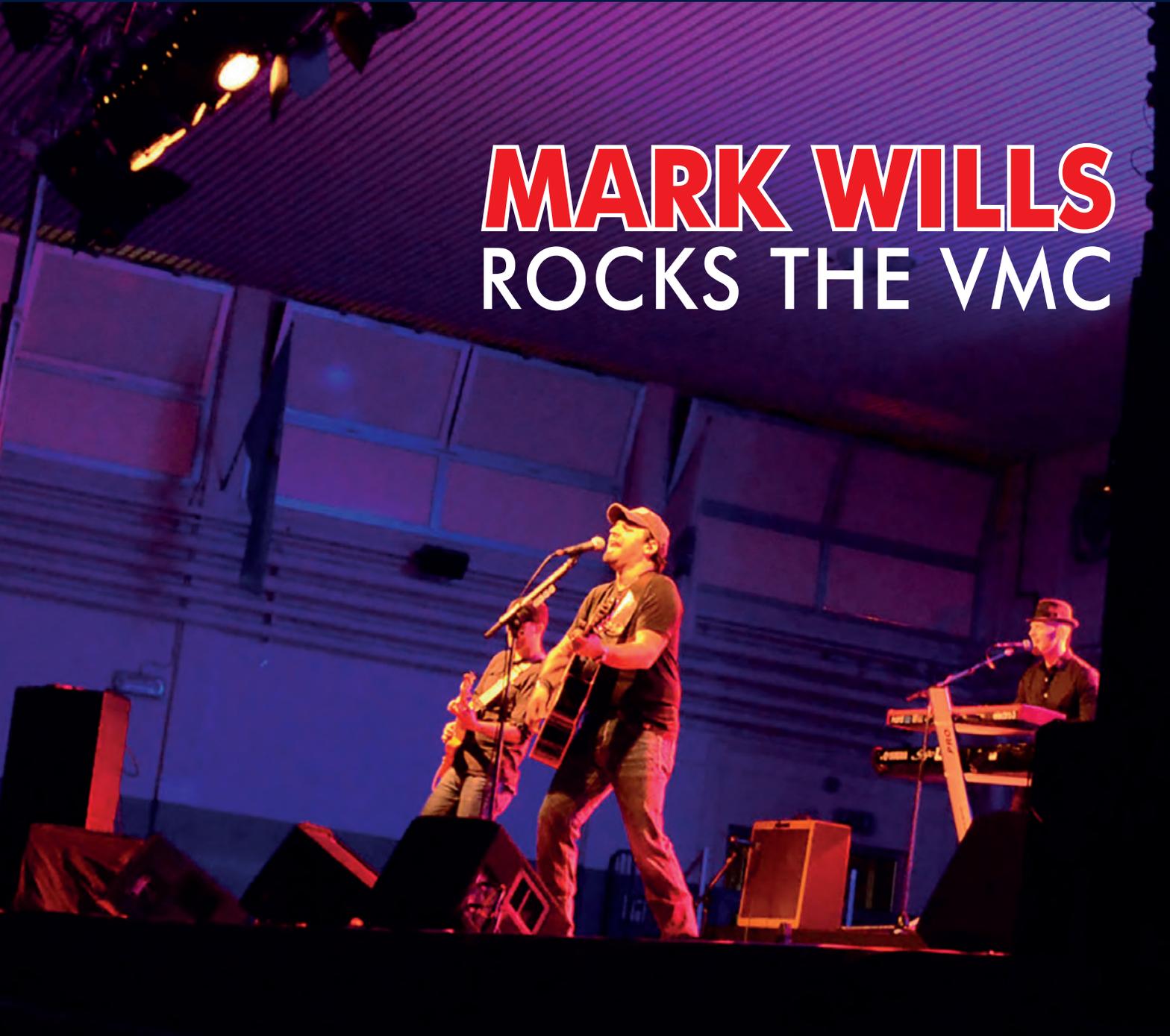


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## WE ARE THE FORCE BEHIND THE FIGHT TO ACHIEVE CULTURAL CHANGE.

**A**fter more than 18 months of an only online version, the U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Public Affairs Office is excited to bring back a printed version of our publication.

Numerous people fought hard to bring back to the community a hard copy so that we could better spread information to the Vicenza and Darby Military Communities. Instead of a newspaper that the Army paid to have printed, we now have a magazine-style publication that is more modern and will be created every two weeks. One of the most popular items, the Out and About section with local festivals and events will now be found in the Outside the Gate section in the next issue, with other information about events happening on the local economy. The copies can be picked up at numerous locations throughout Caserma Ederle and Del Din to include the Health Clinic, Army Community Services, the PX and Commissary.

If you have any items that you'd like to see in the Outlook or have story ideas, please send them [usarmy.vmc.pao@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.vmc.pao@mail.mil).

**Julie M. Lucas**, editor

## On the cover

### Country music star Mark Wills performs on Caserma Ederle Fitness Center Oct. 22.

U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Commander Col. Robert L. Menist Jr. introduced the concert presented by Family and MWR and Armed Forces Entertainment.

Wills won the Academy of Country Music's award for Top New Male Vocalist in 1998. In 2002, his single "19 Something" spent six consecutive weeks at No. 1, was Billboard's top country hit of the year and was the second most-played song of the decade in 2009.

A 'meet and greet session' followed the show and all the fans had the chance to meet with the artist and have a picture with him.

Photo by **Laura Kreider**, USAG Vicenza/PAO



## Speak Out

*Which costume are you going to wear for Halloween?*



**Alexis Fleck**

Family member

*"I'll be wearing a Greek goddess costume."*



**Nicholas Cordero**

Family member

*"I will wear a Hobo costume with a sign, 'Will Work For Candy'."*



**Andreyana Salazar**

Family member

*"I'll be a mummy for Halloween."*

# US assists Italian hosts prior to Afghanistan deployment

Story and photo by **Sgt. A.M. LaVey**  
173rd Airborne Brigade Public Affairs



*Sgt. Maj. Charles Burrow, an operations sergeant major with the 173rd Airborne Brigade speaks to Italian army 1st Sgt. Bruno Fernaro after a class for Italian allies during a pre-deployment training session in Aosta, Italy, Oct. 15.*

**AOSTA, Italy**—Paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade travelled to the Italian army's mountain warfare training center and school in the Aosta Valley, Oct. 14 and 15 in order to train Italian troops scheduled to deploy to Afghanistan.

The training, classes in military-to-military advising, counterinsurgency, and the Military Decision Making Process, were requested by the Italian army in order to help to prepare the Alpini, troops trained in specialized mountain warfare, for their upcoming role advising the Afghanistan National Army as part of Operation Resolute Support.

"The operation in Afghanistan is still joint and (the Italian forces) will need to be able cooperate with U.S. and international forces," said Italian Sgt. Maj. Luca Bertozzo, the 173rd's senior enlisted liaison officer. "The planning procedures being used in Afghanistan are the U.S. Army's, so the school, which we've had a relationship with for years, asked the brigade to provide the instructors so that their (deployers) will be absolutely ready when they go down-range."

The NATO-led Operation Resolute Support is designed to assist the Afghan security forces after the International Security Assistance Force combat mission has ended and Afghan forces assume responsible for their country's security.

During a speech to the Italian parliament earlier this year, the Italian defense minister, Mario Mauro, said the Italians will be limiting their engagement to training and educational activities, so most of the training focused on building relationships with the ANA and covered topics like best practiced and cultural sensitivities.

"We have some experience advising and assisting in Afghanistan, but the world is changing every day," said Italian 1st Sgt. Bruno Fernaro, who attended the course.

The instructors added to the training by providing real-life experiences, best practices and lessons learned from their previous deployments.

"This training ensures that our planning processes are similar and that we can work together anytime in the future," said Sgt. Maj. Charles Burrow, the chief instructor and an operations sergeant major with the 173rd Airborne Brigade. "I am excited to be here and to share this information."

The doctrinal classes were tailored to the Italian audience, with the instructors opening the floor for questions and discussions, and providing additional materials for more in-depth study.

"Advising is a learning process and it takes time to learn and understand," said Italian Lt. Col. Antonio Barone, the deploying detachment's commander. "For some people this is quite new, but (the instructors) made things easy to follow, by explaining and providing slides."

The Italians weren't the only ones benefiting from the classes.

This type of military to military training adds value to the U.S.-Italian partnership, said Sgt. 1st Class Lamont Barber, the assistant instructor and the brigade's Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear noncommissioned officer-in-charge. "It's good to see our host nation take an interest in our forces' abilities as they prepare for their upcoming deployment."

The Italian mountain troops are scheduled to deploy to western Afghanistan early next year.

The 173rd Airborne Brigade, based in Vicenza, Italy, is the Army Contingency Response Force in Europe, capable of projecting forces to conduct the full range of military operation across the U.S., European, Central and Africa Command areas of responsibility.



*Sgt. 1st Class Lamont Barber, the 173rd Airborne Brigade's Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear noncommissioned officer-in-charge teaches a class to Italian army allies during a pre-deployment training session in Aosta, Italy, Oct. 15.*

# JAG identifies automobile repair issues

By Capt. **Andrew S. Warmington**  
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**S**ervicemembers, civilians, and Family members often visit the Vicenza Legal Assistance Office seeking help with automobile repair issues.

Clients are either dissatisfied with the quality of repairs completed or discover that the repairs completed are not the same as the repairs promised. Unfortunately, there is little the Vicenza Legal Assistance Office can do after the fact. The best practice for avoiding automobile repair issues is taking precautionary steps before the repairs occur.

When a Servicemember, civilian, or Family member is seeking automobile repair services, they should ask their friends or colleagues for recommendations of reputable repair shops in the local area. If a number of friends or colleagues hold a particular repair shop in high regard that repair shop is likely a safer option than a repair shop selected solely for its proximity to a military installation. When asking for recommendations and selecting a repair shop, one should also consider the repair work required. A repair shop may be qualified and competent at completing some repairs but unqualified and incompetent at completing others.

Once an individual identifies at least two potentially competent and qualified repair shops, the Servicemember, civilian, or Family member should request written estimates of repair that specify the repairs required, the parts needed, and the expected labor cost. The written estimate should also state that the shop will contact the customer if the time or cost of the work exceeds the estimate. If there are significant differences between the estimates of repair, the customer should identify why these differences exist. Customers should be wary of surprisingly low estimates of repair and aware of potential issues resulting from cultural differences. For example, all-season tires are not customarily used in Italy, so a repair shop may replace a

vehicle's all-season tires with summer or winter tires.

After the automobile repairs are completed, a customer should ask for a repair order from the repair shop. The repair order should specify each repair, the parts supplied, the price of each part, and the cost of labor. The repair order should generally match the estimate of repair. If there are discrepancies between the estimate of repair and the repair order, the customer should address the discrepancies with the repair shop before accepting the repaired automobile. Minor discrepancies are normal and generally acceptable. Repair orders that are significantly higher than repair estimates due to unexpected repairs not predictable at the time of the estimate may also be reasonable, as long as the repair shop complied with the customer's instructions regarding increases in the cost of repair.

If after taking the precautionary steps above, a Servicemember, civilian, or Family member is still dissatisfied with the quality of repairs completed or discovers that the repairs completed are not the same as the repairs promised, the customer should contact the Vicenza Legal Assistance Office. The services our office can provide are limited; however, despite these limitations, the Vicenza Legal Assistance Office will vigorously advocate for our clients in automobile repairs matters. If you do contact the Vicenza Legal Assistance Office, please ensure you provide us with all relevant documentation and the repair shop's contact information. Additionally, upon receiving consent from individual clients, the Vicenza Legal Assistance Office will forward the names of repair shops with multiple substantiated incidents to the Garrison Commander for further action.

For more information, contact the Vicenza Legal Assistance Office in Building 241 on Caserma Ederle, Vicenza, Italy at DSN 634-7041 or 0444-71-7041.

**T**he USAG Vicenza Safety Office held a motorcycle rally for the entire Vicenza Military Community Caserma Del Din Oct. 16.

About 100 Soldiers and civilians participated in the training focused on personal protective equipment and other information about policies and requirements for motorcycle riders.



Photo by **Laura Kreider**

# U.S. Army Africa personnel to return from Operation United Assistance

By **Rich Bartell**  
U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs

**VICENZA, Italy** – In the near future, many of U.S. Army Africa personnel are slated to return from supporting Operation United Assistance in Liberia where they were helping stem an Ebola virus outbreak.



*Col. Pedro G. Almeida, U.S. Army Africa chief of staff, Dr. (Col.) Robert C. McKenzie, deputy commander of Clinical Services, Vicenza Medical Clinic, and Angela Balbo, interpreter, USARAF Political Advisors office, respond to questions during an Oct. 22 town hall meeting addressing the return of USARAF personnel from Liberia. More than 500 people attended the two meetings that outlined the return of USARAF personnel from Liberia where they have been supporting Operation United Assistance, a humanitarian mission to help stem an Ebola virus outbreak.*

Here are some key points to take into consideration as these people return from this humanitarian mission:

- No one from USARAF has contracted the Ebola virus
- USARAF personnel did not have any contact with Ebola patients
- The risk for USARAF personnel contracting Ebola is very low
- USARAF members aren't providing patient care – they are helping build infrastructure
- All personnel will be medically screened prior to leaving Liberia
- All USARAF personnel will be medically monitored after their return from Liberia
- Medical monitoring will be terminated if individuals are symptom free after 21 days
- Health re-assessment will take place 90-120 days after returning from Liberia

Lt. Col. Wes Hoyt, USARAF deputy surgeon, emphasizes level of risk for people returning from Liberia.

"The overall risk of contracting Ebola to individuals deployed in support of Operation United Assistance is very low," Hoyt said. "It's important for people returning from Liberia to follow instructions to further decrease their likelihood of contracting any disease during this deployment."

Recently, USARAF commander, Maj. Gen. Darryl A. Williams said the risk of contracting the Ebola virus for U.S. personnel supporting Operation United Assistance is low.

"None of the 500 troops on the ground now in Liberia and Senegal have shown symptoms of Ebola," Williams said.

He said procedures to minimize risk are being employed.

"I would not say there's no risk. But there is risk that can be

tampered down if you take the appropriate discipline and use the protocols," he said.

Williams said troops are at extremely low risk of getting the virus because they are not providing direct care to Ebola patients.

According to information provided by the World Health Organization, Ebola is transmitted via direct contact, through broken skin or mucous membranes, with the blood, secretions, organs or other bodily fluids of infected people, and with contaminated surfaces and materials.

In an effort to provide clarity and information on returning USARAF personnel, two town hall meetings were held Oct. 22 at Caserma Ederle's Post Theater.

# Retiree Appreciation Day at the Vicenza Health Center



Story and photos by **Laura Kreider**

**M**any U.S. Military retirees or their surviving spouses gathered at the Vicenza Army Health Center for the 2014 Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 17.

On hand to answer questions and give out pamphlets and brochures were representatives from many agencies including Defense Finance and Accounting Services, U.S. Embassy Social Security team, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Red Cross, Installation Voter Assistance Officer, and Army Community Services.

Retirees took advantage of the many information booths and services set up at the facility and had blood pressure check and a flu shot.

"The Health Center dietitian, Capt. Carly Eckard, who coordinated the numerous medical services the retirees received in the most professional and courteous manner, truly was a prominent superstar in the eyes of the visiting retirees," said Samuel Coston, RAD coordinator.

Coston also highlighted the presence of the spouse of a former First Sergeant who was assigned to Caserma Ederle in the 1970s.

"Ms. Armida Spencer has traveled from Bolzano, a town located near the Italian-German border, for the past 30 years in order to attend every Retiree Appreciation Day," said Coston.

This year, Ms. Spencer lost her military identification card and her U.S. passport; however, this did not stop her to participate in the event.

After getting the new ID card at the Central Processing Facility Spencer said, "I have been conducting this trip every year for the past 30 years in order to see the last military base where my beloved husband served before retiring, to see old friends, to thank Americans for their assistance during the war, to remember the past, and to tell Mr. Samuel (Coston) to enjoy life."



*Local U.S. Military retirees or their surviving spouses gather at the Vicenza Army Health Center for the 2014 Retiree Appreciation Day Oct. 17. Retirees took advantage of the many information booths and services set up at the facility and had blood pressure check and a flu shot.*

# Senior leaders pledge renewed focus on family

By Elizabeth M. Collins

## ARNEWS

**FORT MEADE, Md.**— The Army's top leaders said in the face of changing missions and budget cuts, family readiness is more important than ever. They made the remarks in a town hall-style panel during a family forum at the Association of the United States Army's Annual Meeting and Exposition in Washington, D.C., Oct. 15.

Secretary of the Army John McHugh, Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Raymond T. Odierno and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Raymond F. Chandler III told family members that resilience is not just about Soldiers, it's about families. "Caring for our Army family is mission essential," said McHugh.

"We are, all three of us, every day thinking about the impact of our decisions on our families and the role that our families play," added Odierno.

The three men recently launched Total Army Strong, which succeeds the Army Family Covenant. It sets high Army requirements and standards for family programs, but allows commanders to tailor the programs on installations to make sure they best fit their local populations. That's because Soldiers and families at, say, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, have different wants and needs than Soldiers and families at Joint Base Lewis McCord, Washington.

Of course, in order for any program to be effective, families have to first know that it exists and, second, actually participate. The Army can't force them, noted McHugh. It can only provide solutions and access.

"We really need to do a much bet-

ter job of understanding who we're trying to reach and how they want to be reached," said Chandler, noting that many legacy, pre-9-11 programs are no longer relevant.

Every commander needs to use social media to reach families, especially because more than 60 percent of active-duty families live off base. To communicate effectively, however, leaders and commanders need to turn to younger Soldiers to learn which networks and programs new Soldiers and families are actually using, Odierno said. He suggested a family programs app might be helpful.

And, of course, remote and virtual access is especially important for reserve-component families, he added, as he challenged installation commanders to do more to support the Guard and Reserve populations who live near their bases.

At the same time, the three leaders agreed, nothing trumps the importance and the value of face-to-face communication and interaction. They made the comments in response to a question from a child psychiatrist who said too many teenagers don't know how to connect in person.

"We understand this is a problem," said Odierno, "and the Army is a people-centric organization, and interaction is absolutely essential to us and to our mission. So we now translate that to families.

"I think this is a growing problem that we have to recognize, and I think we have to figure out how we help young families as they come into the Army and provide assistance that allows them to interact within a family, but also interact with others. I think we can do that with many of our fa-

milies on the installation, whether it be the youth programs that we have, whether it be family forums that we have."

In fact, he said, they're considering expanding the Strong Bonds program run by the Chaplain Corps into a version for families as well as couples.

Chandler added that at a time the Army is combating stigma against post-traumatic stress disorder and other behavioral health concerns, it may have unwittingly made it easier for Soldiers and families in need to isolate themselves by building more private housing and single barracks rooms.

That problem, Chandler noted, goes far beyond the Army. It's a nationwide problem. "I don't think the Army is going to solve (it). If we think the Army can solve all problems, I think we're deluding ourselves." There needs to be a collaborative approach with other federal agencies, as well as local and state resources.

Still, Chandler said, "We've got resilient families that do amazing things to sustain our Army, whether that's volunteering, whether that's helping out in the community, whether that's doing things to help ensure our education is being taken care of or our young people being advocates to ensure we're doing the best we can for our children."

# AFAP conference tackles issues

By **Julie M. Lucas**  
USAG Vicenza PAO

The Vicenza Military Community will soon hold an annual conference to take a look and attempt to resolve quality of life issues within the community. Delegates from numerous organizations are invited to share their voice.

"We await the delegates and subject matter experts who will address issues on conference day", said Cara Panzarella-Tarr, Exceptional Family Member Program Manager and Army Family Action Plan conference coordinator. "Twenty one units and organizations have been tasked to provide the necessary delegates and SMEs (no later than Nov. 1) ensuring we have a cross section representation of our community."

Due to budget cuts, the once scheduled week-long AFAP conference is now condensed into two days. Input is gathered within the community and the delegates made up of Soldiers, civilians, retirees, teens and Family members come up with solutions to the problems brought forward by the community. Issues that cannot be solved locally are sent up to higher Army to fix. According to [www.armyonesource.com](http://www.armyonesource.com), the AFAP conference started in 1983 and since then has dealt with nearly 700 issues presented. Some of the bigger issues include spouses being able to use the GI Bill and TBI rehab. Locally issues from the past include obtaining the right to ship wine in household goods.

"It takes nearly 100 volunteers and staff to complete the conference every year and we couldn't do it without support of the community," Panzarella-Tarr said. "This conference is for you; let your voice be heard."

Issues presented this year so far include COLA, preschool and soggiornos. If you have an issue, local or bigger, you can send it up to the conference by Nov. 7. They can be submitted at [vicenza.armymwr.com](http://vicenza.armymwr.com) or drop off the issue form at ACS.

Focus groups are being held to submit issues at ACS building 108. Family Readiness Groups are invited to join the discussion Nov. 5 from 9-11 a.m. Another session for civilians and retirees will be held Nov. 6 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. The AFAP conference



*A Vicenza youth speaks about an issue at a previous Army Family Action Plan conference. The upcoming conference will be held Nov. 17-18 and anyone in the community is invited to share issues that occur locally or with the entire Army to improve the community.*

Photo by **Laura Kreider**

rence will be at the Golden Lion Nov. 17-18. Hourly child care is paid for participants as well as lunch and snacks.

To check and see if your unit or organization is being represented at the conference you can call 634-8582/7500 or 0444-71-8582/7500.



Paratrooper healthcare specialists from across the 173rd Airborne Brigade began the brigade's Best Medic Competition with an U.S. Army Physical Fitness Test at Caserma Del Din, Vicenza, Italy, Oct. 1. The competition will decide who will represent the brigade at the 36-hour Army Best Medic Competition scheduled to be held next month at Joint Base San Antonio, Texas.

## Sky Soldier medics compete for top spot

Story and photo by **Sgt. A.M. LaVey**

**T**welve paratroopers from across the 173rd Airborne Brigade converged at Caserma Del Din for a brigade-level Best Medic Competition Oct. 1-3.

The three-day event tested the paratrooper medics with a variety of Soldier tasks such as the Army physical fitness test, a 20-km road march, land navigation; as well as medical tasks such as extracting a Soldier from a tactical vehicle, preparing a landing zone for aero-medical evacuation and battlefield venipuncture.

"We are trying to create physically demanding stressful conditions for our medics so that they can demonstrate their skills under pressure," said Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Horsman, the 173rd Airborne Brigade's Medical Operations noncommissioned officer in charge.

The paratroopers, a mix of healthcare specialists and ancillary medical specialists, were volunteers who already distinguished themselves among their peers by earning the U.S. Army Expert Field Medical Badge or the Combat Medical Badges – prerequisites for the competition.

Spc. Nicholas Villar, a medical laboratory specialist with

Company C, 173rd Airborne Brigade Support Battalion, recently earned his EFMB, and credits the training for helping him to win first place in the brigade's Best Medic Competition.

"The EFMB testing prepared me well and this event used the same standards - it was great training, testing my mental and physical capabilities," said Villar. "It also helped me challenge myself to see how much more I can expect from myself."

Villar not only recently earned his EFMB, but also competed in the brigade's Sky Soldier Competition in July, which was open to all military occupational specialties in the brigade – but he still had some challenges.

"The most challenging part of any competition is staying mentally focused," said Villar. "These three days of constant movement and a lot of physical activity tested (my) mental capacity quite a lot."

The participants, two from each of the brigade's six battalions and squadron, were recommended by their leadership to represent the unit at the brigade level.

"It says a lot about you that your units sent you to this competition," said Lt. Col. Eric A. Baus, deputy commander, 173rd Airborne Brigade, to the assembled troops du-

ring the final ceremony. “They picked you because you were the best – and that should be an incredible sense of pride for you.

Personal and unit pride are just some of the reasons why the paratroopers volunteered for this competition – proving their skills to others and themselves is another.

“They aren’t doing it for a trophy – they’re doing it because it will make them better leaders,” said Baus.

Villar agreed.

“When we get higher in rank, this important competition will allow us to better teach our Soldiers these sort of tasks, whether it be firing weapons or physical fitness,” he said.

Though Villar placed first, the scores for second place were so close that the brigade command team will decide who his teammate at the Army-level competition will be, after scrutinizing scores of the paratroopers who placed second through fourth.

The brigade won’t send paratroopers who are just going for a free ticket to Texas, said Command Sgt. Maj. Richard R. Clark, the brigade’s senior enlisted leader. “We aren’t going just to participate; we are going there to win.”

The two-man team will train full-time for the competition and then will represent the brigade at the U.S. Army-level competition scheduled to be held at the U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Nov. 5-7.

The 173rd Airborne is the Army Contingency Response Force in Europe, capable of projecting forces to conduct the full range of military operation across the U.S., European, Central and Africa Command areas of responsibility.



*Airborne medics from the 173rd Airborne Brigade are tested on battlefield venipuncture during the second day of the brigade’s Best Medic Competition on Caserma Del Din, Vicenza, Italy, Oct. 2.*



*Sgt. John C. Lamme, a healthcare specialist with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 4th Battalion, 319th Airborne Field Artillery Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, puts together a machine gun during a timed event as part of the brigade’s Best Medic Competition at Caserma Del Din, Vicenza, Italy, Oct. 1.*

# 405th FSB-Italy readily responds to global health crisis

Story and photo by **Chiara Mattiolo**  
DMC Public Affairs

While African population is struggling to contain the threat posed by the deadly Ebola virus which killed more than 3,000 people in West Africa at Camp Darby Depot, workers of the 405th Army Field Support Battalion-Italy are working long hours to supply the population in need with Force Providers.

"AFSBn-Italy has been directed to ship Force Providers to Liberia and Senegal; a Force Provider is a unique item that enables rapid deployment and mobility of forces," said Ebel. "Each module is a 150 or 50 man base camp set, these base camps will allow U.S. AFRI-COM to project personnel and initiate operations."

The Department of State initiated a request for support to face the drama of spreading of Ebola virus, with equipment support and manpower supplied by the Department of Defense.

"U.S. Africa Command made the request through the U.S. Department of the Army. After U.S. Department of the Army grants release authority, the United States Army Material Command directs the movement of Stocks which are maintained here at Leghorn Army Depot," said Cpt. Brandon Ebel, Battalion S3, Army Field Support Battalion – ITALY, 405th Army Field Support Brigade - Europe and Africa.

As Ebel explains, the U.S. Africa Command, through U.S. Army Africa, provides coordination of logistics, training, and engineering support to the U.S. Agency for International Development in West Africa to assist in the overall U.S. Government Foreign Humanitarian Assistance/Disaster Relief efforts to contain the spread of the Ebola Virus/Disease, as part of the international assistance effort supporting the Governments of Liberia, Sierra Leone and Guinea.

This ongoing mission denominated Operation United Assistance and specifically the Force Providers kits will enable the United States Government to stage, receive and train personnel who will respond to this crisis and ultimately contain the spread of the Ebola virus.

"The people of West Africa will initially benefit but, the world at large will ultimately benefit as we emplace measures to combat this horrible disease," said Ebel.

Army Field Support Battalion, Italy has been determined to execute this mission because it is strategically

located and have the necessary assets to best support this operation.

According to Ebel, the success of this mission would not be possible without the combined efforts of the Italian 46th Aerobrigata, 724 Air Mobility Squadron, the Movement Control Team - Livorno and AFSBn-Italy.

"Each unit had a crucial part which made this mission a success," said Ebel. "This is truly a multinational joint endeavor".

Ebel said he has learned a lot while accomplishing this difficult task and feels proud to be a part of this mission.



Massimo Pedrazzi, warehouse worker at 405th Army Field Support Battalion, Italy performs the final check to the locks of the Force Provider module to ensure compliance to requirements before loading on aircraft.



Davide Bartolena, 405th AFSB Italy Forklift Operator prepares a Force Provider module to be loaded on a truck for transportation to Pisa airfield, while warehouse worker Davide Codevico helps during the maneuver.

# First Retiree Appreciation Day a Great Success

Story and photo by **Chiara Mattiolo**  
DMC Public Affairs

The Darby Military Community is hosted a "Retiree Health Day" at the Livorno Army Health Clinic on Oct. 15.

All military retirees -- including reserve "gray area" retirees within a couple of years of full retirement, their spouses, widows and widowers attended this useful event.

"Sometimes it is hard to get space available here at the clinic even this being a small community," said Steven Mechur. "This way we have priority appointments today."

In addition to medical priority, DFAS, Federal Benefits Unit - Rome and Global Credit Union were available to provide information regarding retiree pay and direct deposit.

"There are many changes inside the clinic and it is good that retirees are helped by getting all the necessary information in one spot," said Dorothy Amerini.

Access was granted to all retirees to all medical and administrative services available at Darby Military Community.

"I got here this morning and I had my flu vaccine, I was also able to have my pressure measured but also to get information on TRICARE, know more about Global Credit Union, ACS services and so on," said Patrick Dorsey.

1st Lt. Jonathan Stewart, Livorno Health Clinic said Retiree Appreciation Day went very well with 30 percent of enrolled retirees attending.

"Retirees were able to take advantage of reserved appointments in Optometry, Hearing Conservation, Immunizations, and Dental, while having several members of the garrison support with information, services, and refreshments," said Stewart.

Global Credit Union, ACS, MFLAC, Passports and Tricare all provided briefers to tackle our retirees' needs and concerns.

"The day was also a great opportunity to receive feedback from our Retiree population and will hopefully be the first of many such events," Stewart said.



*U.S. Army Health Center hosts the first ever retiree health day Oct. 15. This was an opportunity for members of the retired military community, both locally and outside the immediate area, to have priority access to the U.S. Army Health facilities in Livorno.*

## Speak Out

*Which costume are you going to wear for Halloween?*



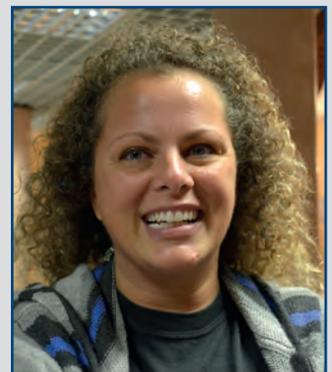
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**Romeo Branco**

Family member  
"Pirate"



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Post Exchange  
"Witch"



# USARAF rallies late for second

*USARAF players double team an A Co. 173<sup>rd</sup> BSB player in the second to final game.*

*USAG Vicenza Sports program*

“This has been a challenging season with a small amount of teams because most of them had missions to be scheduled around”, said Ricky Jackson, USAG Vicenza Sports programmer.

“These teams that participated played like if it was ten or more teams in the league. They demonstrated a lot of morale and motivation including team esprit de corps, unity and enjoyment.”

Jackson thanked all the officials. He said “The officials are our backbone, they never give up and always work with the players. Thanks to all the official’s for a job well done the entire season.”

USARAF the 2013 Flag Football Champions and Separate Unit 2013-14 Commander Trophy Cup Winners was predicted to win the 2014 Championship, even with having an outstanding record of 16 wins and 1 loss.

The underdogs A CO 173<sup>rd</sup> BSB stepped up with their game in the championship facing off with USARAF in their first meeting slipping by with a 26-20 win over USARAF and knocking them out the winner bracket. As A CO 173<sup>rd</sup> BSB moves forward in the winners bracket they meets USARAF again playing from the losers bracket, USARAF did not settle with the lost and swept A CO 173<sup>rd</sup> BSB with 18-6 win putting them back in the winners bracket, but also this sets up another game with A CO 173<sup>rd</sup> BSB for the Final in Championship game.

This last game was played very well by both teams with 14-14 down to the last 8 seconds of the game when A CO 173<sup>rd</sup> BSB amazingly scores the winning touchdown and extra point winning 21-7, winning the 2014 Flag Football

Championship, E CO refused to walk away without placing regardless their record 1-7.

1st - Place A CO 173<sup>rd</sup> BSB, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Place - USARAF, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place- E CO 1/5032<sup>rd</sup>

A CO 173<sup>rd</sup> BSB and USARAF are scheduled to advance to the Army Europe Unit Level Flag Football Championship, Oct. 31-Nov. 2, Baumholder, Germany.



Photo by Laura Kreider

*USARAF’s Montigo White goes up against an E Co., 1/503<sup>rd</sup> player during the third to final game, determining the final two teams.*



Photo by **Laura Kreider**

An A Co. 173<sup>rd</sup> BSB player runs in a touchdown during the flag football championships against USARAF. A Co. won the best out of the series to be crowned the USAG Vicenza champs and will advance to the Army Europe Unit Level Flag Football Championship, Oct. 31-Nov. 2, Baumholder, Germany.

## 2014 USAG-VICENZA UNIT/REC FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE STATS RESULTS AS OF Oct. 16

		WIN	LOSS
1.	<b>USARAF</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>1</b>
2.	<b>SPIDER PIGS</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>
3.	<b>A CO 173<sup>RD</sup> BSB</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>
4.	<b>173<sup>RD</sup> BSTB</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
5.	<b>E CO 1/503<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>
6.	<b>USAHC-V/DENTAC</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>
7.	<b>C CO 1/503<sup>RD</sup></b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>

## CURRENT PROGRAMS/EVENTS

### 2014 USAG-V Oct. 31 – Nov. 2:

1st Place - A Co 173<sup>rd</sup> BSB, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – USARAF are scheduled to attend and participate in the Army Europe Unit Level Flag Championship, Baumholder, Germany

### 2014 USAG-V Nov-Jan:

Unit/Rec Basketball League, Tuesday, Wednesday, 6 p.m., 7 p.m., Thurs TBD

## ONGOING SPORTS ACTIVITIES

**CMTY Basketball Team** try outs 6:45-8 p.m., every Tuesday at Ederle Gym, Thursday at Del Din Gym

**CMTY Boxing Team**, Ederle training Mon-Fri 6:15-8 a.m., Fitness Center

**Racquetball Challenge** - Ederle Fitness Center, Mon-Fri 5-8 p.m.

**Basketball open play**, Ederle Fitness Center, Mon, Wed Fri 11:45-1:30 p.m.

**Rugby open play**, Ederle grass field, Tues and Thurs 6-8 p.m.

**Tennis open reservation**, Ederle, Mon and Wed. 6-9 p.m.

Soccer open play, Ederle turf field Tues and Fri 6:30-9 p.m.

Vicenza Middle School coaches were thrilled with the performances of our VMS Cross Country Team this year. VMS had more than 40 athletes participating in Cross Country this season. Students trained four days a week, preparing for the big Cross Country event in October. Initially, the runners had a Fun Run following the Cross Country Meet in Lake Fimon Sept. 20. The following month, on Oct. 11, the VMS team went to Lake Fimon, again, as exhibition runners, running after the Vicenza High School competitors in their Cross Country meet. The top three male runners at Lake Fimon were: 1. David Paulin. 2. Kurt Metzger. 3. James Thomas. The top three girl runners were: 1. Nicole Hudson. 2. Lilly Knapp. 3. Sehoya Hahn.



Photo by **Cristina Bowers**

### RETRACTION:

In the 17 Oct. Outlook, the Vicenza High School homecoming king and queen were misidentified. The correct results were: 9th Grade Reps - Ariana Delgado & Gannon Palm 10th grade reps - Amber Duron & Alex Hanes 11th grade reps - Helen Houghton & James Bass. Queen - Aubry Arguello, King - Dillon Williams, Princess - Nina Tarr, Prince - Blaize Gordon, Duchess - Juliet De La Rosa, Duke - Antonio Tartaglia, Baroness - Alexis Estello, Baron - Marshall Perfetti. We regret the error.

# Community news briefs

## Snow chain use

The Italian "Codice della Strada" allows local jurisdiction/road owner to require vehicles to have snow chains on board or equipped with winter tires.

These requirements apply to all the Autostrade and some local roads. The ordinances are available at the official web site of Polizia di Stato:

<http://www.poliziadistato.it>

The ordinances are typically valid from Nov. 15-April 15 (even if snowfall is not in progress). However, weather conditions or local requirements may warrant their use as specified in the ordinance.

Traffic police enforce compliance with all road ordinances for the time frame/conditions indicated by the requirements. Police will check for snow chains on board or winter tires with the MS insignia. Fines for non compliance range from €84-335.

## Airbag recall

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration posted a statement urging about 4.7 million owners of Toyota, Honda, Mazda, BMW, Nissan, and General Motors vehicles to act immediately on recall notices to replace defective Takata airbags. "The message comes with urgency, especially for owners of vehicles affected by the regional recalls in the following areas: Florida, Puerto Rico, Guam, Saipan, American Samoa, Virgin Islands and Hawaii," it stated.

Vehicle owners can check by Vehicle Identification Number on [www.safercar.gov/vinlookup](http://www.safercar.gov/vinlookup) to see whether their vehicles are subject to an open recall that needs to be addressed.

Read more at <http://ohsonline.com/articles/2014/10/21/nhtsa-urges-millions-of-car-owners-to-replace-defective-airbags-immediately.aspx>

## Del Din parking closure

Beginning 3 Nov, the Eastern parking garage on Del Din, building 14, will be closed for approximately 30 days while pigeon netting is installed and it is cleaned. No vehicle will be allowed to be parked while this is taking place. Once that building is finished, they will move to the Western parking garage. Notices are being posted that vehicles will need to be moved before that date.

## GPC training

The 414th Contracting Support Brigade is providing quarterly acquisition planning and requirement documents development training Nov. 3, 4 and 5 for new personnel and to recertify COR and GPC cardholders.

Open to all USARAF, USAG-Vicenza and tenant units.

For further information and to sign up visit: <https://portal.usaraf.army.mil/staff/tenants/CSB/Pages/Training.aspx>

## Drivers Testing Class

The Driver's Orientation class will be conducted on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m.

The change in schedule will allow personnel attending the orientation be given the opportunity to take the Driver's License test the following day.

## Vehicle Registration hours update

The Vehicle Registration Office is open Monday through Friday continuously from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Call 637-7820/7822/7823 for assistance.

SFL TAP to offer services on Del Din The Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program (formerly known as Army Career and Alumni Program or ACAP) is presently offering services

at its Liaison office on Caserma Del Din. The office is in Building 10, Room 1025. The schedule is: Tuesdays, SFL TAP counselor, 9 a.m. to noon, education counselor, noon to 3 p.m.; Wednesdays, SFL TAP counselor, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Thursdays, financial counselor, 9 a.m. to noon, and VA benefits adviser, noon to 3 p.m. The staffing schedule is subject to change; please call 634-7188/7189 or email [usarmy.vicenza.imcom-europe.mbx.acap@mail.mil](mailto:usarmy.vicenza.imcom-europe.mbx.acap@mail.mil) to confirm. The SFL TAP Center in Building 126 on Caserma Ederle is open Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## Del Din GCU accepts check deposits

The Caserma Del Din Global Credit Union ATM located in the in the Community Mail Room can now accept check deposits if the bank card being used is either a GCU debit or ATM card; participates in the AFFN network or participates in the Accel/Exchange network. Call 0444-71-7470 or 634-7470 for details.

## Safety recalls

The Consumer Product Safety Commission publishes product safety recalls to <http://www.cpsc.gov/>

Fiskars recalls Bypass Lopper Shears due to laceration hazard, sold exclusively at Home Depot. Louis Garneau recalls Aerodynamic Bicycle Helmets due to injury hazard. Michaels Stores recalls Folding Tables due to fall hazard. Toys R Us recalls Toy Toaster Sets due to choking hazard

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

## IACS office hours

The Pass and Badge office located in Building 4B near the MP station on Caserma Ederle is open for service workdays from 8:30 a.m. till noon and from 1-4:30 p.m. Call 637-7680, 637-7681 or 637-7682 for assistance.

# At the movies



## SIN CITY: A DAME TO KILL FOR

A film that explores the dark and miserable town, Basin City, and tells the story of three different people, all caught up in violent corruption. Stars Mickey Rourke, Clive Owen, Jessica Alba. Rated R

## Ederle Theater

<b>Oct. 30</b>	7 p.m.	<b>Fury (R)</b>
<b>Oct. 31</b>	7 p.m.	<b>Ouija (PG-13) *</b>
<b>Nov. 1</b>	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	<b>The Boxtrolls (PG) *</b> <b>Fury (R)</b>
<b>Nov. 2</b>	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	<b>How to Train Your Dragon 2 (PG)</b> <b>St. Vincent (PG-13) *</b>
<b>Nov. 5</b>	11 a.m. 7 p.m.	<b>Sin City 2 (R) *</b> <b>The Boxtrolls (PG)</b>
<b>Nov. 6</b>	7 p.m.	<b>Maze Runner (PG-13)</b>
<b>Nov. 7</b>	7 p.m. 10 p.m.	<b>Big Hero 6 in 3D (PG-13) *</b> <b>Sin City 2 (R) *</b>
<b>Nov. 8</b>	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	<b>Big Hero 6 in 3D (PG-13) *</b> <b>Interstellar (PG-13) *</b>
<b>Nov. 9</b>	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	<b>Big Hero 6 in 3D (PG-13) *</b> <b>Interstellar (PG-13) *</b>
<b>Nov. 12</b>	11 a.m. 7 p.m.	<b>Dracula Untold (PG-13) *</b> <b>Ouija (PG-13) *</b>
<b>Nov. 13</b>	7 p.m.	<b>As Above so Below (R)</b>

**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)

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# Family and

## Vicenza Military Community



### Turkey Bowl Invitational Tournament

Teams across Europe are invited to attend and compete in Del Din's Flag Football Tournament on Nov 22. Register your team by Nov 7 at 637-2700. For more information about the tournament, visit [www.vicenza.armyMWR.com](http://www.vicenza.armyMWR.com)

### Parents Night Out

Plan a night out to relax and rejuvenate on Nov 21 and let CYSS take care of the children. Register at CDC or via WebTrac up to one week prior to the event.

### ODR Trips

- Nov 1 Ljubljana: Capital City of Slovenia
- Nov 1 Rock Climbing Lumignano
- Nov 7 Continuing Climbing Course
- Nov 8 Milan: A Private Guided Tour
- Nov 11 American Cemetery and Memorial in Florence
- Nov 12 Palladian Country House: Villa Pisani and Wine Tasting
- Nov 13 Ski & Snowboard Film Evening
- Nov 15 Zagreb Express, Croatia
- Nov 15 Caving the Buso della Rana
- Nov 19 Ski & Snowboard Tuning Workshop
- Nov 20 Cooking Class: Special Thanksgiving Menu
- Nov 22 Bologna & Ferrara
- Nov 27 Matterhorn Ski and Snowboard Weekend
- Nov 27 Thanksgiving Lunch in a Local Farmhouse
- Nov 27 Budapest, Hungary for Thanksgiving
- Nov 29 Innsbruck Christmas Market

### Comedy Improv Night

Join the fun at our next Comedy Improv night on Nov 7 at Soldiers' Theatre with hysterically funny scenes, games and sketches that are entirely made up on the spot with input from the audience - you never know what will happen! Call the box office at 634-7281 for reservations early as tickets always sell fast for this popular show.

### Veterans Day Bowling

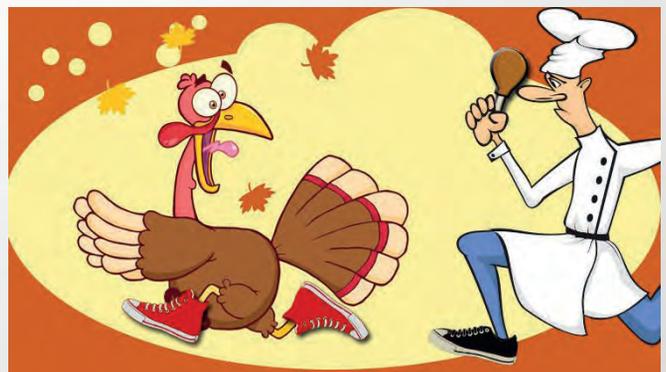
Holiday bowling at the Arena is a great way to spend quality time with friends and Family! Celebrate your Veterans Day holiday on Nov 11 with our special \$1 per game plus free shoes, and discover a warm and inviting atmosphere filled with fun at the Arena!

### Youth Center Murder Mystery Dinner

The Youth Center and Club Beyond are proud to present the Murder Mystery Dinner on November 7, 6:30 p.m. Youth in grades 6-8 are invited to follow the clues, collect the evidence, taste the intrigue and have fun with your friends. It's a mystery why anyone would miss it.

### 5K Turkey Trot

It's time to earn that Thanksgiving Dinner at the Vicenza Turkey Trot 5K run/walk on November 22. Everyone is welcome to participate for a chance to win a turkey, burn some calories, and have some fun! The first 200 to register get a T-shirt though specific sizes are not guaranteed. Sign-up while supplies last! Awards for top three in each category. Packet pick-up begins at 7:30 a.m.; run begins at 9 a.m. Categories include: Male & Female, ages 6-11, ages 12-18, ages 19 and over and best costume.



Register using MWR Online Services for:

**Vicenza Trip & Classes**

**Vicenza CYSS Activities**



## Darby Military Community



### CYSS Ropes Course

Head to this brand new ropes course in Marina di Pisa with CYSS Sports and Fitness on Nov 7 for a fun, challenging time for children and youth in a safe, secure environment. Sign up at any CYSS facility or on WebTrac by Nov 5. For more info, call 633-7521.

### BOSS Movie Nights

Calling all BOSS members in the Darby Military Community. Join the BOSS program for weekly movie night in the yellow ribbon room every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. in the Yellow Ribbon Room. Come on out to socialize and relax with your fellow battle buddies.

### Turkey Trot 5K Run / 2 Mile Walk

Bring the whole Family out to have your chance of winning your Thanksgiving turkey on Nov 22. Turkeys awarded to: Overall male 5K winner, Overall female 5K winner, Others awarded by random draw. Call 633-7438 for more info.

### CYSS Personalized Exercise Program

If you want to encourage your youth to get in shape, now's the time! Give your youth a full fitness and conditioning program that meets their personal interests and needs. Schedule based on availability of the coach and your needs. Program includes a blend of: Weightlifting, Cardio training, Spin biking, Agility training, Theraband strength training and TRX straps. Register at CYSS Sports and Fitness. For info, call 633-7521.

### ODR November Trips

- Nov 1 Lucca Comics Trip
- Nov 2 Carrara Oriental Festival Trip
- Nov 8 Wine Tasting
- Nov 15 I Gigli Mall Shopping Trip
- Nov 22 Ferrari Museum
- Nov 27 Florence
- Nov 27-30 Cervina Weekend (Deposit due by Nov1)
- Nov 29 Rome Express

Contact Outdoor Recreation to register at 633-7775/7589.

### Children's Story Hour

Story time, designed for children aged 3-7, meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Children's Room of the library. Come join us for stories and activities.

### BOSS Boots and Books

Join the BOSS program for public story time with the children of Darby Military Community for CYSS CDC and SAC programs. Introduce children to books and reading. Story time helps build a foundation for a lifelong love of books and reading. Contact your BOSS council or MWR BOSS Advisor to sign up.

### Group Exercise Instructors Wanted

Do you have what it takes to motivate, encourage and guide people through their exercise class routines? If you have what it takes but don't have certifications we can help. Certification programs are held all over Europe. In exchange for volunteer service, the Fitness Center can help underwrite the expense of certification classes. Drop by the Fitness Center to learn more.



Register using MWR Online Services for:

**Darby Trip & Classes**

**Darby CYSS Activities**



**Darby Facebook Page**

# 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

### Thursday

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

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

## Camp Darby

### Sunday Services

**10:30 a.m.:** Protestant worship and children's service

**Catholic Mass:** Call the Chapel at 633-7267 to confirm times

### Tuesday

**9:30 a.m.:** Protestant Women of the Chapel

### Wednesday

**5:30 p.m.:** Protestant Women of the Chapel

**For DMC activities call 633-7267**

**Call 634-7519 or 0444-71-7519 for information on Vicenza Chapel activities**

## Chaplain Crisis Line

To reach a Chaplain after duty hours, call **634-KARE (634-5273)**

The Outlook Religious Activities page provides announcements and may offer perspectives to enhance spiritual or religious resiliency in support of Army Comprehensive Fitness programs. Comments regarding specific beliefs, practices or behaviors are strictly those of the author and do not convey endorsement by the U.S. government, the Department of Defense, the Army, Installation Management Command or the U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza.

## VMC faith group contacts

**Bahá'í Faith:** Call 348-603-2283

**Church of Christ:** Call at 388-253-9749 or 324-623-7921 or send email: [vicenzaitalychurchofchrist@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:lescall@gmail.com)

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

**Trinity Church Vicenza:** An International Presbyterian Church 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 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, 5:30 p.m.:** Catholic choir practice

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

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



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**New** Mobile App  
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# Great News!

Paper returns to **the Outlook** with a new look.

For the last 18 months you have been reading your **Outlook** on the web. Starting October 31st, you will be able to pick up your printed copy, bi-monthly, at Caserma Ederle, Del Din and Camp Darby.

The November edition will debut a new section called **Outside the Gate**, with the best of local Italian shops, restaurants and businesses sharing their ideas about how to make the most of your time in Vicenza.

Also, starting in November, your best source for planning the weekend, **Out and About**, will be relocated to the Outside the Gate section of the newspaper.

If you enjoy reading the paper online, please note the new address

[www.otgitaly.com/outlook](http://www.otgitaly.com/outlook)

**OTG** is the Italian company responsible for the Outlook paper. **OTG** has launched an app for Apple and Android that will give the Americans mobile access to the newspaper as well as being a comprehensive source for locating favorite places, services and much more, just "**outside the gate**", directly from your smartphone.

Be patient with us as we will continue to improve and grow the newspaper, the app and the website to better meet the needs of the American community.

Welcome to the **new Outlook!**



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**Fiera Cavalli International - Verona**

In Italy, **Nov. 1**, is All Saints Day, also known as Ognissanti. Schools, offices and most stores will be closed. The next day, All Souls Day, is set aside to honor loved ones who are deceased.

## VENETO

### **Festa della Zucca Pumpkin festival**

**Oct. 31, Nov. 1-2**, in Salzano (Venice), Via Marconi, about 39 miles from Vicenza; local crafts exhibit and sale; workshops for children; contest for the best pumpkins; food booths feature local pumpkin specialties.

[http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi\\_Sagre/2868\\_Sagra+della+Zucca.html](http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi_Sagre/2868_Sagra+della+Zucca.html)

### **Festa d'Autunno Autumn Festival**

**Oct. 31–Nov. 1-2**, 2–11:30 p.m., in Valdagno, Viale Colombo 93, about 21 miles northwest of Vicenza; food booth featuring roasted chestnut and many typical local dishes open at 4 p.m.; rides and entertainment; stores will be open all day on Sunday, Nov. 2.

### **Mito America American Myth**

**Nov. 1-2**, 9 a.m.–8 p.m., in Padova, Via N. Tommaseo 59; American cars and motos exhibit featured by Route 66; American products, music, clothing, sports and much

more; admission fee: €7; reduced €5; free for children under 12.

[www.mitoamerica.it](http://www.mitoamerica.it)

### **VintageMania Vintage items fair and sale**

**Oct. 31–Nov. 2**, 10 a.m.–7 p.m.; Nov. 1 open until 9 p.m., in Bassano Del Grappa, Villa Giusti del Giardino, Via Travettore 30, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza; live music; on Nov. 2, at 4 p.m., puppet show; Vintage American cars exhibit; entrance fee: €5; free for children under 14.

<http://www.vicenzae.org/ita/eventi/icalrepeat/detail/2014/10/31/11529/-/vintagemania>

### **Tuttinfiera**

**Nov. 1-2**, 9 a.m.–9 p.m., in Padova, Via N. Tommaseo 59; Christmas gifts ideas, exhibit of health, sport, and beauty products; certified gluten free products; antique and collector items; coins and stamps; photo exhibit and new and used photographic equipment sale; admission fee: €7; reduced €5. A special section is dedicated to American lifestyle "Mito America", with American vehicles and moto exhibit featured by Route 66; American music, sports and many gadgets.

<http://www.tuttinfiera.it/>

## Cosmofood, Food, Beverage and Technology

**Nov. 1-2**, 9 a.m.–10 p.m., **Nov. 3-4**, 9 a.m.–7 p.m., Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria 16; this fair is dedicated to the industry of food, professional equipment and enogastronomy; visitors will have the chance to meet the best manufacturers of the field, participate in seminars, demonstrations and workshops; entrance fee: €5; free entrance for children younger than 10.

<http://www.vicenzae.org/ita/eventi/icalrepeat.detail/2014/11/01/11776/-/cosmofood>

## Fiera dei Santi All Saints Fair

**Nov. 2**, 8 a.m.–8 p.m., in Asiago, main squares and streets downtown; booths with products and goods of all kinds.

<http://www.vicenzae.org/ita/eventi/icalrepeat.detail/2014/11/02/9705/-/fiera-dei-santi>

## Passeggiate in carrozza Horse-Drawn Carriage Tours

**Through Oct. 31**, 3-8 p.m.; enjoy this unique way of seeing the most beautiful sites in Vicenza; the 20 minute tours depart and return to Piazza Biade; the cost is €15 for a maximum of five people at a time.

<http://www.comune.vicenza.it/cittadino/scheda.php/42723,45942>

## Fiera Cavalli International Horse Festival

**Nov. 6-9**, 9 a.m.–7 p.m., also 8-11 p.m. on Nov. 6-8; in Verona, Viale del Lavoro 8, about 38 miles west of Vicenza. Western life style clothing and accessories. Admission fee: €23; €12 for children ages 6-12; free for children under 6; save by purchasing ticket online at [http://fieracavalli.vivaticket.it/index.php?nvpg\[evento\]&id\\_evento=1402988&idt](http://fieracavalli.vivaticket.it/index.php?nvpg[evento]&id_evento=1402988&idt)

[http://fieracavalli.vivaticket.it/index.php?nvpg\[home\]&change\\_language=1](http://fieracavalli.vivaticket.it/index.php?nvpg[home]&change_language=1)

## Feste di San Martino Saint Martin Festivals

### Barbarano Vicentino

**Nov. 8-9**, about 13 miles south of Vicenza; food booths feature fried and marinated snails; mushroom; gnocchi and bigoli with radicchio, polenta and a great variety of local specialties; carnival rides and raffle;

**Nov. 8:** food booths open at 6 p.m.; 7 p.m. antique typewriters exhibit; 8:30 p.m. Thanksgiving district championship opening with dances and karaoke

**Nov. 9:** 8:45 a.m. St. Martin Fair opening; local agricultural, craft, decoupage, and antique items exhibit and sale; courtyard animals display; food booths open at 11:30 a.m. and stay open all day long; 2 p.m. district parade with floats and folk dances; 5:30 p.m. district championship award ceremony; 8:30 p.m. group dances and entertainment with Dj Free Spirit.

### Breganze

**Nov. 9**, Piazza Mazzini, about 12 miles north of Vicenza; food booths open at noon; local products and crafts exhibit and sale; old trades shows; folk music and dances; 2 p.m. free guided visits to the bell-tower; 2:30 p.m. in Piazza del Donatore, threshing (separation of grain or seeds from the husks and straw) demonstration; 4:30 p.m. bell concert; free Fall Concert at 8:45 p.m., Teatro Verdi, Via Maglietta 1.

### Brogliano

**Nov. 9**, 2-8 p.m., Sports Center, about 13 miles northwest of Vicenza; food booths feature roasted chestnut and wine, local sweets; entertainment for children.

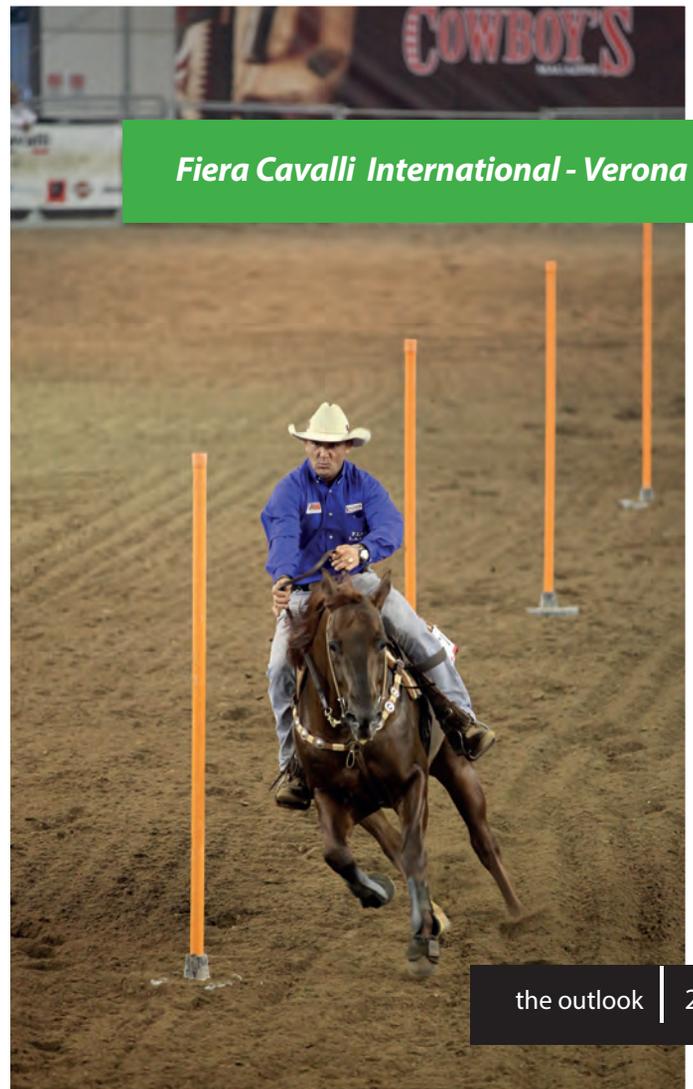
### Lonigo

**Nov. 9**, starting at 11 a.m., Piazza Garibaldi, about 18 miles southwest of Vicenza; food booths with roasted chestnuts, new wine and local specialties.

<http://www.prolonigo.it/index.php/manifestazioni>

### Velo D'Astico

**Nov. 8-9**, Piazza IV Novembre, about 26 miles northwest of Vicenza; local products and crafts exhibit and sale; folk music and flag-throwers show; cheese making and wool weaving demonstrations; honey tasting; chocolate making workshop for children; photos and paintings exhibits; chestnut roasting competition; food booths featuring traditional specialties; 8:30 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing.



## *Festa del Ringraziamento* Thanksgiving Day

**Nov. 9**, in Lugo di Vicenza, Piazza XXV Aprile, about 16 miles north of Vicenza; food booths open at noon.

## Arts and Crafts Tour downtown Vicenza

**Nov. 15**, 3-7 p.m.; guided tour in the historical center of Vicenza; discover how traditional craftsmanship have survived over the centuries; visit an historic "Bottega", a shop that offers a private collection of headwear from all over the world; the tour ends with an aperitif under the millenary cellars of the Palladian Basilica; the tour is in English and departs at 3 p.m. from Piazza Matteotti; cost: €24, €12 for children (ages 6-12); free for children younger than 6; registration by email at [info@livinginvicenza.com](mailto:info@livinginvicenza.com) until Nov. 5. <http://www.livinginvicenza.com/sponsored/arts-crafts-walking-tour-downtown-vicenza-2242>



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## *I Giardini di Natale* Christmas Market

In Asiago, Piazza Carli and surrounding streets; food booths featuring local specialties and typical Christmas sweets and craft.

**Nov. 8, Nov. 15, Nov. 22, and Nov. 29**, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.

**Nov. 9, Nov. 16, Nov. 23, and Nov. 30**, 10:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.

**Dec. 6, Dec. 8, and Dec. 13**, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.

**Dec. 7, Dec. 14, and from Dec. 20 to Jan 6, 2015**, 10:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.

[http://www.asiago.it/it/eventi/art\\_giardini\\_di\\_natale\\_i\\_mercatini\\_di\\_natale\\_di\\_asiago/](http://www.asiago.it/it/eventi/art_giardini_di_natale_i_mercatini_di_natale_di_asiago/)

## Antique markets Nov. 2

**Marostica**: 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Castello, about 18 miles north of Vicenza

**Noventa Vicentina**: 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza IV Novembre, about 20 miles south of Vicenza

## Antique markets Nov. 9

**Vicenza**: from dawn-sunset, Piazza dei Signori, Piazza Duomo, Piazza Garibaldi, Piazza Palladio, Piazza Biade and Piazza Castello

**Lonigo**: 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Via Garibaldi, Piazza XX Settembre, Via Ognibene, about 20 miles southwest of Vicenza

## TUSCANY

### *Volterragusto* Flavors in Volterra

**Oct. 31-Nov. 2** in Volterra; exhibit and sale of local gastronomical products including the famous local white truffles, wines, chesses and chocolates; food booths; Tuscan cigars sampling accompanied by wine, beer, and chocolate; wine tasting; Nov. 1, exhibit of Volterra historical group, musicians, and flag-throwers.

<http://www.saimicadove.it/toscana/eventi/s/volterragusto/>

### Florence Creativity

**Oct. 30-Nov. 2**, 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m., in Florence, Fortezza da Basso, Viale Filippo Strozzi 1; exhibits of quilting, patchwork, decoupage, cake design, embroidery, creative sewing, artistic candles and Christmas ornaments; work-

shops and demonstrations; entrance fee: €8; reduced €5 for senior citizens older than 70, for disabled, or by filling out the coupon at <http://florencecreativity.it/Riduzione.pdf>; free for children younger than 10 and for assistants of disabled.

<http://florencecreativity.it>

### Halloween Party

**Oct. 31**, in Certaldo, Florence; in the afternoon, entertainment with magic shows and a Halloween costume parade.

<http://www.eventiintoscana.it/evento/halloween-certaldo-firenze>

### Halloween in battello Halloween by boat

**Oct. 31**, in Livorno; the boat ride departs at 3:45 p.m. from Fortezza Vecchia, Piazza Dei Marmi; monsters, witches, and vampires will greet you on the Halloween boat to experience a mysterious and scary boat ride; at the end, trick or treat for everyone; ticket: €8; reserve your seat by

calling 0586-894563.

<http://www.eventiintoscana.it/evento/halloween-in-battello-livorno-livorno>

### **Il Crastatone Chestnut Fair**

**Oct. 31-Nov. 2**, in Piancastagnaio (Siena); this is the oldest and most important Tuscan chestnut fair; local products and crafts exhibit and sale; food booths, new wine tasting and entertainment.

[www.prolocopiancastagnaio.it](http://www.prolocopiancastagnaio.it)

### **Festival dell'Oriente Orient Festival**

**Oct. 31-Nov 2**, 10:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; in Marina di Carrara, Via Maestri del Marmo; oriental contemporary and antique traditions; ceremonies, folklore, shows, health and wellness, spirituality, holistic disciplines; fine fabrics, ancient jewels, candles, essential oils, spices, kimonos, biological products and much more; typical oriental food and cuisine entrance fee: €10.

<http://festivaldelloriente.net/>

### **Sagra della Castagna e del Vino Novello Chestnut and New Wine Festival**

**Nov. 1**, in Talla (Arezzo), from 2 p.m. roasted chestnut, and a variety of chestnut specialties accompanied by the local new wine; food booths feature local honey, cheeses and other local products.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=&city=&date=13&page=1&post=332>

### **Sagra del Porcino e Della Chianina Porcino Mushroom and \*Chianina meat Festival**

**Nov. 1-2**, in Castelfranco di Sotto (Pisa), Via Provinciale Francesca Sud 30-32; live music starts at 9 p.m.

\* The Chianina meat is one of the most renowned products of Tuscany. The Chianina is an Italian breed of cattle now raised mainly for beef. It is the largest and one of the oldest cattle breeds in the world. The famous bistecca alla fiorentina is produced from its meat.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=&city=&date=13&page=1&post=882>

### **Fiera delle Lane di San Martino St. Martin and Wool Fair**

**Nov. 1-2**, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Florence, Piazza SS. Annunziata; wool products manufactured locally with natural dyes and artisan workmanship; hands-on workshops for children; also local products and crafts exhibit and sale; free entrance.

<http://www.saimicadove.it/toscana/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2014/09/download-21.jpeg>

### **Florence Tattoo Convention**

**Nov. 7**, 3 p.m.-2 a.m.; **Nov. 8**, noon to 2 a.m.; **Nov. 9**, noon-

1 a.m.; in Florence, Fortezza da Basso, Viale Filippo Strozzi; more than 300 world-renowned tattoo artists, shows and musicians; entrance fee: €16; buy your ticket on line at <http://www.boxol.it/Toscana/IT/Toscana-dettaglio-advertise.aspx?A=103816>.

<http://www.florenceconvention.com/2014/#home>

### **Sagra del Cinghiale Wild Boar Festival**

**Nov. 8-9** and **Nov. 15-16**, in Chianni (Pisa); food booths at noon and at 7 p.m.

**Nov. 8** and **Nov. 15**: 9:30 p.m. live music.

**Nov. 9**: local products and crafts exhibit and sale; 3 p.m. entertainment for children in Piazza del Castello; live music and flag throwers exhibit; face painting and balloons twisting.

**Nov. 16**: 3 p.m. clown and magic show in Piazza del Castello; wild boar hunters' parade accompanied by the local music band; face painting and balloons twisting.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=7&city=&date=13&page=1&post=216>

### **Toscana Gustando Tuscany Tasting**

**Nov. 8-9**, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., in Montepulciano (Siena); a slow food fair where tastes, smells and wines of the Tuscan culinary tradition are compared with those of other Italian regions.

<http://www.toscanagustando.it/>



**Orient Festival**



**Volterragusto - Volterra**

**Prim'Olio  
New Oil Fair**

**Nov. 8-11**, in Florence, Via Roma; local oil, wine, local products and crafts exhibit and sale; new oil tasting, food and entertainment.

[http://www.inyourlife.com/holiday\\_accomodation/events/fairs\\_and\\_folkloristic\\_festivals/florence-FI/event\\_e9171/index\\_eng.php](http://www.inyourlife.com/holiday_accomodation/events/fairs_and_folkloristic_festivals/florence-FI/event_e9171/index_eng.php)

**Festa di San Martino  
St. Martin Fair**

**Nov. 11**, in Palazzuolo sul Senio (Florence); Piazza del Comune and Piazza IV November; good wine and extra virgin olive oil are the protagonists of this event; local products, crafts and arts exhibit and sale; food booths; live music and dancing.

[http://www.inyourlife.com/holiday\\_accomodation/events/fairs\\_and\\_folkloristic\\_festivals/florence-FI/event\\_e9162/index\\_eng.php](http://www.inyourlife.com/holiday_accomodation/events/fairs_and_folkloristic_festivals/florence-FI/event_e9162/index_eng.php)

**Antique markets Nov. 2**

**Carmignano (Prato):** 9:30 a.m.-7p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II and Piazza Matteotti.

**Cascina (Pisa):** 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Corso Matteotti

**Orbetello (Grosseto):** 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Corso Italia.

**Pietrasanta (Lucca):** 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Duomo

**San Minia (Pisa):** 9 a.m.-8p.m. Piazza del Popolo

**San Giuliano Terme (Pisa):** 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Shelley and Piazza Italia.

**Antique markets - Nov. 8-9**

**Firenze:** Nov. 9, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Santo Spirito

**Livorno:** Nov. 8-9, Piazza Cavour

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

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

**Pisa:** Nov.8-9, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza dei Cavalieri.

**Pisa:** Nov.8-9, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Via Pertini.

**Vicopisano (Pisa):** Nov. 9, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Domenico Cavalca.



## CONCERTS



**Billy Idol**  
Nov. 23 in Milan

**Jesus Christ Superstar** – through Nov. 2, in Milan; Dec. 30–Jan. 1 in Bologna

**Anastacia** –Oct. 30 in Firenze and Nov. 1 in Padova

**Lady Gaga** – Nov. 4 in Assago (Milan)

**Michael Bublé** – Nov. 8 in Casalecchio di Reno (Bologna)

**Lenny Kravitz** –Nov. 10 in Assago (Milan)

**Sharon Jones and the Dap-Kings** –Nov. 11 in Milan

**John Legend** –Nov. 11 in Rome, Nov. 12 in Padova

**Future** –Nov. 11 in Milan

**One Republic** – Nov. 17 in Assago (Milan)

**Hardcore Superstar** – Nov. 18 in Livorno, Nov. 19 in Padova

**Quidam Cirque du Soleil** – Nov. 19-23 in Assago (Milan)

**Ed Sheeran** –Nov. 20 in Milan

**Peter Gabriel** –Nov. 20 in Turin; Nov. 21 in Casalecchio di Reno (Bologna)

**Billy Idol** –Nov. 23 in Milan

**Patti Smith** – Dec. 1 in Bergamo, Dec. 2 in Parma, Dec. 5 in Udine, Dec. 6 in Vicenza

**Elton John and Band** – Dec. 4 in Assago (Milan)

**David Crosby Solo Acoustic** – Dec. 9 in Lucca, Dec. 10 in Como

**Glenn Miller Orchestra** –Dec. 13 in Padova

**Stromae** – Dec. 15 in Assago (Milan), Dec. 17 in Rome

**Gran Concerto di Natale** – Christmas Concert – Dec. 27 in Padova

**The Original USA Gospel Singers and Band** – Jan. 11, 2015, in Bolzano

## SPORTING EVENTS

**WWE Live** – Nov. 14 in Assago (Milan); Nov. 15 in Bolzano

**Supercross and Freestyle Motocross** – Nov. 22 in Genova

### 2014 HALLOWEEN AT AMUSEMENT PARKS

Some of the local amusement parks will be open for Halloween. Buy your tickets on line for special rates and family discounts.

#### **Monstrous Fun at Gardaland**

**Oct. 31**, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., **Nov. 1- 2**, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; in Castelnovo del Garda, Via Derna, 4, about 45 miles west of Vicenza.

<http://www.gardaland.it/park/index-en.php>

#### **CanevaWorld Resort**

**Oct. 31**: 10 a.m.-midnight, Nov. 1-2, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; in Lazise sul Garda, Località Fossalta, 58, about 51 miles east of Vicenza.

<http://www.canevaworld.it/movieland/index.php?id=2>

#### **Mirabilandia**

**Oct. 31**, and Nov. 1, from 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Nov. 2, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; in Ravenna, Statale Adriatica SS16, Km. 162 Loc. Mirabilandia, about 147 miles southeast of Vicenza.

<http://www.mirabilandia.it/>

### TOSCANA

#### **Cavallino Matto**

**November 1-2**, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. ; in Marina di Castagneto (Livorno), Via Po 1.

<http://www.cavallinomatto.it/english/default.aspx>



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