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Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta visits with Soldiers of U.S. Army Europe's 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team at Caserma Ederle in Vicenza, Italy, Jan. 17. Panetta led an hour-long town hall meeting with Soldiers of the 173rd ABCT, fielded questions and joined troops for lunch at the South of the Alps Dining Facility. [Click here](#) to see more photos. Photo by Davide Dalla Massara, Vicenza Photo Lab.

Speak Out

Who's your pick to win the Super Bowl?



Sgt. Oliver Bristol
HHC, 173rd ABCT

"The Ravens. They haven't won anything for a long time and they're hungry."



Sgt. Tiffani Louque
USAHC Vicenza

"I like the Saints, and I'd rather them be in the Super Bowl, but I'm glad to have the morning off afterwards."



Command Sgt. Maj. Mark T. Council
USAHC Vicenza

"The Carolina Panthers didn't make it so I'm all for the '49ers."

Darby FMWR consolidates services

Story and photo by Chiara Mattiolo
Darby Military Community PAO

During the week of Jan. 14-18, Outdoor Recreation, Sea Pines Recreational Facilities and the marketing office moved into the recently renovated building located next to the swimming pool.

"The goal of this move is to centralize all Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) services to one location," said FMWR manager Ernest Beezley.

According to Beezley, FMWR customers will find it much easier now to get all they need in one location.

"In this building customers can sign in for hotel reservations and ITR tours, rent ski equipment, find all pool information and operations, reserve kennels spots for their pets, and basically receive about all FMWR activities," Beezley said.

FMWR is also increasing opening hours to meet customer needs, he said.

"During the winter season the offices will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., in.

In April, community members will be able to buy their beach and pool passes. The American Beach in Tirrenia opens Memorial Day weekend.



Sabrina Tuoni, ITR travel specialist, has received crosstraining to respond in all areas of FMWR service, as the rest of the FMWR staff that are consolidated in a one-stop show location.

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Panetta meets Sky Soldiers on final tour

By Karen Parrish

American Forces Press Service

Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta, on a tour of Europe to talk with leaders in key allied nations, stopped in Vicenza today to speak to U.S. troops about their service to the nation.

The secretary spoke to some 150 Soldiers of U.S. Army Europe's 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, which is in the process of returning from Afghanistan's Wardak and Logar Provinces, its fifth deployment since 9/11.

"You've paid a high price, but you've served well," Panetta told the Sky Soldiers. "You've served with distinction. I want to thank you for your service."

The unit has had 84 Soldiers killed in action since 9/11, including 13 during the current deployment. Army Staff Sgt. Salvatore Giunta, who received the Medal of Honor in November 2010, was serving with the 173rd in Afghanistan when he fought the 2007 battle that earned him the nation's highest military honor.

The secretary said the proudest thing he does as the leader of the world's strongest military is "to serve and to lead the men and women in uniform, who put their lives on the line every day for our country."

The young people who have come forward to serve, fight and sometimes die for the United States of America demonstrate a dedication that, Panetta said, is "what our democracy is all about."

As defense secretary, his primary mission is to keep America safe, Panetta said.

"I can't do that job, nobody can do that job, without men and women who are willing to dedicate themselves to service," he said.

Americans at home are "safe in their homes ... because of those who are willing to go off to far places, and fight an enemy that has made clear they will not hesitate to attack



DoD photo by Erin A. Kirk-Cuomo

Secretary of Defense Leon E. Panetta presents a coin to the son of an Army soldier at USAG Vicenza, Italy, Jan. 17. [Click here](#) for more photos.

our country, and to attack innocent men and women and children," said Panetta.

Military and intelligence operations over the past decade plus have denied that enemy the kind of command and control they need to mount the sort of attack that rocked the world on Sept. 11, 2001, Panetta said.

The security transition in Afghanistan is on pace, with the Afghan army "becoming much better, operationally," he said, acknowledging the Taliban are still resilient, planting explosive devices and mounting other attacks.

"But ... we're on the right track," he said. "By the end of 2014, we will have drawn down."

The nation's service members can take great pride "in the fact that since 9/11 we have taken the battle to the enemy, and we have taken on the mission ... [of ensuring] nobody attacks the United States of America and gets away with it."

Panetta, who has announced he will retire when the Senate confirms the next secretary, told the troops the time has come for him to be able to go home.

"I hope that when all of you go home, that you'll have the same deep sense of pride that I have in the

service that we've provided to this country," he said.

"But we can have a sense that we have maintained our integrity, and that we have given something back to this country that has given us so much," he said.

The secretary also spoke to the troops about the fiscal crisis facing the nation, citing an urgent need for responsible action from Congress. The nation's elected leaders, he said, must "suck it up and take on some of the risks ... and challenges that are required."

Soldiers face the worst risk of all, he noted, which is that somebody may shoot at them.

"It's a hell of a risk," he said. "All we're asking of our elected leaders to do is to take a small part of the risk they'll tick off some constituents," he said. "The fact is, they would be doing what is right."

Panetta, who has spent the past half century in public service, said the greatest satisfaction in such a career is the ability to help others.

"If I can stare my fellow citizens in the face and say, 'As secretary of defense, I was able to keep you safer, and keep your families safe,' that's the greatest satisfaction of all. I'm able to do that because of you," he said.



Coming home at last



Photos by Grant Sattler

Vicenza Military Community Family members and friends welcome 173 ABCT Soldiers back from their deployment to Afghanistan Jan. 19. The arrival of mostly advance party Soldiers in Vicenza is a harbinger of reunions to come in the months ahead. [Click here](#) for more photos.



Commentary and news

Avoiding sponsorship confusion

By **Cara Panzarella-Tarr**

Exceptional Family Member Program

Command Sponsorship and Newcomer Sponsorship are two very different processes, but due to the similarity in their names they are often confused.

Gaining clarity through a brief explanation of each will benefit everyone in the Vicenza Military Community involved in either process: service members, Family members, commanders and staff across the garrison.

Command Sponsorship

Through the command sponsorship process the Army determines if there will be sufficient general Family support resources at the gaining duty station and sufficient resources available to support a Family member with special needs.

Command sponsorship is in place to ensure Family members will be appropriately co-located with their sponsors for the needed services for the Exceptional Family Member (EFM).

The one part of the command screening process which is most familiar is the Family member deployment screening process, reported on DA Form 5888, by which Family members undergo a mandatory screening to determine if they are eligible for Exceptional Family Member Enrollment Program.

Some people call the process EFMP.

The current duty station and relocation consideration determines whether or not the Family members must be screened. The following are a few of the situations in which Family members must undergo the command sponsorship screening process:

- ☑ CONUS service members being considered for assignments in Europe, Alaska or Hawaii
- ☑ OCONUS service members consid-

ering a Consecutive Overseas Tour (COT) to Alaska, Hawaii, Korea or the Pacific

☑ In Place Continuous Overseas Tour (IPCOT) and Intra-Theater Transfer in Europe.

For information and assistance with the Family member deployment screening process, call the Army Community Service EFMP office at 634-7500.

For complete details on the command sponsorship process call the Military Personnel Division (MPD) at 634-8511.

Newcomer Sponsorship

Newcomer sponsorship, or the Total Army Sponsorship Program (TASP), is for all Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, spouses and youth.

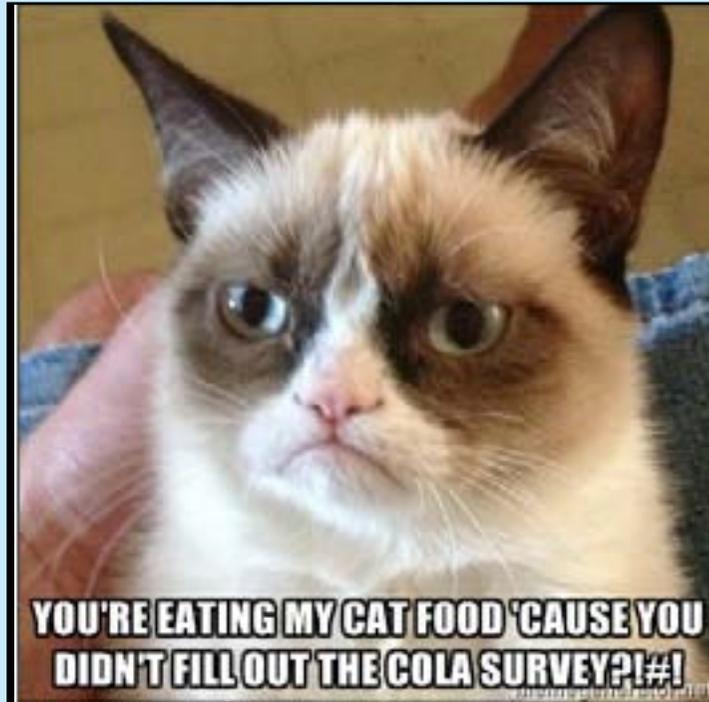
This type of sponsorship helps newcomers, before arriving at their new duty station and once they are on site, ensure a positive acclimation to their new environment.

Each newcomer or incoming family is assigned a sponsor, who assists in the arrival and integration process by informing the newcomer of what they need to hand carry with them while traveling to their new installation, and what documents are required when PCSing overseas.

This type of sponsorship also gives the newcomers an overview of their new post, complete with a tour, and answers questions and provides general information about the post and surrounding area.

Each Family has different needs, so the sponsor should tailor the information he or she provides based on the needs of the particular incoming individual or Family. TASP also has a mentorship component.

For more information about newcomer sponsorship, stop by and talk to the TASP team located at Army Community Service in Building 108 or call 634-7500.



Currently only 19.2% of the Vicenza Military Community has completed the Living Pattern Survey. In order to ensure our Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) is reflected correctly, please [click here](#) to complete the survey before the Jan. 31 deadline.

Secondo Piatto: Cooking in Italy

Story and photos by Joyce Costello
USAG Vicenza PAO



[Click here for more photos](#)

Being stationed in Italy is not only a chance to experience the local cuisine, but also a chance to bring those flavors and memories with you to your next duty station.

Vicenza Military Community foodies and novice cooks looking to expand their cooking repertoire discovered the art of cooking Italian *terra* and *mare* (meat and seafood) *secondo piatto* (main course dishes) during an ODR cooking class at the I'Istituto San Gaetano di Vicenza Jan. 17.

Chef Cristiano Pasin, class instructor, led the group of a dozen through the preparation of Cinghiale alla cacciatore, a wild boar dish from Tuscany that was gently stewed with herbs and red wine, and Arrostato di maiale e fichi secchi, a slow roasted pork loin stuffed with pancetta and figs.

Pasin emphasized the importance of marinating the wild boar overnight as it tends to be a gamier meat, and the necessity of searing the meat prior to cooking it for a long time in order to seal in the flavor.

"I like going to restaurants and discovering new dishes and going home to revise it to my family's taste," said Melissa Bender, who was on her third cooking class with ODR.

"The boar stew was soft and amazing," she said.

Once the wild boar and pork were slowly cooking, the class moved on to preparing *mare*, or seafood, that included learning to scale and fillet sea bass and to clean squid.

"I would always buy a fish filleted because the idea of boning my own fish was intimidating," said Jackie Velasquez. "I'm glad I was finally able to take this class after wanting to do it for a long time."

The filleted sea bass was rolled into a bundle with a filling of capers and olives, and served on a bed of thyme roasted potatoes. The remaining fillets were diced and mixed with breadcrumbs and herbs, and stuffed into the *calamarie*, or squid.

"I would not have made squid without being shown how to clean it first," said Tara Bennett.

"The next time I'll make it with my kids who would totally want to make it because they could put their hands in a bowl of squid," she said.

Gary Guarrera, a self-described foodie who likes cooking full course meals for his wife, said the highlights of the ODR cooking classes are the chance to experience the flavors of another country and to learn new dishes and ideas.

"I am looking forward to the *dolce bignolata* (little cream puff desserts) class in February. I enjoy cooking; it relaxes me," said Guarrera.

Future classes include the *dolce bignolata* class with Stefano Feb. 21 and La Piadina, or pizza Emilia Romagna style, March 24.

[Click here](#) to learn more or sign up for excursions.

Try it at home

Arrostato di maiale e fichi secchi – Pork loin stuffed with dried figs

*Recipe courtesy of Chef Cristiano Pasin,
I'Istituto San Gaetano di Vicenza*

Ingredients: (Serves 4)

1 carrot
1 onion
1 celery stalk
½ cup of olive oil
Pepper (to taste)
1 kg. (2.2 lbs.) pork loin
250 g (1/2 lb.) bacon
500 g (1 lb.) dried figs
1 stalk rosemary
1 cup white wine

Preparation

Trim the pork loin of fat. Make two cuts in the pork in order to spread it flat like an open book.

Once flattened, add salt and ground pepper. Remove stems from the dried figs. Cut in thin slices and cover the meat, leaving a bit aside for sauce.

Slice the bacon (not too thin) and cover the figs. Roll the roast with the figs and bacon on the inside and tie very well.

Put some extra virgin olive oil in a baking tray, add the rosemary to the outside of the roast, add white wine and cook in the oven for the 10 minutes at 180°C. Continue cooking at 120°C until the temperature at the center of the roast reaches 75°C.

Meantime, combine the celery, onion, carrot, a little bit of olive oil and the remaining sliced dried figs in a pot.

Cover with water and bring to a boil.

When the vegetables are tender, make a purée with a hand blender.

Slice the roast and serve with sauce.



Community news

Cougar crooner wows crowd at jazz seminar

Story and photo by Rick Scavetta
U.S. Army Garrison Kaiserslautern

LANDSTUHL, Germany – Student musicians wrapped the 2013 Department of Defense Dependents School-Europe Jazz Seminar with a free concert at Landstuhl's Stadthalle on Jan 17.

Professor Jiggs Whigham, a well-known jazz trombonist and educator, led the ensemble. The packed house enjoyed 90 minutes of big band jazz, focused on the music of Stan Kenton. The concert was the culmination of the weeklong DoDDS-Europe seminar, which celebrated its 30th anniversary this year.

Top student musicians from American schools across Europe, including standout singers and players from Vicenza, converged on Ramstein Air Base. More than 100 students from 20 high schools auditioned for the 35 positions in the Big Band Ensemble. Eight students were part of a Jazz Vocal Ensemble.

"This group is hands down the best," Whigham told crowd, "They came prepared and they were serious about it. But we had a ball."

During the week Air Force and Army jazz musicians performed for the group. The student musicians also held performances at Kaiserslautern and Ramstein High Schools. DoDDS-E music educators assisted in instruction, rehearsals and performances.

Vocalist Mackenzie Roche, 18, a Vicenza High School senior, has been singing most of his life. His father, a retired Army officer, works for U.S. Army Africa at Vicenza's Caserma Ederle. Roche said he's grateful to DoDDS-E for the opportunity to travel, meet new people and learn more about his art.

"I gained experience through other



Vicenza High School tenor Mackenzie Roche, second from right, performs during the 2013 DoDDS-Europe Honor Jazz Seminar concert Jan. 17 in Landstuhl, Germany. Alto Alexandra Ulmer and soprano Veronica Borja, both Vicenza students, also took part in the weeklong program at Ramstein Air Base. VHS instructor Gary Marvel was a member of the seminar staff. [Click here](#) for more photos.

people's talents, their gifts," Roche said. "You help one another and get to understand different ways of singing and different warm ups. We learned a lot about jazz. That's really cool."

The seminar's Landstuhl gig exemplifies the highest level of performance DoDDS-E offers, where nerve wracking preparations are coupled with excitement and energy, said Jeff Pellaton, the seminar's music director and Ramstein High School's band director.

"Music is a circle, you can't close the loop until you perform, until you give it away," said Pellaton, who is the band director at Ramstein High School. "Everything in music culminates in some kind of performance, whether it be private or public, you have to give the music away."

Nurturing talent

Toward the end of the Landstuhl concert, Mason Price, 17, a trumpet player from Ramstein High School, stepped forward for his solo.

"We do this for the experience, but it's also for the music," Price said. "Playing in a place like this is great. People get to experience what we've been working for all week."

His father, Maj. Roger Price, an Army healthcare administration officer at European Regional Medical Command in Heidelberg, said that over the past four years he's seen Mason bloom through DoDDS music and athletic programs.

"He's a young man who has had opportunities to grow," Roger Price said. "I will always remember this as a place that nurtured those fantastic talents and gave him those opportunities."

VMC volunteers help out at Italian charity concert

Story and photo by Joyce Costello

USAG Vicenza PAO

Volunteering as part of the Army family is a common occurrence and necessary within military communities; however, the spirit of lending a helping hand is not limited to the perimeter fence of the installation.

The Leahy family is one such Vicenza Military Community family that volunteers its time helping out at the Italian cooperative La Fraglia established in 1991 by the Vicenza Parents' Association "Our Family." La Fraglia offers a variety of educational and rehabilitation programs to people with disabilities.

The Leahy family pitched in Jan. 13 to announce the various acts taking part in the Poesia e Musica in FRAMIGLIA concert at the Ca' Balbi Theatre in Bertessinella. The concert highlighted performances by local tribute bands, musicians, poets and children from a nearby school to raise funds to restore the S. Benedetto Church and help out La Fraglia, according to Michael Leahy.

"I decided to volunteer with La Fraglia because I believe

we need to continue to build relationships with our Italian neighbors. This group of people not only want to make themselves better, but contribute to the community, and participating in these performances gives them a feeling of being more involved in their community," said Michael Leahy.

Leahy, who did volunteer work in La Maddalena before moving to the Vicenza community, first learned about La Fraglia in 2008 through his wife, Anna, who works in the garrison Public Affairs Office.

"It felt like a natural thing to do. Volunteering helps build relationships, and these are people who really appreciate any little bit of help or attention that we can give to them," he said.

"I like to help out people and they (the people at La Fraglia) really enjoy meeting others and having a good time," said Anna.

La Fraglia's next performance, "On a Cruise," is scheduled for April 13 at the Ca' Balbi Theatre. Community members interested in volunteering at La Fraglia should call Anna at 634-7169.



Local singers and writers perform Jan. 12 to raise funds to be used to restore the S. Benedetto Church in Bertessinella, Vicenza, and support the occupational rehabilitation center, *La Fraglia*.

Out&About

by Anna Terracino

A Carnevale Ogni Scherzo Vale

The *Carnevale* season arrives Feb. 12, but celebrations in many parts of Italy will start Jan. 26. See listings for the myriad opportunities to enjoy this classic celebration with its roots in antiquity. For a full program in English of the 2013 Venice Carnevale (Jan. 26 – Feb. 12), [click here](#).

Courtesy photo



Carnevale parades

Rosà- Jan. 26, in Piazza Card. Baggio 7, about 21 miles northeast of Vicenza; 8:30 p.m. night float parade; 10:30 p.m. award ceremony for the best float; food booths featuring local Carnevale pastries.

Malo- Jan. 27 is the Children festival at the Malo Youth Center, Via Molinetto 16; 3 p.m.; entertainment with Bababalon and costume contest; participation fee €2; 8:30 p.m. Carnevale grand opening with floats presentation and live entertainment. Carnevale parades run also on Feb. 3, 10, 12

Verona- [Click here](#) for a detailed list of Carnival float parades in Verona and surrounding towns.

Bassano del grappa- Parades run Feb. 3, 9-10, 12

Bimbi in Festa

Games and toys Fair

Jan. 26-27, 9 a.m. – 8 p.m., in Cassola, Via Valsugana 22, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza; entertainment with clowns, magicians, face-painting; skating, fencing; martial arts, and cake design workshops; Admission fee: €4; free for children under 16.

Fiocchi di luce

Flakes of Light

Musical Fireworks: Feb. 2-3 in Asiago, Sports Center Linta, Via Kaberlaba 1, about 37 miles north of Vicenza.

Concert benefits DoDDS

Critically acclaimed concert pianist

Davide Franceschetti will perform a program featuring Chopin, Debussy, Janacek and Gershwin Feb. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Music Conservatory of Vicenza, Contra San Domenico 33. Advance ticket purchases will help underwrite his appearance at Vicenza Elementary and Middle Schools Feb. 8. Tickets, €10 for adults, €5 for students, are available from Angela West at angelawest@hotmail.com.

EXPO- Electronics Fair

Feb. 2-3, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., in Vicenza.

Pablo Picasso exhibit

Ongoing through Jan. 27, in Milan, Palazzo Reale, Piazza del Duomo 12. Over 200 works including paintings, drawings, sculptures, and photographs. Mondays-Wednesdays: 8:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.; Thursdays – Sundays 9:30-11:30; admission fee: €9; reduced: €7.50 (children 6-18; students up to 26 years old; senior citizens over 65).

Steve McCurry's photo exhibit

Ongoing through Feb. 24, in Genoa, Palazzo Ducale, Piazza Matteotti 9.

Constantine exhibit

Ongoing through March 17, in Milan, Palazzo Reale, Piazza del Duomo 12.

Dracula and the myth of Vampires

Ongoing through March 24 in Milan, Triennale Design Museum, Viale Alemagna 6; Tuesday – Sunday 10:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.; Thursday 10:30 a.m. – 11 p.m.; admission fee € 8; reduced €5.50.

Cinque secoli di volti

Five Centuries of Faces

ongoing through March 31 in Vicenza, Palazzo Chiericati, Piazza Matteotti; Tuesdays – Thursdays 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Fridays – Sundays 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; portraits from the 16th to the 20th century. Admission fee: you need to get the museum card that allows the entrance to seven local museums (Olympic Theatre; Palazzo Chiericati; Archeological Museum, Palazzo Leoni Montanari, Diocesan Museum, Historical Museum). Cost: €10; reduced €8; family card €14. The card is valid for three full days

Antique markets on Jan. 27

- Piazzola sul Brenta, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., in Via Camerini, about 16 miles east of Vicenza. (700 vendors).
- Recoaro Terme, from May to October, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., in Piazza Dolomiti. (40 vendors)
- Treviso, 7:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m., Via San Liberale, about 56 miles east of Vicenza. (130 vendors)

Ice-skating rinks

- Schio, in Piazza Falcone e Borsellino, ongoing through Feb. 10. Saturday – Sunday 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.; Monday – Friday 2:30 – 10:30 p.m.; Entrance fee: €7 (includes ice-skating rental); €5 for children younger than 10 and senior citizens over 60; free for children less than 39 inches tall;
- Vicenza on ice – ice skating rink - open through Jan. 27, in Campo

Marzo; Mondays – Fridays 3 – 9 p.m.; Saturdays, Sundays and holidays 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 3-10 p.m.; two hour entrance fee: weekdays € 8 (it includes skate rental); €6 for children under 12; €4 without skate rental; Saturdays, Sundays and holidays: weekdays € 10; €8 for children under 12; €6 without skate rental.

Movies in English

The Odeon Theater, in Vicenza, Corso Palladio 176, will be featuring movies in English through the winter. Monday, January 28: The Master by Paul Thomas Anderson Tickets cost € 6, €4 (university students and senior citizens over 60); €2 (younger than 18). Show times are 4 p.m., 6:30 p.m., and 9 p.m.

Concerts

Nelly Furtado: March 13 in Milan
Mick Hucknall (Simply Red lead singer) – American Soul Tour: March 18 in Milan; March 19 in Rome; March 21 in Padova
Bruce Springsteen & the E Street

Band: May 31 in Padova; June 3 in Milan; July 11 in Rome
Joe Satriani: June 1 in Padova
Bon Jovi: June 29 in Milan
Robbie Williams: July 31 in Milan

Sporting Events

WWE Wrestlemania SmackDown

Revenge Tour: April 25, 2013 in Casalecchio di Reno (Bologna)

MotoGP – Italian Grand Prix 2013:

June 1-2, at Mugello Circuit in Scarperia (Florence).

Tickets are available in Vicenza at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center, or [online](#).

Vicenza ODR trips

Feb. 2: Ski Chamonix and Carnivale: Flight of the Angel
Feb. 3: Carnivale: Flight of the Angel
Feb. 9: Carnivale: Ivrea
Feb. 9-10: Ski, snowboard and Fasching in Garmisch
Feb. 10: Carnivale in the Alps
Feb. 12: Venice Carnivale photo shoot
Book trips [online](#) on WebTrac.

Now Showing

Ederle Theater

Jan. 25	Wreck It Ralph	6 p.m.
	The Last Stand (R)	9 p.m.
Jan. 26	Wreck It Ralph	3 p.m.
	Broken City (R)	9 p.m.
Jan. 27	The Last Stand (R)	3 p.m.
	Broken City (R)	9 p.m.
Jan 30	Wreck It Ralph	6 p.m.
Jan. 31	Wreck It Ralph	6 p.m.
Feb. 1	Ice Age: Continental Drift	6 p.m.
	The Possession (PG 13)	9 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

Jan. 25	Parental Guidance (PG)	6 p.m.
Jan. 26	Alex Cross (PG 13)	6 p.m.
Jan. 27	Wreck-It Ralph (PG)	1 p.m.
Feb. 1	Zero Dark Thirty (R)	6 p.m.
Feb. 2	Gangster Squad (R)	6 p.m.
Feb. 3	Zero Dark Thirty (R)	1 p.m.

Admission: * First run, adult, \$5.50, under 12, \$2.75; regular release, \$5/\$2.50; repeat releases, \$4.50/\$2.25; special pay \$3.50/\$1.75.

Darby Military Community

Viareggio Carnevale

Giant floats will be going down the strand for Viareggio's 140th Carnevale Feb. 3, 10, 12, 17, and March 3. Children under 10 are free.



Carnevale dei ragazzi Children's Carnival

In Vicopisano there will be a parade in the center of the medieval town Jan. 20 and 27, and Feb. 3 and 10 from 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Bientina celebrates its 50th annual Carnevale with floats and activities as well as a small train touring around town for children. The action is in Piazza Vittorio Emanuele in the center of town Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 12, 17 beginning at 3 p.m.

Calci Carnevale Feb. 12, 19 at 2:30 p.m.

San Croce Sulle Arno Feb. 3, 17 at 3:30 p.m. and Feb. 9 at 9 p.m.

Vecchiano Jan. 27, Feb. 9, 17

Piombino Feb. 10, 12, 17

Pietrasantino Jan. 26, Feb. 10, 17, 24

Borgo San Lorenzo Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10

Florence Winter Park

Open until Jan. 26 at Obihall, via Frabrizio De Andre

Vinci on Ixe

Until Feb 28, Viale Togliatti, Sovigliana

Antique markets

Prato Jan. 26-27

Arezzo Feb. 2-3

Darby ODR Trips

Feb. 3: Viareggio Carnevale
Feb. 9: Venice Carnevale, Abetone ski trip

Feb. 10: Viareggio Carnevale
Feb. 16: Florence trip, Abetone ski trip
Feb. 17: Viareggio Carnevale
Feb. 18: Assisi trip

Call ODR at 633-7589/7775 for details or register on WEB TRAC. Full calendar is [online](#).

All events listed are as reported at press time. Details are subject to change without notice.

Community briefs

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Visit the community calendar for more upcoming events and details at www.usag.vicenza.army.mil

Black History Month

The USAG Vicenza EO will sponsor a Black History Month program Feb. 21 at 3 p.m. at the Golden Lion. Guest speaker will be Col. Jonathan A. Johnson. The day's events will include a march commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King's historic march on Washington 50 years ago, and performances by the Vicenza High School R&B Band, step team and Gospel singing. Volunteers interested in supporting the event should call 634-6355.

USO Superbowl Party

The USO Vicenza will be hosting their annual Super Bowl Party at the Center in conjunction with the USO's 72nd Birthday. The event "kicks off" at midnight on Sunday, Feb. 3. There will be a tailgate party outside with a heated tent and Viewing of the game. Inside there will be a buffet of American food and Viewing of the game with STATE-SIDE commercials! In addition we will also have a commemorative USO Birthday cake, contests, give-aways, and prizes including gift cards. Call for details 634-8146.

AE-ITT training

AE-ITT offers DoD Directive 8570.1 compliance by training and certifying individuals to meet baseline and computing environment certification requirements. IT courses are available [online](#) and the AE-ITT facility on Caserma Ederle. Upcoming courses include:

Feb. 4-8: Certified Information Systems

Auditor for IAT-III personnel

Feb. 11-12: Organizational Unit Administrator

Feb. 19-21: DoD Information Assurance Certification and Accreditation Process

Feb. 25-March 1: DoD IA Certification 8570.1 (A+) 2009

March 4-8: MCITP: Windows 7 Enterprise Desktop Support Technician Boot Camp

March 11-15: DoD IA Certification 8570.1 (NETWORK+)

March 18-25: DoD IA Certification 8570.1 (SECURITY+)

March 25-27: DoD Information Assurance Certification and Accreditation Process (DIACAP)

Call 634-6077 for details.

Army Community Service

Army Emergency Relief provides eligible dependent children of Soldiers with financial support for their first undergraduate degree through the **MG James Ursano Scholarship Program**. Details and applications are available at www.aerhq.org. For information and assistance, stop by the AER office at ACS or call 0444-71-8524/7500.

AER is accepting applications for the **Spouse Education Assistance Program** through April 2. Military spouses pursuing a first undergraduate degree are eligible for scholarships up to \$4,000. Visit www.aerhq.org or stop by ACS for info.

VES SAC lunch

Vicenza Elementary School School Advisory Council invites all parents to its SAC Lunch Jan. 31 from noon to 1 p.m. in the VES PTSA room. Meet DoDDS-Europe Mediterranean District Superintendent Kent Worford and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Joan Islas. Voice your ideas, suggestions and concerns in an open forum.

CYSS tours Cittadella

School Age Services will conduct a

field trip to the ancient walled city of Cittadella Feb. 2 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Parents should enroll their child before Jan. 31 at the SAC desk. For details call 634-5700.

Youth get ready now

Youth Workforce Preparation Training for students in grades six through 12 will take place Mondays from 3:30-4:30, at the Ederle Fitness Center conference room. Workshops include: Jan. 28: resume writing; Feb. 4: understanding finances; Feb. 11: career and personality compatibility; Feb. 25: time management and goals; March 4: workplace ethics; and March 11: customer service. Register at the Teen Center.

EFMP Informational Hour

All interested community members are invited to attend a lunch-hour presentation and discussion, **Autistic Spectrum Disorders and their Impact on Siblings**, sponsored by EFMP and led by Dr. Hanna Leong, psychologist and EFMP volunteer. The meeting, which will combine a review of recent research and open discussion, will take place Feb. 6 from noon to 1 p.m. at Davis Hall, Building 108. Bring your lunch if you'd like. Call 0444-71-8582 or 634-8582 for details.

2013 Scholarships for Military Children

Applications for the 2013 Scholarships for Military Children Program are being accepted now. See eligibility and submission details online at www.militaryscholar.org and www.commissaries.com. The program is administered by Fisher House Foundation and awarded more than \$10 million in scholarships to 6,742 students in 2012. Applications must be turned in to the commissary by close of business Feb. 22.

Arts and Crafts

- Put a fresh spin on an old book by transforming it into a beautiful wreath Feb. 1 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Cost is \$35.

- Youth Valentine's Day activities take place Feb. 1 and Feb. 5 from 5-6 p.m. Cost is \$8, including all materials.
- Creative candle making is on the calendar for Feb. 2 from 1-3 p.m. Cost is \$20, including all materials.
- Beginning watercolor classes take place Feb. 6 to March 13 from 6-7:30 p.m. Cost is \$110.

Call 634-7074 for details and to sign up.

Soldiers' Theatre

- Acoustic Jam 2013: Veteran guitarist, teacher and recording artist Roberto Dalla Vecchia returns Jan. 25 with special guests for the popular acoustic guitar concert featuring folk, country, blues and bluegrass in a unique and eclectic concert. One performance only at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10. Call 634-7281 for tickets.
- The Music Café celebrates American music in a low-key, friendly environment featuring community musicians Friday, Feb. 8, beginning at 7:30 p.m.
- Guitar, piano, flute and voice lessons are available; call for details.
- Soldiers' Theatre has contract job opportunities for piano and flute instructors; a voice instructor; and a recording studio engineer. For details and to apply, call 634-7281 or stop by the theater weekday mornings.

CTC Registration

Registration for Central Texas College's Term 3 has begun. Course offerings include criminal justice, military science and early childhood education. Classes get under way beginning Jan. 28. Call 634-6514, email Vicenza@europe.ctcd.edu or stop by Room 6 of the Education Center for details and assistance.

Contracting training

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*Photo courtesy of
Soldiers' Theatre*

One night only

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gade will present quarterly training Jan. 29-30. Call John Dingeman at 634-5894 for information and assistance.

Tax Center opening

Feb. 6. at 11:30 the JAG office will open the Vicenza Tax Assistance Center, however, they will start to provide tax

preparation services on a limited basis on Monday, January 28. The hours of operation will be Monday, Wednesday & Friday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.— including during the lunch hour. On Tuesday & Thursdays they will be preparing tax returns by appointment only. [Click here](#) to get the forms you need.

Darby Military Community

**Visit the community calendar for
upcoming events and details at
www.usag.livorno.army.mil
Volunteers needed**

Girl Scouts of Camp Darby needs someone to manage volunteers and attend monthly meetings. Call 633-8696 for details.

C.Y.S.S.

- SKIES Unlimited is looking for instructors to teach dance, voice, guitar, piano, martial arts, gymnastics and Zumba. Anyone interested can call CYSS at 633-8084 for information.
- The Youth Center is looking for tutors for many high school subjects.

Students from the International School of Florence need tutors to assist them with their studies. If you are interested in being a tutor, contact the Youth Center at 633-7629.

- Register for the SKIES Unlimited Scrapbooking classes at Parent Central Services that begin Feb. 1.

PAC meeting

Come to the Parent Advisory Council meeting Jan.30 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Youth Center. Call 633-8084 for details.

Order Red Roses for your Sweetheart by Feb 11!

Order one dozen long-stemmed roses to be delivered to you or your sweetheart on Darby or Depot. Deliveries made on Thursday, February 14; 11 a.m.-4 p.m. DSN 633-7438.

Religious activities

Caserma Ederle

Chaplain Crisis Line

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

National Prayer Breakfast

All are invited to attend the National Prayer Breakfast at the Golden Lion, Feb. 7 at 8 a.m. Featured speaker will be Col. Daniel Gall of U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza.

Sunday services

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

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

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

5 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Tuesdays

9 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

Wednesdays

5:30 p.m.: PWOC Bible study. Dinner provided. No child care

5:30 p.m.: Catholic choir practice

6:45 p.m.: Gospel choir practice

Thursdays

9:30 a.m.: Military Council of Catholic Women

5:30 p.m.: Gospel service choir rehearsal

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

Faith group contacts

Bahá'í Faith: Call Russell Menard at 389-133-4627 or Giacomo Baravalle at 348-603-2283

Church of Christ: Call CW2 Michael Bickle at 345-469-9974 or 0444-335-135 or email vicenzaitalychurchofchrist@gmail.com

Islamic: Call 634-7519 (0444-71-7519)

Jewish: Call Paul Levine at 345-907-2108

Latter Day Saints: Sunday services, 9:30 a.m. in Vicenza. Call Bob Shakespeare at 389-268-5605 or email drbob143@gmail.com.

Call the Caserma Ederle Post Chapel at 634-7519 (0444-71-7519) for more information.

Camp Darby

Tuesday

9:30 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

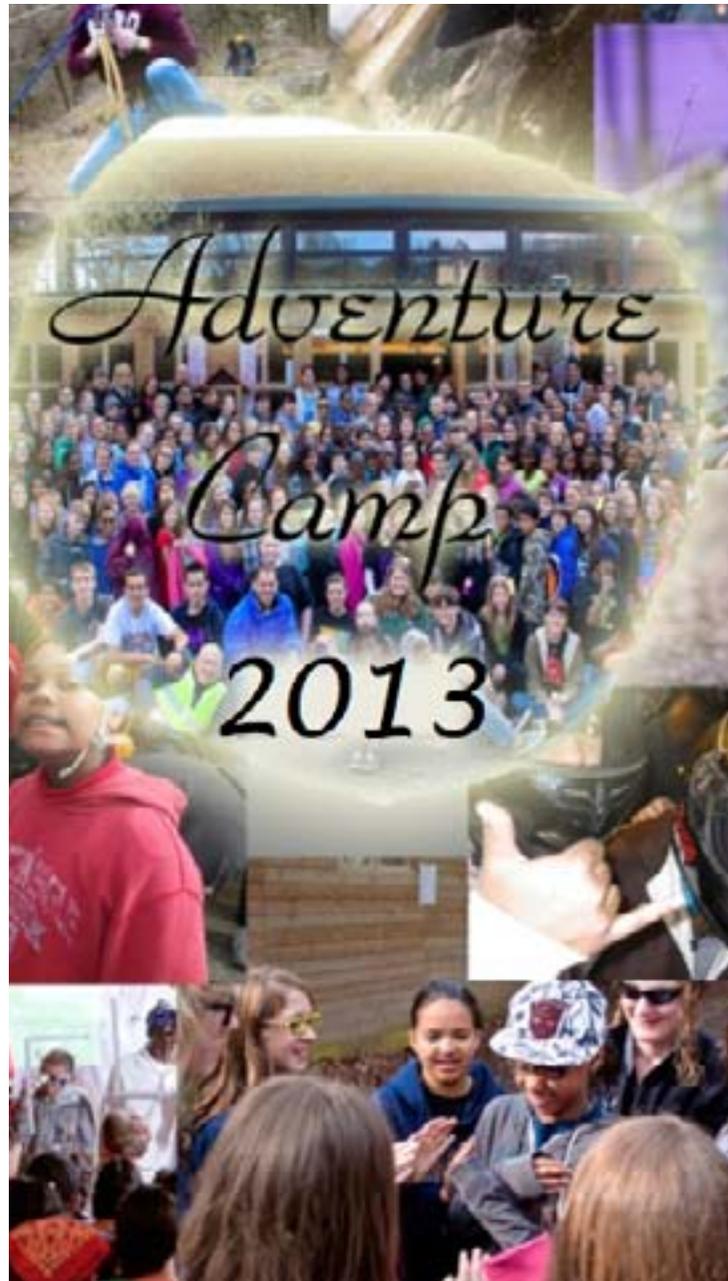
Wednesday

5 p.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

5:15 p.m.: Protestant Men of the Chapel

6:15 p.m.: Choir Practice

For Camp Darby chapel activities and information call 633-7267.



6-8th graders enjoy mountain biking, zip-line, high ropes course, lazer tag, go-karts, caving, and more April 9-13 in Belgium. E-mail avolmert@clubbeyond.org

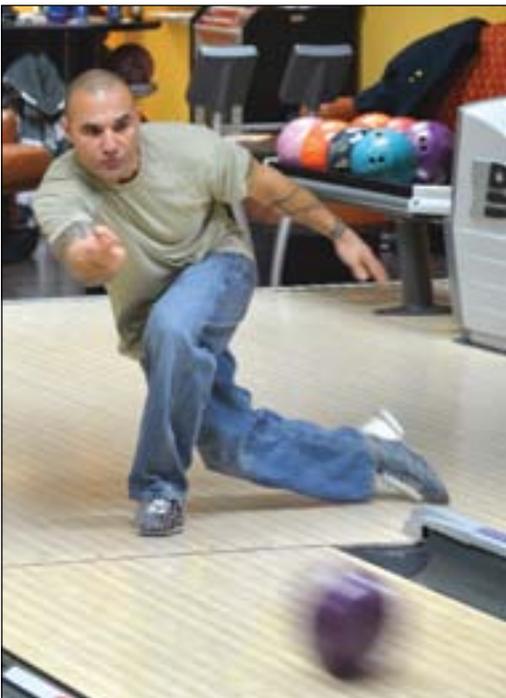


Sports and fitness

Photo by Saralynn Manville

Cougars finish first in last home meet of season

Vicenza Middle School seventh-grader Amon Manville puts a power half on an Aviano opponent for a win during competition Jan. 19. VMS wrestlers competed in exhibition matches against Aviano's middle school team while the Vicenza High School Cougars competed against teams from Aviano, Naples and the American School of Rome in their final home meet of the season. VHS finished first.



Aiming for strikes at Camp Darby

Robert Hernandez of the Team Inspection crew bowls intramural during league play Jan. 16 at the Darby Military Community Bowling Center. The league consists of 12 teams of four players each. Members meet to bowl Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. For information about the bowling league call 633-7458.

Photo by Amy Drummond

Sports shorts

Vicenza Military Community Yoga class at ACS

Reduce stress through yoga in a six-week series beginning Feb. 4. The class is designed to help you reduce your stress by learning and practicing beginning yoga postures. This class is free but limited to 15 participants and requires pre-registration. Register by calling 634-6264.

Volleyball sign up

Unit Rec Volleyball League registration ends Feb. 4 and a coaches meeting will be held Feb. 5 at 6 p.m. in the Ederle Fitness Center conference room. League play begins Feb. 12, so register now. Call 634-7009 for information.

Pre-natal swimming

Pre-natal swimming classes begin Feb. 6 in Vicenza. Classes meet Wednesdays from 1:45-2:30 p.m. for a series of eight sessions at the Fitness Center pool. Expecting mothers will work on muscle toning, breathing techniques and relief from back pain. Cost is \$96. Register at the Ederle Fitness Center front desk.

Meditation Monday

Army Community Service conducts an informal, relaxing meditation session Mondays at 12:15 p.m. in Davis Hall.

Burn Your Fat Off

Two levels of BYFO classes with Heyda Diaz continue at the Fitness Center on Wednesday and Friday. Class cost \$3. Sign up at the front desk.

Darby Military Community

A new **Cardio Circuit class** is being offered on Wednesdays from 9: a.m.-9:45 a.m. in the Fitness Center.

Come cheer for your favorite Unit/Rec Basketball Tue and Thur at 5:30 p.m.