sweet and spicy spaghetti next Monday."

## Group effort pays off

The awards are a direct reflection of the time and dedication put in by the DMC BOSS council and the program's senior enlisted and MWR advisers, he said.

BOSS is designed to offer opportunities for the single service members to spend their spare time in productive, constructive ways. A range of programs, which include recreational activities, educational programs and projects that improve community quality of life, are the essence the of BOSS philosophy.

"I love what I am doing and I have a strong passion for helping people," said Dobbins.

"I need to thank Jimmy Roddy, MWR adviser, who gives continuity to the program," said Dobbins. "Without him this program would not be the success that it is today."

Dobbins has served as BOSS president for the past five months. The only obstacle he encounters running the program on such a diverse installation as Camp Darby is the difficulty of communicating with the great diversity of units, he said.

"We need people to step up, find out

events and happenings, and help ensure the word is spread around," said Dobbins.

BOSS is supported by donations and funds generated during the Summer Carnival celebrations that subsidize the cost of trips and activities for service members.



MWR BOSS adviser Jimmy Roddy (above left) and Air Force Sgt. Travis Dobbins pose for a photo after accepting awards on behalf of the Camp Darby BOSS program at the annual BOSS training seminar in Germany Aug. 9. DMC service members (below) tour Barcelona, Spain, on a recent tour supported by Camp Darby BOSS.



# Up close and personal at Parco Gallorose

## Story and photos

by Chiara Mattiolo

USAG Livorno Public Affairs

For a relaxing day out with the family the *Parco Gallorose*, or Gallorose Wildlife Center, is the ideal location. Located in Cecina, about a 40-minute drive from Camp Darby and originally opened in 2001, *Parco Gallorose* was converted in 2006 to its present configuration as a wildlife center, while still maintaining a traditional farm style where both exotic animals and native breeds are raised.

The park is home to native Tuscan animals such as chickens, cows, donkeys, rabbits, tortoises and guinea pigs, as well as zebras, camels, kangaroos, hyenas, monkeys, lynxes, vultures, eagles, owls and many other species.

The park is home to more than 180 species in all, and also to a variety of 14,000 flowers and plants.

## Follow the dirt path

A rambling path winds through the park for about three kilometers along a plain dirt road, which is easy to walk with strollers. Visitors can view exhibits of old farming machinery, a traditional crafts museum, and Nativity sets from all over the world along the route.

Water fountains and rest rooms are found along the path, and about half way along is a coffee bar, restaurant and a nice play area for children. The restaurant offers typical Tuscan food such as *pappardelle* and *lasagne* with wild boar sauce, grilled meat and a variety of appetizers, all prepared by the owner of the farm business.

If you go, plan to spend about three hours to complete your visit and enjoy the park, which is open daily from 10 a.m. to sunset.

Visitors can get up close to a wide variety of flora and fauna at the Gallorose Wildlife Center in Cecina, about 40 minutes away by car from Camp Darby.



# Darby Fall Fitness Series



## From 9/11 Solidarity Run to the Thanksgiving Turkey Trot

Complete 3 of the 4 events to **be eligible** (by random draw) for **incentive prizes**. You must register to participate in the events even if there is no registration fee to be eligible.

- ◀ **Wed, Sept 11 | 9/11 Solidarity Run | 7:30 a.m.**  
5K (3.1 miles) course for runners, 2 mile course for walkers (and/or adults with children)
  - No registration fee
  - T-shirts available for purchase
  
- ▲ **Sat, Sept 14 | 3rd Annual Beach Duathlon | 8 a.m.**  
1 mile beach run, 500 meter swim, 1 mile beach run
  - \$15 registration fee includes breakfast
  
- ▶ **Fri, Oct 18 | 31st Annual Run to the Tower | 9:30 a.m.**  
12K (7.4 miles) run from Darby to the Leaning Tower of Pisa
  - \$15 or Euro 12 registration fee (register Sept 2-Oct 16 at ODR)
  
- ▲ **Fri, Nov 22 | Turkey Trot | 4 p.m.**  
5K (3.1 miles) course for runners, 2 mile course for walkers (and/or adults with children)
  - No registration fee
  - T-shirts available for purchase

For info, contact Sports & Fitness at 633-7438  
[www.vicenza.armyMWR.com](http://www.vicenza.armyMWR.com)

## VENETO

### ***Festa della Birra e della Bruschetta***

#### **Beer and Bruschetta Fest**

Aug. 22-27, in Marola, Torri di Quartesolo, Sports Center, Via dei Cedri, about 5 miles east of Vicenza. Food booths featuring the typical bruschetta (toasted bread seasoned with garlic, olive oil, various toppings) and many other local specialties open at 7 p.m. Live music and entertainment start at 9 p.m. Fireworks on Tuesday at 11 p.m.

#### ***Pasubio Rock Festival***

Aug. 23-24, in Schio, about 16 miles northwest of Vicenza. Food booths featuring typical products; local crafts market, free entry to music.

Aug. 23: 10 p.m. live rockabilly music with Red Cadillac and the Sunny Boys, a Beach Boys cover band.

Aug. 24: 3 p.m. games and entertainment for children with a magic show; 9:30 p.m. live music with a Doors cover band, Lizard King; AC/DC tribute band, Cool in Flames; and reggae music by Pid-duck and the Cooltones.

### ***Fiera degli Uccelli ed esposizione canina***

#### **Birds Fair and Canine Show**

Aug. 23, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., in Costabissara, Villa San Carlo, Via San Carlo 1, about 7 miles northwest of Vicenza. Bird-singing contest, pony and dog shows, garden supplies; food booths. Entrance fee: €3.50.

#### **Luna Park - Carnival Rides for children and adults**

Aug. 23-Sept. 15, in Vicenza, Campo Marzo, weekdays 4 p.m.-midnight and 3 p.m.-midnight on Sundays and holidays; Fridays and Saturdays 3 p.m.-1 a.m.

#### **Festa del Pesce - Fish Festival**

Aug. 25, Camporovere, about 39 miles north of Vicenza. Food stands and live music and entertainment at 7 p.m.

#### **12th Brintaal Celtic Folk Festival**

Aug. 25- Sept. 1, in Parco delle Grotte di Oliero in Valstagna, about 34 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths; fantasy workshops for children; live Celtic music start nightly at 9 p.m.

Aug. 26 at 9 p.m.: Beer tasting of the best Irish and British beers

Aug. 29 at 9 p.m.: Rolling Around concert, traditional Irish music with an Italian group

Aug. 30 at 9 p.m.: The Moorings concert, Irish folk punk music with a French band

Aug. 31 at 9 p.m.: Stramash concert, Tartan Folk 'n

rock music with a Scottish band  
Sept. 1 at 9 p.m.: Kalevala concert, Folk rock music with an Italian band.

### ***XVI Festa della Ceramica***

#### **Nove Pottery Festival**

The 16th Nove Ceramic Festival will be held Sept. 7-15 in the town, about 30 kilometers north of Vicenza, renowned around the world for its pottery and related arts. It is home to a major Arts and Crafts Museum that documents three centuries of ceramic development, and the Petassi Mill, an important production center for ceramics. Craftsmen from around the world will display and demonstrate their art and a wealth of exhibitions promise hours of interesting viewing. The Vicenza Arts and Crafts Center has additional information on the Nove festival and tour possibilities. Call Michelle Sterkowicz at 634-7074 or 0444-71-7074 for details.

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## Outdoor cinema in Schio

Watch movies under the stars in Schio every Wednesday through Aug. 25. The outdoor cinema begins at 9 p.m. at the Anfiteatro Palazzo Toaldi Cagra in Schio.

## The Jaquard Garden in Schio

The Jaquard Garden, located at Via Pasubio 150 in Schio, about 30 km. northwest of Vicenza, is open to the public at no charge every first Sunday of the month through October from 3:30-7 p.m. The garden is an exotic fantastic dating from the mid-19th century with artificial grottoes, cliffs, rustic stairways and statuary in the form characters from fables. The garden adjoins the elegant façade of the Jacquard Theatre, built in 1869, embellished with terra cotta medallions of famous personalities from Schio's past.

## Il Burchiello

This summer, take a mini cruise down the Brenta Riviera and see Venetian villas from Padova to Venice. Details and fees are on the web in English at <http://www.ilburchiello.it/en/>

# TUSCANY

## The Square under the Moonlight

The **Leaning Tower** and nearby **Monumental Cemetery** in Pisa are presently open on summer nights, making it possible for visitors to view the architectural treasures of the Square from a unique perspective. From now until Sept. 1 these attractions are open seven nights a week from 8-10 p.m. Tickets are €18 for entry to the Leaning Tower and the Monumental Cemetery with its painstakingly restored medieval frescoes; €5 for entry to the cemetery alone. Last entry is at 9:30 p.m. each night.

## Last chance for Volterra A.D. 1398

This is the last weekend to enjoy this spectacular annual event. In a country that has some of the greatest costume festivals in the world, the Volterra festival is widely recognized as one of the best. This year's edition runs through Aug. 25. Entrance is around €10 for adults, €5 for under 18 and over 60, free for children under 10. Don't miss it.

## Puccini Festival

Through Aug. 24 in Torre del Lago near Viareggio. This year's program features *Tosca*, *Turandot* and *Rigoletto*. The full schedule and details are online.

## Area markets

**Lucca**, about 50 km. north of Pisa, holds its monthly antique market Aug. 18 and the third Sunday of every month.

**Livorno** conducts its main market every Friday in the Via dei Pensieri, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Livorno Central Market is open daily from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. with a lunch break from 1:30-3:30 p.m. The fruit and vegetable section of the market closes at 1:30 p.m.

**In Pisa**, the historic Piazza delle Vettovaglie in Pisa offers a daily food market just a block from Borgo Stretto, the main pedestrian shopping street. Hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. daily.

**The town of Tirrenia** conducts its summer market on Tuesdays until the last Sunday in September from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Piazza dei Fiori.



Courtesy photo

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

Visit the VMC community calendar for the latest event details and updates at [www.usag.vicenza.army.mil](http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil)

## EFMP Informational Hour

The Exceptional Family Member Program on Caserma Ederle will host an informational hour Sept. 4 from noon to 1 p.m. that focuses on techniques to improve learning and academic performance. Psychologist Hanna Leong will discuss principles of learning grounded in cognitive science and contemporary computerized learning environments. The presentation will be at Davis Hall. All are welcome.

## Soldiers Theatre

The Music Café returns to the Soldiers' Theatre this Friday, Aug. 23, at 7:30 p.m. Stop in to play or enjoy community musicians performing in a relaxed, collaborative atmosphere. Auditions for "Random Laughter" will be held Aug. 26-27 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The play consists of a string of short comedies where laughter is the prime ingredient. A large cast of actors age 18 and up are sought for this outrageously funny show, which will be the theater's entry in the upcoming IMCOM Europe One Act Play Festival. No experience is necessary and flexible rehearsal schedules can be tailored to fit your busy schedule. Stop in and see what you can do.

## Relax through meditation

The Army Wellness Center on Caserma Ederle will conduct a four-part meditation class in September to teach methods of increased relaxation and performance. Classes meet Wednesdays from 8:15-9 a.m. beginning Sept. 4. To sign up call 634-8186 or 0444-71-8186.

## CTC Term 1 Class Schedule

Registration for Central Texas College's Term 1 is under way and includes two 3-credit face-to-face Criminal



Celebrating Our 3rd Year!

# Music Café

at Soldiers' Theatre

**August 23**  
**7:30 p.m. | Free!**

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Justice classes. Introduction to Criminal Justice will meet at the Del Din Education Center Tuesday and Thursday from 6-9 p.m. beginning Aug. 27. Criminal Investigation will meet at the Caserma Ederle Education Center Monday and Wednesday from 5:30-8:45 p.m. Online classes begin Aug. 26. For information and help email [vicenza@europe.ctcd.edu](mailto:vicenza@europe.ctcd.edu), call 634-6514, or stop in to the CTC in Room 6 at the Caserma Ederle Education Center.

## Mosquito spraying date set

Mosquito spraying with ULV fogger is scheduled for Caserma Ederle Aug. 23 from 4-7 a.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. Call 634-8218/8888.

## Women's Equality Day Celebration

The Vicenza EO Team invites one and all to join the Women's Equality Day Celebration Aug. 26 beginning with a march at 1 p.m. from the Post Theater to the Soldiers' Theatre, and a ceremony beginning at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome. Call 634-7093 or 634-6061.

## UMUC Europe

The University of Maryland University College Europe's Fall 2013 Session 1 registration is under way. Book and stipend awards, and new student

scholarships are available. Call 0444-71-7055 or 634-7055 or stop by the Education Center for information.

## CPR- AED and Pet First Aid classes

When an emergency strikes, will you be ready? The American Red Cross will teach CPR-AED Sept. 7. Call 634-7089 for to register.

## Hispanic Heritage Month

The USAG Vicenza Equal Opportunity Office seeks volunteers to support its Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration. All are welcome. For more information, please call Sgt. 1st Class Washington at 634-7914 or mail [thomas.washington2.mil@mail.mil](mailto:thomas.washington2.mil@mail.mil)

## Artist Spotlight for youth

The Department of Defense Education Activity invites all current DoDDS-Europe students to enter their creative work in its monthly Artist Spotlight challenge. Open to current DoDEA students and held on the DoDEA Facebook fan page. Submit photographs, digital art, drawings, paintings or 3D art based on a monthly theme. Submissions will be judged on Facebook. Permission and entry forms and detailed guidelines are online at the DoDEA website.

## AAFES notes

Shoppers can enter the **Free Tide for a Year** sweepstakes through Aug. 29.

Through Sept. 21 every food or drink order made with a MILITARY STAR® Card will receive a **20 percent discount**. Online shopping with AAFES is easier than ever at the updated website: [www.shopmyexchange.com](http://www.shopmyexchange.com)

### Del Din postal service

The Del Din Postal Service Center is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Call 634-7430 for information.

### Villaggio back gate use guidelines

The walking path and stem road are leased and provide access through private property to and from Villaggio. Please be respectful, be quiet and follow the standard rules: pick up after yourself for litter, animal excrement, etc. Be good neighbors. Access hours for the road and path are from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. until Sept. 30. Please respect the hours of use.

## The Outlook

### accepts submissions

Email news briefs by noon Thursday of week before publication to [editor@eur.amy.mil](mailto:editor@eur.amy.mil)

**Big Country Night** *at the Lion's Den*

Thursday, August 22  
9 - 11:45 p.m.

featuring **Silverado**  
the area's newest country band!

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## At the movies



### Ederle Theater

- Aug. 22 7 p.m. Grown Ups 2 (PG-13)
- Aug. 23 7 p.m. Jobs (PG-13) \*
- 10 p.m. Kick-Ass 2 (R) \*
- Aug. 24 3 p.m. The Butler (PG-13) \*
- 6 p.m. Jobs (PG-13) \*
- Aug. 25 3 p.m. Paranoia (PG-13) \*
- 6 p.m. Kick-Ass 2 (R) \*
- Aug. 28 7 p.m. The Butler (PG-13) \*
- Aug. 29 7 p.m. Paranoia (PG-13) \*

**Admission:** 3D first run (\*), adult, \$8, under 12, \$5.25; 3D second run, adult \$7.50, under 12, \$5; first run (\*), adult, \$6, under 12, \$3.25; second run, adult \$5.50, under 12, \$3.

**Advance tickets:** On sale Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the PX Food Court entrance. Up to 50 percent of seats will be on sale; the remainder go on sale one hour before show time at the theater box office.

**Film ratings** and reviews are available at [www.imdb.com](http://www.imdb.com)

### The Butler

*White House butler Cecil Gaines (played by Forest Whitaker) has served eight presidents during his tenure and has seen the civil rights movement, Vietnam and other major events of American history from a unique perspective. Also stars Oprah Winfrey and John Cusack.*



# Family and MWR

## Vicenza Military Community

### Fantasy Football Draft Party

Watch the ESPN Draft Party at the Lion's Den on August 24. The party begins at 5 p.m. and we'll have free hot dogs and giveaways. AFN will air the game at 7 p.m. Find ESPN link and play instructions on our web news or Facebook.

### ODR Trips

- September 7, Portofino
  - September 8, Venice Regatta
  - September 12, Cooking Class
  - September 14, Chianti Wine and Lunch
- Complete list and trip info on [www.vicenza.armyMWR.com](http://www.vicenza.armyMWR.com)

### BOSS Weekend Trips

Vicenza BOSS takes you to where the action is! Two weekend trips are planned this fall but you have to reserve your place now!

#### Oktoberfest Oct 4-6 Sign-up by Aug 30

Trip Highlights:

Our hotel is located in the heart of Munich and is in walking distance to Oktoberfest. Explore the many attractions and tents of the fest and the Bavaria monument for the traditional gun salute.

#### London Sept 20-22 Sign-up by Sept 13

Trip Highlights:

Transportation to and from the airports. Our hotel is located in Central London. Time for sightseeing on your own. Half day guided tour of the top attractions that London has to offer.

Contact your BOSS President at 634-5530 or follow us on Facebook- BOSS Vicenza.



### Oktoberfest and Munich Overnight

Oktoberfest is one of Europe's largest beer festivals. ODR takes to Munich for the festival, a guided tour of the city and one night's lodging. This popular trip fills up fast so don't wait to book your space. Call ODR at 634-7453.

### Soldiers' Theatre Auditions

Soldiers' Theatre will kick off the season with "Random Laughter", a series of short comedies that are zany and laugh out loud funny. Auditions are being held on August 26 and 27 at 6:30 p.m. No experience is necessary and there is a flexible rehearsal schedule. Call 634-7281 for more information.

### Bowling Fall Leagues Forming

There is lots of bowling fun in store for leagues at the Arena. Mixed teams of 4 adults will play on Wednesdays, 6-8:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 11. Sign up before the meeting on Sept 4, 6 p.m.

Looking for those interested in the Del Din No Tap League to sign up before the meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Arena on Sept 3. Call 634-8257.

Register using MWR Online Services for:

**Vicenza Trip & Vicenza CYSS**

**Classes**

**Activities**

**Vicenza Facebook Page**





## Darby Military Community

### CYSS Needs You!

CYSS Sports and Fitness is always looking for Sports Officials. You can earn extra income, increase your experience and help our community too! Find out more by calling 633-7521.

### ODR Trips

August 26, Pisa & Lucca  
August 27, Venice  
August 28, Cinque Terre  
August 29, Rome  
August 30, Elba  
August 31, Florence  
September 2, Pisa & Lucca  
Complete list and trip info on  
[www.vicenza.armyMWR.com](http://www.vicenza.armyMWR.com)



### CYSS Pre-K Program

Children who have reached age four by September 1, 2013 are eligible to enroll in the CDC's very successful Strong Beginnings Pre-K program. The cost is based on total Family income. Register at the Child Development Center or call 633-7681.



### Fall Fitness Series

You have four fall fitness events to help keep fit this fall. Compete in 3 of the 4 events to be eligible for incentive prizes. You must register to participate in the event even if there is not registration fee in order to be eligible for the random drawing.

- Wed, Sept 11 | 9/11 Solidarity Run | 7:30 a.m.  
5k course for runners, 2 mile course for walkers  
No fee and T-shirts are available for purchase.
- Sat, Sept 14 | 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Beach Duathlon | 8 a.m.  
1 mile beach run, 500 meter swim, 1 mile beach run  
\$15 registration fee includes breakfast
- Fri, Oct 18 | 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Run to the Tower | 9:30 a.m.  
12k run from Darby to the Leaning Tower of Pisa  
\$15 or €12 registration fee.  
Register Sept 2-Oct 16 at ODR
- Fri, Nov 22 | Turkey Trot | 4 p.m.  
5k course for runners, 2 mile course for walkers  
No registration fee  
T-shirts available for purchase.

Call Sports and Fitness for information 633-7438.

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**Darby Trip & Classes**

**Darby CYSS Activities**



**Darby Facebook Page**

# USARAF wins Euro softball championship

By Ricky Jackson

Vicenza DFMWR

The U.S. Army Africa unit-level softball team capped a great 2013 season by taking first place at the IMCOM Europe Unit Level Softball Championship in Grafenwöhr, Germany, Aug. 4.

With the steady hand of coach Michael Robledo on the tiller, the USARAF team belted out enough runs to sail into first with a four wins and no losses in preliminary pool play and a strong 7-1 performance in the double-elimination brackets.

USARAF sluggers scored 142 runs, including 16 home runs, and gave up 58 in the field over the course of eight games, seven of which were "mercy" ended with lopsided scores. The outstanding performance capped the team's 32-3 season record in Vicenza, a series of records likely to stand for years.

Marcus Miniear was selected as Championship MVP. Congratulations go as well to Team USAG-V HHC and coach William Delong for their inspiring play throughout the season and in the finals.



Courtesy photo

*The mighty bats of USARAF strike again. The best Vicenza Military Community team in recent memory blasted their way to a first-place finish at the IMCOM Europe Softball Championship in Grafenwöhr, Germany, Aug. 4.*



U.S. Army Child, Youth & School Services

## Medieval Times

with the  
Youth Center

Friday, August 30  
Begins at 5 p.m.

Grades  
6-12

Cost  
\$30

For more information call 634-7659. | [www.vicenza.armyMWR.com](http://www.vicenza.armyMWR.com)



# SEPTEMBER BOOM

**Wednesday, September 14**

**Beginning at 10 a.m.  
at the DeCA Commissary**

Experience Vicenza fitness at it's best. The event will showcase programs, classes and services offered at the Ederle Fitness Center. There will be 10 minute demonstrations of each of the group fitness classes currently offered, a massage thearapy demonstration and prize drawings for free classes and t-shirts throughout the event.

**Zumba ~ Power Pump ~ Yoga ~ Pilates ~ Spin Cycle ~ Massage**

Demonstrations begin at 10 a.m. with each lasting about 10 minutes before the second set begins at aproximately 11 a.m.

For more info call 634-7616.



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# Annual VBS rocks to happy end

Story and photos by Laura Kreider  
USAG Vicenza PAO

More than 150 children in the Vicenza Military Community participated in Vacation Bible School's "Kingdom Rock, Where Kids Stand Strong for God" program Aug. 12-16 at Vicenza Elementary School.

"This is really a good place for kids to learn while playing together," said sixth-grader Nicole Darland, who was on hand for her first experience as a volunteer. "It's also helping me learn, and I would recommend it to other children."

Darland was not alone. Some 80 volunteers assisted children ranging in from age 5 to fifth grade. Children spent their days in smaller groups, moving through a variety of activity hubs that included the Imagination Station, singing, dancing, experiment with science gizmos and listening to epic Bible adventures.

At the end of each day, all children and volunteers gathered in the school's multipurpose room for a grand finale.

"Kids love it," said Kimberly Neill, VBS director. "I have also heard some saying the castle is great . . . and I am glad we are in a bigger building."

## First year at school complex

"This year was the first year we held VBS at the elementary/middle school complex. This change of location allowed us to increase enrollment. It is a fun opportunity for new and established kids in the community to join as friends before school and receive the important message that God loves them and they are not alone in his presence," Neill said.

The interaction with other children was very positive for the attendees, she added.

"My favorite part of the day are singing and dancing," said 8-year-old Sophia Durrett, who has attended the VBS for the past two years.

"I meet many friends and I like to learn about God," she said.



Children, teen volunteers and parents share the good times at the annual Vacation Bible School, which took place the week of Aug. 12-16.

# Outlook 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

#### Tuesday

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

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

#### Wednesday

**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

#### Thursday

**9:30 a.m.:** St. Mark's Catholic Women

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

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

## Married outside the Church?

Catholics who married in a different Protestant church or in the town halls by a justice of the peace, are not married in the eyes of the Catholic Church. In order to regain privileges associated with the Church, such marriages must be convalidated in the Catholic Church. If it is the first marriage for both parties, the convalidation process is simple. For more information contact Fr. Fleury.

## VMC faith group contacts

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

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

**Islamic:** Call 634-7519 or 0444-71-7519

**Jewish:** Call 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](mailto:drbob143@gmail.com).

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

## 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 depending on which priest is conducting 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



The Outlook's **Religious Activities** page provides announcements and may offer perspectives to enhance spiritual/religious resiliency in support of Army Comprehensive Fitness programs. Comments regarding specific beliefs, practices, or behaviors are strictly those of the author and do not convey endorsement by the U.S. government, the Department of Defense, the Army, Installation Management Command or the U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza.

# Del Din No Tap League

Knock down 9 pins & get credit for a strike!

Three person teams | Limited to 14 teams

Register at the Arena by Sept. 3

League runs for 12 weeks

Meeting at the Arena, Sept 3, 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesdays**  
**beginning Sept 10**  
7:30 - 10 p.m.

For info, call 634-8257



## MIXED LEAGUE AT THE ARENA BOWLING



**Wednesdays**  
**beginning September 11**  
6 - 8:30 p.m.

Mixed Teams of Four | Adults 18+  
League limited to 14 teams  
Sign-up at the Arena by September 4  
Leagues Run for 14 Weeks  
Meeting at the Arena on Sept 4 at 6 p.m.

QUESTIONS? CALL 634-8257

