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A Soldier carries the American flag during the 5-kilometer race for cultural change, April 2 on Caserma Ederle. More than 500 people participated in the race demonstrating Vicenza Military Community's commitment to the awareness and prevention of sexual harassment and sexual assault.

Photo by Sgt. **Lance Pounds** - U.S. Army Africa

What does 'Strong Europe' provides for the Army?



Lt. Gen. **Ben Hodges**
Commanding general of U.S. Army Europe

By **Amy L. Haviland**
U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command

FORT EUSTIS, Va. - The commanding general of U.S. Army Europe provided a unique opportunity for professional development when he spoke to Soldiers and civilians at U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command's headquarters here April 13.

During the discussion, presented by TRADOC's Army Capabilities Integration Center, Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges offered his insight on the importance of "Strong Europe." This term is all-encompassing and is used to define USAREUR's contributions - on behalf of the Army - to NATO, U.S. European Command and other combatant commands.

Throughout "Strong Europe," Hodges said, Soldiers build relationships, and the Army builds the capacity for partnership.

"If you accept the premise that we are never ever going to fight or conduct operations by ourselves -- everything that we do is with an ally, then you need to spend as much time as possible training with allies, training with partners, learning respect for other cultures and understanding what they have to offer," Hodges said.

He recalled an example of a convoy from Vicenza, Italy, to the Ukraine.

"Just in the process of that convoy of trucks ... they were going there to train Ukrainians, but they also worked with Austrian, Polish and German border security - just to do this convoy."

Hodges said it requires a high level of trust for young officers and noncommissioned officers to work directly with ambassadors, chiefs of defense and ministers of defense; however, that's the norm in Strong Europe.

"I spoke to the president of a country, and he's talking about the company commander - the captain - by name," Hodges said. "One -- that's an indication of the amount of contact they had, and two - the fact that the president of this country is telling me about the captain tells you the impact, or the respect they have for him."

Lt. Gen. Hodges also spoke about three other things that make "Strong Europe". To read the full article, go to www.army.mil/article/146510/.

Speak Out

What is the best place you have visited in Italy and why?



Tranica Floyd

Family member

"Rome: I liked walking around the Coliseum and monuments."



Rachel Arevian

Family member

"Parco Stelvio for the wonderful hikes in a beautiful and peaceful environment."



Spc. **Taylor Hoganson**

1st Bn., 503rd Inf. Reg.

"So far, my favorite place is Venice: the beautiful canals and the winding walkways through the city make it a must-see place."



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Fearless Guardian ground convoy arrives in Ukraine



Paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Support Battalion stop to check equipment and send a satellite transmission April 7, 2015, near Trento, Italy during a several day ground movement. The convoy moved from their home station in Vicenza to Yavoriv, Ukraine, to deliver training equipment for the brigade during its training of the newly formed Ukrainian National Guard as part of Operation Fearless Guardian. Photos by Capt. PJ Hartman

By Maj. **Michael Weisman**
173rd Airborne Brigadet

Paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Support Battalion arrived in Yavoriv, Ukraine April 10 via a ground convoy from Vicenza to deliver the brigade's training equipment for Operation Fearless Guardian.

Fearless Guardian is the name for the training of Ukraine's newly-formed National Guard under the Congress-approved Global Contingency Security Fund. Under the program, the United States will begin training three battalions of Ukrainian troops over a six-month period beginning later this month.

"Ukraine is a strong partner that has participated in exercises and operations with us around the world," said Capt. Ashish Patel, a planning officer with the brigade. "They've asked the U.S. for assistance in providing this capability, and this training will help them defend their borders and their sovereignty."

The cargo of the convoy is meant to assist the brigade with equipment it needs to conduct the training, and is not equipment to be issued to

Ukrainian troops, according to Capt. PJ Hartman, the battalion's transportation planner.

"The equipment on the convoy consists primarily of logistics vehicles to support and enable the training effort in Ukraine," said Hartman. "This equipment will provide maintenance support as well as troop and general cargo transport to and from training areas." Approximately 1850 km. separate Vicenza from Yavoriv, and the convoy of approximately 50 paratroopers and 25 vehicles traveled through Austria as well as NATO allies Germany and Poland. Planning and conducting such a movement provided training of its own.

"This movement challenged leaders at all levels in the complexities of tactical convoy operations through several countries in Europe," said Capt. Kris Toman, commander of the battalion's Company A and the convoy. "It enables junior leaders to think critically and solve logistical problems."

Starting with the brigade's host nation and NATO ally Italy, every piece of the convoy required close coordina-

tion with American embassies in each country as well as NATO allies and partners, from submitting diplomatic clearances to coordinating police escorts.

"Planning a convoy like this teaches our leaders to think strategically," said Maj. Antonio Pineda. "Conducting convoy movements from country to country, making contact with allied units to plan the route and escorts, it's not something you can experience back in the U.S."

In addition to escorts, allied units in Germany and Poland also hosted the convoy during overnight stops.

"We couldn't put this together without our allies," said Hartman. "The first night we were hosted by German Air Force at Wilhem-Frankle Kaserne near Neuberg an der Donau, where the German forces facilitated our rest and refit, and we got to meet and exchange with an allied unit."

Similar to Dragoon Ride in March, where Soldiers from the 2nd Cavalry Regiment conducted a ground movement from the Baltic States to Germany, the ground convoy to Fearless Guardian highlights the ability of NATO units to move internally within the Alliance's borders.

"This convoy is a demonstration of sustainment interoperability among our allies and partners," said Pineda. "When we call the 6th Polish Airborne Brigade to discuss movement through Poland, that's a unit we've worked with countless times through Atlantic Resolve in the last year. That makes everything easier."



Paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade Support Battalion approach the border between Poland and Ukraine April 10, 2015, during a several day ground movement.

405th AFSB recognizes Ebola efforts

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

During his visit to 405th Army Field Support Battalion-Italy, Col. Todd Bertulis, commander, 405th Army Field Support Brigade, took time to recognize the people who took part in Operation United Assurances in support of Senegal, West African region facing Ebola virus. In a ceremony held at the battalion headquarters, Bertulis presented certificates of appreciation from the United States Africa Command, Logistics Directorate, signed by Brigadier General James Vechery, Director of Logistics.

"In September 2014 the U.S. Army received the mission to establish a force in Africa in order to assist in the fight of the deadly Ebola disease," said Lt. Col Joseph Greenlee, commander, 405th AFSB-Italy.

According to Greenlee, the Army determined they would need to deploy up to 3,500 personnel into Senegal and Liberia within 45 days, presenting a very significant logistical challenge to the 405th.

"AFSB-Italy was directed to ship Force Providers to Liberia and Senegal; a Force Provider is a unique item



Col. Todd Bertulis, right, commander, 405th Army Field Support Brigade, greets General Roberto Boi, commander, 46th Air Brigade, after the awards ceremony held March 26 at Army Field Support Battalion, Italy's Headquarters.

that enables rapid deployment and mobility of forces," said Capt. Brandon Ebel, 405th AFSB-Italy, Battalion S3. "Each module is a 150 or 50 man base camp set. These base camps will allow U.S. AFRICOM to project personnel and initiate operations."

According to Bertulis, the great collaboration and esprit de corps between the various support providers made this mission a success.

Bertulis gave awards to the supply section for preparing the loads of requested items, the Movement Control Team-Livorno for coordinating the ground transportation of the loads, the Italian Base Command Camp Darby for providing critical coordination and life support to those flying into Africa, the Carabinieri for escorting the critical loads to the Airport, and the 46th Air Brigade for loading the critical cargo onto the planes.



Red Cross volunteer Canaan York finds out how heavy firefighting equipment can be while fellow volunteer Samuel Ney looks on. The tour was organized by the Vicenza USO.

Red Cross youth volunteers learn about Italian firefighters

Cpt. Ron Grajeda from the Vicenza Fire Department demonstrates a key piece of firefighting equipment to a group of Red Cross volunteers during a tour April 17.



Ederle 5K-run kicks off SHARP Awareness Month



More than 500 people prepare to leap off the starting line to begin the 5-kilometer race for cultural change, April 2, on Caserma Ederle. The event was hosted by Garrison Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention program representatives and was part of a larger plan to raise awareness throughout the Vicenza military community.

Story and photos by **Lance Pounds**
U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs

VICENZA, Italy – When she was in college, Michelle Demarais, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention victim advocate, knew a person who had been sexually assaulted. Demarais witnessed the struggles that person went through to seek help, from the extremely difficult reporting process to the disbelief authorities had for the alleged assault. Later at a sexual

assault seminar, Demarais had that ‘ah-ha moment’ where she realized the need for a SHARP program.

“I felt I needed to do something,” said Demarais. She added she felt that same need to do something when she organized a 5-kilometer race for SHARP awareness, held April 2 at Caserma Ederle.

Demarais said on the day of the race she was amazed by the overwhelming support of the community. The race brought together more than 500 participants, more than double the expected participation.

“We wanted to draw attention to the

idea that sexual assault exists in our military and on our installation, and it’s going to take our whole community to make a change,” said Demarais. She added that the event was part of a larger plan to raise awareness throughout the Vicenza military community.

“The race was the first in a series of events meant to set the pace for actively engaging the Vicenza military community throughout the month of April,” said Demarais, who has spent the last 10 years working for organizations specializing in the awareness and prevention of sexual

assault. "We wanted to ignite a fire within the community; get them to buy into their role in sexual assault prevention."

Maj. Gen. Darryl A. Williams, U.S. Army Africa commanding general, made preventing sexual assault his number one priority and credits Master Sgt. Sherri Strozier, USARAF Sexual Assault Response coordinator, for helping the command and community with SHARP related matters.

During the race, Strozier and other SHARP representatives had the opportunity to get face time with members of the community.

Demarais said face-time helps the community put faces to names and makes the SHARP representatives more personable to those who might need their services.

Representatives from Army Community Services provided planning and manning of the event, as well as experience gained from previous successful sporting events.

"I was extremely happy to see so many leaders present with their Soldiers and Civilians employees," said Julia Sibilla, Vicenza Army Community Services director.

"SHARP, like so many important Army programs is a commander's program and the message that was sent at the run was clearly one of leader-led energy for culture change and support," Sibilla said.

Following the race, three trophies were presented: unit with highest gross number of participants, unit with highest percentage of participation, and family with highest number of participants. As an added incentive, event inspired T-shirts were given to the first forty participants to cross the finish line.



Participants receive T-shirts for being among the first 40 to cross the finish of the 5-kilometer race for cultural change, April 2 on Caserma Ederle. The event was co-hosted by Garrison Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers representatives, who provided the shirts, road guards, and safety personnel for the race.

Stopping sexual assault is everyone's responsibility

By Sgt. 1st Class **Matthew Graham**
U.S. Army Africa PAO

VICENZA, Italy – April is Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month. In supporting the Army's efforts to prevent sexual assault, the Vicenza Military Community is coming together to help reinforce the Army's stance that sexual assault and sexual harassment has no place in Vicenza or in the Army.

"We really want to drive home the fact that you must stop something that doesn't look right," said Master Sgt. Sherri Strozier, U.S. Army Africa Sexual Assault Response Coordinator. "Prevention is key in stopping sexual assault."

The commanding general for U.S. Army Africa, Maj. Gen. Darryl A. Williams, has made preventing sexual assault his number one priority and Strozier plays a key role helping the command when it comes to SHARP related matters. She is instrumental

in helping educate not only the command, but the entire Vicenza Military Community. One of the main things she was working towards was coordinating the SHARP conference that was held at the Golden Lion, April 16-17. While the conference had a specific audience in mind, the goal was to impact the entire community.

"We are inviting all commanders, senior non-commissioned officers, and senior department of the army civilians in Vicenza to come and have an honest and frank discussion about where the community is doing well and where improvements can be made," said Strozier. "Hopefully these senior members of the community will go back to their formations and help disseminate the information that was discussed."

Sexual assault and sexual harassment has long been a concern for the Army,

and in the past few years its prevention has become the highest priority for the Army's top leader.

"We have an obligation to do even more to safeguard America's sons and daughters, as well as maintain trust between Soldiers, Civilians, Families and the Nation," said Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, Secretary of the Army, in his address to the force on his top priorities for the Fiscal Year 2015.

The Vicenza Military Community has events scheduled all month long during April which started with a 5K run to raise awareness of sexual harassment and sexual assault. For more information on SHARP visit www.sexualassault.army.mil, for information on SHARP related events taking place in Vicenza this month visit www.usag.vicenza.army.mil.

Soldiers help kids with paint and brushes



Soldiers from the Vicenza Military Intelligence Detachment based on Caserma Ederle, joined with members of the Vicenza Alpini "Sarfatti - Villaggio Del Sole" group to repaint the interior of the "Collodi" kindergarten school in Vicenza April 16.

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

Eighteen Soldiers from the Vicenza Military Intelligence Detachment based on Caserma Ederle, joined with members of the Vicenza Alpini "Sarfatti - Villaggio Del Sole" group to repaint the interior of the "Collodi" kindergarten school in Vicenza April 16.

Volunteers worked in morning and afternoon shifts and completed the interior painting the same day. Lunch offered the opportunity to build friendship.

"Every volunteer project inevitably becomes a lesson in Italian culture, whether we're enjoying homemade meals and looking through war artifacts in the Alpini clubhouses, or practicing Italian language skills

and playing soccer with kids in the elementary schools," said 1st Lt. Ann Thompson, U.S., Army Africa Intelligence support platoon leader. "I think we've learned that despite language and cultural differences, our core values aren't any different from those of our neighbors "outside the gate." Through these service opportunities, the Soldiers gain a strong sense of community that's greater than any classroom painting or trash clean-up we could ever give back," she said.

Asked what he enjoyed the most about the painting project, Spc. Bradley G. Durbin said that he appreciated going out and showing the local community the positive impact the American presence can have here. "The children can go home and tell their parents they got to play

with us and that we painted their school and parents who picked up their children up from school got to see us." Durbin added that spending lunch with Alpini was enjoyable and it is always nice to hang out with other nations' militaries as well as having the opportunity for Soldiers from different sections to bond outside the office.

Proud to see that the partnership between the Alpini and the Soldiers from the Vicenza Military Community keeps growing stronger with each initiative, 1st Mar. Lgt. Antonio Quaglia, Command Sgt. Maj. to the Italian Base commander, said that "it is great to see the enthusiasm with which the Americans support the Alpini and how this friendship serves as a catalyst for renewed community pride and civic spirit for both our Italian and American partners."

The painting project is part of the Vicenza Garrison ongoing community neighborly initiative between the Vicenza Military Community and local Italian organizations.

Those interested in future activities can contact the garrison PAO at DSN 637-8009 or comm. 0444-61-8009.



Spc. Justin Strunk (left) uses a paint roller for the larger surface while Spc. Christopher Nosko refines details with a brush while painting the walls at the "Collodi" kindergarten school.



Sgt. Joshewa Gehrke (left) and Sgt. Joshua Rohr use paint rollers to add a base coat before applying color paint to the walls in the main hall of the school.

“Go for Broke”



Stuart Hirai, left, and Lisa Sai Parilla lay a pillow of flowers as a tribute to Pvt. Masato Nakae while Master Sgt. Robert Halstead assists.

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

A small group of friends and relatives of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team traveling to Italy expressed their desire to come to Camp Darby and pay their respect at the Pvt. Nakae monument.

A wreath laying ceremony was held April 10 in the Masato Nakae Square to honor the veterans and fallen Nisei soldiers.

After a brief historical presentation by Stuart Hirai writer and researcher of the Nisei and Nisei Soldiers, various guests shared their memories and knowledge of facts concerning the 442nd RCT with part of the community who showed up to pay their respect to the Nisei Soldiers.

As explained in the 442nd RCT Historical Society Website, the 442nd Regimental Combat Team was an infantry regiment in the United States Army comprised of Americans of Japanese ancestry. The 442nd fought in Italy and France during World War

II against the German Army of Hitler's Third Reich. The 442nd earned a reputation for being a crack infantry unit and the regiment and its men received considerable battle honors and individual medals of valor.

Twenty one members of the 442nd RTC were awarded a medal of honor, their motto was “Go for Broke”.

“It was only in year 200 that 19 other awards were upgraded to Medal of Honor when the Department of the Army relooked at their recognitions,” said Master Sgt. Robert Halstead representing the Darby Military Community Manager.

“This is the most decorated Battalion in the history of the United States,” said Steven Zigliniki, retired Maj., U.S. Army. “The men of this unit were reported 300 percent injured, which means those soldiers were injured, came back to the war zone, injured again and back for three times, these are heroes.”

“It is a privilege to be here and take time to recognize the 442nd and the

Nisei soldiers, I take pride for being a Soldier of the United States Army,” said Lt. Joseph Greenlee, Commander 405th Army Field Support Battalion, Italy.

According to Greenlee, it is sometimes so easy to live in beautiful Italy that you may not think of the real reasons why someone is in the Army.

“Thank you for reminding us how important it is to honor the people who gave their lives for the freedom we can enjoy now,” said Greenlee.

Halstead, together with Stuart Hirai and Lisa Sai Parilla laid a pillow of flowers representing the American Flag at the feet of the Masato Nakae monument.

The Nisei guests left in the afternoon to continue their memory travel to the battle area in Massa. Members of the Darby military community received T-shirts and hats of the 442nd and they will bring with them many incredible memories of this heroic Battalion.

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Speak Out

What is the best place you have visited in Italy and why?



Patricia Harris

Spouse

"It is Florence for the shopping; I was able to find all my Christmas gifts at a reasonable price."



Airman First Class **Elyssa Olding**
731st MUNS

"It is the Dolomites, I went with a BOSS trip and so far it's my favorite destination. Sledding was lots of fun."



Staff Sgt. **Michael Whitson**
731st MUNS

"Elba Island the beach was nice and clear and the water warm."



Maj. Charles Broomell, commander Livorno Health Clinic, left, shakes hand with Stuart Hirai (right) while receiving a commemoration hat at the conclusion of the Memorial ceremony held April 10 at Camp Darby to honor Nisei Soldiers

Representatives of the U. S. Army received a coin accompanied by the following citation:

"Before, during, and after World War II, Japanese Americans had an exceedingly difficult time proving that they were "Loyal Americans." Through the sacrifices of the Nisei Soldiers and Your sacrifices in serving this country, it is with humble appreciation and gratitude that I present this "Grateful American" challenge coin to you for your service to this country in upholding and defending the United States Constitution and its people, respectively."

DMC Reorganization Update



Col. Robert Menist, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza commander updates the Camp Darby military community on the latest decisions on Camp Darby reduction and reorganization in a meeting held at the Post Theater April 14.

Anna Ciccotti from the Vicenza Public Affairs Office provided translation to the Italian national employees taking part in the event.

Photo by **Chiara Mattiolo**/DMC Public Affairs

Remembering Brave Soldiers from WWII

By **Aaron Talley**
USAG Vicenza PAO

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USAREUR MSE-Vicenza

During the end of World War II, American forces were working their way through northern Italy, rounding up the last vestiges of the Germany resistance. The Germans knew the end of the war was near, so now it was just a matter of who would be able to retreat to Germany or Switzerland, and who would have to surrender to the Allied Forces. During those last days, the fighting was fiercest around the territory north of Verona, on the coasts of Lake Garda in the towns of Torbole and Riva.

Two historic events occurred during that fighting, one well known and one not-so-well known. The first is the death of Col. William Darby, founder of the modern day Ranger Battalions who won great fame during World War II. At the time, Darby was the commander of the 10th Mountain Division's Task Force Darby, built around the 86th Mountain Infantry Regiment, 605th Field Artillery Battalion and attached units, which finally rooted out the last German forces still fighting in Italy.

During the final moments of the fighting in Torbole, Darby (posthumously promoted to brig. gen.) was killed by a single enemy artillery shell along with Sgt. Maj. John Evans of the 86th Mountain Infantry. It was April 30, 1945, and he was discussing his battle plans for the next day with the commander of the 86th Mountain Infantry, Lt. Col. Robert Cook, when the retreating enemy fired a parting shot at the allied forces. Darby was struck by a piece of shrapnel and died within the hour.



Col. William Darby, commander of the 10th Mountain Division's Task Force Darby, which finally rooted out the last German forces still fighting in Italy. Courtesy photo



A DUKW amphibious vehicle coming ashore at Torbole, Lake Garda, April 1945. Courtesy photo

The second event took place later that same evening. In an effort to take out German forces on the western side of the lake in Riva, a group of 26 men were loaded onto a DUKW amphibious truck at Torbole, and moved out onto the lake crossing from the eastern to the western side. Along with the men, crews from B and C Battery, 605th Field Artillery Battalion, were two 75mm pack howitzers.

But during the crossing, the overloaded vehicle stalled, and began to take on water. Only one of the men was able to swim back to shore.

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Underwater photo of the DUKW wreck found at the bottom of Lake Garda in 2012.
Photo courtesy of Gruppo Volontari del Garda

All 25 remaining Soldiers went down with the DUKW, and their bodies have not been recovered to this day. But, while these Soldiers still remain missing in Lake Garda, they have not been forgotten. A local volunteer group, the *Gruppo Volontari del Garda*, well remember their tragic loss, and have been searching for the sunken DUKW over the past few years. In December 2012, one group of Italian divers claims to have found the vehicle below 270 meters of water, at a point where historical records believe the DUKW sunk. They determined that future recovery efforts would be difficult in those

conditions, and so to date there has been no decision made on what to do about the wreck site. Italians and Americans will gather at Torbole, Italy, May 2 at 10 a.m. to commemorate both the death of Col. Darby and the loss of the 25 men aboard the DUKW. Vicenza community members are invited to attend. There will be a flag-raising ceremony as well as the unveiling of a plaque to celebrate Col. Darby and the task force that helped liberate Northern Italy. In honor of those that perished, to the right is list of the names of the fallen Soldiers aboard the DUKW that fateful evening, April 30, 1945.

Lost aboard the DUKW April 30, 1945

B/605th FAB, 10th MD

- Cpl. William R. Armstrong
- Pvt. Merle Britton
- Pfc. Willard E. Chapman
- Pfc. Jerry T. Dillard
- Cpl. Emory E. Hamilton
- Pvt. Howard Harper
- Cpl. James Harwell
- Pfc. Edward E. Koskela
- Pfc. Stanley R. Lade
- Cpl. William E. Madara
- Pfc. Frank J. Miller
- Pvt. William C. Morrison, Jr.
- Pvt. Roger L. Murray
- Pfc. Elmer C. Paulson
- Pfc. Xwell Y. Reynolds
- Cpl. Gayle W. Russell, Jr.
- Pvt. Frank Tame
- Pfc. Charles E. Tannehill

C/605th FAB, 10th MD

- Pfc. Walter J. Armstrong
- Cpl. Max L. Champion
- 1st Sgt. James S. Hilley
- Pfc. Leroy A. King
- Pfc. Norman B. Russel
- Cpl. Richard Wright

52nd QM BN, 10th MD

- Pfc. Nicholas DelGrosso



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USAREUR staff ride creates 'leader laboratory' for mentors, Soldiers

By Sgt. Maj. **Michael Pintagro**
21st Theater Sustainment Command



Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades, senior enlisted leader of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command, discusses the importance of innovative developmental techniques such as "hip pocket training" with noncommissioned officers and Soldiers from U.S. Army Europe and the TSC March 24 during the staff ride held near the historic city of Aachen. Photo by Harald Risch, IMCOM-Europe

AACHEN, Germany – A dynamic team of leaders and mentors drawn from across U.S. Army Europe worked across echelons to instill valuable professional and life lessons during an unique "enlisted staff ride" conducted March 22-26 near the historic city of Aachen, located in the far west of Germany.

Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades, senior enlisted leader of the 21st Theater Sustainment Command, conducted the staff ride on behalf of the USAREUR command team. The CSM headed a delegation of carefully selected leaders and subject matter experts drawn from relevant career specialties across the expansive USAREUR area of responsibility.

USAREUR historians also played a key role, providing important context that formed the basis of subsequent discussions. Historical content emphasized regional operations during World War II, prominently including the Aachen campaign waged in the latter stages of the conflict. Participants visited the famous "Westwall," known popularly as the "Siegfried Line," among other area Allied-Axis battlegrounds.

Commanders frequently employ staff rides as a developmental and esprit-building opportunity for key subordinate leaders and staff officers. Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges, the USAREUR commanding general, and Command Sgt. Maj. David

Davenport, the USAREUR CSM until his recent reassignment to U.S. Training and Doctrine Command, expanded the concept to embrace emerging young leaders and technicians.

Around 35 junior noncommissioned officers and Soldiers serving in USAREUR units participated in the event. Guidance from leaders and mentors and briefings from the historians provided the basis for subsequent research and planning conducted by participants. The latter prepared briefings based on information gleaned from subject matter experts and leaders. They delivered the briefs during periodic stops at relevant "stands," or historic sites marked for the occasion.

The event differed from conventional staff rides not only in rank structure but in content. While historic operations provided the setting and much of the subject matter, Rhoades and his team of USAREUR mentors focused much of their discussion on character, innovative leadership and professionalism as well as history.

"Yes, history is important and we can learn a great deal by digging into problems faced by American Soldiers during other wars and other periods," Rhoades said. "But that's not all – or even mainly – what this was about. It was about character and innovative leadership. These mentors talked about challenges we're facing

right now, different approaches and different solutions.

"The staff ride was a 'leadership laboratory' for developing the very finest leaders in our Army," he added. "The Western Front provided a context for the event; but the message (Lt.) Gen. Hodges and Command Sgt. Maj. Davenport wanted us to deliver, the message our mentors did deliver, came directly from chief of staff of the Army guidance on character and leader development. It's important our Soldiers continue to ask 'why,' as they've done throughout our history. These are precisely the type of conversations our senior leaders want us to have, and this was an ideal forum for Soldiers and mentors to conduct professional dialogue as well as explore an historic campaign."

One of those USAREUR mentors, 1st Sgt. Wayne Wahlenmeier of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team, described the staff ride as an optimum opportunity for frank discussion.

Participants, Wahlenmeier said, bonded as they prepared historic briefs. The momentum continued into contemporary discussions of Sexual Harassment/Assault Response and Prevention, "professionalism, duty, leadership, motivation and (post-traumatic stress disorder). They didn't shy away from potentially sensitive subjects and I feel that they probably gained more than they realize from this experience."

Wahlenmeier likewise benefited from his interaction with training Soldiers.

"I personally gained from listening to them and the mentoring from my peers and superiors," he said. "Numerous times over dinner or after dinner Soldiers would come to me to ask my opinion on different subjects and then challenge my thought process in order to better understand why I thought that way. I think this is a good thing in this kind of environment because it is a low-to-no-threat environment. And it made me look inward and reanalyze my own thought process and reconfirm how I had reached my opinion."

Month of the Military Child

Family Art Day



Heidi Moore assists her daughter Rylee, 6, while participating in the Family Art Day at the Vicenza Arts and Crafts Center April 10.

Children created and decorated some items during the event as part of the activities scheduled in celebration of the Month of the Military Child.



A butterfly decorated at the event.



Five-year-old Olivia Martin works on one of her creations at the event.

Music Café

A group of Vicenza High School students perform during a special Youth Session of Music Café held April 17 at the Soldiers' Theatre, as part of the events in celebration of the Month of the Military Child.

MoMC events continue through the end of April.



“The Party Animals” tour



From left, Lance the Lion, Kaiya the Kangaroo, Brandon the Bear and Walter the Fox perform in “The Party Animals” brought by Armed Forces Entertainment to Caserma Ederle April 18 in support of the Month of the Military Child program.

The four characters and their friends performed at the fitness center before heading to Naples and Sigonella as part of their three-week Mediterranean tour.



Kaiya the Kangaroo, and Lance the Lion dance with the children during the show.



Kaiya the Kangaroo, one of the four characters of “The Party Animals” meets her fans and sign autographs after the show.



(Above) Vicenza High School Students Diego Nacionles, left, and Ethan Aims play a four-handed piece at the event.

Claim tips to know before you go

By **Tsvetana Bombeva**
OSJA

While we all hope that the shipment of our household goods will go off without a hitch, it is important to prepare for a claim – just in case. Setting yourself up for success in any military move requires knowledge and action ahead of time.

In order to have a valid claim, you must demonstrate three things:

1. That you actually owned the items and the items were in a certain condition prior to transfer to the carrier
2. That you transferred the items to the carrier
3. That the carrier caused loss or damage to your items.

There are many ways you can show that you owned the items and the condition of the items prior to shipment. One thing you can do is photograph or film your household goods. High quality photos or videos can prove not only that you owned the items, but also that the items were in good condition (free of scratches/dents, operational, etc.). Additionally, the carrier will list the condition of your items on the “condition at origin” section of your standard inventory. It is your responsibility to ensure that any damage listed is in fact present on your items. If you disagree with the carrier’s notation of the condition of your property, simply note your disagreement on the inventory prior to signing. Armed with photos/videos of your items and any disagreement noted on the inventory, you stand a better chance of

demonstrating your items were in good condition prior to shipment.

The key to showing that you transferred items to the carrier is both the regular inventory and the high risk/ high value inventory. If you own items that are more expensive, it is your responsibility to ensure such items are specifically listed on the inventory and/or the high risk/high value inventory. With the listing and photos/videos discussed above, you will improve your chances of receiving fair compensation for any lost or damaged items. The carrier will likely tell you that you only need to list items that have a value in excess of \$100 per pound on your high risk/high value inventory. Remember, however, this is only a threshold. You may list any item that is important to you on this inventory. In my experience, items specifically listed on the high risk/ high value inventory are rarely lost or damaged in shipment.

You can only claim that the carrier caused loss or damage to your items if you provide notice to the carrier within 75 days of delivery. That said, you should take care to notify the carrier of any obvious loss or damage at delivery on the “Notification of Loss or Damage at Delivery” form, DD Form 1840 (a.k.a. “the pink form”), or similar form. Examples of obvious loss or damage include, but are not limited to, a cracked television screen, missing boxes or furniture, moldy boxes or shattered dinner plates. Finally, you must file your claim with the carrier within nine months of delivery if you want full replacement value. If you miss



that deadline, you can still file your claim against the Government as long as you file it within two years of delivery, but your local Military Claims Office can only pay you depreciated value.

The most common mistake claimants make is failing to adhere to the deadlines. One reason is difficulty using the Defense Personal Property System at www.move.mil to file notice of loss or damage and to file the claim itself. You should therefore allow yourself sufficient time to work through any problems in DPS so you do not miss the deadlines. Claims personnel at your local Military Claims Office are there to assist you with your claims related inquiries.

For more information on claims procedures, please contact the Claims Division at the Vicenza Office of the Staff Judge Advocate in bldg. 241 on Caserma Ederle at DSN 634-7432/7031 or comm. 0444-71-7432/7031 and ask to speak with a claims examiner.



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Divorce and separation: Divorce is not an S1 action

By Capt. **Andrew Warmington**
Vicenza Legal Assistance Office

Many Soldiers, family members, and civilian employees greatly misunderstand the separation and divorce process. Some common misconceptions include: (1) believing they can file for divorce or separation with "JAG;" (2) assuming the location of their marriage is automatically the appropriate location for a divorce proceeding; (3) believing they need a "legal separation" because such a separation is a de-facto or mini-divorce; (4) expecting a quick and easy divorce process; and (5) believing the spouse can be awarded a share of a Soldier's retirement automatically after 10-years of marriage. Unfortunately these misconceptions often result in unrealistic expectations and confusion. Be forewarned ... getting divorced is more difficult than getting married, especially while stationed overseas.

First, it is important to understand what an Army Legal Assistance Attorney can and cannot do for you. Army Legal Assistance Attorneys can prepare a separation agreement and, to a certain extent, assist you with the divorce process. Army Legal Assistance Attorneys can counsel you on divorce generally, locate rules and requirements for your state, review already completed paperwork, provide information regarding the process for early return of dependents, and assist in finding a local attorney. Army Legal Assistance Attorneys cannot complete a divorce for you, cannot represent you in court regarding your divorce, and cannot prepare the documentation necessary for you to obtain a divorce.

The legal basis and procedures for divorce and separation are founded in state or foreign law, not military regulations. One of the first steps in the divorce and separation process is determining where you can and should file for divorce. Just because you were married in state X does not mean you can file for a divorce in state X. In order for a court to grant a divorce, it must have the power to do so. Each state has different rules regarding when it has power to grant a divorce and different procedures for divorce and separation. Some states require an individual to

be physically present in the state for a specified period of time before filing for divorce. Other states only require an individual to be a legal resident of the state. Because each state is different, it is often best to consult an attorney before you file for divorce. In some cases, an Italian divorce may be an option. It is important to note that even if it is possible to file for divorce in an Italian court, doing so may not be advisable because Italy has a lengthy divorce process. An Italian court cannot grant a divorce until at least three years has passed since the spouses first appeared in court for a legal separation proceeding.

Despite what some may believe, a "legal separation" is not a de-facto or mini-divorce. Legal separation is an order from a court that can decide issues of property, debt, custody, parenting time, and support even though parties are still legally married. Because divorce laws vary from state to state, not all states recognize a legal separation. Some states offer legal separation orders for persons who do not meet the state's residency requirement. Other states require a period of physical separation before granting a divorce. A majority of states do not recognize and/or will not order a "legal separation." In most cases, "separation" is just a term used to describe when a married couple is physically living apart. A married couple may physically live apart, without any written agreement or court action. Some couples may execute a written separation agreement, which is solely a contract between married persons who desire to live apart. The contract establishes rules that the married couple agree upon during the period of separation. A separation agreement can cover as many topics or as few topics as the couple can agree upon. In some cases, a separation agreement can make your divorce proceed more quickly and less expensively. It is important to remember that executing a marital separation agreement or simply agreeing to live separately and apart does not result in a divorce. Couples who execute a marital separation agreement or who live separately remain married, cannot marry another, and may be subject to legal prohibitions against committing adultery under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Even though the Army has no role in the actual divorce or separation process, the Army does have rules relating to divorce and separation that may affect Soldiers and their family members. Army Regulation 608-99 imposes a support requirement on Soldiers physically separated from dependent(s). If there is a valid court order or marital separation agreement, Soldiers must comply with the terms of the support provisions of the order or agreement. In the absence of a court order or separation agreement, Army Regulation 608-99 outlines the default amount Soldiers must pay their dependent(s). A detailed handout on support obligations can be found in the waiting area in the Vicenza Legal Assistance Office.

In many instances involving marital discord, a Soldier or Family member may want to return to the United States. A Soldier or Family member may request an early return to the United States due to a personal situation, when an early return is in the best interest of the U.S. Government, the Soldier, and the family. Upon approval by the US-AG-Vicenza commander, Family members stationed overseas pursuant to military orders may return early to the United States at the Army's expense. A written separation agreement is often used as evidence of marital strife, but a separation agreement is not required for approval of an ERD. A Soldier's S1 is the appropriate point of contact for processing ERD actions.

This article provides only a brief overview of some of the most common divorce topics. If you have any additional questions, you may visit the Vicenza Legal Assistance Office in building 241 and make an appointment to speak with an attorney.

One final note — the Vicenza Legal Assistance Office can only advise one party when it comes to contentious issues, such as divorce. The Vicenza Legal Assistance Office, however, will ensure that each party has access to legal representation. In some situations, this may involve referring one party to another Legal Assistance Office for legal advice and representation.

Vicenza Community marks Days of Remembrance

Photos by **Laura Kreider**
USAG Vicenza PAO

Vicenza Community members took part in the Holocaust Days of Remembrance observance hosted by the Equal Opportunity Office at the Caserma Ederle Chapel April 14.

Guest speaker at the event was Samuel Artale, who was deported to the concentration camp of Auschwitz Birkenau April 13, 1944, with his parents, sister, grandfather and aunt.

He was set free Jan. 27, 1945, but he was the sole survivor of his family. The Holocaust Days of Remembrance is an eight-day period of commemoration and this year's theme was "Learning from the Holocaust: Choosing to Act."

As part of the memorial event, Nicole and Joshua Wilson performed two pieces on violin and cello.

After addressing the VMC and answering some questions, Artale was presented a certificate of appreciation followed by a candle-lighting ceremony in memory of the six million killed in the Holocaust.

A moment of silence for all the victims concluded the event.



Samuel Artale recalls how he and his family were deported to the concentration camp of Auschwitz Birkenau



A family member lights one of the candles in memory of the six million Jews killed in the Holocaust.



Artale meets with Soldiers and family members after the event.



Soldiers and family members attend the Days of Remembrance observance



Middleschool Mathlete

Vicenza Middle School student Quentin Carder shows off his two trophies from the 2015 DoDDS MATHCOUNTS State Competition was held in Wiesbaden on March 26. The Mediterranean District was represented by teams from Aviano MHS, Sigonella MHS, and the top scorer from Vicenza Middle School, Quentin Carder. The Med. students distinguished themselves by earning three trophies. Carder received a Third Place Trophy in the Unofficial Countdown Round (unofficial because the Pacific Area was unable to participate in real time). He was also the 5th highest scorer of all the DoDDS competitors, earning him a second trophy.

Congratulations Vicenza Community Club (VCC) Scholarship Award Recipients!

The VCC has awarded a total of \$25,000.00 in Higher Education Scholarships to the following students:

VCC Scholarship for Vicenza High School

Aubry Arguello	Axel-Jose Munoz
Morganne Bender	Samuel Ney
Megan Buffington	Marshall Perfetti
Alexandra Czarnik	Chanel Powell
Juliet De La Rosa	Soliyah Stevens-Ogaz
Jasmyn Gettelman	Hannah (Nina) Tarr
Adrian Guerrero	Antonio Tartaglia
Mario Molina	William Tramm

VCC Pia Manetti Memorial Scholarship for High School Dependents of VCC

Tara Clinton	Miranda Stitzel
Emily Constable	Austin Walker
Tia Juliano	

VCC Emmi Fondi Memorial Continuing Education Scholarship for Adult VCC Members

Jessica Thompson-Tyus

Dozens of VCC members volunteer hundreds of hours to organize and run fundraising events, as well as run and manage the VCC Thrift Store on Caserma Ederle, to earn the money awarded as scholarships. The VCC hopes community members will continue to support the VCC with their membership and participation in the many fun activities and events they host. Visit vccitaly.org for more information on how you can become involved and join in the fun.

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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.

Community Mail Room Upgrade

The Caserma Ederle Postal Service Center is conducting interior building improvements to the Community Mail Room (CMR) and painting the exterior. During this process, portions of the mail room will be temporarily closed off at different times, and those mail boxes will not be accessible in the CMR lobby area. Customers who cannot access their mail boxes can go to the official mail window to retrieve their mail. Postal clerks will only give the contents of the mail box to the customer. Parcels will need to be picked up at the package pick-up counter. Also, all or portions of parking on Olson Avenue in front of the Postal Service Center, Building 302, will be blocked off to ensure safety of our Military Community, and to avoid the risk of overspray to vehicles.

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. to 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 May 1. Schedule your appointment today with Erin Davis or Ana Levitt at 637-8155 or 0444-61-8155.

PWOC Guest Speaker

The Protestant Women of the Chapel will host speaker Susan Miller, founder of Just Moved Ministry and author of "After the Boxes Are Unpacked" on Tuesday, April 28. She will speak in the chapel from 9:00-11:30 a.m. and that evening from 5:45-7:30 p.m. A potluck dinner will follow. She will discuss topics such as confronting change during tough times, strengthening your home front, and victory in your circumstances. Join in this great opportunity to hear firsthand how Susan Miller unpacked and moved 14 times, and how you can also deal with all the challenges of moving. Send an e-mail to cat.musgrove@yahoo.com or effiepowell@gmail.com for more information about this event.

Homeschool conference

The Vicenza Christian Homeschool Co-op is sponsoring a conference free to the entire community May 6 from 1-4 p.m. at the Spiritual Fitness Center, building 395 behind the Arena. There will be an opportunity for children to go to the Arts and Crafts from 1-3 for \$2.50 an hour. Answers and questions by veteran homeschoolers and information from more than 60 homeschool curriculum companies. For more information contact Angela Madera at javsmadera@jesusanswers.com or Lisa Martin at alloralisa@yahoo.com.

Emergency Operations number

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

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

WWII Commemoration Ceremonies

The Italian community invites the Vicenza Military Community to join them in commemorating the end of World War II. On May 1 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 2 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.

5th Signal Command Regimental Week

The 509th Signal Battalion invites all USAG-Vicenza "Signaleers" to the 5th Signal Command theater-wide Signal Regimental Week being hosted in Vicenza by the 509th Sig. Bn. There will be a multitude of team building events. It kicks off on May 11 at the Sigholtz Center on Del Din at 6:30 a.m. with a 5K run. Then on May 13 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. we will be conducting team building events such as basketball, volleyball, soccer, football, and even dodgeball, and for those interested we will be holding a Signal Pentathlon which will be 5 person teams competing in Pushup, Sit-up, Pull-up, Tire Flip, and 2 mile run events. The regimental week will end with a BBQ. For additional information please call Sgt. 1st Class Adams at DSN 637-2258, or comm. 0444-61-2258.

USO new operating hours

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

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.

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. Please stop by Bldg. 126 Room 1 to sign up by May 1. Call DSN: 634-8933 or e-mail: vicenza.edcenter@us.army.mil if you have any questions.

Volunteer opportunities

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 on 16 May from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All U.S. 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. Sign up and payment can be made at the Tax Relief Office until 1 May or until all the slots are sold, whichever comes first. Guidelines and rules for the Flea Market will be given upon payment.

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

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 or Civ: 0444-71-7316.

Safety recalls

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

1. Children's Pajamas recalled by Smooth Industries Due to Violation of Federal Flammability Standard.
2. Dimension Industries recalls Outdoor Patio Set Rockers Due to Fall Hazard: Sold Exclusively at Home Depot.

At the movies



AGE OF ADALINE

Adaline Bowman (Blake Lively) has miraculously remained a youthful 29 years of age for nearly eight decades, never allowing herself to get close to anyone lest they discover her secret. This movie is rated PG-13.

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. **Starting May 1:** 3D first run (*), adult, \$8.50, under 12, \$5.75; 3D second run, adult \$8, under 12, \$5.50; first run (*), adult, \$6.50, under 12, \$3.75; second run, adult \$6, under 12, \$3.50.

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

April 23	7 p.m.	Hunger Games Mockingjay (PG-13)
April 24	7 p.m.	Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG)
	10 p.m.	Age of Adaline (PG-13) *
April 25	3 p.m.	Home (PG) *
	6 p.m.	Age of Adaline (PG-13)*
April 26	3 p.m.	Home (PG)
	6 p.m.	Divergent: Insurgent (PG-13)
April 29	11 a.m.	Cinderella (PG)
	7 p.m.	Get Hard (R)
April 30	7 p.m.	Chappie (R)
May 1	7 p.m.	The Avengers: Age of Ultron (PG-13)*
	10 p.m.	Woman in Black 2 (PG-13)
May 2	3 p.m.	The Avengers: Age of Ultron (PG-13)*
	6 p.m.	Furious 7 (PG-13)
May 3	3 p.m.	The Avengers: Age of Ultron (PG-13)*
	7 p.m.	Seventh Son (PG-13)
May 6	11 a.m.	Unfriended (R)
	7 p.m.	Paul Blart: Mall Cop (PG)



Family and

Vicenza Military Community



Strong B.A.N.D.S. Events

Army Garrisons world-wide are banding together for the 4th Annual Strong B.A.N.D.S. campaign May 1-31, in recognition of "National Physical Fitness and Sports Month". Programs and activities that support RESILIENCY and encourage INDIVIDUAL FITNESS will be held at the Del Din and Ederle Fitness Centers:

- Choose between 3 different endurance level pool workouts
- May 5-June 25 "Get Shredded" Boot Camp
- May 7 Rock the Din Climbing Event
- May 8 Try out Aqua Zumba -Free class at 9:10 a.m.
- May 9 Del Din Double Decker Endurance Challenge
- May 15 Run to Honor

Support Strong B.A.N.D.S. and show that you are STRONG-READY-Resilient! Visit vicenza.armymwr.com for details about all the events.

Mother's Day Flower Pots

The Library can help you get ready for Mother's Day! Children ages 3-11 years can decorate a flower pot & make a card to give to Mom on May 6, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Everyone will get to decorate one flower pot and make a card. All materials will be provided. Register at the Ederle Library desk before May 4.

Teen Laser Tag

Teen's Night Out on May 15 is a great opportunity offered to registered CYS Services youth. Youth in grades 9-12 will go to the bowling alley in Montecchio to have pizza and play laser tag. Enroll May 4-14 on WebTrac or at Parent Central Services. Cost is \$15. Upon return to the Teen Center, other activities will be offered in order to keep youth entertained!

Disney's "Aladdin JR." Musical Comedy

Disney's "Aladdin JR." is a musical adventure filled with magic, mayhem, and flying carpet rides featuring all of your favorite characters from the hit Disney film. Production runs May 8-17. Friday performances at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. Call the box office 634-7281 for tickets.

Mother's Day Bowling Night

Be a part of the Family fun at the Arena entertainment center during our all-day Mother's Day bowling on May 10, 1-10 p.m. Moms get free bowling games and free shoe rental!

BOSS Summer Night Volleyball

Don't spend Thursday nights in your room! Come out and play volleyball! Unwind and relax with BOSS and enjoy free pizza too on Thursdays 7:30 p.m. at the Del Din Outdoor Volleyball Court beginning May 14.

Milan EXPO

This summer, Milan becomes a global showcase with over 140 countries from around the world showcasing their best technology that supports the answer for the world's vital need to guarantee healthy, safe and sufficient food for everyone while respecting its equilibrium. ODR takes you there on May 23. Visit ODR or vicenza.armymwr.com for details about this trip before May 1. For a complete list of all ODR trips, check out our online calendar.

Ederle Spring Flea Market

Your chance to sell a few things or pick up some bargains! Location is the Ederle Library parking lot, May 16, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Sellers, reserve your space at Tax Relief Office prior to April 30. Cost is just \$10 per space.



Register using MWR Online Services for:

Vicenza Trip & Classes

Vicenza CYSS Activities



Darby Military Community



Darby 5th Annual Triathlon Challenge 2015

Participants are "challenged" to complete actual distances in each discipline of a Half-Ironman or a Full-Ironman in 2 weeks. Swim, bike and run or walk. All participants will receive a custom designed t-shirt for accepting the challenge. The program runs May 4-17. Register at the Fitness Center before May 1.

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.

CDC Fun Run & Games

It's springtime and that means, new growth! All children who are still growing serve to benefit from this fun run. This is a non-competitive event intended to get our children in motion. This Fun Run and Games is open to all CYSS registered youth ages 3-5 years. Sign-ups required in advance or the day of event with the IMCOM CYSS Sports & Registration Form. Sign up at any CYSS facility: CDC, SAC, or YC or online via WebTrac.

Outdoor Recreation April Trips

May 2	Pisa and Lucca
May 9	Venice
May 16	Cavallino Matto
May 23	Cinque Terre
May 25	Rome
May 30	Elba Island

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.

CYSS Tennis Registration

Open registration for Youth Tennis (session two) is April 27-May 11. Tennis is fun and helps improve hand-eye coordination. Minimum age is 6. Age cut-off date is approximately July 3. First official practice begins the week of May 11-15 (rain or shine). Season ends by late June. Advanced sign-ups required on the Sports Registration form. Sports Physical required. Sign-up deadline is May 11. Call 633-7521 for more information.

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 May 4 :

- 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.

BOSS Memorial Day Service

All Darby Military Community members are invited to volunteer to be a part of this remembrance on May 22 at the Florence American Cemetery. Sign up with BOSS by registering at the Fitness Center.



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**

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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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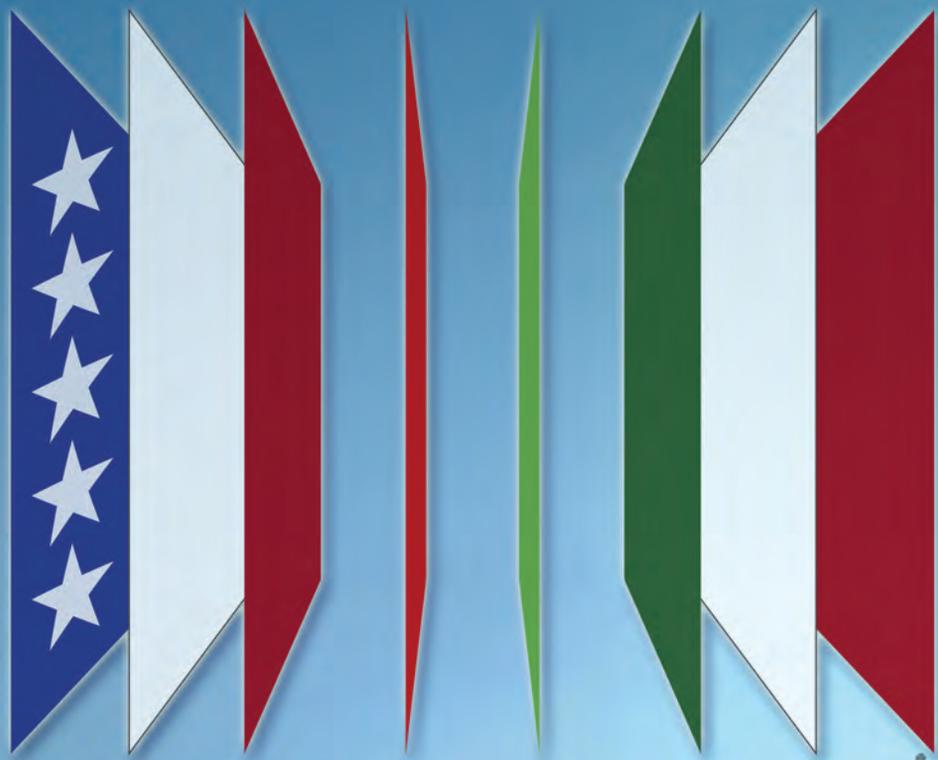


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Medieval Festival - Montecchio Maggiore



April 25 is a national holiday celebrating Liberation Day in Italy. It marks the anniversary of the 1945 liberation from the Fascist party and the end of World War II in Italy. Schools and most services will be closed. Labor Day in Italy is celebrated **May 1**. It is a national holiday, schools and most of the stores will be closed.

about 12 miles west of Vicenza; 7 p.m. food booths featuring paella, sausage with polenta, dried cod fish, and other local specialties; live music starts at 9 p.m.; **April 26:** from 3 p.m. entertainment for children with music, games, and face painting; **May 1:** 9 a.m. flower exhibit and sale; vintage motorcycles exhibit; dance shows.
<http://www.sagrasanzeno.it/>

VENETO

I Mercanti del Gusto e delle Tradizioni **Merchant of Taste and Traditions**

April 24-26, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., in Vicenza, Piazza Castello; gastronomical products and crafts from all over Italy exhibit and sale; free tasting.
<http://www.comune.vicenza.it/vicenza/eventi/evento.php/121799>

Sagra di San Marco e dei Cuchi **Saint Mark Festival**

April 24-26, in Canove di Roana, about 37 miles north of Vicenza; exhibit of traditional terracotta "Cuchi" whistles; carnival rides; food booths featuring local specialties open at 7 p.m.; live music and ballroom dancing.
http://www.eventiesagre.it/Eventi_Sagre/7337_Sagra+di+San+Marco+e+dei+Cuchi.html

Sagra di San Zeno **San Zeno Festival**

April 25-26 and **May 1-3**, in Arzignano, Via San Zeno 32,

Sagra di San Giorgio **Saint George Festival**

April 24-27, in Quinto Vicentino, Via degli Eroi, about 8 miles northeast of Vicenza; carnival rides and charity raffle; food booths open at 6:30 p.m. and at noon on April 25; live music and dancing at 9 p.m.; fireworks on April 27 at 11 p.m. <http://www.comitatosagraquinto.com/page2.php>

45° Palio di Romano **45th Old Districts Festival**

April 24-May 3, in Romano D'Ezzelino, Via Roma and surrounding roads, about 26 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths featuring local specialties open at 7 p.m.; music and dancing start at 9 p.m.

April 26, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. visit the town's old districts on foot or by free shuttle bus to see re-enactments of old trades in farmers' homes, barnyards and fields; local products exhibit and sale;

May 3: 3:30 p.m. historical parade and flag-throwers show; vintage bicycles exhibit; traditional donkey race and award ceremony. www.grappavalbrenta.it/209/2015/04/03/Palio+di+Romano+d'Ezzelino+2015.html

La Faida Medieval Festival

May 1, 11 a.m.-7 p.m., in Montecchio Maggiore, at the Romeo and Juliet Castle, Via Castelli Bella Guardia, about 12 miles west of Vicenza. It starts at 9 a.m.; re-enactment groups from all over Italy participate in medieval dances, duel, entertainment, falconry shows; food booths feature medieval typical dishes and drinks; free entrance; shuttle buses will be available from the parking lots of Via Degli Alberi or the Xylem parking lot, in Via Lombardi; bus ticket: €1.

<http://www.livinginvicenza.com/agenda/middle-ages-historical-reenactment-at-the-romeo-e-juliet-2455>

FlorArt

April 25-26, 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., in Padova, Giardini dell'Arena, Piazza Eremitani, Via Zabarella, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza; international floriculture and quality craftsmanship trade show; admission fee: €5; reduced €4 for students and senior citizens over 65; free entrance for children younger than 12. <http://www.flor-art.eu/>

Weekend Strabiologico Super Biological Weekend

April 24-26, in Stra (Venice), Villa Loredan, Via Pisa, about 28 miles southeast of Vicenza; biological products exhibit and sale; entertainment, workshops for adults and children. <http://www.italia-eventi.com/2015/01/weekend-strabiologico-villa-loredan-di.html>

Noventa in Fiore Flowers in Noventa

April 26, 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m., in Noventa Vicentina, main downtown squares and streets, about 21 miles south of Vi-

cenza; flowers and plants exhibit and sale entertainment. <http://www.comune.noventa-vicentina.vi.it/Vivi-la-Citta/Noventa-in-Fiore.html>

Sagra della Soppressa Soppressa Fest

May 4-5, 11-12 and 18-19, in località San Luca, Tribano (Padova), about 22 miles southeast of Vicenza; soppressa is an Italian aged salami, produced with pork, lard, salt, pepper and sometimes garlic; food booths; music and entertainment. <http://www.agriturist.com/sagre/mesi/aprile.htm>

Passioni e collezionismo Arts and Vintage

May 2, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m., in Vicenza, Corso Fogazzaro; vintage, remake and crafts exhibit and sale; free entrance. <http://www.comune.vicenza.it/vicenza/eventi/evento.php/123737>

Wine Tasting in Breganze

May 9, 5-7:30 p.m., in Breganze, Scaroni Winery, Via Zamenhof, 30, about 12 miles north of Vicenza; the €5 ticket includes a wine-tasting glass and unlimited wine tasting. <http://www.livinginvicenza.com/sponsored/wine-tasting-at-the-enoteca-with-the-scaroni-s-2495>

Vicenza Jazz Festival

May 8-16; every night live jazz concert in Vicenza
May 8: 6 p.m., Juan Carlos Mestre, Palazzo Chiericati, Piazza Matteotti; 9 p.m., Memoria de la Noche, Olympic Theatre, Piazza Matteotti 11, ticket: €18; 10 p.m., Lukas Ligeti, Astra Theatre, ticket: €5
May 9: 6 p.m., Pedrollo Orchestra and Lukas Ligeti, Palazzo Cordellina, Contrà Riale 12; in Piazza dei Signori, 9 p.m., free concert with Tony Allen, Daddy G. (from Massive At-



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tack), Baba Sissoko, Dj Khalab; Max Ionata Hammond Trio & Gegè Telesforo, Astra Theatre, 10 p.m., ticket: €18

May 10: 11 a.m., Jazz Mass, at Santo Stefano Church; at noon, free jazz concert at S. Filippo Neri Church; 10 p.m., Soft Machine Legacy & Keith Tippett, Astra Theatre

May 11: 9 p.m., Arturo Sandoval Sextet, Vicenza City Theatre, Viale Mazzini 39, ticket: €18

May 12: 9 p.m., Gregory Porter Quintet, Vicenza City Theatre, ticket: €18

May 13: 9 p.m., Trento-Vicenza Jazz Orchestra, Vicenza City Theatre, ticket: €22

May 14: 9 p.m., Jan Garbarek Group Feat. Trilok Gurtu, Vicenza City Theatre, ticket: €22

May 15: 9 p.m., Anthony Braxton Quartet, Vicenza City Theatre, ticket: €18

May 16: 9 p.m., Paolo Fresu, Richard Galliano, Jan Lundgren, Olympic, ticket: €25; 10 p.m. at the Astra Theatre, Funk off and Karima, all night long jazz, ticket: €5

For more info and to buy ticket on line, <http://www.vicenzajazz.org/it/biglietteria.php> - <http://www.vicenzajazz.org/it/index.php>

Il Conservatorio si apre alla città Open door at the Vicenza Music Academy

May 9, from noon to late at night, in Vicenza, Arrigo Pedrollo Music Academy, Contrà San Domenico 33; musical



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instruments exhibit; music workshops; music and dances from India; live music; aperitifs, gadgets, and much more; free entrance.

<http://www.vicenzae.org/ita/eventi/icalrepeat.detail/2015/05/09/12731/-/qil-conservatorio-si-apre-alla-cittaq>

Rose in Villa Giusti Roses in Villa Giusti

May 9-10, 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., in Bassano del Grappa, Via Travettore 30, about 22 miles northeast of Vicenza; roses, plants, and embroidery exhibits and sale; entertainment for children; tickets: €5; free for children younger than 14.

<http://www.villa-giusti.it/roseinvilla/>

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>

Tempo dopo Tempo – Mostra di Aldo Bovo Time after Time – Aldo Bovo painting exhibit

April 14-May 2, in Vicenza, Palazzo Valmarana Braga, Corso Fogazzaro 16; Mondays-Fridays, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2:30-6:30 p.m.; Saturdays-Sundays, 4-7 p.m.; free entrance.

<http://www.aldobovo.it/aldobovo.html>

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



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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

Belluno: April 26, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Duomo, about 103 miles north of Vicenza (about 50 vendors)

Cerea: April 26, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Via Farfusola 6, about 45 miles southwest of Vicenza (about 150 vendors)

Dolo (Venice): April 26, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Cantiere, about 37 miles east of Vicenza (about 60 vendors)

Piazzola sul Brenta: April 26, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Via Camerini, about 16 miles east of Vicenza (700 vendors)

Spresiano (Treviso): April 26, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza Luciano Rigo, about 43 miles northeast of Vicenza (about 100 vendors)

Treviso: April 26, 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Via San Liberale, about 56 miles east of Vicenza (about 120 vendors)

Malo: May 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., in Piazzale Zanini, 11 miles north of Vicenza.

Marostica: May 3, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Castello, about 18 miles north of Vicenza (135 vendors)

Noventa Vicentina: May 3, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza IV Novembre, 20 miles south of Vicenza, Piazza IV Novembre (120 booths)

Vittorio Veneto: May 3, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Serravalle, Piazza Minucci and surrounding streets (70 vendors)

TUSCANY

Mostra Internazionale dell'Artigianato International craft Fair

April 24-May 3, 10 a.m.-10:30 p.m., in Florence, Fortezza da Basso, Viale Filippo Strozzi 1; artisans from over 50 countries present jewelry, silverware, collectibles and gifts, wine, food, and much more; entrance fee: €6; €4 on weekdays. <http://www.mostraartigianato.it/en/>

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>

Sagra del Prosciutto e del Baccello Ham and Pea Fair

April 25-26, and **May 1**, in Peccioli (Pisa), Strada Provinciale della Fila; local products and crafts exhibit and sale; bounce houses; creative workshops for children, 4-6 p.m. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=1&area=&city=&date=12&page=1&post=61>

34ª Sagra del Cinghiale 34th Wild Boar Festival

April 24-26, and **April 29-May 3**, in Chiocchio (Greve in Chianti, Florence); food booths featuring a great variety of wild boar specialties and Chianti wine open at 7:30 on weekdays and at 12:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Sundays. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=1&area=&city=&date=12&page=1&post=39>



International craft Fair - Florence



International craft Fair - Florence

Oltre la Birra Beer Fest

April 24 - May 2, 8 p.m. to midnight; in San Piero a Sieve (Florence), Via Roma; booths feature a variety of beers from Italy, Germany, Belgium, and England and specialties such as wurstel, gulasch, sausages, fish and chips; 10 p.m. live music and dancing.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=&city=&date=13&page=1&post=1177>

Sagra del Cinghiale Wild Boar Festival

April 25-26, 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>

Guamo e Coselli in Festa Guamo and Coselli Fair

April 26, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Guamo (Lucca), Via di Vorno; local crafts exhibit and sale; flea market; food booths; pets' parade and contest; 3 p.m. magic show; face painting; bounce houses.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Expo-Sposi-in-Fiera-Guamo-e-Coselli-in-festa/144845722392292>

Sagra del Crostino Crostino Festival

May 1-5, in Palaia (Pisa); the crostino is a small piece of toasted (or fried) bread topped with liver paste, or walnuts with anchovies and butter, or stewed tomatoes and mozzarella; local products and crafts exhibit and sale; food booths featuring local specialties open at 11 a.m.; at 8 p.m. live music and dancing.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/sagre/pi/palaia/sagra-del-crostino.htm/>

Sapori di Maremma Tuscan Flavors

April 30-May 1, in Albarese (Grosseto); food booths open daily at 7:30 and on May 1 also at 12:30 p.m.; 8 p.m. live music and dancing; May 1, at 4 p.m., horse show, tickets €5. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=&city=&date=13&page=1&post=1147>

Antique markets

Bientina (Pisa): April 25-26, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in downtown squares.

Castiglion Fiorentino (Arezzo): April 26, 8 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. Piazza del Municipio.

Cecina (Livorno): April 26, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., in Piazza Guerrazzi and Via Cavour

Firenze: April 26, 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m., in Via Ciampi.

Montevarchi (Arezzo): April 26, 9 a.m. - 7 pm. Via Isidoro del Lungo, and Via Poggio Bracciolini.

Ponte a Egola (Pisa): April 26, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Piazza Rossa.

Prato: April 25-26, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Piazza San Francesco.

Carmignano (Prato): May 3, 9:30 a.m.-7p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II and Piazza Matteotti.

Cascina (Pisa): May 3, 9 a.m.-6p.m., Corso Matteotti.

Orbetello (Grosseto): May 2-3, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Corso Italia.

Pietrasanta (Lucca): May 3, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Duomo.

San Miniato (Pisa): May 3, 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.

San Giuliano Terme (Pisa): May 3, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Shelley and Piazza Italia.

Carciofo Pride Artichoke Fair

May 2-3, in Venturina Terme (Campiglia Marittima, Livorno); food booths feature dishes with artichokes and other local specialties; entertainment for children; photo exhibit and live music.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=&city=&date=13&page=2&post=1662>

CONCERTS



Mark Knopfler and Band

Photo by Cesare Greselin

- James Taylor and Band** – 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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Eyeglasses, how to find the right pair for you

Can you confirm that before you think about frames, you need to think about the lenses? I've often thought the opposite.

Years ago, the choice of frames was very limited but with the possibility to make a series of adjustments, such as the bridge or the length of the temples, so that the glasses would fit the anatomy of the wearer. Today there are hundreds of models calibrated in more or less the same way or with maybe a single variation, so it is natural to concentrate on the choice of frame as opposed to the lenses. However, it's important to first verify if the lenses prescribed can be mounted on the frames you've chosen. There are also a number of options in lenses in terms of quality and performance.

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an impossibility with glass (just think about the old-fashioned thick bifocals with the line!) Also, the anti-reflective coatings adhere to plastic much better than glass.

How can one maneuver through such an infinite choice of frames?

It's evident that there are a number of factors to take into consideration. Many tend to look for certain brands because they are attracted to a style, but in the eyeglass business this isn't always a smart way to choose a pair of glasses. Most don't know that there are a number of smaller manufacturers that produce higher quality frames and original designs without the extra costs of a luxury brand. So the answer is: a well-prepared eyeglass specialist is the determining factor. They will take into account your budget, the kinds of lenses to be mounted, the characteristics you're looking for, so that you will leave with a pair of glasses customized to fit your needs and style.



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PAELLA Recipe

READY IN 9 MINUTES

Difficulty:

easy

Ingredients for three servings:

1 kg. of frozen PAELLA

4 tablespoons of EVO oil.

1 large spring onion

Hot pepper

White wine

Salt and parsley



PREPARATION

In a non-stick skillet, sauté the finely chopped onion in olive oil until it's golden. Add the still frozen PAELLA mix, a pinch of salt, the hot pepper and mix continuously until the excess liquid is absorbed. Add 2 tablespoons of white wine and let it evaporate. Check for salt and seasonings.

The chef suggests serving hot, garnished with chopped parsley.



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Cantina Colli Vicentini, founded in 1955, is located in Montecchio Maggiore in the district of Vicenza, at the foot of Colli Berici (Berici Hills) and it covers an area of 35.000 m².

Its production is obtained from 1.700 hectares of vineyards which are mainly located in the hilly region and it can count on 1,200 members that grow and take care of the vines.

The commitment undertaken by **Colli Vicentini** s.c.a. is to aim at on the quality of wines by safeguarding the characteristics of vines and by maintaining local traditions.

The cellar guarantees the entire process “from vineyard to sales” through the continual monitoring of the production, the diversified manufacturing of the grapes and the control of the vineyards.

Colli Vicentini s.c.a. is proud to offer you a unique range of still, semi-sparkling and sparkling wines reflecting the soils, the peculiarities and the character of this wine production area.

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St. Joseph's Kindergarten in Lerino

Scuola Materna San Giuseppe is located 8 kilometers from Caserma Ederle in Lerino of Torri di Quartesolo on a road closed to traffic, so children and families can access it safely.

School bus daily pick up/drop off in Torri, Marola and Lerino areas.

Our school offers **3 educational courses** divided by age ranges:

- **NIDO** (from 3 months to 2 years of age);
- **PRIMAVERA** (from 2 to 3 years of age);
- **KINDERGARTEN** (from 3 to 6 years of age).

The **Staff** consists of **20 well trained teachers**, as well as the **Director of Education, pediatrician** and **psychologist**.

Our educational project aims to help every child to become aware of himself/herself, as a person worthy of attention and able to create, learn and communicate.

All our teaching activities have the purpose to increase the developmental capacity of children; our teachers do a great job observing them, seeking answers to their needs.

The **kitchen equipment** is modern and we have two well trained cooks sensitive to children with food, gluten or dairy allergies. Every day meals are prepared with fresh fruit, pasta, rice and many types of bread. There are 5 weekly menus, including advice for dinner. During the morning and in the afternoon, we serve snacks with fresh fruit, cookies, yogurt and tea.

The **facilities** include a large garden allowing children to play outdoors with plenty of toys to go around, very large and bright classrooms, common rooms for work activities, a large dining room, a library and a gym for sports activities.

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- **professional approach to music;**
- **professional computer lab;**
- **professional approach to the English language.**

American children are currently attending our school!
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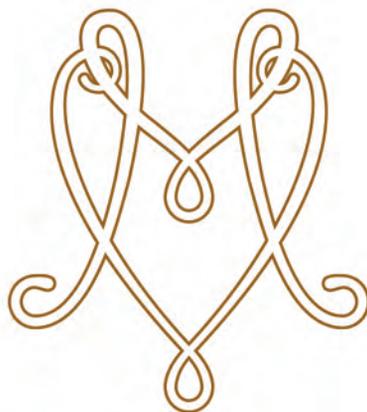
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