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**BACK TO SCHOOL PLUS
STRADA DEGLI SCARUBBI
AND WW II UXO**



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On the cover

Vicenza Elementary School second-grade teacher Jeannie Hand leads her students to thier classroom on the opening day of school Aug. 26. More than 1,300 children began the 2013-2014 school year at the three DoDDS Europe schools in Vicenza. See page 4 for coverage of opening day. Classes began as well for students at the Livorno Unit School at Camp Darby. See pages 14 and 16.

Photo by David Ruderman



Photo by Barbara Romano

Sgt. Maj. Pete Luste

U.S. Army Africa Commander, Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Donahue II, presents a Commander's coin and Certificate of Appreciation to Sgt. Maj. Pete Luste Aug. 23. Luste served for 28 years in the U.S. Army, retiring while with the 510th Personnel Service Company in Vicenza. He joined VFW Post 8862 and served as post commander from 2000-2002 and 2004-2005. He was instrumental in Vicenza becoming the host city of the 2005 VFW European Convention. Luste has been a force behind the growth of Post 8862 to a membership of 2,100, and is a four-time VFW Century Recruiter as well as Recruiter of the Year 2010-2011. He has been named a True Knight of Malta and is a recipient of the Marvin Schneider Award.

Speak Out

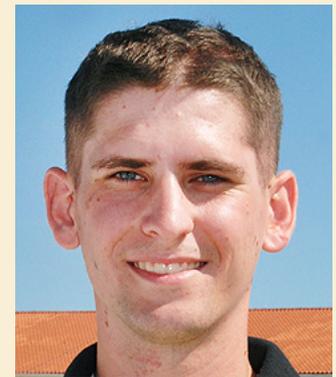
What are your hobbies?



Brenda Culp

Family member

"I enjoy scuba diving, traveling and volunteering."



Pvt. Michael Millevoi

464th MP Platoon

"My hobbies are exploring Italy, sports, making music, composing music and writing lyrics."



Abigail Everson

Family member

"I play the drums and babysit. I also listen to a lot of music."

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VMC schools open

Students, families, teachers take enrollments, grade system changes in stride



Photo by David Ruderman

Vicenza Middle School students arrive for the start of school Aug. 26.

By David Ruderman

USAG Vicenza PAO

More than 1,300 children of all ages returned to schools in the Vicenza Military Community Aug. 26 under gray skies with intermittent rain showers, but the cool weather couldn't dampen the heightened emotional state of either students or their parents.

DoDDS Europe administrators and teachers were prepared for an unusual opening based on the large number of students expected to arrive from communities in Germany, a variation on the usual turnover associated with annual PCS rotations.

"We think our population at the middle school and high school can grow anywhere from 20 to 50 students in each and we're ready for them," said DoDDS Mediterranean District Superintendent Kent Worford. "At the elementary school we anticipate it can grow anywhere from 50 to 150. And we're ready for them."

DoDDS Europe and USAG Vicenza staff had worked long in advance to develop strategies that would ease the addition of a large number of students to community schools, and their arrival on opening day seemed to be having minimal impact.

Here to support them all

"We are here to support the families that are coming in from the Bamberg and Schweinfurt communities, and we are ready to embrace them," said Worford. "If they need any help, any assistance with anything at the schools, if it's internally with grade level-type items, extracurricular activities . . . we're here to support them."

One worry of parents and educators alike, the impact of federally mandated furloughs for teachers and support staff, turned out in the end to be a non-issue as students reported for class. The cutbacks that might have impacted school schedules were lifted earlier in August, and schools reverted to their previously planned



Photo by David Ruderman

Students head for school before the opening bell Aug. 26.

calendars.

"There's good teaching going on," said Vicenza Elementary School Principal Allison Peltz two days after the opening. "We've been in all the classrooms and they're getting the kids going."

Enrollments were higher than expected, more than 730 children in all, but Peltz said the school was adjusting easily to the increased number of students.

"We've added. I'm going to have two new teachers coming on board shortly, within a week or less. We're watching our enrollments and if need be we'd hire another teacher," she said.

Peltz said she had been receiving very positive feedback from parents and children alike in response to the Sneak a Peek class visits that took place the Friday before school opened. VES students and their parents learned of their class assignments when they were posted that afternoon, and had an opportunity to meet their new teachers and explore their classrooms.

At Vicenza Middle School educators took an unusual tack, scheduling a series of Puma Pride Orientation Week activities for students during the first week of school rather than immediately beginning the usual class schedule.

The several days of assessments, lectures and orientations allowed both new and returning students to settle into their environment, make new friends and put to rest a large number of requirements before getting down to the business of learning and studying.

"It's a common sense, systematic series of orientation sessions with the students staying with their advisory



Photo by Julie Lucas

Vicenza High School students find their way to class on opening day.

class for both Monday and Tuesday," said seventh-grade teaching team leader George Hanby.

VMS Principal Dr. Julio Gonzalez said, "I've heard nothing but praise. The school was ready, the kids were excited. We did a lot of bonding. We had so many things that we put out front."

Community volunteers helped move students through the entire series of physical tests and benchmarks, speeding up the process, he said.

Getting off on the right foot

"That gave us time to balance classes and complete assessments," Gonzalez said. "The pre-registration we did with them up there (in Germany) was very helpful."

Enrollment by Wednesday was just shy of 290 students with the possibility of small numbers of newcomers still arriving, Gonzalez said. Enrollment at Vicenza High School just topped 300.

Orientation programs such as Teenvenuti and Student 2 Student also contributed to welcoming newcomers and smoothing their social pathway to integrating in the school, said Gonzalez.

One of the big changes at community schools was invisible to most on opening day.

"Probably one of the most important things that parents need to know is that the schools — the middle school, high school and elementary school — are returning to Grade Speed," said Worford.

"We will no longer be using Aspen, and that's due to the pilot [program]. We decided to go back to Grade Speed, so we will be using that as our platform for grades," he said.

So as school begins, parents have an assignment as well.

"What they will need to do is contact their schools to set up an account so they can gain access again," Worford said.



Photos by David Ruderman

Parents and children (top) learn who their new teacher will be during Sneak a Peek Aug. 23 at VES. Parents bid farewell to their sons on the first day of school Aug. 26.

School notes

Open Houses and Orientations

Vicenza Elementary School will host an Open House for students and parents Sept. 5.

Vicenza High School will host its Open House Sept. 10 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Meet in the gym.

Vicenza Elementary School

Parents take note: Sept. 3 will be the first day for kindergarten and preschool for children with disabilities. Sept. 12 will be first day of Sure Start classes.

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.

Bus transportation contacts

The Vicenza School Transportation Office is available to help parents coordinate school bus service for their children at two locations. **Elementary and Middle School** at Villaggio: Room 18 in the middle school, open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., closed from noon to 1 p.m. Email vantony.robinson@eu.dodea.edu or call 634-8132, 0444-71-8132 or 335-831-5072. **Vicenza High School** on Caserma Ederle, Room 21A. The office is closed for lunch from approximately noon to 1 p.m. Contact Felix Vallone at felix.vallone@eu.dodea.edu or call 634-6345, 0444-71-6345 or 335-831-5072.

Puma cross country

Puma runners in seventh and eighth grade interested in cross country practice every Tuesday through Thursday from 3-4:30 p.m. in the gym beginning Sept. 5. The season continues through Oct. 20. To sign up students must have a current sports physical and power of attorney on file with nurse/coach Kathy Thomas before the first day of practice. Call 634-5710 for details.



Photo by David Ruderman

Second graders head to their classroom on opening day.

Antiterrorism Awareness Month

Maintaining situational awareness enables us to recognize suspicious activity and report it to the proper authorities. Examples of suspicious activities could include individuals writing notes, making sketches or taking photographs, and vehicles parked in the same spot for extended periods of time.

You should report these and any other types of suspicious or unusual activities.

When something is "just not right," it may be not only wrong, but dangerous. Do you know where to report suspicious activities?

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

SSI See Something Suspicious, Say Something



National Preparedness Month

By Shaun Miller

Installation Emergency Manager

If a disaster strikes, will you be your family's hero by knowing the warning signs ahead of time and taking the necessary precautions to plan for the disaster?

Will you be your own hero and ensure your well-being is looked out for, or will you wait for something to happen and hope that someone will save you?

This September marks the 10th year of National Preparedness Month (NPM), founded after 9/11 to increase preparedness in the U.S. It is a fitting time to join the effort to help our community prepare for an emergency.

Preparedness is a shared responsibility as it takes a whole community to prepare for an emergency. We can never fully predict when a disaster will strike, but we can individually and collectively ensure that we are prepared to respond accordingly.

The theme of this year's National Preparedness Month is "You Can Be the Hero." The VMC Installation Emergency Management Office urges everyone to take a moment and visit www.ready.gov to see what simple steps we can all take to be the "Hero" in our families.

A disaster doesn't wait for you to collect your important documents nor does it allow you the time to gather up important prescription medication, water, food or clothing. Therefore, start now and prepare an emergency kit for your home, office and car. Keep copies of important family documents in a safe place. Have a plan.

Whether you are at home, at work or on the go, it is important to create a plan in case of an emergency. Planning ahead will ensure that you and your family know what to do and have the supplies you need to be safe wherever you are.

The Veneto region, and especially Vicenza, is no stranger to severe weather. Floods, earthquakes, damaging hail and high wind storms can happen with little to no warning. When an emergency strikes, knowing what to do before, during and after disaster hits may make all the difference when seconds count.

When getting started, remember the four basic steps:

Be Informed: Know what to do before, during and after an emergency;

Make a Plan: Prepare, plan and stay informed of emergencies

Build a Kit: Build a kit to help you get through a disaster

Get Involved: Find opportunities to support community preparedness.

Join us and the rest of the Vicenza Military Community and become more involved this year. Are you ready to make a difference for yourself, your family and your community? Be ready and **Be the Hero!**



Ready to Be the Hero?

As family members of Soldiers and civilians, and members of the Vicenza Military Community, our student population plays a vital role in ensuring how prepared we are in the event of a disaster.

To promote awareness and enhance community security, the Vicenza Emergency Management Office challenges all VMC middle and high school age students to write an essay describing how to ensure that they and their family are prepared if disaster strikes.

* Essays should be titled: **"You Can Be the Hero! How to Ensure your Family is Prepared,"** and explain how you will be the Hero in your Family.

* Essays must be at least 150 words in length and may be handwritten or typed. Handwritten essays must be legible to receive consideration.

* Essays must be submitted by 5 p.m. Oct. 25; entries will not be accepted after that time.

* All Vicenza Military Community school students in grades 6-12 are eligible to enter.

* Essays must be original and written by one author only; one submission per writer only.

* Entries must include author's name, contact phone number and email address.

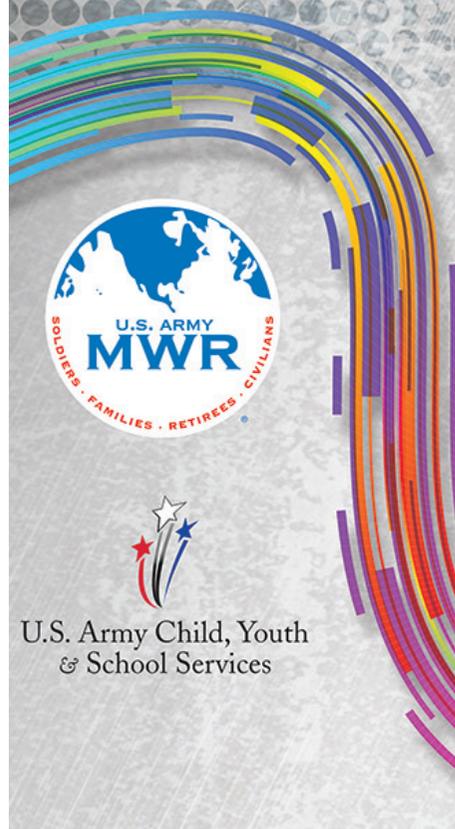
* Submit entries by email to shaun.p.miller.civ@mail.mil or in person at the Emergency Management Office in Building 109, Room 111.

A panel of judges will determine the winner based on anonymous readings of submissions.

First prize will be a \$50 AAFES gift card, a Garrison Commander's coin and certificate; second place, a \$25 AAFES gift card, Garrison Commander's coin and certificate; third place, a \$25 AAFES gift card and Garrison Commander certificate.

Winners will be announced on AFN radio and receive their awards at the November Info-X. Winning essays will be posted on the USAG Vicenza Emergency Management website.

Remember: **A Community Aware is a Community Prepared!**



U.S. Army Child, Youth & School Services

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**Monday
September 9
at 3:30 p.m.**



**Enjoy the grand opening,
ribbon cutting and
refreshments.**



**Have you been wondering if the
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facility and join us for
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Workhorse Soldiers take to historic heights

Help Lisiera Alpini refurbish *Strada degli Scarubbi* for annual memorial march

Story and photos by 1st Lt. Matthew Woods

U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza



Seven Soldiers from Workhorse Company of the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), based on Caserma Ederle, joined with members of the Lisiera (Vicenza) Alpini group Aug. 24 in clearing the highest 2-kilometer stretch of the Scarubbi Road leading to the peak of Monte Pasubio in advance of the annual memorial pilgrimage.

The Sky Soldiers met at the Lisiera Alpini lodge at 5:30 a.m. to make the hour and a half drive to the assigned location and got ready to pitch in. Lisiera Alpini President Bruno Bertoldo gave the Soldiers some bread, salami and their choice of beverage to keep them going, and then

Workhorse Company Soldiers (below) clear boulders from a stretch of the Strada degli Scarubbi, or Scarubbi Road, while helping members of the Lisiera Alpini lodge Aug. 24. The Americans and their Italian hosts (left) pose for a picture on the heights.



gave them their marching orders to clear the road.

Alpini groups from all over the Veneto region were assigned sections of the 12-km. Scarubbi Road in preparation for an annual Alpini Pilgrimage and Remembrance ceremony which will take place Aug. 31 and Sept. 1. The heights and the roadway running through it are sacred ground to the Alpini. From 1916 to 1918, during World War I, the Italian Army maintained a stronghold of the Austro-Hungarian front there at positions on top of Monte Pasubio. The Scarubbi Road was used to move troops and supplies up and down the mountain until its location became too susceptible to enemy fire, which resulted in the construction of the Strada Della Gallerie (a protected military supply route made up of 52 interconnected tunnels) in 1917. Thousands of Alpini fighters endured the harsh climate at the peak and other thousands never returned from their ascent.

The road is used today by hikers and bikers alike, who admire not only the stunning views of the surrounding area from the mountain heights, but the rich historical perspectives which

can only be gained by surmounting the peak.

After clearing the road of large rocks and improving the appearance of their 2-km. stretch, the Workhorse Company Soldiers got to enjoy traditional appetizers and pasta provided by the Vicenza Alpini group against the backdrop of the *Chiesetta di Santa Maria del Pasubio*, the Church of Saint Mary of Pasubio.

Language not a barrier

LeVon Dunn and Vittorio Deboni, two English-speaking Lisiera Alpini members, helped the Soldiers swap anecdotes and enjoy the company of numerous Alpini members by providing informal translation services.

With their Alpini hosts acting as their guides, the Workhorse Company Soldiers hiked through the Gherse communication trench to the *Dente Italiano* ("Italian tooth"), known as the last bastion to resist the overwhelming Austrian advance which began on May 15, 1916. This is the same

location where, in 1918, a powerful Austrian land mine blasted the north face of the *Dente*, burying more than 50 Italian Soldiers.

For several of the American Soldiers, it was their first in-person exposure to the battleground of nearly a century past, which plays such an enduring role in the heritage and identity of the Alpini, and many in Northern Italy.

Workhorse Company has enjoyed the camaraderie of the Lisiera Alpini group for more than two years, participating in various festivals and the annual Lisiera Alpini ceremony held each year in July with their Italian neighbors.

Participants in the clean-up effort included David Benson, Kyle Lenher, Juan Moreno, Adam Rios, Jesus Sandoval and Rudy Weisz.



Workhorse Company Soldiers gaze out over historic World War I battlefields from the heights of the Scarubbi Road.

Engineers remove UXO from Peace Park

By David Ruderman, USAG Vicenza PAO



Photo by Maj. Alfonso Minella



Photo by Maj. Alfonso Minella

An Italian soldier from 2nd Engineer Regiment and civilian contractor (above) prepare to hoist a crated bomb for removal from the site of the Comune Vicenza's future Parco della Pace, or Peace Park, Aug. 23. A contractor (above) exposes one of the WW II era bombs with a shovel for removal from the field. The engineers and contractors (above, opposite page) load cased munitions on a transport for removal. A bomb lies in its sand bagged crate (below, opposite) before it is removed from the site.

A squad of Italian army engineers and civilian contractors have removed more than 20 World War II era bombs from a former rugby field east of Caserma Del Din. The parcel of land is being prepared for development as the City of Vicenza's *Parco della Pace*, or Peace Park.

"We have spoken with the prefecture in Vicenza and the situation is not dangerous," said Capitano Cornelio Piscitelli, the officer in charge of the 2nd Engineer Regiment soldiers who have been excavating and destroying the unexploded ordnance, also known as UXO, uncovered since they began operations Aug. 19. The regiment is based in Trento and is being supported by USAG Vicenza with fuel and parking on nearby Caserma Del Din during the course of the operation.

"The question is to realize an important construction for the people in Vicenza. We want to work for the neighbor American community and the Italian community, and we want to finish as soon as possible for the City of Vicenza," said Piscitelli.

This is hardly the 2nd Engineer Regiment's first experience in excavating and deactivating World War II era duds, Piscitelli said. In 2009 the regiment responded to the discovery of a large unexploded aerial bomb discovered in downtown Vicenza, and successfully removed it, he said.

Defensive maneuver

The munitions on the former airfield and the future Peace Park appear to be of a different nature, however. "This kind of bomb is an Italian bomb because we think it was a defensive tactic; we think, based on the historical chronology," said Piscitelli.

It appears most likely that Italian forces, who controlled the airstrip during the war, rigged parts of its perimeter with ordnance to be detonated in the event of the field falling into Allied hands, said Maj. Alfonso Minella, Italian Army liaison officer.

The present round of detection and removal work is scheduled for completion Aug. 29. The rugby field may



Photo by Maj. Alfonso Minella

be open once again for play later in the autumn, Minella said.

Meanwhile, the scanning for unexploded bombs continues. Working with private contractor G.A.P. Service srl, the engineers employ a FEREX (ferromagnetic UXO) system, a detection device that looks like a fishing rod and is considered very sensitive and reliable.

Once a likely item is detected, the engineers and contractors dig it out using an excavator and shovels. The UXO is packed on site in a sandbag laden, wooden crate and loaded onto Italian military transport for removal to Orgiano, a town south of the Colli Berici and about 40 kilometers from Vicenza. There the munitions are destroyed in a cave with TNT, said Piscitelli.

As of last Friday, the engineers had discovered and disposed of 18 bombs weighing 100 kilos, each containing 50 kilos of TNT, and two that weighed 250 kilos, he said. None of the armament appeared to have fuses at-



Photo by Maj. Dennis Williams

tached, Piscitelli said.

Minella said the Carabinieri and local police authorities work together to

ensure public safety by closing off sections of road as the UXO is transported to Orgiano.

How was your summer?



Photos by Chiara Mattiolo

DMC students Mia Spitzer (above from left) Suzy Biboum, Nathalie Prince and Syann Ford catch up on the opening day of school Aug. 26. Livorno Unit School principal Stephen Brown (below) greets Lt. Col. Mark Gray, 405th Field Support Battalion commander, and his daughter Ellory on opening day. See page 16 for more.



Speak Out

What are your hobbies?



Capt. Thomas Flynn
Darby Military Community

"Riding my motorcycle."



Rosemary Musto
Army NAF Contracting Europe

"I love reading. A good book is my hobby."



Alessandro Maccarini
DMC Operations Center

"Riding my motorcycle, looking for new places to taste good food."

Nature park San Rossore

By Chiara Mattiolo

Darby Military Community PAO

As many know, Camp Darby is located inside of the Migliarino San Rossore Massaciuccoli National Park. What some may not know is that the park offers a wide variety of opportunities to spend family time while enjoying nature and a range of educational experiences.

Inside the park are two World Wildlife Federation oases: the Wood of Cornacchiaia and the Dunes of Tirrenia. Both areas are home to characteristic species of animals from the Mediterranean, such as wild boars, foxes, European pond turtles, badgers, squirrels, porcupines, woodpeckers and several song birds.

There are several educational pathways running through the park that can be visited as part of a guided tour organized through the park's visitor center. The visitor center of San Rossore Park is located close to the main entrance of the San Rossore Estate.

The center offers detailed information on tours offered by bicycle, on foot, on horseback, by small train and horse carriage tours, by bus, and even as part of a boat tour on the river. Each tour is designed for specific age group and length and difficulty vary.

The park is also home to the educational farm Sterpaia, which features touring ways between the pasture lands and the cattle sheds, where organic cattle breeding is studied to promote an interest in agriculture and nature.

When visiting the Natural Park it is recommended to wear tennis shoes, long pants and to avoid bright colors that could disturb the fauna. Binoculars and cameras are highly recommended. For information and reservations go to www.sanrossoreincarozza.it or call 335-711-3793.



Courtesy photo

Visitors observe the fauna and flora during a carriage ride through the Migliarino San Rossore Massaciuccoli National Park.



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).

No registration fee.

Limited sizes of t-shirts available for purchase - \$10 each.



For more information call 633-7438.
www.vicenza.armyMWR.com



Livorno Unit School opens doors

By Chiara Mattiolo

Darby Military Community PAO

Camp Darby's Livorno Unit School welcomes all new and returning students and their parents to the 2013-2014 academic year.

The school expects to have more than 50 students enrolled with four community teens attending high school separately. The school principal is Stephen Brown.

For families just arriving in the com-

munity, registration packages are available at the school front desk. For information and help, contact school liaison officer Jennifer Kandell at 633-7613. The school will host its Open House Community Partnership Information event Aug. 30 from 1-1:30 p.m. to be followed by classroom visits.

Kindergarten students begin school Sept. 3 and the first School Advisory Council meeting will take place Oct. 3 at 3 p.m.

The school transportation office is in the main school office and is open during school hours, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contact Marina Selmi at 633-7573 or 050-54-7367 or marina.selmi@eu.dodea.edu.

Back-up contact for the transportation office is Patrick Grice at the district Transportation Office in Vicenza. He can be reached at 634-8130, 0444-71-8130 or 335-141-5632.

Information is available on the web at <http://www.livo-ems.eu.dodea.edu/>



Photos by Chiara Mattiolo

Joshua and Barbie Stevens (left) walk their son Luke to school for his first day as a first grader. Carl Biboum (above, left) and Kaya Peterson talk on opening day.

Camp Darby Oktoberfest

The Camp Darby Military Community will hold its first Oktoberfest event Sept. 13-15 from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. each evening in the fest field and tent. The area will be controlled but open to the public. Fest booths will sell hot dogs, sauerkraut and beer, and there will be live music in the fest tent.

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

VENETO

Historic Regatta in Venice

This famous annual event, generally considered the most colorful regatta in the world, is this Sunday, Sept. 1, featuring a traditional competition between double-oared racing gondolas and a procession of ceremonial boats sailing the length of Grand Canal honoring the pomp and power of the Venetian Republic. Entry is at no cost, and though the city can be maddeningly crowded and views of the boats hard to come by, it is not to be missed.

4 p.m.: historical and sport water pageant along the Grand Canal

4:30 p.m.: Maciarele and Schie regatta: double-oared regatta dedicated to children.

5:10 p.m.: Women's twin-oared mascarete

regatta along Castello Gardens, St. Mark's Bay, the Grand Canal and Rialto.

5:30 p.m.: Garda Lake bisse regatta

5:40 p.m.: Six-oared Caorline regatta.

6 p.m.: Eight-oared galeoni boat challenge among university teams from Italy, France, Austria and England.

Festa del Gnocco

Potato Dumpling Festival

In Selva di Rissino, about a 30-minute drive west of Vicenza, Sept. 1-2 and 6-8. The ninth annual celebration of the potato dumpling, gnocci, features both food and wine as well as cultural events to promote the potato and other agricultural products of Selva di Trissino. Food booths open at 6-7 p.m. and the Mostra Mercato offers many opportunities to taste and purchase local products. A Gnoccolando hike Sept. 8 combines walks through the surrounding hillsides with explorations of local farms and their produce.

Luna Park - Carnival Rides for children and adults

Through Sept. 15 in Vicenza at the 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, Campoverve, about 39 miles north of Vicenza. Food stands and live music and entertainment at 7 p.m.

12th Brintaal Celtic Folk Festival

Through Sept. 1 at Parco delle Grotte di Oliero in Valstagna, about 34 miles north of Vicenza, featuring food booths, fantasy workshops for children and live Celtic music nightly at 9 p.m.

Aug. 30: The Moorings in concert

Aug. 31: Stramash in concert

Sept. 1: Kalevala in concert

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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Cacio al Fuso

Pecorino Festival in Pienza

The town of Pienza, near Montepulciano and about a two-hour drive from Camp Darby, has a reputation for making some of the best pecorino (sheep's milk cheese) in Italy and this annual fair, to be held Sunday, Sept. 1, is an excellent time to find out why. One feature is the Cacio al Fuso, a cheese-rolling competition in which competitors roll small wheels of pecorino to hit a target spindle — cacio is the original Tuscan word for pecorino, and the fuso or spindle is the target of the game. Pecorino is sold fresh, medium-aged and mature, which one you prefer is a matter of personal taste. Fresh pecorino, or pecorino fresco, is a soft, white cheese with a comparatively mild flavor. The texture can range from soft and moist to crumbly and granular. As pecorino ages the bone-colored paste becomes darker in color with a firmer texture and a saltier flavor. The rind is light on pecorino fresco, and orange-



black-colored on a medium and fully matured pecorino (pecorino stagionato).

Palio della Balestra Sansepolcro

The annual Sansepolcro crossbow tournament will be held Sunday, Sept. 8, in the town about a two-hour drive east of Camp Darby. Large numbers of townspeople dress in medieval costume and there is a re-enactment of the very ancient competition between the bowmen of Sansepolcro and Gubbio, a nearby Umbrian town. The competition is held in honor of Sant'Egidio, founder and patron saint of Sansepolcro.

Giostra del Saracino Jousting of the Saracens

The Giostra del Saracino In Arezzo this Sunday, Sept. 1, is a tournament with origins in the early 16th century. It commemorates Christian efforts to fend off the attacks of Muslim (Saracen) armies in the 14th century. Today it is a lively procession of costumed marchers followed by the main event in which eight costumed knights aim lances at a wooden representation of the Saracen. The winner receives a golden lance. Arezzo is the capital of the province of the same name about 80 kilometers southeast of Florence.

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.

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.

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

Vicenza Military Community

INFORMATION*fair*

in the Library Parking Lot



Wednesday, September 4
from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Whether you're new to the community or you've been here for years, there's something for everyone at the **Vicenza Military Community INFORMATION*fair*!**



In the event of rain, the event will take place on Thursday, September 5.
For more information call 634-5087. | www.vicenza.armyMWR.com

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DEL DIN BEACH BASH

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14
Beginning at 3 p.m.
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Hit the beach with Family and MWR without ever leaving Del Din!

- Swimming Pool
- Music
- Human Pyramid Competition
- Sand Volleyball Competition
- Sun Beds
- Corn Hole
- Coolers of Ice
- Chill your drinks!*

Enjoy a \$5 BBQ plate. Specialty beach drinks will be available.
The party moves inside the Warrior Zone from 7-11 p.m. for the BOSS Luau with games and prizes!



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Coffee time

Elena Bortolotto prepares freshly ground coffee at the grand opening of the Caserma Del Din Coffee Shop Aug. 22. FMWR director Chris Bradford (inset, from left), TCMO project manager Leo Hargreaves, Bill Murphy of USAG Vicenza PAIO, acting Garrison Commander Chuck Walls, AAFES's Roberta Satterfield and acting Deputy Garrison Commander Blanche Ostrosky cut the ribbon on the new amenity in Building 94. The coffee shop is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. except U.S. and Italian holidays.

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

USAHC holiday hours

U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza will be open Friday, Aug. 30, from 8 a.m. to noon and closed Monday, Labor Day, except for the Birthing Center, which remains open. Patient liaisons at the San Bortolo Hospital may be reached at 0444-75-3300, 634-8384 or 0444-92-8166.

Post Office updates

The Caserma Ederle and Del Din Postal Service Centers are upgrading postal finance equipment to better serve customers. Unfortunately, Outgoing mail service will close during the implementation phase: tentative dates are Sept. 4 for Caserma Ederle and Sept. 12 for Del Din. Parcel pick-

up will be available. Both locations resume normal Friday operating hours beginning Aug. 30. Both resume Tuesday training hours beginning Sept. 3 and will be open from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Red Cross Pet First Aid

The American Red Cross will conduct Pet First Aid classes Sept. 9 and 13 from 9 a.m. to noon to teach emergency pet care. Course fee is \$35. Register in advance at the Red Cross office, Building 333 next to the Health Center. Call 634-7089 or 0444-71-7089 for information.

MSD application changes

Defense Finance and Accounting Services Indianapolis announces that

Military Service Deposit application forms have been updated by OPM. Outdated forms for MSD will not be accepted as of Sept. 1. Check the OPM website for current forms.

AE-ITT classes

Army in Europe Information Technology Training Program and Knowlogy offer the following training courses in the next two months:

Sept. 16-20: DOD IA Certification 8570.1 (Network+) 2012

Sept. 23-27: ICND1 - Interconnecting Cisco Network Devices 1

Sept. 30 to Oct. 4: DOD IA Certifica-

tion 8570.1 Information Assurance Security Course

Oct. 21-25: DOD IA Certification 8570.1 (A+) 2011

Facilities are available to fulfill a broad range of certification requirements. See a full list of upcoming courses online or call the local site coordinator at 634-6077.

Intro to Automotive Technology

Central Texas College will offer an Introduction to Automotive Technology in October that covers shop equipment, tools, vehicle subsystems, service publications, professional responsibilities and basic automotive maintenance. For details call 634-6514 or stop by the Ederle Education Center weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or the Del Din office Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Soldiers' Theatre

The Soldiers' Theatre offers multi-level, adult dance classes featuring

jazz, ballet and hip-hop, perfect for beginners and experienced dancers. Classes are conducted at the SKIESUnlimited Dance Studio, Building 308 on Caserma Ederle. **Ballet** is Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; **jazz and contemporary**, Thursdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; and **hip-hop**, Thursdays, noon to 1 p.m. Cost is \$28. Register at Soldiers' Theatre or on Webtrac.

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. -25. To sign up call 634-8186 or 0444-71-8186.

Mosquito spraying date set

Mosquito spraying with ULV fogger is scheduled for Villaggio Sept. 18 from 7-9 p.m., weather permitting. Residents are advised to not walk the

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At the movies



Ederle Theater

Aug. 29	7 p.m.	Paranoia (PG-13)
Aug. 30	7 p.m.	The Mortal Instruments (PG-13)
	10 p.m.	The World's End (R)
Aug. 31	3 p.m.	The Mortal Instruments (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	The World's End (R)
Sept. 1	3 p.m.	The Mortal Instruments (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	The World's End (R)
Sept. 4	11 a.m.	Let Me Explain (R)
	7 p.m.	The Mortal Instruments (PG-13)
Sept. 5	7 p.m.	Red 2 (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, except Labor Day, Sept. 2. 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

Paranoia

Up and coming tech superstar Adam Cassidy (Liam Hemsworth) is caught up in the vortex of contention between two of the most powerful tech billionaires in the world (Harrison Ford and Gary Oldman). Their bitter rivalry leads him into a complicated battle in which neither will stop at anything to destroy the other. Seduced by unlimited wealth and power, Cassidy becomes trapped in the twists and turns of their life-and-death game of corporate espionage, and finds himself in too deep to walk away.

Outlook Community news briefs

streets during spraying and for an hour after. In case of rain, spraying will take place the following day. Call 634-8218/8888.

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.

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 Thomas Washington at 634-7914 or mail 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

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

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.



Photo by Julie Lucas

A youngster enjoys the ice cream at the Vicenza USO ice cream social Aug. 22.

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

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Art EDGE!

“Home is Where the Army Sends Us”

- Tuesdays, September 3-24, 3:30 – 5 p.m.
- Arts & Crafts Center
- Artistically document your schools & installations throughout your Army journey by making a decorative wall hanging for your home.
- Cost: \$20 | Enrollment starts August 19 (ends September 3)

Fit EDGE!

“Ricochet Racquetball”

- Wednesdays, September 4-25, 3:30 – 5 p.m.
- Post Fitness Center
- Hone your skills & learn to master the *flick of the wrist*. All levels are welcome.
- Cost: \$20 | Enrollment starts August 19 (ends September 4)

Life EDGE!

“Garage - Auto Mechanics”

- Thursdays, September 5-26, 3:30 – 5 p.m.
- Auto Skills Center (Building 44)
- Learn auto basics, engine & electrical systems, computerized controls & diagnose problems from the professionals.
- Cost: \$20 | Enrollment starts August 19 (ends September 5)

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Open to grades 6-12

To enroll, visit CYSS Parent Central Services or register online with WebTrac.

For more information, call 634-7219 (0444-71-7219)

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Family and MWR

Vicenza Military Community

Vicenza Military Community **INFORMATION** fair in the Library Parking Lot



VMC Information Fair Sept 4

This is the event to attend if you are new to the community or even if you just want to find out what will be going on in the Vicenza Military Community this fall. It's free and you will find a lot of information about living in Vicenza on Sept 4, 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Ederle Library parking lot. You can expect to find information on:

Family and MWR programs

After school activities

Boy/Girl and Cub Scouts

ACS Volunteer Program

Wellness Center

Red Cross

Private Organizations and clubs

Family and MWR sponsored advertisers

If bad weather occurs, the event will take place on

September 5. Call 634-5087 for more information.

ODR Trips

- September 7, Portofino
- September 8, Venice Regatta
- September 12, Cooking Class, Finger Foods
- September 14, Chianti Wine and Lunch

Complete list and trip info on

www.vicenza.armyMWR.com

Surf and Turf Night

Back by popular demand the Old Soldiers' Bar offers a 12 ounce Rib eye, grilled shrimp, baked potato, salad, desert and wine, water and coffee for just \$30 per person. Make your reservations by Sept 17, by calling 634-7685

Back to School Back Packs

Children ages 3-11 can get ready for the new school year by designing their own back pack at the Ederle Post Library on Sept. 4, 3:30 p.m. Register at the circulation desk before Sept 2.

Mosaics in the Morning

Learn the basics of mosaics at the Arts and Crafts Center on Sept 5, 10 a.m.-noon. All supplies are provided. Register on WebTrac or at the Arts and Crafts Center.

September Boom!

September is booming with a Vicenza Fitness event on September 14, 10 a.m.-noon at Commissary parking lot. Ten minute demonstration of all the current fitness classes offered at the Ederle Fitness Center, plus prize drawings. Call 634-7616 for information.



Register using MWR Online Services for:

Vicenza Trip & Vicenza CYSS

Classes

Activities

Vicenza Facebook Page





Darby Military Community

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.
- Sat, Sept 14 | 3rd Annual Beach Duathlon
- Fri, Oct 18 | 31st Annual Run to the Tower
- Fri, Nov 22 | Turkey Trot

Call Sports and Fitness for information at 633-7438 or visit our website.



Culture College

Are you new to the DMC? Enroll in Darby Culture College Sept 9-12 at ACS, which features an introduction to our community, an overview of the installation, an introduction to the Italian language, culture, food, customs and courtesies. Plus we will tour downtown Pisa and Livorno and show you how to travel on the local bus and trains. Call 633-7084 to sign up.



Run to the Tower on October 18

Registration for Run to the Tower is open on September 2-Oct 16. The first 400 entries will receive a commemorative t-shirt. Download the entry form from our website.

Flag Football

It is time to think about Flag Football. Intramural league begins Sept 18. Games will be played on Wednesdays at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. The coaches meeting and scrimmage is Sept 12, 5:30 p.m. on the football field. We need officials too! The clinic for both new and returning officials is scheduled for Sept 9-12 5:30-8:30 each evening. For complete information, call 634-7438.

ODR Trips

- September 2, Pisa and Luca
- September 3, Venice
- September 3, Cinque Terre
- September 5, Rome
- September 6, Elba

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

Register using MWR Online Services for:

Darby Trip & Classes

Darby CYSS Activities



Darby Facebook Page

2012-2013 POL Coupon Refund Information



Your POL coupons expire each year on 30 September, which affects your coupon purchases during the months of September and October. Note the following:

1. 2012-2013 POL coupons are valid through 30 September 2013.
2. Maximum refund is for two month's allotment.
3. 2012-13 POL coupons will be refunded 21 September through 30 November, 2013 only.

- Price of refund will be price of purchase. If the price cannot be determined, the lowest purchase point of sale will be used.
- Coupons must be in fair condition - serial numbers and denominations must be legible.

Exception: Customers deployed during refund period. Orders must be presented in order to receive refund.

If you are unable to visit an Exchange within Italy during the refund period, please send your 2012-2013 POL coupons to:

AAFES Europe
Aviano Accounting Office
Unit 6195
APO AE 09603

The Exchange will begin selling the 2013-2014 POL coupons in late September. These coupons are usable beginning 1 October and will be charged against your October 2013-2014 rations. (Sale date determined by Tax Free Products Administrator.)



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





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 therapy 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 approximately 11 a.m.

For more info call 634-7616.



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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.: PWOV 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

VMC faith group contacts

Bahá'í Faith: Call 389-133-4627 or 348-603-2283

Church of Christ: Call at 345-469-9974 or 0444-335-135 or email vicenzaitalychurchofchrist@gmail.com

Muslim: Call 634-7519 or 0444-71-7519

Jewish: Call 345-907-2108

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

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

Vicenza Hospitality House: A good place for anyone: single Soldiers, men, women and couples to enjoy food, fun and fellowship.

Tuesday: Dinner at 6:30 p.m. with PMOC Bible Study and Women's study following at 7:30.

Friday: Potluck Dinner at 6:30 p.m. with Walk in the Word following. Call 0444-581-427 if you need transportation or more information.



9/11 Remembrance Ceremony

The Vicenza Chapel invites all community members to attend the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony Sept. 11 at the VMC Chapel beginning at 2:45 p.m. Guest speaker will be World Trade Center attack survivor Mickie McNamara. All are welcome.

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

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Four part meditation course to increase relaxation and performance.
Wednesdays from 8:15-9 a.m. September 4-25

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