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Students and faculty from Vicenza Middle School prepare to release balloons as a part of Read Across America Week and Dr. Seuss's birthday. Around 60 balloons were released with information to contact the school if they are found. The school had numerous activities for the week.

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AER campaign kicks off in Vicenza

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



There aren't many companies that give their employees interest free loans. Besides free uniforms, that's just another benefit Soldiers have and many don't take advantage of.

The Army Emergency Relief was created in 1942 by the Secretary of War and the Army Chief of Staff. According to their website, www.aerhq.org, AER's sole mission is to help Soldiers

and their Family members. Its motto is "Helping the Army Take Care of Its Own."

"AER does so much that people don't even realize to assisting retirees to scholarships," said Steve Mendiola, Army Community Service AER officer and interim Financial Readiness program manager.

Mendiola, along with Samuel Coston, the Installation Voter Assistance officer, have been training two representatives per unit to assist with providing all Soldiers with information related to what AER does for the entire active duty and retired service members residing within the Vicenza Community.

"This year, instead of just passing out selected information, we created a folder containing all of the essential information the AER representatives will need in order to educate their units about Army Emergency Relief," said Coston.

Those requesting a loan will be required to show a budget to see

where their shortfalls are so that they can get back on track. Typically money borrowed is for funeral expenses, medical expenses, PCS costs, rent and utilities as well as essential furniture. It cannot be used for vacation, fines or legal expenses or home improvements.

Just where does the money go that is donated? Last year's local goal of \$60,000 fell short to \$40,000 while in return, 76 people received more than \$134,335. This year's goal will be \$50,000 and just this year 11 requests totaling more than \$12,000 have come in.

"Considering that last year nearly triple the amount raised was needed and used in our community, I'm hoping that will entice people to give so that we can help out our own," said Mendiola.

Funds can be donated to the effort in the form of cash, check and payroll deduction. For questions about the program contact Mendiola at 0444-71-8524 or Coston at 0444-71-7262.

VHS senior named 'Vicenza Youth of the Year'

By **Shannon Shimmer**
Vicenza Teen Center

William Tramm, a senior at Vicenza High School, has been named the 2015 Vicenza Youth of the Year and runner up for the Army Europe Boys and Girls Clubs of America competition. He won second place at the regional level against dozens of youth across Army Europe garrisons recognized by Boys & Girls Clubs of America for sound character, leadership skills and willingness to give back to the community.

The local competition selects one student from a pool of applicants to represent the Vicenza military community. This honor is bestowed upon

one deserving youth in the community for contributions to family, school, community, and Boys and Girls Club (Teen Center), as well as personal challenges and obstacles overcome. Amid a pool of tough competitors, Tramm shined and overcame his competitors to win the award.

Tramm, son of Gene and Karin Tramm, has lived in Vicenza for the past nine years. He has excelled in all areas of life while a student in Vicenza, particularly in the Vicenza High School community. Tramm holds a 3.929 grade point average while remaining heavily involved in athletic, academic, and community service ventures outside the classroom. After playing one season of football as a freshman, Tramm went on to earn three varsity letters as a member of the VHS men's cross country team culminating in a captain role as a senior. He has pre-



viously held the title of sophomore class vice president and Student Council president as a junior. For three of the last four years, Tramm has traveled to Prague, Czech Repub-

lic, as part of the VHS Model United Nations team, competing against peers in other DoDEA Europe schools. He has been a member of the National Honor Society, Italian Honor Society, and the Red Cross Club each for three years. As a founding member of the community service-based Red Cross Club, Tramm helped write the club's constitution and as a club officer, he volunteered in a number of different community events. Currently, he volunteers time weekly at Vicenza Elementary School as a student mentor.

For the last two years, Tramm has been one of three VHS representatives to the International Student Leadership Institute in Germany. At this year's ISLI conference in March, Tramm will act as one of three regents whose responsibility includes running the conference, organizing

the event for more than 90 students, and developing informational presentations to be shared with new attendees.

"In a problem-solving situation, Will possesses excellent ability to seek input from all viewpoints, weigh the pros and cons of each choice and render possible solutions" says Mark Gillett, VHS School psychologist and moderator for multiple clubs of which Tramm is a part. Tramm's problem-solving skills will likely come in handy next month when he takes his talents to this year's ISLI conference.

Tramm, though 18 years old, is a citizen of the world. As a result of his parents' careers, he has lived in the United States, Iceland, Spain, and Italy. He understands the complexities of cultures and customs more so than the average teen because of the international lifestyle he lives. He says

of meeting friends from all over the world, "It makes me understand that I am truly a part of a global community," he said.

Perhaps most impressive of Tramm's international feats is his 2013 hike up Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania with his father and brother. Will credits his parents for fostering in him a strong love of the outdoors. When his father floated the idea to hike the mountain, Tramm and his brother quickly agreed.

"I know I couldn't have done it without them. The hike itself was long and difficult and is probably the coolest thing I've ever done. I'm very glad to have had the opportunity and would highly recommend it to anyone seeking a challenge," Will said.

Next year, William will be attending Florida International University in Miami where he will study Marine Biology.

Steps to prep for transition

By **Christina Overstreet**
Transition Services manager

Regardless of how much time you have until your separation from the Army, it is never too early to begin preparing for your transition. If you are less than 18 months away from separating (or less than 24 months from retirement), and you haven't already done so, now is the time to visit the Vicenza Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program, or SFL-TAP.

SFL-TAP's (formerly known as the Army Career and Alumni Program, or ACAP) mission is to ensure your successful transition to your post-military career by providing you

with tools, resources, and training to help you make informed career decisions and be competitive in the global workforce.

All Soldiers with more than 180 days of continuous active duty service are required to meet certain transition requirements, regardless of separation reason. These requirements, or Career Readiness Standards, are mandated by law (Veterans Opportunity to Work or VOW Act) and DOD policy.

Transition requirements, or CRS, include:

- Pre-separation counseling (to be completed no later than 12 months prior to separation)
- Participation in VA Benefits briefings
- Completion of 3-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)

Your unit must allow you to receive pre-separation counseling and the time to utilize SFL-TAP services. If you begin the process early enough, you will be able to schedule your transition preparation around unit and mission demands. Transition requirements are to be accomplished prior to clearing, at least three months prior to separation. The Vicenza SFL-TAP Center is located in Building 126 on Caserma Ederle. Office hours are Monday through Friday,

8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (open training holidays; closed federal holidays). Appointments are strongly recommended but not required. For more information, visit www.usag.vicenza.army.mil/sites/local/alumni.asp, or call DSN 634-7188/7189 (0444-71/7188/7189). They are also on Facebook: <https://facebook.com/VicenzaSFLTAP>.

AWC, Public Health relocate to Health Center

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

Starting at the beginning of the year, the Vicenza Army Wellness Center has relocated to the second floor of the U.S. Army Health Center next to Dermatology.

"We are located where the old OBGYN clinic was located," said Christie Cornell, USAHC-Vicenza AWC director.

Cornell explained that the AWC provides integrated and standardized primary prevention programs and services that promote, enhance and sustain healthy lifestyles to improve the overall well-being of Soldiers and Family members.

"We also team up with other agencies to offer Tobacco Workshop, Sleep Classes, and last but not least, we are available to go to the units and provide classes and unit assessments," she said.

The services include Metabolic Testing, Fitness Assessments, Biofeedback, Body Composition and Wellness Coaching.

"We offer our services to active duty, Family members and Department of Defense civilians," said Amber Scharbo, Vicenza AWC health technician.

"We are very happy to be in this new facility. It is more spacious and closer to the other healthcare providers. No referral is needed. Call or stop by to make an appointment with us," said Scharbo.

For information and reservation call DSN 636-9746 or CIV 0444-61-9746.

Also, located on the second floor of Caserma Ederle USAHC and adjacent to the AWC, sits the Public Health Command District-Southern Europe, which completed its relocation to the former Vicenza HC Birthing Center Feb. 13.

"The decision to move the PHCD-SE to the former birthing center was made in an effort to consolidate all medical services within the same facility," said Maj. Gregory Reppas, PHCD-SE deputy commander.



Christie Cornell, Vicenza U.S. Army Wellness Center Director, standing, makes adjustments to the turbine that measures Resting Metabolic Rates

"I believe that the decision was made in April 2014 but officially announced around the time of the closure of the birthing center in June 2014," he said. As part of its missions the Public Health, Food Inspection, and Animal Medical Services support local agencies and remain trained and ready to support world-wide contingency operations.

Reppas added that Vicenza is one of the seven branches that receives services including animal medicine, veterinary treatment facilities caring for Military Working Dogs and conducting outpatient visits.

The other branches under the Headquarters of PH also include Aviano, Naples, and Sigonella, all in Italy; Rota, Spain; Incirlik, Turkey and the U.K.

Other services provided by PH cover Food Safety/Defense, Industrial Hygiene and Occupational Health.

The Food Safety/Defense ensures food safety and food defense for service members in EUCOM and AFRICOM spanning 26 countries, while Industrial Hygiene conducts health education and work site assessments to ensure that Caserma Ederle, Del Din and Camp Darby installation spaces are safe for the workforce and that harmful exposures are measured and reported to the garrison leadership for action.

Last but not least, the Occupational Health ensures safety in the work place for civilians, Local Nationals, and Non-Appropriated Fund workers hired through the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center on USAG Vicenza, Del Din and Camp Darby.

Conducting work site visits, providing health education, hearing and vision conservation services and periodic health assessments/pre-employment physicals, drug and alcohol testing are just some of OH's responsibilities. The center operating hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday and closed on Federal and Training holidays. IH and OH are open on training holidays. For information about OH call DSN 636-9418 or 0444-61 9418.



Amanda Walker USAHC-Vicenza AWC health educator, left, assists Amber Scharbo, health technician, while performing her Sub-Maximal VO2 testing. The Vicenza AWC is still awaiting the arrival of the rest of the equipment such as the BOD POD, which is one of the many ways that the center can help clients find out about their body composition and perform the assessment. At this time the Wellness Center is not scheduling appointments for the BOD POD yet.

Sharing multi-cultural experiences at monthly F2F



Female2Female event participants look at a map and pin their town/state of birth after entering the Golden Lion Feb. 26.

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

The Female2Female program hosted “Thriving in our Multi-Cultural Army” Feb. 26 at the Golden Lion with three naturalized Soldiers from different militaries speaking, respectively Capt. Maira Patino from Mexico, Staff Sgt. Sophia Green-Rowe from Jamaica and Staff Sgt. Ikram Saleh from Egypt. They addressed participants describing their individual experience of how they joined the Army. The event was part of the monthly program created to help service members thrive in a new military environment according to Julia Sibilla, Army Community Service division chief. Patino, who was commissioned in 2009 as a second lieutenant, talked about how her family moved to the States and she started school not speaking much English. After her speech, one of the attendees, Master Sgt. Megan Grant from U.S. Army Africa, said “some people take for granted some things.” As Patino described, her family arrived in the States and she had language barriers during her first year at school and now she is an officer in the Army. “In the Army, we are a diverse organiza-

tion. We need to put the word out and open it up, because these events can be for everybody and it’s an opportunity for Soldiers to meet, especially for the junior Soldiers,” said Grant. Arriving in the States from a different country, still in her school years, was Staff Sgt. Sophia Green-Rowe. “I was born in Jamaica, whose size is smaller than Connecticut. At the age of nine, my family moved to Florida, mostly for education,” she said. After several years and after becoming a mother, she decided she wanted to provide a better lifestyle for her children and joined the Army at the age of 29. Nowadays, she is really glad she made that decision, even though the first steps were not easy, especially after getting injured during basic training. But she was motivated and she got the strength and moved on. “I was living my American dreams,” she said. Last contributor to the event Staff Sgt. Ikram Saleh originally comes from Egypt. She enlisted in the Army about seven years ago. She works as a cryptologic linguist in the Ground Collection Pla-

toon, Delta Company 173rd Brigade Special Troops Battalion (Airborne). “I get to jump, maneuver with other units, translate and do ‘Hooah’ stuff,” she said in her remarks.

After explaining how she was busy in a wide range of scenarios and missions, from interpreting at checkpoints, medic stations, meetings to even patrolling at her first duty station Fort Irwin National Training Center, she mentioned that later on she also had the opportunity to give cultural classes to Soldiers rotating through NTC and teaching Soldiers some words/phrases in Arabic.

“Besides serving as an interpreter, believe it or not, I also learned how to be a gunner, drive military vehicles, and other common Soldier tasks. By sharing my own cultural knowledge and experience, and learning quite a bit about myself, I was able to become a better and well rounded Soldier,” Saleh said.

“With my background and heritage (in Egypt), there is no place for a female in the Army, maybe in the police, and the job would be working in an office in a hospital. Here, we have many more advantages than the rest of the world such as our life style, freedom. We should take pride in who we are and what we do; it’s a privilege and an honor to have what we have.”



Soldiers and Vicenza Community Members meet with the guest speakers at the end of the event.

VMC trains for ski patrol

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



Two candidates of the Vicenza Ski Patrol approach the steepest point of Ortlesino on Folgaria, while doing a first training run with the toboggan. Photo by **Pierre Russell**

Can you imagine rushing down a snowy mountain with a pack to treat a variety of injuries? Members of the Vicenza Military Community have a unique way that they are giving back to the local community. Around nine people are training to become Alpine ski patrollers. According to Patrol Director Pierre Russell, the Vicenza Ski Patrol is made up of volunteers with a focus on mountain rescue but are trained as first responders for any outdoor medical emergency. This was open to any outdoor enthusiasts, skiers or snowboarders.

"People who participate from Vicenza include spouses, Soldiers, and civilians," said Russell. This is Russell's third season in the VMC and his first as director.

Those who volunteer receive both training in the classroom on written and hands on examinations. Once that is completed, they do on-the-hill training in Austria and Folgaria, Italy. On average it takes nearly four months to become fully trained to learn the medical portion, which is roughly 80 percent of EMT training.

"Even those with medical training can be challenged because of the unique situation that is created by being on a hill, with snow," said Russell. "If you are

a snowboarder, you can do this, too." Additional training consists of avalanche avoidance, mountaineering skills, ice climbing and ski tuning.

"My husband and I took this training simply because we are outdoors people and I wanted to be able to help my husband or someone who was with us if something happened," said Sherry Dixon. "You will learn things that extend beyond skiing such as snake bites, hiking and cycling accidents."

The patrol is available to assist, for free, with events of groups and units that want to go on ski trips or need first responder care for outdoor situations.

The Vicenza Ski Patrol recently won two awards for Patrol of the Year for 2014 and Patrol Director of the Year for 2014, who was Steve Funk. Dan Sacks received a yellow merit star for extraordinary support above and beyond, while his wife Patrizia received an Angel pin for her support as a



Dan Sacks, left and Holger Matthey, practice emergency stops on the Salizzona run in Folgaria. Sacks has been a patroller for around 25 years and Matthey has been a patroller for 15 years. Photo by **Pierre Russell**

spouse. The patrol is part of the European Division of the National Ski Patrol. Training here will continue with you back to the states, but doesn't guarantee a job.

To inquire on how to get the patrol to be involved with your activity, email vicenzaskipatrol@gmail.com. You can also search for them on Facebook under Vicenza Ski Patrol.

Sherry Dixon follows the toboggan, while practice her side slip on Folgaria. Dixon is working on her ski and toboggan skills to become an Alpine patroller. Photo by **Rob Dixon**



Vicenza, Livorno firefighters train together



U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza and Darby Military Community firefighters jointly train to be certified with Level 1 firefighting training. The two-week class will be offered locally followed by a one week class to be held in Ansbach, Germany.

Story and photos by **Chiara Mattiolo**
DMC PAO

Firefighters from U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza and Darby Military Community joined at Camp Darby to attend a two-week class offered by USAG Ansbach, Germany, Feb. 2-13. The USAG Ansbach operates a firefighting training center providing classes all over Europe.

"During this training firefighters learned how to work together and got familiar with current safety standards and procedures," said Markus Ungerer, fire instructor.

The complete training, as Mark Franceschini, lead firefighter for the DMC explained, consists of a level 1 training of two weeks theoretical training and a one week practical training which will be held in Germany and followed by level two training.

"This is the same certification for firefighters which are in place in the United States, once the Host Nation firefighters are trained they are officially recognized firefighters," said Franceschini.

Manuel Pavan has been a firefighter for USAG Vicenza for the past two years and is now taking certification. "It is very important to take this class

to learn the exact and correct terminologies and to have a full vision of the techniques, I can't wait to attend the practical training in March," said Pavan.

The class consisted of a pure theoretical part, but the attendees were also challenged with a competition on who was able to dress with all proper gear in less time.

"This class is very demanding and we needed to study and learn new words and refresh the laws governing firefighting practice," said Dario Barsotti, DMC firefighter. Barsotti has been a firefighter for 17 years, but he is still motivated and willing to learn.

"There are always aspects of our job that are not practiced often and training is an extremely important practice to maintain our knowledge and capabilities up to date," Barsotti said. According to class instructor firefighters will learn the principles and basis of firefighting and get an update on all changes to maximize their performance and provide a better service for the community.

"Firefighters train and exercise continuously, there will be additional classes in future and all firefighters will be trained at one center," said Ungerer.



Siena re-opens stairway to heaven



By **Chiara Mattiolo**
DMC Public Affairs

Siena is a hill town located at little over an hour drive from Camp Darby is one of the Italian's most visited sites, known for its medieval landscape, monuments and cuisine. One of the can't miss monuments is the Dome, whose construction begun in the 12th century; inside this Gothic Cathedral are innumerable paintings, floor decorations and an incredible octagonal pulpit, every corner and every spot in the Cathedral is just breathtaking. Through Oct. 31 *Duomo* of Siena reopened the "Stairway to Heaven" to the public with guided tours on the roofs of the building, a path which was inaccessible to the public and which offers a fantastic view of the cathedral from up above. For centuries no one has been able to access it, except for the workers directed by the great architects who have come and gone over the centuries, of which bares witness projects and sketches are portrayed sometimes directly on the walls. The one and half hour visit takes place strictly in small groups (18 visitors) accompanied by a guide, reser-

ervations are needed and each visitor will receive the Roof Map, which is available in various languages.

The tour through the Stairway to Heaven of the *Duomo* of Siena begins with a climb of the spiral staircase (70 steps) which hides within the two imposing towers that are located on the side of the facade.

Then you reach the vaults of the south aisle. From there the view of the inside and out of the Basilica are impressive and unusual.

During the visit to the top part of the Basilica, it is possible to observe the stained-glass windows representing the apostles which look out to admire the interior of the Cathedral of Siena.

Walking through the gallery of the Dome it is possible to enjoy another unique spectacle; the upper view of the high altar, the many sculptures, the incredible ceiling and the unique floor.

Looking out the left aisle is a breathtaking views of the city

the Basilica of San Domenico, the Medici Fortress, and the chapel of St. John the Baptist.

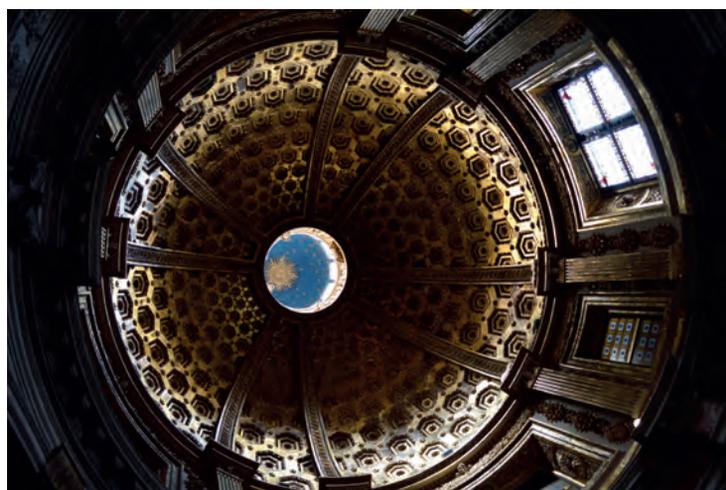
The guided visit also includes, within the magnificent complex of the Cathedral of Siena, a number of the most significant monuments in the European art scene. A crucial part of the complex is the crypt, the Baptistry and the Museo dell'Opera, and the Libreria Piccolomini, which collects Pope Pio II books collection. Upon availability it is possible to buy the all inclusive ticket at a discount price of €20. Reservation can be made by e-mail opasiena@operalaboratori.com or via phone call to the operators at 0577/286300 Mondays-Fridays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Siena is well known also for the particular cuisine, and a very strong tradition in cakes made with candied fruits and almonds.

Siena is the center of Tuscan sweet production and *Panforte*, a huge, round and flat cake based on a mixture of candied fruits, nuts and honey covered with icing sugar is the masterpiece.

"What makes *Panforte* a unique treats is the perfect combination of flavors, its softness, and the combination of spices and vanilla, a combination of flavors that makes it hard to resist," said David Nannini, vice director of the Guido Nannini Company *panforte* and sweets producer.

While "*Panforte*" is available in most



After extensive renovation, from April 6-Oct. 27 it is possible to visit the 'sky' of Siena's Dome. A series of rooms which were never opened to the public before and where for centuries no one was allowed access, except for the workers directed by the great architects who have come and gone over the centuries.

Italian supermarkets usually sold in round flat boxes of about 1 cm height, the thicker variety is much softer and fresher and it is displayed in all the bars and pastry shops in Siena.

Many varieties of this cake are available in the shops, some include chocolate or cocoa, others are spicier, but the most appreciated type is the "Panforte Margherita", prepared

for the first time in 1879 in honor of Margherita of Savoy, Queen consort of King Umberto I of Italy, from whom it takes the name.

The famous cookies *Ricciarelli* are also a typical treat from Siena area are made with a delicate almond paste. They can be white or covered with chocolate.

For more information visit: www.operaduomo.siena.it

Math carnival

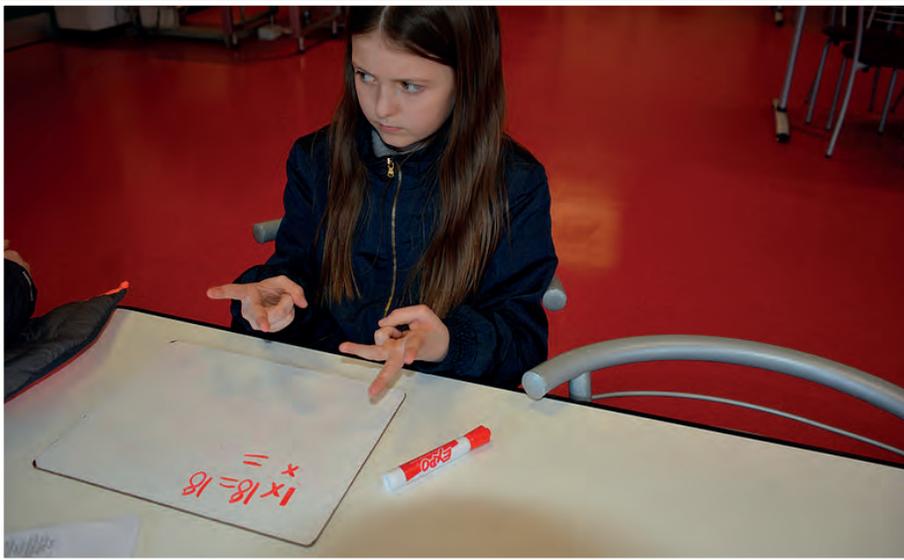


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DMC Public Affairs

Madison Mercer, third grade, tries to resolve one of the questions during the second annual mathematics carnival March 5 at the school cafeteria. Children divided into age groups took part in various games set up enhancing aspects of mathematics, geometry and calculation. During this event Dr. Seuss character also showed to celebrate Dr. Seuss week at the school.

Speak Out

(March is National Nutrition Month)
What do you most recommend as a healthy meal?

By Chiara Mattiolo



Serena Montosi

Pass & Badge

"White pasta, grilled meat and salad."



Roberto Rocca

Carabinieri

"Anything but it has to be biological."



Rosina Illiano

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"I am a vegetarian so I would say spinach and carrots. Spinach has iron that helps with the digestive track, detox body and it's easy to digest."



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ALFS 15 ends with a beginning

By Master Sgt. **Thomas Mills**
U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs



A Senegal Armed Forces instructor explains a demonstration on a live fire range near Thies, Senegal, during a trip by land forces chiefs of staff attending the African Land Forces Summit 15, Feb. 9-12 in Dakar, Senegal. ALFS 15 brings together land force commanders from across Africa to solidify relationships, exchange information on current topics of mutual interest and concern, and seek cooperation in addressing common security concerns. Photo by Pfc. **Craig Philbrick**

DAKAR, Senegal – It was about advancing friendship, partnership and building trust. That is according to Maj. Gen. Darryl A. Williams, commander, U.S. Army Africa upon the close of the African Land Forces Summit, or ALFS, in Dakar, Senegal.

The summit, held from Feb. 9-12, brought together land force commanders from 36 African nations. The summit was co-hosted by U.S. Army Africa and the Senegalese Armed Forces on behalf of Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, U.S. Army Chief of Staff. The last ALFS took place three years prior, in Kampala, Uganda.

“This is a beginning. This is a conversation and this narrative is just beginning,” said Williams.

Part of that conversation was generated in closed-door meetings between commanders. Speakers from the U.S. and African partner militaries addressed topics such as African security challenges, peace support operations and institutional adaptation during plenary sessions with all the commanders. Commanders then split into three smaller groups, behind closed doors, to discuss the subject at hand.

The closed door approach helped leaders to speak freely during the sessions.

“ALFS is a good opportunity for US-ARAF and the African partners to discuss, to exchange, about security and about how to train our units,” said Brig. Gen. Cheikh Gueye, chief of Senegal Army Staff. “It is a good opportunity also to build trust,” he said. “Without trust you can’t achieve anything.”

For some of the land force commanders ALFS was an opportunity to expand their reach and build relationships beyond what they normally would.

“I was already in contact with those from my region, from (Southern African Development Community) region, but today I have met others from other regions,” said Maj. Gen. Gotsileene Morake, chief of land forces Botswana. “From West Africa, from the Horn of Africa and from North Africa, we have been able to share experiences across a broad range of issues, African issues, which are actually very topical today.”

Maj. Gen. Darryl A. Williams, left, U.S. Army Africa commander, and Brig. Gen. Cheikh Gueye, chief of Senegal Army Staff, watch Senegalese Armed Forces soldiers participate in a demonstration at a live fire range near Thies, Senegal, during the African Land Forces Summit, held in Dakar, Senegal, Feb. 9-12. Photo by Pfc. **Craig Philbrick**



African land force commanders also visited a training center near Thies, Senegal. There they observed a live fire range with ground troops assaulting a position, and an armored vehicle range where Senegalese Armed Forces soldiers fired 90 millimeter guns from reconnaissance vehicles. Officers also visited École Nationale Des Officiers d’Active, an officer training school in Thies.

During a press conference at the end of the event Williams talked of the importance of ALFS and how that range played into future opportunities. Williams said he will look at taking the best from the U.S. Army training centers, the best from the Senegalese training center and combine them to work together. He said that was a short term benefit to having ALFS.

“The real benefits of this conference will be realized over time, again and again,” Williams added.

Geuye agreed with that assessment. “Military interoperability is essential in conducting military operations or military missions,” Geuye said. “But if you have most African armies together you cannot develop, but initiate the first step toward interoperability.”

While the conference covered training, building institutions and live fire ranges, the real benefit, according to Maj. Gen. Ignacio Maulana, Malawi ground force commander, was working with his fellow commanders.

“The most important of all is that understanding, that, I think, we are all looking for peace,” Maulana said. “And, I think, all the ideas we have been able to share as a people responsible for security in our various nations should be able to assist.”

173rd, Hungarian paratroopers jump into exercise

By Sgt. **AM Lavey**
173rd Airborne Brigade



Paratroopers, assigned to the U.S. Army's 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, and the Hungarian Defense Force's 88th Light Infantry Airborne Battalion, 5th Bocskai Istvan Infantry Brigade, conduct sustained airborne training on Aviano Air Base, Italy, Feb. 26, in preparation for a combined airfield seizure as part of combined Exercise Warlord Rock. Photos by Staff Sgt. **Opal Vaughn**

VICENZA, Italy — Approximately 400 American and Hungarian paratroopers conducted a parachute assault into Papa Air Base, Hungary, Feb. 26, beginning Exercise Warlord Rock.

Warlord Rock is a joint forcible entry exercise involving elements from the U.S. Army's 173rd Airborne Brigade, the U.S. Air Force, the Hungarian Defense Force's 5th Bocskai István Infantry Brigade and the multinational Heavy Airlift Wing to strengthen the alliance between the two NATO allies. "This exercise shows the alliance and the world that we are always willing to work together, train together and come to common ground," said 1st Lt. Michael Miller, an exercise planner with the 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne.

Doctrinally, joint forcible entry operations seize and hold lodgments against armed opposition. In this exercise, the lodgment will be the airfield on Papa Air Base, that when seized by the combined airborne force, will allow follow-on aircraft to land and unload additional equipment.

"This is great training - we are an airborne battalion and this is what we do," Miller said. "Not only are we building relations with the Hungarian paratroopers in order to increase interoperability between our airborne forces, but we are building and pro-

jecting combat power together."

Following the exercise, the heavy weapons company from 2nd Battalion will stay an additional week to conduct a combined live-fire exercise with the 62nd Battalion of the Hungarian 5th Brigade.

Warlord Rock is the latest in a series of exercises between the Hungarian Defense Forces and paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne.

In November 2014, the brigade conducted an airborne operation Papa Air Base, and previously that October, the brigade participated in multina-

tional exercise Kozos Fellepes at Veszprem Training Area. Warlord Rock is the successor to Exercise Hadur's Rock, a previous joint forcible entry exercise between 2nd Battalion and the 88th Battalion.

The 173rd Airborne Brigade, the premier U.S. airborne force in Europe, is the Army Contingency Response Force in Europe, capable of rapidly projecting forces to conduct the full range of military operations across the U.S. European, Central and Africa Commands' areas of responsibility.



Paratroopers, assigned to the U.S. Army's 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, and the Hungarian Defense Forces 88th Light Infantry Airborne Battalion, 5th Bocskai Istvan Infantry Brigade, prepare to board a U.S. Air Force C-130 aircraft bound for Hungary on Aviano Air Base, Italy, Feb. 26, during the start of combined Exercise Warlord Rock.

VHS wrestlers dominate at Europeans

By **Marshall Perfetti**
VHS senior wrestler

In the midst of battle, directly in the fray, two individuals fight for dominance; only one will leave victorious. No singular activity represents a stronger metaphor of life itself than wrestling. Aside from its obvious and immense physical demand, the sport requires participants to possess a high level of mental and emotional grit. In the words of Socrates himself, "I swear it upon Zeus; an outstanding runner cannot be the equal of an average wrestler."

The 2014-2015 wrestling season presented a great deal of obstacles. Due to Vicenza High's transition from Division II to Division I, it was quickly understood that team success would require a massive increase of effort and dedication. Moreover, the team decreased in size, going from a roster of nearly 25, to one of 11. However, the team's coaches simply took this as extra motivation. Since the first day of practice, coaches York, Schroeder, Montanez, and Gustafson made it clear that they wanted each and every wrestler to reach their full potential. By the end of the season, their determinations proved to be fruitful. Nine of the team's eleven wrestlers qualified for the European Champi-



A Vicenza High School wrestler comes to his opponent during a match. Four VHS wrestlers placed in the European Championships.

onships. Four of those eleven placed in the tournament: Joshua Badillo, 126lbs – 6th; Robert Maldonado, 152lbs – 2nd; Marshall Perfetti, 160lbs – 2nd; Seth Shields, 170lbs – 2nd. Along with these accolades, the team learned what it means to truly "leave everything on the mat." The practices that led up to the competitions served a greater purpose than simply prepping our bodies for the matches to come. They taught the team lessons not outlined in any classroom or textbook; they taught the team the value of character traits such as com-

mitment, comradery, and perseverance. To completely devote oneself to the pursuit of self-betterment and to then yield results is a marvelous feeling.

The conclusion of the season can only be described as bitter-sweet. Though thankful for the personal growth and countless good memories, the Vicenza Cougars Wrestling Team (the seniors especially), are disheartened to know that their routine of takedown, breakdown, pin will be interrupted. Although the season has ended, the laughs and pains, victories and losses that acted as teachers throughout the season will not be forgotten.



Robert Maldonado, 152 lbs, fought his opponent from Wiesbaden until a regulation standstill.



A Vicenza High School wrestler maintains a dominant position against an opponent during a match. Nine of VHS's 11 wrestlers qualified for the Europeans.

Mako Sharks compete in European championships



The Vicenza Mako Sharks swim team competed in the European Forces Swim League championships Feb. 28-March 1 at the Olympic Training Swim Center in Eindhoven, Netherlands. The Sharks won a total of 52 medals and ribbons, including several top-ten finishes within the various age divisions.

By **Karlie Jo Hale** and **Misty Reardon**
Mako Shark parents

The Vicenza Mako Sharks swim team, led by Head Coach Alicia Sendmeyer, began the season with only 14 swimmers but eventually grew to a powerful group of 33 amazing kids.

The Sharks hit the pool Feb. 28–March 1 for the end-of-season, two-day European Forces Swim League championships. The meet was held at the Netherlands Olympic Training Swim Center (Nationaal Zwemcentrum de Tongelreep) in Eindhoven, Netherlands. This was the final of meet of the year, and brought the best of the best in EFSL to the pool.

The swimmers trained and competed all year hoping to achieve a qualifying time, in order to earn the chance to compete at “Champs.” This year 18 Mako Shark swimmers qualified to compete – EFSL consist of 16 teams and more than 400 swimmers, all competing to be the “best of the best” in Europe.

The Mako Sharks who qualified for this year’s EFSL championships were

Ethan Amis, Lucy Chapman, Kimberly Christensen, Kylie Davenport, Maddie Davenport, Lyndsey Gaddy, Tyler Hale, Ben Heath, Jacob Heath, Alyson Hermon, Andrew Hermon, Isabel Mesa, MacKenzie Pilson, Conor Piskator, Laney Reardon, Alex Sendmeyer, Paige Sendmeyer and Reagan Toro.

This year the team brought home a total of 52 medals and ribbons from the EFSL championship. Several Mako Sharks finished in the top 10 of their age division. Davenport garnered a first overall. The nine-year-old swimmer achieved “best of the best” in her age group for the event.

The 2014-15 swim season has come to an end, but that does not mean the training and the learning stops. The Mako Sharks will take a few weeks off, before returning to the pool for spring training in early April.

Using great memories of this season as motivation, the swimmers will start working hard to get ready for next year.

We would like to thank all the families, the community and especially the swimmers for making this season great and memorable!

If you have a swimmer from the ages of 7-19 who is interested in joining the Mako Sharks swim team, contact the gym on Ederle, who can guide you to the Vicenza Mako Sharks swim team staff.



Vicenza Mako Shark swimmer Maddison Davenport holds her certificate after winning the Swimming Pentathlon Award during the European Forces Swim League Championships Feb. 28-March 1 in Eindhoven, Netherlands. The award was one of several the nine-year-old picked up during the two-day event at the Netherlands Olympic Training Swim Center.

2015 USAG-VICENZA UNIT/REC BASKETBALL LEAGUE STATS RESULTS AS OF MARCH 6

The season finished Feb. 26

WIN LOSS

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



CURRENT PROGRAMS/EVENTS & RESULTS

2015 USAG-V Unit/Recreational Volleyball League –through April 25(4) Teams, Tue & Thurs, 6 p.m. & 7 p.m., at the Caserma Ederle Gym

2015 USAG-V Unit/Recreational Soccer League: Turf Field Mon & Wed, 1830 & 1930 Wed 11 March Scrimmages

6:00 p.m. 66TH MI (VMID) VS. USARAF

7:15 p.m. HHC 2/503RD VS. CHOSEN 2/503RD

8:00 p.m. 106TH FIN/509TH SIG VS. USAHC

Play Hard!

Play Clean!

Play Fair!

Have Fun!

2015 USAG-V Softball Officials Clinic-April 7-11, 6 p.m., Tuesday-Friday, Saturday -9:30 a.m.

ONGOING SPORTS ACTIVITIES

2015 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

2015 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

2015 Unit/Recreational Racquetball Open Challenge, Ederle Monday-Friday 5-8 p.m., at the Fitness Center

2015 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

2015 USAG-V Unit/Recreational Rugby Open Play, Tuesdays & Thursdays 6 p.m.-8 p.m., at the Caserma Ederle grass football field

2015 USAG-V Tennis Open Play Reservation, Ederle Mondays & Wednsdays,6-9 p.m. Meet the Tennis Courts to play and meet other players

2015 USAG-V Unit/Recreational Soccer Open Play/Practice, Days TBD, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Caserma Ederle turf field

2015 USAG-V Volleyball Open Play, Monday's & Friday's meet at the **Caserma Ederle** Gym Court 6 p.m., for this to happen a POC needs to contact the Sports Programmer.

New Mobile App OTG Outside The Gate



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Community news briefs

Army Emergency Relief

The Army Emergency Relief campaign runs through May 15. Funds are raised at this time to assist Soldiers and their Families with emergency financial needs. Vicenza's goal this year is \$50,000. To assist, contact your unit's representative.

Vicenza Transition Summit

The Vicenza Military Community is hosting a transition summit on April 22-23. This free hiring fair is open to service members, veterans and military spouses. There will be key Federal agencies, influential military leaders, innovators in the business and employer community, and local community leaders. The summit will feature workshops, panel discussions, a virtual job fair, and a hiring fair, all focused on improving competitive employment for service members, veterans and their spouses. For more information contact 634-7189.

Housing Allowance Survey

The Defense Travel Management Office is conducting surveys of both the Overseas Housing Allowance and Move-In Housing Allowance throughout the month of March. OHA is a monthly payment given to service members who live in rental properties. MIHA is a one-time allowance provided when the service member first moves in. The survey is open to all military members who live in private rental properties. They can take the survey at <https://www.defense-travel.dod.mil/site/oha-utilmiha-mar.cfm>. The deadline to complete the survey is March 31.

Spring Clean up

A clean up is planned for Quinto Vicentino community March 22 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. The group will meet in Piazza IV Novembre, across the street from the townhall. The areas to be cleaned include public parks and

river banks. Volunteers are asked to wear reflective vests and bring work gloves. Other equipment will be provided and a complimentary lunch will be served to all participants. The inclement weather plan will be for March 28. To RSVP or for questions call 0444-61-8009.

We:Mentor Lunch series

F2F, SHARP and TASP present "50 Shades of Abuse: Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence dressed up as erotica" April 22 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. A light lunch will be served with an engaging panel discussion. This event is open to the entire community. RSVP to rsvpf2f@gmail.com.

TBI Awareness Month

Meet the mTBI team and learn what they do March 18 at the Health Center rear lobby from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. A mask making event will be held March 19 from 1-6 p.m. at the Arts and Crafts Center. This event will help TBI patients and their families express the struggles of living or loving someone with a traumatic brain injury.

USO new operating hours

Mondays – closed, Tues-Thurs 1-8 p.m., Fri-Sat 1-9 p.m., Sundays 3-8 p.m. The USO is located in building 8A and daily offers free food, drinks, movies, activities, internet and phones to call the US.

Volunteer opportunities

Eggstravaganza – set up at 9 a.m. and tear down at 3 p.m. Help is needed distributing eggs at 11:30 a.m. To volunteer email alfredo.z.gonzales2.naf@mail.mil.

Holocaust Remembrance Observance – Recruiting volunteers to help with the planning to be held April 16. Interested parties should email david.s.rawlings2.mil@mail.mil.

EFMP – Volunteer coordinator, Athletic Volunteer Coordinator, Administration and Activities Support, Teen volunteer. For more information email leigh.a.strain2.civ@mail.mil.

Cub Scouts – Activities chair, STEM

coordinator. For more information, email pack295chair@gmail.com.

VHS track and field team – Assistant coaches for hurdles, sprints and field events. For more information email michael.haiderer@eu.dodea.edu.

Red Cross – Records chairman. For more information email linzi.brown@redcross.org.

USO – Volunteer coordinator, photographer, administrative assistant. For more information email fjackson@uso.org.

CYSS Coaches – Baseball, track and field, tennis, softball. For more information call 0444-71-7206 or stop by building 108.

Women's History Month Observance

The Vicenza Equal Opportunity and Employment Offices are hosting a Women's History Month observance Tuesday, March 24 at 3:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Arena. This year's theme is "Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives" and is a free event that is open to the entire community.

Passport office hours

The Passport office, located in the Central Processing Facility, building 393, will be open Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9-11:30 a.m.

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 Civ: 0444-71-7316.

ACS classes

Consumer Empowerment – March 25, Are you armed with the knowledge required to take on today's consumer challenges? Learn how to protect yourself against common threats! This course will inform you about your consumer rights and obligations.

Romp-N-Stomp playgroup – Wednesdays, Romp-N-Stomp playgroup is a time for learning through play. If you have children 3 years and younger, come along to this weekly playgroup. Working parents are encouraged to drop-in and spend time with their families during their lunch hour.

Multicultural Spouse Tea Party – March 17, Multicultural spouses are warmly invited to attend and participate in scone making! A demonstration will be given by a community member, multicultural spouse and scones made by other spouses.

3D to Debt Free – March 25, Find out how you can “destroy destructive debt” and improve your personal financial readiness. This financial fitness course can help lead you to the path of financial recovery and freedom through effective debt management and liquidation.

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

Safety recalls

Product Safety Recalls issued by the Consumer Product Safety Commission website at <http://www.cpsc.gov>. Hayneedle recalls Fiber Optic Lighted Christmas Trees made by East-West Basics due to fire hazard (Recall Alert). SCOTT recalls Vanish Evo Bicycle Helmets due to head injury hazard. Cosco recalls Convertible Hand Trucks due to injury hazard. Kenmore Electric Ranges recalled by Electrolux due to Electrical Shock hazard. Safe Step Walk-In Tubs recalled by Oliver Fiberglass Products and NuWhirl Systems due to burn hazard (Recall Alert). Fanimation Recalls Brewmaster Ceiling

Fans due to risk of injury. Call Garrison Safety with questions or concerns at 634-8109/8023/7045.

Darby Cub Scouts

Are you a former Eagle Scout looking to give back to Scouting? Or perhaps a new parent who wishes to enroll their child in Scouting? DoD sponsors a very robust Boy Scout and Cub Scout program in Europe, and Camp Darby is looking at getting its program going again. For more information, contact David Kemp at david.kemp@eu.navy.mil or DSN 626-3192.

Medical Benvenuti

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

AA meetings

AA meetings Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 p.m., Fridays 5:30-6:30 p.m. at building 395, room 5, behind the Mensa. Meetings are also held on Del Din at noon on Thursdays at the ASAP building, number 2. This meeting is open to anyone interested in the 12-step process. Call 634-7554 for more information.

At the movies



DIVERGENT: INSURGENT

Now on the run from Jeanine (Kate Winslet) and the rest of the power-hungry Erudites, Tris (Shailene Woodley) and Four (Theo James) search for allies and answers in the ruins of Chicago. They must find out what Tris’ family sacrificed their lives to protect and why the Erudites will do anything to stop them.

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

Mar. 12	7 p.m.	Black or White (PG-13)
Mar. 13	7 p.m.	Cinderella (PG)
	10 p.m.	Run All Night (R) *
Mar. 14	3 p.m.	Cinderella (PG)
	9 p.m.	Big Eyes (PG)
Mar. 15	3 p.m.	Cinderella (PG)
	6 p.m.	Addicted (R)
Mar. 18	11 a.m.	50 Shades of Grey (R)
	7 p.m.	Addicted (R)
Mar. 19	7 p.m.	Run All Night (R)
Mar. 20	7 p.m.	Divergent: Insurgent PG-13) *
	10 p.m.	Unfinished Business (R) *
Mar. 21	3 p.m.	Big Hero 6 (PG)
	6 p.m.	Divergent: Insurgent PG-13) *
Mar. 22	3 p.m.	Cinderella (PG)
	6 p.m.	Divergent: Insurgent PG-13) *
Mar. 25	11 a.m.	Black or White (PG-13)
	7 p.m.	Hot Tub Time Machine 2 (R)



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There's something for everyone! Pick up a copy of the latest edition of SKIESUnlimited catalog or visit vicenza.armyMWR.com and start browsing today.

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Looking to get in shape? Look no further than Sports and Fitness to get you started off on the right foot with popular classes such as Pilates, Yoga, Taekwondo, Kickboxing, Zumba®, Cycle and many, many more! For a complete list of classes, visit vicenza.armyMWR.com

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Register to become a Family Child Care (FCC) provider! You will:

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- Have access to free portable training by professional staff
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For more details, call the FCC Director at 634-7615.

Go with the Flow Yoga

Got stress? Kick it with beginning yoga moves and meditation at ACS every Monday, Noon-1 p.m. No need to register; just drop in. For more info, contact ACS at 634-7500.

5:01 Bar

Miss the laid-back atmosphere of your hometown pub or bar? You can find a cozy place at the 5:01 Bar located in the Golden Lion Conference Center. Enjoy a beverage and munch on some popcorn while listening to your favorite music Mon-Fri, 5-7 p.m.

Romp-N-Stomp Playgroup

Romp-N-Stomp playgroup is a time for learning through play for children ages 0-3 years every Wednesday, 10-11:30 a.m. in Bldg 395.

Design Your Own Class

The Vicenza Arts & Crafts Center provides a full range of creative options and professional equipment in do-it-yourself studios for woodwork, pottery, framing and a large multi-craft classroom. Private classes are available with a minimum of just six people.

These classes are perfect for Homeschool Art, Mom's Club, Girl and Boy Scouts earning badges, Family Readiness Groups, Ladies Night Out, Birthday Parties and Groups of Family and friends.

Use your imagination – let us know what you're interested in and we'll do the rest. Contact the Arts & Crafts Center at 634-7074 for more info.



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Darby Military Community



Children's Story Hour

Story time, designed for children aged 3-7 years, meets every Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Children's Room of the library. Come join us for activities. Establish with your children the reading habit of a lifetime and enjoyment of books.

Tax Relief Office (TRO) Saves You Money

The TRO offers savings programs to authorized command sponsored personnel living in private rentals. These programs help you save money on utilities such as city gas and liquid petroleum gas (GPL).

In addition, get info about removing the Value Added Tax (VAT) on certain large purchases and vehicle repairs (typically 21% of the total cost).

For more information, visit darby.armyMWR.com

BOSS Monthly Meetings

Join the Darby Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers (BOSS) program for our bimonthly meetings, taking place on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings take place in the Library conference room at 5:15 p.m.

Group Fitness Classes

Looking to get in shape? Strengthen your muscles and increase your heart rate! Find the monthly class calendar in the Fitness Center or visit darby.armyMWR.com

Airport Shuttle Service

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Darby CYSS Activities



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Chapel activities

Vicenza

Sunday Services

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

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

1:30 p.m.: Gospel service

5 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Tuesday

9 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

6 p.m.: PMOC and PWOC Bible study.

Dinner provided; no watch care

Thursday

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

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

Camp Darby

Sunday Services

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

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

For DMC activities call 633-7267

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

Chaplain Crisis Line

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

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

VMC faith group contacts

Bahá'í Faith: Call 348-603-2283

Church of Christ: Call at 388-253-9749 or 324-623-7921 or send email: vicenzaitalychurchofchrist@gmail.com

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

Latter Day Saints: Young Men/Young Women meeting is every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the Spiritual Fitness Center. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m. in Vicenza. Call 634-7897, 380-431-7633 or email: lescall@gmail.com

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

Trinity Church Vicenza: An International Presbyterian Church 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



Vicenza Military Community Chapel March and April Holiday Service Schedule

Catholic

2 April: Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper 1730

3 April: Good Friday Passion of our Lord Service 1730

4 April: Easter Vigil Holy Saturday Night Mass 2000

Protestant

5 April: Easter Sunrise Service (Hoekstra Field) 0700

Jewish

3-11 April: Passover
*For more information please call the chapel at the number below

29 March: Palm Sunday-
Regular Sunday Schedule

5 April: Easter Sunday-
Regular Sunday Schedule

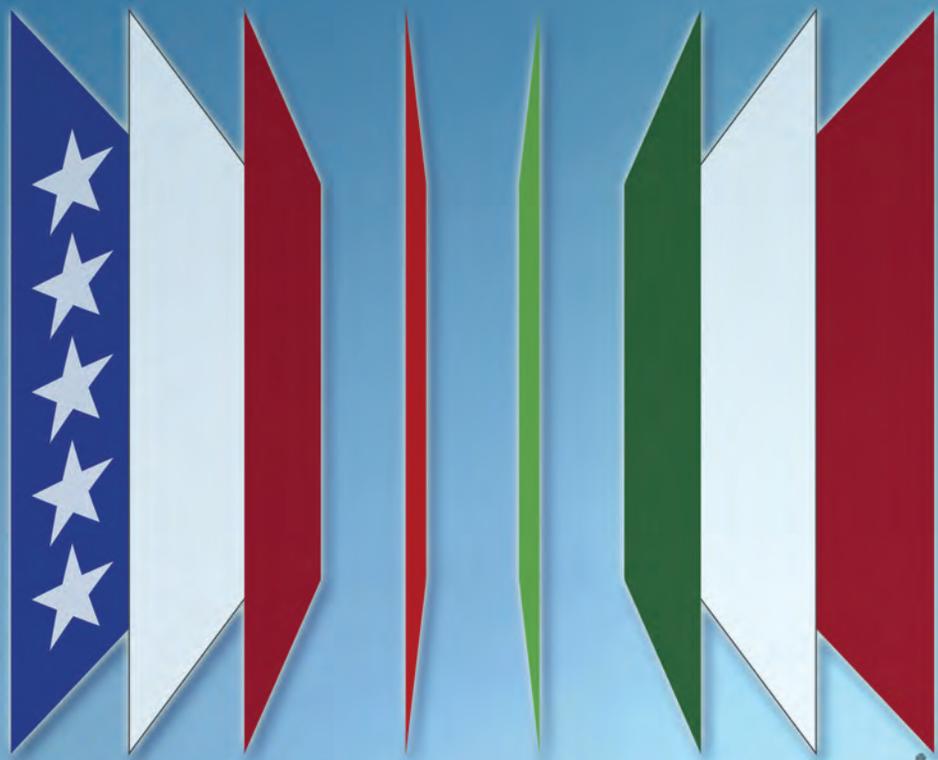
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No Driving Sunday, March 22

March 22 has been declared a “no driving day” in Vicenza from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. in all ZTL (no traffic zone) areas. The ordinance applies to all vehicles including SETAF registered vehicle. Vicenza city residents cannot use their vehicles from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. in the historic city center and adjacent neighborhoods. If they need to drive their cars outside the city limits, they should do so before 9 a.m. Free parking at the Stadio, Via Cricoli and Via Farini parking lots and free buses from 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Violators will be fined €80.

La Festa del Papà Father’s Day

On **March 19** Italians celebrate Father’s Day. It is also the day they celebrate St. Joseph. Stores all over Italy will be offering specially wrapped gift items for family members to buy for their fathers. Typical sweets are the St. Joseph’s Day Cream Puffs or Zeppole di San Giuseppe: they are more common in southern Italy but they can also be found in some local pasticcerie (pastry stores).

StraVicenza Marathon

The annual StraVicenza 2 km, 4.5 km and 10 km runs are going to be held on Sunday, **March 22** at 10 a.m.; the start and finish will be on Viale Roma, across the main train station; registrations at Puro Sport, Via del Verme 3, or at the cafés at the Palladio Mall, from **March 1-21**; or **March 21**, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., and **March 22**, 7:45-9:45 a.m., at the StraVicenza Point, in Campo Marzo; registration fee is €4 and €2 for children younger than 14. The cost includes your bib number, snack and medical coverage. Bag storage service is available for €1. For more information, in Italian only, visit www.stravicenza.it

Irlanda in Festa Irish Fest

Through **March 17**, in Padova, Geox Theatre, Via Tassinari 1, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza; typical Irish cuisine and beers; live Celtic music and Irish dances, kick boxing, carnival rides; free entrance to all concerts and events; for a detailed program, visit <http://www.zedlive.com/irlandainfesta/>

Meravigliosa creatura –mostra fotografica Wonderful creature – photo exhibit

Through **March 20**, Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m.-midnight; Friday-Saturday, 7 a.m.-2 p.m., in Vicenza, Bar Lioy, Contrà Paolo Lioy, 10; women’s photo exhibit; free entrance. <http://www.comune.vicenza.it/vicenza/eventi/evento.php/122484>



Vicenza - StraVicenza Marathon

L'Uovo in Ceramica Ceramic Easter eggs exhibit

March 29-April 12, in Nove, Museum of Ceramics, Piazza De Fabris 5, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. Each year Nove celebrates Easter with an exhibition of ceramic eggs made by Italian pottery artist; grand opening **March 29** at 11:30 a.m. open on Saturdays, Sundays and Italian holidays 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3:30-7 p.m. ; free entrance.
www.noveterradiceramica.it

XV Grande Festa Medievale 15th Great Medieval Fest

March 28-29, in Verona, at the Bevilacqua Castle, Via Roma, 50, about 36 miles west of Vicenza

March 28: at 7 p.m., medieval dinner; cost €37; €20 for children 4-10; free for children under 4; reservations are mandatory; call 0442-93655; English operators available.

March 29: 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; children and adults can experience medieval life for a day with knights, bowmen, musicians, fire-eaters, fortune-tellers, jesters, flag-flyers, and medieval music; everyone is invited to play games and attend bow and arrow competitions and duels; admission fee €9; € 4 children 4-10 and senior citizens older than 70; free for children younger than 4; at 12:30 p.m. medieval lunch with knights, dancers and musicians; Cost : €37; €20 for children 4-10; free for children under 4; it includes a guided tour of the castle.

<http://www.castellobevilacqua.com/index.jsp?code=1>

Spazio Casa Exhibition of furnishing, home accessories and wedding articles

March 13-15 and **March 19-22**, in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria 16; Thursdays-Fridays, 3-9 p.m.; Saturdays-Sundays, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; the show is dedicated to classical, country and ethnical furnishings, to modern and contemporary furnishings, to stoves and chimneys, garden and patio furniture, clothing and wedding articles; free entrance.

<http://www.vicenzafiere.it/it/riere/spaziocasa>

MOVE! International Tourism and Hospitality Show

March 13, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; **March 14-15**, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria, 16 ; shopping ideas; devices and solutions to make it easy and possible to travel in safety and comfort for everyone, including young, senior citizens, and disable people; sports, amusement parks and gym equipment; fitness and body wellness items; free entrance.

<http://www.move-show.com/en/mita.html>

529^a Fiera Campionaria 529th Trade Fair

March 20, 3 p.m.-midnight; **March 21-22**, 9 a.m.-midnight; **March 23**, 9 a.m.-6 pm, in Lonigo, about 18 miles southwest of Vicenza; exhibit and sale of Vicentine products and wines; in Piazza Garibaldi flower and plant exhibit and market; local craft displays, agricultural equipment, garden and leisure exhibit and sale; stands featuring Bavarian products and beers; free entrance.

<http://fieradilonigo.it/>

Orto Giardino Exhibition of floriculture, nursery products, horticulture and outdoor furniture

March 12-13, 2:30-7:30 p.m., **March 14-15**, 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., in Pordenone, Viale Treviso, 1, about 92 miles



Lonigo - 529th Trade Fair



Pordenone - Exhibition of floriculture

northeast of Vicenza; entrance fee: €8; reduced €6 for children 13-18; free entrance for children younger than 13.
<http://www.ortogiardinopordenone.it/main-menu/visitare/>

Real Bodies **Exhibit of plastinated real human**

Through **May 3**, Fridays-Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., in Jesolo, Via Aquilea 123; 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>

Tutankhamon Caravaggio Van Gogh. La sera e i notturni dagli Egizi al Novecento **Tutankhamon 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-tutankhamon-the-evening-and-night-by-the-egyptians-to-900>

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>

Mercatino Vintage – Festa di Primavera **Spring Festival — Vintage and art craft exhibit and sale**

March 21, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. in Vicenza, Piazzale de Gasperi.

I mercanti del Gusto e delle Tradizioni **Flavors and Traditions Merchants**

March 22, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. in Vicenza, Piazza Castello; gastronomic products and crafts from all over Italy exhibit and sale; free tasting.

<http://www.comune.vicenza.it/vicenza/eventi/evento.php/121796>

Jazz it up

Free live jazz in Vicenza, Bar Borsa, Piazza dei Signori 26; 10 p.m.

March 12: Rossanio Emili "in Limine"

March 19: Peter Bernestein Quartet

March 26: Giovanni Guido Trio feat Thomas Morgan Joao Lobo

<http://www.barborsa.com/please-ring-the-bell/>

Antique markets

Verona: March 14, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., in Piazza S. Zeno, about 38 miles west of Vicenza (50 vendors)

Este (Padova): March 15, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Maggiore and Via Matteotti, about 28 miles south of Vicenza (60 vendors)

Godega di Sant'Urbano: March 15, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Via Roma, about 78 miles northeast of Vicenza (234 booths)

Malo: March 22, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., in Piazzale Zanini, 11 miles north of Vicenza.

Montagnana: March 15, 8 a.m. to sunset, in Piazza Maggiore 150, about 27 miles south of Vicenza (60 vendors)

Padova: March 15, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Prato della Valle, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza (180 vendors)

Soave: March 15, Piazza Antonio Marogna and Corso Vittorio Emanuele, about 23 miles west of Vicenza, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. (110 vendors)

Belluno: March 22, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Duomo, about 103 miles north of Vicenza (about 50 vendors)

Dolo (Venice): March 22, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Cantiere, about 37 miles east of Vicenza (about 60 vendors)

Spresiano (Treviso): March 22, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza Luciano Rigo, about 43 miles northeast of Vicenza (about 100 vendors)

Treviso: March 22, 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Via San Liberale, about 56 miles east of Vicenza (about 120 vendors)



Pisa's New Year's Day

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Chocolandia Chocolate Fair

March 13-15, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; in Cecina (Livorno), Corso Matteotti; chocolate workshops held by masters chocolatiers, who will also teach how to taste the chocolate in a correct way and how you can accompany it with other foods in the most imaginative combinations.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=&city=&date=13&page=1&post=1091>

Fiera del Dolce e del Cioccolato Chocolate and Sweet Fair

March 14-15, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., in Camaiore (Lucca), Lungomare Europa; sweets and chocolate exhibit and sale; chocolate making workshops, and entertainment for children.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=&city=&date=13&page=1&post=1110>

Sagra delle Frittelle Frittelle Festival

March 14-15, March 21-22 and March 28-29, in Rignano Sull'Arno (Florence); food booths open Saturdays 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sundays 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; they feature a wide variety of frittelle, that is fried pancakes made of rice and cooked in milk with lemon zest and sugar and, on request,

with raisins, and the local vin santo, one of the best Italian dessert wines.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=&city=&date=12&page=6&post=409>

Sagra del Bombolone e delle Frittelle Doughnut Festival

March 15 and March 22, in Anselmo (Montespertoli, Florence); 2-8 p.m. food stands feature traditional fried sweets; games and entertainment for children; local products exhibit and sale.

Fiera Elettronica Electronics Days

March 14, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. and **March 15**, 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m., in Campiglia Marittima, (Livorno), at the Venturina Terme fair center, Via della Fiera 3; amateur radio, robotics, electronics and computing exhibit; second hand electronic items market; two-day entrance fee: €5.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=&city=&date=13&page=1&post=1564>

Mostra Mercato del Tartufo Truffle Fest

March 14-15, in Cigoli (San Miniato, Pisa); exhibit and sale of truffles, and other local products and wine; free tasting of local truffle specialties; demonstration of truffle excavation, and largest truffle competition; magic show and live music. <http://www.sanminiato-promozione.it/>

Torciata di San Giuseppe **Saint Joseph torchlight procession and festival**

March 19, in Pitigliano (Grosseto), Piazza della Repubblica; 5 p.m. food booth featuring local specialties, vin brulé and the traditional Saint Joseph Day pastries; 9 p.m. live music and dancing.

<http://www.folclore.it/It/Eventi/Italia/Toscana/Grosseto/Pitigliano/Torciata-di-San-Giuseppe.html>

CUSplay Pisa

March 21-22, 11 a.m.-8 p.m., in Pisa, University Sports Center, Via Federico Chiarugi 5; comics, video-games, cosplay (costume play), Japanese culture and cuisine; entrance fee: €8; reduced €7 for children ages 7-14; free entrance for children younger than 7; entrance for both days: €10.

<http://www.saimicadove.it/evento/cusplay-pisa-7/>

Capodanno di Pisa **Pisa's New Year's Day**

March 25; Pisa celebrates the New Year twice, on Jan. 1 and also on March 25. The Pisans have not forgotten their traditions, and each year they mark the beginning of the year as was their custom between the tenth century and 1749, when New Year's Day coincided with the Annunciation, nine months before Christmas. Today, just like then, the beginning of the Pisan Year is marked by a sort of solar clock, a physical phenomenon that is as simple as it is spectacular and intriguing: at midday sharp a ray of sunlight penetrates the Duomo through a round nave window, landing on a marble egg on a shelf surmounting a column next to the pulpit of Giovanni Pisano, on the opposite side. The event is preceded by a historical procession and a religious ceremony that ends at exactly noon.

The beginning of the Pisan Year coincides with the official opening of the tourist season.

<http://www.hotelgalileipisa.it/it/feste-mostre-e-eventi-pisa-toscana/20-eventi/121-capodanno-pisano-e-gia-2016.html>

Antique markets

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

Florence: March 14-15, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Fortezza da Basso Park, Viale Filippo Strozzi 1

Lido Camaiore (Lucca): March 15, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Fratelli Rosselli, Piazza Abba

Lucca: March 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): March 14-15, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Via XXIV Maggio.

Pontedera (Pisa): March 15, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., main squares and streets downtown.

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

Bientina (Pisa): March 21-22, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in the downtown squares

Castiglion Fiorentino (Arezzo): March 22, 8 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Piazza del Municipio

Montevarchi (Arezzo): March 22, 9 a.m. - 7 pm. Via Isidoro del Lungo, and Via Poggio Bracciolini

Prato: March 21-22, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Piazza San Francesco

Camaiore (Lucca) - Chocolate and Sweet Fair



CONCERTS



Sting

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); July 9 in Lucca

UB40 – March 28 in Padova

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

Marcus Miller – March 31 in Rome; April 1 in Padova; April 2 in Milan

Steel Pulse + Mellow Mood, the Reggae Legend Night – April 10, in Padova

Pentatonix – April 14 in Milan

Jethro Tull and Ian Anderson – April 16 in Padova; April 17 in Milan; April 20 in Rome

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 Milan

Robben Ford – May 14 in Rome; May 16 in Padova

Ennio Morricone – May 16 in Florence; Sept. 12 in Verona

Mark Knopfler and Band – May 28 in Assago (Milan); July 18 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova); July 21 in Rome; July 22 in Lucca

Metallica – June 2 in Rho (Milan)

One Republic – June 9 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova)

Kiss – June 11 in Verona

Damien Jr Gong Marley – June 30 in Milan; July 1 in Rome; July 6 in Piazzola sul Brenta

B. B. King – July 4, in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova)

John Legend – July 5 in Lucca

Stromae – July 8 in Rome; July 14 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova)

AC/DC – July 9 in Imola

The Chemical Brothers – July 1 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova); July 2 in Rome

Billy Idol – July 10 in Lucca, July 11 in Brescia

Elton John and Band – July 11 in Lucca; July 12 in Rome

Ben Harper & the Innocent Criminals – July 17 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova); July 18 in Genova; July 20 in Rome; July 22 in Assago (Milan)

Santana – July 20 in Verona; July 21 in Pistoia

Anastasia – July 22 in Rome; July 25 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova)

Robbie Williams – July 23 in Lucca

Sting – July 24 in Pistoia

Lenny Kravitz – July 26 in Lucca; July 27 in Rome; July 29 in Piazzola sul Brenta (Padova)

U2 – Sept. 4-5 in Torino

Take That – Oct. 13 in Assago (Milan)

Dave Matthews Band – Oct. 17 in Assago (Milan); Oct. 18 in Florence; Oct. 20 in Rome; Oct. 21 in Padova

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

Scorpions – Nov. 9 in Rome; Nov. 11 in Assago (Milan); Nov. 13 in Trieste

Supertramp – Nov. 9 in Assago (Milan)

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

Simple Minds – Nov. 21 in Assago (Milan)

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;

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Annual **Ciao** Conference

March 6th **2015**



A huge turnout for the annual **Ciao** Conference held on March 6th at the Dai Gelosi Restaurant!

A big thanks to the VCC for inviting us. We had an amazing time, and from the looks of the photos so did the over 150 participants.

Here is the **Ciao Committee**, the team that made it happen. A round of applause for their hard work, dedication and impeccable organization.

(from left to right) **Lori Van Etten, Nancy Hudson, Arlene Baptise, Soraya Franklin (not pictured, Natalie Carmona)**



Follow the **Ciao** Conference page on Facebook to see all the photographs that they've posted from the event

Vincenza Community **CIAO** Club's website:
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By **Susan Hedblad**

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Drinking Italian style, drinking slow style: tasting terroir in your glass.

It's not easy to travel through wine-making regions and choose where to stop. Maybe you're on a budget, maybe you love organic wines or maybe you're looking for that special bottle to leave in a cellar to age until you retire. In this issue of the Veneto Vine, I'd like to introduce you to a wine guide that will make your wine exploration much more enjoyable and fruitful.

Now in its 5th edition, the Slow Wine Guide – Slow Food's ABC to the outstanding wines of Italy and the good, clean and fair producers who make them – is available for order online in the English version.

The Slow Wine guide adopts a new approach to wine criticism and looks at a variety of factors to evaluate wineries in their entirety, taking into consideration the wine quality, typicity and adherence to terroir, value for money, environmental sensitivity and ecologically sustainable viticultural practices.

Slow Wine provides a fresh look at the Italian wine scene, looking beyond the glass and the qualities of each of the 8,400 wines reviewed to also consider the approaches used in the vineyard and cellar of more than 2,000 wineries - from some of the country's most renowned winemakers to small producers.

Following more than 20 years of publishing Italian Wines with Gambero Rosso, this is Slow Food Editore's first solo wine guide. The first edition was published in Italian in 2010, and English in 2011.

The descriptive sheet for each winery covers three key areas - **Life, Vineyards and Wines** - to introduce readers to the people behind the wine production and their vineyards, and finally, to the wines. A **series of symbols identify outstanding achievement** in different areas. For the wineries: **The Snail**, to signal a cellar that has distinguished itself through its interpretation of sensorial, territorial, environmental and personal values in harmony with the Slow Food philosophy; **The Bottle**, allocated to cellars that show a consistent high quality



throughout the range of wines presented for tastings; **The Coin**, an indicator of good value for money. And for the wines: **Slow Wines**, which, besides excellent sensory characteristics, manage to distill the character of their terroir, history and environment in the glass; **Great Wines**, which possess the absolute sensory quality; **Everyday Wines**, bottles at the standard price level that present excellent value for money.

Slow Wine is the only Italian wine guide to **visit every winery it reviews**. Thanks to 200-some collaborators on the ground, they find out what goes on behind the labels, evaluating not just how a wine is on the palate, but assessing it through the perspective of the Slow Food philosophy: artisanal techniques, environmental sustainability, expression of terroir, value for money and the ability to condense history and identity into a glass. Last year it was Italy's best-selling wine guide.

With **2,000 wineries** visited and **23,000 wines tasted**, the English-language edition is a 'best of' – a top list of the 300 greatest Italian wineries, including those we consider to adhere strongly to the Slow Food philosophy, as well as other important and award-winning producers.

The launch of the 2015 guide accompanies the release of Issue #4 of **Slow Wine Magazine** (in English, German and Italian). With six issues a year, the digital magazine recounts the world of Italian wine through the lens of Slow Food. In the latest issue, they

explore Franciacorta, an area that has become synonymous with Italian Metodo Classico (better known as Champagne Method), and Chianti Rufina, a tiny appellation in rapid ascent. They get to know the legendary Giulio Ferrari winery through some of its best vintages, and discover that there's more to Piedmont than Barolo and Barbaresco...

The Veneto region boasts 13 wineries which have received Slow Wine's top honor, the snail. Most of the wineries are within an hour's drive from Vicenza! In the Verona province: Le Fraghe, Monte dei Ragni, Corte Sant'Alda, Monte dall'Ora, Villa Bellini, Prà, Fongaro, Leonildo Pieropan. In the Vicenza province: La Biancara, Vigneto Due Santi. In the Venezia province: Tessère. In the Treviso province: Casa Coste Piane, Silvano Follador, Sorelle Bronca.

Not all wineries are organized for wine tours or tastings, but are usually pleased to accommodate visitors. It's a good idea to call or write an email beforehand to make the most of your visit. Many wineries in the Slow Wine guide will honor a 10% discount on wine purchases if you bring along your copy.

The Slow Wine Magazine can be a full year digital subscription, or there is the option to purchase an issue or article of particular interest. Check out their website: www.slowwinemagazine.com

You can also stay updated on what the magazine is publishing through their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/slowwinenewsletter

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Auto Body Repair



If the job is too big to handle yourself, Vicenza offers a number of certified auto body repair shops with English speaking staff. As anywhere, you should be asking the same kinds of questions that you would ask State-side to get the best possible service at the best price. Get a few estimates, not only to avoid overcharge but to evaluate the quality of the work being offered.

Below are a few useful questions to keep in mind before proceeding with repairs.

- What kind of materials will they be using? New, used or aftermarket body parts?
- What kind of warranty is offered on the service or parts?
- In the case of paint work, ask how many coats of paint and clear coat the shop intends to use.
- In the case of dents, find out if paintless dent repair is available to save yourself some money.
- If the car is under warranty, make sure to ask that the work done will not effect or void the warranty.

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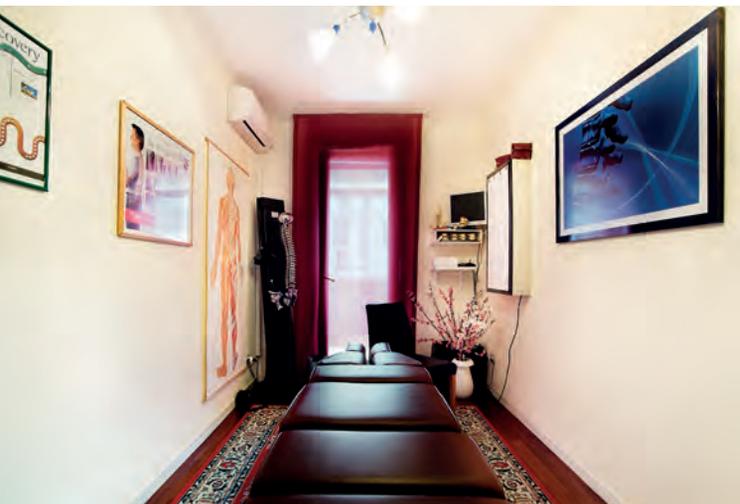
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Antiques and Collectibles Market

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The “Antiques and Collectibles Market” is a large exhibition of antiquities that will transport you back in time: between furniture and objects of the past, many forgotten, you will find everything important and valuable to you.



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