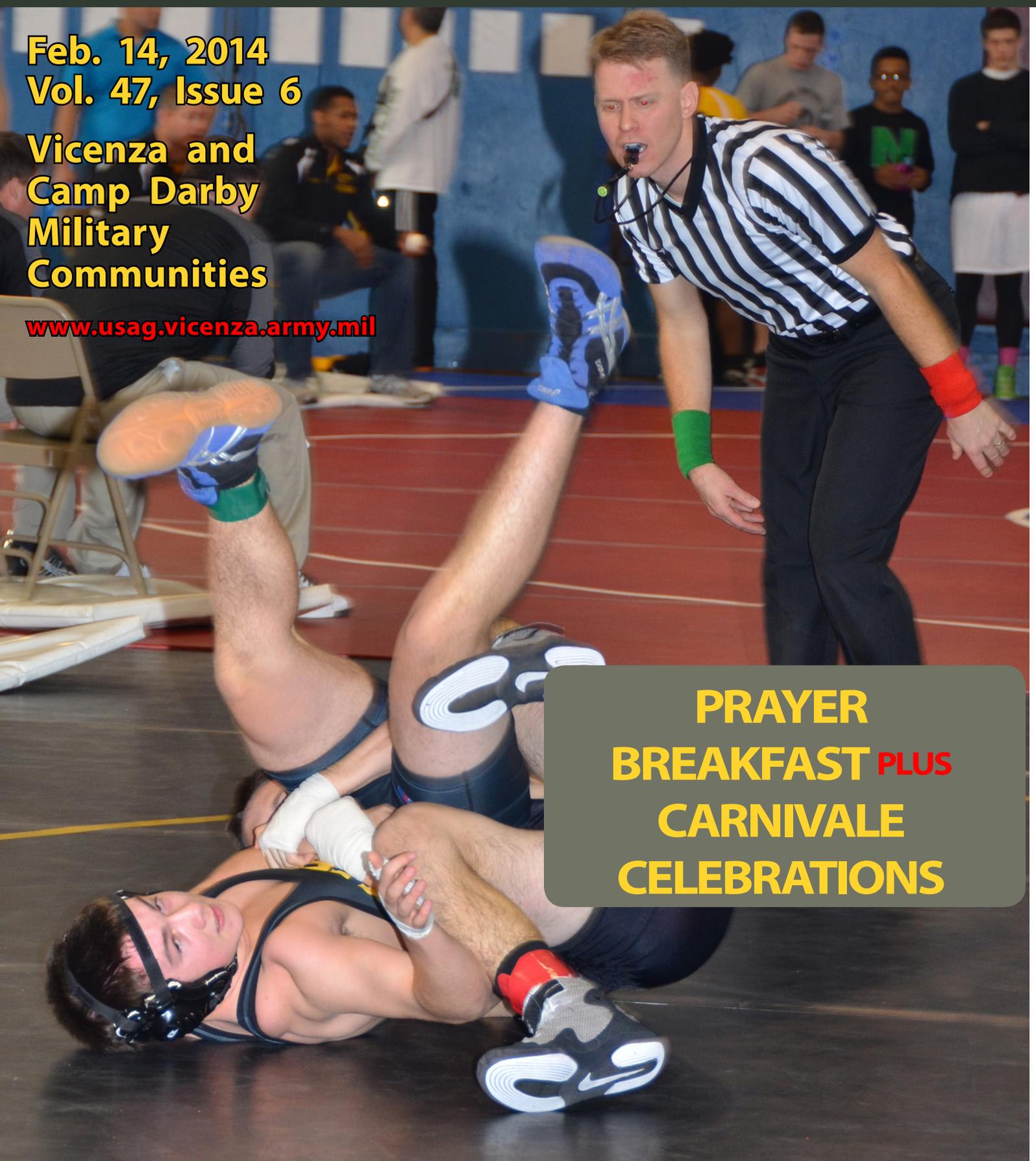


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Strategic Priorities:

Globally Engaged Army

By Lt. Gen. Donald M. Campbell Jr.

Commander, U.S. Army Europe

Hello USAREUR Team,

As many of you know I've been highlighting Gen. Raymond T. Odierno's strategic priorities, and the one I want to discuss this month is one that our Team excels at. Our ability to be globally responsive and remain regionally engaged on a daily basis is the reason why the U.S. Army maintains a forward presence here in Europe.

First, let's review our globally responsive force. As we downsize, transition, and then sustain a smaller, but ready and capable Total Army, we can more efficiently provide joint and combined forces with expeditionary and enduring land power for the range of military operations. This then allows us to feature unique competencies such as operational leadership, mobility, command and control, and theater logistics at all echelons.

Maintaining a responsive force posture and effective network of installations and capabilities here in Europe serves to protect U.S. interests and those of our Allies. That's why, by 2017, our leaner and more agile force will be comprised of about 30,000 Soldiers concentrated in seven communities.

Second, as a regionally engaged Army in Europe, we build trust, develop relationships, and gain access through the rotation of conus-based forces, multinational exercises, mil-to-mil engagements, coalition training and many other opportunities. Many of these events happen at our own Joint Multinational Readiness Center, the only combat training center located outside of the continental United States. Here are just a few examples, by the numbers, of how USAREUR remains regionally engaged everyday:

- More than 60,000 U.S. and Allied Soldiers train at JMRC annually
- More than 20,000 Allied and partner nation personnel have participated in USAREUR led exercises since 2005
- 26 of the 49 nations contributing to the coalition forces of the International Security Assistance Force are NATO Allies from Europe
- More than 1,000 personnel from 26 countries developed counterinsurgency intelligence, analysis and operational skills with the assistance of USAREUR personnel and facilities

In addition to those engagements, as we look towards the future, operations post-ISAF give this command the opportunity to look at staying regionally engaged in more creative ways, to include computer simulation. We are also able to use other NATO members' facilities through the great relationships and interoperability developed over the years.

I'm proud of the hard work, professionalism and commitment of our team to remain a globally responsive and regionally engaged force.

Strong Soldiers, Strong Teams!



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A Vicenza High School wrestler attempts a take over during the local meet held Feb. 8. The Cougars brought 15 wrestlers to Saturday's sectionals and had four qualifiers. See page 21 for the story.

Photo by Laura Kreider



Photo by Laura Kreider

Tax Center open for business

A ribbon is cut during the grand opening of the Vicenza Tax Center Feb. 7 by Capt. Matt Schulz (Tax center officer in charge, left), Spc. Stacy Englert, and Maj. Gen. Patrick Donahue, U.S. Army Africa commanding general.

The Vicenza Tax Center is now open five days a week in the USARAF JAG Office. It is staffed with IRS certified tax preparers who are ready to assist with filing state and federal tax returns for free. Tuesdays and Thursday are by appointment only. For questions, call 0444-71-7316.

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Speak Out

What is your best memory of your early school years?



Hal Batts

173rd IBCT (Airborne)

"My best memory is high school prom night or the homecoming."



Clitta Frigo

DoDDS

"When I was told to move from first to third grade and so I skipped second grade!"



Jordan Larsen

Family member

"In fourth grade, going on a trip to the National Museum of History in Washington D.C."

Chief of chaplains speaks at prayer breakfast

Story and photos by Julie M. Lucas
USAG Vicenza PAO

Psalm 33 says, "No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength." This was one of the prayers that was read during the annual prayer breakfast in Vicenza Feb. 7.

A typical breakfast was served, but a very distinguished speaker attended the event.

Chief of Chaplains, Maj. Gen. Donald L. Rutherford, spoke to members of the community about effective leaders and calming anxiety using survival skills.

"We are living in anxious times, no one wants to live in a threat," Rutherford said. "I'd like everyone to leave a little calmer and thoughtful here today."

Rutherford spoke about author Henri Nouwen, a Dutch born Catholic priest who taught at Notre Dame, Harvard and Yale. While speaking about Nouwen's beliefs, Rutherford asked the audience how they can create space for God to act and speak. He then read a passage from Nouwen's book, "Inner Voice of Love."

"When you feel lonely, stay in your loneliness ... live instead of surviving."

Rutherford then spoke about Korean War Medal of Honor recipient and Roman Catholic priest Capt. Emil Kapaun. Kapaun was a prisoner of war, who suffered cruelty and starvation in captivity but became a beacon of humanity and hope to his



U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains Maj. Gen. Donald L. Rutherford, right, and U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Commander Col. Robert L. Menist, bow their heads during the annual prayer breakfast Feb. 7. Rutherford served as guest speaker during the ceremony.

fellow prisoners.

On the death march to Pyoktong, "American Soldiers left the wounded in ditches to die, ignoring orders from their officers," Rutherford said. "Young Emil had a choice to make. He could have chosen to be bitter, a lot was going wrong with his life, but instead he focused on the positive in a very intense atmosphere."

Rutherford finished his speech ask-

ing the crowd, "Why are you part of the Army today?"

"I hope you are all here to make a difference ... that you may be leaders who bring calm in the face of anxiety."

During the breakfast, prayers were recited for the military, our nation and the world. Music was presented by a group of Vicenza Elementary School students playing steel drums.

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Above: Vicenza Elementary School music teacher Michael James directs students playing steel drums at the prayer breakfast. The students played "Amazing Grace." **At left:** Chap. (Lt. Col.) Sid A. Taylor Sr., U.S. Army Africa, joins in a prayer during the annual prayer breakfast Feb. 7. Prayers were said for the military, nation and world.

Europe libraries pull plug on paper magazines

By Dijon Rolle

USAG Rheinland-Pfalz PAO

LANDSTUHL, Germany - Army libraries across Europe are pulling the plug on paper magazines and going all digital. Beginning this month, patrons will no longer have to visit their local library to search through stacks of paper magazines. Instead, they can download them from home using the Zinio digital magazine subscription service.

The service, billed as the "world's largest newsstand," offers iPad, iPhone, Android, Mac, Kindle and personal computer users access to downloadable magazine content for free through the Army Europe library system. Zinio has been available to patrons for almost a year, but Army Europe libraries still offered paper copies of magazines until this month.

Library officials at the Landstuhl branch say the move to digital magazines benefits both the Army and library users across Europe.

"Everyone at every library has access to this. It equalizes the playing

field," said Landstuhl Main Library Director Shawn Friend-Begin. "The libraries in Europe are a lot stronger because we are centralized and this allows us to offer even more services to our patrons wherever they are."

Library Technician Deborah Arnett also touted the benefits of the switch.

"It gives us more space in the library to expand our audio visual collections and it's also easy to use and convenient ... you can download it immediately, instead of having to go to the store and buy it or wait for it to come in the mail. You also don't have to worry about paying to renew multiple magazine subscriptions," Arnett said.

Before the change, the Landstuhl library offered around 110 different paper magazine titles, but now patrons can access more than 450 through Zinio, and staff say that number is expected to increase as the number of Zinio users grows.

"Any new person that comes into the library, I immediately tell them about Zinio because I love it and the

more it gets used the more we are going to keep it around for," Arnett said.

Library staff members say they are happy to train anyone who may not know how to use the service. "I think a lot of people can be hesitant at first, but the key is to do it one time," Arnett said. "Once they see how easy it is, they're hooked."

Users must have an Army Europe Library account to access the free Zinio magazine subscription service.

Once logged in, they can search for magazines alphabetically or by genre. Downloaded issues can be kept indefinitely and deleted when done.

In addition to the Zinio service, the Army Europe libraries website also offers free e-books, audio books, music and other digital content that users can download onto their personal devices.

To access the Zinio magazine subscription service, log on to www.library.eur.army.mil/services/econtent and click on the "view eMagazines" tab.



VICENZA COMMUNITY CLUB
CELEBRATES ITS
RUBY 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
announcements@vccitaly.org

PROCEEDS FROM THE LIVE AUCTION BENEFIT THE VCC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Get rid of the Monday morning blues with

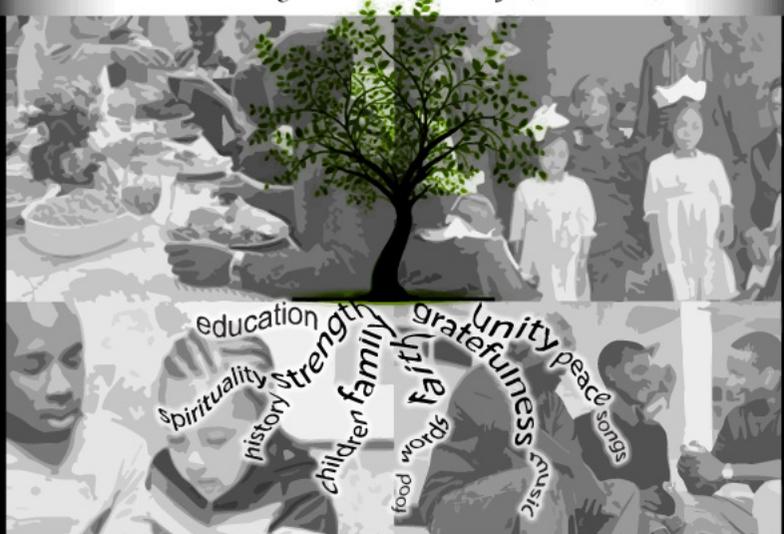
Meditation Monday

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

No classes offered on Federal holidays
For more info, call 634-6264



BLACK HISTORY MONTH Rooted In Strong Roots: Family, Faith & Food



Date: February 25, 2014
Location: Golden Lion
Time: 1530



2014 Coin Design Contest



- WHO:** All DoD employees and their family members (ID card required for verification).
- WHAT:** Participants will create a 2014 CFC-O coin design that embodies the spirit of the campaign. The chosen design will be distributed to select contributors during the 2014 CFC-O this fall.
- WHEN:** Submissions are due by 15 March 2014.
- DETAILS:**
- Designs should honor the generous spirit of DoD contributors and depict the theme: Give Because You Care.
 - The year "2014" and the name "Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas" must appear in the design.
 - The design must fit on a round coin with 1 3/4 inch diameter.
 - Use the following colors: red, white and blue as solid colors only, no gradients as they cannot be replicated accurately with enamel fill. Any negative space without a color will be background color of the coin.
 - Submit designs as a .jpg or .pdf file to cfcoc@cfcoverseas.org.

By submitting a design, the artist verifies that their design is original work and gives permission for its use by the CFC-O on the coins. Additionally, the submitter consents to the reproduction of the design and its use by the CFC-O in various applications, which include, but are not limited to: campaign materials, publicity releases and electronic reproduction on the CFC-O website and social media sites. There will be no monetary remuneration for use of the winning design.

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SUBMIT YOUR DESIGN TODAY!



CYSS, THE BGCA, VHS & THE EDERLE LIBRARY PRESENT THE IMAGEMAKERS PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT

March 10-28

Stop by the Ederle Library to view photos from youth in the Vicenza Military Community.

Cast your vote for your favorite image!

For more information call 634-7659.
www.vicenza.armyMWR.com



Is your community **HEALTHY?**



Many things affect the overall health of the community.

Your Community Health Promotion Council wants to hear what **matters to you.**



Give us a better picture of what people in the community think needs improvement or is great as it is. The survey will take 10-15 minutes and is open until the end of March 2014.

**Your opinion is important!
MAKE IT COUNT**
Visit <http://go.usa.gov/Z7D9>



Winter 2013-2014



Youth Center Ski & Snowboard Trips

Sat, Jan 25 | Kron Platz | \$15

Sat, Feb 8 | Folgaria | \$15

Sat, Feb 22 | Folgaria | \$15

Sat, Mar 1 | San Martino | \$15

Sat, Mar 8 | Folgaria | \$15

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

CYSS Parent Advisory Council Meeting

your voice matters, make it heard.

Tuesday, February 25

Noon – 1 p.m.

ACS, Bldg. 108, Conference Room

Topics of Discussion

- CYSS Handbook
- WIFI Access at the Youth Centers
- Procedures for CYSS Registration,
- Month of the Military Child
- Easter Egg Hunt
- HIRED! Program
- Discussion of Parent Concerns and Questions

For more info, call 634-8347



Facebook: Vicenza Family and MWR
www.vicenza.armyMWR.com

All CYSS Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Montelupo Fiorentino: center for ceramics



Montelupo is the home of the Museo della Ceramica (Museum of Ceramics) which tell the history of Montelupo and its deep connection to ceramics.

Story and photo by Amy Drummond

DMC volunteer

Discover a different part of Tuscany, one filled with brightly colored pottery and tons of history...the town of Montelupo Fiorentino. The small picturesque town sits at the convergence between the Arno and Pesa rivers. This location played a key role in it becoming the center of the production of ceramics in the 1400's.

According to <http://www.comune.montelupo-fiorentino.fi.it/> "The history of the town of Montelupo has been closely linked to the manufacture of pottery in particular between 1400 and 1530, when it was the center of Montelupo majolica production for the city of Florence."

Majolica or maiolica is a type of tin-glazed pottery or hand-painted earthenware with an opaque white glaze made in Italy.

Montelupo is the home of the Museo della Ceramica (Museum of Ceramics) of Montelupo and Il Museo Archeologico di Montelupo

(Archaeological Museum), which tell the history of Montelupo and its deep connection to ceramics.

Some other historic sites are on the hills that overlook Montelupo. The remains of the Castle of Montelupo, the first Florentine military settlement and near that is the first church of Montelupo, the Old Priory of San Lorenzo, dated 1260.

Down the hill and across the Pesa river is the Torre de' Frescobaldi and in between are several historic churches.

If the modern art and ancient pieces of pottery in the Museo della Ceramica don't entice visitors to Montelupo, then don't forget the shopping; Montelupo has several stores with ceramics to fit everyone's tastes.

Most of the ceramics for sale maintain the classic Florentine Renaissance patterns, which made the city the principal production area of majolica in Italy.

For those not interested in classic patterns and colors, modern bright colored pottery is also available at

many of the stores.

Within the city center are several small cafes and touristy shops to give shoppers a break from the stores filled with brightly colored pottery.

For visitors looking for a livelier time, Montelupo offers the Festa Internazionale Ceramica Di Montelupo or International Festival of Ceramics.

"Every year the town relives its history with a show of its ceramics in a festival that takes place approximately from 22 to 30 June (be sure to check the dates). The town's inhabitants dress in period costumes to recreate the ancient atmosphere with minstrels, merchants and artisans," states www.Montelupo.com. Montelupo Fiorentino is a commune of the province of Florence and is located approximately 65 kilometers from Darby Military Community via the FiPiLi. For directions and other tourist information go to <http://www.comune.montelupo-fiorentino.fi.it/> - an English language version of the website is also available there.

Camp Darby preps for VITA tax preparations

By Capt. Robert McCray
Staff Judge Advocate Office

Tax season is upon us. The Camp Darby Office of the Command Judge Advocate will provide tax preparation services to all eligible personnel, by appointment only. Tax preparers are certified by the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program to assist in the preparation and filing of tax returns for most taxpayers in the Camp Darby community. However, there are some tax situations that may require assistance beyond the scope of the VITA program and the volunteer tax preparers. Taxpayers with tax concerns outside the scope of the VITA program should seek assistance from a tax preparation professional.

The legal office is located on the first floor of building 303. To schedule an appointment, visit the office or call DSN 633-7227. For additional information, please visit the USAG Livorno Tax Assistance webpage <<http://www.usag.livorno.army.mil/tax2014.asp>>. There you will find a sample listing of tax documents to bring with you to your appointment, as well as a link to the Intake/Interview & Quality Review Sheet <<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/f13614c.pdf>>. Please complete the Intake/Interview & Quality Review Sheet and bring it and your tax documents with you to your appointment.

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at the Warrior Zone

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Watch the **Big Bang Theory** series all night!

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Speak Out

Do you have time for recreational activities?



Staff Sgt. Megan Collingwood
731st Munitions Squadron

"Yes, scuba diving, painting and taking care of my 5 month old."



Cinzia Mastalli
DMC, JAG office

"Yes, I do pilates."



Cpr. Giorgio Paolucci
Italian Base Command

"Yes, I love physical fitness."



Family and MWR

Vicenza Military Community



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.

ODR Trips

- Feb 22 Selva Wolkenstein Ski Trip
 - Feb 23 Venice Carnival
 - Feb 26 Wine Down Wednesday
- Register on WebTrac or at ODR. Call 634-7453 for information or visit our website.

Youth Center Folgaria Ski Trip

Youth in grades 6-12 can enjoy a full day of skiing or snowboarding in Folgaria with the Youth Center on Feb 22. Sign up at Parent Central Services or on WebTrac. For info, call 634-7659.

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.

Children's Clothing Swap

Clean out your kid's closet and go home with a whole new wardrobe on Feb 25! Please, only clean, gently used clothing and shoes for children sizes 0-5 years. For more info, contact the Library at 634-7291 or visit our website.

Stitch Lab

Do you have a project you want to sew but need help? The Feb 25 class is for anyone with little or no sewing experience and/or those who need some help with a project. Register by Feb 24 at Arts and Crafts or on WebTrac.

Family Art Day

This Family time for creativity is open to all ages, although it is best suited to children ages 2-14 years. Parents must stay and are encouraged to participate! Feb 21, 3:30-5:30 p.m. at the Art Center. Call 634-7074.

CYSS Baseball and Softball Registration

Enrollment for the Youth Baseball and Softball season runs from February 18 to March 7. The season runs Apr 16 - May 31 and practice begins March 31. A valid sports physical is required through the last day of the season. Register on WebTrac or at Parent Central Services. You may call 637-7161 for information.

Register using MWR Online Services for:

Vicenza Trip & Classes

Vicenza CYSS Activities

Vicenza Facebook Page





Darby Military Community



Unit/Rec Volleyball

Register by Feb 28 for the 4-person volleyball league. Officials Clinic will be held Feb 24-28, 5-8 p.m. at the Fitness Center. Games begin March 5. For info, contact Darby Fitness Center at 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 15 Cimone Ski Trip
- Feb 22 Venice Carnival Trip
- Feb 22 Abetone Ski Trip
- Mar 1 Collodi Trip

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

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.

Savvy Swap Shop

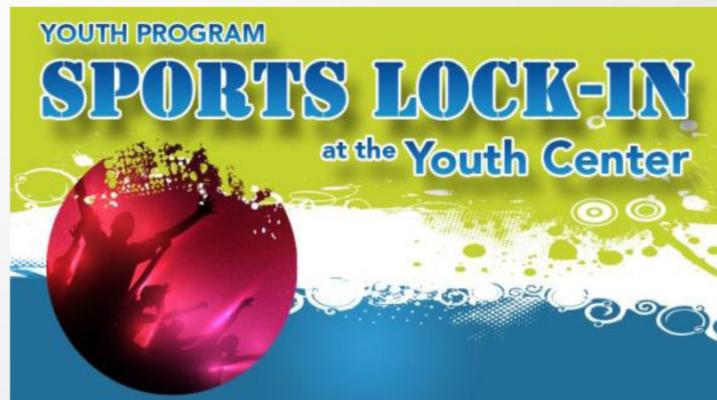
Military Saves Month is just around the corner. Shop for free at the Savvy Swap Shop at ACS on Feb 27, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

- 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 used 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.

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.



Register using MWR Online Services for:

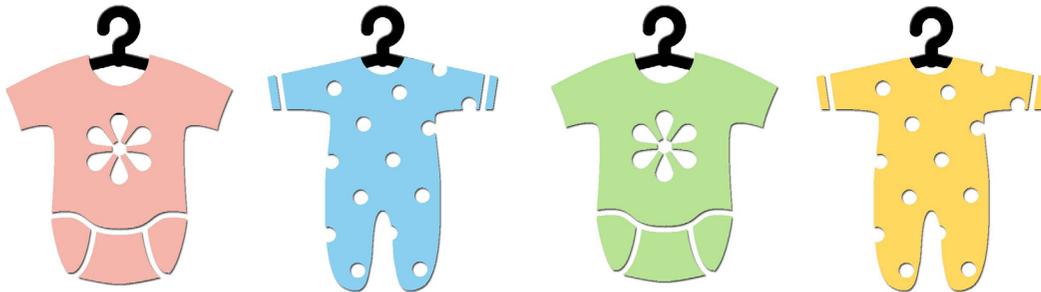
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Children's Clothing Swap



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

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

Where:

Library Conference Room

Date to Drop Off Items:

February 21 at the Library front desk

Cost:

Free

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.



VENETO

Valentine's Day in Italy:

This holiday is named after Saint Valentine. According to legend, during Roman times, Emperor Claudius II forbade soldiers to marry. A priest named Valentine ignored this decree, encouraging young people to be united in holy matrimony. He was imprisoned and executed on Feb. 14, 273. Legends vary on how the martyr's name became connected with romance. The date of his death may have become mingled with the feast of Lupercalia, a pagan festival of love, or with the ancient belief that birds first mate in the middle of February. Modern Italy perceives Valentine's Day as a festivity imported from the United States, like Halloween and Mother's Day.

This day is reserved for couples and lovers; family and friends do not take part or exchange gifts. In the evening couples usually go out for dinner. Gifts may include red roses or perfume, diamonds, or the famous Baci Perugina. These chocolate-covered hazelnuts contain a small slip of paper with a romantic poetic quote in four languages.

Fiera di San Valentino

Saint Valentine Fair

in Pozzoleone, about 13 miles northeast of Vicenza; food booths open at 7 p.m.

Feb. 14, 2:30-5:30 p.m. Carnival rides; 8-11:30 p.m. local products indoor exhibit and sale; 10 p.m. Latin-American music and dancing.

Feb. 15, 8 a.m. -6 p.m., auto, motorcycle, agricultural tools exhibit and sale; 8 a.m.-11:30 indoor exhibit and sale; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing; 9:30 p.m. Country DJ.

Feb. 16, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., auto, motorcycle, agricultural tools exhibit and sale; 8 a.m.-11:30 indoor exhibit and sale; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. free guided tours to the bell-tower; 4 p.m. live bell concert presented by the Corde e

Music Band.

Verona in Love

Feb. 13-16, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., in Piazza Dei Signori and Piazza Bra. Se ami qualcuno, portalo a Verona - If you love someone, bring her /him to Verona - is the slogan of Romeo and Juliet's city. Un cuore da scoprire: a heart-shaped exhibition and market of romantic gift ideas, crafts; waterfalls of heart-shaped coriandoli (confetti). Bands, events, and theatrical performances will entertain visitors throughout the weekend. Red heart shaped balloons are handed to people walking in town; chocolate street market daily in Piazza Bra, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. At night the most important monuments and historical building will be lit up in red. Couples can visit museums and attractions at discounted rates. Feb. 15-16: free entry to Juliet's House and visit Juliet's Tomb, Feb. 13, and Feb. 15-16, 8:30 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. for €1.

Carnevale float parades

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

Schio, about 16 miles northwest of Vicenza, 3 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.

Costabissara, about 7 miles northwest of Vicenza, 2:15 p.m.; in case of inclement weather, the float parade will be postponed to Feb. 23

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.

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

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postponed to March 23.

Malo, about 11 miles northwest of Vicenza; 2:30 p.m., 1st float parade accompanied by Malo's musical band and majorettes.

<http://www.vicenzae.org/images/stories/jevents/52d3c706ba6209.81265186.pdf>

Feb. 23 – **Bassano del Grappa**, about 22 miles north-east of Vicenza; masquerade party in Piazza Libertà, from 3 p.m.; live music and dancing, face painting.

Cavaion (Verona), about 50 miles west of Vicenza, 2:30 p.m., float parade.

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

Lonigo, Piazza XXV Aprile, about 18 miles southwest of Vicenza; 1:30 p.m., float parade; live music and folk dances; majorettes; food booths featuring frittelle (Carnival pastries) and vin brulé (hot spiced wine) open at 11 a.m.

Magrè, Piazza Cesare Battisti, about 16 miles northwest of Vicenza; 2 p.m.

Malo, about 11 miles northwest of Vicenza; 2:30 p.m., 2nd float parade accompanied by Malo's musical band and majorettes.

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

Venice - For a full program in English of the Venice Carnevale (through March 4), go to <http://www.carnevale.venezia.it/?slang=en>

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.

Nemo Ciamar Marso

Call of March

Feb. 21, 8:45 p.m. at the city theatre, Recoaro Terme,



Via Roma 23, about 27 miles northwest of Vicenza, Irish music concert featured by the Alban Fuan Band; Feb. 22, in Piazzale Dolomiti, 4 p.m. "Lumberjacks at work" – wood cutting demonstration with antique and modern tools; 5 p.m. entertainment and food booths; 9 p.m. at the city theatre Aqua Chiara Choir performance; Feb. 23, 2 p.m. folk parade; 4:30 p.m. in Piazzale Seggiovia live music; 6:30 p.m. Falò dell'omo de Paja, a puppet, representing an old man, will be burnt.

TUSCANY

Fiera del Cioccolato Artigianale **Chocolate Fair**

Feb. 14-16, 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).

Verdi Theater performances

At the Verdi Theater in Pisa, Via Palestro 40

March 7: Andrea Chénier

March 29: Pinocchio

Canevale di Viareggio

This year's Viareggio Carnival grand opening will take

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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.

Carnevale in Tuscany

Bientina (Pisa) Feb. 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 allegorical floats, a little train loaded with children riding around the town.

Borgo San Lorenzo (Mugellano – Florence)

Feb. 16, 23 and March 2, 4, in Piazza Dante, starting at 3 p.m., allegorical floats, live music and dances.

Cecina (Livorno) 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. 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 noon.

Follonica (Grosseto) Feb. 16, Feb. 23 and March 2, at 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. 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. 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 shows the result of hundreds of hand-crafted masks, most of them made of leather produced in the area.

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

Sagra delle Frittelle Frittelle Festival

Feb. 15, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and Feb. 16, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., in San Donato in Collina, Rignano Sull'Arno (Florence); food booths featuring the typical frittelle (traditional deep-fried Carnevale pastries).

SuperFood & Tube Tuscany Beer

Feb. 15-16, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., in Arezzo, Exhibition Center, Via Spallanzani 23; wide variety of local and regional food and wines; free sampling of wines, oils, cheeses and desserts. Entrance fee: €3; free for children under 4.

We Love Bio

Feb. 15-16, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., in Empoli (Florence), Exhibit Center, Piazza Guerra Guido; tourist facilities that meet the criteria of eco-sustainability; info on organic and vegan restaurants, spas, gyms, alternative energy sources, and organic products; free entrance.

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.

Area antique markets this weekend

Certaldo (Florence): Feb. 16, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza Boccaccio and Via 2 Giugno **Lucca:** Feb. 15-16, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza Antelminelli, Piazza S. Giovanni, Piazza San Giusto, Via San Giovanni, Corte Bertolini

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.

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To the Editor

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

Soggiorno Office closure

Effective Feb. 13, 2014, the Soggiorno Office is closed Thursday mornings to

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efficiently process an increased workload. The Soggiorno Office opens Thursdays 1-2:30 p.m. for customers; 2:30-4 p.m. is still for mandatory fingerprinting requirements by the Questura. Soggiorno Office hours Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m.

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.

Product safety recalls

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

BebeLove recalls Baby Walkers due to fall and entrapment hazards

3T Design recalls Cervélo bicycles with Aduro Aero Handlebars due to risk of injury

Lion Force recalls boys' Puffer Coats due to strangulation hazard; sold exclusively at Burlington Coat Factory

Runway Global recalls girls' Sugarfly Hooded Jackets due to strangulation hazard; sold exclusively at Burlington Coat Factory. 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. 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. 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 Scholarships 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

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.

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 Jan. 31 and March 31.

Army retirees who have AKO email addresses, which ends 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.

Soldiers' Theatre

Adult dance classes in jazz, ballet, hip-hop begin in February with instructor Maggie Wallis. Ballet is Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m.; jazz and contemporary, Thursday, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; hip-hop, Thursday noon to 1 p.m. Cost is \$28; classes meet at the SKIESUnlimited Dance Studio, Building 308 on Caserma Ederle. Register at the theater or on Webtrac.

Private instruction is available in guitar, piano, flute and voice. Stop by or call for details.

Club Beyond Austria in April

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



Lego Movie

The original 3D computer animated story follows Emmet, an ordinary, rules-following, perfectly average Lego minifigure who is mistakenly identified as the most extraordinary person and the key to saving the world. He is drafted into a fellowship of strangers on an epic quest to stop an evil tyrant.

Ederle Theater

Feb. 14	7 p.m.	Lego Movie (PG) *
	10 p.m.	The Monuments Men (PG-13)*
Feb. 15	3 p.m.	Lego Movie (PG) *
	6 p.m.	The Monuments Men (PG-13)*
Feb. 16	3 p.m.	Lego Movie (PG) *
	6 p.m.	The Monuments Men (PG-13)*
Feb. 19	7 p.m.	August: Osage County (PG-13)
Feb. 20	7 p.m.	Paranormal Activity: Marked Ones (R)
Feb. 21	7 p.m.	Endless Love (PG-13)
	10 p.m.	About Last Night (R)
Feb. 22	3 p.m.	Winter's Tale (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	RoboCop 4 (PG-13)
Feb. 23	3 p.m.	RoboCop 4 (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Endless Love (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

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"Festa della donna"

5 KM Ladies Day

Run/Walk

(but men are welcomed too)

8 March 2014

Start: 0900



Registration: 0800-0845
North 40 Track
Cost: \$5.00 (participants get a mimosa branch)

Sponsored by the Vicenza Sergeants Major Association

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



Above: Vicenza's Marshall Perfetti secures a hold on Patch's Kevin Wentland during a 160-pound southern sectional qualifier match at the Vicenza post gym Feb. 8. Perfetti pinned Wentland in 3:19.



Left: Vicenza's Alex Jogthong lifts the body of Naples' wrestler AJ Fisher during the 138-pound qualifier afternoon match Feb. 8. Jogthong won the match.

Photos by Laura Kreider