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Lion Response 15 participants practice response following a simulated emergency event on Caserma Ederle as part of the annual Italian-American full-scale exercise.

Photo by **Laura Kreider** - USAG Vicenza PAO

Freedom 6 sends: Leadership, Initiative and Innovation?



Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges
USAREUR Commanding General

Team,

The security environment in Europe has changed considerably in the last 16 months. Shrinking defense budgets in the U.S. and among our European Allies means the need for new, innovative and effective solutions to our common challenges is imperative; 30,000 Soldiers in U.S. Army Europe today must create the strategic effect of 300,000 of decades past.

As an organization, we're already working on new solutions to assurance and

deterrence by employing the Regionally Aligned Forces, reserve component and interns, and exercising with our Allies and partners to share capabilities that improve effects, close capability gaps, and increase interoperability in times of limited sourcing.

Europe, as our home forward, provides a great stage for developing our leaders and capabilities. Atlantic Resolve is the best example of young U.S. officers and NCOs in positions of great responsibility. I believe there is no other place in the world more suited for individual Soldiers to prove their talent and ability for creative thinking.

Events like the Freedom Shock series, where we are able to train and improve multiple skills and systems in a joint environment to prove our responsiveness, are prime examples of effects-based, creative and innovative thinking.

Innovation and initiative are key components to reach our common goals and develop our leaders and capabilities. As our adversaries adapt, so must we in order to reach the required effects.

Innovation doesn't happen unless there's a burning need for change; Russia's illegal occupation of the Crimea and continued aggression in Ukraine has created that need. We cannot be ready for the challenges of the future because, simply, our enemies aren't the same and won't fight the same way either.

History has proven that the innovators and risk-takers make the decisive difference in winning. Recently on our staff ride to Fort Eben Emael, the USAREUR captains in attendance learned of the ingenuity of the German Soldiers in taking what was touted as an impenetrable Belgian fort; less than 60 German soldiers took the fort — manned by more than 600 Belgians — using gliders and shaped charges and after their platoon leader wasn't able to make it on the initial assault. I expect the USAREUR team to reward our risk-takers and innovators for their creativity and thinking. Seek out those who don't think the same way as everyone else, who see the world's challenges through a different lens. The best ideas often come from the people sitting quietly in the back of the room who may not have any authority but could certainly be innovation leaders.

We must dedicate resources – money, time and effort included – to innovation and initiative and setting conditions for both to happen. Of course, new methods don't always work. When our innovative ideas don't succeed, we have to shake off the feeling of failure and try again. Learn from the shortcomings of one attempt in order to make your next attempt better.

Innovation and initiative on all levels is vital for our effectiveness more than ever. I fully trust the senior USAREUR leadership to guide and promote assuming risk and offering room for innovation and initiative in both officers, NCOs and Soldiers.

Who are the innovators in your section? What have you done to improve the way we do things?

Army Strong! Strong Europe!

Speak Out

What is the significance of Memorial Day to you?



Ramona Stendardi

CDC

"It is to honor all the brave Soldiers and their families who have given so much for the rest of us."



Francesca Volk

MWR UTEP

"It's a day to remember Fallen Soldiers and their families. Also, to appreciate what our Soldiers do for us every day."



Sgt. Juan Velez

1st Bn., 503rd Inf. Reg.

"It means remembering the Soldiers who could not be here with their families by paying the ultimate sacrifice, so we, as a community, can get together to be with their families to let them know they have a second family."

Full-scale exercise refines US-host nation response capability



Italian and U.S. emergency response officials participate in Lion Response '15 on Caserma Ederle May 7. The exercise included participation of Soldiers, Firefighters and medical personnel as well as Italian Carabinieri and Italian medical services.

USAG Vicenza PAO

Photos by Laura Kreider

The Vicenza Military Community teamed up with host nation emergency management agencies May 6-7 to conduct its annual Italian-American full-scale exercise. During the two-day Lion Response '15, several simulated events provided emergency planners and responders an opportunity to work with their host nation counterparts to test and refine the garrison's force protection and consequence management plans while exercising the interoperability between USAG Vicenza and the Italian authorities. Addressing local media about the exercise, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Commander Col. Robert Menist stressed the importance of the exercise in building strong relationships between the garrison and local emergency management agencies. "Our two communities have to be intertwined in all of our efforts, especially in emergency management situations such as this,



First responders cooperate together to practice their ability to react to emergencies.

where there are casualties and health at risk," Menist said. "It's great that we have been able to have the SUEM and other Italian agencies here to provide care to our simulated wounded during this exercise." 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.



Exercise Lion Response role players increase the realism of the exercise.

President nominates Forces Command chief to lead Army

By C. Todd Lopez

Army News Service

WASHINGTON - Gen. Mark Milley, commander of U.S. Army Forces Command, has been nominated by President Barack Obama to serve as the new chief of staff, or CSA, of the Army. The announcement came during a press briefing at the Pentagon by Defense Secretary Ash Carter, May 13. If later confirmed to the position by the U.S. Senate, Milley will serve as the 39th chief of staff of the Army.

"Gen. Mark Milley [is a] warrior and a statesman," Carter said. "He not only has plenty of operational and joint experience - in Afghanistan, in Iraq, and on the Joint Staff - but he also has the intellect and vision to lead change throughout the Army.

"When he was in Afghanistan as commanding general of International Security Assistance Force - Joint Command, I had a lot of opportunities to observe Mark on the ground - leading our coalition of allies and partners, and helping the Afghan people prepare to take responsibility for their own security," Carter said. "Mark and I flew to Herat the day after an attack on the U.S. Consulate there, and I saw Mark take command of the scene and stand with our people there. I was impressed by his candor and good judgement, and I knew right away that he had even more to offer to the United States Army."

Milley currently serves as the 21st commander of United States Army Forces Command, a position he assumed in August 2014. In that role, he is responsible for preparing conventional forces to provide a sustained flow of trained and ready land power to combatant commanders.

"Our number-one task is readiness," Milley said of FORSCOM. "Readiness - the ability to conduct a range of military operations, from humanitarian assistance to combat operations is FORSCOM's top priority." Milley said the Army has really only two tasks: fight a war, or prepare to fight a war.

"Absent the actual act of fighting, then our fundamental task is to pre-



Then Lt. Gen. Mark Milley, III Corps and Fort Hood commanding general, and Command Sgt. Maj. Scott Schroeder, III Corps and Fort Hood command sergeant major, furl the III Corps flag during a colors-casing ceremony outside III Corps Headquarters on Fort Hood, Texas, April 4, 2013. Now a four-star general, Milley has been nominated for the position of Army chief of staff.

pare for the act of fighting," he said. "It means training. It means manning. It means equipping. It means leading." If confirmed as chief of staff, Milley will continue to be responsible for training, equipping and sustaining the U.S. Army, something Army Secretary John M. McHugh said the general is well-suited to do.

"I've known Gen. Mark Milley since his earliest days commanding at the 10th Mountain Division at Fort Drum, New York," McHugh said. "I've watched him lead Soldiers overseas in Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as at home in Fort Hood, Texas, and most recently, as the commander, U.S. Army Forces Command. At all times, he has led with distinction in both war and peace. I not only congratulate him on his nomination, as recommended by [Defense] Secretary Carter, but also thank the president for selecting this remarkable leader. Should the Senate confirm him, I am confident that Gen. Milley will be an exceptional chief of staff and member of the Joint Chiefs. I also want to thank Gen. Odierno for his many years of service, particularly his support and partnership as the CSA over the last four years."

The current chief of staff of the Army, Gen. Ray Odierno, assumed the role in September 2011. He is expected to retire in August. Odierno said he is confident in the president's choice for his successor.

"The president has chosen a phenomenal leader in Gen. Mark Milley as the 39th chief of staff of the Army," Odierno said. "Gen. Milley is an experienced, combat-tested, and caring leader. I have known Gen. Milley for many years, have served with him in Iraq, and watched him in Afghanistan. I am confident that he is the right leader to lead our Army into the future."

Milley's education includes a bachelor's degree in political science from Princeton University, master's degrees from Columbia University (international relations), and from the U.S. Naval War College (national security and strategic studies). He is also a graduate of the MIT Seminar XXI National Security Studies Program.

Milley has commanded the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry in Korea; the 2d Brigade, 10th Mountain Division, on Fort Drum, New York, where he later became the division commander; and III Corps on Fort Hood, Texas.

The general has additionally served on the joint staff; as a military assistant to the defense secretary. While serving as commanding general of III Corps, he deployed to Afghanistan as the commanding general, International Security Assistance Force Joint Command, and deputy commanding general, U.S. Forces-Afghanistan.

USAG Vicenza hosts Company Commander-First Sergeant Course

USAG Vicenza PAO



Students attending the USAG Vicenza Company Commander-First Sergeant course May 11-15 conduct small group sessions to discuss dealing with the gamut of issues they may face as command teams. The course was conducted by a mobile training team from the 7th Joint Multinational Training Command Combined Arms Training Center in Vilseck, Germany.

Leading Soldiers can be one of the most challenging, yet rewarding, responsibilities in the Army.

Two of the most difficult leadership positions in the Army are the first sergeant and the company commander. The USAG Vicenza hosted a Company Commander/First Sergeant's Course May 11-15 to enhance the leadership skills of 19 company commanders and first sergeants and prepare them for these positions.

The course was conducted by a mobile training team from the 7th Joint Multinational Training Command Combined Arms Training Center in Vilseck, Germany. Command Training Branch Chief Capt. Brian Forshee said bringing the course to Caserma Ederle provided some additional benefits.

"This is only the second time we've brought a mobile training team from Germany to conduct this course," Forshee said. "Having the course in Vicenza not only introduced the new and prospective company leaders to potential challenges of command, it lets them interact with the folks they will actually work with as commanders and first sergeants.

Throughout the week-long course, the 19 leaders learned how to best employ the Army programs and benefits designed to help Soldiers. Leaders from various Vicenza Military Community organizations shared their personal experiences and lessons learned in dealing with the gamut of issues they face in providing assistance to Soldiers, to include financial, legal, administrative,

medical and various other potential issues. Additionally, the course provided helpful information on how to build a strong command team and provided a platform for the students to meet and network with their peers.

"I got a chance to listen to lots of lessons learned as well as mistakes that were made and we gain that knowledge to take back to our own units," said 1st Sgt. Daniel Hefflin Chosen Company, 2nd Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt. "Also, those things I don't know, it also gave me local points of contact to reach out to."

"It gave us the opportunity to work with not only our peers, but those who have already been in the position," said Capt. Daniel Ott, commander of MOD Company 1st Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt. "It also provides us administrative and soldier readiness opportunities that allow us to better facilitate leadership of our companies. It's good to do this before you take command. It really is beneficial."

9/11 visit to Del Din

Photo by Anna Ciccotti

Members of the Vicenza "9/11 Cultural Association" were hosted by U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza commander Col. Robert Menist for a visit of Caserma Del Din May 13. Welcomed by Italian base commander Col. Edoardo Maggian, guests learned about the history of the Del Din project and its cutting-edge architectural features during a brief and a tour of the installation led by architect Elisa Pandolfi, from the garrison Directorate of Public Works.



U.S. Army Africa hosts public affairs seminar in Burkina Faso

By U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs

BURKINA FASO, Ouagoudougou

A U.S. Army Africa and 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division public affairs traveling contact team joined their Burkinabe Forces counterparts to help build a mutually beneficial professional public affairs relationship, April 20-24.

As a first event of its kind, the TCT came to Burkina Faso to share professional best practices focusing on crisis communications, command information and media relations. They shared routine operations and procedures as well as recommendations on future professional development engagements.

Kymerley Jurado, U.S. Army Africa Media Relations chief and Capt. Danielle Covington, a 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division Public Affairs officer shared information on crisis communication, public affairs planning, escorting the media and media techniques.

Jurado said the Burkinabe forces public affairs element is similar to the U.S. in how they function and communicate with commanders and audiences. Their main command information goal is to communicate events and activities of the forces to their internal audiences of soldiers and their families. As media relations practitioners, military PAOs attempt to develop relationships with the various news media outlets and representatives in order to communicate with various external audiences.

According to Jurado, military public affairs professionals seek the trust and confidence of commanders. Some commanders have a "break glass upon emergency" mentality. However, the job starts well before a crisis comes up.

Lt. Col. Karim Ouilly, director of Burkinabe Defense Force Public Affairs explains that commander



Lt. Col. Karim Ouilly, director of Burkinabe Military Public Affairs, takes Capt. Danielle Covington, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division Public Affairs officer and U.S. Army Africa Media Relations chief, Kymana Jurado on a community relations engagement to Bouzoule, a Village outside of Ouagoudougou, Burkina Faso. The week-long course served as the first public affairs traveling contact team engagement between the U.S. Army Africa and Burkinabe Military Public Affairs professionals. The objectives of the engagement were to share best practices, procedures, and lessons learned while also reviewing military public affairs fundamentals. The mil-to-mil event covered challenges in the public affairs field such as effectively disseminating information to the public and managing crisis communications. U.S. Army Africa photo courtesy by Kymana Jurado

support is essential in performing public affairs missions.

"Commanders need to accept our existence," said Ouilly. "We need the commander's support in training and receiving qualified personnel. I want these officers to be trained so they, in turn, can train others."

Jurado and Covington discussed U.S. Army public affairs best practices. They focused on crisis communication and the way ahead for Burkinabe military public affairs.

"We reinforced the goal of ensuring that everyone speaks in one voice and public affairs professionals integrate with their command staff. It's important that public affairs professionals take the lead during events that have intense community and media interest," Jurado said.

"When your boss is serious about

public affairs, he will fight for you," said Ouilly.

"It is setting the conditions here and having everyone speaking with one voice," Jurado said. "Part of our responsibility is informing what our army does."

The four-day combined forces public affairs seminar concluded with a closing ceremony.

"It is fundamental to the trust between a nation's military and civilian population they are called upon to protect. It is engagements like these that provides a forum for experts to share best practices and enhance their skills in this critical task," said Tulinabo S. Mushingi, Ph.D., U.S. Ambassador to Burkina Faso. "We look forward to future engagements in this domain."

173rd Airborne, Italian Alpini paratroopers jump into Italy's Lake Garda



Paratroopers from the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade and the Italian army's 4th Alpini Regiment conduct a combined water jump May 11 into Lake Garda near Pacengo, Italy. The event highlighted combined NATO airborne operations between the brigade and its host-nation allies. Photos by Anna Cicotti, USAG Vicenza PAO

By 1st Lt. **Steven Siberski**
173rd Airborne Brigade PAO

LASIZE, Italy - Italian Paratroopers from the 4th Alpini Regiment joined U.S. Army paratroopers from 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regt., 173rd Airborne Brigade to conduct a combined, fixed-wing airborne operation into Lake Garda, Italy, here May 12.

The jump highlighted the interoperability between the 173rd and its NATO Ally and host-nation Italy. In coordination with the 4th Alpini, and with the support of the U.S. Air Force and the mayor of Lasize, it was a combined effort to plan and execute the event. As thousands of residents, Lake Garda tourists and American and Italian military families watched from the shore, approximately 200 paratroopers jumped from the ramp of a U.S. C-130 aircraft above the lake, where Italian boats from the Alpini recovered each paratrooper and their chute from the water.

"What is new is the joint training with the Sky Soldiers, already done in the Alps and in other places in Italy, however never in Lake Garda," said Italian Army Col. Salvatore Paolo Radizza, commander of the 4th Alpini Regt.

The water jump not only strengthened the partnership between the American and Italian Armies, but also between the Americans and their host and neighbor communities in Italy.

During a press conference on the shore, U.S. Army Lt. Col. Patrick Wilkins, commander of 1st Battalion, presented the city of Lasize with honorary American jump wings to Lasize Mayor Luca Sebastiano.

"Today is a special moment that will always stay with us along with the jumps in this wonderful landscape: a sign of honor and respect for the NATO alliance that binds us," said Wilkins.

Sebastiano, along with Radizza, joined the Americans at the podium and expressed their thoughts on the importance of the event, and their gratitude in taking part.

"It is an honor for us to host this exercise," said Sebastiano. "For us, America is a symbol of freedom and justice, and it is with admiration that we renew the invitation for future events such as this."

The paratroopers also offered a moment of silence remembering the deaths of 24 American soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division who died 70 years ago on Lake Garda in the final days of World War II.



U.S., Georgian forces begin two-week exercise Noble Partner

By Sgt. Daniel Cole
173rd Airborne Brigade PAO



Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicles act as a static display during the opening ceremony for Exercise Noble Partner 15, May 11, in Vaziani, Georgia, while paratroopers assigned to Troop C, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment 173rd Airborne Brigade, participate in an airborne jump behind them.

VAZIANI, Georgia - Noble Partner 15, a 14-day training exercise with U.S. and Georgian forces, kicked off here May 11.

The opening ceremony proceeded in traditional military fashion with speeches from high-ranking military and government officials, national anthems of both countries and a static display of U.S. and Georgian combat vehicles behind the formation.

Paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade's 'Sky Soldiers' parachuted into the ceremony from a U.S. Air Force C-130 J aircraft onto the runway where less than 300 meters away, guests watched closely.

"The name of today's exercise is not a coincidence," said U.S. Air Force Brig. Gen. Mark Loeben, the U.S. European Command's director of exercises and assessments. "The name 'Noble Partner' was deliberately chosen. It is a name that the Georgian armed forces have earned. It is a name that they demonstrate through every contribution, every commitment and every sacrifice. They have demonstrated time and again a level of commitment that is worthy of the exercise that we have named on their behalf, here today."

Noble Partner includes approximately 600 service members from Company A, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division; paratroopers from Troop C,

1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade; and Georgian soldiers assigned to Company A, 12th Battalion, 1st Infantry Brigade, Georgian Land Forces.

Participants will use a full range of equipment, including the U.S. Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle and several wheeled support vehicles. Georgian forces will operate alongside U.S. forces with their BMP-2 Infantry Combat Vehicles.

"As my friend [Georgian] Maj. Gen. [Vakhtang] Kapanadze says, 'partnership is temporary', but after so many years of cooperation and working together, today's Georgian and U.S. military is more like a brotherhood that just a partnership," said Loeben.

One of the Georgian companies participating in Noble Partner is part of the NATO Response Force, a highly ready and technologically advanced multinational force made up of land, air, maritime and special operations components. This partnership enables the contributing members of the alliance to deploy quickly, wherever needed.

"Noble Partner is another step taken in the direction of strengthening our collaboration," said Tina Khidasheli, the newly elected Georgian defense minister. "The ongoing training will enable Georgia to strengthen its defense capabilities. It also will be an enabler for Georgia to get very quickly involved in NATO Reaction Force."



Soldiers from Company A, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division stand in formation during a ceremony in Vaziani, Georgia, kicking off exercise Noble Partner 15. Noble Partner is a field training and live-fire exercise between the U.S. Army and the Georgian military to support Georgia's participation in the NATO Response Force and build military ties between the two nations.

U.S. Army paratroopers assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade Support Battalion refuel their vehicles in Postonja, Slovenia, May 8, after completing a convoy from their home station in Vicenza, Italy, for Exercise Neptune Thrust 2015. Neptune Thrust is a combined exercise between the 173rd and the Slovenian 1st Brigade focused on enhancing interoperability and developing individual technical skills.

U.S. Army photo by Visual Information Specialist **Davide Dalla Massara**/Released

Exercise Neptune Thrust



A U.S. Army paratrooper assigned to the 173rd Airborne Brigade and a Slovenian military Joint Terminal Attack Controller prepare to call for close air support May 11 during a training exercise at Pocek Range in Postonja, Slovenia. The exercise brought together NATO allies from the U.S. and Slovenian militaries to rehearse critical skills in calling for and controlling aircraft in support of ground operations.

U.S. Army photo by Visual Information Specialist **Paolo Bovo**/Released

Telehealth brings long-distance specialists to you

Army medicine

LANDSTUHL REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, Germany – Telehealth is paving the way for the future of military medicine in Europe Regional Medical Command. Telehealth bridges the geographical distances between patients and specialty care providers, increases patient access to care, and supports mission readiness. This innovative approach to military medicine allows specialty care providers at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center to cross commands, countries, and continents to provide high-quality, patient-centered care to beneficiaries in Europe and elsewhere. Telehealth is the use of electronic information and telecommunications technologies



Ms. Erica Taylor, Nurse Director of the LRMCTelehealth Program, uses the telehealth cart otoscope to conduct a real-time tympanic membrane exam for Physician Assistant Steven Cain to evaluate on his own computer monitor and provide an appropriate plan of care.

Photo by **Phil Jones**, LRMCTelehealth Program

to support long-distance, “real-time” healthcare.

LRMC established its Telehealth Program Office in January 2014 as part of the Defense Health Agency’s desired end-state to seamlessly integrate telehealth into routine patient care by the year 2020. Since its inception, LRMC Telehealth has continued to prove its relevancy and value within today’s military healthcare system in Europe by allowing a variety of LRMC medical specialists to treat patients at outlying Army Health Clinics in Belgium, Germany, and Italy all while decreasing the need for patient travel and reducing time away from work or school.

Video-teleconferencing technology coupled with advanced medical devices such as stethoscopes, otoscopes, and high-quality general exam cameras allow LRMC providers to look and listen in real-time to maximize the benefit of the telehealth visit. These and other medical devices have evolved telemedicine from a primarily Behavioral Health Era into a Comprehensive Specialty Care Era. Telehealth nurses are specifically trained to conduct telehealth ap-

pointments and act as surrogates to assist in the examination for providers ensuring the best possible quality of care. “The LRMC Telehealth Program Office is nearing completion of a pilot program which employed a full-time telehealth nurse in three Army clinics,” said Erica Taylor, Nurse Director of the Telehealth Program, who hopes the successes seen in these locations will be a model for other clinics. However, all medical clinics currently supported by LRMC and BMEDAC are able to conduct telehealth visits.

Abigail Eason, Traumatic Brain Injury Nurse Educator at Vicenza Army Health Clinic, currently supports telehealth appointments for patients located in Vicenza and in need of seeing a LRMC specialty care provider. “I find that telehealth greatly improves access to care for our patients and provides them with more healthcare options despite the geographical distance between themselves and their specialty providers,” said Eason. In addition to herself as a trained telehealth presenter, four military medics in the Vicenza Army Health Clinic have been trained to support tele-

health appointments as well. If patients receive referrals to see a LRMC provider, Eason encourages patients to ask if their specialty care appointments can be done via telehealth.

What once may have required a patient to travel multiple times to LRMC may now be reduced to just one trip. With the use of telehealth, most patients can complete their pre-operative and post-operative appointments in the comfort of their own clinic, and only need to travel to LRMC for their scheduled procedure. Additionally, telehealth supports a variety of patient care needs such as nutritional counseling, sleep study counseling, and educational classes for procedures such as vasectomies.

“Telehealth essentially takes the outlying Army Health Clinics, with otherwise limited access to specialty care providers, and turns them into their own Regional Medical Centers,” said Taylor.

If you receive a referral for a healthcare specialist, ask your doctor or nurse about telehealth as an option, or call the LRMC Telehealth Program Office at DSN 590-4600 or Commercial line (+049) 06371-9464-4600.

McHugh scales up civilian workforce transformation

By **David Vergun**

Army News Service

WASHINGTON - A new roadmap for Army civilian professional growth has been announced by Army Secretary John M. McHugh - and more changes are coming over the next year or so.

“Our Army demands that civilian employees commit to a lifetime of professional and personal growth,” said McHugh, in a memo April 10, introducing Army Directive 2015-24.

“I hold each Army civilian accountable for mapping and navigating a progressive program of self-development,” McHugh wrote. He added that commanders, supervisors and managers have a shared responsibility in that endeavor.

The changes described in the directive affect a large portion of the 298,000

Army civilians, who make up about 22 percent of the total force. Future changes will impact the remainder of the civilian workforce.

Explaining some of those changes was Gwendolyn R. DeFilippi, deputy assistant secretary of the Army - Civilian Personnel, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs.

SETM, a leader development program for GS-14s and 15s, was launched a few years ago, DeFilippi said. It originally offered civilians a chance to increase their knowledge through a residency at the Army War College, with a follow-on reassignment to broaden their experiences.

Now, that program has been expanded with a senior fellow program, where civilians can become part of a “think tank” for a year. Another program

enhancement, she said, is participants can be detailed into a senior executive service-level position for up to a year to gain broader experience and see what it is like leading at that level.

There is also a SETM-TDY module, which gives selectees a six-month career-broadening assignment where they gain valuable experience in another organization before returning to their unit. SETM modules present huge incentives for leaders to further develop in their current jobs or move on to larger enterprise positions, DeFilippi said.

The ETM program is new - this is its first year. It is designed for GS-12s and 13s, with most of the openings at the 13 level, she said. If GS-12s have the right

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Thomas Greco, right, a Senior Executive Service, or SES, officer with the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-2, administers the oath of office to six newly-hired Army civilians at the civilian personnel office on Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Va., Sept. 8, 2014. As part of the Army's acculturation pilot, new civilian hires are administered the oath of office by a SES or general officer.

level of civilian education system, or CES, and a bachelor's degree, they can apply for two of the modules while GS-13s can apply for all four modules.

Those who are accepted to the program can be assigned to a 90-day project that requires some tough problem-solving skills, she said. Accomplishing this will enhance one's resume and boost the chance to be selected for a future job.

Secondly, up to 20 participants will get the opportunity to attend a 10-month Command and General Staff College residency on Fort Leavenworth, Kan. In the coming years, the number eligible will increase to 90, she said.

Thirdly, participants will get the chance to shadow an Senior Executive Service, or SES, or GS-15 at their installation or on a temporary-duty assignment, if necessary. When we say shadowing, we mean working alongside the executive and getting in on the nuts and bolts of decision-making techniques.

Finally, there's a 10-week structured experiential leader development module that is spread out over 10-months, which allows Army civilians to participate in an existing DOD program. Called the Executive Leadership Development Program, or ELDP, it allows civilian employees to

gain a greater understanding of the DOD mission, which in turn develops a cadre of future leaders with joint and interagency perspectives and skills.

Still in development is the Emerging Enterprise Leader initiative, or EEL, a program for GS-11s and 12^s, DeFilippi said.

EEL components will include a local developmental assignment, a group project and problem-solving challenge at one's installation, connecting with a mentor and self-study opportunities, she said. The goals are to broaden participants' perspectives and build leadership competencies, but at a more localized level.

In 2011, all Army civilians were mapped to one of 31 career programs. The Army Career Tracker, or ACT, allows civilians to track their progress in their respective career program.

Each of those 31 career programs has a leadership chain and professional staff that includes career management support and career program managers, she said. It also provides supervisors access to career maps for their careerist to help with coaching and mentoring.

ACT is a web-based leader development tool that allows users to search through and select education and training opportunities, monitor their career development, get personalized advice from their leaders

about which opportunities may be the most helpful and complete an Individual Development Plan, she said. Fortunately, more than half of the civilian workforce uses ACT, DeFilippi said. The challenge is to get leaders on board to realize the value and benefit of using ACT to develop their careerists, she said, and to also get the other civilians that are not yet using ACT to realize how valuable it is for planning their careers.

DeFilippi said all of the aforementioned program changes came about with the input of Army civilians and leaders. "These programs and a few more that we are working on are the result of focus groups, questionnaires, the 2013 and 2014 FEVS [Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey] results and feedback from Army leaders and Army civilians to build a more professional foundation for the Army civilian corps."

The Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey and other forms of feedback have shown that Army civilians want opportunities to grow developmentally throughout their careers, she said. As the Army civilian workforce continues to draw down, those who are left will have even greater responsibilities in preparing Soldiers to fight our nation's wars, she said.

Army needs dovetail with civilians' desire to grow, so it makes perfect sense to offer those opportunities, she said.

Army looks at credentialing Soldiers for jobs

By **Lisa Ferdinando**

Army News Service

WASHINGTON - While the Army does a great job of training Soldiers for the battlefield, it needs to do a better job of getting members credentialed for the civilian marketplace, Maj. Gen. Rex A. Spitler said.

There are "great opportunities" for the Army in this area, said Spitler, deputy chief of staff, Army Training and Doctrine Command, also known as TRADOC.

The Army trains its members to engage in the complex world, where the next battle is "unknown and unknowable," he said. "We're not quite sure what we're going to see when we go into that next battle."

Under such circumstances, the Army requires a highly-trained force and depends on Soldiers to think innovatively and be able to survive and thrive in chaos, Spitler said.

"We're training them how to survive and win in any environment that they're in, which also includes the civilian marketplace," he said.

The Army needs to make sure Soldiers have the best skills that benefit the Army, he said. But it is also important that Soldiers can get credentialed and transfer those skills to the civilian

Maj. Gen. Rex A. Spitler, deputy chief of staff, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command, speaks during the American Legion's National Credentialing Summit on the importance of getting Soldiers credentialed in skills for the civilian workforce in Washington, D.C., April 28, 2015.



marketplace once they leave the force, he added.

The Army's Soldier for Life program is an excellent example of showcasing how Soldiers serve their whole lives - from when they enter the Army, through when they re-enter the civilian world and are productive members of their community.

"The work that we are doing here is not just limited to that 18-year-old, who is joining the military looking for a skill - that is also applicable to the 50-year-old, who is transitioning out of the military," he said.

It is important for the Army to make sure the message of credentialing, education and opportunities gets out in an understandable fashion, he said.

"We have some work to do, especially associated with credentialing," he

said.

Credentialing and readiness go hand-in-hand, said Col. Reed Hudgins, TRADOC's director of credentialing, certification and licensing.

That hand-in-hand walk begins when Soldiers enter the Army, and it continues their entire career, Hudgins told a panel discussion.

"It's a lifelong process - a life-long process that speaks to readiness for us inside the military," he said.

Credentialing saves money since the training or certification could be low or no-cost to the Army, maintains a professionalized force with industry's best practices, and keeps members interested and challenged, he said.

Since industry's best practices make up credentialing, the skills are in demand, fresh, and viable, he noted.

Overseas Tax Filing Deadline Quickly Approaching

By **PFC Killian Scott,**

Vicenza Tax Center

Tax filers, who think they've missed the deadline for filing 2014 tax returns, think again.

Taxpayers who were overseas on April 15, 2015 are entitled to an automatic two-month extension to file their 2014 returns. For most members of the Vicenza military community, this means no late filing fees or penalties for 2014 returns filed by June 15.

Despite the automatic extension, taxpayers should consider paying any balance due as soon as possible because interest charges still accrue on any balance not paid by April 15. For free assistance preparing a current or prior year return, visit the

Vicenza Tax Center before June 15.

The tax center on Caserma Ederle located in building 241 and open 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. five days a week. The tax center at Del Din is in the Sigholtz Center, open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

This is the time of year taxpayers often see an increase in notices from the Internal Revenue Service and state taxing authorities. If you receive a state or IRS notice, the IRS-certified professionals at the Vicenza Tax Center can assist you in understanding the notice and determining how to respond.

In many cases, the IRS simply needs additional information to support a particular deduction or exemption

claimed on the return. In other cases, the IRS may have received a tax statement from a bank or employer that was not reported on your return. In almost any case, the Vicenza Tax Center can assist you in responding to the notice in several ways: Identifying any documentation that should be submitted in response to the notice; Preparing an amended return to correct any errors or omissions on a previously-filed return; Requesting a waiver of any penalties or fees under the "First-time Abatement Program" Establishing a payment plan to provide additional flexibility in repayment of an outstanding tax debt.

Soccer match brings communities closer

Photos and story by **Anna Ciccotti**
USAG Vicenza PAO



Soldiers and civilians of the Vicenza Military Community participated in a friendly soccer match against a team of Italian mayors from several towns around Vicenza May 9.

Members of the Vicenza Military Community participated in a friendly soccer match May 9 against a team of Italian mayors from many towns around Vicenza.

Organized by the Mayor of Sandrigo Giuliano Stivan, the first-of-its-kind sports event was hosted at the local soccer field and brought together mayors and administrators from the towns of Breganze, Bressanvido, Caldogno, Dueville, Grumolo delle Abbadesse, Montecchio Precalcino, Monticello Conte Otto and Sarcedo. These are some of the villages where many Soldiers and their families live during their time in Italy.

"Today's soccer match is our way to show the friendship and support that ties the people of Vicenza to our American friends and neighbors. It is a moment of joy, as well as an occasion for solidarity and integration that we wish to repeat soon in the future," Stivan said.

Many mayors complimented their peer Stivan for the initiative and responded with enthusiasm to his appeal, but only after overcoming the initial fear of confronting what they assumed was a well-trained team of young American athletes.

In fact, the oddly put together but inspired U.S. team featured Soldiers and civilians from many units and

organizations from Caserma Ederle and Del Din. "It was great to come together and play soccer against the Italian mayors. We hadn't had an opportunity to play together before, and everyone put in an immense effort for some really good team play," said Vicenza Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel B. Dennison. "It was my first time as a goal keeper and I saw our players working really well as a team. With great passing and attacking, we were able to get two goals before the first half was over," he said. The mayors' team started the second half strong and managed to score two goals in a few minutes. Goal-keeper Dennison said that, after the surprise, "We regained our confidence and the game ended in a 3-3 tie, which increases the opportunity for a re-match soon."

Midfielder Eric Zelco, who also serves as the garrison Equal Opportunity officer, said he enjoyed the chance to face off against the local mayors. "Interacting with the local community is always positive," said Zelco. "But to do so on a shared field, in healthy competition, allowed all participants to connect without the normal pageantry."

Zelco added that sports have a way of bridging cultural and language barriers and bringing people closer. "Our game was competitive and played in good spirit - and I look forward to a rematch," he said.

Talk of a rematch is already underway among the mayors. They said that Italians are not afraid to play against the Americans at their home, either at Del Din or Caserma Ederle.



Leopoldo Bortolon, mayor of Bressanvido, defends from the attack of Chris Taylor, Vicenza garrison Directorate of Public Works engineer, during a friendly soccer match of Italy vs USA May 9.

Stevens-Ogaz signs with Trinity University

USAG Vicenza PAO

Wearing a T-shirt from her future school, Vicenza High School senior Soliyah Stevens-Ogaz smiled as she sat at a table in front of the group of nearly 20 friends, family and teammates who gathered to witness and celebrate May 11 as she signed a national letter of intent to play volleyball for Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas.

Ogaz is the first Lady Cougar volleyball player to sign a letter of intent to a university. She was a decorated two year starter at Vicenza High. In addition to being chosen to DoDDs Europe first team All-Europe this past season, she was also named to the All-Tournament team, and a was two-time All-Conference performer.

"She works for what she needs to do. It doesn't come easy so she applies herself to get better and to follow the directions and suggestions from her coaches," Lady Cougars volleyball head coach John Kohut said.

Kohut added he expects her to employ those same traits as she moves to the next level. "She will do positive things in college because she will work to improve to keep up with her teammates and the competition. That will keep her focused."



Vicenza High School Senior Soliyah Stevens-Ogaz is surrounded teammates, family and coaches as she signs a national letter of intent May 11 to play Volleyball for Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas. Ogaz is the first Lady Cougar volleyball player to sign a letter of intent to a university.

USAG Vicenza Volleyball Championships

By **Ricky Jackson**

Vicenza Sports and Fitness Center

The best volleyball teams in the Vicenza Military Community provided some wonderful matches and extraordinary plays during the community volleyball championships. While the number of teams in the tournament were small for a community this size, the quality of the players certainly made up when they faced-off in a double elimination tournament to vie for the Community Championship title.

Three teams faced-off in the Championship round. The first round match was a repeat of last year's final but with a different result as defending champion USARAF lost to the DoDDS in straight games 25-18; 25-19.

Immediately after deposing USARAF, DoDDS continued its run to the title, taking on USAHC/DENTAC, again winning in straight games with scores of 25-18; 25-19. The win put DoDDS in the final

USARAF and USAHC/DENTAC square off in the loser's bracket to for a chance to play DoDDS in the final. It took three games to declare a winner. In the first game of the back and forth affair, USARAF won by a score of 25-16. USAHC/DENTAC bounced back in the second game, winning 25-15. However,

USARAF - Black uniform, DODDS - Pink uniforms



it appeared as if the second game required all the energy USAHC/DENTAC had as USARAF handled them quite easily 15-6 in the third and deciding game to earn a berth in the finals.

In the final match, while DoDDS, which did not drop a game the entire tournament, won in straight games, it was by no means an easy contest. USARAF provided stiff resistance in each of the games, falling 25-20; 25-21.

While DoDDS will be celebrated as the Community Champions, USARAF will represent the Vicenza Military Community at the IMCOM Army Europe Unit Level Volleyball Championship, 15-17 May Baumholder, Germany.

Castelnuovo di Garfagnana celebrates 70 year of freedom

By **Chiara Mattiolo**
DMC Public Affairs

While Italy celebrates its freedom with a national festival on April 25, Castelnuovo di Garfagnana celebrated its liberation on April 19.

On April 20, 1945 African American Soldiers of the 92nd Division and local partisans entered Castelnuovo after the town suffered seven months of fascist roundups, hunger, bombing and bloody battles.

"As Castelnuovo is located close to the Gothic line, 90 percent of the town was destroyed and there were countless victims," said Cpt. Paolo Volonte' Castelnuovo di Garfagnana Carabinieri Commander. "In 2009 the 16 towns of the Garfagnana valley were recognized with gold medals for military valor."

The highest civilian and military authorities of Lucca province were invited to the commemoration, as well as representatives of the allied forces and partisans who played a key role in the liberation of the area. The celebrations began with a parade of military vehicles with reenactors dressed in original uniforms from World War II. The vehicles were followed by all the banners representing all the minor towns in Lucca province.

"We are here to honor those who lost their lives for the liberation of



this area, and also those Soldiers who came from far, far away and fought to liberate Castelnuovo and the whole Garfagnana from the German occupation, thus creating the conditions for reconstruction and a better future," said Castelnuovo Mayor Andrea Tagliasacchi.

Lucca Prefect Giovanna Cagliostro delivered a speech on the importance of commemorating those who were there, and teaching the youngsters how life was at the time.

Darby Military Community Deputy Garrison Manager Maj Dennis Williams was the senior American representative and briefly addressed the crowd. "Castelnuovo is one of the most beautiful places I have seen and knowing that this place 70 years ago

was 90 percent destroyed makes me emotional," he said. "Around me I can see a great participation and a very tight community. I thank you all and I feel honored to have the possibility to be here with you to celebrate such an important event."

The celebrations continued with a wreath laying tribute at the monument of the fallen, and the celebration of a Mass in the town dome.

Following the official celebrations, Williams accompanied Volonte' and Tagliasacchi to the town museum to further view period uniforms as well as remains from fallen soldiers, well preserved to maintain memories of that past which deeply marked the history of Italy, particularly along the Gothic line.

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Darby Community Hosts a Prayer Breakfast



By **Chiara Mattiolo**
DMC Public Affairs

U.S. Soldiers, Airmen, civilians and Italian nationals assigned to Darby Community joined together May 14 for a prayer breakfast celebration at the Darby Community Club.

After a brief welcome speech, the Darby Military Community Chaplain Maj. Samuel Cabrera delivered an invocation and blessing just before the breakfast was served.

The guest of honor and keynote speaker was U.S. Army installation Management Command Europe Chaplain Col. James Watson.

The community joined in the singing of a song before the scripture reading by Staff Sgt. Apollo Stoewer, DMC chaplain assistant.

Those in attendance also took time to offer prayers for servicemembers in Afghanistan and Iraq, community families, the civilian workforce, the United States, Italy and all the hurting people in the community.

"I want to pray in particular for those suffering from internal wounds that will remain for a long time," said Watson during the delivery of his message to the community. "God remembers as we do not go alone, he understands and loves us, you matter to God."

Darby Military Community Deputy Garrison Manager Maj. Dennis Williams offered an alabaster photo frame to Chaplain Watson to thank him for the participation in the event and for the deep words he shared with the Darby military Community.

The breakfast concluded with the singing of "Lord I Lift Your Name High" and the benediction by DMC Chaplain.

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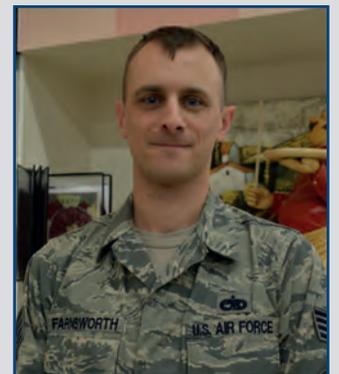
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Staff Sgt. **Derrick Farnsworth**

731st MUNS

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Italian students visit Caserma Ederle, Villaggio facilities



Italian students from the Vicenza Liceo "Quadri", a high school in downtown Vicenza, enjoy bowling at the Arena during their school visit May 13. During the event, which falls under a pre-planned school program with CYSS, the students visited some facilities on Caserma Ederle and Villaggio.

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

About 30 students from the Vicenza Liceo "Quadri", a high school in downtown Vicenza, along with their teacher visited Caserma Ederle and Villaggio during a field trip May 13.

The event is part of a school program with CYSS, and has developed into an annual trip coordinated by Margherita Frasson, USAG Vicenza CYSS administrative assistant and Elisa Spadavecchia, Liceo Quadri English teacher.

"For these students, who attend the second year in high school, our visit was their first experience of seeing the installation and learning a little about a different culture," said Spadavecchia.

"I came last year with a different class and, hopefully, we can plan this visit

as an annual intercultural exchange," she added.

One of the representatives of the Italian students Marco Corbetti said "I am very happy about how I spent this day, because it has been a very interesting experience. Mostly, I liked visiting and using some of the gym equipment".

After their first stop at the post library, where post librarian Michelle Ortiz explained the peculiarities of the facility, the students walked to the fitness center for a tour and some sports' training approaches which included basketball, the cardio room and racquetball courts.

For Virginia Dal Cero, a specific location represented the favorite portion of her tour.

"In particular, I enjoyed visiting the

library," she said.

"I was surprised at the amount of books. It was also great to spend a day here as a break from our school activities and final tests that are even more numerous at the end of our school year," she said.

As part of the tour, the students spent some time at the Arena, first having a snack and then bowling.

Mixed with the Italian students were also two students from New Zealand and one from Australia, who had the chance to share this visit while spending their International Cultural Exchange semester in the Italian school.

"I have been in Italy since January and I have learned and passed some Italian tests, but today I'm speaking English and it's like I'm at home," said George Williams, one of the foreign students while commenting on his participation. Williams is spending six months in Italy between his high school graduation and starting college.

Before ending their school day, the students went to Villaggio and stopped at the Youth Center to experience the rock climbing wall.

Throughout multiple activities the Italian students had the chance to learn more about the Vicenza Military Community. Next time, they hope to expand their knowledge even more by getting a chance to interact with the American Vicenza High School students during their school activities.

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Exploring Machiavelli through the writing of Ross King

By **Cheyenne Pope**
USAG Vicenza PAO Intern

Since 2007, writer and historian Ross King has been traveling between Europe and the United States to speak to young scholars about his literary work, his love of art, and his appreciation of historical figure Niccolo Machiavelli.

"My passion is really understanding what the work of art is about and sort of taking it apart and looking at it and understanding what's so great about it," said King.

One of the things King has focused on is redefining the term "Machiavellianism", which can be used to describe someone as amoral or an opportunist. In his literary works, King has worked to portray Machiavelli as a brilliant and revolutionary political philosopher that was far more complex and sympathetic than he has been perceived. King has tried to convince people that neither Machiavelli nor his works were wicked, when viewed in the proper context.

During a visit by King to Florence in February 2014, Vicenza High School teacher Lisa Balboni went to hear him speak about Machiavelli. She was fascinated by his lecture.

"I think he's more on a mission to let people know Machiavelli is not a bad guy," said Balboni. "He wanted to put those quotes into context."

Afterwards, she invited King to give the same talk to her students. To her

surprise, King accepted and May 4 he came to Caserma Ederle to speak with her 10th grade honors class. The students were very impressed.

"He made so many connections in how he described Machiavelli to us and made him not as much as a bad guy as he is perceived normally," said Maddie Czarnik, VHS student. "It was a really good brush up on history and seeing his view on it."

While he was here, King also spoke with members of the Vicenza community at the Golden Lion. The room was filled with community members of all ages. USAG Vicenza Commander Col. Robert Menist was in attendance, and was very impressed with King's knowledge of art and history.

"It's really neat when we get historians, authors and such great renowned people to come here and speak to us and share a little bit of culture, a little bit of history and a little bit of insight," said Menist. Throughout his lecture King encouraged his audience to take a deeper look into Ma-

chiavelli's life as well as his writings. King said he wanted to leave the community with some general advice that could be noted as a mantra for his successful stories.

"Passion is contagious," he said. "I think if you are passionate about something, then other people will may be curious about what it is, too."



Author and historian Ross King signs autographs before his lecture to members of the Vicenza Military Community.



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Poppy Drive



This Memorial Day weekend, local VFW chapter 8862 will be at the Exchange to remind patrons of those who have served and encourage everyone to wear a poppy in remembrance of those we have lost. VFW Post 8862 conducts a poppy drive each Veteran's Day weekend and each Memorial Day weekend. Members of VFW 8862 will be at the Ederle Exchange from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on May 22 and 23 and many will travel to Florence American Cemetery on Memorial Day to participate in a solemn wreath laying ceremony.

Members of the VFW chapter 8862 take part in a wreath laying ceremony at Florence American Cemetery, Memorial Day 2012.

NEW USAG-V HHC COMMANDER

Capt. Harrison Zabell, left, the incoming company commander of U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Headquarters and Headquarters Company, accepts the guidon from USAG Vicenza Commander Col. Robert Menist during a change of command ceremony May 8. Zabell takes over for Capt. Daniel Meadows, right, who held the position for the past year. "It's a great honor embarking on the challenge of company command," said Zabell. "I will work every day to develop not only my Soldiers and myself, but also the entire Vicenza Military Community."

Photo by **Aaron Talley**/USAG Vicenza PAO



Soldiers' Theatre Youth Production of Disney's "Aladdin Jr."



Airra Hahn and Sam Wilson perform as Princess Jasmine and Aladdin in Soldiers' Theatre's production of Disney's "Aladdin JR". Starring Vicenza Military Community's youth, this show featured hit songs like as "A Whole New World" and "Friend Like Me". The production ran two weekends until May 17 with full-house performances for each show.

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

Volunteer Luncheon

By **Aaron Talley**
USAG Vicenza PAO

A group of volunteers pose with Vicenza Military Community senior military leaders after being recognized for more than 500 hours of volunteer service during the last year during a ceremony on May 8 at the Golden Lion. The VMC recognized all of the many volunteers that give their time to help improve the quality of life in Vicenza. From April 1, 2014-April 1, 2015 over 665 volunteers reported approximately 65,000 of volunteer time, representing a labor savings for the VMC of over \$1.4 million.



Patriot pet show on caserma Ederle

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



Cindy Brown, Vicenza AAFES Store manager, gives gift cards to 4-year-old Caillou McLean and his sister Payton, 6, with their dogs Walli and Alli during the Patriot Pet Show events in front of the Post Exchange entrance May 9. Pets were judged in several categories including Best Trick, Most Patriotic Pet, Pet/Owner Look-a-like Contest and Most Unusual Pet. Walli and Alli won in the Most Unusual Pet category.

Michael Belfer Jr, 9, and "Oscar" pose for a picture after receiving a prize for Pet/Owner Look-a-like Contest.



Community news briefs

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

The Equal Opportunity Office is hosting an Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month event on Thursday, May 28 from 3:30–4:30 p.m. in the Golden Lion. This year's theme is "Many cultures, one voice: promote equality and inclusion." The entire community is invited to attend.

414th CSB Training

The 414th Contracting Support Brigade is providing quarterly Acquisition Planning and Requirement documents development training May 26-28 for new personnel and to recertify COR and GPC cardholders. This is open to all USARAF, USAG-Vicenza and tenant units.

May 26 at the Digital Training Facility from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. - Contractor Officer Representative w/Ethics.

Those interested must sign up AND register their CAC card prior to attending training. Local nationals must register 2 weeks prior to ensure they can gain computer access.

May 27 at the Hall of Heroes from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. - Acquisition Planning w/ Requirements documents; Performance Work Statement; Market Research; Independent Government Cost Estimate (IGCE).

May 28 at the Hall of Heroes from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. - Government Purchase Card w/Ethics.

VA Representative

Phyllis Barnes (Overseas Military Service Coordinator/VA representative) will be coming back to Vicenza Jun 1-5. She will be able to address questions regarding disability compensation, pension, Post 9/11 benefits, and review medical records. Veterans and service members should contact the Vicenza Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program at DSN 637-8155 of comm. 0444-61-8155 to schedule an appointment with her.

University of Maryland

Summer classes are here at UMUC. In-classroom classes begin June 1. Both academic and financial aid counseling are available locally, so come by our office in bldg. 126 rm. 16, or give us a call

at 0444-71-8927. Students can sign up all the way until June 1.

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 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information or to schedule an appointment call DSN 634-7316 or comm. 0444-71-7316.

Vacation Bible School

Vicenza Military Community Chapel presents Vacation Bible School July 27-31 for grades 1-5 at Vicenza Elementary School. For more information contact Linda Davis at 320-173-9776 or Virginia Sanchez-Valdez at sanchesvaldez@msn.com.

Volunteers Wanted

The USAG Vicenza Community Relations office is always looking for volunteers to participate in various outreach projects performed in the local area. The COMREL office conducts a robust program of community neighborly initiatives aimed at strengthening relations with host nation communities. Most service projects are done in partnership with the Vicenza Alpini Association and involve light trash pickup, light cleaning, weeding, school painting, fund-raising fun events or assisting with set up of local festivals. Those interested in future activities can contact the garrison PAO at 637-8009 or usarmy.vmc.pao@mail.mil.

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

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

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Quarterly Awards Ceremony

On June 11, USAG Vicenza will hold its quarterly awards ceremony at the Golden Lion from 4-5 p.m. During the ceremony units and individuals will be recognized for efforts made during the 2014 Combined Federal Campaign. If you have any questions, please call DSN 634-7973, or comm. 0444-71-7973.

Quarterly Retirement Ceremony

The next Quarterly Retirement Ceremony for the Vicenza Military Community will be held on June 18 at the Golden Lion. If you or someone you know is retiring and wants to be recognized, please call DSN 634-8743 or comm. 0444-71-8743.

Maternal Health Education

The Vicenza Health Center is offering classes for expectant parents every Wednesday morning and afternoon. Wednesday mornings from 8-9 a.m. is "Pregnancy thru Postpartum". Then from 12:30-2:30 p.m. they're offering a variety of classes. The first week of the month will be "Having a Baby in Italy" OB Orientation. The second thru fourth week they offer a three week series on childbirth. No formal signup is required, and all expectant parents are welcome at any time. The classes are in the Health Center training classroom on the 2nd floor of the Health Center. For more information, call DSN 636-9508 or comm. 0444-61-9508.

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 offers free food, drinks, movies, activities, internet and phones to call the US.

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.

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.

Sergeant Morales Club

The Sergeant Morales Club is a robust network of NCOs who champion the corps by taking care of Soldiers, families, and giving back to the community. All NCOs are welcome to attend the monthly meetings held at 11:45 a.m. the first Wednesday of every month in bldg. 80C. SMC membership is exclusive and gained through a rigorous and competitive selection process.

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 www.cpsc.gov

1. Baby's Dream Recalls Cribs and Furniture Due to Violation of Lead Paint Standard
2. Power Reclining Furniture Recalled by Franklin Due to Fire Hazard; Power Switch Can Fail
3. Snow Peak Recalls Japanese Axe Due to Laceration and Impact Hazards
4. Felt Bicycles Recalls Cruiser Bicycles Due to Crash Hazard
5. IKEA Expands Recall of Crib Mattresses Due to Risk of Entrapment

Vicenza Cub Scouts

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

Darby Cub Scouts

Are you a former Eagle Scout looking

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

Medical Benvenuti

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

AA meetings

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

At the movies



SAN ANDREAS

In the aftermath of a massive earthquake in California, a rescue-chopper pilot (Dwayne Johnson) makes a dangerous journey across the state in order to rescue his estranged daughter. This movie is rated PG-13.

Admission (note new prices as of May 1): 3D first run (*), adult, \$8.50, under 12, \$5.75; 3D regular run, adult \$8, under 12, \$5.50; first run (*), adult, \$6.50, under 12, \$3.75; regular 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

May 21	7 p.m.	Mad Max: Fury Road (R)
May 22	7 p.m.	Avengers: Age of Ultron (PG-13)
	10 p.m.	Get Hard (R)
May 23	3 p.m.	Home (PG)
	6 p.m.	Hot Pursuit (PG-13)
May 24	3 p.m.	Cinderella (PG)
May 27	11 a.m.	The Gunman (R)
	7 p.m.	Hot Pursuit (PG-13)
May 28	7 p.m.	Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2 (PG-13)
May 29	7 p.m.	San Andreas (PG-13)
	10 p.m.	Aloha (PG-13)
May 30	3 p.m.	San Andreas (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Aloha (PG-13)
May 31	3 p.m.	San Andreas (PG-13)
	6 p.m.	Aloha (PG-13)



Family and

Vicenza Military Community



Sesame Street /USO Experience for Military Families

Sesame Street /USO Experience for Military Families is produced and directed with a focus on military children's way of life. USO knows when one Family member serves, the whole Family serves. Two shows on June 13, at the Ederle Fitness Center, 2:30 and 5:30 p.m. No tickets, first come-first in. Seating is on the bleachers and on the floor. Strollers are not permitted in the Fitness Center. Doors open 30 minutes prior to the performance. The show is fun and educational and one that should not be missed by our military children.

Pizza Bowl Mondays

This summer's a hot one so beat the heat by dropping into the Arena! While you cool down in the air conditioning, enjoy our red hot Monday special for just \$19.95 that includes one large cheese pizza and one hour of bowling for up to five people. Shoes are not included. Sign up at the bowling desk every Monday between 4-9 p.m.

Music Café

Music Café nights are casual improv jam nights for music lovers by music lovers. Great music and amazing community talent await at the next Music Café June 26, 7:30-10 p.m.. It's free and performers can sign up at Soldiers' Theatre.

Hail and Farewell for Youth and Teens

Enjoy music and food in a party atmosphere with free pizza, as we welcome the new youth to our community and salute those leaving on June 5, 3-4 p.m.

•Villaggio Youth Center (Bldg 702): grades 6 through 8

•Teen Center (Bldg 373): grades 9 through 12

For information contact the Youth Center or Teen Center.

Read to the Rhythm Summer Reading Program

Read to the Rhythm is our theme this year. All three age groups meet each week for crafts, activities and prizes for reading books. Registration begins June 22 and continues thru July. There is a final party on July 28.

•Ages 3- 6 meet Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-Noon

•Ages 6-11 meet Tuesdays, 11 a.m.-Noon

•Ages 12-18 meet Thursdays 11 a.m.-Noon

For more information contact the Ederle Library.

SKIESUnlimited Swim Assessments

Youth interested in joining the SKIES level swim classes need a current assessment to enroll for the proper level. Assessments are held Jun 8, 9, 15, 16, 18 at the Villaggio Pool 3-6 p.m.

No sign-up is required, but you will need the assessment before enrolling in all lessons except for Parent and Me swim classes.

Call 634-5563 for more information.

BOSS Summer Night Volleyball

Don't spend Thursday nights in your room! Come out and play volleyball at Del Din! Unwind and relax with BOSS and enjoy free pizza too! Games start at 7:30 p.m.

Comedy Improv Night

Join the fun at our next Comedy Improv night with hysterically funny scenes, games and sketches that are entirely made up on the spot with input from the audience - you never know what will happen! The show contains adult language and situations that are not appropriate for children Limited seating is available so call the box office now at 634-7281 for tickets.



Register using MWR Online Services for:

Vicenza Trip & Classes

Vicenza CYSS Activities



Darby Military Community



CYSS Teaches Healthy Habits: Go Ginger!

Ginger is not just a pretty name for a girl! It's a healthful, nutritional root that originates from Southern China and has been used for centuries. On June 12, 2-5 p.m. find out how to use it in your weekly menu in this free nutritional counseling event sponsored by CYSS Sports & Fitness.

Tuscan Tots Playgroup

Tuscan Tots Playgroup is a great educational & social opportunity for both parents and children ages 0-4 years. Join the group every Thursday, 10-11:30 a.m. in Bldg 428.

Outdoor Recreation June Trips

June 6	Venice
June 13	Cinque Terre
June 20	Rome
June 27	Florence

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

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 June 8:

- 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.

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 Flag Football Registration

Open registration for Youth Flag Football is open June 1-22. Open to CYSS registered youth ages 6-15 years. Practices begin the week of July 6-10 and are held twice per week. Days and time to be determined based upon registrants and the season ends by mid August. Two free flag football clinics will be offered during the last week of June. Advanced sign-ups are required on the Sports Registration form and sports physical valid through August 15 is required. Call 633-7521 for more information.

Pisa "La Luminara" Trip

June 16, ODR takes you "La Luminara" the Illumination of more than 70,000 candles along the Arno, the Pisa Duomo, the Leaning Tower, and every building along the river. This tradition came to Pisa in 1688, when Cosimo de Medici held a grand celebration to honor the moving of the ashes of San Ranieri to an elaborate capella in the Duomo of Pisa. Streets along the Arno River will be closed to cars, allowing pedestrians to walk along the river where vendors set up stands selling foods, sweets and trinkets for the kids. Later in the evening there will even be a spectacular fireworks show. Sign up with ODR.



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



**724th Air Mobility Squadron
Space-A
Travel Briefing**

June 25

11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
at Army Community Service

Class size is limited so sign up in person
at the ACS Front Desk or call 634-7500
to reserve a seat.

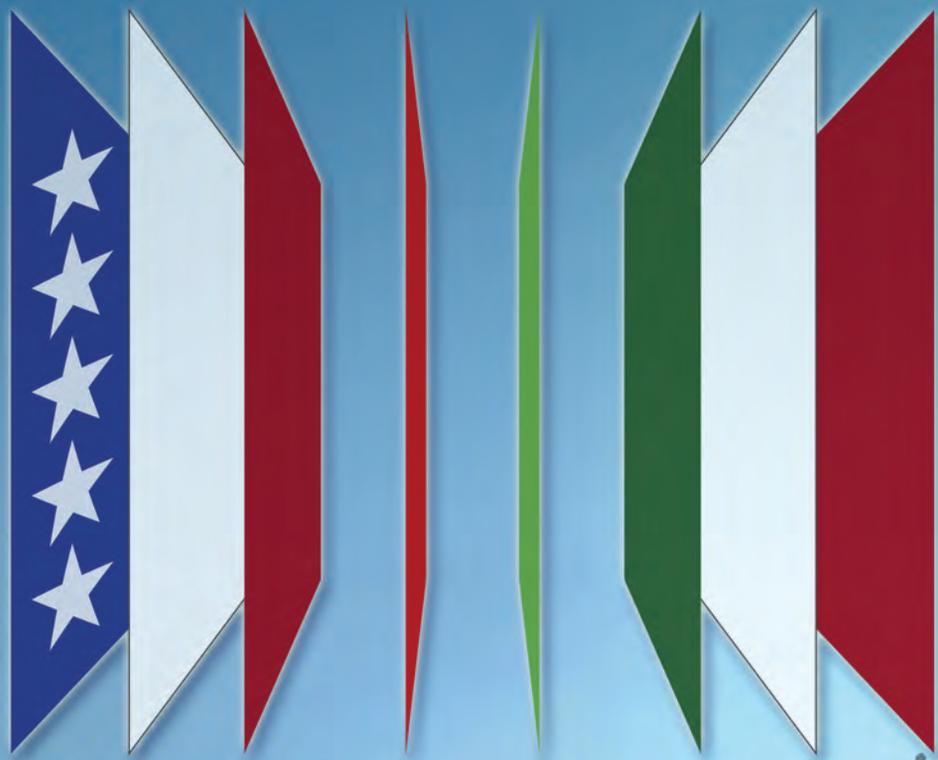
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The Legend of Romeo and Juliet - Verona

June 2 is La Festa della Repubblica or the Republic Day: it marks the day in 1946 when Italy voted in a referendum to abolish the monarchy and become a republic. Schools and most of the stores will be closed.

pa, Via Cà Erizzo. The €20 ticket includes lunch at 2 p.m. at a local restaurant; for reservation, send an email to info@villacaerizzoluca.it.

<http://www.livinginvicenza.com/sponsored/the-war-of-hemingway-guided-tour-in-english-2517>

VENETO

Veronafil

May 22, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., **May 23-24**, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., in Verona, Viale del Lavoro 8, about 38 miles west of Vicenza; stamps, coins, postcards, old prints and books, collectors' items; free entrance.

<http://www.veronafiere.it/Calendario/?id=8452>

Festa della Tagliata Sliced Steak Festival

May 22-25, 6:30 p.m. – midnight, in Vicenza, Strada Comunale di Settecà 34; food booths featuring sliced steaks, beers, D.O.C. wines and non-alcoholic drinks open at 7:30 p.m.; live music and dancing starts at 20:30 p.m.

The war of Hemingway Guided tour in English

May 23; a journey to the places where the young Hemingway soldier - while helping the Italian soldiers on the front line - was wounded on July 8, 1918; a departure for Fossalta di Piave (Venice) at 9 a.m. from Bassano del Grap-

La leggenda di Giulietta e Romeo The Legend of Romeo and Juliet

May 23, June 6, June 20, July 4, and July 18, 5-8 p.m., in Verona; the three hour tour starts from Gran Guardia Palace in Piazza Bra; an English speaking guide will explain the history of Verona and the legend of the two lovers; participants will have a chance to explore the city while playing games to discover another ending of the Shakespearean drama; the €30 ticket includes an Italian aperitif; free for children younger than 12 if accompanied by two adults; to reserve your tour, send an email to info@livinginvicenza.com

<http://www.livinginvicenza.com/agenda/the-legend-of-romeo-and-juliet-mystery-guided-2506>

Degustibeer & Food

May 23-24, 7 p.m. - 2 a.m.; **May 25**, 4 p.m.-midnight, in Montebelluna, Via Sant'Andrea 44; free parking; food booths feature local specialties and a great variety of beer; live music start at 8 p.m.; entrance fee: €3.

<http://degustibeer.it/>

Annual Pet Party

May 24, 3:30-6:30 p.m., in Quinto Vicentino, Von Casa Falco, Via degli Eroi 66, about eight miles northeast of Vicen-

za; games for all dogs; entertainment for children; food booths; agility, obedience, and pet therapy exhibits and workshops; free entrance.

<http://www.livinginvicenza.com/sponsored/annual-party-for-our-2-and-4-legged-friends-von-2502>

Mostra dei Prodotti Agroalimentari Artigianali e delle Erbe Spontanee

Local products and spontaneous herbs exhibit and sale

May 24, all day, in Campolongo, San Germano dei Berici, about 17 miles south of Vicenza; 8:30 a.m. free guided nature walk in search of medicinal and aromatic herbs; local products, crafts and spontaneous herbs exhibit and sale; food booths open at noon; herbs workshops for families.

http://www.giraitalia.it/mostre/31289_mostra_dei_prodotto_agroalimentari_artigianali_e_delle_erbe_spontanee_della_val_liona.html

Magnacurta

Food and wine walking tour

May 24, from 8:45 a.m., in Ponte di Barbarano, about 13 miles south of Vicenza; registrations at the playground on Via Giovanni XXIII; cost: €12; €10 for children younger than 13; free for children younger than three; a special prize will be awarded to the participant who will eat the most at the end of the walking tour (contestant will be weighed before and after the march); live music start at 2 p.m.

<https://www.facebook.com/prolocoPontedibarbarano>

Oltre il giardino

Flower and plants exhibit and sale

May 30-31, 10 a.m.-sunset, Villa Da Schio, in Costozza, Longare, Piazza G. Da Schio 4, about eight miles south of Vicenza; rare and unusual plants; botanical painting exhibit, patio and garden furniture; workshops for children and adults; tickets: €5; free entrance for children younger than 16.

<http://www.vicenzareport.it/2015/04/longare-villa-da-schio-ospita-oltre-il-giardino/>

Campionaria

International Fair

Through **May 24**, open 10 a.m.-midnight on weekends, 4:30-midnight on weekdays, in Padova, Via N. Tommaseo 59, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza; more than 1,000 vendors featuring items for home, vacations, hobbies, sports, cars, motorbikes, patio furniture, fitness and camping equipment, horse and dogs shows, entertainment and live music; free entrance.

<http://www.apadova.info/fiere/fiera-campionaria-padova-2015.php>

Birrintaly

Beer Fair

Through **May 24**, open Monday-Friday, 7 p.m.-midnight; Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m. -midnight, in Padova, Via N. Tommaseo, 59, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza;

stands feature a great variety of beers and products from all over Italy; workshops; Beer Pong Challenge; live music every evening; free entrance.

<http://www.apadova.info/fiere/fiera-campionaria-padova-2015.php>

Killing Cangrande – Mystery guided tour

May 30, June 13, June 27, July 11, and July 25, in Verona; led by an English speaking guide, discover the medieval Verona and play the role of a detective; walking through downtown Verona, with the help of riddles, games, monuments, legends and clues, solve a murder case of 700 years ago; the 3 hour mystery tour departs from Castelvecchio Courtyard, Via Corso Castelvecchio 2; the €30 ticket includes Italian aperitivo in Piazza Erbe; free for children under 12 accompanied by two adults; reserve your tour by sending an email to info@livinginvicenza.com <http://www.livinginvicenza.com/agenda/killing-cangrande-mystery-guided-tour-downtown-verona-2067>

Hiking and lunch

May 30, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m., in Mossano, about 12 miles south of Vicenza; departure from the parking lot between Via Capitello and Via Garibaldi; visit first the prehistoric site of St. Bernardino Cave, then the Mills Valley where you will visit the first mill of the valley; lunch at the Da Sagraro farmhouse with wine tasting; at 2:30 p.m. visit the winery and the farm where there are donkeys, goats, geese, and other farm animals; English guide available; cost: €45; €20 for children 10-18 and €10 for children under 10; free for children younger than 5; for more info or to register, write to info@livinginvicenza.com.

<http://www.livinginvicenza.com/packages/hiking-and-lunch-at-the-agriturismo-in-mossano-053>



Campolongo (VI)

Notte Rossa Red Night

May 30, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m., in Marostica, Piazza Castello and nearby streets, about 18 miles north of Vicenza; food booths, exhibit and sale of local cherries; entertainment with music, bounce houses and games for children;

May 31, from 9 a.m.; exhibit and sale of local cherries, entertainment.

<http://www.comune.marostica.vi.it/alfstreaming-servlet/streamer/resourceId/676a800a-9361-4e6f-96f7-ac5a8569bbb6/maggio.pdf>

Galopera

Non competitive 4, 5.5, 7.5, 12, and 20 km walk

May 31, in Vicenza; the walk departs from the Maddalene Sports Center, Via delle Maddalene; registrations 8-9:30 a.m.; the €2.50 fee includes medical coverage, bib number, free minestrone, homemade bread, yogurt, a beer and pastries.

<http://www.vicenzae.org/images/stories/jevents/553623454a-bec4.35714831.pdf>

Marostica e La Grande Guerra Marostica and the Great War Exhibit

Through **June 2**, open daily, except Mondays, 10 a.m.-noon and 3-6 p.m.; in Marostica, Castello Inferiore, Piazza Castello 1; the exhibit features more than 100 never before seen photographs of Marostica during World War I; free entrance. <http://www.guerrabianca.it/>

Fiera di Giugno June Fair

June 3, all day starting at 8 a.m., in Asiago, Corso IV Novembre and main squares and streets downtown; stands feature all kinds of merchandise and clothes; cotton candy, sweets, balloons, and entertainment for children.

<http://www.vicenzae.org/ita/eventi/icalrepeat.detail/2015/06/03/12626/-/fiera-di-giugno>



Blue Notes - Cavazzale (VI)

Concerto Jazzistico Blue Notes - Jazz Concert

June 7, 9 p.m., in Cavazzale, Villa Zanella, Via Zanella; free concert performed by the Brunswick Blue Notes Jazz Ensemble of the Brunswick College (Connecticut) consisting of 17 musicians aged from 16 to 19; music by D. Gillespie, D. Ellington, and A. Piazzola; in case of inclement weather, the concert will be held at the Aula Magna in Cavazzale, Via L. Da Vinci.

Tutankhamon Caravaggio Van Gogh . La sera e i notturni dagli Egizi al Novecento Tutankhamon Caravaggio Van Gogh. Evenings and nocturnal from the Ancient Egyptian to the 20th century

Through **June 2**, Mondays-Thursdays 9 a.m.-7 p.m.; Fridays-Sundays 9 a.m.-8 p.m., in Vicenza, Palladian Basilica, Piazza dei Signori 1; entrance fee: €12; reduced €9 for students (ages 18-26) and senior citizens older than 65; €6 for people 6-17 years; free for children younger than 6; buy your ticket online at <http://www.lineadombra.it/eng/index.php>

Hemingway – The origins of a poetic exhibit

Through **May 24**, 8:30 a.m.-8 p.m., in Monastier di Treviso, Park Hotel Villa Fiorita, Via Giovanni XXIII; organized on the centenary of World War I, the exhibit features Hemingway's photos, description of places, and excerpts of his books; free entrance.

<http://www.livinginvicenza.com/agenda/hemingway-the-origins-of-a-poetic-exhibition-in-treviso-19300>

Antique markets

Belluno: May 24, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Duomo, about 103 miles north of Vicenza (about 50 vendors)

Dolo (Venice): May 24, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Cantiere, about 37 miles east of Vicenza (about 60 vendors)

Spresiano (Treviso): May 24, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza Luciano Rigo, about 43 miles northeast of Vicenza (about 100 vendors)

Treviso: May 24, 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Via San Liberale, about 56 miles east of Vicenza (about 120 vendors)

Valeggio sul Mincio (Verona): May 24, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Piazza Carlo Alberto and downtown streets, about 53 miles west of Vicenza.

Cerea: May 31, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., main squares and roads downtown, about 45 miles southwest of Vicenza (about 150 vendors)

Piazzola sul Brenta: May 31, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Via Camerini, about 16 miles east of Vicenza (700 vendors)

Aquae Venezia 2015

Through **Oct. 31**, Monday-Tuesday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; in Venice Marghera, Via Galileo Ferraris 5; entrance at the corner of Via Pacinotti and Via Galileo Ferraris; collateral event of Expo Milan, this exhibition focuses on the importance of water as a fundamental resource for life, never losing sight, however, of the fact that it is also a limited commodity; for full details in English and booking online, visit:

<http://www.aquae2015.org/learn-more/?lang=en>

<http://www.aquae2015.org/explore/dive-into-the-experience/settimana-di-apertura-aquae-2015/?lang=en>

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Historical Reenactment - Massa Marittima (GR)

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Sagra del Ranocchio Frog Fair

May 23-24 and **June 6-7**, in Brozzi (Florence), Via San Martino 6; food booths featuring fried frogs and other local specialties open at 6:30 p.m.; entertainment.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=1&city=&date=13&page=3&post=101>

Sagra della Fragola Strawberry Fair

May 23-24, 7:30-10:30 p.m., in San Giuliano Terme (Pisa), località Sant'Andrea in Pesciola; food booths feature wild boar, grilled meat, fried polenta, and local strawberries

with ice cream, chocolate, liquor, and other local specialties; bounce houses and games for children; live music and dancing start at 9 p.m.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/sagre/pi/san-giuliano-terme/sagra-della-fragola-san-giuliano.html>

Balestro del Girifalco Historical Reenactment

May 24, 5:30 p.m. in Massa Marittima (Grosseto), Piazza del Duomo; this festival was first held in the early years of the 14th century: 24 competitors, armed with authentic replicas of 15th century Italian crossbows, used by their ancestors, compete trying to center a target placed 30 meters away, on the other side of Piazza del Duomo. On the back of the target is a painting of the festival's namesake, the girifalco (gyrfalcon), its wings spread wide in flight. The competitor whose arrow hits the centre of the target wins. <http://www.folclore.it/En/Events/Italy/Tuscany/Grosseto/Massa-Marittima/Balestro-del-Girifalco.html>



Historical Reenactment - Massa Marittima (GR)

Festa del Latte Toscano Tuscan Milk Festival

May 24, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Pisa, San Rossore Park, Località Cascine Vecchie; food booths feature local specialties; cow milking demonstration; tour the park on a little train or carriage, on food or by bike (bikes rental available), or by boat along the river Arno.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=7&city=&date=13&page=2&post=570>

Mostra del Chianti Chianti Wine Exhibit

May 30 and **June 6**, 6 p.m.-1 a.m.; **May 31, June 2**, and **June 7**, 10 a.m.-midnight; **June 5**, 6 p.m.-2 a.m.; **June 3-4**, 6 p.m.-midnight; in Montespertoli (Florence); Chianti wine exhibit and sale; local products tasting; live music; street theatre; vintage vehicles exhibit; historical parades; free entrance. <http://www.mostradelchianti.it/>

Sagra del Fiore di Zucca Fritto Fried Pumpkin Flower Festival

May 30-31, June 1-2, and **June 6-7**, in La Serra, San Miniato (Pisa); dinner featuring many dishes prepared with pumpkin flowers and other local specialties open at 8 p.m.; live music every night.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=7&city=&date=13&page=2&post=578>

I Profumi di Boboli... e aroma di caffè Boboli's fragrances.. and coffee aroma

June 4, 2:30-8 p.m.; **June 5-7**, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., in Florence, at the Istituto Agronomico per l'Oltremare (Overseas Agronomic Institute) Via Cocchi 4; flowers, plant sand patio

furniture exhibit and sale; coffee tasting and free guided tours to the institute museum; free entrance.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=1&city=&date=13&page=1&post=18>

Antique markets

Bientina (Pisa): May 23-24, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II.

Castiglion Fiorentino (Arezzo): May 24, 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Piazza del Municipio

Montevarchi (Arezzo): May 24, 9 a.m. - 7 pm. Via Isidoro del Lungo, and Via Poggio Bracciolini

Prato: May 23-24, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Piazza San Francesco

Cecina (Livorno): May 31, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., Piazza Guerrazzi and Via Cavour

Florence: May 31, 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m., Via Ciampi

Ponte a Egola (Pisa): May 31, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Piazza Rossa

San Miniato (Pisa): June 2, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Via Covina 11



CONCERTS



Santana

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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)

James Taylor Quartet – June 6 in Milan

Van Morrison – June 6 in Brescia

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

John Legend – July 5 in Lucca

Hozier – July 7 in Pistoia

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Discovering **Vicenza** The Riviera Berica

By **Susan Hedblad**

May has finally brought the kind of weather that will make just about everyone want to get out and enjoy their free-time.

Whatever you fancy, **Vicenza's Riviera Berica** has something to offer. **The Riviera Berica** is a part of the plains which reach from Padova to Verona running along the hills, which were once marshlands. Over the last century, that land has been reclaimed and we now have beautiful areas for recreation and cultivation.

The Riviera Berica is best visited on bike or on foot. There is a beautifully paved, wide bicycle and pedestrian path

which begins at the impressive steps leading up to Monte Berico. The bike path keeps going nearly uninterrupted and flat for 30 kilometers, all the way to Noventa Vicentina. It's easy coasting and often away from the main road- a great place to bring smaller children for a safe and entertaining ride.

Challenging circuits are also plentiful for mountain bikers who will find several signed links along the bike path that will lead them to some serious slopes. For those who walk or run, well-marked scenic paths in the hills are worth exploring.

Along the way, taking in some culture

There are plenty of gorgeous villas and quaint watering holes along the bike path. For those new to Vicenza, these two villas can't be missed!

Vicenza's **Villa Capra La Rotonda** is often acknowledged as the most influential and representative model of Palladian neoclassical architecture which forms the basis of all European and New World interpretations. From Chiswick House (Chiswick, England) to the Irish Houses of Parliament (Dublin, Ireland) to Thomas Jefferson's Monticello (Monticello, USA). Jefferson even submitted an architectural plan for the presidential residence, so much was his admiration for the harmony and grace of this villa.

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This is a fabulous time to visit **Villa Valmarana**, as the rose gardens have begun to bloom. Of all the Palladian villas, this is the best preserved because it has remained in the same family since the 1400's and thus, great care has been taken throughout the centuries toward its upkeep. A part of the Valmarana family still lives in the Villa, but the most important rooms, with the frescoes painted by Tiepolo, can be visited throughout the week. Families with children will enjoy the legendary fairytale about the dwarves: A father had a grand villa built for his daughter, the dwarf princess, and surrounded the villa with dwarf guards and staff so that she wouldn't realize she was different. One day the princess met a prince who was not a dwarf and realized her condition. Anguished, she threw herself from the window, and legend has it that the dwarves we see lining the villa wall, turned to stone.

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Along the way, enjoying wine and food

Wineries, trattorias and restaurants scatter the Colli Berici hills and the Riviera Berica below. You can find just about any price range and nearly every venue has some sort of outdoor dining or seating to enjoy a meal or an aperitivo. Close to the Villa Rotonda is **Fiore Spaghetteria**, with a spacious outdoor garden, it's a pasta lover's delight and will certainly find everyone in agreement with such a vast choice of Italian dishes to choose from.

Before taking off in explorations of vineyards and wineries, visit the **Vigna d'Oro Enoteca**. They have a nice selection of local and Italian wines and can orient you toward the kinds of wines that better suit your palate.

If you have any questions or need further information, or would like to suggest some great places to other readers please contact us at ask@otgitaly.com.

Along the way, thinking about health and wellness

For those who don't know the word "*erboristeria*", it is the equivalent of a section of an organic supermarket which sells natural and organic products and health supplements. Compared to the USA, the European health ministry has quite stringent controls for the approval and quality of products, even supplements. If you care about improving your lifestyle and health, the experts at Alambicco erboristeria can provide quality assistance in choosing from a wide array of products.

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Vignato Dental and Orthodontic Clinic

By **Susan Hedblad**

I heard about the **Vignato Clinic** through the grapevine, and discovered their business was linked to the US Army-SETAF from the time their father opened for business in 1957! I spoke with their medical team recently at their studio in Vicenza near Parco Querini.

First, I'd like you to give us a little background and present yourselves to our readers!

Giuseppe: We are a team of three dental specialists, each specialized in a different area of dentistry/orthodontics. We are supported by a highly trained staff of dentists, orthodontists, dental technicians and hygienists. The decision to form this team has been key to providing the very best service: we are complementary to one another and cover every aspect of dentistry, from prevention to oral surgery with operating rooms. Two of us are brothers, Costantino and I (*Giuseppe*) as your readers will clearly guess from the photo!

Costantino Vignato is specialized in prosthetic dentistry for functional or aesthetic (cosmetic) purposes.

Giuseppe Vignato is specialized in oral surgery and implantology. He is also the sedationist/hypnologist.

Leonella Caliarì is director of the orthodontic center and tenured professor at the University of Ferrara.

Our Clinic is on two floors:

1st floor: dental filling, endodontics, aesthetic prosthetics and periodontal surgery

2nd floor: children's department with pedodontics and orthodontics, along with the operating rooms for the most important implantology interventions.

All of us have studied and researched internationally and we continue to be on the forefront in our respective fields.



Will you please tell our readers about your history with the US Army?

Costantino: Our father Giovanni Vignato worked as a dental technician at the Ederle Dental Clinic back in 1957 for fifteen years. I'd have to say that it was thanks to that unique and invaluable experience that the Vignato Clinic is the success it is today. We formed lasting friendships with the officials and their families, and through those friendships and the work in the clinic, we learned not only the most advanced standards and techniques in dentistry and orthodontics, we also learned about the importance of adopting a code of ethics - something we still adhere to today with our patients, staff and suppliers.

Our American patients feel like they're back home: from the English speaking staff (ok, with a little accent!), the friendly atmosphere, to handling and processing insurance paperwork directly with the insurance providers.

Do you see some differences between your Italian and American patients?

Giuseppe: Yes, there is one very big difference, fear! We thought the Americans who have a much longer history with modern dentistry would be fearless and instead on average they tend to be more tense than an Italian as soon as they sit in the chair. In general, we've placed a lot of emphasis on our ability to communicate with patients, to put them at ease, and to properly explain each procedure. It may sound new age to some, but we even use hypnosis, intended as a suggestive sedation: a valid technique for alleviating tension and fears and a way to avoid other forms of sedation.



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Leonella, as director of the Orthodontic Center, I understand that you are the specialist working mostly with children. What would you like our readers to know?

Leonella: Dental care as well as orthodontics need to be a positive experience for children, because it will reinforce the development of good dental hygiene habits that will stay with them throughout life. From the very beginning we work as much on the technical aspects as we do on great communication with the kids. Everyone on our staff whether orthodontists or hygienists are prepared to make a child's visit fun and educational. We even have a mascot, Doc Leo, and the youngest quickly join his club, complete with an exclusive membership card. In orthodontics, we also have adult patients and can handle every possible option available to limit the duration of the treatment.

Can you tell our readers about other procedures?

Costantino: As appearance in the age of selfies becomes more and more important, so do our patients' attention to the appearance of their smiles. From crowns and facets to inlays, lingual braces and whitening, we handle all procedures that will bring out the best in a smile.

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Thanks so much for your time!





Dott. Matthew Deegan

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Often our quality of life is impaired by pain and physical impediments that could be solved by a good specialist, you just need to know where to turn. Headache, back pain, neck pain, sciatica, shoulder problems and a whole series of problems, can be greatly improved with chiropractic adjustments.

Dr. Matthew Deegan, founder of the center Chirocura in Vicenza has the credentials and experience. Born in New York in the United States, he earned two degrees: Doctor of Chiropractic from Palmer in California, and General Medicine from the University of Oradea. He is a member of the Italian Chiropractors Association and a member of the Order of Physicians and Surgeons in Vicenza. He attended courses studying Posture and continuously updates his skills with courses in chiropractic. His studio, Chirocura, has been operating in Vicenza since 1996 and has the highest quality equipment such as American adjusting tables that are technologically advanced and he uses computerized tests to follow the patient's progress through precise measurements of the nervous system tension.

Who is a chiropractor and what does he do?

The chiropractor is a specialist of the spine and nervous system, he doesn't focus only on the symptoms or diseases. His purpose is the full welfare of the patient through a focus on the spinal column and a balanced nervous system without interference.

The chiropractic adjustment is therefore, a non-invasive treatment, which does not require the use of medicine and instead, addresses musculoskeletal conditions such as headaches, bad neck and back pain which may be caused by nervous system interference. Chiropractic has been proven safe for children and is very effective for people of retirement age.

What is a 'herniated disk' and how does it occur?

A herniated disk, more commonly known as ruptured or slipped disk, is a condition of the spine consisting of a break, or a bulging of the fibrous ring of the disk where the softer "jelly" pushes out through a crack or bulges through the tougher exterior.

Could be a disc protrusion called a bulging disk, consisting of a bulging disc along its circumference, with a reduction in height. Usually seen on a MRI.

Many hernias are asymptomatic which means not causing pain. In symptomatic ones, you will have spinal, cervical, dorsal or lumbar pain and discomfort according to the location of the hernia and possible disturbances by compression of the nervous structures (spinal cord and roots) that are found in the

spinal canal. Correcting spinal abnormalities is acting directly on the cause of this disorder, so I recommend you contact a chiropractor specialist, in order to assess the case and the consequent benefits.

Most importantly a hernia is an EFFECT of the vertebral subluxation or the cause which is resolved by Dr. Deegan.

What are the causes of sciatica and shoulder symptoms?

The causes of these two "symptoms" may be the pressure on the spinal nerves when the cervical spine is out of its correct position. When out of position, levels of the cervical spine or neck

can cause nervous system interference (similar to noise when one is speaking on a cell phone as an example). Symptoms warn us that there is something wrong. Chiropractic adjustments are intended to balance the spine by changing the position of the areas to be corrected thereby relieving the stress and tension in the nervous system which of course exists between the vertebrae. If the problem is a chiropractic one or a structural one, then they cannot be taken care of by shots, exercise, drugs or operations.

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Here some statistics:

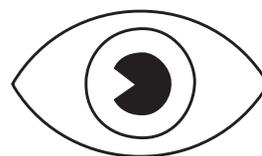
- The 75/80% of learning skills come across the visual system;
- The 80% of children who lack the necessary visual skills for effective reading, including Dyslexia (DSA), have visual and postural problems that can be solved;
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- Visual rehabilitation for patient with trauma, neurological disorders etc;
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In the current issue, **Outlook** inaugurates a new space dedicated to the municipalities in and around Vicenza. This information will also become a permanent part of our website www.otgitaly.com

Here, you'll find useful information and contacts for a host of basic services available for families: health clinics, schools, emergency numbers, waste management, among many others.

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

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

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PREPARATION

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