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On the cover

Maj. Joshua Van Etten, U.S. Army Africa operations officer, speaks with a Rwandan Defense Forces soldier near the loading ramp of a U.S. Air Force C-17 in Kigali, Rwanda, Jan. 19. The RDF forces and equipment were flying to the Central African Republic to support operations in the war torn country. See page 6 for the story.

Photo by Master Sgt. Thomas Mills



Photo by Laura Kreider

Raising voices, lending hands

Members of the Caserma Ederle Post Chapel Gospel Choir perform a gospel medley during the VMC's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration at the Golden Lion Jan. 14.

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Speak Out

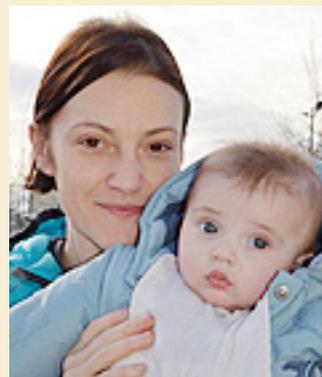
Did you make a New Year's resolution? Have you kept it?



Andrea Paulon

414th Contract Support Battalion

"To live healthier. Yes, I have been able to keep it."



Nicoletta and Liam Boschetto

Vicenza CDC

"Exercise, study to acquire new skills and spend lots of time with my son. I have kept them up to now."



Spc. Adam Barnes

U.S. Army Africa

"No, I didn't make one. I did not want to let myself down."

Birthing, surgery services to transition to host nation

By Europe Regional Medical
Command PAO

SEMBACH, Germany – The U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza birthing center and same-day surgery services are scheduled to close June 1.

“The majority of women currently enrolled in our prenatal services will be able to deliver their child at the birthing center before the closure,” said Col. Andrew Barr, USAHC commander.

“Our focus remains on the healthcare experience of our patients, and we will work with those mothers whose due dates are beyond June 1 to make sure they transition comfortably to the local healthcare network in a way that best meets their individual needs,” he said.

Patients currently receiving care at the birthing center are being contacted by USAHC to notify them of the closure and to set up a face-to-face meeting in order to discuss any potential impact to their care plan.

Health Center and garrison leadership will be available to answer questions and address concerns at a Town Hall forum to be held Feb. 6 at a time to be determined. Check next week’s *Outlook* and the garrison website for details as they become available.

Pregnancy care, labor and delivery services, and operating room surgical services will be referred to host nation providers after the closure. Pregnant patients also have the option of giving birth at other DoD facilities in the region.

“Our patients are our top priority

regardless of where they receive care. We have outstanding host nation medical facilities in our area and enjoy a great relationship with them,” said Barr. “We regularly utilize these host nation facilities for medical and surgical services as well as high-risk pregnancies. The care our beneficiaries receive there is excellent.”

Leadership decision

The decision to close the birthing center was based on an extensive review of current operations by Army Medicine leadership and U.S. Army Europe leadership. This review considered the volume of patients in the area and the resources required to operate the birthing center, and determined this to be the best course of action.

VICENZA COMMUNITY CLUB
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JUBILEE**

WITH A
**MASQUERADE GALA
&
LIVE AUCTION**

Saturday, February 22, 2014 | 6:30 PM | Golden Lion Ballroom

\$40/per person, formal wear, cash bar

RSVP with payment by February 14th

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PROCEEDS FROM THE LIVE AUCTION BENEFIT THE VCC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



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Youth Center Ski & Snowboard Trips

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

FAMILY ART DAY



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



Come enjoy art activities for the whole family!
Play, learn, create and build strong bonds.
Open to all ages!

Virtual Career Fair links firms, job seekers

By **Jeremy Buddemeier**
U.S. Army Garrison Bavaria PAO

The Army Career and Alumni Program will host the first ever European Virtual Career Fair, Feb. 25.

Community members can register now for ACAP's Virtual Career Fair and land a job before they move back to the States. Job seekers can register online now and also with their local ACAP Center. Once registered, they can create a profile, upload a resume, browse advertised positions around the U.S. and even apply for positions while serving in Europe.

During the fair, to be conducted Feb. 25 from 4-6 p.m. Central European Time, job seekers can ask recruiters specific questions and even sell themselves for jobs to which they've already applied.

The key, though, according to Ben Petersdorff, Transition Services manager for ACAP Region Europe, is to register as soon as possible.

"The last two years employers have come from the States. This virtual career fair is one way of giving Soldiers here in Europe a chance to get a job back in the U.S. before leaving," said Petersdorff.

This virtual career fair is for every active duty member who is separating from the military, spouses seeking employment and all branches of the service stationed in Europe. Currently more than 40 employers, including Xerox, Aetna, Capital One and the Transportation Security Administration, are scheduled to attend the fair.

Petersdorff said that at the last ACAP-ACS sponsored career fair, more than 100 applicants were given interviews. He is optimistic about this year's fair.

"I can't stress enough that job seekers register right away," he said.

For more information, call ACAP at 634-7188/7189 and be sure to register online.

VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR
MEET LIVE WITH EMPLOYERS BACK HOME
FEBRUARY 25, 2014 4-6 PM

USARAF supports French, African forces

By U.S. Army Africa PAO

U.S. Army Africa coordinated airlift this past week to hundreds of French forces deployed in support of security assistance across Mali and continues to support joint military operations in the Central African Republic that began in mid-December, said Lt. Col. Mary Campbell, deputy chief of operations in the USARAF Current Operations Information Center.

"We are much like the hub to all the spokes providing support for this operation. We reach out to U.S. Air Force Africa to coordinate the aircraft support, and SOCAF (Special Operations Command Africa) with their teams on the ground," Campbell said.

The coordination and support include U.S. allies and partners, with the COIC synchronizing all messages going out as well as the operations on the ground.

"We are the ones tying in all of the people who are playing in this to give them a common focal point for reports, where to request services, and where we have a common timeline for this operation," Campbell said.

"We lend support to our French allies and our coalition partners in Africa. We are helping them prevent mass atrocities in the Central African Republic by allowing them to get forces into the current operation as quickly as possible," she said.

"This is important to USARAF's overall mission because USARAF protects and defends the national security interests of the U.S, strengthens African land forces and regional organizations, and supports U.S. Africa Command," said Chief Warrant Officer 5 Richard Knowlton, USARAF chief of operations supporting French forces and the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali (MINUSMA).

More than air transportation

Intra-theater airlift is just one way the U.S. has been able to provide assistance on the ground to both French security forces and MINUSMA. USARAF has conducted military operations to help create a secure environment in Africa, and is taking a large role in providing various types of U.S. support to the French in Mali.

"During these military operations, one of the biggest challenges has been ensuring coordination is not lost in translation between each of the countries involved," Knowlton said. "And we are successful with this coordination by utilizing multiple resources such as providing liaison officers at each critical location."

Coordination and movement of personnel and equipment is spearheaded by USARAF's logistics section, known as the G-4. Col. Donald Beckner, USARAF's logistics chief, detailed his organization's involvement and support of the current operation in CAR.

"Once the plans have been completed and we have understanding of what is required to perform the mission,



Photos by Master Sgt. Thomas Mills

Top: Senior Airman Ivan Hanvey stands ready to assist as RDF soldiers board a flight to the Central African Republic Jan. 19. **Above:** Gen. Patrick Nyamvumba (from left), Chief of Defence Staff, RDF, discusses the deployment with U.S. Ambassador to Rwanda, Donald W. Koran, and Lt. Col. David Hernandez, U.S. Army Africa, Jan. 16.



Photos by Master Sgt. Thomas Mills

Left: Airman 1st Class Steven Shorter, 435th Contingency Response Group, prepares to drive an RDF armored personnel carrier onto a U.S. Air Force C-17 transport aircraft Jan. 17 in Kigali, Rwanda. **Below, left:** Capt. Richard Demarais, USARAF operations officer in Kigali, speaks to a U.S. Air Force C-17 flight crew Jan. 16 about the movement of the RDF to the Central African Republic. **Below:** RDF soldiers wait to board a C-17 on their way to the CAR Jan. 19. USARAF coordinated the movemnt of more than 800 soldiers and 1,000 tons of equipment to aid French and African Union operations against militants in CAR during the three week-long operation.



the USARAF G-4 is responsible for operations in terms of executing the mission such as mobility and sustainment," Beckner said. "We arrange transportation for participants to their destinations and that sustainment stocks are there to support them.

"Once they are there, we ensure they have the right tools and equipment to do the job. Not only do we support U.S. forces; we support joint and international forces such as the U.K. and France," Beckner said.

"And we support partner nation's relationships on the continent of Africa and have been doing so for a very long time. We value their commitment and share information. We share resources, plans and ideas, so that we can do it better, faster and stronger at a better value to the taxpayer and the government," he said.

"We do all this with a mixed force of military and civilians who are absolutely dedicated to taking care of our troops and others who are on the continent of Africa," Beckner said.

Vicenza ES/MS PTSA Spelling Bee



Third-grader Landon Escobar spells a word during the Vicenza Elementary School round of the spelling bee Jan 15.

Vicenza students compete in spelling bee

Story and photos by Julie Lucas
USAG Vicenza PAO

“Exorcism,” “wheedle” and “bulbous” were just a few of the final words in play during the Vicenza PTSA Spelling Bee competition Jan. 15 at Vicenza Elementary and Middle Schools.

In all, 21 VES students second grade to fifth grade competed against each other on stage, repeating words and spelling them out in front of judges, parents and friends.

“We start the whole process in November, December with teachers holding individual class spelling bees with those students who are interested,” said Trina Downey, VES second-grade teacher and spelling bee coordinator.

“It is not forced on every student. We want the whole experience to be enjoy-

able and a good experience,” she said.

Students were given a list of words to study in preparation for the contest. The bee was judged by school liaison officer Nori McCall, Mediterranean District instructional support specialist Diane Yoesting, and U.S. Army Africa’s Col. Timothy Beckner.

“As a judge, you have to know the rules of the competition and these are national rules obtained from Scripps National Spelling Bee,” said McCall, who was officiating as a judge for the fourth time.

“Many of the students have different techniques of spelling the word out first in their mind or using their hand and writing the word with their fist before actually uttering that first letter,” she said.

Taking first place in the VES competition, after correctly spelling the word

“resin,” was second-grader Micah Austin, son of Maj. Matthew and Tricia Austin, and a student in Mary Generelli’s class.

Vicenza Middle School also held its competition later that day with 28 participants. Sixth-grader Selomi Dayaprema correctly spelled the word “quagmire” to win the VMS contest. Judges for the middle school included McCall, Noni Hoag and Janet Geisler. Middle school teacher Gene Tramm served as the event moderator.

The top 10 winners from VES will face off against the top 10 from VMS Jan. 22 at 6 p.m. The winner of the combined spelling bee will compete at the European Spelling Bee in Germany in March. The winner of that contest will represent DoDDS Europe at the national level spelling bee to be held in Washington, D.C., in May.

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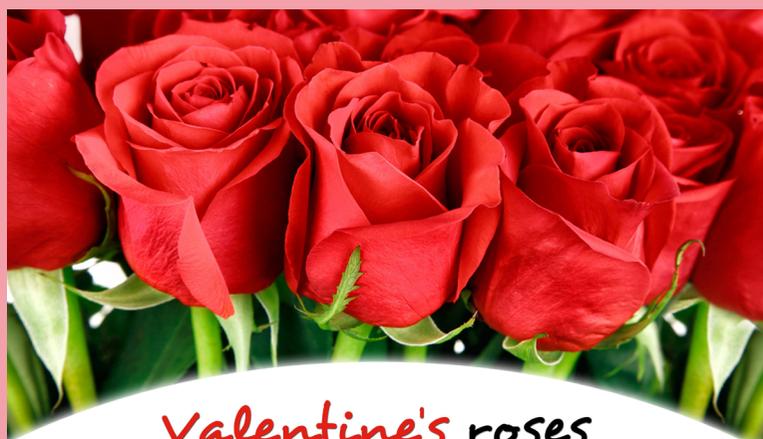
VES second-grader Micah Austin poses for a photo with his parents after winning the first round of the Vicenza Military Community spelling bee Jan 15.



Second-grader Liana Rio gives it her best shot during the VES spelling bee Jan 15.



VES fifth-grader Cristian Molina spells another word during the first round of the VMC spelling bee Jan 15.



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Orders: Place your orders by Jan 31 for 1 dozen long-stemmed roses delivered to you or your sweetheart on Darby or Depot.

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Vicenza Tax Center set to open Feb. 5

By Capt. Matt Schulz

Vicenza Tax Center

Tax season is here again.

As wage and earning statements (W-2s) become available for Soldiers and civilian employees online at www.mypay.dfas.mil and financial companies begin mailing reports of interest, dividend and capital gains, the Vicenza Tax Center's personnel are gearing up to provide free tax-preparation and e-filing services to the community.

In 2013, the Vicenza Tax Center assisted more than 1,500 tax filers and processed more than 1,700 returns. The tax center saved the Vicenza Military Community more than \$409,000 in tax preparation fees and generated more than \$4.6 million in refunds.

The filing deadline for tax year 2013 is April 15; however, overseas filers receive an automatic filing extension until June 16. It is important to note that the extension to file is not an "extension to pay" — in other words, if you owe the IRS money, you must file your tax return and pay any balance due by April 15 to avoid late filing and additional penalties. If, on the other hand, you are entitled to a refund from the IRS, you have until June 16 to file your return.

The Vicenza Tax Center will begin completing community member returns Feb. 5; however, limited tax preparation and e-filing services will be available prior to that date.

The Vicenza Tax Center is on the first floor of the JAG Office, Building 241 on Caserma Ederle, and is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center is open for walk-in service Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Tuesday and Thursday are reserved for assistance by appointment only.

Most tax returns can be prepared on a walk-in basis; however, you will need to make an appointment if any of the following circumstances apply: you have rental property; you have capital gains; you received self-employment income; you are claiming the foreign

income exclusion; you need to amend a prior year's return; you are itemizing deductions; or you have received a letter from the IRS.

The tax center also offers drop-off service. Drop off your tax documents for processing and we will contact you when your return is complete.

Come prepared

Department of Defense identification card holders, including Soldiers, family members, Department of Defense civilians and retirees should have all their necessary documents ready and in order when they meet with a tax preparer. These documents include:

DoD identification card

W-2 form(s)

1099 and 1098 form(s)

Social Security card for yourself, spouse and dependents

Individual Tax Identification Number card or letter for non-resident spouses

Copies of your 2012 tax returns, if available

Bank account information with routing and account number for electronic filing (bring a blank check, which will have that information)

Power of attorney if married and filing jointly but one spouse is not present.

Every year brings new changes to the tax laws, whether it is a simple

increase to the standard deduction or a brand new tax credit and this year is no different. Below are two changes that may affect you, as well as some helpful reminders.

The standard deduction for taxpayers who do not itemize deductions on Form 1040, Schedule A, has increased. Those who file as "Married Filing Jointly" or as a "Qualifying Widow(er)" will receive a \$12,200 deduction; individuals filing as a "Head of Household" receive \$8,950; those filing as "Single" or "Married Filing Separately" will receive a \$6,100 standard deduction.

The IRS issued ruling IR-2013-72, which ruled that same-sex couples who are legally married in jurisdictions that recognize their marriages will be treated as married for federal tax purposes. The ruling applies regardless of whether the couple lives in a jurisdiction that recognizes same-sex marriage or not.

A complete list of updates and changes is posted on the IRS website.

If you are a United States citizen working overseas, you are still a legal resident of one of the 50 states or U.S. territories. You may or may not need to file a state income tax return based upon your residency. The Vicenza Tax Center also offers state tax preparation and assistance.

For information and assistance, call the Vicenza Tax Center at 634-7316 or 0444-71-7316.

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February



Fit EDGE! Go with the Flow Yoga
February 3-24, 4:30-5:30 p.m. (Mondays)
SKIES Annex Building 395 (behind Arts & Crafts Center)
Learn meditation, relaxation, breathing exercises and poses at Vinyasa Flow Yoga for beginners.
Cost: \$20 | Enrollment starts January 13



Fit EDGE! Youth Boxing Training & Conditioning Program
February 4-26, 4:30-6 p.m. (Tuesdays & Wednesdays)
Ederle Fitness Center Combative Room
All skill levels and genders are welcome. Learn emotional and physical self-discipline.
Cost: \$20 | Enrollment starts January 13



Life EDGE! Garage Auto Mechanics
February 6-27, 3:30-5 p.m. (Thursdays)
Auto Skills Center
Learn auto basics, engine & electrical systems, computerized controls & diagnose problems from the professionals.
Cost: \$20 | Enrollment starts January 13



Life EDGE! Framing & Matting
February 7-28, 3:30-5 p.m. (Fridays)
Arts & Crafts Center
Bring your photos or paintings to life by learning to mat and frame.
Cost: \$20 | Enrollment starts January 13



Open to grades 6-12 (except for Youth Boxing)
To enroll visit CYSS Parent Central Services
or register online with WebTrac. Register for one or all.
For more information call 634-7219
www.vicenza.armyMWR.com



Dublin Weekend for St. Patty's Day

Take off for Dublin, Ireland for St. Patty's Day weekend with the BOSS Program!

March 15-18

Sign-up Deadline: February 14

Cost: \$675
Open to Single Soldiers 18+ Only

- The cost will include:
- Transport To/From Airports
 - Airfare & Guided Tours
 - 3 Nights Accommodation with Breakfasts

Passport Required

For more info call 634-5530.
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WARRIOR ZONE NEW LUNCH HOURS

Beginning February 3 the Warrior Zone will be open for lunch from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Come sink your teeth into this new Del Din lunch opportunity!

Open to Soldiers, civilians and other authorized customers.



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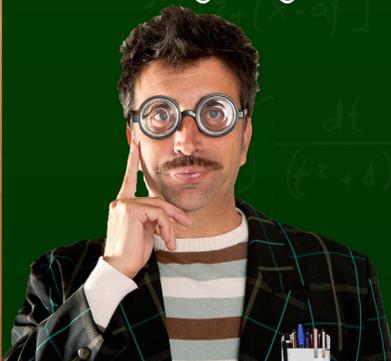
NERD ALERT!

It's Nerd Night

at the Warrior Zone

Test our new Food & Drink experiments for \$1

Watch the Big Bang Theory series all night!



Mondays 7-10 p.m.



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Photos by Chiara Mattiolo

Flag football furore in Camp Darby

Flag football fiends from across Europe pull out all the stops during stiff competition at the first ever Camp Darby Flag Football Invitational Tournament held Jan. 10-12 at the Darby fields. Cool, damp weather could not tamp down the eight participating teams. The Aviano Tigers walked away with top tournament honors. Camp Darby revelled in a respectable second place finish and the squad from Mildenhall, United Kingdom, took third.

HOT SHOT BASKETBALL



SHOOTING CONTEST

February 19

Beginning at 5:30 p.m.
at the Fitness Center

Show off your basketball shooting skills by participating in our **free** Hot Shot Basketball Shooting Contest!

Prizes will be awarded for:
1st Place Women & 1st Place Men

Sign up at the front desk of the Darby Fitness Center.
For more information call 633-7438/7440. | www.darby.armyMWR.com

Santuario di Montenero



Story and photos by Chiara Mattiolo

Darby Military Community PAO

Montenero is one of the best known tourist areas in Tuscany. Its fame is due principally to the Sanctuary of the Madonna delle Grazie, patron of Tuscany.

Located on a hillside 300 meters above sea level, Montenero offers a spectacular view over the Mediterranean. From its heights, visitors can observe Meloria Island, Elba Island, Corsica and Sardinia, as well as the minor island of Gorgona and the entire coastline from the port of Livorno all the way, on a clear day, to Pisa.

In the early 18th century Montenero was transformed into a very refined vacation site, which saw the construction of numerous villas. Also planned, but never completed, was a bigger project comprising a group of holiday residences, of which only the Villa Azzurra, built in the famous *stile Liberty*, the Italian version of the contemporary Art Nouveau movement, was completed.

Montenero is connected to the city of Livorno proper via a panoramic road, but many prefer to arrive at the pilgrimage site via the famous *funicolare*, or cable car, inaugurated into service Aug. 19, 1908. Designed to link the lower part of the town of Montenero with the sanctuary, it runs on a gradient of over 18 degrees for a total length of 656 meters, ascending or descending 110 meters in altitude with each journey.

In addition to the exhilarating ride, the use of the *funicolare* is very convenient for avoiding traffic on the narrow road that ascends to the sanctuary and the occasionally difficult parking situation in the piazza at the top of the hill.

Testament to miracles come true

The *Santuario di Montenero* itself is composed of various buildings laid out on a rectangular square. Along the porch are memorial tablets dedicated to famous honorable citizens of the city. Inside the church, the baroque nave is covered by an impressive, engraved wooden ceiling and the high altar displays the painting of the *Madonna delle Grazie*.

On both sides of the church, visitors may view one of the most extensive collections of votive offerings in Italy. Over 700 mementos, among them photographs, paintings, drawings and various other objects, have been collected and displayed since 1800 to thank the Madonna for miracles received.

In the left wing of the sanctuary, the nuns sell home-made therapeutic products and votive candles. The nearby shop sells religious objects, books and other souvenirs.

Montenero is a short, 15-minute drive from Camp Darby. For touring details and accommodations at Camp Darby, call Outdoor Recreation at 633-7589.



The **Santuario di Montenero** (opposite) attracts visitors from around Italy for its panoramic hilltop views of the Tuscan coastline, its fine examples of Italian Art Nouveau architecture (top) and its trove of votive objects (above).

Speak Out

Did you make a New Year's resolution? Have you kept it?



Sgt. Apollo Stoewer
DMC Chapel

"For now I am training to run a marathon this year; hopefully, it will be Rome."



Vincenzo La Rocca
Europcar AAFES

"Yes on both questions. I am very tough to myself so I know I will keep it."



Janette Truscelli
839th Transportation Battalion

"Heck no, 'cause I don't keep it anyway."



Family and MWR

Vicenza Military Community



Feb 2 -Super Bowl Parties

Head into the Warrior Zone for Super Bowl Sunday! Enjoy a sports bar atmosphere at the bar and a stadium atmosphere in the main lounge with a large projector screen. Never miss a play with our 10 TV's located throughout the building. There will even be party favors. This is a free event for all, but if you want to take your Super Bowl experience to the next level, go for the VIP treatment that includes; theater room seating, a row of 5 seats for you and your friends, 1 pitcher of beer, a bucket of wings and fries and wait service to bring you food and drinks with a surround sound experience.

At the Arena Soldier & Family Entertainment Center watch the biggest game of the year, Super Bowl XLVIII on the BIG projection screen. Arena Specials include; bucket & pitcher beer specials, mixed drink specials, free brats, dogs and finger foods. We will hold a free drawing for 2 portable lounge chairs during the first quarter. Winners receive VIP service during game and get to take home the recliners!

CYSS EDGE! Classes

- Feb 3-24 Go with the Flow Yoga
- Feb 4-26 Youth Boxing
- Feb 6-27 Garage Auto Mechanics
- Feb 7-28 Framing and Matting

Acoustic Jam

Roberto Dalla Vecchia returns to Soldiers' Theatre with Acoustic Jam 2014. This is an exciting, all new, folk, bluegrass and acoustic guitar concert by beloved veteran musician, flat picking star and recording artist along with special guests. Tickets always sell fast for these two performances Jan 31 and Feb 1, 7:30 p.m. Call 634-7281 or 044-471-7281 for reservations.

ODR Trips

- Jan 26 San Martino Ski
- Jan 30 Cooking Wild Game Class
- Feb 1 Cortina
- Feb 2 Folgaria

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

**Air Mobility Command
Space-A
Travel Briefing**

February 25

11 a.m.-noon
at Army Community Service
For info, call 634-7500

Sign up at the ACS Front Desk

Register using MWR Online Services for:

Vicenza Trip & Classes

Vicenza CYSS Activities

Vicenza Facebook Page





Darby Military Community



Darby Scream Free Parenting

Whether you are at your wit's end or just need a little calm in the chaos, we are here to help you. Learn how to create the family that you have always wanted by following the ScreamFree Parenting Principles; parenting is not about kids, it's about parents, growing up is hard to do, especially for grown-ups and if you're not under control, then you cannot be in charge. Find out more in a free workshop Feb 5-Mar 19. Call 633-7084 to register.

Red Roses for your Sweetheart

Don't forget your sweetheart this Valentine's Day! Order one dozen long-stemmed roses to be delivered to you or your sweetheart. Orders must be placed by Friday, January 31 Contact a BOSS representative or Family and MWR BOSS Advisor or call 633-7438. Cost is \$55 per dozen or \$5 per rose. Deliveries will be made on Friday, February 14, 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

ODR Trips

Jan 25	Abetone Ski Trip
Feb 1	Abetone Ski Trip
Feb 1	San Gimignano & Siena
Feb 8	Abetone Ski Trip
Feb 15	Cimone Ski Trip

For complete list and trip info visit our website.

Benvenuti

Experience Italy, the land of culture and beauty with a 4-day Benvenuti class beginning Monday, Feb 10. Limited childcare available on a first come, first serve basis. Sign up at ACS or call 633-7084.

CYSS Parent Advisory Council

The PAC meeting will meet on January 29, noon - 1 p.m. This is your venue for input into CYSS programs; program managers are available to answer questions. A light lunch is served. Those who are not able to physically attend may participate via DCO. On the agenda; MAC Plan, ICOP Update, ISF Transportation Update and the CYSS Annual Survey.

CYSS Parent Advisory Council Meeting



All CYSS Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Register using MWR Online Services for:

Darby Trip & Classes

Darby CYSS Activities



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*Soldiers' Theatre
Presents*

Acoustic Guitar Jam

January 31 & February 1

Begins at 7:30 p.m. | Tickets: \$10

***The Acoustic Jam is back!
This exciting and all new folk,
bluegrass and acoustic guitar
concert is by beloved veteran
musician, flat picking star
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On stage in Padova

Performances at the Geox Theater, via Giuseppe Tassinari 1, curtain at 9:30 p.m. Get tickets online.

Jan. 25: Swan Lake

Feb. 14: Ravel's Bolero

Feb. 22: Momix in Alchemy

Coro e Orchestra di Vicenza seeks singers

The Chorus and Orchestra of Vicenza has openings for singers, all voices, ages 16 through adult. The repertoire is wide and includes classical, operetta, Broadway, pop, jazz and gospel styles. Their *Giovani Emozioni* group of vocalists sings a repertoire of American and Italian pop music. For details, call Debbie Ashton at 327-186-3469.

Fiera del Disco Vinyl Record Fair

Jan. 25-26, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Pordenone, Via Treviso 1, about 92 miles northeast of Vicenza; browse, trade and buy 45s, LPs and other collector's items, with music publications and live exhibitions. Entry is €5, free for children under 9.

Motor Bike Expo

Jan. 24-26, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Verona, Via del Lavoro 8, about 38 miles west of Vicenza. Admission is €16.

Svuota la soffitta Empty your attic

Jan. 26, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Vicenza, Campo Marzo, across from the main train station; secondhand toys, clothes, furniture and more; food booths feature local specialties and wine.

Domani mi sposo Bridal Show and Wedding Expo

Jan. 26, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Montecchio Maggiore, Villa Cordellina Lombardi, Via Lovara 36, about 7 miles southwest of Vicenza; wedding dresses and suits, formal dresses and catering for parties and weddings; the villa gardens will be open to visitors; at 3 p.m. live classic music. Entry is free.

Cerea in Love

Jan. 26, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., in Cerea (Verona), about 45 miles southwest of Vicenza, downtown streets and squares, crafts and hobby items market and gift ideas for people in love; local product exhibit and sale;

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entertainment for children with games and bounce houses; downtown stores that will be open all day.

Conservatory Concerts

Jan. 25, 5 p.m., in Vicenza, Conservatory, Contrà San Domenico 33; music of Ludwig van Beethoven; free.

Concerts in Vicenza

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

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. Tickets are available

for this performance for €15 instead of €20; €10.60 for those under 30; plus two free tickets for every 10 purchased. Call Alessandra Melison at 0444-543729 or email info@quartettovicenza.org to make arrangements. Performances are at 8:45 p.m. Get tickets at the box office or online at <http://www.tcvl.it/>

BimbinFesta

Games and Toys Fair

Jan. 25-26, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Cassola, Via Valsugana 22, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza; with clowns, magicians, face-painting, skating, fencing, martial arts and cake design workshops. Admission is €5, free for children under 16.

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

View 30 major pieces of sculpture including work by De Chirico, Giacometti, Rodin, Renoir and Degas. Through Feb. 16 in Lonigo, Palazzo Pisani, Piazza Garibaldi; 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.

Di Carta/Papermade

International Paper Exhibition

Through Feb. 22 in Schio, Palazzo Fogazzaro, Via Pasini 44, about 16 miles northwest of Vicenza. Artists from 29 countries exhibit their work made exclusively with paper. Open Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Friday, 4-7 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. Free entrance.



BimbinFesta in Cassola

Verso Monet **Toward 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.

Vicenza area antique markets Jan. 26

Piazzola sul Brenta: 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., in Via Camerini, about 16 miles east of Vicenza, with 700 vendors.

Treviso: 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., Via San Liberale, about 56 miles east of Vicenza, with 130 vendors.

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Home Furniture and Decoration Fair

Jan. 25, 4-10 p.m.; Jan. 26, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Jan. 30-31 and Feb. 1, 4-10 p.m.; Feb. 2, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. In Arezzo, Exhibition Center, Via Spallanzani 23. Admission is €5; download a €2 discount flyer online.

Mostra del Disco e del Fumetto Records and Comic Books Exhibition

Jan. 25-26, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., in Arezzo, Via Spallanzani 25. Entry is €5, €4 for over 60 and under 14.

Sagra del Neccio Neccio Festival

Jan. 26, 2:30-7:30 p.m., in Migliana, Cantagallo (Prato); local crafts and products market; food booths feature a typical Tuscan dessert, *neccio*, a sort of doughnut made out of chestnut flour filled with ricotta cheese or Nutella.

Verdi Theater performances

At the Verdi Theater in Pisa, Via Palestro 40

Feb. 8: Les Contes d'Hoffmann

March 7: Andrea Chénier

March 29: Pinocchio

Canevale di Viareggio

This year's Viareggio Carnival grand opening will take place Feb. 15 at 6 p.m. Float parades take place Feb. 16 and 23, and March 2, 4 and 9. Camp Darby Outdoor Recreation will lead trips to the event March 2 and 9, departing at 3 p.m. and returning at 10 p.m. If you venture on your own, entry is €15 for adults, €10 for children 11 and 12, and free for children under 10. Viareggio is about a 30-minute drive from Camp Darby. More information is available from Tours and More at 633-7589.

Andy Warhol: Una storia americana

Andy Warhol: An American Story

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.

Area antique markets this weekend

Cecina Antiqua: Jan. 26, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in downtown Cecina (Livorno)

Montevarchi (Arezzo): Jan. 26, 9 a.m. to 7 pm. In Via Isidoro del Lungo and Via Poggio

Ponte a Egola (Pisa): Jan. 26, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza Rossa

Prato: Jan. 25-26, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza San Francesco



Carnevale di Viareggio

CONCERTS

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

Bill Callahan - Feb. 18 in Bologna

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

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

Joe Bonamassa - March 8 in Milan

Band of Skulls - March 10 in Milan

Billy Cobham - March 11 in Gallarate (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

Pearl Jam - June 20 in Milan; June 22 in Trieste

Aerosmith - June 25 in Rho (Milan)

One Direction - June 28 in Milan

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To the Editor

Register to vote

This year, all 435 seats in the House of Representatives and 33 seats in the Senate will be up for election. This is your opportunity to make your voice heard by making your vote count in elections for the Congress of the United States. Contact your unit or installation Voting Assistance Officer or visit FVAP.gov now for information on voter registration.

Vicenza driving restrictions to expand

As of Feb. 10, the Comune di Vicenza will expand the ZTL, or Limited Traffic Zone, in the *centro storico* or historical center of the city to include Contrà Gazzolle and Contrà della Catena, and the pedestrian area up to and including Piazza delle Erbe and Contrà Pescaria. The expansion of driving restrictions, excluding residents, is aimed at improving the quality of life in the *centro storico* and safeguarding the artistic heritage of monuments and architecture in the area just south of the Basilica Palladiana. Click on the link above for a map of the expanded ZTL.

Virtual Career Fair

The Army Career and Alumni Program in partnership with Veteran Recruiting Services will host a Virtual

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- Airfare & Guided Tours
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Sign-up Deadline:
February 14

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Open to Single Soldiers 18+ Only

For more info call 634-5530.
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Community news briefs

Career Fair via Internet Feb. 25 from 4-6 p.m. All are welcome to register and join recruiters from dozens of leading American firms and government agencies from any location equipped with a computer and on-line access. The Vicenza ACAP center will be open during the fair and counselors will be on hand for assistance. Call 634-7188/7189 or 0444-71-634-7188/7189 for assistance.

National Prayer Breakfast

The Vicenza Military Community is invited to take part in the 2014 National Prayer Breakfast at the Golden Lion Conference Center Feb. 7 from 7- 8:45 a.m. U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains, Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Donald Rutherford will speak. Uniform is ACUs, appropriate attire for civilians. Event is free for E-5 and below, suggested donation for E-6 and above is \$2.50.

Villaggio Youth Center

The Villaggio Youth Center offers daily activities for VMC youth including art, computers, fitness, education

and community service. The center has a rock climbing wall, music equipment, a technology lab and a homework room as well. The center is open 2:45-6:30 p.m. on school days. Highlighted activities in January include a ski/snowboard trip to Kron Platz on Saturday, Jan. 25. Please register in advance via Webtrac or call 634-7659 or 0444-71-7659.

Postal rates to increase

The U.S. Postal Service will raise postage rates effective Jan. 26. First class letters will start at \$0.49 and the Priority large flat rate box will cost \$17.45. Postal Center officials ask that community members ensure that all letters deposited in the blue USPS letter collection boxes throughout the community carry the correct postage to avoid delays.

Benefits briefing

The VMC CPAC will conduct its first-of-the-year quarterly benefits briefing Jan. 30 at the post theater from 1-3 p.m. Topics covered will address

such U.S. GS employee benefits as post allowance, student travel, RAT travel, emergency travel, LQA reconciliation and TQSA/TQSE. A question and answer period will follow. All GS employees are encouraged to attend.

Community health survey

In its continuing efforts to provide the best services possible to the VMC, the Community Health Promotion Council is seeking direct input on needs and issues that demand improvement or are great as they are. What's on your mind? Is it education, services or crime? Your opinion is important and the CHP Council urges you to complete a short online survey conveying your concerns. The survey takes about 10-15 minutes to complete.

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.

myPay statements, email update

Various earnings and tax documents, W-2s and 1099s for instance, are available now online at the myPay site:

<https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>

The Army is scheduled to close all 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.

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.

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. 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.

At the movies



Ederle Theater

Jan. 24	7 p.m.	Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (PG-13) *
	10 p.m.	Devil's Due (R) *
Jan. 25	3 p.m.	The Nut Job (PG) *
	6 p.m.	Devil's Due (R) *
Jan. 26	3 p.m.	The Nut Job (PG) *
	6 p.m.	Devil's Due (R) *
Jan. 29	11 a.m.	Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit (PG-13) *
	7 p.m.	The Nut Job (PG) *
Jan. 30	7 p.m.	Ride Along (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

Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit

CIA analyst Jack Ryan (Chris Pine) must thwart the plans of a terrorist faction that threatens to induce a catastrophic conflict between the United States and Russia's newly elected president by detonating a nuclear weapon at a football game in Baltimore. Also stars Keira Knightley, Kevin Costner and Kenneth Branah.

Outlook Religious Activities

Chaplain Crisis Line

To speak with a chaplain after hours, call 634-KARE (634-5273)

Vicenza

Sunday services

9 a.m.: Mass, Sacrament of Reconciliation following Mass or during duty hours

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

1:30 p.m.: Full Gospel Pentecostal worship

5 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

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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