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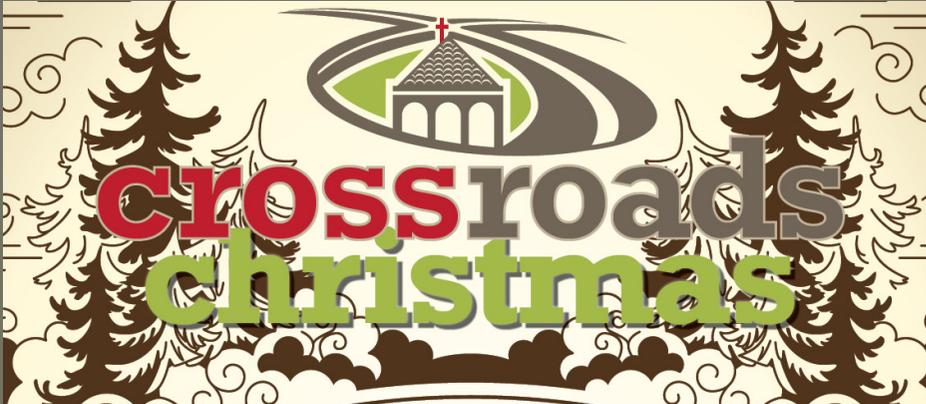


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Photo by Laura Kreider



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Valerie Payne
Family member

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Sgt. 1st Class Rob Veney
509th Signal Battalion

"I plan on going skiing in Germany."



Matteo Fraioli
Vicenza Commissary

*"I will spend time at home with my wife and child
and enjoy the holidays with our families."*

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F2F brings Italian, US female Soldiers closer



Italian and American military women pose for a group photo during a unique F2F event Dec. 5 on Caserma Ederle.

Unique get-together builds bonds of friendship for women in both forces

Story and photos by Anna Ciccotti

USAG Vicenza PAO

The U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza hosted a first of its kind intercultural event dedicated to young Italian and American female military at the Golden Lion Conference Center on Caserma Ederle, Dec. 5.

“Bringing young Italian and American female soldiers together is a way for them to share not only the joys, but also the challenges of becoming female leaders in the armed services,” said Col. Robert L. Menist Jr., USAG Vicenza commander, who addressed the nearly 130 guests in his welcoming remarks.

“Over my 23 years in the Army, I have seen the Army evolve and become more inclusive as women have taken on so many critical roles. It was inspirational for me to talk to some of these dynamic young women and to hear both their experiences and their ambitions,” Menist said.

The “Home for the Holidays” gathering was part of the Female 2 Female program created to help younger service members adapt and thrive in a new military environment, said Julia Sibilla, Community Programs manager with Army Community Service, and organizer of the event in coordination with BOSS, the USO and the Vicenza Community Club.

“One of the key concepts of the F2F initiative is mentor-

ship and professional development, and we saw first-hand that it can happen across cultural lines,” Sibilla said. “The positive relationships and connections established tonight will be long lasting and contribute to stronger friendships between the Armed Forces of our two countries,” she said.

More than 30 Italian female service members from seven installations in the Veneto Region joined the 65 American female service members from the Vicenza Military Community to attend this historical social networking event. Three female Soldiers and one airman from Camp Darby also attended the event. Italian Army female soldiers came from the Comando Logistico Nord and 32[^] Rgt. Trasmissioni, both from Padova; the Multi-national CIMIC Group from Motta di Livenza; and the 7[^] Rgt. Alpini of Belluno. Female airmen arrived from 51[^] Stormo of Istrana and 3[^] Stormo of Villafranca. A female Carabinieri attended from the Center of Excellence of Stability Police Units, Vicenza.

Have to get together again soon

It was an experience for all involved that should be repeated as soon as possible, said Maresciallo Elena Scalco, COESPU. Aside from the excellent food, the good company and the friendly atmosphere, Scalco said she hopes that “this is the first of a series of encounters that help build bridges among women in the military, and help appreciate the value of professional exchanges among people from different nations.”



"The F2F events are such a great opportunity to network with other female soldiers and civilians in an otherwise male-dominated organization," said 2nd Lt. Rachel Kim, a deputy disbursing officer with Detachment C, 106th Financial Management Support Unit.

"I just arrived in Vicenza approximately a month and half ago and the reception from this community is unparalleled. The Italian-American Thanksgiving exchange dinner was definitely a unique and rare opportunity to interact with our Allied female military members, attempt to practice my novice Italian and enjoy an amazing meal," Kim said.

Italian Army Caporal Maggiore Scelto Silvia Franzon from Padova said she was deeply impressed with the organization and the joyful, familiar atmosphere she and her colleagues found upon arrival at Caserma Ederle.

"We loved the room's setting, the laughs at the tables and the good food. We were hesitant to participate when they first told us about the event, but in fact we are happy we came because it has been an amazing learning and fun experience and we'll make sure to bring more soldiers from our regi-

ment next time," Franzon said.

1st Lt. Lauren Johnson, executive officer with Company C, 173rd Brigade Support Battalion, 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), said she had the opportunity to meet a great group of Italian soldiers at her table and throughout the evening.

"We were able to share a few stories here and there. It was very interesting to hear how different the militaries are," she said. "The collaboration between our militaries will open more doors for female soldiers down the road. We have the opportunity to further our knowledge and experience by working together in future operations," Johnson said.

The F2F aims to be a proactive, community-based initiative to create a nurturing social environment that puts single female Soldiers at ease, builds a positive sense of community and engagement, and empowers them to thrive.

"Our event showed that the same principles can be applied to our host nation military as well. There was so much positive energy and enthusiasm all around, and I am confident that everyone left the event with a new perspective and sense of confidence," Sibilla said.

Italian Army Caporal Maggiore Scelto Silvia Franzon applauds during the F2F event held at the Golden Lion on Caserma Ederle Dec. 5. Franzon was one of more than 30 Italian military women to attend the event, which also attracted more than 60 American service women.

Outlook

The Outlook will post one more issue this year, next week on Dec. 19. Our first edition of 2014 will post to the web Jan. 9. For news and updates in the interim, go to the USAG Vicenza home page at ~ www.usag.vicenza.army.mil



Meet the Mayors

By USAG Vicenza PAO

Photo by Paolo Bovo

Hundreds of Soldiers and civilians packed into the Golden Lion Conference Center on Caserma Ederle Dec. 3 for the fifth annual Meet the Mayors event.

Mayors, council members, and cultural and tourism representatives from some 50 Italian townships in the Vicenza and Padova provinces were in attendance, graciously providing Vicenza Military Community members a wealth of information on their towns and tips to help them get to know their communities in depth.

The guests also offered an amazing sampling of local culinary specialties for the delight of attendees.

Above: Italians and Americans join in a toast during the fifth annual Meet the Mayors get-together on Caserma Ederle Dec. 3. **Right:** Mayor Manuele Bozzetto of Nove and USAG Vicenza Commander, Col. Robert Menist Jr., observe the proceedings. **Opposite, top:** Menist samples homemade specialties and chats with representatives from Montecchio Maggiore. **Opposite, bottom:** A delicious variety of regional culinary specialties were a highlight of the event.



Photo by Paolo Bovo



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Caserma Ederle Mensa temporary closure set

Italian workers receive stipend for meals

By USAG Vicenza PAO

The Italian Mensa on Caserma Ederle will close temporarily beginning Jan. 16 and local national employees will begin receiving a stipend for meals. The temporary closure coincides with the expiration of the current contract.

The Regional Contracting Office, in collaboration with U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza and the Staff Judge Advocate Office, is working diligently to solicit and execute a new contract with the goal of having a contractor in place and ready to re-open the Mensa around March 1.

Garrison officials said this is a lengthy process at each step. In order to continue to provide the level of service currently enjoyed at the Mensa, the new contract must be carefully crafted and reviewed by legal officers in the RCO and Staff Judge Advocate's Office to meet all legal and contractual laws and regulations, and to conform to the U.S.-Italian agreement known as Article 46 of the Conditions of Employment.

Beginning Jan. 16, local national employees will receive a stipend in accordance with the Conditions of Employment. Building 300 will be available for Italian employees to eat their lunch, Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., so that those choosing to bring their lunch will have a place to do so and to converse with colleagues.

Garrison leadership understands the benefits of the longstanding Mensa, in operation for more than 30 years, and thanks the local national workforce for its patience as garrison officials work toward a successful resolution of the matter.



Messaggio per tutta la comunità militare di Vicenza

Forse vi è giunta voce che la Mensa italiana, che serve piatti tipici della cucina italiana da oltre trentanni, si appresta a chiudere. Forse avete sentito dire che si tratta di una chiusura permanente. A questo proposito, il comando Garrison coglie l'occasione per fare chiarezza.

Innanzitutto corrisponde al vero il fatto che la Mensa interrom...però il servizio allo scadere del contratto in essere, e cioè il 16 gennaio 2014. Non si tratta però di una chiusura definitiva. Il personale della guarnigione, dell'ufficio contratti e dell'ufficio legale sono al lavoro per preparare la stesura del bando, gestire la gara e valutare le offerte per poter riaprire la mensa intorno al 1 marzo 2014. Il comando si scusa per la lungaggine dei tempi tecnici e ringrazia per la comprensione. Preme precisare un punto molto importante. Fermo restando l'intenzione di riaprire la mensa entro il 1 marzo 2014, se non pervengono offerte valide o non si aggiudica l'appalto, la riapertura può slittare a una data successiva.

L'affidamento di un nuovo appalto con una nuova impresa aggiudicataria è un processo che richiede tempo dal momento che ogni fase deve essere accuratamente preparata e

valutata dagli esperti dell'ufficio contratti e dell'ufficio legale, nel rispetto di tutte le norme legali e contrattuali e in conformità con quanto previsto nell'articolo 46 nelle condizioni di Impiego. Il comando guarnigione, l'ufficio contratti e legale, sono al lavoro per poter garantire lo stesso livello di servizio attualmente offerto alla mensa, con la fornitura di pasti al personale civile italiano, agli ospiti e agli altri impiegati.

Durante questo periodo i lavoratori italiani riceveranno l'indennità sostitutiva come previsto dalle condizioni di impiego. L'edificio denominato n.300 sarà a disposizione del personale italiano da lunedì a venerdì, dalle 10 alle 14, per consentire a quanti sceglieranno di portarsi il proprio pasto di avere un locale dove sedersi e mangiare in compagnia dei colleghi.

Il comando guarnigione è impegnato a risolvere la questione con successo e ringrazia tutto il personale per la comprensione e per il continuo lavoro in supporto della comunità militare di Vicenza. L'incontro è un'opportunità per il comando Garrison di fornire un aggiornamento sulla situazione della Mensa oltre che per ascoltare le vostre preoccupazioni e rispondere a eventuali domande.

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Photo by Paolo Bovo

The Sky Soldier family stands at attention during a memorial ceremony for Sgt. 1st Class Armando Arteagaharo at the Caserma Del Din chapel Dec. 10.

Sky Soldiers pay tribute to paratrooper

By Staff Sgt. Bruce Cobbeldick

173rd Airborne PAO

Soldiers, civilians and family members attended a memorial ceremony Dec. 10 for Sgt. 1st Class Armando Arteagaharo at the Caserma Del Din chapel.

Arteagaharo, 45, was assigned to Company A, 173rd Brigade Support Battalion, 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat

Team (Airborne), as a water treatment senior noncommissioned officer. He was killed in a single-car accident Nov. 17 near Trunstadt, Germany.

A native of Mexico City, Arteagaharo enlisted in the Army in 1987 as a petroleum laboratory specialist. During his 25-year career, Arteagaharo spent most of his time at Fort Bragg, N.C., with stints in Korea and Virginia. He also deployed multiple times to both Afghanistan and Iraq, and participated in the liberation of Kuwait.

During the ceremony, leaders and Soldiers remembered Arteagaharo as a talented performer who dedicated time to his paratroopers.

He truly mentored, listened to Soldiers

"Sgt. 1st Class Arteagaharo would truly listen to Soldiers," said Spc. Stacy Englert. "He would stand and talk with Soldiers for hours at a time. He was the kind of NCO who saw to it that his Soldiers always took away new skills and new experiences."

Englert said that Arteagaharo was one of her first mentors in the Army, that he created a family atmosphere and passed along career advice to his paratroopers.

Arteagaharo is survived by his fiancée, father and son.

"No matter what our struggles may be, we can be assured that Sgt. 1st Class Arteagaharo touched us all," said Chaplain (Capt.) Joel Britton. "It is also a challenge to us to continue our dedication to the mission and complete it with honor, as his presence may have vanished, but his impact on this unit will never vanish."

New ops specialist in town

Meet Devin Rupert, operations specialist for the U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security.

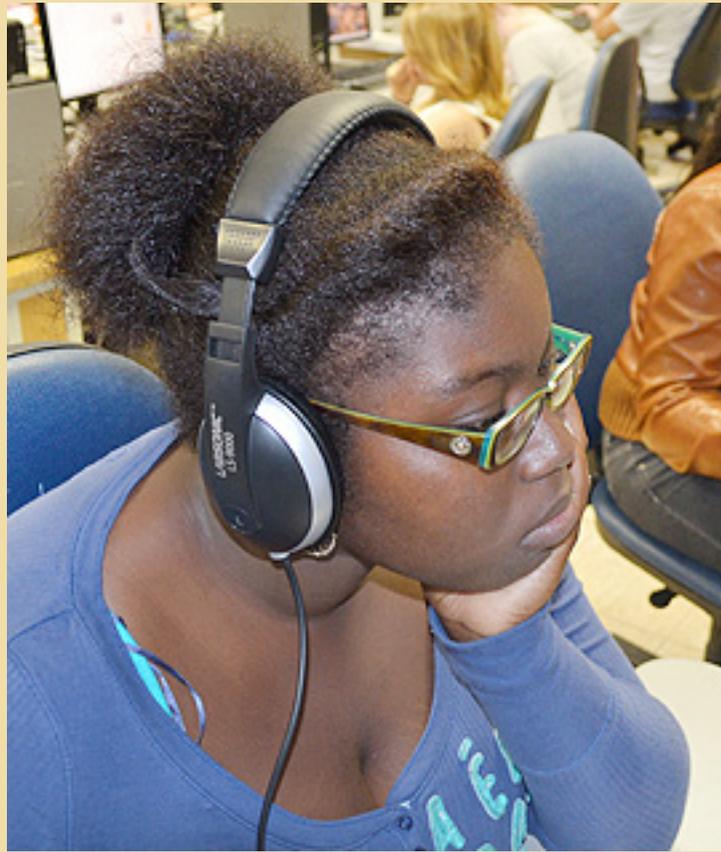
Rupert arrived in Vicenza in September from Korea, where he had worked since 2008 as a government contractor. Rupert's job entails coordinating and implementing all garrison operations within the USAG Vicenza area of responsibility.

Rupert said his favorite thing about Italy is affordable access to Cuban cigars.

You can find Rupert in Building 109 on Caserma Ederle and reach him at 634-5155 or by email at devinedwarddai.e.rupert.civ@mail.mil



VHS welcome video wins MCEC award



By Alexandra Frank
Special to the Outlook

The video communications class at Vicenza High School created a video to help integrate new students into the Vicenza Military Community, and their production has been selected as an award winner by the Military Child Education Coalition.

Under the direction of computer science and math teacher Karen Drake, and as part of their first big assignment of the year, the computer class students created a video for the Student to Student program, known as S2S, which is designed to welcome all new students to Vicenza.

S2S organizes tours at least twice a year to introduce new students to some of the historical artifacts the city has to offer, and assigns partner students to new arrivals to help them through their adjustment to life in Vicenza.

One aim of the video was to portray different aspects of being a student moving into not only a new school, but an entirely new country. New VHS students who view the video will see negative and positive aspects of life at VHS portrayed.

On the positive side, the video addresses the benefits of living in such a diverse community. VHS is made up of students who are both American and Italian, and there are also students from other countries around the world. The educational experience of being surrounded by the different cultures is not something students find in many other high schools. Another benefit depicted is the vast array of

food in Italy, from delicious pastas to decadent desserts.

While the makers of the film wanted to portray a lot of the benefits of living overseas, they also depicted the challenges that come with the move. Two of the more difficult challenges that new students face, as shown in the video, are coming to terms with being homesick and learning to master the use of another currency.

Junior Mario Molina said he believes that while it may take a while to adapt to the new surroundings and new people, in the end it is a great opportunity. "I enjoy living in Italy, but I still look forward to my visits to the States to see my family," said Molina.

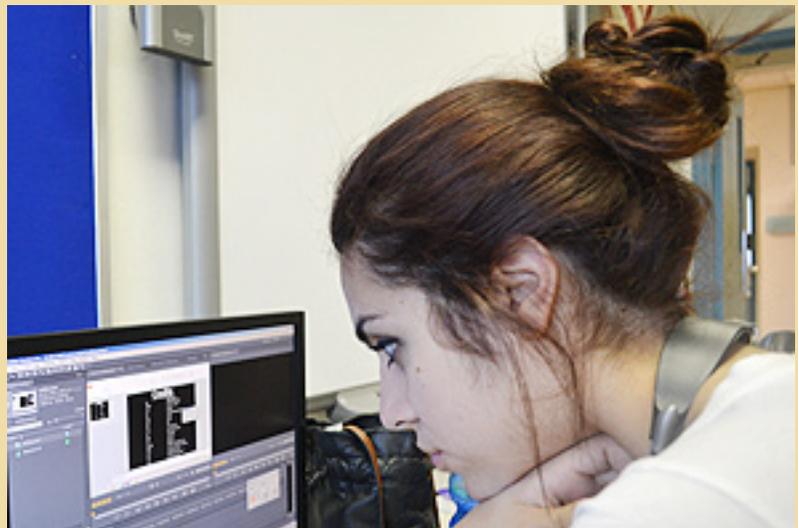
Making the video not only provides a helpful tool for the incoming students who will view it, it was also a great opportunity for the apprentice videographers to improve their skills with Adobe Premiere Pro, one of the standard software programs used by professionals and amateurs alike. Many students in Drake's class said they have an interest in some sort of multimedia career in the future.

"Working on this project helped me improve my awareness of the angles I use when shooting images and which are best," said senior Gabby Moore.

Sarah Weston, an Italian-American student who is active in the VHS S2S program, said she has seen many students come through the school. Weston said she feels the video is a great way to reach out to new students and give them an introduction to what they should expect before meeting and discussing their overseas move with their designated S2S partners.

In its selection of the VHS video for recognition, the MCEC cited its accurate portrayal of the military child's move overseas. The MCEC will make a \$500 donation to the S2S to further its activities, and the video is presently being shown at both VHS and Vicenza Middle School.

The film can be viewed on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBJSkUcaed4>



Photos by Gabriel Moore

Seniors Miranda Martinez (above) and Eugenia Johnson (top left) work on the S2S video in the VHS computer science lab this fall.



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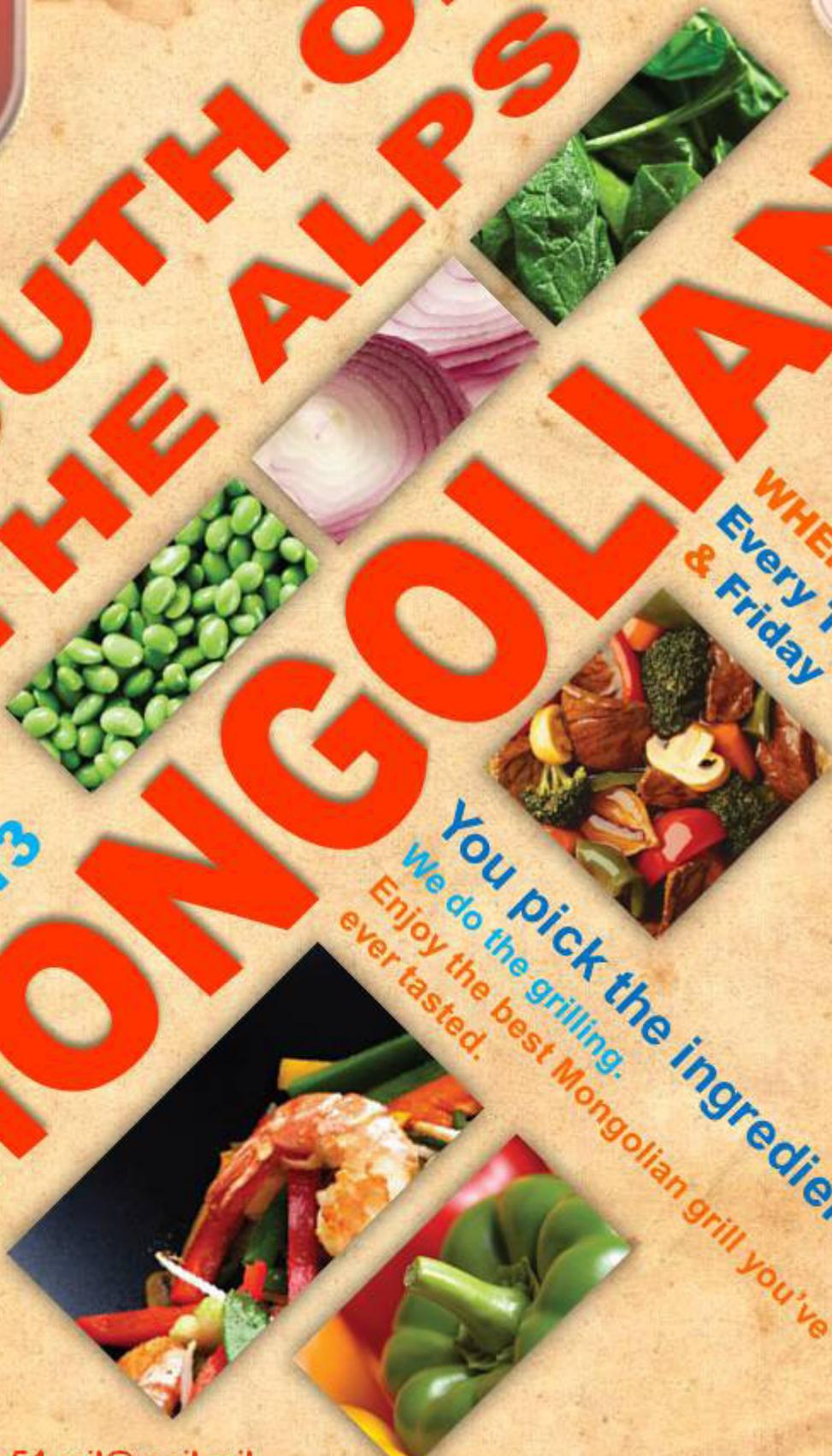
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Important procedures for Aviano, Landstuhl medical referrals

By U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza

Are you going to Aviano or Landstuhl for a medical appointment?

If your provider referred you to Aviano's 31st Medical Group or to Landstuhl Regional Medical Center (LRMC) for a specialty appointment, please wait 72 hours for the referral to be approved and then complete the following steps:

1. Visit Patient Administration (Medical Records) to verify the type of appointment that must be made. Skip this step if you already know the type of appointment you need.

2a. For appointments in Aviano, call Aviano Central Appointments at 632-5000 or 0434-30-5000 to book your appointment. You may be transferred to a specific clinic to complete the process.

2b. For appointments at LRMC, call their Central Appointments line at 486-8106 or 0049-6371-9464-5762 to book your appointment. You may be transferred to a specific clinic to complete the process.

3. Once you have made your appointment, return to PAD to obtain these documents:

- o Competent Medical Authority (CMA) memo
- o ERM Form 1
- o Appointment slip

For appointments at LRMC, take all the listed documents to your unit's or your spouse's unit's Defense Travel System (DTS) coordinator for entry into DTS to ensure reimbursement.

4. If you require a medical attendant, the patient and the attendant must both go to Patient Administration to obtain the proper documents.

Transportation to and from Aviano

The shuttle from Caserma Ederle to Aviano runs only on Wednesdays. If your appointment is for any other day, transportation will not be provided.

To ensure seating on the shuttle, submit your name and the time of your appointment to PAD as soon as you schedule your. The shuttle departs from in front of the USAHC. Be sure to be present 15 minutes before the scheduled departure time. The shuttle arrives in time for the earliest appointment and returns after the last one; be prepared to be gone for the entire day.

Transportation to and from LRMC

The shuttle bus departs from the Caserma Ederle Commissary parking lot every Monday and Thursday, including federal holidays and training holidays, at 7 a.m. Be there by 6:45 a.m. for check-in. The bus stops at Volgelweh, Ramstein and Landstuhl. The bus returns from Germany every Tuesday and Friday, departing Land-

stuhl ER at 9 a.m., Ramstein (across from the Ramstein Inn) at 9:30 a.m., and Vogelweh at 10 a.m. **Please note that the shuttle bus will not run at all during Christmas week.** The bus ride takes about 13 hours. If you plan to leave a vehicle in the commissary parking lot, ask the MEDEVAC representative for a parking pass.

Lodging in Germany

If you are an active duty service member stationed in Vicenza, your lodging will be at the Medical Transient Detachment (MTD). You must bring DD Form 1610 (from DTS) to the MTD in order to stay there. The MEDEVAC section will make your lodging arrangements. Only active duty Soldiers are allowed to stay in MTD. Be sure to get the necessary forms and instructions from the MEDEVAC or PAD office.

If you are a family member of active duty, retiree or a DA civilian or contractor, you must reserve lodging through the central reservation line at 480-4920 or 0049-6371-45-4920.

If you to fly or rent a car once in Germany, be sure to take your passport with you and remember that personal travel is not reimbursable.

If you have questions, call USAHC at 636-9053 or 0444-61-9053.

PAD hours of operation are Monday to Friday from 12:30-4:30 p.m.

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Sat, Feb 22 | Folgaria | \$15

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The Lumineers play Caserma Ederle

Photos by Laura Kreider

By David Ruderman
USAG Vicenza PAO

Folks started lining up at 2 p.m. outside the Caserma Ederle gym Dec. 5 to see the Lumineers perform.

The free concert, organized and arranged by the USO, drew more than 300 from around the Vicenza Military Community for a couple of hours of uplifting, melodic acoustic music by the touring roots revival band.

"I think it's the folksiness of it," said family member Kristin Allred, as she waited patiently for the doors to open at 5 p.m. "And they're American, so it makes you feel like

you're home."

"I like that it's diverse," said family member Angela Everson. "They've got strings mixed with a folk style. I grew up in Indiana with lots of folk music, lots of acoustic guitars."

It was the first time the Lumineers, whose hit *Ho Hey* topped the charts across Europe as well as in the U.S. this year, had performed under the auspices of the USO, said lead vocalist, guitarist and pianist, Wesley Schultz.

"I think we wanted to do something earlier, but they have to know who you are, I guess. I guess we feel like we finally made it, 'cause the USO wanted us. Somebody

reached out to us on behalf of the USO and we happened to have a day off in the area, so it worked out," he said.

"For me it's personal, 'cause my sister is married to a Green Beret, they have a few kids, and they were stationed here about eight years ago for three years. I got to spend some time with them on and off the base and at Barbarano. I guess it's just really surreal to be back here and to be able to give something back, to thank people for their service . . . and try to provide some entertainment, which is what we do," said Schultz.

"We play a lot of shows and I think this one's really different," said cellist and vocalist Neyla Pekarek.

And what do the Lumineers think makes their sound so popular?

"That's sort of for the listener to decide," said Pekarek.

"People ask us a lot, you know, what is this folk revival and this whole movement that's been happening. I think everybody's kind of trying to live these lifestyles that go back to something simple.

... There's something about that in this style of music, that playing guitars, it's almost like a novelty. Now with a lot of pop music, it's sort of like a lot of laptops and dance beats and things like that. We play a lot of house shows and we hear people just being amazed by people playing actual instruments and singing," she said.

"It's a cool moment in time to be playing," said bassist Ben Wahamaki. "There's a whole lot of emphasis being placed on songwriting and on people who hone that as a craft. It's a fun time."

And so it was for those lucky enough to see them play.

Thanks, Lumineers.



Above: Cellist and vocalist Neyla Peharek cheers on the crowd during *The Lumineers* concert at Caserma Ederle Dec. 5. **Below:** Bassist Ben Wahamaki anchors the melodic groove. **Bottom:** *The Lumineers* front line can actually sing while playing their own instruments.



Darby leadership shares holiday wishes

By Chiara Mattiolo

Darby Military Community PAO

The Camp Darby Military Community traditional tree lighting ceremony Dec. 6 provided an occasion for leaders and management to share their holiday wishes for one and all.

"Happy holidays to your families and all those who cannot be with us today and during the holiday season," said Lawrence Kilgore, Darby garrison manager.

For newly arrived Italian Base Commander, Col. Pietro Ribezzo, the tree lighting ceremony was also an occasion to share his feelings about his new job.

"I am not going to hide my enthusiasm for this new assignment characterized by a happy coexistence within the Italian and the American communities," Ribezzo said.

He also underlined how hard this past year of economic difficulties has been for the entire world, and highlighted the values that need to be exercised to create a positive resolution for all.

Focus on morality, honesty

"I believe to come out of this situation it is necessary to keep focusing on morality, meritocracy and honesty; performing our duties with commitment, determination and

passion," said Ribezzo.

He concluded his remarks with holiday wishes for the entire community.

"I wish you and your families happy holidays and a happy New Year, but above all I wish that in your families, peacefulness may reign forever," Ribezzo said.

The Livorno Unit School band enhanced the holiday atmosphere of the gathering with a Christmas carol concert and the Girl Scouts sang. And to bring it all to a head, Santa Claus arrived on a firetruck, sirens shrieking, and the children responded enthusiastically to see the old fellow once again.



Photos by Amy Drummond

DMC children perform and sing carols at the community tree lighting ceremony Dec. 6. IBC, Col. Pietro Ribezzo, makes remarks and the tree shines.



Photo by Chiara Mattirola

Emma Sardella, 405th Army Field Support Battalion-Italy, checks out the lunch possibilities at the newly expanded serving line in the Livorno Commissary.

Update on DMC Mensa status

Darby Military Community PAO

The Darby Military Community garrison manager, Lawrence Kilgore, wants to update the Italian work force regarding the current status of the Mensa contract and the way ahead.

The Mensa contract expired Nov. 30, and the next day, local nationals began to receive a stipend per the conditions of employment.

The contractor, Otto Marzo, expanded his lunch service at the bowling alley, and the commissary has set up an additional sandwich line along with the salad bar.

The Darby Community Club has been made available to accommodate those who bring their meals and wish to sit and enjoy their midday meal while conversing with their lunchtime friends.

The Regional Contracting Office, in collaboration with U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza and the Staff Judge Advocate Office, is working to solicit and execute a new contract with the goal of havign a contractor in place and ready to re-open the Mensa around March 1. Once this contractor is in place, it will operate out of the old Mensa location until the garrison has completed the new Mensa location, Building 5156, on the depot.

Lawrence Kilgore, manager della Guarnigione di Darby, desidera fornire al personale italiano un aggiornamento sullo stato attuale del contratto Mensa e sulle prospettive future.

Il contratto della Mensa è scaduto il 30 novembre, e dal giorno successivo i dipendenti Italiani ricevono l'indennità sostitutiva, come previsto dalle Condizioni d'Impiego.

Nel frattempo, la ditta a contratto Otto Marzo ha ampliato l'offerta del menu nei locali adiacenti al bowling e al Commissary con un nuovo servizio di fornitura di piatti caldi.

Presso il Darby Community Club c'è la possibilità di usufruire dei locali ex-mensa per quanti desiderano consumare il proprio pasto in compagnia dei colleghi.

L'Ufficio Contratti, in collaborazione con l'U.S. Garrison Vicenza e con l'Ufficio Legale, sta lavorando per sollecitare e aggiudicare un nuovo appalto con l'obiettivo di raggiungere un accordo ed essere operativi per riaprire il servizio Mensa intorno alla data del 1 marzo p.v. Quando questo nuovo contratto sarà aggiudicato, il servizio verrà effettuato nei locali della vecchia mensa di Darby fino a che non saranno completati i lavori per la costruzione della nuova mensa al Depot, nell'edificio n. 5156.

Speak Out

What are your plans for the winter holiday vacation?



Nicole Chesson
Livorno Commissary

"I will visit the South of France and then Barcelona for five days with my family and friends."



Jennifer Kandell
School Age Services

"I will be at work, working with the kids."



Daniela Turini
405th Army Field Support Battalion-DOL

"Spend some time with my daughter, enjoying the Christmas spirit."

Cougars wrestlers pin Naples, Aviano in season opener

By USAG Vicenza PAO

The Vicenza High School Cougars wrestling squad muscled their way to seven first-place finishes and a first-place finish over all in their first regular bouts of the season Dec. 7 against Aviano and Naples.

At the same time, the Cougars put the DoDDS Europe wrestling world on notice that they are contenders to repeat as Division II champions again this year.

"Our wrestlers rose to the occasion, with our new guys wrestling hard and learning a lot and our seasoned guys taking matches and pushing us on to a nice victory," said coach Kurt York.

"We are by no means settling for a few wins this year in regular season matches. We fully believe we have a great shot at repeating for the European championship," he said.

The Cougars contested 10 of the 14 weight classes.

First-place winners were Drake Thorn at 120 pounds; Peter Mc-Collaum, 126 pounds; Alex Jogthong, 138 pounds; Canaan York, 152 pounds; Marshall Perfetti, 160 pounds; Nathan Fullmer, 170 pounds; and Bryce Fisher, 182 pounds.

"It was a great day of wrestling and our guys have taken it in stride and are strenuously preparing for our meet this Saturday at Aviano," said York.

Photos by Tina Juliano

Sophomore Canaan York (top) takes down his opponent from Naples in the 152 pound weight class during the VHS Cougars strong opening performance of the 2013-2014 wrestling season. Sophomore Nathan Fullmer (center) goes for the pin on his way to a first-place finish in the 170 pound weight class. Senior Joshua Pardew (right) puts the pressure on a Naples wrestler. In all, the Cougars finished first in seven weight classes on their way to a powerful first place finish in the year's opening round of matches. They wrestle against Aviano this weekend.



Race Across America 2014

Run, Walk, Bike, Elliptical, Group Exercise

5,525 miles

West Point, NY to Presidio, CA

(Not really - workout miles take place at Darby)

1 minute of cardio exercise = 5 miles

Registration: Dec 26, 2013-Jan 10, 2014*

Registration fee: \$10

Program runs: Jan 13-Mar 2, 2014

ALL finishers receive a custom designed t-shirt

* You must be registered to be tracked



Darby Fitness Center | Call 633-7438 | www.vicenza.armyMWR.com



Family and MWR

Vicenza Military Community



ODR Trips

- Dec 21, St. Gilgen & Salzburg Christmas Market
- Dec 21, Val Senales Ski & Snowboard Trip
- Dec 22, San Martino Ski & Snowboard Trip
- Dec 22, Lucca, Tuscany Christmas Market
- Dec 24, Christmas Eve Ski & Snowboard Trip
- Dec 24, Christmas Eve Dinner in Villa Asolo

The Santa Run

ODR trip on Dec 21 is full but extra race tickets and Santa suits are still available at ODR. The fun run departs from Campo Marzo through the city center dressed like Santa. Call 634-7453

New Year's Eve at Lion's Den

Ring in the New Year in without spending a bundle! Adults can enjoy a DJ, performances of the band "Naked Music", party favors, Hors D'oeuvres and a midnight toast all for no cover charge. 9p.m.-2 a.m. Gaming room will be open.

FMWR Holiday Hours

Holiday operational hours for Vicenza FMWR facilities can be found at www.vicenza.armyMWR.com

Holiday Cookie Decorating

Drop by the Arts & Crafts Center on Dec. 20, 3:30-5:30 p.m. to decorate holiday cookies! Bring a plastic container and carry them home with you. Cost is \$5. Register at Arts & Crafts or on WebTrac.

Messy Art

Spend some messy time with your little one at the Arts & Crafts Center on Dec. 28, 10-11:30 a.m. Register at Arts & Crafts Center or on WebTrac.

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.



Register using MWR Online Services for:

Vicenza Trip & Classes

Vicenza CYSS Activities

Vicenza Facebook Page





Darby Military Community



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.

Weekly Ski Trips 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.

FMWR Holiday Hours

Holiday operational hours for Darby FMWR facilities can be found at www.vicenza.armyMWR.com

Zumba Fitness Classes

Tired of the boring workout? Ditch the routine and join the Zumba party on Tuesdays & Thursdays, 5-5:45 p.m. Zumba lets you dance and get fit at the same time! Purchase tickets at the Fitness Center or on WebTrac.

CYSS Piaggio Museum Trip

Youth will learn the history of the Piaggio collection when they visit the Piaggio Museum in Pontedera on January 3 with CYSS. Register youth by Dec 30 at Parent Central Services or on WebTrac.

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



Register using MWR Online Services for:

Darby Trip & Classes

Darby CYSS Activities



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. 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: Nativity sets in 15 churches downtown

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

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.

Campo Marzo, Vicenza on Ice, ongoing through Jan. 27, 2014; ice skating ring; open daily 3-9 p.m.; two hours with ice skates rental €8 (€6 for children under 12); Saturdays, Sundays and holidays 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3-10 p.m.; two hours with ice skates rental €10 (€8 for children under 12); entry without skate rental is €6.

Svuota la Soffitta – Empty your attic:

In Campo Marzo, Dec. 15, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Christmas and flea market; free entry.

Galleria Parco Città, Via Quadri, Dec. 14-15 and 21-22, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., collectors' items Christmas market

Ca' Balbi Theatre, Via Marco da Montegallo 4, Dec. 15, 8 p.m., Celebrate Christmas; the Soldiers' Theatre show performed at an Italian theatre; free entrance.

Asiago: Giardini di Natale, Christmas Gardens: Dec. 14, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3-7 p.m., Dec. 15, 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza Carli; 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 brulè (hot spiced wine), hot tea, sandwiches, holidays sweets and crafts; **Piazzotto Montevecchio**, Nov. 23 to Jan. 6, 2014; every Saturday afternoon and the 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 than 80 stallholders in their typical little huts offer traditional seasonal gifts (handmade



Run, Santa, Run in Vicenza

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 Flower 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.

Castagnero: Dec. 15, Piazzale Baita Alpini, 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.; food booths and live Christmas music.

Cison di Valmarino, Castelbrando: 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. 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. Entertain-

ment 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.

Jesolo: Sand Nativity Set, ongoing through Feb. 2, 2014; daily 10 a.m. to noon and 2-6 p.m.; in Piazza Marconi; a huge sand nativity sculptured by the best sand artists in the world; free entrance.

Trento: ongoing through Dec. 30, Piazza Fiera, about 92 miles north of Vicenza; Mondays – Fridays, 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; closed on Dec. 25; more than 60 wooden huts feature traditional holiday decorations, crafts, sweets, local products, original gift ideas, and gourmet items.

Verona: ongoing through Dec. 22, Piazza dei Signori, Cortile Mercato Vecchio, Cortile del Tribunale; Sunday – Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Friday, Saturday and holiday eves 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.; traditional holiday crafts and gift items; food booths; Nov. 30-Jan 26, at the Arena, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Nativity scenes display from around the world; entrance fee; €7; reduced €6 for children 6-12 and senior citizen over 60. Mercatini di Santa Lucia – Saint Lucia Christmas market, Dec. 12-13, 9 a.m. – 10 p.m., in Piazza Brà; over 300 booths feature holiday sweets, gift ideas, toys and the traditional carousel; the square is lighted by a huge steel comet star sculpture surging from the Arena into Piazza Brà;

Villafranca: ongoing through Dec. 24, in Piazza Giovanni XXIII, and Dec. 20-24 in Via Pace, about 46 miles west of Vicenza; live music and entertainment, wooden chalets featuring local holiday crafts, food specialties, and hot chocolate.

Area antique markets Dec. 1

Godega di Sant'Urbano, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Via Roma, about 78 miles northeast of Vicenza.

Montagnana, 8 a.m. to sunset, in Piazza Maggiore 150, about 27 miles south of Vicenza.

Padova, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Prato della Valle, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza.

TUSCANY

Mercatini ed eventi natalizi Christmas markets and events

Barbarino di Mugello (Florence): Dec. 15, 22, 29; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Piazza Cavour and Corso Corsini.

Firenze: Piazza Santa Croce, German Christmas Market, ongoing through Dec. 22, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., weekends 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; more than 50 vendors and carnival

rides for children.

Palazzuolo sul Senio (Florence): 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. 13-23, in Piazza Duomo; 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Area antique markets this weekend

Certaldo (Florence): Dec. 15, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza Boccaccio e Via 2 Giugno, Lido Camaiore (Lucca): Dec. 15, 8

a.m. to 6 p.m.; Fratelli Rosselli, Piazza Abba

Livorno: Dec. 15, 22, and 29, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Lucca, Dec. 14-15, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza Antelminelli,

Piazza S. Giovanni, Piazza San Giusto, Via San Giovanni,

Corte Bertolini

Marina di Grosseto (Grosseto), Dec. 15, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Via XXIV Maggio

Quarrata (Pistoia), Dec. 15, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Piazza Risorgimento

San Vincenzo (Livorno), ongoing through Jan. 6, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Piazza Vittorio Veneto.

CONCERTS

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

New York Ska Jazz Ensemble - Dec. 27 in Mezzago

Michael Bubl  - 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

Finance Office closure

The Italy Finance Office will close at noon Dec. 18 for a holiday luncheon. Please schedule pressing appointments accordingly. Emergency POCs will be posted on the office doors.

ABC-C telephone counselors

ABC-C telephone counselors will be available Dec. 24 from 6 a.m. to noon, Central Standard Time (US). In case of emergency, please call 785-239-6000. Normal telephone service hours will resume Dec. 26. Counselors will be available from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. CST. For fast and easy transactions, visit the ABC-C website at <https://www.abc.army.mil>

USAHC holiday schedule

U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza will observe the following schedule: Dec. 25, closed except for the Birthing Center; Dec. 26, regular hours; Dec. 27, closed except for the Birthing Center; Dec. 30, closed except for the Birthing Center; Dec. 31, regular hours; Jan. 1-2, closed except for the Birthing Center. MEDEVAC bus service will not run to Landstuhl the week of Dec. 23-27; it will resume normal service Dec. 30.

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 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

Christmas Specials at the Arena



December 25
from 4-10 p.m.

The \$10 Cheese Pizza

A \$5 Burger Combo
Includes burger, fries and a soda.

The Family Movie Night Special - \$29.95

From 6-8 p.m. get 2 hrs of bowling (up to 6 people), free shoes, a cheese pizza & a pitcher of soda.

For more information call 634-8257.
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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).

South of the Alps closures

The South of the Alps Dining Facility will be closed 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.

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

Flu vaccination at USAHC

All civilian beneficiary influenza vaccines are being administered at the Health Center Immunization Clinic in Pediatrics 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.

The Outlook
accepts submissions

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

editor@eur.army.mil

Caserma Ederle Fitness Center

The 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament takes to the court Dec. 13-15. Stop in to catch the hardcourt action.

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.

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

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

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

At the movies



Ederle Theater

Dec. 12	7 p.m.	Free Birds (PG)
Dec. 13	7 p.m.	The Book Thief (PG-13) *
	10 p.m.	Out of Furnace (R) *
Dec. 14	3 p.m.	The Hobbit: Desolation of Smaug (PG-13) *
	6:30 p.m.	The Book Thief (PG-13) *
Dec. 15	3 p.m.	Out of Furnace (R) *
	6 p.m.	The Hobbit: Desolation of Smaug in 3D (PG-13) *
Dec. 18	11 a.m.	Thor: The Dark World (PG-13)
	7 p.m.	Ender's Game (PG-13)
Dec. 19	7 p.m.	Thor: The Dark World (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.

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

The Book Thief

The book thief is Liesel (Sophie Nélisse), an illiterate orphan growing up on the German homefront during World War II. The young girl finds solace in stealing books and sharing them with others, including the refugee hidden in her own house. Based on the novel by Marcus Zusack, it also stars Geoffrey Rush and Emily Watson.

Ring in the new year in the beautiful medieval city of Zagreb!

New Year's Eve Zagreb, Croatia

December 31 - January 1

2014

Cost: \$230*

Trip information:

Includes: trip leader, transportation,
1 night in a 4-star hotel, breakfast
and guided tour

This trip is for adults only
Departs from Del Din Shoppette
Optional dinner \$100

*Price per person for double room
\$100 single supplement



For info, call 634-7453 or enroll via WebTrac on www.vicenza.armyMWR.com



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

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

The Outlook Religious Activities page provides announcements and may offer perspectives to enhance spiritual or religious resiliency in support of Army Comprehensive Fitness programs. Comments regarding specific beliefs, practices or behaviors are strictly those of the author and do not convey endorsement by the U.S. government, the Department of Defense, the Army, Installation Management Command or the U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza.

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NATIONAL FINE ARTS EXHIBIT



December 2-31

at the Ederle Library

Come vote on your favorite piece!

For more information call 634-7659.

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