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31 August 2011, 1000 – 1100 hours, THE ARENA, Caserma Ederle



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## Agenda

- ❖ **Introduction/Master of Ceremony – Public Affairs Office**
- ❖ **Recognitions**
- ❖ **Hot Topic(s)**
- ❖ **Community News**
- ❖ **Community Issues – Open & New**
- ❖ **Open Forum**
  
- ❖ **Next Info X 28 Septemeber 2011, 1000 – 1100 hours, The Arena,Caserma Ederle**



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## RECOGNITIONS



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## **Adult Volunteer of the Month – August Crystal Brown**

Crystal serves as an outstanding volunteer for SOS and SFAC programs. She assisted with in-processing briefings, educational outings with wounded warriors, Sweet Treats events with the military survivors including military appreciation day and 1-503rd Banner day. She also performed clerical duties. Crystal is an excellent volunteer and a great asset to Vicenza military community.

**Thank you Crystal!**



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## **Youth Volunteer of the Month – August Jaret Cobbeldick**

Jaret has been a driving force in re-organizing the lending closet for the Relocation Readiness Program. He has cleaned out and separated items by utility and purpose. He has created over 500 Welcome Folders and has made photocopies and shredded outdated files and papers from the past 5 years. This summer he has helped set up for the weekly newcomers briefing and the newly implemented Culture College. Jaret is a bright and pleasant young man and a pleasure to have in our office!

**Thank you Jaret!**



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# Monthly Happenings

## Hispanic Heritage Month

## Equal Opportunity

- What: Hispanic Heritage Month Observance
- When: 22 September 2011 from 1330-1430
- Where: Villaggio Middle School
- Who: Guest Speaker- Dr. Julio Gonzalez  
Middle School Principal
- Why: September 15–October 15) is the period when people recognize the contributions of Hispanic Americans to the United States and celebrate Hispanic Cultural heritage and culture.

## Equal Opportunity

- September 15 was chosen as the starting point for the celebration because it is the anniversary of independence of five Latin American countries; three additional Latin American countries celebrate their independence days on September 16, September 18, and September 21.
- The Hispanic population in the United states increased from 35.3 million (13%) in 2000 to 50.5 million (16%) in 2010.
- As of 2007, eighteen percent of the Army's population was made up of Hispanic (12% Enlisted; 6% Officer).



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# Hot Topics



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## Tax Free POL coupons

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- The Exchange plays NO role in determining gas prices in Italy. We act as a selling agent only.
- Criteria used to calculate tax free POL prices in Italy are completely different than Germany and CONUS prices are not a factor. Factors include the industrial cost of fuel minus applicable discounts and Euro Conversion rates.
- Gas prices are set by Tax-Free Products Administrator for US/NATO Commands in Italy. The POC is Bart Di Muccio.



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## Retiree Appreciation Day



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- **WHEN:** OCTOBER 20, 2011 Registration: 0900-1200
- **WHERE:** LUNA BUBBLE, BLDG. 340
- **WHAT:** ANNUAL RETIREE APPRECIATION DAY TO PROVIDE SOCIAL AND INFORMATIONAL EVENTS FOR MEMBERS OF THE RETIRED MILITARY COMMUNITY WHO RESIDE LOCALLY OR WHO MAY BE VISITING THE AREA. PARTICIPATING AGENCIES INCLUDE:
  - DENTAL CLINIC
  - MEDICAL CLINIC
  - DFAS FINANCE (VA)
  - ID CARD SECTION
  - VFW
  - AUSA
  - LEGAL
  - VOTER REGISTRATION SERVICES (SOS)
  - WELLNESS CENTER
  - GLOBAL CREDIT UNION
  - FEDERAL BENEFITS UNIT ROME (SOCIAL SECURITY, SURVIVOR BENEFITS, VA)
  - SOGGIORNO SECTION
  - USAA
  - AAFES
  - RED CROSS
  - ACS, AER, SURVIVOR OUTREACH
- **NOTE:** THERE WILL BE A FREE BARBEQUE LUNCHEON, COURTESY OF THE COMMISSARY AND GLOBAL CREDIT UNIT. LATER THAT EVENING AT 6 P.M., THERE WILL BE A NO HOST DINNER AT DAI GELOSI, WITH A LIVE BAND.

# Combined Federal Campaign

**3 OCTOBER TO 2 DECEMBER 2011**

- \* CFC is the only authorized solicitation of Federal employees in the workplace
- \* The mission of the CFC is to support and promote philanthropy through a employee-focused, voluntary program that is cost-efficient and effective
- \* The Europe campaign is the largest of all campaigns, with more than 5,000 representatives serving to promote the campaign
- \* Contributors can support the local installation by donating to the Family Support and Youth Programs (FSYP). 100% of these funds are returned to the installation.

CFC is our opportunity, as Federal employees, to contribute to more than 2,300 charities of choice through allotment, debit/credit card, cash or check, all in one place. Donations are received from Service Members, DoD civilians and contractors and local national personnel. Through donating to CFC, we can support our personal values while improving the quality of life for all. Contact your unit CFC Representative or Military Personnel Division for more details.



# AA Meetings



# Vicenza Area A.A. Meetings

**Wednesdays 5:30 to 6:30pm**

**Fridays 5:30 to 6:30pm**

**BLDG 395 Room 5 (behind Mensa dining hall)**

**OPEN MEETING – for anyone seeking support for sobriety or interested in learning about the 12 Step Process for recovery. Call 634-7554 for more info**

**Note: There are no requirements to attend except to maintain confidentiality related to meeting members and their information shared.**





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## DECA Store Hours and Green Refrigeration Project



## DeCA Vicenza Commissary

### Vicenza Commissary Reset September 19-21 2011

- Open September 18<sup>th</sup> until 1600 hours
- Closed September 19/20/21
- Grand Opening September 22<sup>nd</sup> 1000 hours
- No Breakfast Service 0700-1000 hours

Community impact will only be Tuesday/Wednesday, 20/21 September.

**Annual DeCA Case Lot Sale**

**14/15/16 October 2011**

## Green Refrigeration Project

**Replacement of open refrigerated cases with more efficient units, with doors.**

**Project will commence 3 October 2011 through 10 October 2011**

### **Impact to Community**

- **Relocation of Meat, Cheese, Butter, Chicken, Lunch Meats.**
- **Chart of locations will be posted at the entrance.**
- **Provide additional holding capacity in the dairy, chill area.**



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## **Back to School Driver Safety and Villaggio Gate Hours**

## Back to School Driver Safety:

- Italian Schools (High School and Elementary School) will reopen on 12 September until 9 June
- **Reminders for drivers:**
  - Slow down and be especially alert in residential areas and school zones, drive with your lights on
  - Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs
  - Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and with care
  - DO stop for school buses, loading or unloading passengers, on U.S. Military installations. Italian Law does not require this off-post so drivers should be extremely cautious when meeting school buses off post which are loading or unloading children
  - Use your turn signals to alert children of your intent to enter an intersection or change a lane.

## Villaggio Pedestrian Gate Hours:

- **Summer Hours: 1 June - 30 September, From 05:00 until 22:00 Hrs**
- **Winter Hours: 1 October - 31 May, From 05:00 Until 20:00 Hrs**
- **Note: If you are entering the pedestrian gate with small children and/or a bicycle contact the security guard on the gate intercom system and inform them of your situation; they will assist you in getting through the gate without delay. Specific instructions to pedestrians are posted at the gate.**



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# US Army Health Center-Vicenza

## Healthcare Benefits Awareness Month (HBAM)

1. **Goal: to provide TRICARE benefit and medical services information to USAREUR beneficiaries**
2. **The HC will participate in the Super Sign-up Fair, on September, 14. Reps from TRICARE, TBI, PH and our Population Health Nurse will be present**
3. **Look for weekly Outlook articles on physical, mental and dental health and healthcare while traveling**
4. **Subject matter experts are scheduled for AFN radio spots every Tuesday morning**
5. **Public Health and the AWC will have a smoking cessation booth at the PX on September, 12**
6. **A BP drive will be held at the commissary on Sep, 22**



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## Community Calendar – September 2011

- 2-5 September – USAREUR Training Holiday
- 5 September – Labor Day / Federal Holiday / LN Day of Rest
- 8 September – Italian Holiday in Vicenza / Feast of the Virgin Mary
- 9 September – LN Day of Rest
- 9 September – 9 / 11 Remembrance, 3 p.m., Post Chapel
- 14 September – Super Signup Fair, Golden Lion, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- 15 September – Quarterly Retirement Ceremony, 3 p.m., Soldiers Theatre
- 18-21 September – Commissary closes 4 p.m. on Sunday to begin re-set
- 22 September – Commissary grand re-opening
- 22 September – Hispanic Heritage community event, Vicenza MS, 1 p.m.
- 23 September – Nigel Barker USO tour, TBD
- 23 September – Warrior Challenge, Sports & Fitness Field, 5:30 p.m.
- 26 September – AAFES / DeCA Council Meeting, Davis Hall in ACS large conference room, 10:30 a.m.
- 28 September – Lion Shake annual disaster response exercise
- 29 September – Mayors Tour of Dal Molin

## Community News – Service Providers

- ❖ DES
- ❖ DFMWR
- ❖ DPW
- ❖ DHR
- ❖ DOL
- ❖ DPTMS
- ❖ AAFES
- ❖ DoDEA
- ❖ Religious Support Office
- ❖ Installation Safety Office
- ❖ EEO
- ❖ 509<sup>th</sup> SIG BN
- ❖ HRO
- ❖ AFN
- ❖ Health Clinic
- ❖ Dental Clinic
- ❖ Italy Finance Office
- ❖ Installation Legal Office
- ❖ American Red Cross
- ❖ Health Promotion
- ❖ DECA
- ❖ USO
- ❖ PAO
- ❖ IG



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## Community Issues

**OPEN – 0**

**NEW – 0**

## Vicenza Much MORE (MMs)

Sept. 8 is the **Blessed Virgin of Monte Berico** celebration.

This is Vicenza's patron saint. Most stores will be closed.

- Sept. 3, **The Rua Parade**, in Vicenza
- Sept. 3, 10, 17, 24, **Horse-Drawn Carriage Tours**, in Vicenza
- Sept. 2-6, **Baccalà (*dried cod fish*) Festival**, in Gazzo
- Sept. 3-4 & 8-11, **Gnocco Festival**, in Selva di Trissino
- Sept. 3-4, **Ceramic Festival**, in Nove
- Sept. 10-15, **Soco Fair**, in Grisignano
- Sept. 16-18, **Country & Horse Festival**, in Marola
- Sept. 17-18, **Babybuskers**, in Vicenza
- Oct. 2, **Duck Festival**, in Mossano



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## Open Forum



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## Info X Schedule

**05 October 2011**

**02 November 2011**

**07 December 2011**

**Info X is held on the first Wednesday of the month**

## Methods to Submit a Community Issue

**USAG Vicenza Website:** <http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil>,  
hover over “Contact Us”, click on “Info-X”, then “Click to  
Submit”.

**EMAIL:** [Community.issues@eur.army.mil](mailto:Community.issues@eur.army.mil)

**AFN HOT LINE AT INFO X:** DSN 634-7411, CIV 0444-71-7411

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