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VISITS VICENZA**

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Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Assistant Director for Service Member Affairs Holly Petraeus talks to troops, senior leaders and spouses at the Golden Lion in Vicenza May 19. Petraeus met with community members in several sessions to promote consumer awareness and financial education. See page 4.

Photo by Julie M. Lucas

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Freedom 6 Sends: Memorial Day

By Lt. Gen. Donald Campbell Jr.
Commander, USAREUR

USAREUR Team,

For many Americans, Memorial Day marks the beginning of summer and a time for some rest and relaxation.

More importantly, Memorial Day is a time for us to pause and pay tribute to the more than 1.3 million Americans who have died in military conflicts throughout our history. We must never forget them.

Memorial Day originally began as Decoration Day, an observance in many small towns across America that were affected by the horrific losses of the Civil War. Each spring, mourners honored their fallen loved ones by decorating their graves with flowers.

The first national celebration of Decoration Day took place in 1868 at Arlington National Cemetery, where 5,000 mourners put flowers and ribbons on the 20,000 graves of Union and Confederate Soldiers. Continuing in that tradition in our days,

more than 400,000 graves are decorated at Arlington each Memorial Day.

Here in Europe we have a unique opportunity for paying tribute to American Soldiers on Memorial Day. In the U.S. Army Europe area of responsibility alone, there are 21 American Battle Monuments Commission cemeteries and 15 World War I and World War II memorial monuments. During the holiday weekend, take some time to visit some of these historic sites and, if you can, take part in one of the many special Memorial Day observances held at these sacred places.

Whatever you do this Memorial Day, please remember those to whom this day is dedicated. We owe them our thanks, and not just on Memorial Day.

I am also grateful to all of you for your service to our Army and our Nation, and I am honored to serve beside you here in United States Army Europe.

**Strong Soldiers, Strong Teams!
Freedom 6**

Speak Out

What is the significance of Memorial Day to you?



Levi Martin
Family member

"Taking time to remember and honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country."



Sid Champlin
Family member

"It is the anniversary of my first date with my husband — and a day off."



Staff Sgt. Kerry Harris
HHC, USAG Vicenza

"Some people think it's about cookouts and drinking beer, but it's all about the fallen Soldiers who gave their blood, sweat and tears to America."

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Holly Petraeus addresses financial support to service members, families during VMC visit

By Grant Sattler

USAG Vicenza PAO

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Assistant Director for Service Member Affairs Holly Petraeus visited with troops, senior leaders and spouses in Vicenza May 19, to deliver the message to Soldiers and their Families that they have an advocate in Washington, D.C.

She engaged each of her several audiences with the message that the CFPB supports consumer empowerment and provides education for consumer awareness, two key components of her engagement with military communities across the globe. For Petraeus, visiting Caserma Ederle on Monday was a return to her professional roots, where she began her career as a GS-3 dispatching housing assignments in 1975.

Following the mortgage crisis that cratered in 2008, Petraeus said Congress asked, "Who is looking out for consumers?" and determined that while numerous laws were in place and more than a half dozen federal entities had some part in consumer protection, no single entity made it their first priority. That situation brought about the creation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau as a federal agency with the power to oversee companies that provide consumer financial products and services.

Focused on military members, families

Service Member Affairs for the CFPB looks particularly at issues affecting the military and their families, Petraeus said. She has been called to testify before Congress multiple times and reported that bipartisan support for the fair treatment of service members is very strong.

In some cases, CFPB oversight uncovers policies or practices that the CFPB can work with businesses to correct. In other cases, the CFPB can file charges, often resulting in out-of-court settlements that repay plaintiffs and result in changes that protect consumers going forward.

In 2012 CFPB issued a report that certain student loan lenders were not providing clear and accurate information about loan repayment options with respect to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA) cap on interest charged on pre-existing student loans and other consumer credit products, which by statute were not to exceed 6 percent while service members are on active duty, Petraeus said.

The matter was turned over to the U.S. Department of Justice, which announced just the previous week, May 13, an enforcement action against Sallie Mae (Sallie Mae Bank and Navient Solutions), the largest servicer of federal and private student loans, which was found to be systematically violating the legal



Photo by Julie M. Lucas

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau assistant director for Service Member Affairs Holly Petraeus talks to a Soldier in Vicenza, Italy, May 19, where she addressed troops, senior leaders and spouses to deliver the message that they have a financial affairs advocate in Washington, D.C.

rights of U.S. service members.

According to a release on the CFPB website, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) also reached a settlement with the companies that addresses allegations of student loan servicing misconduct. As a result, Sallie Mae has been ordered to pay \$96.6 million in restitution and penalties to affected service members.

CFPB has also brought about numerous returns of funds to customers who were sold unnecessary consumer protection plans or overcharged for mortgage interest.

Petraeus made it clear that she works for Soldiers and Families, and welcomes complaints which give voice to individuals when they otherwise have difficulty being heard.

"I encourage you to complain to the CFPB if you haven't been able to get a response," Petraeus said. "Please complain. We want to hear from you." The CFPB is easy to reach at <http://www.consumerfinance.gov/>

When complaints are received they are entered into the CFPB complaint system and assigned a case number. Cases are sent to the company in question, which is given 15 days to respond. Areas where problems most frequently occur include home mortgages, debt collections, credit reports, credit cards, vehicle loans, student loans and payday loans.

While fighting to correct past wrongs is a tremendous

help to Soldiers, Petraeus said that providing financial education so people can make better informed decisions is very important.

"We could never have enough lawyers to play Whac-A-Mole with every bad actor with ideas about how to rip you off," she told troops. "That's why financial education is so important."

She warned her audiences against giving in to advance fee scams that require payment for collateral, pre-payment for loans or other arrangements that ask for cash before providing a service or benefit.

Petraeus spoke of the benefits of the SCRA and also told Soldiers to exercise caution when seeking to use their Tuition Assistance or GI Bill benefit for a college degree.

"There are some colleges that only see it as a business and aren't really focused on the education you receive," Petraeus said. She recommended making sure that a particular learning institution is regionally accredited and to research other telling factors such as their graduation rate (do students stick with them?), gainful employment rate for graduates (are their graduates being hired?), and student loan default rate (are graduates earning enough to pay back loans?) before making binding commitments.

"After your home, college is the second biggest consumer purchase you will make," Petraeus told Soldiers. "Take time to make a good financial decision. Don't pick based on who has the best marketing."

Addressing consumer education and awareness, Petraeus recommended going to annualcreditreport.com once a year to review one's credit score.

"Take that first step," she said. "If there is a problem, get with some of the great resources the Army provides, make a plan and get working on those problems."

On hand after the presentations to provide additional information were representatives from Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, Community Bank, the Italy Finance Office, Army Emergency Relief, the Education Center, University of Maryland University College, Central Texas College, American Red Cross, Veterans Affairs, Army Career & Alumni Program and the Financial Readiness Program.

Allison Wunsch, Financial Readiness Program manager, said Petraeus' visit was a wonderful opportunity for a small garrison community like Vicenza, where Soldiers might feel forgotten and isolated from some of the great support that government provides.

"It's also great for young Soldiers with their careers ahead of them to hear from such a knowledgeable source," Wunsch said. "These Soldiers move a lot and are exposed to many scams that specifically target the military, so their familiarity with a consumer advocate like the CFPB is extremely important."

Petraeus took questions from the audience and concluded her remarks with a plea for complaints.

"We're in D.C. working for you," she said.

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Inprocessing procedure improvements in place

By Grant Sattler
USAG Vicenza PAO

All Soldiers arriving on a Permanent Change of Station move to U.S. Army Europe installations will now attend a two week inprocessing program before being released to their units.

The U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Directorate of Human Resources, which oversees the USAREUR Commanding General directed changes to inprocessing in the Vicenza Military Community, has worked to ensure the adjusted program includes key information specific to Italy, said director David Ott.

"The Europe-wide changes include adding training in the Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program, Suicide Prevention, and Resiliency training, so Soldiers will already have these required trainings before arriving at their unit," said Ott. "We have also set up the schedule to ensure SHARP, Army Substance Abuse Program and Suicide Prevention briefings are given within 72 hours of arrival in country and before the first weekend, whenever possible."

Flexibility to hit standards

Ott said the new inprocessing schedule includes briefings standardized across the Army, but that have been tailored where required for Vicenza.

"The flexibility has allowed us to include Vicenza unique topics from the Inspector General, Criminal Investigation Division, Women Infants and Children, Adolescent Substance Abuse Counseling Services, the Wellness Center, Carabinieri, Legal Office, the Eco Center and our banking services," Ott said.

Soldiers are to be housed on Caserma Ederle and not released to their units until they have completed the in-processing.

"This is a real benefit in a multi-installation community," Ott said. "Units no longer have to be concerned about getting a new Soldier to another post

to accomplish additional training, and their new Soldiers can concentrate on their new mission tasks as soon as they arrive at their unit."

Central Processing Facility manager Corey Kerzman said a major change to the resiliency program is providing all incoming Soldiers the opportunity to participate in 12 hours of Master Resiliency Training before getting to their units.

"Another great initiative offered during in-processing comes from the U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza with a newly designed Medical *Benvenuti* (Welcome) brief offered every week to tell the Soldiers and their Family members what is offered in the Vicenza Military Community," Kerzman said. "Along with this is a change from the Wellness Center where all incoming Soldiers will be able to get a wellness assessment during inprocessing before getting to their unit."

Ott said the USAG Vicenza Headquarters, Headquarters Company commander and first sergeant will maintain oversight of all new Soldiers during inprocessing and work with

the leadership of the gaining units to resolve any discipline problems that may arise.

Kerzman said the implementation has seen its fair share of schedule changes as it was refined daily.

"A huge thank you needs to go out to all the agencies and units who present the briefs and training to the incoming Soldiers, civilians and Family members, for their flexibility and professionalism as we welcome everyone into our community," he said. "It may have been difficult, however in the end, we worked together to have a great program that accomplishes the task."

Ott said that while it is outside the scope of the new Soldier inprocessing program, the Army Community Service's *Benvenuti* program, which provides host nation orientation for spouses, continues to be a great benefit to newcomer spouses.

"We will continue to encourage Soldiers to ensure their Family members take advantage of this great program as soon as they arrive in Vicenza," he said.

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Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh talks with paratroopers of the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, in Rukla, Lithuania, May 18.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Kimberly Bratic

McHugh visits USAREUR, 173rd troops in Baltics

SECARMY discusses strategic capabilities, meets Soldiers on deployment in Baltics

By Sgt. Daniel Cole

U.S. Army Europe PAO

WIESBADEN, Germany - Secretary of the Army John M. McHugh exchanged views and garnered insights into U.S. Army Europe's strategic capabilities and activities in Poland and the Baltics during a visit to USAREUR Headquarters May 16.

McHugh's review in Wiesbaden was one stop of a broader visit to U.S. Army locations in Europe that included observing a large-scale, multinational training exercise at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany, and a first-hand look at paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade training with Estonian, Latvian, and Lithuanian allies across the Baltics, which has taken on added significance in light of recent actions by Russia in Ukraine.

The 173rd Airborne Brigade recently deployed to the Baltic region to undertake exercises with NATO troops in expanded U.S. land forces training scheduled to continue into the future. The multinational training fulfills the USAREUR strategic objective of preserving and enhancing NATO interoperability, and demonstrates the United States' ongoing commitment to regional allies.

"The importance of USAREUR's persistent presence in Poland and the Baltics, and what it means to these countries, cannot be overstated," said McHugh. "The USAREUR team should be proud of its key role in demonstrating U.S. commitment to our allies in the region. The speed with which the

173rd Airborne Brigade and other USAREUR Soldiers deployed demonstrates the importance of maintaining relationships and interoperability with NATO and strategic access to the European theater."

USAREUR Commander, Lt. Gen. Donald M. Campbell Jr., highlighted USAREUR's role in supporting multiple geographic combatant commands with strategic access, both in Europe and worldwide, and discussed strategic capabilities, persistent land force presence in Poland and the Baltics and future force structure with the secretary.

Taking it to troops on the ground

McHugh took the time to share lunch with Soldiers at the Strong Teams Dining Facility. He thanked them for their service, assured them that they play a valuable role in the Army, and that the future depends on them and the choices they make as Soldiers and leaders.

He also spent time listening to the Soldiers' thoughts on their role in the Army's future.

"This was an important opportunity to thank the U.S. Army Europe team for all that they do and the sacrifices they have made in support of our nation," McHugh said.

"When I look at everything USAREUR Soldiers and civilians do, I can't help but be proud. From setting theaters and maintaining strategic access in support of other global combatant commands, to building critical relationships with key allies and partners, to enhancing NATO interoperability through security cooperation events and multinational training exercises — USAREUR excels at them all. Many thanks to the Soldiers and civilians for a job well done, and to the families who sacrifice much to support them," he said.



Photo by Paolo Bovo

Workers install photovoltaic solar panel support infrastructure on a Caserma Del Din rooftop May 18.

DPW ramps up photovoltaic energy use

Giant steps toward reaching Net Zero advance at Caserma Renato Del Din

By Grant Sattler
USAG Vicenza PAO

U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza has increased solar energy capacity on bases in Vicenza by more than 400 percent with the installation of 4 megawatts (MW) of photovoltaic (PV) generation systems atop multiple buildings on Caserma Del Din.

Completed May 15, the installation work is the latest in a series of PV projects undertaken by the Army in Italy.

"The installation of 12,106 PV modules and 159 DC/AC inverters was completed in only 30 calendar days," said Luca Muzzana, project manager with the Directorate of Public Works Engineering Services Section. "It is the fastest installation of PV that I've seen in Italy in recent years."

Prime contractor, Vicenza-based Palladio Impianti srl, received notice to proceed on the project April 15.

"With many local subcontractors, Palladio Impianti srl had an average of 40 workers going 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week including holidays to get the job done," Muzzana said.

The effort included a partnership with the Regional Contracting Office spearheaded by Elisa Marchetti, Patrizia Meneguzzo and Karl Geyer, as well as the DPW technical team of Gregory Vallery, Thomas Raffaello and Armando Gobbo.

Work was executed under a single base contract with 14 options for various buildings, with the major distinctions being between installation on clay tile roofs versus metal roofs.

The project is a continuation of efforts to reach the U.S. Army's goal for "Net Zero" installations: bases that generate as much energy on-site as they consume over the course of a year. Key areas of emphasis to achieve "Net Zero" are reduced energy consumption and increased energy generation.

"The Army mandate is to achieve 25 percent of the facility energy consumption from renewable energy sources by 2030," said Muzzana.

DPW Engineering Division Chief Greg Vallery began the design process for installation of photovoltaic systems throughout the Vicenza and Camp Darby military communities in 2011. The first installation comprised about 1 MW on existing structures on Caserma Ederle such as the Commissary, the Arena, Ederle Inn and barracks build-

ings, and 300 kilowatts (kW) on buildings in the Villaggio housing area. In Livorno, 1.4 MW was installed on seven warehouse roofs. On Caserma Del Din 400 kW were installed on four existing buildings in the legacy zone.

Future PV projects in Vicenza include plans for an additional 300 kW generation capability on Caserma Ederle and 350 kW on Child Development Center Building 703, Muzzana said.

Additional installation that is awaiting funding on Caserma Del Din includes the Fitness Center roof and a proposal is in the works to add PV to the two parking structures on Del Din, Muzzana said.

“However, funding is typically tied to ‘pay back’ on energy savings from the potential energy generation versus the cost of the project. Installation on the parking structure roofs would also require construction of a canopy structure in addition to the PV panels and inverters,” he said.

Similar systems can be seen at Autostrada stops and other location in Italy, Muzzana said, where they provide shade for automobiles while generating power.

In addition to the greater generation capacity from the installation of PV modules, DPW planners are pursuing funding for installation of 2 MW of battery capacity

for the holistic system, Muzzana said. The battery bank would permit the self-management of power, balancing fluctuations in PV electrical generation, such as when a cloud passes overhead, and the generation required from the CoGeneration plant.

“Presently, when a cloud goes overhead, the grid system would require additional power supplied by the city utility until generation could be realized from the CoGen plant. With a battery bank, we will be able to adjust to such changes, reducing costs,” he said.

USAG Vicenza is also working on reducing electrical consumption through the continued installation of Light Emitting Diode lighting. Future projects include replacing perimeter lighting on Vicenza installations with LEDs, and replacing street lights on Villaggio and Del Din with LEDs, as was done on Caserma Ederle in 2013.

The LED project will include approximately 1,700 lamps, each achieving up to 70 percent savings over the older technologies they replace, Muzzana said.

“LEDs we’re using come from iGuzzini. One installed 30 watt LED system replaces one 140 watt HPS, or High Pressure Sodium, bulb and provides much better illumination, while greatly reducing light pollution by directing the light where it is needed,” Muzzana said.



Photo by Paolo Bovo

Photovoltaic solar panel infrastructure expansion at Caserma Del Din (above), Caserma Ederle and around both the Vicenza and Camp Darby Military Communities will contribute significantly to reaching the Army’s Net Zero goals of energy equilibrium.



First responders Modesto Dilda (left) and Francesco Boaria present exclusive video of the Costa Concordia rescue operation to an audience of Vicenza Vigili del Fuoco and garrison Fire Department professionals May 12 at Caserma Ederle.

First responders share disaster experience

Story and photos by Anna Ciccotti
USAG Vicenza PAO

Four members of the Scuba Search and Rescue team from the Vicenza Vigili del Fuoco met with the firefighters of the garrison's Directorate of Emergency Services for a professional exchange at Caserma Ederle May 12.

The focus of the encounter was an overview of the rescue and recovery operations after the Costa Concordia cruise ship disaster of 2012, in which divers of the Vicenza VVF were among the first responders to arrive on the scene. They responded to the disaster as part of the national civil protection response system, which included rescuers from the Italian Coast Guard, Guardia di Finanza, Navy, Air

Force and Carabinieri.

The Italian cruise ship Costa Concordia, carrying 4,252 passengers and crew from all over the world, keeled over and partially sank after striking rocks off the Isola del Giglio, Tuscany, Jan. 13, 2012. Despite the massive rescue operation launched in response, 32 people lost their lives. The ship is due to be refloated this summer and towed away to be cut up for scrap.

"I was honored to meet and host these brave firefighters to our post yesterday," said Chuck Walls, Vicenza deputy garrison commander.

"Their presentation was tremendous and gave all of us a better perspective on the enormous challenges facing these first responders to such an international tragedy. We gained much by their visit. It was not only educational,

but reinforced the need to maintain a close working relationship with such a group of dedicated, professional and inspirational firefighters," Walls said.

The three-hour presentation, which featured exclusive video footage of the rescue operation, was an account of what happened after the ship capsized due large-scale internal flooding from a 53-meter long breach of its hull that ruptured five watertight compartments. It also provided an opportunity to analyze and discuss the complex coordination structure necessary for the management of a crisis on the scale of the Costa Concordia sinking.

4,000 lives in danger

The grounding of the cruise liner put in danger the lives of about 3,000



Rescue diver Simone Sega relates details of the Costa Concordia rescue effort during the professional exchange May 12.

passengers and 1,000 crew members in an infrastructure that can be compared to a floating city. Called upon to face such an unprecedented emergency with international implications, the responders had to put their emotions on hold and perform at their very best with the world's eyes upon them.

"Being responsible for one's own actions, being aware that your actions may save a life or property, is the best motivation we can have to advance in our profession," said Modesto Dilda, the Vicenza team lead diver. His teammates on the mission were Luca Scaldaferrro, Simone Sega and Francesco Boaria.

"We know well that the Costa Concordia disaster stirred exceptional worldwide attention with its tragedy, the evacuation of hundreds passengers and crew members, their rescue, the missing ones and the dead," Dilda said. "Our main interest here today is to share with our young colleagues from Vicenza and from Ederle that normal people, if well trained, well prepared and properly coordinated can succeed in exceptional endeavors. If we did it, you can do it too."

"I was absolutely amazed by the magnitude of this rescue and recovery operation," said Maj. Brian Mumfrey, Director of Emergency Services. "The fact that only meters held this ship from being completely submerged, which may have drastically increased the number of casualties, sheds a completely different light on this operation.

"To see how their efforts brought closure to so many families, but to also see what these men saw, was extremely humbling. These men truly made a difference in the recovery operations, and still do," he said.

In the eyes of the Italian team, the Caserma Ederle Fire Department is, in a way, a branch of their agency. "There is pride in knowing that we prepared and trained many of the young men who were able to meet the standards required by the American military and actually work for a foreign organization," Dilda said.

Samuele Orsolon is one of many Vicenza garrison firefighters who initially served in the local VVF before being hired by the U.S. Army. He said the meeting was useful because it highlighted the complexity of the response system responders encounter when facing a mass casualty incident. One of the frequently encountered challenges is the need for coordination among different authorities and agencies on the scene, he said.

The Costa Concordia lesson "could be useful for us as well in the event of an incident here on post and off post. For example, Lion Shake, even as an exercise, always reveals how difficult it is to synchronize efforts," said Orsolon. "For the same reason, sharing experience with the other firefighters is always helpful because one never stops learning, and each single intervention is different than every other one."



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Gardaland Challenge ends with muddy winners

Story and photos by Julie M. Lucas
USAG Vicenza PAO

The masterminds at Vicenza's Outdoor Recreation combined a tough mudder-style race with an amusement park for the Gardaland Challenge May 17. Around 130 members of the Vicenza Military Community took the short trip to the nearby Gardaland theme park to battle against each other.

"Gardaland made a visit to Caserma and expressed an interest in partnering with the base," said ODR director Chris Wolff. "We threw out the idea of hosting a Warrior Challenge and the special events coordinator for Gardaland loved the idea!"

The race began with participants carrying a plastic cup full of water. Depending on how much was spilled, penalties were enforced from time delays to exercises. From there, they jumped in sacks and navigated an obstacle course. The challenge used brains as well during the quiz portion.

Competitors then rode on a ride and gained time based on the number of points accumulated on the ride. The race led them to Lake Garda, where they had to swim in the lake and ended swimming through two kiddie pools filled with mud just before the finish line.

"The hardest part for me was the swim in Lake Garda because the waves were pushing you around," said Sgt. Tanya Mendez, from the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. "Seeing all these families and friends coming together and enjoying themselves was priceless."

Following the competition was a passport to adventure with challenges around the theme park. An awards ceremony was held at 3 p.m. This Warrior Challenge will be Wolff's final event in Vicenza and he wanted to express his gratitude.

"It has been a pleasure serving the Vicenza Military Community for the last eight years and I wish the very best for everyone in this special community," said Wolff.





Top finishers by category

Male, individual:

Brian Mumfrey, Cornell Sims and Daniel Monczynski

Female, individual:

Layla Gil, Brandi Kirkpatrick and Kristina Donohue

Elementary school, individual:

Kyra Bock, Regen Wilson and Kaden Wilson

Middle and high school, individual:

Christian Baxter, Matthew Jackson and James Centers

Middle and high school, team:

MAJE, Van Burden and Banana Tanks

Male, team:

The Tally Wackers

Female, team:

Team Pride, Team Oscar and The Fit Mammias

Mixed team:

Honey Badgers, Team Awesome and 414th CSB

Family team:

Buggs, Fabulous Fitch Family and Donohue Family

Cougars pound Saints on way to Euro finals

By Mark Wilson

Special to the Outlook

The Vicenza High School Cougars baseball squad ended its regular season with a strong showing May 16, rolling over local rival, the Aviano High School Saints, in a doubleheader at the Pomari Stadium in Vicenza.

The Cougars won the opener 12-2 behind the dominant pitching of freshman Tyess Chatman. In four innings on the mound Chatman allowed just two hits and struck out eight of 15 batters at the plate.

On the offensive side, the Cougars' bats came to life, scoring 13 hits, including two doubles and two triples. Seniors Bryce Fisher, Matt Stitzel and Austin Walker each batted 2-4, putting in strong performances appropriate to Senior Recognition Day.

Lead-off hitter Chris Gay outdid the upper classmen though, hitting 4-4 with two doubles. Sophomore Louis Veazey was also golden in the batter's box, hitting 3-3 in the winning effort.

The first game came to an end after five innings in accordance with 10-run mercy rule.

In the nightcap, the Cougars continued their winning roll, racking up 20 hits in four innings to walk off the field with 17-3 win.

Veazey set the pace, hitting 4-4 with two doubles. Fisher, also with two doubles, joined Stitzel and Walker yet again in the multiple-hit column.

Stitzel and Veazey shared pitching duties, the former allowing three runs on three hits and string out six. Veazey closed out the game, striking out two of the three batters he faced.

The Cougars departed this week for European tournament play in Kaiserslautern, Germany, with an 8-4 record. They will play five games in three days in Division II competition.

Last year Vicenza lost in the final championship game to their other south-of-the-Alps rival, Naples High School. The two are poised to face each other again, but first the Cougars must overcome the challenges of some talented northern squads.



Photos by Laura Kreider

Matt Stitzel pitches for the VHS Cougars during doubleheader action against the Aviano High School Saints May 16 in Vicenza. The Cougars swept both games and will compete in the European finals this weekend in Kaiserslautern, Germany.

7th Annual European Softball Championships



Camp Darby, Italy

Memorial Day Weekend

May 23-25, 2014

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place
Team and Individual Awards
Men's & Women's All Tournament
and MVP Individual Awards

Entry Fee per Team is \$350
Sign-up deadline is May 16, 2014

Icebreaker, Coaches Meeting and
Home Run Derby on May 22 at 6 p.m.

Teams must supply their own
yellow softballs (ASA 52/300).



Register by e-mail: usarmy.livorno.imcom-europe.list.dfmwr-sports-and-fitness@mail.mil

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USARAF clinches Vicenza soccer championship

By Ricky Jackson

USAG Vicenza Sports and Fitness

The U.S. Army Africa unit sports powerhouse steamrolled to another title last weekend as the squad clinched the USAG Vicenza 2014 Unit-Rec Soccer Championship.

The competition started out with a limp as the Company A, STB, and 2-503rd teams both forfeited their opening matches. As a result, the Company A, 173rd, team advanced to face off against USARAF, and the Dental Clinic squad took to the pitch against the D'Internationals. And that is when the action got going.

USARAF's "old school" game plan was very impressive and effective, with unity, calm, good communication and action at the right moment yielding results. They moved the ball up and down the field like a team and defended well enough to force Co. A, 173rd to change their game plan. USARAF put 6 points on the board, spanking their opponents with a 6-1 loss.

Next up, the D 'Internationals played it calm and cool against the Dental Clinic, which fielded an impressive co-ed team. Neither team proved to be a pushover and the game could have gone either way. Both sides played aggressively and with determination, trading goals back and forth to arrive at a 7-7 tie by the end of regulation time.

In the tie-breaking shootout that ensued, the D'International's slipped past the Dental Clinic, winning the game 4-3 and moving on to face USARAF for the title.

The D'Internationals vs. USARAF final proved to be a very physical and competitive game. The steady USARAF squad found D 'Internationals' weaknesses and stayed focused on their game plan, controlling play and pushing their opponents at every opportunity. In the end, they persevered for a 9-5 victory.

While USARAF played ball, some members of the D'Internationals spent time arguing with the referees, which took away from their concentration on matters at hand.

In any event, in taking the Vicenza title, USARAF proved they have a strong all around team with a coherent plan and tight unit that will stand a good chance of winning the 2014 Unit Level Army Europe Championship when they travel to Wiesbaden, Germany, for the finals June 13-15.

EXCEPTIONAL FAMILY MEMBER PROGRAM
LET'S MOVE!



Every Tuesday, May 13 - June 17

From 10:30-11:15 a.m.

In the SKIESUnlimited Martial Arts Room

For more information call 634-7500/8582.



Sgt. 1st Class John Drummond (from left), 511th MP Platoon, Bishop of Livorno, Mons. Simone Giusti, and Montenero Parroco, Don Luca Bernardo Giustarini, gather to toast the opening of a playground at the Church of Montenero May 16.

DMC supports new play area in Montenero

Story and photo by Chiara Mattiolo
Darby Military Community PAO

When Santa Maria of Montenero Parroco Don Luca Bernardo Giustarini asked for the assistance of the Camp Darby Military Community in the opening of a new play area for children, garrison leadership did not hesitate for a second.

"We are here to support our neighbor community whenever there is a need," said Lawrence Kilgore, Camp Darby deputy garrison manager.

Montenero is one of the best known tourist destinations in Tuscany, its fame due principally to the sanctuary located on a hilltop some 300 meters above sea level, which affords a spectacular view of the sea. From the hilltop visitors can see the islands of Meloria, Elba, Corsica and Sardinia, as well as the minor island of Gorgona. The view also encompasses the Tyrrhenian Coast from the port of Livorno to Pisa.

"The Church in Montenero supports over 240 families in need, and it is getting more and more difficult to be able to grant assistance," said Don Luca. "We are in need of any help we can have to give the youngsters of our community a safe place to play and pray."

Responding to requests for sport and fitness equipment for the new play area, Kilgore contacted Camp Darby MWR

personnel, who promptly checked to see what might be available for donation. In short order, the MWR crew came up with a volleyball net, a basketball, a football, a volleyball, six assorted roller skates and miscellaneous fitness equipment, which were rapidly packed and delivered to the church.

The new playground was officially opened in a ceremony May 16 at which the Bishop of Livorno, Mons. Simone Giusti, and Senator Marco Filippi, representing the Italian government, were guests of honor. Sgt. 1st Class John Drummond, 511th MP Platoon, represented the Darby Military Community

Residents of Montenero, who donated time and financial support to make the playground possible, participated to the ceremony, enthusiastically celebrating the completion of a safe place where community children can play.

"We live and work in this community," said Drummond. "It is a pleasure to be part of it and support our neighbors and friends when there is a need."

DMC BOSS Soldiers will take part in the playground's restoration, clearing and cleaning another area where a bocce field is presently hidden by high weeds.

"BOSS Soldiers need community projects to add to their curriculum," Drummond told Bishop Giusti. "Keeping them busy keeps them out of trouble also."

Speak Out

What is the significance of Memorial Day to you?



Bob Setaro

839th Transportation Battalion

"Honoring those who fell in the name of our freedom."



Norman Jasper

405th Army Field Support Battalion Italy

"It's an opportunity to think about people who sacrificed for our rights."



Todd Henderson

509th Signal Battalion

"It's a chance to remember what happened in the past."

American Beach to open Memorial Day

By Chiara Mattiolo

Darby Military Community PAO

The only American beach in Europe, the Camp Darby American Beach, will open to the public Memorial Day weekend and officially start the summer season.

Visitors who want to reserve rooms at the Sea Pines for the summer need to make reservations soon because availability is already limited.

"This fantastic location offers the possibility of visiting numerous major tourist sites, cities such as Florence, Pisa, Lucca or Siena just to cite a few, are within a stone's throw of Camp Darby," said Ernest Beezley of DMWR.

The American Beach is located in the tourist town of Tirrenia, a mere five-minute drive from Camp Darby. This unique vacation resort is open from Memorial Day weekend through mid-September.

The beach is open daily and is fully equipped with beach umbrellas, cabanas, reclining chairs, two covered pavilions, volleyball courts, picnic tables and grills. Outdoor and indoor showers are also available as are rest room and first aid facilities.

Tourists at Camp Darby can find accommodations to meet every possible need.

"The Sea Pines Lodge accommodations feature deluxe rooms for four people, all are equipped with bathroom, refrigerator, microwave, TV-VCR-DVD, kitchen areas with tables, a private patio with a table and barbecue grill, and air conditioning-heating system," said Francesco Licata, Sea Pines Lodge operations assistant.

"For camping fans, a large campsite at Camp Darby can host numerous tents and offers electricity, water points, picnic tables, barbecue grills and shower facilities," he said.





Family and MWR

Vicenza Military Community



Community Racquetball Clinics

Whether you want to learn to play for the first time or you just want to better hone your skills, our racquetball clinic is just what you need!

- May 27 11 a.m.
- May 28 7 a.m.
- May 29 11 a.m.
- Jun 9 7 a.m.
- June 11 7 a.m.

•Call 634-7009 to register. Visit our website for more dates and information.

ODR Trips

- May 27 Villa Barbaro
- May 31 Ljubljana
- June 7 White Water Rafting
- June 7 French/Italian border towns
- June 8 Climbing in Lumignano
- June 8 Sottomarina Beach & Chioggia

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

Villaggio Pool Opens

Open weekends only May 24 – June 16:
 Sat/Sun 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Beginning June 18:
 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 Saturday and Sunday:
 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
 Closed on Wednesdays

Music Café

Music Café nights are casual improv jam nights for music lovers by music lovers. Come on over to the Soldiers' Theatre on May 23, 7:30-10:30 p.m. and enjoy some great music or bring your favorite instrument and jam along!

ScreamFree Marriage

We "scream" with our words and our actions. Learn to refocus on yourself, take control and reconnect with the ones you love by learning the ScreamFree principles. The next workshop offered at ACS is June 6, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Find out more about the ScreamFree principles and register by calling 634-7500.



Register using MWR Online Services for:

Vicenza Trip & Classes

Vicenza CYSS Activities

Vicenza Facebook Page





Darby Military Community



Italian/American Carnival

It's Carnival time at Darby! The 10-day Carnival is open June 13-23 for food, rides, music and so much more! June 13, 5-7 p.m. is Darby military Community Day and all rides are free for local community members.

ODR Summer Weekly Trips

Beginning June 2 and continuing thru the summer until September 1, ODR has scheduled the following trips.

- Mondays Pisa and Luca -9 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Tuesdays Venice -5 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Wednesdays Cinque Terre- 7 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Thursdays Rome -5 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Fridays Elba Island-7 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
- Saturdays Florence -9 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
- Sundays Water Theme Park*-9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Sunday water theme park trips go to ; Cavallino Matto or Water and Waves at Acqua Village; or one of Tuscany's famous beaches. Call ODR for which trip is planned this week. Register on WebTrac or at ODR. Call 633-7589 and for information on the trips visit our website.

SKIES Unlimited Swim Lessons

CYSS offers swimming lessons for children of all ages; swimming is an important life skill that will stay with your child for the rest of his/her life! Parent and child classes offered for those with little ones up to 3 years of age.

For children 3 years and up; CYSS will offer Level 1 and Level 2 classes.

Two skill sessions will be held prior to start date to evaluate each child's level and assign them to a class:

First session - June 13 at 10 a.m.

Second session - July 11 at 10 a.m.

Sign-up Deadlines:

Session 1 - June 6

Session 2 - July 3

CYSS Water Play & Games at the Pool

Join CYSS Sports and Fitness for fun and games at the Darby pool. Children ages 8-18 are invited to the free event on June 13, 1:30-4 p.m. Join in the organized games and enjoy the snacks at the event. For more information, call 633-7521.



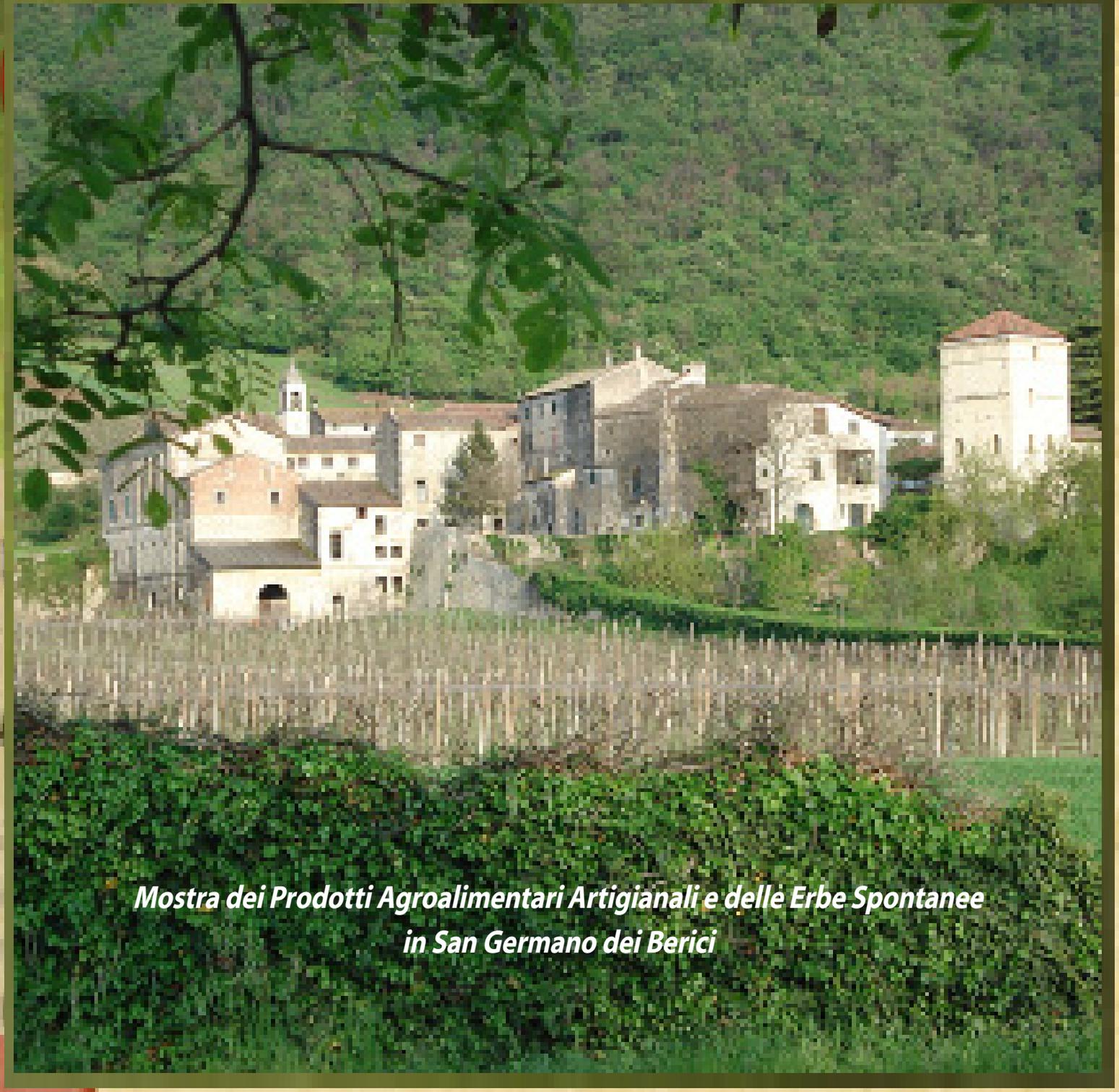
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***Mostra dei Prodotti Agroalimentari Artigianali e delle Erbe Spontanee
in San Germano dei Berici***

VENETO

Vintagemania

May 23-25, in Bassano del Grappa, Villa Giusti, Via Travettore 30, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza. Vintage clothes, accessories, cars and motorcycles; live music and children's puppet making workshops in the afternoon; entry, €5; free for children under 14.

Mostra dei Prodotti Agroalimentari Artigianali e delle Erbe Spontanee

Local products, spontaneous herbs exhibit and sale
May 25 in Campolongo, San Germano dei Berici, about

17 miles south of Vicenza. At 9 a.m., free guided nature walk in search of medicinal and aromatic herbs; local products, crafts and spontaneous herbs exhibit and sale; food booths open at noon; herbs workshops.

Festa di Primavera Spring Festival

May 23-25, in S. Ubaldo, Lago di Velo D'Astico, about 28 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths featuring snails, gnocchi, goulash, sausage and sauerkraut and German beer open at 7 p.m.; live music at 9 p.m.; May 25, fireworks at 10:30 p.m.

LISTINGS BY ANNA TERRACINO

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Festa di Primavera a Maddalene
Maddalene's Spring Festival

May 23-25 in Vicenza, Via Maddalene 51. Food booths open at 7 p.m.; live country music and dancing every night at 9 p.m.

Sagra di San Giuseppe e Festa delle Erbe Spontanee
Saint Joseph and spontaneous herbs Festival

May 24-25, in Monte di Malo, Via Roma, about 14 miles northwest of Vicenza. Carnival rides, charity raffle and local specialties; May 24, food booths open at 6 p.m.; live country music and dancing at 8:30 p.m.; May 25, 9:30 a.m.: *Andar per erbe* – free guided nature walk in search of medicinal and aromatic herbs; food booths open at noon; 4 p.m., free herbal workshops; 5:30 p.m., food booths; 8:30 p.m., live music.

Le MilleArti e una Notte
One Thousand arts and one Night

May 24, 6 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., in Vicenza. Twenty cafés and shops will feature free live music, art, crafts and photo exhibits; Piazza dei Signori will be the site of a “social wall” linking people, places, music and arts; an after party will be held at K2 Music Place, Strada della Pelosa 183, the new city concert hall.

Festa della Ciliegia
Cherry Festival

May 25, in Pianezze, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths featuring cherries and other agricultural products from Marostica; live music starts at 8:30 p.m.

Bancarellando Rossano
Flea marketing in Rossano

May 25, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., in Rossano Veneto, Piazza Europa e Piazza Duomo; local products, crafts and arts; bounce houses and entertainment for children.

Festa di Primavera
Spring Festival

May 23-25, in Velo D'Astico, about 28 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths open at 7 p.m., live music and dancing start at 10 p.m.

Notte bianca
White Night

May 24, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. in Marostica, Piazza Castello, and nearby streets, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths feature local cherries; entertainment, music, bounce houses and games for children.

Sagra della Bondola
Bondola Festival

May 23-25 and May 30 to June 1, in Torrebelvicino, Via Fogazzaro, about 18 miles northwest of Vicenza. Food stands featuring *bondola*, a typical local dish made of pork, and local specialties open May 23 at 7 p.m., May 24 at 6 p.m. and May 25 at 10 a.m.; live music at 9 p.m.; May 25, a hip-hop and zumba show starts at 6:45 p.m.

Hemingway + Piave, le origini di una poetica
Hemingway + the Piave, the origin of his poetics



Through May 24, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., in Monastier, Treviso, Park Hotel Villa Fiorita, Via Giovanni XXIII. Features contemporary photos and Hemingway's descriptions of places in the Veneto where he served in World War I with the Red Cross and was seriously wounded. Free entry, guided tours in English available for groups of 20 or more. Call 0422-898-008.

Cantine aperte 2014
Open Door at Villa Piovene Winery

May 25, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., in Villaga, Via Villa 14. Visit the Villa Piovene and its wine cellar for tastings; to visit with an English-speaking guide, email Alessandra Piovene at alesandrapiovene@hotmail.com — free.

Galopera
Non-competitive walk

May 25, in Vicenza, 4-km., 6-km., 8-km. 12-km. and 20-km. walks leaving the Maddalene Sports Center, Via delle Maddalene; registration, 8-9:30 a.m.; €2 fee includes medical coverage, bib number, free minestrone, homemade bread, yogurt, a beer and pastries.

Flamenco Lunares
Everything Flamenco in Asiago

May 25, 9 p.m. in Asiago, Teatro Millepini, Via Millepini 1. Flamenco music, song and dance; ticket are €10, €8 for students and elderly.

Lucciolata
Night walk for charity

May 30. A choice of 5- and 10-km. walks in Vicenza, beginning at 9 p.m. at Maddalene Sports Center, Via delle Maddalene. Donations will be gathered for the Aviano's Cancer Treatment Center.

Storia di un secolo 1900-2000
1900-2000, History of a Century

May 24, 8:30 p.m., in Torri di Quartesolo, Ceroni Sports Center, Via Aldo Moro 11, about 5 miles southeast of Vicenza. Performance by the amateur theatrical company of La Fraglia, an institute for disabled. An English script is available via email at anna.terracino2.in@mail.mil Free admission, all are welcome.

Area antique markets May 25

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

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

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Sagra della Lasagna **Lasagna Festival**

Through May 24 and May 31 to June 1, in Montenero d'Orcia, Castel del Piano (Grosseto). Food booths open at 7:30 p.m.; 9 p.m., live music; June 1, fireworks at 10:30 p.m.

Sagra dei Pici **Pici Festival**

May 23-25, in Celle sul Rigo, San Casciano dei Bagni (Siena). Pici is a traditional homemade pasta of the Siena region; food booths featuring pici and other local specialties open at 7 p.m.; live music and dancing from 9 p.m.

Sagra del Cinghiale **Wild Boar Festival**

Through May 25 in Montebonello, Pontassieve (Florence); food booths featuring wild boar specialties open nightly at 7 p.m., noon on Sunday.

Festival della Lumaca **Snail Festival**

May 24-25, and May 30 to June 2; in Camucia di Cortona (Arezzo). Food booths featuring snail specialties open at 7 p.m.; live music at 9 p.m.; June 1 from 9:45 a.m., vintage auto and motorcycle exhibit; June 2 at 10 a.m., nature walk and free breakfast for participants; fireworks at 11:45 p.m.

Sagra del Ranocchio **Frog Festival**

May 24-25 and May 31 to June 2 in Brozzi (Florence). Food booths featuring local specialties open at 6:30 p.m.; live music at 9 p.m.

Sagra della Frittella Fior di Cascia **Rice Fritters Festival**

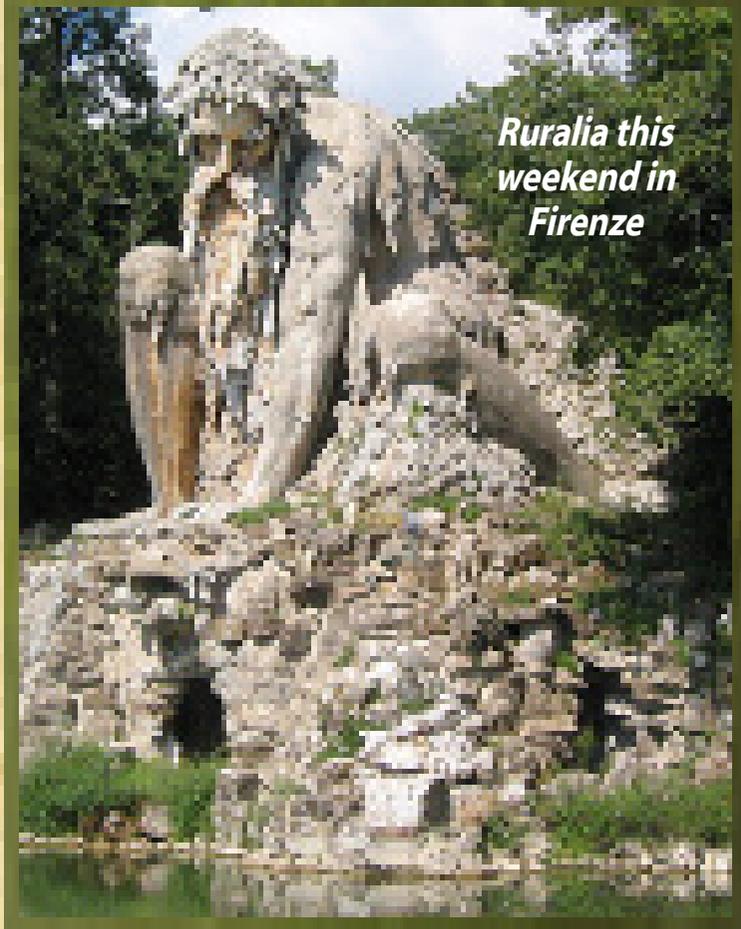
May 24-25 in Tavernelle Val di Pesa (Florence). Carnival rides; food booths open at 6 p.m.; May 24 at 9 p.m., live music; May 25 from 9 a.m., antique market; 4 p.m., live music; 9 p.m., live capoeira and samba music, dancing.

Bau Day 3

May 25, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; walk with your dog in the hills of Nanto and Castegnero; registration opens at 9 a.m. at Nanto sports field, Via Madonnetta 29; walk begins at 10 a.m.; 12:30 p.m., lunch at the sports field and lottery; participation is €3, free for children under 14; lunch is €7, €5 for children under 14; to reserve lunch, send an email to barbara-db78@libero.it or call 346-658-5885. In case of inclement weather, the event will be postponed to June 1.

Festa della Bufala **Buffalo Mozzarella Festival**

May 29 to June 2 in Pian Dei Bichi, Roccastrada (Grosseto). Food booths featuring local specialties open at 7:30 p.m.; live music at 8:30 p.m.



Ruralia this weekend in Firenze

Ruralia

May 24, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and May 25, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., in Florence, Pratolino Park, Via Fiorentina 276. Exhibit of rural life, agriculture and husbandry; live music with street band Funk Off at noon; at 2:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., free guided tours of the park; 3:30 p.m., falconry exhibit; the Quartetto Auris of Fiesole Academy perform classical music at 6 p.m.; free entry.

Pistoia Blues 2014

Concerts take place in Piazza Duomo unless otherwise noted. Click link above for tickets.

July 10: Mark Lanegan

July 11: Robert Plant and the Sensational Space Shifters + North Mississippi Allstars

July 13: Morcheeba

July 14: Jack Johnson + Bombino

July 15: The Lumineers

July 17: Arctic Monkey

Antique markets this weekend

Bientina: May 24-25, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele

Castiglion Fiorentino (Arezzo): May 25, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Piazza del Municipio

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

Montevarchi (Arezzo): May 25, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Via Isidoro del Lungo and Via Poggio

Ponte a Egola (Pisa): May 25, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza Rossa

Prato: May 24-25, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Piazza San Francesco

CONCERTS

Dire Straits Legends - May 25 in Padova
Steve Hackett - May 26 in Milan
Lisa Stansfield - May 28 in Padova, May 29 in Bologna
Flying Lotus, Captain Murphy and Thundercat - May 29 in Milano
Tori Amos - June 3 in Milan, June 4 in Padova
Motorhead - June 6 in Milano
Billy Idol - June 10 in Padova
Pearl Jam - June 20 in Milan; June 22 in Trieste
Aerosmith - June 25 in Rho (Milan)
Joe Bonamassa - June 26 in Florence
Chicago - June 28 in Padova
One Direction - June 28 in Milan
Charles Aznavour - July 1 in Rome
Stromae - July 1 in Milan
Stevie Wonder - July 2 in Lucca
Eagles - July 2 in Lucca
Joe Satriani - July 3 in Rezzato (Brescia)
John Fogerty - July 7 in Milan; July 9 in Trieste
James Blunt - July 15 in Piazzola Sul Brenta
Jethro Tull - July 19 in Brescia
Neil Young and Crazy Horse - July 21 in Barolo (Cuneo)
Backstreet Boys - July 23 in Lucca
Simple Minds - July 28 in Ferrara

Tickets at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center or online.



Joe Bonamassa
plays the blues in
Firenze June 26

SPORTING EVENTS

FIA European Truck Racing Championship: May 24-25 in Misano Adriatico.
MotoGP – Mugello: May 30 to June 1, in Scarperia (Florence)
World League Volleyball: May 30 in Trieste, June 1 in Verona
Horse Racing: May 17, 18, 21, 24, 25, 28 and 31 in Milan
Top Gear Live: July 6 in Turin

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Latest online updates
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Italian-American Carnival

June 13-22
 Open every night
 7 p.m.-midnight

DARBY DAY
 June 13 → 5-7 p.m.
 All rides are free for the Darby Community!

JESS PENNER LIVE!
 June 18 → Presented by Armed Forces Entertainment
 9 p.m. in the Fest Tent

CAR SHOW
 June 21 → All day long!

Carnival Rides | Food Booths | Beer Fest Tent | Live Music & DJs
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Photos by Laura Kreider

Part of Your World

Top: Ariel (Tessa Beck Fey) and Prince Eric (Deyvid Thompson) share a moment of closeness in the Soldiers' Theatre production of *The Little Mermaid Jr.* **Above:** The entire cast pose for a photo. The show wrapped up a two week, sold out run of performances on Caserma Ederle Sunday. The play, which featured more than 40 VMC youngsters, was the first children's production of its kind to be staged in Vicenza, said theater director Jerry Brees. After the final curtain, the cast joined family and friends for a potluck celebration and concluded six weeks of auditions, rehearsals and performances with an impromptu sing-along rendition of *Under the Sea*.

Del Din power outage today

DPW is conducting a power outage today on Caserma Del Din from 1-6 p.m. to perform scheduled electrical substation maintenance. Buildings 2, 4, 43 and 139 will be affected. A number of community service offices located in Building 2, among them the Postal Service Center, ASAP, ACES, MPD Liaison Office, ACS and the library, will be affected. Call 634-6401.

DeCA interns sought

The Defense Commissary Agency seeks applicants for store associates (Pathways intern, GS-1199-03), who are at least 16 and currently attend an accredited college within the local commuting area. Details are online at www.usajobs.gov under job announcement number EUH-U149206211076211P. Applications will be accepted until July 31.

The Soldiers' Theatre

The Music Café returns to the Soldiers' Theatre May 23 beginning at 7:30 p.m. Join other musicians to perform, sing, jam or listen in a relaxed atmosphere. Free and open to all. Make plans now for **Comedy Improv Night** June 13 at 7:30 p.m. Join in an evening of adult fun, antics, laughter and improvisational comedy in the theater lobby. Refreshments will be available. Tickets are \$10; call 634-7281 / 044-471-7281 or email gerald.s.brees.naf@mail.mil

Multi-level adult dance and music classes continue at the theater. Hip-hop, jazz and ballet classes taught by Maggie Wallis are \$28 for four weeks. Register at the theater or on Webtrac. **Piano, guitar and voice lessons** are available continually. Call 634-7281 or 0444-71-7281 for information.

POV shipment changes

International Auto Logistics has assumed responsibility for the Vicenza Vehicle Processing Center. Call 634-6922 for information and assistance.

Garrison Facebook page migrates

The Vicenza Military Community Facebook page has migrated to [facebook.com/VMCItaly](https://www.facebook.com/VMCItaly) from its former location at [facebook.com/USAGvicenza](https://www.facebook.com/USAGvicenza). The new Vicenza Military Community page location

Community news briefs

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recognizes the growth of the community into a multi-installation military community, and will aid the USAG Vicenza Public Affairs Office in continuing to meet the information needs of the VMC through social media. Facebook users can ensure they have fast access to all VMC news and information by adding the new page to their notifications. Non-users can continue to view updated content from the VMC homepage, www.usag.vicenza.army.mil

EMT professionals sought

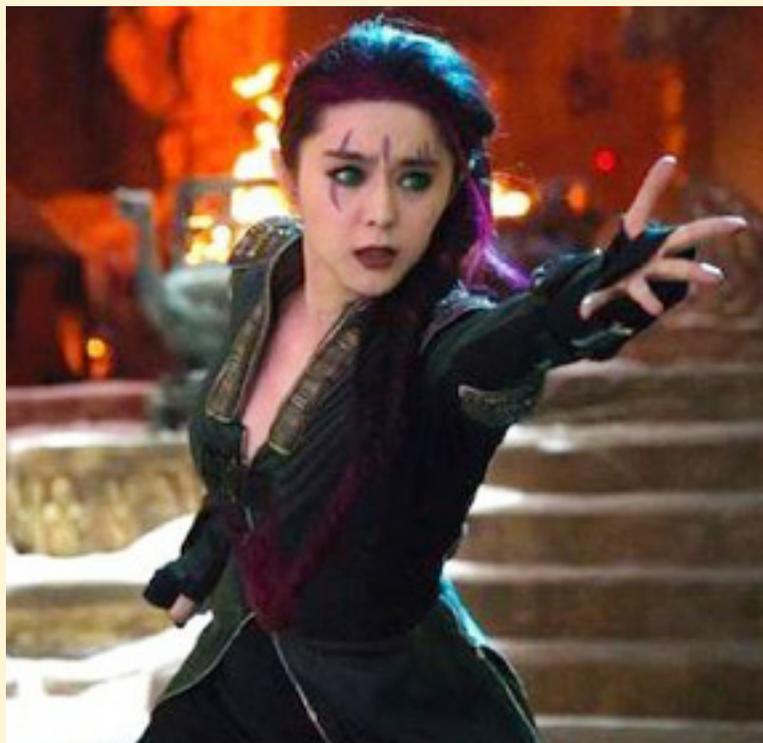
Central Texas College seeks MDs, RNs and PAs with trauma and patient care experience who have at minimum an EMT-B license; also seeking lab assistants. Stop by Room 6 at the Education Center or call 634-6514.

Safety Office recalls

The Consumer Product Safety Commission has published the following product safety recalls to its website at

<http://www.cpsc.gov/>
 FXR Factory Racing recalls children's outerwear due to strangulation hazard
 Ariens recalls snow throwers and power brushes due to amputation and laceration hazards
 Call Garrison Safety with questions or concerns at 634-8109/8023/7045.

Comedy Improv Night
 June 13 at 7:30 p.m.
 Outrageously funny improv with adult humor at Soldiers' Theatre.
 For information call 634-7281. | www.vicenza.armyMWR.com



X-Men: Days of Future Past

In a desperate effort to change history and prevent a chain of events that spell doom for both humans and mutants, the X-Men send Wolverine into the past to unite with the X-Men of yore. The mutant heroes from the original film trilogy join forces with their younger selves in an epic battle that must change the past to save the future. Stars Hugh Jackman, Jennifer Lawrence and Halle Berry.

At the movies

Ederle Theater

May 23	7 p.m.	Million Dollar Arm (PG-13) *
	10 p.m.	Captain America: Winter Soldier (PG-13)
May 24	3 p.m.	Million Dollar Arm (PG-13) *
	6 p.m.	Captain America: Winter Soldier (PG-13)
May 25	3 p.m.	Million Dollar Arm (PG-13) *
	6 p.m.	Captain America: Winter Soldier (PG-13)
May 28	7 p.m.	Million Dollar Arm (PG-13) *
May 29	7 p.m.	Oculus (R)
May 30	7 p.m.	X-Men: Days of Future Past (NR) *
	10 p.m.	Blended (PG-13) *
May 31	3 p.m.	X-Men: Days of Future Past in 3D (NR) *
	6 p.m.	Blended (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

Chapel activities

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.: Gospel service

5 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Tuesday

9 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

6 p.m.: PMOC and PWOC Bible study. Dinner provided; no watch care

Wednesday

5:30 p.m.: Catholic choir practice

Thursday

9:30 a.m.: St. Mark's Catholic Women

7:15 p.m.: Gospel service Bible study

Call 634-7519 or 0444-71-7519 for information on Vicenza 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 they change depending on which priest celebrates 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

Chaplain Crisis Line

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

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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

Jewish: Call 634-7519, 0444-71-7519 or 327-856-2191

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

Muslim: Call 634-7519 or 0444-71-7519

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.

Friday: Potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. with Walk in the Word following. Call 0444-581-427 for more information or if you need transportation.

Music activities at the chapel

Tuesday, 5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.: Gospel choir practice

Thursday: 5:30 p.m., Gospel choir rehearsal



Register now for Father-Son Day May 31

The Vicenza Unit Ministry Teams will sponsor a Father-Son Day resiliency event Saturday, May 31. The event will begin with a pizza lunch at the Ederle baseball field behind the health center.

Beginning at 1 p.m., retired Major League Baseball pitchers Brian Hickerson of the San Francisco Giants and Anthony Telford of the Texas Rangers will conduct a baseball clinic for boys ages 7-13, with an assist or two from Vicenza High School Cougars baseball players.

While the boys work on their baseball skills, the fathers will participate in a workshop on *Raising Character in Boys* at the Golden Lion. The training will be led by Dr. John LaNoue, retired director of High School Baptist Young Men for Texas Baptist and president of the American Camping Association.

LaNoue will lead a camp craft activity with the fathers and sons after the baseball clinic and the event will close with finger foods at the Golden Lion. Register by May 27 with Sgt. Carrasquillo at 634-7519 or via email at jose.a.carrasquillopagan.mil@mail.mil



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