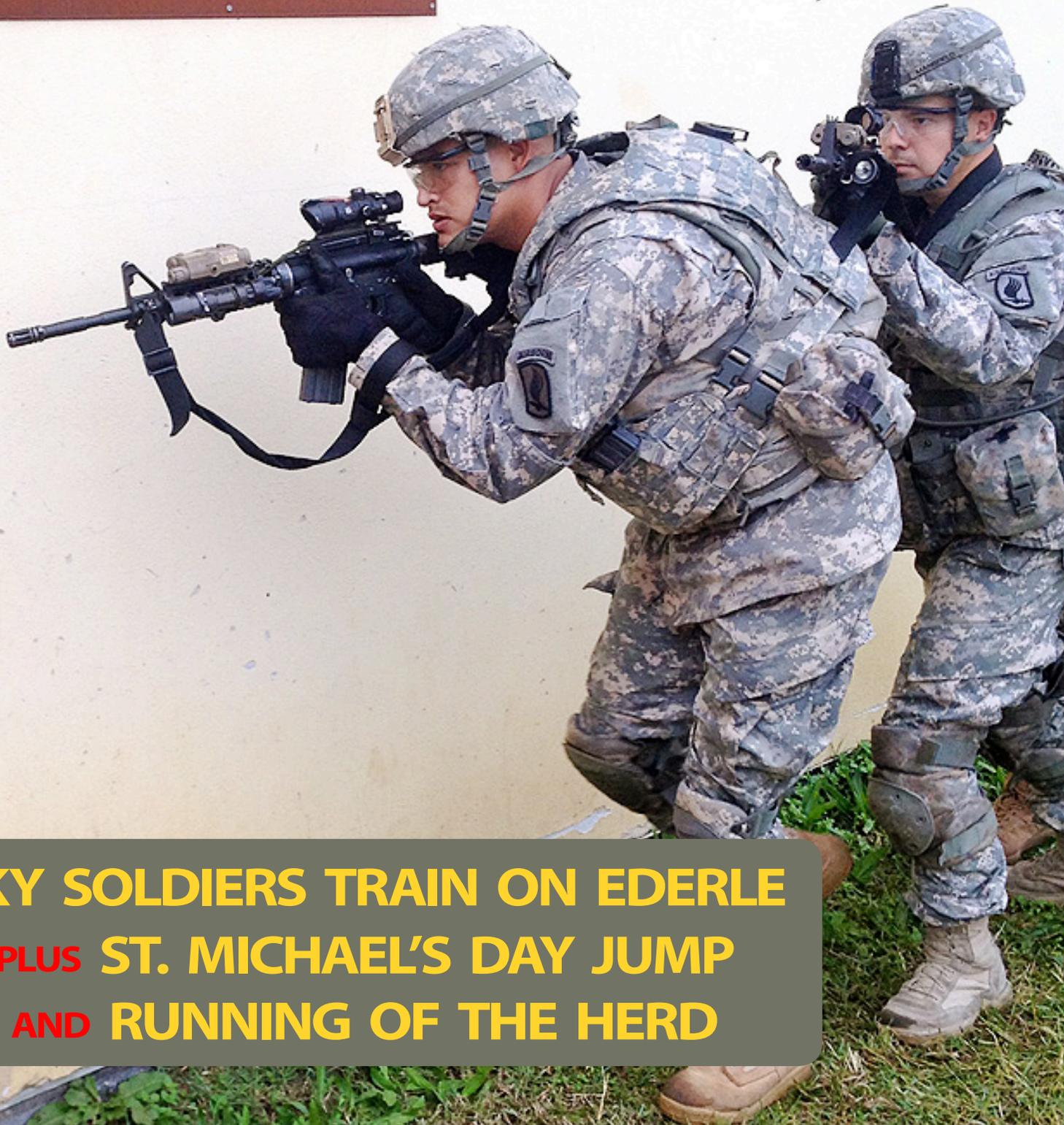


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PLUS ST. MICHAEL'S DAY JUMP
AND RUNNING OF THE HERD**



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Spc. Ronald Williamson (left) and Cpl. Keith Mansfield of Company C, 1st-503rd, 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), lead a patrol during training at the MOUT facility on Caserma Ederle Oct. 22. See page 6 for the story.

Photo by 173rd IBCT (Airborne)



Photo by John-Luca Harbeson

Winter's on its way

Vicenza Youth Center youngsters and staff kick off the ski and snowboard season Oct. 26 with a glacier skiing outing to Van Senales in the heart of the South Tyrolean Alps. The adventurers not only spent the day on the slopes, but got a peek at the Swiss national ski team working out and warmed up with a barbecue before heading home. The next Youth Center outing will be Dec. 14 to Kron Platz. Sign up now if you're interested at 634-7659.

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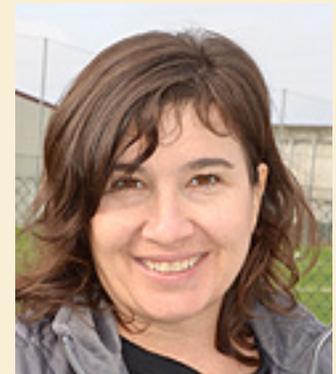
What is the most recent show or concert you have seen?



Staff Sgt. James Jenkins

HHC, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry (A)

"Billy Talent concert in Stuttgart, Germany. I was there with friends and had an awesome time."



Tamela Johnston

Family member

"A Christmas concert in a downtown Vicenza church. It was a boys choir from England. Fabulous memory."



Cecilia McKenzie

Family member

"In March I went to the Justin Bieber concert in Bologna. It was really fun and a great experience."

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Sky Soldiers of 173rd IBCT (A) prepare for the jump on the Juliet Drop Zone Nov. 5.

Italian and US paratroopers make St. Michael's Day jump

Story and photos by
Staff Sgt. Bruce Cobbeldick
 173rd IBCT (A) PAO

Sky Soldiers from the 173d Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) joined with paratroopers from the Italian army's 9th Regiment and Carabinieri military police at Aviano Air Base Nov. 5 to conduct a St. Michael's Day Jump.

"St. Michael is the patron saint for both the American and Italian paratroopers, police and emergency services personnel," said brigade Chaplain (Maj.) Eddie Cook, who served as one of the jumpmasters for the event. "The jump was a great success."

Cook, who hails from Hickory, N.C., organized the event and presided over the ceremony in which he presented Italian paratroopers with St. Michael medallions. The Italian and U.S. forces also exchanged their respective country parachutist badges in the spirit of camaraderie.

Great day for a jump

"The conditions were great out there," said Italian army paratrooper Sgt. Maj. Luca Bertozzo, who serves as the Italian army liaison officer at the brigade. "It was a beautiful day

for this kind of thing." Sky Soldier family members and friends also travelled to Aviano to watch the jump, greeting the troops on the ground, taking photos and joining in the overall atmosphere of camaraderie and goodwill.

"We also had several members of the 173rd Airborne Association with us today," said Cook. "They gave us perspective on some of the history and traditions of the 'Herd,' and the Sky Soldiers were glad to take photographs and share memories with the association members."

The 173rd Airborne Association members were in Italy as part of a visit timed to coincide with the brigade's Running of the Herd, which took place Nov. 7-8 on Caserma Del Din in Vicenza. The annual 24-hour race recognizes the sacrifices of those Sky Soldiers who fought in Operation Hump on Nov. 8, 1965, during the Vietnam War. During that battle, the brigade lost 48 U.S. Soldiers and two Australian soldiers from its attached unit, the 1st Battalion, called the Royal Australian Regiment.

"We partnered with the Italians and worked with the Italian jumpmasters

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and had fellowship with our fellow paratroopers here today," said Cook. "It was a great time and a superb chance to enjoy the esprit de corps between our forces. We were able to jump together and celebrate our patron saint of the airborne."

173rd Airborne Association Secretary Tim Austin, from Choctaw, Okla.,

said it was fantastic to come to Italy and talk with Sky Soldiers and Italians during this special event.

"It is so good to be out here among these young men and women and see these airborne paratroopers conduct an actual airborne operation like this," said Austin. "It was a real treat."



Top: Chaplain (Maj.) Eddie Cook of 173rd IBCT (A) greets Italian paratroopers before the jump at the Juliet Drop Zone Nov. 5. **Above:** A paratrooper's son enjoys the unusual outing. **Center:** Paratroopers return to earth after jumping from C-130s.

Sky Soldiers train on Caserma Ederle



Above: Cpl. Abraham Morales (front to back), Pfc. Adam Vangestel and Spc. Michael Haas move as a team through the MOUT facility on Caserma Ederle during training on Caserma Ederle Oct. 22.

Right: Spc. Ronald Williamson takes the lead during patrol exercises on Caserma Ederle.



Photos by 173rd IBCT (A)

By 173rd IBCT (Airborne)

Paratroopers with Charlie Company and its mortars section, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry, 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) woke at 6:30 a.m. Oct. 22 to the surprise notice to hustle and prepare for training on Caserma Ederle.

Unit leaders received mission details and developed plans in real time as paratroopers inspected their necessary equipment and awaited orders to move out. After finalizing plans, platoons moved to their respective areas of training.

To the 'Shoot House'

The 1st and 3rd Platoons moved to the Caserma Ederle "Shoot House" – the Military Operations on Urban Terrain, or MOUT, facility run by Training Support Center Vicenza – and conducted team-level battle drills and urban operations. At the same time, the mortars section moved to the nearby football field and established a mortar firing point.

This action in turn triggered 2nd Platoon leaders and forward observers to begin a 6-mile ruck march in which squad-sized elements moved independently through a series of notional indirect targets. At each target, teams reacted to enemy threats and leaders evaluated key tactical decisions. Platoon leaders and forward observers called in notional fire missions to the battalion for the mortars to engage targets, and the mortar teams quickly processed each fire mission, aimed their tubes and simulated fire missions.

At the conclusion of the training events, leaders and paratroopers conducted after action reviews to identify areas for improvement and training pathways to achieve them.

"It was useful to see the communication between teams and the simulation round brought a realistic training value to the entire scenario," said 1st Lt. Horacio Rivas of Company C.

Key tasks for the training included call for fire, establishing and displacing mortar firing points, receiving and executing fire missions, performing proper radio procedures and calls for 9 line emergency medical evacuation, and training on team level urban operations and battle drills.

"The shoot house was a good baseline to gauge our fire team and squad level training," said Sgt. David Dexter, Company C. "We will now be able to alter our training in order to efficiently improve and become a better team."

"The shoot house training gave us insight to our breaching abilities and deficiencies as well as helped establish requirements for the breaching training occurring in the spring of 2014," said Sgt. 1st Class Stuart Sword of Company C.

"Once we finished our training, the video cameras throughout the shoot house provided us a worthwhile After Action Review, providing good feedback to improve and sustains as a team," said Rivas.

Short-notice exercises like these help prepare Soldiers of the 173rd IBCT (A) for potential missions as part of the U.S. European Command Army Contingency Response Force while helping them improve their small-unit and urban operations tactics in preparation for live-fire exercises at Grafenwoehr, Germany. They also help leaders identify key areas of training to emphasize during weekly platoon-level training, and give them a better insight into the training resources at Caserma Ederle that they can integrate in future training scenarios.



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Running of the Herd on Caserma Del Din

First ever Italy based edition joins two generations of Sky Soldiers

By Staff Sgt. Bruce Cobbeldick
173rd IBCT (A) PAO

Sky Soldiers participated in the annual Running of the Herd road race on Caserma Del Din Nov. 7-8 along with families and Vicenza Military Community members in honor of Soldiers from the 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The event started in 2007 in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, as a 24-hour relay race to commemorate the 48 Sky Soldiers who died in Vietnam Nov. 8, 1965, during Operation Hump. Run every year since, either in Germany or Afghanistan, this year marked the first time the race was held in Italy. "The Herd" is one of the brigade's nicknames, coined during its time in Okinawa prior to the Vietnam War.

This year's running also saw 173rd Vietnam veterans at Del Din during a visit by the 173rd Airborne Association. Association vice-president Terry Aubrey, who served with Echo Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, in Vietnam in 1969, said that when the brigade was reactivated in 2000, "the 173rd Airborne came back to life, but in that 28-year gap, you never lost sight of the fact that you were a Sky Soldier."

'I cannot say enough good things'

"We are very privileged to have had members of the 173rd Airborne Association here with us during the Running of the Herd," said Brigade Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Ferrusi. "I cannot say enough good things about the veterans who fought during the Vietnam War. I do not think they are given enough credit for the tremendous service they gave and the sacrifices they made at a time when being a Soldier was not nearly as popular and well-respected as it is nowadays."

While the visit was a sentimental journey for the association members, treasurer Roger Conley pointed out the good work the 173rd Airborne Association continues to do.

"Through our association, foundation and memorial foundation we celebrate past events in the history of the famed 173rd Airborne Brigade, focusing on the ultimate sacrifice our brothers made to country and their Sky Soldier comrades fighting in so many battles that define the meaning of 'the Herd,'" said Conley.

Association secretary and Vietnam veteran Tim Austin remembered the excitement he felt when he learned at the replacement depot in Saigon that he was going to the 173rd.

"Before I went to Vietnam I had written the fieldartil-



A Sky Soldier color runner prepares for the Running of the Herd Nov. 7 on Caserma Del Din.

lery battalion commander telling him I was coming and requesting he allow me into his battalion," said Austin. "I also wrote the same letter to the brigade commander."

During their visit to Vicenza, association officers met with unit command teams, toured the new brigade facilities at Caserma Del Din, witnessed a combined airborne operation with U.S. and Italian paratroopers, and

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attended the dedication of a memorial in a small community outside Vicenza to a Sky Soldier killed in Afghanistan.

Austin said he was impressed by the discipline and motivation of the Soldiers he met, from the youngest private to the brigade leadership.

"I did not come in contact with any person in the brigade who was not glad to be here," he said. "It is therapeutic for me to be with this generation of Herdsmen," he said.

"One of the reasons why I joined the airborne was because I knew where I was headed, and I was smart enough to know that I wanted to be with people that had your back, and that's what this unit is all about," said Aubrey.

"Being back here for the Running of the Herd and celebrating the 8th of November anniversary of those who gave everything they had during Operation Hump back in 1965 has been an amazing experience for me."



Top: Sky Soldiers past and present talk on Caserma Del Din. **Above:** Soldiers talk strategy before the start of the run on Del Din. **Below:** Sky Soldiers take off for the Running of the Herd.





Photos by Gabriel Moore

VHS students, faculty and friends (above) attend an award ceremony for their principal, Dr. Justin White, in the school gym Nov. 5. White (right) addresses the school after being honored by USARAF commander, Maj. Gen. Patrick Donahue II.

Principal honored for Afghanistan service

By David Ruderman
USAG Vicenza PAO

When Vicenza High School principal, Dr. Justin White, deployed as a non-Army civilian to advise Afghan ministers and military leaders on building educational networks in their war torn country, he had no idea he'd one day be forcing Army leaders to scramble to come up with the right medal to award him for his extraordinary service.

But the Army scrambled and made it happen. U.S. Army Africa Commander, Maj. Gen. Patrick Donahue II, and Command Sgt. Maj. Jeffery Stitzel, presided at an all school assembly Nov. 5 to publicly recognize White for his service and present him with his awards.

Donahue pinned White with medals for the Non-Article 5 NATO Medal, signed by NATO Secretary General and former Prime Minister of Denmark Anders Fogh Rasmussen; the Superior Civilian Service award, signed by Lt. Gen. Ken Tovo, commander of the NATO Training Mission-Afghanistan and Combined

Security Transition Command-Afghanistan, International Security Assistance Force; and the Global War on Terrorism Medal. It was an unusual assortment of recognitions resulting in a unique ceremony.

"It was so unique we had a hard time ordering his medals," said Donahue. The system just isn't set up to produce and send such medals to deploying individuals who are neither Department of the Army civilians nor uniformed service members, he said.

Right man for the job

"He was hired to be an adviser to an Afghan civilian," said Donahue. The rationale behind White's selection for the mission was "let's stop having a guy wearing a uniform advising a civilian on how to be a civilian leader. Let's get a civilian leader and have him do it," he said.

White worked in Kabul from July 2011 to July 2012, said Donahue. During that time he worked with the Afghan minister of defense and as an adviser to a major general charged with training the national force and a minister charged with educating Af-

ghan soldiers. Their ultimate goal was to build a system that would reduce the country's staggering 70 percent rate of illiteracy.

"He did a lot of good there," said Donahue. Among other accomplishments, White was responsible for saving the U.S. government \$3.5 million a month based on initiatives he implemented with his Afghan counterparts.

"That's an example of what you can do," Donahue told the assembly. "You can make a difference as an individual," he said.

"I think your principal is a good embodiment of what a leader should be," Donahue said. "He went out and did things that many don't do, that most don't do, actually. He spent a year away from his family, in Afghanistan, making a difference for a country that's in desperate need of help."

After the formal presentation of his awards, White spoke to the entire student body, faculty, staff and DoDDS Mediterranean District educators, and to his wife Teresa and their three children, Wayne, Emma and Ty, who were on hand for the ceremony.

"It was a great opportunity, probably the best professional experience I ever had in my life," said White.

"To go to a country that had an illiteracy rate that was this astronomical, a country that's been ravaged by war for three decades plus, a generation plus of individuals that have gone without education, and to see the horrific things that does to a nation, and does to a people, is quite eye-opening.

"It opened my eyes to what I have as an American citizen," he said. "So I'm very thankful today to be an American. I'm very thankful to have the opportunity to serve along with men and women in the uniform who have given a lot, who have given it all."

He brought home the pertinence of his Afghan experience with emotionally charged remarks directed to VHS students in particular.

"I appreciate the opportunity to be a part of your life and to help you understand the value of education," White told his students. "We have a great school. We have a school full of leaders. We have the opportunity to come to work every day as teachers and educators and work with students who want to learn, with students who want to be inspired.

"It means a great deal to me, especially having just left a country where kids didn't have the opportunity to go to school. If you went to school, it was a danger. Many of you, you've seen the movies, you know what's out there. You know that students who try to go to school in that country are often murdered, they are often beaten, raped, molested and abused. And so the opportunities are very far and few, and even worse for female students.

"So I encourage you to take value in what you have, and to honor and cherish the opportunity you have to get an education. Spend time studying, do the work that is required now so that you can be a leader in the future," he said.

"When I first told my wife I was going to do this, she was all supportive," said White. "She knows what I believe in and the values that I have. . . . I appreciate that, I really do."

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Dayaprema Eagle Court of Honor convenes



Anuk Dayaprema attains the rank of Eagle Scout during a Court of Honor ceremony Oct. 29.

Story and photos by Laura Kreider

USAG Vicenza PAO

An Eagle Court of Honor convened at the Villaggio school complex Oct. 29 to recognize one young man's unusual achievement.

Anuk Dayaprema, a member of Vicenza Boy Scout Troop 295, attained the rank of Eagle Scout by completing a unique project that he began in March while still an eighth-grader at Vicenza Middle School.

"I decided to help the needy, economically poor children studying in impoverished schools and the peasant villagers in Sri Lanka," said Dayaprema. "I chose specifically the Badulla District by taking into consideration the balanced ethnic distribution it represents."

The idea behind his Eagle Scout project was to distribute an assortment of school and college textbooks for the benefit of the children and families who live there, he said. During his speech to the Eagle Court of Honor, Dayaprema explained step by step the path he followed to accomplish his mission.

He began planning and organizing his project by select-

ing the right points of contact, the right schools and libraries, and canvassing the Vicenza Military Community and friends at large to identify people who would be interested in donating books for a noble cause.

One of Dayaprema's first moves was to organize drop-off boxes in locations around the community, including all three Vicenza schools, the Vicenza Community Club Thrift Shop, the commissary and the post library.

"The library was more than happy to support Anuk with his Eagle Scout project," said Michelle Ortiz, Caserma Ederle librarian. "We had one of his donation boxes in the lobby where it was filled multiple times with generous donations from the community. I think we were one of the first places he put them. We appreciated that his project was unique, promoting literacy and libraries in developing countries."

After setting a target of collecting 1,200 books and actually collecting about 2,000, Dayaprema turned his attention to the diverse details of packaging and shipping the books, and pinpointing the best opportunities for their final distribution in Badulla District.

By the beginning of April he was able to contact the Sri Lankan Deputy Inspector General of Police and coordinate assistance for receiving, storing and transporting the books to suitable destinations.

"Anuk spent a good part of his eighth-grade year collecting the books for the Badulla District," said George Hanby, Vicenza Middle School teacher and guest presenter at the Court of Honor.

"He was given tremendous support from not only the Vicenza community, but other U.S. military communities



in Europe," said Hanby.

Dayaprema said he was satisfied about the total number of books he was able to collect as part of his project.

"I have exceeded the set target by donating some 2,000 useful books worth well over \$30,000. The team effort was evident and was instrumental in accomplishing the set goal," he said.

On his way to exceeding and excelling, Dayaprema learned and exercised many particular skills: collecting donations; identifying, retrieving and re-using packing materials from the eco-center; identifying and confirming shipping and handling costs; and seeking and finding help to store and transport the collection to its destination for distribution.

In Sri Lanka to work out critical details

Dayaprema also traveled to Sri Lanka during his summer vacation to minimize travel costs involved in bringing his Eagle Scout project to its successful conclusion. With the indispensable support of his parents he was able to visit the Badulla District where he personally negotiated with local Police Service personnel to arrange the distribution of the books to schools and libraries.

"Anuk is to be commended for his generosity of spirit and willingness to undertake projects that benefit others with fewer resources," said Hanby.

"I have been blessed to teach some pretty extraordinary students during the 21 years that I have been in Department of Defense Dependents Schools. Anuk is one of a handful who I know I will remember for as long as I live. He is destined to accomplish great deeds in his life. I just hope I'm around to see them happen," he said.

Members of Vicenza Boy Scout Troop 295 (below) applaud Anuk Dayaprema at the Eagle Scout ceremony Oct. 29.



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Federico De Zane and Emma Nanto of the Patronato San Gaetano school in Thiene work on an art project at VMS Nov. 6.

Thiene students visit Vicenza Middle School

Story and photos by Laura Kreider
USAG Vicenza PAO

Vicenza Middle School students welcomed some 25 Italian students and three teachers from the Patronato San Gaetano middle school in Thiene into their world Nov. 6.

VMS host nation teacher Isabella Pani coordinated the visit, one of several exchanges in which VMS participates annually.

"Italian teachers particularly appreciated the way the visit was organized, with each Italian student hosted by an American tutor taking them around to classes," said Pani.

"This was a great cultural and learning opportunity for both the American and Italian students, who had the unique chance to make new friends and practice a foreign language," she said.

While touring VMS, Italian students had the chance to see and work in different classes including the gym,

music and art classes.

"This is the room that I have liked the most," said seventh-grader Emma Nanto, while working with a piece with clay in an art class. "Not to mention that it has been very nice to meet new friends and begin a contact with them."

San Gaetano teacher Davide Bottino said he was positively impressed with

the VMS facility and multiple aspects of the visit.

"Everything is very functional, up to the less visible details. This exchange is very important to us for the choice of our school subject, which this year focuses on the theme Equality and Diversity. Considering the theme, this exchange adds even more significance," said Bottino.



Students and teachers have lunch together during the visit.

During one of Pani's host nation classes, representatives from each school talked to the entire class about their respective schools and regulations. At the end, the forum was open to individual questions.

"At first, when I did stand as a representative for my school to explain our school, I was nervous, but then I felt better," said VMS eighth-grader James Davenport. "I loved it and I think we should do it again."

San Gaetano representative, 12-year-old Riccardo Dal Zotto, said he enjoyed his role in the program as well, and liked discovering similarities and differences between the two schools while practicing his English.

"This is the first time I am visiting the American school. I liked the classes and the roominess of the gym.

It was different seeing how the American students switch classes compared to our habit of staying in our class while the Italian teachers switch classes," he said.

Matilde Pagliaro, 12, said she was specifically pleased to visit the VMS music classroom, the nursery and the information center. "Our information center is smaller than that," she said. "I really benefit from meeting other students and getting to know closely a different culture."

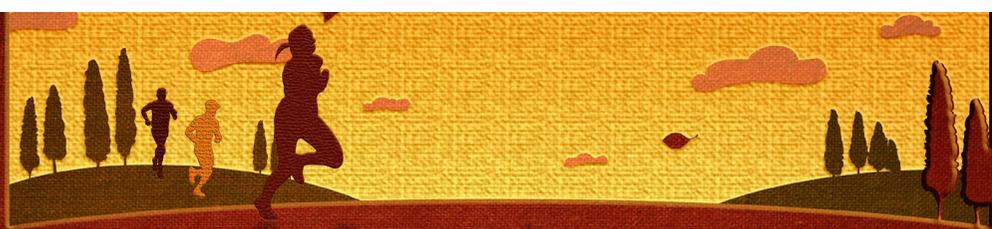
The students could not leave without sharing a break in the VMS multi-purpose room/cafeteria, where the various classes gathered for lunch.

"I think that this Italian exchange is educational and a wonderful experience. It lets us interact with the Italians and gives us a chance to make new friends," said VMS eighth-grader Camille Novarez Hernandez.

Come to our place next time

"Even though our school does not offer rooms as spacious as the ones we had the chance to visit, we would like to invite the American students to return our visit. Today they have been showing their setting to our students and it has been such an enriching experience," said Bottino.

"American students would like to visit an Italian school to better understand the differences between the two systems," said Pani.



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Llamas recapture IMCOM junior soccer crown

By Tom Hlavacek

Special to The Outlook

The Vicenza Llamas played hard and finished victorious at the IMCOM East Region Junior Soccer Tournament held Nov. 9-10 on Caserma Ederle.

Hosted by Vicenza CYS Sports and Fitness, this year's tournament was in part a rematch of last year's final competition, which pitted Vicenza against Schweinfurt, but this year it was a jubilant Vicenza team that hoisted the championship trophy.

The Llamas survived opening match jitters to win a 6-5 penalty shootout against Schweinfurt, defending champions from last year's face off. After ending regulation play tied 1-1 with the Vicenza goal coming from striker Alex De Caro, Llama goalie Mathew Salo shut down the visitors' eighth penalty kick attempt and scored the win-

ning goal to take the game.

Vicenza's second outing, against a team from Aviano Air Base, showed the Llama offense at its powerful best. Ashley Frank put in three goals for the Llamas, Delaney Edger scored two, and Jacob Larson and Cece McKenzie contributed a goal each to the win.

Plowing straight ahead, the Llamas improved to 3-0 with a 5-1 victory over Hohenfels in which De Caro racked up three goals with contributions of a point apiece from Edger and Edwin Maldonado. In semi-final play against Ansbach, Maldonado led the Llamas with three goals and Abby Jackson came through with a penalty kick to advance the team to the finals.

In the final match Nov. 10, Maldonado scored all four goals, starting with a header over Schweinfurt's goalie after seven minutes of play. Vicenza opened up a 2-0 lead eight minutes later, when Maldonado right footed a goal



from 14 meters out. In the second half, he chipped in his third score from five meters out and finished his run with a 20-meter shot that sailed like a bird over the defending goalie into the net.

But super scoring was just one element of the Llamas march to first, said head coach Warren Frank.

"We had a good offense, but our defense was the core of our team. They were our least substituted team members," he said, lauding praise on defenders Matthew and Abby Jackson, Veronyka Thompson, Ethan Johnston and Elizabeth Pepper.

Vicenza was perfect throughout the tournament with a 5-0 record.

"I'm so happy for this team. The players are 11-15 years old, playing in a 13-15 year age division, and are such a joy to coach," said Llamas assistant coach Bruno De Caro.

"I have been coaching for the past four years and, especially in the past two years, the kids have built up very good relationships and worked on teamwork," he said.

"I think our tactical skills have improved since last year and we are a great group, able to communicate with each other," said offensive star Alex De Caro.

In the end, Vicenza took the winner's trophy, Schweinfurt finished second, Grafenwoehr was third, Ansbach fourth and Aviano took fifth. Livorno and Hohenfels tied for sixth place.

"This is my second year in a row playing here in Vicenza," said Livorno player Kayla Ford, 15. "The tournament is very challenging."

Win, lose or draw, the general consensus was that all the players walked off the field with something to take home.

"I think this tournament is a fantastic opportunity to meet with other teams, to see the talent out there, especially overseas where we need these opportunities for the kids," said first-year Livorno team coach Thomas Danley.



Photo by Laura Kreider

The Vicenza Llamas move the ball against Aviano Nov. 9 on Caserma Ederle on their way to a 5-0 sweep at the IMCOM East Region Junior Soccer Tournament.

Camp Darby appreciates military families

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

The Darby Military Community Army Community Service and Morale, Welfare and Recreation hosted a Military Family Appreciation Barbeque Nov. 7 for the benefit of all DMC service members and their families.

Seeing how November is Military Family Appreciation Month and a time to give thanks, the pre-Thanksgiving event was well timed and very welcome.

"To come together and celebrate is what our community needs," said 731st Munitions Squadron Commander Maj. Tracie Martin. "It is a big deal to thank military families for all the things they do and all the sacrifices they make."

Dinner was a barbeque prepared by Better Opportunity for Single Service members, and activities included a tie-dye your own T-shirt corner, No More Teasing and Bullying Bullseye games, free stress relieving massages, a credit union information booth and a raffle.

The history of Military Family Appreciation Month dates back to 1993, when it was first celebrated as an initiative of the Armed Services YMCA. The U.S. government has recognized the holiday ever since, with a presidential proclamation issued annually and locally planned events for military families taking place across the United States and around the world.

Keeping the nation whole

This year the presidential proclamation stated, "During Military Family Month, we celebrate the families who make daily sacrifices to keep our Nation whole, and we remember a most sacred obligation: to serve them as well as they serve us."

Other ACS events coming up in the near future include a financial readiness class; Dine on a Dime Single Soldier meal; Benvenuti Cultural College; travel training and culture class in Florence; and the popular Single Service Member Cookie Express.

For information and to participate, call 633-7636/7084 or 050-54-7636/7084.





Speak Out

What is the most recent show or concert you have seen?



Laura Nance
Postal Service Center

"The rock concert Tool, in Tucson, Arizona."



Airman 1st Class Taylor Holt
U.S. Air Force

"It was the comedy show at the Darby Community Club."



Evelyn Watkins
ACS

"It was my son's group, the Tropico del Cancro concert during Oktoberfest at the DMC."



Family and MWR

Vicenza Military Community

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

Show everyone who's got the best game in the Christmas Spirit tournament on Dec 13-15. Register your team by Dec 6 at the Fitness Center. Coaches meeting held on Dec 10. For info, call 634-7009.

ODR Trips

- Nov 17, Italian Military Academy of Modena
 - Nov 23, San Marino
 - Nov 28, Thanksgiving Lunch in Mountain Lodge
 - Dec 1, Merano & Bolzano Christmas Market
- Complete list and trip info on www.vicenza.armyMWR.com

Tax Relief Office (TRO) Closure

The Tax Relief Office will be closed on November 28-29. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, Dec 2.



7th Annual Angel Tree

Help a Soldier's child; adopt an angel this holiday season. Event kicks off on Nov 19. Select an angel card from the trees located in the PX and in the ACS lobby, purchase a gift and place it in the collection box at the PX.

Thanksgiving Paintball

Blast friends with paint and be home in time for the turkey. Contact ODR at 634-7453 or register on WebTrac.

Vicenza Turkey Trot

Join our Italian neighbors for a 4K fun run around Lake Fimon in honor of Thanksgiving on Nov 23. Register 8-8:45 a.m., run begins at 9 a.m. For info, call 634-7616.

'Celebrate Christmas' Holiday Show

Performed by a talented Community cast of all ages and guaranteed to get you in the holiday spirit! Tickets on sale at Soldiers' Theatre. Scheduled shows Dec 6-15, Fri & Sat at 7:30 p.m., Sun at 2 p.m. For info, contact 634-7281.



Holiday Cupcake Challenge

Dig out your best recipe, add some smoky hot chipotle pepper and you could win the challenge! Registration deadline is Nov 27. For more info, visit the website.

Register using MWR Online Services for:

Vicenza Trip & Vicenza CYSS

Classes

Activities

Vicenza Facebook Page





Darby Military Community



TRX Straps Classes

Strengthen your core with TRX straps! This class is suitable for high and low fitness levels. Classes held Tuesdays at noon. Visit our website to download the entire fitness calendar.

Parent's Night Out

Relax and let CYSS take care of the kids on Nov 23, 5:45-11 p.m. Cost is \$20 and includes an evening snack. Register by Nov 20 at Parent Central Services or on WebTrac.

ODR Trips

Nov 23, Ferrari Museum
Nov 28, Florence Trip
Dec 7, Medieval Christmas Market in Lucca
Dec 14, Florence Noel Trip
Complete list and trip info on www.vicenza.armyMWR.com

Parent Advisory Council

An opportunity for parents to receive up-to-date information, provide input to CYSS programs and earn Parent Participation points. The Nov 27 PAC will discuss:

- CYSS Annual Inspection Update
- Holiday hours

For more information about the upcoming PAC, contact 633-7681.

Airport Shuttle Service

Planning on traveling over the holidays and need a ride to the airport? Call Outdoor Recreation and schedule your shuttle service at 633-7775/7589.

Dolomites Weekend Ski Trip

Register by Dec 1 for the weekend trip to the Dolomites Jan 18-20, 2014. Perfect place for cross-country ski lovers. For info, call ODR at 633-7775/7589.



Register using MWR Online Services for:

Darby Trip & Classes Darby CYSS Activities

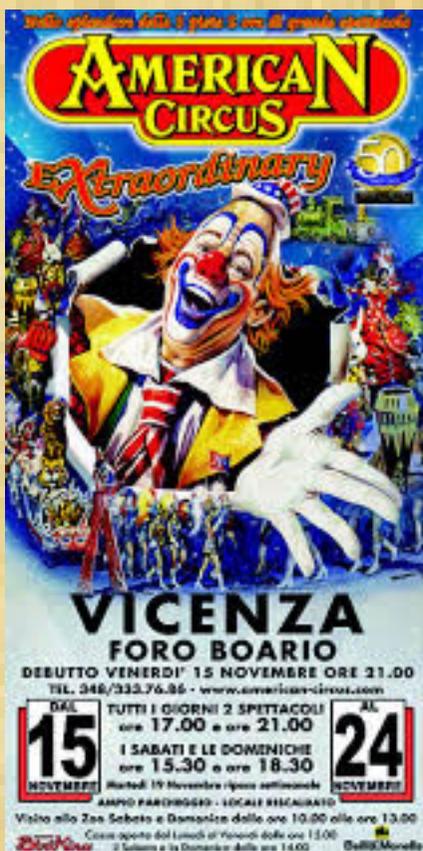


Darby Facebook Page

VENETO

American Circus Extraordinary

Through Nov. 24 in Vicenza, Viale Leonardo da Vinci, next to Villaggio; Nov. 15, 9 p.m., Nov. 16-17 and Nov. 23-24, 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Nov. 18-22, 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Special rates for American military and their families: lateral unnumbered seat, €8; central unnumbered seat, €15. For reduced rates, show your ID at the box office; not available Sunday matinees.



Fiera dei Santi

All Saints Festival

Nov. 16-17, in Arzignano, Corso Garibaldi, Piazza Libertà, Piazza Marconi, about 16 miles west of Vicenza. Food booths feature local specialties and wines; carnival rides, shows, performances, sports and live music. Downtown stores will be open on Sunday.

Festa de La Cincionela co' la rav

Sausage with turnip festival

Nov. 16-17, in Chiampo, Piazza about 16 miles west of Vicenza; food booths open at 6 p.m., live music at 9 p.m.

Sapori & Profumi

Tastes and Flavors

Nov. 16, 3-7:30 p.m. and Nov. 17, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3-7:30 p.m.; in Bassano del Grappa, Piazza Libertà and Piazza Garibaldi, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza; booths feature local and national products and wines.

Motor Expo: Vintage auto, bike and parts fair

Nov. 16, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Nov. 17, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., in Cassola, Bassano Expo, Via Valsugana 22; admission is €7, free for children under 13.

Giardini di Natale Christmas

Christmas Gardens market

Nov. 16-17, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3-7 p.m. in Asiago, Piazza Carli and nearby streets; food booths featuring local specialties, typical Christmas sweets and crafts.

Natale Flover Village

Christmas Market

Ongoing through Jan. 12, 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; closed Dec. 25 and Jan 1; in Bussolengo (Verona), Via Pastregno 16, about 42 miles west of Vicenza; admission is €1 on Saturday and Sunday until Dec. 15; free on weekdays.

Cosmo Food, Beverage and Technology

Nov. 16-17, 9 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., Nov. 18-19, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria 16; admission, €6; free for children under 10.

Concerts at Vicenza Teatro Comunale

Just west of the *centro storico* at Viale Giuseppe Mazzini 6-39, with adjacent paid parking available.

Gringolts Quartet: Nov. 25, 8:45 p.m., tickets are €20; €10,60 under 30

Invento e Canto: Dec. 1, 4:30 p.m., classical music for children and parents; admission is €3

Piano and violin: Dec. 2, 8:45 p.m., tickets are €20; €10.60 (under 30)

Gospel in Vicenza with Summertime Choir: Dec. 15, 5 p.m. and 8:45 p.m., tickets are €15; €10.60 (under 12)

VicenzAcustica

Acoustic Festival

Annual celebration of the acoustic guitar with well known Vicenza maestro and teacher Roberto Dalla Vecchia. Nov. 22, 9 p.m., at the Teatro Astra, Contrà Barche 53 in Vicenza. This year's special guests are Scots wizard Ian Melrose and American fingerpicking ace Harvey Reid. Tickets are €20 at the box office or online at Green Ticket.

Geppetto in English

The Concrete Temple Theatre of New York is trying to attract an audience of 40 or more to stage an English-language performance of Geppetto Nov. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Spazio Bixio Theatre, Via Mameli in Vicenza. Tickets are €7 or €5 for children under 13. The plot meshes two favorite classics, Pinocchio and The Old Man and the Sea, to weave a tale of resilience and ingenuity in the face of flux and change. Live musical accompaniment is provided by a cellist. If interested, please call the Teatro Impiria at 340-592-6978 to make a reservation or send them an email before Nov. 22.



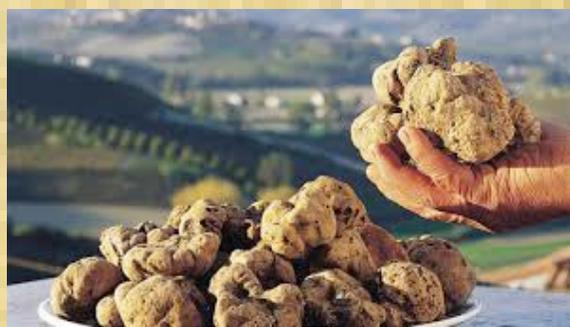
Geppetto comes to Vicenza

Area antique markets for Nov. 17

Asiago: 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Via Trento and Via J. Scaiara.
Godega di Sant'Urbano: 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Via Roma, about 78 miles northeast of Vicenza. Montagnana, 8 a.m. to sunset, in Piazza Maggiore 150, about 27 miles south of Vicenza.

Padova: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Prato della Valle, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza.

Soave: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., in Piazza Antonio Marogna and Corso Vittorio Emanuele, about 23 miles west of Vicenza.



Tartufo bianco – 43^a Mostra Mercato Internazionale White Truffle – 43rd International exhibit and sale

Nov. 16-17, and Nov. 23-24, in San Miniato (Pisa), Piazza del Popolo 1. Food booths, local crafts exhibit and sale, entertainment; in Piazza Dante, 11 a.m. to noon, antique market.

Area antique markets this weekend

Certaldo (Florence): Nov. 17, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza Boccaccio e Via 2 Giugno.

Lucca: Nov. 16-17, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza Antelminelli, Piazza S. Giovanni, Piazza San Giusto, Via San Giovanni, Corte Bertolini.

Marina di Grosseto (Grosseto): Nov. 17, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Via XXIV Maggio.

Quarrata (Pistoia): Nov. 17, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Piazza Risorgimento.

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CONCERTS

Alter Bridge and Halestorm - Nov. 19 in Milan

Yellowcard - Nov. 22 in Florence

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

New York Ska Jazz Ensemble - Dec. 27 in Mezzago

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

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

James Blunt - March 18 in Assago (Milan)

Yes - May 17 in Padova, May 18 in Assago (Milan)

Tickets at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center or online.

TUSCANY

November Fest – La Festa della Birra November Fest – Beer Fest

Nov. 15-17, Nov. 21-24, 7 p.m. to 2 a.m., in Coltano, Pisa, Via Aurelia 9; food booths feature pork shank, Nuremberg sausages, ham and cheese, Bavarian strudel, pretzels and many German beers; live music by the German Die Wilderer band; free shuttle bus from Pisa train station and Piazza Garibaldi.

Mostra mercato del Tartufo Bianco White Truffle exhibit and sale

Nov. 16-17, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., in San Giovanni d'Asso (Siena); food booths feature truffle specialties and typical products; local crafts exhibit and sale; shows and live music.



Alter Bridge and Halestorm in Milano Nov. 19

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

VMS flu deadline

Nov. 17 is the deadline for all students to meet the school's flu vaccine requirement. Documentation of vaccination or a signed waiver is required. To comply in time, call 634-5710 or email Kathy.Thomas@eu.dodea.edu

USAHC Flu shot Fridays

Flu shots for adults are now available Friday mornings at the U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza from 10 a.m. to noon. Please note, the USAHC will be open Thursday, Nov. 21, from 8 a.m. to noon only for a unit function and will be closed Nov. 28 for Thanksgiving and Nov. 29 for a training holiday. The U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza reminds parents of children 6 months to 8 years of age that their youngsters should receive two doses of seasonal influenza, with at least four weeks between the two. Vaccination is available at the Health Center Immunization Clinic during walk-in hours for children receiving the seasonal vaccine for the first time, for those whose vaccination status is unknown, and for children who have not received two or more total doses of seasonal influenza vaccine since July 2010. Immunization hours Monday through Wednesday, 8-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30



Celebrating Our 3rd Year!

Music Café

at Soldiers' Theatre

November 15
7:30 p.m. | Free!

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p.m.; and Friday, 8-11:30 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Not open for walk-in vaccinations on Thursday.

Native American Heritage Month

The Caserma Ederle Library will host a Native American Heritage Month reading and craft project for children aged 2-4 years on Thursday, Nov. 21, beginning at 11 a.m.

Vicenza AFAP Conference

The Vicenza Military Community will gather Thursday, Nov. 14, to wrestle with tough issues during the annual Army Family Action Plan Conference at the Golden Lion Conference Center. The conference brings together Soldiers, civilians and family members to discuss more than 40 issues proposed by the community. Working groups will look at each proposed issue and determine which might be resolved at the local level, or should

be forwarded to higher command for further consideration. Spokespersons for each working group will brief the entire AFAP group and a final out brief will be presented to the command at 9 a.m. in the Soldiers' Theatre. All are welcome to attend.

Postal Center hours

The Ederle and Del Din Postal Service Centers will have reduced operating hours Wednesday, Nov. 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., to allow for holiday organization activities. The centers will be closed Nov. 28 for Thanksgiving and resume normal hours, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., on Nov. 29.

Del Din postal service

The Caserma Del Din Postal Service Center continues to offer a limited number of CMR receptacles to both military members and civilians who work on Del Din and wish to change their APO address from Caserma Ederle through Nov. 29. For information and assistance call 633-8017.

Soldiers' Theatre events

Tickets are on sale for the holiday

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season production, **Celebrate Christmas**. Performances will be Dec. 6-15, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Call 634-7281 or 044-471-7281 for information and reservations.

The Music Café returns Friday night, Nov. 15, at 7:30 p.m. Join community musicians for an evening of open mic performance and jamming in a relaxed atmosphere. All are welcome.

VMS debate judges sought

Judges are sought for the Vicenza Middle School Speech and Debate Tournament to be held Nov. 26 from 3-5:30 p.m. at the school. More than 50 students will participate and 30-40 volunteer judges are sought to make the event a success. No experience is necessary; a judge's meeting explaining balloting and scoring will be conducted that day beginning at 2:30 p.m. explaining expectations and balloting. Contact tournament organizer Angela Wilson to volunteer at angela.wilson@eu.dodea.edu

FEHB Open Season is here

FEHB Open Season runs through Dec. 9. **Premium rates**, set by OPM, are online at www.opm.gov/insure/health/rates/index.asp

FEDVIP dental rates are online at www.opm.gov/insure/dental/rates/index.asp

FEDVIP vision rates are online at www.opm.gov/insure/vision/rates/index.asp

Electronic health plan brochures are online at <http://www.opm.gov/healthcare-insurance/healthcare/plan-information/guides>

Get general information at <http://www.opm.gov/retirement-services/publications-forms/benefits-administration-letters/2013/13-401.pdf>

CFC Overseas date extended

This year's Combined Federal Campaign Overseas contribution deadline has been extended to Dec. 6, in part due to disruptions caused by the federal government shutdown and

furlough. Contact your unit or agency representative for information.

Commissary holiday hours

The Caserma Ederle Commissary has set its hours of operation for the upcoming holiday season:

Nov. 25: Monday before Thanksgiving - open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Nov. 28: Thanksgiving - closed

Dec. 23: Monday before Christmas - open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve - open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dec. 25-26: Christmas - closed

Dec. 30: Monday before New Year's - open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Dec. 31: New Year's Eve - open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Jan. 1: New Year's Day - closed

Holiday mail postal deadlines

* **SAM parcels:** Nov. 26

* **PAL parcels:** Dec. 3

* **Priority parcels and first class letters:** Dec. 10

At the movies



Ederle Theater

Nov. 14	7 p.m.	Thor: The Dark World in 3D (PG-13) *
Nov. 15	7 p.m.	Thor: The Dark World (PG-13) *
	10 p.m.	Thor: The Dark World (PG-13) *
Nov. 16	3 p.m.	Thor: The Dark World (PG-13) *
	6 p.m.	Thor: The Dark World (PG-13) *
Nov. 17	3 p.m.	Thor: The Dark World (PG-13) *
	6 p.m.	Thor: The Dark World (PG-13) *
Nov. 20	11 a.m.	Captain Phillips (PG-13)
	7 p.m.	Machete Kills (R)
Nov. 21	7 p.m.	Captain Phillips (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

Thor: The Dark World

Faced with an enemy that even Odin and Asgard cannot withstand, Thor must embark on his most perilous and personal journey yet to confront the Aether of the Dark Elves, which threatens all creation. This action fantasy reunites the mighty one with the human Jane Foster, but may force him to sacrifice everything he holds dear to prevail. Stars Chris Hemsworth and Natalie Portman.

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YOUTH PROGRAM STAR GAZING
KICK BACK NIGHT
 at the Youth Center



November 23
from 5:45 - 11 p.m.

THE SMOKIN' HOT HOLIDAY CUPCAKE CHALLENGE

FOLLOWING THE TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Ready? Set? Bake! Get signed up for this holiday themed contest where you can show off your culinary skills by making the best cupcakes with the most wild ingredient: chipotle pepper.

Registration Fee: \$5

Limited to 40 Participants

Register by November 27 at the Tax Relief Office

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

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AT THE EDERLE TEEN CENTER



**For more info & complete rules
visit www.vicenza.armyMWR.com.**

Outlook Religious Activities

Chaplain Crisis Line

To speak with a chaplain after hours, call 634-KARE (634-5273)

Vicenza

Sunday services

9 a.m.: Mass, Sacrament of Reconciliation following Mass or during duty hours

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

1:30 p.m.: Full Gospel Pentecostal worship

5 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Tuesday

9 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

6 p.m.: PWOC Bible study. Dinner provided; no child care

Wednesday

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.



THANKSGIVING COLORING CONTEST

Have your child (3-11 years) try their hand at the Thanksgiving Coloring Contest.

**Pickup coloring sheets beginning November 4.
Return coloring sheets by November 22.**

**Voting begins November 25. | Winner announced November 29.
Categories includes "Neatest" and "Most Creative".
All entries will be posted.**

For more info contact the library at 634-7291

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