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On the cover

Business and technical high school students from ITC "G. Piovene" of Vicenza had the opportunity to visit the VHS on Caserma Ederle Jan. 30. The Italian students also joined American high school peers during their Pep Rally. See page 7 for the rest of the story.

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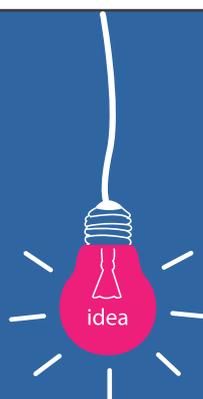
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IMCOM leaders President's Day safety message

Installation Management Command

Ronald Regan said, "Surround yourself with the best people you can find." As the commander and command sergeant major of U.S. Army Installation Management Command, we found ourselves among outstanding people the day we stepped into our roles.

This three-day weekend is called Presidents' Day, though officially it still bears the name of our first president, George Washington. We take the time to celebrate and draw inspiration from the examples of all our presidents, past and present.

Any time off we have should be enjoyed to the fullest. We encourage Soldiers and Army Civilians to spend this time doing something enjoyable and taking a break from the workplace. I also want everyone to be safe when they are out enjoying themselves and come back from a long weekend refreshed.

Commanders and Leaders must stay aware of the risk that personally owned vehicle driving presents to the force. POV accidents continue to affect our Army. Midwinter driving conditions are often less than ideal.

Plan ahead and use the tools available through the Travel Risk Planning System (<https://safety.army.mil>). Don't text and drive. Distracted driving is a major cause of accidents and are 100-percent preventable. Remember, it can wait.

While freezing winter temperatures keep many adults indoors, children may want to play outside all day. Each year, emergency rooms throughout the U.S. treat children for injuries related to sledding and ice skating. Frostbite is also a threat for children. Teach your children the warning signs and insist on appropriate attire. More information is available at <http://aap.org/en-us/about-the-aap/aap-press-room/news-features-and-safety-tips/Pages/Winter-Safety-Tips.aspx>.

Theodore Roosevelt said, "With self discipline most anything is possible." Cold weather can discourage even the most motivated exercisers. And if you're not as motivated, it's all too easy to pack away your workout gear and wait for the warm weather to return. But you don't have to let cold weather keep you from exercising. Gerald Ford was an avid cold-weather sport enthusiast. Before heading out, check the forecast. Wind, temperature, and moisture are key in planning a safety cold-weather workout.

Thomas Jefferson said, "Nothing can stop someone with the right mental attitude from achieving their goal; nothing on earth can help someone with the wrong mental attitude." Use this long weekend to recharge, refit, and rest — it is well deserved.

Once a Soldier, Always a Soldier. Soldier for Life!

Lt. Gen. **David Halverson**

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Speak Out

What is the best Valentine's Day gift you received?



Cristina Ziliotto

Italian Mensa

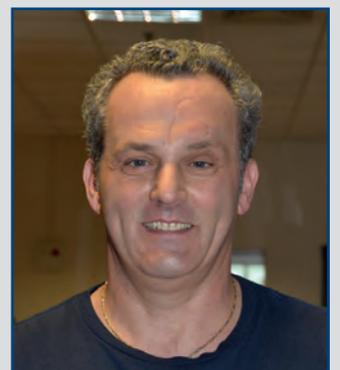
"A big bouquet of red roses!"



Pfc. **Jeremy Harris**

HHC, 1st Bn., 503rd Inf. Reg.

"Autographed football by Emmitt Smith."



Bruno De Caro

Family member

"A very nice surprise trip to Venice arranged by my wife."

Vicenza Tax Center doubles up service



Sgt. 1st Class Allen George gets assistance filing his taxes from Vicenza Tax Center employee, Sgt. Charles Douglas. Last year, the tax center filed more than 2,500 returns, securing \$3.8 million in refunds, and saving members of the Vicenza community more than \$450,000 in tax preparation fees.

By **Aaron Talley**
USAG Vicenza PAO

What's better than one free tax center? How about two? With another tax season upon us, the Vicenza Tax Center is here to make filing your return as easy as possible. But this year it's actually the Vicenza Tax Centers, as they've added a second office over at Caserma Del Din. The officer in charge of the tax center, Capt. Scott McIntosh, says his team has worked hard to provide a number of improvements for 2015.

"We're offering expanded hours, and preparation services are now available during lunch," said McIntosh. "We've also increased appointment availability, and have appointments five days a week for clients with rental property, capital gains, foreign earned income, or itemized deductions."

This year, the tax center on Ederle will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for walk-in clients. And then there's the second office on Caserma Del Din, located in room 1005 of the Sigholtz Center, which will be open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

"The Del Din Tax Center provides a convenient venue for free tax prepara-

tion to the hundreds of Soldiers who live or work on Del Din," he said. Whether you go to the tax center on Del Din or on Caserma Ederle, you can expect to receive the same, high-quality service from IRS-certified preparers who deal exclusively with returns from Soldiers and civilians in the Vicenza Military Community and receive specialized training in military and international tax issues.

"This allows us to provide accurate and up-to-date tax advice and assistance on issues unique to the military and overseas environment. Because services are provided free of charge, you really can't beat the combination of price, expertise, and convenience provided by the Vicenza Tax Center."

Last year, the tax center filed more

than 2,500 returns, securing \$3.8 million in refunds, and saving members of the Vicenza community more than \$450,000 in tax preparation fees. This year, they'll be open until June 15 to provide even more quality tax services to the Vicenza Military Community.

McIntosh added that clients should be sure to bring their W-2, interest statements, and other supporting tax documents with them. He said the tax center will prepare most returns on a walk-in basis, but individuals with more complicated returns, such as those with rental property, capital gains, itemized deductions, or foreign-earned income, can call DSN 634-7316 for an appointment.



U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Commander Col. Robert L Menist Jr. and Pvt. 1st Class Killian Scott cut the ribbon to mark the grand opening of the Vicenza Tax Center. The VTC will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. until June 15, providing free tax services to members of the Vicenza Military Community. There is also a tax office on Caserma Del Din, open Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Employee receives recognition for life saving

DES

Luigi Sepe, Interpreter at the Directorate of Emergency Services responded to an emergency call of a possible suicidal Soldier, along with military police and SETAF Carabinieri patrols and medical services. Sepe during his intervention displayed a high level of professionalism by engaging the Soldier, persuading him to come down from the electrical tower he had dangerously climbed.

The interpreter made sure the Soldier felt comfortable and assured him that Emergency Services were there to assist him in every possible way. Sepe also convinced the Padova EMS team to transport the Soldier to San Bartolo Hospital in Vicenza.

Upon arrival to San Bartolo Hospital,



Directorate of Emergency Services employee Luigi Sepe receives awards due to his intervention with a possibly suicidal Soldier. Courtesy photo

Sepe went over and beyond his duties remaining at the hospital, several hours past his shift to ensure the Soldier and his family were taken care of, as there was no patient liaison available on site.

For his extraordinary meritorious

service, Sepe was recognized by his DES Lead Interpreter Angelo Sibilla, with a certificate of appreciation and by Capt. Dan Meadows from 464 MP HHC Vicenza with an Achievement Medal for Civilian Service.

Post leadership visit Vicenza art exhibit

Story and photos by **Anna Ciccotti**
USAG Vicenza PAO



U.S. Army Africa commander Maj. Gen. Darryl A. Williams, right, is greeted by Deputy Mayor of Vicenza Jacopo Bulgarini D'Elci upon his arrival at the "Tutankhamon Caravaggio Van Gogh" exhibition at the Palladian Basilica in Vicenza, Jan. 30.

US Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. Darryl A. Williams, U.S. Army Vicenza Garrison Commander Col. Robert L. Menist Jr., along with Italian base commander Col. Edoardo Maggian, visited the "Tutankhamon Caravaggio Van Gogh" exhibition at the Palladian Basilica in Vicenza Jan. 30.

"Tonight I was reminded again how fortunate we are to be stationed in Vicenza, Italy. Deputy Mayor Bulgarini hosted us at a world-class art exhibit housed in the Basilica downtown, one of Andrea Palladio's masterpieces," Williams said. "We had the opportunity to see inspiring pieces that ranged from Egyptian sculptures to Caravaggio masterpieces to abstract modern art. It was truly impressive how the curator stitched it all together thematically."

"I am very happy with the enthusiastic response I received from the post leadership and their spouses who had a unique chance to appreciate many works by important American artists and paintings coming from well-known U.S. collections", said Jacopo Bulgarini D'Elci, deputy mayor of Vicenza, among the organizers of the art event.

"It is a visit that I really wanted both as an opportunity to

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From left to right, Deputy Mayor of Vicenza Jacopo Bulgarini D'Elci hosted Italian base commander Col. Edoardo Maggian, U.S. Army Vicenza Garrison Commander Col. Robert L. Menist Jr., Michela Destro Maggian, U.S. Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. Darryl A. Williams and Erin Williams to a guided tour of the "Tutankhamon Caravaggio Van Gogh" exhibition at the Palladian Basilica in Vicenza, Jan. 30.

strengthen the excellent relations between the city administration and the base representatives," said Bulgarini, "as well as a chance to make known to the entire American community, the possibility of visiting the Basilica and the exhibition that is attracting thousands of visitors to Vicenza from around Italy."

"I encourage the American community to go downtown and see this exhibit. Whether or not art is your passion, the Basilica is well worth exploring," Williams said. "Tonight we went to the bar on top of the Basilica and saw the incredible views from the roof. Those views of the mountains and Monte Berico were just as impressive as the amazing art."

Grateful for the perfect organization and the VIP welcome, the guests enjoyed the visit with a dedicated guide that walked them through the 115 works of art on loan from 30 different museums and divided into six thematic sections, each focusing on a different aspect of nocturnal scenes in painting and sculpture throughout the history of art. There are Egyptian tomb statues - including the gilded head of Tutankhamen - as well as masterpieces by Caravaggio, El Gre-

co, Hopper, Gauguin, and Van Gogh, among others.

"The guide was extremely well-read and I loved her enthusiasm. Her way of engaging each one of us was a wonderful experience because she made us feel protagonists rather than just visitors," said Michela Destro Maggian. Asked about what she liked the most, Destro Maggian said that she is very fond of Egyptian history and art, therefore

she was impressed with the first section of the exhibition.

"I got enjoyably lost in the Caravaggio's chiaroscuro, in the 'Town at Moonlight' by Friedrich, in the Venetian islands painted by Monet and, of course, in the enveloping and mysterious 'Country road in Provence at night' by Van Gogh, which is also cover image for the event," she said.

"We are grateful to Deputy Mayor Bulgarini for his kind invite and the opportunity we were given to appreciate the art and the culture of the beautiful city of Vicenza. The exhibi-

tion is amazing for the collection of works brought together from major museums all over the world," Menist said at the end of the visit. "It is really an original and unforgettable journey into the artistic images of night throughout the centuries and the Palladian Basilica provides the perfect venue for creating that unique and exceptional experience," he said.

The *Basilica Palladiana* is as much of an attraction as the exhibition itself. Completed in the late 16th century, the Basilica has been a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1994. Recently it underwent extensive renovations and was awarded the prestigious European Union's Prize for Cultural Heritage in 2014.

"After the tour, Deputy Mayor Bulgarini encouraged us to visit the Teatro Olimpico and attend some of the city's jazz festival in May. My wife Erin and I plan to take advantage of these incredible cultural offerings," Williams said, pleased to enjoy warm relationships with the leaders of the city of Vicenza.

The exhibition runs through June 2. For more information and visiting hours, visit <http://www.lineadombra.it/eng/exhibitions/tutankhamon-caravaggio-van-gogh-en/la-mostra-en/tcvg-mostra-en/tcvg-mostra-breve-en.php>



Group photo from the top of the terrace at the Palladian Basilica in Vicenza, Jan. 30. From left to right, U.S. Army Vicenza Garrison Commander Col. Robert L. Menist Jr., Italian base commander Col. Edoardo Maggian, Deputy Mayor of Vicenza Jacopo Bulgarini D'Elci, Erin Williams, U.S. Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. Darryl A. Williams and Host Nation Advisor Peter Brownfeld.

Former entertainer continues serving troops

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

What do tacos and tap shoes have in common? One USO Vicenza volunteer has used both to serve and entertain troops. Sandy Pederson, a former singer and dancer, tried out in her late teens to join a group that toured the world performing for military.

"I've always loved dancing, especially tap," said Pederson. Pederson, along with her husband, retired colonel, Duard, has lived in the Vicenza area for nine months as missionaries for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Sandy's tours took her to Japan, Philippines, Guam, Panama and a number of other places. While on tour, she was at the Naval Commander's home when the U.S. set foot on the moon. She was Miss Utah State while attending Brigham Young University in Utah. While on tour in Japan, she performed at the Osaka World's Fair in 1970 on floating stages. During another trip in Korea, the performers were taken to see the Demilitarized Zone and saw the North Korean guards with guns pointed at them.

Sandy raised eight children and performing came naturally to her family. Her children were in works to do a sitcom with ABC but it hit a snag and didn't happen. Sandy's husband passed away and her children convinced her to go online to a dating site

where she met Duard, who had four children of his own. Together they have 33 grandchildren and counting. Sandy said that the grandchildren can hardly believe that the family used to perform and are shocked by videos. The Pedersons also have five exchange students that they call their children and even helped through college.

This is not the Pedersons' first mission. They also spent time in Turkey and did 36 humanitarian projects ranging from wheelchairs to water projects in villages while they were there.

"We are there to help single Soldiers and spouses while their husbands are gone, said Duard.

"Sometimes all they need is a hug," said Sandy. The Pedersons are at the USO every Tuesday on taco night cooking for nearly 100 Soldiers, families and post patrons. They also volunteer with the Red Cross at the Health Center and Duard helps with Boy Scouts, which he has done for 40 years, and other special events with the USO.

"We simply couldn't produce the same level of service we provide without the help of our volunteers,



USO Vicenza volunteer Sandy Pederson traveled with a Young Ambassadors group to Osaka Japan World's Fair in 1970. Pederson is living in Vicenza with her husband retired Col. Duard. Courtesy photo

like the Pedersons," said Assistant USO Vicenza Center Manager Frances Jackson. "These two are always there for when we need them, not only for their service with the USO Vicenza, but to also share a heart warming story to motivate and inspire us."

Duard, an avid falconer, has plans to assist the chapel with a world religion class. They have another nine months in Italy.

"Even if you take a wrong turn you always end up some place beautiful here," said Sandy.



USO Vicenza volunteer Sandy Pederson poses with Japanese women at World's Fair, while she was there as an entertainer. Pederson continues to help out at the USO serving food to members of the community. Courtesy photo



USO Vicenza volunteer Sandy Pederson serves up tacos on Tuesday nights, along with her husband, retired Col. Duard. Sandy was a former entertainer who traveled in the last 60s and early 70s to numerous countries singing and dancing. Photo by Julie M. Lucas, USAG Vicenza PAO

Italian students enjoy US pep rally



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

About 20 students from the business and technical high school “G. Piovene” of Vicenza visited Caserma Ederle Jan. 30 as part of an exchange program, which annually schedules some pre-planned school visits to the Vicenza High School.

During these field trips, Italian students have the opportunity to learn about the American school system, meet with their peers and speak another language.

They were welcomed by Michela Ambruoso, Italian language teacher and culture who coordinates these events.

“Vicenza High School has been having a long standing relationship with this school for the past five years. Our Italian classes visited the Italian school in November,” said Ambruoso. She added that ITC Piovene has a population of about 1,000 students. It specializes in business, finance and tourism. “That is why this is one of the

schools that helps us with the new students orientation. Together with S2S members, students from ITC Piovene take our new VHS students on a tour of Vicenza from a teenager’s point of view,” said Ambruoso.

As most of the Italian students who see the American school for the first time, ITC Piovene students noticed how the way of teaching is different if compared to the lessons they attend in the Italian school.

“I liked the way teachers were able to be friendly and I felt interested in attending the lesson,” said Riccardo Morbisto, one of the ITC Piovene participants.

Another student, Silvia Guardo, pointed up some of the visible differences. “I really like the fact that every student has his/her own computer to do homework. It is also great that every teacher has his/her own classroom and the American students switch classes compared to our habit of staying in our class while the Italian teachers switch classes at the end of the lesson,” she said.

If these are a few of the peculiarities that most students would notice during their first visit, what was unique during this specific one was that the Italian students also joined their peers and experienced the afternoon pep rally.

The goal of this activity, sponsored by the VHS student council, is to encourage school spirit and motivate school participation.

“The pep rally for VHS is an exciting seminar assembly that happens three times a year and introduces the sports team for that season. The assembly aims to get students involved with a series of dress up days starting on Monday of that week,” said VHS student Kaely Wilson.

“This year, each grade level (freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior) selected one guy member of their class to dress up like a girl and compete for the title ‘Misster Pep Rally’.

All the participants had to strut down the gym, perform a special talent, and answer a series of silly questions while their class cheered them on,” said Wilson.

Surrounded by the Vicenza High School marching band, color guard, cheerleaders and students cheering for their class, Italian students certainly had a memorable experience of extracurricular activities.

At the end of the event, all the class members said they will certainly keep in touch with the new friends via texting and Facebook while waiting for their returning visit.



Business and technical high school students from ITC “G. Piovene” of Vicenza had the opportunity to visit the VHS on Caserma Ederle Jan. 30. The Italian students also joined American high school peers during their pep rally.

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US, Slovenian signaleers train together, build interoperability

Story and photos by 1st Lt. **Victoria Bodner**

173rd IBCT (A)



Sgt. Edgar Rodriguez, a signal support systems specialist assigned to the 173rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 173rd Airborne Brigade and Slovenian army Sgt. Rok Kramzak, assigned to 1st Brigade, Slovenian Armed Forces, conduct a radio test Jan. 29, at Pocek, Slovenia, to determine radio compatibility during Exercise Agile Titan. Agile Titan is an allied training event focusing on enhancing interoperability and developing combined technical skills.

Agile Titan builds on a close relationship between the 173rd Airborne Brigade and the Slovenian 1st Brigade. The units have conducted a series of exercises over the past two years, but this was the first time the units focused on communications during an event.

This relationship has also led to real-world mission success.

When Slovenia suffered its worst ice storm in over a hundred years last February, the 173rd was called to deliver generators and other equipment to assist the 1st Brigade in its humanitarian relief efforts.

Both units plan to continue their partnership throughout 2015 in exercises including Eagle Titan in May and the larger multinational exercise Immediate Response in September.

POCEK, Slovenia — Signaleers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade and the Slovenian Armed Forces conducted combined radio training in Postonja, Slovenia, from Jan. 22 to Feb. 2 as part of Exercise Agile Titan.

Agile Titan brought together signal companies from the 173rd Special Troops Battalion and the Rodovski Battalion for allied field training in order to build interoperability between American and Slovenian communication systems.

During the combined operations, Soldiers from both countries trained on technical and tactical skills and validated system platforms.

“The key to NATO’s success is developing partnerships between allies that reinforce interoperability and build trust and confidence between partner nations,” said Capt. Marc Levitt, commander of the American signal company. “Agile Titan provided

the American and Slovenian forces the ability to validate secure communication platforms, (thus) enhancing mission readiness and enabling successful mission command for the combined task force.”

The combined exercise allowed both nations to communicate securely over multiple radio platforms for local and beyond line-of-site communications.

The training provided an opportunity for both nations to validate radio interoperability and work together to establish successful communications despite having different equipment and operating procedures.

“Agile Titan taught our Soldiers important lessons on partnership,” said Slovenian Maj. Ales Lesjak, commander of the Slovenian signal company. “Demonstrating that our communication systems can securely operate together is essential to combined operations.”



American and Slovenian soldiers set up an antenna during combined communications training at Exercise Agile Titan, Pocek, Slovenia, Jan. 29. Agile Titan is an allied training event focusing on enhancing interoperability and developing combined technical skills

USARAF G-6 NCOs demonstrate leadership to forces across Africa



Staff Sgt. Jeremiah Prattis, right, a squad leader with Co. B, 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regt., 2nd Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division communicates via radio with his platoon sergeant during a three-day joint situational training exercise with South African Defense Forces, part of Exercise Shared Accord 2013. NCOs of U.S. Army Africa's G-6 directorate ensure communication support during exercises and other missions on the African continent. Shared Accord 13 is a biennial training exercise which promotes regional relationships, increases capacity, trains U.S. and South African forces, and furthers cross-training and interoperability.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Tamika Dillard

By **Meghan Portillo**
NCO Journal

The NCOs of U.S. Army Africa's G-6 directorate adapt to many challenges as they work alongside African partner nations to provide communication support for operations and exercises in areas with few resources.

As USARAF's only signal asset, the G-6 assumes the regular duties of ensuring USARAF headquarters in Vicenza, Italy, has Internet and phone service and of troubleshooting printers, computers and mobile devices. The approximately 50 personnel are spread thin, however, as they also provide communication support during exercises and other missions on the African continent.

"Fifty-one people trying to support all of the communication assets on the African continent can be very challenging at times," said Sgt. Maj. Anthony Harris Sr., USARAF's G-6 sergeant major. "There are a lot of exercises and not enough people. I do not have regionally aligned forces to support USARAF fully. So that's why you see (individuals and teams of two) going to different exercises, different operations. Depending on what is go-

ing on on the continent, somebody is going to say, 'Hey, I need radio.' 'Hey, I need Internet.'"

More than 2,000 languages are spoken in Africa's 54 nations, and each country regulates its telecommunication differently. This leads to unique challenges when USARAF brings nations together for regional exercises.

Each year, USARAF coordinates an exercise in each of the four regions of Africa as part of the "Accord" series. The exercises are intended to enhance African forces' abilities to conduct operations on their own, increasing stability and security in each region.

As a G-6 exercise planner, Master Sgt. Christopher Tunison works with the G-3/5/7 operations, plans and training directorate to arrange communication support for each exercise. He is usually deployed a week or two out of every month to attend planning events.

"Each participating country will send representatives to the planning events," Tunison said. "We will figure out what the objectives are for the exercise this year, and the communications planners from each of those countries will sit down (often with a translator) and figure out how we are

all going to talk, collectively, at the exercise."

Sgt. Markus Dickinson, a USARAF information systems technician, said that USARAF's goal of helping African countries build their own network capabilities is difficult when countries see that it is often easier to obtain equipment such as computers, radios and satellite terminals from the United States than to provide it themselves.

"Some countries are very poor and don't have a large budget," Dickinson said. "So when you ask them to bring 15 radios to an exercise, that might be everything that they have available."

Once the planning team has agreed on the contributions from each country, the USARAF G-6 makes arrangements to provide whatever else is needed to support communication during the exercise.

Tunison said they know, however, to always be prepared for changes. If a country should pull out of an exercise at the last minute, USARAF must fill the gap and compensate for the services or equipment that country would have provided.

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“Things on the African continent turn on a dime,” Dickinson said. “There are so many different countries, and every region has something that could boil over at any minute. We lost a couple of countries right before the last Eastern Accord exercise – South Sudan wasn’t able to participate because of political sensitivities in Kenya, for example. When that happens, you just have to roll with the punches.”

Though USARAF NCOs are usually the only enlisted personnel amongst many officers at a planning event, they display leadership skills and teach others how to prepare for an exercise just the same. The high-ranking officers of partner nations who join them at the table sometimes lack planning skills common to American NCOs and often do not have the authority to make decisions or approve their country’s provision of resources or equipment, Tunison said.

“The biggest difficulty we notice when we go to these planning events

is their lack of planning ability,” Tunison said. “So, we are trying to help them expand on that capability. Granted, they are very senior-level officers, but ... we try to teach them how to plan efficiently, how to develop their own standard operating procedures, how to run their S-6, and how to take different MOSs, balance them and leverage them against specific equipment.”

Because the end goal is for African nations to take over the planning, execution and expense of these exercises, Tunison said he always appoints an officer from another country to take the lead. Teaching others to lead while guiding from the sidelines is a fine art every NCO needs to work on, he said.

“That can be a challenge even in a roomful of U.S. Soldiers,” he said. “Here, we are a sergeant first class in a roomful of majors and lieutenant colonels, and we have to use a lot of etiquette to accomplish our objectives. We are dealing with varying coun-

tries, and they all have different views as far as protocol and the relationship between NCOs and officers.”

Once an exercise is underway, Dickinson and others supporting the operation face their own challenges. Dickinson explained that, in addition to fixing computers and making sure everyone at the exercise is able to print, it is his responsibility to set up and maintain the portable system that converts a country’s available commercial Internet into the secure connections commanders need to do their jobs.

“The (communication) system I went to support, I had never even heard of it before. I had to look it up,” Dickinson said. “They say, ‘You are going to support that.’ I say, ‘Roger.’ It’s not, ‘Oh, there is someone else that may be better for this.’ You say, ‘OK, tell me where I need to go. I’ll figure it out, and I’ll be ready when the time comes.’”

U.S. Army Africa conducts MEDRETE 15-1 in Burundi

By Sgt. 1st Class **Matthew Chlosta**
7th Civil Affairs Command

BUJUMBURA, Burundi – Eleven U.S. Army Soldiers from the William Beaumont Army Medical Center Fort Bliss, Texas, partnered with Burundian National Defense Force doctors and medical support staff at the Kamenge Military Hospital on trauma resuscitation, emergency room procedures and evaluations during an Africa Command directed, U.S. Army Africa led joint Medical Readiness and Training Exercise Jan. 19-30.

Three U.S. Army Reserve Soldiers from the 7th Civil Support Command’s 2500th Digital Liaison Detachment operated as the MEDRETE 15-1 mission command element. The unit provided command and control, logistics support, movement control and mission planning.

Col. Patrick Cook, vascular surgeon, WBAMC, medical officer in charge for MEDRETE 15-1 said the concept behind the training is to give active-duty medical professionals the opportunity to provide medical care in an austere environment and share medical concepts, techniques and strategies with Burundian counterparts.

According to USARAF, MEDRETE 15-1 was designed for the medical professionals from both militaries to build



Clockwise from left to right, Maj. James Blair, orthopedic trauma surgeon, William Beaumont Army Medical Center, Fort Bliss, Texas; an orthopedic surgeon and 1st Lt. James Bills, operating room nurse, perform surgery on a hip fracture Jan. 28, at the Kamenge Military Hospital during a U.S. Army Africa/U.S. Embassy-Burundi joint Medical Readiness and Training Exercise in partnership with the Burundian National Defense Force.

and strengthen medical capacity and allow the U.S. medical team to train in an alternatively resourced environment, to share medical procedures and enhance Burundi's military healthcare system's ability to deliver effective general surgery and trauma response in support of regional, United Nations and African Union missions including taking care of wounded BDNF Soldiers who return from the AU peacekeeping mission in Somali.

The medical team included: two surgeons, two resident surgeons, one operating room nurse, one operating room technician, one emergency room physician, an emergency room nurse, one ward master, one nurse anesthetist and an emergency room medical noncommissioned officer.

"In general things are going well," said Maj. James Blair, orthopedic trauma surgeon, WBAMC. "We've seen some very bad injuries and different ways of treating them. We've shared our knowledge and thought process in treating similar type of injuries."

Blair has participated in two other MEDRETEs in Honduras, 2010 and 2012.

"We sometimes think the way we do things is the right and the only way to do things and here the majority of their techniques in treating patients work well for them," Blair said. "It gives us an appreciation for the skill set they have."

The 2500th DLD helped the medical personnel overcome a few logistical challenges, including delayed baggage.

"We had delayed baggage but that was easily resolved after a week," said Sgt. 1st Class Carl Turner, the non-commissioned officer in charge of the MEDRETE 15-1 MCE from the 2500th DLD, 7th CSC. "The medical team was missing (some) medical consumables but we had some on hand from previous MEDRETE. We did cross loading of medical supplies that allowed the medical team to execute their mission despite the delayed luggage."

Turner, who completed a combat jump into Iraq in March 2003, said this was his third MEDRETE; he also participated in MEDRETE events in

Benin and the Congo in 2013.

"We spent more than \$6,000 on humanitarian civil assistance funding for medical supplies," Turner said about US-ARAF HCAF that the 2500th DLD and the U.S. medical team provided to KMH.

In his civilian capacity, Turner works for the U.S. Department of Defense in force protection as the Installation Anti-Terrorism officer, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza.

The U.S. Army medical team also participated in and taught academic classes at KMH with local medical personnel, subjects included vascular trauma, orthopedic surgery and advanced trauma life support concepts.

"I think it's been a very educational and a rewarding experience," Cook said. "The medical professionals are well trained and competent and are limited by their infrastructure and resources."

According to Cook, the BDNF surgical specialists have been trained in Belgium, Greece, France and one was trained by an American organization in Rwanda.

"I think it (MEDRETE 15-1) gives us and our international colleagues an opportunity to share knowledge," Cook said. "In terms of the environment and the people and the roles it is not significantly different during surgical procedures."

The Director General of the BDNF KMH said MEDRETE 15-1 was a significant event for his country.

"It is very important," the Director General said. "It is not the first time we worked with the U.S. Army. They did a very good job working with them in the operating room. I am happy for this team that came. (The BDNF and the U.S. medical personnel) work together. The patients are happy because they did a good job and we are very grateful for that. There was an exchange of experience."



Clockwise from left to right, Maj. Cory Poppe, an officer with the 2500th Digital Liaison Detachment, 7th Civil Support Command and the officer in charge of the mission command element, Medical Readiness Exercise 15-1 speaks with Cpl. Andrew Hilton, operating room specialist and Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Ordaz, department of nursing NCOIC, both from the William Beaumont Army Medical Center, Fort Bliss, Texas and Sgt. 1st Class Carl Turner, the noncommissioned officer in charge of the MEDRETE 15-1 MCE also from the 2500th DLD, 7th CSC Jan. 28, 2015 during the Africa Command directed, U.S. Army Africa led joint MEDRETE 15-1 in partnership with the Burundian National Defense Force, Jan. 19-30

It is important in the future for BDNF medical providers to travel to the U.S. for additional training, he added.

MEDRETE 15-1 concluded with a formal closing ceremony Jan. 30.

"The United States Army is proud to partner with the people of Burundi for this exercise," said Brig. Gen. Kenneth H. Moore Jr., deputy commanding general, USARAF, at the closing ceremony. "Thank you for having us in your country, we seek to help Africans solve African problems and develop capable partners to address challenges, such as those we trained on during this exercise."

Moore concluded by emphasizing that good health and medical care is an essential part of life no matter what country or culture you're from.

"The bottom line is: It doesn't matter where you are from; it doesn't matter your language or background: basic health care is an essential part of a decent life," Moore said. "Hopefully, we brought something to your country these last two weeks during this exercise; the exchange of ideas and expertise, friendship and a lasting relationship between our two countries."

Experience Tuscany on a charming scale

Story and photos by **Amy Drummond**

DMC PAO



Cypress trees line the five kilometer road to the village of Bolgheri. Vineyards and olive groves dot the landscape just outside the spread of the trees.

Fine wine, local flavors, beautiful scenery, and bits of medieval life are tucked into the small town of Bolgheri, located in the commune of Castagneto Carducci.

Bolgheri is a sleepy village in the winter, but during tourist season it becomes a babbling brook of tourists trying to experience a slower, quieter version of life in Tuscany.

The cypress lined road leading to Bolgheri looks like it is right out of a painting. This avenue of cypress trees was immortalized by the famous Italian poet Giosuè Carducci, in the poem "Davanti San Guido" or "In front of San Guido". Bolgheri was the childhood home of Carducci, and the burial location for his Nonna Lucia, who is also mentioned in the poem. A terra-cotta statue memorializing Nonna Lucia is

located in the center of the community square.

This charming little hamlet was developed around the medieval castle, Castello di Bolgheri, which has been remodeled over the centuries. The castle stands on a small hill reachable by the five kilometer long picturesque cypress byway.

The lanes of the village take a visitor back to medieval times, and in the warmer months the flower lined buildings make one feel like they are in a postcard.

Bolgheri has craft shops, wine bars, taverns, enoteca's, and famous restaurants. All of which offer local products and some even offer tastings of wine from the region. Rustic little churches add to the small town charm. Native artists display their art-

work, including hand painted and three-dimensional terra-cotta designs.

At the far side of town there are several olive trees dating back to 1720. Views of some of the surrounding hills and valleys can be seen from a scenic overlook on Via Giulia.

Winding roads full of wineries and agriturismi surround the quaint village. The hills and country side are dotted with vineyards and groves of olive trees.

Adding to the small town experience and beauty is the variety of superior wines that are produced in this province.

Strada del Vino Costa degli Etruschi, or the Etruscan Coast Wine Road, is one of fourteen wine roads in Tuscany. According to their official website, www.lastradadelvino.com, there are 110 wineries located within this region. More than 60 wineries are with-

in a 20-kilometer radius of Bolgheri. The wineries produce mostly red wines, but there are a few varieties of rose and white. For more information about the consortium of wineries and the wine produced go to: www.bolgheridoc.com.

For those who tire of the slower pulse of village life and fine wines, Bolgheri is just a short distance from the sea and a wildlife refuge.

The wildlife refuge only allows guided visits and is open from November through April with dedicated times for photographers and birdwatchers. For more information about the wildlife refuge go to: http://www.wwf.it/oasi/toscana/padule_di_bolgheri/.

Bolgheri and the surrounding sites are about an hour from post. Maps of the area and the Etruscan Wine Road can be picked up at the Tourist Information (TI) point located at the intersection of the Aurelia and Strada Provinciale Bolgherese.

Ample parking can be found on Strada Provinciale Bolgherese just before you arrive in town and right down the hill at the entrance to the village on Via Degli Orti.



The sleepy village of Bolgheri offers visitors a chance to experience small town life in Tuscany. This medieval town was established around the small castle, Castello di Bolgheri. The area surrounding Bolgheri, known as the Etruscan Wine Road region, is stippled with vineyards, olive groves, wineries and agriturismi.

DMC takes 'Caravan of Savings'

Story and photos by **Amy Drummond**
DMC PAO

In preparation for 'Military Saves Week,' Feb. 23-28, Army Community Service offered a 'Caravan of Savings' outing to members of the Darby Military Community Feb. 4.

In conjunction with an introduction to the Military Saves Pledge, community members were shuttled to second hand stores and consignment shops, or mercantino dell' usato, within the Province of Livorno.

This free trip brought together families and singles to experience basic thrift shop and saving skills on the Italian economy.

Trip coordinator Jane Spencer, ACS Financial Readiness Program manager, and other seasoned shoppers guided first timers through the ins and outs of shopping at local thrift stores.

First time thrift shoppers were given tips on how to navigate the pricing stickers at the stores. "Look at the date on the sticker on the item. If it is more than 60 days old, ask if the item is discounted," Spencer said.

"I learned that there are several thrift store locations around the surrounding areas of Camp Darby with very reasonable prices on antique furniture, home decor, dishes, clothing and many other items," First time traveler Jessica Fischer said. "I was able to purchase a set of cognac glasses to add to my bar, a wine rack and found several pieces of antique furniture



Jessica Fischer holds one thrift shop find while looking at for another treasure during the 'Caravan of Savings' trip Feb. 4. Darby Military Community Army Community Service coordinated this trip in preparation for 'Military Saves Week,' Feb. 23-28.

that I'd like to go back and purchase. Not only was this trip an outing to discover nearby locations with discount prices, but it was a time to meet and socialize with others from our community."

According to the Consumer Federation of America, the nonprofit organization in charge of the program, "Military Saves Week is an annual opportunity for installations and organizations to promote good savings behavior and a chance for service members and their families to assess their own saving status. Typically thousands of organizations participate in the Week, reaching millions of people."

To find out more about 'Military

Saves Week' and to take the 'Military Saves Pledge,' go to: <http://www.militarysaves.org/>.

ACS has teamed up with local banks in conjunction with 'Military Saves Week' to encourage all members of the community to pledge to save.

"We recognize that service members and other members of the Darby Military Community may not be able to attend (events) so we have partners in Global Credit Union and Community Bank to encourage those taking the 'Savers Pledge,'" Spencer said.

Another part of the 'Military Saves' campaign is the upcoming Dine on a Dime 'Asian Fusion' dinner and cooking class scheduled for Feb. 23 at the Darby Community Club.

Spencer said, "Dine on a Dime is a monthly financial readiness and budgeting course offered to single and unaccompanied service members interested in saving money on groceries, planning meals and learning how to eat healthy on the cheap budget."

"I look forward to the next ACS 'Caravan of Savings' and am excited about the upcoming (travel training) trip to Florence," said Jessica Fischer.

For more information about future 'Caravan of Savings' trips and other ACS classes call 05-054-7084 or DSN 633-7084.



Seasoned thrift shoppers Teresa Elya and Deanna Halstead talk over Elya's latest treasure, a cast iron mortar and pestle during the 'Caravan of Savings' trip Feb. 4. Darby Military Community Army Community Service coordinated this trip in preparation for 'Military Saves Week,' Feb. 23-28.

Speak Out

What is the best Valentine's Day gift you received?



Amber Weber

Air Force Family Member

"My husband took pictures from all of our travels and significant events; and put them into a framed collage for me."



Staff Sergeant **Jason Ryan**
DMC, USAG Vicenza, Desk Sergeant

"Anything from my kids."



Sherri Terry

405th Army Field Support Battalion

"A surprise trip from my honey to Indianapolis from Korea, to be with my honey for a week."

By Amy Drummond

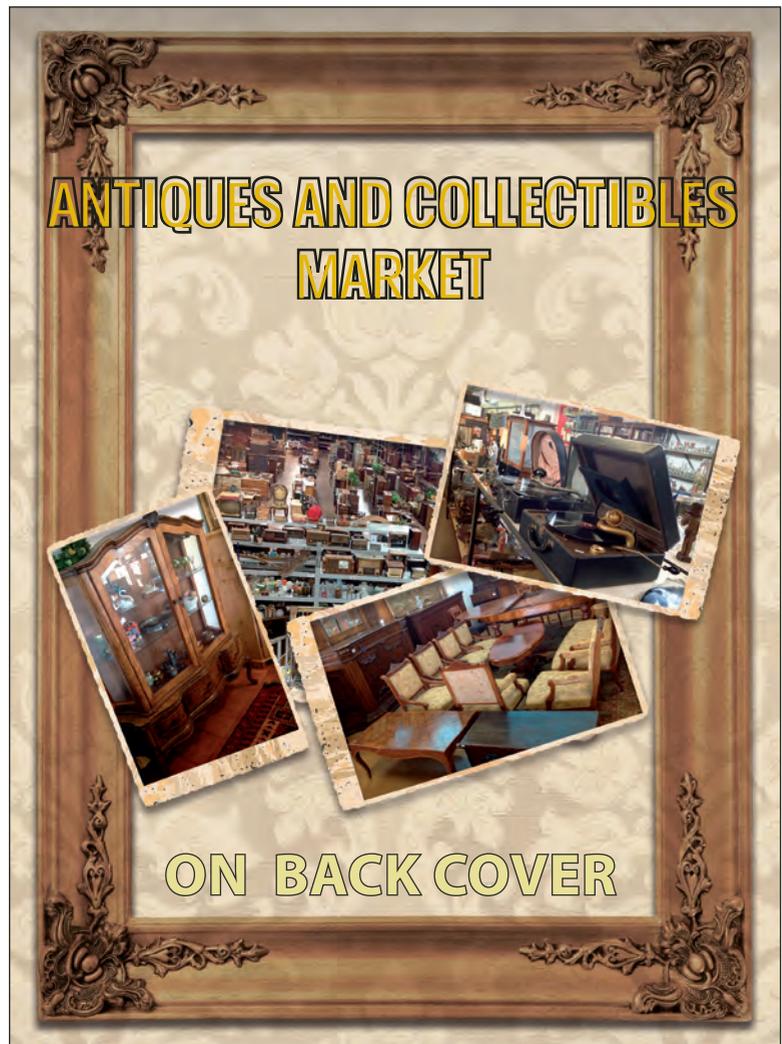
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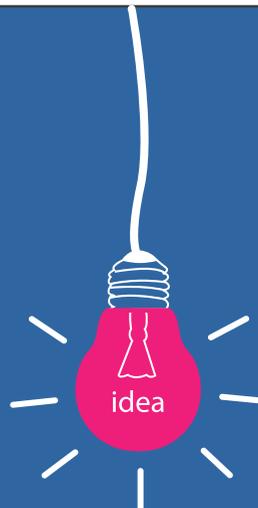
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Cougar's Randall Bagras, #11 goes for the ball during the game against American Overseas School of Rome at the post gym Jan. 31.

- The Cougar boys lost **47-49**.
- They also played Jan. 30 and they lost **49-52**.
- The Cougar girls' team won both games **56-17** and **49-11**.

The Cougars will meet Aviano Feb. 13-14 before closing out the season at the European Championships in Wiesbaden, Germany Feb. 18-21.



Cougar's Randall Bagras, #11 goes around his opponent during the game.



Three VHS players attempt a rebound during the first period of the game vs. AOSR at the post gym Jan. 31.



About 200 community members participate in the Vicenza Community Club Mad Hatter Gala at the Golden Lion Jan. 31. The event included cocktail hour, dinner, VHS senior class silent basket auction, raffles and a live auction that raised funds for the VCC Scholarship Program.

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

Community news briefs

Black History Month Observance

The Vicenza Equal Opportunity and Employment Offices are hosting a Black History Month Observance Wednesday, Feb. 18 at the Golden Lion from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The event will feature dancing, music, a speaker and a food sampling.

Tax Center open

The Vicenza Tax Center is now open to provide free tax preparation assistance from IRS-Certified tax professionals until June 15. 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 0444-71-7316.

USO Volunteer Appreciation Day

All volunteers are encouraged to attend a dinner at a designated restaurant on their behalf to say, "Thank You For Your Service!" from your USO Vicenza team Feb. 26 from 7-9 p.m.

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 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

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>. Mirka extends recall of Compact Electric Random Orbital Sanders due to fire hazard. Vosges Haut-Chocolat recalls Festival of Lights Gift Box Sets due to fire hazard. NPD Furniture re-

calls Dining Chairs due to fall hazard. IKEA recalls Crib Mattresses due to risk of entrapment. Pro Performance recalls SKLZ Resistance Trainers due to risk of severe injury. Children's Pajamas recalled by Star Ride Kids due to violation of federal flammability standard. CoScentrix expands recall of DD Brand Candles due to fire hazard; exclusively at Hobby Lobby. Olympic Mountain Products recalls Tealight Wax Warmers due to fire and burn hazards; sold exclusively at Costco. Sunbeam recalls Holmes Oil Filled Heaters due to scald 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

Medical Benvenuti

Every Tuesday from 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the Central Processing Facility room 2, 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.

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 Community Mail Room can now accept check deposits if the bank card be-

ing 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 Torri di 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" al-

lows local jurisdiction/road owner to require vehicles to have snow chains on board or equipped with winter tires. These requirements apply to all the Autostrade and some local roads. The ordinances are available at the official web site of Polizia di Stato: <http://www.poliziadistato.it> The ordinances are typically valid from Nov. 15-April 15 (even if snowfall is not in progress). However, weather conditions or local requirements may warrant their use as specified in the ordinance. Traffic police enforce compliance with all road ordinances for the time frame/conditions indicated by the requirements. Police will check for snow chains on board or winter tires with the MS insignia. Fines for

non compliance range from €84-335.

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 Jan. 8 as indicated in the waste collection calendar that was distributed to residences this month. For more information contact the housing office.



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At the movies



KINGSMAN: SECRET SERVICE

Gary "Eggsy" Unwin (Taron Egerton), whose late father secretly worked for a spy organization, lives in a South London housing estate and seems headed for a life behind bars. However, dapper agent Harry Hart (Colin Firth) recognizes potential in the youth and recruits him to be a trainee in the secret service. Meanwhile, villainous Richmond Valentine (Samuel L. Jackson) launches a diabolical plan to solve the problem of climate change via a worldwide killing spree.

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

Ederle Theater

Feb. 12	7 p.m.	Jupiter Ascending (PG-13)
Feb. 13	7 p.m.	American Sniper (R)
	10 p.m.	Kingsman: Secret Service (R) *
Feb. 14	3 p.m.	Kingsman: Secret Service (R) *
	9 p.m.	50 Shades of Grey (R) *
Feb. 15	3 p.m.	Strange Magic (PG) *
	6 p.m.	50 Shades of Grey (R) *
Feb. 18	11 a.m.	50 Shades of Grey (R)
	7 p.m.	The Wedding Ringer (R)
Feb. 19	7 p.m.	Kingsman: Secret Service (R)
Feb. 20	7 p.m.	McFarland USA (PG)
	10 p.m.	Hot Tub Time Machine 2 (R) *
Feb. 21	3 p.m.	McFarland USA (PG)
	6 p.m.	Hot Tub Time Machine 2 (R) *
Feb. 22	3 p.m.	Jupiter Ascending (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Hot Tub Time Machine 2 (R) *
Feb. 25	11 a.m.	The Hobbit: Battle of Five Armies (PG-13)
	7 p.m.	Taken 3 (PG-13)



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 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 5th 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 3rd 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.



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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

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

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)**

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

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: lescalle@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

Vicenza Hospitality House: A good place for anyone — single Soldiers, men, women and couples — to enjoy food, fun and fellowship. Friday: Potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. with Walk in the Word following. Call 0444-581-427 for more information or if you need transportation.

MUSIC ACTIVITIES AT THE CHAPEL

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

Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.: Catholic choir practice

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

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



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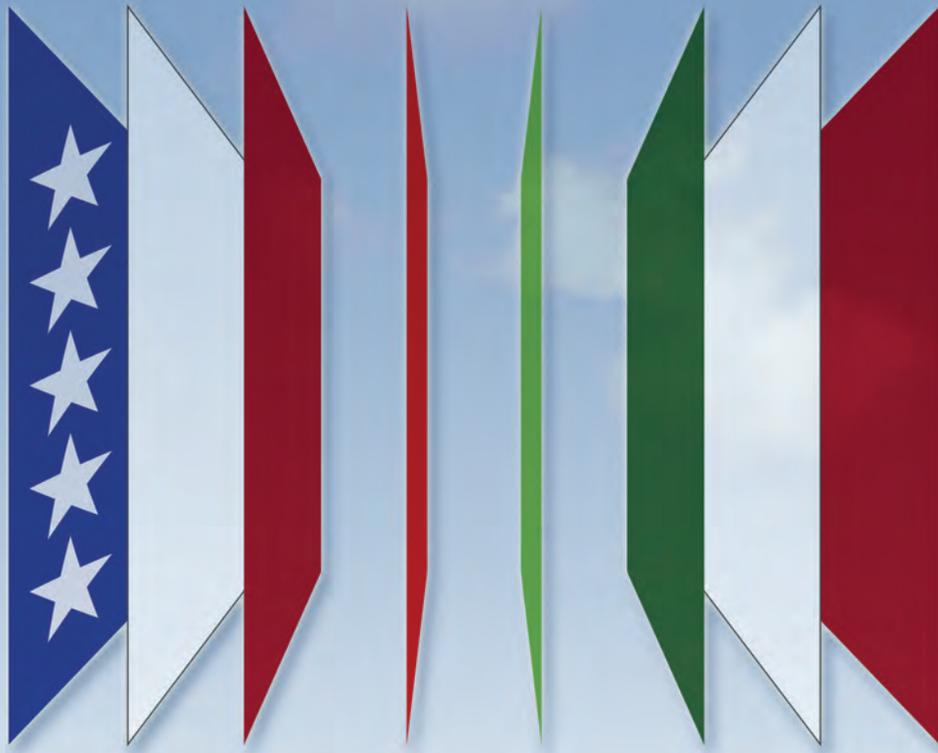


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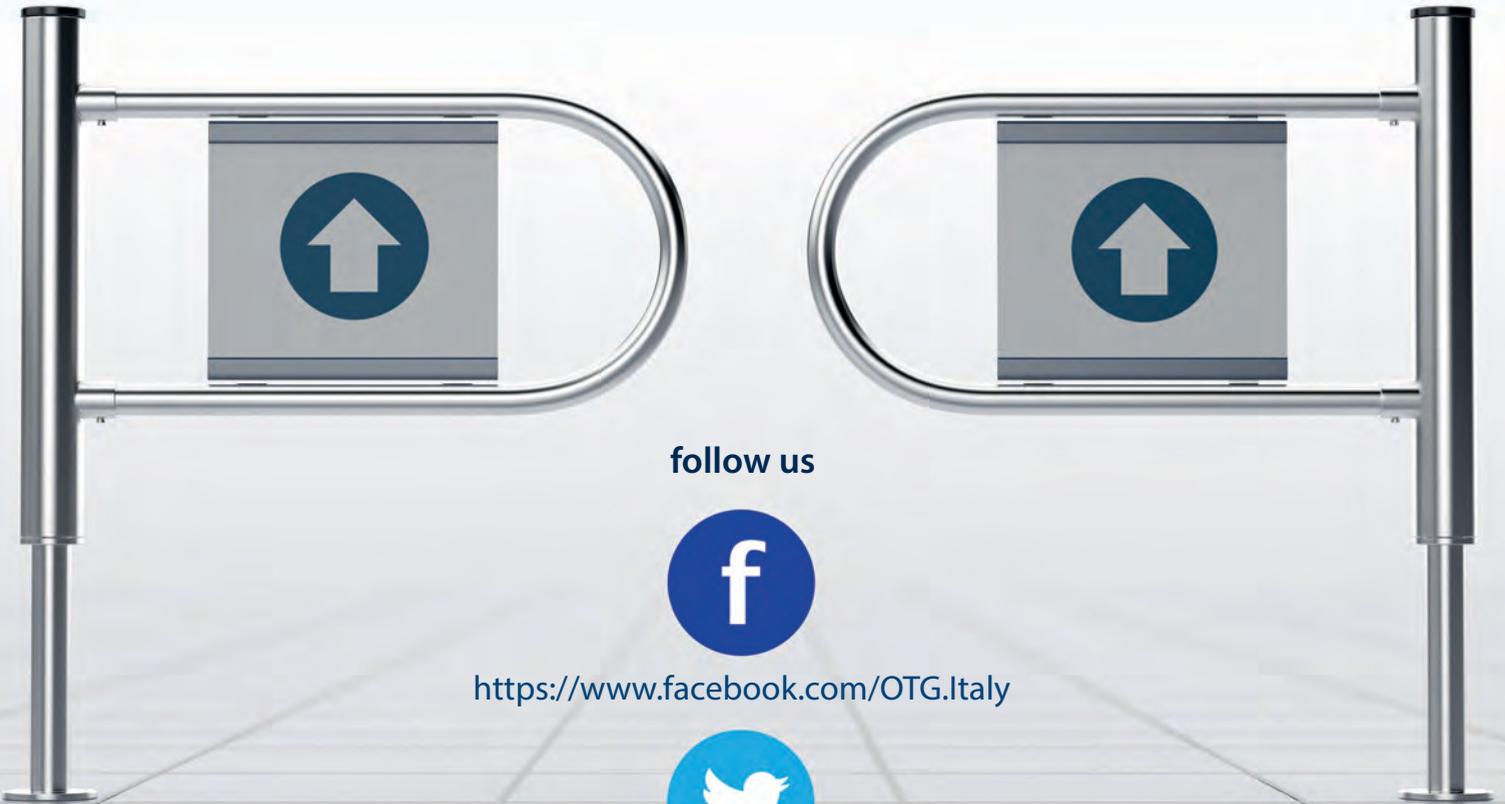
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Valentine's Day - Verona

VENETO

Valentine's Day in Italy

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

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

Verona in Love

Feb. 12-15, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Dei Signori and Piazza Bra. *Se ami qualcuno, portalo a Verona* - If you love

someone, bring her/him to Verona - is the slogan of Romeo and Juliet's city. *Un cuore da scoprire*: a heart-shaped exhibition and market of romantic gift ideas, crafts and free chocolate sampling; waterfalls of heart-shaped *coriandoli* (confetti); bands, events, and theatrical performances will entertain visitors throughout the weekend; red heart shaped balloons are handed to people walking in town; at night the most important monuments and historical building will be lit up in red.

<http://www.veronainlove.it/en>

Fiera di San Valentino Saint Valentine Fair

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

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

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

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

<http://www.pozzoleone.org/fiera.htm>

Abilmente, Mostra-atelier della manualità creative Bricolage and Manual Creativity Fair

Feb. 26-March 1, in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria 16; 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m. Embroidery and patchwork exhibits and workshops; sewing and T-shirts decorations classes; creative techniques workshops for children. Admission fee: €12; reduced €10 (children younger than 13, senior citizens, groups of more than 10 persons). Free for children younger than 13, for disabled and their assistants.

<http://primavera.abilmente.org/en>

Schella Marzo March Festival

Feb. 26-28, in Asiago; during the last three nights of February, adults and children flock to the streets dragging long rows of tin containers and they pound on them with sticks to make enough loud noise to wake up the spring; **Feb. 28**, at 9 p.m. in Piazza Il Risorgimento, *Rogo della vecchia* (burning of an old woman): a huge puppet made of wood and papier-mâché symbolizing winter is burnt; it is a traditional way to celebrate the awakening of nature after its winter sleep; hot mulled wine and hot chocolate for everyone.

<http://www.vicenzae.org/ita/eventi/icalrepeat.detail/2015/02/26/12449/-/shella-marzo>

Hiking and lunch

Feb. 28, in Mossano; a five km walk on the Colli Berici with an English speaking guide; it starts at 9 a.m. at the park on Via Capitello (Mossano); lunch is at 1:15 p.m., and it ends at 2:30 p.m. with a winery and farm visit; cost: €45; €20 for children aged 10-18; €10 for children aged 5-10; free for children under 5; sign up by Feb. 18; for detailed information and registration, send an email to info@livinginvicenza.com

Asiago in Mongolfiera Hot Air Balloon Show

Feb. 16-17, in Asiago, 10 a.m.-noon and 2:30-4:30 p.m. free hot air balloon tethered flights; reserve your free ride at the tourist agency in Piazza Carli.

http://www.asiago.it/it/eventi/art_asiago_in_mongolfiera_il_16_e_17_febbraio_2015_sullaltopiano_di_asiago/

CARNEVALE CELEBRATIONS

Asiago

Feb. 17, 2:30 p.m., in Piazza Il Risorgimento, Carnevale celebration with music, dancing, masks, and crostoli for everyone.

http://www.asiago.it/it/eventi/art_festa_di_carnevale_in_piazza_ii_risorgimento_ad_asiago_martedi_17_febbraio_2015/

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>



Carnevale - Venice

Bassano del Grappa

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

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 Carnevale 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>

Caldogno

Feb. 21, 5 p.m. in Piazzale Torino, awards to the best costumes; 6-7 p.m. parade floats accompanied by the Povolario musical band and majorettes; 7-9 p.m. entertainment and free crostoli for everyone; in case of inclement weather, the celebration will be postponed to **Feb. 22**.

<http://www.vicenzae.org/ita/eventi/icalrepeat.detail/2015/02/21/12490/-/carnevale-di-cladogno>

Camisano Vicentino

Feb. 15, 6 p.m. food booths open; 7:30 p.m. float parade start from Via Stadio and arrives in Piazza Libertà; hot chocolate, vin brulé and crostoli for everyone.

Feb. 17, at 2:30 p.m. children's Carnevale; 4 p.m. entertainment with clowns and games; food booths; In case of inclement weather, Feb. 15 float parade is postponed to **March 1**.

Casale di Scodosia (Padova)

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

Malo

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



Carnevale - Malo

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

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

Verona

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/>



Carnevale Vicenza



Vicenza

Il Villaggio di Carnevale Carnevale Village

Feb. 15, 2:30-6:30 p.m., in Piazza dei Signori, bounce houses, workshops, cotton candy, music and games for children; 3-7 p.m. live music with the Street Band Piazza Matteotti and Soundstreet Band Piazza Castello.
<http://www.comune.vicenza.it/vicenza/eventi/evento.php/121696>

Gran Carnevale dei Bambini Children Carnevale Party

Feb. 14, 3:30 p.m. at the park on Via Istria; parade accompanied by the Pedrollo Band and majorettes; 4 p.m. country dances; 4:30 p.m. prizes for the best children costume; 5 p.m. dance show.
http://www.eventisagre.it/Carnevale_Carnevale/5278_Carnevale+a+Vicenza.html

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>

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, Palladian 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**, in Jesolo, Via Aquilea 123, 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>

Antonio Lòpez García Exhibit

Through **March 8**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., in Vicenza, Palazzo Chiericati (ground floor); sculptures and paintings by the artist; entrance fee: €6; the ticket is valid for all the exhibits in

Chiericati Palace.

<http://www.livinginvicenza.com/agenda/antonio-lopez-garcia-exhibit-vicenza-2366>

Hemingway – The origins of a poetic exhibit

Through **May 24**, 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m., in Monastier di Treviso, Park Hotel Villa Fiorita, Via Giovanni XXIII; organized on the centenary of World War I, the exhibit features Hemingway's photos, description of places, and excerpts of his books; free entrance.
<http://www.livinginvicenza.com/agenda/hemingway-the-origins-of-a-poetic-exhibition-in-treviso-1930>



Hot Air Balloons in Asiago

Antique markets

Godega di Sant'Urbano: Feb. 15, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Via Roma, about 78 miles northeast of Vicenza.

Malo: Feb. 15, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Via Torino.

Montagnana: Feb. 15, 8 a.m. to sunset, in Piazza Maggiore 150, about 27 miles south of Vicenza.

Padova: Feb. 15, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Prato della Valle, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza.

Soave: Feb. 15, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Antonio Marogna and Corso Vittorio Emanuele, about 23 miles west of Vicenza.

Belluno: Feb. 22, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Duomo, about 103 miles north of Vicenza.

Dolo (Venice): Feb. 22, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., about 37 miles east of Vicenza.

Piazzola sul Brenta: Feb. 22, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Via Camerini, about 16 miles east of Vicenza.

Spresiano (Treviso): Feb. 22, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., in Piazza Luciano Rigo, about 43 miles northeast of Vicenza.

Treviso: Feb. 22, 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Via San Liberale, about 56 miles east 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://firezewinterpark.it/index.php/costi-delle-attivita>

CARNEVALE CELEBRATIONS

Bientina (Pisa)

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 parade, a little train loaded with children riding around the town.

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

Cecina (Livorno)

Feb. 15, 3 p.m. float parade.

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

Foiano della Chiana (Arezzo)

Feb. 15, **Feb. 22**, and **March 1**, starting at 10 a.m.; this is the 476 th 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.carnevaledifoiano.it/>

Follonica (Grosseto)

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/>

Orentano (Pisa)

Feb. 15, **Feb. 17**, and **Feb. 22**, 3 p.m. float parade.

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

Pontedera (Pisa)

Carnevale dei Ragazzi Children Carnevale

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. 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

Santa Croce sull'Arno (Pisa)

Feb. 15, float parade at 3 p.m.

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

Viareggio

Feb. 15, **Feb. 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, of Viareggio; for more info and ticket, go to <http://viareggio.ilcarnevale.com/en/>.

Vicopisano (Pisa)

Carnevale dei Ragazzi Children Carnevale

Feb. 15, and **Feb. 17**; float parade featuring Peppa Pig, 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>

Antique markets

Certaldo (Florence): Feb. 15, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Boccaccio and Via 2 Giugno.

Lucca: Feb. 14-15, 9 a.m.-7 p.m, Piazza Antelminelli, Piazza S. Giovanni, Piazza San Giusto, Via San Giovanni, Corte Bertolini.

Marina di Grosseto (Grosseto): Feb. 15, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Via XXIV Maggio.

Quarrata (Pistoia): Feb. 15, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Risorgimento.

Bientina: Feb. 21-22, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Piazza Vittorio Emanuele.

Cecina Antiqua: Feb. 22, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. in downtown Cecina (Livorno).

Montevarchi (Arezzo): Feb. 22, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Via Isidoro del Lungo, and Via Poggio.

Ponte a Egola (Pisa): Feb. 22, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Rossa.

Prato: Feb. 21-22, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza San Francesco.

SPORTING EVENTS

2015 Harlem Globetrotters

May 5 in Assago (Milan); **May 7** in Verona; **May 9** in Bologna.

SBK Imola Superbike World Championship

May 8-10 in Imola.

Moto GP Motorcycle Racing Grand Prix World Championship

May 29-31 in Mugello (Florence)

Masters of Dirt by Monster Energy

May 17 in Assago (Milan)

2015 Moto GP Motorcycle Racing Grand Prix World Championship

May 29-31 in Mugello (Florence)

FIM Superbike World Championship

June 19-21 in Misano (Rimini)

Tickets are available in Vicenza at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center, or online at http://www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing ; <http://www.ticketone.it/EN/> or <http://www.zedlive.com>.

CONCERTS

Lionel Richie – Feb. 13 in Assago (Milan)

Alt-j – Feb. 14 in Assago (Milan)

Hayseed Dixie – Feb. 16 in Mezzago

Straight No Chaser – Feb. 16 in Assago (Milan)

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 (Milan)

UB40 – March 28 in Padova

Sting and Paul Simon – March 30 in Assago (Milan)

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

Take That – Oct. 13 in Assago (Milan)

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

Simply Red – Nov. 14 in Rome; Nov. 15 in Assago (Milan)

Simple Minds – Nov. 21 in Assago (Milan)

RECOARO 1000

NON SOLO NEVE



Recoaro Mille is a winter sports resort, in Recoaro Terme, a town well known for its thermal bath facilities. At just an hour's trip from Vicenza, it's a great choice for a day of downhill or cross-country skiing. Families with small children will appreciate the teaching facilities and the beginner's slopes.

The ski slopes are located on the plateau overlooking Recoaro Terme, and are accessible from the gondola that leaves from the town center. The 630 meter long, 28° downhill slope on Monte Falcone, is unrivaled within the Venetian Pre-Alps. A modern chairlift, conveyor belt boarding and an intermediate lift, make it ideal for intense workouts, with a lift time at just 3.5 minutes.

The Pizzegoro basin, at the foot of Monte Falcone, is the beginner's slope, served by a chairlift and a ski lift. Extending westward from the Pizzegoro basin is the picturesque Montagnole area, looking toward the ridges of the small Dolomites. It's ideal for cross-country skiing: several rings of track, varying in difficulty, are carefully maintained for cross-country enthusiasts. The resort is complete with a large, convenient parking area, hotels, bars, ski school, and ski equipment rentals.

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February EVENTS 2015

14/02

Valentine's Day for lovers on skis at Recoaro Mille. Every couple in love can purchase a Ski pass for two at the price of one. Candlelight dinner at "Rifugio Montefalcone".

16/02

Maccheroni pasta at high altitude on Montefalcone. With the purchase of a day Skipass you'll receive a voucher for a plate of maccheroni pasta at the Montefalcone Ski lodge.

17/02

Ski race in costume for Carnevale.
Giant slalom promotion where each participant must present themselves in costume for the race

21/02

Disco Music: Recoaro at.... Mille (*a thousand*)
Disco night at the Albergo "Rifugio Valdagno". During the evening, a drawing will be held for the winner of a seasonal pass for summer 2015

28/02

Music in the ski lodge, "Rifugio a Montefalcone"
An afternoon of music and dancing, with a DJ

*The events can be canceled or postponed due to adverse weather or unforeseen circumstances

Promotions continue throughout the month of February

Weekday Promotional Rates

1 Day

1 day Skipass: Euro 16 instead of 21

1 day ski rental: Euro 15

2 Days

2 day Skipass: Euro 30

2 day ski rental: Euro 27

Hotel with breakfast included

Hotel Rifugio Valdagno: Euro 30 per person

Weekend Promotional Rates

1 Day

1 day Skipass: Euro 20 instead of 25

1 day ski rental: Euro 18

2 Days

2 day Skipass: Euro 38

2 day ski rental: Euro 33

Hotel with breakfast included

Hotel Rifugio Valdagno: Euro 35 per person

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The Veneto Vine

The power of collaboration and community:
The VCC's annual CIAO Conference

I recently interviewed Lori Van Etten, who heads the planning committee for the Vicenza Community Club's annual CIAO Conference to be held on March 6th, 2015 at the Dai Gelosi Restaurant, in nearby Valproto di Quinto Vicentino.



CIAO Conference Committee members: (from left) Soraya Franklin, Lori Van Etten, and Nancy Hudson.

We met in front of a steaming plate of baccalà in a cozy trattoria, and as soon as I heard Lori speaking like an Italian pro, I knew I'd just met an American who has spent some serious time "Outside the Gate"!

So, before we start talking about the CIAO Conference, can you tell me a little about your experience living in Italy?

I first came here in 2008. My husband was deployed at the time, and our two dogs were almost sent back to the United States because their paperwork was lost during transit!

I felt alone and frustrated, organizing

myself and our children. I attended my first CIAO Conference back then. I met some great people, but above all, it whet my appetite: every weekend we just got in our car and started exploring towns, villages, food, wine, history and art. I fell in love with this place, and am thrilled to have had the opportunity to come back to Vicenza for a second time.

I'd say that life here is even better the second time around. I thought Italians were pretty aloof, but I've come to understand and appreciate the cultural differences. I've now made some truly generous and kind Italian friends through my son's Italian kindergarten.

You light up at the word CIAO, so let's get to talking about the Conference.

This day long conference, held in honor of the pan European "Festa della Donna" (Women's Day), is designed to inspire and educate the people in our community.

Originally, the VCC created the CIAO conference to celebrate women through education and fun.

However, this is not a women's event anymore, and many don't know this, the CIAO Conference is open not only to men and women but to Americans and Italians. It is truly a Vicenza Community event.

What's new at the CIAO Conference this year?

Just about everything! The **CIAO** Committee has been hard at work since last September, planning and organizing to make sure there will be something for everyone, whether you're new to Vicenza or have been here awhile. Classes are offered to celebrate this unique Italian-American experience and hopefully, help make your time here in Italy all the more unforgettable. We're really proud of what we've put together, so let me just tell you a few highlights!

- Italian cooking with Chef Mauro
- Wine etiquette: the proper way to taste and drink, with Zonin Winery
- Wine tasting with Francesca from Salvan Winery
- Painting, photography, mosaics, stained glass are just a sample of the classes available.
- For those that are new to Vicenza, Roberto from Living in Vicenza will be providing the scoop on what to do, where to go and how to best enjoy all the city has to offer.

Can you tell me more about how to participate?

As I said before, the event is open to the entire Vicenza community. The cost of the conference, twenty five dollars, includes breakfast, lunch, prizes and transportation if needed. Everyone who attends will receive at least one prize! Registration forms can be downloaded from the **VCC** website or can be picked up from the thrift store. Completed forms go in the drop box outside the thrift store along with payment. You can also pull up information on our Facebook event page, *CIAO-Conference-Vicenza*.

Any last note?

If any of the readers here do come to the **CIAO** event, we'd love to get your feedback on the day's events. Hope to see you there and in the meantime, please follow us on our Facebook event page!

CIAO Conference on Vicenza Community Club's website:
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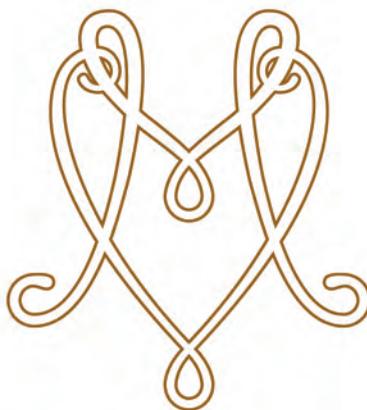
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