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A large group of people, including men, women, and children, are riding a blue roller coaster. They are all smiling and waving their hands, appearing to be having a great time. The roller coaster is set against a backdrop of green trees and a clear sky.

**OUTDOOR ADVENTURES IN
THE HEART OF SUMMER**



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Families pump up the adrenaline on a roller coaster at the Cavallino Matto amusement park, located in the pine woods of Marina di Donoratico, a short drive from Camp Darby. It's summertime in Italy and opportunities for outdoor recreation abound. See page 16 for more tips on where to get in on the action.

Photo by Chiara Mattiriolo



Courtesy of VFW Post 8862

Links an unbroken chain

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8862 Commander Corey Kerzmann (right) administers the oath of membership during a ceremony June 7 on Hoekstra Field. In the largest ceremony of its kind in recent memory, the post added 125 new members at once. Lifetime members from the Vietnam era joined by more recent veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan witnessed the event. "The youngest private first class held the U.S. flag and raised his right hand. The other membership candidates placed their left hands on the shoulders of the candidates in front of them. Each raised their right hand and repeated the VFW oath of membership," said Kerzmann. Established in Vicenza in 1991, VFW Post 8862 is the largest VFW in Europe with more than 2,000 members, he said.

Warrior Zone now open on Del Din

By Julie M. Lucas
USAG Vicenza PAO

Soldiers living on Caserma Del Din now have a nearby option for food and fun in the neighborhood.

The Warrior Zone recently completed work on its kitchen so that it can serve food, but it's not just a place to get a pizza fix.

"We are really excited about the programs we have planned for our Soldiers living here on Del Din," said facility manager Marilee Mastaler.

The Warrior Zone is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and till 2 a.m. Friday and Saturday. The facility also serves as a Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers center.

While the Warrior Zone is open for everyone, visitors must be 18 years or older after 8 p.m.

The kitchen provides hamburgers, salads and much more for sale Wednesday through Saturday. Hot dogs and chips are for sale every day, all the time. The Warrior Zone will have ATMs from the Community Bank and Global Credit Union for access to dollars and euros.

Regular events planned include Throwback Thursdays, from 6-10 p.m., featuring party music and drink specials for those aged 18 and older. Settleback Sundays will feature movie marathons in the theater room, which has recliner chairs. Popcorn will be free to all who attend and a variety of movies will be shown every night when the bar opens.

The Warrior Zone has more than 70 movies available to watch or patrons can bring their own. PS3 and Xbox consoles are set up for gamers, with headphones available. Bring your favorite game or check one out from the Warrior Zone collection (ID required). An Xbox Kinect competition will be held July 26 from 8:30 p.m. to midnight.

The last Saturday night of the month will be Absolut Karaoke night starting at 7 p.m. The party goes till 2 a.m. For more casual visits, the Warrior Zone offers free Wi-Fi and games such as dominoes, Jenga and Pictionary to check out. There are also several convertible poker tables with chips.

The Warrior Zone is planning future events for Halloween and other holidays.

"I'm already buying decorations and hope we can provide the Soldiers living on Del Din a fun option," said recreation aide Jennifer Szarek.

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Speak Out

What's your favorite place to take summertime visitors?



Sgt. Ramon Almonte

2nd-503rd Infantry Regiment

"Venice; it's the first place. Anybody that comes to visit, it's either Venice or Rome."



Veronica Bonner

Family member

"This year I will go to Spain, to Valencia. I hear the sea is very nice."



Staff Sgt. Andrew Shannon

2nd-503rd Infantry Regiment

"Just to the house."

Garrison installs smart lights

By Grant Sattler

USAG Vicenza PAO

Workmen this week are completing the installation of lower energy consuming, longer lasting Light Emitting Diode street lamps across Caserma Carlo Ederle.

The installation will see the substitution of 247 light poles supporting 494 old style metal halide lamp fixtures with 357 LED light fixtures, ranging from 24 to 48 watts. The project is being completed at a cost of \$843,000.

The switch over will save the Army money in two ways, said Engineering Division Chief Greg Vallery of the U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Directorate of Public Works. "This will result in an 85 percent reduction in energy consumption, saving \$20,000 a year," Vallery said.

Additionally, LED lamps should last a minimum of 10 years, he said.

"Because the LED lamps last five times as long as the old lamps they are replacing, the savings from the purchase of replacement lights will be \$6,500 a year," said Vallery. "To that we can add the cost of man hours no longer required to replace the old style lamps, saving another \$3,500 annually."

For Soldiers, workers and their families on Caserma Ederle, the new directional LED light fixtures will provide better illumination.

"The old type light fixtures did not meet the minimum lighting standards for the road or sidewalk, and did not comply with the light norms for light pollution," Vallery said.

DPW Engineering staff working on the project included Max Bozzolan, Carlo Beninca, Thomas Raffaello and Luca Muzzana.

Another step toward Net Zero Energy

Completion of the project is another step in the direction of Net Zero Energy Installations across the U.S. Army. A Net Zero Energy Installation is one that produces as much energy on site as it uses, over the course of a year. Energy production, energy re-capture and reduction in use of energy are all part of the equation.



Photo by Joyce Costello

Workmen install energy efficient LED street lamps on Caserma Ederle.

USARAF exercise Shared Accord 13 kicks off this week in South Africa

By Spc. Taryn Hagerman
40th Public Affairs Detachment

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa - U.S. military forces are teaming up with South African National Defense Forces for Shared Accord 13 to be conducted here July 24 to Aug. 7.

Shared Accord is an annual training exercise involving in-depth joint cohesion between U.S. and South African military forces during multiple training scenarios.

"This mission is designed to increase interoperability and build friendships with the South African Defense Force," said Maj. Chuck Slagle, executive officer for 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division.

Exercise participants will include about 700 American military members from the Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force, and more than 3,000 South African National Defense Forces, or SANDF, members.

"Anybody can learn from anyone. We definitely learn from each other and can contribute our expertise to these exercises," said South African Military Health Services Capt. François Van Huyssteen, a veterinarian with the Military Veterinary Institute.

Multifaceted set of missions

Shared Accord 13, or SA 13, is a large-scale operation that will include multiple training missions to test the capabilities of both militaries. It will include an amphibious assault, combined live-fire exercise, situational training exercises and a tactical airborne assault, which will lead to a Humanitarian Civic Action event, known as an HCA, for the South African community.

"It's great having all the Americans here," said Sgt. Maj. Andrew Stanley, watch officer for SA 13. "It shows the military capabilities and also the cooperation between the different forces."

The HCA segment will provide a variety of health services, including dental, HIV screening and ophthalmology services, to South African citizens, Slagle said.

It will also provide mobile veterinary services such as rabies vaccinations and tick treatments, Van Huyssteen said.

Both militaries aim to improve skills through



Photo by U.S. Army Africa
South African Army Pvt. C.R.J. Alexander and U. S. Army Pfc. Dustin Clay raise their national flags during a rehearsal for Shared Accord 13 at Port Elizabeth, South Africa, July 21.

participation in the several phases of SA 13.

"We're both here to learn," said Slagle. "The South Africans have a lot of experience and really we're just sharing. We're not training them on anything. We're improving each other through this exercise."

F2F promotes resiliency with pottery

Story and photo by Julie M. Lucas

USAG Vicenza PAO

Therapy through art was the theme of USAG Vicenza's Female 2 Female resiliency event July 16, when participants spent the evening creating art with a potter's wheel at the Arts and Crafts Center.

"With F2F we are trying to create opportunities for new and existing community members to learn about the resources our post has to offer," said F2F facilitator Mickie McNamara.

Michelle Sterkowicz, Arts and Crafts Center manager, recently certified as an art therapist, gave a brief introduction and showed the group how to get started using the wheel. "I don't ask questions, but try to lead people in the right direction," Sterkowicz said. "I want people to enjoy the process."

The group learned about "throwing" clay, literally throwing clay on the potter's wheel to begin building a piece, and "centering" in which the clay is placed in the exact center of the wheel.

Sterkowicz joked about throwing and forming the clay as being a great stress reliever.

"Let the wheel do the work," Sterkowicz said, as the novice potters set to work. "There is no bad piece for your first time."

The Arts and Crafts Center will continue to offer Resiliency through Art classes for adults on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. The first six classes are free of charge. For information call the Arts and Crafts Center at 0444-71-7074.

The next F2F event will be a Building Life Skills networking event July 25. Participants will learn about health and fitness, financial security and auto care. The event is free and open to the community.

The next resiliency event will feature zip lining July 27 in Asiago. Transportation will be provided, but the cost of the event will be €25. Attendees should bring additional money for lunch. Participants should wear comfortable, athletic clothing and closed-toe shoes. The bus will leave Caserma Ederle at 9 a.m. and return at 4 p.m.

For information about F2F events call 0444-71-8525 or 0444-71-8828.



Arts and Crafts Center manager Michelle Sterkowicz (rear) demonstrates centering clay on the potter's wheel during an F2F resiliency evening July 16 on Caserma Ederle.



Female 2 Female (F2F)

July 25

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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Photo by Paolo Bovo

Our house is your house

USAG Vicenza DFMWR director Chris Bradford (from left) describes facilities on Caserma Del Din to House Armed Services Committee professional staff member Craig Greene July 19 as Sports, Fitness and Aquatics director Mark Juliano looks on. Greene, accompanied by HASC staffers Debra Wada and Jeanette James, toured the Vicenza Military Community July 19-20 as part of a European mission that took them to installations in Germany, Spain and Italy. In Vicenza, the delegation participated in U.S. Army Africa and USAG Vicenza command briefs, and a tour of the U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza and other facilities on Caserma Ederle.

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Barefoot Ironman

Courtesy photo

A cameraman shoots video of Tom Romano's shoeless feet as the barefoot runner crosses the Ironman triathlon finish line in Klagenfurt, Austria, June 30.

By Julie M. Lucas
USAG Vicenza PAO

There may be many elements that go into the making of an Ironman, but as Tom Romano can tell you for sure, you don't have to worry about the shoes.

The Vicenza Military Community runner completed his fifth full Ironman competition June 30 in Klagenfurt, Austria, crossing the finish line barefoot, by necessity if not by design.

"I had a great swim, I had a great bicycle ride and when I was transitioning, I realized, I packed two right shoes and had no left," Romano said.

What would normally take around three minutes for bicycle riders to transition to running, took Romano 10 while he was deciding what to do.

"I've never not finished a race, so I decided to keep running with my socks on," Romano said. "I didn't even know if it was legal."

Those socks lasted around 14 miles. When they became dirty and wet, so Romano pulled them off and finished the last 12 miles barefoot. "I had to keep looking down so I didn't step on any-

thing and I had no form whatsoever," he said.

Romano couldn't understand what his fellow runners were saying, but he knew they were talking about him. People would run next to him and shake shoes in his face, he said. The last 100 meters of the race were along a victory carpet, which Romano said "felt fantastic and I could finally run properly."

"Tom's determination to succeed helped push him all the way to the finish line," said his training partner, Joshua Grant. "To not have given up at that transition point in the race is one thing, but to fight through another four and a half hours of a course like that barefoot is simply inspiring."

Months of training and preparation go into competing in an Ironman triathlon, which consists of 2.4 miles of swimming, 112 miles of biking and a 26.2-mile run, said Romano.

At age 56, and counting his five Ironman competitions, Romano has completed 46 total marathons, he said. But he wasn't always so fit. In 2006, when his wife was deployed, Romano weighed nearly 200 lbs. He had been a runner at college in Texas, but only

started going to the gym again at age 47. Since then he's lost 57 lbs. Romano said he had never swum before turning 51. That's when he took his one and only lesson.

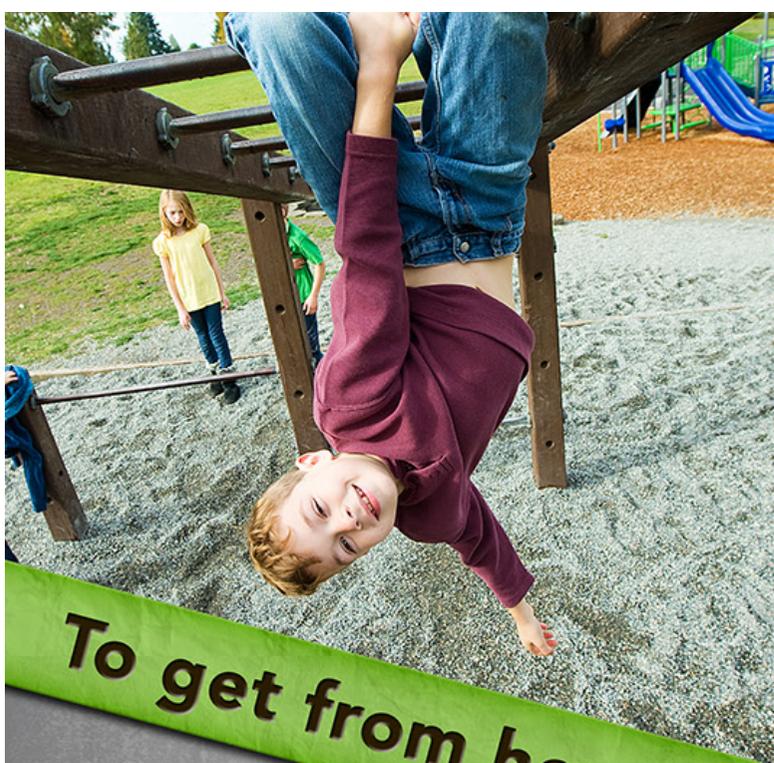
"You have to have a support system and have someone who believes in you," he said. "This is a part of my life now."

Romano is a lifeguard at the Caserma Ederle Fitness Center, is a member of four running clubs and was an assistant track coach for Vicenza High School last year.

Romano has qualified five times for the Boston Marathon, and plans to enter again next year. His current training program, which he designed himself, has him running nearly 100 miles per week. He does 60 percent on a treadmill to reduce impact on his knees. Last month Romano broke several ribs and completed an Ironman in Italy, crashing his bicycle during the race, he said.

Despite it all he remains optimistic and plans on competing in a half-Ironman in Wiesbaden in August. Will he run barefoot again?

"This was not a bad experience, but I don't want to ever do it again."



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Introduction to Climbing





Photo by Sgt. Maj. Michael Robledo

Army Africa softball champs pose with their trophy after sweeping the community championship.

Softball champs head to Europe final

By Ricky Jackson

Community Recreation Division, USAG Vicenza MWR

The U.S. Army Africa softball team finished up the 2013 USAG-Vicenza community softball season with an 11-0 record and will go down in history. But they didn't stop there.

The USARAF squad has one of the most solid, united and competitive unit softball teams seen in this area in many years. Their talent, ability and skills topped it off by winning the season's Softball Championship with a 3-0 record, easily spanking all of their opponents and qualifying for advancement to the IMCOM Europe Unit Level Softball Championship, which will be held in Vilseck and Grafenwoehr, Germany, Aug. 2-4.

Finishing in second place was the team from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, USAG Vicenza. The HHC team finished up their season with an 8-3 record, a strong

consistent team that will give you a run for your money, and if you let down your guard they will teach you not to take them for granted.

HHC is a well organized and competitive team that takes itself seriously when they are on the field. They finished with a 2-1 record in the community championship and will also advance to the IMCOM championship in Germany.

Third place finishers in the Vicenza championship were Company E,

1-503rd, capping their 6-7 season record with a place on the winner's stand.

The Easy Co. underdogs came from behind to surprise their Company D, 1-503rd rivals in the playoff. Overcoming some of inconsistencies that marred their season play, they did very well when everybody played together, demonstrating unity, esprit de corps, motivation and pride.

Congratulations to all the players and good luck to USARAF and HHC as they head to the European finals.

Lugano, Switzerland Trip

Come enjoy this city of stunning beauty surrounded by mountains and situated along a beautiful lake.

Saturday, July 27
Cost: \$85

For more info visit www.vicenza.armyMWR.com or call 634-7453.



Friday, July 26

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Speak Out

What's your favorite place to
take summertime visitors?



Kimberly Ford
Civilian Personnel Advisory Center

*"Paris, because I love the business of the city,
the food and the night life. It has a magical
atmosphere."*



Capt. Brock Sargent
731st Munitions Squadron

*"Lucca, because we like to rent bicycles and ride
around the walls of the city and stop at a cafe
for coffee or lunch."*



Patricia Mezzopera
Civilian Human Resources Agency

*"Cinque Terre and Elba Island because they are
fresh in summer and you can enjoy tourism
and the beaches."*

Darby 3rd Annual DUATHLON at the American Beach

1 Mile Beach Run ♦ 500 Meter Swim ♦ 1 Mile Beach Run

Saturday, September 14, 8 a.m.

Registration: August 5 - 30 (includes t-shirt & American breakfast at the beach)

Getting into summer



**Story and photos
by Chiara Mattiolo**

Darby Military Community PAO

*A young adventurer climbs through the treetops
at the Riparella Hanging Garden Park.*

Family fun destinations near Camp Darby for kids of all ages

Summer is time for vacation, good weather and fun outdoor activities, as well as time to spend with family and friends. In Tuscany there are many cultural sites and day trips to choose from, but here are some ideas you might want to look into.

Cavallino Matto

Approximately a 40-minute drive south of Camp Darby is the Cavallino Matto amusement park, the biggest in Tuscany. Built in the late 1960s, the park has changed a lot over the years, particularly in the last few. Cavallino Matto covers an area of 76,000 square meters in the pine wood of Marina di Donoratico and offers rides and shows for all age groups.

This year's new attraction is called Rock'n'Roll and consists of five "arms" and 25 swinging cars, promising an adrenaline rich attraction suitable for all ages.

There is also the Shocking Tower, which shoots visitors to a height 55 meters in only 1.8 seconds, combining another high adrenaline experience with a breathtaking view of the area.

And there are a variety of incidental attractions as well, including face painting, a 4-D movie clip and a magic show.

The park provides a number of different eateries; the Cavallino Matto restaurant, a self-service restaurant and quite a few food stands that offer pasta, pizza, sandwiches and ice cream. There is also a picnic area for those who would rather bring a homemade lunch.

Cavallino Matto opens at 10 a.m. and closes at 6 p.m. Entrance is free for children under 90 centimeters in height. Discount tickets are available at the Camp Darby Outdoor Recreation Office.

Acqua Village

Another great local attraction is the Acqua Village in Cecina (LI), a water park with a variety of slides and pools. One of the main attractions is the Intrigo super slide, winner of the Awards Parksmania 2011. Just a few meters from the wave pool, Intrigo offers a slide for everyone, rafting with rubber boats, and an ideal setting for young and old to enjoy the water together.

Visitors can choose from two different slides: one for families that consists of a large tube (more than three meters long) and family boats for four people; or the single- or two-seater rubber boat with a smaller tube and a steeper slope for those who love the rush of adrenaline.

Other attractions include the Anaconda slide, the twister, the surfing hill and the Kamikaze, which is the

tallest of all slides in the park.

There are also a variety of swimming pools with interactive water games, water massage, a slow river environment and playground with slides, waterfalls, an acquabubble, a tropical island children's pool with two small slides, and the famous Tropical Tree that creates a convincing Caribbean atmosphere. There is as well a wave pool with animation and games.

Discount tickets are available at the Outdoor Recreation Office.

Riparbella

Another wild and adventurous place to check out, and just about an hour's drive from Camp Darby, is the Riparbella (Pisa) Hanging Garden Park, which lets visitors literally take to the tree tops. The park offers acrobatic tree top trails that include fixed and suspended platforms linked by crossings through the tree tops of varying lengths and degrees of difficulty.

Before attempting the courses, everyone has to go through a briefing and a little test provided by the park instructors. Visitors are supplied with all the necessary equipment to travel the heights in complete safety.



The Shocking Tower at Cavallino Matto.

VENETO

Venigallia **Celtic Festival In Cesuna**

July 26 through Aug. 4 in Cesuna di Roana, about 55 km. north of Vicenza. Venigallia is one of the major Celtic events in Italy and takes place in the village of Cesuna on the Asiago plateau, which was inhabited in ancient time by Celtic tribes. The festival recreates and celebrates the past's Celtic and Venetic past. Highlights include concerts of Celtic music, dance performances and historical re-enactments, displays and duels. A reconstructed Celtic village includes houses, warehouses and huts with livestock and crops typical of the period. Bonfires are a center of nighttime activities. Entry is free Wednesday through Friday; €5 for adults, €2.50 for under 18, and free for those over 65 or shorter than the King's Sword. Free shuttle bus service is available from Asiago, Gallio, Cesuna, Canove.

Teatro Olimpico tours and jazz

As part of the Vicenza City Summer Festival, the Teatro Olimpico will offer guided tours July 27 at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. Live music by the Standard Jazz Trio gets under way at 9 p.m. Tours are free for children up to 14, €5 for a tour, €5 for the concert. Email info@quartettovicenza.org or call the Società del Quartetto at 0444-543-729 for tickets.

Back2Africa 2013

Enjoy live reggae, Afro, soul, Brazilian and other African roots music and entertainment July 19-21 at the Villa Ca' Cornaro in Romano d' Ezzelino. For the full schedule visit www.back2africa.it

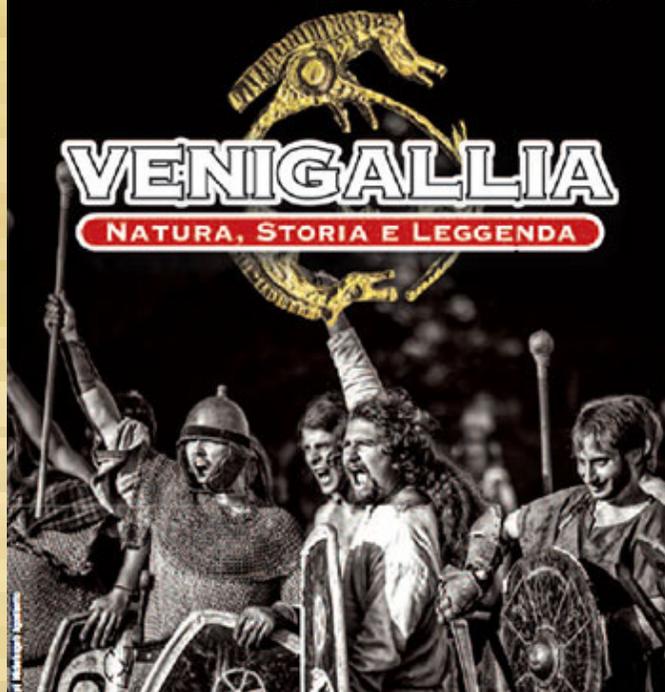


Palio Delle Zattere

Rafting Races on the River Valstagna

River races on the Brenta July 28 at Valstagna, about 60 km. north of Vicenza and upriver from Bassano del Grappa. The competition is run on a panoramic stretch of the river in commemoration of the terrible flood of 1966. A parade kicks off at 3 p.m. and the race begins at 5 p.m. from the village of San Gaetano. Free of charge.

CESUNA dal 26 Luglio al 4 Agosto 2013



Festa in Villa Malo

Through Aug. 4 in Malo, about 20 kilometers northwest of Vicenza, broaden your cultural horizons and enjoy musical and theatrical performances weekend evenings beginning at 8:45 p.m. at the Villa Clementi, as well as several museums, which will open for nighttime activities.

Il Burchiello

This summer, take a mini cruise down the Brenta Riviera and see Venetian villas from Padova to Venice. Learn more on <http://www.ilburchiello.it/en/>

Manet ~ Return to Venice

A major exhibit in Venice, Palazzo Ducale in Piazza San Marco through Aug. 18. The exhibit focuses on Edouard Manet, considered the great forerunner of Impressionism and a pioneer of the modern era in Western painting. The *Fondazione Musei Civici di Venezia* hosts the exhibit of 80 paintings, drawings and prints in the monumental rooms of the Doge's Palace Open Sunday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tickets are €13; €11 for children under 15, students 15-25, and others over 65; children up to 5 may enter for free. Audio guide costs €5 (adults) and €4 (children). For information and tickets call 041-852-0154 or visit www.mostramanet.it

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

TUSCANY



Sculpture and the Arts in Florence

This not to be missed exhibit is on display at Palazzo Strozzi in Florence through Aug. 18. Organized by the *Fondazione Palazzo Strozzi* and Musée du Louvre, the show illustrates, in theme-based sections, the origin of what is still known today as the miracle of the Renaissance in Florence, principally through masterpieces of sculpture. The first section is devoted to the rediscovery of the ancient world during the rebirth of interest in the Classical world that occurred between the 13th and 14th centuries, from Nicola Pisano to Arnolfo di Cambio and their successors. The exhibit is open daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursdays till 11 p.m. Tickets are

€12.50, €4 for school and university groups. Call 055-264-5155 for information.

Artisti per Autistici — Artists for Autism

La Polveriera, a local association providing artists with workspace, will host a charity exhibition on its premises in Pietrasanta July 27 to Aug. 10 for the benefit of the Dalia Center, a non-profit children's mental healthcare organization. The exhibit features art by mentally challenged and autistic students of the Devereux Foundation in New York. Grand opening is July 27 at 6:30 p.m. A silent auction will take place throughout the run of the exhibit. *La Polveriera* is located at Via Sant'Agostino 53, Pietrasanta (LU), and is open Monday to Friday from 1-5 p.m. Call 347-993-8651 or email info@lapolveriera.org

Lucca Summer Festival

In Lucca, Piazza Napoleone, through July 27, 9.30-11.30 p.m. Enjoy music of all kinds and for all tastes. Go to www.summer-festival.com for details.

Puccini Festival

Through Aug. 24 in Torre del Lago near Viareggio. This year's program features *Tosca*, *Turandot* and *Rigoletto*. The full schedule and details are online.

Tour Peccioli

Guided tours of Peccioli's historic center take place every Tuesday, starting at the Tourist Information Office, Via Mazzini, 71, at 9:45 a.m. with an English- and Italian-speaking guide. Free of charge.

Palio di Siena

The Palio of Siena is a living tradition of the city linked to the life of the Sienese over time and in its various aspects and feelings, and still bears the marks of rules established in 1644, the year in which the first race with horses was held. This year's second Palio will be held Aug. 16 beginning at 7:45 p.m. in the beautiful Piazza del Campo. The city is divided into 17 quarters, the boundaries of which date back to 1729, which compete against one another for victory. The Palio is a colorful, historical event full of pagantry, not to be missed.



The Color Run comes to Italy

The Color Run, which promotes itself as the Happiest 5-K Run on the Planet, a paint race that celebrates healthiness, happiness and giving back to the community, is coming to Italy for the first time. The un-timed race has been attracting thousands of participants who are doused from head to toe in different colors each kilometer. The fun continues at the finish line with a gigantic Color Festival. Runs will take place **July 27 in Marina di Pietrasanta** near Pisa, **Aug. 13 in Milano Marittima** and **Sept. 7 in Milan**. For details and assistance call Master Sgt. Alicia Mowery at 043-430-5070 or email her at alicia.mowery@us.af.mil.



Visit the VMC community calendar for the latest event details and updates at www.usag.vicenza.army.mil

School sports physicals

The U.S. Army Health Center will be doing school and sports physicals for children without any chronic conditions Aug. 14, 21, 28. To make an appointment, call 0444-61-9000.

CPR- AED and Pet First Aid classes

When an emergency strikes, will you be ready? American Red Cross will teach CPR-AED Aug. 3 and Sept. 7. American Red Cross will teach participants to provide care to their cat or dog in an emergency Aug. 17; open to those age 11 and up. Call 634-7089 for details and to register.

Artist Spotlight for youth

The Department of Defense Education Activity invites all current DoDDS-Europe students to enter their creative work in its monthly Artist Spotlight challenge. Open to current DoDEA students and held on the DoDEA Facebook fan page. Submit photographs, digital art, drawings, paintings or 3D art based on a monthly theme. Submissions will be judged on Facebook. Permission and entry forms and detailed guidelines are online at <http://www.dodea.edu/students/artistSpotlight.cfm>

Soldiers' Theatre

The Music Café returns this Friday, July 26 at 7:30 p.m. Stop by to play or listen to local musicians in a relaxed, supportive environment. The Soldiers' Theatre welcomes its new vocal coach and teacher, **David Dal Brun**, to the team. A Fulbright Scholar and Estill Voice Training System© certified instructor, David brings a new approach to voice development.

Ongoing classes are open in voice,



Photo by Julie Lucas

Working the potter's wheel

The Arts and Crafts Center offers Resiliency through Art classes for adults on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. For details call the Arts and Crafts Center at 0444-71-7074.

guitar, piano and flute. Call 634-7281 or 0444-71-7281 for information and to register.

AAFES notes

The AAFES **Color Me Cutest Kiddo** contest is under way through Aug. 9. The grand prize winner receives a seven-night resort stay and an \$800 gift card.

Shoppers can enter the **Free Tide for a Year** sweepstakes from July 26 to Aug. 29.

Through Sept. 21 every food or drink order made with a MILITARY STAR® Card will receive a **20 percent discount**.

AAFES profits generated via the **MILITARY STAR® Card** contribute to community quality-of-life funds.

ACS furlough closures

With the exception of Parent Cen-

tral Services, the Vicenza ACS will be closed completely on Fridays through the month of August due to federally mandated staff furloughs. ACS will close on Mondays in September through the end of the furlough. Parent Central Services will remain open, accessible only through its back door.

Sergeant Morales Club scholarship

The Vicenza Military Community chapter of the Sergeant Morales Club is accepting applications through Aug. 12 from the spouses of all active duty Army, Army National Guard and Army Reserve Soldiers for its first academic scholarship award. The club will award a \$500 scholarship to the selected spouse. For details and an application form, email richard.russell.mil@mail.mil or stuart.sword.mil@mail.mil, or call 328-086-7937. Spouses of Soldiers of all ranks are encouraged to apply.

414th CSB quarterly training

414th Contracting Support Brigade provides quarterly acquisition planning and requirement documents development training July 30-31 for new personnel and to recertify COR, GPC holders and FOS credentials. Open to all USARAF, USAG-Vicenza and all tenant units. Go to <https://portal.setaf.army.mil/CSB414/training> to sign up; call 637-7728 for assistance.

AE-ITT classes

Army in Europe Information Technology Training Program and Knowlogy offer the following training courses in August.

Aug. 12-16: Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) Boot Camp

Aug. 19-23: ICND1 - Interconnecting

The Outlook accepts submissions

Email news briefs by noon Thursday
of week before publication to
editor@eur.amy.mil

Cisco Network Devices 1

Aug. 26-30: DOD IA Certification 8570.1 Information Assurance Security Course (IASC/Sec+). Facilities are available to fulfill a broad range of certification requirements. For a full list of upcoming courses go to <https://itt.eur.army.mil/schedule.aspx> or call the local site coordinator at 634-6077.

EDGE! Outdoor Adventure

Vicenza youth in grades six through 12 can sign up for a week of rock climbing, snorkeling, SCUBA, mountain biking and kayaking Aug. 19-23. Cost is \$20. Call Parent Central Services at 0444-71-7206 or 634-7206 to sign up.

Upcoming F2F events

July 25: Building Life Skills, at the Golden Lion, 4-6 p.m.

July 27: Zip Lining, register with ODR or RSVP to f2frsvp@gmail.com by July 25.

Aug. 24: Acqua Gardens thermal bath and spa trip. All are welcome, however single Soldiers have priority for events with limited space.

MyPay changes coming

The MyPay website is changing over to a strong password system based on the last two numbers of customers' Social Security numbers. DFAS will send employees a SmartDoc email (sender address will be SmartDocs@dfas.mil) providing additional details on expiration date and tips on usage. The next time users access their MyPay sites after the expiration date of the old format password, they will be prompted to create a strong password. Department of Defense CAC and HHS PIV users do not have to change to a strong password unless they are accessing MyPay for the first time. The schedule of expirations dates is as follows:

- 00-14 — June 15
- 15-29 — July 1
- 30-44 — July 15
- 45-59 — Aug. 1
- 60-74 — Aug. 15
- 75-89 — Sept. 1
- 90-99 — Sept. 15

Details of the changeover can be found online..

At the movies



Ederle Theater

July 25	7 p.m.	Star Trek Into Darkness 3D (PG-13)
July 26	7 p.m.	R.I.P.D. 3D (PG-13) *
	10 p.m.	The Conjuring (R) *
July 27	3 p.m.	Red 2 (PG-13) *
	6 p.m.	R.I.P.D. 3D (PG-13) *
July 28	3 p.m.	Red 2 (PG-13) *
	6 p.m.	R.I.P.D. 3D (PG-13) *
July 31	3 p.m.	Fast and Furious 6 (PG-13)

Admission: 3D first run (*), adult, \$8, under 12, \$5.25; 3D second run, adult \$7.50, under 12, \$5; first run (*), adult, \$6, under 12, \$3.25; second run, adult \$5.50, under 12, \$3. The Ederle box office opens 30 minutes prior to show.

View **MOVIE TRAILERS** and more online at
<http://www.shopmyexchange.com/ReelTimeTheatres/reeltime-landing.htm>

Fast and Furious 6

Letty (Michelle Rodriguez) and Shaw (Luke Evans) are the masterminds of an organization of lethally skilled mercenary drivers in the latest installment of the *Fast and Furious* saga. This time the team reassembles in London to take down the transnational bad guys and win themselves full pardons and a ticket home to their old lives. Also stars Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Dwayne Johnson and Jordana Brewster.



Family and MWR

Vicenza Military Community



Run to Remember

Everyone is invited to take part in this event dedicated to our fallen heroes on Friday July 26, 5:30 p.m. at the Del Din Fitness Center. Cost is \$5 and registration begins at 8 a.m. on race day. Call 637-2705 for more information.

ODR Trips

- August 9, Beer & Grappa Tasting
- August 17, Cinque Terre Discovery
- August 21, Aqualandia

Complete list and trip info on www.vicenza.armyMWR.com

Ederle Library Renovations

Post Library is open normal operating hours and offering all services, except some of the non-fiction books are still in boxes. Phase two of the renovations will begin in the next few weeks and be ongoing while the library remains open. Projects include; enclosing the children's room with glass doors, creating four individual study rooms along the back wall and enclosing the loft area upstairs Please be patient while we make these improvements to your library.

Music Café

Music Café nights are casual Improv jam nights for music lovers by music lovers. Next session is on July 26 in Soldiers' Theatre. Whether you choose to perform or just sit and enjoy some great music, visit our website for more info.

Arts and Crafts Seeking Instructors

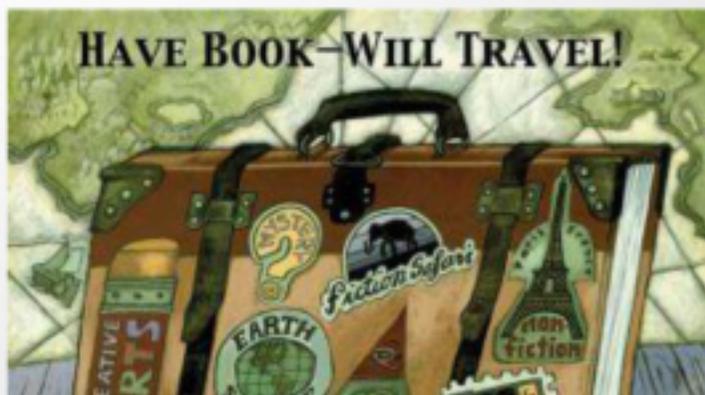
The Arts and Crafts Center is looking for instructors to teach travel and life photography classes, private lessons and services. If you are interested call 634-7074.

CYSS Fall Soccer Enrollment

Enrollment for Fall Soccer 2013, ages 3-15 years is July 15- August 2 or until spaces are filled. Practices will begin the week of Aug 19. Enroll at Parent Central Services or on WebTrac.

Summer Reading Party

Summer Reading program is coming to and end. Be sure you have logged all your books. The program final awards and party is on July 30, 11 a.m. at the Ederle Library



Register using MWR Online Services for:
Vicenza Trip & Classes

Vicenza CYSS

Activities

Vicenza Facebook Page





Darby Military Community



Visit Florence on Saturdays

Visit the Uffizi Museum, the Accademia Gallery, shop in the outdoor market or along the Ponte Vecchio or just enjoy the scenery at an outdoor café. To register, contact Outdoor Rec at 633-7589/7775 or register on

WebTrac.

ODR Trips

- July 27, Florence
- July 28, Acqua Village
- July 29, Pisa & Lucca
- July 30, Venice
- July 31, Cinque Terre
- Aug 1, Rome
- Aug 2, Elba

Complete list and trip info on
www.vicenza.armyMWR.com

Youth Soccer Registration

Learn to play Italy's favorite sport! Register your child for soccer thru August 8. Practices will begin approx. 2 weeks prior to Labor Day for youth; around Labor Day for smaller children. For more info, contact CYSS Sports & Fitness at 633-7521.

Summer Intramural/Rec Basketball

Bring on your game! Register thru July 26 for the Summer Basketball League. League play runs July 30-August 22 with an end of season tournament on August 24. Drop by the Fitness Center to sign up your team or call 633-7438.

CYSS Sports Officials Needed

Expand your resume and make some extra cash. CYSS is looking for officials in basketball, cheerleading, flag football, baseball, soccer, softball and volleyball. This is a great way to increase your experience and earn a little extra income. All interested individuals should contact Parent Central Services, 633-7681.

LAUGH | SHARE | RELAX | BREATHE

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

Parent's Night Out

Relax and let CYSS take care of the kids on July 26. Parent's Night Out this month is available to CDC patrons only due to the SAC/YC summer camp trip. Register your child by July 24. Telephonic reservations are not accepted.

Register using MWR Online Services for:

Darby Trip & Classes

Darby CYSS Activities



Darby Facebook Page

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

Tuesday

9 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

Wednesday

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

Thursday

9:30 a.m.: St. Mark's Catholic Women

5:30 p.m.: Gospel choir rehearsal

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

Married outside the Church?

Catholics who married in a different Protestant church or in the town halls by a justice of the peace, are not married in the eyes of the Catholic Church. In order to regain privileges associated with the Church, such marriages must be convalidated in the Catholic Church. If it is the first marriage for both parties, the convalidation process is simple. For more information contact Fr. Fleury.

Vacation Bible School

Save the dates Aug. 12-16 for the annual Vacation Bible School in Vicenza. Children will meet at Vicenza Elementary School from 8:30 a.m. to noon daily. Learn more about it on www.facebook.com/VicenzaVB-S2013KingdomRocks. Parent and teen volunteers are needed, encouraged and welcome to join in. Sign up at <https://www.groupvbpro.com/vbs/ez/VicenzaVBS2013>.

VMC faith group contacts

Bahá'í Faith: Call Russell Menard at

389-133-4627 or Giacomo Baravalle at 348-603-2283

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

Islamic: Call 634-7519 or 0444-71-7519

Jewish: Call 345-907-2108

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

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

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

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 depending on which priest is conducting 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 DMC activities call 633-7267.



Music Lessons at Soldiers' Theatre

www.vicenza.armyMWR.com

Soldiers' Theatre is looking for qualified, experienced music instructors to teach adults in percussion, strings, woodwinds and brass. For more info contact 634-7281 or 0444-71-7281.



CYSS Parent Advisory Council Meeting

your voice matters, make it heard.

Wednesday, July 31
Noon – 1 p.m.
Youth Center Bldg. 730

Topics of Discussion

- Summer Camp Update
- ACYSI Inspection
- ISF Transportation

A light lunch will be served.
For more info, call 633-8084



Facebook: Camp Darby MWR
www.vicenza.armyMWR.com

All CYSS Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend!

BOXING SMOKER RECRUITMENT

Vicenza's Boxing Smoker is planned for August 21 & 22 at the Del Din Fitness Center. Each unit should have a minimum of one coach for their team. This is a very special event you will want to be part of.

Deadline to Register: July 31

Boxers Needed
All Weight Classes
Novice
Open
Male & Female

Officials Needed
Referees
Timers
Glove Stewards
Weight Masters
Judges
Announcers
Jury/Clerks

Officials, Coaches & Boxers Meeting
July 31, 6 p.m. in the Del Din Fitness Center

Officials Training
August 19-21, 6 p.m. at the Del Din Fitness Center



Sign-up at the Ederle or Del Din Fitness Center. | For more info call 634-7009. | www.vicenza.armyMWR.com