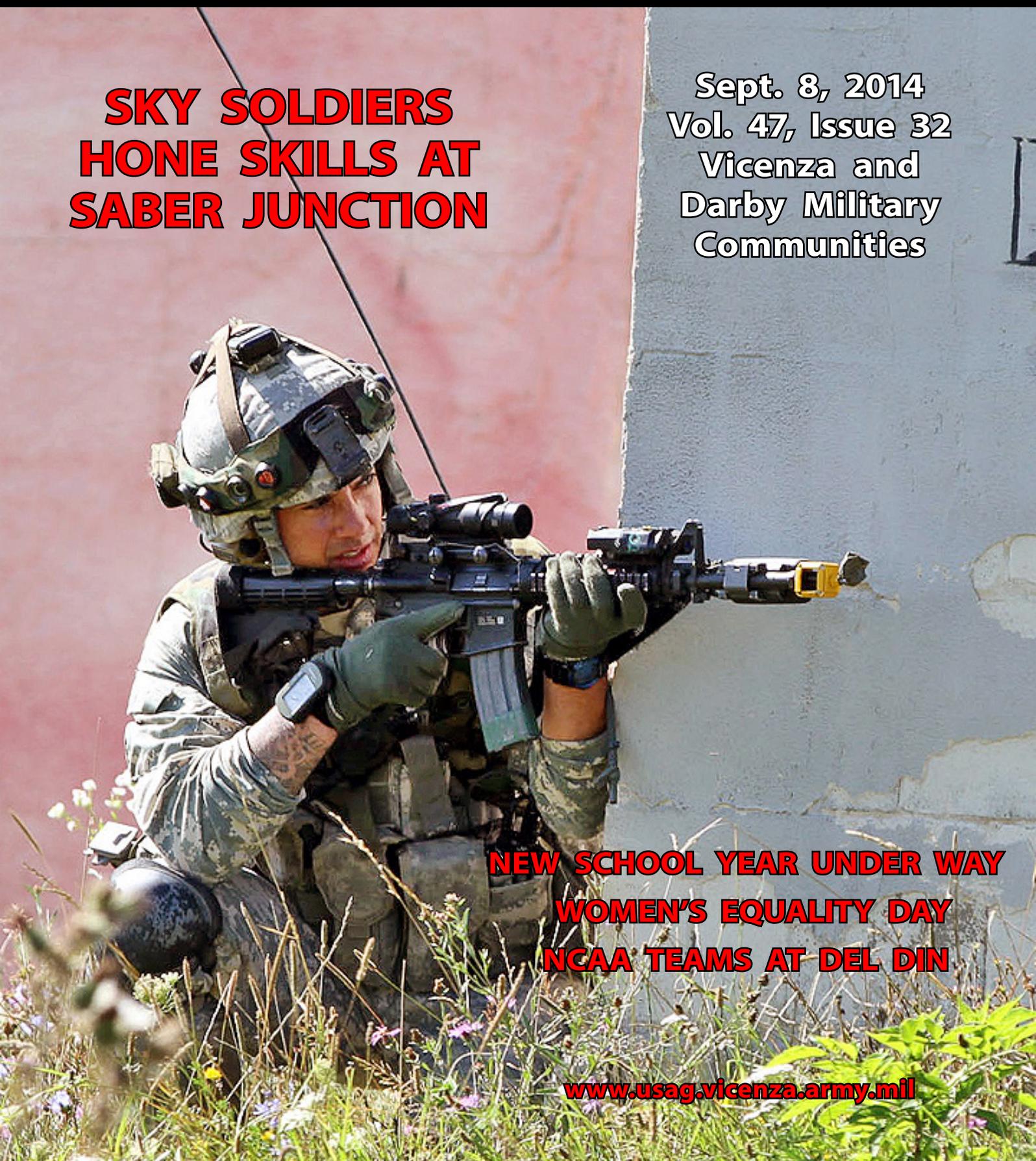


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On the cover

A A 173rd Airborne Brigade paratrooper takes cover before moving forward during an air assault mission at Hohenfels Training Area, Germany Aug. 28. The Sky Soldiers have been taking part in Exercise Saber Junction, which involves U.S., NATO allies and European security partners, conducting unified land operations.

Photo by Sgt. Christina Dion

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Freedom 6: Remembering 9/11

By Lt. Gen. Donald M. Campbell Jr.
Commander, U.S. Army Europe

Team,

Thirteen years ago, this day, September 11, was seared into the minds of the American people and people around the world.

However, that day's destruction and devastation did not condemn our country to a future filled with fear; far from it. This loss, profound as it was, did not break the soul of our nation. It has actually made us stronger. That day fortified Americans with pride and patriotism and created a spirit of service in the hearts of a new generation.

For the first time in our history we have faced more than a decade of persistent conflict with an all-volunteer force. In the last 13 years, more than one million men and women have deployed with the armed forces, permanently writing on our nation's scroll of honor and sacrifice names such as Giunta, Petry, Pitts and McGinnis.

Our nation, and our Army, have changed dramatically in the past 13 years. The Army has become more versatile to meet global needs and

has adapted to a changing and volatile world. But the change we face does not come like it did on 9/11. It is a gradual change, but a change nonetheless, and I am confident that our nation, our people and our Army will grow stronger still.

With these changes, however, one thing remains the same: the Army — and U.S. Army Europe — is always about its Soldiers. We are about the people and we stand together.

As we continue our vital mission here in Europe, we work side by side every day with our partners and allies in the hope of deterring aggression and securing freedom.

So I ask everyone on our great Team to take the time to remember the events of Sept. 11, 2001. Reflect on the extraordinary acts of courage that we all saw that day and express our gratitude by carrying on that spirit of courage and loyalty.

Never, ever forget.

**Strong Soldiers, Strong Teams!
Freedom 6**

Speak Out

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



Hakeem Smith

VHS freshman

"Probably just the high school experience and extracurricular activities."



Juliet DeLaRosa

VHS senior

"Having a great senior year and to prepare myself for college."



Andrew McKenzie

VHS senior

"Assistant teaching at the elementary school throughout the year."

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Hon. Jessica Wright to hold VMC Town Halls



The Honorable Jessica Wright

By USAG Vicenza

All Vicenza Military Community service members, civilian personnel and spouses are highly encouraged to attend a Town Hall next Friday, Sept. 12, with the Honorable Jessica Wright, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.

Wright is the senior policy adviser to the Secretary of Defense on recruitment, career development, pay and benefits, and is responsible for overseeing the overall state of military readiness.

Some of the areas within her purview include tuition assistance, promotions, deployments, TRICARE

and the military health care system, oversight of civilian personnel policies, Commissary oversight, DoDEA military education activity, civilian employment and transition to veterans programs.

She will hold a Town Hall specifically geared to spouses from 1-2 p.m. and second gathering to address military and civilian support staff from 3-4 p.m. Both Town Halls will take place upstairs at the Arena on Caserma Ederle.

This is an opportunity to engage a senior policy official on a variety of military, civilian employee and family related topics.

All are welcome, all are urged to attend.

Be prepared, know what to do

By Shaun Miller

*USAG Vicenza Installation
Emergency Management*

If a disaster strikes, would you and your family be ready?

This month marks the 11th year of National Preparedness Month. This month-long campaign, which takes place every September, promotes emergency awareness and preparedness, and strengthens our ability as a community to prevent, prepare for,



Preparing a basic disaster kit is smart.

mitigate, respond to and recover from any natural or manmade disaster.

We can never fully predict when a disaster will strike, but we can individually and collectively ensure that we are prepared to respond accordingly.

This year's theme for National Preparedness Month is **Be Disaster Aware, Take Action to Prepare**. Your Installation Emergency Management office would like you to take a moment and visit www.ready.gov to see simple steps you can take. They include keeping an emergency kit in your office and at home, and keeping copies of important family documents in a safe place.

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

For your home, think ahead with your Family Emergency Plan. A simple plan can be found at http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil/sites/local/emergency_management_office.asp.

At work or at school? Ensure you and your family members know the best

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

When looking to create a basic disaster kit look no further than your post exchange and commissary, where items for a basic emergency supply kit can easily be found.

As individuals we can make a difference by getting involved in our community, for instance by joining the America's Prepareathon! campaign. All families and individuals are encouraged to join and can do so by visiting the Ready Army website, www.ready.army.mil, and pledging to prepare.

Your Installation Emergency Management office will have relevant displays at both the Vicenza and Camp Darby PXs Sept. 18 and 23, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to provide community members with easy tips on how to prepare for disasters.

Are you ready to make a difference for yourself, your family and your community? Take the pledge and be Army Ready.



Volunteers should meet at the kiosk on Via del Lago.

Spend the day helping clean up at Lake Fimon

By USAG Vicenza PAO

The *Comune* of Arcugnano and the town Alpini Association invite the American military community to join them at Lago di Fimon, or Lake Fimon, Saturday, Sept. 20, for a day of socializing while cleaning up the lakeside nature area.

A 20-minute drive from Caserma Ederle, the lake is a popular location for Vicenza Military Community activities ranging from VHS cross-country meets to the annual Turkey Trot, and well known to runners, cyclists and horseback riders.

Volunteers should meet at the Via del Lago kiosk beginning at 9 a.m. and are asked to wear sturdy shoes and bring a pair of work gloves and a reflective vest. All other tools and supplies will be provided by the *comune* and the Alpini, including snacks and drinks to enjoy after the clean-up.

Anyone who would like to follow a lead vehicle to the site should meet at the USAG Vicenza HHC, Building 16 on Caserma Ederle, for an 8:30 a.m. departure.

This will be a great chance to meet Italian neighbors and make new friendships while making a positive difference to the environment here, where we live.

For more information on the Lake Fimon clean-up and other community service opportunities, call 0444-71-7000, 634-7000 or email anna.ciccotti2.ln@mail.mil

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Eco Center changes to improve services

By Rodger Allison

DPW Environmental Division

Mixed chemicals exposed to Vicenza weather conditions are a disaster waiting to happen. We all know that mixing household items such as bleach with ammonia causes harmful and sometimes deadly vapors to be released. Other chemicals that we use around the house also lead to harmful and dangerous conditions when improperly stored.

Fire and safety inspectors reviewed operations at the Eco Center and pointed out unsafe conditions exist there. Additionally, the current hours of the Eco Center violate Italian law and the Italy Final Governing Standards (Italian environmental norms), which require the Eco Center to be closed when unattended.

External inspections by Installation Management Command Europe and the Army Environmental Command also pointed out opportunities for improvement at the Eco Center. Therefore, it is necessary for the garrison to make some changes that will meet the needs of the community while improving our safety and legal posture.

Beginning Sept. 29, hours of operations at the Eco Center on Caserma Ederle will change to 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. The Eco Center will closed Sundays.

This change will allow the community access to the Eco Center before the start and after the end of the normal duty day, as well as during lunch and on weekends. This change also ensures that someone is available to assist with questions about waste disposal when customers deliver household wastes to the Eco Center. Employees of AIM, our Vicenza area recycler and waste disposal company, will be on hand to help.

However, the Eco Center can no longer accept all wastes. Therefore, it is important that everyone know what materials they have and where it should be delivered. For instance, household hazardous waste, such as bleach, paint, oil, window cleaner and others like it must be taken to the Hazardous Substances Control Center at Building 275 in Caserma Ederle. Call 335-722-3660 for an appointment.

If you have automotive wastes such as auto parts, tires or lead acid batteries, they go to the Auto Skills Center for disposal.

Any medical waste such as expired medicines or sharps materials may be taken to the Health Center on Caserma Ederle.

Unfortunately, many of us do not plan ahead when it comes to waste until it becomes a crisis. That is when frustration reaches its peak. Take a little time now and use the information below to determine where your waste goes. In fact, print it, clip it, and put it on the fridge for future reference. It will save a lot of time and headache later.

Items accepted at the Eco Center as of Sept. 29: Metal, glass, wood, paper, green waste (tree limbs, grass, leaves), electric waste, stove/washer/dryer, hair dryer/coffee pot/treadmill, electronic waste (computer, cell phone, etc.), bulk waste, grills, bicycles, exercise equipment, mattresses.

No longer accepted will be tires, vehicle batteries (lead acid, etc.), auto parts, refrigerators, air conditioners, energy-saving light bulbs, oil, paint, aerosol cans (paint, hair spray, WD-40, etc.), bleach, household cleaners (floor, window, oven), medicines, medical sharp waste (needles, lancets, etc.), government property and classified material.

Go to the Auto Skills Center, Building 44, to recycle tire, auto parts, vehicle batteries or anti-freeze. They are open Monday through Friday, noon to 8 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 634-7014 for assistance.

To recycle medicines and medical waste, go the U.S. Army Health Center, Building 2310. They are open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 636-9000 for assistance.

To dispose of government property or classified material, consult your unit chain of command.

For all other prohibited waste, call the Hazardous Substance Control Center at 335-722-3660 to make an appointment. They are located in Building 275 on Caserma Ederle.

JOIN THE FUN!

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September



Go With the Flow Yoga
September 8-29, 4-5 p.m. (Mondays)
SKIESUnlimited Annex, Bldg. 395
Learn meditation, relaxation, breathing exercises & poses in Vinyasa Flow Yoga for beginners.
Cost: \$20 | Enrollment is ongoing. | Grades 6-12

Youth Boxing Training/Conditioning
September 2 – October 2, 4:30-6 p.m. (Tuesdays & Thursdays)
Ederle Fitness Center's Combative Room
Come learn emotional and physical self-discipline, focus, teamwork and a great work ethic to succeed in life.
Cost: \$20 | Enrollment is ongoing. | Grades 3-12

Spinning the Wheel Pottery
September 3-24, 3:30-5 p.m. (Wednesdays)
Arts & Crafts Center
Join this highly enjoyable way to express yourself. It can also offer physical therapy by increasing hand-eye coordination, along with mental concentration.
Cost: \$20 | Enrollment is ongoing. | Grades 5-12

Track for Youth
September 8 – October 1, 4:15-5:15 p.m. (Mondays & Wednesdays)
Ederle Track and Field
Get into your best running shape in preparation for the November 22 Family and MWR Turkey Trot. Gobble up miles of strength and conditioning.
Cost: \$20 | Enrollment is ongoing. | Grades 1-12

U.S. Army Child, Youth & School Services

Open to grades 3-12. (see grade ranges above)
To enroll visit CYSS Parent Central Services or register online with WebTrac. Register for one or all.
For more information call 634-7219.
www.vicenza.armyMWR.com





Photo by Paolo Bovo

VMC staff and community members re-enact a debate on women's suffrage during the Women's Equality Day event Aug. 26.

VMC honors, celebrates Women's Equality Day

By Julie M. Lucas
USAG Vicenza PAO

History was brought to life on Women's Equality Day at Caserma Ederle Aug. 26.

Four Soldiers took the stage on the second floor of the Arena to give a debate about women's voting rights as part of an event sponsored by the U.S. Army Africa Equal Opportunity Office. "We wanted to celebrate the inequality of women's rights in the early 1900s," said Master Sgt. David Rawlings, EO adviser for USARAF. "The antagonist was showing the views of the population and those against women's rights, whereas Sojourner Truth and Susan B. Anthony presented the argument for women's voting rights."

During the spirited debate, boos came from attendees. One of the men argued that it doesn't state in the Bible that women should vote and that women should trust their fathers and husbands.

Sgt. James Malpino of USARAF read aloud President Barack Obama's pro-

clamation for Women's Equality Day.

A slideshow of facts was presented before the event with information about how the Fair Labor Standards were changed to include rights for women and court cases involving women and their employment. One historical slide said, "A woman's place is in the home, not the voting booth," reflecting the attitude of the time that women would vote as their husbands

would.

The day was kicked off with a 5-kilometer fun run around Caserma Ederle. Nearly 180 participants showed up for the run in which door prizes were awarded.

"We want to thank the community for participating in both events, the run and the historical re-enactment, because it is the community that makes the programs, not EO," Rawlings said.



USAG Vicenza Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Council and actors cut a celebratory cake after the debate Aug. 26.

Photo by Paolo Bovo

Sky Soldiers execute air assault at Saber Junction

Story and photo by Sgt. Christina Dion
U.S. Army Europe

HOHENFELS, Germany - After walking about 3 kilometers through forests, paratroopers of Company A, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, made their way from the air assault infiltration location and tactically moved on foot through thick vegetation.

Their objective was to conduct a deliberate attack on the military operations on an urban terrain site known as Haaslat Village at Hohenfels Training Area Aug. 28.

It was another typical day in Haaslat, a sleepy town quiet but for the few patrons at the café and across the street eating lunch. Villagers knew of the enemy combatants who had taken over the building across the two-lane road, but other than the helicopters flying overhead like hawks looking for prey, nothing seemed out of place.

Sound of gunfire

Then the quiet ended with the sound of gunfire echoing in the distance. The vegetation was so thick that no one was visible where the gunfire came from. Were more enemy combatants coming to take the rest of the village?

Once at the wood line, the paratroopers used a natural berm as a shield. They provided cover fire and kept the opposing forces engaged while squads ran to the buildings to begin the deliberate attack on the village.

The paratroopers in platoon-size teams stormed the buildings in a zigzag and leap-frog formation with other platoons, said Spc. Nicholas Smart of Rye, New Hampshire. One platoon at a time, they entered each building, clearing enemy combatants from the village.

The "enemy combatants" were members of the Massachusetts Army National Guard, playing the role of the OPFOR, or opposing force, as part of Exercise Saber Junction 14.

On the ground, Sky Soldier leaders



Paratroopers with Alpha Co., 1st-503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade, wait for helicopters to pull them off the battlefield at Haaslat Village, Hohenfels Training Area, Germany, Aug. 28 during an air assault component of Exercise Saber Junction 2014.

used all available assets to gather intelligence from the Apache air weapons teams aloft, tracking OPFOR on rooftops and eliminating the enemy.

While the paratroopers completed their mission successfully, they sustained "casualties," identified by the beeping of their Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System (MILES) gear, the laser-enabled training aid worn by all Soldiers in the air assault and attack on Haaslat.

All movements and tasks completed were as realistic as possible, including the evacuation of "wounded." The most severely hurt were carried by fellow paratroopers through the overgrown, rough terrain to board a helicopter taking them to the hospital. Observer controller Sgt. 1st Class Sean Spoons of Jacksonville, Florida, said the group executed perfectly.

"They had a solid plan, established good company-level tactics, tech-

niques and procedures," Spoons said. "Even down to the lowest Soldier, they knew what to do. If their leadership had disappeared, they could carry on and execute the mission."

The realism of Saber Junction provides a vital opportunity for U.S. service members to train as they fight, he said.

Before calling an end to the exercise, the paratroopers boarded two UH-60 Blackhawks and a UH-47 Chinook helicopter to exit the battlefield and return to their base camp.

Saber Junction 14 also features paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade leading a multinational, joint forcible entry exercise in the Baltic states, while simultaneously serving as part of a multinational brigade task force at the Joint Multinational Training Command's Joint Multinational Readiness Center to conduct offensive and defensive operations.

Filing PCS damage claims doesn't have to hurt

By Tsvetana Bombeva

OSJA Client Services

PCS season can be very stressful and that stress is often exacerbated when moving overseas.

With so many things occurring all at once, finding a place to live, adapting to a new culture, getting into the battle rhythm of a new assignment, enrolling family members in various programs and the like, it is easy to forget to take the steps necessary to ensure you receive the money to which you are entitled for household goods and unaccompanied baggage damaged during shipment.

Previously, if your belongings were damaged during a military move travelers were only compensated based on the depreciated or fair market value of the item. This changed in 2007 when the Department of Defense entered into a new contract with transportation service providers (TSPs) that now enables claimants to obtain the full replacement value (FRV) of destroyed or lost items.

In other words, the TSP is required to replace lost items with a new item or pay the cost of a new item of the same kind and quality. As this change can mean more money in your pocket, it pays to be fully informed of the process.

First, claimants must provide notice of loss or damage to the TSP. Obvious loss or damage discovered during delivery must be recorded on the Notification of Loss/Damage at Delivery form. Examples would include missing boxes, a shattered television, a major gouge running across a dining room table and the like.

All other damage must be reported within 75 days of the date of delivery by using the Defense Personal Property System (DPS). Second, claimants must file their claim with the TSP within nine months of delivery, also using DPS.

DPS is a web-based program accessible on the Internet within the www.move.mil website. If they haven't already done so, claimants can create a DPS account online

through www.move.mil by providing their personal information. Once registered, one can use DPS to settle claims online directly with the TSP.

U.S. Transportation Command promotes DPS as a centralized, integrated system that is the one-stop source for managing personal property moves. DPS is a sophisticated and valuable resource when it works. Many claimants, however, report difficulty accessing DPS. Claimants also report difficulty filing their notice of loss and claims in DPS. The local Military Claims Office recognizes the difficulties claimants are experiencing with DPS and stands ready and able to assist all claimants during every step of the claims process.

In addition, claimants who are unsatisfied with how the TSP settles a claim, may transfer the claim, in whole or in part, to the local military claims office after the TSP makes a settlement offer or 30 days after the claim's submission to the TSP, whichever comes first, without forfeiting FRV.

The important thing to remember is to Come to Claims. Claims attorneys and examiners can explain how the system works, and how the Army may be able to bring more leverage to bear on the TSP than an individual can as a claimant.

Finally, it is important to note that the TSP has the right to inspect damaged items during the claims adjudication process. The TSP also has the right to take possession of any item for which it has agreed to pay full replacement value or any item it actually replaces. However, items that are hazardous or dangerous to the health or safety of the claimant or the claimant's family, such as broken glass and moldy fabric items, may be thrown out. That said, be sure to document those items with photographs to support a claim before disposing of them.

As always, the Vicenza Claims Office is ready to assist with every step of the process. Call the Vicenza Claims Office at 634-7432/7031 or 0444-71-7432/7031, or stop into the office in Building 241 to consult a claims expert.



Pet Awareness Day

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To the Editor



Photo by Julie M. Lucas

VHS Cougars Nina Tarr (from left), Tori Brock and AJ Munoz make an S2S presentation to newly arrived students at the school Aug. 22.

S2S eases newcomer transition at VHS

By Emma Knapp and Michela Ambruoso

Special to the Outlook

Being a new student is always hard, and living in a military environment, students are used to finding themselves in a new school, making new friends and building new ways of life. However, it doesn't matter how many times you jump from one school to another because, it's often difficult to get adjusted and find your way.

Dr. White, the principal of Vicenza High School, asked that Student to Student run and provide a student orientation for new students and rising freshmen. Student 2 Student members led by sponsor and Italian teacher Ms Michela Ambruoso, complied with great punctuality and positivity to his request.

All new students and families were welcomed to the two hour long orientation Aug. 22. Goody-bags were supplied when students arrived, then everyone was split up into four groups. With the groups lead by members of S2S and student volunteers, new students and families went around the school to four separate sessions where they were met by a variety of the Vicenza High School staff. The sessions involved esteemed students, school counselors, nurses, athletic directors, and administration. Sessions were involved and helped students and parents interact and learn before the start of the school year.

Student2Student is a program which benefits the new students that transition to Vicenza, the members of the

club itself and the school through a multitude of welcoming and introductory activities. These activities include: luncheons with members and new students, a S2S link on our school webpage, brochures and flyers offering them information about the community, joint study trips to downtown Vicenza, Italy, with students from local Italian schools, as well as more personal activities. Personal activities include: matching the new student with an S2S member when they first arrive so they already have someone to help them integrate into the new school environment, tours and orientations provided by members, welcome "goodie-bags," PowerPoint presentations on Vicenza and the Italian culture developed by S2S in conjunction with the Italian Honor Society, students' luncheons. But the most impressive activity which S2S runs at Vicenza High School is the study trip to downtown Vicenza with Italian students from local schools as tour guides. These study trips help new students adjust to Vicenza and allow them to create friendships not only with local Italian kids, which is beneficial to Italian-American relationships in Europe, but with other students who participate in the trip. Last year S2S sponsored three trips to downtown Vicenza.

S2S goals include creating a positive atmosphere for incoming new students at Vicenza High School, thus creating easy transitions for incoming and outgoing students. But it also provides for leadership and training opportunities for its members.

And last but not least: food and fun for all comers.

Apply for free, reduced lunch program now

By **Norie McCall**

Schools liaison officer

Parents of school-age children who have not investigate their eligibility for free or reduced lunch program support this school year should do so now.

The system for submission has changed somewhat from past years. Parents now need to turn in a completed application to Parent Central Services in Davis Hall, Office 42, which is in Building 108 on Caserma Ederle. The office accepts applications Mon-

day through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Once the application is completed and reviewed, parents will receive a notification letter defining their status as either free, reduced or full pay.

At that juncture, parents may go to AAFES to establish and or renew their child's Horizon account to ensure there are sufficient funds for the child's lunches.

Parent Central Services will then conduct a second review of the application, as mandated by regulation, and send out the notification letter to the

parents and AAFES.

Please be aware that there is a cutoff date for filing the 2014-2015 school year application. To date the office has processed applications to enable more than 300 students to qualify for free or reduced lunches; however, once the grace period expires parents who have not completed a new 2014-2015 application will have their children placed in full pay status.

Call 634-5998, 0444-71-5998 or come to Office 42, Davis Hall, for assistance.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Which one is mine?

VHS students and their parents sign out laptops for the school year after picking up their class schedules Aug. 22.

Mark your calendars now

- Sept. 9:** VHS Open House
- Sept. 10:** VES Open House 5-6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 11:** First day of Sure Start at VES
- Sept. 22-23:** No instruction
- Sept. 18:** VHS SAC meets at 3:30 p.m.
- Oct. 2:** Start of early release Thursday schedules
- Oct. 21:** Autumn College Fair.

How the War on Terrorism Has Affected My Family

POSTER/ESSAY CONTEST

Recognize the sacrifices your family has made or is making during the War on Terror since 9/11

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Elementary & Middle School - Poster Entries
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Contest runs now through 15 September

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Pet Awareness Day

Pet Photo Contest

Deadline: September 12
Photos can be dropped off at the Youth Center or Teen Center

Open to Ages 13-18 Years

For more info or entry forms visit www.vicenza.armyMWR.com

USAREUR's best warriors to compete at Grafenwoehr

By U.S. Army Europe PAO

WIESBADEN, Germany - Top Soldiers, noncommissioned officers and junior officers from U.S. Army Europe's major subordinate units will compete in USAREUR's 2014 Best Warrior Competition and Best Junior Officer Competition at the Joint Multinational Training Command in Grafenwoehr, Germany, Sept. 14-19.

The six-day event will challenge the 32 selected competitors to complete a series of some 20 tasks and missions designed to test their knowledge, physical and battlefield skills in hands-on and situational testing, and oral and written examinations.

Competitors will tackle a day and night land navigation exercise, an obstacle course, a physical fitness test, a hand-to-hand combat tournament, a battlefield medical scenario and other physical activities.

Soldiers and officers will also participate in a simulated media interview, write an essay, take a written examination and demonstrate their military knowledge and bearing for a board of sergeants major.

The USAREUR-level competitors were previously selected as their organization's top Soldier, NCO or officer. While units throughout the Army conduct Best Warrior competitions each year to select their best Soldier and NCO, the Best Junior Officer Competition is unique to USAREUR, and highlights the command's best lieutenants and captains.

Winners in the Soldier and NCO categories of the Best Warrior Competition will represent USAREUR in competition at the Department of the Army level, Oct. 6-10 at Fort Lee, Va. Click the link above for more information.



The Kennesaw State University men's players power up before taking on local American and Italian teams in their first ever visit to the Del Din hard court Aug. 8.

Touring NCAA teams play local meets on first visit to Del Din

Story and photos by Laura Kreider
USAG Vicenza PAO

Two NCAA basketball teams travelled to Vicenza last month as part of their annual summer tour of Italy program, during which the American teams visit and play with local Italian teams.

As part of these tours, this time, Kennesaw State University and Cleveland State University made their first ever visit to the Caserma Del Din Fitness Center Aug. 8 and Aug. 13, respectively.

Both teams played a game with a local team followed by a 30-minute game with representatives of the Vicenza post team.

"This experience is absolutely spectacular," said Mike Calhoun of Sport Tours International, which coordinates the worldwide travel of American college teams.

"KSU is very appreciative to come here and, first of all, pay great respect to the service members who serve our



The Cleveland State University women take on the local teams at Del Din Aug. 13.

country," he said.

Calhoun said it is always exciting to bring teams from the U.S. to play in Italy.

"We love Italy, its culture," he said. "We love its people. So any time we get the chance we do that, whether it is in Rome, Florence, Venice, Lucca or Pisa."

On this tour, the KSU team arrived first in Milan and then visited Venice and Vicenza, where they played two games, one off post in Dueville, and one at Del Din, before heading to Florence and Rome.

"I have been organizing these events with the Vicenza Military Community for the past three years," said Stefano Tonello, Veneto region coordinator of NCAA EURhoope 2014."

"I am always in touch with the coaches of the Caserma Ederle basketball teams and community members, and I am thankful to all the American community in Vicenza that hosted this year

sport events with the purpose of reinforcing the bond between Americans and the Vicenza community," he said.

One of Tonello's contacts was Scott Gordon, DFMWR Sports, Fitness and Aquatics director, who said he was happy to be able to assisting with the event.

"A few months ago we started coordinating with Stefano (Tonello), and he came up with a plan saying that Del Din would be a great place to start, a first basketball game ever played in this facility. And now we are looking forward to doing it again," he said.

This year, not only the Men's Division competed against Italians, but also the Women's Division played a week later during their first-ever 10-day tour of Italy.

The Vikings competed as well in Dueville and then at Del Din before a game in Rome that concluded the tour.

Lorenzo Martinelli, coach of a joint se-

lection of Italian players from Vicenza and other towns, expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to meet an NCAA team.

"In the past I have been a spectator of this kind of event, but this time it has been really a beautiful sport experience and also very interesting to visit the installation and its very well structured facilities," he said.

Off season but willing

August is still the off season for Italian teams and Martinelli had some difficulties putting together a competitive team because of the short time available for practice, he said.

"On the hard court the difference was noticeable on the first game, but at Del Din the game was more balanced and it got better," Martinelli said. "The girls had the chance to play and get to know players that will be professional players in the near future and may even come and play in Italy someday."

Mary Sbrissa, a member of the combined Italian team, said she regularly plays in the main Italian division with a team from the Padova area.

"I have been living in the States for three years and coming to play on an American post with the Cleveland basketball team was a very nice experience and a challenge," she said.

Guard Adesuwa Aideyman of the CSU women's team said it was her first time in Italy. "It is an amazing opportunity and everyone was excited for being exposed to the culture," she said.

Rob Veney, who coaches both post teams, said there was a lot of excitement and enthusiasm for the home players.

"Anytime you have a college team like Kennesaw State come in and want to play the post team, it's a morale booster for both, the teams and the community," he said.

"The game was great and a learning experience for some of the guys who never played organized basketball before. The post teams enjoyed playing, but wished it could have lasted a little longer. On behalf of the teams I want to thank MWR and the community for all of their support and look forward to many more events like this in the future," Veney said.



A Vicenza player sets for a free throw against the CSU women at Del Din Aug. 13.



Engineers Gianna Buonanni (left) of Camp Darby DPW and Elisa Giovannetti of Cooperativa lavori Costruzioni check the blueprints on site of the new Leghorn Army Depot construction project Aug. 25.

New Mensa construction begins at Depot

Story and photo by Chiara Mattiolo
Darby Military Community PAO

Construction began on a new dining facility, or Mensa, at Leghorn Army Depot Aug. 25. The project is being undertaken in response to the needs of Italian national personnel working at Camp Darby, who are for the most part located on the depot, about 4 kilometers from Camp Darby.

The project got under way with demolition and construction at the old Directorate of Public Works supply warehouse at the depot, said Gianna Buonanni, contracting office representative for the project. The construction will result in the partial conversion of the present DPW office supply warehouse into the brand new Mensa and the reconfiguration of the remainder as a supply and maintenance area for DPW.

"Presently inside the building there is limited construction, a couple of offices and a mezzanine which will be demolished to allow more dining space," she said.

Work began with the removal and substitution of power lines. The new building will in fact be powered by only an electrical plant, ending the use of liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) at the location.

"The modernity of this new building is that there is no need for an LPG boiler since all the heating and cooling system will be electrical," said Buonanni.

It is expected that in future this move will become even more efficient by connecting the new facility to the already operating photovoltaic generation system in the southern part of the depot, she said.

"With the construction of this building there will be a major saving in boiler maintenance and LPG, but in the longer term

the plan is to use the photovoltaic system to the maximum extent and cut the electrical bill," said Gianluca Lucetti, an electrical design engineer with DPW.

Next steps will include constructing a separation wall with the necessary fire rating. The area on the south of the wall will become the new Mensa and the section to the north will be the supply storage area.

"The Mensa will be capable of feeding approximately 90 people at the same time, with three or four shifts served per meal," said Buonanni. "The facility will be organized on the catering concept, with the exception of certain types of foods, which will be prepared locally."

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www.darby.armyMWR.com

Speak Out

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



Arianna Henderson
Livorno Unit School

"To learn how to read."



Sophia Zamora
Livorno Unit School

"Going to music class."



Elise Payton
Livorno Unit School

"To listening to my teachers."

Digging into Etruscan past at San Silvestro

Story and photo
by Chiara Mattiolo

Darby Military Community PAO

Members of the Darby Military Community can find an a unique touristic destination of choice less than an hour's drive from post.

The Archeological Mines Park of San Silvestro is located about 80 kilometers south of Camp Darby, near the town of Campiglia Maritima. The Val di Cornia Mines of San Silvestro offer a variety of itineraries that lead visitors into the earth and into the past for a better understanding of the ancient practice of minerals extraction during the era of the Etruscans.

The journey begins right at the ticket office, with a walk through the museum of minerals and archeology. From there the visitors can proceed with a guided tour of the mines themselves.

The first itinerary is a 40-minute guided tour inside the ancient mines. Visitors will be provided with helmets and raincoats which are required for the entire duration of the visit.

After the first itinerary, explorers will continue their visit by riding

a small train that drives along the path used in the past for transporting the mined minerals from extraction site to the area where they were crushed to powder.

A breathtaking view from the Rocca di San Silvestro is highly recommended as well. After the underground tour it is literally a breath and then some of fresh air, with a 30-minute walk through the woods to the beautiful Rocca.

Once there, visitors can explore the little medieval miner's village to understand more about the social and economic organization, metallurgical techniques and living traditions of the Etruscan miners and smiths.

The complete tour takes approximately two hours, but can elect whether to follow all itineraries or any combination of the three. Sneakers or walking boots are preferable as footwear. Children are very welcome, but the paths are not stroller friendly.

The mine is open daily from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. from September through June with the exception of Mondays, when it is closed. There are two snack bars available for refreshment, one at the ticket office and one up at the Rocca.



A visit to San Silvestro combines an insight into ancient mining techniques and a breathtaking prospect from the nearby Rocca di San Silvestro.



Family and MWR

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New Classes at Arts & Crafts

Canvas Painting Sept 19, 11 a.m. -1 p.m.

Work with geometrical shapes and acrylic paint to create a unique composition that is your own. We will discuss the joys of abstract painting, mixing colors, and brush strokes to try. Light snacks and non-alcoholic beverages provided.

Mixed Media Painting Sept 23, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

In the Wabi-Sabi Abstract painting class, you will learn to use and appreciate the simple things in life; the ordinary, the aged, the imperfect. We will create an expressive abstract painting with common elements around us.

Register for classes at the Arts and Crafts Center or online. Visit our website or call 634-7074 for info.

ScreamFree Parenting

Calm your world and take control the ScreamFree way. Enjoy a calm, mutually respectful and loving relationship with your children. Learn more on Sept 16, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at ACS. Call 634-7500 for info.

Pirate Treasure Hunt

Children ages 6-11 years can make pirate hats, listen to pirate tales and go on a treasure (scavenger) hunt at the library on Sept 19, 3:30-4:30 p.m. For more info, contact 634-7291.

Music Café – Back to School Special

Music Café kicks off September with a Back to School set to feature Vicenza's talented youth on Sept 19, 7-10:30 p.m. at Soldiers' Theatre! For more information, contact 634-7281.

Parents Night Out

Plan a night out to relax and rejuvenate; go out with Family or friends while children have fun with CYSS on Sept 19. Call CDC 703 Villaggio to register one week prior.

Sept 11 Moving Tribute

Show your respect for the fallen Soldiers and civilians of 9/11 by participating in the 5K run or walk on Sept 11 at Del Din Headquarters. An American Flag Ceremony will kick off this event at 8:30 a.m.



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9/11 Solidarity Run/Walk

Every September, the entire nation stops to remember the events of 9/11 in New York City and Washington, D.C. Show your community solidarity by participating in the Darby Solidarity 5k Run & 2 mile Walk on Sept 11, 7:30 a.m. Everyone in the community is encouraged to participate, whatever the age, skill levels or personal role in our community. Sign up at the Darby Fitness Center.

Beach BBQ Cookoff Competition

Take reign of the grill as BOSS hosts the Beach BBQ Competition for the Darby Community! To participate, cooks must register by September 10 at the Fitness Center. Event will take place on Sept 13, 6:30 p.m. at the American Beach. Prizes include trophies and bragging rights! For more info, visit www.darby.armyMWR.com

Youth Fun Run at American Beach

Darby youth are invited to join in a fun run September 13, 9-10 a. m. Advanced sign-ups are required by Friday, September 12 using the Sports Registration form. Register at any CYSS facility or on WebTrac.

32nd Annual Run To The Tower

Where else can you find a finish line in front of the Leaning Tower of Pisa? Online registration is now open for this popular 12 km run (7.3 miles) is sponsored by Global Credit Union.

The first 400 participants will receive a commemorative Run to the Tower 2014 T-shirt. Registration is only available online this year and is limited to 700 runners. Registration and payment information is available in both Italian and English at darby.armyMWR.com.

Tuscan Ceramic Shopping

Visit Montelupo Fiorentino, famous for ceramics since the medieval times on Sept 13. Contact Outdoor Recreation to register at 633-7775/7589.

Volunteer Officials Needed

Do you have what it takes to provide direction and 'make the call' in flag football intramurals? Training is provided for all volunteer officials. Register at Sports & Fitness by September 8. For info, contact 633-7438.



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Festa della Ceramica in Nove

VENETO

**Madonna di Monte Berico
Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Berico**

The Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Berico celebration takes place in Vicenza Monday, Sept. 8. In Italy each town has its own patron saint and the traditional, annual celebrations vary, reflecting local history and the characters of the town's or city's inhabitants. The celebrations are a great way to get to better know the town where you reside. Vicenza's patron saint is the Blessed Virgin of Mount Berico. According to the living tradition, the Virgin Mary appeared twice to Vincenza Pasini, a humble peasant, in 1426 and 1428, a dreadful period in the history of Vicenza, the city having been stricken with a devastating plague between 1425 and 1428. The Virgin Mary spoke through Vincenza to let people know that the only way to stop the plague was to build a church dedicated to Her. Nobody believed Vincenza at the time of the first apparition, but the persistence of the plague led them believe her after the second apparition. Construction of the beautiful church, which overlooks the city to this day, started in August 1428, and the plague was finally defeated.

**Luna Park
Carnival Rides**

Through Sept. 21 in Vicenza, Campo Marzo, Viale Dalmazia, across the main train station; open 4 p.m. to

midnight, Monday through Thursday; 3 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3 p.m. to midnight Sunday.

**Sagra de Bigoli
Bigoli Festival**

Through Sept. 8 in Bassano del Grappa, Ca' Baroncello district; food booths featuring *bigoli* — a pasta in the form of a long and thick tube, traditionally made with buckwheat flour — open daily at 6:30 p.m. Live music and dancing start at 9 p.m.; Sept. 7, 10 a.m. to noon, mountain bike skill test; 4-7 p.m. antique trades exhibit; 6:30-7:30 p.m. zumba fitness demonstration.

**Festa del Baccalà
Cod Fish Festival**

Sept. 5-9 in Gaianigo di Gazzo, about 11 miles east of Vicenza. Food booths featuring local fish specialties open at 7 p.m.; charity raffle; lots of parking; live music and dancing start nightly at 9 p.m.; fireworks Sept. 9 at 11:30 p.m.

Ferrara Balloons Festival

Sept. 5-14 and Sept. 19-21 in Ferrara, Bassani Park, Via Riccardo Bacchelli, about 70 miles south of Vicenza. Admission is €5 Saturday and Sunday, but free for children under 12; free entry on weekdays. Free parking and shuttle service from the main parking lot in downtown Ferrara. For information in English click the link.

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Festa della Ceramica Ceramic Festival

Sept. 12-14 in Nove, about 18 miles north of Vicenza.

Portoni Aperti: Open door presentation of the towns long established ceramic heritage; local artists give ceramic techniques demonstrations, from the pottery wheel to ceramic modeling and painting. Entry is €5, free for children under 12; Sept. 13 entry is €2; check in advance for changes due to inclement weather.

Sept. 12: 4 p.m. Open Studio, Terramica Factory, Via Munari; 6:30 p.m., Piazzetta Museo, ceramics exhibit and sale; this year's theme is **White versus Black**; 8 p.m. Portoni Aperti dinner in Piazza de Fabris, cost is €10, reserve a seat by calling 347-101-3826

Sept. 13: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. ceramics exhibit and sale; 5 p.m. Faenza per Nove ceramics exhibit, Mulino Antonibon, Via Molini; 6:30 p.m. The Dove of Democracy exhibit opening, Piazzetta delle Poste; live music with Band Rosso Acustico, Piazzetta Museo.

Sept 14: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., ceramics exhibit and sale; 6 p.m. majorettes parade and live music by Nove Band; 9 p.m. award ceremony for best ceramic creations.

Festa del Gnocco Gnocco Festival

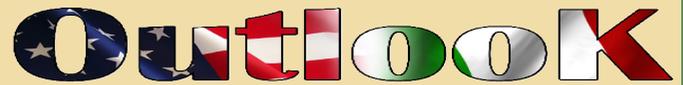
Through Sept. 8, in Selva di Trissino, about 19 miles west of Vicenza. Food booths feature *gnocchi* and other specialties and wines; bounce houses; lighted parking available. Local products and crafts 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; food booths noon to 2:30 p.m. and 6-10 p.m.; 3:30 p.m. magic shows and games for children.

Live Chess Game in Marostica

Sept. 12-14, Piazza degli Scacchi, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. This chess match commemorates the historic chess match of 1454. Pink and white marble slabs are embedded in the center of Piazza Castello and form the Chess Board. The game is a re-enactment of the match that Lord Taddeo Parisio held to determine the marriage of his daughter. Two noblemen were in love with the Lord's daughter, Lionora. The Lord held a chess match to decide who the groom should be. A grand festival was held with parades, flag throwers, fireworks and a huge feast. This event is repeated today, just like the first time. The show involves over 500 costumed players. Click link above to purchase tickets online.

Fiera del Soco Tree Trunk Fair

Sept. 12-18 in Grisignano di Zocco, Via Ungaretti, Via Serenissima, Via Garibaldi and Via Cedri, about 12 miles southeast of Vicenza. Soco means "tree trunk" and the name derives from a 1250 apparition of the Virgin Mary



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Live Chess in Marostica

by a tree trunk. This is an annual market with hundreds of booths, exhibitions and carnival rides; local products, art and workshops; most food booths open at 7 p.m.

Sept. 12: 6 p.m. grand opening; 8:30 p.m. kizomba, popular Angolan dance demonstration along with Latin American music and dancing; 9 p.m. Dj marathon in the SO...COuntry area; live music with the U2 tribute band Velvet Dress

Sept. 13: 9 a.m. The 8th Belly and Budelli Track Rally on Via de Gasperi; 3-8 p.m. tourist helicopter flights: an 8-minute ride costs €40 per person; market opens at 3 p.m.; 4:30 p.m. Historical re-enactment, live music and flag throwers shows; 6 p.m. art and trade exhibit in the SO...COuntry area; 6 p.m. best pet competition; 6-9 p.m. free pony rides for children and horse-drawn carriage rides; 7:30 p.m. dance and fitness shows; live music and dancing start at 9 p.m. with the Fool Brant Band and the Diapason Band.

Sept. 14: market opens at 8 a.m.; 8:30 a.m. vintage motorcycle and car exhibit; falconry show at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. in the SO...COuntry area; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. tourist helicopter flights; food booths open at noon; 6 p.m. live rock music; 6-9 p.m. free pony rides for children and horse-drawn carriage rides; 7 p.m. Millennium Dance Show with Caribbean and Latin dance; 9 p.m. live pop.

Sept. 15: market, agricultural vehicles and antique trades demonstrations open at 8 a.m.; 9 a.m. antique market on Via Mazzini; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. helicopter flights; falconry show at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; 7 p.m. zumba fitness festival; 9 a.m. live music and dancing with the Daniela Rosy Orchestra; rock music competition.

Sept. 16-18: open market starts at 4 p.m.; cars and agricultural vehicles exhibit; carnival rides with 50 percent discount for children; farming workshops in the SO...COuntry area; 8:30-10 p.m. live music and dancing; Sept. 18 fireworks at midnight.

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

Festa dell'Uva Grape Festival

Sept. 13, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., in Bassano del Grappa, Piazza Libertà. Area grapes exhibit, sale and competition; food booths featuring local specialties.

Viridalia

Flower and plant exhibit and sale

Sept. 13-14, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., in Thiene, Castello Porto Colleoni, Corso Garibaldi 2, about 13 miles north of Vicenza. Photo and paintings exhibit; tree-climbing workshops for children; organic products market; admission is €4; €0.50 for children under 14.

MezzadiVicenza

Vicenza Marathon

Sept. 21, 9:30 a.m., in Vicenza. This 21-kilometer marathon starts and ends at Querini Park, Viale Rumor; for information and to register online, go to www.enter-now.it/iol/index.jsp?idms=491#

Killing Cangrande – Mystery guided tour of Verona

A “who-done-it” approach to touring Verona Sept. 26. Led by an English-speaking guide, participants discover medieval Verona while playing detective downtown, using riddles, games, legends and clues to solve a 700-year-old murder case. The three-hour tour departs from Castelvecchio Courtyard, Via Corso Castelvecchio 2. The €30 ticket includes an *aperitivo* in Piazza delle Erbe; free for children under 16 accompanied by two adults. Reserve places via the email link above.

L'illusione della realtà – Paolo Veronese

Paolo Veronese – The Illusion of Reality

Through Oct. 5, in Verona, Palazzo della Gran Guardia, Piazza Bra, about 36 miles west of Vicenza. Paolo Caliari, called the Veronese, returns to his native Verona with an exhibit that features 100 paintings and drawings from prestigious museums worldwide. The exhibit is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Fridays 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; entry is €12; €9 for students and for seniors over 65, €6 for children 7-17; free for children under 7 and disabled.

Area antique markets Sept. 6-7

Thiene: Sept. 6, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza Chilesotti

Marostica: Sept. 7, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza Castello

Noventa Vicentina: Sept. 7, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., in Piazza IV Novembre

Area antique markets Sept. 14

Vicenza: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., in Piazza dei Signori, Piazza Duomo, Piazza Garibaldi, Piazza Palladio, Piazza Biade and Piazza

Lonigo: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Via Garibaldi, about 20 miles southwest of Vicenza

Valli del Pasubio: Via Tezze, 22 miles northeast of Vicenza, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.



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TEEN CENTER BOWLING NIGHT

**Monday, September 15
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TUSCANY

David Lynch - L'inquieto sguardo di Lynch **David Lynch - Lynch's Anxious Gaze**

Through Sept. 23 in Pietrasanta (Lucca), Palazzo Panichi, Piazza Duomo; open Tuesday through Sunday, 7 p.m. to midnight; photographs and lithography by the American filmmaker David Lynch; free entry.

Sagra del Cinghiale **Wild Boar Fair**

Sept. 10-14 in Capalbio (Grosseto). Food booths featuring local specialties open at 7 p.m.; Sept. 13-14 outdoor market and food booths also open for lunch.

Rievocazione Storica **Historical re-enactment**

In Montopoli Val D'Arno (Pisa), Piazza Catruccio Cas-tracani, Sept. 13, 1-11 p.m., Sept. 14, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Features an ancient medieval market, flag throwers, storytellers, sword duels; food stands feature local and medieval specialties. Sept. 13, at 9:30 p.m., young archers competition. Sept. 14, archers from all over Italy perform spectacular precision shots; in the afternoon

Assalto al Castello, recreating a medieval battle between the two city's districts (*perinsù* and *peringiù*); entry is €5; buy a ticket Sept.13 and it is valid both days.

Vino al Vino **Wine to wine**

Sept. 18-21 in Panzano (Florence), Piazza Bucciarelli; taste wine from 19 local wineries; the €12 entry fee includes a tasting wine glass; Sept. 20 -21, food booths and live music.

Area antique markets Sept. 13-14

Firenze (Tuscany): Sept. 14, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza Santo Spirito

Livorno (Tuscany): Sept. 14, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza Cavour

Montepulciano (Siena): Sept. 13-14, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza Grande

Piombino (Livorno): Sept. 13-14, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza Cappelletti, Corso Italia, via Fucini, Piazza Gramsci

Pisa: Sept. 13-14, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Piazza dei Cavalieri

Pistoia: Sept. 13-14, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Via Pertini

Prato: Sept. 13-14, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza San Francesco

Vicopisano (Pisa): Sept. 14, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Piazza Domenico Cavalca.

One Republic play Milan in November



SPORTING EVENTS

MotoGP-Italian Grand Prix: Sept. 12-14 at Misano Circuit, San Marino

Volleyball Women's World Championship: Oct. 8-12 in Assago (Milan)

Masters of Dirt-Freestyle Motocross Show: Oct. 22 in Assago (Milan), Oct. 26-26 in Pesaro

Supercross and Freestyle Motocross: Nov. 1 in Genova

WWE Live: Nov. 14 in Assago (Milan); Nov. 15 in Bolzano

CONCERTS

Pharrell Williams - Sept. 20 in Assago (Milan)

Gloria Gaynor - Sept. 21 in Milan

Passenger - Oct. 10 in Milan

Anastacia - Oct. 27 in Milan, Oct. 29 in Rome and Nov. 1 in Padova

Lady Gaga - Nov. 4 in Assago (Milan)

Michael Bublé - Nov. 8 in Casalecchio di Reno (Bologna)

Lenny Kravitz - Nov. 10 in Assago (Milan)

Sharon Jones and the Dap-Kings - Nov. 11 in Milan

Future - Nov. 11 in Milan

John Legend - Nov. 11 in Rome, Nov. 12 in Padova

One Republic - Nov. 17 in Assago (Milan)

Ed Sheeran - Nov. 20 in Milan

Peter Gabriel - Nov. 20 in Turin; Nov. 21 in Casalecchio di Reno (Bologna)

Billy Idol - Nov. 23 in Milan

Patti Smith - Dec. 1 in Bergamo, Dec. 2 in Parma, Dec. 5 in Udine

Elton John and Band - Dec. 4 in Assago (Milan)

Glenn Miller Orchestra - Dec. 13 in Padova

Stromae - Dec. 15 in Assago (Milan), Dec. 17 in Rome

Tickets at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center or online.

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Photo by Laura Kreider

Say it with a song

A performer hits the right note during the 40th session of the Soldiers' Theatre Music Café, which took place on Caserma Ederle Aug. 22. A diverse group of American and Italian musicians and singers performed while the USO provided free hamburgers and hotdogs. Music Café is a free, monthly gathering, now in its fifth year, of musicians and aficionados who gather to listen, perform and jam in a relaxed, small club atmosphere. No karaoke, just live performance. The next Music Café will take place Sept. 19 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Community news briefs

Lake Fimon clean-up

Join friends and neighbors as guests of the town of Arcugnano and its Alpini Association on Saturday, Sept. 20, at 9:00 a.m., for a clean-up day at the Lago di Fimon nature area. Volunteers are asked to bring a pair of work gloves and a reflective vest; all other tools and supplies will be provided. Snacks and drinks will be provided

after the clean-up. Call 0444-71-7000 or 634-7000 for details.

Italy Finance Office

Due to an upcoming field exercise the Italy Finance office will operate Sept. 18-26 with a reduced staff and customers can expect longer than usual wait times. We regret the inconvenience. Call 634-7612 or stop into Building 28 for assistance.

CPF closure

The Central Processing Facility will be closed Sept. 9-10 due to renovation work in the building. The CPF will re-open Sept. 11 in Building 113, near the pool next to the post gym. The temporary location will handle in-processing, out-processing, ID cards, passports, *soggiorno*, finance (in/out-processing, separations and travel), First Sergeant Barracks Program, In-processing Training Center and ration cards for civilians. Renovations at the CPF are expected to be complete within 90 days. Call 634-8706.

TSC closure

The Vicenza Training Support Center photo studio and graphics shop will be closed Sept. 8 for the Vicenza patron saint day. Please plan accordingly. Call 634-7603 for details.

Run For Resiliency Oct. 3

Take part in a 5-kilometer resilience run Oct. 3 at 6:30 a.m. on the Caserma Ederle main track. The event is being held in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness month. All are welcome.

Suicide prevention stand down

ASAP will host the annual Suicide Prevention Stand Down Sept. 23-24. The Sept. 23 event will take place at Del Din: 911 a.m. will be a terrain walk for leadership; 1-4 p.m. will be a Resiliency Health Fair for the entire community at the gym. Sept. 24 will have like events at Caserma Ederle: the terrain walk from 9-11 a.m. and the Resiliency Fair from 1-4 p.m. at the Health Center. Call 634-7554 or 0444-71-7554 for details.

Vehicle Registration hours update

The Vehicle Registration Office is open Monday through Friday continuously from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 637-7820/7822/7823 for assistance.

No Ice Bucket Challenge in uniform

The Ice Bucket Challenge has gone viral on social media, and who wouldn't want to be dunked with cold water for a great cause? But remember: Soldiers and federal employees have limits to activities which may give an impression of government endorsement. As a Soldier, you may not

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endorse any fundraising challenges while in uniform, but are free to do so off-duty and in civilian attire. If you have questions or concerns, check with your chain of command.

SFL TAP to offer services on Del Din

The Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program (SFL TAP) (formerly known as Army Career and Alumni Program or ACAP) is presently offering services at its Liaison office on Caserma Del Din. The office is in Building 10, Room 1025. The schedule is: Tuesday, SFL TAP counselor, 9 a.m. to noon, education counselor, noon to 3 p.m.; Wednesday, SFL TAP counselor, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Thursday, financial counselor, 9 a.m. to noon, and VA benefits adviser, noon to 3 p.m. The staffing schedule is subject to change; please call 634-7188/7189 or email usarmy.vicenza.imcom-europe.mbx.acap@mail.mil to confirm. The SFL TAP Center in Building 126 on Caserma Ederle is

open Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Del Din MPD hours

The Military Personnel Division Office on Caserma Del Din will be open Monday to Wednesday and Friday from 1:30-3:45 only through

Sept. 19. At other times, services are readily available on Caserma Ederle. Call 637-2125 or 0444-66-2125 for assistance.

Del Din GCU accepts check deposits

The Caserma Del Din Global Credit Union ATM located in the in the Com-



Tuesday, September 9

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Clean out your kid's closet and go home with a whole new wardrobe for the school year!



at the Ederle Library

For more information call 634-7291 or visit www.vicenza.armyMWR.com



At the movies



Dolphin Tale 2

In this sequel to the 2011 original, the team of people who saved Winter's life reassemble in the wake of her surrogate mother's passing in order to find her a companion so that she can remain at the Clearwater Marine Hospital. Stars Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd and Kris Kristofferson.

Ederle Theater

Sept. 5	7 p.m.	Guardian of the Galaxy (PG-13)
	10 p.m.	As Above, So Below (R) *
Sept. 6	3 p.m.	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (PG-13) *
	6 p.m.	As Above, So Below (R) *
Sept. 7	3 p.m.	Guardian of the Galaxy in 3D (PG-13) *
	6 p.m.	Let's Be Cops (PG-13)
Sept. 10	11 a.m.	Get on Up: The James Brown Story (PG-13)
	7 p.m.	Step Up: All In (PG-13)
Sept. 11	7 p.m.	If I Stay (R)
Sept. 12	7 p.m.	Dolphin Tale 2 (PG) *
	10 p.m.	Hercules (PG-13)
Sept. 13	3 p.m.	Dolphin Tale 2 (PG) *
	6 p.m.	Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles in 3D (PG-13)
Sept. 14	3 p.m.	Dolphine Tale 2 (PG) *
	6 p.m.	The November Man (R) *
Sept. 17	11 a.m.	Into the Storm (PG-13)
	7 p.m.	Hercules (PG-13)
Sept. 18	7 p.m.	The Hundred Foot Journey (PG)

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

Advance tickets: On sale Monday 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

munity Mail Room can now accept check deposits if the bank card being used is either a GCU debit or ATM card; participates in the AFFN network or participates in the Accel/Exchange network. Call 0444-71-7470 or 634-7470 for details.

Safety recalls

The Consumer Product Safety Commission publishes product safety recalls to <http://www.cpsc.gov/>
Vornado Air recalls electric space heaters due to fire and burn hazards
BRITA recalls children's water bottles due to laceration hazard

Bexco recalls Franklin & Ben Mason 4-in-1 convertible cribs due to fall and entrapment hazards
SolarWorld recalls solar systems with copper grounding lugs due to electrocution, electric shock or fire hazard
Two deaths were reported with Ace Bayou bean bag chairs and a recall announced due to suffocation and choking hazards
Hewlett-Packard recalls notebook computer ac power cords due to fire and burn hazards.
Call Garrison Safety with questions or concerns at 634-8109/8023/7045.

IACS office hours

The Pass and Badge (IACS) office located in Building 4B on Caserma Ederle is open for service workdays from 8:30 a.m. till noon and from 1-4:30 p.m. Call 637-7680, 637-7681 or 637-7682 for assistance.

CIF September closure

The Central Issue Facility will be closed through Sept. 12 to conduct annual inventory and will resume normal operating hours Sept. 15. The CIF will support any emergency situations that arise. Call 634-3919 for assistance.



Photo by Laura Kreider

Kicking off a new season

Cub Scouts play soccer during the Cub Scout Kick Off event on Caserma Ederle's Hoekstra Field Aug. 28. Some 50 children took part in the season opener. For information about Cub Scout activities email pack295chair@gmail.com and for information on Boy Scout Troop 295 email ScoutmasterTroop295Vicenza@outlook.com

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Chapel activities

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.: Gospel service

5 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Tuesday

9 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

6 p.m.: PMOC and PWOC Bible study. Dinner provided; no watch care

Thursday

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

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

Call 634-7519 or 0444-71-7519 for information on Vicenza Chapel activities

Camp Darby

Sunday Services

11:15 a.m.: Protestant worship and children's service

Catholic Mass: Call the Chapel at 633-7267 to confirm times; they vary depending on who celebrates 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

Chaplain Crisis Line

To reach a Chaplain after duty hours, call **634-KARE (634-5273)**

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.

VMC faith group contacts

Bahá'í Faith: Call 348-603-2283

Church of Christ: Call at 388-253-9749 or 324-623-7921 or send email: vicenzaitalychurchofchrist@gmail.com

Jewish: Call 634-7519, 0444-71-7519 or 327-856-2191

Latter Day Saints: Young Men/Young Women meeting is every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Spiritual Fitness Center. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m. in Vicenza. Call 634-7897, 380-431-7633 or email lescall@gmail.com

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

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.

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

Music activities at the chapel

Tuesday, 5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.: Catholic choir practice

Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.: Gospel choir practice

Thursday, 5:30 p.m.: Gospel choir rehearsal



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The DMC celebrates Protestant services at American Beach followed by fellowship, games and food. Call the chapel at 633-7267 to learn more.

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