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Courtesy photo

# Garrison Commander urges community members to maintain situational awareness



By Col. **Robert L. Menist Jr.**  
U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Commander

As the Garrison commander, I would like to remind all members of the Vicenza and Darby military communities to be extra vigilant in light of recent activity in France and Belgium.

It is important to maintain situational awareness at all times.

- Know where your family members are and have a plan to stay in touch.
- Do not leave children unattended.
- Check the State Department travel advisory site before traveling to other countries.
- Make sure a friend or co-worker knows your travel plans.
- Servicemembers adhere to the off post uniform wear guidelines in paragraph five of the recently updated Garrison Commander Policy Letter 60-15, Enhanced Force Protection Requirements for Off Post Wear of Uniform and Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) Requirements (pg 4).
- Make sure you have a list of emergency numbers at each of your home phones and programmed in to your mobile phones.
- Know where the nearest police station is to your home or on your work or travel route.
- Avoid wear or display of items that clearly indicate that you are a U.S. citizen.
- Report any suspicious activity to your local police or the garrison MP desks.

I urge all DoD personnel and their families to use caution and follow force protection and personal protective measures already in place.

For more on how to protect yourself, or to report suspicious activity, visit [www.eur.army.mil/vigilance](http://www.eur.army.mil/vigilance)

# Speak Out

Who is your pick to win the Super Bowl?



**Katherine Velez**

Family member

*"I'm from New England so, of course, I am rooting for my Patriots."*



**DeAsia Fairley**

Family member

*"Seattle Seahawks. I like the Seahawks because they have more potential."*



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*"New England Patriots 20-17. An ex high school teammate played 10 years for New England Patriots."*

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: United States Army Garrison (USAG) Vicenza Command Policy Letter 60-15, Enhanced Force Protection Requirements for Off Post Wear of Uniform and Privately Owned Vehicle (POV) Requirements.

1. **Applicability.** All personnel assigned to or performing temporary duty within the limits of USAG Vicenza area of operations, to include Caserma Ederle (Vicenza); Villaggio della Pace Housing and Family Support Area (Vicenza); Caserma Del Din (Vicenza); Longare Complex (Longare, Vicenza); Tormeno Ammunition Supply Point #7 (Arcugnano); Torri Processing Center and Storage Facility (Torri di Quartesolo, Vicenza); Lerino Supply and Storage Facility (Lerino, Vicenza), and the Darby Military Community including Leghorn Army Depot (Livorno).
2. **Purpose.** The purpose of this memorandum is to implement mandatory Force Protection standards for the wearing of the military uniform and POV requirements while on duty in the USAG Vicenza area of operations including the Darby Military Community. These policies are being implemented IAW EUCOM and USAREUR Directives dated 12 and 17 November, respectively, as well as USAREUR issued TASKORD # 15-011, which is more restrictive. Changes are found in paragraph 4c and paragraph 7 of this revised Policy Letter. These directives are the result of increased targeting of uniformed personnel both CONUS & OCONUS.
3. **Responsibility.** All Commanders/Leaders will ensure that service members performing duty strictly adhere to this policy.
4. **General.** Commanders will prohibit the wear of military uniforms (including physical fitness and JROTC uniforms) when off U.S. or Host Nation (HN) installations with the following exceptions:
  - a. Military uniform is authorized for direct travel between domicile and U.S. or HN installations only while traveling via an enclosed private, government, or rental vehicle.
  - b. DoD personnel in off installation hotels may wear uniforms when departing or arriving in an enclosed private, government, or rental vehicle. Uniform wear in public areas of hotels, such as breakfast or dining room, bar, or fitness room, is prohibited.

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c. Uniform wear for convenience stops at public locations, such as gas stations, off installation child care facilities, fast food restaurants, shopping areas or other public venues is not authorized.

5. Wear of the military uniform is prohibited, not authorized, or permitted outside of non U.S. or HN controlled installations for the following:

a. Uniform wear is prohibited while traveling via motorcycle/scooter, bicycle, or foot. Commanders will encourage personnel traveling on motorcycle/scooter, bicycle, or foot not to carry backpacks that readily convey DoD affiliation.

b. Military personnel in uniform are prohibited on any form of public transportation, including taxis.

c. Uniform wear while escorting children to/from or waiting at off installation DoDDS bus stops is prohibited.

d. Stops at fast food restaurants, shopping areas or other public venues while in uniform are prohibited.

e. Uniform wear when representing the U.S. Military at an official HN function is authorized.

f. Uniform wear while conducting military operations, training events, and exercises is authorized. Commanders should minimize uniform wear off U.S. or HN controlled areas when possible.

6. POV Requirements.

a. POV's will adhere to criteria in SETAF Regulation 190-3 dated 15 May 2005.

b. Particularly emphasized is PDF page 35 paragraph c under "Paintings and Markings:" "Decals that could be used to identify a vehicle as Armed Forces Italy (AFI), such as University stickers, Stateside installation stickers etc. are prohibited." Any stickers, decals, or markings that would identify the vehicle as part of the Military/DoD are forbidden. The following procedures will be used for enforcement purposes:

(1) Vehicles will not be released from the Torri Vehicle Holding Area with affixed DoD stickers/decals. The vehicle owner will be required to remove all stickers prior to release.

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(2) Vehicles coming for required inspections with affixed DoD stickers/decals will be required to have owner remove all affixed DoD stickers/decals prior to inspection.

(3) Unit POV inspections will prohibit the vehicle from being driven if DoD stickers/decals are affixed to the vehicle.

(4) Annual Vehicle Inspections will look for DoD/stickers/decals. If discovered, rule number (2) above will apply.

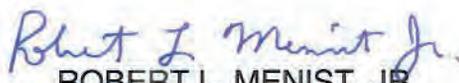
(5) DES and LRC will initially inspect for unauthorized, affixed DoD stickers/decals for numbers (1) and (2) above. At annual inspections, LRC will again check for unauthorized affixed DoD stickers/decals. If found, number (2) above will apply.

(6) Unit(s) will be responsible throughout the remainder of the year for inspections and enforcement of POV requirements for all assigned personnel. It is recommended that regular inspections especially over extended holidays and passes be used to enforce this directive.

#### 7. Special Events.

a. Garrison Commanders are the approval authority for off installation special events with fewer than 300 DoD personnel not in uniform.

b. General Officers for Force Protection (GOFP) are the approval authority for any off installation event where uniforms are worn as well as off installation special events with 300 or more DoD personnel regardless of uniform wear.

  
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# DeCA working to fix product shortages for overseas stores

By DeCA Corporate Communications

**FORT LEE, Va.** – The Defense Commissary Agency is working to overcome challenges that have impacted the timely delivery of products to stores in Europe and the Pacific, the agency director and CEO said.

In some instances commissary patrons experienced critical shortages in perishable products such as chilled juices, produce and dairy products.

“Several factors have caused our overseas stores to fall short of what’s required to serve our patrons there,” DeCA Director and CEO Joseph H. Jeu said. “We are doing everything possible – increasing our product reorders, looking for additional approved local sources and examining alternative shipping methods – to find solutions to these problems and ensure that products are available for our customers wherever they shop.”

DeCA’s supply chain has many moving parts. U.S. products bound for commissaries in Europe and the Pacific are first transported from the United States by ocean vessels to overseas docks and then trucked to central distribution centers. From the CDCs, the products are further transported by truck to individual stores. This process is also supplemented by local purchase contracts for certain items such as bread and dairy products.

In the Pacific, shipments destined for

commissaries in Hawaii, Guam, Korea, mainland Japan and Okinawa have been delayed up to 10 days due to ongoing West Coast port delays related to negotiations between the Pacific Maritime Association and labor unions representing West Coast dock workers. Mediators from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service recently joined these negotiations.

The West Coast port delays have impacted the ability of commissaries in the Pacific to keep shelves fully stocked with sensitive chill products, such as yogurts, luncheon meats, butter, fresh bone-in meat and fresh pork. Frozen and dry grocery products were not affected by the West Coast port delays because a 30-day supply of those products is maintained in DeCA’s central distribution centers. DeCA cannot maintain a warehouse supply of sensitive chill items because of their shorter shelf life.

DeCA officials will continue to focus on finding solutions to work around ongoing West Coast port delays that continue to affect the transportation of products to the Pacific. Commissary personnel are standing ready to receive incoming shipments immediately upon arrival and stock them to the shelves.

With shipments scheduled to arrive weekly, management is keeping cus-



tomers informed with signs in the stores. “However, if a customer doesn’t see the product they want to purchase on the shelf, he or she can check with their local store management to find out when it will be received,” said David Carey, DeCA’s Pacific Area director. “We apologize for the inconvenience this has caused our shoppers during the holiday season.”

At European ports, sea containers were unable to clear customs when a computer process failed, which stalled deliveries of perishable items from Dec. 18-24. During that same period, system failures between DeCA’s Integrated Business System and its warehouse management system affected the delivery of about 40 percent of the frozen food items from DeCA’s Cold Storage plant in Kaiserslautern, Germany. Non-perishable and produce items were not affected by the business system issues. DeCA anticipates improved stock availability in Europe by Jan. 14, depending on delivery location.

## Preparing for transition throughout Soldier Life Cycle



By **Christina Overstreet**  
*Transition Services*

**E**arlier this year, the Army rebranded its well-known Army Career and Alumni Program to the Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program.

A key reason for this rebranding was to encourage a shift in mindset about transition. In the past, transition and preparation for post-military goals occurred as a Soldier neared the end of his or her military career.

With the Soldier Life Cycle concept, Soldiers begin their post-military preparation from their initial entry into the Army, throughout their military service, as well as during the reintegration and transition phases. Career readiness and transition preparation will be incorporated into the entire span of a Soldier's career.

During the Soldier's first year in the military, he/she will develop an Individual Development Plan (IDP) to help align the military career path with post-military goals. The IDP will be updated throughout a Soldier's career to reflect educational and personal goals. During military service, Soldiers will begin developing their resumes and reference lists for submission prior to attendance at the Senior Leader Course (SLC), Warrant Officer Career College, and Intermediate Level Education.

12-18 months prior to separation or 24 months prior to retirement (or upon MEB referral), Soldiers will begin the

transition phase. This phase remains unchanged and SFL-TAP will continue to offer training, tools and resources focused on employability (job search strategies, resume writing, interview skills, etc.), pursuit of higher education or technical certifications, and self-employment through entrepreneurship ventures.

During the transition phase, service members must demonstrate Career Readiness Standards as mandated by the Veterans Opportunity to Work Act and DOD policy. Required CRS include:

- Pre-separation counseling
- Participation in VA Benefits briefings
- Completion of three-day Department of Labor Employment Workshop
- Completion of MOS Crosswalk
- Completion of Career assessment tool
- Preparation of 12-month budget
- Job application package (includes

resume, list of references and two job applications) or job offer letter

- Participation in specialized training track as related to post-military goals (Entrepreneurship, Education or Technical/Vocational).

The implementation of transition planning and preparation throughout a Soldier's Life Cycle will not only ensure Soldiers are better prepared to achieve their post-military goals, but aims to reduce the staggering amount the Army pays towards unemployment compensation, currently \$500 Million per year. For more information, visit the Vicenza Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program webpage at [www.usag.vicenza.army.mil/sites/local/alumni.asp](http://www.usag.vicenza.army.mil/sites/local/alumni.asp), stop into the SFL-TAP Center, located in Building 126 on Caserma Ederle Monday-Friday between 0830-1630, or call DSN 634-7188/7189. They are also on Facebook: <https://facebook.com/VicenzaSFLTAP>.

## Stepping Up the Performance Triad

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It's time for Soldiers to step it up with the Performance Triad goals. Literally.

During FY 2014, the Performance Triad pilot program was conducted in three separate active-duty battalions. The data from the pilot program provided a picture of the sleep, activity, and nutrition behaviors of Soldiers in the pilot at baseline and throughout the six-month program.

Data collected from the pilot program indicated, however, that some goals needed to be changed for active-duty Soldiers. For example, when surveyed before the pilot program began, 64 percent of Soldiers reported that they were already meeting the activity goals, even before any training or education on the Performance Triad had begun. At the same time, however, only five percent of Soldiers were meeting the sleep or nutrition goals.

In short, the sleep and nutrition goals provided Soldiers targets to shoot for; the activity goals were already largely met by most Soldiers. A curious thing happened on the way to the end of the six-month pilot evaluation period; activi-



New Performance Triad "plus goals" for active duty Soldiers. More steps, more resistance training, and more vigorous exercise will complement nutrition and sleep goals in helping Soldiers to maintain peak performance.

ty levels went backward from exceeding the goals toward only meeting the goals. Soldiers may have unconsciously been reducing their activity to meet the goals they were told to achieve.

The decision was made to update the activity goals for active-duty Soldiers. The updated goals are performance-oriented and based recommendations from professional organizations, including the American College of Sports Medicine, or ACSM, the National Strength and Conditioning Association,

and the Army's physical training policy. Soldiers should incorporate the following new "plus goals" in the Performance Triad to their routine fitness activities.

- To the requirement for 10,000 steps, 5,000 steps have been added--new total is 15,000 steps
- To the 2-3 days per week goal of resistance training, Soldiers should add one or more day per week of agility training
- To the goal of 150 minutes per week of moderate or greater aerobic exercise, Soldiers should add a "plus goal" of 75 minutes of vigorous exercise.

First, the "plus goal" of 5,000 steps was added after the average number of steps started to decline. Pilot data showed that Soldiers were achieving, on average 11,000 steps per day, and 296 "active minutes" per day at the start of the study. However, during the pilot, the number of steps decreased to an average of 9,600 and the number of active minutes decreased to 254.

The original 10,000-step goal was based on walking 10 minutes every waking hour, a number that is easily met by an active-duty Soldier. Soldiers routinely achieve 4,000-5,000 steps during unit physical training, their goal should be to add an additional 10,000 steps during the day to encourage routine activity and discourage sedentary behavior. The goal of 15,000 steps is more in line with the activity levels of an active-duty Soldier.

Second, in addition to the 2-3 days per week of resistance training, Soldiers should add a "plus goal" of agility training 1 day per week or more. Both the ACSM and the National Strength and Conditioning Association recommend activities that include jumping, landing, explosive movements, sprinting, and obstacle/agility courses. This training is shown to help reduce sports injuries, develop load carrying ability, and increase athletic performance. The updated Performance Triad goal for agility training supports this performance requirement.

Third, in addition to the 150 minutes of moderate or greater aerobic exercise, Soldiers should add a "plus goal" of 75 minutes of vigorous exercise per week. Aerobic activity is classified as "moderate" or "vigorous" based on established objective standards by groups such as ACSM and the World Health Organization. These organizations use a 2:1 ratio for comparing moderate to vigorous activity, so one minute of vigorous activity is equivalent to 2 minutes of moderate activity. Adding this additional goal allows us to provide a recommendation of 300 equivalent minutes of moderate aerobic exercise. From the performance standpoint, vigorous exercise adds improved gains to the individual's fitness level.

It's all about reaching and maintaining peak performance. The "plus goals" of the Performance Triad will allow you to step up your active role in improving your health and performance and help Army Medicine become a System for Health.

## Geotagging, careless social networking leads to chatting with enemy

Story and Photo by Sgt. **Daniel Cole**  
ARNews

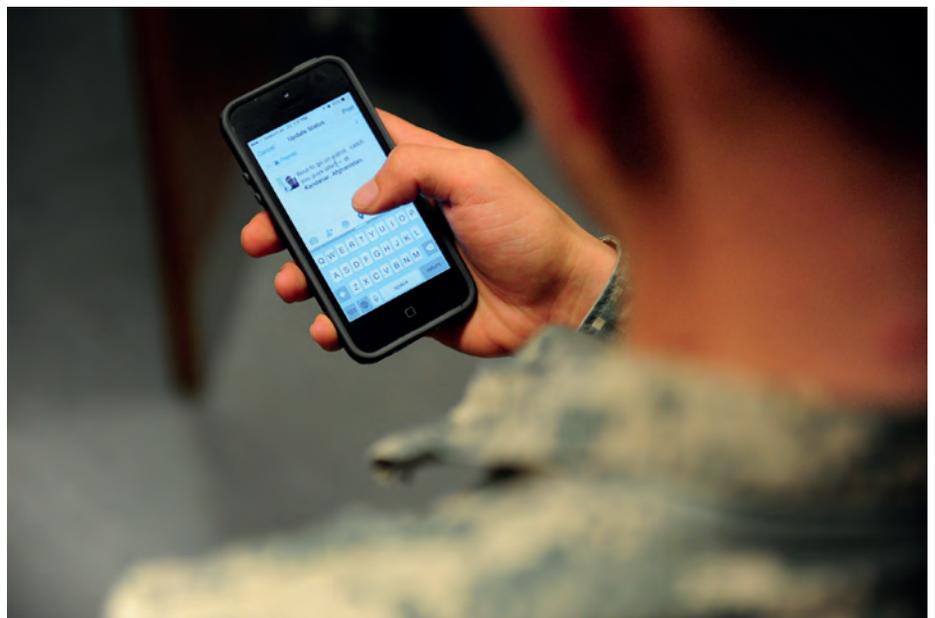
One of the foundations of effective force protection is to always keep the bad guys guessing.

Letting them know where you are and what you're doing is never a good idea.

These days, with smart technology in nearly everyone's pockets and social interaction keeping the global information highways buzzing, guarding your actions can be tricky.

Geotagging and "location-based social networking" are two technological and social interaction challenges that specifically worry Army and U.S. Army Europe antiterrorism experts.

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*Geotagging and "location-based social networking" are two technological and social interaction challenges that specifically worry Army and U.S. Army Europe antiterrorism experts. Geotagging embeds geographic information into a photo or document's metadata that can be used to determine exactly where on Earth the photo was snapped or the document created. These location tools are often embedded in many of today's electronic devices, such as smartphones, tablets and personal computers. "Checking in" on Facebook is one example of a common application.*

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"By providing these bits of information when uploading geotagged photos or 'checking in,' we give our adversaries another piece of the puzzle to help them piece together the overall picture and give them the advantage," says Jessica Bittle a force protection specialist for USAREUR's operations directorate (G3). "By limiting the available information, we try to remove that digital bulls-eye."

Experts in the social media division of the Army's Office of the Chief of Public Affairs call the metadata added to photos -- and videos, documents and text messages -- "the equivalent of adding a 10-digit grid coordinate to everything you post on the Internet." The dangers, the experts say, are that

these location-revealing functions allow potential bad guys to watch your movements and uncover patterns in your behavior; reveal the exact locations of places, such as your home or office, where you will be (or not be); and help enemies to determine potential targets and classified locations.

"We face an array of adversaries that take a vested interest in learning about individuals affiliated with our military in hopes of finding that vulnerable target," said Bittle.

The social media and security experts encourage people to disable this feature on their devices, or to review security settings so personal online information is not too informative.

Of equal concern to the security experts is location-based social networking, which has spawned a growing number of applications to satisfy users' desires to let people know where they are. Several social media sites even offer rewards or

invite businesses or other organizations to offer incentives to users who "check in" at various locations. Others offer opportunities to hook up with old friends or meet and make new friends. Of course these applications can also tell bad guys where you are or will be.

USAREUR antiterrorism officials add a reminder that users should never discuss military or government information while using social media sites. To disable geotagging on most smartphones check the general settings and look for a "location" tab and select the appropriate settings. A quick internet search will turn up step-by-step instructions for disabling these features for specific sites and devices. For more on the potential dangers of geotagging and location-based social networking, as well as information on a variety of force protection, information assurance and operational security topics, visit the U.S. Army Europe "vigilance" web page at [www.eur.army.mil/vigilance](http://www.eur.army.mil/vigilance).

## Sky Soldiers, Italian allies conduct exercise

Story and Photo by Staff Sgt. **Opal Vaughn**  
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**PORDENONE, Italy** - U.S. Army paratroopers from the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, joined by their allies from the Italian Folgore Brigade, parachuted into Pordenone, Italy, Jan. 14 as part of an Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercise.

An EDRE is a no-notice, rapid deployment exercise designed to certify the battalion's ability to alert, marshal and deploy while serving as the Army's Contingency Response Force in Europe, said 1st Lt. Joseph Gelinas, executive officer for Company B, 1st Battalion.

"We're getting better as a unit every day," said Gelinas. "We are Army contingency response ready but with each EDRE it gives us the chance



to test our subordinate leaders and teach the new people who've joined the team how we do it."

The EDRE builds upon the individual and collective training the battalion conducted last year, such as Operation Atlantic Resolve and NATO Exercise Steadfast Javelin II, and continues to build strong bonds with their Italian sister unit.

"We're going to have a squad plus of paratrooper-sappers from our Italian brothers attached," said Gelinas. "All of our exercises we do with our NATO ally are an opportunity to practice our interoperability and to ensure that the multinational force that we will use to accomplish these missions is rehearsed and ready to go."

The Italian paratroopers enjoyed



sharing their training areas and increasing their mutual capabilities with their American partners as well.

Two squads integrated with some of the U.S. platoons to perform an airborne assault, then moved into enemy territory to secure a compound, said Italian army 1st Lt. Marco Falchi of the Folgore Brigade's 8th Parachute Assault Engineer Regiment.

"We will perform an airborne assault and then move into enemy territory together as we move toward the objective," said Falchi, describing the mission. "It's better we can learn each other's tactics, training and procedures so that in the future we can collaborate together."

## Initial planning begins for Tanzania gender seminar

By **Mickie McNamara**  
U.S. Army Africa

Recently, U.S. Army Africa's Col. Frances Hardison and Capt. Christian Smith traveled to Dar Es Salaam and Arusha, Tanzania to plan a gender integration seminar co-hosted by the Tanzanian Peoples Defense Forces.

The event is scheduled to take place May 18-25. During planning, Hardison and Smith discussed the proposed events and activities with the TPDF's highest ranking female. Hardison is the director of USARAF's G-1 personnel.

"I met with Brig. Gen. Sara Rwambali, director of TPDF Social Affairs, and she is very excited to co-host the Gender Mainstreaming Seminar with USARAF in Tanzania in 2015," said Hardison.

The concept brief to Rwambali and Virginia Blazer, deputy chief of mission, U.S. Embassy Tanzania, detailed the goals of the seminar.

According to Smith, a previous gender integration event has laid the ground

work for the May seminar.

"We are capitalizing on the success of last year's event. The idea remains to bring together various African partner nations to a week-long seminar to discuss best practices, lesson learned and explore ways forward with guest speakers from the United Nations, African Union, Southern African Development Community, East African Community and ECOWAS," Smith said.

According to Hardison, co-hosting this event with TPDF is appropriate and timely.

"Tanzania has been identified for increased activities in the USARAF area of responsibility and is a key player in EAC, SADC and the continent," said Hardison. She said TPDF personnel are eager to be offered the opportunity to co-host the seminar bringing together leading experts in the area of integrating women in the armed forces throughout Africa.



U.S. Army Africa's Col. Frances Hardison (left) and Capt. Christian Smith (right) meet with Tanzanian Peoples Defense Force Brig. Gen. Sara Rwambali (center) to discuss an upcoming gender integration seminar. Rwambali is the director of TPDF Social Affairs. TPDF personnel will co-host the seminar that will bring together leading experts in the area of integrating women in the armed forces throughout Africa. (U.S. Army Africa photo)

Soldiers from the Vicenza Military Intelligence Detachment based on Caserma Ederle attended an appreciation dinner hosted by the Arcugnano Alpini Group Jan. 20. The event was organized to thank the Soldiers who painted the elementary school in December as part of the ongoing neighborly initiatives supported by the Vicenza garrison with the host nation. In attendance also Col. Robert Menist, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza commander, Col. Edoardo Maggian, Italian base commander, and Luciano Cherobin, president of the Vicenza Alpini Association.

Photo by **Anna Ciccotti**  
US Army PAO



# Project partnership with Italian Alpini



Airmen from the U.S. Air Force 7th Weather Squadron learn about snow conditions and avalanche forecast with Alpini instructors during the annual partnership training at Passo Tonale in the Southern Alps. The weeklong training took place in the middle of December 2014. (Courtesy photo)

By **Laura Kreider**  
USAG Vicenza PAO

After the summer training held on Caserma Ederle in mid-June of last year, it was time for the U.S. Air Force 7th Weather Squadron Airmen to meet again with the Italian Army soldiers, the *Comando Truppe Alpini - Servizio Meteomont*, and take part in the biannual Project Partnership, which traditionally takes place in December of each year at Passo Tonale, a high mountain pass in the Southern Alps between the Lombardy and Trentino regions.

The primary goal of Dec. 14-20 week-long training was to strengthen strategic NATO partnerships while sharing experience and gaining new techniques in the ambit of weather and weather forecasting.

The training was led by five Italian Alpini soldiers and this year's attendees included five Air Force members, two Lebanese Special Forces Ranger Company commanders, a French Mountain Force Company commander, and six Italian Weather Service civilians.

"Through the relations we have forged

over the years, we have been able to build professional contacts, share expertise, and strengthen our relationship with our host nation and NATO allies in support of theater security cooperation," said Air Force Capt. Kyle Palmer, commander of the 7th Weather Squadron, Detachment 3.

"The meteorological and technical skills we learn bear impact to our current global engagements where snowfall and mountain forecasting require specific knowledge of the terrain and how the environmental nuances pose a significant threat to avalanches and other mountain-induced environmental disasters," he said.

The program with the Alpini, which started in 2002, teaches a range of topics such as mountain maneuver and exploration (skiing), avalanche forecasting, Italian weather products, and the Italian civilian and military meteorological services and capabilities.

"Project Partnership provided a unique opportunity to learn from and interact with various military and civilian services from other countries with a focus on weather," said Air

Force 1st Lt. Tyler Nelson, 7th WS Det. 3 officer in charge.

"I have learned valuable forecasting techniques that neither my military career nor schooling touched on. This training expanded my weather knowledge immensely in an area that never would have been addressed otherwise. Not only were the classes informative, but also interacting with the different nations involved in the training," he said.

Nelson also added how learning from each other's unique experiences broaden their perspective on, not just weather, but a myriad of other topics. "This was definitely a highlight in my career and something I will always remember and cherish being a part of," Nelson said.

Gaining knowledge of the techniques and products used to forecast avalanches was an important opportunity for all the participants.

Staff Sgt. Jessica Wells, a Forecaster with 7th WS Det. 2 said, "The lessons were informative and at times very hands on. The course itself was a great learning opportunity but, for me, the opportunity to meet military members from several other countries and enjoy camaraderie through learning was the best part. We were able to not only learn from the Italian Army, but Lebanese and French military members as well. Project Partnership truly created an atmosphere in which this was possible."

A ceremony with a plaque presentation to the Alpini Instructors concluded the weeklong training.

After this annual experience Palmer said, "We value this opportunity as an annual capstone event where we are able to cross feed our meteorological capabilities, as Air Force weather personnel, with our Italian and NATO counterparts. Furthermore, this exercise affords us the opportunity to showcase the U.S. military's professional and technical aptitude, thereby strengthening our allies' confidence in U.S. Airmen and Soldiers."

# 173rd recognized in Army Europe's writing competition



Army Europe announced the winners of the Eisenhower Professional Writing Competition winners Jan. 13, during the USAREUR Senior Leaders Forum. (Photo by Sgt. Daniel Cole, U.S. Army Europe PAO)

## US Army Europe Public Affairs

**WIESBADEN, Germany** – When Army Europe announced the winners of the Eisenhower Professional Writing Competition winners Jan. 13, during the USAREUR Senior Leaders forum, three of the top four Army Europe Soldiers earning the award were from Vicenza Italy's 173rd Infantry Brigade.

The focus of this year's competition revolved around Operation Atlantic Resolve, the individual lessons learned as well as how leaders developed themselves professionally.

Sgt. 1st Class David Williams captured an honorable mention with his submission, "Case Study: Tracking Logistics in Operation Atlantic Resolve and Exercise Saber Junction 14."

"The article presented a great opportunity for me to write about the work that my fellow 173rd paratroopers perform on a daily basis and logistics tracking," Williams said as to the inspiration to submit an article for the competition. "As a 173rd paratrooper and a logistician, both topics are very

important to me."

Polish Army Capt. Arkadiusz Skrzek and Capt. Teddy Borawski submitted a joint article that received an honorable mention in the competition. Their article was "Training at the Company Level between U.S. and Polish Paratroopers as part of Operation Atlantic Resolve."

Borawski said that as professionals, writing about the things Soldiers experience is important in helping to spread knowledge across the military.

"As military members we are part of the profession of arms," Borawski said. "It is critical of any profession for its members to write about their thoughts and experiences, allowing them to be shared across the community. We may not be able to take part in every operation, but we can read about what was learned and roll those lessons forward- strengthening our profession as a whole."

1st Lt. Dustin Lawrence, the third Sky Soldier to be recognized in the competition, received honorable mention for his article From Cameroon to the Baltic States: Chosen Company's Path

to Atlantic Resolve. For Lawrence, just being a member of the 173rd lends itself to having compelling material to write about.

"What the Brigade has done during the last two years is impressive; the amount of countries(visited), the partnerships made, and the miles travelled," Lawrence said "It's something that needed to be captured and I wrote an article to do just that. The competition was one more medium to tell the brigade's story."

The top honor went to 2nd Lt. Miles Gabrielson, assigned to the assigned to 1-91 Cavalry in Grafenwoehr, Germany. His article was "Fire Support During Operation Atlantic Resolve."

The Eisenhower Writing Competition encourages professionals in USA-REUR to share their expertise, knowledge and experiences by writing and publishing professional articles. Winning articles are chosen by the command team as having the most positive effect on the U.S. Army or Army Europe.

# Vicenza's Venture Crew excels at Klondike 2015

Story and photos by **Melody Varner**  
Venture Crew 3 Advisor



*Kameron Curtis, center, and Jarrod Keck hang hula hoops for the Jousting station as AJ Persinger looks on.*

When DoDDs students have a holiday weekend, they will generally be found traveling with family, spending the weekend catching up on homework or just “hanging out.” A group of Ventures from Caserma Ederle found a different way to spend their time over this most recent holiday weekend.

Vicenza's Venture Crew 3 took on the challenge of running a Klondike Derby. A Klondike Derby is an annual event held by the Transatlantic Council, Boy Scouts of America during the winter months and is based on the heritage of the Klondike Gold Rush. This year's Klondike Derby, took place Jan. 17 at the Kandersteg International Scout Camp, in Kandersteg, Switzerland, consisted of 12 stations where patrols/units tested their scouting skills and their leadership abilities, earning points towards a total score. The individual groups transported their gear on a homemade sled pulled by the Scouts. This year's event pulled together more than 350 participants from all the Districts located across Europe.

Venture Crew 3 accepted the respon-

sibility to plan the 30th Annual Klondike Derby in Kandersteg, Switzerland in January 2014. For the past year, the crew spent their weekly meetings developing a theme, building 12 stations to support that theme, writing instructions for volunteers to run each station, and resourcing each station. The crew spent the day prior to the event finalizing the exact location of each station, preparing each station, registering participants, and ensuring each station volunteer understood the mechanics of each station.

During the Klondike Derby, the crew held the opening ceremony, ensured each station was running smoothly, and then calculated scores at the end of the event. In the evening, the crew hosted the campfire which had skits by Boy Scout troops and Venture Crews, as well as announced the winners of the Klondike Derby.

Melody Varner, Crew 3 Ad-

visor, remarked, “I am very proud of Crew 3 and their accomplishments. Three crew members created a top-notch event for more than 350 participants with minimal adult assistance. This speaks volumes to the leadership abilities of these youth.”

Venturing is a youth development program of the Boy Scouts of America for young men and women who are 14 years of age, or 13 years of age and have completed the eighth grade and under 21 years of age. Venturing's purpose is to provide positive experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. If you are interested in joining the Venture Crew and gain valuable leadership skills, please contact [melodycrew3@yahoo.com](mailto:melodycrew3@yahoo.com) or come to our weekly meeting on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. at the Scout Hut on Caserma Ederle.



*Jarrod Keck, left, and AJ Persinger (Venture Crew 3 President) explain how each station will be run to the youth and adult volunteers.*

# Italian technical students visit Ederle and Del Din

By **Anna Ciccotti**  
USAG Vicenza PAO



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

*More than 20 students from the technical high school "Silvio Ceccato" of Montecchio Maggiore, about seven miles southwest of Vicenza, joined American high school peers for a cultural exchange at Caserma Ederle Jan. 13. Visiting Italian students major in informatics and an overview brief of the garrison IT communication systems was included as part of their educational experience on base.*

Students of the technical high school "Silvio Ceccato" of Montecchio Maggiore, Vicenza, visited Caserma Ederle for an exchange program with their American peers Jan. 13, and Caserma Del Din Jan. 20 to learn more on information technology.

Eyes wide open and smiles on their faces, the first group started their exchange at the Vicenza High School. They were welcomed by Michela Ambruoso, the teacher of Italian language and culture, who coordinated the exchange with her English language colleague Miryam Botter from Montecchio.

"This field trip offered my students the opportunity to get to know firsthand a reality that otherwise would remain unknown and also appreciate the human and educational value of this exchange," Botter said.

Fifth year Italian students, equivalent of American seniors, had the opportunity to sit on in different classes and learn more on the American school system as well as on different activities available throughout the school

year. They also partnered in small groups with Americans to help them practice their conversational Italian language skills.

Greatly appreciative of the warm welcome received by the tutor, Botter said that, as a group, her class was impressed by the facility itself, the computerized system in place for parent school communications and the credits assigned for any courses required and recognized by the school, thus allowing students to individualize their curricula.

Above all, "We liked the fact that in the American education system students are assisted in a way that they do no need to repeat a school year as we must do if grades fail," said fifth year student Alessandro Caoduro from Montecchio.

Commenting on the visit, Ambruoso said that she was pleased with the interaction in class as students shared life experiences and Facebook contact information. She said they set the conditions for a continued exchange out of the school.

A briefing on the communications

systems and information industry added to their learning experience at Ederle. "I was impressed by their questions and genuine eagerness to know more on the IT field," said Osvaldo Melendez, Vicenza garrison IMO. Welcoming the opportunity to support training with young adults, Melendez talked about current computer technology, stressing how it has come to play an increasingly pervasive role in our daily lives. He also provided an overview for the best way to enter the IT industry, as the class will be graduating this summer and some may start looking for jobs immediately after.

"It was amazing to hear the endless possibilities that may open up in the work place thanks to our IT education," said 18-year-old Elisa Lai.

Another student, Natan Nicoletti, said that the briefing was very professional and "provided many resources to enhance our training and useful tips on where to look for certifications that make us more marketable."

The 509th Signal Battalion located at Caserma Del Din hosted the second high school class from Montecchio on their field trip Jan. 20.

"My team and I always find it rewarding to interact and support the development of local youth along with continuing the great relationship we have with our host nation," said Lt. Col. Schawn L. Branch, 509th Sig. Bn. commander, addressing the students in his welcome remarks.

American and Italian team members rotated in their presentations and answered students' questions ranging from the recent cyber attacks to the U.S. military websites and to Sony database, to computer security and ways to protect their personal information while being on line.

"I believe the presentations gave them the opportunity to see the practical application of their area of study across different IT disciplines," said Todd C. Hunt, Network and Switch Division chief.

"At some point in their future the students will begin to specialize in a particular area of interest. Hopefully, as they reflect on this experience, it will help to guide them," he said.

"The visit was very important and helped us understand what American Soldiers actually do at Del Din and the reasons of their presence in Italy, especially for those who serve in the 509th [Sig.] Battalion," said Rosario Zicaro, Montecchio IT teacher.

"It was also useful to visualize what is behind the notions of information infrastructure and business operations and learn more on the set up and planning of a network designed for a military installation", he said.

"The exposure of younger Italians with the U.S. military and support staff enables us to provide them a bit of perspective and understanding of the role of the U.S. not available just through the media," said Paul Dailey, chief, Business and Operations division.

"It also shows the partnership and the reliance of our mission upon host



Photo by Anna Ciccotti/USAG Vicenza PAO

nation employees. Our Italian IT staff, having played a significant role in hosting the school, enabled the students to see that aspect of our partnership first-hand," Dailey said.

Students had also a chance to tour the Dial Central Office and see how it manages the connections with the other base in Vicenza and the other bases in Europe. They were also ex-

plained how the DCO monitors and handles network service failure in its interface with data centers.

If from a strictly technical point of view students were impressed by the absolute perfection of the cable settings and the neatness of the service rooms manned by 509th Sig. Bn. staff, from a more general perspective they were overwhelmed by the layout of

the base that looks very much like a university campus and the professionalism of the staff for treating the guests with interest and respect.

Asked whether one day he would consider working for the U.S. military, Federico Muraro, 17, said it would be fantastic. "Working here means having a position of great responsibility and that would make me feel very important."

While looking forward to having another opportunity to visit Del Din, 17-year-old Tommaso Urbani said, "Among other things I found out that there is a central energy plant here that makes the base self-sufficient and it can also produce more energy than the base needs. That is awesome."



Photo by Anna Ciccotti/USAG Vicenza PAO

*Technical high school students from Montecchio Maggiore, Vicenza, toured the headquarters of the 509th Signal Battalion at Caserma Del Din Jan. 20. The visit offered an opportunity to learn more on communication infrastructure, network division, computer assurance and cyber-security. Their stay ended with a guided tour of the Dial Center Office.*

# Vicenza MS/ES Championship Spelling Bee competition

Story and photo by **Laura Kreider**  
USAG Vicenza PAO

“P

asant” was the last word spelled successfully by Vicenza Middle School finalist Alexander Gavin, in the annual Vicenza MS/ES Championship Spelling Bee competition sponsored by the Vicenza Schools PTSA at the MS Multipurpose room Jan. 21.

Twenty contestants from elementary and middle school spelled more than 120 words during 18 rounds of competition.

In Europe, the Spelling Bee is sponsored as a collaborative effort of the PTSA and participating schools, and after competing and winning the European Competition, the champion advances to the finals in Washington, D.C.

Purpose of this program is to help students improve their spelling, read and increase their vocabularies, and also develop correct English usage.

Before participating in this final, all the students won their own class contest such as Gavin, who placed first in the MS Spelling Bee Jan. 13.

The other winners were respectively, VMS finalist Angelina Boden, who took second place and VES Taniaya



*Vicenza Elementary School Taniaya Bailey spells a word correctly during Jan. 21 competition. Bailey took third place.*

Bailey who placed third.

During the competition, participants were intent on listening to definitions of words like “bas-relief;” “obvious;” “obstreperous;” “mellifluous” and “neophyte” in

front of three judges including USAG Vicenza Commander Col. Robert L. Menist Jr. and an audience of kids and parents. After receiving the awards, participants enjoyed their participation sharing a piece of cake with their teachers, principals, family and friends.



*Some contestants wait before spelling their word during the event.*



## Music Café 5th year celebration

A mixed band performs during the fifth anniversary celebration in the Soldiers’ Theatre on Caserma Ederle Jan. 23. A large crowd of American community members and Italians participated in the event and enjoyed a diverse group of musicians and singers. A wide range of musical styles included blues, soul, rap and pop. The next Music Café will take place Feb. 20 at 7:30 p.m.

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



Story by **Chiara Mattiolo**

DMC PAO

Carnival season is quickly approaching; the period that runs before the restrictions of the 40 days of Lent before Easter. Carnival is a huge winter festival celebrated with parades, masquerades, entertainment and music while children throw confetti and also spray colored foam at each other.

The main event in Tuscany is Viareggio Carnival, which will feature parades Feb. 1, 8, 15, 17, and 22.

Masks play an important role into Carnevale celebrations and in Tuscany for sure. Viareggio features the most important and well known floats focusing on political satire.

The first parade of Viareggio Carnival took place 1873 in the historic Via Regia, the heart of the old town. It was then transferred to the Promenade at the beginning of the twentieth century and it has grown in size and popularity year after year.

In 2001 the new *Cittadella del Carnevale* was inaugurated. It is an extraordinary architectural complex entirely dedicated to the creation and preservation of the Carnival of Viareggio and can be visited throughout the year. It

includes also the Carnevale museum.

The Cittadella consists of 16 hangars, where the allegorical floats are built. Here visitors can find two museums, one dedicated to the history of the Carnival floats and the other to Carnevalotto, a collection of works of art created by contemporary designers.

The Camp Darby ITO organizes trips to Viareggio Carnival every Sunday during February. Contact 633-7775 or 633-7589 for reservation.

While thinking of Carnevale in Italy may bring to mind only the two major events of the season, the Viareggio and Venezia Carnivals, it is useful to know that during the Carnival period, there are many other collateral events that are featured specifically for families.

In Vitolini, a suburb of Vinci, the town where Leonardo Da Vinci was born, in Florence province, the 27th edition of the *Carnevale dei bambini* (Children's

Carnival) will take place along the town main streets the entire month of February.

There will be for main floats this year:

- The Madagascar Penguin's float.
- The Snow White and the seven dwarfs float.
- Peter Pan and the Pirate ship
- Pinocchio float will display a giant Pinocchio surrounded by toys, but followed by the donkey reminding him how he is going to end if he keeps ignoring the study.

A unique music band will accompany the Carnival playing musical instruments made with the strangest objects from the rural Tuscan life.

The Carnival is a free event every Sunday beginning at 2.30 p.m.

How to get there: from Camp Darby: drive about 70 Km from Camp Darby in Florence direction on the Fi-Pi-LI and exit at Empoli it will take approx-

imately an hour to get there.

Another Carnival event specific for children is the one in Pontedera, at 20 minutes drive from post. The Carnival takes place in a reserved restricted from traffic area and offers a big parking lot.

Orentano (PI) since 1956 organizes a Carnevale dei bambini (Children's carnival); Orentano is near Castelfranco Di Sotto, Lucca for additional information visit [www.orentanocarnevale.it](http://www.orentanocarnevale.it) or e-mail [carnevaleorentano@gmail.com](mailto:carnevaleorentano@gmail.com)



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## BOSS delivers roses for sweethearts



Photos by **Chiara Mattiolo**  
DMC PAO

Every year the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers association provides a service to the community by delivering bunches of red roses on Valentine's Day. Each of their bouquets come with fresh roses, one or two stems of baby's breath and is wrapped in cellophane.

Orders will be delivered 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 13. Delivery can be made to the recipient or orders can be picked up at the Fitness Center so that you may present your loved one with a beautiful bouquet of roses.

Place orders early: Orders accepted through Feb. 2. Download order form and present with payment. Payment in full accepted at the Fitness Center Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

## MORE THAN SNOW

**Promotional OFFER**  
**Valid from January 7<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>**



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## Speak Out

Who is your pick to win the Super Bowl?



Pvt. **Nicholas Jenkins**  
Livorno Health Clinic  
"Seattle Seahawks."



**Terry Bernas**  
HAP  
"Seattle Seahawks."



**Evelyn Watkins**  
ACS  
"New England Patriots."

# Vicenza High School Sports

## VHS Wrestling

Vicenza High School hosted a wrestling meet at the VHS gym Jan. 10. In addition to the Cougars, participating teams also included Aviano, American Overseas School of Rome, Naples and Sigonella.

On Jan. 17 the VHS team went to Aviano, Jan. 24 the Cougars will compete in Naples and Jan. 31 they will travel to Aviano. The Europeans Championship will take place Feb. 13-14 in Wiesbaden, Germany.

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



*Vicenza High School wrestler Alonte Folks, back, in the 132-lb weight class competes and pins Leon Vanotterdijk of AOSR during the Wrestling meet held in Vicenza Jan. 10. In addition to the Cougars, participating teams included Aviano, American Overseas School of Rome, Naples and Sigonella.*

## VHS Basketball



The Vicenza High School boys and girls basketball teams took on Patch and Vilseck, Jan. 23 and 24.

The boys dropped both of their games, losing to Patch 50-78 and then to the Vilseck Falcons 42-66.

The girls' team split their two games, defeating Vilseck in a close, hard-fought contest 27-26, after losing to Patch 30-50.

VHS will host AOSR Jan. 30-31, and then head to Naples Feb. 6-7. The Cougars will tip off Feb. 14 at home against Aviano before closing out the season at the European Championships in Wiesbaden, Germany Feb. 18-21.

Photos by **Laura Kreider/USAG Vicenza PAO**



## 2015 USAG-VICENZA UNIT/REC BASKETBALL LEAGUE STATS RESULTS AS Jan. 22

		WIN	LOSS
1.	<b>USARAF</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>
2.	<b>ATTACK-A CO 1/503RD</b>	5	2
3.	<b>CHARLIE BSTB</b>	4	2
4.	<b>USAG-V MALES</b>	4	2
5.	<b>A CO 173RD BSB</b>	4	3
6.	<b>509TH SIG</b>	4	4
7.	<b>DODDS</b>	2	4
8.	<b>173RD BDE</b>	0	4
9.	<b>USAG-V FEMALES</b>	0	6



## CURRENT PROGRAMS/EVENTS

**2014 USAG-V Nov-FEB:** Unit/Rec Basketball League, Tuesdays, Thursdays, 6 p.m., 7 p.m.

**2015 USAG-V Volleyball Officials Clinic** – Feb. 2-6, 6 p.m. Monday-Friday

**2015 USAG-V Unit/Recreational Volleyball League** – Register through Feb. 8; Coaches Meeting Feb. 10, 6 p.m. upstairs conference room; League Play starts around Feb. 19.

**2015 USAG-V Soccer Officials Clinic** – Feb. 24-28, 6 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, Sat -Time to be TBD

**2015 USAG-V Unit/Recreational Soccer League** – Register Feb. 1-March 2; coaches meeting March 3, 6 p.m. upstairs conference room; League Play starts around March 11.

## ONGOING SPORTS ACTIVITIES

**2014 USAG-V CMTY Male Basketball Team Try-out/Practice**, 6:45-8 p.m. Mondays at Ederle Gym & Wednesday, 6:45 P.M.–8 P.M. at Del Din Gym

**2014 USAG-V CMTY Boxing Team, Ederle** is training Mon-Fri 6:10-8 a.m., at the Fitness Center, (Stop until further notice) Please stop in if interested in coaching

**2014 Unit/Recreational Racquetball Open Challenge, Ederle** Monday-Friday 5-8 p.m., at the Fitness Center

**2014 USAG-V Unit/Recreational Basketball Open Play** half court, Ederle, Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 11:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Sat & Sun 11:30-1400 the Fitness Center Gym

**2014 USAG-V Unit/Recreational Rugby Open Play**, Tuesdays & Thursdays 6 p.m.-8 p.m., at the Caserma Ederle grass football field

**2014 USAG-V Tennis Open Play Reservation**, Ederle Mondays & Wednsdays,6-9 p.m. Meet the Tennis Courts to play and meet other players

**2014 USAG-V Unit/Recreational Soccer Open Play/Practice**, Mondays & Fridays, 6:30- 8:30 p.m., at the Caserma Ederle turf field

**2014 USAG-V Volleyball Open Play**, Friday's meet at the **Caserma Ederle** Gym Court 6 p.m., for this to happen a POC needs to contact the Sports Programmer.

# FEBRUARY at ACS



## FINANCE

Financial Readiness for First Termers - *Bldg. 393*  
 Budget Building  
 Credit Conditioning  
 Consumer Empowerment  
 3D to Debt Free  
 Private Housing Brief (CNA)

Time	Date(s)
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Feb 4, 11, 18, 25
9 - 10:30 a.m.	Feb 4
9 - 10:30 a.m.	Feb 11
9 - 10:30 a.m.	Feb 18
9 - 10:30 a.m.	Feb 25
11 - 11:15 a.m.	Feb 2, 9, 23

## PARENTING

Romp-N-Stomp Playgroup (ages 0-3) - *Bldg. 395*  
 Breastfeeding Basics  
 Bringing Baby Home  
 Infant Massage  
 Baby and Me Infant Playtime - *Bldg. 395*  
 Baby and Me Yoga - *Bldg. 395*  
 EFMP Information Hour: Developmental Disabilities  
 Fill Your Toolbox: Parent/Child Workshop\*  
 ScreamFree Parenting – Two Part Workshop  
 Winter Ice Cream Social

Time	Date(s)
10 - 11:30 a.m.	Feb 4, 11, 18, 25
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Feb 10
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Feb 19
10 - 11:30 a.m.	Feb 13, 27
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Feb 5, 19
10:30 - 11:30 a.m.	Feb 12, 26
Noon - 1 p.m.	Feb 4
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Feb 5
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Feb 3, 17
2 - 4 p.m.	Feb 26

\* Workshop held in atrium between VES/VMS

## GENERAL COMMUNITY SUPPORT

Air Force Space-Available Travel Info Brief

Time	Date(s)
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Feb 26

## STRESS MANAGEMENT

Go With the Flow: Yoga & Stress Reduction

Time	Date(s)
12 - 1 p.m.	Feb 2, 9, 23

## CULTURE & LIFE SKILLS

Federal Resume Workshop  
 Resume Fundamentals  
 Building Work Experience through Volunteering  
 Italian as a Second Language  
 Registration Italian as a Second Language (*Mar 30-May 21 Class*)  
 Benvenuti (3-day Cultural Integration for Spouses Only)  
 Registration begins for Benvenuti (*March 18-20 Class*)

Time	Date(s)
10 - 11:30 a.m.	Feb 3, 17
10 - 11:30 a.m.	Feb 24
10 - 11 a.m.	Feb 10
9 - 11 a.m.	Feb 2-Mar 26
	Feb 27
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.	Feb 18-20
	Feb 20

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Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. | DSN: 634-7500 or CIV: 0444-71-7500

**Del Din, Bldg. 2**

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. | DSN: 637-2725 or CIV: 0444-66-2725

# New Mobile App OTG Outside The Gate



## Where?

- Just Outside the Base
- Just Outside your Home
- Vicenza on your Phone

## What's happening?

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## How Much?

- **FREE**

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- **Outlook** Newspaper Integrated
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**Play Store (Android): Outside the Gate**

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and look for the circular logo.

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# Community news briefs

## Villaggio Housing Power Outage

The DPW has scheduled a power outage for the Villaggio housing area Sat 31 Jan. from 6-10 a.m. The outage is scheduled to allow the DPW to bring a new main electrical substation on line. The entire housing area will be affected. Although the outage is scheduled to last four hours DPW will make every effort to restore power as soon as possible. For more information please call 634-7520.

## COR and GPC Training

The 414th Contracting Support Brigade provides quarterly acquisition planning and requirement documents development training. The next session for new personnel and to recertify COR and GPC cardholders will take place Feb 3-5. The training is open to all USARAF, USAG-Vicenza and tenant units. Get more information and sign up at <https://portal.usaraf.army.mil/staff/tenants/CSB/Pages/Training.aspx> or call DSN 637-7726.

## Tax Center to open

The Vicenza Tax Center opens Feb. 2 to provide free tax preparation assistance from IRS-Certified tax professionals. There are two locations; Building 241 on Caserma Ederle, and room 1006 of the Sigholtz Center on Del Din. The hours of operation on Ederle are Mon-Fri from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. On Del Din the hours are Mon, Wed and Fri 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information or to schedule an appointment call DSN 634-7316 or Civ: 0444-71-7316.

## Gate Closures and Barrier Maintenance

Feb. 7, 6-10 a.m. Caserma Ederle - Gate 1 (in-bound) to Caserma Ederle will be closed due to maintenance. During this time, Gate 4 (Housing Gate) will be open for in-coming traffic. Gate 1 (out-bound) will remain open to exit the installation.

- Feb. 10 Longare - exit gate 8:30 a.m. until complete; entrance gate 2:30 p.m. until complete.

- Feb. 13 Del Din - ACP 8 a.m. until com-

plete: Over watch 2 p.m. until complete.

- Villaggio: Main Gate will be closed 14 Feb. 6-10 a.m.

## Volleyball Officials Certification Clinic

The sports office will hold a Volleyball Officials clinic Feb. 2-6 from 6-9 p.m. in the fitness center conference room to certify referees and scorers for the upcoming season. Becoming a certified official is a great way to help out the sports program while earning some extra money. For more information call DSN 634-7009 or stop by the Ederle or Del Din fitness center.

## National Prayer Breakfast

The United States Army Africa will host the Vicenza Military Community's National Prayer Breakfast Feb. 6 at 7 a.m. at the Golden Lion. The NPB provides a time of prayer and spiritual renewal for Soldiers, Families and Civilians. The featured speaker will be the U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains Maj. Gen. Donald L. Rutherford. The event is open to all USAG Vicenza Soldiers, Civilians and Family members. For tickets or for more information call DSN 634-6547.

## Health Center Closed Presidents' Day Weekend

Please be advised that the Health Center will be closed Feb. 13-16 for the President's Day weekend, and patients should plan accordingly. For assistance when the Health Center is closed, the the San Bortolo Hospital patient liaisons are available 24/7. They can be reached at 0444-75-3300, 0444-928-166 or DSN 634-8384. For medical emergencies or to call an ambulance, call 118. If calling from Vicenza, an English-speaking interpreter will take your call. For any questions or concerns, you may call the Patient Advocate at 0444-61-9106, DSN 636-9106.

## Eco Center at Del Din now open

The Del Din Eco Center is now open for business. Units, organizations, and residents of Del Din may bring their wastes to the Eco Center for more efficient disposal of all types of non-hazardous waste. The hours of operations are

Mon-Fri., 6 a.m.-6 p.m. It is closed on weekends. The Caserma Ederle Eco center is open Mon-Fri., 6 a.m.-6 p.m., Sat. 8 a.m.-5 p.m. and closed Sundays.

## Vicenza Sergeants Major Association

The Vicenza Sergeants Major Association meets at the Ederle dining facility from 8-9 a.m. the last Thursday of each month. Membership is open to active duty, reserve, national guard or retired E9s of any military service. The VSMA actively sponsors or assists in worthwhile projects and activities that contribute to the welfare of the community. Contact the VSMA at [vicenzasma@yahoo.com](mailto:vicenzasma@yahoo.com)

## Feline Fridays

The Vicenza Veterinary Clinic presents Feline Fridays the last Friday of every month from 8-11:45 a.m. and 1-3:45 p.m. Make an appointment for your feline friend to receive their annual vaccines and other exams with no dogs in the facility. To make an appointment or for more information call 0444-71-4841.

## Safety recalls

Product Safety Recalls issued by the Consumer Product Safety Commission website at <http://www.cpsc.gov>.

\*Hunters' Tree Stands Recalled by Primal Vantage Due to Fall Hazard

\*Johnson Health Tech Recalls Matrix Fitness Strength Training Machines Due to Risk of Impact Injury, Laceration and Fall Hazards

\*La-Z-Boy Recalls Control Wands Sold With Silver Luxury Lift Chairs Due to Burn Hazard (Recall Alert)

\*CR Brands Recalls Mean Green Cleaner and Degreaser Products Due to Chemical Hazard

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

## Vicenza Cub Scouts

Do you have a child interested in joining Cub Scouts? Email [pack295chair@gmail.com](mailto:pack295chair@gmail.com)

## Medical Benvenuti

Every Tuesday from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at building 300A, next to the Mensa.

AA meetings Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 p.m., Fridays 5:30-6:30 p.m. at building 395, room 5, behind the Mensa. This meeting is open to anyone interested in the 12-step process. Call 634-7554

for more information.

### 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 p.m. Call 634-7053 or 634-6754 for assistance.

### 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.

### Del Din GCU accepts check deposits

The Caserma Del Din Global Credit Union ATM located in the in the Com-

munity 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.

### New TMP location

TMP service will no longer be provided at the industrial complex at Torridi Quartersolo. The new garrison TMP will now be located at building 272 on Caserma Ederle. Building 272 is near the POL point and the Hall of Heroes on Ederle. This relocation moves non-tactical services closer to customers serving on Ederle and Del Din

### 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.](http://www.poliziadistato.it)

[poliziadistato.it](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.

### Refuse collection changes for Longare residents

Residents of Longare are reminded that the collection of DRY WASTE NOT RECYCLABLE (120 liter green bins for residences and 240 liter green bins for companies) will occur every 15 days and no longer weekly. The new collection schedule for emptying the green bins began on Jan. 8 as indicated in the waste collection calendar that was distributed to residences this month. For more information contact the housing office.

## At the movies



### BLACK OR WHITE

A bitter court battle ensues between a white lawyer (Kevin Costner) and a black woman (Octavia Spencer) over custody of their biracial granddaughter, forcing both parties to confront their feelings on race, understanding and forgiveness.

**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)

### Ederle Theater

Jan. 29	7 p.m.	The Wedding Ringer (PG-13)
Jan. 30	7 p.m.	Project Almanac (PG-13) *
	10 p.m.	Black or White (PG-13) *
Jan. 31	3 p.m.	Project Almanac (PG-13) *
	9 p.m.	Black or White (PG-13) *
Feb. 1	3 p.m.	Paddington (PG) *
	6 p.m.	Blackhat (R) *
Feb. 4	11 a.m.	The Wedding Ringer (PG-13)
	7 p.m.	Blackhat (R)
Feb. 5	7 p.m.	The Hobbit (PG-13)
Feb. 6	7 p.m.	Strange Magic (PG-13)
	10 p.m.	Boy Next Door (R)
Feb. 7	3 p.m.	Strange Magic (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Into the Woods (PG)
Feb. 8	3 p.m.	Strange Magic (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Boy Next Door (R)
Feb. 11	11 a.m.	Annie (PG)
	7 p.m.	Paddington (PG)



# Family and

## Vicenza Military Community



### Youth Center Pet Food Drive

The Villaggio Youth Center and Teen Center are conducting a pet food drive to benefit the local Vicenza animal shelter, and needs your help. Bring clean blankets, dog and cat food to the Villaggio Youth Center, Teen Center or the commissary donation bin before Feb 13.

### Sewing Machine Basics

Learn the basic ins and outs of your sewing machine or come work with one of ours to see if it is something you are interested in. Bring your projects, questions, and Kim will help you all learn together on Feb 19, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. All machines and scrap material included, but we recommend you bring your personal sewing machine if you have one. We have 110 /220 outlets. Contact Vicenza Arts & Crafts at 634-7074.

### ODR Trips

Get out and enjoy your surrounding area with ODR culture and adventure trips. Find complete listings, cost and departure times. Visit our calendar on [vicenza.armyMWR.com](http://vicenza.armyMWR.com) or call Outdoor Rec at 634-7453.

### Music Café

Music Café is a casual improv jam night for music lovers by music lovers. Enjoy great music and amazing community talent as Music Café celebrates it's 5<sup>th</sup> year on Feb 20. It's free and performers can sign up at Soldiers' Theatre. Call 634-7281 for more information.

### Lion's Den "It Takes Two" Valentine's Day

On Feb 14, it doesn't matter if you're madly in love or just good friends, you're invited to the Lion's Den for an evening of fun and entertainment. The \$12 Sweetheart Special includes a box of chocolates and a bottle of Prosecco. Ladies dressed in red will receive a special gift and can enter to win a drawing for a Victoria Secret gift card. The evening includes; drink and food specials and a DJ.

### My Sweet Bowlin'tine

Come to the Arena on Valentine's Day and "strike out" on love with our Valentine's Day special! Enjoy \$1 games and free shoes for all ladies, plus ladies wearing red bowl one game for free. Everyone can enjoy Cupid's Special (1 hour of bowling and 1 cheese pizza for \$19.95 (shoes not included).

### Library Valentine's Day Workshop

Get ready for Valentine's Day! Children ages 3-11 will make 4 different crafts on Feb 11, 3:30-4:30 p.m. to give to a Valentine. Sign up at the Ederle Library before Feb 9.

### Boss Bowling Night at the Arena

BOSS will host a free night of bowling for all Single and Geobachelor Soldiers at the Arena with free shoe rental, lane time and even free pizza on Feb 17. Come out and showcase your best pin and bowling skills. Fun begins at 7 p.m.

### Winter Ice Cream Social

Join Family Advocacy Program at ACS on Feb 26 and make your own ice cream sundae, 2-4 p.m. Choose your toppings, meet other Families, and get free education resources. Open to all Families with youth ages 4-18 years.



Register using MWR Online Services for:

**Vicenza Trip & Classes**

**Vicenza CYSS Activities**



## Darby Military Community



### Carnival Trips

Viareggio has one of the liveliest carnivals in Italy with an amazing parade! ODR takes you there on: February 1, 8, 15, 17, 22. Plus we head to Venice Carnival on February 7! Contact Outdoor Recreation to register at 633-7775/7589.

### Outdoor Recreation Culture Trips

Hit the slopes in February with Outdoor Recreation and head off for Abetone and Cimone every weekend! If you don't have ski equipment, no worries! Drop by Outdoor Rec and check out our wide selection of skis and snowboards for rental.

Feb 7 & 21 Cimone Ski & Snowboard Trip  
Feb 14 & 28 Abetone Ski & Snowboard Trip

### CYSS Ski/Snowboard Trip to Abetone

Hit the slopes with CYSS in Abetone on Feb 14! This trip is fun for youth who are wanting to practice with skis or a snowboard on an easy bunny hill.

Cost: \$15 CYSS fee with skis/snowboard from ODR  
\$10 CYSS fee without skis/snowboard

Trip includes: transportation, supervision, drinks and snacks. Each child/youth must bring their own euro money to pay for a ski lift ticket and a hot lunch. Additional money necessary if child/youth requires a private lesson payable on site. Registration deadline is Feb 11. Open to CYSS children/youth in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and up. Sign up at any CYSS facility: CDC, SAC, or YC or pay online via WebTrac.

### Darby Tax Relief Changes Hours

The new hours for Tax Relief Office are Wed - Friday 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Closed Sat -Tue.

### CYSS Tennis Registration

CYSS offers tennis for all levels. Tennis is fun and helps improve hand-eye coordination. Minimum age is 6 years. Age cut-off date is approximately April 15. First official practice begins the week of March 2-6 (rain or shine). Registered participants may select either a T-shirt or a tennis racquet to keep at the season's end. Cost is \$30 and includes 8 one hour sessions. One afternoon practice/week, flexibly scheduled around your child's extracurricular activities. Registration is open Feb 10-27. Call CYSS for more information at 633-7521.

### CYSS Pogo Stick Contest

Practice balance and coordination with this free challenging pogo stick contest! Youth in grades 4 and up can come over any time after school on Feb 24. Youth with the highest-scorers may win a prize. No advance registration required. Call CYSS Youth Center for info at 633-7521.

### CYSS Hula Hoop Contest

Get flexible and keep that hula hoop spinning around your waist - youth 5 years and up can enter the contest by coming by any time after school on Feb 9. Highest-scorers may win a prize. No advance registration required. Call 633-7521 for additional info.



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**

## Chaplain Crisis Line

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

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

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



## Listen to Me!

at Army Community Service



Every 2nd Tuesday of the Month  
from 9:30 - 11 a.m.  
\* Except Federal Holidays

Don't burn bridges, learn to build them.  
Make conversations come alive!

Sign up to reserve your seat.

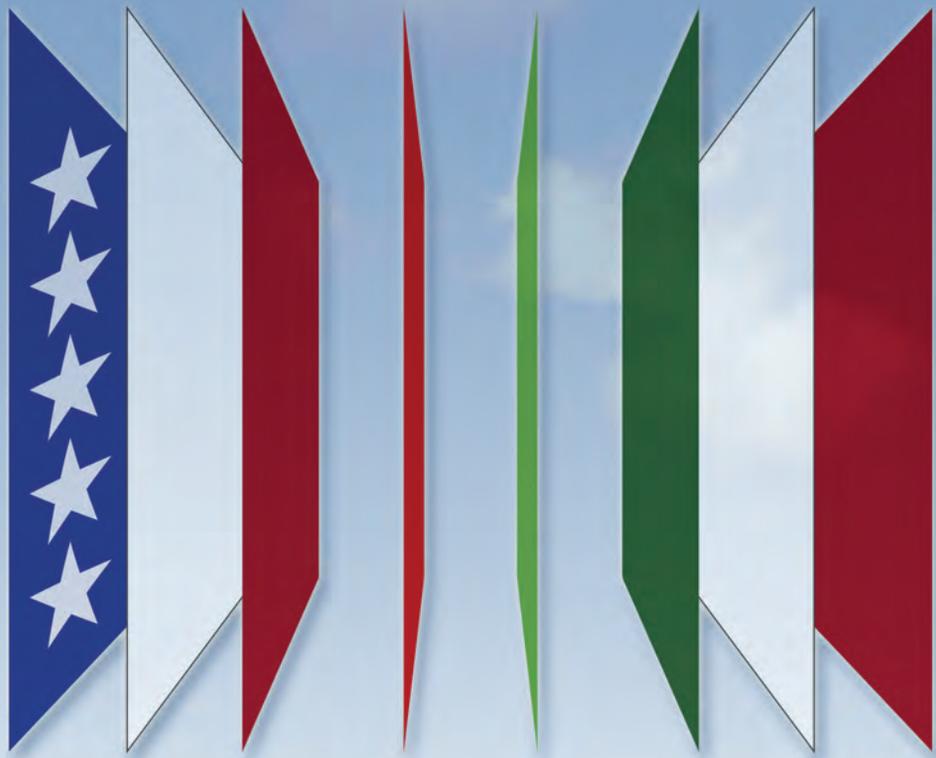


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## VENETO

### CULTURAL EVENTS

Carnevale is celebrated in Italy and many places around the world 40 days (not counting Sundays) before Easter. Carnevale is a huge winter festival celebrated with parades, masquerade balls, entertainment, music, and parties. Children throw confetti at each other. Mischief and pranks are also common, hence the saying *A Carnevale ogni scherzo vale* (anything goes at Carnevale). Carnevale has roots in pagan festivals and traditions and, as it is often the case with traditional festivals, it was adapted to fit into the Catholic rituals. Masks, *maschere*, are an important part of the Carnevale festivals and Venice is the best city for traditional masks. These masks are sold year round and can be found in many shops in Venice, ranging from cheap to elaborate and expensive ones. People also wear elaborate costumes for the festival and there are masquerade balls, both private and public. Each region has its own typical Carnevale pastries: *crostoli*, *chiacchiere*, *frittelle*, *struffoli*, and *galani*. All of them have one thing in common: they are fried seasonal treats and they come from the Roman *frittilia*, deep-fried pastries prepared during ancient spring festivals. In Vicenza and all over Veneto *crostoli*, *frittelle* and *galani* are served in pastry-shops, bakeries and cafés.

This year Carnevale is on Feb. 15, but celebrations in many parts of Italy start in January.

### CARNEVALE CELEBRATIONS

#### Arzignano

**Feb. 17**, 2:30 p.m., in Piazza Libertà; float parade; in case of inclement weather, it will be postponed to **Feb. 21**.

<http://www.vicenzatoday.it/eventi/carnevale-2015-ad-arzignano.html>

#### Bassano del Grappa

**Feb. 8**, 3 p.m. in Piazza Libertà, live music and dance shows; float parade.

**Feb. 8**, Feb. 15, and Feb. 17, 3-6 p.m. Trucchibus in Piazza Libertà, a special bus with make-up workshops open to everyone.

**Feb. 14**, 2:30-6 p.m. at the youth center in Piazzale Cadorna, children's Carnevale, night float parade departs from Viale Parolini at 9 p.m.

**Feb. 15**, 2:30 p.m. float parade departs from Via Velo, accompanied by Nove's Majorettes and Campolongo musical band; 2:30-6:30 p.m. in Piazza Libertà live music and dance shows; 5:45 p.m. award ceremony for the best float.

**Feb. 17**, 2:30 p.m. in Piazza Libertà, best children costumes competition; live music and group dances; in Piazza Garibaldi, bounce-houses and rides in a mini train for children; 9 p.m. live music and dancing; 10 p.m. closing ceremony with a scuba divers' torchlight procession in the Brenta River.

<http://www.prolocobassano.it/contatti.html>

### Casale di Scodosia (Padova)

**Feb. 1**, Feb. 8, and Feb. 15; local products and crafts exhibit and sale in Piazza Matteotti from 11 a.m.; 2 p.m. Carnevale float parade; live music with the Seventh Train Band; entertainment with musicians and flag-throwers.

**Feb. 7**, at Palatenda from 7 p.m. live music.

**Feb. 14**, night Carnevale float parade starts at 8:30 p.m. from Piazza Matteotti; 8 p.m. San Valentine dinner at the Palatenda.

**Feb. 17**, local products and crafts exhibit and sale in Piazza Matteotti; float parade starts at 2:30 p.m.; Carnevale party for children; 8 p.m. closing ceremony with live music and dancing. Food booths featuring local specialties open daily at the heated Sports Center at midnight; entertainment with street artists and carnival rides. [www.carnevaledelveneto.it](http://www.carnevaledelveneto.it)

### Lonigo

**Feb. 8**, 1:30 in Piazza XXV Aprile, majorettes, live music and float parade; in Piazza Garibaldi, folk music and dancing, games and entertainment; food stands featuring traditional Carnevale pastries from 11 a.m.

<http://www.vicenzatoday.it/eventi/carnevale-leoniceno.html>

### Malo

**Feb. 1**, **Feb. 8**, **Feb. 15** and **Feb. 17**, float parades from 2:30 p.m.; entrance fee: €5; free for children under 12 accompanied by an adult.

<http://www.carnevaleitaliano.it/carnevale-di-malo/>

### Montecchio Maggiore

**Feb. 15**, 2:30 p.m. float parade.

<http://www.vicenzatoday.it/eventi/carnevale-2015-a-montecchio-maggiore.html>

### Monteforte D'Alpone (Verona)

**Feb. 13**, gnocchi for everyone at 7 p.m. downtown and at 8:30 p.m. gnocchi competition among the town's districts.

**Feb. 14**, 8:30 p.m. night float parade.

**Feb. 15**, 2:30 p.m. children's Carnevale in Brognoligo and Costalunga.

**Feb. 17**, 2 p.m. float parade.

<http://www.carnevaleitaliano.it/carnevale-di-monteforte-dalpone/>

### Sarego

**Feb. 15**, the float parade departs from Via Piave at 2 p.m. accompanied by a musical band; folk dances and games; at 5 p.m. prizes for the best costumes.

<http://www.vicenzatoday.it/eventi/carnevale-di-sarego-2015.html>

### Venice

**Jan. 31-Feb. 17**, for a full program in English of the Venice Carnevale, visit <http://www.carnevale.venezia.it/?slang=en>

### Verona

**Feb. 1**, from 2 p.m., float parade departs from Saint Joseph Church, Piazza Vinco Libero, 37.

**Feb. 13**, Venerdì gnocolar; parade departs at 2 p.m. from Corso Porta Nuova. The *Verona Carnevale* dates back to 1531, when grain prices rose due to a food shortage. Poor people,



especially in the Saint Zeno's area, were facing starvation. A wealthy nobleman, Tommaso Da Vico, donated a large sum for poor people to buy flour and make gnocchi. Da Vico ordered in his will for gnocchi and wine to be given to the people of Saint Zeno's every year on the last Friday before Lent, now called Venerdì gnocolar (gnocchi's Friday). A parade goes through downtown Verona to Saint Zeno's Church led by Papà de' gnocco (Gnocchi's dad), a costumed man representing an old king holding a large fork topped by a big gnocco, instead of a scepter. The man who wears this costume is elected in Saint Zeno's square a month before the event. Candidates try to buy people's vote by offering gnocchi and wine.

**Feb. 14**, 2 p.m., Sabato Filippinato, float parade from Filippini district to Piazza Bra.

**Feb. 17**, 2 p.m., float parade from Porto S. Pancrazio.

<http://cralo.blog.tiscali.it/2015/01/11/carnevalando/>

### Festa di San Biagio San Biagio Fair

In Montorso Vicentino, Villa Da Porto, Via Luigi da Porto, about 18 miles west of Vicenza;

**Jan. 31**, at 5 p.m. free hot chocolate, vin brulé (hot spiced wine) and tea for everyone.

**Feb. 1**, 10 a.m. local products and crafts exhibit and sale; petting zoo; painting exhibit.

**Feb. 7**, 8:30 p.m., San Biagio concert in San Biagio Church, Via Tovi 3.

<http://www.vicenzae.org/de/eventi/icalrepeat.detail/2015/01/31/12326/-/5-festa-di-san-biagio-la-settimana-delle-composte-e-torello-allo-spiedo>

### Fiera di San Valentino Saint Valentine Fair

**Feb. 7-8** and **Feb. 14-15**, in Pozzoleone, about 13 miles northeast of Vicenza; food booths open at 7 p.m.

**Feb. 7**, 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing at the Sport Center on Via Casona.

**Feb. 8**, 8 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. local products indoor exhibit and sale; 8 a.m.-6 p.m., antique market; 2:30-5:30 p.m. carnival rides, discounts for children; 7 p.m. food booths open; 9 p.m. live music and ballroom dancing on Via Casona; 9:30 p.m. country night.

**Feb. 14-15:** 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. local products indoor exhibit and sale. <http://www.pozzoleone.org/fiera.htm>

## Art & Ciocc Art & Chocolate

**Feb. 6-8,** 9 a.m.-9 p.m., in Asiago, Piazza Risorgimento, about 37 miles north of Vicenza; the main Italian chocolatiers will display their best selections of chocolates; the event will include chocolate tasting, chocolate art display, and chocolate sculpting with stalls and workshops for children. <http://www.vicenzae.org/ita/eventi/icalrepeat.detail/2015/02/06/12443/-/art-a-ciocc>

## Hunting Show & Pescare Show

**Feb. 7-8,** 9 a.m.-7 p.m., **Feb. 9,** 9 a.m.-4 p.m., in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria, 16; admission fee: €15; reduced: €10 (children between 6 and 12 and senior citizens older than 60 or if you have a hunting or fishing license.) Free for children younger than 13. <http://www.pescareshow.it/>

## Fiocchi di luce Flakes of Light - Musical Fireworks

**Feb. 13-14** at 10 p.m., and **Feb. 15** at 6 p.m., in Asiago, Romeo Sartori Airport, Via Cinque, about 37 miles north of Vicenza; an international fireworks competition in which music enhances the thrill of fireworks; free entrance. <http://www.vicenzae.org/ita/eventi/icalrepeat.detail/2015/02/13/12444/-/asiagofiocchi-di-luce-2015>

## Sand Nativity by the Sea

Christmas lingers on through **Feb. 2** at Jesolo Beach in the form a huge, sand sculpted Nativity by some of the best artists in the world. At Lido di Jesolo, about 100 kilometers east of Vicenza, daily from 10 a.m. to noon and 2-6 p.m.; Satur-



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days and holidays from 7-10 p.m. Admission is free. [http://www.pinterest.com/offsite/?token=599-808&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.eventiesagre.it%2FPresepi\\_Presepi%2F13015\\_Presepe%2Bdi%2BSabbia%2Ba%2BJesolo.html&pin=276408495855725094](http://www.pinterest.com/offsite/?token=599-808&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.eventiesagre.it%2FPresepi_Presepi%2F13015_Presepe%2Bdi%2BSabbia%2Ba%2BJesolo.html&pin=276408495855725094)

## Capolavori che ritornano Returning Masterpieces Exhibit

Through **Feb. 8,** in Vicenza, Palazzo Thiene, Corso Palladio 13; Fridays-Sundays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; free entrance. [http://www.popolarevicenza.it/bpvi-web/data/bpvi/en/financial-Data/Annual-Report-2013/Download-Annual-Report-2013/allegato/Annual\\_Report\\_2013.pdf](http://www.popolarevicenza.it/bpvi-web/data/bpvi/en/financial-Data/Annual-Report-2013/Download-Annual-Report-2013/ allegato/Annual_Report_2013.pdf)

## Tutankhamon Caravaggio Van Gogh . La sera e i notturni dagli Egizi al Novecento Tutankhamen Caravaggio Van Gogh. Evenings and nocturnal from the Ancient Egyptian to the 20th century

Through **June 2,** Mondays-Thursdays 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Fridays-Sundays 9 a.m.-8 p.m., in Vicenza, Padian Basilica, Piazza dei Signori 1; entrance fee: €12; reduced €9 for students (ages 18-26) and senior citizens older than 65; €6 for people 6-17 years; free for children younger than 6; buy your ticket online at <http://www.lineadombra.it/ita/index.php> <http://www.vicenzabooking.com/en/events/298-caravaggio-van-gogh-and-tutankhamen-the-evening-and-night-by-the-egyptians-to-900>

## Real Bodies Exhibit of plastinated real human

Through **May 3,** Fridays-Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; the exhibit offers a new and informative view into the human body; entrance fee: €18; reduced €16 for students and senior citizens older than 65; €13 aged 6-12; free for children younger than 6. <http://www.realbodies.it/orari-e-tariffe/real-bodies-informazioni-su-tariffe-e-orari.html>

## Antique markets

**Marostica:** Feb. 1, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., in Piazza Castello, about 18 miles north of Vicenza.

**Noventa Vicentina:** Feb. 1, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., in Piazza IV Novembre, about 20 miles south of Vicenza.

**Vicenza:** Feb. 8, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., in Piazza dei Signori, Piazza Duomo, Piazza Garibaldi, Piazza Palladio, Piazza Biade and Piazza.

**Lonigo:** Feb. 8, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Via Garibaldi, about 20 miles southwest of Vicenza.





Carnevale Castiglion Fibocchi

## TUSCANY

### Winter Park

Open daily through **March 1**, in Florence, Ohihal Center, Lungarno Aldo Moro; ice skating ring, a snow tubing track and a downhill ski; all necessary equipment can be rented on site.

<http://firenzewinterpark.it/index.php/costi-delle-attivita>

### Vintage Selection

Through **Feb. 1**, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., in Florence, Stazione Leopolda, Viale Fratelli Rossetti 5; one of the best Italian vintage and remake exhibit; live music and entertainment; entrance fee: €5.

<http://www.stazione-leopolda.com/event/380/VINTAGE-SELECTION-N.25>

## CARNEVALE CELEBRATIONS

### Castiglion Fibocchi (Arezzo)

**Feb. 1**, 2:30 p.m. grand opening in Piazza delle Fiere; food booths; 3 p.m. opening of the Queen's Garden with people in historical costumes; 4 p.m. live concert; 5 p.m. float parade.

**Feb. 8**, 2:30 p.m. children entertainment with magicians and live music; best mask competition; 3 p.m. opening of the Queen's Garden; 4 p.m. flag throwers; 5 p.m. historical parade and election of this year Carnevale Queen; free pasta for everyone.

In case of inclement weather, the events will be postponed to the following Sunday.

<http://www.carnevaleitaliano.it/carnevale-di-castiglion-fibocchi/>

### Bientina (Pisa)

**Feb. 1, Feb. 8, Feb. 15** and **Feb. 17**; at 3 p.m., float parades depart from Piazza Vittorio Emanuele; Bientina's Carnevale has been celebrated for the last 50 years. It includes, besides the traditional allegoric float, a little train loaded with children riding around the town.

<http://www.carnevalebientinese.it/BENVENUTI-AL-CARNEVALE-BIENTINESE-2015.htm>

<http://www.carnevaleitaliano.it/carnevale-di-buti/>

### Cecina (Livorno)

**Feb. 8** and **Feb. 15**, 3 p.m. float parade.

<http://www.carnevaleitaliano.it/carnevale-di-cecina/>

### Foiano della Chiana (Arezzo)

**Feb. 1, Feb. 8, Feb. 15, Feb. 22** and **March 1**, starting at 10 a.m.; this is the 476th edition of the oldest Carnevale in Italy with the traditional float competition of the four town's districts; food booths feature local specialties; music and dancing start at 6:30 p.m. <http://www.carnevaledioiano.it/>

### Follonica (Grosseto)

**Jan. 31**, 5:30 p.m. in Piazza Sivieri Carnevale opening ceremony with the G. Puccini Band and the Carnevale King.

**Feb. 1**, from 2:30 p.m., 1st float parade.

**Feb. 13**, Carnevale parade for persons with disabilities departs from Via Etruria at 2:30 p.m.

**Feb. 14**, 4-7:30 p.m. Children Carnevale at Parcheggio Bricolage, Via Vecchia Aurelia.

**Feb. 15**, 2:30 p.m. float parade accompanied by the G. Puccini Band; at 6 p.m. the Carnevale King is burned at sea.

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



**Children Carnevale - Pontedera**

**Orentano (Pisa)**

**Feb. 1, Feb. 8, Feb. 15, Feb. 17 and Feb. 22**, 3 p.m. float parade. <http://www.orentanocarnevale.it/>

**Pontedera (Pisa)**

**Carnevale dei Ragazzi  
Children Carnevale**

**Feb. 1, Feb. 8, Feb. 15 and Feb. 17**; 2:30 p.m. float parades, music and entertainment; in case of inclement weather of one of the appointed dates, the parade will be postponed to **Feb. 22**.

<http://www.eventiintoscana.it/evento/carnevale-dei-ragazzi-pontedera-pisa>

**Prato**

**Carnevale Di Paperino  
Donald Duck's Carnevale**

**Feb. 1, Feb. 8, Feb. 15 and Feb. 17**, from 3 p.m.; more than 250 masked entertainers, live music and a cascade of confetti will create a magic Carnevale atmosphere and fun for everyone.

[http://www.eventiesagre.it/Carnevale\\_Carnevale/5090\\_Carnevale+di+Paperino.html](http://www.eventiesagre.it/Carnevale_Carnevale/5090_Carnevale+di+Paperino.html)

**Santa Croce sull'Arno (Pisa)**

**Feb. 1, Feb. 8 and Feb. 15**, float parade

<http://www.carnevaleitaliano.it/carnevale-di-santa-croce-sullarno/>

**Veneri (Pistoia)**

**Feb. 2 and 8**, float parades start at 2:30 p.m.; special guest: Baby-T Dinosaur from Gardaland; also face painting, games and clowns, acrobats and live music; best mask competition. [http://www.eventiesagre.it/Carnevale\\_Carnevale/13626\\_Carnevale+dei+Bambini+a+Vitolini.html](http://www.eventiesagre.it/Carnevale_Carnevale/13626_Carnevale+dei+Bambini+a+Vitolini.html)

**Viareggio**

**Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 and Feb. 28**, 3 p.m. one of the best Carnevale in Italy with great parades of huge papier-mâché float; the parade on Feb. 28 starts in the early afternoon like the others and continues through the night ("in notturna"), followed by award ceremony for the best float in each category and fireworks on the beach closing the 2015 Carnevale, for more info and ticket, go to:

<http://viareggio.ilcarnevale.com/en/>

**Vicopisano (Pisa)**

**Carnevale dei Ragazzi  
Children Carnevale**

**Feb. 1, Feb. 8, Feb. 15 and Feb. 17**; float parade featuring Peppa Piga, Planes 2 airplane, Thomas miniature train with this year theme - the Far West; food booths with traditional Carnevale sweets, hot dogs and French fries.

<http://www.eventiintoscana.it/evento/carnevale-dei-ragazzi-vicopisano-pisa>

**Vitolini-Vinci (Firenze)**

**30th Carnevale**

**Feb. 1 and 8**, float parades depart at 2:30 p.m. from Piazza del Popolo; they feature Pinocchio, Madagascar Penguins, Snow White and the seven dwarfs, Peter Pan and many other fairy tales' characters; prizes for the best children and adult costumes; games and entertainment.

[http://www.eventiesagre.it/Carnevale\\_Carnevale/13626\\_Carnevale+dei+Bambini+a+Vitolini.html](http://www.eventiesagre.it/Carnevale_Carnevale/13626_Carnevale+dei+Bambini+a+Vitolini.html)



**Carnevale Santa Croce Sull'Arno**

## Antique markets

**Carmignano (Prato):** Feb. 1, 9:30 a.m. - 7p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II and Piazza Matteotti.

**Cascina (Pisa):** Feb. 1, 9 a.m. - 6p.m., Corso Matteotti.

**Orbetello (Grosseto):** Jan. 31-Feb. 1, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m., Corso Italia.

**Pietrasanta (Lucca):** Feb. 1, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., in Piazza Duomo.

**San Miniato (Pisa):** Feb. 1, 9 a.m. - 8p.m. Piazza del Popolo.

**San Giuliano Terme (Pisa):** Feb. 1, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Piazza Shelley and Piazza Italia.

**Firenze (Tuscany):** Feb. 8, 9 a.m - 7 p.m., Piazza Santo Spirito.

**Livorno (Tuscany):** Feb. 7-8, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cavour.

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

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

**Pisa:** Feb. 7-8, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m., Piazza dei Cavalieri.

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

**Vicopisano (Pisa):** Feb. 7-8, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Piazza Domenico Cavalca.



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## CONCERTS



**Korn** – Feb. 1 in Milan; Feb. 2 in Rome

**Slipknot** – Feb. 3 in Assago

**Tenacious D** – Feb. 4 in Milan

**Enter Shikari** – Feb. 5 in Milan

**Fish** – Feb. 7 in Mestre

**Queen + Adam Lambert** – Feb. 10 in Assago

**Ryan Bingham** – Feb. 10 in Milan

**Kiesza** – Feb. 11 in Milan

**Lionel Richie** – Feb. 13 in Assago

**Alt-j** – Feb. 14 in Assago

**Hayseed Dixie** – Feb. 16 in Mezzago

**Straight No Chaser** – Feb. 16 in Assago

**The Black Keys** – Feb. 17 in Assago

**The Kooks** – Feb. 22 in Milan

**Joan Baez** – March 7 in Bologna; March 10 in Roma; March 12 in Milan

**All Time Low** – March 9 in Milan

**Alan Parsons Live Project** – March 25 in Milan; March 26 in Padova; March 27 in Florence; March 28 in Rome

**The Script** – March 28 in Assago

**UB40** – March 28 in Padova

**Sting and Paul Simon** – March 30 in Assago

**Pentatonix** – April 14 in Milan

**James Taylor and Band** – April 18 in Torino; April 19 in Rome; April 21 in Firenze; April 22 in Trieste; April 24 in Padova; April 25 in Milano

**Metallica** – June 2 in Rho (Milan)

**Kiss** – June 11 in Verona

**Elton John and Band** – July 11 in Lucca

**Santana** – July 20 in Verona; July 21 in Pistoia

**Robbie Williams** – July 23 in Lucca

**Sting** – July 24 in Pistoia

**Lenny Kravitz** – July 25 in Lucca; July 27 in Rome; July 29 in Piazzola Sul Brenta

**Deep Purple** – Oct. 30 in Padova; Oct. 31 in Assago; Nov. 5 in Florence; Nov. 6 in Rome

**Simply Red** – Nov. 14 in Rome; Nov. 15 in Assago

**Simple Minds** – Nov. 21 in Assago



By Susan Hedblad

# @WINE: carnival

So, it's about one month that I've been bookmarking recipes for detox blends where kale rules. I even splurged on a Vitamix blender for Christmas. And then the festivities arrived: Christmas, that Saint's day after Christmas, New Year's Eve, various dinners with friends, Epiphany, and no, it never ends. It's already time for Carnival. Officially, Tuesday, February 17th, the excuse for merry making ceases for forty days of fasting until Easter, but until then...juicing and blending are on hold.

Ever since I've been here, Carnival has meant stuffing myself with the Italian equivalent to doughnuts, fritelle. I love them, whether they're served plain or filled with thick, luscious creme or the marsala wine spiked zabaione creme. Creative bakers do up chocolate filled fritelle, so through

my American goggles, it really has become something of a mini-doughnut fest. My top stops here in Vicenza are at Pasticceria Venezia in Piazza delle Erbe or just across the bridge on Contrà Santi Apostoli, I take a coffee break with the lovely ladies at Bottega Nonna Papera who are always baking something in their open kitchen that

usually makes me eat more than just a fritella.

However, this is just a preamble to the real festivities that will be kicking in soon in Venice. Every year has a theme, and this year's is The Most Delicious Festival in the World! There are Gala masked dinners with performances, but for most of us on a bud-



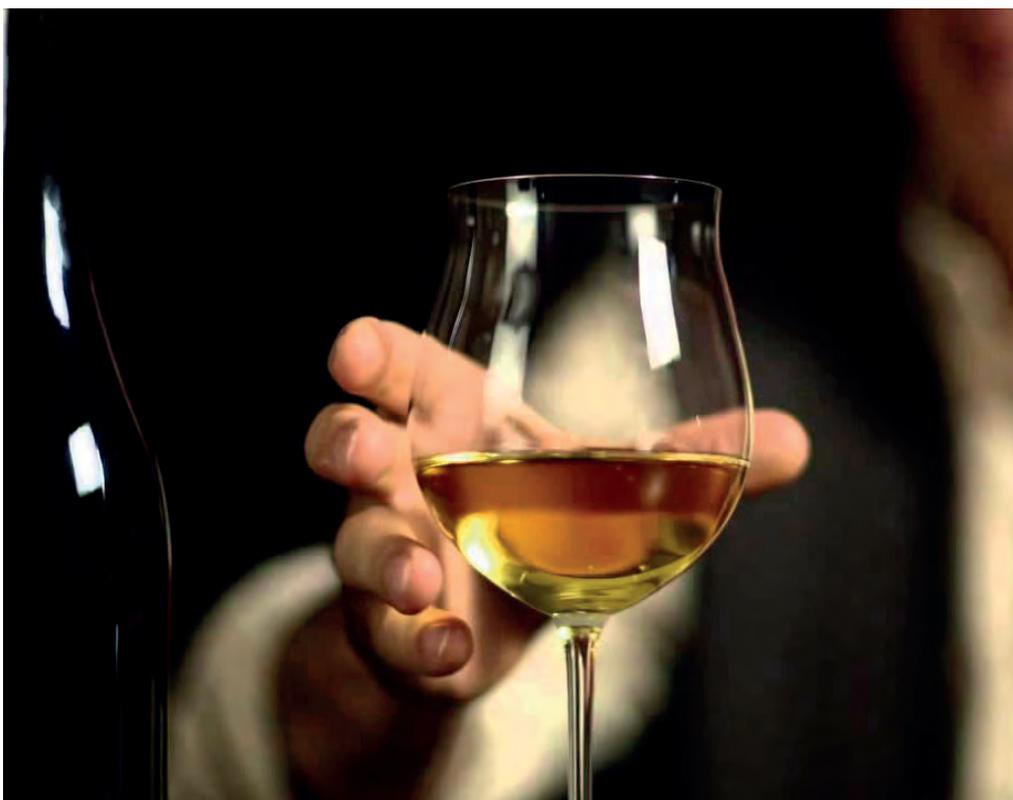
get, it's enough to walk, take in the joyful atmosphere, eating anywhere and everywhere along the way.

The program runs from January 31st to February 17th, but the official inauguration of Carnival will be on the morning of Sunday February 8th, when the angel drops from the St. Mark's bell tower into St. Mark's Place, marking the start of an intense whirlwind of festivities until the mardi gras, or martedì grasso climax.

The MWR has a great day organized on February 1st, or be daring and organize your own day out in the city of water and wonders. Venice has put up a well organized web site this year: <http://www.carnevale.venezia.it/en> where you can check out parties, events and a host of other things to do around the city. This year, the majestic naval shipyards, L'Arsenale, will be the backdrop to magic, theatre, fireworks and festivities on February 7-8 and again from February 12-17.

If you've never been to a Carnevale in Venice, it should be on your bucket list. Make sure you've got a camera, charger, available memory on your

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