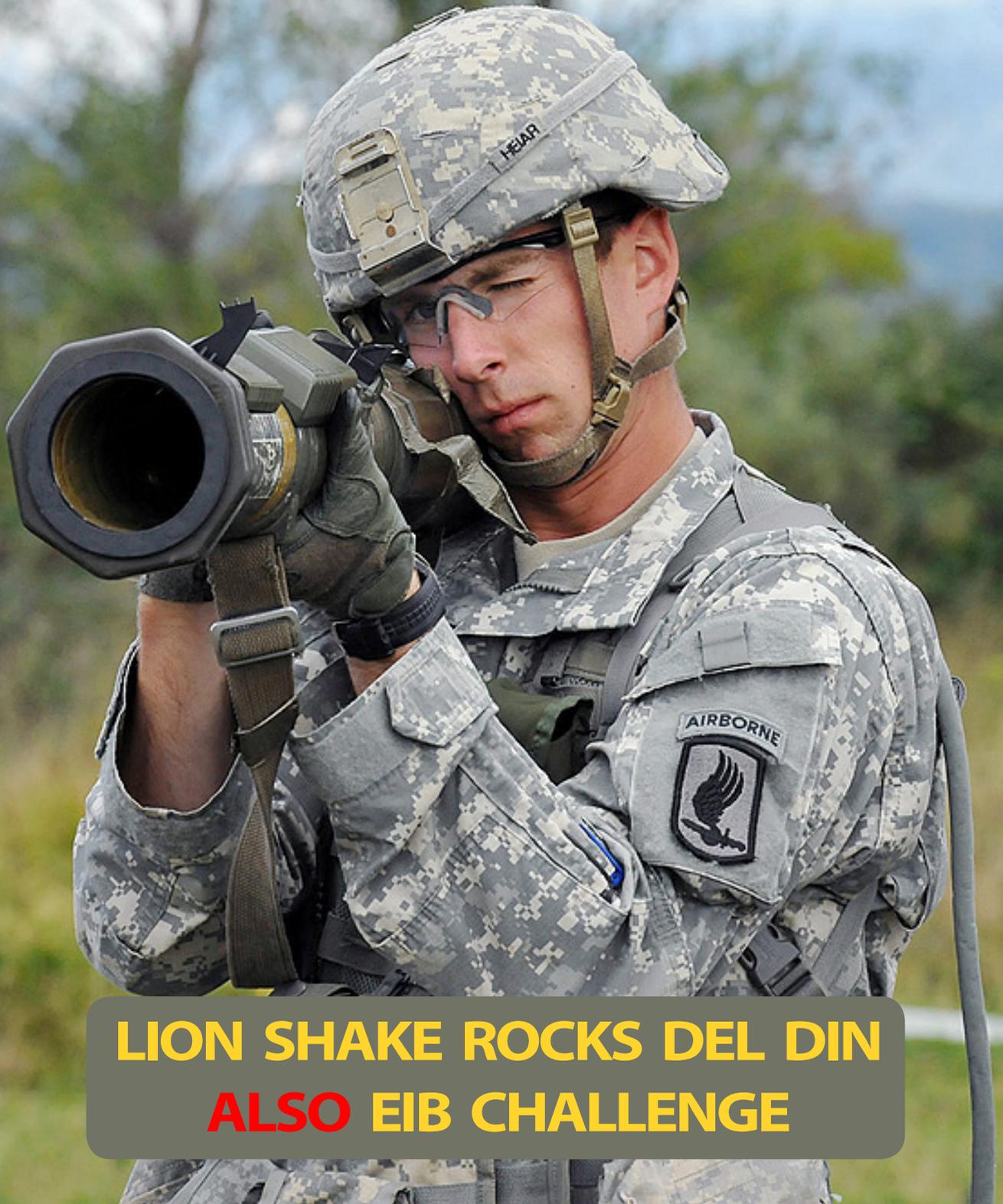


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ALSO EIB CHALLENGE



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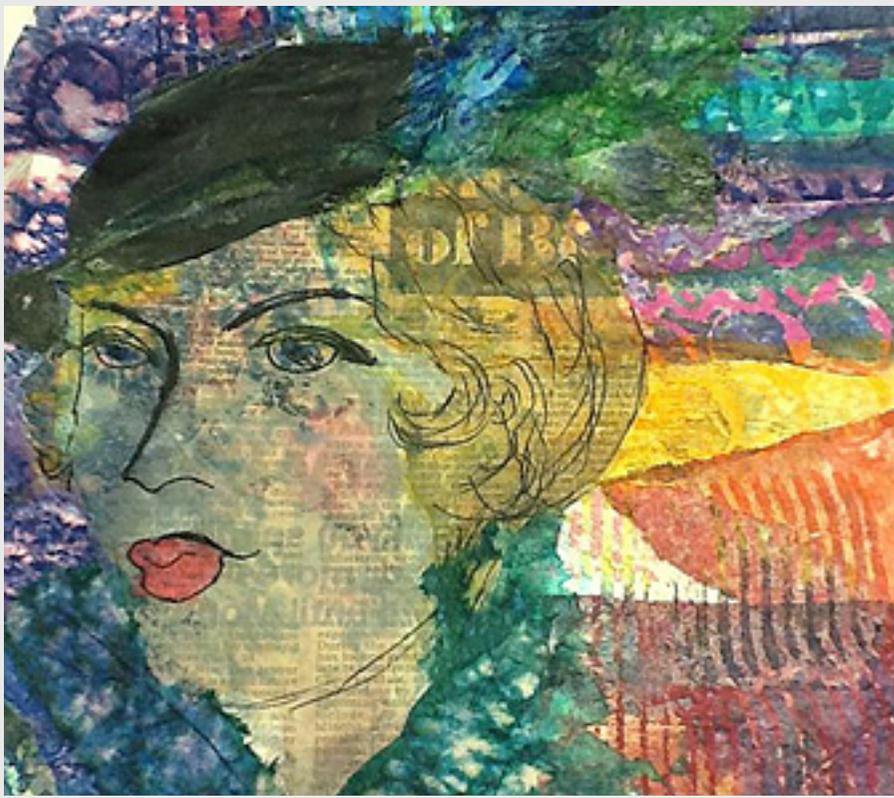
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A Sky Soldier takes aim with an AT-4 anti-tank weapon during Expert Infantryman Badge competition near Aviano Air Base, Italy, Sept. 18. More than 550 Italian and American Soldiers put their skills to the test in a series of controlled lanes Sept. 16-20 to win the coveted EIB; only 66 made the cut. See page 6 for the details.

Photo by Barbara Romano



Turning a new page in Army A&C

Congratulations to Peggy Schadler, USAG Vicenza DFMWR marketing manager for winning five prestigious awards at the 2013 Army Arts & Crafts Contest. Schadler was recognized in the Accomplished Artists category with first-place recognition of her fibers and textile creation, *Artichoke in Bloom*; a second-place award for her mixed media creation, *Beach on My Mind*; and an honorable mention in the same category for a piece titled *Page* (pictured above). She also took first place in the Novice Artists category for her ceramics creation, *Blue Crowd Crackle*, and a third-place honor in the digital art, non-photography, with *Red Hat Lady*. More of her work may be viewed online at the official Pinterest site.

Speak Out

How do you save energy at work and at home?



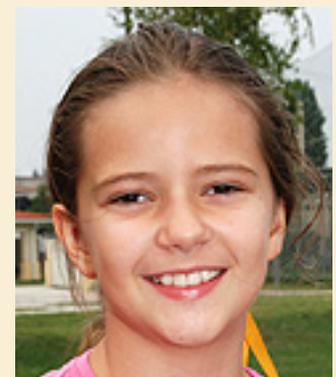
Pfc. Joseph Mendez
1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry

"Before I leave any room I make sure the lights and any electronics are shut off."



Daphne Wilkerson
Warrior Transition Battalion

"I turn off the lights and open window shades and also turn off appliances when not in use."



Julia Ridgley
Family member

"We ride our bicycles instead of driving the car sometimes."

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Photo by Grant Sattler

First responders prepare to move a casualty to medical care during the Lion Shake response scenario on Caserma Del Din Sept. 26.

Lion Shake rocks Del Din



Photo by Laura Kreider



Photo by Grant Sattler

Above: MPs walk away from a vehicle disabled during a mock terrorist attack on Caserma Del Din Sept. 26. **Left:** An MP helps a wounded Soldier away from the scene.

By Ted Warden

USAG Vicenza Antiterrorism Office

It was a sunny, crisp and quiet, early fall morning at Caserma Del Din. Then, gunfire from multiple small arms weapons erupts followed by several explosions and chaos as Soldiers scramble for their lives, seeking any cover available.

That was the scene on the morning of Sept. 26 at the beginning of Lion Shake 13, the annual Emergency Response exercise conducted to polish and refine the Vicenza Military Community's emergency response capabilities in which supporting Italian medical and law enforcement agencies come to assist the U.S. garrison in the wake of a devastating event.

This year's scenario was an "active shooter, hit and run attack" by a small group of terrorists that resulted in numerous casualties and property damage.

In order to conduct the exercise successfully, numerous U.S. and Italian organizations came together in the lengthy planning phases of the exercise.

Among the many participants were 80 members of the Brigade Support Battalion of the 173d Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), the USAG Vicenza Family Advocacy Center, the U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza, USAG Vicenza Directorate of Emergency Services (both Fire Department and Law Enforcement), the Caserma Ederle Carabinieri, the Vicenza Region SUEM (the regional Italian ambulance and medical services), San Bortolo Hospital emergency response teams and the Italian National Emergency Response Team, G.I.S., which is based in Pisa.

Carl Turner, Garrison Antiterrorism Officer, cited the need to maintain proficiency in the community's response procedures "and to utilize the exercise to refine and improve upon those response procedures to make them even better" — in other words, to be as ready as possible to protect our community in the most expedient and proficient way possible in the event of an emergency or disaster.



Photo by Laura Kreider



Photo by Grant Sattler

Top: A masked gunman fires at passersby during a mock terrorist attack on Caserma Del Din Sept. 26. **Above:** Emergency response personnel move a victim of the attack for medical care. **Below:** Soldiers render first aid to a victim during Lion Shake 20.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Sky Soldiers, Italian partners tough it out to earn Expert Infantryman Badge

By Sgt. A.M. LaVey
173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) PAO

Sky Soldiers and Italian military peers joined together Sept. 16-20 for intense Expert Infantryman Badge training and testing at Caserma Del Din, the Dandolo urban warfare training center and the Juliet drop zone.

"The Expert Infantryman Badge is the culmination of personal skill sets that are demonstrated at a series of sections to develop expertise within our Military Occupational Specialty," said Staff Sgt. Xavier Bianchi, an EIB holder himself, who served as a grader in one of the urban operations lanes of the exercise.

After more than 10 years of conflict and deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan, many Sky Soldiers wear the Combat Infantryman Badge, signifying performance of their craft in times of war, but the EIB is thought by some to be especially important for new Soldiers.

"The EIB says to leaders that a junior Soldier is ready to be a leader, is an expert in his field. He's earned it and now he can pass those skills on to our Soldiers or friendly forces like we are doing here with the Italians," said Bianchi.

Prior to the test week, the airborne infantrymen trained on the tasks before them. "We try not to put stress on any of the candidates; we want to set them up for success," said Bianchi.

The testing began with an Army Physical Fitness test followed by day and night land navigation exercises, events that weeded out most of the original candidates. Those still in the running were put through three lanes to test



Top: A Sky Soldier makes a land nav calculation while a controller observes during the challenge. **Above:** An EIB candidate Soldier sites a target Sept. 17 near Drop Zone Juliet.



Above: A Sky Soldier races through an EIB lane with a controller at his heels. **Below:** Sky Soldiers run through one of their lanes Sept. 17 near Drop Zone Juliet.



them in tasks emulating real-world infantry situations: urban operations, traffic control point manning and patrolling. The final event was an early morning 20-kilometer rucksack march.

"In each of the lanes you have real-time scenarios which one might find downrange in a combat situation," said Staff Sgt. Lane Mobley, an EIB candidate from Company D, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne).

"Each of these skill level one tasks are made to roll right into each other as you progress in the lane," said Mobley.

This year the Sky Soldiers were joined by Italian soldiers, testing their skills side by side.

"It's great, training with the Italians," said Mobley. "Their power curve is much higher, as these are not the weapons systems they use or the way they generally do things."

By the time the dust had cleared on the training sites, 61 Sky Soldiers and five Italian paratroopers out of the 555 who started received the Expert Infantryman Badge in a ceremony held at Caserma Del Din Sept. 20.

Both the CIB and EIB emblems attest that an infantryman is tactically proficient and has made good use of the skills he was trained to employ. Those men, both Americans from the 173d IBCT (Airborne), and their partners from the Italian army were the only Soldiers certified as experts in their field, based on standards set forth by the U.S. Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga.

"There are plenty of extremely talented people who have never achieved anything worth talking about," said Command Sgt. Maj. Samuel D. Coston, the 173rd's senior enlisted adviser.

"Today these Sky Soldiers and Italian soldiers have achieved something worth talking about: the Expert Infantryman Badge."



Photo by Paolo Bovo

Col. Michael Foster (left), 173rd IBCT (A) commander, pays his respects at the monument to fallen Italian police officers while Vicenza Chief of Police Angelo Sanna looks on during the annual St. Michael celebration Oct. 1 in Vicenza.

Paratroopers, police join to honor St. Michael

By **Monica Brazzale**

USAG Vicenza PAO

Soldiers from the 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) joined with members of Vicenza-area State police forces to celebrate the annual Saint Michael Feast Day at Caserma Sasso, the Italian traffic police headquarters in downtown Vicenza Oct. 1.

Brigade Chaplain (Maj.) Eddie Cook and police Chaplain (Rev.) Roberto Gennaro participated in a joint commemoration honoring the saint, who is the patron of both American paratroopers and Italian police forces.

Col. Michael Foster, commander of the 173rd IBCT (A), and Vicenza Chief of Police Angelo Sanna remembered the ultimate sacrifice of those who gave their lives in the line of duty.

"All of us – citizens, U.S. military, police – share the undisputed value of democracy as the foundation of our civilized life," Sanna said. "We work daily in order to protect it, like many Italian and U.S. Soldiers deployed in the international arena.

"We have fulfilled our duty managing to involve all com-

ponents of this fantastic Vicenza community, of which now our U.S. military friends and families are an integral part. Allow me to say that we are very proud of this," he added.

Foster said in his remarks, "The members of both our professions wear uniforms in the performance of their duties and belong to a hierarchy whose members have rank. We carry weapons and stand ready in defense of those in need, and the innocent. We serve selflessly and are dedicated to protecting ideals and values. We have seen courage and are not strangers to the true price of valor."

Foster noted that Saint Michael is an archangel in the hierarchy of heavenly beings, who has been invoked variously in the course of history as a glorious and warlike prince, a chief officer of paradise, a captain of God's hosts, a receiver of souls, a vanquisher of evil spirits and an admirable general.

"How fitting it is for two professions such as ours, with so many things in common, to share a patron saint. I do not believe it could be more appropriate that we have both chosen Saint Michael as our protector," Foster said.

At the end of the ceremony, Soldiers and policemen attended a small reception to strengthen their friendship and team spirit.

Vicenza CID special agent killed in Afghanistan



The Department of Defense announced Oct. 8 the death of **Sgt. Joseph M. Peters**, 24, of Springfield, Mo., assigned to the 5th Military Police Battalion in Vicenza, Italy. Peters died Oct. 6, in Zhari District, Afghanistan, of injuries sustained when enemy forces attacked his unit with an improvised explosive device.

Also killed in the attack were 1st Lt. Jennifer M. Moreno, Madigan Army Medical Center; Sgt. Patrick C. Hawkins, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment; and Pfc. Cody J. Patterson, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.

All four Soldiers were deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"We are deeply saddened over the loss of Special Agent Joseph Peters," said Lt. Col. Sarah Albrycht, Commander, 5th Military Police Battalion (CID). "Sgt. Peters was an energetic, dedicated agent who was characterized by his inquisitive nature and an unwillingness to back down when he was in pursuit of the truth. We know Joe was enthusiastic about his contributions to the mission downrange and was looking forward to coming home to his family in the next few weeks.

"We cannot measure the impact of his loss, but we can measure the impact of his life. As an agent, he lived a life of honor, helping countless victims and making our communities safer. As a husband, he lived a life of love, marrying his high school sweetheart and being her biggest fan. As a father, he lived a life of hope, fighting to make this world a better place for his son," said Albrycht.

"By all measures, Joe Peters was not just a Special Agent, he was a special person and we are all better for having known him," she said.

Details for a memorial ceremony were in the planning stage at press time.

Running of the Herd to be held on Del Din

By Lt. Col. Jon Beale

173rd Brigade Support Battalion (A)



The 7th annual Running of the Herd will take place Nov. 7-8 on Caserma Del Din, the new home of the 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne).

This 24-hour relay run honors the past and present sacrifices of the Sky Soldiers of the 173rd IBCT (A). Traditionally, the run has been held annually on USAG Bamberg, Germany, and simultaneously in Afghanistan during Operations Enduring Freedom X and XIII. This year it will be held for the first time in Italy.

The Running of the Herd brings together hundreds of paratroopers, their families, friends and members of the greater Vicenza Military Community. More than 50 teams of seven runners each are expected to participate with abundant support from family and community members in attendance.

The relay run starts Nov. 7 at 10 a.m., continues through the night and culminates at 10 a.m. Nov. 8.

The entire run will be held on Caserma Del Din and will be a great opportunity for fun, establishing esprit de corps and team building within the VMC.

On behalf of the 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) Commander, I invite you to participate. If you are interested, call 2nd Lt. Rambalina Williams at 637-4334 or via email at rambalina.k.williams.mil@mail.mil.



Late registration is available through Oct. 11 with a team fee of \$120. Registration can also be completed through respective battalion POCs or by emailing runningoftheherd2013@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support of this long-running event and the paratroopers and participants who make it happen.

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

www.usag.vicenza.army.mil

Paola Del Din addresses F2F get-together

Story and photos by Julie Lucas
USAG Vicenza PAO

Members of the Vicenza Military Community were treated to “An Interview with History” when Paola Del Din spoke Sept. 24 at the recently opened installation that bears her family name, Caserma Del Din.

For the September Female to Female networking event, Del Din was the guest speaker, answering questions from audience members. Del Din served in the Italian Resistance Movement during World War II as did her brother Renato, for who the installation is named. Renato was killed in action and both are recipients of the Gold Medal for Military Valor, which is Italy’s highest military honor.

Del Din, now 90, was encouraged by her mother to get involved with the resistance after her brother was killed and her father had been taken as a prisoner of war by the English.

Some statistics read by Angelo Sibilla include that out of nearly 185,000 partisan fighters, 35,000 were females; out of 29,000 casualties, 683 were women. Del Din was introduced by Julia Sibilla, Army Community Service, as heroic, tenacious and humble.

Trained as a paratrooper

Del Din was trained as a paratrooper and performed the same tasks as men. Del Din fielded questions from those in attendance such as, “How was it to be a woman in the resistance in a male dominated job?” Del Din’s reply was, “I am just a person,” she said with a giggle. It was further explained that Del Din had grown up as a tomboy and studied fencing and was an avid skier and hiker.

Del Din credited being a “lucky person” in her life and said she wanted to pass it along to others. Following the war, Del Din went on to earn a degree from the University in Padova in

literature and won a Fulbright scholarship and earned a Master of Arts from the University of Pennsylvania. Del Din left the audience with her life advice: “Be busy, do something all the time. Do learning things for you, not just your job.”

Lt. Col. Michael Larson, deputy brigade commander, 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) presented Del Din framed Italian and American jump wings and asked her, “On your first jump did you have your eyes open or closed?” Del Din’s reply was, “Open of course.” He also gave Del Din a prized maroon Airborne beret, which she quickly placed on her head. Del Din stayed after the event to pose for photos with participants.

The next F2F networking event will be Oct. 30 at the Golden Lion at 4 p.m. The F2F will join with Vicenza Girl Scouts and BOSS for Make a Difference Day, a post-wide clean up. For more information, call 0444-71-7581.



World War II resistance fighter Paola Del Din speaks to female service members Sept. 24 after at the F2F gathering on Caserma Del Din, which is named for her brother, Renato, also a resistance fighter, who was killed during the war .



Make a Difference Day



with the Vicenza Girl Scouts and
Female 2 Female and BOSS



A post-wide clean up is scheduled for Saturday
Oct. 19 from 8 a.m.-noon.

Participants should meet at the track with comfortable
clothes and gloves.

The community is encouraged to use this day as a fall
clean up and to use the recycling center.

For questions, contact Julie Lucas at 0444-71-7581 or at julie.m.lucas.civ@mail.mil

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:

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Key Darby personnel complete BLS-D training

Story and photo by Chiara Mattiolo
Camp Darby Military Community PAO

Dr. Maurizio Cecchini, a cardiologist and department head at the Emergency Medicine University of Pisa Hospital conducted a Basic Life Support-Defibrillation, or BLS-D, class Sept. 11 at Camp Darby. DMC Fire Department personnel, Carabinieri, Italian security guards and staff of the garrison Operations Center participated in the training and certification of these critical skills. Cecchini has devoted much of his free time throughout his career to the dissemination and installation of more than 140 automatic external defibrillators, known as AEDs, in public places around Pisa, as well as to teaching classes on how to use the device. All the DMC participants were officially recognized first responders and authorized AED users. "This class was very useful," said Vincenzo Leto of the DMC Operations Center. "As first responders, in case of emergency we need to be ready to face any possible emergency." A follow-up class was held Oct. 8 at the Post Theater.



Dr. Maurizio Cecchini, cardiologist and department head at the Emergency Medicine University of Pisa Hospital, demonstrates how to properly perform cardio-massage during Basic Life Support-Defibrillator training at the Camp Darby post theater Oct. 8.

Speak Out

How do you save energy at work and at home?



Janine Wick
Humanitarian Assistance Program

"I wash clothes after 7 p.m. and on weekends. It costs less."



Airman Kidd Cameron
731st Munitions Squadron

"I restart computers at work every day and ensure all lights are turned off when I leave the office."



Sarah Romero
Massage therapist, Beauty and SPA

"I don't run water while I brush my teeth and we installed a programmable thermostat to save energy and gas."



Family and MWR

Vicenza Military Community

Auditions for *Celebrate Christmas*

Soldiers' Theatre is looking for a large cast from the Community with roles for children, teens and adults for our popular annual holiday musical revue *Celebrate Christmas*. Auditions are Wed, October 16, 6:30 p.m. at Soldiers' Theatre. Call 634-7281 for more information.

ODR Trips

- Oct 14, Illy Coffee: Espresso 101
 - Oct 18, Darby's Run to the Tower
 - Oct 19, Paintball
 - Oct 24, Intro to Rock Climbing
 - Oct 26, Eurochocolate & Perugia Express
 - Nov 2, Gardaland Magic Halloween
- Complete list and trip info on www.vicenza.armyMWR.com

Surf & Turf Night

Treat yourself to a scrumptious filet mignon steak and shrimp grilled on an open flame on October 17 at the Old Soldiers' Bar, 5-9 p.m. Make reservations by October 15 at 634-7685.



Bowling Specials

at the Arena



Columbus Day Special	Boss's Day Dollar Bowling
October 14 1 - 10 p.m.	October 16 11 a.m. - 11 p.m.
\$1 game \$1 shoes	

www.vicenza.armyMWR.com



October Bowling Specials

Celebrate Columbus Day Oct 14 and Boss's Day on October 16 with \$1 games and \$1 shoes. For more info, call 634-8257.

Funny Ladies & Vargus

Armed Forces Entertainment presents 4 of the hottest comedians of the moment. Come on over to the Warrior Zone on October 15, 8 p.m. for an evening that's laugh-out-loud funny!

Community Job/Volunteer Fair

Looking for a job? Want to volunteer? Come to the Soldier and Family Readiness Center in Bldg. 108 to find which organizations and agencies have volunteer and job opportunities in the Community on Oct 16, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Adult Basketball Season

Register your team at the Ederle Fitness Center. Sign up is mandatory and the coaches meeting is Nov 5, 6 p.m. League play begins Nov 13 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Call 634-7009 for info.

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Darby Military Community



CYSS Fee Changes Coming on Nov 1

The new CYSS fee policy provides standardized fees for all CYSS Services Programs. The Army pays a portion of the cost of childcare to help lower the cost for all Families. DoD has adjusted the child care fee ranges to begin to move all Military Services toward a single fee per Total Family Income (TFI) category by school year 15-16.

Changes in school year 13-14 fee policy include:

- Slight increase or decrease in child care fees
- Revised payment procedures
- Revised late payment fee procedures
- Revised Parent Participation procedures
- Revised termination of services procedures
- Installation procedures for the Family Child Care (FCC) Parent Fee Assistance and FCC Provider Support Initiatives.

If you have questions about fee policy changes or would like a copy of the new fee charts, contact CYSS Parent Central Services at 633-7681.

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ODR Trips

October 12, Rome
October 19, Perugia Chocolate Fest
October 26, Gardaland Magic Halloween
November 2, Lucca Comics & Games
Complete list and trip info on www.vicenza.armyMWR.com

31st Annual Run to the Tower

Register now for the annual fun run that begins at Darby and ends at the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa on October 18. Visit our website for rules and registration form. Call 633-7775 for more information.



Airport Shuttle Service

Need a ride to the airport? Shuttle service is provided 7 days a week to and from Pisa Airport and to the Florence Airport (Peretola). For more information, contact Outdoor Rec at 633-7775.

Register using MWR Online Services for:

Darby Trip & Classes Darby CYSS Activities



Darby Facebook Page

VENETO

Festa del Ringraziamento e dell'Agricoltura **Thanksgiving and Agricultural Festival**

Oct. 11-13 in Caltrano, Piazza Dante, about 24 miles north of Vicenza; Oct. 11-12 food booths open at 6 p.m., live entertainment at 9 p.m.; Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. flowers, local products and courtyard animal exhibits; food booths open at noon; 3 p.m. old trades demonstrations, chestnuts and hot-spiced wine; 4 p.m. folk songs and dances.

Antica Sagra di San Michele e Festa dei Vini e dei Funghi Pioppini

Saint Michael Fair and Wine and Pioppini Mushroom Festival

Oct. 11-14 in Costozza, Longare, about 8 miles south of Vicenza. Food booths feature dishes with local Pioppini mushrooms and local specialties open at 7 p.m.; mushroom exhibit and sale; local painters and sculptors exhibits; flea market; carnival rides and bounce houses; charity raffle.

Pomo Pero

Apple and Pear Festival

Oct. 13 in Lusiana, Via Roma and Piazza IV Novembre, about 21 miles north of Vicenza. Agricultural products exhibit and sale from 9 a.m. to noon and 3-6 p.m.; 3 p.m. old trades and antique musical instruments exhibits; from 4 p.m. scarecrow making workshops.

Sagra di Santa Giustina **Saint Giustina Fair**

The inhabitants of many mountain towns of the province claim to be descendants of the ancient Cimbrian people of Scandinavia, and the *Sagra di Santa Giustina* celebrates that tradition in food, song and traditional arts. Oct. 12-13 in Roana, about 31 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths feature traditional *polenta e osei* (fried strips of *polenta* with sparrows or quail gravy served with tine-grilled birds), and other typical specialties open at 7 p.m.; Cimbrian songs and dances Oct. 12 at 9 p.m.; copper engraving and stone painting workshops for children from 2 p.m. The Cimbrian language is no longer spoken, but is reflected in place names and families names, and in the old traditions and ancient legends of gnomes, fairies and other woodland creatures.

Festa del Tartufo Nero **Black Truffle Festival**

Oct. 13 in Marana, Crespadoro, Piazza Marana, about 28 miles northwest of Vicenza; food booths and truffle market exhibit open at 11 a.m.

Fiera del Tretto: Sapori e colori dei nostri monti

Tretto Festival

Oct. 13 in Schio, San Rocco di Tretto, about 16 miles northwest of Vicenza. Mountain products and craft exhibit and sales opens at 9 a.m.; food booths open at noon; 2:30 p.m. roasted chestnuts; 3 p.m. folk music and dances.

40a Festa del Maron

40th Chestnut Festival

Oct. 12-20 in Valrovina near Bassano del Grappa, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza. From 3 p.m., children dances and songs; 4:30 p.m. Nova majorettes performance; 9 p.m. live music and dancing; food booths featuring roasted chestnuts and local specialties and wines.

Mostra micologica **Mushroom exhibit**

Oct. 13, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3-9 p.m., in Valstagna, Piazza San Marco 1, about 34 miles north of Vicenza.

Giri in carrozza

Horse-drawn carriage rides

Oct. 12, from 3-8 p.m., in downtown Vicenza. A unique way to see the most beautiful sites in Vicenza. The 15-minute tours depart from and return to Piazza Biade. The cost is €15 for a maximum of five people at a time.

Palladio per Mano

A Walk with Palladio

Discover master architect Andrea Palladio's work on foot in downtown Vicenza Oct.12-13 with an English-speaking guide. Fee: Saturday €13; Sunday €12; both days: €20. Registration either morning until 9:45 a.m. at the IAT tourist information office in Piazza Matteotti 12.

Chocolando

Chocolate Festival

Oct. 11-13 in Soave, Via Roma, about 23 miles west of Vicenza. Free chocolate tasting and workshops in Via Roma, jazz and blues concerts, exhibits, entertainment for children and food.



Chocolando in Soave

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Mostra mercato del Tartufo **Truffle exhibit and market**

Oct. 11-12, in Forcoli, Nuova Primavera Center, Via Danesi 1; mushrooms, truffles, wines, cheese, oil and craft items along with food booths.

Festa delle Castagne **Chestnut Fair**

Oct. 12-13 in Buti (Pisa), Parco Danielli; food booths featuring specialties made with chestnuts open at 7 p.m.; live music in the afternoon.

Festa del fungo e della Castagna **Mushroom and Chestnut Festival**

Oct. 12-13 and Oct. 19-20, in Vivo D'Orcia (Siena). Enjoy the Palio del Boscaiolo, a traditional competition between two teams whose members, using old fashioned tools, cut logs to make stools and tables and then sit at them eating polenta prepared by their teammates; sale of porcini mushroom and chestnuts; vintage items exhibit; old trade re-enactments; food booths featuring local mushroom specialties.

Fiera di San Luca **Saint Luca Festival**

Oct. 13 in Impruneta (Florence). This is one of the oldest livestock fairs in Europe; local products market opens at 9 a.m. in Via Paolieri; carnival rides in Piazza Accursio da Bagnolo; food booths in Piazza Garibaldi.

Andy Warhol: Una storia americana **Andy Warhol: An American Story**

Opening Oct. 12 and continuing through Feb. 2, 2014, at Palazzo Blu, Lungarno Gambacorti 9, Pisa; Tuesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The exhibit features Warhol's famous portraits of Mao, Nixon, Che Guevara, Liz Taylor, Mick Jagger and Marilyn Monroe among others and the well known silk-screens of Campbell's Soup cans, 20 rare Polaroid photos and many paintings. Entry costs €10, €8 for children under 10.

Area antique markets this weekend

Florence, Oct. 13, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza Santo Spirito

Montepulciano (Siena), Oct. 12-13, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza Grande

Piombino (Livorno), Oct. 12-13, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza Cappelletti, Corso Italia, via Fucini, Piazza Gramsci

Pisa, Oct. 12-13, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Piazza dei Cavalieri

Pistoia, Oct. 12-13, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Via Pertini

Vicopisano (Pisa), Oct. 13, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Piazza Domenico Cavalca

CONCERTS

Shaggy - Oct. 16 in Milan

Bob Dylan - Nov. 2-4 in Milan; Nov. 8 in Padova

Queens of the Stone Age - Nov. 3 in Assago (Milan)

Pixies - Nov. 4 in Milan

Seasick Steve - Nov. 5 in Milan

Amanda Palmer and The Grand Theft - Nov. 9 in Milan

Red - Nov. 11 in Milan

Pentatonix - Nov. 12 in Milan

Airbourne - Nov. 14 in Milan

Alter Bridge and Halestorm - Nov. 19 in Milan

Yellowcard - Nov. 22 in Florence

The Original USA Gospel Singers & Band - Dec. 15 in Bolzano

Michael Bublé - Jan. 27-28, 2014 in Assago (Milan)

Simple Minds - Feb. 25, 2014 in Assago (Milan)

Get tickets at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center or online.



Shaggy plays
Milano Oct. 16

Courtesy photo

Outlook Community news briefs

Visit the VMC community calendar for the latest event details and updates at www.usag.vicenza.army.mil

The Outlook is back online

The Outlook skipped an issue Oct. 3 as a result of the partial government shutdown and furlough of federal employees; however, the staff has returned to duty and will continue

to post issues weekly barring unforeseen budgetary developments.

Retiree Appreciation Day

USAG Vicenza will host its annual Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 18; all military retirees are invited to attend. Registration starts at 8 a.m. in the Deployment Support Center, Building 300A, on Caserma Ederle. Information and personnel service booths will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will include medical and dental screening, a DFAS finance representative, the U.S.

Consulate Federal Benefits Unit from Rome, legal assistance, identification card renewal, Army Community Service and Army Emergency Relief. The USO will provide a free bag lunch for all retirees. A no-host dinner with live band will get under way at 6 p.m. For details call the USAG Vicenza Retirement Services Officer at 634-7262.

Info-X Oct. 16

The Vicenza Military Community's monthly Information Exchange town hall forum, Info-X, will take place Wednesday, Oct. 16, from 10-11:30 a.m. in the upstairs conference room at the Arena on Caserma Ederle. All are welcome to attend or listen in on AFN Vicenza 106.0 FM and join the conversation on the VMC Facebook page at U.S. Army at Vicenza, Italy.

Breast cancer awareness

In support of Breast Cancer Awareness month, Esther's Grace Chapter 170, Order of The Eastern Star, PHA, will staff an information and outreach booth in front of the Caserma Ederle PX Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Information is pertinent to both women and men. Donations to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Foundation will be collected.

Sgt. Joseph Peters estate claims

Anyone having any claims on or obligations to the estate of Sgt. Joseph M. Peters, 286th Military Police Detachment, Caserma Ederle, should contact the summary court officer, Maj. Brian Mumfrey, at 634-7329.

Tuition assistance in tough times

In response to tightening economic conditions, the University of Maryland University College has decreased its semester hour tuition cost from \$249 to \$212; will waive applica-



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VCC membership takes off

Families and friends gather at the Vicenza Community Club '80s Party membership drive at the Golden Lion Sept. 18; 70 new members registered at the event.

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tion fees for students who attend the UMUC-411 seminar; and offers a \$700 New Student Scholarship. Active duty service members and their dependents are also eligible a \$150 textbook scholarship. Fall Session 2 registration runs through Oct. 21; classes take place through Dec. 13 and include: anatomy and physiology, Italian, college math, Western civilization, information systems management, management and organizational theory, statistics, composition and literature, writing and psychology. Call 634-8927 or email vicenza-europe@umuc.edu for information and assistance.

DAC LESs postponed

Access to Leave and Earnings Statements (LES) in myPay for the pay period ending Oct. 5 have been delayed by one day; they may be viewed online beginning Oct. 11. (*Defense Civilian Payroll System Support Office*)

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Photo by Laura Kreider

Clean, healthy fun

Girls and boys enjoy a tug-of-war Sept. 21 during a Back to Scouting Ice cream social at the Hoekstra Field Pavilion. More than 60 girls joined up during the event.

At the movies



Ederle Theater

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| Oct. 10 | 7 p.m. | Planes (G) |
| Oct. 11 | 7 p.m. | Gravity in 3D (PG-13) * |
| | 10 p.m. | Runner Runner (R) * |
| Oct. 12 | 3 p.m. | Gravity in 3D (PG-13) * |
| | 6 p.m. | Runner Runner (R) * |
| Oct. 13 | 3 p.m. | Gravity (PG-13) * |
| | 6 p.m. | Runner Runner (R) * |
| Oct. 16 | 11 a.m. | Riddick (R) |
| | 7 p.m. | One Direction: This Is Us (PG) |
| Oct. 17 | 7 p.m. | The Smurfs 2 (PG) |

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 (excluding holidays) 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

Gravity

Dr. Ryan Stone (Sandra Bullock) is a brilliant medical engineer on her first shuttle mission, with veteran astronaut Matt Kowalsky (George Clooney) in command of his last flight before retiring when, during a seemingly routine spacewalk, disaster strikes. The shuttle is destroyed, leaving Stone and Kowalsky completely alone, tethered to nothing and spiraling into the blackness.

DFAC closes for maintenance

The South of the Alps Dining Facility on Caserma Ederle will close for necessary maintenance Friday, Oct. 11, through Oct. 27. It will re-open for the breakfast meal Oct. 28. Meal card holders will be accommodated in a separate location during the closure.

Vet Clinic openings and hours

The Vicenza Veterinary Treatment Facility in Longare will be open this Friday, Oct. 11, and will hold an all-day Saturday clinic Oct. 26 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., by appointment only. Regular clinic hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., except holidays and weekends. Please note that office visits, sick calls and surgeries are by appointment only. Stop by any time to schedule an appointment, register a pet, get pet passport information, purchase preventatives or pick up special order items. Call 635-4841 or 0444-71-4841 for assistance.

Scheduled power outages

DPW has scheduled a power outage on Caserma Ederle for Friday, Oct. 18, from 5:30-9:30 p.m. to perform necessary periodic maintenance to seven electrical substations. Buildings 131, 138, 139, 140, 320, 168, 170, 111, 135, 136, 113, 126, 134, 137, 169 and Gate No. 5 will be affected. A second outage on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 8 a.m. to noon, will affect Buildings 128, 126, 300, 108, 171, 109, 112, 2309, 107, 167, 117, 125, 102, 103, 101, 161, 104, 162, 105, 163 and 173. The scheduled times are estimates; electricity may be restored ahead of schedule.

CYSS fees change Nov. 1

Child, Youth and School-age Services fees will change across the Army Nov. 1 as the Department of Defense transitions to single fees within Total Family Income categories to provide consistent child care fees across the military services. Changes will include a slight increase or decrease in child care fees; revised payment and late payment fee procedures; revised parent participation procedures;

Hispanic Heritage

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Photo by Laura Kreider

A couple displays their finery during the Vicenza Military Community celebration of Hispanic-American Heritage Month Sept. 19 on Hoekstra Field, and a young girl pauses for a moment during the Camp Darby Military Community event Sept. 27.

revised termination of services procedures; and changes to installation procedures for the Family Child Care (FCC) parent fee assistance and FCC provider support initiatives. The transition will continue through school years 2015-2016, at which time DoD plans to have established a single fee for each TFI category. The Army continues its commitment to affordable child care and youth programs by striving to keep fees lower than comparable community programs and by paying a portion of the cost of care for all Families using Child and Youth Programs. Call CYSS Parent Central Services at 633-7681 with questions

or for a copy of the new fee charts.

Cancer awareness

The U.S. Army Warrant Officer Association, South of the Alps Chapter 113, and the USAG Vicenza Military Community will co-host a Cancer Awareness 5-K Run/Walk Nov. 2 on Caserma Ederle to raise awareness of cancer-related illnesses and support venues for patients, survivors, family members, friends and supporters. The run will be from 8-10 a.m., followed by information and demonstrations from 10 a.m. to noon. A \$25 registration fee covers a participant T-shirt, drinks and snacks. Proceeds will go to

two selected CFC cancer foundations and additional donations are welcome. Payment may be made daily at the Caserma Ederle and Caserma Del Din Fitness Centers and at the PX Food Court from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To sign up go to <http://www.customink.com/signup/4bqq31b7> or call CW2 Katrina Boggs at 634-5522 or 0444-71-5522.

Celebrate Christmas auditions

The Soldiers' Theatre will conduct auditions for the annual holiday show, *Celebrate Christmas*, Oct. 16 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Community performers who would like to share the joy of the holidays in a musical format should bring a prepared holiday song to sing. A piano accompanist will be available or you may sing a capella. No experience is necessary. Performances will take place week-ends from Dec. 6-15.

414th CSB quarterly training

The 414th Contracting Support Brigade will provide quarterly training Oct. 22-23 for personnel who need acquisition planning and requirement documents development

training. They will also deliver training for new personnel and re-certify Contracting Officer Representatives and Government Purchase Card holders for USARAF, USAG-Vicenza and all tenant units. Personnel requiring Field Ordering Official training should contact 414th CSB via email. Online registration may be completed on online at <https://portal.setaf.army.mil/CSB414/training>. Click on NEW, fill out individual information and classes to be attended and click OK. For assistance, call John Dingeman at 637-7728.

AE-ITT classes

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

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

Nov. 11-15: MCITP: Windows 7 Enterprise Desktop Support Technician Boot Camp

Dec. 2-6: ICND2: Interconnecting Cisco Devices 2

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.

Upcoming sports events

Oct. 12-13: Triangle Golf Challenge (Aviano, Vicenza and Livorno)

Oct. 15-19: Basketball Official Clinic

Oct. 18-19: USAG Vicenza Flag Football Championship

Oct. 25-26: Racquetball & Tennis Players Tournament

Stop by the Sports & Fitness Center for details.

VMS goes for paperless

Vicenza Middle School is pioneering a Paperless Progress Report. Teachers have posted grades for viewing online. Log on to your GRADESPEED account to see your child's midterm progress at <https://dodea.gradespeed.net/gs/> Parents may get paper progress reports by calling or visiting the school's administrative office. For more information on each class, please view the academics tab. Contact melissa.bender@eu.dodea.edu or debra.wilson@eu.dodea.edu with any questions.

Keep status updated

Changes in family status affect payment of both Living Quarters Allowance and Post Allowance. Changes may include marriage, divorce, separation, birth or adoption of a child or a child reaching 21 years of age. Employees who have a change in family status are required to submit a form SF-1190 to their Civilian Personnel Advisory Center to document the change, accompanied by appropriate documents to verify the change. The form and instructions are online at <https://cpolrhp.cpol.army.mil/eur/overseas/inprocessing/sf1190.htm> (Defense Civilian Payroll System Support Office)

Pool maintenance closure

The Ederle Fitness Center pool will remain closed through Oct. 14 for improvements and maintenance. The Del Din Fitness Center Pool is available for fitness swimming. PT hours are Monday to Friday from 6-8:30 a.m. Regular training holiday and Monday to Friday hours are 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. The Del Din Fitness Center Pool is closed Saturday, Sunday and federal holidays.

Setting the stage for Christmas

A community actor lines up for identification in a scene from the Soldiers' Theatre's production of Random Laughter Sept. 27. Auditions for the holiday musical, Celebrate Christmas, will be held Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome to try out for the production. See listings for details.

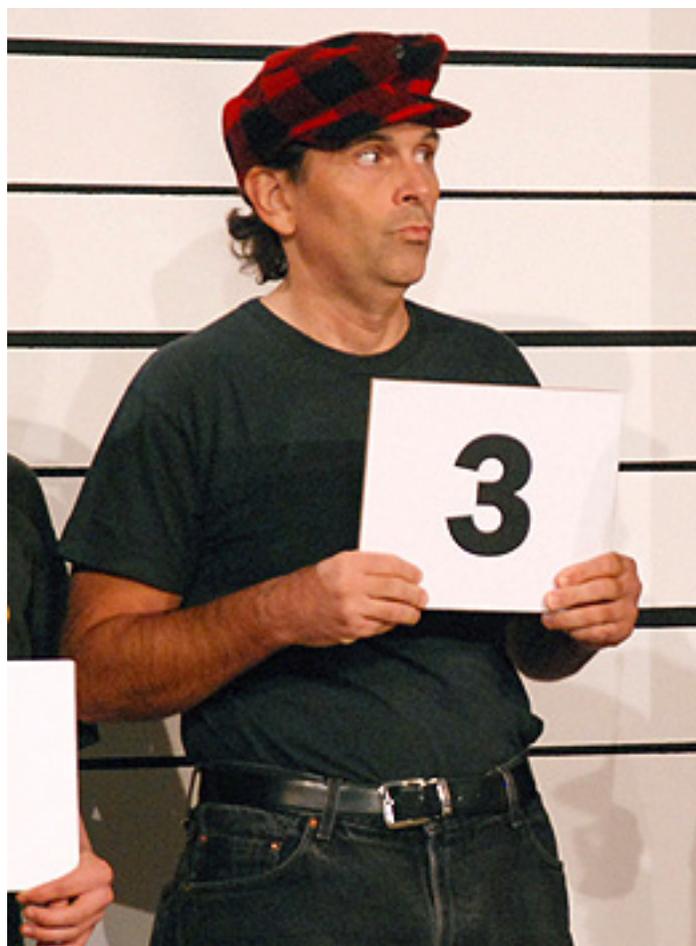


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VHS Cougars Marshall Perfetti (#65) and Adrian Guerrero (#22) take down a Razorback runner during play in Vicenza Sept. 28.

Cougars demolish Razorbacks 64-28 in Homecoming blowout

By Peter Huller

Special to the Outlook

Vicenza High School celebrated its Homecoming weekend in style Sept. 28 as the Cougars delivered a lethal blow to a strong Schweinfurt-Bamberg Razorback team, rolling over the visitors from north of the Alps to a stunning 64-28 victory.

The Cougars sprinted to a 42-6 halftime lead over the "Schweinberg" unit and never looked back.

What is surprising about this year's Cougar team is its depth of talent, as five different players scored touchdowns. Senior Ethan Fullmer led the way at homecoming with three

touchdowns, followed ably by Jerome Farmer and Derrick Grice who each scored twice.

Quarterback Mario Molina had a stellar game, scoring on a long 45-yard touchdown scamper of his own, and freshman Cameron Wilkerson also scored a touchdown for the Cougars. Wilkerson would have had a second touchdown on a kick return, but the play was called back on a penalty by the Razorbacks.

Defensively, the Cougars played well against a determined Razorback team, with Malcolm Harris, Bryce Fisher and Marshall Perfetti leading the way with 10 tackles each.

Adding to the excitement of the day

was the Vicenza High School marching band, which kept the crowd entertained with spirited musical medleys throughout the contest. The cheer team was also on top of its game, keeping a huge crowd motivated to root for the home team.

Tough games ahead

The Cougars face their toughest tests of their winning season next weekend when they travel to Hohenfels, Germany, and then at home Oct. 11 against a formidable foe from Ansbach High School. Thus far, the Cougars have scored a whopping 146 points in their three victories and have given up only 42 points.



Top: VHS Cougar Isaiah Jordan (#59) and teammates talk it up on the bench during Homecoming play against the Schwienfurt-Bamberg Razorbacks Sept. 28. **Above:** The VHS band and cheer squad keep the players' spirits up during the game.

Cougars fall to AOSR Falcons, get set for tough season

By Alexandra Frank

Special to *The Outlook*

The Vicenza High School Cougar girls and boys volleyball teams had their first home games against the American Overseas School of Rome Sept. 20-21.

The girls' team struggled with their reception off the serve on opening night, with the Lady Cougars going down to defeat in three sets. However, the next morning the team bounced back to put on a great performance improvement in both their service returns and communication on the floor.

Despite their improved game, they lost again in four sets.

Regardless of the loss, returning senior Marika Witt said she still has great faith in the team.

"AOSR was a skilled team and we now know what we need to work on. I have complete faith in my team for the rest of the season. This is only the beginning," said Witt.

The boys' volleyball team fought hard opening night, playing a full five sets before losing to the Falcons 15-13 in the deciding game. This year's boys' team is young, with only a few returning members from last year,



Courtesy photo

VHS volleyball coach John Kohut rallies the girls team during play against AOSR Sept. 20. The volleyball squads will play their last home games of the season Oct. 19.

among them team captains Jacob Knapp and Derrick Schaefer.

Despite their inexperience, the Cougars put on a strong showing opening night, marked by great persistence and teamwork. They played as a team and won two sets and forced the round to its five set limit.

Next day proved to be more challenging, with the Falcons sweeping the Cougars in three straight sets. "Saturday seemed like a harder game

to us because many of our teammates started to lose confidence and bring their emotions into the game," said Knapp. "Which is expected with any young team. We've worked hard and know as a team we are capable of winning."

And they will have their chance to prove it as the season rolls on. The Cougars face Aviano and Sigonella this coming Friday, when each team takes the court for two games.

2013 VHS Powderpuff Football Challenge draws 100

By USAG Vicenza CYSS

More than 100 Vicenza Military Community youth gathered Sept. 26 for the 2013 VHS Powderpuff Football Challenge.

Every year the garrison's Child, Youth and School-age Services Youth Center and Sports and Fitness program help Vicenza High School organize the Powderpuff event in which the VHS women face off by grade to play flag football while the male students dress up as their cheerleaders. "We had the best Powderpuff refs ever," said Youth Center director Luca Harbeson. "The partnership with CYSS Sports & Fitness was awesome. We had more than 100 youth show up."

Seniors take first place

The 2013 champs were the VHS Senior Class, who had to bear down hard to win in triple overtime against the Sophomore Class, who hung tough to hang on to a 6-6

tie as the final whistle sounded on regulation play, pushing the showdown into overtime.

"There was great competition this year and it seemed like all grades enjoyed themselves," said senior Alexandra Frank.

The Junior Class came in third and the Freshman Class finished fourth.

"I think everyone had a good time and really enjoyed themselves," said sophomore Jackson Lucas.

"The underclassmen put up a good fight, but after a long battle, seniors dominated," said senior Taylor Byrd.

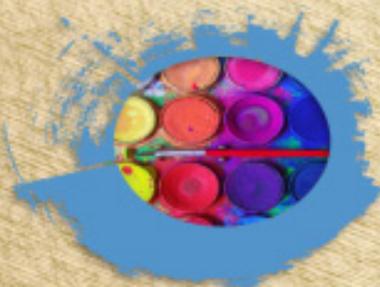
This year's Powderpuff Football Challenge also had support from the CYSS Teen Center, CYSS Sports & Fitness, Club Beyond and Vicenza High School, said Harbeson.

He said Middle school students can look forward to a Murder Mystery Dinner to be held Nov. 1 at the Villaggio Youth Center in partnership with Club Beyond. Participants will be challenged to detect clues, collect the evidence, taste the intrigue and have fun with their friends.

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October



Art EDGE! Intro to Watercolor "Fall in Vicenza"

October 8-29, 3:30-5 p.m. (Tuesdays)

Arts & Crafts Center

Bring your favorite Vicenza photo or postcard, or paint from memory!

Cost: \$20 | Enrollment starts September 9



Fit EDGE! Youth Boxing Training & Conditioning Program

October 1-24, 4:30-6 p.m. (Tuesdays & Thursdays)

Post Fitness Center – for grades 9-12

All skill levels and genders are welcome. Learn emotional and physical self-discipline.

Cost: \$20 | Enrollment starts September 9



Life EDGE! Garage Auto Mechanics

October 3-24, 3:30-5 p.m. (Thursdays)

Auto Skills Center

Learn auto basics, engine & electrical systems, computerized controls & diagnose problems from the professionals.

Cost: \$20 | Enrollment starts September 9



U.S. Army Child, Youth
& School Services

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



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

VMC faith group contacts

Bahá'í Faith: Call 348-603-2283

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

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

Jewish: Call 345-907-2108

Latter Day Saints: Young Men/ Young Women meeting is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Spiritual Fitness Center. 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 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

For DMC activities call 633-7267

The Outlook Religious Activities page provides announcements and may offer perspectives to enhance spiritual or 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.



Celia Rae is 1,000th baby born at USAHC Vicenza

U.S. Army Health Clinic Vicenza recorded the 1,000th successful delivery to take place in the Birthing Center, when baby Celia Rae Heffern arrived in the world Sept. 30 at 8:52 p.m. weighing 7 lbs. The new arrival is the daughter of Alicia Heffern and Sgt. 1st Class Seth Heffern of U.S. Army Africa. Pictured with the proud parents is USAHC commander, Col. Andrew Barr.

Courtesy photo