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### On the cover

Paratroopers with Brigade Support Battalion, 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), train at Monte Romano, the largest army training area on the Italian peninsula, last month. See pages 8-9 for more photos.

Photo by Paolo Bovo

# Filing an Article 139 claim

By **Vicenza Claims Office**

If someone in the military steals your property, breaks your window or throws your iPad against the wall, you may be able to recover your damages by filing an Article 139 claim.

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A claim may initially be submitted orally, but must be committed to writing within 10 days of the oral complaint. It may be submitted to any commander in the offender's chain of command; however, it may also be submitted through your local military Claims Office.

The Vicenza Claims Office can help claimants file his or her claim and ensure it is delivered to the appropriate commander. Call the Vicenza Claims Office at 634-7432 or 0444-71-7432 for more information and assistance.

## Speak Out

*Who is your most admired historical female personality?*



**Pvt. David Orozco Campos**

Company A, Brigade Support Battalion

*"Harriet Tubman: her inspiration to help others, and her thoughts saved many lives."*



**Spc. Gloria Ayoade**

Co. C, 106th Finance Management Support Unit

*"Rosa Parks, for her bravery in the face of staunch opposition. The younger female generation could learn from this."*



**Mary Pflaum**

Family member

*"Juliette Gordon Low. She is the Girl Scout founder and did many amazing things."*

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# Forums shine light on financial planning



Sharon Black, Global Credit Union branch manager, joins community members for the Military Saves Week forum at the Golden Lion Feb. 13.

**Story and photo by Laura Kreider**

USAG Vicenza PAO

In partnership with Army Community Service Financial Readiness, representatives from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) and *SaveAndInvest.org* conducted free financial forums at the Golden Lion Feb. 13 as part of Military Saves Week.

The three workshops, which were open to the entire Vicenza Military Community, were titled “Your Troops and Financial Readiness,” “Saving and Investing: Beyond the Basics” and “Women & Money.” About 100 community members participated in one or more of the sessions which were held throughout the day.

“We were so excited to have representatives from FINRA visit Caserma Ederle,” said Allison Wunsch, USAG Vicenza ACS Financial Readiness Program manager.

“USAG Vicenza is a growing community as well as a young community, making us a great target audience for a financial forum. We hope that sharing information and education on healthy personal finance habits will help set our Soldiers and families up for success, not only while in Italy but for their entire lives,” she said.

Topics covered saving and investing, financial trends in military saving and expenditure, and resources for learning more about financial empowerment and educational opportunities. Presenters were also available afterward for a question-and-answer session to respond to individual concerns.

Wunsch said that financial stress can affect many aspects of everyday life, including marriage dynamics, job stability and mental and physical health. Learning how to control money and plan for financial stability can help families weather the constant changes of military life.

While Military Saves Week ends March 1, learning to save and spend successfully can have benefits for a lifetime, she said. She urged all individuals and families making their first moves to financial well-being to take the “saver’s pledge” to start paying themselves first by setting aside an automatic allotment for a savings account.

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# School notes

## Terra Nova tests March 10-14

Vicenza Middle School students in grades 6-8 will take the annual CTBS Terra Nova Achievement Tests each morning during the week of March 10-14. A short practice test will be administered next week to familiarize students, teachers and parents with the test process. Parents are urged to ensure that their participating children enjoy a good night's sleep the night before each exam and eat a healthy breakfast before departing for school. Please do not plan family trips or medical appointments during the morning hours of test week. Call 634-5706 for information.

## VMS aces MathCounts test

The Vicenza Middle School MathCounts team, under the leadership of coach Gene Tramm, took first place honors in DoDDS Mediterranean District competition Feb. 11, which pitted teams from seven schools against each other. Eighth-grader Gannon Palm took first place overall in the event. Fellow Puma eighth-graders Matthew Salo and Ashley Frank finished in third and fifth place respectively. Congratulations to all "mathletes."

## Summer Enrichment suspended

Vicenza Middle School principal Dr. Julio González announced this week the decision to discontinue the Summer Enrichment Program for this coming summer. The decision was not an easy one for educators to make, realizing the importance of the program to the families who have used it in the past. Contributing factors in arriving at the decision to suspend the program included declines in initial enrollment and attendance, and increases in per pupil expenditures to fund the program. "In the current climate of identifying and realizing efficiencies in light of reduced budgets we strive to make decisions that do not impact the classroom; however, in this case we think our resources are better directed toward funding programs that would benefit more students across DoDEA for the long-term," González said.

# Vet system changes coming

By Kristina Benner

Vicenza VTF

During the month of March, the Vicenza Veterinary Treatment Facility will undergo a transition to a new operating system. We will switch to ROVR, a new, worldwide and web-based application that supports U.S. Army Veterinary Services.

The ROVR system will allow for standardized pricing and services, and electronic maintenance of pet records. Wherever VMC Soldiers and families are stationed next, their pet's records will be easily accessed by their new veterinarian. There will be no need to hand carry paper records.

During the transition, Longare VTF customers will experience reduced appointment availability with longer appointment durations.

Appointments for the weeks following the initial training are expected to take longer than normal. Staff will be trained on site beginning March 24 through April 11 to ensure familiarity with the ROVR system.

The VTF will close Monday, March 24, and be open for over the counter sales only on Thursday, March 27. April appointments may be made beginning March 10.

Please call 635-4841 to check availability of appointments through the end of March.

**ANYONE ANYTIME ANYWHERE**

**BRAIN INJURIES DO NOT DISCRIMINATE**



Slovenian armed forces Capt. Ales Kesic conducts a pre-mission brief with American paratroopers from the 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) Feb. 11 before a joint convoy to deliver generators to rural villages near Postojna, Slovenia.

## Sky Soldiers respond to Slovenian ice storm

Story and photos by Sgt. A.M. LaVey

173rd IBCT (Airborne) PAO

**POSTOJNA, Slovenia** — Paratroopers from the 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) arrived in Slovenia Feb. 11 with generators bound for Postojna, a city hard hit by an ice storm thought to be the worst natural disaster here in the last 100 years.

“It was clear early on that there were massive power outages through the country,” said David Burger, chargé d’affaires of the U.S. Embassy in Ljubljana.

“We worked closely with the U.S. military and our State Department colleagues in Washington, marshaling resources from across the U.S. government to deliver the much needed generators to affected areas,” he said.

The Sky Soldier mission started late that Friday night when an order was given for the paratroopers to pick up power generators that were part of the Department of Defense’s Security Cooperation Agency’s Humanitarian Assistance Program, located at Leghorn Army Depot in Livorno, Italy.

The 173rd “brings a significant logistical capability south

of the Alps in the form of our transportation, maintenance and materiel handling capabilities,” said Lt. Col. Jon Beale, commander of the 173rd Brigade Support Battalion and mission commander for the delivery.

“We responded within two hours, and had our drivers and operators assembled in a convoy ready to go. ... As a forwardly positioned brigade, we can respond to America’s interests faster than anyone,” said Beale.

“We’re here and we’re integrated into the community. The relationships that we build, not only with our host community but also our sister units across the border, such as we have here with the Slovenian armed forces, allowed us to react more rapidly than any other organization could in this particular mission,” he said.

Once the Sky Soldiers arrived in Slovenia, many of the urban power grids were coming back on line, but many rural villages surrounding Postojna were still without power. Slovenian media reported that 12,000 residents were without power and an unknown number had only intermittent power.

“There were some terrible days in Slovenia ... and we were forced to seek international help, and I have to say

that the international community was quick to respond," said Branko Dervodel, deputy director of the Slovenian Ministry of Defense's Administration for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief.

What the American paratroopers "did for Slovenia was really a sign of the very good cooperation that we have with the United States and the ministry of defense here. It's really a friendly relationship," said Dervodel. "This donation, which you brought with you, will really help a lot of households in Slovenia and also helps to deepen our relationship. Many thanks to the United States of America."

Among the U.S. team were critically important power-generation equipment repair Soldiers, who inspected each piece as it was unloaded.

"Before we left to deliver the generators we teamed with Slovenian army mechanics, and we all took a look at the generators in order to make sure that they were compliant with the local grid and ready to go," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 George Annan, a ground support maintenance technician with the 173rd BSB.

Just hours after their arrival, a joint convoy of 173rd paratroopers and soldiers from the Slovenian armed force's 1st Brigade rolled out to a rural valley close to Postojna barracks, an area the Slovenians called "generator valley" because of the growing number of machines brought in to provide power.

## Outstanding levels of professionalism

"The level of professionalism of the Slovenian armed forces has been outstanding," said Beale. "The convoy and distribution plans were concise, coordinated and effective. There was great coordination as we partnered with logisticians and civilian protection professionals while we delivered these generators. This was a concerted effort."

Beale said he was also impressed how his Slovenian partners had equipment operators and electricians prepped and on hand as the Sky Soldiers arrived.

"During the drops, our mechanics worked with local mechanics to train them on each piece, giving them familiarization with each generator and sharing safety information," said Annan. "It's our job to make sure they knew how to operate each piece."

As the Sky Soldiers carried out their tasks, groups of Slovenians gathered on the streets to see what was going on, a curiosity perhaps that these Soldiers, some not yet a year back from Afghanistan, had seen while deployed elsewhere.

"So often when we're in a combat environment, it's difficult to see what the direct impact from your actions are, but here in Slovenia it was very easy to see the impact that we were making to each community that we went to," said Beale.

"The people were very welcoming and smiling, they seemed to appreciate what we were doing," said Spc. Torrence Ferguson, a power-generation equipment repairer with Company B, 173rd BSB.

This support operation was not the brigade's only recent engagement with the Slovenian armed forces. Members of the brigade's 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, conducted range training and combined exercise this past winter with the Slovenian 1st Brigade, both in Slovenia and in Hohenfels, Germany. That training relationship will continue with more combined training scheduled for April.

Beale said that being stationed in Italy allows for broad interaction with American allies. It is "one of the only places that you can do that, having this face-to-face interaction. Our forwardly positioned nature allows us to be here and to make an impact every day, whether it be our operations in Italy, doing joint training with our NATO allies, or further developing our relationships with Slovenian partners."

"When two nations train together, deploy together and help each other when they need it, they become more than just good friends or allies; they become family," said Slovenian armed forces Lt. Col. Frac Kalic.

"This was a phenomenal opportunity for us and we look forward to our opportunity to work with our Slovenian partners. We've got a lot we can learn from them," said Beale. "They're absolute patriots and they love their country. We were very fortunate to be able to assist them and be part of this mission."

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# 173rd BSB live-fire training at Monte Romano

Photos by Paolo Bovo



**By Regional Training Support Division South**

Soldiers of Brigade Support Battalion, 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) train at Monte Romano last month. The Sky Soldiers conducted live-fire range training, MEDEVAC training, land navigation and convoy training.

Monte Romano Major Training Area is the largest Italian army training area on the Italian peninsula (there is a larger one on the island of Sardinia) and is located about 90 miles northeast of Rome.



# Cougar boys win Division II basketball title

## Undefeated, historic season draws to winning end

By Julie Lucas

USAG Vicenza PAO

For the first time in history, the Vicenza High School boys basketball team went 19-0 during its regular season. As if that isn't enough of a feat, not surprisingly, they returned home from European finals play in Wiesbaden, Germany, Feb. 22 with the Division II championship.

"The key to our success was defense and teamwork," said head coach Eric Wakefield. "We had a deep bench, which allowed us to play 10 guys per game."

Europeans consisted of seven games in four days against teams from Black Forest Academy, Bahrain, Marymount Institute, Alconbury, Hohenfels, SHAPE and the winning game against Naples with a score of 75-45. According to Wakefield, the team felt confident in all the games.

"We believed that if we could play pressure defense throughout the tournament and make our shots, then we would be successful," he said.

## Schaefer wins MVP

Senior Derrick Schaefer won the Division II tournament MVP and finished the championship game with 19 points and six steals. Jerome Farmer, described as the heart of the team due to his tenacious defense and rebounding, was second to none throughout the year.

Wakefield, a four-year coaching veteran, headed the winning season along with assistants John Bratcher and Michael James. The team is losing seven seniors but will have six returning who, according to Wakefield, had significant playing time throughout the tournament.

"I would like to thank the entire Vicenza community for their support in this historic season. Without the fans and community support on and off the court, this season would not have been possible," Wakefield said.



Courtesy photos

**Top:** Cameron Wilkerson drives to the basket during the final game against Naples Feb. 22. Vicenza won the round 75-45 to claim the European Division II title. **Above:** MVP Derrick Schaefer shoots against Naples in the final.

# JOIN THE FUN!

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## March



### Fit EDGE! Go with the Flow Yoga

March 3-24, 4:30-5:30 p.m. (Mondays)  
SKIES Annex Building 395 (behind Arts & Crafts Center)  
Learn meditation, relaxation, breathing exercises and poses at Flow Yoga for beginners.  
Cost: \$20 | Enrollment starts February 10



### Fit EDGE! Youth Boxing Training & Conditioning Program

March 4-26, 4:30-6 p.m. (Tuesdays & Wednesdays)  
Ederle Fitness Center Combative Room  
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Cost: \$20 | Enrollment starts February 10



### Fit EDGE! Jr. Lifeguard

March 5-26, 3:30-5 p.m. (Wednesdays)  
Ederle Fitness Center Pool  
Get your feet wet and learn basic lifeguard skills. This is the gateway to an excellent future summer employment opportunity!  
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### Life EDGE! Garage Auto Mechanics

March 6-27, 3:30-5 p.m. (Thursdays)  
Auto Skills Center  
Learn auto basics, engine & electrical systems, computerized controls & diagnose problems from the professionals.  
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### Life EDGE! Mosaics Gone Mad

March 7-28, 3:30-5 p.m. (Fridays)  
Arts & Crafts Center  
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# Lady Cougars, cheer squad in Germany

By Alexandra Frank  
*Special to the Outlook*

The Vicenza High School Lady Cougars basketball and cheerleading team traveled to Wiesbaden, Germany, Feb. 21-22 for the capstone event of a season in which both squads made significant advances.

Despite clear improvements, the basketball team was unable to move out of its bracket, but with young and developing players likely to return next year, the Lady Cougars have both the time and room to work on their already improving game.

Coach Johnny Kohut saw a steady improvement in both skill development as well as a better understanding of the game. He said he was exponentially proud of his team's ability to push the Aviano Saints in their tournament face-off after suffering a 20-point loss to the Saints in regular season play. In their championship appearance the Lady Cougars lost by 2 points, an indication of how significantly they had improved over this year.

Standout performances came from team captains, senior Sarah Weston and sophomore Emma Knapp, and sophomore Victoria Porras. Junior Jasmine Gettlemen and freshman Kiki Sibilla both showed major improvement on the court, boding well for the 2015 season, Kohut said.

At the same time, the VHS cheerleaders demonstrated their ability to compete with the top teams in Europe, something Vicenza has not been able to do in years. Senior captains Sara Anderson, Alexis Camuso and Erin Butler pushed the squad with great faith in their routine, and their performance showed it.

"It was exciting to go up there with a new routine and show Europe what we can do," said Anderson. Although they didn't win, their high skills level was apparent to the judges and proud community supporters on hand for tournament.

"The Vicenza High School cheerleading team has had a long season filled with hard work. I am so proud of my team and the performance we had in Germany. All in all, the Europeans was a huge success," said Anderson, who was recognized with an All Tournament award.

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# Cougar rifles take aim for next season



Vicenza High School sophomore Katleen Leosk, a first year rifle team shooter, prepares her Feinwerkbau rifle for practice. **Opposite:** Marksmen Kiah Redman, (from left) Steven Atwood and Arianna Ortiz take aim in the kneeling position.

Photos by Laura Kreider

The Vicenza High School rifle wrapped up a fourth-place finish in European Army JROTC competition this season and retired without taking a crack at a championship title.

"We thought we were going to do better," said JROTC program director and marksmanship instructor, Col. Bob Molinaro.

But the shooting experience and discipline of the sport are sure to help the young marksmen and markswomen stay on target as they grow into adulthood, he said.

And, it is a bona fide athletic alternative for many.

"Air rifle marksmanship is a recognized varsity sport. Any student, not just JROTC cadets, can participate and varsity letters can be earned," said Molinaro.

Students practice firing in three positions of increasing difficulty – prone, kneeling and standing – taking 10 shots in each.

"We use a Model 603 - and Model 600-Feinwerkbau rifles," said Molinaro.

The 25-year-old rifles were purchased for the DoDDS-Europe Army JROTC programs by U.S. Army Europe about 20 years ago, and are still being used for competition. They are heavy rifles and demand focus and control on the part of the shooters, part of the discipline of the sport, he said.

### Mastering fatigue and focus

"It's fatiguing. You need upper body strength to hold the rifles steady. A lot has to do with the shooter: they want to do well, overcome the fatigue," said Molinaro.

Part of the difficulty of building a winning team is the annual rotation of students in and out of Vicenza.

"Three of my best shooters will be PCSing. You have very few students who do it for four years," he said.

Still, all told, several of the marksmen and markswomen will be back next year, exerting the necessary mental concentration to put mind over matter and hit the target. The Feinwerkbau rifles will be waiting.

# WOMEN'S DAY SOCIAL & JEWELRY EXCHANGE

FRIDAY, MARCH 7  
from 5-7 p.m. at the Old Soldiers' Bar

Door Prizes for Fabulous Jewelry  
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Looking to update your jewelry selection without paying a lot or anything at all? Bring a few pieces of your jewelry and your friends to the Old Soldiers' Bar where you can trade or barter for new exciting pieces to update your wardrobe. *Note: personal exchange or sales permitted, no sales for profit.*



# Baby workshop goes high tech at Darby

By Darby Military Community ACS

Army Community Service put digital high tech to work Feb. 20 to enable expectant Darby Military Community mothers and fathers to experience a Bringing Baby Home workshop taking place in Vicenza.

The workshop, which is offered regularly at the Vicenza ACS, was made available to expectant DMC parents by employing Jabber video software and television to link the two classrooms, creating one virtual learning center with a single instructor, and making the four-hour driving distance between the two communities irrelevant.

ACS leaders in the two communities put the Jabber video and software, which runs XMPP or Extensible Messaging and Presence Protocol, to work as a competitive edge tool to “deliver” equal services to both communities.

“With financial constraints, consolidation and doing more with less, technology must be maximized to its fullest,” said Evelyn Watkins, team lead and Family Advocacy Program specialist with the DMC ACS.

The workshop aims to foster realistic expectations about having a baby, including self-care and post-partum depression, and helps parents become familiar with how having a baby will change their lives in terms of sleeping, bonding and feeding baby.

Airman Randall Thompson, a DMC dad-to-be, wore an “empathy belly,” which simulates the added weight and size of being pregnant, for two hours as a hands-on learning experience to heighten his sensitivity to pregnancy and its consequences. Thompson said it gave him a deeper appreciation of his wife’s experience, carrying their child and the various discomforts and changes that being pregnant brings with it.

The virtual class also addressed important safety precautions and concerns, including car seat safety, sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), coping with a crying infant and shaken baby syndrome (SBS) symptoms, employing an SBS doll simulator to show where damage takes place in a baby’s brain, and generally allowing participants to experience baby care and coping with a new born.

“It is great to be able to take advantage of the New Parent Support expertise located in the Vicenza Military Community without the Vicenza ACS staff traveling four hours to provide training sessions to our community,” said Watkins.

“Technology allows us to provide equal services to our community,” she said.



Photo by Evelyn Watkins

Marketa Thompson (from left), Staff Sgt. Randall Thompson and Maren Evidson practice changing diapers Feb. 20 during a virtual Bringing Baby Home workshop at ACS.



Courtesy photo

## Carnevale in San Gimignano

Carnival celebrations rev up in San Gimignano Sunday with float parades, live music and folk dancing. See *Out and About*, page 22, more cultural and entertainment attractions this weekend.

# Speak Out

Who is your most admired historical female personality?



**Giulia Masi**  
DMC Coffee Bar

*"Maria Montessori, Italian educator. I studied as a teacher and she was my idol."*



**Cpl. Twinky Coppa**  
Italian Base Command Office

*"Nefertiti, the princess of Egypt, a great woman."*



**Peter DeLuca**  
DoDDS music teacher

*"Susan B. Anthony, who fought for women's rights and has a place on the dollar bill."*

## "Festa della donna"

5 KM Ladies Day Run/Walk  
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8 March 2014

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# Family and MWR

## Vicenza Military Community



### Mardi Gras at the Warrior Zone

March 4, 6-10 p.m. Feast on decadent dishes; Jambalaya studded with fragrant sausage, gumbo, shrimp étouffée, stuffed jalapeños, deep-fried seafood and hot bread doused with Tabasco-kissed mayonnaise. A costume contest is a must at Mardi Gras. We will crown the best-dressed male and female as the king and queen.

#### Event Schedule:

- 5 p.m.-9 p.m. New Orleans food specials
  - 8 p.m. Mardi Gras Massacre
  - 10 p.m. Crowning of the royalties
- Mardi Gras - The first and last fun day of the year!

### Arts and Crafts Classes

- Mar 4 Spider Web Quilt
- Mar 5 Altered Book Workshop
- Mar 6 Photography : Children and Babies
- Mar 6 Travel Photography
- Mar 6 Mosaics Basics
- Mar 7 Candle making

Register online or at the Arts and Crafts Center.  
For more information, call 634-7074.

### ODR Trips

- Mar 8 Ravenna and St. Appollinare Mosaics
  - Mar 8 San Anton Ski & Snowboard Trip
  - Mar 13 Cooking Class :Tuscan Cuisine
  - Mar 15 Nice and Montecarlo Express
- Register on WebTrac or at ODR. Call 634-7453 for information or visit our website.

### ScreamFree Parenting Workshop

Whether you are at your wit's end or just need a little calm in the chaos, we are here to help you. Learn how to create the Family that you have always wanted by following the ScreamFree Parenting Principles. This workshop on March 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. is free but please register by Feb 28 at ACS or call 634-7500.

### Hail & Farewell for Youth and Teens

Come on by and enjoy music and food in a party atmosphere, while welcoming the new youth to our community and salute those leaving. We will have free pizzas for all middle school and high school students.

- Villaggio Youth Center (Bldg 702): grades 6 - 8
  - Teen Center (Bldg 373): grades 9 -12
- For info, call 637-7659.



Register using MWR Online Services for:

Vicenza Trip & Classes

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## Darby Military Community



### Darby AER Campaign 2014 Kickoff

Mar 3, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Join us at the Darby Community Club as we kick off the 2014 AER Campaign. Contribute to the 2014 AER Campaign, "A Soldier's First Choice" creating greater awareness of AER programs and benefits that support and help their fellow Soldiers through AER support and scholarship programs. Call 633-7084 for more information.

### CYSS Youth Sports Registration

Enroll youth by March 3 to participate in Bowling, Tennis or Golf. Registration for Baseball will conclude on March 24. For info, contact Parent Central Services or visit our website.

### ODR Trips

Mar 1 Collodi Trip  
Mar 1 Abetone Ski Trip  
Mar 8 Livorno Aquarium Trip  
Mar 9 Viareggio Carnival Trip  
Mar 15 Darby Sesto Fiorentino Market  
Register on WebTrac or at ODR. Call 633-7589 for information or visit our website.

### Dr. Seuss Day

A special story hour honoring Dr. Seuss, one of the best loved children's authors on March 4, 10-11 a.m. at the Library. The Cat in the Hat will make an appearance and read to the children. Come and enjoy the fun! All ages are welcome at this free event.

### Darby Invitational Volleyball Tournament

On March 28, community-level teams from all over Europe are invited to compete in this invitation tournament. We'll be playing using the USAV rules and participants will receive a t-shirt.

Awards for

- 1st & 2nd place team
- Men's and Women's MVP

Space is limited to the first 5 men's and first 5 women's teams, so register early!

Entry fee is \$150. Call 633-7438 to register.



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# American music, up close and personal

## Dalla Vecchia and Faldani play Soldiers' Theatre

Story and photo by Laura Kreider  
USAG Vicenza PAO



Guitar masters Roberto Dalla Vecchia (left) and Francesco Faldani perform at the Soldiers' Theatre Feb. 1.



**V**eteran Vicentine musician and recording artist Roberto Dalla Vecchia performed a variety of bluegrass, new folk and acoustic guitar pieces, including original compositions and songs, at the annual Acoustic Jam concert Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 at the Soldiers' Theatre

on Caserma Ederle. Dalla Vecchia's special guest was Francesco Faldani of Castelfranco Veneto. The packed house got to hear both stellar players perform solo and then come together for a series of

duets to finish the concert.

The genesis of the Acoustic Jam series was a performance at the Soldiers' Theatre more than eight years ago, said Dalla Vecchia.

"I decided to propose an annual concert at the theater, where I would invite another guitar player from among the many acoustic guitar players that I have the opportunity to know here in Italy, for the simple pleasure of sharing music together with a colleague musician," he said.

Dalla Vecchia first met Faldani at a concert in Cittadella in 2007.

"I met Francesco during a Tommy Emmanuel concert organized by him. I heard about him in the past, but we never had the opportunity to play together," he said.

Music lovers, Italian and American, enjoyed a particularly intimate evening of six-string wizardry at Acoustic Jam because, for the first time, Soldiers' Theatre director Jerry Brees presented the concert in the venue lobby rather than on the stage, with guests sitting at small tables near the performers as they would in a small club.

"It has been a great proposal because I think the audience's closeness and the informal environment go very well with my reserved personality and my music style," said Dalla Vecchia. "What I especially enjoy while preparing the duets is mixing the different styles, repertoires and background of each musician. When I can, I like to extend a jam session to other instrumental performers, even if just for one piece."

For the finale, drummer Gualberto Vega and bassist Barry Robinson joined the duo for a full-band performance of the Delmore Bros. standard "Blues Stay Away from Me."

"It was awesome to sing along with the crowd in three-part harmony," said Dalla Vecchia. "I really enjoy performing at Soldiers' Theatre because I think that the audience knows some of my repertoire, which is, or is influenced by, traditional American music, so performing in front of this music's connoisseurs feels like a challenge. On the other side I feel their closeness and knowledge of my musical genre."

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## Verso Monet opens in Vicenza

Mayor Achille Variati of Vicenza addresses a throng of dignitaries and art aficionados at the opening of the Verso Monet exhibit at the Basilica Palladiana on the Piazza dei Signori Feb. 21. U.S. Army Africa and USAG Vicenza Commanders Maj. Gen. Patrick Donahue II and Col. Robert Menist Jr., attended on behalf of the Vicenza Military Community. The exhibit, which features more than 90 paintings from private collections and museums around the world, traces the development of European landscape painting and its influence on Monet's work. The exhibit runs through May 4.

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#### Carnevale!

##### March 1

**Asiago**, Kaberlaba, Via Treviso 4, about 34 north of Vicenza ; from 2 p.m., in the ski slope, masked groups will ski down the slopes competing to win the Kopa Karrucola award; at 9 p.m. fireworks.

**Bassano del Grappa**, Piazzale Cadorna, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza; 2 p.m. Children's Carnevale Cesuna, about 34 miles north of Vicenza, 2:30 p.m., music bands, games, and food booths with local specialties.

**Isola Vicentina**, about 8 miles northwest of Vicenza, 2:30 p.m.; live music and entertainment; prizes for the best masks.

**Malo**, about 11 miles northwest of Vicenza; 6 p.m., night float parade and live music

**Schio**, about 16 miles northwest of Vicenza, 4 p.m. entertainment and live music; 8 p.m. night float parade.

##### March 2

**Bassano del Grappa**, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza; masquerade party in Piazza Libertà, from 3 p.m.; live music and dancing, face painting.

**Camisano Vicentino**, about 10 miles east of Vicenza, night float parade departs at 9:30 from Via Stadio; food booths open at 6 p.m.; in case of inclement weather, the parade will be postponed to March 9

**Casale di Scodosia (Padova)**, about 31 miles south of Vicenza, 2 p.m. carnival rides, local products exhibit and sale, street artists.

**Enego**, Piazza San Marco, about 48 miles north of Vicenza; from 2 p.m.; live music, games and local food and wine tasting.

**Jesolo**, about 64 miles east of Vicenza, in Piazza I Maggio, children's carnival, with bounce houses and entertainment.

**Lendinara (Rovigo)**, Piazza Risorgimento, about 56 miles south of Vicenza; 2 p.m.

**Lugo di Vicenza**, about 16 miles north of Vicenza; Via del Paese and Piazza XXV Aprile; 2:30 p.m.

**Malo**, 2:30 p.m., float parade and live music  
**Schio**, Piazza Rossi, about 16 miles northwest of Vicenza, 2:30 p.m. Sarego, Via Piave and Piazza Don Stefano  
**Lago**, about 16 miles southwest of Vicenza, 2:30 p.m., live music, folk dancing and fritole for everyone; 5 p.m. prizes for the best masks and floats.

**Thiene**, Piazzale Divisione Alpi, about 13 miles north of Vicenza, 2 p.m.; in case of inclement weather, it will be postponed to March 9.

**Tonozza del Cimone**, Via Roma, about 32 miles north of Vicenza; 2:15 p.m. live music and games; free crostoli and frittelle.

**Valli del Pasubio**, Piazzale del Monumento, 22 miles northeast of Vicenza; 2:30 p.m. live music, food stands featuring fritole, hot chocolate, vin brulé; in case of inclement weather, it will be postponed to March 9.

### March 4

**Asiago**, Piazza Il Risorgimento, about 34 miles north of Vicenza, from 2 p.m. live music, games, entertainment, crostoli (Carnevale pastries) for everyone.

**Bassano del Grappa**, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza; masquerade party in Piazza Libertà', from 3 p.m.; live music and dancing, bounce houses, face painting, and rides in a mini train.

**Camisano Vicentino**, about 10 miles east of Vicenza, 2:30 p.m. Children party; 3:30-4:30 p.m. entertainment and live music

**Campoverve**, "Carnevaletto Trophy", non-competitive cross-country ski competition; all participants must wear a carnival costume; prizes for the most original masks.

**Casale di Scodosia (Padova)**, about 31 miles south of Vicenza, 2 p.m. carnival rides, local products exhibit and sale, street artists.

**Jesolo**, Piazza Milano, 2:30 p.m. children's carnival, with bounce houses and entertainment.

**Malo**, 2:30 float parade and live music; at 8 p.m. award ceremony for the best Carnevale float; live music ; in case of inclement weather the event will be postponed to March 9.

### March 9

**Jesolo**, float parade departs from Piazza Aurora at 2:30 p.m.; 30 allegorical floats and more than 2000 persons participate in the parade this year.

**Presina**, Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova), about 16 miles east of Vicenza; night parade with 30 allegorical floats and more than 1500 participants; in case of inclement weather, the parade will take place on March 15.

### **Mondo Motori Show**

#### **Motor and Bike Show**

March 1, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; March 2, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria 16. Entrance fee: €12, reduced €9; to get the reduced ticket click on <http://www.mondomotorishow.it/riduzioni/>

### **Vanità e Golosità**

#### **Vanity and Passion for food**

March 2, in Lendinara (Rovigo), Piazza San Marco, about 56 miles south of Vicenza; 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. exhibit and sale of flowers, plans, herbal products, local products and crafts, gift ideas for Women's Day, antique and collectors' items market, entertainment for children and bounce houses.

### **Orto Giardino**

#### **Exhibition of floriculture, nursery products, horticulture and outdoor furniture**

March 1-2, 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.; March 3-7, 2:30-7:30 p.m., in Pordenone, Viale Treviso, 1, about 92 miles northeast of Vicenza; entrance fee: €8; reduced €6 for children 13-18. Free entrance for children younger than 13.

### **Fairs in Verona, Viale del Lavoro 8**

**Elettroexpo** - March 8, 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; March 9, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; market - show for electronics, electrotechnics, information technology, and office ware. Ticket: €15. Reduced: €12 for children between 13 and 16. Free entrance for children younger than 13; the ticket is valid also to visit the Model Expo Fair.

**Scale model making expo** - March 8, 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.; March 9, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; miniature trains, planes, trucks, cars; historical models, kites, and shows; hands-on workshops. Ticket: €15. Reduced: €12 for children between 13 and 16. Free entrance for children younger than 13; the ticket is valid also to visit the Elettroexpo Fair.

**Ciaspobianca non-competitive walk with snowshoes** - March 2, 9 a.m., Valmaron, Enego, distance; the 6 or 11 km walk departs from Cross-Country Ski Centre of Enego; price: €7; €10 with snow shoe rentals. Free for children under 10.

### **Verso Monet**

#### **Toward Monet**

Ongoing through May 4, Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday -Sunday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., in Vicenza, Basilica Palladiana, Piazza dei Signori. A major art exhibit, presents overview of the development of landscape painting from the 17th to the 20th centuries. It features more than 90 paintings from private collections and museums bearing on the treatment of nature as the main subject in art; tickets are €13; reduced €10, for students and senior citizens above 65; €7 for children (aged 6-17); buy your ticket on line at <http://www.lineadombra.it>; free for children under 5.

### **Dinosauri in carne ed ossa**

#### **Dinosaurs in flesh and bone**

Through May 4 in Bassano del Grappa, Bonaguro Palace, Via Angarano 117, about 36 kilometers northeast of Vicenza. Full size model dinosaurs and other prehis-

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toric animals reconstructed. Open Thursday and Friday, 3-6:30 p.m.; Saturday, Sunday and Italian holidays, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Entry is €8; €5 for under 13 and over 65; free for children under 3.

### **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.

### **Teatro Comunale concerts in Vicenza**

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

**April 4** - Angela Hewitt – Piano concert

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

### **Vicenza area antique markets**

**Marostica**, March 2, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., in Piazza Castello

**Noventa Vicentina**, March 2, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., in Piazza IV Novembre

**Thiene**, March 1, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Piazza Chilisotti

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### **Carnevale in Toscana**

Bièntina (Pisa) - 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.

Foiano della Chiana (Arezzo) - 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) - 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) - March 2, 4, and 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 - March 2 and 4, at 3 p.m.; Carnevale di Paperino, Donald Duck's Carnival.

San Gimignano (Siena) - March 2; float parades with live music, games and folk dances.

Santa Croce sull'Arno (Pisa) - 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, which is 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) - March 2; Children's Carnevale Viareggio - 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 di San Gimignano**



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## Verdi Theater performances

At the Verdi Theater in Pisa, Via Palestro 40

March 7: Andrea Chénier

March 29: Pinocchio

Sagra delle Frittelle

### Frittelle Festival

March 1, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., and March 2, 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).

### Mostra Arte Contemporanea

#### Contemporary Art exhibit

Through March 4, in Florence, at Galleria 360, Via il Prato 11r; Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday 3-7 p.m.; free entrance.

### Fiera della Musica

#### Music Festival

March 1-2, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., in Sesto Fiorentino (Florence), Via Petrosa 19; used musical instruments sale; old records exhibit and sale; live music; Free entrance  
Antique markets in Pisa and surrounding towns this weekend

Carmignano ( Prato): March 2, 9:30 a.m. to 7p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II and Piazza Matteotti.

Cascina (Pisa): March 2, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Corso Matteotti, first Sunday of the month (except July and August), 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; vendors 115.

Orbetello (Grosseto): March 1-2, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Corso Italia.

Pietrasanta (Lucca): March 2, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., in Piazza Duomo, about 50 vendors.

San Miniato (Pisa): March 2, 9 a.m. to 8p.m. Piazza del Popolo

San Giuliano Terme (Pisa): March 2, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza Shelley and Piazza Italia.

### Canevale di Viareggio

Float parades take place 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

**Joe Bonamassa** – March 8 in Milan

**Band of Skulls** – March 10 in Milan

**Billy Idol with Steve Stevens** – March 10 in Padova

**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.



**Billy Idols play Padova March 10**

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

# Community news briefs

## OHA online survey

The Defense Travel Management Office annual Overseas Housing Allowance survey will be active online beginning tomorrow through the end of March. Information gathered in the annual action applies to all military personnel residing in private rental housing and provides an opportunity to potentially increase allowances based on responses. The target population includes all service members who reside in off-base housing and are in private leases under the OHA program. Click the link to participate.

## EFMP addresses ADD/ADHD

The USAG Vicenza Exceptional Family Member Program will host an information hour focusing on Attention Deficit Disorders (ADD/ADHD) with guest speaker Dr. Hanna Leong next Wednesday, March 5, from noon to 1 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 108, Room 46. All are welcome. Call 634-8582 or 0444-71-8582 for information.

## South of the Alps open weekends

The South of the Alps Dining Facility

on Caserma Ederle is open on weekends for brunch from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and for supper from 4:30-6 p.m.

## TSP warns against scams

As tax season rolls out and information transfers online, the Thrift Savings Plan reminds all participants that *tsp.gov* is the only legitimate web address for reaching the TSP online. Email links with spelling errors or slight variations in the *tsp.gov* address, such as *tspgov.us* or *t\$p.gov* may send users to fraudulent websites where cyber-thieves can steal login credentials as they are entered. If you ever suspect your account credentials have been compromised, call the ThriftLine immediately at 877-968-3778 for action to protect your account.

## College Fair seeks reps

The Vicenza Teen Center and Vicenza High School are co-sponsoring the Spring 2014 Vicenza College Fair April 22 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and are seeking individuals to support the event as alumni representatives. Contact Shannon Shimer at 634-7659, 0444-71-7659 or Jennifer Garcia at 634-7656, 0444-71-7656 for details.

## UMUC Spring registration

University of Maryland University College Spring Session 2 registration is under way for classes in human biology, Italian, statistics, contemporary social problems, research methods, macroeconomics, 19th-century European history and writing. New student scholarships and textbook subsidies are available. Registration continues through March 17; classes run through May 11. For details and assistance call 634-8927 or email [vicenza-europe@umuc.edu](mailto:vicenza-europe@umuc.edu)

## Pitching in for Grumolo

The National Alpini Association and Civil Protection, in collaboration with local volunteer groups invite all residents, children and grown-ups, to take part in the fifth in a series of clean-up days in Grumolo on Sunday, March 9, beginning at 8 a.m. Meet in

front of the Town Hall on Piazza Norma Cossetto. Free entertainment and activities will be provided for young children at Parco Moneghina by local ACR volunteers. Free snacks and drinks will be provided to all at the end of the event. Call 634-7000 or 0444-71-7000 for information.

## Product safety recalls

The Consumer Product Safety Commission has published the following



Photo by Laura Kreider

## Click your ruby slippers, Dorothy

Masqueraders celebrate the Vicenza Community Club's 40th anniversary at a Ruby Jubilee Gala at the Golden Lion Feb. 22. About 150 community members participated in the celebrations and a live auction that raised funds for the VCC Scholarship Program.

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product safety recalls to its website at <http://www.cpsc.gov/>

*Rollerblade USA* recalls Tempest Inline skates due to fall hazard

*Genie* recalls garage door openers due to fire hazard

*BRP* recalls Ski-Doo and Can-Am lithium-ion rechargeable batteries and heated gloves due to fire

*STX* recalls shield throat protector due to laceration hazard

*Cork Block* stacking toys sold via *StorkStack.com* recalled by A Harvest Co. due to choking hazard.

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

### SSA service re-opens

The 405th AFSB LRC SSA will re-open for business Monday, March 3.

### 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).

### Soldiers' Theatre

Get tickets now for Neil Simon's *Sweet Charity*. Performances will be March 14-30, Friday and Saturday at

7:30 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15, \$12 for youth. Call 634-7281.

**Private instruction** is available in guitar, piano, flute and voice. Stop by the theater on Caserma Ederle or call 634-7281 for details.

### Community health survey

The VMC Community Health Promotion Council seeks direct input on health care needs and issues. Please complete a short online survey at <http://go.usa.gov/Z7D9> to convey your concerns; it takes about 10-15 minutes to complete.

### myPay email update

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.

## At the movies



### 3 Days to Kill

A dying CIA agent trying to reconnect with his estranged daughter is offered an experimental drug that could save his life in exchange for one last assignment. Kevin Costner is the spy who must juggle the two toughest tasks of his life, as an agent and as a man. Also stars Hailee Steinfeld and Connie Nielsen.

### Ederle Theater

Feb. 28	7 p.m.	Pompeii (PG-13) *
	10 p.m.	3 Days to Kill (R) *
March 1	3 p.m.	Pompeii in 3D (PG) *
	6 p.m.	3 Days to Kill (PG-13) *
March 2	3 p.m.	Pompeii (PG-13) *
	6 p.m.	3 Days to Kill (PG-13) *
March 5	11 a.m.	Her (R)
	7 p.m.	Labor Day (R)
March 6	7 p.m.	Ride Along (PG-13)
March 7	7 p.m.	Son of God (PG-13) *
	10 p.m.	Non-Stop (PG-13) *
March 8	3 p.m.	Son of God (PG-13) *
	6 p.m.	Non-Stop (PG-13) *
March 9	3 p.m.	Son of God (PG-13) *
	6 p.m.	Non-Stop (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](http://www.imdb.com)



# Ash Wednesday Services March 5

## Outlook Religious Activities

### Chaplain Crisis Line

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

### Vicenza

#### Ash Wednesday observances

**Noon:** Protestant service

**5:30 p.m.:** Catholic Mass and Ashes At Vicenza Post Chapel; call 634-7519 or 0444-71-7519 for information.

#### Sunday Services

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

**11 a.m.:** Protestant worship

**1:30 p.m.:** Gospel service

**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](mailto: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](mailto:lescall@gmail.com)

**Trinity Church Vicenza:** An International Presbyterian Church (IPC) congregation. Call 328-473-2949 or email [trinitychurchvicenza@gmail.com](mailto:trinitychurchvicenza@gmail.com)

**Vicenza Hospitality House:** A good place for anyone - single Soldiers, men, women and couples to enjoy food, fun and fellowship.

**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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# Vicenza ISA teams win gold, bronze

By Lt. Col. Joseph Edger  
*Special to the Outlook*

Vicenza's Italia Select Academy brought home Gold and Bronze from the 12th annual Michael Brendel (U.S. Youth Soccer) Tournament held Feb. 15-16 in Nuremberg, Germany.

For the past few years, soccer players and families from the Vicenza Military Community have migrated north for MBT tournament play to honor Michael Brendel, who was an Olympic Development Program coach from 1996 to his untimely death in 2002.

In Nuremberg, soccer clubs from four different countries came together to compete for the gold. ISA's U15-Girls returned as MBT champions with a winning record of 7-0-1. Team stalwarts Abby Jackson and Ashley Frank were awarded Top Goalie and MVP honors respectively.

ISA's U11-Boys came away with a third place finish after a hard fought match in the semi-finals. ISA's U15-Boys faced stiff competitors, ending the weekend with a fourth place showing.

Individual ISA players were called upon to guest play on U9-Boys, U13-Girls and boys and girls high school teams.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Bruce Cobbeldick

## *Farewell to Ferrusi, cheers to Clark*

*A color guard salutes during a change of responsibility ceremony Feb. 25 at Caserma Del Din. Sky Soldiers gathered to bid farewell to Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Ferrusi and hail Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Clark.*

# 2-503rd hoopsters take community honors

By Ricky Jackson  
*Vicenza Sports, Fitness and Aquatics*

USAG Vicenza unit basketball teams finished up their 2013-14 season this month with a three-day championship final held at both the Del Din and Caserma Ederle facilities.

First place honors went to 2-503rd Battalion, who crunched Company B, 1-503rd in 35-30 finals victory.

Justin Austin was recognized as Most Valuable Player.

Although the Company B hoopsters came into the tournament with the best league stats and favored to win, they met their match in the final game and took second place honors. The U.S. Army Africa team took third.

Company B and USARAF will represent Vicenza at the Army Europe Unit Level Championship in Kaiserslautern, Germany, March 7-9.