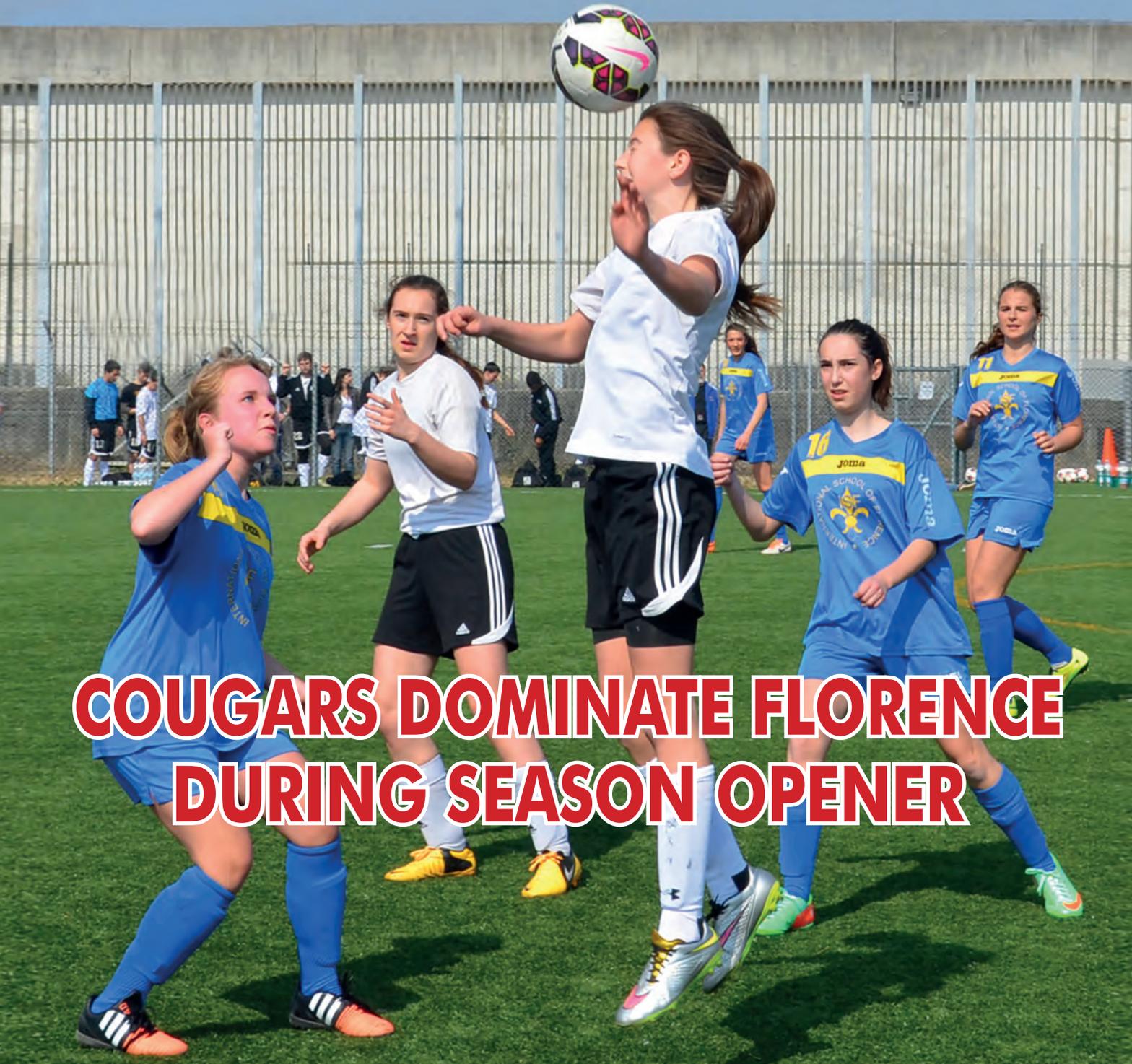


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Cougars' Cece McKenzie heads the ball while opponent Giovanna Baroni, left, International School of Florence team and VHS player Emma Knapp looks on during the first soccer game of the season March 14.

The Cougars hosted the match on Caserma Ederle Multipurpose field and defeated Florence 6-3. After the girls' game, the boys also defeated Florence 4-2.

The Cougars will host Naples Saturday.

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Vicenza Transition Summit, Job Fair April 22-23

By **Christina Overstreet**

Transition Services manager

The Vicenza Soldier for Life-Transition Assistance Program and the Vicenza Army Community Service are partnering with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Hiring our Heroes program, U.S. Department of Labor and U.S. Veterans Administration to host a Transition Summit event at the Golden Lion April 22 and 23. The event is focused on engaging transitioning military members and connecting them with resources to ensure their successful transition to post-military life.

On April 22, Vicenza Military Community leaders are invited to participate in a panel discussion with business and government leaders to explore ways to help military members best posture themselves for movement into the civilian sector. Afterward, all community members are invited to participate in a networking reception.

On April 23, all community members – but particularly the hundreds of service members from our community that are preparing to transition into the civilian workforce within the next 18 months – are invited to hear directly from military and business leaders in a town hall-style forum about career resources, training and opportunities available to help them as they transition. Workshops will be offered on a variety of topics to include Resume Writing and Interview Skills, Linked In, Military Spouse Employment and Federal Employment.

The 2-day event will culminate with a Hiring our Heroes job fair. More than 20 employers are expected to participate, with employment opportunities and resources both stateside and locally for military members of all ranks and their spouses. Employers who have already committed to be in attendance include: Vinnell Arabia/Northrop Grumman, Fed Ex, Hilton Worldwide and FASTPORT.

More information about the event, including an agenda and registration information, can be found at www.hiringourheroes.org.

Speak Out

*What do you plan to do for
Spring Break?*



Tory Brock

Family member

"I am going to Ireland with my family and friends."



Tamara Peruzzo

U.S. Army Africa – G6

"I will spend time with family and watch soccer."



Sgt. First Class **Robert Maldonado**

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"I'm going to Paris with family to go site seeing."

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FAP commits to protecting children

ACS FAP

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and an opportunity for the Family Advocacy Program to focus on supporting Families and strengthening communities to prevent child abuse and neglect. This year's CAPM theme is "Children deserve to be protected. Know the warning signs. Help stop abuse before it happens".

Nationally, The Center for Disease Control reports that child protective services estimates 686,000 children are victims of child abuse and neglect every year, with the highest percentage of those cases being child neglect. Similar to national trends, out of 24 cases of child abuse and neglect here at US Army Garrison Vicenza, more than 50 percent were child neglect.

This year, the FAP team has many special events and activities planned for CAPM, as well as a continued focus on our regularly offered prevention and education classes. Throughout April, we will have a CAPM awareness ribbon promotion at all FAP classes and around our community to give an opportunity to make a commitment to protect children. This four-foot

foam board awareness ribbon will be blank at the beginning of April, but as community members make their commitment to protect children, the ribbon will fill up with blue slips of paper, making it blue, the official color of CAPM. Join FAP in making this transformation happen! In addition, you will see blue ribbons hung in the community made by Families at the Month of the Military Child/CAPM Opening Event. This serves as a reminder to our commitment to protect children.

The FAP team wants to help you protect your children. The FAP team offers parenting resources and support all year long such as ScreamFree Parenting. This class teaches parents how to revolutionize their relationships with their kids. ScreamFree Parenting is all about raising your kids while keeping your cool. The New Parent Support Program workshop Infant Massage helps infants sleep better and it helps to foster parent-child connections. The Baby's Café inside of Army Community Service is a place for parents to network and share experiences while their children play. In addition, NPSP's Bringing Baby Home workshop offers realistic expectations about having a baby as well as

parenting tips from day one, regardless of whether the baby is the first or third born.

FAP offers workshops for adults on stress and anger management. In addition, FAP offers parent-child stress and anger management workshops which are designed to help participants cope and deal with life's daily parenting challenges. Individual sessions can be scheduled to cover material from workshops in addition to parenting strategies tailored to the client. FAP wishes to extend their support not only during CAPM but all year round.

Call the FAP NPSP at 634-7567/6020, the FAP Parent/Child Educator at 634-6202, or the FAP Specialist at 634-6264 or visit www.vicenza.armymwr.com for more information on FAP workshops.



Vicenza youth donate to local pet shelter

By **Shannon Shimer**
Vicenza Teen Center



Villaggio Youth Center middle school students recently visited Gogna Animal Shelter (Canile Gogna) in Vicenza. The service-learning trip was the result of many weeks of planning by the Torch Club, a Boys and Girls Clubs of America club dedicated to instilling leadership and a sense of service in middle school youth. Torch Club participants created pet food donation boxes and put them in several key locations in the community including the Commissary, the Youth and Teen Centers, and Child Development Center. Generous citizens from the community donated pet food and supplies and the donations were organized by the youth.

The culmination of the project resulted in the field trip where Canile Gogna staff welcomed the supplies with open arms. Robert Wojciechowski, a budget analyst on Caserma Ederle and supporter of the canile, says, "The average age of the dogs at the canile is seven and the oldest dog is seventeen. Whether a dog has been here one day, ten days, or ten years they are still treated and presented for adoption with care and respect. Thanks a million times over to the kids for taking on this project and bringing their donations to the canile."

Vicenza Spanish NHS inducts new members



The Vicenza chapter of the Spanish National Honor Society welcomed six new members during a March 11 ceremony at Caserma Ederle's Golden Lion. This group recognizes high student achievement in Spanish and promotes a continuity of interest in Hispanic Studies.

By **Aaron Talley**

USAG Vicenza PAO

The Vicenza chapter of the Spanish National Honor Society welcomed six new members during a March 11 ceremony at Caserma Ederle's Golden Lion. This group recognizes high student achievement in Spanish and promotes a continuity of interest in Hispanic Studies.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for students to be recognized for outstanding achievement in Spanish studies," said Linda Dahlstrom, Vicenza High School Spanish teacher and the chapter sponsor. "Also, it provides a venue for students to share their interests in the Spanish language and culture with their school and community members."

For returning member Charlene Caldwell, being a part of the Spanish NHS is about challenging herself.

"I enjoy learning as much as I can about

the language and culture and contributing to the group," said Caldwell.

During the ceremony, current members spoke about the chapter and its history, pointing out the importance of being in this select group. Then each of the new members lit a candle to symbolize the start of their new journey.

"I decided to join the group because of a general interest in Spanish language and culture," said new inductee Tim Ney. He also said he's looking forward to linking to other cultures and people in ways he can relate to.

In order to be in Spanish NHS, students must be in 10th grade or above and be currently enrolled in Spanish class. They must have a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 and a minimum GPA of 3.5 in Spanish.



Vicenza Spanish Honor Society inductee Tim Ney lights a candle during an induction ceremony March 11 at Caserma Ederle's Golden Lion.

SGM reflects on career

By Sgt. Lance Pounds
USARAF Public Affairs

Sgt. Maj. Minnie Taylor learned early on to look at a situation and control how she responds to it. She realized everyone who joins the Army brings issues or values from their upbringing, creating a melting pot of personalities. As a female in the Army, curbing a tendency to blow-up and not letting circumstances dictate her responses is how she learned to deal with these challenges.

With nearly three decades of military experience, Taylor serves as senior enlisted advisor for U.S. Army Africa's Inspector General, and will be speaking at the Women's History Month observance scheduled for March 24 at the Golden Lion.

Taylor enlisted in the Army in 1987 to take advantage of educational benefits. She became a human resources specialist and has since earned a masters degree in human relations.

"The more you educate yourself, the better you are able to deal with challenges," said Taylor.

Throughout her career, challenges such as stereotypes, personality conflicts, and lack of equal opportunity have all presented themselves, like speed bumps in the road.

"People come up with their own preconceived notion about me," said Taylor. "Even if I was doing what I was supposed to, in the uniform I was supposed to be in and taking initiative."

"Overtime, they will get past that because I am going to show them something different," she said.

Taylor said having a positive outlook on a situation has contributed to personal growth and professionalism.

"We all have our individual backgrounds," said Taylor. "It is a matter of, do I want to overcome my past and make myself a better person or do I want to stay stuck where I am."

"We will always have personality conflict challenges as long as there are people," she said, "but there are ways to work around these challenges."

Taylor said programs such as the Inspector General, Equal Opportunity, Chaplains or Female2Female, are available to help new female Soldiers navigate individual challenges.

The F2F program, Taylor said, provides an outlet for people to discuss challenges and how to overcome them with help from someone who may have already faced similar situations.

In comparison, Taylor said her initial experiences were probably not much different from those of today's new female Soldiers. She mentioned the only difference is leaders now place a higher importance on open communication with their Soldiers.

"When I was coming up, I knew who my first sergeants were but I didn't want to have a conversation with them," said Taylor.

Taylor said leaders are more accessible to Soldiers now.

Taylor stresses the importance of open communication and new Soldiers talking to their leaders.

According to Taylor, female integration into combat military occupational specialties will be challenging. Predominately male, many combat units are not familiar with working around females.

Taylor said females who find themselves in these roles need to remember rules apply to everyone and standards are Army wide.

"Don't think of yourself as a female Soldier, you are a Soldier," said Taylor.

She said she may not be as strong as a



Sgt. Maj. Minnie Taylor, a U.S. Army Africa Inspector General senior enlisted advisor, as a private attending Advanced Individual Training at Fort Jackson, S.C. She is a guest speaker at a Women's History Month observance scheduled for March 24 at the Golden Lion. Courtesy photo

male Soldier and may have to ask for assistance, but other than that she could keep up with her male counterparts.

"I can do anything a male Soldier can do," said Taylor.

"We all have different strengths and weaknesses, treat us all the same, and give us all the same challenges," said Taylor.

"Don't limit me just because of my gender," she said.

Taylor said the challenges, motivational pushes, and ability to control her responses has helped her succeed.

"I am a Soldier first..." said Taylor, "I just happen to be female."

Four decades of AAFES service

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



Young Steven Trobaugh cleans the area outside PX warehouse. Courtesy photo

Steven Trobaugh was six years old when he arrived at Camp Darby with his military family; he attended the elementary school, medium school and high school at the Livorno Lion High School.

Upon graduation he was hired by the AAFES at the local PX, and as of today he is still working at the PX where on March 3 he celebrated 40 years of service.

Trobaugh is better known as Steve around the community since as he says his last name is hard to spell and to pronounce.

"I think I worked in every AAFES branch," said Steve. "I began at the PS warehouse, then I was a vendor at the Foodland. I also performed as a driver and as a mechanic before I moved to the Burgher Bar and back to the PX main shop where I still am."

Steve has seen Camp Darby changing significantly during the years and he shared some good memories.

"There were so many Soldiers at Camp Darby, the movie theater used

to offer two shows per day and still could there was no room for everyone that someone needed to stand in the back," said Steve.

One of the best memories Steve has was when he was a driver and used to replenish the ships coming to Livorno port with drinks.

"We used to work like crazy when the big ships were at the port of Livorno, we served 4,000 military members

and the hours were very long, but we always left with an incredible sense of accomplishment for serving our customers professionally," said Steve.

Steve began serving at AAFES with a big smile and positive attitude when he was only 17 and still maintains his enthusiasm.

"Steve is one of the friendliest employees. He defuses potential problems with a great sense of humor which he keeps even after 40 years," said Tony Podhora, PX manager.



Steven Trobaugh, left, serves Senior Airman Leroy White at Livorno PX on his 40th anniversary of service.

Darby children learn life skills at playgroup



Rhein Thompson and Will Greenlee are both interested in the same object. Fighting over a toy or sharing a toy is just another learning experience for children attending playgroup at Camp Darby Army Community Service.

Story and photo by **Chiara Mattiolo**
USAG Vicenza PAO

The Camp Darby 'Tuscan Tots' playgroup is a program that involves education that is designed to enhance parenting and child development.

"The weekly group is highly interactive and a great way for parents and children to network and learn from other parents and children," said Evelyn Watkins, ACS Family Advocacy Program Specialist.

When viewing from the outside, it may just look like a room full of kids playing together, but this is not just any group of kids. These are the regulars at the 'Tuscan Tots' playgroup. And they are doing more than just playing together. They are learning life skills that they will use well into adulthood.

"Skills like how to share, language development, listening skills, problem solving and socializing with their peers are all learning through example at the 'Tuscan Tots' playgroup," said Watkins.

According to Watkins, the kids also have the opportunity to bring out

their creative side during craft time with different projects each Thursday; don't leave out the rhythm exploration through the songs that are sang by parents and children because repetition reinforces learning.

Of course there's snack time, a chance to work on all those, all-important table manners. But the kids aren't the only ones learning at playgroup, so are the parents.

"It's great to be together, this is a diverse group with diverse parenting experiences and perspectives," said Emily Thompson. "It's so important to

share."

Parents get a chance to talk with each other and share ideas and tips on parenting making this a great place for new moms and dads to learn from some experienced parents, while guests are invited to share child specific information that is useful to parents. "Newborns to five year olds are welcome to the playgroup along with their parents," said Watkins.

The 'Tuscan Tots' playgroup meets every Thursday, 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Army Community Service, building 428.

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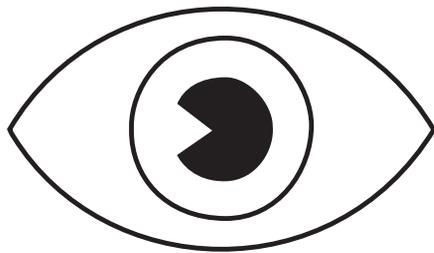
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DCC potluck



Photo by **Chiara Mattiolo**
DMC Public Affairs

Camp Darby Volunteers were informally recognized for their hard work March 18 at the Darby Community Club with a potluck and a crafty event. Volunteers expressed their artistic vein decorating bottles and glasses while socializing and talking about their personal experience as volunteers.



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Speak Out

What do you plan to do for Spring Break?



Francesca Franceschini

Family Member

"I would like to go to Venice and visit my mom who lives in Mestre."



Col. Joseph Greenlee

405th AFSB, Italy

"I will be cleaning out my garage."

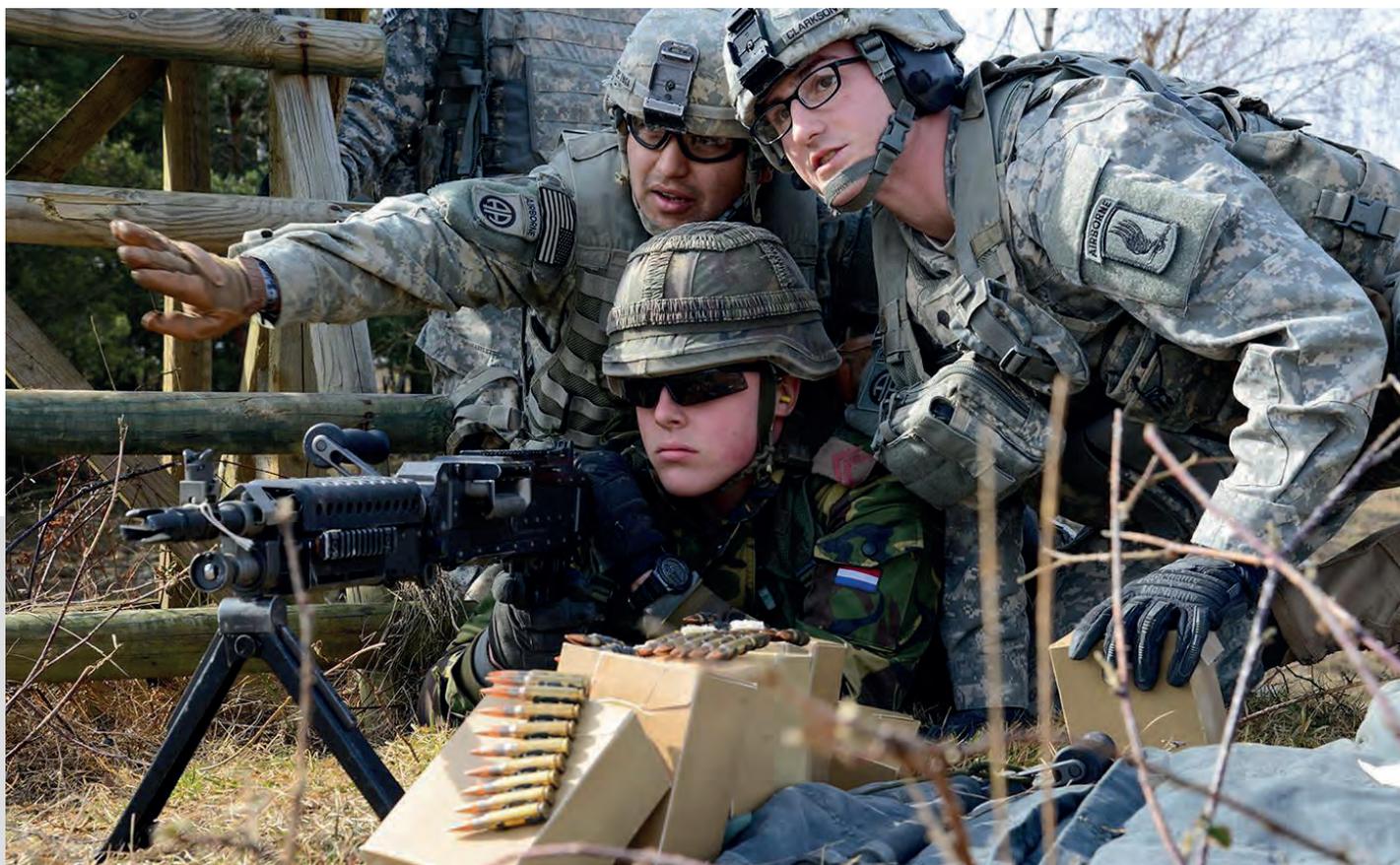


Gao Ekern

Family member

"I would like to go to Rome."

US, Dutch soldiers train on defensive operations



A paratrooper, assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade Special Troops Battalion and a Dutch soldier with the 411th Armored Engineer Battalion, 13th Mechanized Infantry Brigade, Royal Netherlands Army, engage targets during a combined defensive live-fire exercise at the 7th Army JMTC's Grafenwoehr Training Area, Germany, March 7. Photo by Pfc. **Nathanael Mercado**

By 2nd Lt. **Cassandra B. McDonald**
173rd Airborne Brigade

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany—U.S. Army paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade and engineers from the Royal Netherlands Army conducted a company size, combined defensive combined arms live fire exercise as part of Exercise Iron Bastion here March 2-5. The exercise was designed to increase interoperability of both U.S. and Dutch forces by fusing artillery, infantry, engineer and military intelligence branches against a combined arms element.

"The hand-in-hand experience and the international relationship that was created with the Dutch engineers were absolutely incredible and it taught my Soldiers the importance of having a partnership," said Staff Sgt. Ryan Frye, an engineer with the 173rd.

Battalions were able to validate their Soldiers on defense techniques as well as weapon systems.

"The opportunity to work with the Dutch engineers was amazing," said Spc. Juan Gonzales, an engineer with

the 173rd. "Not only did I get to shoot the Javelin; I was able to teach the Dutch how to operate the system."

This exercise is scheduled to take place annually because of its success.



A paratrooper (left), assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade Special Troops Battalion, and Dutch soldiers with 411th Armored Engineers of the Royal Dutch Army (right) move under the concealment of smoke during a combined live-fire exercise March 6, at the 7th Army Joint Multinational Training Command in Grafenwoehr, Germany. Paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade and Dutch sappers from the 411th Armored Engineers of the Royal Dutch Army participated in the combined defensive exercise to promote interoperability and strengthen the NATO alliance. Photo by Visual Information Specialist **Markus Rauchenberger**

Paratroopers secure NATO missile-defense sites



Paratroopers from Company A, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade arrive back home at Vicenza, March 12, after a rotation in Turkey as part of NATO Operation Active Fence.

Story and photos by Sgt. **A.M. LaVey**
173rd Airborne Brigade

Paratroopers from the Company A, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade returned from NATO Operation Active Fence in Turkey, here March 12. Two weeks earlier, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade arrived in southern Turkey in order to relieve them.

“Operation Active Fence is the United States’ contribution to the NATO Patriot missile defense mission,” said Sgt. Ian Carlson, an intelligence analyst, with 1st Battalion. “We are the security forces tasked to guard the missile sites from outside threats.”

Operation Active Fence started in December of 2012 in response to Turkey’s concern over spillover and direct threats from the chaos on its border in Syria. In response, NATO authorized the deployment of Patriot missile defense batteries. The U.S., Germany and Netherlands provided the initial forces. Spain has since replaced Dutch forces.

The 173rd Airborne Brigade, based in Vicenza, Italy, is the Army’s contingency response force in Europe and has the ability to rapidly deploy para-

troopers with specialized parachute infantry capabilities anywhere in the U.S., European, Africa and Central areas of operations.

“These paratroopers left out of here on short notice ... succeeding where others failed,” said Lt. Col. Robert S. Brown, the commander of 2nd Battalion. “They went down [to Turkey] and showed what right looks like to both our allies and to NATO leaders.”

The American paratroopers continue to improve on defense established by previous units and build upon developing the relationships and interop-

erability with their allies in the Turkish army’s 5th Armored Brigade, who they partner with for security at the sites.

“This mission demonstrates our ability to defend our NATO partner’s sovereign borders, shows our commitment to NATO and the defense of our allies,” said Capt. Michael C. Agbay, commander of the current security detail. Paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne are scheduled to continue to deploy in support of Active Fence throughout the year in order to ensure the paratroopers remain sharp and engaged when conducting security operations.



Paratrooper connects with grandfather in return to 'the Rock'



By Staff Sgt. **Opal Vaughn**
173rd Airborne Brigade PAO

It was the last stronghold of the Japanese. A small tadpole shaped island in the Philippines known as Corregidor and it was all the Americans needed in order to secure a victory. The 503rd Parachute Regimental Combat Team, activated in August of 1941 prior to the beginning of World War II, was among the few chosen to combat Japanese defenses there.

Corregidor, an American outpost nicknamed "the Rock" before the war, had withstood a fierce Japanese siege for nearly five months. It is also where Gen. Douglas MacArthur, supreme allied commander, Southwest Pacific Area, was when he uttered his famous words while evacuating the island on March 11, 1942, "I shall return."

Even after Manila had been captured, thousands of U.S. and Filipino soldiers continued to fight off the advances of Japanese forces from the Bataan Peninsula. On April 9, 1942, the U.S. call to surrender the peninsula on the main Philippine island of Luzon served a devastating blow to U.S. and Filipino soldiers who had held out against the Japanese despite having no naval or air support.

Starved and disease ridden, approximately 75,000 soldiers on Bataan were forced to walk a 65-mile march to the prison camps. Those who could not make the arduous walk were rounded up like cattle and used as bayonet practice by the Japanese army. Others were simply barricaded into bunkers and burned alive.

Retaking Corregidor would be the most grueling combat action in which the 503rd Combat Team engaged in during the war. Strategically Corregidor was of major importance though, said U.S. Army paratrooper 1st Lt. Adam Obregon,

assigned to 173rd Airborne Brigade, describing the history of Corregidor. Being able to take back the island gave the Allies access to Manila to push additional supplies through the Philippines.

Heavily fortified, more than 6,550 Japanese soldiers defended the Island. With a position dominating the bay, an amphibious assault would be anticipated and costly. The paratroopers of the 503rd were called for an audacious mission.

Second Battalion of the 503rd would conduct a daytime airborne assault onto the island, with 1st Battalion conducting an amphibious assault.

With the invasion of the island of Leyte in October 1944, paratroopers surprised the Japanese garrison by jumping onto "the Rock."

Three years later on March 2, Gen. MacArthur made good on his promise and he returned, giving the order to raise the U.S. flag once again over Corregidor.

"I see the old flag pole still stands,"

said MacArthur. "Have your troops hoist the colors to its peak and let no enemy ever haul them down."

Only one-third of the men MacArthur left behind on March 11, 1942, survived to see his return. "I'm a little late," he told them, "but we finally came."

One of the paratroopers that jumped in that day was U.S. Army Cpl. Maurice Obregon, assigned to the 462nd Parachute Field Artillery Battalion, 503rd Parachute Regimental Combat Team during WWII and fought at Corregidor.

His grandson, 1st Lt. Obregon, had the privilege to carry the 503rd's colors from their home in Vicenza, Italy to the Philippines, March 2, 2015, in commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the re-taking of Corregidor Island by Allied Forces during WWII.

"I'm third-generation Army," said Obregon. "My father served 20 years and my grandfather of course (who served with the 462nd. When I found out I was selected, my dad was just in awe. It's a level of pride that he has not only for me but for his father."

In its initial history, the 503rd was a separate entity. After the battle at Corregidor, the regiment became known as "the Rock."

When the 173rd Airborne Brigade activated in Okinawa, Japan in 1963, it was built upon the 503rd regiment, with four battalions of the 503rd Infantry Regiment. First and 2nd Battalions of the regiment currently make up the core maneuver force of the brigade. Seventy years later, Corregidor still carries huge significance for paratroopers of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, especially for Obregon who is well versed in its history.

"It was an absolute honor to be able to visit Corregidor in person," said Obregon. "(Maj. Gen. Pasqualette) in his speech made a statement that, Cpl. Maurice Obregon, jumped into Corregidor. I doubt that (my grandfather), 70 years ago, would have ever thought that his name would be mentioned in a celebration. So for me to be in Corregidor and to hear that, it's absolutely amazing to see the connections and the legacy that service members carry with them, and it

is an honor that we continue to serve." For Obregon, it was also the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of a man he never really knew.

"It's tough because I didn't really get to know my grandfather; he passed away when I was two," said Obregon. "And so, through this, it's actually the only way I knew him. There was an Army colonel at the ceremony that had a cousin (who) served and fought in Manila. It is neat to have those family ties because his cousin was fighting the same exact time that my grandfather was. So this is my way of really getting to know him and some of the great things that he was able to accomplish."

Official U.S. War Department estimated the 503rd killed more than 10,000 Japanese troops during its combat operations in the Southwest Pacific. But the 503rd also lost men in order to accomplish the task of retaking Corregidor with 169 dead and 531 wounded. Of the 2,065 paratroopers from both lifts by the 503rd PRCT, about 280 were killed or injured.

Of those killed in battle, only 392

names were identified.

As part of the commemoration ceremony, U.S. and Filipino soldiers laid wreaths on the same location that MacArthur gave his famous speech. Some of the old buildings at Corregidor still stand, along with the cannons that were fired at Japanese forces. And in the spirit of remembrance, a flag was raised as the bugle sounded for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.

On March 2, 1945, Col. George Jones, commander of "the Rock" stood at the head of his men. After months of battling the Japanese the 503rd were tired, bloodied but unshaken. With his men standing at attention, the colonel saluted his commanding general and stated, "Sir, I present to you the Fortress Corregidor."

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



1st Lt. Adam Obregon, the command secretary, 173rd Airborne Brigade, stands in front of the 503rd Infantry Regimental colors during the 70th anniversary of the re-taking of Corregidor Island, Philippines, March 1. U.S. Army Pacific photo

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Getting Started with Relay Health

Relay Health is a secure way to email your Care Team with appointment requests, questions on test results, medication questions and refill requests. Find out more on what else Relay Health can offer you.



COMPLETING YOUR ENROLLMENT

After you complete the face-to-face verification of your beneficiary status, you’ll receive an invitation at the email address you provided.

When you receive your invitation from Relay Health, click on the link within the email to complete your registration:

ENROLLING YOUR CHILDREN

When you enroll your children in Relay Health you can communicate on their behalf. But all children under the age of 14 must be linked to the Relay Health account of their parent or guardian. Here’s how to enroll your children:

- Log into your Relay Health account
- Select “Add a Family Member” under Reminders on the home page:



- Fill in the required information following the prompts
- We’ll notify you through your Relay Health account when your child(ren) have been added

Note: All beneficiaries age 14 and older MUST ENROLL THEMSELVES. An adult can not request an account on their behalf unless the beneficiary is unable to make their own medical decisions and the proper legal documents have been completed.

CAN’T FIND YOUR MESSAGES?

Sometimes messages from Relay Health go to the Junk or Spam folder.

To make sure you can always see messages from your Care Team, take a moment to add our email address to the Safe Senders list in your e-mail options. Here’s how:

YAHOO:

1. Click on the “Options” icon in the upper right corner next to your name.
2. Select “Mail Options”
3. In the left-hand navigation, click on “Filters”
4. On the next page, click “Add”
5. In the “Sender” section, add @relayhealth.com
6. In the dropdown menu, select “Inbox”
7. Click “Save”

GMAIL:

1. Click “Create a Filter” from the dropdown inside the search box at the top of your inbox.
2. Enter @relayhealth.com in the “From” field.
3. Click “Create a filter with this search.”
4. Select “Never send it to Spam” in the filter options.
5. Click “Create Filter”.

OUTLOOK (FORMERLY HOTMAIL):

1. Click on the “Options” icon in the upper right corner next to your name.
2. Select “More mail settings”.
3. Under Preventing junk email, click on “Safe and blocked senders.”
4. On the next page, click “Safe Senders.”
5. Under “Sender or domain to mark as safe” enter “@relayhealth.com” in the dialog box.
6. Click “Add to list”.

Basketball season closes locally

By **Ricky Jackson**
Fitness Center



USARAF and 509th Sig pose with trophies after a hard fought battle. Both teams advanced to the IMCOM Army Europe Unit Level Basketball Championship in Wiesbaden, Germany. Courtesy photo

The 2015 Basketball season was extended due to IMCOM Championships changes.

Regardless, our Community Unit and Recreational Team did not complaint about it. They played and enjoyed every opportunity. Unfortunately we did have some forfeits and always seek and encourage coaches and teams to do better.

Based on the record when the tournament bracket was prepared USARAF and A CO 1/503RD were the two top teams.

509th was one of the underdogs coming into the Championship.

Game#1 - 509th rattled DODDS 50 to 12 warming up their game, dropping DODDS to the loser's bracket.

Game#2 - Charlie BSTB did not show up so A CO 173RD BSB walked out with an easy win.

Game#3 - 509th SIG took USARAF for a wild ride slipping by them 33 to 31, earning the right to send USARAF to the loser's bracket

Game#4 - A CO 1/503RD stood up and proved that they are one of the top teams by a small margin 35-32 sending A CO 173RD BSB to the losers bracket

Game#5 - Charlie BSTB did not show up and USARAF says thanks we will take this win.

Game#6 - A 173RD BSB knocked DODDS out the championship 52 to 25 causing them to lose their second game.

Game#7 - 509th remains in the winning bracket and confronts top team A CO 1/503RD whipping them 53 to 42 advancing to the championship.

Game#8 - USARAF barley gets pass A CO 173RD BSB 29 to 24, sending them off the map, advancing them USARAF closer to the championship.

Game#9 - USARAF went up against the other top team, and they both played down to the horn giving USARAF the edge by one point winning 34-33, and saying bye to A CO 1/503RD leaving as the third place team in the championship.

Game#10 - Underdogs 509th Signal took on the IMCOM 2014 Separate Unit Commander Cup Winner USARAF, a real championship game.

They both wanted to win and both teams played like to Championship teams, the game could have went either way, mistakes and strategy made the difference at the end giving the underdogs the Gold and USARAF excepting the silver.

Both teams advanced to the IMCOM Army Europe Unit Level Basketball Championship in Wiesbaden, Germany.

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.

Health Center Closure

The U.S. Army Health Center Vicenza will be closed Friday, April 3 for a training holiday. For medical needs, you are encouraged to use the Nurse line or go to San Bortolo hospital. The center will reopen Monday, April 6.

VMC graduation ceremony

The Vicenza Military Community graduation ceremony will be held May 20 at 10 a.m. This ceremony is for anyone who graduated in 2014 or is within 12 credit hours of graduating from any college. If you are interested, contact the Education Center at 634-8933 by April 30.

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.

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.

SHARP run

A 5 kilometer run will take place Thursday, April 2 for a cultural change during Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Registration begins at 6 a.m. and the race begins at 6:30 a.m. First 70 finishers receive t-shirts. Runners, joggers and walkers are welcome. For more information call 0444-71-7500.

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.

Red Cross – Records chairman. For more information email [\[redcross.org\]\(http://redcross.org\).](mailto:linzi.brown@</p></div><div data-bbox=)

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.

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.

Vicenza Sergeants Major Association

The Vicenza Sergeants Major Association meets at the Ederle dining facility from 8-9 a.m. the last Friday 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>. Flow Sports Inc. recalls Snowboard Bindings due to fall hazard. Dream on Me recalls 2-in-1 Bassinet to Cradle Due to fall and suffocation hazards. Melville Direct recalls Aquarium Motion Lamps due to fire hazard; sold exclusively by Bits & Pieces (recall alert). Children's Pajamas recalled by

KTM North America for Violation of Federal Flammability Standard. Dirt Devil recalls Hand Vac Turbo Tool Accessory due to laceration hazard. Rapala recalls StrikeMaster Ice Augers due To injury hazard. efco Expands recall of Gas Trimmers due to fire hazard. Children's Pajamas recalled by K.J. Sportswear California due to Violation of Federal Flammability Standard. SCARPA North America recalls Ski Boots with Tronic System Due to Fall Hazard. Urban Outfitters recalls Teacups due to fire hazard. Kid's Korner Children's Zipper Hooded Sweatshirts recalled by Kroger due to choking hazard. Youth Loungewear Pants recalled by M&M'S World Store due to Violation of Federal Flammability Standard. Levels of Discovery recalls Airplane Rocker due to choking hazard (recall alert). Westinghouse Lighting recalls Glass Shade Holders due to risk of electrical shock; sold at Home Depot Stores. Child's Catastrophic Brain Injury prompts recall of Residential Elevators sold exclusively by Coastal Carolina Elevators due to crushing hazard. Spinrite recalls Bernat Tizzy Yarn due to entan-

glement hazard. CreaMiser Refrigerated Creamer Dispensers recalled by WhiteWave due to fire 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

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 Mondays, Wednesdays, and 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.

Snow chain use

The Italian "Codice della Strada" allows local jurisdiction/road owner to require vehicles to have snow chains on board or equipped with winter tires. These requirements apply to all the Autostrade and some local roads. The ordinances are available at the official web site of Polizia di Stato: <http://www.poliziadistato.it> The ordinances are typically valid from Nov. 15-April 15 (even if snowfall is not in progress). However, weather conditions or local requirements may warrant their use as specified in the ordinance. Traffic police enforce compliance with all road ordinances for the time frame/conditions indicated by the requirements. Police will check for snow chains on board or winter tires with the MS insignia. Fines for non compliance range from €84-335.

At the movies



GET HARD

The prison-bound manager (Will Ferrell) of a hedge fund asks a black businessman (Kevin Hart) - who has never been to jail - to prepare him for life behind bars. This movie is rated R.

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. 26	7 p.m.	McFarland USA (PG)
Mar. 27	7 p.m.	Home (PG) *
	10 p.m.	Get Hard (R) *
Mar. 28	3 p.m.	Home (PG) *
	9 p.m.	Get Hard (R) *
Mar. 29	3 p.m.	American Sniper (R)
	6 p.m.	Kingsman: Secret Services (R)
Apr. 1	11 a.m.	Divergent: Insurgent (PG-13)
	7 p.m.	Chappie (R)
Apr. 2	7 p.m.	Get Hard (R)
Apr. 3	7 p.m.	Furious 7 (PG-13) *
	10 p.m.	The Duff (PG-13) *
Apr. 4	3 p.m.	Home (PG)
	6 p.m.	Furious 7 (PG-13) *
Apr. 5	3 p.m.	Cinderella (PG)
	6 p.m.	Furious 7 (PG-13) *
Apr. 8	11 a.m.	Get Hard (R)
	7 p.m.	The Duff (PG-13)



Family and

Vicenza Military Community



Month of the Military Child Opening Event

April is Month of the Military Child and we are opening the month of activities with a grand celebration! Come to the Villaggio Youth Center on April 1, 3:45-5:30 p.m. and enjoy:

- Live music
- Games
- Karate demonstrations
- Arts and crafts
- Free food

Find other great events taking place all through the month of April to celebrate Month of the Military Child. Visit vicenza.armyMWR.com

Dollar Day Bowling

Come join the fun and excitement at the Arena! Children can enjoy dollar bowling and shoe rental on April 8 & 9. For more info about Dollar Day Bowling, call 634-8257.

Backyard Games: Ultimate Football

Remember when sports were fun and not testosterone induced aggression? Introducing The Backyard Games. A series of coed sports that we are all familiar with. Get your teams together and register for Ultimate Football on April 13, 6-9 p.m. at the Del Din Fitness Center. For more info, visit vicenza.armyMWR.com

SAC Saturday Trip

SAC youth, take a step back in time and join us for some fun at Medieval Times dinner theater on April 18! Trip includes seven hours of care, event admission, transportation and dinner. Register at SAC by April 16. For more info, call 634-5008.

National Library Week Open House

Kick off National Library Week with an open house on April 14, 3-5 p.m. Enjoy refreshments, free giveaways such as books and bookmarks and door prizes!

Music Café

Music Café returns for our 5th year of the best in local talent. In celebration of Month of the Military Child, we'll be having a special youth session on Friday, April 17, 7-8 p.m. For info on youth performances, call 634-7206.

EFMP Bowling Night

Enjoy bowling fun for EFMP Families at the Arena! All EFMP Family members are invited to enjoy free bowling, shoes, pizza, and drinks on April 23, 3-5 p.m. Register by April 20 at 634-7500/8582.

BOSS Bi-Monthly Meetings

Join the BOSS program for our bi-monthly meetings, taking place on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Del Din Warrior Zone 3-4 p.m.

Dodgeball Season

If you like to play dodgeball, it's time to register. Whether you are playing for fun or want to coach, sign up to be a part of the dodgeball season by April 11 at the Fitness Center. Clinic and coaches meeting scheduled on April 14, 6 p.m. For more info, call 634-7616.

Eggstravaganza 2015

Enjoy a few hours watching your children gathering eggs and participating in children's activities on April 4, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Ederle Track and Field.



Register using MWR Online Services for:

Vicenza Trip & Classes

Vicenza CYSS Activities



Darby Military Community



CYSS Easter Fest

Join CYSS at the Darby Community Club on April 4 for a fun Family day filled with egg hunts, cupcake decorating, Easter egg dying, face painting and a visit from the Easter Bunny! Fun begins at 11 a.m.

8th Annual European Softball Championships

Bases from all over Europe will be represented to fight for the title of European Softball Champions during the Memorial Day weekend sponsored by Global Credit Union. Register your team by May 15. For more info, visit darby.armyMWR.com.

CYSS Family Trip to Mirabilandia

April is the Month of the Military Child so bring your Family and celebrate it with CYSS as we head to the Mirabilandia amusement park for a full day of fun and adventure. Register and pay by April 15. For more info, call 633-7681.

Outdoor Recreation April Trips

April 4 & 11	Florence
April 6	Pisa and Lucca
April 7	Venice
April 8	Cinque Terre
April 9	Rome
April 10	Wine Tasting
April 18	Livorno Aquarium
April 25	International Handicraft Fair

For more information or to register, contact Outdoor Recreation at 633-7775/7589.

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. Establish with your children the reading habit of a lifetime and enjoyment of books.

Earth Day Celebration

BOSS invites the community to celebrate Earth Day with a fun filled block party at the Darby Library on April 22. Enjoy story time, planter decoration, create your own bird feeders and much more 2:30-5 p.m. Bring your own t-shirt for a tie-dye activity.

Host Nation Orientation

New to the Darby? Host Nation Orientation is an exciting opportunity to learn about the Darby Military Community and Italian culture. This 4-day class begins April 13:

- Day 1 | Learn about Darby Resources
- Day 2 | Full day of language and culture
- Day 3 | Downtown tour of Pisa and public transportation
- Day 4 | Downtown tour of Livorno

To register, contact ACS at 633-7084.

Community Flea Market

One man's trash is another man's treasure! The Darby Flea Market sponsored by BOSS will be held on April 18, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. at the DCC. For more info, contact 633-7438.



Register using MWR Online Services for:

Darby Trip & Classes **Darby CYSS Activities**



Darby Facebook Page

Chapel activities

Vicenza

Sunday Services

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

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

1:30 p.m.: Gospel service

5 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Tuesday

9 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

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

Dinner provided; no watch care

Thursday

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

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

Camp Darby

Sunday Services

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

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

For DMC activities call 633-7267

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

Chaplain Crisis Line

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

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

VMC faith group contacts

Bahá'í Faith: Call 348-603-2283

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

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

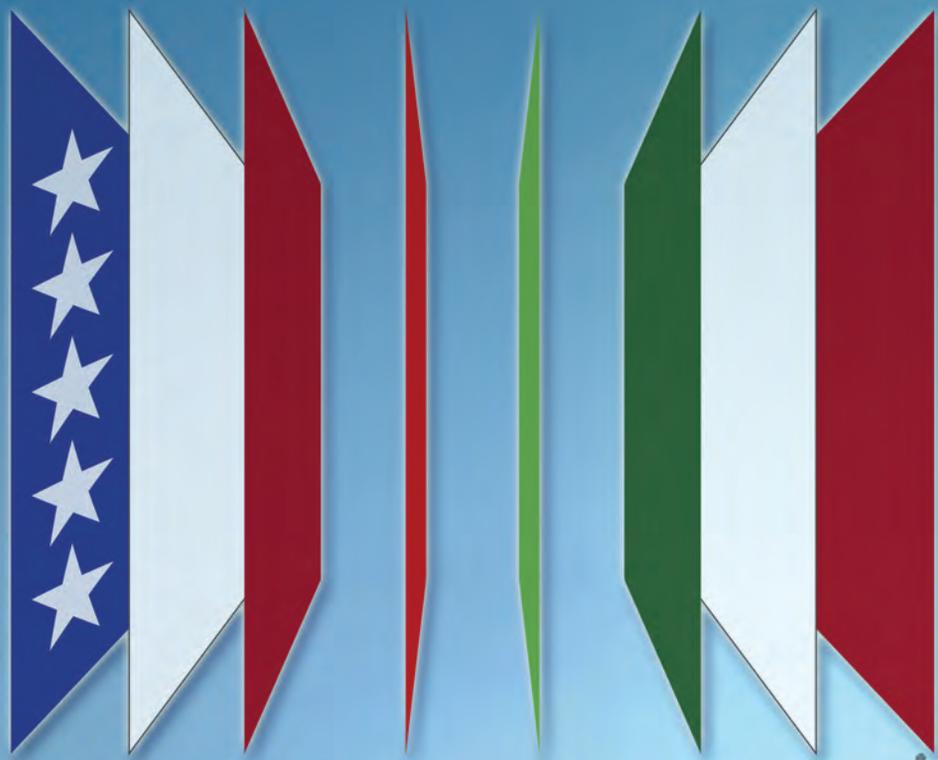
*For more information, call the Vicenza Military Community Chapel at DSN 634-7519 or Commercial at 0444-717519

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Verona - 15th Great Medieval Fest



EASTER IN ITALY

This year Easter is celebrated **April 5**. Easter in Italy is a sacred season for Catholics and it is accompanied by several traditions and cultural customs. For example, on Good Friday many communities remember the day with Passion processions. In some Italian regions, including Veneto, Italians decorate hard-boiled eggs, especially for picnics on the day following Easter, *Pasquetta*. Many bars, pastry shops and supermarkets feature brightly wrapped *Uova di Pasqua* - chocolate Easter eggs. They come in many different sizes and different prices, and you can choose between milk and dark chocolate. All except the tiniest eggs contain a surprise. Some producers distinguish between their chocolate eggs for children and grown-ups. Adults often find their eggs contain little silver picture frames or gold-dipped costume jewelry. The very best eggs are handmade by artisans, who offer the service of inserting a surprise supplied by the purchaser. Such surprises can vary from simple mementos to expensive gifts such as jewelry.

Among the typical Easter dishes are lamb and special stuffed or layered pasta dishes such as lasagna, manicotti, and pasticcio. You will also find special pastries such as *Colomba*; the dove, a symbol of peace, gives form to this traditional sweet bread that is to Easter what *Panettone* is to Christmas. It has the same consistency, without the candied fruits and it's covered with glaze and almonds. Other typical pastries are *focaccia* and *pastiera*. Pastiera is

more common in southern Italy but it can also be found in some local pasticcerie (pastry stores).

Pasquetta, or Easter Monday, is another important holiday in Italy. It's more than an extra day off work. It's the unofficial start of spring and a chance to go for a picnic with friends and family. Schools and most of the stores will be closed.

VENETO

Via Crucis Live Stations of the Cross

April 3, 8 p.m., in Gallio, about 40 miles north of Vicenza. The procession departs from S. Bartolomeo Church, and then goes through the town stopping in different stations, each one representing an event surrounding Christ's crucifixion. The first station is in Piazza Italia. The itinerary will be lit up with small oil-lamps. The tradition is re-enacted by the children of Gallio.

Haru no Kaze Japanese Spring Wind Festival

Through **March 29**, in Vicenza; the free classes and workshops will be held at the B55 Polo Giovani (Youth Center), Contrà Barche 55, unless otherwise specified. Seating is limited. Reserve your seat by calling 345-6497944. An English speaking operator is available.

March 28

Shiatsu treatment demonstration, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Ukigumo Center, Piazzale Giusti 23

“Go” game (ancient board game): 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Origami workshop, at 3:30 p.m. and at 4:45 p.m.

Ikebana demonstration – Ikebana is the traditional Japanese art of flower arrangement: 2:30-5 p.m.; sign up by March 27

“Shakuhachi Duo in concert”, 8:45 p.m., at the City Theatre, Viale Mazzini 39; ticket: €5; get your ticket on line at www.tcvi.it.

March 29

Shiatsu treatment demonstration, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Ukigumo Center, Piazzale Giusti 23

Chadō – Japanese tea ceremony and tea tasting: 4 p.m., Santa Corona 4; sign up for the tea tasting by March 28.

<http://www.comune.vicenza.it/vicenza/eventi/evento.php/123790>

Festa di San Giuseppe e Festa della Quaglia allo spiedo St. Joseph Festival and Spit-Roasted Quail Fair

March 27-29 in Villaganzerla, about 9 miles south of Vicenza. Carnival rides, fair trade market, craft show, painting and photo exhibitions, and charity raffle; food booths feature the traditional spit-roasted quail and a large variety of local dishes; live music and dancing start at 9 p.m. <http://www.festadisangiuseppe.it/programma-festa-san-giuseppe-villaganzerla/>

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 younger than 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 ages 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 ages 4-10; free for children younger than 4; it includes a guided tour of the castle. <http://www.castellobevilacqua.com/index.jsp?code=1>

Fiori e sapori Flowers and flavors

March 29, 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m., in Castagnaro (Verona), Piazza Dante Alighieri, about 42 miles south of Vicenza; plants, flowers, and patio furniture exhibit and sale; regional products tasting and sale; local crafts market; street artists and entertainment for children with clowns and carnival

rides; majorettes' parade; food booths.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Associazione-Gusto-Italia-no/563261357056424?fref=ts>

Concerto giovani musicisti giapponesi Young Japanese musicians concert

March 29, 6:30 p.m., in Vicenza, Olympic Theatre, Piazza Matteotti 11; get your free ticket at the Accademia Musicale del Veneto, Viale della Pace, 374, Monday-Friday (except Thursday), 4-6 p.m.

<http://www.vicenzae.org/ita/eventi/icalrepeat.detail/2015/03/29/12540/-/concerto-giovani-musicisti-giapponesi>

Sagra delle Palme Palm Festival

March 26-31, in Isola Vicentina, Villa Cerchiari, Via Cerchiari, about 8 miles northwest of Vicenza; food booths featuring donkey meat with polenta, German draught beer and a wide variety of local specialties open nightly at 7 p.m.; live music and dancing at 9 p.m.

Mondo Motori Show Auto and Motorcycle Fair

March 28, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; **March 29**, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Vicenza, Viale dell'Oreficeria, 72; latest products and services related to the automotive industry, bikes, spare parts and accessories; entrance fee: €14; free entry for children younger than 10.

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/276408495856195281/>

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.

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

CorriRetrone Non-competitive 7-13-20 km march

March 29, 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; departure 8-9:30 a.m. in Vicenza, Via Dino Carta 3; the €2.50 participation fee includes refreshments during the march and at the finish line; the march is named after the Retrone River and the trail paths that are located around the river in the Ferrovieri area of Vicenza.

<http://www.livinginvicenza.com/sponsored/corriretrone-2015-run-walk-or-volksmarch-7-13-20-km-2454>

Piccolo Mondo Antico The Little World of the Past

April 11-12, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Vicenza, Piazza delle Erbe; vintage, crafts and creative recycling exhibit and sale.

Corte Fiorita Flower Market

April 12, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Badia Polesine (Rovigo), main squares and streets downtown, about 39 miles south of

Vicenza; it features flowers, plants, outdoor furniture, local products exhibit and tasting, face painting and entertainment for children.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/IDC-comunicazione/149638971767899#!/149638971767899/photos/a.149640985101031.35673.149638971767899/817518601646596/?type=1&theater>

37a Su e Zo Per i Ponti

37th Up and down over the bridges

April 18-19, in Venice, 12 km non-competitive walk which crosses 43 bridges, with departure and arrival in Piazza San Marco; it is a spring event that involves thousands of people in a walk of solidarity around Venice alleys; this year's theme is "With the young, for the young".

April 18: 9 p.m. at Bacino Orseolo, near Piazza San Marco, a special evening as a tribute to Venice and to the march, through choral singing and surprise events; "Su e Zo Night Live" at the Hard Rock Café

April 19: 9 a.m. Holy Mass in San Marco Basilica with Conegliano choir "Improvvisando"; 9:30 a.m. folk groups gathering in Piazza San Marco; 10 a.m. flag-raising ceremony; 10:30 a.m. the march departs from Piazza San Marco; at noon, folk group parade in Piazza San Marco and award ceremony for the largest groups and best folk groups; 3:00 p.m. end of the walk; the event will take place regardless of weather conditions; registration fee: €6,50 (pre-booked at www.suezo.it or appointed ticket points <http://www.suezo.it/en/punti-vendita>) or €7,50 (sold at the ticket booths on the day of the event at the ticket booths in San Marco square, at the railway station and at the Tronchetto parking lot).

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

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 children 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/eng/index.php>

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-19300>

Antique markets

Cerea: March 29, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Via Farfusola 6, about 45 miles southwest of Vicenza (about 150 vendors)

Piazzola sul Brenta: March 29, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Via Camerini, about 16 miles east of Vicenza (700 vendors)

Marostica: April 5, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Castello, about 18 miles north of Vicenza (135 vendors)

Noventa Vicentina: April 5, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza IV Novembre, 20 miles south of Vicenza, Piazza IV Novembre (120 booths)

Vittorio Veneto: April 5, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Serravalle, Piazza Minucci and surrounding streets (70 vendors)

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San Casciano Val di Pesa - Medieval Carnevale

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Sagra del Tartufo Marzuolo Marzuolo Truffle Fair

March 27-28, in Certaldo (Florence); food booths featuring many traditional specialties prepared with local truffles, wine and desserts open at 8 p.m. and on Sundays at noon and at 8 p.m.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/sagre/fi/certaldo/sagra-del-tartufo-marzuolo.html>

Mostra Mercato del Tartufo Marzuolo Marzuolo Truffle exhibit and sale

March 28, 4-8 p.m., and **March 29**, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., in Volterra (Pisa), Palazzo Pretorio, Piazza dei Priori; sale of the local truffles and other regional specialties, such as a wide variety of cheese, oil, wine, sausage, and chocolate.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=7&city=&date=&page=1&post=1107>

Il Tartufo a Castelfranco Castelfranco's Truffle

March 28-29, in Castelfranco di Sotto (Pisa), Contrada San Bartolomeo; food booths featuring the local Marzuolo truffle and a variety of local specialties open at 7:30 p.m.;

March 29, a truffle excavation competition starts at 8:30 a.m. in Via Fratelli Rosselli.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=1&area=&city=&date=12&page=1&post=471>

Sagra del Locio Duck Festival

March 28-29, in Pelago (Florence); Via Casentinese Palla, 3; food booths, featuring the traditional duck dishes and other local specialties open on Saturday at 7 p.m., and on Sunday at noon and 7 p.m.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=1&area=&city=&date=12&page=1&post=303>

Piazze d'Europa International food market

March 27-29, in Follonica (Grosseto), Viale Italia, Viale Carducci, Piazza XXV Aprile; more than 140 vendors from all over the world feature their specialties, from Greek food, to Spain and Jewish specialties, Argentine beef, to German fast food and Irish beers; rally auto exhibit; children entertainment with games, face painting and gadgets; **March 28**, from 4 p.m., in Piazza Sivieri, hip hop and break dance shows.

http://www.comune.follonica.gr.it/area_informativa/comunicati_stampa/testo_comunicatistampa.php?id_com=04231

Carnevale Medievale Medieval Carnevale

March 29, in San Casciano Val di Pesa (Florence); it commemorates the 1326 siege, when Castruccio Castracani, duke of Lucca, took control over the castle of San Casciano and destroyed it; enjoy a medieval parade and the traditional Joust of Boroughs, when the five city boroughs, the Horse, the Lion, the Lillium, the Tower and the Rooster, compete against each other to win the city's key; from

10 a.m. streets artists, medieval parade, falconers' exhibit and a medieval items market.

<http://www.toomuchtuscany.com/medieval-carnival-in-san-casciano-val-di-pesa-2013/>

Antiquariato, Arte, Artigianato **Antiques, Arts, and Crafts exhibit and sale**

April 3-6, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., in Pitigliano (Grosseto), Piazza Fortezza Orsini 25.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/fiere-mercati/gr/pitigliano/antiquariato-arte-artigianato.html>

I Giochi di Carnasciale **Games of Carnasciale**

April 4-6, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., in Florence, Cascine Park, Viale dell'Aeronautica 8; it commemorates the historical Florentine games played during Carnevale (or Carnasciale); visitors can live three days immersed in the Middle Ages: sword and archery competitions, knights, flag-waving shows, falconers tournament; medieval and renaissance music; medieval market; food booths feature medieval specialties; free entrance.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/feste/fi/firenze/i-giochi-di-carnasciale.html>

Festa della Beata Giovanna **Saint Joan Fair**

April 6, from 10 a.m., in Signa (Firenze); historical parade departs from San Lorenzo Church Piazza Camillo Benso Cavour; food booths feature local specialties; live music performed by Signa Philharmonic Orchestra at 4 p.m.

Festa della Farina Dolce **Cake Flour Festival**

April 6, from 2 p.m., in Piteglio (Pistoia); local products and crafts exhibit and sale; food booths feature dishes and sweets prepared with the local chestnut flour.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=1&area=&city=&date=13&page=1&post=407>

Fiera Val D'Elsa **Val D'Elsa Fair**

April 6, 8 a.m.-10 p.m., in Casole Val D'Elsa (Siena); antique market and local crafts exhibit and sale; food booths feature local specialties; bounce houses and entertainment for children.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=3&area=&city=&date=&page=1&post=1098>

Streat Food Truck

April 10-12, 4 p.m.-1 a.m., in Florence, Cascine Park, Viale dell'Aeronautica 8; street food fair; entertainment for everyone and games for children; free entrance.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/rassegne/fi/firenze/streat-food-truck.html>

Gustosa **Food and wine fair**

April 11, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. and April 12, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., in

Montale (Pistoia), Villa Smilea, Via Giuseppe Garibaldi 2/A; Tuscan food and wines exhibit and sale; food tasting, workshops and entertainment.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/rassegne/pt/montale/gustosa.html>



San Casciano Val di Pesa - Medieval Carnevale

Antique markets

Cecina (Livorno): March 29, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., in Piazza Guerrazzi and Via Cavour

Florence: March 29, 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m., in Via Ciampi

Ponte a Egola (Pisa): March 29, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Piazza Rossa

Arezzo: April 4-5, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., Fiera Antiquaria, Piazza Grande and surrounding streets

Carmignano (Prato): April 5, 9:30 a.m.-7p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II and Piazza Matteotti

Cascina (Pisa): April 5, 9 a.m.-6p.m., Corso Matteotti, first Sunday of the month

Orbetello (Grosseto): April 4-5, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Corso Italia.

Pietrasanta (Lucca): April 5, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Duomo, about 50 vendors.

San Giuliano Terme (Pisa): April 5, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Shelley and Piazza Italia

San Miniato (Pisa): April 5, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza del Popolo, Piazza della Repubblica, and Corso Garibaldi; exhibit and sale of local art craft on Via IV Novembre

CONCERTS

James Taylor



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Alan Parsons Live Project – 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

Bob Dylan – June 27 in San Daniele del Friuli; July 1 in Lucca; July 2 in Torino

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

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

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

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

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

George Benson – July 12 in Milan

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

Damien Rice – July 25 in Rome; July 30 in Villafranca di Verona

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

Crosby, Stills and Nash – Oct. 1 in Milan, Oct. 3 in Padova, Oct. 4 in Rome

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)

Madonna – Nov. 21-22 in Torino

SPORTING EVENTS

2015 Harlem Globetrotters

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

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Vicenza, where eating is a delight

The Vicentino area is extremely proud of some products, in particular those specialities which have obtained PDO (Protected Designation of Origin) status, such as Asiago cheese, soft and delicate flavour when it is served fresh or sharp and savory when it's served aged Sopressa Vicentina, and White Asparagus from Bassano, or PGI (Protected Geographical Indication) status such as the Cherries from Marostica.

An honourable citation must, however, go to the many products in the territory that have unique, appreciated and sought after characteristics: cereals such as Vialone Nano Rice from Grumolo delle Abbadesse, or Corn Flour from Marano, vegetables such as Red Radicchio from Asigliano, "Fiolaro" broccoli from Creazzo or tubers such as Mountain Potatoes and Plains Potatoes. How can we forget the cakes, transformed products and finally the typical local dish par excellence: baccalà alla vicentina (stockfish cooked Vicenza style) that can be enjoyed in many restaurants in the province.

Vicenza food is rich and tasty, able to satisfy even the most demanding palates with quality products. An example are PDO olive oil that comes from Veneto Euganei and Berici and Veneto del Grappa or cold meat where, in addition to the Sopressa Vicentina, there is also Veneto Berico-Euganeo Ham PDO, which is shared with other neighboring provinces.

The step from food to drink is short and we discover that the Vicentino area has an excellent reputation at high levels in the prestigious tradition of Italian wine, both with international vines and also native vines, such as Tai Rosso from Berici Hills, and Durella, Garganega and Vespaiola which are used in the production of white, sparkling and sweet wines (Recioto and Torcolato are the most popular). Some successful niche products, such as grappa and distillates cannot be forgotten.

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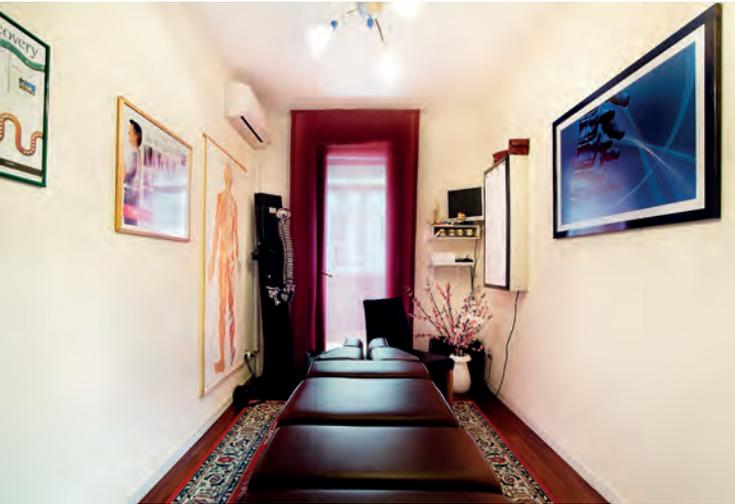
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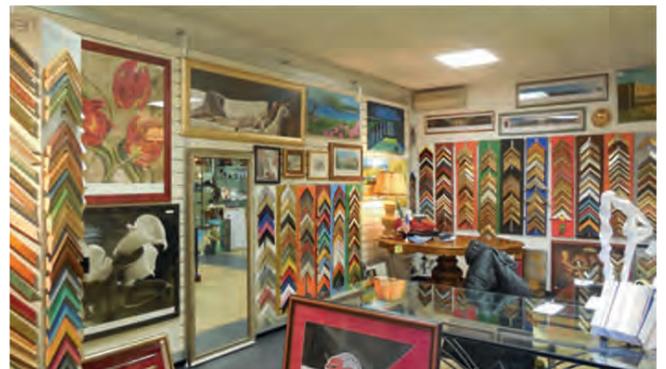
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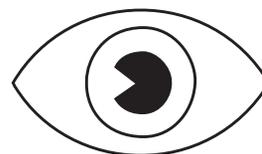
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- What kind of warranty is offered on the service or parts?
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What's happening?

- In English and Italian
- Merchants & Restaurants
- Services & Groups

Find?

- Google Maps, Bus & Taxi

How Much?

- **FREE**

What's Next?

- **Outlook** Newspaper Integrated
- International Orders Online

OTG APP can be downloaded from



APP Store (iPhone, iPad): **Outside the gate**

<https://itunes.apple.com/it/app/otg-outside-the-gate/id892325012?mt=8>
and look for the circular logo.

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Play Store (Android): **Outside the Gate**

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=uk.co.solus.otg>
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