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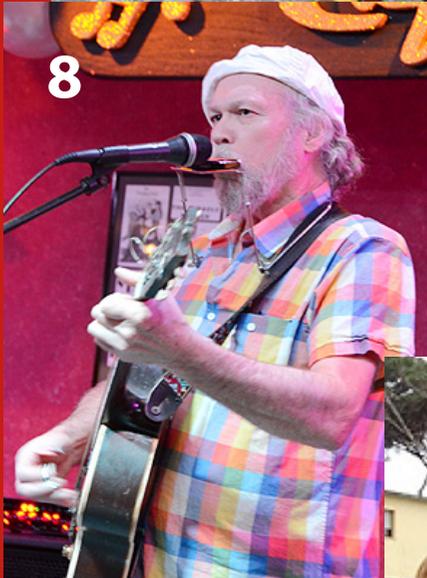
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On the cover

Lisa Prestipino sings on stage at the fourth anniversary celebration of the Music Café at the Soldiers' Theatre on Caserma Ederle Jan 24. A full house of Italian and American musicians were on hand to mark the milestone of the popular monthly musical get-together. See page 8 for the story and more photos.

Photo by Laura Kreider



Photo by Carl Turner

Waterlogged to the roots

DES Fire Department personnel remove a fallen tree from the rooftop of the Education Center on Caserma Ederle Feb. 3. The building suffered only minor damage. Vicenza and the Veneto have experienced continuous rainfall for the past few weeks with only temporary breaks. The near constant rain, swollen streams and saturated farmland resulted in flooding and multiple road closures throughout the region, including the closure of the Ponte di Debba across the Bacchiglione River at Longare. The river swelled to a level of 5.34 meters at the Ponte degli Angeli in downtown Vicenza.

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Speak Out

What is the best Valentine's Day gift you ever gave?



Senior Airman Erica Miller
Air Force Ghedi

"To my husband: a bed and breakfast a couple of years ago."



Brent Fitch
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

"I surprised my wife with a trip to New York City."



Karlie Johale
Family member

"A trip to my sister and her husband since he had just returned from deployment."

Montez becomes IMCOM Europe senior NCO



Command Sgt. Maj. Romeo Montez III (left) passes the IMCOM Europe guidon as a symbol of his assumption of duties as the region's senior enlisted adviser during a ceremony at Sembach.

Story and photo by Troy Darr
IMCOM Europe PAO

SEMBACH, Germany - Installation Management Command Europe welcomed a new senior enlisted leader during an assumption of responsibility ceremony Jan. 31 at Sembach Kaserne.

Command Sgt. Maj. Romeo Montez III assumed responsibility as the sixth command sergeant major of IMCOM Europe since its founding Oct. 7, 2002.

Montez comes to IMCOM Europe from his previous posi-

tion as command sergeant major of the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux in Chièvres, Belgium.

During the ceremony Montez said he was deeply humbled by the opportunity to serve the Army's Soldiers, NCOs, officers, civilians and family members.

"Your service matters. It protects and promotes the democratic values we hold dear," said Montez. "Your service to our nation and our allies keeps a promise to American citizens and our trans-Atlantic partners that our values are worth defending — together."

IMCOM Europe Region Director Kathleen Marin passed the unit guidon to Montez as a symbol of his assumption of duties as her senior enlisted adviser.

"As the Army's home in Europe, IMCOM is entrusted by the American people to provide caring support and stability to Soldiers and their families," said Marin. "We make a difference in the lives of service members and their families as they serve to make a difference for the security of our nation and that of our allies."

"In carrying out the IMCOM Europe mission, only the best leadership will do, from our uniformed officers and NCOs, to our civil servants," she said.

"Command Sgt. Maj. Montez has an impeccable record of selfless service around the globe that spans nearly 30 years," said Marin. "Indeed, he has mastered the art of soldiering and installation management as few others have."

"As a quartermaster expert, he's spent the majority of his career sustaining our Army around the globe. From Korea to Kentucky and Germany to Iraq, Command Sgt. Maj. Montez brings with him a global perspective to our critical mission," she said.

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To the Editor

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Free class, dinner provided!

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Photo by Mariano Tafferini

Col. Robert Menist Jr. (left), commander of U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza, takes a turn at the potter's wheel under the watchful eye of maestro Silvano Latini during a tour of Nove's Museo della Ceramica at the invitation of Mayor Manuele Bozzetto Jan. 25.

Commander visits Nove, City of Ceramics

Cementing ties of friendship

By Anna Ciccotti

USAG Vicenza PAO

Col. Robert Menist Jr., commander of U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza, joined Mayor Manuele Bozzetto for a visit of the town of Nove Jan. 25.

"The city council and I are proud to host the commander of the Vicenza garrison here for the first time and have a chance to get him to know Nove, the City of Ceramics, famous all over the world," said Bozzetto in his welcome remarks.

"It is a great pleasure to be here today and I am proud to continue our tradition of friendship between the American military community

of Vicenza and the people of Nove," Menist said, thanking Bozzetto for his invitation to visit the small city, famous since the 17th century for its production of ceramics.

The first stop on Menist's itinerary was the city's *Museo della Ceramica*, housed in the elegant setting of the town hall, *Palazzo de Fabris*, which displays highlights of Nove's 300-year proud tradition of ceramic creativity.

"I am really impressed with the artistry and craftsmanship of the Nove style, especially for its attention to detail and the wide variety of the wares for everyone's taste," said Menist, as he explored the museum with curator Katia Brugnolo.

Menist's visit continued with a tour of the Pestasassi Mill, which preserves

to this day a functioning waterwheel that in the past generated power to turn the grinding stones for the pebbles collected from the nearby Brenta River, and employed wood burning kilns to bake its clay productions.

Menist also toured two of the dozens of factories that have made Nove one of the most popular shopping destinations in recent years for American pottery lovers. Ceramics aficionados and novices alike visit not only from the Vicenza community, but also from U.S. bases in Germany.

"We hope this visit is the first of a series of events that will bring our two communities closer and we want the Americans to know they are always welcome here in Nove, 365 days a year," said Bozzetto.

U.S., Italy sign five-year training agreement

By Terri Moon Cronk
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – The Defense Department and Italy’s defense ministry have signed a memorandum of understanding to promote joint training and education for peacekeeping operations.

The agreement, signed Feb. 3 at the Pentagon, takes effect immediately and identifies and develops joint training and education as well as policies and procedures.

“I believe this is the first, formal agreement on education and training that the Undersecretary of Defense of Personnel and Readiness has ever signed with (Italy’s) Carabinieri,” said Frank C. DiGiovanni, DoD director of force readiness and training.

“This new MOU, while old in association, has a very productive objective to promote peace and stability to areas of the world that are under stress,” said Frederick E. Vollrath, assistant secretary of defense for readiness and force management.

Maj. Gen. Ilio Ciceri, chief of staff of the Italian Carabinieri General Headquarters, said the support and position of the United States has been a source of immense pride for his country. Reflecting on critical moments in Carabinieri deployments in peace support operations, Ciceri said the first Carabinieri intervention model was tried in the Balkans in the 1990s, marking the first shared experience with the United States.

The Carabinieri also deployed to Albania and Kosovo, where it is still active, and to Iraq, he said, adding that it has become a specialized instrument supporting coalition armed forces with police information gathering and public security.

Such experiences continued in Afghanistan, with the International Security Assistance Force mission, he said, by training and mentoring local police forces.

“The use of our training and deployment techniques in the theaters of operation has always enjoyed an extraordinary support and appreciation by U.S. commanders and by the highest political authorities and soldiers of your country,” he said.

The agreement is set to last five years, and could be extended for another five.



Photo by Gabriele Cinelli
Frank C. DiGiovanni (left), director of DoD force readiness and training, signs an historic memorandum of understanding Feb. 3 with Italy’s Maj. Gen. Ilio Ciceri of the Carabinieri General Headquarters.



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Music Café anniversary packs Soldiers' Theatre

Story and photos by Laura Kreider
USAG Vicenza PAO



Jonathan Lankford picks a tune on his six-string while performing at the Music Café anniversary get-together Jan. 24 at the Soldiers' Theatre on Caserma Ederle.

How often does anyone have the chance to enjoy multiple musical genres live and free?

If you are part of the crowd who enjoy an entertaining evening in the Soldiers' Theatre lobby on Caserma Ederle, this has happened just about once a month for the past four years. The event known as Music Café celebrated its fourth anniversary with a large crowd and a diverse group of musicians and singers, who performed in a night club atmosphere Jan. 24.

"I have always wanted to do something like this since I started working for MWR about 20 years ago, but I had to wait for the right time and right place," said Barry Robinson, Soldiers' Theatre sound system technician and master of ceremonies for the event since its inception.

"About four years ago my supervisor, Jerry Brees, and Peggy Schadler, marketing chief at MWR, sat down in the Soldiers' Theater lobby and brainstormed the idea," he said.

At first, they thought to host the open mic style event every three months, but soon realized that they could attract enough performers and music lovers to do it monthly.

Robinson remembered that on opening night he had no idea what he was going to do, since he is normally a "behind the scenes" kind of person.

"I decided to just be myself, don't plan and just let everything flow or, like we say in the music world, 'play it by ear' — and four years later I am still doing that," he said.

So, since that January evening in 2010, multifaceted musical genres ranging from bluegrass and pop to rock, punk and soul have been performed by bands and soloists on a range of instruments or cappella, by musicians of all levels and regular folks who enjoy a night of full musical immersion.

Performers and their fans come from both within the Vicenza Military Community and from the broader Italian community outside the gate, who come with friends or are invited to perform with their band.

"Each month I feature a local band, group or solo artist to start off the event so I am always looking for new and interesting talent, and not just singers and musicians. So, for people such as stand-up comedians, spoken word artists and dancers: come by and talk to us or call," said Robinson.

One of the Music Café's most persistent followers and stirring performers over the years is Luciano Prestipino, manager at BNL, the Italian bank on post. Prestipino found out about the Music Café a couple years ago and has performed there many times since.

"Sometimes I come by myself; at times some members of the band come with me. Almost every time I bring my family and friends," he said.

During the fourth anniversary session, Prestipino performed several James Brown songs, including "Sex Machine," "I Feel Good" and "Get Up Offa That Thing."

"I think that the key to it being a successful event is because everybody has the chance to perform, including instrumental performers and singers, either as an individual or improvising as a group on the spot," said Prestipino.

"Every genre of music is welcome and the age is not a factor. I really like the atmosphere, and other people like it as well because participation in the event has increased in both the audience and performers too," he said.



Vocalist Luciano Prestipino breaks out in a sweat while performing the songs of James Brown at the Music Café Jan. 24.

In the audience that evening was Marco Menegolo, a follower of Music Café since its first year.

"As an Italian, I am grateful to be able to enter and participate in an event inside the Caserma Ederle. The organization is excellent, and I like the friendly environment and the atmosphere. I think it is a successful event and I hope it will keep going on," said Menegolo.

Jerry Brees, Soldiers' Theatre director, said, "Music Café is such a unique and exciting program that really brings the community together. Barry has taken this idea, and through his hard work, dedication and passion, has encouraged our entire community to share their love of music with each other in a positive, supportive environment."

As he has for the past four years, Robinson set up all the sound and lighting equipment for the show, but he also counts on the support of volunteers who help run the board when the Music Café gets under way.

"I am always looking for good technicians. It is definitely a group effort. I couldn't do all this by myself," said Robinson.

C-H-E-E-R

Vicenza youngsters shake it out at Cheer Camp, led by Vicenza High School cheerleaders in the high school gym Feb 1. More than 70 girls took part in the daylong series of classes and performance.



Photo by David Ruderman



Photo by Laura Kreider



Photo by David Ruderman

Children's Clothing Swap



Tuesday, February 25
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Clean out your kid's closet and go home with a whole new wardrobe!

How to Participate:

Drop off items at the front desk starting Feb 21..

Set up time 10:30 a.m. on Feb 25 in the Library Conference Room.

Any unwanted items will be donated to the Thrift Shop.

Please, only clean, gently used clothing and shoes for children sizes 0-5 years.

Where:

Library Conference Room

Date to Drop Off Items:

February 21 at the Library front desk

Cost:

Free

For more information, call 634-8419 | www.vicenza.armyMWR.com



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February 21
9 p.m. - 8 a.m.

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Cost: \$10

Register by February 20 via Webtrac or at Parent Central Services.

For more info call 634-7659 or visit www.vicenza.armyMWR.com.

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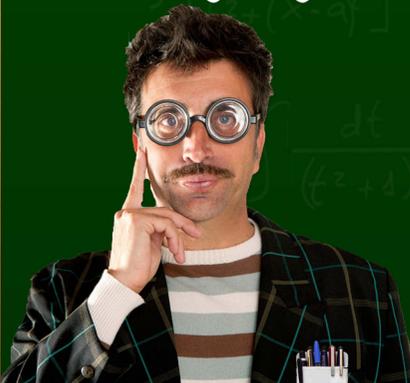
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For more information call 633-7438/7440. | www.darby.armyMWR.com



Photo by Arturo Bazzocchi

Swollen rivers, streams in Tuscany

Residents of Firenze watch the turbulent water of the Arno River rise, threatening to burst its banks Jan. 31 as Tuscany experienced the consequences of the recent, nearly incessant rain. Hundreds of people were forced to evacuate their homes and all schools in Pisa were closed. The Darby Military Community closed all but emergency installation services at 1 p.m. The situation bettered in the afternoon, but the enormous amount of rain across the region flooded numerous rivers and streams, causing serious damage throughout the entire Tuscan region. A mudslide collapsed a 30-meter stretch of the medieval walls of Volterra and the towns of Ponsacco and San Miniato experienced severe flooding.

Training for emergency response

Camp Darby firefighters Dario Barsotti, Federico Concordia and Massimiliano Manganelli search for a missing person in smoke filled building during one scenario of search and rescue training Jan 22. The firefighters created a search line by attaching themselves with webbing and carabiners, one firefighter remaining constant contact with the scenario wall.

Photos by Capt. Tristan Cameron



Speak Out

What is the best Valentine's Day gift you ever gave?



Spc. Joe Doumar
Health Clinic

"It was a Black Hills golden ring."



Sonia Benassini
DMC Operations

"I made a heart shaped cake."



Massimo Ferrari
DES Fire Department

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Valentine's Special Surf & Turf

Start Valentine's Day early with Surf & Turf at the Golden Lion on Feb 13 with an 8 oz. Filet Mignon, grilled shrimp and all the fixin's! Call 634-7685 to reserve by Feb 11.

Arena Valentine's Day Specials

On Feb 14, take your choice of three fabulous bowling specials and then bring your sweetheart over to the Lion's Den for a special evening of sweets, music and love.

Youth Center 7th Grade Lock-In

7th graders, how would you like to spend the night out with your friends on Feb 21? Lock-In night is chock-full of activities including swimming, bowling, a movie, pizza and party games! Register at Parent Central Services. For info, call 634-7659.

Athletic Battle Series

Come out and test yourself against other competitors in a series of eight events to determine who will be crowned USAG Vicenza's Top Athlete.

The Bubble Games, the first in the series of eight events will be held on Friday, Feb 7 at The Bubble, 6-8 p.m. The event consists of a three-round workout including wall-balls, box jumps, push-press, rowing and a mystery exercise to be revealed at the event.

To register and for additional information about the Athletic Battle Series, contact 634-7616.

ODR Trips

- Feb 8 Madonna di Campiglio Ski Trip
- Feb 14 Romantic Dinner in a Palladian Villa
- Feb 15 Obereggen Ski & Snowboard Trip
- Feb 23 Venice Carnival

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

Introduction to Framing

Learn how to give your pictures and art that professional custom framing touch. Class begins Feb 15. Register by Feb 14 at Arts and Crafts or on WebTrac.

Music Café

Music Café nights are casual improv jam nights for music lovers by music lovers. Jam with us at our next session on Feb 21 at Soldiers' Theatre, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Register using MWR Online Services for:

Vicenza Trip & Classes

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Vicenza Facebook Page





Darby Military Community



Hot Shot Basketball Shooting Contest

Show off your basketball shooting skills on Feb 19. Prizes will be awarded for 1st place Men & Women. For info, contact Darby Fitness Center at 633-7438.

CYSS Sports Lock-In

Let the Youth Center put the kids on the bus on Feb 21. Come and spend the night at the Youth Center. There will be games and prizes, snacks throughout the evening and breakfast before youth leave on the sports bus. Registration and payment is required by Feb 18.

Valentine Massage Special

Surprise your valentine with a gift certificate for a 60-minute massage and save \$15. Gift certificates must be purchased by Feb 14 for discount price. For information, contact 633-7438.

CYSS Parent's Night Out

Parents, enjoy a night out and let CYSS take care of the kids on Feb 22. Registration and payment is required by Feb 19. For information, contact 633-7459.

ODR Trips

- Feb 8 Abetone Ski Trip
- Feb 15 Cimone Ski Trip
- Feb 22 Venice Carnival Trip
- Feb 22 Abetone Ski Trip
- Mar 1 Collodi Trip

For complete list and trip info visit our website.

Savvy Swap Shop

Military Saves Month is just around the corner. Shop for free at the Savvy Swap Shop at ACS on Feb 27, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

- Drop off items at ACS Feb 24-26
- No more than 5 items per person, please.
- Pick up a shopping pass for 5 items on Feb 27

Please, only clean, gently items such as women's & men's clothing, shoes, handbags, children's items, small appliances and household items. Any unwanted items will be collected by the Second Glance Thrift Store. For more info, contact ACS at 633-7084.



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Darby CYSS Activities



Darby Facebook Page

Life Upon the Wicked Stage

A night of cabaret at the Soldiers' Theatre

By USAG Vicenza DFMWR

Professional cabaret singer and performing artist Jeanne Ragonese returns to the Soldiers' Theatre Feb. 7-8 with a high-energy, fast-paced, one-woman show: *Life Upon the Wicked Stage*. Her performance combines wit and wisdom about the ups and downs of a life on the stage as told through hysterical comedy numbers, rousing Broadway songs and beautiful ballads.

Ragonese has been living in Germany since 1990, where she has been a DoDDS Europe first-grade teacher for the past 22 years. She said she had no idea that the Army had theater programs until she started her job with DoDDS.

"I've always been so grateful for the many wonderful experiences I've had due to the many communities that support these programs. I have always taken the opportunity to drive all over the place to Army theaters because I've always enjoyed getting the chance to work with new people in different locations," she said.

Many miles on the road

Over the years Ragonese has driven thousands of miles on the autobahn in between performances at the Frankfurt Playhouse, Rhein-Neckar Theatre, Darmstadt Performing Arts Center, Stuttgart Theater Center, Kaiserslautern's KMC Onstage, Mannheim's Off-Main Street Theatre and Heidelberg's Roadside Theater.

She has performed in more than 80 productions in Europe, including a cabaret show and a Gershwin concert in Vicenza at the Soldiers' Theatre. Ragonese also sang at Frankfurt's Alte Oper, the city's famous opera house, and annually performs as a "Topper singer" at the IMCOM-Europe Tournament of Plays gala for 17 years.

Ragonese said she finds it difficult to choose a favorite show, but "I'm proud to say I was a principal char-



Courtesy photo

Jeanne Ragonese performs a one-woman show at the Soldiers' Theatre this weekend.

acter in Heidelberg's production of 'Les Miserables,' which was the very first amateur production ever of that musical. Another highpoint was Heidelberg's production of the musical 'Suburb,' which was chosen for the national AACT Theater Festival in Kalamazoo, Mich., and placed third at the national festival," she said.

Ever in search of a new performance challenge, Ragonese auditioned at London's Royal Academy of Music for a cabaret workshop offered at Yale University. She was one of only two aspirants selected from that audition and had the opportunity to study at the Yale Cabaret Conference, which was taught by a faculty of Broadway and New York City cabaret singers, musicians and directors.

It was an amazing experience, said Ragonese, one that inspired her to write her own material for cabaret performance evenings in Europe. One manifestation of that creative urge is her current show, *Life Upon the Wicked Stage*.

"It's been an exciting, challenging

and rewarding experience to draw on my own experiences and songs I love singing to put together my own shows. It's also opened up new performing opportunities and given me the chance to work with some great musicians, like right here in Vicenza," Ragonese said.

Life Upon the Wicked Stage will take the stage for two nights at the Soldiers' Theatre, Feb. 7 and 8 with curtain at 7:30 p.m. Ragonese will be accompanied by Ciriaco Colella on the piano.

"Jeanne's beautiful voice and vivacious personality shine in her highly entertaining cabaret show," said Soldiers' Theatre director, Jerry Brees. "This is a great date night in an intimate atmosphere and a truly unique opportunity." Tickets, \$15, include all beverages and refreshments, which will include a prosecco bar with unusual and delicious mixes, syrups and garnishes for creative cocktails with salty snacks and tasty treats.

Make reservations at the Soldiers' Theatre or call 634-7281.

Carnevale season is upon us

Carnevale is celebrated in Italy and many places around the world 40 days (not counting Sundays) before Easter. *Carnevale* is a huge winter festival celebrated with parades, masquerade balls, entertainment, music, and parties. Children throw *coriandoli* (confetti) at each other. Mischief and pranks are also common during *Carnevale*, hence the saying *A Carnevale Ogni Scherzo Vale*, anything goes at *Carnevale*.

The holiday has roots in pagan festivals and traditions and as is often the case with traditional festivals, was adapted to fit the rituals of the Catholic Church. Masks, *maschere*, are an important part of the *carnevale* festival and Venice is the best city for traditional carnival masks. Carnival masks are sold year round and can be found in many shops in Venice, ranging from cheap to elaborate and expensive masks. People also wear elaborate costumes for the festival and there are costume or masquerade balls, both private and public. This year's *Carnevale* season extends from Feb. 15 to March 4, but celebrations in many parts of Italy begin earlier. The 2014 Venice *Carnevale* program in English is online at <http://www.carnevale.venezia.it/?slang=en>

Carnevale celebrations and float parades

Feb. 8 — Malo, about 11 miles northwest of Vicenza; 8:30 p.m., grand opening of Malo's Carnival ; Country & Western music with Ohio Express Family band; Feb. 9., 2:30 p.m., children's *Carnevale* with games and entertainment featured by the Bababaloon group.

Rosà, about 21 miles northeast of Vicenza, 6 p.m. food booths open; 8 p.m. float parade; 10:30 p.m. award ceremony for the best float.

Feb. 9 — Colognola ai Colli (Verona), about 24 miles west of Vicenza, 2:30 p.m.

Grezzana (Verona), about 40 miles west of Vicenza, 2:30 p.m.

Feb. 15 — Muggia (Trieste), about 130 miles east of Vicenza, 2 p.m.

Sommacampagna (Verona), about 60 miles west of Vicenza, 2:30 p.m.

Feb. 16 — Albaro (Verona), about 25 miles southwest of Vicenza, 2:30 p.m.

Locara (Verona), about 16 miles west of Vicenza, 2:30 p.m.

Sommacampagna (Verona), about 60 miles west of Vicenza, 2:30 p.m.

Muggia (Trieste), about 130 miles east of Vicenza, 2:30 p.m.

Feb. 22 — Arcole (Verona), about 21 miles southwest of Vicenza, 22, 8 p.m., night float parade.

Belfiore (Verona), about 23 miles southwest of Vicenza, 2:30 p.m.

Montorio (Verona), about 31 miles west of Vicenza, 3 p.m.



Festa di Sant'Agata

Feb. 23 — Cavaion (Verona), about 50 miles west of Vicenza, 2:30 p.m.

Dossobuono (Verona), about 37 miles west of Vicenza, 2:30 p.m.

Nogara (Verona), about 50 miles southwest of Vicenza; in case of inclement weather, the float parade will be postponed to March 23.

Fiocchi di luce

Flakes of Light - Musical Fireworks

Feb. 14-15, 10 p.m. and Feb. 16, 6 p.m., in Asiago, Romeo Sartori Airport, Via Cinque, about 37 miles north of Vicenza.

Festa di Sant'Agata

St. Agatha Festival

Feb. 9, Arzignano, at the Arzignano's Castle, Piazzale Vittoria, about 12 miles west of Vicenza; with his historical commemoration the town renews its vow to St. Agatha of 1413 when, on the day of St. Agatha, the Hungarian troops gave up the siege and left the castle. Votive historical procession departs at 9:15 a.m. accompanied by flag-flyers, and drummers; 10 a.m. medieval market opens; food booths featuring local specialties and wines; 2 p.m. local products and crafts exhibit and sale; from 2 p.m. free Castle guided tour (in Italian); 2:30 p.m. medieval shows; 6:30 p.m. fireworks.

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VENETO

Fiera di San Valentino Saint Valentine Fair

Feb. 7, in Pozzoleone, about 13 miles northeast of Vicenza; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing at the Sport Center on Via Casona **Feb. 8**, 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. local products indoor exhibit and sale; 2:30-5:30 p.m. carnival rides; 7 p.m. food booths open; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing on Via Casona; 9:30 p.m. country night with Luca & Nike; free access **Feb. 9**: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. antique market; motorcycle and vintage tools exhibit and sale, and local products indoor exhibit and sale; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. free tours to the bell-tower; 4 p.m. live bell concert by the Corde e Musica Band.

I love Ficarolo

Feb. 9, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., in **Ficarolo (Rovigo)**, about 73 miles south of Vicenza; crafts and collectors' items exhibit and sale; a wide range of gift ideas for Valentine's Day; local products tasting and sale; entertainment for children with games and bounce houses; from 4 p.m. free cotton candy; stores open all Sunday long.

Hunting Show & Pescare Show

Feb. 8-10, in **Vicenza**, Via dell'Oreficeria, 16. Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Monday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission fee: €15; reduced: €10 (children between 6 and 12 and senior citizens over 60 or if you have a hunting or fishing license.) Free for children under 13.

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.

Biennale della creatività Italian Biennial of Creativity

Feb. 12-16, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., in Verona, Viale del Lavoro 8; sections dedicated to the main artistic disciplines: painting, sculpture, graphics, photography, design, video and literature; important national and international contemporary artists will participate; free entry.

Teatro Comunale concerts in Vicenza

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

Feb. 13 - BJM Les Ballet Jazz de Montréal

Feb. 20 - Ragtime, blues and more, the music of Ger-shwin, 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.

April 4 - Angela Hewitt – Piano concert

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

Vicenza area antique markets Feb. 9

Vicenza: 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., in 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

Fiera del Cioccolato Artigianale Chocolate Fair

Feb. 7-16, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closes at 8 p.m. on Feb. 16, in Florence, Piazza Santa Maria Novella; more than 40 exhibitors from all over Europe offer a great assortment of chocolates; chocolate workshops held by masters chocolatiers, who will also teach how to taste the chocolate in a correct way and how to accompany it with other foods in the most imaginative combinations; games and workshops for children, blind tasting sessions and *quizzolato* (quiz on chocolate).

Carnevale in Tuscany

Bientina (Pisa) Feb. 9, 16, and 23; March 2, 4 and 9, at 3 p.m., carnival float parades depart from Piazza Vittorio Emanuele. Bientina Carnival has been celebrated for the last 50 years. It includes, besides the traditional allegoric floats, a little train loaded with children riding around the town.

Cecina (Livorno) Feb. 9 and Feb. 16, 2 p.m., float parade, games and entertainment for children, face painting, markets, exhibits; in case of inclement weather, the parade will be postponed to March 9.

Foiano della Chiana (Arezzo) Feb. 9, 16, and 23, March 2, 9; 475th edition of the oldest Carnevale in Italy; the city's four district compete for the best Carnevale float; the float parade starts at 3 p.m. on Feb. 9, and at noon on the other dates.

Follonica (Grosseto) Feb. 16, Feb. 23 and March 2, at

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Fiera del Cioccolato Artigianale



2:30 p.m. float parades accompanied by the city musical band; in case of inclement weather, the parade will be postponed to March 9.

Orentano (Castelfranco di Sotto – Pisa) Feb. 2, 9, and 16; March 2, 4, 9; this Carnevale is mainly meant for children. The floats, growing in size and number every year, are mostly inspired by Walt Disney characters.

Prato Feb. 16 and 23, March 2 and 4, at 3 p.m.; Carnevale di Paperino, Donald Duck's Carnival; entry is €2:50 for Feb. 16, 23 and March 2. Free entry March 4.

San Gimignano (Siena) Feb. 9, 16, 23 and March 2; float parades with live music, games and folk dances.

Santa Croce sull'Arno (Pisa) Feb. 16, at 5 p.m., Feb. 23, 3 p.m., March 2, at 5 p.m.; this traditional float parade goes back to 1928. It is not a traditional mask parade, but a great show, the result of hard work and great professionalism with hundreds of hand-crafted masks, most of them made of leather produced in the area.

San Miniato (Pisa) Feb. 9, 16, and 23; March 2; Children's Carnevale

Verdi Theater performances

At the Verdi Theater in Pisa, Via Palestro 40

March 7: Andrea Chénier

March 29: Pinocchio

Cantina Jazz 2014

Feb. 14, March 14, and April 11, 7:30 p.m., in Pontedera, Museo Piaggio, Viale Rinaldo Piaggio 7; taste local wine and products while enjoying jazz music; entrance fee: €8; please call 347-3209630 for reservation.

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 a 30-minute drive from Camp Darby. Information is available from Tours and More at 633-7589.

Area antique markets this weekend

Firenze: Feb. 9, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza Santo Spirito - Sunday

Montepulciano (Siena): Feb. 8-9, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza Grande.

Piombino (Livorno): Feb. 8-9, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza Cappelletti, Corso Italia, via Fucini, Piazza Gramsci.

Pisa: Feb. 9, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Piazza dei Cavalieri.

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

Vicopisano (Pisa): Feb. 9, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Piazza Domenico Cavalca.

CONCERTS

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

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.

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To the Editor

Power outage Saturday

DPW has scheduled a power outage for Saturday, Feb. 8, from 6-9 a.m. to perform necessary periodic maintenance on the Caserma Ederle electrical substations. The entire base will be affected. For information call 634-6401.

Product safety recalls

The Consumer Product Safety Commission has published the following product safety recalls to its website at <http://www.cpsc.gov/>

Gre expands its dehumidifier recall to include GE brand dehumidifiers due to serious fire and burn hazards

West Marine recalls folding bicycles; frames can break causing riders to fall

Fred & Friends recalls infant pacifiers due to choking hazard

Strollers recalled by **Britax** due to partial fingertip amputation hazard

IKEA expands recall of junior beds that pose laceration hazard

Horizon Hobby recalls remote controlled model helicopters due to injury hazard

Bodum USA recalls coffee presses sold exclusively at Starbucks due to laceration and burn hazards

Reebok-CCM recalls senior hockey elbow pads due to risk of elbow

Community news briefs



Photo by Shaun Miller

When it rains, it floods

The Bacchiglione River floods at Longare, closing the Ponte di Debba Feb. 2.

injury. Call the Garrison Safety with questions or concerns at 634-8109/8023/7045.

Lost blankets

A reward is offered for the return of two blankets left at the Caserma Ederle Laundromat Feb. 2 in the evening. One blanket is a blue child's blanket with race cars on it while the other is beige. The child's blanket in particular has great sentimental value to the family. Please call Jonathan at 324-665-5484 or email jarnett@albany.edu if you can help return them to their owner.

SSA service closure

Due to the Global Combat Support System-Army training and conversion, the 405th AFSB LRC SSA will be closed Feb. 10-28. Feb. 4 will be the last date for turn-in and Feb. 7 will be the last day to request and pick up parts. The SSA will reopen March 3.

The SSA regrets the inconvenience and urges all customers to please plan accordingly.

TSP update

As of Feb. 3, the Thrift Savings Plan has mailed IRS Form 1099-R, Distributions from Pensions, Annuities, Retirement or Profit-Sharing Plans, IRAs, Insurance Contracts, and similar to participants who received a withdrawal up to Dec. 26, and/or a taxable distribution of a loan up to Dec. 31 of last year. If you have not received Form 1099-R by mid-February, you can print out a copy from the My Account section of the TSP website. Corrected Forms 1099-R will be issued in late February or early March. If you expect a corrected Form 1099-R, you may wish to wait to file your taxes until you receive the form.

Scholarships for Military Children

Applications for the 2014 Scholar-

ships for Military Children Program may be downloaded at www.militaryscholar.org and must be turned in to the Vicenza Commissary or Darby Commissary by close of business Feb. 28. Packages must be hand delivered or mailed via the U.S. Postal Service or other delivery vendor, not emailed or faxed. This year's award is \$2,000. Each commissary worldwide with qualified applicants awards at least one scholarship. Applicants and their sponsor must be enrolled in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database and have a military ID card. For more information, call 856-616-9311 or email militaryscholar@scholarship-managers.com

President's Day hours

Vicenza Exchange sections will observe the following hours of operation on President's Day:

Caserma Ederle

Main Exchange: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Ederle Express: 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 Villaggio Express: 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 Car Care Center: Closed
 Military Clothing: Closed

Coffee Shop: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Charley's and Popeye's: 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Subway: 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Burger King: 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 Anthony's & Taco Bell: Closed
 Mall Concessionaires: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 Gyros: 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
 Grill, DJ&Hopps, Ciao Café, Family Hair Care, Cleaners, Ironing & TKS: Closed
 Launderettes: Open 24 hours
Caserma Del Din
 Del Din Express: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Del Din Subway: noon to 5 p.m.
 Del Din Coffee Shop: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Del Din Mobile Center and Mensa Café: Closed

USAREC seeks returning recruiters

Former detailed recruiters can earn a \$4,000 bonus if they reclassify to MOS 79R and return to the U.S. Army Recruiting Command. NCOs must be staff sergeant or sergeant, have less than 12 years in service, and currently serve in an overstrength or balanced MOS. Time of service as a 79R must be a minimum of 36 months. See



your career counselor for more information or call 634-3928.

Civilian CAC ID changes

Beginning March 1, Army Appropriated Fund civilian employees and their family members will no longer be required to visit the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center before renewing their CAC cards, but will go directly to the ID card section. Individuals who obtain their CAC from a non-Army ID card office will still need to obtain a DD Form 1172-2 from CPAC. More information is online.

ATM replacement on Ederle

Community Bank ATMs at the Caserma Ederle Chapel Gate and Shopette will be out of service while being replaced with new machines.

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At the movies



The Monuments Men

The Monuments Men is an action drama focusing on the World War II platoon tasked by FDR with going into Germany to rescue art masterpieces from Nazi thieves and return them to their rightful owners. Based on a true story, the film stars George Clooney, Matt Damon, Cate Blanchett and Bill Murray.

Ederle Theater

Feb. 7	7 p.m.	Labor Day (PG-13) *
	10 p.m.	Lone Survivor (R)
Feb. 8	3 p.m.	Frozen (PG)
	6 p.m.	Labor Day (PG-13) *
Feb. 9	3 p.m.	Frozen (PG)
	6 p.m.	Lone Survivor (R)
Feb. 12	11 a.m.	The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (PG)
	7 p.m.	The Wolf of Wall Street (R)
Feb. 13	7 p.m.	Lone Survivor (R)
Feb. 14	7 p.m.	The Lego Movie (PG) *
	10 p.m.	The Monuments Men (PG-13) *
Feb. 15	3 p.m.	The Lego Movie (PG) *
	6 p.m.	The Monuments Men (PG-13) *
Feb. 16	3 p.m.	The Lego Movie (PG) *
	6 p.m.	The Monuments Men (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

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 p.m. at the Spiritual Fitness Center. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m. in Vicenza. Call 634-7897, 380-431-7633 or email lescall@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.

Outlook

Community news briefs

Work is planned to have the new ATMs operable by Feb. 12.

ZIP plus four

The Postal Service Center reminds community members to always use the ZIP + 4 postal code when mailing items and to advise correspondents and merchants to include the additional four number code when mailing items to you to ensure fastest possible delivery. Click here for postal code extensions for Caserma Ederle (ZIP code 09630) and here for postal code extensions for Caserma Del Din (ZIP code 09606).

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 now 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.

Get rid of the Monday morning blues with

Meditation Monday

Every Monday, 12:15-12:45 p.m.
Army Community Service

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For more info, call 634-6264

