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The Italian, American and NATO flags were raised for the first time at Caserma Del Din March 1 . Photo by Joyce Costello. [Click here for more photos](#)



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THE OFFICIAL HOMEPAGE OF U.S. ARMY GARRISON VICENZA



Speak Out

What books or stories do you read to your young children?



Chief Warrant Officer 2 Fred and Alexia Robbins
U. S. Army Africa G-2

"I read to my daughter about three times a week: the Who Was? series, Dinosaurs, Dork Diaries, Dr. Seuss."



Annemarie Salo
Family member

"I read lots of books to my child. He likes Jan Brett's books and adventure stories."



Gina and Kayla Azevedo
Family members

"My daughter Kayla loves the 'Grouchy Ladybug.' We read it before bedtime every night. She loves it."

By Laura Kreider

By Anna Ciccotti
USAG Vicenza PAO

Allied flags raised over Del Din **marks historic step**



Italian, American and NATO flags were hoisted for the first time ever at Caserma Del Din March 1. "Today is a great day for the Vicenza Military Community, for the Italian Army and the U.S. Army," said Col. David Buckingham, Vicenza Garrison commander, during a ceremony attended by Italian and American military authorities.

"It was a privilege to stand beside Italian Maj. Gen. Enrico Pino, and for the first time to raise the Italian flag, the United States flag and the NATO flag over Caserma Del Din," Buckingham said.

"It was with great pleasure that I accepted the invitation to be here today, along with representatives of the U.S. Army, our friends and allies, for the first flag-raising ceremony at the new Caserma Del Din. This is the tangible result of an endeavor for which we can all be proud," said Maj. Gen. Enrico Pino, Italian Army commander for the Veneto region.

As chairman of the Veneto construction mixed commission (Co.Mi.Pa.) since taking command in 2006, Pino supported the project from the very beginning. Aware of the reorganization of the U.S. Army's footprint in Europe, he chaired the commission whose works, he said, were particularly challenging because of the difficulties inherent in the approval and construction processes of a new military installation.

"I can attest that every issue was always dealt with in a constructive approach until the final, positive outcome," Pino said.

The garrison commander said the flag-raising ceremony symbolized the security transition for the base. Responsibility for safety and security has now transitioned from the construction contractor to the Italian Army, which has consigned Caserma Del Din to the Vicenza garrison to operate.

"This is the first time the flags have flown over the new base," Buckingham said. "There will be an official opening ceremony in July when construction is complete and the Soldiers arrive."

The arrival of new Soldiers in Vicenza can only have positive effects for the city and the local community, Pino said. Along with a positive economic impact, the people of the Vicenza area will benefit from the influx of "young people and new families that bear those values distinctive of one of the greatest democracies of the western world. I believe these young American Soldiers must be considered welcome in Vicenza and in Veneto," he said.

Pino said that as chair of the Co.Mi.Pa., he had observed a strong commitment on the part of the U.S. command to be good stewards of local natural resources by promoting the sustainable features that make Del Din one of the greenest, most modern installations in Europe. Design and build decisions were made throughout the construction process to minimize the impact on the surrounding environment, he said.

"The project, completed on time, is an example of efficiency and rationality and is a model for our Italian



Photos by Joyce Costello

Col. David Buckingham (above, left), USAG Vicenza garrison commander, chats with Maj. Gen. Enrico Pino, commander of the Italian Army in the Veneto, and other military leaders before the flag-raising ceremony March 1 at Caserma Del Din. [Click here for more photos.](#)

military construction projects. I expect that from now on, and especially for new buildings, we will have to take into account the sustainable parameters adopted here at Caserma Del Din," Pino said.

USAG Vicenza Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Council said that "today's flag raising symbolizes the joint effort of our Italian partners and Americans to open up this base and to welcome in the Soldiers who will be occupying these buildings. It is very important because it helps the community and helps strengthen the already strong relationship between the Italian population here in Vicenza and our Soldiers."

"It really is a big day here today. It is another important step in turning over this base," said Cmdr. Andrew Hascall, the Navy resident officer in charge of construction.

"I am proud to be here and see this become a reality. I am even prouder to represent the Naval Facilities Engineering Command employees who have worked so hard over the years to accomplish this feat," he said.

The \$307 million design-build contract for the Del Din multi-facility complex was awarded in 2008. The first of 31 buildings that make up the installation was turned over to the Army Feb. 22. Construction is slated to be complete in the weeks ahead.

"Most of all, my sincerest gratitude goes to the staff I work with here in Vicenza. There's never been a finer team; they have been the real story behind this success," Hascall said.



Garrison adds firefighters

Photo by Davide Dalla Massara

By Grant Sattler
USAG Vicenza PAO

The Vicenza Military Community expanded its emergency response capability Feb. 28 as 14 recently hired firefighters graduated from a month-long certification course.

In welcome remarks to the families, friends and firefighters attending the ceremony held in the Caserma Ederle Fire Station, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Commander Col. David Buckingham said. "This is a very important day for our fire and emergency services because we now have two fire stations. With the support of the Vigili del Fuoco di Vicenza, we can provide safe coverage to Caserma Ederle and Villaggio, and now to Caserma Del Din."

The new firefighters are assigned to shifts at the new Caserma Del Din Fire Station.

USAG Vicenza Director of Emergency Services Dan Brush said, "We are now able to provide full support for the Del Din installation."

Fire Chief Giancarlo Fattori said, "The firefighters that we have hired already have experience as firefighters with Italian fire departments, but they were volunteers. So they have received the same training as the 24/7 Italian firefighters. Over the last 28 days, we've added the American standards training."

"We have been training them since Feb. 1 in basic firefighter recruit training," said Christopher Bender, supervisory firefighter with the USAG Vicenza Fire Department. "They're all seasoned firefighters, they were trained down in the Fire Academy in Rome, and they're all volunteers for various communities around the Vicenza area, so these are local grown firefighters, from Thiene and Schio all the way down to Padova."

"We just happened to pull from that pool of experienced, trained individuals and pulled them on to the caserma," he said.

Training culminated Feb. 24-25 on Caserma Ederle with smoke drills and rescue operations practice.

Buckingham said, "Just over a year ago I promised the Italian community that we would hire 200 local national employees to serve at Del Din. We are doing that, and those graduating today are some of those new hires."

In 2010, 65 employees were hired for Del Din positions. In the last six months, 53 new hires have been brought on the rolls and an additional 72 positions will be filled in the next three months; 10 additional positions will not be hired until 2014, he said.

Speaking to the new firefighters Buckingham said, "It's a great day for you. What a great milestone in your lives and your careers to achieve this certification and now to be able to perform this important work. I'm proud of you and I'm proud of your instructors who took part in the training."

Capt. Joseph Brewer, Capt. Kelly Knight, Capt. Tristan Cameron, Asst. Fire Chief John McDonald and Bender received recognition for their roles in training the new firefighters.

Among the new recruits who were presented badges and shields were: Sara Munaretto, Andrea Dal Ferro, Stefano Pretto, Nicola Bongiovanni, Patrick Suligoj, Andrea Biasio, Federico Scapin, Giovanni Risato, Gianluca Zaffaina, Johnny Plazzer, Stefano Costa, Roberto Decchino, Matteo Manfron and Simone Cupini.

Fattori said, "Because of the situation when we started Caserma Ederle's 24/7 fire service in 1998, we never had the time to do anything like this for the new firefighters. This is great for us to join all together, Italian and American, a great opportunity for us to show what we can do and at the same time to display that we are here to support the entire community."

Fattori concluded the formalities.

"Firefighters, you are dismissed to report to your assigned shift at the new Fire Station at Del Din," he said.



Italians graduate training and join Caserma Del Din crew. [Click here for more photos](#)



Garrison highlights emphasis on customer service

By Joyce Costello
USAG Vicenza PAO

With budget cuts and possibly furloughs around the corner, one thing that will not be reduced in the Vicenza Military Community is a positive emphasis on customer service.

Garrison-wide Town Hall meetings Feb. 26 and 27 started with U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Commander, Col. David Buckingham, passing out "Buckingham Bucks" to key garrison employees in recognition of the outstanding customer service feedback from ICE comment cards.

"We are in the business of service and I believe my rank is a mark of how much service I owe my country, Soldiers and families," said Buckingham as he introduced the USAG Vicenza Customer Service Standards. "For most of us within the garrison, offices are already providing great customer service, but we are looking to take customer service from an A to an A-plus," he said.

The customer service standards begin with a great greeting, by which customers are greeted promptly, personally and cheerfully, followed by an awesome attitude, meaning customers are treated with courtesy and enthusiasm.

"Customers can expect to be served by a professional staff in a welcoming environment with the end goal of them being a satisfied customer and departing happy and with their needs met," explained Buckingham.

For service providers such as Bill Murphy, lead plans specialist, Plans, Analysis and Integration Office, this emphasis on interpersonal relations can make a difference in the overall community.

USAG Vicenza Customer Service Standards

A Great Greeting: Customers are greeted promptly, personally and cheerfully.

An Awesome Attitude: Customers are treated with courtesy and enthusiasm.

A Professional Image: Customers are served by a professional staff.

A Welcoming Environment: Customers are served in an appropriately cleaned, equipped and maintained environment.

A Satisfied Customer: Customers depart satisfied, and happy.

"I'm proud to provide great customer service in a timely and accurate manner that our customers can use and depend on," said Murphy. "As a professional these standards help us understand the level of service we need to provide, and from a customer perspective we know what level of service we can expect."

Buckingham added that the garrison is also working on community standards so no one will be emotionally, physically or mentally abusive to others; parents will be held responsible for the behavior of their children; and facility managers will be able to dictate behavior within a facility.

Recognizing garrison employee for making a difference

(left) Master Sgt. John Davis, Senior Enlisted Advisor, USAG Vicenza, Darby military community presented a JOINT CIVILIAN SERVICE COMMENDATION AWARD to Mr. Lawrence Kilgore, USAG Vicenza, Deputy Garrison Manager in a ceremony held on March 1 at the Darby Community Club.

Photo by Amy Drummond



USAG Vicenza Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

All DA civilian employees and US ID Card Holders, as well their family members over 18 years of age, to include: AAFES, Non-Appropriated Fund, Appropriated Fund, Temporary, Part-Time, Retirees and Military Family Members are eligible to take part.

Services include: Practical Problem-Solving, Screening/Assessment, Referral, Individual Counseling and Family Counseling, Follow-Up.

- EAP services are free to eligible personnel
- EAP services are confidential

The goal of the program is to provide assistance to Military Dependents, civilian employees as well as their family members concerning life issues which affect their well-being and their ability to perform in their work as well as their everyday life.

- Increase employee productivity
- Reduce absenteeism and employee turnover
- Reduce accidents and on-the-job injuries
- Provide consultation for managers, supervisors, and employees to support employee wellness

The program consists of consultation and education services. The Employee Assistance Program Specialist will provide employee awareness and education classes. Topics include, but are not limited to:

- Substance Abuse Awareness
- Stress Management
- Balancing Work and Family
- Prevention of Violence in the Workplace

In accordance with AR 600-85, the above mentioned classes meet the educational requirement of two hours per civilian employee.

The EAP can increase employee morale because they help employees become productive again. EAPs are preventative. They educate, evaluate, and help plan solutions for a wide variety of personal issues for employees and their family members before the problems become overwhelming. EAPs are an effective tool in assisting supervisors better manage the workplace and troubled employees. EAPs are a proactive way for the Army to extend a caring hand while building a more productive workforce. EAPs provide employees with a valuable resource for helping them cope with a wide variety of issues on and off the job, including alcohol and drug abuse, overall mental well being, marital/relationship issues, child/family issues, stress, dependent care, and more.

Today, restoring human resources to full functioning is particularly meaningful in light of an employment crunch.

Know how to recognize the signs of depression in the workplace:

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- Morale problems
- Increased accidents
- Absenteeism
- Tardiness
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Women's History Month Highlight



VHS ninth-grader Emma Knapp observes mitosis through a microscope as biotech teacher and STEM proponent Amy Ney looks on.

Women making history in STEM

Story and photo by David Ruderman

USAG Vicenza PAO

Amy Ney, science teacher and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) proponent at Vicenza High School, has been an educator for 20 years. She started out in Great Falls, Mont., and earned a BA at Montana State University in Bozeman with majors in English and science.

"When I started college I was in pre-med. I always had a love for science, and I changed majors and went for education," Ney said. She first taught English and science with DoDDS, but over the years drifted into teaching science exclusively.

"That's kind of been my love," she said. "I think as a young child, what interested me was the hands-on discovery."

Ney credits a handful of teachers during her own school years, especially a chemistry teacher in Bozeman named

Ray Hamilton, for encouraging her interest and her curiosity.

"The biggest thing was that they were open to my ideas," Ney said.

Parents can also play a critical role in encouraging girls and boys to engage with mathematics and the sciences. "Something as simple as when you're cooking in the kitchen, asking simple questions, like why is this bread rising? Or why does the soda can pop? Just stimulating their curiosity," she said.

The adoption of the present STEM curriculum in DoDDS grew out of conversations taking place across the teaching community about what employers were looking for in college graduates and young adults entering the work force in general, she said. The answer turned out to be "21st-century skills," areas that all come under the STEM rubric of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Ney served with the bio-technology group of educator advisers assembled by DoDEA from among its teaching

staff around the world to develop, test and certify curriculum proposals, which were submitted to Congress for approval before becoming part of the DoDEA worldwide curriculum in 2009.

DoDDS now offers STEM classes in four areas: robotics, green technology, biotech engineering and gaming, said Ney.

She pointed out that the field of biotechnology engineering is presently experiencing annual job growth of 70 percent. Brain power, perseverance and interpersonal skills can open the door to anyone with the ability and drive.

"The jobs that are going to exist in 10 years, we don't even know about yet because of the changing technology," said Ney.

Her watchword for young women, and for all students, as they progress toward adulthood?

"Find what interests you, focus on that and follow your dreams," said Ney.

F2F: Life after service

Story and photo by Laura Kreider
USAG Vicenza PAO

More than 120 service members and community members attended a "Life After the Military" panel discussion at the Golden Lion conference center Feb. 28 as guests of the Vicenza Military Community Female 2 Female program.

Six female veterans: Berni Hanley, Adrienne Smith, Shannon Sterling, Kendra Buckingham, Liz Bergman and moderator Maggie Menzies discussed how their military experience shaped who they are and how they became the professional women they are today.

"In this second networking event they discussed how education, mentoring and military values and ethics shaped them and prepared them for the challenges in their lives," said Julia Sibilla, Army Community Service AFTB/AFAP program manager.

The purpose of the event was to create a welcoming environment for community newcomers to learn and grow from the panel discussion and casual conversation afterward.

Several agencies that provide guidance on career options for transitioning service members — the career counselor, ACAP, ACS Employment Readiness and others — were on hand as well to answer questions and provide additional support.

"Many of the attendees had an overwhelmingly positive reaction to the event. We had many young female service members in attendance and I was so pleased to hear attendees say that they learned so many things from the panel of female veterans," said Sibilla.

"The event was also about individuals having, making and embracing choices in life. The women on the panel are all truly remarkable and I am proud to know them," she said.



ACS Employment Readiness program manager Daphne Becker attended and was also providing information at her station after the panel discussion.

"The F2F event is one of many great initiatives for the Vicenza Military Community. Topics discussed during the event provided information to transitioning Soldiers on what to expect after the military, not only from an employment standpoint but a mental and emotional point of view," said Becker.

Becker said attendees approached her after the panel discussion with questions about building resumes and presenting themselves to their best advantage in negotiating the job market.

Becker explained what she called the four "P"s, being prepared and proactive, exercising patience, and planning.

"Planning is instrumental, it's key to leaving the military. The best way to plan is for the Soldier to use all their resources, like the Employment Readiness manager and ACAP. I strongly believe that a Soldier should use ACAP services one year before ETSing and two years prior to retirement," Becker said.

F2F Strong Bonds

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Courtesy photo

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Charles Drafall gestures to Bulgarian soldiers during MDMP training in Stara Zagora, Bulgaria, Feb. 13.

Sky Soldiers conduct mil-to-mil training in Bulgaria

By Sgt. Joel Vazquez

173rd ABCT PAO

Few can say they travel the world, engage in new cultural ways of life and leave their mark on those they have visited, but for three Soldiers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, it's all in a day's work.

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Edwin Maldonado, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Charles Drafall and Capt. Aaron Becker hit that mark when they had the opportunity to travel to Stara Zagora, Bulgaria, to mentor and instruct the 2nd Mechanized Brigade of the Bulgarian Army.

Their mission was to instruct soldiers of the 2nd Mechanized Brigade in preparation for their upcoming rotation at the Joint Multinational Training Center at Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany, and their deployment to Kandahar, Afghanistan, later this year. The military-to-military training they provided covered troop-leading procedures, the military decision making process, known as MDMP, and intelligence preparation for the battlefield.

"The most surprising part in all of this was who the Bulgarian army sent to train," said Maldonado.

The three-man training team expected to work with no more than 15 junior noncommissioned officers or junior officers, but were instead greeted on arrival by 31 high-ranking Bulgarian soldiers, all with decades of experience.

Maldonado said he has worked with the Bulgarian Army in the past, conducting training and deploying in Afghanistan with their units, and was honored to have the opportunity

to work with them again.

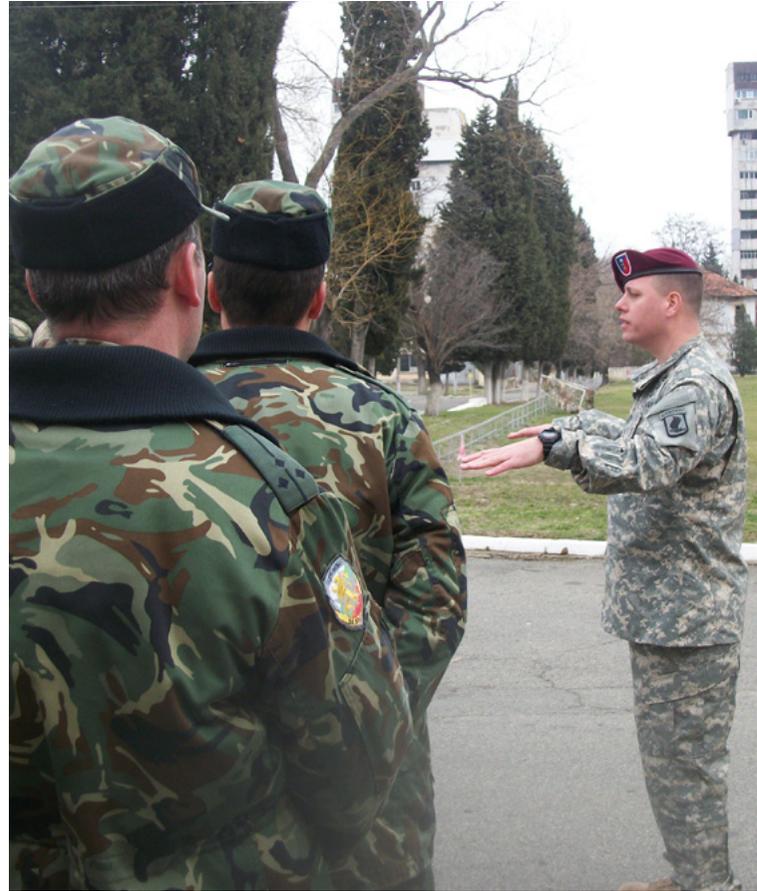
Drafall may not have worked with the Bulgarians in the past, but he is no stranger to the type of environments that military-to-military training teams can be sent. Much like Maldonado, he has conducted numerous training programs for soldiers in allied countries around the world and was excited to add Bulgaria to the list.

"Conducting training like this is the best kind of training to be involved with," Drafall said. "It is much more than just business. From the second we arrived they welcomed us with open arms, they even had an opening ceremony upon our arrival to the installation."

The mil-to-mil mission was a mixture of business and pleasure for the 173rd Soldiers. When the training day was done, they were entertained and enlightened each day with a history lesson highlighting the historical accomplishments of the Bulgarian Army over the centuries.

"To hear about their battles every day, to see how they operated in the past in comparison to now was very interesting," Drafall said. "We had the chance to hear and see how the Bulgarian Army evolved into the military fighting force they are today, so in a way, we learned how they operate as well."

Although they were there for only four days, Maldonado and Drafall were confident in the job they had done as instructors because it is always easy to teach students when they are willing to learn, they said. After this experience they hope the 173rd ABCT and the U.S. Army continue to train other allied nations and they're looking forward to mentoring and instructing again in the near future, they said.

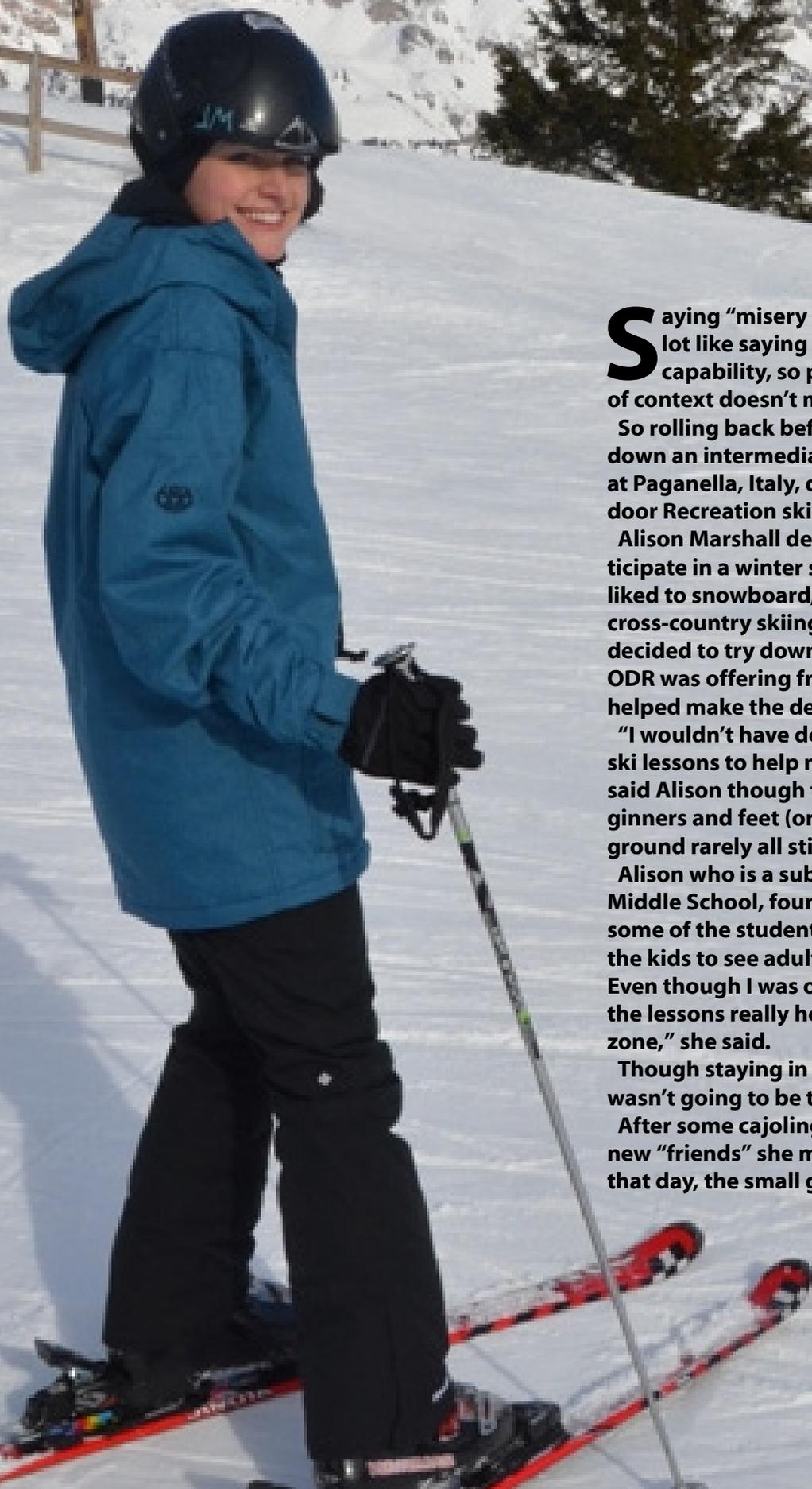


“We may come from two different worlds, and not speak the same language, ours being English and theirs being Bulgarian, but that didn’t matter,” said Maldonado. “Professional soldiers have a way of understanding one another. Military bearing and professionalism speak volumes even when words are not used, and these were some of the most professional soldiers I have ever had the opportunity to work with.”



ADVENTURES OF A NOVICE SKIER IN ITALY

STORY AND PHOTOS BY JOYCE COSTELLO



Saying “miserly loves company” can be a lot like saying “this ski run is beyond my capability, so please join me” — which out of context doesn’t make sense.

So rolling back before the point of tumbling down an intermediate or red ski run, let’s begin at Paganella, Italy, during a recent Vicenza Outdoor Recreation ski and snowboard trip.

Alison Marshall decided she wanted to participate in a winter sport with her husband. He liked to snowboard, and since she had tried cross-country skiing as a child in Michigan, she decided to try downhill skiing. The fact that ODR was offering free ski lessons, she said, helped make the decision easier.

“I wouldn’t have done it if there weren’t free ski lessons to help me get my feet under me,” said Alison though truth be told, red runs, beginners and feet (or skis) firmly planted on the ground rarely all stick together in reality.

Alison who is a substitute teacher at Vicenza Middle School, found herself learning with some of the students she teaches. “It’s good for the kids to see adults trying something new. Even though I was out learning with the kids, the lessons really help you stay in your comfort zone,” she said.

Though staying in the comfort zone for long wasn’t going to be the case that day.

After some cajoling and reassurances from two new “friends” she met on the beginner slopes that day, the small group of beginners and the



advanced skier, Christine, were jumping on the gondola and going up the mountain. The map in hand showed a circle of blue runs, what were supposed to be beginner runs, at the top of the mountain. The gondola dropped the group off at the top of a very steep red run — an intermediate level course. But then there they were. With no way other than down, the descent began.

“After getting up again and again on the red run, I began to think these new ‘friends’ aren’t nice,” laughed Alison

After her new acquaintances apologized profusely and promised that the next run would definitely be a blue run, they continued the adventure on a different chairlift. True to the spirit of adventure, the blue run, unfortunately for the beginners, connected back to the original red run. After another challenging descent, the map was consulted and a route planned to avoid another red run at all costs.

But the map either lied or was made by a color-blind cartographer. The alleged blue run, literally on top of the mountain pass, was biting cold, icy and steep as the wind whipped around the peak. Lesson learned: If the runs are at the top of a mountain pass, they are generally very, very steep.

“I’m running a half marathon in Verona next week, and at the top of the mountain I was really worried about getting down safely and being OK,” said Alison. “The hardest part is not being so nervous, because physically my legs are shot, but mentally I feel good.”

After a tough day of being told that reds were

blues and learning that blues don’t really exist at Paganella, Alison said that despite the challenges, she really likes skiing.

Mark Juliano, Vicenza ODR ski instructor, said it’s exciting for him to share his passion for skiing and then seeing new skiers enjoy it. “It’s a neat life lesson, that one is never too old to learn, along with being a great experience for families and singles,” he said.

“It is a great feeling of being free when you go down the slopes,” said Alison. “I learned: don’t be embarrassed, but instead seize the opportunity to try something new.”

Upcoming trips

March 9: San Pellegrino ski-snowboard day trip, great for intermediate and advanced skiers.

March 16 and 30: Stubaital ski-snowboard day trip, ideal for all level skiers and snowboarders, but no lesson will be provided. This area has snow through June.

March 23: Kronplatz ski-snowboard day trip, ideal for all levels of skiers and snowboarders.

Community shots



Collecting coupons to save big

Vicenza Military Community members take part in the ACS Coupon Social in support of Military Save week Feb. 25-March 1. Visit www.militarysaves.org to learn how you can save money.

Gone green for a Sure Start

Vicenza Sure Start pre-schoolers Cierra Worley (left) and Za'Niaya Jackson sort bottle caps for the Green Cross March 1. Sure Start students collect and recycle the little bits of plastic, which are melted down for re-use by a lawn chair manufacturer. Proceeds are returned to the Italian community. Contributions are always welcome.



Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss

USAG Vicenza Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Council (below) reads to second-graders at Vicenza Elementary School March 1. Click [here](#) for more photos.



Darby Military Community



Darby, Vicopisano teens shoot hoops

By Chiara Mattiolo
Darby Military Community PAO

Italian students from the Vicopisano (PI) middle school played a basketball game with a squad from the Darby Livorno Unit School, sharing a learning experiences with their American peers at the post gym Feb. 25.

“I have never been this nervous before a game,” said Vicopisano player Nicola Lugli. Everything was new and different from what they are used to for the Italian students, and they were not expecting to play in front of such a large crowd, he said. “The gym was full of people and there were also military wearing their uniforms,” said Vicopisano player Matteo Cataldo. “It really seemed like being in the United States for a while.” Part of that impression may have come from the Child and

Youth Services cheerleader squad on hand to support the Darby team.

According to the students’ parents this was a fantastic experience and the Darby cheerleaders added a special touch to the event. “It’s amazing, the Darby team had even the cheerleaders,” said Vicopisano student Kevin Rinaldo. “They were excellent, and the funny thing is that their uniform has the same colors as ours, so they looked like they were our cheerleaders.”

Maj. Kenneth Davis of the Livorno Heath Clinic and Sgt. Akiel McKnight of the 511th MP Platoon did duty as referees. The Vicopisano team won 51-19, but there was something positive in the experience for everyone. The Italian students left intent on seeing their new friends again, and invited the Livorno Unit School team to visit their school and play with them there. The Italian students had only one condition: The Darby squad will have to bring the cheerleaders with them to Vicopisano.

Read Across America

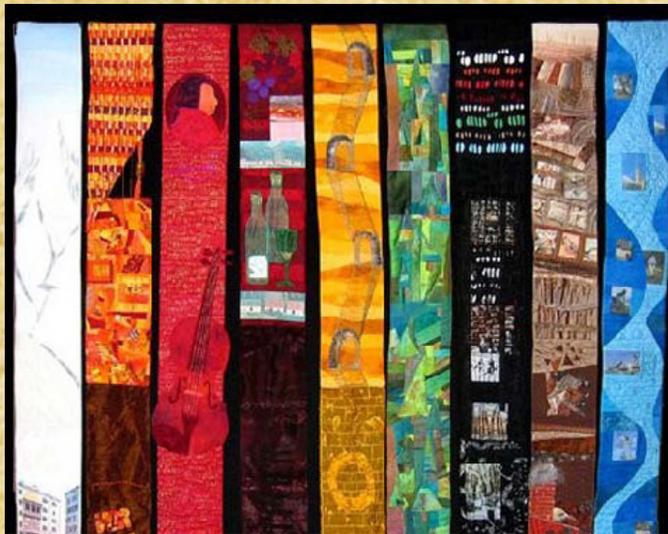
Livorno Unit School has Dress up as Dr Sues in celebration of ‘Read Across America.’ Photos by Chiara Mattiolo



Abilmente - Bricolage and Manual Creativity Exhibition

March 7-10, 9:30 a.m. – 7 p.m., in Vicenza, Viale del Lavoro, 69; patchwork, craft, decoupage, embroidery, weaving, needlework, and home decorations ideas. Hands-on mini workshops.

Courtesy photo



VENETO

Festa di San Giuseppe e Festa della Quaglia allo Spiedo – St. Joseph Festival and Spit-Roasted Quail Fair: March 8-10 and March 15-17, in Villaganzerla, about 9 miles south of Vicenza; Carnival rides, fair trade market, craft show, painting and photo exhibits; charity raffle.

Fiori, Colori e Sapori dall'Italia all'Europa – Italian and European flowers, colors and flavors: March 8 – 10, 8 am.-6 p.m., in Valdagno, in Piazza Verdi, about 21 miles northwest of Vicenza.

The Odeon Theater, in Vicenza, Corso Palladio 176, will be featuring movies in English through the winter. March 11: Les Misérables by Tom Hooper. Tickets cost € 6. Show times are 5 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Orto giardino - Exhibition of floriculture, nursery products, horticulture and outdoor furniture: March 2-10, in Pordenone, Viale Treviso, 1, about 90 miles northeast of Vicenza. Monday – Friday 2:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday 9:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Admission fee: €8. Reduced € 6 for children 13-18. Free entrance for children younger than 13

Matti per gli insetti – Bugs and insects exhibit: ongoing through April 14, in Bassano del Grappa, Palazzo Bonaguro, Via Angarano 77, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza; Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.; Sunday 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m.; closed on March 31 (Easter); entrance fee: €3; reduced €2 (10-26 years old and older than 65); special opening and free entrance for women on March 8 (Women's Day).

Abilmente - Bricolage and Manual Creativity Exhibition: March 7 – 10 in Vicenza, Viale del Lavoro, 69; patchwork, craft, decoupage,

embroidery, weaving, needlework, and home decorations ideas. Hands-on mini workshops. Admission fee: €11. Reduced €9 for children 6-12 and senior citizens over 60. Free entrance for children under 6.

MondoVacanza – Travel Fair : March 9 -10 in Padova

Mondomare – Fishing, Boating, Diving, and Nautical Tourism Fair: March 9 -11 in Padova.

Haru no Kaze – Vento di Primavera - Japanese Spring Wind Festival: in Vicenza, March 15-24

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.

FREE EVENTS

Gaetano Veronese's sculptures exhibit

Ongoing through March 17, in Schio, Palazzo Fogazzaro, Via Pasini 44, about 16 miles northwest of Vicenza; Wednesday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Friday 4-7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 1- a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 4-7 p.m.

Conservatory Concert and Choir: March 9, 4 p.m., at the Santa Corona Temple, Contrà S. Corona.

Lutes Concert: March 10, 5:30 p.m., in Bassano Del Grappa, Palazzo Roberti Bookstore, Via J. Da Ponte, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza

MARKETS

Vicenza: 220 vendors, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. , in Piazza dei Signori, Piazza Duomo, Piazza Garibaldi,

Piazza Palladio, Piazza Biade and Piazza Castello.

Lonigo: 100 vendors, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Via Garibaldi, about 20 miles southwest of Vicenza.

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
 Anastacia: April 8 in Padova; April 9 in Milan
 Justin Bieber: March 23 in Bologna
 Steve Hackett: April 23 in Assago (Milan); April 26 in Rome
 Beyoncé: May 18 in Milan
 Bruce Springsteen and the E Street Band: May 31 in Padova; June 3 in Milan; July 11 in Rome
 Joe Satriani: May 29 in Rome; May 31 in Florence; June 1 in Padova
 Bon Jovi: June 29 in Milan
 Mark Knopfler: May 3 in Assago
 Alicia Keys: June 19 in Torino (Milan); July 12 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova); July 13 in Rome
 Leonard Cohen: July 7 in Rome; July 9 in Lucca
 Elton John: July 9 in Barolo (Cuneo)
 John Legend: July 8 in Perugia; July 9 in Milan
 Sting: July 8 in Verona; July 9 in Rome
 Neil Young and Crazy Horse: July 25

in Lucca; July 26 in Rome
 Roger Waters: July 26 in Padova; July 28 in Rome
 Robbie Williams: July 31 in Milan
Click here for ticket info.

TUSCANY

Fiera del Tartufo Marzuolo – Truffle Festival: March 9-10, 11 a.m.-7p.m.; in San Giovanni D’Asso (Siena); local products exhibit and sale; booth stands featuring many truffle specialties; historical and archaeological exhibits.
Il Salone del Soldatino e della Bambola d’Epoca-Toy Soldiers and Vintage Fair: March 10, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., in Calenzano (Firenze), Hotel Florence, Via Vittori Emanuele III; free entrance.
Capodanno di Pisa – Pisa’s New Year’s Day: March 25, in Pisa
Local antique markets in Tuscany this weekend include:
Firenze (Tuscany): March 10, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Santo Spirito.
Montepulciano: March 9-10, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Grande.
Piombino (Livorno): March 9-10, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cappelletti, Corso Italia, via Fucini, Piazza Gramsci.
Pisa: March 9-10, . 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza dei Cavalieri.
Pistoia: March 9-10, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Via Pertini.

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

Vicopisano (Pisa): March 10, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Domenico Cavalca.

SPORTS

4 km Nordic Walking at the Fimon Lake: March 9. The walk starts at 2:45 p.m. from the last pier on Via Lago; participation fee: €4
Marcia delle Primule – Primroses 4 – 6- 13.5 – 22 km non competitive walk: March 10, in Schio, about 16 miles northwest of Vicenza; it departs from Via S. Leonzio 14 from 8-9 a.m.; participation fee: €2.50.
StraVicenza Marathon: The annual StraVicenza 2 KM, 4.5KM and 10KM runs are going to be held on Sunday, March 17 at 10: a.m. and medical coverage. **Note also that March 17 is no drive day in Vicenza.** Participants can park their vehicles in the Stadio, Via Cricoli or Via Farini parking lots and take a bus to the city center. Vicenza buses and parking in the above lots are free from 7:30 a.m. onwards. From Caserma Ederle, take bus# 1 to the train station.



La Festa della Donna – International Women’s Day

March 8 in Italy this is a day men give bunches of mimosa to the women in their lives. Authorities don’t agree on how or why, but the custom started in Italy, some say in Rome in 1946. Women have since begun to give mimosa to each other. The flowers are a sign of respect for and an expression of solidarity and support for oppressed women worldwide. Today, women enjoy having lunch or dinner together in restaurants or pizzerias before going to discos or clubs where special shows are organized. The dinner usually ends with a so-called Mimosa cake.



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Book trips [online](#) on WebTrac

ODR trips DSN 634-7453

- March 9: San Gimignano and Monteriggioni
- March 10: Verona and arena for kids
- March 16 and 30: Ski Stubaital
- March 16: Cinque Terre
- March 20: Padova and Scrovegni Chapel
- March 23: Ski Kronplatz
- March 23: Pisa olive oil tasting

5K Kilt Run

Put down your bagpipes and grab your kilt for the March 13, 5k Kilt Run. The race begins at 6 p.m. on the Ederle Track and Field. Registration is open March 13, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at the Ederle Fitness Center. The first 200 registered will receive a T-shirt. Cost is \$15. DSN 634-7616.

"The WIZ" opens at Soldiers' Theatre

Just over the rainbow, the magical world of "The WIZ" awaits. Show Runs, Friday, Mar. 8 - Sunday, Mar. 24. Show times are Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$15 for adults and \$12 for youth. Call the box office at 634-7281 for reservations.

Entertainment

- Bring your friend, colleague, wife, sister or significant other to the Old Soldier's Bar on March 8, 5-7 p.m. There will be a special treat for all women who come and Spritz and snack specials. Call 634-7685 for more information.
- Join us at the Old Soldiers' Bar in the Golden Lion Conference Center for our monthly Surf and Turf Night. Cost is \$30 per person and includes; 12 ounce T-Bone steak, grilled shrimp, baked potato, salad, water, a glass of wine, dessert and coffee. Coffee. Make your reservation by Friday, 15 March by calling 634-7685.
- Join the 9 Ball Blind Doubles Pool Tournament on March 9 at 8 p.m. in the Lion's Den. Entry is \$5 and \$100 goes to the first place team.

Arts and Crafts DSN 634-7074

- The second Saturday of the month is clay day at the Arts & Crafts Center with Parent/Child Wheel Throwing in the morning and Adult Wheel Throwing in the afternoon. Everyone will love the world of ceramics after a few hours on the wheel.
- Photographing Children & Babies Part II (part I not

required) class runs March 14-28. Let Erika lead the way on capturing your child in all their precious moments.

- Learn how to do "Recycled Magazine Crafts" March 15, 29 and "Altered Books" March 20, 22

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS)

Bowling Night at the Arena March 19, 7-10 p.m.

Ederle Library

Youth ages 3-11 can celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Library with our Leprechaun scavenger hunt and crafts on March 13, 3:30 p.m. Register at the checkout desk before March 11.

CYSS

- There is still space available in the EDGE! Garage 101 class, will meet from 3:30-5 p.m. every Wednesday from March 6-27. Learn basic mechanic skills and shop safety from the professionals at Auto Skills. Enroll at CYSS Parent Central Services or on Webtrac. Call 634-7502 for additional information about the classes.
- Youth ImageMakers photo exhibit is on display at the Ederle Library March 11-29. Stop by and see the talent the youth from our community have and vote on your favorite. Call 634-7659 for more information.
- 8th Grade Lock-in will be Friday, March 15 at the Teen Center. Youth will find fun, food and special programming happening all night long. Register by calling 634-7659 before March 14.

ACS

- Spouse Sponsorship training will be held on March 13, noon-1:30 p.m. in the ACS conference room.
- EFM adults and children plus their Families are invited to join others in the community for the EFMP leg of the Kilt Run on March 13, at 5:15 p.m., just prior to the main run on the Ederle Track and Field. Sign up deadline for EFMP participants is 5 p.m. and it is free. All participants will receive a medal. Call 634-7500 for more information and to register.

GET FAMILIAR WITH NEW WEBSITE

Vicenza Family and MWR wants to help our friends get familiar with our new website. <http://vicenza.armymwr.com>. To help everyone discover the features of the new site we are hosting a get familiar contest. Every day in March we will post a tip for finding information or using our website. You can join in the fun by adding your own tips. Every Friday we will hold a drawing and one Facebook Friend who has shared a new tip will win a Family and MWR prize.

DARBY MILITARY COMMUNITY

ODR trips

- * March 9: Tour Rome
- * March 16: Ski Monte Cimone
- * March 23: Tour Florence
- * March 30: Tour Assisi

Call 633-7589/7775 for details or register on WebTrac. See full listings at <http://www.calendarwiz.com/calendars/calendar>.

Are you new to the Darby Military Community? Is this your first assignment in Europe? Culture College is your orientation to the Darby Military Community as well as to the Pisa and Livorno areas. Register now for this five day course beginning March 4. Contact Army Community Service at 633-7084.

Do you know your BMI? Body composition? VO2? If these acronyms aren't familiar to you, visit the Darby Health Fair on March 14, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. to discover a wide spectrum of services from multiple agencies available to the community. You can expect to find blood pressure checks, healthy snack recipes and samples, running shoe

assessment and general fitness recommendations and much more!

Child, Youth & School Services

Join the Youth Center for a fun-filled evening with games galore at Kickback Night on March 23, 5:45-11 p.m. Cost is \$5 and you must sign up before March 20. Register at the Youth Center or on WEBTRAC online.

Library

Are you an amateur sculptor, painter, jewelry maker, quilter, photographer or crafts maker in your spare time? Share your talent with the Darby Community! Show your work at the Library during National Library Week April 14-20. For more information, contact the Darby Library at 633-7000 or visit <http://vicenza.armyMWR.com>

Sports & Fitness

Sports & Fitness is looking for coaches and players for the 2013 Men's & Women's Base Softball teams. The season runs March thru September. Tryouts will be announced after coaches are selected. For more info, contact Sports & Fitness at 633-7438.



International Women's Day Social

Friday, March 8
from 5-7 p.m.
at the Old Soldiers' Bar

Bring your friend, wife, sister or colleague and enjoy a Spritz Special, snacks and a special treat for all women who join us.

Ages 18+

For more info call **634-7685** or visit **vicenza.armyMWR.com**.



Community briefs

Vicenza Military Community

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

March OHA Survey

The Defense Travel Management Office will conduct an Overseas Housing Allowance Utility and Move-in expense survey March 1-31. It is intended to validate and adjust the compensation service members are receiving from OHA to live in privately leased or rented residential housing. All service members, regardless of service affiliation, who reside in off-post housing are highly encouraged to complete the survey in order to accurately gauge the amount of OHA service members are receiving. This survey is critical for ensuring OHA rates are properly set at overseas locations and directly affects the amount of housing allowance each service member is paid. Spouses are encouraged to take the survey along with their service member or, if the member is not available, authorized to take the survey.

<https://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/marutil.cfm>

National Nutrition Month

March is National Nutrition Month. Scheduled events include:

- March 12: Healthy recipes, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the South of the Alps Dining Facility
- March 19: Weight Management Support Group, 9-10 a.m. at the commissary

For more or to schedule an appointment with a dietitian, call 636-9519.

Red Cross Reconnection workshops

The Vicenza Red Cross is conducting workshops structured to help families with reintegration after deploy-

ment. Learn how to work through anger, relate to children, communicate clearly and identify depression, stress and trauma.

Sessions meet every Tuesday and Thursday in the Red Cross Office, Building 333, from 5:30-7 p.m.

March 12: Exploring stress and trauma

March 14: Identifying depression

March 19: Relating to children

March 21: Working through anger

March 26: Communicating clearly

March 28: Exploring stress and trauma

April 2: Identifying depression

April 4: Relating to children

Sign up via email to vicenza@redcross.org or by phone at 634-7089 or 0444-71-7089.

VCC Masquerade Gala

The Vicenza Community Club will host its second annual Masquerade Gala March 23 at the Golden Lion from 6-11 p.m. to benefit the VCC Scholarship Program with a live auction. Tickets are \$35 per person or \$250 for a table of up to eight. RSVP by March 16 to www.vccitaly.org/news.

UMUC Spring 2 classes

University of Maryland University College Europe (UMUC Europe) Spring Session 2 offers classes on Nutrition, Understanding movies, Speech, Italian language, life and culture, math, statistics, sociology and business. New students can apply for \$700 scholarships; military and dependents can apply for \$150 textbook scholarships. Registration runs through March 18, the first day of class. For details and assistance call 634-8927 or email vicenza-europe@umuc.edu

CTC Term 4 Class Schedule

Registration for Central Texas College Term 4 has begun, featuring two criminal justice seminars: Introduction to Gangs and Gang Infiltration of the Military (March 15-17) and Police Brutality (March 27-30); a three-credit class on the Juvenile Justice System

from April 2-May 23. Scholarship applications are open through March 31. Call 634-6514, email Vicenza@europe.ctcd.edu, or stop by Room 6 in the Education Center for assistance.

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.

CTC Scholarship

Central Texas College is accepting applications for scholarships online through March 31. For information call 634-6514, email vicenza@europe.ctcd.edu or visit CTC in Room 6 of the Education Center

Brain Injury Awareness

March is Brain Injury Awareness Month. Visit the Vicenza TBI youtube page <http://www.youtube.com/vicenzaTBI> for relaxation recordings or take part in the poster contest at the Library.

VHS Booster Club

The VHS Booster Club will hold its fourth annual furniture and collectibles auction and sale March 16 at the high school gym. Preview and silent auction get under way at 10 a.m., live auction starts at 11 a.m. For information call 346-664-3347 or 334-210-4448.

Terra Nova March 11-15

Students in grades 3-12 will take the annual CTBS Terra Nova Achievement Tests next week, March 11-15. The Terra Nova provides consistent, accurate and objective information about student achievement, skills and comprehension that teachers use to improve instruction. Students should have a good night's sleep the night before each exam and a healthy breakfast before they depart for school.

NINE BALL BLIND DOUBLES POOL TOURNAMENT

AT THE LION'S DEN



March 9

8 p.m. - Midnight

\$5 Entry Fee

1st Place Team Takes Home \$100

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Share your talent with
the Darby Community!
Show your work at
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National Library Week
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Are you an amateur sculptor, painter,
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or crafts maker in your spare time?



For more information
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Now Showing



Ederle Theater

March 7	Skyfall (PG-13)	6 p.m.
March 8	Rise of the Guardians (PG)	6 p.m.
	The Guilt Trip (PG-13)	9 p.m.
March 9	Rise of the Guardians (PG)	3 p.m.
	Jack the Giant Slayer (PG-13) *	6 p.m.
March 10	Jack the Giant Slayer (PG-13) *	3 p.m.
	The Guilt Trip (PG-13)	6 p.m.
March 13	Jack Reacher (PG-13)	6 p.m.
March 14	Jack Reacher (PG-13)	6 p.m.
March 15	Oz the Great and Powerful (PG)	6 p.m.
	Gangster Squad (R)	9 p.m.

Camp Darby Theater

March 8	Beautiful Creatures (PG-13) *	6 p.m.
March 9	A Good Day to Die Hard (R) *	6 p.m.
March 10	Escape from Planet Earth (PG) *	1 p.m.
March 15	The Guilt Trip (PG-13)	6 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.

The Ederle theater box office opens one hour prior to show.

View MOVIE TRAILERS and more online at
[http://www.shopmyexchange.com/ReelTimeTheatres/
reeltime-landing.htm](http://www.shopmyexchange.com/ReelTimeTheatres/reeltime-landing.htm)

Religious Activities

Chaplain Crisis Line

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

Strong Bonds

The Caserma Ederle Chapel will conduct a Female-2-Female Strong Bonds Single Soldier Retreat March 20-22 and a Family Retreat March 22-24 at the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort in Garmisch, Germany. Both programs are free of charge. Call 634-6454 for details and to register.

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

Special Catholic Dates

March 13 4-7 p.m. Lenten Confession

March 17 9 a.m. Confirmation

March 23 10 a.m. Chiampo Trip

March 24 9 a.m. Palm Sunday

March 28 6 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

March 29 6 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's

passion
March 30 8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil
March 31 9 a.m. Easter Sunday

Bishop Francis Richard Spencer, the Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, will visit our Catholic Military Community in Vicenza March 16-18. During the 9 a.m. At Mass on March 17 the Bishop will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to the candidates from our Catholic Military Community in Vicenza; they have been preparing to receive this sacrament since last September.

Chiampo Trip: Join St. Mark's Catholic Community March 23 at 10 a.m. to visit the Santuario grotta di Lourdes of Blessed Claudio Chiampo, in Chiampo, about 25 km west of Vicenza. See the outdoor Via Crucis, Way of the Cross. see the replica of the Grotto of Lourdes, museum and gift store on the grounds. Families may choose to bring a sack lunch or have a meal at close by restaurants.

Faith groups in Vicenza contact information

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, 1:30 p.m. in Vicenza. Call Bob Shakespeare at 389-268-5605 or email drbob143@gmail.com.

Trinity Church Vicenza: An International Presbyterian Church (IPC) congregation. Call Pastor Rinn at 328-473-2949 or email

trinitychurchvicenza@gmail.com.

Call 634-7519 or 0444-71-7519 for info on Chapel activities.

Club Beyond activities

Club Beyond's **Spring Adventure** will take place April 9-13 at Durbuy Adventure Park in Belgium. Check out the camp at www.durbuyadventure.be. Cost is \$325 plus \$150 bus fare. A parents meeting will be held March 19 from 6-7:15 p.m. at the Chapel multipurpose room. Contact Vicenza Club Beyond or the MICYM International office at adventurecamp@club-beyond.org to register.

A middle school **Dodgeball Tournament** will take place March 22 from 2:45-5 p.m. at the Villaggio YS.

The **Summer Service Project** in Ostrava, Czech Republic, will provide challenging service opportunities that invite teens to put their faith into action in Ostrava, Czech Republic, June 15-21. Travel dates will vary, camping will be in tents at Landek Park with building and restoration activities at six to eight sites located 15-25 minutes away from camp. Cost is \$598 inclusive. Call 388-9348 or 0049-6221-796894 for details.

Camp Darby

Sunday services

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

Catholic Mass: please call the Chapel at 633-7267 to confirm times as it changes with the Priest covering mass.

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

5:30 p.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

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

6:15 p.m.: Choir Practice

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

The explanation of "I am who I am," According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church

By Father Wieslaw Dynek
Lt. Col, US Army

Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." and he said, "Say this to the people of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.' . . . this is my name for ever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."

A. In revealing his mysterious name, YHWH ("I AM HE WHO IS," "I AM WHO AM" or "I AM WHO I AM"), God says who he is and by what name he is to be called. This divine name is mysterious just as God is mystery. It is at once a name revealed and something like the refusal of a name, and hence it better expresses God as what he is - infinitely above everything that we can understand or say: he is the "hidden God," his name is ineffable, and he is the God who makes himself close to men.

B. By revealing his name God at the same time reveals his faithfulness which is from everlasting to everlasting, valid for the past ("I am the God of your father"), as for the future ("I will be with you"). God, who reveals his name

as "I AM," reveals himself as the God who is always there, present to his people in order to save them.

C. Faced with God's fascinating and mysterious presence, man discovers his own insignificance. Before the burning bush, Moses takes off his sandals and veils his face in the presence of God's holiness. Before the glory of the thrice-holy God, Isaiah cries out: "Woe is me! I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips." Before the divine signs wrought by Jesus, Peter exclaims: "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." But because God is holy, he can forgive the man who realizes that he is a sinner before him: "I will not execute my fierce anger. . . for I am God and not man, the Holy One in your midst." The apostle John says likewise: "We shall. . . reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything."

D. Out of respect for the holiness of God, the people of Israel do not pronounce his name. In the reading of Sacred Scripture, the revealed name (YHWH) is replaced by the divine title "LORD" (in Hebrew Adonai, in Greek Kyrios). It is under this title that the divinity of Jesus will be acclaimed: "Jesus is LORD."



Who: All 6-8th graders
What: mountain biking, zip-line, high ropes course, lazer tag, go-karts, caving, and more!!!
When: April 9-13
Where: Belgium

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Youth build skills, mutual respect on hard court

Story and photo by Anna Ciccotti
USAG Vicenza PAO

A month after their first face-off at Caserma Ederle, the Mestrino Raptors basketball team from nearby Padova hosted the Vicenza CYSS Yellow Jackets for a re-match at the Lissaro Gym Feb. 27.

“The re-match with the Mestrino team was all that it was made up to be,” said Yellow Jacket head coach Carl Wilkerson. “It was a great game and experience, and I was very proud of my team and very impressed with the Italian players. They all played very hard,” he said.

The Raptors started strong and won 53-40 holding the lead throughout the entire match.

“After the game we played in Vicenza, my team really wanted a chance for a re-match,” said Raptors coach, Maurizio Benetollo, known to his team and friends as ‘Chuck.’

“Having the home-field advantage, we really tried to do our best and, even if it is just a game, after the match in Vicenza our kids were determined to win this time.”

“We won the first game and they were victorious on this one,” Wilkerson said. “Hopefully, we can get together soon for the tiebreaker.”

Benetollo said that his team is ready for a third game. He is looking forward to seeing the Italian and American youth have another opportunity to come together and do some very good quality training.

Notions of winning and losing are muted during this type of play. Both coaches promote teamwork and good sportsmanship, aware of how important it is for young players to move out of their comfort zones and make an effort for engagement and for new friendships to blossom.

“The Raptors are a very good team. They have a lot of stamina and their style of play is very fast paced. They pressed our team the entire game,”



The Mestrino Raptors (in blue) work for an opening to the basket against the Vicenza CYSS Yellow Jackets defense during a re-match at the Lissaro Gym Feb. 27. [Click here for more photos.](#)

Wilkerson said. “No. 13 and No. 10 for the Raptors are very good players and I would love to have them come play with the Vicenza Yellow Jackets,” he said.

While continuing to engage in a little “basketball diplomacy,” Wilkerson said he would love to have the opportunity to coach a team made up of American and Italian kids. Benetollo, who admired the good athletic preparation of the Yellow Jackets, said he felt the same way.

The players had similar feelings. “The game was very challenging, but it was fun for everyone,” said 14-year-old Yellow Jacket Daniel Ash.

“It was a great experience for me and everyone involved,” said 12-year-old Justin Shuler.

Raptor Luca Castagna, 12, said the American players were strong. He especially liked No. 22 and No. 24 for their style and the way they kept the ball rolling, he said.

“It was an interesting game, not my favorite team to play against because they are very good,” admitted 13-year-old

Emily Pena. “It was nice to have pizza at the end.”

The Mestrino team’s parents hosted all the players after the game.

“The pizza party was a nice touch,” said Wilkerson. “The American kids got the opportunity to mingle with Italian kids of their age group and there were smiles and laughter everywhere.”

Credit for the initiative goes to Andre Luster, supervisory lead for CYSS Vicenza and father of Raptor Eric Luster, said Wilkerson. The younger Luster attends Vicenza Middle School in Villaggio and trains with an Italian basketball team near his home in Grisignano. Luster said the idea of bringing the two teams together came because of his son’s unique connection with both squads. “In the end it is a nice, friendly competition, a win-win situation for both the Italian and the American kids and a good warm-up for all,” he said. Already making plans for the third encounter, the two teams continue training and competing in their respective leagues that attract players under 14.

Lifeguard training

Lifeguard training classes will be offered March 11-15. Cost is \$65; participants must be at least 16 and pass the swimming pre-test. The first class meets at 6 p.m.; subsequent times will be determined. Call 634-7876 or visit vicenza.armymwr.com for details

5-K Kilt Run in Vicenza

Grab your kilt for the 5-K Kilt Run March 13 at 6 p.m. on the Ederle Track and Field. Registration is open from 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at the Fitness Center the of the event. The first 200 registered runners will receive a T-shirt. Cost is \$15 and prizes will be awarded. Call 634-7616 for details.

Batter up in Vicenza

Child, Youth and School Services youth baseball and softball open registration is under way now through March 8 for the 2013 season. Players must register with CYSS and maintain valid health assessments throughout the season.

Baseball is open to children ages 3-15; softball is for those 10-15. Play begins April 17, cost is \$45. Register at CYSS Parent Central Services or online at Webtrac.

Meditation Monday in Vicenza

Army Community Service conducts an informal, relaxing meditation session every Monday at 12:15 p.m. in Davis Hall. All are welcome.

Darby Health Fair coming

The Camp Darby Health Fair is coming March 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Darby Fitness Center. Stop by for sports massages, blood pressure checks, running shoe assessments and general fitness recommendations. A registered dietician will be on hand to provide nutritional consultations, oxygen uptake testing, body mass index readings and more. All activities are free of charge and all are welcome. Call 633-7440 for information.

Unit/Rec Volleyball League Stats

	Win	Loss
USARAF	2	
1/503RD Rear	2	
USAG-V HHC	2	1
HHC 2/503RD		2
509TH SIG		2
173RD STB	1	2
USAHC/DENTAC	1	1
SHAKA	1	1
LEFTOVERS	1	1

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The Lifeguard Course



March 11-15
April 1-5
April 15-19

Cost: \$65

**1st Day of Class
Starts at 6 p.m.**

This course is designed for individuals who want to lifeguard in a pool setting. Participants must be at least 15 by the last day of the course. Course includes a swimming pre-test* the first day of class, rescue skills for shallow & deep water, spinal injury management skills, CPR skills, AED skills, first aid skills and a written & in-water skills test.

At the completion of the course, participants will be certified in Lifeguard Training, CPR for the Professional Rescuer, AED for adult & child and First Aid.

Participants should be prepared to enter the water at lifeguard classes. You will need to bring a writing instrument, swim suit, towel and food/beverage.

* Swimming Pre-Test: 300 yard (untimed) swim consisting of 100 yards front crawl, 100 yards breaststroke, 100 yards of either stroke AND do a 20 yard swim retrieval of 10 lb. brick at a 7-10 feet depth, return to the starting point with the brick and exit the pool without any aide within 1 minute and 40 seconds and 2 minutes of treading water without the use of hands.

For more info call 634-8642 or visit <http://vicenza.armyMWR.com>