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ALSO REMEMBERING VAJONT TRAGEDY
AND CREATIVE CONNECTIONS AT VHS**



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Sky Soldiers from Bravo Company, Special Troops Battalion, load hedge trimmings for removal from the Camisano Alpini association grounds Oct. 19. The Soldiers also helped repaint interiors of the town's secondary school while making new friends. See page 4 for the story.

Photo by Anna Ciccotti



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CSA vision for Total Army

As your 38th Army Chief of Staff, I have visited with Soldiers serving around the world as well as at our installations across the United States. At every location our Soldiers, civilians, and family members have inspired me with their passion, courage, and commitment to each other, to our Army, and to the nation.

Our Army serves in a period of dynamic uncertainty. International threats by both state and non-state actors to America's national interests and those of our Allies and partners are in the headlines every day. The unpredictability so prominent in the contemporary security environment will almost certainly remain a characteristic of the future.

In this challenging environment, it is essential that our Total Army - active-duty, National Guard, and the Army Reserve - be ready to accomplish the range of military operations we are directed to perform. Our leaders and the American public rightly place their confidence in our professional competence and character, and they expect us to succeed.

While we continue to support our Soldiers and civilians who are in harm's way, we are making changes to our institutions and processes to ensure that we are maximizing the limited resources available to the Army.

To communicate my intent for how the Army must move forward, I am publishing here the following five priorities:

- * **Adaptive Army Leaders for a Complex World**
- * **A Globally Responsive and Regionally Engaged Army**
- * **A Ready and Modern Army**
- * **Soldiers Committed to Our Army Profession**
- * **The Premier All-Volunteer Army**

These priorities are the basis for the objectives outlined in the upcoming 2014 Army Strategic Planning Guidance. I expect every member of the Total Army to know these and to implement decisions and actions in accordance with them. I look forward to discussing them with you further as I visit your duty locations.

Army Strong!
Gen. Raymond T. Odierno

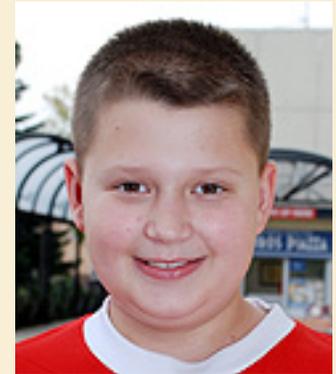
Speak Out

How are you preparing for Halloween this year?



Stephanie Lewis
Family member

"I have already carved a pumpkin, and my family will host a costume party to celebrate our daughter's first Halloween."



Mark Skrabanek
Family member

"I will be carving a pumpkin, getting treats and I will also be getting a costume. I think it will be a Ninja."



Ruby Tucker
Family member

"At the Art Center we have been doing ceramic pumpkin carving and also Halloween masks made with plaster of Paris."

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A photograph showing two men in a room with yellow walls. One man in a black jacket is standing and painting a wall with a brush. The other man in a grey t-shirt and khaki pants is crouching and painting a baseboard. In the background, there is a wooden cabinet, a chair, and a map on the wall.

Sky Soldiers volunteer in Camisano

Story and photos by Anna Ciccotti
USAG Vicenza PAO

Soldiers from the 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) gave back to the Camisano community Oct. 19, working with Italian volunteers to paint a school and trim hedges around the grounds of the local Alpini association.

The young men have been at Caserma Del Din for only a few months, but in the short time since they arrived in Vicenza they are committed to volunteer much of their off-duty time in the nearby communities.

"We really cherish the opportunity to come out and serve the community. I think it is often challenging for us to take the value of selfless service and apply to our everyday life," said

Capt. Kevin Ryan, commander of Bravo Company, 173rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, who arrived here in July from Bamberg, Germany.

"I try to encourage all of my paratroopers to come out when they can and give up their personal time to serve the community, and to serve others outside of themselves. It is extremely important and we are grateful to have an opportunity like this," Ryan said.

"It is a great pleasure to have U.S. Soldiers coming to help today with this much needed work for our school," said Gino Maistrello, Deputy Mayor and environmental assessor of the Comune di Camisano.

Maistrello also took a brush in hand and helped Ryan and his Soldiers paint the town's middle school classroom walls, along with quite a few parents of the students who study there.

Building on a great relationship

"I am glad to see there is already a great relationship between the American military community and Camisano and I trust it will only strengthen over the years," Maistrello said, appreciating the Soldiers who jumped on the opportunity to lend a helping hand for the school and the Alpini complex here.

Spc. Aleksandra Kim, one of Ryan's Soldiers from Bravo



Company, said that painting the school "was a cool thing to do to make the kids' days brighter than what they already are with this nice peach color paint."

Using such a bright color "will make the atmosphere happier and lighter so I am definitely happy to be here, glad to help the community in Camisano and spend some quality time with my leaders and friends as well," Kim said.

Many of the Soldiers said they enjoyed the opportunity to give back to the community, building camaraderie with members of their unit while developing deeper relationship with their Italian hosts, a double reward for a day's work.

In Vicenza since February, Spc. Cameron Steel, also with B Company, BSTB, 173rd IBCT (A), said he saw himself already as part of the community.

"I really like to help out and help make the community a better place," he said. Steel joined the team of Soldiers and volunteers of the local civil protection team, who trimmed shrubbery and hedges around town.

"Grass cutting was a lot of fun. It is fun to get one's hands dirty, especially for the good of the community," said Steel.

"I appreciate the opportunity to get involved in the local community," said Lt. Matthew A. Arevian, a platoon leader with B Co BSTB. "The people here have treated us great and we will definitely take any other opportunities we have to become involved with assisting the people of Vicenza," he said.

Bravo Company is looking forward to challenging the Alpini veterans of Camisano to play a round or two of *boccie*, the classic Italian outdoor bowling game, in mid-November. The match will follow another outreach activity in which the Soldiers will lend a helping hand to a school and a nursing home in town.

"I am looking forward to being able to associate with the Alpini. It is a great organization and we want to hopefully develop a relationship with them. That will be great," Ryan said.



Sky Soldiers and residents of Camisano work together to repaint sections of the Scuola Secondaria Virgilio and trim hedges at the town's Alpini association building Oct. 19 during a day of shared volunteer work in the town just east of Vicenza.



The Honor Guard stands ready during the memorial ceremony for Sgt. Joseph Peters, held Oct. 18 in Vogelweh, Germany.

MPs, Army leaders honor fallen CID agent during Vogelweh memorial

Story and photos by Rick Scavetta
USAG Rheinland-Pfalz PAO

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany – Sunshine and somber music filled the Vogelweh, Germany, chapel as Army law enforcement Soldiers honored the memory of Sgt. Joseph Peters, the first special agent from the Army's Criminal Investigation Command, known as CID, to die in combat since the command was established in 1971.

Peters, 24, of Springfield, Mo., was killed Oct. 6 by enemy explosives in Zhari District, near Kandahar, Afghanistan.

"The thin blue line is truly thinner today," said Sgt. Justin Link, using a colloquial term for police forces known well to the gathering of mostly military police Soldiers.

Peters enlisted in 2007, working in Army intelligence. He deployed to Iraq in 2008 and 2009. Promoted to sergeant in 2010, Peters became a CID special agent and was posted to the 286th Military Police Detachment in Vicenza, Italy, a close-knit team of 12 Soldiers and Italian employees. At Caserma Ederle, Peters conducted 60 felony-level investigations. He was a diligent and determined agent who liked to break the seriousness of police work with good humor, said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Chris Kellenberger.

"He worked hard," Kellenberger said. "He was fun to be around. He liked to have a good time and loved what he was doing. He'd be serious when he needed to, to get his job done."

In April 2013, Peters deployed to Afghanistan in support U.S. Special

Operations Command, part of an elite team taking part in classified missions in remotes areas.

At the memorial ceremony, Peters' wife Ashley and their son Gabriel sat in the first pews with Peters' parents, Dennis and Debbie, who had traveled from Missouri to take part. Soldiers quietly reflected as Pfc. Anthony Oliveira, from the Wiesbaden CID unit, played a spiritual on his guitar. Outside, Soldiers from the 18th Military Police Brigade fired volleys followed by a bugler sounding Taps.

Although casualties among CID Soldiers are rare, the dangers they face each day, either in garrison or deployed to combat zones, are not, said Lt. Col. Sarah K. Albrycht, commander of the 5th MP Battalion.

"The loss of agent Peters was a

shock,” Albrycht said. “It hurts so much to lose one of your own.”

Peters was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star with valor, the Purple Heart, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the NATO Medal and the Combat Action Badge.

The U.S. Army Europe command team, Lt. Gen. Donald M. Campbell Jr. and Command Sgt. Maj. David S. Davenport Sr., attended the ceremony, as did several senior Army and Air Force leaders. After a chaplain’s prayer, Peters’ coworkers and friends spoke about their fallen comrade.

Hard to accept the loss

Relating the impact of the news of Peters’ death on the MPs in Vicenza, the office was in disbelief for a few days,, Kellenberger said.

“Since then we’ve accepted it. It’s the nature of what we volunteered to do,” Kellenberger said. “With that acceptance, we’ve become a little more lighthearted. We tell stories about Joe.”

Peters was both mentor and friend to Link, 26, of North Brunswick, N.J., who arrived in Vicenza a year after Peters. As CID agents, they investigated felony crimes from assaults to drugs to larcenies together.

“We started working cases together. He was my partner,” Link said. “He was a ‘bro’ at heart. He was the guy, when we’re getting ready to go home, would ask, ‘Who wants to go get a beer?’”

Close in age and younger than their colleagues, the agents found solace at the Arena, Caserma Ederle’s on-post watering hole, talking over Hefeweizen beers – a way to leave the days stressors behind. A heavy metal music fan and budding guitarist, Peters was known for his energy. In Italy, they visited castles and nearby Soave.

“He loved to get out. He didn’t like sitting at home. He always wanted to do something,” Link said. “He had a lot of energy. That rubbed off on everybody in the office.”

When Peters deployed, Link missed hanging out with his buddy. The office was much quieter.



Chief Warrant Officer 2 Chris Kellenberger, 286th MP Detachment, Vicenza, delivers a eulogy during the memorial ceremony Oct. 18 in Vogelweh, Germany, for Army Sgt. Joseph Peters, the first special agent of the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command to die in combat since the command formed in 1971.

That Sunday, Oct. 6, Link was catching up on “Breaking Bad” episodes when Peters’ wife, Ashley, sent him a message from the States saying his friend was dead. He sat for couple minutes just shaking his head.

“I was expecting it to just be a mistake, to find out a couple hours later that it was the wrong Joe Peters or (they) mixed his social security number up or something,” Link said. “I just couldn’t believe it.”

Link called Staff Sgt. Brian Mason, who was at home, looking for his keys and getting ready for supper with his girlfriend, to tell him he had bad news about Peters.

“Is he all right?” Mason asked.

“No,” Link said. “He’s gone.”

Mason, 31, of Carlsbad, N.M., tried to keep his composure, but the tears came quickly.

“It was devastating. I was in disbelief,” Mason said. “It was a very somber moment for me.”

Peters was just two weeks shy of coming home, Link said. While on assignment in Germany, Link found a case of Samuel Adams Octoberfest beer, setting it aside to celebrate once Peters returned. The case never was opened. Peters’ friends plan to drink it and celebrate his memory, Link said.

Shortly before his death, Peters mailed a flag he’d carried on a mission to Mason. But Mason, who also served in Afghanistan, wanted to wait until Peters returned to Vicenza to open it, a decision he said he now regrets.

“I was looking forward to him coming back,” Mason said.

A week after Peters’ death, Mason looked inside. Along with the flag was a hand-scrawled note filled with Peters’ comical sense of humor, Mason said, both smiling and tearful as he recalled his friend’s gesture.

“I waited to open it,” Mason said. “I never got a chance to say, ‘Thank You.’”

Marking Vajont dam disaster 50 years on

Americans remembered as 'Angels of Mercy' for response after overwhelming tragedy

By Francesca Mainardi

USAG Vicenza PAO

Half a century after the Vajont reservoir disaster claimed nearly 2,000 lives of its residents, a ceremony Oct. 9 in the village of Longarone, Belluno Province, memorialized the victims of the catastrophe and recalled the heroism of the rescuers who rushed to their aid.

U.S. Army Southern Europe Task Force (SETAF) and U.S. Army Africa Commander, Maj. Gen. Patrick Donahue II, attended the memorial ceremony accompanied by Italian Base Commander Col. Eduardo Maggian.

"As the SETAF commander, I was honored to spend the day with the people of Longarone, with whom we forged an enduring bond 50 years ago," said Donahue.

"As I attended the ceremony, visited the dam and spent time with the people of Longarone, I shared not only the sadness of the tragedy, but also pride in the U.S. Army's role in helping the people of Longarone during that dark period."

The Vajont reservoir, named for a tributary of the Piave River upstream from Belluno, was constructed to provide hydroelectric generation. When complete, the dam was 623 ft. long and the reservoir behind it, 859 ft. deep. The project was officially inaugurated in October 1961.

Residents greeted the completion of such a major project without reservation as a step forward to support the booming, post-war industrial economy of the day. The Vajont dam and the hydroelectric power it would generate were expected to meet a growing demand for electricity for the entire region.

But such a deep wound at the heart of the mountain proved fatal.

Just two years later disaster struck, at 10:36 p.m., Oct. 9, 1963. The top of Mt. Toc, immediately above the reservoir, broke loose and plummeted into the water below. A tremendous wave



An archival photo shows a U.S. Army helicopter crew delivering relief supplies in the aftermath of the Vajont flood disaster in October 1963.

overtopped the dam and accelerated with growing force down the valley below, obliterating entire villages in its path. It is estimated that 30 million cubic meters of water were released, flooding the town of Longarone to a depth of 20 meters and racing down the Piave River valley in a kilometer-wide wave.

Landscape of utter devastation

The first rescuers arrived on the scene in the dark of night to witness utter devastation. In Longarone and the downstream towns of the Piave, nothing remained standing except for the bell tower in Pirago.

In all, some 2,600 people died in the flood, most of them caught while sleeping in their homes. Alpini, Carabinieri, fire brigades, police and volunteers of all ages from surrounding communities rushed to Longarone to help.

The U.S. Army SETAF, equipped with heavy-lift helicopters, promptly intervened on site. Flying more than 300 sorties, Army pilots ferried 4,350 people to safety and distributed 180 tons of food, clothing and medicine to the survivors.

Angeli di misericordia nella valle della morte – Angels of mercy in the valley of death – quickly became the nickname

for the air crews. Now, 50 years later, the inscription on the memorial plaque dedicated to the U.S. Army by the citizens of Longarone in October 2011 still sums up the community feeling. It reads in part, "Your reassuring presence, competence and efficiency prevented people from losing any hope and trust in life and rebirth after the tragedy."

Longarone, about 70 miles north of Venice and a two hour drive from Vicenza, is less than 40 miles from Aviano Air Base. Anyone interested in learning more about the disaster and the U.S. Army's role in the recovery, can visit the museum, *Attimi di storia*, at Piazza 1 Novembre 1 in Longarone; it is open weekends from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2-6 p.m.; Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3:30-6 p.m.; and Monday from 3:30-6 p.m. Admission is €4, free for children under 6. Call 0437-575-819 for more information.

Visitors may also arrange guided tour of the former dam site in Erto, in the Vajont valley about 7 miles from Longarone. The site is open Oct. 27 and Nov. 1-3, after which it will close for the winter and re-open in the spring. Admission is €5, free for children under 6.



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- Tuesdays, November 5-19 (3 classes), 3:30 – 5 p.m.
- Arts & Crafts Center For grades 6-12
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- Tuesdays & Thursdays, November 5-22 (6 classes), 4:30 – 6 p.m.
- Post Fitness Center For grades 6-12
- All skill levels & genders are welcome.
- Learn emotional and physical self-discipline
- Cost: \$20 | Enrollment starts October 7 (ends November 5)



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- Thursdays, October 31-November 21 (4 classes), 3:30 – 5 p.m.
- Auto Skills Center (Building 44) For grades 6-12
- Learn auto basics, engine & electrical systems, computerized controls & diagnose problems from the professionals
- Cost: \$20 | Enrollment starts October 7 (ends October 31)



Fit EDGE! Indoor Soccer Skills & Conditioning

- Fridays, November 1-22 & December 6-13 (6 classes) 3:30 – 5 p.m.
- Villagio Youth/Teen Center Gym For grades 3-12
- Learn or sharpen the ten fundamental skills for soccer excellence
- Cost: \$20 | Enrollment starts October 7 (ends November 1)

918301-11 (grades 3-5)
928305-11 (grades 6-12)



To enroll, visit CYSS Parent Central Services or register online with WebTrac.
For more information, call 634-7219 (0444-71-7219)
www.vicenza.armyMWR.com





Photo by Stephanie Mills

Carla Torti, ACS Benvenuti program leader, explains how to buy a ticket at the Vicenza train station.

Benvenuti eases transition to life in Italy

By **Monica Brazzale**
USAG Vicenza PAO

More than 20 recently arrived members of the Vicenza Military Community joined Army Community Service for a free, three-day cultural Benvenuti class (Benvenuti is the Italian word for “welcome”) on Italy, the land of culture and beauty, Oct. 15-17.

“Benvenuti is a three-day cultural integration program on Italian culture designed for spouses of active duty Soldiers and Department of the Army civilian employees,” said Monica Cobbeldick, ACS Relocation Readiness program manager. “Classes occur monthly and are free; however, spouses need to pay for bus and/or train tickets and lunch.”

But the payback is more than worth the price of the transportation, she said.

“Spouses walk away with a better sense of the Italian culture and a great awareness of how to use the public transportation. Understanding the cultural differences is the key to easing one transition from America lifestyle to living in Italy. This in turn will provide for a more positive outlook,” said Cobbeldick.

ACS staffs the program with native Italian speakers to ensure participants benefit from an authentic three-day immersion in both the local culture and language.

Carla Torti, who has been leading the Benvenuti program since 2011, said she always starts off with a basic Italian language lesson followed by a cooking class, which is much appreciated by everyone. Torti then moves on to practical information such as how to pur-

chase bus and train tickets, getting around the Vicenza area and ordering food at local restaurants, she said.

The October group finished their three days of getting to know Italy with a trip to nearby Verona.

Many participants said that the Benvenuti experience was not only an opportunity to gain valuable exposure, experience and practical knowledge of the basics of Italian culture, but also a chance to make and build friendships, which added to the overall satisfaction level.

“After the three-day class, many of the spouses are able to establish and maintain a friendship that continues after the Benvenuti class. They feel more comfortable getting around, and most of their fears have gone away. This makes me realize that I have accomplished my goals,” Torti said.

Community members may sign up for the next Benvenuti session, which will take place Nov. 19-21. Call ACS at 634-8525 or 0444-71-8525 for information and to register.



Halloween Carnival

on Thursday, October 31

Carnival Information:

- Begins at 3:30 p.m.
- Open only to children of U.S. ID card holders and LN workers on the base
- No sign in of Italian guests authorized on Villaggio 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
- Entrance only through the side door of the gym
- No entry/exit from the front of building permitted
- Games and craft activities for under age 12
- Halloween movies for middle and high school students
- Arena selling hotdogs, sodas and water in front of the Youth Center

Trick or Treat:

- Only between the hours of 6 -8 p.m.
- Open to children of U.S. ID card holders
- Open to Italian community children
- Every child must be in a costume
- Only ages 12 and under permitted
- Children must be with an adult guardian
- No more than 4 children per adult guardian

Safety Guidelines:

- Children should remain under the supervision of an adult at all times
- No roller blades, Heelies, roller skates, skateboards, bicycles, mopeds, motorcycles or pets allowed on the event grounds during the event hours
- No alcohol/glass bottles may be brought to activities area
- Security teams, including the support of the Carabinieri, will patrol all areas of Villaggio
- Children should not eat any candy until it has been inspected by an adult

Costumes must meet the following standard safety guidelines:

- "Pirate" swords and other weapons must be of soft, flexible material
- Masks should not obstruct vision of child
- To avoid tripping, costumes should fit the child appropriately
- Reflective items should be worn to make the child more visible in the dim light

Important Vehicle Information:

- No private cars will be permitted to enter or leave Villaggio from 6 - 8:30 p.m. or when authorized by DES
- The shuttle bus will run every 15 minutes (or as necessary) from the Ederle Commissary parking lot) to the Villaggio front gate from 3-8:30 p.m. Family and MWR will staff each pick-up and drop-off point to assist community members.



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Halloween Carnival

VHS artists to attend Creative Connections

By Alexandra Frank

Special to *The Outlook*

Four Vicenza High School students have been selected to attend the annual DoDDS Europe Creative Connections seminar in Oberwesel, Germany.

While Creative Connections is a worldwide Department of Defense Schools arts program, many people may not have heard about it. What is Creative Connections? Who participates in it? Where is it held?

Creative Connections is a six-day visual arts program that brings together selected students from across Europe to study with experienced DoDDS Europe teachers and specialized art and music educators.

There are nine workshops including drama, show choir, strings, dance, music arranging, video production, digital design, drawing, mixed-media, watercolor and calligraphy. The purpose of this symposium is to help young artists hone their individual talents and broaden their experience through interacting with other exceptional students and teachers.

Participation in Creative Connections is based on review of an application package that includes an essay and samples of the student's work. Standards are high, with only 157 students from all over Europe chosen to attend.

Very competitive program

"This is a very competitive program," said VHS art teacher, Kathleen O'Neill. Four of Vicenza's own students, each with a different specialty, will attend the symposium.

Senior Alexandria Bass was chosen on the strength of her submission in pen and ink. She is a highly organized and hardworking student, a member and acting secretary of the VHS Future Educators of America. Outside school Bass enjoys her artwork, playing tennis and relaxing with video games. While one of the quieter students in school, she stands out in class on account of her exemplary



Photo by Gabriel Moore

VHS senior Alexandria Bass is one of four VHS students selected to attend the DoDDS Europe Creative Connections seminar in Oberwesel, Germany, Nov. 3-8. Bass was chosen on the strength of her work in calligraphy.

public speaking skills.

Her interest in calligraphy originated with her grandmother's interest in the traditional Korean brush painting of her own childhood, which she has passed on to Bass, said O'Neill.

"I am looking forward to being able to improve my calligraphy. I have no real experience in calligraphy except being able to read some of the characters, but I have always been interested in it so I am happy I got in. It will be a great memory for my senior year and I am honored to be selected," said Bass.

"I am looking forward to the opportunity to study one on one," said junior Yasmine Encarnacion, who was selected for Creative Connections based on her work in drawing.

"I really enjoy the relaxation of making art," she said.

Freshman Abigail Matteson will work on dance at the seminar, continuing her development in a discipline she has enjoyed since her

childhood, she said.

"Ballet is one of my passions and I am looking forward to the instruction to help me develop my skills in ballet," said Matteson.

The fourth VHS student selected is senior Alice Kovacic, whose medium is watercolor painting.

"Like the other students, I am honored to have been selected," said Kovacic.

"This is an event where I will be able to meet many new students with my same passion, and I cannot wait," she said.

The 12-hour seminar days will culminate in a series of performances and presentations Nov. 7, which will be streamed live over the Internet and posted to a DoDDS Europe website for future viewing.

The live broadcast will begin at 7 p.m. Central European Time, said O'Neill. Student work will be posted for viewing on demand at www.doddshost.net



Jim Lessard, chief of USAG Vicenza DPW's Environmental Office, makes a point about alternative energy sources during an Energy Awareness Month presentation at Vicenza Elementary School Oct. 21.

Energy awareness classes in Vicenza schools

Story and photo by David Ruderman
USAG Vicenza PAO

Environmental Chief Jim Lessard of USAG Vicenza's Directorate of Public Works Environmental Office, and a number of his engineers, have spent a lot of time in grade school lately.

Throughout the month of October, Lessard and his team conducted energy use and conservation awareness sessions throughout Vicenza Military Community schools as a contribution to Energy Awareness Month activities.

They've not only recounted the basics of energy conservation and contemporary green technological development to school children of all ages, they've learned a thing or two themselves. For instance, some second-graders pay a lot more attention to the world around them than some adults may give them credit for.

"They're all different," said Lessard, as his team finished up their monthlong outreach Oct. 21 with a presentation to Trina Downey's second-grade class at Vicenza Elementary School. For the younger children, he and his crew simplified some of the basic alternative energy concepts, presenting ideas in the form of personalities such as Wendy Wind, Geothermal Johnny, Solar Sally and Biomass Bill.

The second-graders were with the engineers all the way. In a short quiz at the end, Downey's students were able to identify various technologies and processes with the right characters almost without fail.

"They knew the pictures of the wind turbines," said Brandy Reed, an industrial engineer with DPW's Business

Operations and Integration Division. "They were familiar with solar panels and identified them with what they see on post."

"They knew about the earth's core," said Kerry Van Everen, an industrial and mechanical engineer with DPW. "The middle schoolers last week didn't know that."

"They understand the recycling concept and a lot of them have seen wind turbines," said Lessard.

The engineers fielded questions as well. One of Downey's precocious students wanted to know how a wind turbine actually produces energy. Van Everen responded with thumbnail explanation of how gears and generators are used to harness the power of the wind.

Another child wanted to know what people would do if there were too much energy?

"That would be an interesting problem to have to deal with," said Reed.

Not every child could identify every process, but there was an interestingly acute mix of understanding along with the usual uncertainty among the youngsters.

Wide range of understandings

"You run the whole gamut of understanding," said Downey.

"It all depends on their own experience, what they hear from their parents and what they may see when they travel with their families. If anything, it's a good exposure, so when they hear it again some will connect it with this," she said.

"You've been a great class and you really surprised us with your knowledge," Lessard said.

Going whole hog on cupcakes supports BOSS

By Jane Spencer
Army Community Service

Camp Darby Army Community Service partnered with the installation's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers chapter to celebrate this year's BOSS birthday Oct. 17 by hosting the first ever Darby Cupcake Wars.

Darby Military Community families and the Italian workforce were encouraged to be creative in building a themed display made out of cupcakes. Prizes were awarded for creativity and taste. Judging duties were undertaken by BOSS members and a few other community members, who just couldn't resist the tantalizing temptation to taste the competing confections.

Themes ranged widely, from picturesque Tuscany, floral bouquets and the fall harvest, to PacMan, a replica of the American Beach complete with a Leaning Tower of Pisa, to starry nights and Ireland.

A total of 17 brave Camp Darby families showcased their culinary cupcake creations while BOSS grilled up dinner for the community.

The re-creation of a popular local dolce, the BOSS Burger Burn, came with a corn on the cob cupcake, and competed with a simple purple ribbon, a symbol to encourage everyone to remain vigilant for signs of domestic violence and the necessity to prevent and intervene to stop instances of it.

There were 17 entries in the creativity category, with several families creating a variety of flavors to enhance their themes, and there were 21 entries in the taste category. The top finishers won free trips to Rome, Genoa and Abetone, Global Credit Union baking gift packs, free car washes and a medal each.

The winners were:

Taste category - First prize: Sharon Carter; second prize: Jessica Beran; third prize: AmieeJo Spitzer.

Creativity category - First prize: Angela Mallies; second prize: Diane Harris; third prize: Sierra Elliott.

ACS representatives expressed their thanks and appreciation to the community for coming out and baking, and to the BOSS chapter for its continued willingness to collaborate in support of the Darby Military Community.

ACS officials noted that there will be a Military Family Appreciation barbecue held Nov. 7 at the Darby Community Club from 4-9 p.m. to celebrate military families. There will be games, activities and tie-dye events along with a traditional rib and chicken barbecue dinner compliments of the Camp Darby Family Morale Welfare and Recreation office. All are welcome to attend.

In addition, Camp Darby BOSS will continue its Dine on a Dime dinner every third Monday of the month in the Yellow Ribbon Room from 4:30-6 p.m. The November get-together, to be held Nov. 18, will be a truly traditional Thanksgiving Feast.



Photos by DMC Public Affairs

Top: DMC members go all out to display creativity in the form of cupcakes to support the BOSS 24th birthday celebration Oct. 17. **Above:** Soldiers enjoy the baked goodness.

Speak Out

How are you preparing for Halloween this year?



Maria Alessandra Galli
Community Bank

"I sewed a new princess costume for my daughter; can't wait to see her wearing it."



Eldon Michael
Camp Darby Postal Services

"I have a bucket ready to decorate at the post office, just waiting for kids to come trick or treat."



Sylvia Paolini
AAFES

"I am getting organized to go out and party. I will probably be dressed as a witch."

Quick action saves cats during Nugola flood

By Chiara Mattiolo

Darby Military Community PAO

Water and cats don't go together well, so when a ditch next to the cat shelter near his home in Nugola (LI) swelled to overflowing from heavy rain Sept. 29, Lawrence Kilgore ran to the rescue.

"I live close to the cat shelter. I could see from my window that a flood of mud was about to collapse into the cat shelter," said Kilgore. "I immediately thought of the old lady who runs the shelter and without waiting any longer I decided to go help her."

His quick intervention was the saving stroke that helped avoid serious damage to the shelter's structure and saved the lives of 86 cats then resident there. And it was good he reacted so quickly: by the time Kilgore reached the shelter, water was already flowing in.

"The cats could all drown and die," said shelter owner Iria Lopez. "Those cats are like children for me, and I will always be thankful to him for saving them."

The heavy, storm driven rain had washed leaves and straw down the surrounding hills, when debris accumulated and created a potentially dangerous reservoir of dammed water. Kilgore managed to clear the ditch to prevent an overflow and sudden torrent of water threatening the shelter.

"Not only that," said Lopez. "He got in the shelter and secured the roof so that it did not collapse, and only after fixing and securing the area he called me."

Kilgore said he soon realized that he needed help, so he called his wife and in no time other neighbors were on the scene helping prevent damage.

"Brandon and Andrew Davis, together with Michael Humelsine, who are my neighbors, immediately came and helped me fix the roof," said Kilgore. "I could have never made it without their help and dedication."

In helping their neighbor, Kilgore and the others saved an institution that has been a part of the community for more than three decades. Lopez opened the Nugola shelter in 1982 on a plot of land that belonged to her father. Since then, the sum of her retirement check goes to providing food and shelter to stray cats, she said.

"When I got on the spot I found that the roof of the shelter was badly damaged," said Brandon Davis. "So with my brother, Mr. Humelsine and Mr. Kilgore, we started working on securing it, and by the time our work was complete the water infiltration was minimal and all the cats safe."

Lopez said that when she finally reached the shelter she found everyone, the rescuers and her feline charges, covered in mud, but safe and sound.

"It was a pleasure helping the lady. All that counts now is that the cats are all safe and still have a place to shelter," Kilgore said.

31st annual Run to the Tower draws more than 400 in Pisa

By Chiara Mattiolo

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The traditional Camp Darby Run to the Tower took place Oct. 18, the 31st edition of the annual 12-kilometer classic.

It was a perfect day that still felt more like the end of summer than the start of autumn, with the sun shining and mildly warm temperatures; in other words, perfect weather conditions for the more than 420 registered runners who signed up for the keystone annual event.

Some run in groups, some join in on bicycles or skates, while many push their young ones in a stroller or run together as a family.

There were runners a plenty from the Darby Military Community, as well as many Italian participants, both military and civilian, and a scattering of runners from across Europe.

Staff Sgt. Caleb Robles, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), stationed in Vicenza, ran with his wife Lilly and their seven children.

Doing things together

"We like and enjoy doing things like this together," said Lilly Robles, who is expecting their eighth child. "We know that one day that will come sooner than we want, our kids will not follow us anymore, so we try to participate and have fun as a family as much as we can."

The top three finishers among the men were Magkriotelis Ioannis with a time of 39 minutes, 36 seconds; Roberto Bernardi, 40:47; and Mariano Bardarè, 41:1.

The fastest women in this year's running were Ilaria Bianchi, 45:35; Rosella Darata, 48:43; and Claudia Marzi, 49:3.

This year's course included a minor detour made in conjunction with the



Photos by Elena Baladelli

A runner races to the finish during the 31st annual Run to the Tower race in Pisa Oct. 18.

Pisa Municipal Police to guarantee an even more secure route with less traffic. As ever, the race was made possible by the great cooperation among DMC agencies and friendly coordination with the city of Pisa.

Winners were recognized by Italian Base Commander, Col. Raffaele Iubini, Deputy Garrison Manager Lawrence Kilgore and numerous Italian dignitaries at the Opera Primaziale Pisana following the arrival of the last runner at the finish line.

The youngest registered entrant was 6-year-old William Humelsine, who finished with a time of 1:38:40, and the senior finisher was longtime annual participant Angelo Squadrone, still making the run at the age of 84, with a time of 1:23:15.

"I take part in this run every year since its beginning," said Squadrone, a former Italian Air Force paratrooper. "I think I missed one or two runs, but the Run to the Tower is something I will always take part in."

Squadrone stays in shape running with the Marathon Club of Pisa. He practices three times a week and continues to travel around the world to fulfill his sporting passion, he said.



Top: Runners wave to the crowd as they begin the Run to the Tower Oct. 18. **Above:** Participants run as a team in the annual classic.



Family and MWR

Vicenza Military Community



Beginning Watercolor Classes

Learn and practice the first steps and techniques of watercolor painting at the Arts & Crafts Center beginning Wednesday, Nov 6. Register at the Art Center or on WebTrac.

Comedy Improv Night

Spur of the moment fun where none of the show is scripted is a great way to spend a Friday night. Come on over to Soldiers' Theatre on Nov 1, 7:30-9:30 p.m. for some hilarious fun!

Vicenza Sports

- 5 vs. 5 Soccer Register before Oct 29
- Fall Basketball register before Nov 1
- Flag Football register before Nov 15

For more information and date and time of coaches meetings visit our website or call 634-7616.

ScreamFree Marriage

Improve your relationships with skills learned in this class offered by ACS on Oct 29, 8:30-4:30 p.m. Couples or individuals can register by calling 634-6269.

Surf and Turf Night

Treat yourself to a scrumptious T-bone steak and shrimp grilled on an open flame on Nov 14, 5-9 p.m. at the Golden Lion. Make your reservations by Nov 12 at 634-7685.

ODR Trips

- Nov 2, Gardaland Magic Halloween
 - Nov 2, Mountain Bike Ride – Riva Del Garda
 - Nov 8-11, Matterhorn Ski & Snowboard Weekend
 - Nov 9-10, Nice Express and Perfumery Tour
 - Nov 11, American Cemetery in Florence
- Complete list and trip info on www.vicenza.armyMWR.com

YS Murder Mystery Dinner

Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to a Murder Mystery dinner at the Villaggio Youth Center on Nov 1 6:30-9 p.m. Follow the clues, collect the evidence and taste the intrigue! Sign up on Web Trac before Noon on Nov 1.



Adult Dance Classes

Have fun, get in shape and learn to dance with Soldiers' Theatre adult dance classes; Ballet, Jazz/Contemporary and Hip Hop. Classes begin Nov 5. Contact Soldiers' Theatre at 634-7281.

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CYSS Teen Cultural Trip to Florence

Youth can learn the joys of Italy in downtown Florence on November 8! Youth are responsible for train fare and Euro for lunch. Register by Oct. 30 at the Youth Center or call 633-7629.

Unit/Rec Basketball Registration

Get your team together! Registration begins Nov 1 at the Fitness Center. Sign-up is mandatory and the coaches meeting is Dec 2. League play begins Dec 3 on Tuesdays & Thursdays. Call 633-7438 for more info.

Sponsorship Training

Have you been selected by your unit to sponsor a newcomer? Learn what you need to know to make a newcomer's transition to the Darby Community as smooth as possible on Nov 14, 1-2:30 p.m. at ACS. For info, call 633-7684.

Youth Basketball & Cheerleading

Open registration Nov 12-Dec 6 with practices to begin the beginning of January. Register at Parent Central Services or on WebTrac. For more info, contact Parent Central Services at 633-7681.

ODR Trips

November 2, Lucca Comics & Games
November 9, Wine Tasting Trip
November 16, Garfagnana & The Wind Cave
November 23, Ferrari Museum
Complete list and trip info on www.vicenza.armyMWR.com

Turkey Trot Fun Run

Show your community spirit and have the chance to win your Thanksgiving turkey too on Nov 22! You can choose to run 5K or 2 miles. Turkeys are awarded for 1st overall male and female runners plus four turkeys will be awarded by random drawing. Registration begins Oct 21-Nov 5 at the Fitness Center. For info, contact 633-7438.



Register using MWR Online Services for:

Darby Trip & Classes Darby CYSS Activities



Darby Facebook Page

VENETO

Festa dei Ossi de mascio e del bollito **Pig bones and steamed meat festival**

Oct. 26-27, in Sarego, Via Chiesa, about 16 miles southwest of Vicenza; food stands featuring local specialties open at 6 p.m. and on Sunday also at 12:30 p.m.

Festa della Zucca **Pumpkin festival**

Oct. 26-27 and Nov. 1-3, in Sarzana (Venice), Via Marconi, about 39 miles from Vicenza; crafts exhibits and sales; workshops for children; best pumpkins contest; food booths feature pumpkin specialties.

Sagra Polenta e Baccalà **Polenta and Cod Fish Festival**

Oct. 25, 8:30-10 p.m.; Oct. 26-27, 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., in Thiene, Piazza Chilesotti, about 13 miles north of Vicenza; food booths feature typical Vicentine cod and polenta specialties.

Feste delle Castagne **Chestnuts Festival Albettono**

Lovertino: Oct. 25-28, about 17 miles south of Vicenza; food booths open at 7 p.m.; live music and entertainment at 9 p.m. Fireworks on Monday at 11 p.m.

Alvese di Nogarole: Oct. 25-27 in Via Chiesa, about 19 miles west of Vicenza. Food booths featuring gnocchi with fioretta (local ricotta), BBQ steaks, desserts and chestnuts; open at 8 p.m. and at noon on Sunday.

Mostra mercato dei prodotti tipici della Val Posina

Val Posina culinary exhibit and sale

Oct. 26-27, in Posina; food booths featuring gnocchi made with the renowned potatoes from Valle del Posina; live music and entertainment.

Gustosa

Gourmet Fair

Oct. 26, 3-10 p.m., and Oct. 27, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., in Cassola, Via Valsugana 22, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza; local and national products fair; kitchen accessories and equipment; food and wine tasting; cooking demonstrations; bounce houses and games for children. Free admission.

Ghisa Art Fusion **Women's Art & Music Festival**

Oct. 27, 6 p.m., in Schio, Lanificio Conte, Via XX Settembre, about 16 miles northwest of Vicenza; taste local products, wine and beer. Free admission.

Antica Fiera di San Simeone in Marostica



Antica Fiera di San Simeone **Saint Simeon Festival**

Oct. 26-27 in Marostica, about 18 miles north of Vicenza; Oct. 26, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3-11 p.m., in Campo Marzio, cattle exhibit and contest; carnival rides and entertainment; Oct. 27 from 8:30 a.m. cattle exhibit; carnival rides and food booths featuring local specialties; in Piazza degli Scacchi, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., local arts and products exhibit and sale; best pumpkin contest; food booths and educational games for children; 3:30 p.m., folk music and dance; 6 p.m. bingo; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. mushroom exhibit at Castello Inferiore.

Mostra dei Funghi d'Autunno e Rassegna delle Erbe Medicinali

Fall mushroom and medical herb exhibit

Oct. 27, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., in Costabissara, Villa San Carlo, Via San Carlo 1, about seven miles northwest of Vicenza; food booths feature polenta with mushrooms, chestnuts and local specialties.

Piazza del Gusto **Flavors downtown**

Oct. 27, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., in Vicenza, Corso Fogazzaro; local market and finger food contest.

Giri in carrozza

Horse-drawn carriage tours

Oct. 26, 3-8 p.m., in downtown Vicenza. Enjoy this unique way of seeing 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 per carriage.

Area antique markets this Sunday

Areviso: 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Via San Liberale, about 56 miles east of Vicenza. (130 vendors)

Piazzola sul Brenta: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Villa Contarini, Via Camerini, about 16 miles east of Vicenza. (700 vendors)

Recoaro Terme: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., in Piazza Dolomiti, about 27 miles northwest of Vicenza. (40 vendors)

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TUSCANY

Feste delle Castagne **Chestnut festivals**

Arcidosso (Grosseto): Oct. 27, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.; food booths, shows and live music; antique and craft market, medieval parade.

Carmignano (Prato): Oct. 26, starts at 4 p.m. and Oct. 27 at 3 p.m., featuring local autumn specialties.

Palazzuolo sul Senio (Florence): Oct. 27, from 11 a.m. in Piazza IV Novembre and Viale Ubaldini exhibit and sale of chestnuts, mushrooms, truffles and other gastronomic and craft products; noon to 2:30 p.m. food booths; 2 p.m. folk music and dancing, face painting and other entertainment for children.

Fiere di San Luca **Saint Luca Festival**

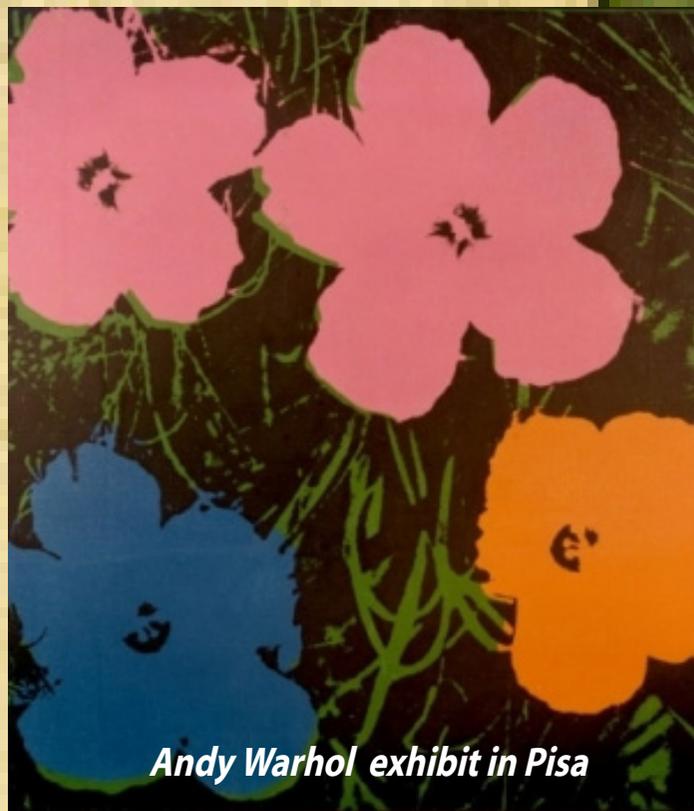
Pontedera (Pisa): in Piazza Mercato; Oct. 26-27, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; weekdays 3-8 p.m.; one of the oldest fairs in Tuscany featuring regional products, house items and clothing. Free admission.

Sagra del Tordo **Thrush Festival**

Oct. 26-27, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., in Montalcino (Siena), Piazza del Popolo and Piazza Cavour; drum parades and archery trials on Oct. 26 at 4 p.m.; Oct. 27 at 9 a.m. folk dances followed by a parade in medieval costumes and the traditional archery contest at 3:45 p.m. where two archers from each of the four districts of Montalcino compete; food booths feature local specialties.



Sagra Del Tordo in Montalcino



Andy Warhol exhibit in Pisa

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

On exhibit in Pisa through Feb. 2 at Palazzo Blu, Lungarno Gambacorti 9; 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.

ChocoMoments **Chocolate Festival**

Oct. 26-27, in Prato, in Piazza Duomo; demonstrations and workshops; chocolate tasting of a great variety, entertainment for children, music and games.

Volterrastusto **A taste of Volterra**

Oct. 26-27 and Nov. 1-3, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Volterra (Siena); exhibit, tasting and sale of white truffles, cured meats, extra-virgin olive oils, wines and a great variety of local specialties.

Area antique markets this weekend

Castiglion Fiorentino (Arezzo): 4th Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza del Municipio

Montevarchi (Arezzo): 4th Sunday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Via Isidoro del Lungo, Poggio Bracciolini

Prato: Oct. 26-27, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza San Francesco

Ponte a Egola (Pisa): Oct 27, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza Rossa



Halloween at Gardaland

HALLOWEEN

A number of local amusement parks will feature special Halloween programs leading up to the holiday.

Monstrous Fun at Gardaland: Oct. 26-27, Oct. 31 to Nov. 3, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Oct. 31: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., in Castelnuovo del Garda, Via Derna 4, about 45 miles west of Vicenza.

CanevaWorld Resort: Oct. 26-27, Oct. 31 to Nov. 3, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Oct. 31, 10 a.m. to midnight, in Lazise sul Garda, Località Fossalta, 58, about 51 miles east of Vicenza.

Mirabilandia: Oct. 26-27, and Oct. 31, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Oct. 31, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., in Ravenna, Statale Adriatica SS16, Km. 162 Loc. Mirabilandia.

Cavallino Matto: Oct. 27, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Nov. 1-3, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; in Marina di Castagneto (Livorno), Via Po 1.

CONCERTS

- 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
 - Lisa Stansfield** - Nov. 14 in Rome; Nov. 15 in Bologna
 - Steven Wilson** - Nov. 14 in Padova
 - 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)
- Tickets at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center or online.



Bob Dylan plays Padova Nov. 8

October 31
From 3-8 p.m. at the Arena

Kids in costume can enjoy a game of bowling for \$1 and free shoes. Bowl to the old time classic spooky movies.

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



Halloween

Events & Activities



Lion's Den Halloween Party

Friday, October 25 - 8:30 p.m. | Lion's Den | Adults 18+

Dress in your funniest or scariest costume. Enjoy drink specials, party favors, giveaways and a costume contest.



Paper Bag Masks

Wednesday, October 30 - 3:30 p.m. | Ederle Library | Ages 3-11 Years

Get ready for trick or treating and create your own paper bag masks with our help.



Halloween Bowling

Thursday, October 31 - 3-8 p.m. | The Arena | Ages 18 & Under

Kids in costume can enjoy a game of bowling for \$1 and free shoes. Bowl to the old time classic spooky movies.



Del Din Zombie Run

Thursday, October 31 - 5:12 p.m. | Del Din Fitness Center | Adults 18+

The zombie apocalypse has come to Del Din! Can you stay alive and make it out or are you part of the living dead?



Zombie Quarantine Bash

Thursday, October 31 - 7 p.m. | Del Din Warrior Zone | Adults 18+

When darkness falls over the Del Din Zombie Run, the infected are invited to attend the BOSS Halloween Bash!



Magic Halloween in Gardaland

Saturday, November 2 - 8:30 a.m. - 7 p.m. | Ederle Outdoor Recreation

Enjoy 15 sinister sets, a place crawling with shocking, gruesome creatures ready to scare those who enter.



CYS School Age Trip to Gardaland

Saturday, November 2 - Departs at 10 a.m. | Grades 1-5

Children will enjoy this exciting trip to Gardaland where they can enjoy thrilling rides and lots of fun!

For more info on these and other events, visit www.vicenza.armyMWR.com.

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

www.usag.vicenza.army.mil

Time to fall back

Don't forget to re-set your clocks one hour backward this Saturday night or early Sunday morning. The semi-annual time change back from summer daylight saving time takes place this weekend in Europe and during the night of Nov. 2-3 in the U.S.

Halloween at Villaggio

Trick-or-treating in Villaggio will be open post from 6-8 p.m. Italian guests will enter through a quick security screening at the Villaggio main gate; there will be a limit four children per group, under age 12 and in costume, with a responsible adult present to provide oversight.

Photo lab closure

The TSC Photo Studio will be closed Oct. 24 from 1- 5 p.m. and all day Friday, Oct. 25, while building renovation is under way. Normal hours of operation will resume Monday, Oct. 28.

Veterans Day at VES

The entire Vicenza Military Community is invited to attend a concert in honor of Veterans Day Nov. 7 from 6-7 p.m. The program will feature performances by fourth- and fifth-graders, the VES choir, a guest speaker, a student art display and refreshments. All are welcome.

Thrift Savings Plan notes

* TSP participants who access the tsp.gov site from a smartphone will be automatically directed to a new, mobile version of My Account that will provide the informational, transactional and interactive benefits of the website. There is no need to download an app to enjoy this benefit.

* The recent congressional legislation ending the government shutdown provided that federal employees be



Photo by Julie Lucas

Retiree Appreciation Day

A Vicenza Military Community retiree gets ready to receive a flu shot during Retiree Appreciation Day on Caserma Ederle Oct. 18.

compensated "as soon as practicable" for pay missed due to furlough. While some sources report that all employees will receive retroactive compensation in their next paychecks, the numerous payroll providers servicing government agencies may submit retroactive TSP contributions at different times. TSP will process and post all makeup contributions as they are received. Specific questions should be addressed to an individual's agency.

* Third quarter TSP participant statements are now available online in the My Account section.

Pet first aid at Red Cross

The American Red Cross will conduct a Pet First Aid class to teach owners to provide emergency care to cats and dogs Nov. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon. The course fee is \$35. Registration is required; call 634-7089 or 0444-71-7089, or stop by the office in Building 333 next to the Health Center.

Early closure

The Global Credit Union on Caserma Ederle will close at 3 p.m. on Oct. 31

to allow staff members to support the Halloween Carnival at Villaggio and the Zombie Run at Del Din.

Vet Clinic openings and hours

The Vicenza Veterinary Treatment Facility in Longare 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.

DFAC closed for maintenance

The South of the Alps Dining Facility

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on Caserma Ederle will re-open Oct. 28. Meal card holders are being accommodated in a separate location during the closure.

CYSS fees to 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; 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 wel-

come. 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.

Soldiers' Theatre events

The Music Cafè returns Friday at 7:30 p.m. Come out to play and enjoy community musicians performing and jamming in a relaxed, low-key atmosphere. It's fun and it's free.

Comedy Improv Night at the theater Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m. promises an evening of adult fun, laughter and comedy in the lobby. Refreshments will be available. Directed by Aaron Talley and featuring Jesse Dyer, Eric Grosshans, James Malpino, Kevin Martin, Loriann McKeever, Aaron Talley, Allison Torchia, Maggie Wallis and Chris Wolff; not suitable for children. Tickets are \$10. Call 634-7281 or 044-471-7281 for reservations.

At the movies



Ederle Theater

Oct. 24	7 p.m.	The Butler (PG-13)
Oct. 25	7 p.m.	Carrie (R) *
	10 p.m.	Escape Plan (R) *
Oct. 26	3 p.m.	Carrie (R) *
	6 p.m.	Escape Plan (R) *
Oct. 27	3 p.m.	Carrie (R) *
	6 p.m.	Escape Plan (R) *
Oct. 30	11 a.m.	Prisoners (R)
	7 p.m.	The Family (R)
Oct. 31	7 p.m.	Insidious: Chapter 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 on federal holidays. 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

Escape Plan

Ray Breslin (Sylvester Stallone) is the world's foremost authority on structural security. After analyzing every high security prison and learning a vast array of survival skills to design escape-proof prisons, his skills are put to the test. Framed and incarcerated in a prison he designed himself, he teams up with Emil Rottmayer (Arnold Schwarzenegger) to bust out and render justice.



Photos by Gabriel Moore

Heading to the Euro finals

Emma Knapp (right) tries to score a point against MMI during play Oct. 19 and some of the Lady Cougars pose for a group portrait after sweeping the visitors in three straight sets. The VHS Cougars women volleyball team put away a squad from the Marymount International School of Rome Oct. 19 in three straight sets. The Cougars will face off against the Aviano Saints this weekend on their way to taking a shot at the DoDDS Europe finals in Germany the following week. Go Cougars!



ZOMBIE QUARANTINE BASH

at the Warrior Zone

When darkness falls over the Del Din Zombie Run, the infected are invited to attend the BOSS Halloween Bash!

Soldiers are invited to enjoy music by a DJ, games, prizes and specials on food and beverages.

Ages 18+ | For more info call 634-5530 or 637-2712.

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October 31

Beginning at 7 p.m.

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HALLOWEEN

at the
Lion's Den

October 25
8 p.m. - 1:30 a.m.

Dress in your funniest or scariest costume and compete in our costume contest!
Drink specials for the night, party favors and giveaways.

For more info, visit www.vicenza.armyMWR.com
or call 634-8257



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

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CLUB BEYOND
Presents
One of **American Idol**
Season 6's Top 5 Finalists
PHIL STACEY
performing and speaking at
the Vicenza CHAPEL MPR
Thursday, October 31st from 1830-2000
Join us for Dinner
(if possible, please bring a side dish or dessert)
A COMMUNITY EVENT
Everyone Is Invited!!!
POC: Tyler Hoffman
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PAPER BAG MASKS
October 30
3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Get ready for trick or treating!
Children 3-11 years old can make
their own paper bag mask
at the Post Library.
Please sign up by October 28
To sign up call 634-7291 or visit the front desk.
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