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From left: Master Sgt. John Davis, Sgt. 1st Class John Drummond, Sharon Carter, Lt. Col. Sidney Harris and Sgt. Maj. Daisy Jackson serve Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 22 in the elementary school cafeteria. For more photos from Camp Darby, see page 16. Photos from Thanksgiving in Vicenza start on page 4.

Photo by Amy Drummond

Freedom 6 Sends: Happy Holidays

By Lt. Gen. Donald Campbell Jr.
Commander, U.S. Army Europe

Hello USAREUR Team,

Ann and I would like to wish the entire United States Army Europe Team a joyous and wonderful holiday season.

This time of year Americans, as well as many of our friends and allies around the world, reflect on and give thanks for the freedom and prosperity that we all enjoy. You - the Soldiers, civilians and family members of USAREUR - contribute to that freedom and prosperity on a daily basis.

This holiday season marks one year in my command, and I could not be more thankful to serve what I truly believe to be the best team in the Army. As I reflect back on this past year, on all of the communities, units, exercises and events I've had the privilege to visit, I could not be prouder of the accomplishments and professionalism of our force. Thank you for your unwavering service and dedication to our vital mission here in Europe.

As you celebrate the holidays with your families, friends and loved ones, please remember our teammates deployed around the world, whether it is in the mountains of Afghanistan, the sands of Kuwait, the valleys of Kosovo or on a cold mountain top in Turkey. May they be in your thoughts and prayers, as they will be in ours.

Although many of us are fortunate enough to have our families here with us to enjoy the holiday season, many in our communities do not. I encourage you all to consider opening your homes to our single Soldiers and those geographically separated from their loved ones during the holidays.

I know that many of you will travel in the next few weeks, whether around Europe or back stateside, and I ask that you please be vigilant in looking out for the safety of your family and your fellow Soldiers. I want to see everyone back here to start off a great New Year in USAREUR.

**Strong Soldiers, Strong Teams!
Freedom 6**

Speak Out

What song puts you in the mood for the holidays?



Tech. Sgt. Jay Lester
DACCC/DARS

"The song which puts me in the mood for the holidays is I'll Be Home for Christmas."



Fabiola Zanotto
AAFES

"Last Christmas by the duo Wham! I also remember the video of the song shot in the snow at a ski resort."



Spc. Andrew Umholtz
Company A, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry (A)

"Jingle Bells, because it's a childhood memory."

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Happy Thanksgiving, Vicenza

Photos by Laura Kreider





Opposite: Col. Edward Stevens, Commander PHCR-E, carves a turkey during the VMC Thanksgiving dinner at the South of the Alps Dining Facility on Caserma Ederle Nov. 27. **Left:** Bob Generelli of Vicenza CYSS is in the holiday spirit for the community feast, which attracted hundreds; **below:** Soldiers chow down in the DFAC, which was decorated in part with Native American Heritage inspired artwork; and **bottom:** USAG Vicenza Commander, Col. Robert Menist (from left), U.S. Army Europe Command Sgt. Major Jeffery Stitzel and Maj. Brian Mumfrey, USAG Vicenza Emergency Services, stand ready to serve the holiday meal, which included all the Thanksgiving favorites, trimmings and desserts.





Creazzo students visit VMS, make friends

Story and photos by Laura Kreider
USAG Vicenza PAO

Italian students from the middle school of Creazzo had the chance to start building bonds of friendship with Vicenza Middle School peers during their visit to the American facility Nov. 21.

Throughout the month of November two local schools, first Thiene and then Creazzo were guests at VMS.

The Creazzo Middle School visit is becoming an annual event. This year English teacher Valeria Giacobbo and music teacher Tranquillo Forza accompanied a class of 24 students the same age as eighth-graders in the American school.

According to Giacobbo, "It is always a joy for us to visit the American school. We have spent an extremely productive morning for both socializing with other scholars and experiencing a foreign language. We would like to thank Ms. Pani, VMS host nation teacher, for assisting us again during this visit."

American students acted as tour guides, showing their guests and new friends around the classrooms, gym and library.

"I think it's nice to have Italians come to our school because it gives us an opportunity to meet new people of a different culture," said VMS student Mikaela Brackeen. "It also teaches us the differences between what we do here at Vicenza Middle School to what they do at their schools."

One of the visitors, 13-year-old Marija Krstic, said, "I liked especially the library; however, the entire school is nice. The music class is huge and the students who played the instruments are very good. I had the chance to meet very nice and friendly people."

Creazzo student Hiba El Moujahidi also liked the classes, including the computer class and the multipurpose room. "This is my first visit here and I really liked the school. It's beautiful," she said.

In addition to learning about the American school system, the Creazzo students also had a chance to practice their English language skills with native speakers.

"Today, while visiting the school and many of its classes, I tried my best to understand the lessons, which seem more enjoyable than in the Italian school. I have also noticed how the classrooms are modern and functional," said visitor Giorgio Gurrado.

While language may have led to some complex situations, it did not seem to affect the relationship among the youngsters.

Very cool experience

"This experience was very cool. I liked trying to figure out how to talk to them. We made friends and are now better at communicating with them," said VMS eighth-grader Kate Wilkins.

Other students are already thinking ahead, among them Angel Diaz-Rivera.

"I look forward to doing this again in the future. I got a chance to speak to the Italians in the classroom until they left for the tour of the school. I really liked interacting with them in this experience," he said.

Forza, the Creazzo music teacher, left with the wish of being able to welcome the American students to his school in Creazzo.

"We look forward to having them visit our school, so we will return the nice hospitality," he said.



Middle school age students from nearby Creazzo and their American hosts check out the library collection (above) and artwork on display in the hallways (opposite and below) during a visit to Vicenza Middle School Nov. 21.



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The Snail Mail Saga: British vet remembers AFN

By George Smith

AFN Europe

A 78-year-old British man felt so passionately about the American military that he wrote down his thoughts in a five-page, single spaced letter, guessed at an address, stuck it in the mail and wondered if anyone would read it.

Two months later, someone did. But only after the bulky letter with the vague address was opened by customs, examined, put into a plastic bag, forwarded once and then forwarded again to the American Forces Network Europe (AFN) headquarters in Ramstein, Germany.

Geoff Pollitt's carefully penned letter had one cross out, no misspellings and seven neatly trimmed copies of photos. While Pollitt has an email account, he decided to write because his one-finger computer pecking wasn't fast enough.

As a 10-year-old boy, Pollitt recalled saluting American GIs leaving for World War II's D-Day landing. "I remember my teacher telling me some of the brave lads would be killed, leaving little boys like me in the States without a dad," said Pollitt. "Afterward, I went home and cried." It was weighty stuff for a small boy.

Years later, around 1950, Pollitt renewed his connection with the United States when he started pushing the side of his face against the speaker of his dad's radio with a cushion over his other ear to keep out stray sounds. He was tuning in a faint AFN radio signal drifting over the English Channel from Germany.

Hearing that American sound

"I liked listening to country," said Pollitt. "I really liked Hank Williams' 'Love-sick Blues.' I started mimicking his yodeling at school. They all thought I was crazy."

When he turned 16, Pollitt set up a pirate radio station in his bedroom using walkie-talkies connected to a record player. The signal carried for two



Courtesy photo

Then private in the British Army of the Rhine, Geoff Pollitt, enjoys a bit of free time during his service in Germany in 1955.

miles. "My call sign was the Golden Rocket," Pollitt said. "I played Hank Williams and Tennessee Ernie Ford records and I spoke with an American accent."

Pollitt joined the British Army of the Rhine at the age of 18 and was stationed in Northern Germany. "Back then nobody listened to the BBC," he said. "Nearly all of our radios were permanently tuned to AFN. We didn't turn the radio off when we went to bed. AFN would sign off the air at midnight, but around six the carrier signal woke us up, followed by the Star Spangled Banner."

Around that time, Pollitt experienced a small encounter that made a big impact on his life.

"My buddies and I wanted to go to the Frankfurt PX, but it was forbidden. Someone sent us to the U.S. Army headquarters," Pollitt said. "We thought we were in big trouble when we were escorted in to see a major general. But he talked to us, then after a while called in a girl, and told us to follow her and she would get us PX passes. He shook our hands and wished us well. We could not believe a major general would give us the time of day like that."

Pollitt left the British Army and re-

turned to civilian life in England, but his U.S. connection continued in a surprising way. After his father died, Pollitt's family researched and discovered that Pollitt's grandfather had fought for the Union Army in the U.S. Civil War as a private with the 33rd Infantry Regiment of Pennsylvania. After the war, Pollitt's grandfather owned and operated a cotton mill in Pennsylvania before emigrating to England in 1887.

Pollitt said he believes his father never told him that his grandfather was American because when his grandfather died in Southport, England, in 1915, he left a considerable amount of money, but none of it went to his dad or mother.

Today, Pollitt lives in Bolton, England, happy to hear his wayward letter eventually found its way to the U.S. military. The two-month journey of his penned thoughts started after he read an article on a U.S. military website about the American military's impact on European culture. Pollitt said it "brought a lump to my throat and a great nostalgia." Now, his shared experiences are part of the story, a tale of how Americans repeatedly impacted the 78-year life of Geoff Pollitt and countless thousands of others in England and across Europe.

AFN 360 Internet Radio

By Defense Media Activity

American Forces Network (AFN) listeners in most locations overseas can now get live streaming radio services on their computer desktops and mobile devices.

Launched Dec. 3, AFN 360 Internet Radio offers eight streaming radio channels that provide a local station along with seven additional streams of news, sports talk, political talk and popular music including adult contemporary, classic rock, country and urban hits.

"Streaming radio globally is a first for us," said David Gebhardt, director of the AFN Broadcast Center. "AFN Europe has been testing it regionally for over a year and now we're offering it to the world."

In addition to music and talk shows, AFN 360 Internet Radio provides listeners local and regional information just like they get from their local AFN station's AM or FM broadcast. Listeners in Vicenza will be able to hear announcements and spots tailored specifically for them.

"Two things sparked us to introduce streaming radio," said Keith Fenske, AFN Europe chief of web operations and creator of AFN 360 Internet Radio. "First, we realized we needed to tap into that audience that uses their computers and mobile devices to be entertained and informed. And second, we've always had trouble reaching our audience during drive time, whether because of radio frequency issues or signal strength. AFN 360 Internet Radio is the perfect solution."

To get the AFN 360 Internet Radio app, AFN listeners can visit www.myafn.net and learn how to stream content.

New Family Advocacy Program coordinator

Say hello to Heather Carlson, Army Community Service's newest staff member. Carlson came on board about two months ago as the Family Advocacy Program coordinator. Her duties include being the Parent/Child educator and Emergency Placement Care coordinator.

"I grew up in Minneapolis, Minn., where I attended undergrad and graduate school, and my background is in marriage and family therapy," Carlson said. "I have experience working with children on the autism spectrum as well."

Carlson arrived in Vicenza with her husband, who is a Soldier with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne). This is their first duty station.

She said she loves the pace of life in Italy.

You can find Carlson in Davis Hall, Building 108, Room 45, on Caserma Ederle or reach her at 0444-71-6202 and by email at heather.i.carlson.ctr@mail.mil



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SVC support available for victims of sexual assault

By Capt. Amy Granados

Special Victim Counsel

During criminal proceedings in a courtroom, the defendant has a lawyer. When the government is the plaintiff, it is also represented by its own lawyer, the prosecuting attorney. But victims of sexual assault have historically not had the benefit of a government-provided advocate as they are interviewed, testify on the witness stand and move through the complexities of the criminal justice system.

This is no longer the case.

As of Nov. 1, Soldiers who report being a victim of sexual assault can elect to have a Special Victims Counsel, or SVC, assigned to them. An SVC is an active-duty Army attorney provided at no charge to the victim, who will represent the Soldier's interests throughout the course of legal proceedings that may follow the report of a sexual assault.

This service is not just for Soldiers; an SVC is available for all adult victims of sexual assault when the crime is perpetrated by a Soldier and the victim is eligible for Legal Assistance services.

"Once the crime, or alleged crime happens, and the victim is seen by a

victim advocate, or at the hospital or by Victim Witness Liaison - however the victim is taken into the system - they are notified that they have a right to an SVC," said Col. Jay McKee, of the Army's Office of the Judge Advocate General, who serves as program manager for the Army's SVC program.

Clarifying attorney roles

It is a misconception, McKee said, that the prosecuting attorney in a criminal case represents the victim of a crime: the prosecutor represents the government's interests or society's. But, McKee added, in almost all cases those governmental interests are the same as the victim's: to see that justice is done.

"The prosecutor wants justice. He is serving the community, he is serving the military justice system for good order and discipline of the force," McKee said. "And 99 percent of the time that interest is aligned with the victim's. They want the same thing."

But sometimes, McKee said, the victim might have concerns that require the assistance of an attorney. For example, defense attorneys might want to bring a victim's medical records or past sexual history into the trial, which could possibly damage

a victim's reputation or cause embarrassment.

"They can try to get that introduced on the record," McKee said. "The defense is there to represent the defendant. The accused, they are going to put on the best case for the accused. Sometimes that is not in the best interest of the victim to undergo cross examination in a public trial about her past sexual history or to have her personal medical records reviewed by parties to a courts-martial."

An SVC can help the victim make sense of the ramifications of trial, and help the victim understand what will happen. McKee also said that while the SVC will not participate in the "adversarial portion" of a trial - that there will not be a third table in the courtroom for the SVC and the victim - the SVC will be able to make motions on behalf of the victim, talk to the Special Victim Prosecutor, the trial council, trial defense attorney, the staff judge advocate, and the command "in terms of what justice looks like for the victim."

If you are a victim of sexual assault and want to speak with an SVC contact the local legal assistance office at 634-7041 or 0444-71-7041, or contact the SHARP hotline at 634-7272.

Outlook

The Outlook will post two more issues this year, on Dec. 12 and Dec. 19. The VMC and DMC publication will then take a two-week hiatus to organize its entries in the annual Keith L. Ware Army journalism competition, attend to necessary housekeeping and accommodate holiday leave.

Our first edition of 2014 will post to the web Jan. 9. For news and updates in the interim, go to www.usag.vicenza.army.mil

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Native American program features Buffalo Dance



Mya (from left), Marco and Derek Sanchez are joined by Justice Begay for dance performance at the final VMC Native American Heritage Month event of the year Nov. 26 at the Lion's Den.

Story and photos by Francesca Mainardi

USAG Vicenza PAO

The final Vicenza Military Community ceremony in honor of Native American Heritage Month took place

at the Lion's Den Nov 26.

"I'm proud to be here and to show the community my Indian roots," said Marco Sanchez, who performed several Native American dances together with his son and daughter as part of the day's program.

"I belong to the Navajo tribe," said Sanchez, "while Justice Begay, who is dancing with us today, is from Acoma Pueblo tribe."

National recognition of Native American culture, first officially proclaimed in 1976 by President Gerald Ford, has been celebrated ever since to remind the nation of the significant contribution that the first Americans have made to the establishment and growth of the United States.

It was touching to see the four dancers. It seemed to be a sort of passing of the baton from one generation to the next, an invitation to keep traditions alive and not to forget the origins.

The performance began with a Buffalo Dance, which is both a ritual and thanksgiving dance in honor of the animal, a symbol of abundance and strength among the first nations of the Great Plains. The buffalo meant survival, and every part of it was put to use. The buffalo supplies the Plains Indians not only edible meat; its hides were used as blankets, its tendons as strings for their bows, their bones were carved into a range of utensils and its fat served to burn their lamps. Nothing left to waste.

After the dance performance, three Vicenza Elementary School students, Josiah Ahtabowski, Gabriella Craft and David Toves were recognized with prizes for their renditions of native dreamcatcher designs.



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Army broadcaster hits stage in Celebrate Christmas

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

Sp. James Malpino is a man of many parts. A full-time broadcast specialist with U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs and a part-time actor with the USAG Vicenza Soldiers' Theatre, Malpino recently put his talents to the test in a comedy production called "Check Please."

In the 30-minute skit, Malpino portrayed a narcissist, a creepy romantic with an insane accent, a gay actor pretending to be straight, a man wearing nothing but a burlap sack, a young boy and a neurotic guy with seemingly endless phobias.

Not only did he garner big laughs from the audience for his role, but Malpino was nominated for and won second place honors for Best Male Leading Actor at the annual Installation Management Command Europe One Act Festival.

"Naturally it felt quite good to win the award. I knew we had a good production and the audience really seemed to enjoy the show, but I was still pleasantly surprised," Malpino said.

"It was difficult portraying six completely different people in a span of 30 minutes, but it was also immense fun. I loved portraying each and every one of them," he said.

Malpino will hit step on stage again at the Soldiers' Theatre this weekend as a member of the annual holiday show, *Celebrate Christmas*, which begins its run of weekend performances this Friday through Dec. 15. It's just another scene in a lifelong love affair for Malpino.

Thespian interest started long ago

For as long as he can remember, he has been involved in all aspects of theater, including acting, playwriting, stage managing and directing, said Malpino during a rehearsal for the holiday spectacular.

As a 6-year-old at Thetford Elementary School in Vermont, Malpino saw a musical production of *The Hobbit*, which he remembers to this day. It felt more real than watching a movie, he said, and ever since he has been in love with theater.

"Acting is a great passion of mine. I'm generally a pretty introverted person, but when I get up on stage nothing can hold me back. I feel safe and comfortable in the theater environment. I experience a big cathartic release when I channel all my emotion and energy into a character. There's just something about being up on stage in front of hundreds of people that makes me feel so confident and at home. I sometimes feel like I was born to perform," Malpino said.

When not producing video pieces for USARAF, Malpino stays busy volunteering at the Soldiers' Theatre. His previous performances include appearances in a production of *The Wiz*, two comedy improv shows and an adult comedy, *Random Laughter*.



Photo by Laura Kreider

James Malpino is suited up for the part during dress rehearsals for **Celebrate Christmas** at the Soldiers' Theatre Dec. 4. Performances begin this weekend and run through Dec. 15.

Jerry Brees, Soldiers' Theatre director, said that when he first met Malpino he could tell immediately that the Soldier was committed to theater.

"It is a pleasure to work with James. He is always prepared, ready to assist, personable and talented. He adds a lot to the Soldiers' Theatre productions and our overall entertainment program," Brees said.

But Malpino is no star-struck novice. He maintains a realistic blend of his love of the stage and his role as a Public Affairs professional. Having a bachelor's degree in communication helps him balance his life both on and off stage, he said.

"Broadcasting and theater do share a number of similarities. Voice, cadence, inflection, emotion, articulation and projection all contribute to how good of a communicator you are, whether on stage, on camera or in the radio booth," Malpino said.

He said he can imagine himself transitioning back to the civilian world as theater teacher some day.

"I often find myself thinking that teaching drama and either English or history will be my next occupation, once my time in the Army is complete," Malpino said.

"The magic of being an actor is that you get to put yourself in the mindset of someone you are nothing like in real life, and experience a totally revolutionary world-view. If you are able to do this successfully, acting can even be a way to grow as a person and a way to better understand what drives other people," he said.

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Friendly but fierce

VHS Cougars hoopster Derrick Schaefer (center) drives to the basket against a team from the Vicenza Liceo Quadri school during a friendly face-off Dec. 2 at the Caserma Ederle Fitness Center. It was a tremendously close game, with each team scoring within a few points of each other throughout. The Cougars managed to pull out a 59-56 win in part due to strong three-point shooting from freshman Tyess Chatman and teamwork by the entire 9-man squad. The Cougars' next scheduled game is against arch rival Naples Dec. 13.



Photo by Gabriel Moore



VMS English teacher and speech and debate coach, Angela Wilson, addresses debaters, judges and supporters at the Speech and Debate Tournament Nov. 26.

Students spark debate at Vicenza Middle School

Story and photos by Laura Kreider
USAG Vicenza PAO

For the third year in a row Vicenza Middle School hosted its Speech and Debate Tournament Nov.26.

"It is the only middle school in the DoDDS Europe Mediterranean District with this special event," said George Hanby, VMS geography teacher.

About 60 students competed in one of three events that included Individual spontaneous argument debate, known as SPAR, team SPAR and humorous/dramatic interpretation.

"More than 40 judges from the community and school helped rank the students, who traveled from classroom to classroom competing in three different rounds," said Angela Wilson, VMS English teacher and speech and debate coach.

Keeping score along the way

After each round of discourse, judges' ballots were calculated and speaker points were added to a running tally which determined which highest scoring teams would advance to the final rounds.

In the individual SPAR competition, Ethan Allen, Victoria Jackson, Hakeem Smith and Amon Manville finished first through fourth, respectively.

In the team SPAR contention, Hannah Toman and Makenzie Wilson took top honors; Kaki Chapman and Kathleen Salo were runners-up; Mya Dilmar and Mykaela Brackeen were third; and Jaylyn Knight and Gabby Hurd came in fourth.

Kobey Evans took first place in the interpretation competition. Darian Singh and Luke Allin won second and third place, respectively.

Alex May was recognized as the top speaker in individual SPAR category, and Connor Wilson in the team SPAR category. Jadon Bradford was recognized for best arguments in the individual SPAR group, and Makenzie Wilson in the team SPAR.

Daniella Brush, Ethan Johnston and Lauren Williams were recognized as the students with the most potential in the team SPAR, individual SPAR and interpretation categories, respectively.

Wilson and VMS principal, Dr. Julio González, recognized every student for their participation in a ceremony



packed with competitors, families, teachers, judges and fellow students. "The skill of being able to speak clearly and articulately in public is the number one most valuable skill a person can possess," said Wilson as she congratulated winners.

Iubini relinquishes IBC command to Ribezzo

Story and photos by Chiara Mattiolo
Darby Military Community PAO

The Camp Darby Military Community gathered Dec. 2 to say good bye to the outgoing Italian Base Commander, Col. Raffaele Iubini, and to welcome the incoming commander, Col. Pietro Ribezzo. A host of Italian and American military and civilian authorities took part in the ceremony at the Camp Darby Fitness Center.

Iubini will officially retire from the Italian Folgore Brigade in February, after serving as the Italian Base Commander for eight years. He said he looks forward to having more time to spend with his wife.

"These past eight years have been rich in satisfaction and hard work, always supported by a great work force here at Camp Darby," said Iubini. "The work that I have done by the mandate of the Italian Ministry of Defense, shoulder to shoulder with our American ally, has allowed me to master many issues related to the blending of two distinct mentalities, cultures and traditions into a single community."

Ribezzo is a native of Brindisi Province. He holds a degree in strategic studies from the University of Torino and a degree in political science from the University of Trieste. He attended the 159th Infantry Officer Training Course and was commissioned as a lieutenant in 1979.

Ribezzo's previous assignment was as deputy commander of the Folgore Brigade. "I accept this new challenging task of Italian Base Commander of the Darby Military Community with great enthusiasm," he said. "I have heard great things about this installation and the happy coexistence between the Italian and American population."

Col. Pietro Ribezzo (left), incoming DMC Italian Base Commander, receives ranks of command from outgoing IBC, Col. Raffaele Iubini, during a change of command ceremony Dec. 2 at the Camp Darby Fitness Center.



Pitching in for Thanksgiving at Darby



Photos by Amy Drummond

By Darby Military Community PAO

The Camp Darby Military Community celebrated Thanksgiving with a traditional dinner Nov. 22 in the Elementary School Cafeteria.

Turkeys were donated by the Commissary, a cake was donated by the PX, and Army cooks prepared food

for the celebration. Senior officers and NCOs, spiffed up in their dress blues, served Thanksgiving dinner to all the participating members of the community.

The entire event was made possible thanks to donations, fundraisers and community volunteers.

"It is an honor to serve our service members who devote their lives to protect us," said Sharon Carter of the Global Credit Union, who volunteers every year to support the event.

"It is important to spend some time to reflect and to be thankful for what we have," she said.





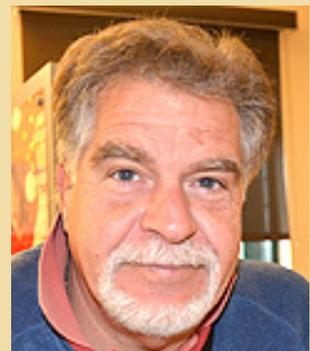
Speak Out

What song puts you in the mood for the holidays?



Francesca Ricci
Livorno Commissary

"It is Bianco Natale or White Christmas."



Jim Fiore
Darby Community Club

"No doubt is I Can See Clearly Now by Johnny Nash."



Coral Owen
Community Bank

"It is Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire."



Perugia

Music, culture, city life
a short hop from nature

**Story and photos
by Amy Drummond**

Special to The Outlook

Heading south to Umbria in search of fine chocolate? Don't forget to stop in Perugia, and while you're there, take a look around at one of the most beautiful and enjoyable regions in Italy.

Of course Perugia is famous for its chocolate, but there are so many other reasons to visit. With its arts and music festivals, Etruscan architecture, slew of museums, markets, gardens, two large universities, ancient churches and natural wonders, you will find ample attractions worth an extended trip to Perugia Province.

Music lovers will appreciate the Umbria Jazz-International Jazz festival and the Sagra Musicale Umbria. The 10-day jazz festival has been energizing the streets of Perugia every July since 1973. The Sagra Musicale or Music Festival, founded in 1937, is one of the oldest music festivals in Italy and presents music ranging from ancient to modern.

The major museums of the area include the National Gallery of Umbria, the National Archaeology Museum of Umbria, the Palazzone Antiquarium and Volumni Hypogeum, the Museum at Palazzo della Penna, the Capitular Museum of the Cathedral of San Lorenzo, the Museum of the Gates and City Walls, the POST (Perugia Science and Technology Workshop) and the Perugina History Museum.

Each museum specializes in particular aspects of art, history and science, so making a choice might depend on your personal interest, but all are worth at least one visit. Some of the museums, along with many other sites, can be visited using the Perugia Città Museo Card, which provides discounts and itineraries for the curious to guide a visit.

If the great outdoors are more of a draw for you than museums, Perugia pick up a copy of *"Guida dei Sentieri, castelli e pievi del Perugino-Itinerari escursionistici nella zona Nord di Perugia"* or a Guide of the Paths, Castles and Churches of Perugia – Hiking trails

in the area north of Perugia, and hit the hills for a wealth of enjoyable recreational activities.

For fresh water adventure enthusiasts, Lake Trasimeno and the Tiber River are just a short drive away from the city of Perugia proper. The lake provides an unspoiled nature area and refuge for birds and fish for nature lovers. Swimming areas, ferry rides to the small lake islands and bicycle paths are just a few of the activities available at the lake - just come prepared for the masses of mosquitoes. The Tiber, flowing on its way to Rome, has walking and bicycle trails to explore, and stretches of the river offer areas that range from rapids to small beaches.

Younger adventurers will appreciate Citta Della Dominica, also known as Spagnolia. This park offers themed fairy tale areas, an adventure world, a zoo and a botanical garden.

Back in town, the ancient part of the city sits high on a hilltop with portions flowing down into the surrounding valleys. Panoramic views of the surrounding hills and valleys of the region of Umbria are available from several parts of the ancient Etruscan city.

Perugia is the capital city of both the region of Umbria and the province of Perugia. According to the Perugia website, in the mid-eleventh century "it was organized administratively into five districts or villages, known by their medieval gates, corresponding to the original Etruscan-Roman Porta Sole, Porta Sant' Angelo, Porta Santa Susanna, Eburnea Porta, Porta San Pietro."

If you visit by car, be aware that automobile traffic is restricted in large swathes of the city center. Parking is available at several large lots outside the city center that offer public transportation links into town. For a completely different perspective on Perugia take a ride on the Minimetro tram that departs from the Pian di Massiano terminal. This terminal has a large parking lot and is easily accessible from Autostrade Perugia A1.

For more information about Perugia, festivals and similar events, and for maps of the city go to <http://www.comune.perugia.it/>



Perugia, the capital of both the province and the surrounding region of Umbria, offers a wealth of urban attractions all within easy of reach of country pleasures.



Family and MWR

Vicenza Military Community



Holiday Ice Cream Social

Enjoy a sundae-making station, a craft station and get some great tips for making your holidays bright at ACS on Dec 11, 3-5 p.m.

ODR December Trips

Shop the Christmas Markets in Italy, Austria, Switzerland and Germany on weekly trips with ODR. Dreaming of snow? We have weekly Ski & Snowboard trips to fantastic places like Stubai Glacier, Sölden, Val Senales. Find info about the trips on our website.

Family Art Day

Explore your creative side with your Family! There's always something new to try so drop in at the Arts & Crafts Center Dec 13, 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Holiday Surf & Turf Night

Sink your teeth into a 12 oz. Porterhouse Steak, grilled shrimp and all the fixin's for a fantastic meal on Dec 12 at the Old Soldiers' Bar. Reserve by Dec 10 at 634-7685.

Book Bowling for New Year's Eve

Bowl the New Year in with your friends! Book your two hour package that includes shoes and bowling for 6 and a large cheese pizza with a pitcher of soda and party favors for just \$34.95. Time blocks are 5-7 p.m., 8-10 p.m., 11 p.m.-1 p.m. Call 634-8257.

CYSS Fine Arts Festival

Stop by the Ederle Library to view the art work of our local youth. Vote for your favorites. Sponsored by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and the Youth and Teen Centers. Art will be on display until December 31.

Multi-Cultural Potluck Luncheon

Multi-cultural spouses are invited to a holiday potluck on Dec 13. Bring a dish that represents your country, make new friends and enjoy a festive event. RSVP by Dec 11 at ACS, 634-8525.

The Santa Run

Get into the Christmas spirit on Dec 21 with a fun run from Campo Marzo through the city center dressed like Santa! Register at ODR or on WebTrac.



Register using MWR Online Services for:

Vicenza Trip & Classes

Vicenza CYSS Activities

Vicenza Facebook Page





Darby Military Community



Angel Tree Program

Give to a child in the Darby Military Community who may otherwise do without this holiday season. Pick up your 'angel' from the tree at the PX Dec 6-17, purchase a gift and drop off wrapped Angel Tree gifts at the Chapel by Dec 18.

ODR Trips

Dec 14, Florence Noel Trip

Dec 21, Rome Trip

Dec 28, Florence Trip

Jan 4, Outlet Shopping Trip

Jan 4, Abetone Ski Trip

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

Airport Shuttle Service

Traveling for the holidays and need a ride to the airport? Shuttle service provided 7 days a week to and from Pisa International Airport and to Florence International Airport (Peretola). For more information and to download the registration form, visit our website.

Race Across America 2014

Go ahead, have those extra helpings and desserts this holiday season; you can work it all off with Race Across America 2014!

Travel from West Point, NY to Presidio, CA (without ever leaving Darby!). All destination points each week are military installations across America. Run, walk, bike, elliptical or group exercise. 1 minute of cardio exercise = 5 miles.

Registration for this popular event begins Dec. 26. For more info, contact Darby Fitness Center at 633-7438.

Zumba Fitness Classes

Tired of the boring workout? Ditch the routine and join the Zumba party on Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5-5:45 p.m. Purchase tickets at the Fitness Center or on WebTrac.

Weekly Ski Trips begin in January

Get your skis and snowboards ready to hit the snow! Weekly ski trips begin Jan 4 to Abetone and Mt. Cimone. Register at ODR or on WebTrac. For info, call ODR at 633-7775/7589.



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Darby Facebook Page



VENETO

Corri Babbo Natale Corri **Run Santa Claus, Run**

The Vicenza Military Community is invited to participate in the eighth annual Run Santa Claus, Run charity event Dec. 21 in Vicenza.

Corri Babbo Natale Corri, or Run Santa Claus, Run, is co-sponsored by the Vicenza Press Association and the City of Vicenza. All funds raised goes to Italian charities Villaggi Sos and Bambini Cardiopatici nel Mondo. The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., starting and ending at Campo Marzo, the park near the main train station.

An €8 entrance fee includes a lightweight Santa running suit, hot chocolate and pandoro cake at the finish (€3 if you already have a Santa suit or want only a Santa hat; others can join in the hot chocolate and cake for €2.50). Individuals of all ages and groups are welcome.

Special recognition will be made for the largest groups, for the first families, the youngest and oldest Santa Claus, and for the most creative Christmas outfit. The course is under two kilometers and may be easily completed either walking or running.

Participants may pre-register to receive their outfit before race day or sign up and pay on the day of the event at 10 a.m. To register in advance call Beatrice Giometto at 634-7901 or 0444-71-7901.

Mercatini ed eventi natalizi **Christmas markets and events**

Vicenza: Light Fest, Dec. 6-Jan. 7, 2014, led lights will decorate downtown monuments and historical palaces enhancing the Christmas atmosphere.

Piccolo Mondo Antico e Profumi d'Autunno -Vintage, Remake and Merry Christmas: Dec. 8, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Corso A. Fogazzaro; vintage and local products exhibit and sale; wine tasting, roasted chestnut and vin brulé (hot spiced wine); 2:30-5 p.m. workshops for children; Corso Fogazzaro, 1st edition of the French Christmas Market; Dec. 15-24, 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; it closes on 6 p.m. on Dec. 24.

Piazza Marconi, Dec. 6 at 4:15 p.m., live entertainment with Christmas caroling and hot chocolate for everyone.

Piazzale de Gaspari and Viale Roma, Dec. 7-8, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Campo Marzo, Vicenza on Ice, Dec. 8-Jan. 14, 2014; ice skating ring; open daily 3-8 p.m. and on Sundays and holidays also 9 a.m.-noon.

Piazza dei Signori, Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m., Christmas concert. Asiago: Giardini di Natale, Christmas Gardens, Dec. 7, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3-7 p.m., Dec. 8, 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., in Piazza Carli and surrounding streets; food booths featuring local specialties and typical Christmas sweets and crafts.

Bassano del Grappa: Piazza Garibaldi e Piazza Libertà, ongoing thorough Jan. 6, 2014, 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Christmas stands feature vin brulé (hot spiced wine), hot tea, sandwiches, holidays sweets and crafts; Piazzotto Montevecchio, Nov. 23 to Jan. 6, 2014; every Saturday afternoon and whole day on Sundays; in Piazza Libertà, ongoing through Jan. 8, 2014, eco-skating ring.

Belluno: Piazza dei Martiri, about 103 miles north of Vicenza; ongoing through Dec. 31, daily 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; closed on Dec. 25; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Bolzano: in Piazza Walther, ongoing through Jan 6, 2014; Monday – Friday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; closed on Dec. 24-25; More

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than 80 stallholders in their typical little huts offer traditional seasonal gifts (handmade wooden, glass and ceramic products along with Christmas tree decorations, delicious seasonal pastries and many original gifts), plenty of food specialties available plus mulled wine; children's Christmas market where kids can take an active part baking Christmas cookies and make small Christmas decorations and presents.

Bressanone: ongoing through Jan. 6, 2014, Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.; Sunday and holiday: 9:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.; closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1; in Piazza Duomo, about 154 miles north of Vicenza; food booths feature local specialties; live music and carnival rides.

Bussolengo (Verona): Natale Flover Village - Christmas Market, ongoing through Jan. 12, 2014; 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; closed on Dec. 25 and Jan 1, 2014, in Via Pastregno 16, about 42 miles west of Vicenza; entrance fee: €1 on Saturday and Sunday until Dec. 15; free entrance on weekdays.

Cison di Valmarino, Castelbrandò: Dec. 7-8; Dec. 14, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Dec. 15, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Via Brandolino 20; Christmas markets, live music, magic shows.

Fontanaviva (Padova): Dec. 8, in 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Piazza Umberto I, about 14 miles northeast of Vicenza.

Gallio: in Piazzetta dei Giardini, about 40 miles north of Vicenza; Dec. 7-8, Dec. 14-15, and from Dec. 21 – Jan. 6, 2014; 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3:30-7:30 p.m.; wooden outdoor booths featuring local holiday sweets, hot chocolate, mulled wine local crafts and gift items. Entertainment with jugglers, musicians, fire-eaters, street artists, gnomes, elves, and acrobats. Shows and workshops for children. Garda: Natale tra gli Olivi - Christmas market among olive trees, ongoing through Jan 6, 2014, Wednesdays-Thursdays, 3-7 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.; Saturdays-Sundays and holiday eves 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.; Piazza Catullo e Lungolago Regina Adelaide; local and Tyrolean products; entertainment for children; folk music and dancing; art exhibits and local nativity set.

Sarcedo: Dec. 8, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., in Piazza A. Vellere, about 14 miles north of Vicenza; antique trades exhibit; food booths feature vin brulé and more.

TUSCANY

The New Florence Biennale 2013 – Ethics DNA of Art

Through Dec. 8, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Viale Filippo Strozzi 1, Florence. Artists from all over the world meet to exhibit their work at the Fortezza da Basso to focus on the relationship between art and ethics, and reflect and critically appraise the role of art in the new millennium. Admission is €10, €8 for children under 10 and seniors over 65.

Mercatini ed eventi natalizi Christmas markets and events

Firenze: Piazza Santa Croce, German Christmas Market, ongoing through Dec. 15, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., weekends

10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; more than 50 vendors and carnival rides for children; Piazza SS. Annunziata, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m., Dec. 7-8; Piazza Santo Spirito, Dec. 15, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Palazzuolo sul Senio (Florence): Dec. 8, 15, 22, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; food booths featuring vin brulé (hot spiced wine), polenta, tortellini with chestnuts, and many more local specialties; Santa Claus hut where children can deliver their requests for presents.

Pisa: La Fabbrica di Babbo Natale - Santa Claus Factory, Dec. 13-29, 2013, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Stazione Leopolda, Piazza Guerrazzi; entrance fee: €6; €4 for children; toy making workshops for children; Christmas market, food booths; games, bounce houses; face-painting.

Prato: Dec. 8, in Piazza San Francesco; Dec. 11, in Via Santa Trinità; Dec. 17-22 in Piazza San Francesco; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Serra Pistoiese (Pistoia): Dec. 7-8, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Area antique markets this weekend

Firenze: Dec. 8, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Santo Spirito - Sunday

Montepulciano: Dec. 7-8, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Grande.

Piombino, Dec. 7-8, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cappelletti, Corso Italia, via Fucini, Piazza Gramsci.

Pisa, Dec. 7-8, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza dei Cavalieri.

Pistoia: Dec. 7-8, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Via Pertini.

Vicopisano (Pisa), Dec. 8, 8 a.m. -6 p.m., Piazza Domenico Cavalca.

CONCERTS

Dave House - Nov. 30 in Assago (Milan)

Dire Straits Legends - Dec. 5 in Rome

The Original USA Gospel Singers & Band - Dec. 15 in Bolzano

New York Ska Jazz Ensemble - Dec. 27 in Mezzago

Michael Bublé - Jan. 27-28, 2014 in Assago (Milan)

Backstreet Boys - Feb. 22, 2014 in Assago (Milan)

Simple Minds - Feb. 25, 2014 in Assago (Milan)

James Blunt - March 18 in Assago (Milan)

Yes - May 17 in Padova, May 18 in Assago (Milan)

Aerosmith - June 25 in Milan

Tickets at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center or online.

HOLIDAY SPECIALS

Magic Winter at Gardaland

Dec. 26-31 and Jan. 2-6; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; in Castelnuovo del Garda, Via Derna, about 45 miles west of Vicenza

Rainbow Magicland

Dec. 26-31 and Jan. 2-6, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Via della Pace, Valmontone, Roma.

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

Early closure Saturday

All Vicenza Exchange facilities will close one hour early, at 7 p.m., on Saturday Dec. 7, to allow store associates to participate in the employee holiday party. Two exceptions will be the Burger King and Popeye's, which will close at 6 p.m. The Express Shopette will remain open as usual from 5 a.m. till 11 p.m.

Winter Concerts in the schools

The Vicenza High School Music program will perform its Holiday Concert Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. in the school gym. The entire community is invited to attend and enjoy. The Vicenza Middle School Winter Concert will take place on Thursday, Dec. 12, from 7-8 p.m. All are welcome to attend and enjoy.

Grades online

DoDDS teachers will have grades posted and ready for online viewing by the end of the day on Friday, Dec. 6. Log on to your Gradespeed account to see your child's midterm progress. Parents may also request a paper progress report by calling or visiting the school office.

FEHB open season closing

With less than one week left in the FEHB Open Season, all eligible employees should visit the website to make educated choices. Employees have until Dec. 9 to enroll in or make changes to FEHB and FEDVIP coverage, and to sign up for a FSAFEDS account.

Re-tune AFN cable channels

On Monday, Dec. 16, AFN cable television channels will be assigned new broadcast frequencies at USAG Vicenza. On-post viewers using the TKS cable TV network must re-tune their

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television sets after 4 p.m. to continue watching AFN television broadcasts. The channel realignment is part of a comprehensive TKS network upgrade. On Dec. 16, viewers may experience some interruptions in AFN cable broadcasts throughout the day while various technical upgrades are being performed. When the work is complete, at approximately 4 p.m., all AFN channels will be available, however a new channel scan is mandatory. Re-tuning the television set or performing a channel scan will recapture all the AFN channels at their newly assigned broadcast frequencies. There will be no change to the actual AFN channel lineup. Persistent reception problems should be immediately reported to the 24-hour TKS Customer Service Hotline at 044 4 216 216 (cost is €20/call from TKS-Net access; minute charges apply when dialed from Italian fixed and mobile networks).

FOIA training

Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act training is scheduled for March 25-27 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Building 1368 on Clay Kaserne in Wiesbaden, Germany. The class is recommended for primary and alternate

FOIA/PA officers, attorneys and legal advisers. To register, send your name, unit, UIC and DSN number via email to usarmy.badenwur.usareur.mbx.freedom-of-information-act@mail.mil

Club Beyond Austria April 2014

Club Beyond Adventure Camp for middle schoolers will take place in Austria April 6-11. Activities will include indoor rock-climbing, a high-ropes course, zip-lines and more. Email avolmert@clubbeyond.org to register. First 20 students to turn in their application and deposit will receive a \$100 transportation discount.

South of the Alps closures

The South of the Alps Dining Facility will be closed Dec. 13-15, Dec. 24-25, and Jan. 6-23. The SOTA DFAC will be open Dec. 19-20 and Dec. 31 to Jan. 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. for brunch and again from 4:30-6 p.m. for dinner.

The Outlook accepts submissions

Email content for consideration by noon on Thursday of the week before publication to

editor@eur.amy.mil

Disaster Shelter training

The American Red Cross Station offers a full day of free Disaster Training Dec. 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required by noon on Monday, Dec. 9. Stop by the Red Cross Office in Building 333, call 0444-71-7089 or email.

CYSS PAC meeting

The Vicenza Child, Youth and School-age Services Parent Advisory Council meeting will take place Tuesday, Dec. 10 from noon to 1 p.m. at Davis Hall on Caserma Ederle. Proposed topics of discussion include results of the SYSS customer service survey, updates to the CYSS parent handbook, holiday operating hours and input to the Installation Child Care Operating Plan and Mobilization Action Plan. All are welcome to attend. Call 634-8347 for details.

USAHC hours Healthcare Forum

Due to medical training requirements, U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza will operate from 12:30-4:30 p.m. on Thursdays.

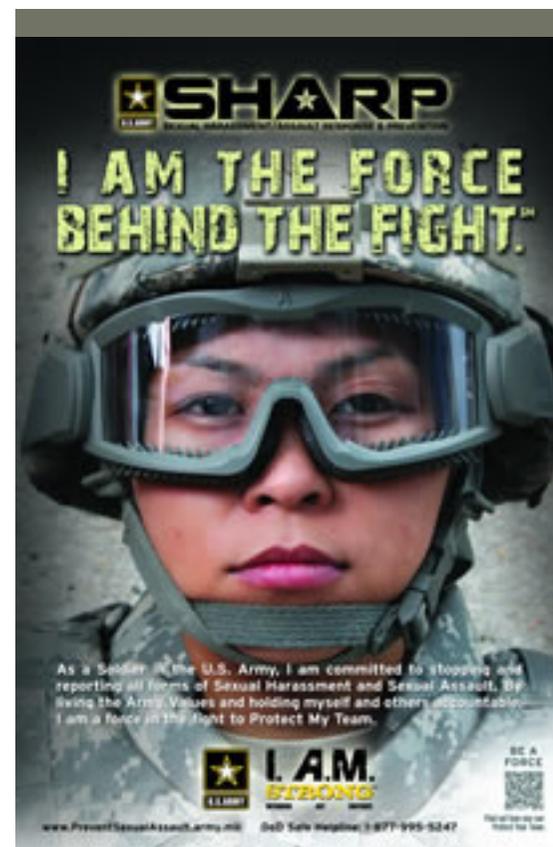
All are invited to attend the first quarterly Community Healthcare Forum to discuss medical, dental and veterinary health services in the VMC. The aim is to improve services for the entire community through an open exchange. The forum will take place Dec. 11 from 10-11:30 a.m. in Building 300A, next to the Italian Mensa. Call 636-9106 or 0444-61-9106 for details.

414th training

The 414th Contracting Support Brigade will provide quarterly training Jan. 14-15 for personnel who need acquisition planning and requirement documents development training. Training is also available for new personnel and recertifying Contracting Officer Representatives and Government Purchase Card holders for all USARAF, USAG-Vicenza and tenant units. Call John Dingeman at 637-7728 for details and assistance.

TARP briefings available

The Vicenza Military Intelligence Detachment provides Threat Aware-



**Call the VMC SHARP Hotline
634-7272 or 0444-71-7272**

At the movies



Ederle Theater

Dec. 5	7 p.m.	The Counselor (R)
Dec. 6	7 p.m.	Homefront (R) *
	10 p.m.	The Counselor (R)
Dec. 7	3 p.m.	About Time (R)
	6 p.m.	Homefront (R) *
Dec. 8	3 p.m.	The Counselor (R)
	6 p.m.	Homefront (R) *
Dec. 11	11 a.m.	The Counselor (R)
	7 p.m.	Bad Grandpa (R)
Dec. 12	7 p.m.	Free Birds (PG)

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.

Advance tickets: On sale Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the PX Food Court entrance, except on federal holidays. Up to 50 percent of seats will be on sale; the remainder go on sale one hour before show time at the theater box office.

Film ratings and reviews are available at www.imdb.com

Homefront

Phil Broker (Jason Statham) is a former DEA agent, recently widowed and haunted by his rough line of work, retires to a small town with his 9-years-old daughter, Maddy, to make a fresh start. But events conspire to bring him into direct confrontation with the local meth drug lord. Also stars James Franco and Izabela Vidovic.

ness and Reporting Program (TARP) briefings on request. To schedule a briefing call 634-7688 or 331-172-2142.

Flu vaccination changes

The last day for adult beneficiary influenza vaccine clinics will be Friday, Dec. 6. Starting Monday, Dec. 9, all civilian beneficiary influenza vaccines will be administered at the Health Center Immunization Clinic in Pediatrics. Until then, adult beneficiaries can get their influenza vaccine shots Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1-4 p.m. Soldiers will continue to get their flu shots in the Readiness section.

Soldiers' Theatre events

Tickets are on sale for the holiday season production, **Celebrate Christmas**. Performances will be Dec. 6-15, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm., and Sundays at 2 p.m. Call 634-7281 or 0444-71-7281 for reservations.

Caserma Ederle Fitness Center

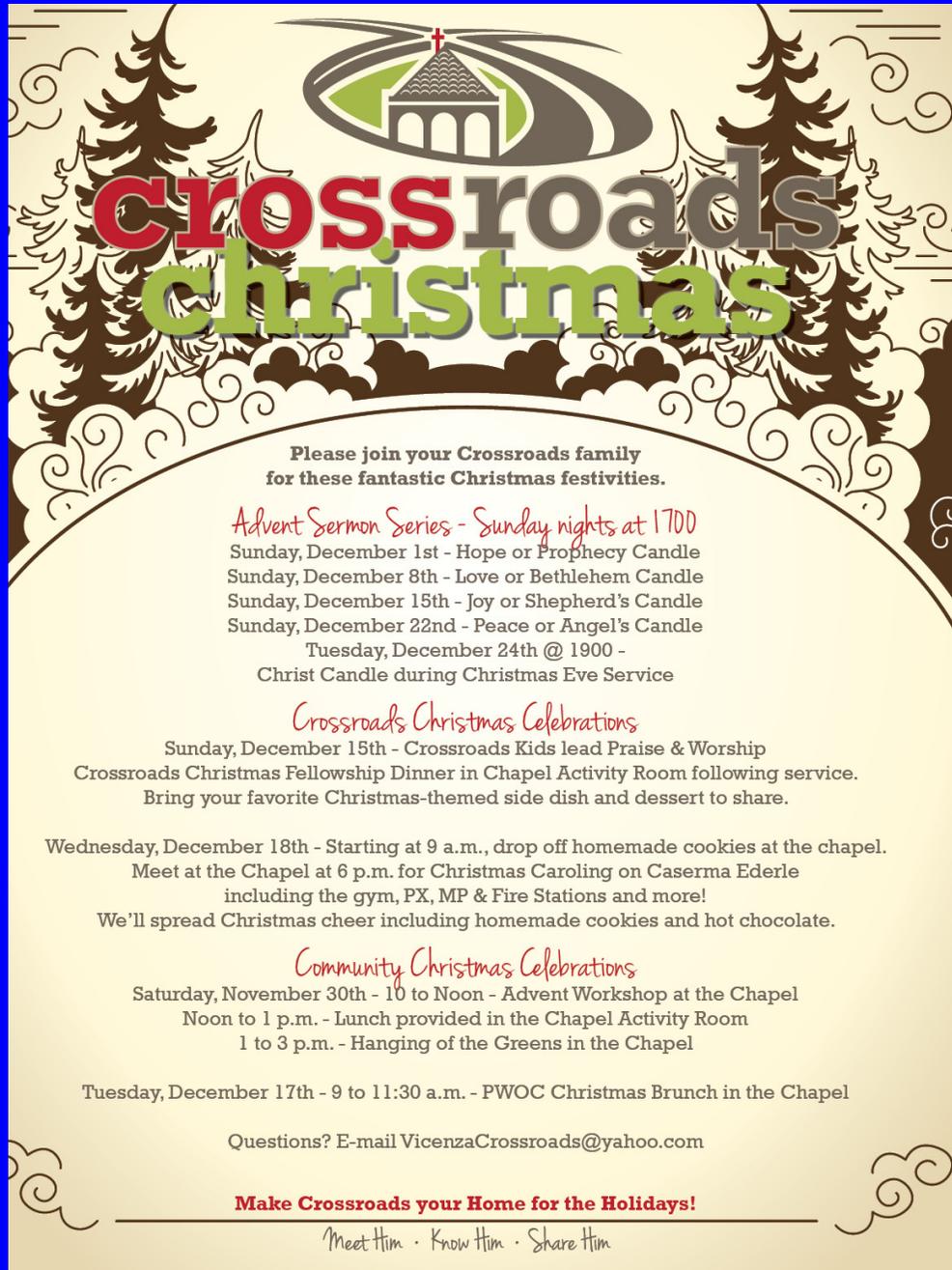
The 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament takes to the court Dec. 13-15; sign up by Dec. 6. A coaches meeting will be held Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. in the conference room. Registration is \$18 per team with a maximum of six players. The Vicenza **community boxing team** trains Monday through Friday, 6:10-p p.m. Stop by for information. Unit/Recreational **racquetball open challenge play** is ongoing weekdays from 5-8 p.m. at the Fitness Center; stop to sign up.

Unit/Recreational **basketball open play** is under way Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Fitness Center.

Unit/Recreational **rugby open play** takes place Tuesday and Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at the Fitness Center grass field.

Community **soccer practice** is held Tuesday and Thursday from 7:30-9 p.m. at the turf field.

Tennis open reservation play gets going Monday through Wednesday from 6-9 p.m. Meet at the tennis courts to play and meet other players. Unit/Recreational **soccer open play and practice** take place Tuesday and Thursday from 6:30-9 p.m.



**Crossroads
christmas**

Please join your Crossroads family for these fantastic Christmas festivities.

Advent Sermon Series - Sunday nights at 1700
Sunday, December 1st - Hope or Prophecy Candle
Sunday, December 8th - Love or Bethlehem Candle
Sunday, December 15th - Joy or Shepherd's Candle
Sunday, December 22nd - Peace or Angel's Candle
Tuesday, December 24th @ 1900 - Christ Candle during Christmas Eve Service

Crossroads Christmas Celebrations
Sunday, December 15th - Crossroads Kids lead Praise & Worship
Crossroads Christmas Fellowship Dinner in Chapel Activity Room following service.
Bring your favorite Christmas-themed side dish and dessert to share.

Wednesday, December 18th - Starting at 9 a.m., drop off homemade cookies at the chapel.
Meet at the Chapel at 6 p.m. for Christmas Caroling on Caserma Ederle including the gym, PX, MP & Fire Stations and more!
We'll spread Christmas cheer including homemade cookies and hot chocolate.

Community Christmas Celebrations
Saturday, November 30th - 10 to Noon - Advent Workshop at the Chapel
Noon to 1 p.m. - Lunch provided in the Chapel Activity Room
1 to 3 p.m. - Hanging of the Greens in the Chapel

Tuesday, December 17th - 9 to 11:30 a.m. - PWOC Christmas Brunch in the Chapel

Questions? E-mail VicenzaCrossroads@yahoo.com

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Commissary holiday hours

The Caserma Ederle Commissary has set its hours of operation for the upcoming holiday season:

Dec. 23: Monday before Christmas - open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Dec. 24: Christmas Eve - open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dec. 25-26: Christmas - closed

Dec. 30: Monday before New Year's - open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Dec. 31: New Year's Eve - open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Jan. 1: New Year's Day - closed

Holiday mail postal deadlines

Deadline for priority parcels and first class letters is Dec. 10.

Outlook

The Outlook will post two more issues this year, on Dec. 12 and Dec. 19. The VMC and DMC publication will then take a two-week hiatus to organize its entries in the annual Keith L. Ware Army journalism competition, attend to necessary housekeeping and accommodate holiday leave.

Our first edition of 2014 will post to the web Jan. 9. For news and updates in the interim, go to www.usag.vicenza.army.mil

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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

6 p.m.: PMOC and PWOC Bible study. Dinner provided; no watch care

Wednesday

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

VMC faith group contacts

Bahá'í Faith: Call 348-603-2283

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

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

Jewish: Call 345-907-2108

Latter Day Saints: Young Men/ Young Women meeting is every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Spiritual Fitness Center. Sunday services, 1:30 p.m. in Vicenza. Call 389-268-5605 or email drbob143@gmail.com

Trinity Church Vicenza: An International Presbyterian Church (IPC) congregation. Call 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

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You are Invited

Multi-Cultural Holiday Potluck Luncheon

Hosted by Relocation Readiness for Multi-Cultural Spouses

Friday, December 13
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Bring your favorite dish representing your country. For reservations or information call Army Community Services

634-7500

