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Soldiers from Dog Co., 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, learn how to snowboard as a part of a Warrior Adventure Quest outing at Folgaria March 13. Learn about the ski outing on pages 4-6. Photo by Joyce Costello, USAG Vicenza PAO

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# Speak Out

What do you cook and eat to stay healthy and happy?



**Spc. Caleb Denney**  
1st-503rd Infantry Regiment

*"Carbohydrates like pasta or potatoes for fast energy and protein for longer lasting energy."*



**Laura Di Simone**  
AAFES

*"I'd recommend vegetarian meals including salad, any kind of veggies and fruits because they are healthy and lighter meals."*



**Justin Simmons**  
Family member

*"My mother always uses garlic in our meals because it's good for you and it gives a great taste to cooked foods."*

By Laura Kreider

# Sky Soldiers hit slopes to learn to cope



After months of slogging through the rugged battlefields of Afghanistan, Soldiers from Dog Company, 1st Regiment, 503rd Battalion, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, found themselves in the Italian Alps March 13, careening down the slopes at breakneck speeds.

The high adrenaline joust with the mountain was part of the Army's Warrior Adventure Quest, a program that exposes Soldiers redeploying from a combat zone to new and stimulating activities, said Chris Wolff, Vicenza Outdoor Recreation director.

"You can't expect these Soldiers to redeploy and suddenly turn off their need for high adrenaline activities," said Wolff. "Warrior Adventure Quest and Outdoor Rec can provide a positive outlet for dealing with redeployment stress and a fun way to experience a new activity and learn a high adrenaline sport they can participate in for their rest of their life."

About half of the 31 Dog Co. Soldiers had never boarded before, said Staff Sgt. Lane Mobley, but after an hour and half of instruction they were all at the top of the mountain and barreling down.

"That doesn't normally happen and that's pretty good. It's partially because they have good instructors who have been doing this for a long time, and partially because they are in the Army and can follow directions," said Mobley.

After the normal bumps and bruises that come with

learning the basics, Dog Co. Soldiers were laughing and joking about a good day spent bonding. But some serious talk was part of the program too.

Mobley led an after action debrief with a discussion of group cohesion and the need to relax and release tension. He was followed by straight-talking 1st Sgt. Erik DeLaGarza, who emphasized the changes in life before and after deployment, and the importance of support in making that transition.

Soldiers talked about focusing their adrenaline into something positive, working as a team and how if you fall down and get hurt, you get back up and get going.

"Learning to snowboard is a creative way to see how one can overcome adversity, learn through challenges, use moral support and teamwork, and use it all together to go forward," said Mobley.

## A team-building activity, focused at platoon-level, to engage all Soldiers in RESET

"The Army spends a lot of money on these programs to ensure the Soldiers aren't boozing and sitting in their barracks room depressed. They want people to get out and have fun and transition back into normal life a lot easier. So snowboarding, rock climbing, scuba diving and other ODR activities are a great way to channel that frustration or energy of being in a new country, or when you come back from a deployment," he said.

DeLaGarza took the conversation home with a dead serious focus.

"I support ODR because it channels whatever you have going on inside you into a different form. It gives you the ability to get out your frustrations, not just in a day

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Soldiers from Company D, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, learn how to snowboard as a part of a Warrior Adventure Quest outing at Folgaria March 13. [Click here](#) for more photos.





# WARRIOR QUEST: Snowboarding

but on the weekends. So instead of boozing it up in the barracks, feeling sorry for yourself, not sleeping, having flashbacks, you know: everything you think could go wrong and all the weight back on your shoulders after a deployment," there is an alternative, said DeLaGarza.

"We are in more danger here than we were in Afghanistan, because we have more ways to get in trouble. This is when you guys need to step up in that team building thing. Take care of each other. If you know a guy's not sleeping, try talking to him. If he's, 'I got it, I got it,' no; you don't got it, otherwise you'd be sleeping.

"If you notice someone's drinking way too much when he shouldn't, that's when you step in and say, 'Hey, man, I love you, you're my bro and took care of me when we were downrange. Guess what? I am going to take care of you now. You're drinking too much. Let's talk about it. What is the underlying issue behind doing these things? You've got to talk to each other like you learned to talk to each other when you were downrange," he said.

"People tend to think that you're not being shot at any more and so don't have to look out for your battle buddy anymore," said DeLaGarza. "You have to look out for your battle buddy more here. This program shows you that there are more ways to cope than the basic, let's get drunk, let's go to the bars and party or even collapse on yourself and shut yourself off from everybody else at barracks time.

"This shows different ways to integrate back into normal life," he said.

"You have to find an outlet to channel your energy, whether it's bad, good, positive or negative. Channel it into something better so you do not become a statistic or part of a survey that failed because you got caught drunk coming in the back gate. Or because you got into a pissing contest with your wife when you were drinking or you went to a strip club and a girl convinced you while you were drinking too much to do cocaine," said DeLaGarza.

"That's not your thing. But for that one time, that one time you got caught and then your career and life in the Army is over and for nothing. You know, all of a sudden, that great guy who got that ARCOM, that Silver Star or Bronze Star is getting chaptered because he made a mistake," he said.

DeLaGarza urged the Dog Co. Soldiers to keep looking after their buddies, that everyone is here for each other and will be here until the day they PCS or ETS from the company.

Sobering words for sure. They had to make an impact.

"At the end of the day I think they realize that nobody is expected to tackle life's problems on their own. Just like they helped each other learn to snowboard, they can help each other get through the challenges that come with redeployment," said Wolff.



## "Ready and Resilient Day: SHARP" Vicenza Military Community Stand-down on April 3

- "Invisible War" film and panel discussion at 9 a.m. at the Arena, the Chapel and Live Streamed on AFN Vicenza Decoder Channel 14 and on government workstations through the AtHoc message box.
- Individuals that wish to ask questions to the panel but that are not physically present can e-mail those questions to [SHARPModeratorVicenza@gmail.com](mailto:SHARPModeratorVicenza@gmail.com)

**SHARP Program:** *Leading the Charge Against Sexual Harassment and Assault*

# Women's History Month

## Vicenza women join in candle lighting



Lydia Larimore (left) of AE-ITT Knology Corporation, Anna Ciccotti and Blanche Ostrosky (above) of USAG Vicenza lights a candle as part of the BPW ceremony at Oratorio del Gonfalone in Vicenza March 14. [Click here](#) for more photos.



By Anna Ciccotti  
USAG Vicenza PAO

Twelve women from the Vicenza Military Community participated in a Candle Lighting ceremony March 14 hosted by the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, known as BPW, at the *Oratorio del Gonfalone* in Vicenza.

"From the ceremony in the oratorio with the lighting of the candles to signify the 98 outreach countries of BPW, to the mingling and delicious dinner: Yes, I am very glad I chose to spend an evening with accomplished women from many walks and experiences in life," said Lydia Larimore, site coordinator for AE-ITT-Knology Corporation on Caserma Ederle.

"Their stories, professions and desire to not only inspire, but to provide inspiration to fellow women were

definitely uplifting. I am reminded that as we are inspired, we should inspire. And, as we inspire others we receive inspiration through success," Larimore said.

BPW clubs hold candle lighting ceremonies every year to recognize and remember BPW sister organizations around the world and their contribution to the economic and political empowerment of women.

"I found the candle lighting ceremony and meeting with Italian business and professional women to be both inspiring and enlightening," said Donna Behrman, Resource Management officer for USAG Vicenza.

"It was inspiring because I was fortunate to meet such strong and beautiful women advocating for changes for women all over the world, and enlightening because it was an informative opportunity for all of us

collectively," she said.

The candle lighting ceremony highlighted the great of its members and highlighted the tremendous influence BPW wields in international organizations such as the United Nations and World Health Organization, where they hold key chairs and consultancies.

The evening ended with a social dinner at *Caffè Garibaldi* in Piazza dei Signori.

BPW International serves as a forum for professional business women with branches in over 100 countries. Its membership of over a quarter of a million works for developing the professional, leadership and business potential of women at all levels through advocacy, mentoring and skill building. For information about their programs, visit <http://www.bpw-international.org>.

# Susan Wong shows way for women in engineering

By David Ruderman  
USAG Vicenza PAO

Some of Susan Wong's colleagues kid her by calling her "the godmother of Del Din." But the epithet fits. Chief of USAG Vicenza's Transformation Construction Management Office, Wong has been a leader on the engineering team responsible for the largest American Military Construction project ever undertaken in Europe since its inception, and simultaneously built a career as solid as the buildings she has left along the path that a career in engineering has made possible.

Who was her main inspiration, mentor or role model?

"There have been a lot of them, but in the end it boils down to my dad, which I didn't realize for a long time," Wong said. "He's a chef, but he wound up pushing me into science and engineering. Never once did he say you can't do something."

She grew up in the Washington, D.C., area, the youngest of five siblings, four sisters and a brother. Her father had emigrated from Hong Kong and was the force behind all of them making the most of the American Dream.

"He had the opportunity to come to America from Hong Kong and I guess at some point he thought to himself, What am I going to do with four daughters?" said Wong. "He didn't know what he didn't know, but he talked to lots of other people, successful people, and he got good advice."

And good children, too. Of the five, the eldest daughter is a computer scientist, the second eldest, an electrical engineer. The middle daughter is a certified public accountant and the brother, is an electrical engineer with multiple degrees.

While still in high school, Wong was undecided between pursuing a career in business or engineering, but applied for and was accepted into the Science and Engineer Apprentice Program, which resulted in a summer stipend program organized by George Washington University. For the final three years of high school she worked every summer at the Army Research Lab in Adelphi, Md.

As her graduation from high school approached, Wong was asking around for jobs among colleagues and acquaintances at ARL when a phone call out of the blue became the gateway to her future. "The nice lady called me and asked, are you still interested?" Wong said yes, and it was off to the races, even though she wasn't sure she was making the right choice or capable of pulling it off.

"I thought, if I can, well, OK. If they say I can, let me stick with it till they kick me out. That moment of indecision led me to get my foot in the door," she said.

"I started as a GS-2," said Wong. It was her entry into government service.

She completed a BS in civil engineering with a concentration in construction management at University of Maryland in College Park, Md. It was a change from the more formulaic regime of high school, where expectations were fairly straightforward and she knew what she had to do to succeed, said Wong.

"College was difficult for me, particularly now you have these big auditoriums with the professors and the teaching assistants. At the same time, you're changing, managing your own schedules and the consequences of that. Every class is different, every professor is different," she said.

"Sometimes it's very difficult for young women and young people to know what they want to do for the rest of their lives. The fear of the unknown is half of what stops people from doing what they can or want to do. Overcome the fear. The rewards are there," Wong said.



She put in an application with a government entity called JET, the Junior Engineer in Training program, and then forgot about it. Once again she was hired and 20 years later she's still at it.

"I was lucky. I got chosen. I was hired as a GS-5, but it was one of those ladder positions: GS-5, 7, 9, 11. I actually did get promoted to a 12," she said, attributing her move up to good management support.

"I really give kudos to the government; they're very supportive of training and development programs. I'm probably lucky. I just had good guidance counselors and advisors. More than I could have hoped for, more than I could have imagined," she said.

Wong arrived in Vicenza in 2002, working in the Engineering Services Branch of the DPW and moved over to the TCMO in 2005 as the garrison's representative, just as the Del Din construction project began taking shape. At the time she was the only woman on the professional staff.

"Today there are a lot more women; it's probably around 50-50. And I hired a lot of them," she said.

Wong has played a significant role in steering the project toward completion. Full turnover to the Army and the move-in of residents is scheduled for this summer.

And as far as she's come, Wong is still convinced it all starts at home.

"I'm not a psychologist, but I really believe it starts in the family. The myths and truths that are told to you by your mom and dad: that's what you believe. The subtext is, if my parents had told me I was not good at math when I was very little, it's one of those things that'll stay with you."

Her current situation remains good, said Wong, even as the prospect of the Del Din project winding down comes closer.

"I've always believed in just doing the right thing, whatever that is. I'm at a good transition point for the next opportunity in my career, for future growth. I'm still growing," she said.

# Vicenza Teen News



"The dog shelter was a pleasure to visit," said sixth-grader Camryn Camarata. "I was a little sad to see the beautiful dogs without owners, though. My personal favorite dogs are Adolfo and Yeager. I would recommend this shelter to anyone looking for a dog."

Connor Wilson, another VMS sixth-grader, also enjoyed the visit and finding out how the staff and volunteers work together to take care of all the dogs.

"It was sad though to see all the dogs inside the cages and to know that some of them might never be adopted. The VMS Board of Directors collected a bunch of dog food for the *canile*, so that was good," Wilson said.

McLean, the VMS sponsor, said, "We truly learned so much from the experience. We are thankful that there are wonderful volunteers who make the lives of the dogs so much richer.

"We also appreciate the support of CYS and their collaborative efforts to join together for community service projects. We are so grateful for the bus and for Andre Luster being able to drive us there," she said.

Information about ENPA Vicenza activities is available in Italian at [www.enpavicenza.it](http://www.enpavicenza.it).



Vicenza teens deliver donated supplies to Canile Gogna. [Click here](#) for more photos

## Teens complete food drive for *Canile Gogna*

Story and photos by Laura Kreider  
USAG Vicenza PAO

Vicenza Middle School and Youth Services students drove their month-long community service project to its logical end March 5, literally sending the results of their hard work to the dogs.

The dogs, happily enough, were the inhabitants of the nearby animal shelter, *Canile Gogna*.

Robert Wojciechowicz, a Family and MWR budget analyst who has been a volunteer at *Canile Gogna* for the past three years and the keeper of two dogs adopted from the center, was one of the leaders of the project.

"I've been coordinating with the CYSS Middle School/Teen Center director and VMS teachers Elizabeth McLean and Debra Wilson and the *Ente Nazionale Protezione Animale* (ENPA-Canile) regarding a food drive," said Wojciechowicz.

Luca Harbeson, director at the Villaggio Teen Center, originally proposed the food drive, and the VMS Student Council took off with it according to Wojciechowicz.

"Mr. Harbeson knew I volunteered at the *Canile* and asked last year if the school and teen centers could assist. The teen center organized a food drive and then decided to have another this year with the school," he said.

"This was a collaborative effort between the Youth Center and middle school, one of many community service projects intended to educate our youth and at the same time help our fellow Italian community friends and neighbors," said Harbeson.

The ENPA staff and employees at the *canile* were grateful for the work the American children undertook and hoped that the experience was interesting and educational for them. The *Canile Gogna* receives only partial support from regional authorities and is supported mostly by private membership fees, donations and volunteering, so the food drive contribution was very welcome.

After delivering the goods, the children took a tour of the shelter conducted by Wojciechowicz and Roberta De Munari, ENPA events coordinator.

## Italian teens visit American peers

By Margherita Frasson  
Special to the Outlook

A group of Italian middle school students taking English as part of their studies recently "tested" their language abilities with a visit to Vicenza Middle School.

Two dozen eighth-graders from the Middle School of San Martino di Lupari in Padua province, accompanied by math and science professor Lucia Frasson and arts and crafts professor Fabia Cigni, were impressed by how lucky the American students are to attend and enjoy such a modern school.

The students attended a morning session of lessons with Host Nation teacher Isabella Pani. The guests also participated in the school's monthly fire drill and were impressed with the efficiency and organization of the school fire prevention measures.

Upon returning from their trip to Villaggio, students mined their impressions of the visit for the theme of a short English composition.



ITeens check out firefighter equipment during a fire drill that took place during their visit to VMS last month.

"Our trip to the American VMS was a very exciting experience. We spoke English with American students," wrote Sara Zorzo. "It was interesting to attend classes in English and try to understand what the teacher said. This experience also helped me to understand the level of English I've reached."

Michael Bertolo wrote, "The VMS is fantastic and different than ours. It has very large classrooms and a very big gym. Each student has his own locker.

Wow!" Leonardo Verin summed up his thoughts this way: "I didn't understand everything they said. They spoke quickly, but the boys and girls were very nice. It was a fantastic experience and I'd like to do it again."

The San Martino di Lupari visit was one of nine school exchange activities at VMS this year.



## Italians, Americans share limelight in Soldiers' Theatre production of *The Wiz*

**W**hy would you learn a foreign language? And how would you improve your language skills if you did?

At least four Italian women in the cast of the current Soldiers' Theatre production of *The Wiz* could tell you plenty.

The production, which has brought together 50 volunteers, is one of the largest productions ever staged at Caserma Ederle, said theatre director Jerry Brees.

The Italian volunteers have a common interest, if not a passion, for music, theater and musicals. What better vehicle than the pop musical adaptation of L. Frank Baum's classic story "*The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*" to combine all these interests?

"When you work together on a show for three months with people of all ages and from different cultural backgrounds it creates a great and varied atmosphere," said cast member Daniela Frigiola.

"If you are in the audience it is a great experience too. I tell everybody that if I was not in the cast, I would buy the ticket and go see it."

Frigiola, who works at the Vicenza Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, has enjoyed shows on post for the past 10 years. She decided to audition for the first time to overcome stage fright and to be around singers and actors, she said.

She performed in last year's productions of the musi-

cals *Oklahoma!* and *That Holiday Feeling*.

"All these have been great and rewarding experiences. I had fun, learned a lot of new things, made new friends, both American and Italian, and I got inspired to start other things like tap dancing and piano lessons," Frigiola said.

"I keep telling everybody that it is great to be part of the cast because while having fun, you socialize and learn a lot from the experts," she said.

She has been particularly impressed by the great choreography involved in staging the shows, she said.

"I love the professionalism, enthusiasm and the dedication of each individual who operates in the theatre environment," said cast member Sonia Elia, who first appeared on stage in the 2007 *All Gershwin* production.

"People like Jerry (Brees), Barry (Barry Robinson, the theater's audio designer) and Ciriaco (musical director Ciriaco Colella) who are working there and do their job with competence and commitment, or the longtime volunteers, up to us who have started more recently, everybody fits into place in this wonderful atmosphere. I feel like everybody gives their best to make each show 'a great show,'" she said.

Elia found out about the theater when her then-boyfriend, now husband, Colella performed there as the keyboardist in a staging of *Broadway by Night*.

"I was completely fascinated by the world of the Soldiers' Theatre and the show genre, professionalism of the cast, choreography and costumes. Everything reminded me of Broadway and called to mind a desire to be on stage. I was living a few hundred meters distance from this precious jewel and never realized it before," said Elia.

She came for an audition, joined the cast and has performed in half a dozen plays since then.

"I would simply say to Italians that they don't need to take a plane to see how musicals are produced in the States because they have an American community nearby with its tradition of musical theater and its well-known organization that is open and willing to share its events," she said.

Elia said she hopes the friendships and social networks that grow out of the theater will make it easier for Italians to participate in shows.

"It would also be fantastic if this great community could tour our province and perform the shows in Italian theaters," she said.

Cast member Alessandra Cavuto said she couldn't agree more.

"Being in a musical has been one of my dreams since I was a little girl. Since the musical as a genre was created in the States, I can't think of a better opportunity to learn the method here. Jerry and Linda Dahlstrom, choreographer of *The Wiz*, have the talent and ability

to make you feel like you are on Broadway because of their method in approaching the production and giving you confidence in being responsible for your character," Cavuto said.

Though she considers herself a novice compared to Elia, she is in love with music, theater and especially musicals. "I started taking part in Soldiers' Theater productions last year with *Oklahoma!*, and this year I am in *The Wiz*," said Cavuto.

For Antonella Perlari, her role in *The Wiz* is a first experience with the Soldiers' Theatre.

"The large crowd of volunteers who participate in *The Wiz* didn't scare me. I have been dealing with some other groups in the past, and while in New York about four years ago I was in the cast of a holiday musical," said Perlari.

"When I found out I could audition at Soldiers' Theatre I couldn't believe it. As a new member, I met new friends. I enjoy their company backstage, from the children to the adults, and it is a great opportunity to keep up with my English. I've heard very positive feedback from the American community about this show. From my side, 14 friends of mine came to see the show, and after this experience I am looking forward to other ones in the future," she said.

[Click here for more photos](#)

# How will a furlough affect TSP contributions?

By Thrift Savings Plan

If you have been furloughed as a result of sequestration, you may be wondering how to deal with the financial impact. This article addresses some of the questions you may have about your TSP contributions. It also details alternatives for accessing your TSP funds should you face financial hardship as a result of being furloughed.

As you know, your TSP employee contributions are deducted from your pay. If you are currently making contributions based on a percentage of your basic pay, here's what happens: If you earn \$1,000 of basic pay every two-week pay period and you contribute 10% of it to the TSP, you'd have a \$100 TSP contribution every pay period. If you are furloughed for 2 days per pay period, then your basic pay would decrease to \$800 and as a result, your TSP contribution would decrease by an equal percentage so that your contribution would be \$80 per pay period. Simply stated, your TSP contribution decreases in direct proportion to the reduction in your basic pay. Therefore, you may find that lowering your contribution percentage is not necessary. But if you are currently making TSP contributions based on a dollar amount of your pay, that dollar amount will not automatically decrease with your reduction in pay. You may want to revisit whether that amount is still appropriate given the expected impact of your furlough.

If you are a FERS participant, also keep in mind that any reduction in your basic pay will impact your agency contributions. Whether you are contributing a percentage of

your pay or a specific dollar amount, your Agency Automatic (1%) and Agency Matching Contributions will decrease proportionally. If you then choose to decrease the amount of your TSP contributions, be sure you understand how it will affect your agency contributions.

For detailed information on the consequences of terminating contributions, hardship withdrawals and arranging loans, go to <https://www.tsp.gov/PDF/formspubs/oc13-7.pdf>.

Additionally, the president recently signed legislation (H.R. 325, the No Budget, No Pay Act of 2013) suspending the statutory debt limit through May 18. This action has allowed the Department of Treasury to fully restore the principal and interest in the G Fund that was affected during the Debt Issuance Suspension Period between December 31, 2012 and February 4, 2013.

G Fund investors are always fully protected and G Fund earnings are fully guaranteed by the Federal Government due to statutory protections in the Thrift Savings Plan Investment Act of 1987. This protection, known as the "make-whole" provision, will work to ensure that G Fund investors are completely unaffected by the limitation on securities issued by the U.S. Treasury.

G Fund account balances will continue to accrue earnings and be updated each business day, and loans and withdrawals will be unaffected.

If you have questions regarding your account status, call the stateside ThriftLine at 1-877-968-3778 and speak to a participant service representative.



*Going for green at the library*

Tristian Aguilar, 3, makes a leprechaun hat at the Caserma Ederle library March 13 in anticipation of St. Patrick's Day. Similar arts and crafts events were held at area schools leading up to the great day for the Irish.

# The Eggstravaganza on Hoekstra Field



An Easter basket and an appetite is all you need to bring to enjoy the annual Caserma Ederle egg hunt. Activities will include: egg hunts (age 0-10 years), slides, face painting, bowling specials and more!

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# Darby Military Community

No water for four days

## DMC pitches in to speed tough pipe repair task

Story and photos by Chiara Mattiolo  
Darby Military Community PAO

Not since the end of World War II has the city of Livorno gone without water for so long.

Disruption of water service throughout the city March 12-15 was a consequence of a terrible storm that traversed the area during the night of March 11-12. Lightning struck the Azienda Servizi Ambientali, or ASA, the network control system, making it inoperable.

At the same time a soil subsidence in the Navicelli Canal, adjacent to the Camp Darby main gate behind the Mississippi pub, caused the rupture of an 800-mm section of a collector pipe in the Livorno water plant. The damage was detected later than it usually would have been due to the breakdown of the control system network.

"The rupture happened in an unpredictable area," said Fabio Del Nista, ASA director. "It broke in a smooth curve of the pipe, which was protected by a 45-tons concrete cover and located 7 meters under the Navicelli Canal water level."

Beginning March 12, ASA workers carried out repair efforts 24 hours a day in the cold and rain, working in the mud and water to repair the rupture.

Lawrence Kilgore, DMC garrison manager offered to provide any support the workers needed. He offered free, temporary use of the Casa Toscana apartments to Livorno residents affected by the water loss.

"We are thankful for our neighbor community of Camp Darby for offering support to our workers," Del Nista said. "We know this disservice caused many inconveniences to the people. Many are complaining and it's nice that some others showed sympathy."

Upon removing the block of reinforced concrete, ASA technicians proceeded to position sheet pile inside the trench, where they lowered the replacement for the failed pipe.

"Everything is going according to schedule," said Ennio Trebino, ASA chief executive officer. "I am very satisfied with the hard work the ASA workers did during these four hard days. They did an excellent job in terrible conditions."

The Livorno Municipality, its volunteers and the ASA work force responded to the emergency by providing 15 tanker trucks tanks to distribute potable water to various locations throughout the city. All public fountains in Livorno were provided with multiple water taps to



provide better service.

All Livorno schools were closed for three days, causing additional difficulties for families while the emergency was in effect.

Experiencing four days without water is definitely a challenge for many residents. Something as simple as a taking a hot shower, boiling water for pasta or just flushing the toilet became real issues.

"It was challenging and funny at the same time," said Livorno resident Claudia Meini. "I found myself washing my hair, then my feet, and then flushing with the same bucket of water."

For some, the experience brought back memories of the bad old days of wartime.

"It's like during the war," said an old woman named Maria while filling bottles at the public water tanks.

The emergency ended the morning of March 15 after four days of uninterrupted repair work, but some city areas had to wait till the next day enjoy the resumption of water service.

"For the first few hours the water is back, it may not appear clear," said Del Nista. "This is due to the lack of pressure and some natural residues in it, but I want to reassure everyone that the water is perfectly potable and can be used for kitchen needs."

ASA technicians suggested that residents clean their water tap filters within a day after the resumption of regular water service.



# CAMP DARBY'S AMAZING CHALLENGE

**REGISTRATION**  
March 4 - April 5  
at Outdoor Recreation

**RACE BEGINS**  
April 27 at 10 a.m.  
at the HQ Flag Poles

## COST

**\$25 per Team**

Two person team & any combo male/female

Get your team signed up for a chance to compete in this race where you will decipher clues to guide you all around Camp Darby, utilizing services and facilities that support the community.

## Prizes for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Teams

Snacks & refreshments provided at finish line for participants, volunteers, and for friends and family who came to cheer and support.



## Spring Festival in Lendinara

From 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. on April 1, enjoy a flower market and spring festival in Lendinara (RO). [Click here](#) for more information.

Courtesy photo



and fashion accessories, prints, rare books, coins, medals postcards, old advertising. Admission: €7; reduced €3.5 (children 6-14). Free for children under 6.

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.

## CONCERTS

Anastacia: April 8 in Padova; April 9 in Milan  
Steve Hackett: April 23 in Assago (Milan); April 24 in Vicenza; April 26 in Rome  
Mark Knopfler: May 3 in Assago (Milan); July 12 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova); July 13 in Rome  
Beyoncé: May 18 in Milan  
Joe Satriani: May 29 in Rome; May 31 in Florence; June 1 in Padova  
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  
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  
Sting: July 8 in Verona; July 9 in Rome  
John Legend: July 8 in Perugia; July 9 in Milan  
Elton John: July 9 in Barolo (Cuneo)  
Neil Young and Crazy Horse: July 25

## TUSCANY

**New Year's in Pisa:** The city of Pisa celebrated the new year at noon on March 25. For events visit [www.comune.pisa.it](http://www.comune.pisa.it).

**Sagra della Schiacciata di Pasqua:** The seventh Sagra della Schiacciata di Pasqua, featuring a typical Tuscan Easter cake, will take place in Ponte a Egola (PI) March 23-24. The program includes an antiques market March 25 with children's entertainment in the afternoon. Get detailed information at <http://www.laruga.it/>.

**Comics and Records Exhibit:** April 13-14 from 9.30 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Scandicci (FI). This fourth annual exhibit will feature cartoons, comics and vinyl recordings. It's a must for collectors and enthusiasts who can buy, exchange and sell CDs, vinyl records, comic books and rarities. The event will take place at the Sports Palace, via dei Turri. Guests of honor will be designer and historian Scandicci Giorgio Montorio and science fiction illustrator Roberto dell'Astorina Bonadimani. Admis-

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

sion and parking are at no cost. Get details online at [www.fumettiedintorni.it](http://www.fumettiedintorni.it)

**Medieval San Cascianese Carnival:** April 7 from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. in San Casciano in Val di Pesa (Florence). The medieval Fest will feature street performers, animation, shows and a full medieval-style market. Major event will include the *Giostra delle contrade* in which fighters dressed in medieval costumes will compete for the "key of the village." Get details online at [www.laboratorioamalte.org](http://www.laboratorioamalte.org).

## SPORTS

**WWE Wrestlemania Smack-Down Revenge Tour**

April 25 in Casalecchio di Reno (Bologna); April 26 in Trieste

**MotoGP – Italian Grand Prix 2013**

May 31 and June 1-2, at Mugello Circuit in Scarperia (Florence)

## VENETO

### Free jazz jam

A free Jazz Jam Session takes place at Bar Sarte, Corso SS Felice e Fortunato, Vicenza, March 22 at 9 p.m. Call the music school, Thelonious in Creazzo, which organizes the annual "Jazzin' Vicenza," concerts for information at 0444-563-725.

### Haru no Kaze — Japanese Spring Wind Festival:

Through March 24 in Vicenza. Free classes and workshops will be held at the Youth Information Center, Contrà Barche 55, unless otherwise specified. Seating is limited for both free and paid classes. Reserve your seat by calling 345-6497944. An English speaking operator is available.

**March 21:** Japanese dinner, 8:15 p.m., in Vicenza, Tazio Restaurant, Viale Verona 12. Reserve your seat before March 19.

**March 22:** Laidō demonstration, 6 p.m. at Chiostrì Santa Corona, Contrà Santa Corona 4. Laidō is the art of the smooth controlled movement of drawing the sword from its scabbard.

**March 23:** Sushi workshop, Hotel De La Ville, Viale Verona 12, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., reserve your seat by March 18  
Shiatsu treatments, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
Shiatsu workshop, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Introduction to Ikebana, the traditional Japanese art of flower arrangement: 4-6 p.m.

**March 24:** Kimono dressing workshop: 10 p.m. Chiostrì Santa Corona, Contrà Santa Corona; Introduction to Ikebana, the traditional Japanese art of flower arrangement: 4-5:30 p.m.; Origami workshop: 3:30 p.m. and 4:45 p.m.; Shiatsu treat-

ments, 3:30- 6 p.m.

### Bird's eye view of Vicenza

Visit the upper terrace and loggia of the Palladian Basilica ongoing through April 7, Tuesdays-Sundays 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., in Vicenza, entrance from Piazza delle Erbe.

**Il Tempo Vuoto – Empty Time** Contemporary art exhibit through March 24, Palazzo Cordellina, Contrà Riale 13; Thursday 5-7:30 p.m.; Friday 4-7:30 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; 3:30-7:30 p.m.

**L'Uovo in Ceramica - Ceramic Easter eggs exhibit** Through April 9, in Nove, Museum of Ceramic Eggs, Piazza De Fabris 5, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. Ceramic eggs by Italian potters. Grand opening March 17 at 11 a.m. at 5 p.m.; open on Saturdays, Sundays and Italian holidays 10 a.m. -12:30 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.

### Bonsai exhibit

Through March 24, Piazza dei Signori, Loggia del Capitaniato.

## MARKETS

**Antiquaria — Antiques Fair:** Through March 24, in Padova, Via N. Tommaseo 59, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. Saturday, Sunday and holidays 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; weekdays 3-8 p.m. Admission: €7; reduced €3.5 (children 6-14). Free for children under 6.

**Antiquaria - Antiques Fair:** March 21-24, in Padova, Via N. Tommaseo 59, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza. Saturday, Sunday and holidays 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; weekdays 3-8 p.m., Antiques and collectors' items will be for sale, including furniture, lighting, glass & tableware, vintage jewelry

## Biking in the Veneto country side

Looking for trail maps for a variety of skills? Check out <http://www.wikiloc.com/trails/mountain-biking/italy/veneto/maion> for top mountain biking trails in Veneto





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## VICENZA MILITARY COMMUNITY

Book trips [online](#) on WebTrac

### Featured Vicenza Highlights

Eggstravaganza! It's the annual Easter egg hunt on March 30, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Hoekstra Field. Activities for all ages include; bouncy slides, face painting, bowling specials in the Arena and more! The USO and BOSS will be on site selling food and drinks too. The event is sponsored in part by our local chapter of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 8862.

### Entertainment

Students, come break in the pins at the Arena over spring break! April 5-14, 11 a.m.-11 p.m. students 18 years and under can bowl for just \$1 per game with free shoes. Call 634-8257 or stop by the Arena for more information.

### ODR

Get on board for the Cinque Terre Discovery Tour on March 30, as we visit the most picturesque 5 little villages on the west coast of Italy. Call 634-7074 for information or register for all ODR trips on WebTrac.

- Beer and Grappa Tasting April 5
- Genova and the Aquarium April 6
- Hawk Walk in Colli Berici and Italian Merenda April 7
- Venetian Gondola making April 8
- Cooking Class: Spring menu April 11
- Trieste and Miramare Castle April 13
- Wine down Wednesday: Valpolicella April 17
- Swarovski Crystal factory April 27

### Arts and Crafts

March is National Arts and Crafts Month so why not learn a new craft. On March 27 learn how to take the art of paper quilling to a new level, 3-D. It is fun and easy and all materials are included in the class fee of \$35. Call 634-7074 for information. Register at the Arts and Crafts Center or on Webtrac.

### Soldiers' Theatre

Music Café is April 5 at 7:30 p.m. Relax and enjoy local talent in an intimate café atmosphere in our lobby. Drinks and snacks are available. If you would like to perform call 634-7281 or sign the clip board that evening.

### BOSS volunteers needed for Eggstravaganza

Come take part in an enjoyable community event, knowing that you help the community Families and friends to have fun. You will appreciate the joy on the kid faces as they find Easter Eggs & candies. Enhance your grilling skills, have fun, and be social with fellow BOSS Soldiers.

### CYSS

Join School Age Center for the Venice field trip on April 6. Register at SAC or call 634-5700 for more information.

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.

## THROWING IN THE TOWEL

Effective April 15, 2013 IMCOM Europe Region Fitness Centers will discontinue towel service. This policy change affects significant cost savings and better fiscal stewardship. It will also enable staff to focus more on engaging with customers on the floor, assisting with equipment usage and maintenance, and ensuring equipment and heavy traffic areas are clean and orderly. Focusing precious manpower, supplies, chemicals, water and electricity on laundry upkeep is a luxury we can no longer afford. It is essential that our current and future limited resources are utilized on meeting basic mission requirements-serving our customer. Thank you for your understanding of the decision.

## DARBY MILITARY COMMUNITY

### Featured Darby Highlights

Come along and celebrate spring at the Easter Fest on Saturday, March 30 at the Darby Community Club. Fun begins at 11 a.m. with an egg hunt and games. Enjoy free food and a special visit from the Easter Bunny! Bring your own basket for the egg hunt.

Earn some extra cash! Come to the Darby Youth Baby Sitter Certification Course on April 5, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Youth 13 years and older can participate in this course and become certified with CYSS to babysit. Register at the Youth Center by April 1.

Find a partner to participate in the many mystery events of Darby's Amazing Challenge on April 27! Your team will compete in a race where you will decipher clues to guide you all around Camp Darby, utilizing services and facilities that support the community. Register by April 5 at Outdoor Recreation

### Child, Youth & School Services

Parents are invited to attend the Parent Advisory Council meeting on Wednesday, March 27 at noon. This month's agenda will include updates from program managers, policy changes, CYSS Annual Survey and an update on background checks. A light lunch will be served.

Students, bring your best ping pong game to the Youth Center on April 1, 3-6 p.m. Play either singles or doubles in the Ping Pong Tournament. Winning team takes home a sports equipment prize. For more information, contact the Youth Center at 633-7629.

### Outdoor Recreation

Visit Assisi, a beautiful medieval town with geranium-hung streets, lovely views and fountain-splashed piazzas on March 30. Assisi is heir to the legacy of St. Francis who is buried in the Basilica di San Francesco. Call ODR at 633-7589 or 7775 for information or register for your trips on WEBTRAC online.

The week of spring break is chock full of trips for those wishing to get out and enjoy the spring! Visit Rome, Pisa

& Lucca, Venice, Cinque Terre, San Gimignano & Siena and Florence. Contact Outdoor Recreation for dates and times or visit [www.vicenza.armyMWR.com](http://www.vicenza.armyMWR.com).

### 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 [www.vicenza.armyMWR.com](http://www.vicenza.armyMWR.com)

*Come along and celebrate spring at the*

## Darby Easter Fest

Saturday, March 30  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Darby Community Club

Join us for our annual Easter Fest & Egg Hunt.  
Enjoy games, free food & the Easter Bunny!

Prior registration is not required.

Bring your own basket for the egg hunt.

Hosted by Child, Youth & School Services  
For more info call 633-7629. | [vicenza.armyMWR.com](http://vicenza.armyMWR.com)






USAG Vicenza  
**Invitational**  
American-European Racquetball Tournament

Join in the invitational! Categories Include:  
Beginners, Intermediate, Advanced, Open and Doubles

Sign-Up By: March 25

Tournament Dates  
**March 29-31**

Participant Meeting  
**March 29 at 6 p.m.**  
at the Ederle Fitness Center

For entry fee and prize info visit [www.vicenza.armyMWR.com](http://www.vicenza.armyMWR.com) or call 634-7009.




# Community briefs

## Vicenza Military Community

Visit the community calendar for more upcoming events and details at [www.usag.vicenza.army.mil](http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil)

### Retirement ceremony

The Vicenza Military Community Quarterly Retirement Ceremony will be held March 28 at 2 p.m. in the Golden Lion. All community members are invited to bid farewell to retiring Soldiers and civilians and thank them for their service.

### DTS phishing scam

DFAS has been alerted about a current phishing scam directed at the users of the DTS travel system. The scam consists of the DTS user receiving an email asking them to log into DTS at the following link — [www.defensetravel.osd.com](http://www.defensetravel.osd.com) — to immediately sign authorizations or have travel reservations canceled. The link is a scam that leads to a dot-com (.com) website address. The correct DTS website uses only a dot-mil (.mil) address. The website accepts the user's CAC pin log-in information, which may compromise digital certificates. When logging into DTS, be sure you are using only the following dot-mil address: [www.defensetravel.osd.mil](http://www.defensetravel.osd.mil).

### Health Center hours

The U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza will be open from 12:30-4:30 p.m. through March 22. The Birthing Center remains open 24 hours every day.

### Diabetes support group

The next meeting of the Living with Diabetes support group will be March 26 at 2 p.m. in the Wellness Center upstairs classroom. Capt. Carly Eckard, a registered dietitian, will be on hand to discuss nutritional challenges for diabetics and their families. Anyone with diabetes, prediabetes or family members who care for those with diabetes are welcome

to attend. For information, call 636-9533.

### Beware TSP app

The Apple App Store is offering a free iPhone application called TSP Funds that is not sanctioned by the Thrift Savings Plan. The app asks TSP participants for their account login information, which TSP advises could result in a security risk to member accounts. Details are at <https://www.tsp.gov/whatsnew/plan/planNews.shtml#iPhoneApp>.

### Child Find screening

Have your infant, toddler or preschooler screened by a member of the Early Intervention Team or the Developmental Preschool Team April 3 at Vicenza Elementary School. To schedule an appointment for childrendup to 60 months of age call 634 5700 or 0444-71-5700.

### Red Cross workshops

The Vicenza Red Cross is conducting workshops structured to help families with reintegration after deployment. Sessions meet every Tuesday and Thursday in the Red Cross Office, Building 333, from 5:30-7 p.m.

**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](mailto: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 to [www.vccitaly.org/news](http://www.vccitaly.org/news).

### CTC Scholarship

Central Texas College is accepting applications for scholarships online

through March 31. For information call 634-6514, email [vicenza@europa.ctcd.edu](mailto:vicenza@europa.ctcd.edu) or stop by Room 6 of the Education Center.

### National Nutrition Month

National Nutrition Month wraps up March 26 with a class on cooking seasonal vegetables, noon to 1 p.m. at the Arts & Crafts Center. For more or to schedule an appointment with a dietitian, call 636-9519 or 0444-61-9519.

### CFC coin design contest

The Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas Coin Design Contest is under way to select a design for the 2013 CFC-O contributor coin representing the theme: "Serve To Honor Your Country. Give Because You Care." Entries will be accepted through March 29. Detailed instructions and submission guidelines are online at <http://cfcoverseas.org>.

### AE-ITT classes

AE-ITT Upcoming Microsoft courses include:

**April 8-12:** MCITP: Windows 7 Enterprise Desktop Support Technician Boot Camp

**April 15-19:** MCITP: Server Administrator on Windows Server 2008, Server Administrator

Call Lydia Larimore at 634-6077 or email [Lydia.T.Larimore.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:Lydia.T.Larimore.ctr@mail.mil) for assistance with enrollment and exam certification.

### Darby scholarships

Deadlines are approaching for the Friends of Camp Darby's Women's Empowerment Award and Graduating Senior Scholarship. Deadlines are April 19, so finish up and submit your applications now.

### AFN Vicenza serves DMC

AFN Vicenza is serving Camp Darby now. If you have an event to publicize, send relevant information via email to [afnvicenza@afn.dma.mil](mailto:afnvicenza@afn.dma.mil) or call DSN 634-7836.



March 28  
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.  
Golden Lion



**F2F Presents**  
**Women's History Month Networking Event**  
**Special Guest Speaker Ms. Noreen Riols**



For more information call 634-7401 or 634-8828

For children birth through 5 years of age

**Wed., 3 April 2013**

**Vicenza Elementary School**

**Call 634 – 5700 (0444-71- 5700)**

To ask for a **CHILD FIND screening appointment**

## Now Showing



### Ederle Theater

March 21	Gangster Squad (R)	6 p.m.
March 22	The Rise of the Guardians (PG)	6 p.m.
	The Guilt Trip (PG-13)	9 p.m.
March 23	The Call (PG-13) *	3 p.m.
	The Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG-13) *	6 p.m.
March 24	The Call (PG-13) *	3 p.m.
	The Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG-13) *	6 p.m.
March 27	Les Miserables (PG-13)	6 p.m.
March 28	Les Miserables (PG-13)	6 p.m.
March 29	The Croods (PG) *	6 p.m.
	Admission (PG-13) *	9 p.m.

### Camp Darby Theater

March 22	Snitch (PG-13) *	6 p.m.
March 23	Les Miserables (PG-13)	6 p.m.
March 24	Jack the Giant Slayer (PG-13) *	1 p.m.
March 29	Broken City (R)	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>

# Religious Activities

## Chaplain Crisis Line

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

## 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 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

### Way of the Cross

**Friday, March 22, 6 p.m.**

Join the Catholic community as they pray the last "Way of the Cross" during this year's Lent followed by the exposition of the Most Holy Sacrament, proclamation of the Lord's Passion, rosary prayer, and adora-

tion. Afterwards they will gather for fellowship and meatless soup, sandwiches, bread, etc. They will watch the Catholicism Video in the activity room. Please come and share your favorite Lenten meals with us!

**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. Address for GPS: via Pieve, Number 170, 36072 Chiampo-Vicenza.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:drbob143@gmail.com).

**Trinity Church Vicenza:** An International Presbyterian Church (IPC) congregation. Call Pastor Rinn at 328-473-2949 or email [trinitychurchvicenza@gmail.com](mailto:trinitychurchvicenza@gmail.com).

**Vicenza Hospitality House:** A good place for anyone - single Soldiers, men, women and couples to enjoy food, fun and fellowship. Tuesday: Dinner at 6:30 p.m. with PMOC Bible Study and Women's study following at 7:30. Friday: Potluck Dinner at 6:30 p.m. with

Walk in the Word following. Call if you need transportation. For more information call 0444-581-427

**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](http://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 MCYM International office at [adventurecamp@club-beyond.org](mailto: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.

## Peter's Answer

By Father Wieslaw Dynek

Lt. Col, US Army

The first words of the Successor of Peter, the first of the Apostles, were an answer, the answer required of him to accept his election in the Conclave as Roman Pontiff. At that very moment the vacancy of the See – a period which in the heart of the Middle Ages was even described by Peter Damian as a terrifying interlude – comes to an end. Nevertheless it is a propitious (kairos, in New Testament Greek) time during which the Church has always had the courage to put herself at stake; and now she also has the help of Benedict XVI's hidden prayers.

This therefore explains the announcement of "great joy" (gaudium magnum), in use at least from the end of the 15th century and which repeats the angel's announcement to the shepherds near Bethlehem, illuminating the historical sequence of papal successions with words rooted in evangelical hope. In the most ancient Christian texts Peter's life starts with his first meeting with Jesus at the beginning of John's Gospel, while at the conclusion of this same Gospel it mentions the extreme testimony of the first of the Apostles.

The fisherman from Bethsaida says nothing to Jesus who seems to recognize him: "So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas, [which means Peter]". However Peter replies to him at least three times in their last and touching conversation, thereby balancing his



# Celebrate Easter Together

March 31, 7 p.m.

Hoekstra Field

The South of the Alps Dining Facility (DFAC) will be open for non-hosted breakfast following the service at 7:45 a.m. Those interested can enjoy fellowship time there together.

### LENTEN CONFESSION:

The annual Lenten season is fitting time to climb the holy mountain of Easter. The faithful, even more attentive to the word of God and prayer, prepare themselves by penance for the renewal of their baptismal promises. It is fitting that the Lenten season concludes, both for the individual Christian as well as for the whole Christian community, with a penitential celebration, so that all may be helped to prepare to celebrate MORE FULLY the paschal mystery.

Our Catholic Military community will have an opportunity to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance this coming Monday, 26 March. Three priests will be available for confession between 1630 and 1900.

Examination of Conscience and order of the Sacrament of Confession will be placed on the table at the entrance of the chapel. They will help us to prepare for confession.

triple denial: "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you"

In Peter's answer lies the destiny of his Successors, men chosen by men but sustained by the mercy described precisely by the Apostle in the so-called Council of Jerusalem: "we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus we are saved". And Peter's answer, which the new Pope has repeated in accepting his election, remains the same today.

**The Caserma Ederle Chapel  
Community  
invites you to its  
Annual Easter Sunrise Service.  
All are welcome!**

# Sports shorts

## Racquetball Tournament

Sign-up at the Ederle Fitness Center before March 25, for the Invitational Racquetball Tournament to be held on March 29-31. There is a mandatory participants meeting: March 29, 6 p.m. and play will start immediately following the meeting. Categories and divisions include; both men's and women's, beginners (0 - 2 years of experience), intermediate (2 - 5 years of experience), advanced (Over 5 years of experience), open, doubles and mixed doubles. Entry fees are; \$10.00 or €7.00 to play in one

## Unit/Rec Softball League

Unit/Recreation Softball League registration begins on April 1. The coaches meeting is scheduled for May 1 at 6 p.m. at the Ederle Fitness Center conference room. Signup is mandatory and the league starts on May 8. Call 634-7009 to sign up.

## Lifeguard Certification

The next Lifeguard Certification

Course will be held April 1-5. You must be 16 years of age and complete a swimming pre-test the first day of class. Cost is \$65. Register at the Ederle Fitness Center.

## Softball umpires, scorers clinic

The USAG Vicenza Softball Official Clinic will take place April 2-6 beginning at 6 p.m. in the Fitness Center conference room. Umpires and scorers are needed for the season. Stop by the Fitness Center for information.

## 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 to participate.

## Tennis in Darby

Join the Darby Tennis Tournament April 1-12. Division play includes men's singles, women's singles and doubles, which can be any mix of men and women. Games start each weekday evening at 5:30 p.m. Reg-

ister at the Darby Fitness Center by March 29. Cost is \$10 per player. For more info, contact Sports & Fitness at 633-7438.

## Softball at Camp Darby

2013 Men's and Women's Base Softball teams season runs through September. Tryouts will be announced after coaches are selected. For details, call 633-7438.

## Darby Amazing Challenge

Partner up for the Darby Amazing Challenge April 27. Teams will compete in a race to decipher clues to navigate the installation. Register through April 5 at Outdoor Recreation. Call DSN 633-7439.

## The Outlook accepts submissions

Email news briefs by close of business on Friday of the week before publication to [editor@eur.army.mil](mailto:editor@eur.army.mil).

# VHS Booster club raises money for school



Photo by Laura Kreider

More than 100 community members registered in the fourth year Booster Club annual furniture and collectibles auction Saturday at the Vicenza High School gym. The funds raised by the auction support the student athletes for costs not covered by the school and provide scholarships for students who choose to continue their education beyond high school.