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Spc. Christopher Nosko (left) and Pvt. 1st Class Noah Hemker (right) from the Vicenza Military Community, pick up garbage with Mayor Renzo Segato during a Clean-up Day at Quinto Vicentino March 22. Soldiers from the VMC helped clean up the community of Longare the day before. See page 6 for the full story.

Photo by **Anna Ciccotti** - USAG Vicenza PAO

IMCOM leaders set sights on 2025

SAN ANTONIO, Texas - U.S. Army Installation Management Command top leaders held a conference here Mar 23-24 for garrison commanders and command sergeants major to set a collective course for IMCOM 2025 And Beyond.

Led by Commanding General, Lt. Gen. David Halverson, the two-day conference included leader to leader straight talk on IMCOM policy changes, panel discussions on Dept. of the Army initiatives and guest speakers all tied to the command's mission of enabling readiness.

"We're a member of the combined arms team, a critical element of readiness," Halverson told his region and garrison leaders. "With one voice, we have to be able to articulate IMCOM's importance to senior mission commanders and let them know that IMCOM is the right investment."

Through sound business decision-making, innovative partnerships and implementation of IMCOM 2025 And Beyond strategic design, the command is investing in itself - developing the agility and flexibility to be responsive to the Army's needs today and in the future, Halverson said.

Couched in a theme of seasonal change, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installations, Energy and Environment, Katherine Hammack, addressed the challenges of developing, defending and executing budgets in the current austere fiscal climate.

"We have to weigh risks daily," Hammack said. "What's acceptable loss? Compare loss of life to buildings that decay a little faster . . . grass that grows a little higher? Gen. Halverson and I are okay with the grass growing higher if it means that the troops are trained, ready and properly equipped."

Change is the solution, according to Hammack and it comes in the form of repurpose and realignment.

"The best thing a community can do is embrace BRAC [Base Realignment and Closure]," she said. "The alternative is a ghost town, but through BRAC there is the potential for reorganization and repurpose. Our strategy is to increase the resiliency of our bases."

Hammack also suggested cost savings through community partnerships, green energy initiatives, like solar power, and repurposing structures instead of leaving them empty.

"It costs 30 cents a square foot to maintain a building and \$3 per square foot to sustain that building," Hammack said. "Compare that to \$30 per square foot to restore a building or \$300 per square foot for new construction."

As the conference concluded, Halverson emphasized the need for leaders, the workforce and IMCOM programs and infrastructure to be adaptable and transformative to successfully carry out the mission.

"The Army is going to have to adjust. IMCOM is going to have to adjust," Halverson said. "That's where the human dimension comes in . . . people are our greatest capability. Thank them every day."

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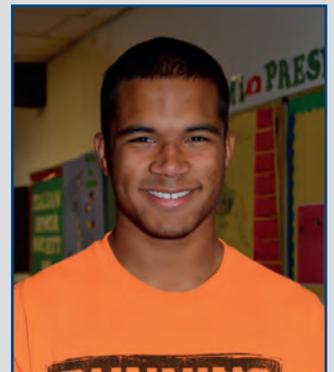
What does Earth Day mean to you?



Alexandra Czarnik

Family member

"To me, Earth Day means giving thanks and giving back to the wonderful place we all call home: Earth."



Robert Maldonado

Family member

"It is a day to appreciate the unsung hero that is the Earth."



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Family Law counseling available at Vicenza Legal Assistance Center

By **Anita J. Fitch**
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A large portion of the legal assistance service requests that are received at the Vicenza Legal Assistance Center involve family law. The legal assistance attorneys are available to provide information and assistance to eligible clients who have questions or cases involving guardianship, adoption, extended family arrangements, paternity, child custody and visitation, financial support, and marital separation or divorce. Free services help clients identify options and obligations to guide their decision making.

Obtaining guardianship through a U.S. court or completing an adoption can result in adding Family members for military and civilian employee administrative purposes. Some families would like to have extended family members reside with them. These kinds of life events present opportunities for command sponsorship in Italy or immigration to the United States based upon the nature of the relationship, court order, and status of the sponsor, ward, adopted child, or other family member.

Situations involving children also include establishing paternity and custody or visitation rights and responsibilities. Parents who do not have a working written custodial agreement may need to go to court to set, clarify, or change the terms of how the child will be parented. Determining the right court depends upon prior court actions and where the parents and child reside. Child custody or visitation arrangements based on agreement or court order identify parental rights to child and passport possession, local and international visitation, and expenses associated with visitation travel.

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These family law processes are complicated by our presence outside the United States, the presence of non-U.S. spouses or family members, one's status as a member of the military or civilian component of the U.S. Forces, citizenship and residency, and international treaties or agreements. The legal assistance attorneys at the Vicenza Legal Assistance Center can help you navigate these turbulent waters.

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

Earth Day 2015: Put awareness into action

DPW Environmental Division

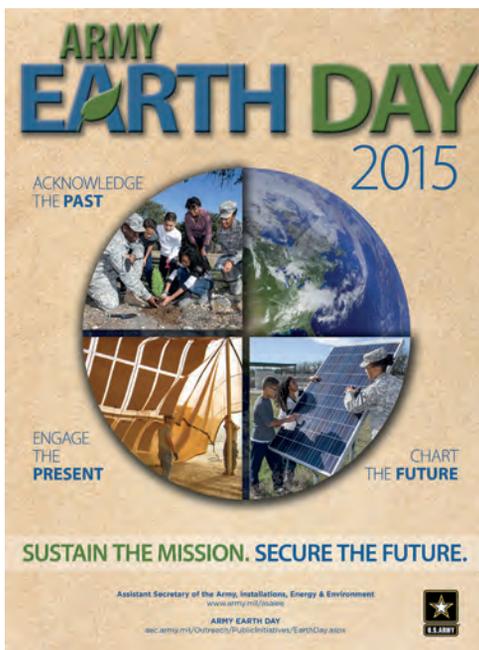
April 22nd marks the 45th anniversary of Earth Day. Its purpose, if even only for a day, is to encourage social and political action by drawing attention to the environment.

Earth Day was founded in 1970 by Wisconsin Senator Gaylord Nelson. He built upon the American grassroots efforts of that era to bring awareness to environmental issues such as overuse of resources and pollution to a national level. That year, an estimated 20 million Americans

gathered in cities and on college campuses throughout the USA to focus on the damage mankind was causing to the environment. This sparked a nationwide tidal wave of efforts and initiatives to clean up and protect our fragile environment that crossed political and social lines. It was a monumental success for the once small and "silent" environmental movement of the early twentieth century. Over the course of the next three years, the Environmental Protection Agency was formed and a significant expansion of environmental legislation was enacted. Since then, legislation such as the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, and the

Endangered Species Act has afforded legal protection to and the conservation of many of the nation's natural resources.

In the years that followed that first Earth Day, awareness and action have continued to transform the public attitudes to more sustainable behaviors not only in America, but around the globe. According to the Earth Day Network, today more than one billion people in an excess of 190 countries participate in Earth Day each year, making it "the largest secular civic event in the world." Many commemorate by planting trees, community clean-ups, educational fairs, debates, and celebrations.



In 1971, the U.S. Army proudly joined the Earth Day campaign. Currently, more than 200 Army installations, commands and garrisons worldwide celebrate Earth Day. These organizations work in concert to support and celebrate our Army's Earth Day theme of Sustain the Mission; Secure the Future. The idea being that the Army's commitment to meeting both the current and future needs of its Soldiers, their civilian counterparts, families, and the nation through sound stewardship and use of environmental resiliency. The Army acknowledges the past by restoring Army lands to usable condition and by preserving cultural and historical resources. It engages in the present by meeting environmental standards, enabling Army operations, and protecting Soldiers, Families, and

communities. The Army also Charts the Future by institutionalizing best practices and use of technology to ensure future environmental strength. The Army faces many challenges, such as a continuing high operations tempo and an ever changing world, as it strives to meet its commitment to its natural resources. However, environmental stewardship is vital, leading to better training environments, healthier communities, and ultimately, to a stronger Army from its housing areas to the front lines.

USAG Vicenza recommits itself to Sustaining the Mission; Securing the Future by continuing its Earth Week celebrations. Here are some of the Earth Week Activities & Events happening within the Vicenza Military Community for 2015:

- **Art, Essay, & Coloring Contests**

Now through Tuesday, April 14: Students in Pre-K through 12th Grade can express your green" talents on the Army's Earth Day Theme: Sustain the Mission; Secure the Future. You may pick up information, and submit entries through your teacher, school office, or the Ederle Post Library. Deadline for submissions is April 14.

An awards ceremony will be hosted by the Vicenza Health Clinic on Earth Day – Wednesday, April 22. Winners will receive monetary awards from Global Credit Union.

- **Earth Week Opening Ceremony at the Army Community Services (ACS Lobby)**

Monday, April 20 at 11:30 a.m.: USAG Vicenza Garrison Commander Col. Robert L. Menist Jr. will be the guest speaker as we share our Army's Earth Day Message followed by refreshments featuring cupcakes donated by Dolce Darlin'.

- **Environmental Informational Booths at the AAFES Main Exchange**

Monday & Tuesday, April 20 & 21, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m: Stop by the Army Earth Day Booth to meet some of our local environmental subject matter experts. Get information, ask questions, share comments, collect gizmos and learn how you can help sustain the mission and the environment in our everyday lives.

- **Tree Planting Ceremony at Vicenza High School**

Wednesday, April 22 at 1:30 p.m.: Join the VHS student body and Col. Menist as they plant for the planet to reduce pollution and provide a home for wildlife, as well as a place for people too.

- **VHS Environmental Science Project Displays at the Vicenza AAFES Main Exchange**

Wednesday, April 22 at 9:30 a.m.: VHS students show off their environmental knowledge and project-based skills at various booths in the Main Exchange complex.

- **Vicenza Military School Presentations**

Throughout the week at various times and locations: Environmental professionals and volunteers will visit the schools to share their expertise with students via class activities and presentations focusing on the topics of recycling and energy.

- **Arts & Crafts Center "Green" Activities**

Throughout the month of April: Fun and sustainable art projects include a recycled book workshop, paper making, and an actual "DPW Earth Day Project Work Day". On Wednesday April 22, a "green" day focused solely on the use of recycled materials. Contact the Arts & Crafts Center for specific activities and dates.

Army Earth Day provides us with a solid reminder to pause, reflect, and refocus individual intentions and efforts as being responsible stewards of the planet. In this way, we hope that awareness and celebration leads humanity towards making every day Earth Day.

Spring cleanup brings Italian, American volunteers together

Story and photos by **Anna Ciccotti**

USAG Vicenza PAO

Members of the Vicenza Military Community came together to help Italian volunteers clean up the towns of Longare and Quinto Vicentino for spring.

Fourteen Soldiers from the Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, United States Army Africa/SETAF and 20 members of the local Alpini group joined efforts to tackle the trash at Longare March 21.

Participants worked together in small Italian American teams discarding all the trash around town and cleaning up 25 eco-centers. Each helper was given gloves, large debris bags and worked under the supervision of a senior Alpini member. The language barrier was never an issue as the teams scattered in town for their mission.

"The first obvious benefit to the community and the environment is that, cleaning up trash, we see the impact of our work immediately," said Gaetano Fontana, mayor of Longare. "The other value is in the civic lesson that gives the volunteers a sense of accomplishment, pride and stewardship."

Also helping the cleanup effort was Col. Robert L. Menist Jr., U.S. Army Vicenza Garrison commander.

"I am glad to help and give back to this community that gives so much to us," Menist said, especially referring to the Soldiers who work and live in Longare.

The small town southeast of Vicenza hosts a small installation with U.S. Army reserve activities and a Veterinary Clinic. "I am also honored to enjoy such a productive relationship with Mayor Fontana. I welcome these events as a great opportunity for partnership building and friendship forming," Menist said.

"We appreciate very much the presence of the garrison commander who wanted to be part of this community partnership and work with us along with our Alpini friends whose engagement was key to the success of this project," Fontana said.

"For many of the Soldiers participating today, this was a first, doing a combined Italian/American community event. This is important in understanding each other and our culture," said Maj. Jennifer Etters, exec. officer HHBN,USARAF/SETAF.

"Many of us today got to see what these communities have to offer and the historical richness of the area," Etters said, "so it was only natural for me to give back to a beautiful town where I have enjoyed biking and rock climbing."

"What I most loved about today was the friendship that I made with Signor Rossi," said Sgt. Richard Lopez. While the older Italian gentleman drove



Sgt. Dax Dickenson from the Vicenza Military Community tackles the trash along the Tesina River at Quinto Vicentino during a Cleanup Day March 22.

the garbage pickup truck, the young American would collect the bags put together by the other volunteers around town. "It was really fun riding with him all over Longare, just the two of us. We got along very well and I hope to get another chance to experience something like this again soon," Lopez said.

"The event was a unique opportunity to get to know those 'famous Americans' who live next to us on a daily basis, yet follow parallel paths to go to work or to have fun. In fact we don't get to enjoy many opportunities to do things together and the cleanup was an enriching experience for our community because people of different cultures came together for a common and meaningful purpose," said Mariachiara Donadello, city

assessor for culture and equal opportunities.

After the cleanup, the Soldiers enjoyed the camaraderie of their Alpini hosts and shared stories and laughter during a traditional luncheon consisting of Asiago cheese and soppressa salami appetizers served with ragù pasta prepared at the Alpini Headquarters in Lumignano. The following day, the early morning rain didn't hamper the spirits of those who eagerly supported the Cleanup Day organized by Mayor Renzo Segato at Quinto Vicentino. Eight Soldiers from Caserma Ederle along with other members of the Vicenza Military Community volunteered to join their neighbors and fellow residents to clean up around town March 22. "It was a great honor to see the American Soldiers work with

enthusiasm shoulder to shoulder with our volunteers to clean the streets of Quinto and the banks of the Tesina River, thus displaying great civic sense and respect for the environment," said Segato. "This initiative is important per se, and it also offers the Americans an opportunity to make new friends and get to know our community." Commenting on the dedication shown by the Soldiers who spent their Sunday picking up trash in a small Italian town, Segato said "they were a great example for our younger citizens, and for this we are especially grateful." The general feeling among Soldiers was of pride and enthusiasm. "Getting out with people in the community helps not only with language and culture, but also with making us feel more at home here," said Pfc. David Herdman. "Making sure the area stays clean and beautiful for future visitors and residents helps everyone. Also, the spirit of welcome and inclusion that we experienced today is simply amazing." "It was a refreshing experience to get out of the barracks to do something in the community. I was very fortunate to partake in such

an event because working with the host nation is instrumental in developing good long-term relationships and this cleanup was a step in the right direction," said Spc. Anthony Washington. A resident of Quinto for two years now, Nancy Beale had no hesitation to sign up for the event. "Quinto has been a wonderful town to live in for our family. I am so glad I had the opportunity to give something back to a town that has been so welcoming and warm to us." Platoon leader Sgt. Dax Dickenson said that: "Everyone here today came in with a smile and we are leaving with a bigger smile." He added that his Soldiers enjoyed having a chance to get out of Caserma to help out and see Italy through a different light. "The local volunteers were there directing us what to do in Italian, which none of us could understand, but they didn't seem to mind at all. We tried our best and it worked just fine," Dickenson said. He was also proud to serve in a unit whose leadership is dedicated to doing volunteer work for the host nation organization and excitedly seeks any opportunity

for meaningful engagements. The cleanup ended with a luncheon offered to all participants to thank them for their enthusiasm and support. Dickenson said, "Many of us back in America don't get an opportunity to sit down next to a mayor and have lunch together. But it can happen here in Italy and that is great!"



First Sgt. Shawn Kisner, right, United States Army Africa, and Riccardo Cariolato, member of the Longare Alpini group join efforts during a Cleanup Day at Longare March 21.

Vicenza community celebrates women's history

Story and photos by **Aaron Talley**
USAG Vicenza PAO



For the past 35 years, the month of March has been designated as "Women's History Month," set aside as a time to celebrate the many accomplishments of women in our nation's history.

Member of the Vicenza Military Community gathered to honor both famous women from history and some of the influential women in the Vicenza community.

Event organizer Sgt. 1st Class Steven Gould says it's important to educate the community on all the great things women have accomplished.

"We need to continue to recognize the stories of struggles and victories of the women who have helped make this country what it is today," said Gould. "However, there are still barriers that prevent too many women from full and equal participation in our economy and society. Barriers that require everyone's fullest attention."

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Staff Sgt. Hilda Hinojosa shows off her certificate of achievement for taking part in the Women's History Event video that was shown to the attendees. Hinojosa works in Retention but used to be a parachute rigger.

During the event, guest speaker Sgt. Maj. Minnie Taylor spoke about many of the famous women who have done so much to advance the causes of women in the United States and around the world. Then the attendees watched a video highlighting some of the women in uniform who have affected the lives of residents in Vicenza.

For one of the Soldiers featured in the video, Staff Sgt. Hilda Hinojosa, being a female in the military has been a challenge, but she thinks that things are improving.

"I've noticed more of an appreciation for women, we're really starting to get out there," said Hinojosa. "At first there was a lot of tension with women going to get (things like) the Ranger tab and now I feel like the tension is still there but it's getting more accepted that women are going to these schools that are traditionally for men."

Hinojosa also says it's important for women to be able to do the same jobs as men. "It's important that we're not just seen as mothers or daughters or wives," she said. "We can go out



Ms. Jackie Burden receives a certificate of Achievement from LTC Eric Baus for her part in the Vicenza Women's History Event.

there, and if they call for that guy to go and get something they can call on us, too. They just won't look at us and say, 'She can't do it.'"

Just as she built on the history of those women that have gone before her, Hinojosa says she hopes the next generation of female Soldiers will continue to make gains in the struggle for women's equality.

"I would say to a new female Soldier to not give up. Even when you have your days when you think you can't do this and people are judging you, don't give up. I persevere, because to me every day is about proving a point."

And that point, to any male Soldiers out there, is simple to Hinojosa. "I can do anything you can do."

VHS Red Cross Club hosts conflict exercise



By **Kate Ismert**

American Red Cross Vicenza

As members of the Vicenza Military Community, we are often touched by the realities of war and conflict as many of our spouses, parents, and sons and daughters are deployed at some point in their military careers. However, few of us consider the laws and organizations that are in place to protect wounded Soldiers, civilians, and aid workers involved in an armed conflict.

Recently a group of Vicenza High School Red Cross Club members participated in an event designed to teach participants about International Humanitarian Law and the role that humanitarian aid

organizations, like the Red Cross, play in supporting these laws. The event, called RAID Cross, is a simulation activity sponsored by the American Red Cross. With the help of volunteer and community support, the Vicenza Red Cross brought this event to our community for the first time March 7. Participants in the event became citizens of a fictional country currently engaged in an armed conflict with a neighboring country. They had to complete different tasks at each station including navigating an obstacle course littered with mines, negotiating with a border guard in order to deliver humanitarian

aid, and deciding which military targets to destroy with the least civilian casualties. Along the way, participants were educated about the International Humanitarian Laws specific to each activity and the event concluded with a simulated trial in the International Criminal Court.

The VHS Red Cross Club members provided volunteer support for the duration of the event taking on the roles of facilitators, prison guards, judges, and prisoners of war in order to help educate participants at each of the activities.

We all had a great time at the event, and hope to have it again in the future. RAID Cross is truly a unique and thought provoking event so stayed tuned and make sure to participate next year.



Participants go through a conflict course March 7, hosted by the Vicenza High School American Red Cross Club. The RAID Cross is a simulation activity and participants became citizens of a fictional country currently engaged in an armed conflict with a neighboring country. Photo by Corrisa Peterson

USAG Vicenza full scale exercise set for May 6-7

USAG Vicenza Public Affairs

VICENZA, Italy - Exercise planners are in the final stages of planning for the coming annual disaster response drill named "Lion Response". This year the exercise will take place on Caserma Ederle and encompass a joint U.S. and Italian all hazards incident response to naturally occurring and manmade events affecting

the installation.

The Lion Response exercise is set for May 6-7 with most of the activities that impact the garrison taking place on the second day of the exercise. Community members should anticipate emergency vehicles moving in and around Caserma Ederle as well as some impact on normal traffic patterns and parking during the exercise.

"Emergency management is a

coordinated effort for the Vicenza military community, involving both U.S. and Italian emergency response agencies," said Shaun Miller, the U.S. Army Garrison Installation Emergency Manger.

The Protection Division handles all Emergency Management and Antiterrorism operational and administrative requirements for the Garrison and Vicenza Military Community. Since its inauguration in 1999, the annual full scale exercise has tested integration of Italian first responders, emergency services and health professionals with U.S. capabilities for a variety of scenarios.

"There may be situations of a magnitude where we have to work with the host nation to augment our resources to respond to an incident on the installation," Miller said during a briefing on the exercise during the March Information Exchange. "This annual event allows us to evaluate our preparedness under the National Incident Management System and interoperability with the Italians."

While the exercise will test emergency management plans, procedural agreements, and interoperability between U.S. and Italian emergency response agencies, it will also serve to build relationships between the two communities.



The Vicenza Military Community will conduct its full-scale exercise May 6-7 on Caserma Ederle. The purpose of Lion Response '15 is to test and validate force protection and emergency management plans and procedures in response to a combination of both manmade and natural occurring incidents. Photo by Laura Kreider

VMC youth learn boxing techniques



EDGE! Boxer Samantha DeLaRosa works on punches with a partner during practice. DeLaRosa is the only female currently participating in the sport in Vicenza.

Story and photos by **Julie M. Lucas**
USAG Vicenza PAO

An alternative sport is being offered through the Child, Youth and School Age Services EDGE! program. Children from grades third and up are invited to participate in boxing after school.

"We work very hard to have diversity, so that everyone can find their niche," said Kim Ambar, CYSS coordinator.

In October 2013, boxing came to Caserma Ederle, "At the beginning I had mostly female boxers participating and they were intimidating senior girls," Ambar said.

The group has gone through a few different coaches due to Army moves, but the current coach, Bryant Hall, has grown up with boxing.

"My grandfather was an Olympic boxer," Hall said. Hall has worked with Soldiers at other installations coaching boxing. "He is so great with the kids and I've never heard him yell

at them," Ambar said. "These kids have to earn the right to spar. They can't come in here late and play around."

A few of the older participants and one of the younger serve as assistant coaches and keep everyone in check during practice. They are chosen for this job by their attendance, work ethic and ability to be a leader. While some may criticize teaching children to fight, others see it as a good form of alternative exercise. Boxing is a form of martial arts.

"Since my children have come here they are better at completing tasks

at home," said Diane Frost. "They are learning discipline and how to control their feelings."

Hall sees this program as a place for children to learn principles at a young age. "If you won't give up in the ring, you won't give up in real life," Hall said. Once a month a few of the participants are chosen for awards such as "Best Attitude Adjustment and Attendance" "Best Work Ethic" and photos with a belt. Parents of the participants are invited to come watch a practice and medals will be given out April 30.



Coach Bryant Hall works on boxing technique during practice. The group meets twice a week for nearly 3 hours of training.

Pink Bowl builds bridge between cultures



More than 100 Soldiers and Airmen participate in the Female 2 Female "March Madness" Pink Bowl, a variety of fun competitive sport matches at the Caserma Del Din Fitness Center March 20. About 30 Airmen travelled from Aviano Air Base and a dozen Italian Female Airmen arrived from two Italian Air Force bases to meet with the Soldiers from the Vicenza Military Community.

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

As an ongoing tradition of meeting twice a year, more than 100 Soldiers and Airmen took part in the Female 2 Female "March Madness" Pink Bowl, a variety of fun competitive sport matches at the Caserma Del Din Fitness Center March 20.

About 30 Airmen travelled from Aviano as part of the Single Airmen Staying Strong program and a dozen Italian female airmen arrived from two Italian Air Force bases to meet with the Soldiers from the Vicenza Military Community.

In the morning mixed teams competed in beach volleyball and tug of war; Vicenza won the first sport activity and Aviano won the second one. After a lunch break and

conversation at the Warrior Zone, the two (mixed) teams competed in the last event of the day, a lively game on the hard-court, which determined the Pink Bowl winner. Vicenza won the basketball game 41-32.

Throughout the day, the USO provided snacks, sports drinks and water. According to USAG Vicenza ACS Director Julia Sibilla, of the F2F support team, "Once again the F2F/BOSS Pink Bowl was a success with both a great turnout and fun, competitive sports action. What made this edition special was the opportunity for our Soldiers and Airmen to interact with their Italian counterparts in a fun and competitive environment. The Italians enjoyed the sports and the American lunch but really enjoyed the chance to meet other female military members. The Italians are already planning to invite our Soldiers to an

event on their turf."

"This event teaches them (the participants) to mix and interact, which is something we don't always get to do," said Maj. Julie Glover, of the Aviano SASS program, who participated in the event for the second year.

"This year it's nice to have the Italian Air Force female members. We are thinking to plan an event Olympic-style with them in the future," she said.

The Italian Airmen came from two air bases, respectively the 3^o Stormo from Villafranca, near Verona and the 51^o Stormo from Istrana, near Treviso. Aviere (Airman) Giulia Paladini, of the 51^o Stormo, Istrana, participated for the first time in the event.

"These recreational activities are very important because they give us the opportunity to socialize and, as we can see here today, sport is an international language that everybody can understand, and it helps shorten any distance and get over language barriers," Paladini said.

She is looking forward to meeting again and adding other sport disciplines such as soccer and swimming. Another 51^o Stormo's participant, Aviere (Airman) Paola Rella enjoyed the event and getting to know a different military setting.

"Coming here has been a learning experience because we don't have often the opportunity to get familiar with other installations besides ours. The sport activities have also brought us together regardless of our nationality. We have been welcomed and the atmosphere was really friendly," Rella said.

USAG Vicenza Garrison Commander Col. Robert L. Menist and Command Sgt. Major Daniel Dennison closed out the day of sports and fun with thanks to all after presenting the trophy to Vicenza BOSS President Sgt. Amanda Donohue. Menist said he will see everybody for the rematch, which will be hosted in Aviano.



Mixed teams compete in beach volleyball, tug of war and a basketball game after a lunch break and conversation at the Warrior Zone. USAG Vicenza Commander Col. Robert L. Menist Jr. and Command Sgt. Major Daniel Dennison closed out the event awarding the trophy to Vicenza.

Scouts compete for pinewood derby glory



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

Vicenza Cub Scout Pack 295 held its annual Pinewood Derby March 21 at the Caserma Del Din Sigholtz Center with some 50 cars taking part.

Cub Scout members from 1st-5th grade, from Tiger to Arrow of Light, received car kits at the December Pack Meeting.

"The Pinewood Derby car kits were provided by our council, which is the Transatlantic Council," said Cub Scout Pack 295 Chair Kowanda McBride. "They provided the kits because we registered more new Cub Scouts this year than last year," she said.

McBride explained that many participants started working with a parent to build their own car in February. "Some even started in March," she said.

The cars must meet two specific standards; weight and overall length and width.

After the cars are all checked in, the race officials make sure cars are centered and ready to go.

At that point, all the participants cheered, especially when cars got near the finish line.

"There are specific guidelines we fol-

low. Cars can weigh no more than 5 ounces, be no longer than 7 inches and racers are not allowed to change the wheel base. If the guidelines are not followed the cars won't fit on the track," said McBride.

The track, which is 42 feet long, was electronically timed by computer.

"Pack 295 utilizes a GrandPrix Race Manager software, which handles the Cub Scout Registration, Race Scheduling, Race Electronic Scoring, Running the Race, Awards and Standings and Reports," said James Pierce, Pack treasure. "The software is highly customizable and easy to use." After a lunch break, at the conclusion of the yearly event, each category winner received a trophy.

Prior to the race, the cars were on display and also competed for special categories showing off their unique designs.

"This was my fourth derby. I like the pinewood derby because it is fun, and I like that I won, too," said Iain McBride, Webelo Scout.

Listing of 2015 Pinewood Derby Championship Standing:

2015 Pack 295 Grand Championship Standing

- 1st Place - Griffin Holland
- 2nd Place - Matthew Koehler
- 3rd Place - Iain McBride

Tiger Den Championship (1st Graders)

- 1st Place - Logan Clark
- 2nd Place - Tristan Morgan
- 3rd Place - Gene O'Neill

Wolf Den Championship (2nd Graders)

- 1st Place - Griffin Holland
- 2nd Place - Richard Wasson
- 3rd Place - Christopher Santos

Bear Den Championship (3rd Graders)

- 1st Place - Andrew Thomson
- 2nd Place - Aiden Rowley
- 3rd Place - Matthew Koehler

Webelo Den Championship (4th Graders)

- 1st Place - Matthew Barr
- 2nd Place - Iain McBride
- 3rd Place - Andreas Pierce

Arrow of Light Den Championship (5th Graders)

- 1st Place - Elijah Morris
- 2nd Place - Jaden Altman
- 3rd Place - Alexander Sendmeyer



About 50 cars participated in the annual Vicenza Pinewood Derby held by Cub Scout Pack 295 at the Caserma Del Din Sigholtz Center March 21.

173rd participates in Italian mountain training



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

BELLUNO, Italy — American paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade increased their military mountaineering abilities during a weeklong training event with Italian army soldiers from the Julia Alpine Brigade March 23-27.

“Our last ten years of fighting in the mountainous environment of Afghanistan make these skills very relevant,” said Maj. John W. Merkel, the 173rd’s aviation officer and chief of the brigade’s military-to-military engagement program. “The Alpini (elite Italian mountain troops) have extensive expertise in mountain warfare. They are highly-trained and we are training with them because they do it so well.”

The Alpini from the 125th Mortar Company, Feltre Alpine Battalion, 7th Alpine Regiment, conducted a three-part training program for the Americans: classroom training covering snow and avalanche safety, downhill and cross-country skiing, and a final practical exercise consisting of allied company-level assault in the Dolomite Mountains of northeastern Italy. “This training was just a small taste of mountain warfare,” said Italian Maj.

Mauro Da Courte, the Feltre operations officer. “Now wherever you go, you’ll be prepared in future similar environments; you’ll already know the challenges.”

After classroom instruction, the American paratroopers were issued military ski equipment and went to the San Pellegrino Pass, high in the Italian Alps, where master ski instructors gave small group and individual lessons in military ski craft.

“The priority for mountain troops is to be able to shoot, move and survive on the mountain - and skiing is one of our skills,” said Italian Sgt. Maj. Mario Schiavo, a military ski instructor with the Feltre Bn. “This isn’t a course for pleasure, we train soldiers to be able to assault an objective in a mountainous environment.”

Some of the American paratroopers didn’t need remedial instruction, so they went to train on advanced maneuvers with the Italian troops.

“This was the best day I’ve had in the Army,” said 2nd Lt. Scott Harnden, fire support officer, Company D, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Abn. Bde. “We do a lot of training that is fun, like going to the range, but training with the Alpini on the slopes was really cool. We also have another way to get to the fight - with skis!”

While not everyone was at Harnden’s level, all the Americans progressed from the beginner slope to the intermediate course in the space of one day, impressing their Italian hosts.

“I was really surprised by the Americans; they’re very fit and have a great physical training. This allowed them to learn to ski more easily and quickly,” said Schiavo. “They learned in one day what takes other people a whole week. They were happy and had no fear.”

After the ski intensive and a combined planning session, the combined Soldiers conducted a tactical movement to the base of a nearby mountain to begin the training operation. This exercise required the Americans to use recently learned alpine skills and apply them directly to a mission.

The mission began at dusk at a deserted ski lift below the snow line. As the combined force climbed higher up the mountain, the beating rain turned to snow and the troops moved through thigh-high snow, battling high winds.

“Mountains are great for training, not only physically, but also mentally,” said Italian Capt. Karim Bensallah, commander of the 125th and the combined mission commander.

"When you have snow on your face, when you are freezing, the only thing that will take you to the top of the mountain is your brain. If you are able to fight in the mountains, you are able to fight anywhere."

"We never get to choose where we go to battle," said Harnden. "In the future, we might have to jump into a northern or mountainous environment. This training was very applicable to what we do. We have to be able to jump in anywhere."

Being able to parachute into and fight anywhere is what the Vicenza, Italy-based 173rd Airborne Brigade specializes in. As the U.S. Army's Contingency Response Force in Europe, the brigade must be ready to go anywhere in the U.S. European, Central and African Commands' areas of responsibility in 18 hours.

"This training was beneficial and we enjoyed it," said Capt. Matthew McCarthy, commander, Co. D. "We

will take this knowledge back to the brigade and share it with our peers." The Americans weren't the only one benefiting from the combined training. "We are very happy to train with U.S. Soldiers," said Bensallah. "Training with another nations allows us to

check our standardization procures and also to see where we have problems and issues so we can fix them and be greater."

This exercise is the first of three scheduled engagements with the 7th Alpine Regiment.



U.S. Army paratroopers from Company C, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, conduct cross-country ski training with Italian army soldiers from the 7th Alpine Regiment, near Belluno, Italy, March 24.

Africa's premier senior enlisted course gains momentum



By Sgt. Lance Pounds
U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs

Malawi Defence Force Sergeants Major Course Director Warrant Officer Linda Chikondi, Sgt. Maj. Jerryn McCarroll, security cooperation division sergeant major, Warrant Officer Sally Musa, Malawi Defence Force 94th Brigade command sergeant major, Sgt. Maj. Ron La Fond senior financial management sergeant major, pose for a photo at the 002-14 Malawi Sergeants Major Course graduation ceremony Nov. 14 at the Ashanti Auditorium, Malawi Armed Forces College, Salima, Malawi. U.S. Army Africa photo

U.S. Army Africa's senior noncommissioned officers take a step back as Malawi Defence Force soldiers take charge instructing their own at the Malawi Sergeants Major Course, located in the city of Salima,

Malawi. The course began in January 2014 and is in its third iteration.

The course graduated 47 MDF senior noncommissioned officers from infantry and administrative backgrounds, of which seven will serve as instructors and managers of future courses.

According to U.S. Army Africa NCO

Education System Program managers, Sergeants Maj. Jerryn McCarroll and Ron La Fond, many graduates have since reported to their units to implement newfound knowledge into their organizations.

"We can say with confidence that although the course is in its infancy, it continues to evolve at a pace that is

feasible for the MDF and its leaders," said La Fond.

The seven selected MDF personnel are currently working with USARAF advisors to write, develop, and revise current training support packages for the course. Changes and additions were made to course curriculum to increase professionalism and understanding among attendees.

"Instructors are extremely motivated and are eager to see how far the course will develop and how the knowledge will help strengthen them and their NCO corps in the future," said McCarroll.

Success of the course has attracted the attention of many U.S. Army institutions, such as the Sergeants Major Academy, Training and Doctrine Command, Army Center for Strategic Studies, and Combined Arms Center.

It has also grabbed the attention of the new MDF Chief of Defense, Gen. Ignacio Malauna, who is an avid supporter of NCO professional development.

Malauna reportedly directed his senior staff to attend the most recent graduation, as well as an informational briefing about the upcoming course, according to McCarroll and La Fond.

McCarroll said if momentum continues, Zambia will be the first outside nation to send NCOs to the course as they work towards becoming a regional institution for Southern Africa this fall.

"We maintain an active role in communicating with the instructors as well as the MDF leadership and staff on the progression of the course," said La Fond.

"Working with our partner nations along with development and



Sergeants Maj. Jerryn McCarroll and Ron La Fond present the Top Student award to Staff Sgt. Tiwonge Munthali, Malawi Defence Force, at the Peace Support Building, Malawi Armed Forces College, Salima, Malawi Nov. 14. Earning an academic 95 percent grade point average, Munthali distinguished herself as the top honor graduate. Photo by Warrant Officer Linda Chikondi

execution of the course have been extremely rewarding," said La Fond.

As a U.S. military ambassador, he had the opportunity to work with some outstanding senior leaders, soldiers, and civilians.

According to McCarroll, gender integration among MDF soldiers is an example of NCO empowerment.

"The top students of each course were female, which should help the gender integration process in the MDF and eventually push female promotions and the need for females in more leadership positions," said McCarroll.

McCarroll asked male MDF Soldiers how they felt about working for senior females. They responded with, "If a female is their superior then she has the position and influence for them to follow her."

McCarroll added this level of awareness and understanding between MDF male and female leaders stems from course curriculum in topics such as the Army's Sexual Harassment/Assault Response Program. The program offered insight into the repercussions of individual actions impacting unit morale and readiness. As the course progresses, McCarroll foresees a strengthening of relationships between the U.S. Army and regional forces.

"Serving as a regional institution, this course will not only increase the capacity of Malawi and Southern African Development Community militaries' NCO corps, but also help build and strengthen officer and NCO relationships and interoperability with the U.S. and regional forces," said McCarroll.



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Paratroopers conduct EDRE into Germany



U.S. Army paratroopers from 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, load a Heavy Airlift Wing C-17 Globemaster at Aviano Air Base, Italy, as part of an emergency deployment exercise held here March 24. The 173rd Airborne Brigade, the Army's contingency response force in Europe, provides ready forces to deploy anywhere in the U.S. European, Africa and Central Commands areas of responsibility within hours of alert. Photo by Spc. Brett Hurd

By Sgt. **David L. Nye**
204th Public Affairs Detachment

GRAFENWOEHR, Germany — Paratroopers from 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, based in Vicenza, Italy, conducted an airborne operation here March 24 as part of an emergency deployment readiness exercise. The 173rd Airborne Brigade, the Army's contingency response force in Europe, provides ready forces to deploy anywhere in the U.S. European, Africa and Central Commands areas of responsibility within hours of alert. "The emergency deployment exercise tests how we get ready, get all of our equipment together, and deploy within 18 hours of notification," said 1st Lt. John Fernandes, the 2nd Platoon leader for Company C, 2nd

Battalion. "We flew from Aviano, Italy, and jumped into our training here at Grafenwoehr.

"After we got the call, we were on a (airplane) coming here the next day," said Pfc. Bryan K. Keefe, a paratrooper from Company C. "I'm quite relieved when I jump ... there is a lot of weight on my shoulders and I'm just relieved to get it off."

The parachute operation at Bunker Drop Zone was just the start of training and paratroopers immediately marched onward to other training events throughout the post, all facilitated by the 7th Army Joint Multinational Training Command.

"We have lots of new Soldiers in the unit," said Fernandes. "We're focusing on basic Soldier skills and getting these guys fully integrated into the unit."

The paratroopers are sure of their ability to perform during the exercise. "I was pretty confident about the

EDRE," said Keefe. "Our leaders train us well at this unit."

The exercise was the latest in a series of international EDREs conducted by the brigade as part of the U.S. Army Europe's "Freedom Shock" series of no-notice exercises, designed to improve readiness amongst the units based in Europe. The brigade kicked off this effort back in October, with an EDRE from Grafenwoehr into Romania, and has conducted similar exercises into Slovenia as well.



Students learn from Sky Soldiers about the military overseas



1st Class Jan Johnson and Sgt. Angie Trejo, from 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) based at Caserma Del Din, Vicenza, talk to American students from Prospect High, Illinois, about the importance of having the U.S. military overseas March 25.

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

Vicenza, Italy - Through a video produced by the 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), two Sky Soldiers based at Caserma Del Din showed visiting students from Prospect High, Ill., a world they had never seen before – that of being Soldier serving in Italy.

The nineteen senior students were travelling in Italy on an educational exchange program with the Copernico High School of Verona and were welcomed by their peers at the Vicenza High School March 25.

Most of them were first timers in both Italy and on an Army base.

Sgt. 1st Class Jan Johnson, HHC Brigade, and Sgt. Angie Trejo, Brigade Support Battalion, talked with the students about the importance of having the U.S. military overseas and gave them a Soldier's perspective of what the Army and duty in Europe are all about.

"It is a unique opportunity to be here today and get a change to interact with young students," said Trejo. "It was really good to see them so interested in what we do in our daily

life here in Italy, both at work and off duty."

The students learned about the history and the mission of the brigade as the Army's only Contingency Response Force in Europe, capable of rapidly projecting troops in Europe, Africa and the Middle East. The video they were shown included exclusive images not often seen in the news media.

"I am very passionate about the Army and when I get a chance to talk about my experience there is a synergistic effect that results in a positive experience for all involved," Johnson said. After an overview of the brigade's recent training deployments, Johnson and Trejo engaged the students in a group discussion that became more interactive with each question.

Keeping the conversation flowing with personal anecdotes, they shared their respective career experiences with highlights on the camaraderie, excitement and sense of purpose mission in what they do for the Army. They also told students about their combat deployments, with Johnson serving four tours of duty in Iraq and Trejo one in Afghanistan.

One student asked if they had ever been in a situation that scared them.

Both answered that good training and discipline are essential to deal with any fears about the obstacles or challenges that might come along the way. They agreed that it is a lesson they learned with the Army, and it also applies when they don't wear the uniform.

The students quickly took notice of their combat uniforms and asked questions about their uniform insignia. Johnson noted Trejo's master parachutist badge on her uniform, explaining how it is awarded only to individuals rated excellent in character and jumping efficiency.

More than one student was interested to know why they joined the Army. "I was bored," said Johnson. "I could have gotten loans for college but didn't want to start out my adult life in debt, so initially I joined for something to do and be able to make my own way through college."

"The beautiful thing about the Army is that it gave me three years to figure out what I wanted to do in life," he said. "It also gave me a chance to get out there, take some time to see the world and be a part of something bigger than myself."

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The military presentation was organized by Michela Ambruoso, Italian language teacher at VHS, in an effort to add value to the students' visit to Caserma Ederle and provide the most unique learning experience possible. Ambruoso worked closely with her counterpart from Illinois, Lyn Scolaro, who accompanied the students on a ten-day trip around the Veneto region. Both teachers are members of the Italian Honor Society and support educational exchanges to promote interest in the study of Italian culture. "The sergeants were wonderful," said Ambruoso. "They really motivated the students and provided incredible information. It was very, very meaningful. You could see it and feel it by the numbers of raising hands

with multiple questions." "This experience was extremely important for me as an educator," Scolaro said. "When one teaches a world language, along with that comes the ideals of the country, its culture, its food, its historical gems, etc." She added that when Professoressa Ambruoso mentioned the opportunity of meeting some Soldiers here in Italy, they were all very excited, especially since one of her student's father was stationed in Vicenza between 1990-1993. Senior Christa Cecala said that her older brother was born in Vicenza and this base is part of her family's life. "My parents speak about it all the time at home. Even though I have never been here, I feel there is

a special connection with Caserma Ederle and I am very fortunate to be here today," Cecala said. Asked if she enjoyed the military briefing, visiting student Emily Saenz said it was interesting to see how the Army can have such an impact overseas. Before coming to Italy she said, "I had no idea that an American presence was within this community, and this is great." Fellow student Brendan Fergus joined the ROTC program at Prospect High and plans on pursuing a commission as a Navy officer after college. "I found the briefing very informative and helpful, especially in explaining U.S. military life in other countries. That opened up many interesting perspectives," Fergus said.

Photo by **Laura Kreider**
USAG Vicenza PAO



Players from USARAF and HHC 2-503rd soccer teams go for the ball at midfield during the soccer game held at the Caserma Ederle turf field April 1. HHC 2-503rd won 5-3.

Previously, USAHC played against Chosen Company 2-503rd and won 5-2.

Four other teams compete in the 2015 USAG Vicenza Unit/Recreational Soccer League. The games are scheduled Mondays and Wednesdays at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m.

The season ends May 11 followed by the USAG-V Championship May 15-16.

The top two teams will advance to the Army Europe Unit/Level Championship in Wiesbaden, Germany June 18-21.

2-503rd's Will Horton controls the ball against USARAF's Irene Zepeda (#15) during the first half of the game.



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Photos by **Laura Kreider**
USAG Vicenza PAO



About 300 children enjoyed the Month of the Military Child kick off at the Villaggio Youth Center April 1. After the opening remarks by USAG Vicenza Command Sgt. Major Daniel Dennison, the kids were treated to live music by Vicenza High School Jazz Band, an obstacle course, Karate and Taekwondo demonstrations, arts and crafts, music and food. Many other events are planned throughout April such as talent shows, bake offs and Music Café for youth.





Vicenza Military Community children and parents participate in the Eggstravaganza event April 4 on the Caserma Ederle Track and Field. More than 9,000 eggs were stuffed with a variety of candies and prize tickets. In addition to the egg hunt held by age groups, children had fun with crafts, bounce houses, cut out animals for pictures and giveaways with USO. Many children also had their photo taken with the Easter Bunny in front of the Arena.



11-month-old Leo Barnes smiles while holding one of the plastic eggs from his first Egg hunt. Barnes was one of the hundreds children who participated in the Eggstravaganza event April 4.

Speak Out

What does Earth Day mean to you?



Senior Airman **Krystine Arens**

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"It means recycling to me."



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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.

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.defensetravel.dod.mil/site/oha-utilmiha-mar.cfm>. The deadline to complete has been extended to April 22.

Italy VA Coordinator visit

The Department of Veteran Affairs Overseas Military Services Coordinator, Phyllis Barnes, will be in the Vicenza area April 27-May 1 from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. with appointment times available. Request to have your medical records reviewed and there will be disability claims assistance as well as Post 9/11 GI Bill information. A briefing will take place April 30 at 1 p.m. and an educational benefits brief on May 1. Schedule your appointment today with Erin Davis or Ana Levitt at 637-8155 or 0444-61-8155.

405th LRC closure

The 405th LRC Italy SSA (Supply Support Activity) will be closed April 15, to conduct training. The SSA will reopen the following business day with normal working hours. POC is Luis Rodriguez at 637-7661.

Emergency phone number

The Emergency number for work orders, alarm systems and other after hours questions is now 0444-61-8035.

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 DSN 634-8933 by April 30.

Vicenza Transition Summit

The Vicenza Military Community is hosting a transition summit 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.

WWII Commemorations

The Italian community invites the Vicenza Military Community to join them in commemorating the end of World War II. On May 1st at 10 a.m. at Ponti Sul Mincio, Mantova there will be a ceremony with elected officials, military authorities, Alpini and other veterans, including a 173rd Airborne Brigade color guard. Then on May 2nd at 10 a.m. in Torbole, Lake Garda, there will be a "Thank You, America" ceremony, which will include a U.S. and Italian aircraft flyover. The entire VMC is invited to both ceremonies. For more information, call 637-8009 or send an email to anna.ciccotti2.In@mail.mil.

Automotive Service Excellence Certification

Effective immediately, the Vicenza Education Center National Testing Center has now added the Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) Certification Exams to their lineup of electronically delivered testing programs. For more information, contact 634-7055

Advertise here

Do you have an event that you'd like to get out to the community? Send an email to usarmy.vmc.pao@mail with a paragraph about what is going on, when it is and who is the contact person.

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.

USO new operating hours

Monday-closed, Tuesday-Thursday 1-8 p.m., Friday-Saturday 1-9 p.m., Sunday 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

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.

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.

Spring Flea Market

Vicenza MWR will be hosting a Spring Flea Market May 16 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. All US ID card holders are invited to participate. The Flea Market will be held in the Caserma Ederle Library parking lot. Cost is \$10 for a parking space and tables will be available for rent, also at \$10 each. Signup and payment can be made at the Tax Relief Office until May 1 or until all the slots are sold, whichever comes first. Guidelines and rules for the Flea Market will be given upon payment.

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 Monday-Friday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. On Del Din the hours are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information or to schedule an appointment call DSN 634-7316.

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.

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>

1. Stokke Recalls Trailz Strollers Due to Fall Hazard (Recall Alert)
2. Bauer Hockey Recalls Hockey Goalie Masks and Replacement Wires Due to Facial Impact or Laceration Hazard

3. Blinds To Go Recalls Window Shades Due to Strangulation Hazard
4. Giant Factories Recalls Water Heaters Due to Risk of Fire, Explosion
5. Lands' End Recalls Children's Pajamas and Robes Due to Violation of Federal Flammability Standard (Recall Alert)

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.

Vicenza Cub Scouts

Do you have a child interested in joining Cub Scouts? Email pack295chair@gmail.com

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At the movies



THE LONGEST RIDE

The lives of a young couple intertwine with a much older man as he reflects back on a lost love while he's trapped in an automobile crash. This movie is rated PG-13 and stars Scott Eastwood.

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

Apr. 9	7 p.m.	Furious 7 (PG-13)
Apr. 10	7 p.m.	The Longest Ride (PG-13) *
	10 p.m.	Get Hard (R)
Apr. 11	3 p.m.	Home (PG) *
	9 p.m.	The Longest Ride (PG-13) *
Apr. 12	3 p.m.	Divergent: Insurgent PG-13)
	6 p.m.	The Longest Ride (PG-13) *
Apr. 15	11 a.m.	Furious 7 (PG-13)
	7 p.m.	The Longest Ride (PG-13) *
Apr. 16	7 p.m.	Cinderella (PG)
Apr. 17	7 p.m.	Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) *
	10 p.m.	Unfriended (R) *
Apr. 18	3 p.m.	Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) *
	6 p.m.	Unfriended (R) *
Apr. 19	3 p.m.	Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG) *
	6 p.m.	Unfriended (R) *
Apr. 22	11 a.m.	Focus (R)
	7 p.m.	Hot Tub Time Machine 2 (R)



Family and

Vicenza Military Community



Lifeguard Training Courses

If you enjoy swimming, join our team and become a certified lifeguard. After completion of the course, participants will be certified in lifeguarding. You will also obtain skills in CPR for the professional rescuer, AED for adult and children, and First Aid. Contact the Ederle or Del Din Fitness Center and register for the next class today!

Better For You Food Choices

Recognizing the changing nutritional needs of our customers, the Warrior Zone at Del Din and the Arena's Strike Zone have added five new healthy choices to their menu. Make a healthy choice and grab a Better For You selection for your next meal.

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 (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).

Tell us what you're interested in and we'll do the rest. Call the Arts & Crafts Center at 634-7074 for more info.

ODR Culture & Adventure Trips

Outdoor Recreation offers escorted and guided cultural trips, challenging high adventure activities, water sports, hiking and biking. Pick up a copy of their six-month calendar or visit our vicenza.armyMWR.com

Financial Assistance

The Financial Readiness Program (FRP) combines consumer affairs and financial counseling with emergency financial assistance for Active Duty and retired military, their eligible Family members, Department of the Army civilians, active duty Reserve Component Soldiers, and Survivors with their financial affairs. Contact the Financial Readiness Manager at 634-8634.

Volunteer Coaching

Did you play sports in High School or College? Have you always wanted to coach Football, Soccer or Basketball? Are you a Cheerleader at heart? Even if you have never played or coached a sport before, you can still become a certified volunteer coach! For more info, contact CYSS Sports and Fitness at 637-7162.

Group Fitness Classes

Get ready for beach season! Sports and Fitness will 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

SKIESUnlimited Programs

SKIESUnlimited stands for "School of Knowledge, Inspiration, Exploration and Skills" with the word "Unlimited" for the unlimited possibilities that this program provides children and youth. Visit our website and discover the unlimited possibilities for your child today!

Surf & Turf

Got a craving for a juicy steak? Treat yourself to steak & shrimp with the delicious Surf & Turf dinner held monthly at the Golden Lion Conference Center. Great food at a great price! For the next scheduled Surf & Turf, visit our website.



Register using MWR Online Services for:

Vicenza Trip & Classes

Vicenza CYSS Activities



Darby Military Community



Kennel & Pet Services

The Darby Kennel can take care of your pet while you enjoy Italy! The Kennel offers a variety of packages for your pet's comfort. Reservations can be made at least two working days prior to your drop-off date. For details, call Outdoor Recreation at 633-7775 or visit our website.

Massage Therapy Services

Relax, reduce tension, smooth out muscles with 12 different types of massage treatments available. Make payments in advance at the Fitness Center for all treatments. Make appointments directly with the provider. For more info, visit darby.armyMWR.com

Airport Shuttle Service

Need a ride to the airport? No worries! Contact the Airport Shuttle Service at Outdoor Recreation. This service is provided 7 days a week. Reservations must be made at least 3 business days prior to required service.

Host Nation Orientation

New to Darby? Host Nation Orientation is an exciting opportunity to learn about the Darby Military Community and Italian culture. To find the next scheduled 4-day class, visit darby.armyMWR.com

BOSS Dine on a Dime

Come and enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal and relax with friends, meet your BOSS team and find out about upcoming events and trips at the next Dine on a Dime. Look for the BOSS scheduled events at darby.armyMWR.com

Outdoor Recreation Trips

Make the most of your days off with ODR trips to the most famous and renowned spots in Italy! Have a look at the summer schedule with trips scheduled 7 days a week and plan your excursions now. Find info on upcoming trips at darby.armyMWR.com

American Breakfast at the DCC

Start your morning with American Breakfast at the Darby Community Club available Monday-Friday, 7-10 a.m. Take out is available on request.

Learn New Skills at Army Europe Libraries

Visit library.eur.army.mil and:

- Learn a new language with Mango Languages or print books and CD programs
- Take your computer skills to the next level with Safari eBooks from major IT publishers
- Find the next great book to read with our What Do I Read Next? And NovelList databases

Save Money with Tax Relief Office (TRO)

Save money on utilities such as city gas, liquid petroleum gas (GPL) and on certain large purchases and vehicle repairs (VAT tax). For more info, contact Tax Relief Office at 633-7549 or visit darby.armyMWR.com

Tuscan Tots Playgroup

Playgroup is a great educational and social opportunity for both parents and children ages 0-4 years. Join the fun every Thursday, 10-11:30 a.m. at ACS.



TUSCAN TOTS PLAYGROUP

Register using MWR Online Services for:

Darby Trip & Classes

Darby CYSS Activities



Darby Facebook Page

Chapel activities

Vicenza

Sunday Services

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

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

1:30 p.m.: Gospel service

5 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Tuesday

9 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

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

Dinner provided; no watch care

Thursday

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

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

Camp Darby

Sunday Services

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

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

For DMC activities call 633-7267

Chaplain Crisis Line

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

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

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

VMC faith group contacts

Bahá'í Faith: Call 348-603-2283

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

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



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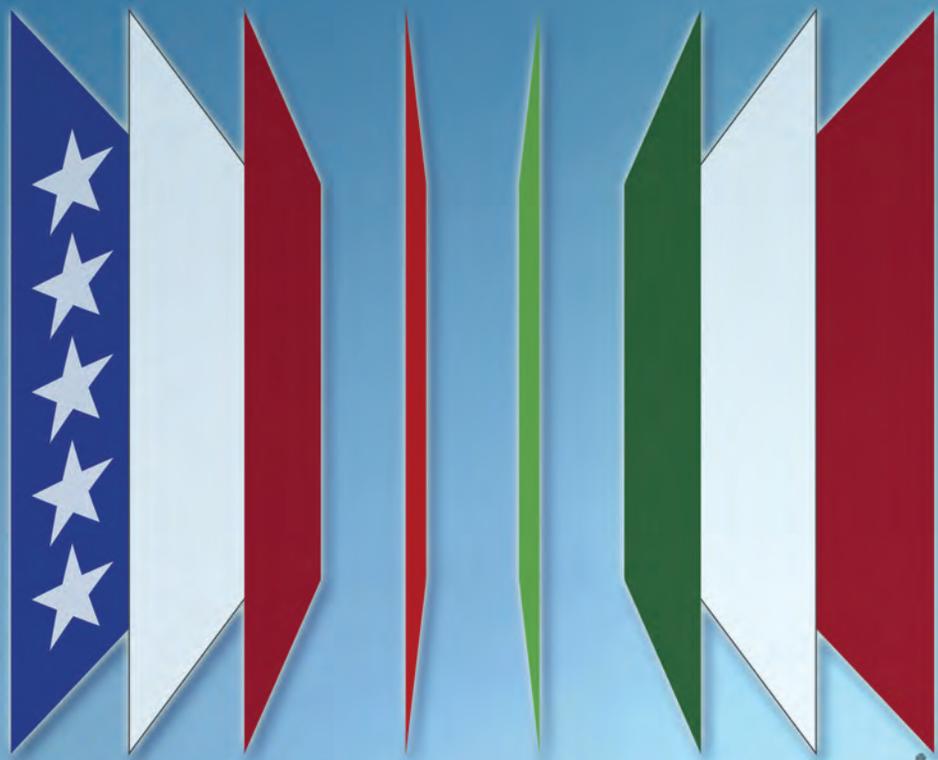


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Flowers in Noale



VENETO

Primavera in Castello Spring at the Castle

April 11, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., and **April 12**, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., at the Castle of Roncade (Treviso), Via Roma 141; exhibit and sale of crafts and arts; admission fee: April 11, €5; April 12, €7, this fee includes a bottle of local wine; €0.50 for children aged 4-15; free for children under 4.

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

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.

Vicenza - Express yourself City and Freestyle Contest

April 11: 3 p.m., Ritmo Metropolitan Center, Via dei Montecchi 23, house and dancehall workshops; street dance show at the Salvi Garden, Corso Santi Felice e Fortunato 4; breakdance contests until 8 p.m.; ticket: €6

April 12: at the City Theatre, Viale Giuseppe Mazzini 39, from 3-8 p.m., hip-hop contests; ticket: €12; reduced: €9.50 for children younger than 14.

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

Noale in Fiore Flowers in Noale

April 11, 3:30-9 p.m.; **April 12**, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Noale (Venice), Piazza Castello, Piazza XX Settembre; hundreds of firms from all over Italy display their flowers, plants, trees, patio furniture and garden tools; live music April 12 starts at 3 p.m.; hot balloons rides from Via Vecellio April 12 at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.

<http://www.proloconoale.it/noaleinfiore/>

Fiera del Verde Green Festival

April 11-12, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., in Ancignano (Sandrigo), about nine miles north of Vicenza;

April 11: 3 p.m. carnival rides; games and entertainment with free fritola (doughnuts) for children; 7 p.m. food booths featuring the traditional bigoli with duck sauce;

April 12: flowers, plants, and local products exhibit and sale open at 8 a.m.; funny parrot show; farmyard animals exhibit; horse riding for children; in the afternoon, magic show for children; food booths.

<https://www.facebook.com/FieraDelVerde?fref=ts>

Fior di Città Flower market

April 11-19, in Treviso, Piazza Duomo, Piazza Santa Maria Maggiore, Ponte Sant'Agata, about 55 miles east of Vicenza; exhibit and sale of flowers, plants, patio furniture; art exhibits; flower bicycles parade.

<http://www.marcadoc.com/treviso-fior-di-citta-2015-18-e-19-aprile/>

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.

Mercatino Vintage – Festa della Musica Music Festival - Vintage and art craft exhibit and sale

April 18, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. in Vicenza, Piazzale de Gasperi.

Albignasego in Fiore Flower market

April 18-19, 9 a.m.-10 p.m., in Albignasego (Padova), Piazza Donatori di Sangue and Villa Obizzi gardens, Via Roma 163, about 26 miles southeast of Vicenza; flowers, plants, and patio furniture exhibit and sale; food and wines from all over Italy; local crafts exhibit; face-painting, street artistes and entertainment for everyone; food booths; April 18, from 7 p.m., music and dancing.

<http://www.4routard.com/campermagazine/eventi/albignasego-in-fiore/>

Di Rara Pianta Flower market

April 18-19, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Bassano del Grappa, "Alberto Parolini" Botanical Garden, Via Cartigliana 36, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza; rare flowers and plants exhibit and sale; food booths featuring white asparagus and other local specialties; concerts, dances, and shows; free entrance.

<http://www.dirarapianta.info/>

Mercatino bell'Italia Beautiful Italy - market

April 19, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Cittadella (Padova), Piazza Pierobon, about 16 miles northwest of Vicenza; exhibit and sale of quality gastronomic products and wine from all over Italy.

http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi_Vari/21095425_Eventi+A+Cittadella.html

37^a 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 18: 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; 12 p.m. folk group parade in Piazza San Marco with award ceremony for the largest groups and best folk groups; 3 p.m. end of the walk. There are four official refreshment points. 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>



37th Up and down over the bridges - Venice

Feste delle Rose di Carta Paper Roses Festival

April 19, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Vigarolo di Monticello Conte Otto, about four miles north of Vicenza; handmade products exhibit and sale; at 11 a.m. musical aperitif with Cantamerilli Choir at Villa Balmarana Bressan, Via Vigarololetto 33; food booths featuring Veneto specialties open at noon; 5 p.m. Vicenza Youth Orchestra concert at Villa Valmarana Bressan.

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

Giochi gonfiabili a Campo Marzo Bounce houses in Campo Marzo

Through May 10, in Vicenza, Campo Marzo, across the main train station; weekdays 3-8 p.m.; weekends and Italian holidays 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; among the many bounce houses, there will be a "Tibetan bridge", an "Air mountain", a "Camelot Castle", as well as a giant slide. Admission fee: €6. Special discounts for families.

<http://www.comune.vicenza.it/albo/notizie/index.php/124404>

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 ages 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 Tutankhamen, Caravaggio, and Van Gogh. Art Exhibit from Ancient Egypt 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

Badia Polesine: April 11, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., downtown squares and streets, about 39 miles south of Vicenza

Vicenza: April 12, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza dei Signori, Piazza Duomo, Piazza Garibaldi, Piazza Palladio, Piazza Biade and Piazza Castello (220 vendors)

Lonigo: April 12, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., in Via Garibaldi, Piazza XX Settembre, Via Ognibene, about 20 miles southwest of Vicenza (about 100 vendors)

Montegrotto (Padova): April 12, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza 1° Maggio, about 34 miles southeast of Vicenza (about 70 vendors)

Portobuffolè: April 12, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Beccaro, about 88 miles northeast of Vicenza, (250 vendors)

Verona: April 19, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., in Piazza S. Zeno, about 38 miles west of Vicenza (50 vendors)

Este (Padova): April 19, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Maggiore and Via Matteotti, about 28 miles south of Vicenza (60 vendors)

Godega di Sant'Urbano: April 19, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Via Roma, about 78 miles northeast of Vicenza (234 booths)

Montagnana: April 19, 8 a.m. to sunset, in Piazza Maggiore 150, about 27 miles south of Vicenza (60 vendors)

Padova: April 19, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Prato della Valle, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza (180 vendors)

Soave: April 19, Piazza Antonio Marogna and Corso Vittorio Emanuele, about 23 miles west of Vicenza, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. (110 vendors)



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Street Food Truck - Florence



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Fior di città Pisa Flower Festival

April 10, 3-7:30 p.m.; **April 11-12**, 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; in Pisa, Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II, Piazza Garibaldi, Piazza XX Settembre, Corso Italia; flowers, plants, and yard furniture exhibit and sale; workshops for children; **April 11-12** 5:30-6:45 p.m., boat rides with ice cream tasting, tickets €10; free for children younger than 6; also 4-7 p.m. free entrance to the Pisa Botanical Garden, Via Luca Ghini; founded in 1543, it is the oldest university-related botanical garden in Europe. <http://www.pisainfiore.it/>

Sagra del Cinghiale Wild Boar Festival

April 10-12, 17-19, 24-26, and **April 30-May 2**, in Certaldo (Florence), Viale Matteotti; on Sundays and Italian holidays, at noon and at 8 p.m.; Fridays 8 p.m.; food booths feature many local specialties beside the wild boar dishes. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/sagre/fi/certaldo/sagra-del-cinghiale-certaldo.html>

Street 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/street-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>

Sagra del Ciambellino Ciambellino Food Festival

In Rigomagno (Sinalunga, Siena), Via Vittorio Emanuele; the Ciambellino is an Easter doughnut typical of the Valdichiana area; it is a dessert usually accompanied by the

traditional Vin Santo.

April 11: food booths open at 7:30 p.m.; live music and dancing starts at 9 p.m.

April 12: 10 a.m. local products and crafts exhibit and sale; 3 p.m. Ciambellino tasting and sale; 4 p.m. entertainment and live music with Lucignano's Band; 5:30 p.m. flag-throwers show; 7:30 p.m. food booths and live music. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/sagre/si/sinalunga/sagra-del-ciambellino.html>

Festa dei Fiori e dei Pittori Flowers and Painters Festival

April 19, in Casciano Val di Pesa (Florence); flowers, paintings, local craft and lace exhibit and sale. Call to find out time and location

http://www.sancascianovp.net/images/allegati/Eventi/eventi2015_PROVV.pdf

Sagra del Baccello Pea Fair

April 25-26 and **May 1-3**, in Località La Serra, San Minato (Pisa); food booths featuring a wide variety of local products and fresh vegetables open at 10 a.m.; 4 p.m. entertainment and snacks; local products and crafts exhibit and sale; May 2, at 8 p.m.; live music and dancing.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=1&area=&city=&date=13&page=1&post=34>

Antique markets

Bolgheri (Livorno): April 11-12, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., downtown squares and streets.

Florence: April 12, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Santo Spirito

Forte dei Marmi (Lucca): April 11-12, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Dante.

Livorno: April 11-12, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cavour

Montepulciano (Siena): April 11-12, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Grande.

Piombino (Livorno): April 11-12, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cappelletti, Corso Italia, via Fucini, Piazza Gramsci.

Pisa: April 11-12, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza dei Cavalieri.

Pistoia: April 11-12, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Via Sandro Pertini.

Vicopisano (Pisa): April 12, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Domenico Cavalca.

Certaldo (Florence): April 19, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Boccaccio e Via 2 Giugno

Florence: April 18-19, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Fortezza da Basso Park, Viale Filippo Strozzi 1

Lido Camaiole (Lucca): April 19, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Fratelli Rosselli, Piazza Abba

Lucca: April 18-19, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Antelminelli, Piazza S. Giovanni, Piazza San Giusto, Via San Giovanni, Corte Bertolini

Marina di Grosseto (Grosseto): April 18-19, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Via XXIV Maggio.

Pontedera (Pisa): April 19, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., main squares and streets downtown.

Quarrata (Pistoia): April 19, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Risorgimento

CONCERTS

B. B. King



Photo by Cesare Greselin

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

SBK Imola – Superbike World Championship

May 8-10 in Imola

Moto GP Motorcycle Racing Grand Prix World Championship

May 29-31 in Mugello (Florence)

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May 29-31 in Mugello (Florence)

FIM Superbike World Championship

June 19-21 in Misano (Rimini)

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http://www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing;
<http://www.ticketone.it/EN/> or <http://www.zedlive.com>.



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Proiezione del film

Fango e gloria

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GIOVEDÌ 9 APRILE ORE 20.45

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Conferenza storica

**L'Italia e l'Europa delle Nazioni:
dalla neutralità alla Grande Guerra**

Prof. Ugo Pavan Dalla Torre

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**Due colpi di pistola... 10 milioni di morti.
Dall'attentato di Sarajevo alla tragedia
della Grande Guerra**

Avv. Diego Novello

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Il Pasubio racconta.

**La guerra sul Pasubio attraverso
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Dott. Silvano Godi

MARTEDÌ 21 APRILE ORE 20.45

Baita Alpini di Motta sp 46 (parcheggio edicola)

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**Caporetto: i protagonisti della battaglia
e i responsabili del disastro**

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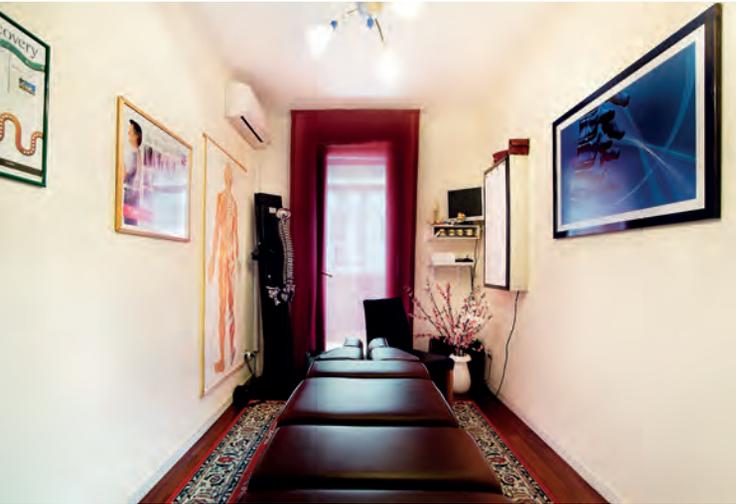
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Easy Lobster Recipe

INGREDIENTS:

(24 servings)

- 1 - pound cream cheese
- 2 - scallions, sliced fine
- 1 - Tablespoons ginger, grated fine
- 8 - ounces Maine Lobster meat, cooked, sliced
- 24 - Wonton wrappers
- oil for pan frying



DIRECTIONS:

In a medium sized bowl cream together cream cheese with the sliced scallions and grated ginger. Blend in the sliced Maine lobster meat. Position a wonton wrapper with 1 point toward you. Spoon a generous teaspoon of filling in the center of the wonton. Moisten the sides of the wonton wrapper lightly with water and fold the wrapper in half to make a triangle, pressing down on the sides to seal the moist edges. Make an additional fold on the two long points of the triangle up for a crown-like appearance. Repeat with remaining filling and wrappers.

Fry wontons in hot 375°F oil in deep fry or shallow pan fry, a few at a time, turning once, about 30 seconds each side, or until golden brown. Drain on paper towel and serve immediately or keep warm and crisp in warm 200°F oven.

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