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Community celebrates troops' return

Photo by Laura Kreider

Hundreds of 173rd troopers continue rolling into Vicenza day and night. Above, family and friends get their first glimpses of the Soldiers coming into the Fitness Center Nov. 3. See photos from three groups' arrivals on page 4, and more on the USAG Vicenza Flickr page at *www.flickr.com/photos/usagvicenza*.

Volunteers reach out to assist neighbors post-flood

Photo by Abdesselam Jelloul

Soldiers receive a briefing from a flood clean-up organizer Saturday afternoon outside the Teatro Olimpico in downtown Vicenza. Soldiers from Longare's A Company, 457th Civil Affairs, volunteered to clean mud out of homes and businesses, along with other Vicenza military community members. More than 2,000 Vicenza-area residents signed up to assist in the clean up efforts. The Soldiers pictured are: Capt. Tim Byrne, 1st Sgt. Bobby White, Staff Sgt. Laura Derry, Staff Sgt. Dorian Pekarcik, Sgt. David Heath, Spc. Sarah Gonzalez and Spc. Kenneth Harris.

Thrift store offers items for flood-victims families

By ANNETTE FOURNIER
Outlook Editor

The Thrift Store is collecting donations for families whose homes were significantly damaged by flooding. The families can pick up items through Nov. 18 at the Thrift Store.

Those wishing to donate specifically to flood-victims should label donations with a note saying "For flood relief".

The thrift store will keep those items until Nov. 18, and if they are not picked up, they will be added to the general inventory to be sold. Due to space constraints, they will not be able to keep them longer. The store is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. for families to pick up needed items or for shopping.

"We've already had some families come in, but we want the word to get out to others

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Personnel may be able to file damage claims with Army

By Keith Bracey
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Military members and DoD civilians who suffered loss or damages to personal property during the recent flooding may be entitled to receive compensation through the U.S. Army Claims System.

The USARAF/SETAF Office of the Staff Judge Advocate's Claims Division is prepared to assist affected personnel and their families with their personal property claims.

Individuals may file a claim with the Army if:

1. The personal property was located in government-assigned quarters when it was damaged. Government-assigned quarters are defined as housing provided in kind by the government or privatized housing (including private rental or government-leased housing).

2. You are a proper claimant under the law. A proper claimant is an active duty Army service member, an Army Reserve Soldier on active duty at the time of the loss, or a civilian employee of the

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Safe driving important in foggy, frosty winter months

USAG Vicenza Safety Office

For those new to driving in Europe, the good news is that basic driving skills are the same.

The bad news is that driving in Italy can present some challenges not seen in the States, especially when it comes to sharing the road with bicyclists and farm vehicles.

In addition, weather changes can quickly alter road conditions and visibility. Here in the Veneto Region, you can be cruising along and wonder where the scenery went – it is shrouded by thick fog.

Good drivers prepare themselves for all driving conditions they may encounter. They keep their vehicles maintained to handle all types of weather. They learn to anticipate driving conditions by being aware of weather changes.

Prep vehicle for weather

- Equip your vehicle for the conditions you might drive through. Don't wait until the first snowfall to install your winter or all-season tires. It's safe to assume it is going to snow this winter - just like every winter before.
- Switch to winter-weight oil and winter coolant before cold weather sets in for good.
- Carry survival supplies in case you get stuck. Warm clothing, boots and gloves, quick-energy food, matches and a candle are the minimum to carry in your vehicle.
- Have the position of your headlights, taillights and fog lights checked. If they are too low, you won't see much; if they are too high, they can cause potentially dangerous glare for other drivers.
- Learn how your vehicle handles in rough weather conditions. Front-wheel drive, rear-wheel drive and all-wheel drive vehicles each have a different "feel" to them. Learn how to correct a skid before it happens for real.
- Get used to your anti-lock brakes before you need them in an emergency. Read the owner's manual for your vehicle, which will explain that you can hit them hard without pumping if you stop suddenly.

Stay informed

- Pay constant attention to road and weather conditions, which can vary from one area to the next.
- When planning a trip out of the local area, check the Internet, or call the MPs for highway and weather reports. You may be advised to carry chains to cross a mountain pass, or learn that a route is closed altogether. The Italian autostrada website in English is *www.autostrade.it/en/index.html*.
- Wet weather can cause landslides, and avalanches are hazards in many regions in the winter. Obey all warnings about avoiding these areas.
- Sometimes road and weather conditions are too dangerous for driving at all. If the police tell you to stay off the road, obey these warnings.
- Flood warnings are another good reason to stay home. Every year there are tragic stories about drivers who tried to drive across flooded areas and drowned.
- Keep your cellular phones charged, or at least have coins/phone card for a pay phone.

Courtesy photo

Vehicles drive through a snowy evening on Viale Riviera Berica, near the Villa Rotonda in Vicenza. The safety office recommends several tips that can help keep motorists safe this winter.

Winter driving in fog

Because much of the Veneto Region is in a valley, driving throughout the region can be very dangerous during the fall, winter and spring months because of the blankets of fog that suddenly appear.

Limited or reduced visibility is one of the most dangerous hazards of winter driving. Pockets of dense fog can reduce visibility to 50 feet or less.

You can avoid accidents by driving according to the road and weather conditions and by driving defensively.

Remember these tips:

- If possible, don't drive, or move off the road until the fog lifts.
- Reduce your speed and don't out-drive your headlights. Slow down.
- Keep your headlights on low beam or dim, and use fog lights if available.
- Be alert for pedestrians, bicycles, scooters and slow-moving vehicles.

Vicenza PX offering Personal Protective Equipment discount to riders completing safety course

AAFES Public Affairs

The Vicenza Post Exchange is offering a one-time, 20 percent discount on one item of Personal Protective Equipment to motorcyclists who successfully complete the locally-required motorcycle safety riding course.

The program is designed to support the military's mission to reduce motorcycle-related injuries and deaths among service members. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 80 percent of reported motorcycle crashes result in injury or death, compared to just 20 percent for automobiles.

"Through this initiative, the Vicenza Exchange is playing a large role in ensuring the safety and well-being of service men and women," said PX manager Charles Eaves. "Since the PPE program has rolled out, military cyclists have been better equipped to meet the local riding requirements."

The Exchange PPE program was first tested at Fort Hood, Texas, Fort Campbell, Ky., and Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., in the spring of 2009. The pilot program was so successful that it was expanded throughout the United States, the Pacific and Europe in 2010.

The Exchange sells motorcycle PPE, to include helmets, gloves, protective eyewear and body armor in 136 facilities worldwide as well as online at *www.shopmyexchange.com*. Products sold through this program meet the highest safety standards to include all military standards, and European- and Pacific-testing standards.

Speak Out

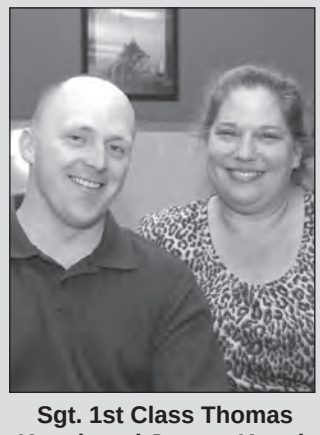
Which typical dish or recipe do you like and why?

Spc. Nathan Powell
464th MP Platoon

"Mussels because they have a good flavor and are very juicy."

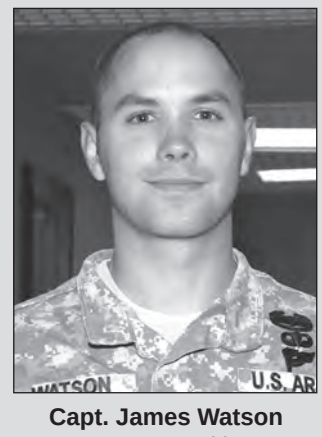
Sarah Lolli
Family member

"Baccala' Mantecato, a typical salted-cod recipe around Vicenza, because it is creamy and it is a good way to eat fish."



Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Kupsh and Jeanne Kupsh
509th Signal Bn.

"Any type of pasta because you can add all types of ingredients and sauces."



Capt. James Watson
U.S. Army Africa

"Prosciutto crudo and melone; it's a great combination for a light and simple antipasto, or hors d'oeuvre."

Sheron Vazquez
Family member

"Home made Italian lasagna because my mom is Italian and she taught me how to prepare it."

by Laura Kreider

FLOOD: Thrift store seeking volunteers

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so they know they can still get help," said Samantha Price, assistant manager.

Beatriz LeComte, thrift store manager, said many items are still needed, including winter coats and shoes for all ages. She hopes the community will donate gently-used items to help those families who lost a lot from water damage. She said she understands what it feels like to lose all your personal belongings.

"I feel sad for the families and especially for the kids," LeComte said. "When I was a child, we had a fire in the house and we lost everything. I remember – it was so hard. We lost photos, things from our family, everything. It's so hard but when you know people want to help you, that you're part of a community, it helps."

The store is also seeking volunteers to help sort through donations and work in the store so they can offer more items. The main sorting day is Monday from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Volunteers can come in throughout the week to sign up or get more information, or just show up on a Monday.

Those interested in volunteering at the Thrift Store can call 634-7460 for information. The Vicenza Community Club can pay for volunteers' childcare expenses, Price said.

Photo by Holly James

Boots in the mud: **Family member Barbara Pavolini Smith collects her supplies in downtown Vicenza Sunday after volunteering to help with clean-up efforts in the city. Community members Maggie Maye Posson and Holly James joined her in helping clean mud out of a private residence in Longare.**

CLAIMS: SJA can help file flood paperwork with Army

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Department of the Army.

For those interested in filing a claim, the following information will help ensure your claim is quickly and properly adjudicated and paid.

Mitigate loss and damage

First, claimants must try to mitigate or lessen damages to their belongings caused by the flood and save whatever they can.

Wet items should be dried promptly so they do not deteriorate or mildew. If clothes are dirty and wet, claimants must attempt to wash and dry them. Take wet items outside to have them dry in the yard if necessary. Further damage caused by failure to salvage these items cannot be compensated for.

Notify insurance company

Notify your insurance company. Private renters, homeowners or personal property insurance is designed to cover this type of flood damage.

Claims regulations require that individuals with private insurance covering the loss must make a demand against the private insurance carrier first before the claims office can adjudicate the claim. If you submit a claim with your private insurance and it makes a payment, you may still be able to submit a claim with the Army for the amount of the deductible.

If the value of the loss exceeds the amount of insurance coverage, claimants may also file a claim with the Army. In either case, a copy of the insurance settlement must be included in the claims package.

Prove damage occurred

Substantiate the damage. Take pictures of the damage, write down what was damaged and how it was damaged. You may want to document the damage shortly after it occurred, as well as after your mitigation attempts.

Take pictures of the water marks left on the walls if applicable. Take any other photos you think would be useful as evidence of flood damage in your home. The more evidence you can provide about what you had, the item's value, and steps you took to save the property, or to explain why you did not keep it, the easier it is to prove your claim.

Hold on to high-value items

Do not automatically throw away items that appear to be damaged. The more expensive the item, the better it is to keep it until your claim is settled. In some cases, you may be able to place it out on your balcony or in your carport. However, if the item is a health hazard, you may and should dispose of it, but contact the claims office first before doing so if possible.

Provide evidence of value

When you file your claim, substantiate the amount you are asking for. This is where purchase receipts are useful to show original value. However, you also need to substantiate current replacement value with prices from the internet, AAFES or commercial sales catalogs.

For cleaned and salvaged items, submit cleaning bills. If you take loads of laundry to be washed at the laundromat, keep a detailed log of how many loads you wash and how much you spend on the machines and detergent.

File as soon as possible

You have two years from the date of the incident to file your claim. However, if you wait the full two years, you may have some difficulty in substantiating your losses. We recommend you file sooner rather than later.

In order to file your claim, you will need to fill out a DD Form 1842 and a DD Form 1844, both of which can be found at the Army Publishing Directorate website, *www.apd.army.mil/usapa_home.asp*.

Most of the DD Form 1842 is self-explanatory. When completing the description of the incident, include the date and time the flooding occurred, what steps were made to salvage the property and any other pertinent information.

Don't throw out flood-damaged items yet if you plan to file with the Army! Photos, records, receipts and the items themselves can help you prove loss and damages.

When filling out the DD Form 1844, it is important to be as specific as possible when describing the damage to your property. Please ensure that all purchase prices and dates are accurate. Once these forms are completed and you have collected the necessary substantiation documents, you are ready to file your claim.

To file a claim with the Army, go to *www.jagcnet.army.mil* and click on U.S. Army Claims Service, then Personnel Claims, then PCLAIMS. You must log in with your AKO information.

The claims personnel at the SJA's office, Building 241, are also available to assist you in filing your claim. The hours of operation are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more info, contact the Vicenza Claims Office at 634-7432 /7031 or 0444-71-7432 / 7031.

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At your service

Mobilization and deployment

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Community Camera

A snapshot of events making news in and around the U.S. military community in Vicenza...

Photo by Laura Kreider

Photo by Grant Sattler

Here they come! **Hundreds more Soldiers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team arrived in Vicenza Nov. 3, Sunday and Wednesday, polishing off a year-long deployment to Afghanistan. One group of Soldiers, who were scheduled to arrive Saturday, were delayed due to foggy weather and families had to wait one more night to see them.**

"It was nerve wracking," said Nikkita Cyrus, wife of Staff Sgt. Abraham Cyrus, HHC 173rd ABCT. "You're just waiting and anticipating until they get here. I just wanted to know that he was safe and I thank God that he made it home safe and all the Soldiers with him made it home, too."

Other Soldiers are scheduled to arrive in the coming weeks.

Above left, troops head into the fitness center Nov. 3.

Above, a family hugs early Sunday morning at Hoekstra Field.

Photo by Grant Sattler

Photo by Laura Kreider

Above, happy families greet Soldiers on Hoekstra Field early Sunday morning.

Right, Sgt. 1st Class Faamagalo Potasi, Delta Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, is welcomed by (from left) Pironika, 6, his wife Leilani, and Patricia, 7, during the homecoming ceremony Nov. 3 at the post fitness center. Not pictured are daughters Prunella, 1 and Perry, 9.

Photos by Grant Sattler

Above, Staff Sgt. Abraham Cyrus, HHC 173rd ABCT, hugs his wife Nikkita and son, Joshua, 19 months old, Sunday.

Left, a mother holds her son back from running to greet daddy, who was standing in formation, at a homecoming ceremony on Hoekstra Field Sunday.

Library gets stylish new facelift

Story and photo by
JOYCE COSTELLO
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

After eleven months of waiting, Camp Darby community members got to enjoy the grand opening of the newly renovated library on Nov. 8.

The new facility is double in size and has new features like lights that come on and off when you enter the rooms, a Soldier's area with free wifi, and more than 25,000 books, movies, video games, music CD's and more, according to Michael McDaniel, Camp Darby librarian.

"Contrary to current popular belief, the Internet has not killed the book and while the Internet is a wonderful thing and I like to Google as much as the next guy, it's not necessarily something that you can take to bed with you," said McDaniel. "A book is self-contained, it never needs batteries or backlighting, it is very portable and lightweight and usually doesn't break if you drop it and is relatively cheap if you lose it."

With a children's reading room, conference room and research area, the library is an ideal place to come for contemplation and discovery, he said.

"Research shows that children who read from an early age typically do better in school; young adults who read are preparing themselves for a lifetime of learning and we all know that knowledge and education are vital for getting promoted and succeeding in the workplace," said McDaniel. "For older adults, reading can help keep your mind active, especially when you challenge yourself to read something out of your comfort zone. It's all about keeping those neurons and synapses active."

McDaniel challenged visitors to try something new. If they typically read fiction, try a non-fiction book.

"If you only read magazines or newspapers, challenge yourself to go a little deeper. Browse the biographies and read about someone you know nothing about and if you are interested in military history, find a biography on General MacArthur or learn about the American economy in World War II."

The littlest readers are excited about the books, but also the video-games, comics, cartoons and movies available at the newly-renovated Camp Darby Post Library. The library re-opened in its renovated facility Nov. 8.

"One of the wonderful things about libraries is what I call the 'Serendipity Factor'. It's when you might be looking for one thing, but actually find something else that catches your eye and takes you down an entirely new path of learning and interest," said McDaniel. "This has happened countless times to me when I have been shelving books. Something will pique my curiosity and I will end up reading about something or someone that I knew nothing about."

McDaniel adds that this facility has been a long time coming and the quick move from the temporary facility and the unpacking of the warehouse of library materials would not have been possible without the dedication of a large team.

"From the time we closed our temporary facility to our opening Nov. 8, we had only three weeks to move over 25,000 books, CDs, and movies out of the warehouse and into their new home," said McDaniel. "My staff were at first very skeptical that it could be finished on time, but they rose to the challenge and got it done along with the help from the (Directorate of Public Works), our building contractor and the team from Supporti Logistici."

McDaniel adds that now that the base has this beautiful facility, he hopes everyone will come in and take advantage of their various resources.

The library is open Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Tuesdays from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. The library is closed on Sundays and American holidays.

Tuscany hosts several festivals in autumn to celebrate the harvesting and processing of olives into olive oil.

Story and photo by
CHIARA MATTIROLO
USAG Livorno Public Affairs

The unmistakable silver color of the olive trees and their funny, bushy shape create a unique landscape in Tuscany.

It brings back memories of old time farming, when entire families joined together to pick olives to produce the precious olive oil they would use throughout the winter.

Some of the most flavorful and highest quality oils come from the Tuscan region. Olive oil has become a symbol of Tuscany and is known as oro liquido, "liquid gold", probably for its price and for the effort the farmers put in picking olives.

The olives are hand-picked while still attached to the branches of the tree and before reaching complete ripeness. It takes about four hours work to pick olives from one single tree.

Once the olives have been picked, the farmers take them to the frantoio, the oil mill, where the olives go thru a mill-stone cold-pressing process.

In this period of the year, many towns in Tuscany host new oil festivals to celebrate the liquid gold. There tourists can taste the new oil and buy olives and oil straight from the producer.

Mark your calendar for the next oil fests. They are Nov. 21 at Camaiore, Lucca, at San Casciano Val di Pesa and at Vinci, Florence.

Darby Dates

Visit the community calendar for upcoming event and details at www.usag.livorno.army.mil

Health & wellness fair

Get nutritional information, blood-pressure checks, weight loss assistance and financial advice Nov. 18 at the fitness center from 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Veterinarian visit

The Army vet will visit Camp Darby Nov. 18. Call 635-4841 for appointments.

Thanksgiving Luncheon

The tickets are sold out for the Nov. 19 community Thanksgiving meal. Bring your ticket to enter the school cafeteria. Times are:

- 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Air Force active duty and their family members;
- 12:15 - 1 p.m., Army active duty and their family members;
- 1 p.m., American and Italian civilian workforce.

Thanksgiving Fun Run

Join the Camp Darby community Turkey Day Trot on Nov. 24 at 7:30 a.m. Warm-up exercises begin at 7:15 a.m. on the parade field and will be followed by a formation run.

Commissary hours

The commissary will be open Nov. 22 from 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. and Nov. 25 from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.

ACS classes

Upcoming classes at ACS are:

- Using credit wisely, Tuesday at 11 a.m.;
- Couples Communication, Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.;
- Marriage and parenting, Nov. 18, 5 p.m.

Call 633-7084 to sign up.

SAS/YS

Parents Night out is Nov. 19.
YS kickback night is Nov. 19.

ITR trips

ITR is sponsoring trips to the to Gigi Mall Nov. 20, the Ferrari Museum Nov. 25, Rome Nov. 27 and Florence Nov. 28.

Darby Community Club

Right Arm night and Texas Hold 'em are Nov. 19.

Bikes n blues night is Nov. 20.

Religious Activities

Wednesday audition for the Chapel Christmas play.

Nov. 18 join the pilgrimage to Montenero. For details, call the chapel at 633-7267

9:40 a.m. Catholic reconciliation
10 a.m. Catholic Mass
11:15 a.m. Protestant worship
10 a.m. Protestant Sunday school
11:15 a.m.: Catholic CCD

Out&About

by Anna Terracino

Upcoming Concerts:

Joe Satriani plays Friday in Padova at the Gran Teatro and Nov. 14 in Rome at the Atlantic Club. Other area concerts in November include Alice Cooper, Nov. 18 in Milan, Emerson & Lake, Nov. 21 in Milan and Nov. 26 in Padova, Simply Red, Nov. 20 in Milan, Adam Lambert, Nov. 24 in Milan and Shakira Nov. 27, in Torino.

Photo by Cesare Greselin

Local festivals & shows

American Circus:

Ongoing through Tuesday in Vicenza, Viale Leonardo da Vinci, next to Villaggio. Friday, Saturday and Monday at 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Sunday at 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.; Tuesday at 5 p.m. Special rates for American military and their families are: lateral, unnumbered seat €8 (€15 regular rate); central, unnumbered seat €13 (regular rate €30). Show military ID to obtain the special rates. The reduced rate is not available for the 3:30 p.m. Sunday show.

San Martino in Cantina open wineries:

The Zonin wineries will be open to the public for free tasting of the Novello wine, other local wines and seasonal products Sunday 3-7 p.m. in Gambellara, Via Borgolecco 9, about 20 miles southwest of Vicenza.

San Martino Festival:

Friday - Sunday in Velo D'Astico, about 26 miles northwest of Vicenza.

- Friday: Town Library, Piazza IV Novembre at 7 p.m., photo exhibit; "Rock.it" live music at the town gym, Piazza IV Novembre, free entrance.
- Saturday: World War I items exhibit at the Sala Consiliare, Elementary School, Piazza IV Novembre 1; 8:30 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing with the Ke Note Orchestra at the town gym.
- Sunday: local products and crafts exhibit and sale, old trades show in Piazza IV Novembre, Via Roma and Piazzale degli Alpini; noon, vintage farm vehicles exhibit and food booths; from 2 p.m. in Piazza IV November, roasted chestnuts and new wine; 2:30 p.m. folk music and dances with the Saltamaran Band and cheese making workshop.

Christmas market:

Sunday, 4:30 p.m. in Asiago, with the Castel Tesino Band concert; 5 p.m. outdoor skating rink opening with a show from the local Skating School students in Piazzale Duomo; sampling of local products in Piazza Risorgimento; antique wooden carousel opening in Piazzetta Alpini.

San Martino Festival:

Saturday - Sunday in Ponte di Barbarano, about 13 miles south of Vicenza. Raffle and carnival rides.

- Saturday: 10 a.m. free roasted chestnuts; 7 p.m. food booths featuring fried and marinated snails, mushrooms, French fries, pizza, chestnuts and local wines; 8:30 p.m. "25 years in Ponte" photo exhibit;
- Sunday: 9 a.m. San Martino market featuring local cheeses, honey, snails, rice and other typical products; farm animal and hobby items exhibit and sale; 9:15 a.m. old trades show featuring more than 20 stands representing silk workers, embroiderers at their hand-looms, spintresses, blacksmith and more; 9:30 a.m. Philharmonic Fantasy Band in concert; food booths open at noon featuring fried snails, gnocchi and bigoli with radicchio; marinated snails, polenta and cod fish, local wines; 2 p.m. floats parade and folk dances; 5:30 p.m. jugglers and entertainment for children.

Antique and collector items exhibit and sale:

Sunday, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. in Vicenza, Piazza dei Signori, Piazzetta Palladio, Piazza Duomo, Piazza Castello, Piazza Garibaldi, and Piazza Biade.

Antique and collector items market:

Sunday, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. in Lonigo, Via Garibaldi, Piazza XX Settembre, and Via Ognibene, about 20 miles southwest of Vicenza.

FREE concerts, exhibits & events

Fotoberfest – photo exhibits, in Vicenza:

- Fashion Cafè, Contrà Mure Pallamaio 6, 7 a.m. -7 p.m., closed on Sunday. "England and Wales" by Marco Pieropan, Friday. "Travel journal" by Mariangela Anaclerio, Saturday - Nov. 30.
- Novearti bookstore, Piazza Biade 11, Tuesday – Saturday 9 a.m. – noon & 3:30-7:30 p.m.; Monday and Sunday 3:30-7:30 p.m. "Photos between the lines" by Valentino Follador, ongoing through Nov. 28.
- Radio Varsavia, Contrà Piazza del Castello 3A, Tuesday – Saturday 9 a.m. – noon & 3:30-7:30 p.m.; "Manhattan" by Adalberto Zanella, Friday - Nov. 30.
- Tao – Pietre, arte & alchimia, Stradella S. Barbara 1b; Tuesday-Saturday 9 a.m. – noon & 4-7 p.m.; Monday 4-7 p.m. "Places I've done time" by Luke Wynne, ongoing through Nov. 27.
- Il Grottino Pub, Piazza delle Erbe 1, daily 5 p.m.-2 a.m. "Alaska" by Samuele Boldrin, ongoing through Nov. 28.
- Villa Lattes, Via Tahon di Revel 44, Monday & Friday 9 a.m. – noon; Tuesday and Thursday 3-6 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday 4-6:30 p.m. "Veneto photo almanac" by Giorgio Bertoncello, ongoing through Nov. 21.

Naturae 2010 photography exhibit:

Ongoing through Nov. 28, in Vicenza, Lamec, Basilica Palladiana, Piazza dei Signori.

Explore the sky:

Astronomical Observatory of Arcugnano, Tuesday, 8:30 p.m., Via S. Giustina, 127, about five miles south of Vicenza. View the sky and the planets in great detail with the observatory's telescope.

Free concerts:

Jimi Hendrix Tribute Band: Friday, 10 p.m., in Vicenza, Sabotage Bar, Via dell'Industria 12T.

Laudate Dominum in chordis et Organo – classical music: Friday, 6 p.m., in Vicenza, Museo Diocesiano, Piazza Duomo 12.

Conservatory students in concert: Saturday, 5 p.m., in Vicenza, Contrà San Domenico 33.

Classical music concert: Sunday, 4:30 p.m., in Vicenza, S. Maria Church, Piazza Araceli.

Concerts

Macy Gray: Sunday in Milan, Alcatraz; Monday in Florence, Teatro Saschall.

Alice Cooper: Nov. 18 in Milan, Alcatraz.

Swan Lake by Matthew Bournes: Wednesday - Nov. 21 in Milan, Teatro degli Arcimboldi.

Emerson & Lake: Nov. 19 in Rome, Auditorium conciliazione; Nov. 21 in Milan, Conservatorio; Nov. 26 in Padova, Gran Teatro.

Simply Red,: Nov. 20 in Milan, at the Mediolanum Forum.

Adam Lambert: Nov. 24 in Milan.

Shakira: Nov. 27 in Torino, Palaolimpico.

Kings of Leon: Dec. 3 in Bologna, Futurshow Station.

30 Seconds to Mars: Dec. 8 in Bologna, Paladozza.

Ian Anderson plays Jethro Tull: Dec. 10 in Vicenza, Teatro Comunale.

Voca People: Dec. 13 in Milan, Teatro Dal Verme; Dec. 15 in Florence, Teatro Saschall.

Randy Crawford and Joe Sample Trio: Dec. 22 in Florence, Teatro Verdi.

The Harlem Gospel Choir: Dec. 23 in Milan, Europauditorium.

Buy tickets at Media World in the Palladio Shopping Center or at *http://www.greenticket.it/index.html*

Sporting events

Padova vs. Vicenza Men's Basketball Game: Free. Friendly game Wednesday in the Caserma Ederle Post Fitness Center, 8 p.m.

Wrestling Raw World Tour: Saturday, Assago (Milan), Mediolanum Forum. For information in English or to purchase tickets online, visit *http://www.ticketone.it/EN/*.

ODR trips

Taste of Italy Tour: Saturday, 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. Travel Italy's famous valley where Parma Ham and cheese reign supreme. Cost: $55.

Slovenia Wine Tasting: Sunday, 7 a.m. – 9 p.m. Adults Only. Cost: $75. Passport Required.

Ski/Snowboard Wax Class: Wednesday, 5:30 - 7 p.m. Learn to wax your own skis or snowboard. Cost: $20.

Dry Suit Scuba Certification: Nov. 18-20, 6 -9 p.m. (Thursday & Friday), 7 a.m.-4 p.m. (Saturday); Cost: $150.

Val Senales Ski/Snowboard trip: Nov. 20, 6 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Cost: $35.

Emilia Romagna Region Castles Tour: Nov. 20, 7:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. Spend a day visiting some of the best preserved castles in Italy. Cost: $55.

Paintball Camp Darby Overnight: Nov. 20-21, 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Cost: $195.

Check out more activities and events coming up in the Outdoor Recreation schedule online at *www.Vicenza MWR.com* or register at MWR Online Services.

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

Thursday	Vampires Suck (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Friday	Takers (PG-13)	6 p.m.
	Machete (R)	9 p.m.
Saturday	Megamind (PG)	3 p.m.
	Going the Distance (R)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Megamind (PG)	3 p.m.
	Going the Distance (R)	6 p.m.
Weds.	Machete (R)	6 p.m.
Nov. 18	Going the Distance (R)	

Camp Darby Theater

Friday	Vampires Suck (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Saturday	Red (PG-13)	6 p.m.
Sunday	Nanny McPhee Returns (PG)	1 p.m.
Oct. 29	Hereafter (PG-13)	6 p.m.

Admission: Age 12 and up $4, under 12, $2.
The Ederle theater box office opens one hour prior to show.

View MOVIE TRAILERS **and more online at** *www.shopmyexchange.com/ems/euro/vicenza.htm* **or** *www.aafes.com/ems/euro/livorno.htm.*

Looking to buy or sell items? Check out MWR's Marketplace at *www.mwrmarketplace.com*

Community briefs

Phone prefixes

To call on-post numbers using DSN, dial prefix 634-#### (the last four numbers) for most of Caserma Ederle, and 636-#### for the health clinic. Some satellite locations use a different prefix. To dial on-post numbers from off post, dial the prefix 0444-71 plus the last four numbers. For the health clinic, dial 0444-61 plus the last four numbers.

Meet the Mayors

The community is invited to meet their local mayors and civic leaders, sample local specialities and learn about places to see and things to do in the local area at the Arena Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. - noon. The informal event will feature informational booths from several towns in the area.

The Arena will be closed for other activities and reopen at 4 p.m.

Help requested after warehouse fire

A fire in a transportation warehouse at USAG Stuttgart Oct. 30 destroyed the household goods of many in- and out-bound residents. To find how you can help, contact *usaghpaonewsbriefs@eur.army.mil.*

Pick up packages

International postal security concerns have caused delays in movement of mail in the military postal system to and from Vicenza.

The Postal Service Center continues to accept mail and postal authorities are working to find a solution. Although inbound mail has slowed, patrons are asked to check their mail boxes often. The package facilities are filled to capacity and many more packages are inbound.

DFAC Thanksgiving

The South of the Alps DFAC will host its Thanksgiving meal Nov. 25. Serving times are 11:30 a.m.- 12:45 p.m. for 173rd Soldiers and their families/guests; 12:45 p.m.- 2 p.m. for all service members and their families/guests; 2:30 p.m.- 4:30 p.m. for DoD civilians, local national employees and retirees.

Cost is $7.00. The reduced rate is $5.95 for family members of Soldiers, E4 and below. All diners must pay except infants who do not eat solid food. There will be no grab and go, but take out is available on request.

The menu includes a choice of two entrées: turkey, ham, prime rib, roast beef, shrimp and roast pig. Sides include: shrimp cocktail, cornbread dressing, cream of broccoli soup, stuffing, shrimp-fried rice, macaroni and cheese, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, vegetables, corn-on-the-cob, collard greens, salad bar, gravies, cranberry sauce, breads and assorted beverages, including eggnog. Desserts include: fruit, cake, pumpkin, apple and mincemeat pies and ice cream.

Library story time

Family Story time for ages 3-11 is Wednesday from 6 - 6:30 p.m. Wear your PJ's, bring your teddy bear and your whole family to hear stories and make a craft.

Library crafts

Celebrate Native American History by creating your own Talking Stick, to be used to remind us to listen and respect the viewpoint of others.

Bring your own stick 10-15 inches long. Other supplies will be provided. Register by Monday at the Library desk.

Italian Cooking class

An Italian cooking class begins Nov. 19 at the Arts and Crafts Center. The class has been changed to four weeks and class time is now 6-8 p.m. Cost is $144 and includes all cooking supplies and an Italian meal at the end of each class. Call 634-7074 for more information.

Anger Management

Anger Management for Adults is Nov. 18 from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at ACS. The ongoing series teaches the basics, and focuses on a new strategy for managing anger each week. For more info, call Family Advocacy at 634-7500.

Freddy FAP

Freddy FAP is Family Advocacy's world traveler. The next meeting is Wednesday from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. at ACS. Freddy visits countries and brings back activities and food for and families. Call 634-7500 to more info.

Stress Management

First Aid for Stress (Adult Stress Management) is Nov. 22 from noon - 1 p.m. at ACS. The workshop teaches how to identify sources of stress and ways to relax. Call 634-7500 for reservations.

EFMP support group

Chit Chat and All That Support Group is Nov. 23 from 11 a.m. - noon at ACS. Relax and share with others in the community. Plan to laugh, talk and eat. For more info, contact EFMP at 634-7500.

Commissary hours

The Vicenza Commissary will be open on Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. and will be closed Nov. 25 for Thanksgiving Day.

Angel Tree

The community is invited Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. to the ACS lobby for the Angel Tree Opening Ceremony. Give a holiday present to a child in the USAG Vicenza community who might otherwise go without. For info, call 634-7500.

VCC luncheon

Join VCC for the "Things to be Thankful For" luncheon Wednesday 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Arena. Cost is $15 per person. Pay online at *www.vccitaly.org.*

Mom's Club activities

- Monday: Meeting, 10 a.m.
- Tuesday: Toddler Play, 10 a.m.
- Wednesday: Potluck Recipe Club, 11 a.m.; Pre-school Playgroup, 3:30 p.m.
- Nov. 18: Bunco, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 19: Walk the Track, 10:30 am; Mom's Night Out, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 22: Lunch Play, 11:15 a.m.
- Nov. 24: Infant Play, 10 a.m.

For more information about any of these events, e-mail *momsclubofvicenza@yahoo.com.*

Car classes

Winter Car Care Tips for Women (Lunch and Learn) is offered Tuesday from 11 a.m. - noon at the Auto Skills Development Center.

Call 634-5033 to reserve your spot. Students should bring their car and snow chains to the Auto Skills Development Center.

Building Relationships

Building a Stronger Relationship with your Child through Play is Nov. 18, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. The workshop has hands-on activities that promote communication, teamwork and bonding. This class is open to families with children pre-school to teen. Class size is limited. For info, call 634-7500.

Bowl for a buck

Every Monday in November Bowl for $1 a game Mondays 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Throw three strikes in one game and win a coupon for $1 off your next game on a Friday or Saturday, valid until Dec. 31.

Homeschool Events

- Every Monday in November, Art Enrichment
- Every Friday in November, Italian Enrichment
- Nov. 11, Field Trip Bonamini
- Nov. 18, Swim Social 2 - 4 p.m.
- Nov. 24, Field Trip Pewter Workshop
- Dec. 3, Mom's Night Out

For more information contact *vicenzahomeschoolconnection@yahoo.com* or see *vicenzahomeschoolconnection.com.*

Dental Clinic Hours

The Dental Clinic sick call hours for November are changed to Mondays - Fridays from 12:30-2:30 p.m. due to mission requirements. In December, sick call hours return to 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and 12:30-2 p.m. Thursdays.

Health Center Hours

During November, the Health Center may be closed from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. All non-reintegration needs (including pharmacy) will be addressed in the afternoons.

For emergencies, call 118 or 99-118 from on post. For medical advice, call the 24-hour Nurse Advice Line at 800-877-660. For the San Bortolo Patient Liaisons, call 0444-75-3300. For the clinic patient advocate, call 0444-61-9106. Labor and delivery at the Benincaso Women's Center will not be affected.

Jared of Subway visits

Jared Fogle, spokesperson for the Subway restaurant chain, will visit the Vicenza Food Court Nov. 22 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. to meet the community and sign autographs.

Community Calendar Highlights

Wednesday: Angel Tree ceremony at ACS
Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Day (Federal holiday & LN employee day of rest)
Dec. 3: Holiday Tree lighting

Photo by Laura Kreider

Kindness & cookies: **Rita Bonamego, Mobilization-Deployment program manager, arranges baked goods to transport to Aviano for returning Soldiers Saturday. The sweets came courtesy of the Vicenza Community Club membership, who have provided the snacks and bottled water for the Soldiers as they arrive for deployment and go through some of the reintegration activities. "I cannot begin to tell you how much I appreciate the care and support of the VCC," Bonamego said. "Our Soldiers will be touched and feel appreciated."**

Religious activities

Chaplain Crisis Line

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

Sunday services

8 a.m.: Sacrament of Reconciliation, or by appointment
9 a.m.: Roman Catholic Mass
(Daily Mass is held weekdays at noon)
9 a.m.: Protestant Sunday school and AWANAs (September-May at Vicenza High School)
10:45 a.m.: Catholic religious education (September-May at Vicenza High School)
11 a.m.: Protestant worship
1:30 p.m.: Full Gospel Pentecostal worship
5 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Mondays

Noon: LDS scripture study

Tuesdays

9:15 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

Wednesdays

3 p.m.: Praise dance practice
3:30 p.m.: Middle School Club Beyond meets in VHS cafeteria September-May
5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice
5:30 p.m.: PWOC Bible study. Dinner provided. No child care.
5:30 p.m.: High School Club Beyond meets at the Teen Center September-May. Call 340-139-4073 for information.
5:30 p.m.: Catholic choir practice
6:45 p.m.: Gospel choir practice

Thursdays

9:30 a.m.: Catholic Women of the Chapel
5:30 p.m.: Gospel service choir rehearsal
7:15 p.m.: Gospel service Bible study

Faith group contacts

Islamic: Call 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for info.
Jewish: Call Paul Levine at 345-907-2108.
Latter Day Saints: Call Chance Wilson at 327-869-8107. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. downtown. Scripture study held Mondays, noon-1 p.m. at the chapel.
Call the Caserma Ederle chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for more information on religious activities.

DON'T BE LATE: **E-mail briefs to *editor@eur.army.mil* noon on Monday, or by 4 p.m Friday if Monday is a holiday.**

From right, Shock player Quinn Hurt looks on as Jennifer Woods and Thunder's Matt Waddell chase down the ball at the CYSS Junior Soccer Championship match Saturday, while Sohrab Shaikh and Mario Carmona follow the action.

Team Shock wins CYSS Soccer Championships

Story and photo by TOM HLAVACEK
EDGE! coordinator

The CYSS junior soccer team "Shock" (ages 13-15) played their best game Saturday, winning the Vicenza Garrison championship game against the Thunder, and advancing to the IMCOM-Europe Eastern Regional Championships.

"I was happy the kids came together and won," said Mark Lampert, the Shock's coach. "They played their best game ever today."

Michael Catena scored three goals, Sohrab Shaikh and Robin Silk netted two, and Niki Williamson added the final goal for the Shock's 8-1 victory. The Thunder had won three previous games but were missing a couple of key players.

The Thunder's Matt Waddell scored the first goal of the game into the upper left side four minutes into the game. Mike Catena scored for the Shock from 15 meters out to tie the game. Catena's second goal came on a header for a 2-1 half time score.

In the second half, Silk made it 3-1 on a chip shot from the left side. Shaikh looped his first goal over the Thunder goalie's hands. His second goal came when his corner kick went directly into the goal.

According to Eric Weisel, CYSS coordinator, "Although the score appeared a bit lopsided in the end, it didn't tell the true story of the game or the season. Credit goes to the Shock for winning the final game, but the Thunder played like champions throughout the season, winning every game but this last one, and gave it their all this final game despite playing without two of their key players. It was a tremendous season in which all the players on both the teams showed tremendous improvement and super enthusiasm."

VHS tennis team nets victories at European champs tourney

Story and photo by SASHA SIBILLA
Outlook intern

The Cougar varsity tennis team held its own at the Oct. 27-30 European Tennis Championships in Wiesbaden, Germany.

Despite having limited playing opportunities throughout the season, the six players representing Vicenza, male and female singles teams and doubles teams, all won their first round matches decisively, beating out rivals from Germany and the United Kingdom.

All but one of the players was returning for the second time to the Europe-wide competition, but it was a first for junior Harrison Tarr, who joined the team only this year.

"Playing in the Champs for the first time was fun because it gave me a chance to meet kids from all over Europe and test my skills," said Tarr.

Following second-round defeats, all six played matches in the consolation round, accumulating victories in three more matches, and defeating players from Milan, Germany and Turkey.

"The season went well despite limited opportunities to compete due to the schedule," said Chris Vega, the team's sponsor and coach. "Everyone made great improvements over the season. Coach Bill Walker and I would have liked four more weeks of competition as the players were really starting to blossom."

Vega added, "Since six of the starting ten players will be leaving next year, the cougar tennis team will be looking for new talent. We need to recruit a good number of motivated and athletic kids to fill the void of our departing players."

Vicenza High School students who would like to join the team and play during the 2010-2011 tennis season should talk with Walker and Vega to find out more information about next year's team.

Harrison Tarr serves in a game versus Bamberg at the Oct. 27-30 European Tennis Championships held in Wiesbaden, Germany. The six players representing the Vicenza Cougars all won their first round matches decisively, beating out rivals from Germany and the United Kingdom.

Vicenza to host IMCOM-Europe Junior Soccer Championships Saturday, Sunday

By TOM HLAVACEK
EDGE! coordinator

Soccer-playing kids from Bamberg, Schweinfurt, Hohenfels, Aviano and Vicenza will face off in the IMCOM-Europe Eastern Regional Junior Soccer Championships at Vicenza Saturday and Sunday.

The tournament, hosted by the Vicenza CYSS Sports and Fitness Office, kicks off Saturday morning with six games. Vicenza will play Hohenfels, and Bamberg takes on Schweinfurt. Both games start at 9 a.m. This is a double elimination tournament in which a team must lose two games before it is eliminated.

Vicenza won the 2009 championship in Vilseck, where the team played Bamberg in the finals. Sunday's championship game starts at 11 a.m. If necessary, one more game to decide the winner will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday.

CYSS sports director Carlos "Alex" Ruiz volunteered to host the soccer championships this year and in 2011. He said Vicenza youth players usually would have to go to Germany to play in the tournament.

Ruiz said, "Hosting an event of this magnitude brings visibility to this garrison and provides our youth an opportunity to play at home."

Sports Shorts

Sky Soldiers sports day

Sky Soldiers are invited Nov. 19 to enjoy a day of free sports activities including volleyball, basketball, soccer and football. Try any or all. Sign up by Friday. Call 634-6240 for information.

Turkey trot

Join our Italian neighbors in a 4K run around Lago di Fimon for the "Turkey Trot" Nov. 13 at 8 a.m. The first 35 who sign up on site will receive a T-shirt. Call 634-6240 for information.

CYSS volleyball

Teens ages 11-13 are invited to join the Middle School Volleyball program and build skills to enjoy this lifetime sport. Call 634-6151 for information.

Basketball & cheering

Basketball and cheerleading enrollment is ongoing until Dec. 8 for children and youth ages 3-15. Register at CYSS Parent Central Services Office at Davis Hall, Bldg. 108. Space is limited.

At the time of enrollment CYSS registration must be valid through the end of the season, which is Jan. 12 - Feb. 26. Practice will begin around the last week of December. Call 634-6151 for information.

Register for basketball

Registration for the basketball season runs through Wednesday. The season starts Nov. 24. Call 634-7009 to register.

Runners Club

The new Fleet Feet Running Club is seeking community members of all skill levels. For information, e-mail *fleetfeetrunningclub@googlemail.com*.

Snow sports workout

Skiers and snowboarders can join Coach Ice Ski for a workout in preparation for the snow season. Workouts will take place at the fitness center Tuesdays at noon. Call 634-6240 for information.

Basketball officials' clinic

A clinic will be conducted Monday, Tuesday and Nov. 18 for those wishing to become certified officials for basketball games. Call 634-7009 for information.

CYSS coaches needed

Potential coaches must pass a background check, and will receive training and certification.

Contact 634-6151, *alex.ruiz5@eur.army.mil* or *Krista.Cahill@eur.army.mil* for information.

Unit & rec play

Basketball: 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 10 or more players at fitness center.

Volleyball: 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday for 8 or more players at fitness center.

Men's Soccer: 7-8:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday for 11 or more players.

Women's Soccer: 5:30-7 p.m. every Tuesday for 8 or more players. Call 634-7009.