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**386TH MCT
RETURNS TO
VICENZA**

**PLUS VMC, DMC
YOUTHS OF
THE YEAR**



Freedom 6 sends

Strategic Priorities:

Adaptive Army Leaders

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

Hello USAREUR Team,

I hope that everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday season. Time with friends and family, and some much needed relaxation can help us recharge our batteries and prepare for a great 2014.

As we begin the New Year here in Europe, I want to take the opportunity to discuss our future and how it is nested with the five strategic priorities, set by our Chief of Staff of the Army, Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, and how they pertain to our mission here in U.S. Army Europe.

These priorities will provide the Total Army, and USAREUR, with a definitive statement of our mission as we look ahead to build upon our hard-earned experiences of the previous decade of war, and toward a future that poses distinct challenges of its own. Over the next few months, I will talk about each of these priorities and how they relate to and affect USAREUR.

The first strategic priority that I want to discuss is: Adaptive Army Leaders for a Complex World. Building Adaptive Army Leaders is our hedge against an operating environment that will continue to be uncertain.

2013 brought many challenges to the Army, with fiscal uncertainty and proposed changes to the Army force structure. Regardless of what the future holds, I encourage everyone to continue seeking professional development and continue to foster the resiliency, battlefield skill and fighting spirit that have always typified the American Soldier.

Here in Europe, we have the unique advantage of working side by side with our Allies and multinational partners every day. This provides an opportunity to educate and develop all our Soldiers and civilians, growing intellectual capacity to understand our complex contemporary security environment. As a result we have better leaders for Army, joint, inter-agency and multinational task forces and teams.

As we are all aware, our Army is downsizing to a smaller, but more agile and ready force. Part of being an effective, adaptive Army leader is ensuring that our Soldiers attend the right schools and training, providing the right education to the right individuals at the right time. As leaders we also need to be proactive about our own career paths and seek out opportunities for development and growth.

Retaining the best

The Army is looking to retain the very best, those who exhibit tactical competence and technical proficiency while cultivating strategic perspective and leadership, from senior NCO, to field grade, to general officer ranks. Everywhere I go, Soldiers ask me what they can do to ensure they can continue their career in the Army, and it's very simple. Don't give the Army a reason to cut you.

As a team, we will continue to ensure that we grow and maintain Adaptive Army Leaders for a Complex World.

Strong Soldiers, Strong Teams!

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Sgt. Jose Velez, 386th Movement Control Team, hugs his daughters after the unit's redeployment ceremony on Caserma Ederle Dec. 28. Soldiers of the 386th returned to Vicenza following a nine-month deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. See page 8 for more.

Photo by Grant Sattler



Courtesy photo

Sky Soldier wins Weinstein Award

Capt. Kevin Ryan (right), Commander, Company B, BSTB, 173rd IBCT (A), shakes hands with Maj. Gen. Robert Ashley Jr., Commander, U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, upon being presented the Lt. Gen. Sidney T. Weinstein Award for Excellence in Military Intelligence Dec. 6 during the command's annual holiday ball. The award, established in 2007 in honor of the officer generally considered the father of modern military intelligence, is presented to one Army MI captain each year. Ryan's selection was based on his significant MI contributions in the course of several combat deployments, and his promotion of the competence and values which Weinstein embodied throughout a life of service.

Speak Out

What was the highlight of your winter vacation?



Sgt. Joseph Stoffel
USAG Vicenza HHC

"Snowboarding in Ischgil, Austria."



Maylai Fontanez
USAG Vicenza Resource Management Office

"Cooking New Year's Eve for 22 people."



Capt. Shonnette Rana
USARAF

"Spending time at home with my dog Izzy and chatting with my husband."

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Rachel York selected VMC Youth of the Year

By USAG Vicenza CYSS

Vicenza High School senior Rachel York has been named the 2013 Boys and Girls Club of America Vicenza Youth of the Year and an alternate IMCOM Europe Military Youth of the Year.

The competition selects one student from a pool of applicants to represent the Vicenza Military Community in competition in Europe and the United States. York stood out among a group of tough competitors to win.

The Youth of the Year honor is bestowed upon one deserving young adult for contributions to family, school, community and the Boys and Girls Club of America (Teen Center), as well as personal challenges and obstacles overcome.

York is the daughter of Kurt and Kelly York and has lived in Vicenza since 2011. She has excelled in virtually all areas of a young adult's life, particularly in the VHS community. Currently ranked as number two out of a class of 76 students, York has been at the top of the Advanced Placement/Honors curriculum since her arrival in Vicenza.

"Rachel is first and foremost a committed student who values education. Whatever she does, she does exceptionally well," says Darrell Hill, VHS English teacher and senior class sponsor.

York has been active in a variety of extracurricular clubs, activities and sports during her four-year high school career. She has participated in varsity cross country, cheerleading, soccer, and track and field, and has managed the men's wrestling team for two seasons.

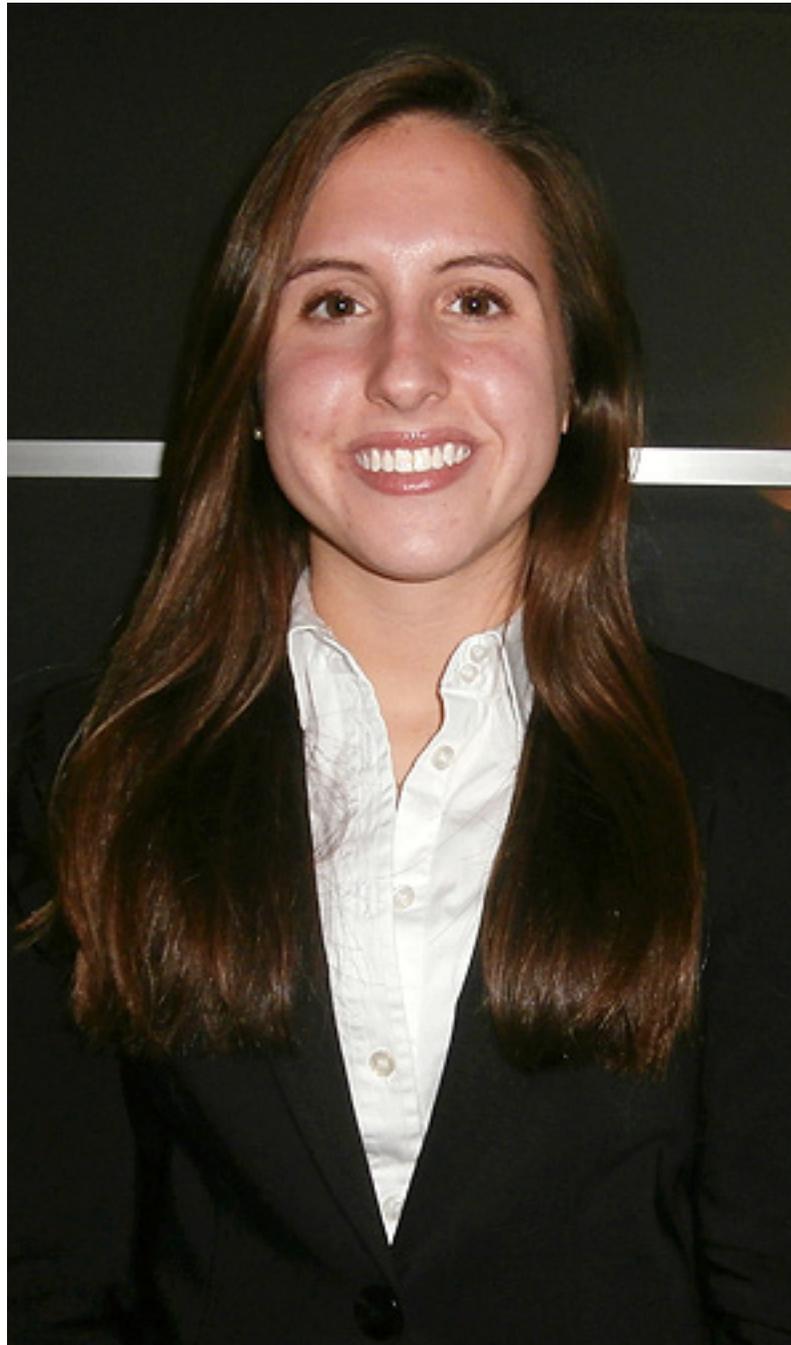
Other instances of her service and involvement include membership in the National Honor Society, the Spanish Honor Society, being a founding member of the VHS Red Cross Club and election as volunteer coordinator.

Active volunteer for many years

Before her arrival in Italy, York actively participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Interact Club, Beta Club and Key Club. She has volunteered on church mission trips to Florida, worked with the Exceptional Family Member Program and served as a volunteer with the annual Special Olympics event.

York's competitors in the Youth of the Year contest included a trio of seniors with compelling stories as well. JonLuca DeCaro, Eugenia Johnson and Abby Vallery provided exceptional applications to the competition.

DeCaro's application included descriptions of having grown up in a bicultural household and of having attended the prestigious Research Science Institute at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology last summer. A central theme in Johnson's essays was her responsibility as a role model for her younger siblings and her unwavering dedication to her church. Vallery's application and



Courtesy photo

VHS senior Rachel York is VMC Youth of the Year and IMCOM Europe Military Youth of the Year alternate for 2013.

recommendation letters revealed that her optimistic nature and giving spirit have led her to a number of community service awards.

All Youth of the Year runners-up have been named co-Youth of the Month at the Teen Center for their hard work and dedication to the Youth of the Year program.

"I have a vision for my life, a plan that is in action. I am inspired because I know mediocrity will not do. To be successful in this walk of life I must work harder, endure longer and soar higher. This is not disheartening, it is motivating," said York, whose first choice for undergraduate studies after graduation is Yale University.

Congratulations, Rachel.

E-5 and above to have direct access to AER

Policy change announced

By Army Emergency Relief

ALEXANDRIA, Va. - Army Emergency Relief announced that as of Jan. 1 all officers, warrant officers and non-commissioned officers are authorized to submit requests for AER financial assistance directly through their installation AER office.

"Based on feedback we received from senior Army leaders, including the Sergeant Major of the Army, we decided that this is the right thing to do," said retired Lt. Gen. Robert F. Foley, AER director.

"Over the last decade these leaders have been entrusted with increasing levels of responsibility and have demonstrated the required trust and confidence to warrant this change," he said.

Soldiers rank E-1 through E-4 are still required to complete the AER application and submit it to their unit company commander or first sergeant for their recommendation.

AER is a private non-profit organization dedicated to providing financial assistance to Soldiers, both active and retired, and their families. Since its incorporation in 1942, AER has provided more than \$1.5 billion in financial support to more than 3.5 million Soldiers, families and retirees.

In addition to providing non-interest loans and grants for emergency travel, initial rent deposits and vehicle repairs, AER continues to meet Soldiers' unique financial needs for items such as household and appliance repair, dependent dental care and initial home furnishings. For more



information email guy.shields@aerhq.org



Photo by Gabriel Moore

Try one boot at a time

Club Beyond adult leader Kara McDermott helps VHS senior Zakiya Folks suit up for a run on the slopes during the Winter Blitz getaway to the Austrian Alps Dec. 30, while sophomore Sammy Cardova looks on. More than 50 VMC students joined several hundred others from DoDDS schools across Europe Dec. 29 to Jan. 4 for a winter holiday of skiing, sledding and snowboarding.

FAMILY ART DAY



U.S. Army Child, Youth & School Services



Friday, January 24
3:30-5:30 p.m.
at the Arts & Crafts Center

Tax center seeks help

By **Vicenza Tax Center**

The U.S. Army Africa-Southern European Taskforce Office of the Staff Judge Advocate is once again gearing up to assist taxpayers in preparing and electronically filing their 2013 federal and state income tax returns.

While most people think of tax season as a few busy weeks leading up to April 15, there is considerable planning and preparation that goes on behind the scenes to make the annual filing event a success. At the Vicenza Tax Center, we know that it is the people working to help filers who make the difference.

Despite the government shutdown and the fiscal constraints of the past year, funding is still available to hire civilian tax clerks for the 2014 tax season. If you are interested in the ins and outs of taxes and return filing procedures, and are looking for temporary employment, the position offers a great way to acquire experience and develop a marketable skill. The job announcement will be posted on the USAJOBS.gov website.

The Tax Center is also on the lookout for a volunteer. The position is suited to someone interested in taxes, who has customer service skills, and who is looking to gain hands on experience. If you are interested, contact the Vicenza Tax Center directly at 0444-71-7316 or 634-7316.

On-site instruction available

The Internal Revenue Service will send an instructor to Vicenza in January to provide the tax team with four days of intensive federal income tax training. The Tax Center will follow up that instruction with in-house advanced tax training focused on foreign tax issues and state and Puerto Rico tax returns.

As in past years, the Tax Center will also have qualified special duty Soldiers assigned to help in preparing returns.

The Tax Center is in Building 241 on Caserma Ederle.

USARAF Soldier sentenced

By **Office of the Staff Judge Advocate**

At a general court-martial Dec. 12 in Vicenza, Italy, Spc. Michael Kent Jones II, Headquarters Support Company, Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, U.S. Army Africa-Southern European Taskforce, pleaded guilty to one charge and one specification of violating Article 92, Violation of a Lawful General Order; one charge and one specification of violating Article 121, Wrongful Appropriation; one charge and three specifications of violating Article 128, Aggravated Assault; and one charge and one specification of violating Article 134, Willful Discharge of a Firearm.

The military judge found Jones guilty of all charges and specifications. He was sentenced to a bad-conduct discharge, confinement for 247 days, forfeiture of all pay and allowances and reduction of rank to E-1.



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What Soldiers need to know about HPV

Understand the facts about HPV (Human Papillomavirus)

Stay Army Strong!



HPV: Understanding, preventing most common STI

By Sgt. Terence Ellis

U.S. Army Public Health Command

The human papillomavirus, or HPV, is the most common sexually transmitted infection, or STI, in the United States. An estimated 79 million Americans are currently infected and 14 million become newly infected per year, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

There are more than 40 types of HPV that can affect the genitals, mouth and throat and can lead to genital warts or many types of cancers, including cervical cancer. HPV is passed between partners through skin to skin contact, and nearly all sexually active people contract HPV at some point in their lives.

Often, an infected person does not experience any symptoms of HPV infection, but can continue to transmit the virus to a sexual partner. In up to 90 percent of cases the virus goes away on its own within two years, according to the CDC, but when the virus stays, HPV can cause normal cells to become

abnormal, leading to warts or cancer.

Until recently the main means of HPV prevention were condom use and limiting one's number of sexual partners. With the introduction of the HPV vaccine, a safe and effective method of preventing the most common types of HPV infections is available.

Vaccination is most effective when administered before people become sexually active. The CDC recommends HPV vaccines for all 11- and 12-year-olds. Gardasil® (vaccine for males and females that is active against four types of HPV) and Cervarix® (vaccine for females that is active against two types of HPV) can be administered up to the age of 26. Both vaccines are administered in a three-shot series.

The vaccine is preventative in nature only and not effective in treating an existing HPV infection.

After the vaccine's introduction in 2007, studies conducted in Australia and the United States identified a decrease in HPV genital warts in both males and females under the age of 25. Similar decreases among the Army

active-duty component beginning in 2007 were reported in a recent Medical Surveillance Monthly Report, or MSMR.

The MSMR reported 163 new cases of HPV per 10,000 person-years from 2000-2012. Rates observed among women were twice as high as those among men. Rates for both males and females decreased with age, dropping substantially by age 25. By comparison, the rate of chlamydia for the same population and time period was 148, and for gonorrhea it was 37.

While there is no test to determine one's overall HPV status, the PAP test is used to screen for cervical cancer in females beginning at the age of 21. In females over the age of 30, an HPV test can be performed along with the PAP test. There is no HPV test available at this time for males, nor is there a test to identify HPV in the mouth or throat.

Consult your primary care provider if you have any concerns about HPV, preventive vaccination or to begin the vaccine series. Additional information is available from the CDC.

386th MCT Soldiers return

Left: Members of the 386th Movement Control Team stand in formation before being reunited with family and friends upon their return to Vicenza Dec. 28 following a nine-month deployment to Afghanistan. **Below:** Family members await the Soldiers' return. **Center left:** 1st Lt. Brianna Bailey says hello to Jane Moissl and her daughter Alena Jewel. **Bottom left:** Staff Sgt. Andrew Davidson and his son Jayden share a light moment. **Bottom right:** Sgt. Roger Spradley, 1st-503rd Infantry, jokes around with Sgt. Sherwin Cadavis.



Photos by Grant Sattler





Photo by AF Studios

Sharing a musical tradition in Grisignano

The combined Choirs of the Berici and of Arcugnano wait for the conductor's upbeat to begin singing during the traditional annual Christmas Concert at Grisignano di Zocco Dec. 28. Col. Robert Menist Jr., Commander of U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza, joined Mayor Renzo Lotto as a guest for the evening of music. "The presence of the American garrison commander here tonight confirms the longstanding friendship between the American military community and their Italian neighbors," said Lotto in his welcoming remarks. Menist thanked Lotto for the gracious hospitality with which the town of Grisignano welcomes the many military families who have made their homes there. The event was attended by more than 600 people who enjoyed performances by the Choir of the Berici and the Choir of Arcugnano, accompanied by the XXI Century Chamber Orchestra under the direction of maestro Matteo Bettelli. The program included works by Beethoven, Verdi, Wagner, Strauss and Tchaikovsky, and ended with a performance of Handel's Messiah.

AKO email changes for retirees, family members

By Army G-6

WASHINGTON - The Army has extended the deadline for retirees and family members to activate the email forwarding function of their Army Knowledge Online account profile. The previous deadline of Dec. 31 has been extended at least until Jan. 31.

"We've moved the date to ensure retirees have enough time to update their AKO accounts," said Dean Pfoztzer of the Army Chief Information Office/G-6.

Retirees and family members who do enable email forwarding in their AKO accounts will have their traffic automatically forward to a designated commercial email address until Dec. 31, 2014.

For those who miss the Jan. 31

activation deadline, AKO email and storage will no longer be accessible. Retirees and family members will be able to access other AKO services until March 31, 2014, when accounts are closed. After that date, retirees and family members will have access to personnel and benefits information on the Department of Defense and Veterans Administration through DoD Self-Service Logon or DS Logon. As of April 2014, those sites will be accessible only through DS Logon or a username and password.

"The Army is currently reviewing how we can best maintain communication and dialogue with the retiree community," said Pfoztzer.

The transition is one phase of the Army's move from its current AKO platform to its next generation en-

terprise services for business users. Migration is expected to be complete by fiscal year 2017. At that point official Army sites will be accessible only via the government issued Common Access Card, known CAC.

More information is on the AKO Transition website at <http://www.eis.army.mil/ako>

For the latest news and updates, go to the USAG Vicenza home page at www.usag.vicenza.army.mil

DEE mail is here

By Enterprise Email Team

Changes have been implemented that affect all Army Common Access Card, or CAC, users.

The Enterprise Email service is now available to all Army personnel with a CAC, and several upcoming changes will enable automatic creation of email accounts and support a career-long email address for all Army personnel.

As of Jan. 6, all new and replacement CAC cards for Army personnel — military, civilian, contractors and others — are only being issued with Department of Defense Enterprise Email, or DEE, addresses on the certificates.

Users who have an existing DEE account will not notice any changes to their day-to-day use of the service and the change will not affect the functionality of the CAC.

Army personnel without an existing DEE account will have a DEE account automatically created for them within 24 hours after receiving a new or replacement CAC. This new mailbox will be a "basic class" mailbox with 512 MB of storage. Personnel with an operational requirement for a "business class" mailbox (4 GB of storage) should submit a request to their help desk or information management officer, or IMO.

Personnel assigned to organizations that do not use DEE as the primary email service, as well as customers experiencing other issues with this change, should contact their help desk or IMO. User guides for DEE, including how to forward email, are located at <https://esd-crm.csd.disa.mil/app/answers/eelist>

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Photo by Laura Kreider

More than 150 channels

TKS Kaiserslautern chief executive officer Karl-Heinz Stahl (from left), Pfc. James Taber, 386th Movement Control Team, and Vicenza USO center manager Glenn Gibbs check out the brand new Internet television installation at the USO Vicenza Center Dec. 18. Members of the USO Europe executive crew were on hand for the inauguration of the state-of-the-art cable system by commercial provider TKS on Caserma Ederle. "We will have more than 150 channels broadcasting on television that everyone is welcome to enjoy. We will be the first ever USO center with this new system," said assistant center manager Haley Carroll.

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January



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Post Library

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Jordan Lindsey is DMC Youth of the Year



Camp Darby Community Military Youth of the Year, Jordan Lindsey, discusses the properties and propensities of balloons with Rebecca Flynn at the Youth Center.

Story and photo by Jeffrey Pagliaroli
Darby Military Community CYSS

Jordan Lindsey arrived with his family in Camp Darby just a year ago. In that time he has established himself as an individual of admirable virtue, and it is no surprise that he has been selected as the Camp Darby Community Military Youth of the Year.

Lindsey makes a positive first impression, smiling, clearly extroverted and easy to engage in conversation. He does not practice the easy sarcasm so often characteristic of American youth his age.

He was and continues to be a pleasant and positive contribution to our

community.

Because he spends his academic time with his mother and younger brother in a home school program, Lindsey comes to the Camp Darby Youth Center, where he seeks out social engagements. He has a great balance of relating to teenagers while being equally comfortable conducting serious conversations with the adult staff. He can discuss a wide variety of topics, a benefit I believe of his home school education, which seems to have shaped him into a well-rounded young adult.

I know that he takes his education seriously because he understands that this foundation will take him

one step closer to his goals. He has a strong commitment to being a leader and developing the qualities that cultivate such a spirit.

Here at Camp Darby, Lindsey has offered his volunteer time in a variety of settings: at the Chapel, the elementary-middle school, the Youth Center and the Darby Community Club. His commitment to serving others seems to come easily and one senses that it is already a large component of his personality.

As far back as five years ago, when the Lindseys lived in Georgia, Jordan volunteered his time to serve at a soup kitchen managed by United Way, washing dishes and serving meals. It was a service he rendered every Thursday for two and a half years. Lindsey also volunteered his time to local carnivals, stocking shelves at the United Way's thrift store, helping out at church events and vacuuming the sanctuary.

When I asked Lindsey what he had learned from his service, he said that he learned to help people better, that impoverished and needy people are pleasant to be around and that he could be grateful for the material benefits that he and his family enjoy. I think that's a rather mature attitude for a middle school student.

Leadership, positive role

In selecting Lindsey as the DMC Military Youth of the Year, community leaders cited his leadership qualities, positive attitude and his personal contributions through active involvement in the Youth Center and the DMC at large. He has always been willing to help and he makes a positive contribution to the activities we offer here, whether recreational or academic.

His innate talents and affirmative personality will surely lead him to success in whatever fields of endeavor he may choose as an adult. Lindsey is a doer, and we will all one day note with pride that he spent a positive chapter of his youth here at Camp Darby.

Speak Out

What was the highlight of your winter vacation?



Giovanni Puccini

Banca Nazionale del Lavoro

"It was meeting with my family. We don't get to see each other so much."



Air Force Staff Sgt. Jessica Pleasant

731st Munitions Squadron

"I was stationed in Korea and I haven't seen my son for one year, so it was definitely being with my family."



Roberto Rocca

Carabinieri

"It was not so good since I worked and my kids got a little sick, but I hope for a good 2014."



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January 24
9 p.m. - 8 a.m.

Join this exciting event where food, fun and programming happen all night long!

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at the Soldiers' Theatre



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Bounce Back

Life is not all it's cracked up to be, but you can learn to bounce back from setbacks and move forward with purpose. Learn more on Jan. 14, 9:30-11 a.m. and increase your resilience, build mental toughness, discover your character strengths and build better relationships. Call 634-2725 or 634-7500 to register.

ODR Trips

- Jan 15 Wine Down Wednesday Prosecco
- Jan 17 Innsbruck Beer Factory
- Jan 18 San Martino
- Jan 18 & 19 Florence Weekend
- Jan 18 & 19 Val Senales Weekend
- Jan 20 Illy Café Tour

Register on WebTrac or at ODR. Call 634-7453 for information or visit our website.

New Web Features

Vicenza.armyMWR.com has a new look for the new year. Now optimized for viewing on your mobile devices it includes several new features as well. Visit our Facebook page to find out more.

Arts and Crafts Classes

- Jan 16 Sewing -Stitch Lab
- Jan 17 Paper Quilling
- Jan 24 Recycled Purse

Register on WebTrac or at Arts and Crafts. Call 634-7074 for information or visit our website.

Musical Auditions for "Sweet Charity"

"Sweet Charity" is a retro 60's/70's musical comedy by Neil Simon and is nothing but fun, fun, fun! Auditions – Monday, January 13 and Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m. No experience necessary – we will train you. Looking for a large cast of adults Production will be Soldiers' Theatre's entry in the 2014 Tournament of Festival of Plays. Call 634-7281.

Surf and Turf Night

Jan 16, 5-9 p.m. at the Old Soldier's Bar enjoy: grilled steak and shrimp, baked potato, salad, glass of wine and dessert for just \$30 per person. Reserve by calling 634-7685 prior to January 14.



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Darby Military Community



Saturday Skiing with ODR

Get your ski on this winter with Outdoor Rec! From Jan 4-Mar 29, visit Abetone and Mt. Cimone for some spectacular skiing. Register at ODR or on WebTrac. Drop by and have a look at our new skis and snowboards! Call 633-7775 or visit our website for more info.

It's a New Year –Get Fit !

Start your new year out right by resolving to get more exercise. The Darby Fitness Center has classes to help you get started.

- Spin Monday Wednesday Thursday Friday
- Body Form Friday
- TRX Strap Tuesday
- Cardio Circuit Wednesday
- Zumba Tuesday Thursday

For class times, visit our website.

CYSS Abetone Ski Trip

Youth ages 5-18 can hit the slopes in Abetone for a day of skiing and snowboarding on Jan 24. Register at the Youth Center by Jan 23. For info, call 633-7521.

Darby Now Has its Own Web Page

Darby information and events are no longer co-located with Vicenza. You can select info that only pertains to Darby (vicenza.armymwr.com/europe/darby) or Vicenza (vicenza.armymwr.com/europe/vicenza) on their respective pages or view both on the Italy landing page (vicenza.armymwr.com/europe/italy). Now optimized for viewing on your mobile devices, it includes several new features as well. Visit our Facebook page to find out more.

ODR Trips

- Jan 11 Abetone Ski Trip
- Jan 11 Ceramic Shopping
- Jan 18 Genova Aquarium
- Jan 25 Abetone Ski Trip

For complete list and trip info visit our website.

CYSS Kick Back Night

Bowl at the Bowling Center, participate in a Ping Pong Tournament and Billiards challenge. Prizes will be awarded. Don't miss out on the fun on Jan 25! Register at the Youth Center or on WebTrac by Jan 22. For info, contact 633-7629.



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Sagra del Broccolo Fiolaro **Broccoli Festival**

Through Jan. 19 in Creazzo, sports center, Via Torino 10, about 5 miles west of Vicenza. The *broccolo fiolaro* is a typical crop of the Creazzo hills, its name derived from the several sprouts along the stalk of the plant, which in Venetian dialect are called *fioi*, or offspring. Food booths featuring gnocchi with broccoli, traditional *fritola*, or doughnut, and typical Creazzo dishes, open at 6:30 p.m.

Free basilica tour in Vicenza

Free visits to the Basilica Palladiana in the Piazza dei Signori, its upper loggia and terrace, are ongoing through Jan. 12, in Vicenza. Entry times are 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Vicenza on Ice

Ice skating in Vicenza on the Campo Marzo across from the main train station, ongoing through Jan. 19, is open daily from 3-8 p.m., Sundays and holidays from 9 a.m. to noon.

Concerts in Vicenza

Upcoming performances at the *Teatro Comunale*, the City Theater, Viale Giuseppe Mazzini 6-39, include:

Jan. 17 - Piano and organ recital with Cameron Carpenter

Jan. 25 - Terramara 1991-2013, ballet

Feb. 3 - Violin and piano concert with Leonidas Kavakos and Enrico Pace

Feb. 13 - BJM Les Ballet Jazz de Montréal

Feb. 20 - Ragtime, blues and more, the music of Gershwin, Brubeck, Joplin and others

Performances are at 8:45 p.m. Get tickets at the box office or online at <http://www.tcvi.it/>

Il Fantasma della Forma **The Phantom of Form**

An exhibit of some 30 major pieces of sculpture including work by De Chirico, Giacometti, Rodin, Renoir and Degas. Through Feb. 16 in Lonigo, Palazzo Pisani, Piazza Garibaldi 1; open Thursday and Friday, 3-7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3-7:30 p.m. Entry is €5.

Bodies Revealed

Through March 30 at Pala Arrex, Via Aquileia 123, in Jesolo, displays 200 actual human bodies, preserved for viewing through plastination, a special technique that replaces body liquids with silicone polymers for an educational and awe inspiring look at the beauty of the human form. Entry is €16; €12 for children 6-14; €14 for over 65, disabled and their helpers; free for children under 5. Open Saturday, Sunday and Italian holidays, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday guided tours can be booked at info@bodiesrevealed.it

Sand Nativity by the Sea

Christmas lingers on through Feb. 2 at Jesolo Beach in the form a huge, sand sculpted Nativity by some of the best artists in the world. At Lido di Jesolo, about 100 kilometers east of Vicenza, daily from 10 a.m. to noon and 2-6 p.m.; Saturdays and holidays from 7-10 p.m. Admission is free .

Verso Monet **Around Monet**

A major art exhibit, now showing in Verona and opening in Vicenza Feb. 22, presents an overview of the development of landscape painting from the 17th to the 20th centuries. It features more than 90 paintings from private collections and museums bearing on the treatment of nature as the main subject in art, culminating in Monet's **Water Lilies** and nature paintings of the early 20th century. Through Feb. 9 in Verona, Palazzo della Gran Guardia, Piazza Bra; Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; tickets are €15. In Vicenza, Basilica Palladiana, Feb. 22 till May 4, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Dinosauri in carne ed ossa **Dinosaurs in flesh and bone**

Through May 4 in Bassano del Grappa, Bonaguro Palace, Via Angarano 117, about 36 kilometers northeast of Vicenza. Full size model dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals reconstructed. Open Thursday and Friday, 3-6:30 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and Italian holidays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entry is €8; €5 for under 13 and over 65; free for children under 3.

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Vicenza area antique markets

Vicenza: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. - Piazza dei Signori, Piazza Duomo, Piazza Garibaldi, Piazza Palladio, Piazza Biade and Piazza Castello

Lonigo: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. - Via Garibaldi, about 20 miles southwest of Vicenza

TUSCANY



Palio di Buti

Jan. 19 in Buti (Pisa). The first Palio in Tuscany every year, the Palio di Buti originates from the religious celebration of St. Anthony, protector of domestic animals. According to a tradition dating back to the 19th century, all domestic animals in Buti were to be blessed by the parish priest. Of all the domestic animals, the horse, being then the only method of transport, was particularly appreciated. After the horses had been blessed, their owners would challenge each other to horse races, which continues today in the tradition of the Palio. The horse race is preceded by dinners in the streets, theatrical performances and a pageant in historical costumes at 2:30 p.m. Spectators can follow the competition on a giant screen.

Verdi Theater performances

At the Verdi Theater in Pisa, Via Palestro 40

Jan. 11: Barmen

Feb. 8: Les Contes d'Hoffmann

March 7: Andrea Chénier

March 29: Pinocchio

Area antique markets this weekend

Firenze: Jan. 12, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza Santo Spirito

Montepulciano (Siena): Jan. 11-12, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza Grande

Piombino (Livorno): Jan. 11-12, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza Cappelletti, Corso Italia, via Fucini, Piazza Gramsci

Pisa: Jan. 11-12, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Piazza dei Cavalieri

Pistoia: Jan. 11-12, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Via Pertini

Vicopisano (Pisa): Jan. 12, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Piazza Domenico Cavalca

Andy Warhol: Una storia americana

Andy Warhol: An American Story

On exhibit in Pisa through Feb. 2 at Palazzo Blu, Lungarno Gambacorti 9; Tuesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The exhibit features Warhol's famous portraits of Mao, Nixon, Che Guevara, Liz Taylor, Mick Jagger and Marilyn Monroe among others and the well known silk-screens of Campbell's Soup cans, 20 rare Polaroid photos and many paintings. Entry is €10, €8 for children under 10.

CONCERTS

An Evening with Dream Theater - Jan. 20 in Assago (Milan); Jan. 23 in Padova

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)

Band of Skulls - March 10 in Milan

Joe Bonamassa - March 8 in Milan

James Blunt - March 18 in Assago (Milan)

Gavin DeGraw - March 19 in Milan

Skunk Anansie - March 22 in Padova

The Piano Guys - April 9 in Milan

Sensation - April 25, Casalecchio di Reno (Bologna)

Robbie Williams - May 1 in Torino

Ben Harper - May 9 in Padova, May 13 in Milan

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

Johnny Winters - May 19 in Rome; May 20 in Udine; May 21 in Mezzago (Milan)

Lisa Stansfield - May 28 in Padova, May 29 in Bologna

Aerosmith - June 25 in Rho (Milan)

One Direction - June 28 in Milan

Tickets at **Media World, Palladio Shopping Center** or online.

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

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

VA benefits assistance

Curious about your VA benefits? There are now two Department of Veterans Affairs benefits briefers available to assist all service members, veterans and family members with questions about the VA benefits and services they may be eligible to receive. Benefits can include education, health care, compensation, life insurance and home loans as well as other VA benefits and services. The briefers are in Building 113 in the ACAP hallway. Hours of service are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. To schedule an appointment call 0444-71-6694 or 634-6694, or stop by the office.

Federal pay raise

The Defense Civilian Pay System Theater Support Office announced that most federal employees will receive a 1 percent pay increase effective Jan. 12. This will be the first pay raise for federal employees since 2010. Related 2014 pay schedule information is available online.

myPay tax statements

The myPay website has already posted tax year 2013 statements for Annuitant 1099-R, Retiree 1099-R, civilian W-2 earnings statements and Reserve component Army, Air Force and Navy W-2 earnings statements at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>. The posting schedule for other tax statements includes: Army SLRP W-2, Jan. 13; Army NAF civilian W-2, Jan. 14; Active and Reserve component Marine Corp W-2, Jan. 15; Savings Deposit Program 1099-INT, Jan. 23; Active component Army, Air Force and Navy W-2, Jan. 24; and travel, miscellaneous W-2, Jan. 31. The Army is scheduled to close all



Photo by Laura Kreider

Always a pleasure to have you here

Vicenza USO Center manager Glenn Gibbs congratulates Sky Soldier Spc. Armando Zuniga on being selected as USO Europe Volunteer of the Year Dec. 18. Zuniga deployed to Afghanistan as a combat engineer from March to October 2012 and came to Italy in May 2013, where he began volunteering at the USO Vicenza center, supporting a team of volunteers in a plethora of events and programs with good humor and a great attitude. Congratulations, Armando.

retiree and family member Army Knowledge Online (AKO) accounts between Jan. 31 and March 31. Army retirees who have AKO email addresses, which end in @us.army.mil, in their myPay accounts should add a personal, commercial email address to their myPay account as soon as possible to continue to receive notices from DFAS. Log into your myPay account and select the Email Address option to add a commercial address.

Post library agreement

All VMC sixth- through 12th-graders must provide a signed agreement from their parents to the library staff to be allowed unsupervised access to the library. There is presently a two-

week period during which students may manually sign in and out, but at the end of the grace period a signed agreement will be required to enter the library.

TSP catch-up contributions

Federal employees who participate in the Thrift Savings Plan and who will turn age 50 during 2014 are

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eligible to make TSP catch-up contributions, supplemental tax-deferred contributions beyond the regular annual maximum limits. Some status requirements apply. For details, go to <http://www.tsp.gov/>

Babysitter Boot Camp

The American Red Cross Vicenza will conduct a Babysitter Boot Camp this weekend for youth to be trained in babysitting, pediatric CPR and pet first aid. Cost is \$100 and registration must be made in advance. Call 0444-71-7089, 634-7089 or stop into Building 333 next to the Health Center.

Tax Center seeks volunteer

The Vicenza Tax Center seeks a volunteer interested in taxes with customer service skills and looking to gain hands on experience. Call 0444-71-7316 or 634-7316 for information.

Soldiers' Theatre

The Soldiers' Theatre will conduct auditions for **Sweet Charity** Jan. 13-14. If you have ever considered being in a show, this is the show for you. They seek a very large cast actors, singers and dancers age 16 and up; no expe-

rience necessary. Performances will take place March 14-30.

The popular annual **Acoustic Jam 2014 with Roberto Dalla Vecchia and Friends** will take the stage Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 at 7:30 pm. Get tickets, \$10, at 634-7281 or 0444-71-7281.

South of the Alps still closed

The South of the Alps Dining Facility will be closed through Jan. 23.

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 brief-

ing call 634-7688 or 331-172-2142.

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. Send an email to avolmert@clubbeyond.org to register. First 20 students to turn in their application and deposit will receive a \$100 transportation discount.

Basketball championship

The USAG-Vicenza Unit-Recreational Basketball Championship will be held Feb. 7-8. Open play is under way Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Fitness Center.

At the movies



The Hobbit: Desolation of Smaug

The adventure continues as Bilbo Baggins journeys with Gandalf and a band of dwarves on an epic quest to reclaim the lost kingdom of Erebor, testing not only the depth of their courage, but the limits of their friendship and the wisdom of the journey itself. Stars Martin Freeman and Ian McKellen.

Ederle Theater

Jan. 10	7 p.m.	Frozen (PG)
	10 p.m.	Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones (R) *
Jan. 11	3 p.m.	The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	American Hustle (R)
Jan. 12	3 p.m.	American Hustle (R)
	6 p.m.	Paranormal Activity: The Marked Ones (R) *
Jan. 15	11 a.m.	The Hobbit: Desolation of Smaug (PG-13)
	7 p.m.	Homefront (R)
Jan. 16	7 p.m.	The Hobbit: Desolation of Smaug (PG-13)
Jan. 17	7 p.m.	The Legend of Hercules (PG-13) *
	10 p.m.	Lone Survivor (R) *
Jan. 18	3 p.m.	The Legend of Hercules in 3D (PG-13) *
	6 p.m.	Lone Survivor (R) *
Jan. 19	3 p.m.	The Legend of Hercules in 3D (PG-13) *
	6 p.m.	Lone Survivor (R) *

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

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Youth Center Ski & Snowboard Trips

Sat, Jan 25 | Kron Platz | \$15

Sat, Feb 8 | Folgaria | \$15

Sat, Feb 22 | Folgaria | \$15

Sat, Mar 1 | San Martino | \$15

Sat, Mar 8 | Folgaria | \$15

Cost includes transportation, supervision and lodging (Garmisch). ⌘ Times vary per trip. ⌘ Enrollment begins each Monday prior to Saturday trip with the exception of Garmisch trip (enrollment begins Dec. 9) ⌘ All trips available for grades 6-12 (except Garmisch overnight grades 7-12) ⌘ All trips depart/return to Teen Center, Bldg. 373 Enroll at Davis Soldier and Family Readiness Center, CYS Central Registration, Bldg 108 and on WebTrac. ⌘ Min number of youth per trip: 8 | Max number of youth per trip is dependent on confirmed staff/volunteer(s). 1 adult: 4 youth ratio

For more info, call 634-7659



at the
Old Soldiers' Bar



Cost:
\$30 per person

January 16
5-9 p.m.

Call 634-7685/8257 to reserve your spot.
RSVP by January 14. | 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

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Welcome to Vicenza, Byron

Grandmother Akemis Perez (from left), mother Marisol Reigel and newborn Byron Jeremy Reigel, grandfather Davide Apolloni, Col. Andrew Barr, U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza commander, and Sgt. Jeremy Reigel of Fusion Company, 2nd-503rd Infantry, holding Byron's elder brother Brayden Mark Reigel, pose for a photo Jan. 3. Byron was the first baby to be born at the Birthing Center this year, weighing in at 7.3 lbs. Congratulations to all.

Courtesy photo