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**SKY SOLDIERS  
MARK RETURN  
TO VICENZA**



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Soldiers of B Troop, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment, 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), on patrol in Logar Province, Afghanistan, Sept. 8, 2012. See page 6 for memorials to the Sky Soldiers' fallen comrades.

*Photo by Sgt. Michael Sword*



Photo by Julie Lucas

## New military personnel services chief

Meet Willie Wilson, the new military personnel services chief for Human Resources. Wilson comes to Vicenza from Fort Jackson, S.C., where he worked with a reserve command.

But Wilson wanted to work with active-duty military and so he made the move to Italy.

"I spent two weeks in Italy years ago and thought it would be great to be stationed here," Wilson said. He previously spent 17 years in Germany and is still currently a member of the Army Reserve.

You can find Wilson in Building 28 on Caserma Ederle or reach him at 634-7973 and by email at [willie.j.wilson46.civ@mail.mil](mailto:willie.j.wilson46.civ@mail.mil).

# Speak Out

What memorable event stands out in your memory?



**Staff Sgt. Isaac Witherspoon**  
HHC, 173rd ABCT

"I remember New Year's Eve in New York City in 2000. Too many crazy people."



**Pfc. Jake Parkinson**  
2nd-503rd Infantry Regiment

"The biggest event I've ever attended was the Warped Tour in California. So many people came you had no room to walk."



**Michelle Duetsch**  
Vicenza CYSS

"In 2010 my husband was on R&R and we went to see Dave Matthews Band in Milan. It was epic."

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# Hero 2 Hired

## Website links employers, transitioning Soldiers

By David Vergun  
Army News Service

**WASHINGTON** — Transitioning Soldiers, veterans and family members now have a place to post their resumes and look for jobs, a site where employers can search for workers and post their own announcements.

The site, Hero 2 Hired, was created in 2011 by the Office of the Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs to assist service members in the reserve components, but the site is not limited to the reserve component. Active duty service members have been flocking there in increasing numbers, said Col. Rob Yost, director, Transition Strategic Outreach, and he is encouraging the influx.

Employers from more than 12,000 corporations, ranging from small businesses to Fortune 500 companies, now use the site to hire Soldiers and veterans. More than 100,000 Soldiers have already posted their resumes there. Yost bills the site as a no-cost, one-stop shop that links employers with Soldiers.

The site can help Soldiers translate what they did in the military into something that civilian employers might better understand, said Yost. Americans pretty much know that an infantryman can take and hold a hill, Yost

said, but thanks to the website, "corporate America is learning that an 11-B can also be a great manager, operations officer or program director.

"In the infantry (and in other military occupational specialties), Soldiers learn the value of teamwork, know how to lead a group and value mission accomplishment," he said. "These are highly sought-after skills in corporate America."

The site software matches what employers seek with a Soldier's skills and experience, sometimes not clearly described by a Soldier's MOS title, he said. The TSO's mission is to connect employers with Soldiers using the website and by helping employers navigate the Army structure to find the talent they need. TSO also answers employer questions about transitioning Soldiers, for example, how many Soldiers are transitioning, and from where.

"We also address concerns employers may have about hiring wounded, injured or ill Soldiers," Yost said.

The TSO attends bi-weekly teleconferences with approximately 60 fusion cell partners, organizations dedicated to helping Soldiers connect with employers. And while TSO works behind the scenes to link Soldiers with employers, Soldiers can get personal help in Army Career and Alumni Program centers across the country, Yost said.

As the drawdown continues over the next few years, the mission of connecting Soldiers with employers becomes more critical than ever, Yost said. "Being a part of this effort is a huge privilege and honor," he said.

The Hero 2 Hired website is at [www.h2h.jobs](http://www.h2h.jobs). Soldiers planning to separate should visit the site at least a year out and frequently thereafter, said Yost.



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# Fallen Heroes

## Operation Enduring Freedom XIII

The 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team uncased its colors on Caserma Ederle's Hoekstra Field May 16, officially ending its deployment to Afghanistan and welcoming the Sky Soldiers back to Vicenza. During the ceremony, the brigade recognized its Fallen Heroes in the presence of Gold Star Family members and some of its Wounded Warriors. They will never be forgotten.

### 173rd ABCT Fallen Heroes

**Pfc. Shane W. Cantu**  
**1st-503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade**

Oct. 25, 1991 – Aug. 28, 2012  
 Cantu, 20, of Corunna, Mich., died Aug. 28, 2012, in Charkh, Afghanistan, of wounds suffered when he was hit by shrapnel.



**Pfc. Theodore M. Glende**  
**1st-503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade**

Jan. 13, 1989 - July 27, 2012  
 Glende, 23, of Rochester, N.Y., died July 27, 2012, in Kharwar, Logar Province, Afghanistan, of wounds caused by small-arms fire.



**Sgt. Jonathan A. Gollnitz**  
**1st-91st Cavalry, 173rd Airborne Brigade**

June 8, 1984 – Sept. 26, 2012  
 Gollnitz, 28, of Lakehurst, N.J., died Sept. 26, 2012, in Puli Alam, Afghanistan, of injuries caused by a suicide bomber. Also killed was Staff Sgt. Orion N. Sparks, 29, of Tucson, Ariz.



**Spc. Justin L. Horsley**  
**1st-503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade**

Nov. 17, 1990 - July 22, 2012  
 Horsley, 21, of Palm Bay, Fla., died July 22, 2012, in Puli Alam, Afghanistan, of wounds caused by an improvised explosive device.



**Spc. James A. Justice**  
**2nd-503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade**

Oct. 1, 1990 – Aug. 17, 2012  
 Justice, 21, of Grover, N.C., died Aug. 17, 2012, at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Germany, of injuries suffered Aug. 14 from small-arms fire in Wardak Province, Afghanistan.



**Pfc. Andrew J. Keller**  
**1st-503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade**

Nov. 16, 1989 – Aug. 15, 2012  
 Keller, 22, of Tigard, Ore., died Aug. 15, 2012 in Charkh, Afghanistan, of wounds caused by small-arms fire.



**Sgt. 1st Class Daniel T. Metcalfe**  
**2nd-503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade**

Nov. 5, 1982 – Sept. 29, 2012  
 Metcalfe, 29, of Liverpool, N.Y., died Sept. 29, 2012, in Sayyid Abad, Afghanistan, of injuries from small-arms fire.



**Sgt. Enrique Mondragon**  
**HHD, 173rd STB, 173rd Airborne Brigade**

June 20, 1989 – Dec. 24, 2012  
 Mondragon, 23, of The Colony, Texas, died Dec. 24, 2012, in Baraki Barak, Afghanistan, from injuries caused by small-arms fire.



**Mr. Kevin O'Rourke**  
**2nd-503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade**

Oct. 30, 1959 – Sept. 21, 2012  
 O'Rourke, 52, a retired New York City police sergeant working as a civilian contractor, died Sept. 21, 2012, in Sayyid Abad, Afghanistan, during an apparent insider attack by members of the Afghan military.



**Sgt. Kyle B. Osborn**  
**1st-503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade**

Aug. 5, 1986 – Sept. 13, 2012  
 Osborn, 26, of Lafayette, Ind., died Sept. 13, 2012, in Muqer, Afghanistan, of wounds from small-arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire.



# Fallen Heroes

## Operation Enduring Freedom XIII

**1st Lt. Stephen C. Prasnicki**  
**4th-319th AFA, 173rd Airborne**  
**Brigade**

Feb. 9, 1986 - June 27, 2012  
 Prasnicki, 24, of Lexington, Va., died June 27, 2012, in Maidan Shahr, Wardak Province, Afghanistan, of wounds caused by an improvised explosive device.



**Staff Sgt. Orion N. Sparks**  
**1st-91st Cavalry, 173rd Airborne**  
**Brigade**

March 21, 1983 – Sept. 26, 2012  
 Sparks, 29, of Tucson, Ariz., died Sept. 26, 2012, in Puli Alam, Afghanistan, of injuries caused by a suicide bomber. Also killed was Army Sgt. Jonathan A. Gollnitz, 28, of Lakehurst, N.J.



**Pfc. Adam C. Ross**  
**2nd-503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne**  
**Brigade**

Sept. 4, 1992 - July 24, 2012  
 Ross, 19, of Lyman, S.C., died July 24, 2012, in Jaghato, Wardak Province, Afghanistan, of wounds caused by small-arms fire.



**Spc. Brenden N. Salazar**  
**1st-503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne**  
**Brigade**

March 24, 1992 - July 22, 2012  
 Salazar, 20, of Chuluota, Fla., died July 22, 2012, in Puli Alam, Afghanistan, of wounds caused by an improvised explosive device.



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# Nigeria Chief of Army Staff visits USARAF

By Sgt. Terysa King  
U.S. Army Africa PAO

**N**igerian Chief of Army Staff, Lt. Gen. Azubuike Ihejirika, visited U.S. Army Africa in Vicenza Italy, May 7-9 to meet with key leaders, see how US-ARAF command operates and discuss the way forward.

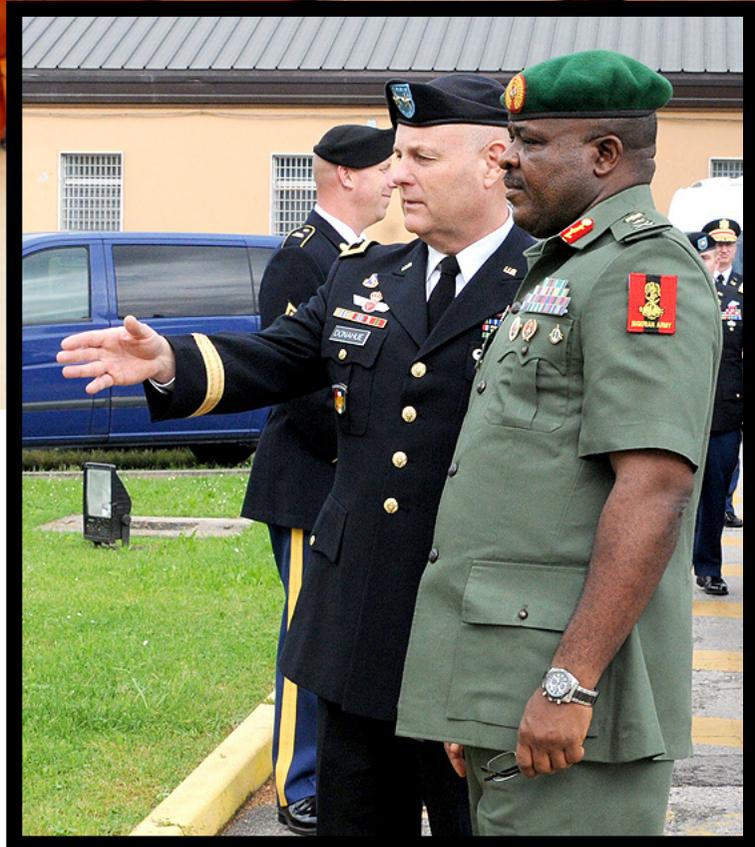
As part of USARAF's engagement strategy, leaders briefed Ihejirika on the command's mission and its ongoing partnerships with African land forces to foster security, stability and peace on the African continent. During his three-day visit, Ihejirika toured Caserma Ederle and observed a capabilities demonstration from the USARAF Expeditionary Command Post and Mission Command Training Center.

Lt. Col. Kevin C. Saatkamp, CCP executive officer, said the team showcased systems they use, mainly Army battle command systems, along with devices and trackers that provide interoperability with host nation forces.

"This visit gives us a rare opportunity to bring someone from the continent of Africa up here to see what the United States Army is actually like," Saatkamp said.

"Bringing host nation partners here provides us with a common understanding. We can now interface with them so when we go down to the continent they have an understanding of what we bring to the fight. We also understand how best we can facilitate them and their operations in Africa," he said.

One device highlighted was the Incident Commander's



Photos by Rich Bartell  
U. S. Army Africa senior leaders (top) conduct a briefing for Lt. Gen. Azubuike Ihejirika, Nigerian Chief of Army Staff, and senior Nigerian officers May 7 at USARAF headquarters in Vicenza, Italy. USARAF Commander, Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Donahue II (above, left), reads names at the Fallen Warrior Memorial in front of the headquarters with Ihejirika.

Radio Interface, which is a commercial off-the-shelf system allowing users to speak over FM radio via cell phone, providing a communications network in Africa, Saatkamp said.

Ihejirika said the visit was a positive step toward enhancing Nigeria's desire for a greater partnership along with acquiring knowledge.

"In the last two days everyone was able to identify areas for mutual cooperation, mainly training," Ihejirika said.

"Training is key toward capacity building. Without this cooperation with the United States Army or any of the allies, this process would be pretty difficult. We've also seen how the mission command post works, which is what we want to adopt. This training will help us train ourselves and develop our army," he said.



Wolf Landyn Gray (from left above) threatens to eat sheep Maximus Donohue, Amiah Cunningham and Norah Shannon as shepherd Clarence Reeves watches to see what happens next during the VES production of "The Shepherd Who Cried Wolf" May 7. The villagers (below) congregate to discuss the action. [Click here to view more photos.](#)

## VES children bring character lessons to life

Story and photos by Joyce Costello

USAG Vicenza PAO

Most of us know that honesty is the best policy, but how do you teach that lesson to youngsters who can't always tell the difference between fantasy and reality? At Vicenza Elementary School, the play's the thing to bring that lesson home.

A tale most children know as "The Boy Who Cried Wolf," has been adapted by Nancy Hacker's second-grade class as part of their Character Counts instruction. In the play, shepherd Clarence Reeves, a second-grader, tells his fellow villagers that a wolf is attacking his three sheep. The villagers, who want the name of their village to remain anonymous to avoid a drop in tourism, repeatedly go out to the fields to help him.

"My favorite part about being in the play was that it taught us how to not lie and tell the truth, and be trust-

worthy," said villager Sophia Durrett. She said she had butterflies in her stomach at first, but later enjoyed performing for younger classes at school.

The wolf, played by Landyn Gray, said he liked scaring the sheep.

"I have been in three plays this year and I like acting out different things we learn in class," said Gray.

"This play complements our students' character education, which is

a vital part of the DoDEA educational philosophy," said Hacker. "VES doesn't just stand for Vicenza Elementary School, but also Values, Excellence, Success, which builds a strong foundation for lifelong learning."

Hacker's students had three performances running five minutes each and helped teach several hundred VES students that the morale of the story is: "No one believes a liar, even when he tells the truth."



# Exploring olden times at Soave Castle

Story and photos by Joyce Costello

USAG Vicenza PAO

*Il pogo  
di non essere  
Sano*

Second-grader Elijah Rodgers  
sizes up a knight's armor  
during a visit to Soave Castle  
May 7. [Click here to view more  
photos.](#)

**SOAVE, Italy** — Hundreds of second-graders from Vicenza Elementary School stormed Soave Castle May 7, exploring dungeons, soldiers' living quarters and how the *Canis Signorius* or Top Dog lived.

The field trip was part of VES's focus on history, culture and society studies, said second-grade teacher Nancy Hacker.

"This was an excellent opportunity to expose the children to the world and culture around them, not just the American culture, to explore their present environment, to encourage exploration of history, thoughts and ideas different from theirs, and to increase their tolerance of the differences found in other cultures," said Hacker, who has been taking children on field trips to Soave castle for the past 30 years.

Parent and chaperone Zasheba Reeves said she thought it was good for the youngsters to get out of the classroom and see the castle. Especially as "there aren't too many castles in the USA," she said.

Hacker showed the students how the area had grown from a Stone Age settlement to a Roman fort and to the castle of today. The children were eager to see the trapdoor where the people in olden days were dropped into a dungeon. They were also fascinated by the living conditions of soldiers in the guardhouse.

"I liked the beds of the knight because they are so warm and had to sleep all together in one bed," said Norah Shannon.

"I'd sleep on the floor because the bed would have lots of people with stinky feet," said classmate Clarence Reeves.

Seeing firsthand the actual living conditions, some students seemed surprised at the difference.

"I learned that girls couldn't be soldiers back then," said Caroline Howard.

Reeves said he was glad he wasn't born a peasant, while he would have liked to have been a knight so he could ride horses, help people and shoot bows and arrows.

"Most of the children thought that the Middle Ages consist of any time before the invention of computers. 'Was that when you were a little girl?' is one question I got," said Hacker.

Once the school year ends, there's no reason to not make similar field trips as a family during the summer.

"There are so many opportunities here in Europe and Italy to broaden a child's knowledge of the world around him or her. The more they're exposed to, the more choices they will be able to make in their future, whether it's in sports, the arts, or whatever. Every exposure multiplies the number of life choices available to them so that they can find and explore their passion," said Hacker.

Soave is a 20-minute drive west of Vicenza. During the summer, Soave castle is open from 9 a.m. to noon and 3-6:30 p.m., but is closed on Monday. The walled city below the castle dates from the 1400s and hosts a market every Tuesday.

## CYSS Parent Advisory Council Meeting

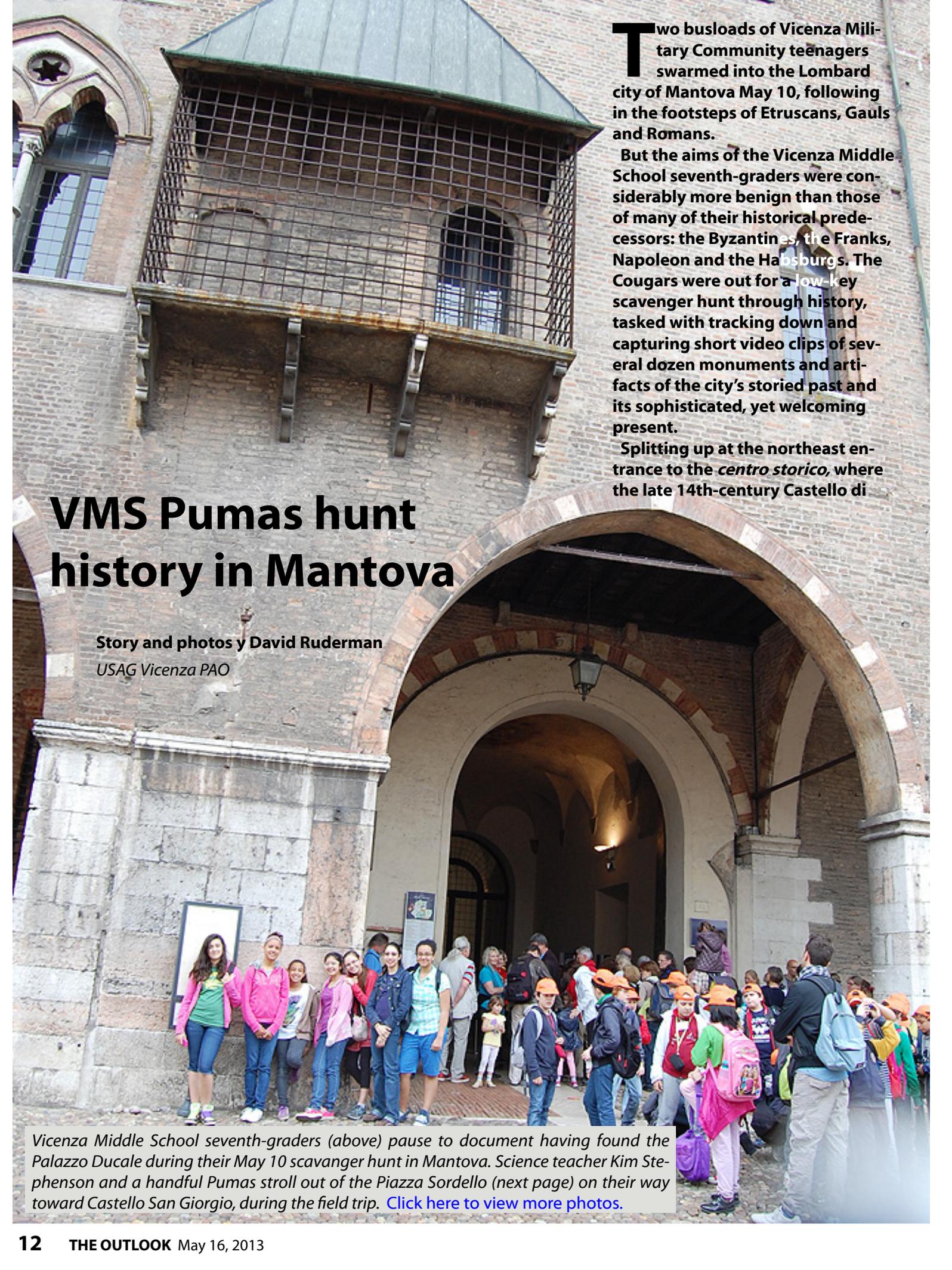
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**T**wo busloads of Vicenza Military Community teenagers swarmed into the Lombard city of Mantova May 10, following in the footsteps of Etruscans, Gauls and Romans.

But the aims of the Vicenza Middle School seventh-graders were considerably more benign than those of many of their historical predecessors: the Byzantines, the Franks, Napoleon and the Habsburgs. The Cougars were out for a low-key scavenger hunt through history, tasked with tracking down and capturing short video clips of several dozen monuments and artifacts of the city's storied past and its sophisticated, yet welcoming present.

Splitting up at the northeast entrance to the *centro storico*, where the late 14th-century Castello di

# VMS Pumas hunt history in Mantova

Story and photos by David Ruderman

USAG Vicenza PAO

Vicenza Middle School seventh-graders (above) pause to document having found the Palazzo Ducale during their May 10 scavenger hunt in Mantova. Science teacher Kim Stephenson and a handful Pumas stroll out of the Piazza Sordello (next page) on their way toward Castello San Giorgio, during the field trip. [Click here to view more photos.](#)

San Giorgio stands guard by the banks of artificial lakes built as far back as the 12th-century to defend the town, the teens took off with their teachers and chaperones to find and document their having been to such landmarks as the 11th-century Rotonda di San Lorenzo and the 16th-century Palazzo Te.

It wasn't quite clear to what extent the historical significance of the Palazzo Ducale, home for centuries of the ruling Gonzaga family, the Basilica Palatina di Santa Barbara and the beautiful Piazza Sordello impressed the youngsters. Some at least took the time to sit in near silence for several minutes inside the 14th-century Duomo di Mantova's peaceful interior to drink in the Renaissance symmetry of the sacred space.

Meandering teams of Cougars hailed each other as they passed in the streets and piazzas, rubbing elbows and exchanging looks with delegations of a large touring group of Alpini and vacationing families from around Europe and the world. Many paused for refreshment at the *gelateria Vecchia*, across the way from the Palazzo Ragione and its impressive clock tower.

Likewise, the importance of Mantova as a major center of the European painting and musical arts, home at



various times to the likes of Mantegna, Donatello and Rubens, Monteverdi and Giuseppe Verdi, may or may not have made a deep impression on the American teens. Yet, it seems fair to say that many of the Cougars drank in the ambiance of an historical gem of a city, the importance of which may come more clearly to their attention some day in the future.

At that time they may remember back to the day they spent ambling about its alleys and courtyards with their

friends, and if they do remember Mantova, it's safe to say those memories will be happy ones.

In any event, the field trip broke the tension of the final stretch of the school year, a welcome reprieve from the classroom for students and educators alike. It was a chance for the teens to socialize and, for adventurous individuals, an opportunity to try out a never before tasted flavor of *gelato* and maybe even pick up a pair of sunglasses for the summer days ahead.

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# HAP helps Polish primary school

Story and photo by Chiara Mattiolo

Darby Military Community PAO

The Livorno Humanitarian Assistance Program loaded and shipped seven containers of school equipment to Primary School No. 56 in Lodz, Poland, April 29 to May 2.

The Humanitarian Assistance Program, known as HAP, supports both U.S. European Command and U.S. Africa Command areas of interest in their peacetime engagements that strengthen U.S. relations with other nations through humanitarian assistance and disaster response.

The Livorno HAP mission is to obtain excess Department of Defense property in support of planned humanitarian assistance projects coordinated with U.S. embassies, host nation officials and the Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

"HAP ships supplies and equipment to various beneficiary countries in Europe and Africa in support of local embassy outreach programs," said Janine Wick, HAP warehouse manager. "Typical equipment includes office equipment, school furniture and supplies, appliances, medical equipment and even safety and first-responder equipment and vehicles."

The procedure begins when the Office of Defense Cooperation sends a wish list to the country team that works for EUCOM, said Larry Todd, DSCA manager for excess property humanitarian assistance Livorno.

"We provide ODC a list of items that we have on hand and those that we can obtain from other sources, making sure of course that the cost of transportation does not exceed the value of the goods. Once our list is approved we make calculations of how many containers we need and the shipment begins," said Todd.

The request for containers is forwarded to the 14th Transportation Battalion Movement Control Team for proper shipment documentation, he said. In this case, the Livorno HAP warehouse was able to provide suitable desks, book-cases, lockers and other school equipment to help improve the overall school conditions and learning experience for the Lodz students, who range in age from 6-17.

"I really enjoy this part of the job," said Wick. "Providing humanitarian assistance to other countries is a true pleasure. At the end of the day you have a real sense of accomplishment knowing that your efforts will make a positive contribution to the needs of a program or group of people."

Todd said he has personally visited the school in Poland and can confirm that it is in serious need of new furniture.

"The school structure was in really bad condition. This is also a great relation building project since the U.S. has its first military unit assigned to Poland at Lask Air Base, only 40 kilometers away from the school," he said.

The school staff has struggled since the 1990s to improve the facility infrastructure and acquire needed supplies. Students and parents have participated in self-help renovation projects to improve the school, said Wick.



HAP warehouse worker Simone Bonechi (above) loads a container with desks April 30 for shipment to Lodz Primary School No. 56 in Poland. Forklift operator Fabio Simonini (below) moves the humanitarian aid for shipment at the warehouse.



"The U.S. Embassy's efforts to initiate a HAP excess property project to lend them a helping hand should give them the boost they need," she said.



Photo by Beth Futrell

## *Will the circle be unbroken?*

Darby Military Community Girl Scouts form a circle with their mothers as part of a mother-and-daughter brunch held May 11 at the ACS Yellow Ribbon Room. 'I enjoyed the girls having fun at their well deserved mother-daughter tea brunch,' said Girl Scout troop leader, Pfc. Christina Bergeron of 511th MP Platoon.



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# Siena

Story and photos  
by Chiara Mattiolo

*Darby Military Community PAO*



# Duomo opens 'Gate of Heaven' to visitors

Siena is a hill town located at little over an hour's drive from Camp Darby and one of Italy's most visited tourist destinations, known for its medieval landscape, monuments and cuisine.

One of the city's can't miss monuments is the Dome of Siena, *il Duomo*, whose construction begun in the 12th century. Inside this Gothic masterpiece are innumerable paintings, floor decorations and an incredible octagonal pulpit making every corner, every spot in the cathedral is breathtaking experience for visitors.

This year, through late October, visitors have the rare opportunity to view the Duomo's "Gate of Heaven," the upper reaches of the structure which have been closed to public for centuries. Through the fall tourists may enjoy guided tours on the roofs of the building, a path which offers a fantastic view of the cathedral from above.

Until now no one has been able to gain access to the upper areas except for the workers directed by the great architects who have come and gone over the centuries. The very walls themselves bear witness to their ongoing projects with sketches drawn sometimes directly on the walls. The one and one half hour tour is strictly offered to small groups of no more than 17 accompanied by a guide. Reservations are required.

The tour through the Gate of Heaven of the Duomo of Siena begins with a climb up the spiral stair case's 70 steps hidden within the two imposing towers located on the side of the facade. Visitors pass through the vaults of the south aisle, from where the views of the inside and outside of the basilica are impressive and unusual. From the top part it is possible to observe the stained-glass windows representing the apostles which look down to admire the interior of the Duomo.

Inside the dome's gallery visitors enjoy another unique spectacle: the upper view of the high altar with its many sculptures, its incredible ceiling and its unique floor. Looking out the

left aisle one has a breathtaking views of the city, the Basilica of San Domenico, the Medici fortress and the chapel of St. John the Baptist.

The guided visit also includes a look at a number of the most significant monuments in the history European art. Significant parts of the complex include the crypt, the baptistry, the Museo dell'Opera and the Libreria Piccolomini, which holds the Pope Pio II book collection.

## Panforte for the palate

Siena is also well known for its unique culinary riches, which include a very strong tradition in cakes made with candied fruits and almonds. Siena is the center of Tuscan sweet production, and *panforte*, a huge, round and flat cake made of a mixture of candied fruits, nuts and honey covered with icing sugar, is the masterpiece.

"What makes *panforte* a unique treat is the perfect combination of flavors, its softness and the combination of spices and vanilla. It's a combination

of flavors that makes it hard to resist," said David Nannini, vice director of the Guido Nannini Company, which produces *panforte* and sweets.

While *panforte* is available in most Italian supermarkets, where it is usually sold in round flat boxes about 1 centimeter tall, the thicker variety is much softer and fresher, and is displayed in many bars and pastry shops around Siena.

It comes in many varieties including chocolate and cocoa, though others are spicier. The most appreciated type is the *panforte Margherita*, prepared for the first time in 1879 in honor of Margherita of Savoy, Queen Consort of King Umberto I of Italy, from whom it takes the name.

Also, the famous cookies known as *ricciarelli* are typical of the Siena region. They are made with a delicate almond paste and can be either white or covered with chocolate.

For details on visiting Siena and the Gate of Heaven, go to [www.operaduomo.siena.it](http://www.operaduomo.siena.it).

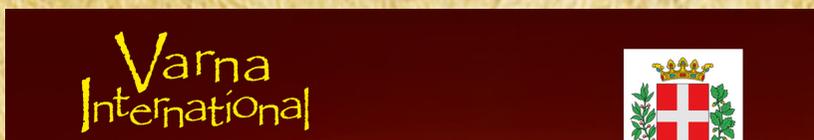


Visitors stroll by and rest on the steps leading up to the Gothic facade of the Siena Duomo (opposite page). Currently, tourists may climb up to the cathedral's 'Heaven's Gate' for a rare perspective on the church, its interior (left) and the city of Siena and its environs.

### Brahms concert

The beautiful Brahms' Requiem will be performed by three choirs, Gainesville Civic Chorus from Florida, Pueri Cantores del Veneto from Vicenza and Pueblo Choral Society from Colorado.

Croatian Chamber Orchestra and Florida State University will be conducted by Maestro Will Kesling; the soloists will be Kandie Smith, Soprano and Russell Franks, Basso-baritono. Tickets can be purchased at [www.tcvl.it](http://www.tcvl.it)

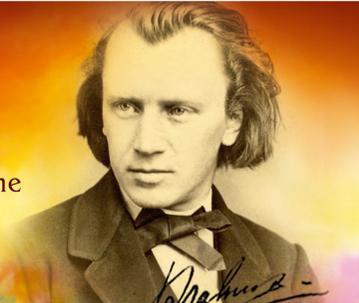


**Varna International**

**Thursday, 6 June, 21:00**  
**Tempio di Santa Corona, Vicenza**

**Maestro Will Kesling**  
USA, Conductor

**Kandie Smith**, Soprano  
**Russell Franks**, Bass-baritone



## VENETO

### 101st Camisano Spring Festival

Through May 18, in Camisano Vicentino, about 11 miles east of Vicenza. This year's theme is "Historical 1500s Market with Flavors of Camisano." Food booths of Stand Camisano Events in Piazza della Costituzione and Piazza Libertà feature local specialties; carnival rides, raffle; merry-go-around in Piazza Umberto I; flowers exhibit and sale. May 17 at 9 p.m.: Live concert with I Sismica in Piazza Umberto I.

### 14th Exhibition of Agri-food products, Craftsmanship and Herbs in Val Liona

**May 19** at Borgo di Campolongo in San Germano dei Berici, about 15 miles south of Vicenza. The exhibit opens at 11 a.m.

**9 a.m.:** Guided tour "Andar per Erbe", an easy walk outdoors to examine the area flora with botanist Lorenzo Vitalba, part of a program of walks in the Berici Hills organized by the *Consorzio Colli Berici-Basso Vicentino*, an association of the Pro Locos of the Colli Berici and South Vicenza Province. Visitors can take part in gastronomical events organized by the Consorzio throughout the year. Local specialties include the Berico truffle, olives and olive oil, Lumignano peas, wine and ham.

Programs include *A tavola sui Berici, Prosciuttando, Ulivo e Tartufo* and the like. Information can be found in the office in Nanto, near Vicenza, at Piazza Simposio 3. Call 0444-638-188 Monday through Saturday, 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., or visit the website [www.colliberici.it](http://www.colliberici.it) for more.

### Villa da Schio floral show

This weekend, May 18-19, in Schio, about 26 kilometers northwest of Vicenza. This show is a great chance to purchase the best of the best plants and seeds for the season. Sunday's festivities include stalls selling delicacies and offering tastings of typical products in the Villa Trento-Carli. Tickets are available at the entrance of Villa Da Schio. Free entry for Soldiers with military ID or in uniforms and for children under 12; €6 for adults and €4 for students over 12.

### La Galopera non-competitive walk

**May 26** at the Maddalene Sports Center, Via delle Maddalene, less than a mile from post, featuring 5.5-, 7.5-, 12- and 22-kilometer walks. A 4-kilometer, disabled friendly route will also be available. Register from 8-9:30 a.m. at Maddalene Sports Center; the €2.50 fee includes medical coverage, minestrone, bread, yogurt, milk and cheese and other refreshments.

### Inflatable games in Campo Marzo Park

For €6, families can enjoy bouncy games and the like weekdays from 3-6 p.m. and holidays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Unlimited play time.

### Sagra dei Bisi Pea festival

The 57th annual Pea Festival carries on through **May 21** in Colognola ai Colli (Verona). Try rice and peas, *paparele* and peas and the local wines.

### Rose Show

**May 18-19** at Villa Giusti in Bassano del Grappa.

### Vintagemania

**May 24-26** all things vintage can be found at the Villa Giusti in Bassano del Grappa. Children under 14 enter free, adults for €5.

## TUSCANY

### Wine Town in Florence

**May 17-18** from 3-11 p.m. Twelve large historic homes in Florence will be open for the fourth edition of Wine Town. The two day event will allow visitors to taste quality wine, listen to concerts and attend theater performances.

### Florence Gelato Festival

**May 23-27** from noon to midnight. The festival brings together the best gelato makers and industry leaders from Italy and abroad. A gelato card can be purchased at the event and includes five samples of gelato, a gelato cocktail, a *Gelatoguida* handbook of festival events, entry into gelato exhibitions and events and other festival treats. Tickets and gelato samples can be purchased separately.

### Sagra della Bistecca

If you love steak, then don't miss this fest **May 18-19 and 25-26** in Pian Di. S. Bartolo (FI)

### Festa di Sant'Ubaldo

This festival pays tribute to Saint Ubaldo in Pisa through **May 19**.

### Festa del Parco

Through **May 26** the San Rossore National Park will be having a festival. There will be guided visits on horses, bikes, train, foot and carriage along with other activities.

### Voltera AD 1398 fest

Through **May 19** enjoy a typical medieval fest.

## UPCOMING CONCERTS

**Joe Satriani:** May 29 in Rome; May 31 in Florence; June 1 in Padova, Gran Teatro Geox

**Bruce Springsteen & the E Street Band:** May 31 in Padova, Stadio Euganeo; June 3 in Milan; July 11 in Rome

**Alicia Keys:** June 19 in Torino

**Toto:** June 22 in Padova, Gran Teatro Geox

**Bon Jovi:** June 29 in Milan

**Santana:** July 5, Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova) Hydrogen Festival

**Leonard Cohen:** July 7 in Rome; July 9 in Lucca

**John Legend:** July 8 in Perugia; July 9 in Milan

**Sting:** July 8 in Verona; July 9 in Rome

**Elton John:** July 9 in Barolo (Cuneo)

**Mark Knopfler:** July 12, Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova) Hydrogen Festival

**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

Tickets are available in Vicenza at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center, or online at <http://www.ticketone.it/EN/> or <http://www.zedlive.com>

Event listings are as reported at press time. Details are subject to change without notice; check before you go.

## Beach season on Italian Riviera

The American Beach is open from Memorial Day Weekend to Sept. 15 and offers amenities such as umbrellas and chairs, changing rooms, a pavilion, playground equipment, heated showers, beach volley, and snack and drink bars. The beach offers a secure setting in which to enjoy the summer sun and sea with private entrance and guarded parking lot. If simply lying in the sun isn't for you, no worries. You can find lots of activities at the beach including kayaks, pedal boats, boogie boards or grab a couple of friends and enjoy a game of beach volley.





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# KIDS RUN

2013



**MAY 18, 2013**

**Beginning at 9 a.m.**  
at the Youth Center

**Come and run in the sun for fun!**

**Fastest runners in each age category win a medal and everyone gets a t-shirt for participating.**

**Youth ages 4-18 years. | Cost: FREE**

**Call the CYSS Sports & Fitness Office for more details at 633-7521.**



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## 2013 Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month

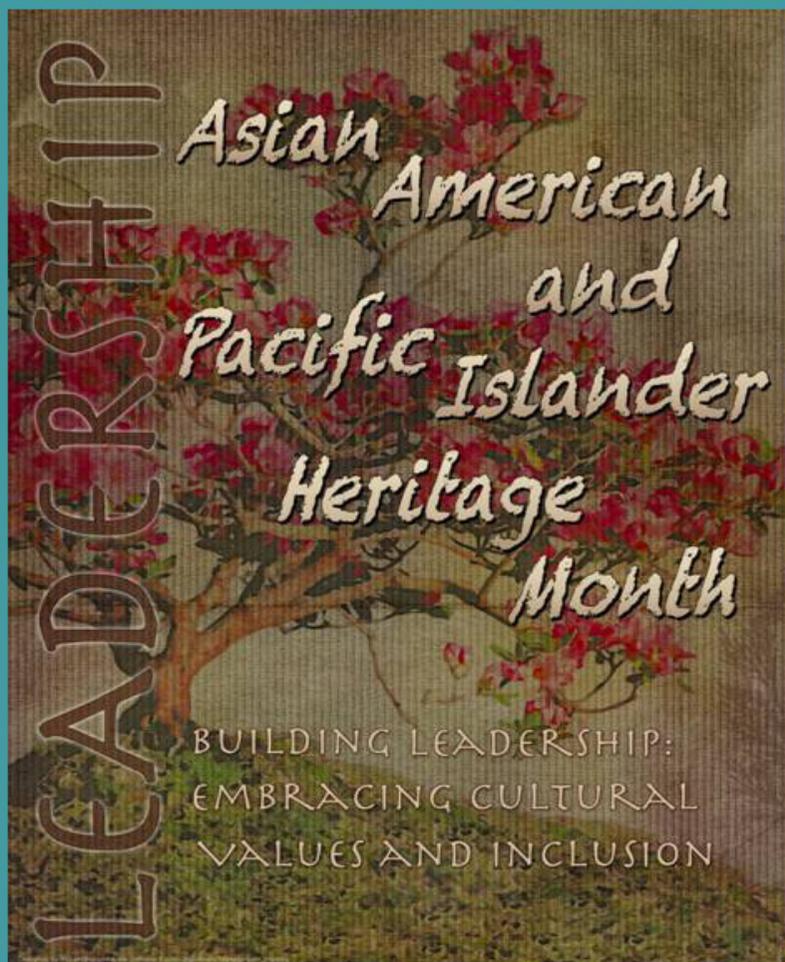
Vicenza Military Community Equal Opportunity Office invites the entire community to the 2013 Asian American/Pacific Islander Heritage Month Observance

May 23, 3:30 p.m.  
Hoekstra Field Pavilion

Guest Speaker: Ms. Hanna Leong  
(Family Advocacy Program (FAP), Victim Advocate)

Please come and enjoy  
Traditional Asian/Pacific  
Dance Demonstrations and  
Food Samplings

For more information contact EO Office at  
634-7914/6061





# Family and MWR

## Vicenza Military Community



### Ederle Fitness Pool Closure

The Ederle Fitness Pool will be closed for maintenance June 10-21. Please visit our other Sports, Fitness & Aquatics pools located in the Villaggio housing area and the Del Din Fitness Center.

### Music Café

Enjoy the best in local talent in a relaxed evening at Soldiers' Theatre on May 17, 7:30 p.m. You can join the fun on stage by calling 634-7281 or signing the clipboard that night when you arrive.

### Xbox Battle of the Bands

CYSS Youth Center is turning the popular video game into a full scale battle of the bands for grades 6-12, beginning May 20. And it's free! For complete details visit our website or stop by the Youth Center.

### CYSS Parent Advisory Group

Parent Advisory Council will meet on May 22, from noon-1 p.m. in the ACS bldg 108, room 29. The topics of discussion include: election of new PAG chairperson, summer youth job opportunities, summary of summer activities planned for youth, youth sponsorship activities, update on new YC in Villaggio and status of CDC 398 re-Accreditation. Call 634-8347 for more information.

### CYSS Summer Camp Enrollment

It's time to plan summer for your Family! School Age Center offers an exciting summer camp with a variety of unique activities for youth in grades 1-5. Visit our website news to discover the many camp themes and field trips offered this summer.

**Camp Dates June 17-August 23**

**Enrolment Dates:**

- May 6-20 -For SAC registered youth
- May 21-31-Priority, single parent or dual working parents
- June 3 -Open enrollment begins



### Dart Blind Doubles Tournament

May 18, 8 p.m. at the Lion's Den

### ODR Trips

- June 1, 6 a.m. Whitewater Rafting
- June 14, 8:30 a.m. Historical Naval Museum Venice
- June 15, Salzburg and Eagle's Nest

Register using MWR Online Services for:

**Vicenza Trip & Classes**

**Vicenza CYSS Activities**

**Vicenza Facebook Page**





## Darby Military Community

### CYSS Needs Volunteers

You can make an impact in a youth's life by volunteering as a coach, assistant coach or chaperone. We are looking for volunteers in all sports and lots of activities. Why not share your love of a favorite with our youth. Call 633-7521 for more information.

### May Group Fitness Classes

The month of May is chock-full of Group Fitness Classes at the Darby Fitness Center to include Spin, Zumba, Straps, Aqua Zumba and more. Check out the May Group Fitness Schedule at the Darby Fitness Center or download your own copy on our website.

### SKIES *Unlimited* Swim Lessons

Registration for youth swimming lessons begins May 20 and ends June 12 for session one that begins on June 17. Level 1 and 2 classes are held twice per week for 45 minutes. Parent child classes are held once a week for 30 minutes. Call 633-8084 for pre-assessment dates and class times.

### ODR Trips

- May 25, Rome
- May 27, Wine Tasting
- June 1, Florence
- June 2, Cavallino Matto
- June 3, Pisa and Lucca
- June 4, Venice

Complete list and trip info on [www.vicenza.armyMWR.com](http://www.vicenza.armyMWR.com)

### CYSS Summer Activities

Darby CYSS has great summer programs for youth! School Age Center Summer Camp has a full day of activities that may include movies, swimming, bowling plus a special field trip each week. The Youth Center opens daily at 1 p.m. for recreation activities at no charge. They also have field trips each week. Cost for these trips vary and space is limited so register early. SKIES *Unlimited* offers swimming lessons, registration begins May 20. Other activities include; Bowling, Family Walking Club, Zumba for Kids, Flag Football and a Parent -Child Golf Challenge. For more information visit our website or pick up a brochure at Parent Central Services.



**Great Grad Night**

Congratulate our 2013 Darby graduates with a potluck dinner and celebration!

May 31 | 5-7 p.m.  
at the Youth Center

Please contact the Youth Center for potluck requirements at 633-7629.

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



Register using MWR Online Services for:

**Darby Trip & Classes**

**Darby CYSS Activities**



**Darby Facebook Page**

**Visit the VMC community calendar for the latest event details and updates at**

[www.usag.vicenza.army.mil](http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil)

## USAHC to close over Memorial Day

The U.S. Army Health Clinic will close May 24-27. Regular hours are Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## DFAS announces TSP error

A recent DFAS update of Defense Civilian Pay System software created a problem that affected employee TSP contributions and OASDI (Social Security) deductions. As a result, 2012 Year-To-Date contribution totals were erroneously used to compute contributions vice 2013 YTD information, causing some employees to prematurely reach their annual limits on TSP, Roth TSP and OASDI deductions. Affected employees may have noticed a decrease or zero deduction for the pay period ending May 4, 2013, for contributions or a higher than normal OASDI deduction. DFAS is identifying all accounts affected and taking corrective actions to ensure the software corrections are in place for processing future payroll cycles. DFAS will officially notify affected employees and provide information on what, if any, actions by individual employee are necessary to fully correct deductions missed due to the software error.

## Asian-Pacific volunteers

The Vicenza Military Community Equal Opportunity Office seeks volunteers for its Asian, Pacific-American Heritage Month observance this month. Call Master Sgt. Richard Colon at 634-7914 or via email at [richard.colonvaldes.mil@mail.mil](mailto:richard.colonvaldes.mil@mail.mil).

## AE-ITT jobs and courses

Knowledge Corporation is seeking

employees to fill a range of positions: receptionist, test proctor, learning center operator, instructors, academic and organizational counselors, and academic advisor. Email Domieh Daoud at [ddaoud@knowlogy.com](mailto:ddaoud@knowlogy.com) for details. Upcoming AE-ITT classes include: May 28-31, CompTIA Advanced Security Practitioner (CASP); June 3-7, DoD IA Certification 8570.1 (Network+) 2012; June 10-14, MCITP: Windows 7 Enterprise Desktop Support Technician Boot Camp; and June 24-28, DoD IA Certification 8570.1 Information Assurance Security Course (IASC/Sec+). Call 634-6077 or email [lydia.t.larimore.ctr@mail.mil](mailto:lydia.t.larimore.ctr@mail.mil) for details.

## F2F events this month

**May 21:** Summer Cooking Class, 5:30 p.m., ACS conference room, RSVP by May 17 at [f2frsvp@gmail.com](mailto:f2frsvp@gmail.com).

**May 30:** Landing on Your Feet, Resiliency in Action, at the Golden Lion, 4-6 p.m. All are welcome, however single Soldiers have priority for events with limited space.

## Thrift Shop closed

The VCC Thrift Shop on Caserma Ed-

erle is closed for the near future while renovation work takes place.

## Recognizing academic achievement

If you have completed a college degree or certificate, or are within 12 semester hours of completing it, you are invited to participate in the **USAG 2013 Graduation Recognition Ceremony** May 31 at 10 a.m. at the Golden Lion. Contact the Vicenza Ed Center at 634-8933 or 0444-71-8933 or via email at [vicenza.edcenter@us.army.mil](mailto:vicenza.edcenter@us.army.mil) by May 24 to RSVP.

## School schedule updates

**May 24: Half day,** students will be released at 11:05 a.m.

**June 13:** Last day of school. Students will be released at 11:05 a.m.

## CTC Term 5 classes

Registration for Central Texas College's Term 5 is under way. For details and assistance call 634-6514, email [vicenza@europe.ctcd.edu](mailto:vicenza@europe.ctcd.edu) or stop by the Education Center.

## Soldiers' Theatre

\* **The Music Café** returns May 17 at



## One night only

The Music Café returns to the Soldiers' Theatre Friday night starting at 7:30 p.m. Community musicians and singers will perform in a low-key and friendly venue. Stop by to listen or to play; it's free.

Photo by Laura Kreider

7:30 p.m. with performances by an eclectic mix of Italian and American musicians. \* **Comedy-Improv** May 31 at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

\* **Beginning Tap classes** start June 11

\* **Guitar, piano, flute and voice** lessons are available for all levels. Stop by the theater for details or call 634-7281 or 0444-71-7281.

### Dispose of prescription drugs

U.S. Army Health Clinic Vicenza has an authorized collection box directly in front of the clinic entrance way for disposal of unwanted, unused and expired prescription drugs. Drop off your unwanted and expired medications any time.

### DKO coming to an end

The DKO website will go offline May 31. As of June 1, account holders will not be able to access DKO. If you wish to retain content, download it before May 31 or you will lose it. Non-Army users who require access to AKO beyond May need an Army sponsor.



Photo by Laura Kreider

## You call that trivial?

Everyone learned something and some of the winners got very excited at the Vicenza Community Club Trivia Night May 8 at the Golden Lion.

## At the movies



### The Great Gatsby

Leonardo DiCaprio (from left), Carey Mulligan, Tobey Maguire and Joel Edgerton in *The Great Gatsby*, director Baz Luhrmann's take on the classic F. Scott Fitzgerald novel of the Jazz Age. The tale is narrated by would-be writer Nick Carraway (Maguire), who arrives in New York City in the spring of 1922 and is drawn into the world of the super-rich, their illusions, loves and deceptions. Rated PG-13.

#### Ederle Theater

- May 16, 6 p.m. Snitch (PG-13)
- May 17, 6 p.m. The Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG-13)

- 9 p.m. Dead Man Down (R)
- May 18, 3 p.m. Tyler Perry Presents Peeples (PG-13) \*
- 6 p.m. The Great Gatsby 3D (PG-13) \*
- May 19, 3 p.m. Tyler Perry Presents Peeples (PG-13) \*
- 6 p.m. The Great Gatsby 3D (PG-13) \*
- May 22, 6 p.m. The Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG-13)
- May 23, 6 p.m. The Call (PG-13)
- May 24, 6 p.m. Admission (PG-13)
- 9 p.m. 21 & Over (R)
- May 25, 2 p.m. Star Trek Into Darkness 3D (PG-13) \*
- 6 p.m. Star Trek Into Darkness 3D (PG-13) \*
- May 26, 2 p.m. Star Trek Into Darkness 3D (PG-13) \*
- 6 p.m. Star Trek Into Darkness 3D (PG-13) \*

#### Camp Darby Theater

- May 17, 6 p.m. The Incredible Burt Wonderstone (PG-13)
- May 18, 6 p.m. The Great Gatsby (PG-13) \*
- May 19, 1 p.m. Tyler Perry Presents Peeples (PG-13) \*
- May 24, 6 p.m. Admission (PG-13)
- May 25, 6 p.m. Star Trek Into Darkness (PG-13) \*
- May 26, 1 p.m. 21 & Over (R)

Admission: 3D, adult, \$7.50, under 12, \$4.50; \* 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.:** PWOE 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

## Catholic Summer Program for Children

This summer we are conducting a one week Catholic Summer Program for Children in preschool - 6th grade entitled Growing with the Saints in Faith, Hope and Charity. POC can be reached at [sattlerclan@yahoo.com](mailto:sattlerclan@yahoo.com)

## 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](mailto:vicenzaitalychurchofchrist)

[@gmail.com](mailto:)

**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

May 5- HS club (dinner included)

May 8- MS Club (snack included)

June 1- Paint Wars

High School Service Project registrations are now open. DSN 634-7757

## 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.

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# EIGHT great DATES



*This summer!*

**Intro dinner: Tuesday, May 28, 6-7:30 PM @ Vicenza post Chapel**

*Most of us want to spend time with our spouse, but most of us don't spend time with our spouse. When we do get time together, a lot of us experience the classic, "What do you want to do? I don't know, what do you want to do?"*

*Sponsored by the RSO  
Project officer CH Shelton*

*Make childcare reservations  
May 6-10 by calling Parent  
Central Services at 0444-71-7219*

*Spaces are limited!*

*RSVP 0444-71-7719, [greatdates@gmail.com](mailto:greatdates@gmail.com)*

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CAN I KNOW THAT GOD EXISTS?  
WHAT ABOUT ALL THE EVIL IN THE WORLD?

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to life's toughest questions!

## SCHEDULE

- 5/22—11:30 Is Morality Relative or Absolute?
- 5/22—18:00 How to Know God Exists
- 5/23—11:30 Creation versus Evolution: What are the Facts?
- 5/23—18:00 How Could a Loving God Allow Evil in the World?



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# Youth Program Summer Camp 2013

**Camp Dates:**

**June 17 - August 23**

**Enrollment Begins:**

**May 13 for Weeks 1-5**

**July 10 for Weeks 6-10**

**For youth in grades 6-12. | For more info call 634-7741. | [www.vicenza.armyMWR.com](http://www.vicenza.armyMWR.com)**

# Cougars trample Aviano, head to Kaiserslautern championships

By David Ruderman

USAG Vicenza PAO

Saturday was a stride in the right direction for Vicenza Cougar soccer squads as they emerged victorious in the final regular season meet leading into European championship play.

The Vicenza High School boys put away Aviano 6-2 in a match at the Caserma Ederle soccer field May 11, and the Cougars girls team shut out the Aviano girls 6-0.

"The boys pretty much dominated the game," said coach Roland Sturk. "It was the best attack we've had this season."

Dale Howell was the game's power scorer for Vicenza racking up three goals while Darius Cade, Nicolo Novek and Adriano Guerrero each scored once for the Cougars.

The squad was still working on possession issues, but players were in good spirits and looking forward to the DoDDS-European championships in Kaiserslautern, Germany, next week, said Sturk.

"It'll be a pretty big hill for us because we've had a lot of people PCS and graduate this year," he said.

Still, the Cougars remain undefeated in play against their regional DoDDS school peers, having registered their only losses of the season against the Rome schools, which tend to have the strongest teams, he said.

The Cougar girls were also making the best of it with a team of mostly new players, said coach Arric Alicea.

"We're up and down. We started off really slow, but we're coming together now," he said.

Both teams travel over the weekend to Kaiserslautern, Germany, for championship games May 20-23.



VHS Cougar Nicolo Novek (above) moves the ball downfield in action against Aviano May 11. Defender Ethan Sulmer (left) brings the ball in bounds during the Cougar's 6-2 win. The VHS boys and girls travel to Kaiserslautern, Germany, this weekend for the DoDDS European Championship meet. [View more photos here.](#)

Photos by Laura Kreider

# ATTENTION

Ederle Fitness Center Pool Patrons

The Ederle Fitness Center Pool will be

# CLOSED

## June 10-21

due to maintenance requirements in the Aquatics area. During this time please visit our other Sports, Fitness & Aquatics pools:



**Villaggio Housing Area Pool**  
**Del Din Fitness Center Pool**



We apologize for the inconvenience.

For more info call 634-8642/7876. | [www.vicenza.armyMWR.com](http://www.vicenza.armyMWR.com)



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**June 6**  
from 5:30 - 8 p.m.

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Del Din Fitness Center Climbing Wall

**Cost: \$15**  
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**What to Bring:**  
Personal climbing equipment (if you have your own).  
Comfortable athletic clothes.

*No experience necessary. Open to skilled climbers too.  
Open to ages 14+. Climbers under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.  
For more info call 634-7453. | [www.vicenza.armyMWR.com](http://www.vicenza.armyMWR.com)*

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