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The Florence American Cemetery and Memorial is located just south of Florence, Italy. Covering about 70 acres, it is the final resting place of more than 4000 souls, including many Americans Soldiers who died during the battle to liberate Italy at the end of World War II.

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



National Safety Month

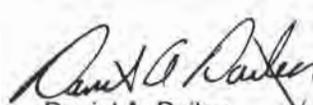
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During the past 10 years fatal Army accidents have declined significantly, both on and off duty. That trend has persisted through years of combat operations and continues now as we remain committed on multiple continents in support of National Defense objectives. Army leaders, Soldiers and Army Civilians have worked hard to make this possible. Thank you all for ensuring that our Army remains safe and ready.

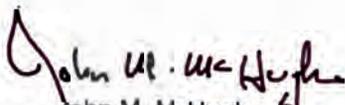
June is National Safety Month and we encourage you to take this opportunity to measure the performance of your formations in relation to the 2015 Army Safety and Occupational Health Objectives. In this document, we called for reductions of 10 percent or more in fatalities and losses resulting from private motor vehicle accidents, personal injury and aviation mishaps. Though there are only a few short—yet critical—months left in the fiscal year, you still have time to make significant headway toward these goals. Opening a dialogue on National Safety Month can help you re-engage your Soldiers and Army Civilians on safety matters to end the year on a positive note.

As in years past, the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center will release a multimedia campaign on June 1 centering on four topics: aviation safety, ground safety, driving safety and injury prevention. The campaign material, along with this year's supporting objectives, is available at <https://safety.army.mil>. We invite you to leverage this information to help your Soldiers and Army Civilians evaluate their personal risk and come through the summer months safely.

Thank you again for supporting National Safety Month and the Army Safety Program. By remaining safe, we remain Army Strong!


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240 YEARS OF SELFLESS SERVICE TO THE NATION

Friday, June 12
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Speak Out

What is on your summer reading list?



Kiki Sibilla

Family member

"The Prince by Niccolò Machiavelli."



Spc. Cristian Membreno

B Co., 173rd BSB

"A Child Called 'It' by Dave Pelzer: the book is one of my absolute favorites because it brings awareness to a lot of issues."



Richard Galley

ACS

"The Darkling Child by Terry Brooks since I already have the whole collection, and Men of War by Alexander Rose."

Army to field Operational Camouflage Pattern for uniforms

By **Bob Reinert**
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NATICK, Mass. – If you can't see it, you can't attack it. Since the conflicts of the 18th century, that's been the thinking behind military camouflage. Today, when it's applied to their uniforms, it can save Soldiers' lives. That fact has driven the Army's decades-long efforts to improve its camouflage patterns. The next step toward greater Soldier protection comes July 1, when the Army begins to make the Operational Camouflage Pattern available for the Army Combat Uniform in select Military Clothing Sales Stores. The pattern will replace the current Universal Camouflage Pattern. The UCP has been used for the past decade. The transition period for the pattern will extend from July 1, 2015 to Sept. 30, 2019. The entire Army will be in the Operational Camouflage Pattern by Oct. 1, 2019. New Soldiers will receive ACUs with the pattern beginning in January 2016. The Operational Camouflage Pattern will be made available to the National Guard, Army Reserve and Senior Reserve Officer Training Corps in summer 2016. Prompted by Soldier feedback about the UCP, the Army in 2010 began providing the Operation Enduring Free-

dom Camouflage Pattern, or OEFCP, to Soldiers deploying to Afghanistan. During this period, the Natick Soldier Research, Development and Engineering Center also began developing the pattern that was later named the Operational Camouflage Pattern. The Operational Camouflage Pattern testing and evaluation effort has been described as the most comprehensive ever conducted by the Army. Different camouflage patterns were evaluated for effectiveness in different operating environments with varied terrain, vegetation, seasons and times of day. The latest version of the ACU will come in the Operational Camouflage Pattern and will also incorporate changes resulting from Soldier feedback. These include modifications to the collar, pockets, knee and elbow patches, and trouser waistband. Instead of the current sand color, the Operational Camouflage Pattern will be worn with a tan 499 T-shirt and belt, and coyote brown boots. The introduction of the ACU in Operational Camouflage Pattern is being phased in to reduce the cost to both Soldiers and the U.S. taxpayer. During this four-year period, Soldiers will also be permitted to wear uniforms and equipment in OEFCP. The phase-in allows Soldiers to use their annual uniform replacement allowance to gradually replace cur-

rent uniforms as they wear out. It also allows the Army to use existing stocks of uniforms and other camouflage-printed gear, such as backpacks. The change is viewed as fiscally responsible. The Operational Camouflage Pattern ACU is expected to have a similar cost to the UCP ACU. "All enlisted Soldiers receive an annual stipend for the purchase of uniforms and accessories," said Sergeant Major of the Army Daniel Dailey. "I myself will wait until I am issued my clothing allowance before purchasing a uniform with the Operational Camouflage Pattern. "I encourage all Soldiers and leaders to do the same by budgeting for a new uniform, belt, boots and T-shirts as you receive your clothing allowance over the next two to three years." During the transition period, Soldiers may mix and match items with either the OEFCP or the Operational Camouflage Pattern. They can also wear OEFCP Flame Resistant ACUs during that time. "Presenting a professional appearance is very important to Soldiers, but we will not inconvenience or burden our troops," Dailey said. "We will still be the most lethal fighting force the world has ever known, even if our belts don't match for the next few years."

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Operational Camouflage Pattern Army Combat Uniform (ACU)

- Soldiers are authorized to wear the Operational Camouflage Pattern ACU starting 1 July 2015. Sales will begin July 2015. Centralized issue for incoming Soldiers will begin January 2016 (2QFY16). Mandatory possession date is 1 October 2019.
- Soldiers are authorized to wear the sand or the Tan 499 T-shirt, sand or Tan 499 belt, and tan or Coyote Brown boots during the transition period which ends 30 SEP 2019.
- Tan 499 T-shirt color: Available starting July 2015.
- Tan 499 belt color: Available starting July 2015.
- Coyote Brown boot color: Available starting August 2015.



NOTE: Soldiers may wear OEF-CP or Operational Camouflage Pattern headgear with both OEF-CP Flame Resistant Army Combat Uniform and Operational Camouflage Pattern Army Combat Uniform.



Operational Camouflage Pattern Army Combat Uniform Design Changes

Upper Sleeve Pocket



Upper Sleeve Pocket
Remove hook and loop closure
Add zipper closure
Change Friend or Foe cover

Cargo Pocket



Cargo Pocket
Remove cord and barrel lock

Lower Leg Pocket



Lower Leg Pocket Flap
Remove hook and loop closure
Add one button closure

Changes:

- Army Combat Uniform
- Army Combat Uniform-Alternate

- Mandarin Collar**
Remove hook and loop closure
Remove mandarin collar flap extension
Replace with fold down collar design
- Upper Sleeve Pocket**
Increase pocket length by one inch
- Elbow Patch**
Remove internal elbow pads
Remove hook and loop from elbow patches
Retain double fabric reinforcement at elbow
- Sleeve Pen Pocket**
Reduce pen pocket channels from three to two
- Trouser Waistband**
Remove drawstring (ACU)
- Knee Patch**
Remove internal knee pads
Remove hook and loop from knee patches
Retain double fabric reinforcement at knee



Central Accord 15 focuses on African and European partnership

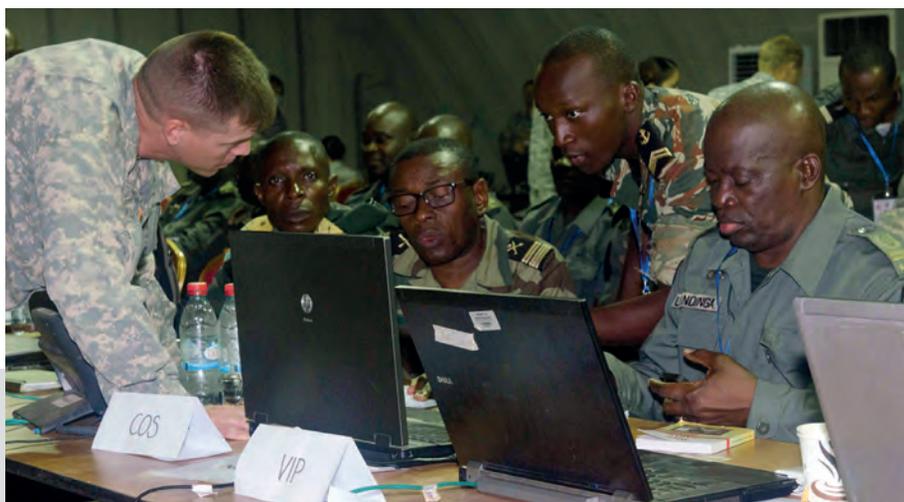
Story and photo by Staff Sgt. **Michael Folkerth**
U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs

LIBREVILLE, Gabon – United States military members joined with troops from several central African countries and their United Nations allies to participate in the opening ceremony of the Central Accord 2015 exercise at Libreville, Gabon, May 13.

The focus of CA-15 is to practice maintaining peace, testing capacities and strengthening relationships of all nations involved in the exercise said U.S. Ambassador to Gabon, Hon. Cynthia Akuetteh.

“In a world characterized by changing and diverse threats, African countries have recognized the need to address themselves to the large security challenges that come their way,” said Commissioner General Air Marshal Jean Felix Sockat, secretary general of the Department of National Defense for Gabon.

CA-15 exercises mission command proficiency for U.N. peacekeeping operations, develops multinational logistical and communications capabilities, and improves regional ability to command, control and



Lt. Col. Jonathan Shine, commander, 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 1st Armored Division, works with central African military personnel during the preparation phase of Central Accord 2015 in Libreville, Gabon, May 14. Shine and his counterparts developed a plan of action for events taking place during the exercise.

support forward deployed forces. Approximately 400 military personnel from member nations are scheduled to participate in the exercise. The exercise consists of one week of classroom-based academics and one week of a command post exercise.

A total of 15 countries are participating in the exercise. CA-15 not only provides an opportunity to train and become more efficient in multi-national responses to crises and threats around the world, it also shows the U.S. military's continued support to Gabon and the other central African

countries participating.

Socket encouraged exercise participants to fully engage themselves in the training. The multinational military forces are slated to practice working together in operational, logistical and medical support of peacekeeping and humanitarian operations.

“It is clear that in this era of globalization, no country can single-handedly deal with all forms of threats. This is what justifies the pooling of strengths and experience-sharing that supports this kind of exercise,” said Sockat.

Seminar encourages attendees to lead, motivate, inspire

By Staff Sgt. **Maria Bowman**
U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs

ARUSHA, Tanzania – “Leadership is an essential component to successful gender integration,” said Michael Conteh, a professor from Michigan State University.

Conteh, a speaker at the 2015 Gender Mainstreaming seminar in Arusha, Tanzania, elaborated on the idea that good leadership is a vital component to attaining gender equality.

“Leadership is about influencing people to achieve an objective that is important to the leader, the group and the organization,” Conteh said. “A leader is a person who has a vision, and the drive and commitment to achieve that mission.

“Leadership,” Conteh said, “is about leading, motivating and inspiring others.”

The Gender Mainstreaming seminar is a weeklong event that brought together 17 nations to discuss their successes and challenges, while coming up with solutions on how to bring about change.

The first day of the seminar focused

on gender integration policies, while day two had many speakers who spoke about positive and proactive leadership and how it is essential to successful integration efforts.

During panel discussion, Brig. Gen. Brame Diop, chief of staff of the Senegal Air Force, talked about using the strengths of both men and women to make their societies stronger.

“I have traveled through many African countries and have discovered that our future and the continent will depend on the way we handle this gender mainstreaming,” said Diop. “In a society, whenever you have man



U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Nadja West (left), the Joint Staff surgeon, speaks with Brig. Gen. Briame Diop from Senegal during the 2015 Gender Mainstreaming Seminar in Arusha, Tanzania, May 20. U.S. Army Africa co-hosted the conference, with the Tanzanian Peoples Defense Force, in an effort to frame the importance of gender mainstreaming and promote equality throughout the region. (U.S. Army Africa photo by Staff Sgt. Brian Kimball)

and woman performing at their best, you will have results that are better; society gets smarter and you improve the collective intelligence.”

Diop encouraged the panel attendees to start implementing change at home with their families. He said how children are treated at home will reflect when they join the military.

“If you look at the family level, you will see that if you create the conditions for the girls and boys to interact in a harmonious way, the family gets better,” said Diop.

“This is true at the national level,” said Diop. “You cannot be fully operational if you are not making sure your men and women are not living harmoniously and performing at their best.”

Dr. Michelle Nel, from the Military Science Academy of South Africa, said her country has facilitated a change of attitude amongst the ranks and brought about understanding of gender matters by having special training as part of their programs, beginning with basic military training.

“To reach a stage of true gender equality, one would require a holistic approach, creating formal equality, as well as de facto equality,” Nel said. “This means that a gender balance in terms

of attitudes of those members within the South African National Defence Force to create an environment where women are accepted. Women should be placed in environments where they can be more effective and successful.”

While many countries have quotas about how many women they want to have in the military and leadership roles, many people expressed their beliefs that it’s not about the numbers; the right people, who have the skills and experiences, should be placed into certain roles.

“Enforcing the quotas may not be the solution,” Nel said. “When the first phase of gender equality was implemented, the focus was on increasing the numbers to attain representivity, rather than appointing the right person for the job. This created resentment amongst their male counterparts, which undermined the gender mainstreaming initiatives. You must earn your rank, or it means nothing.”

Dr. Stephanie Diakite, founder of D INTL, has worked with 40 countries and said culture plays an important role in changing attitudes about gender equality.

“Culture is representative of society’s values,” she said. “Gender is a part of

culture. As our values change, so does our culture. I encourage you to take culture into account. Things evolve because society wants it.”

Ifat Levine, guest speaker from the United States, talked about her experiences in the Israeli Defense Forces and how Alis Miller tried to become a pilot for the IDF and was denied because of her gender. She took her case to the High Court of Justice, which ruled that women could serve in any role in the Israeli armed forces. This paved the way for Levine to enter into different positions previously only held by men.

“I was one of the women who came in after that one determined lady started that chain reaction that changed everything for everyone who came afterward,” Levine said. “Alis Miller put actions behind words.”

Levine became the first woman in the IDF to become an officer in an infantry battalion. Following that job, she was accepted to attend parachuting school, where she was one of four women among 500 men. She later became the first female officer in the

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IDF to hold the position as the executive officer of a support company in an engineering battalion.

During this new job, Levine was in charge of 200 soldiers and officers, which included women. She said she noticed that they were being treated differently from their male counterparts; they were not allowed to carry weapons. When the unit would train and practice with their weapons, women were left behind. Women were allowed to work in certain fields, but changes to accommodate women hadn't been implemented.

"There was a massive effort along the entire system to integrate females and tons of resources were invested for the cause," Levine said. "But,

in the end, it is a big waste if there is no change in the field. The female soldiers, who went through the training and were selected to serve in the field, were still being treated by their gender and not by their capabilities. If you dismiss five percent of the soldiers from performing the duties expected in an infantry battalion, then the unit becomes weaker; the other 95 percent of soldiers need to work harder."

Maj. Gen. Nadja West, U.S. Joint Staff surgeon, had an opportunity to be a physician in an armored battalion during Desert Storm. Formerly, women weren't offered those roles, but her commanding officer was not concerned with her gender; he

only wanted to know if she could fix wounded soldiers.

"It takes leaders who are more than willing to step forward and overlook gender and look at qualifications," said West. "Inclusion makes for smarter groups. Diverse groups are more successful; their ideas make better solutions."

One attendee from Africa challenged her male counterparts to not shy away from allowing a woman to have a leadership role. She said women were like tea bags; the longer she is in hot water, the stronger she will become.



Georgian President Giorgi Margvelashvili recognizes paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade at the conclusion of Exercise Noble Partner here May 24. Noble Partner was a two-week exercise designed to increase interoperability between U.S. Army Europe and Georgian forces.

U.S., Georgia wrap up Exercise Noble Partner

By Sgt. **A.M. LaVey**
173rd Airborne Brigade PAO

TBILISI, Georgia — More than 600 American and Georgian soldiers wrapped up Exercise Noble Partner, a two-week training exercise, at the Vaziani training area, May 24.

The exercise, hosted by the Georgian 1st Infantry Brigade, included American paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade and also Soldiers from the U.S. 3rd Infantry Division, part of the U.S. Army's European Rotational Force.

The partnered exercise provided an opportunity for the U.S. to continue its training relationship with the Georgian armed forces, as the sponsor of Georgia's participation in the NATO Response Force, a high readiness force comprising land, air, sea and special forces units capable of rapid deployment in the NATO security theater. The NRF is designed to perform a wide variety of tasks including immediate collective defense response capability prior to arrival of other forces; crisis management and peace support operations; disaster relief; and the protection of critical infrastructure.

"Regional safety comes from the Soldiers here who are wearing the uniform," said Georgian President Giorgi Margvelashvili. "This training was a positive step forward for Euro-Atlantic integration."

The training included combined squad, platoon and company-level training, including a field training exercise, multiple live-fire exercises and both classroom and practical learning. Another part of the training was for leaders at the military staff level, including command-and-control operations and working in a multinational environment.

"This exercise was another opportunity for Georgian and U.S. Soldiers to work alongside each other," said Maj. Gen. William K. Gayler, deputy commanding general, U.S. Army Europe. "We came together, overcame language barriers, developed training invested in our forces, and most importantly strengthened the relationship between our countries."

The concept for the exercise was developed about two years ago when Georgia formally offered to contribute a light infantry company to the the NRF for 2015 and 2016. An exercise was devised to implement then Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta's decision to reinvestigate U.S. land forces participation in the NRF and to rotate battalion task forces to Europe for training and exercise with European allies and partners.

"U.S. Army Europe is committed to training with our partners and allies," said Gayler. "Noble Partner is a reflection on that commitment and it is part of our engagement though Europe. We've made that commitment as we share the same security concerns as the countries with whom we train. [We] have dedicated ourselves to a mission to train and enhance the readiness of our partners and allies, [in order] to increase interoperability so that we can respond quickly and effectively wherever needed."

Working with Georgian armed forces in country is a new experience for U.S. Army personnel, but partnering with them is not. Both major U.S. participants, the 173rd Airborne Brigade and the 3rd Infantry Brigade, as well as a mentorship team from the U.S. Georgian Army National Guard, reported deploying at some point in their careers with Georgian service members.

That point isn't lost on the Georgian president.

"The Georgian servicemen have shown in the Balkans, the Persian Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan, that they are rock-solid partners and stand strong for the cause of peace," said Margvelashvili. "We pride ourselves on the bravery, valor and professionalism shown by our Georgian soldiers all over the world."

The senior U.S. military officer agreed the Georgian military partnership is exceptional and necessary.

"U.S. Soldiers have fought alongside Georgian armed forces for more than 15 years," said Gayler. "Georgia has proven, by the blood and sweat [its] soldiers have shed in those missions, its will and capability to conduct ... operations fully interoperable with the U.S. and its allies. Shared experiences, both on the battlefield and the training area, enable us to sustain our mutual efforts."

U.S. logisticians worked with their allied and partnered peers to move more than 750 metric tons of military equipment across 650 nautical miles

over the Black Sea, and then by rail through Georgia. A task that highlighted the inherent flexibility of U.S. forces to rapidly respond to crises allowing for the right presence where and when needed.

"Exercise Noble Partner has proven that even over great distances our partnership is strong," said Gayler. "This incredible feat demonstrates not only the capabilities of allied and partnered cooperations, but validates the strategic efforts that we can accomplish together."

The closing ceremony, attended by the military and diplomatic community of Tbilisi, consisted of a combined live-fire exercise that showed a cumulative example of what the two groups have learned together.

"We concluded this exercise with a demonstration of the capabilities and interoperability we have gained over the last two weeks," said Maj. Joshua B. Van Etten, deputy operations officer for 173rd Airborne Brigade, and the officer in charge of the American contingent. "We concluded this exercise with a demonstration of the capabilities and interoperability we have gained over the last three weeks. Georgian and American Soldiers fought side-by-side and executed a live-fire exercise that displayed the capabilities of our combined force. This exercise is a continuation of our long lasting partnership, and we look forward to training with our Georgian partners in the future."

"Together we are building a strong Europe, made stronger in part by each member's contribution to training events like these, and the contribution of the Georgian government and armed forces over the last couple of weeks have been tremendous," said Gayler. "I look forward to more events like these ... our commitment to our mutual relationship is stronger than ever."



Paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade, as well as soldiers from the U.S. 3rd Infantry Division and the Georgian 1st Infantry Brigade conduct close-quarters battle drill training during Exercise Noble Partner May 13. 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 photo by Sgt. A.M. LaVey/173rd Airborne Brigade)

Training focuses on close-quarter techniques

By Sgt. **A.M. LaVey**
173rd Airborne Brigade PAO

TBILISI, Georgia -- Paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade, along with Soldiers from the U.S. 3rd Infantry Division and the Georgian 1st Infantry Brigade, trained together on close quarters battle skills during the second day of Exercise Noble Partner at the Vaziani training area, May 13.

Exercise Noble Partner is a combined U.S. Army Europe-Georgian exercise designed to enhance U.S. and Georgian NATO Response Force interoperability in the context of military-to-military relationships.

While American and Georgian military doctrine might be different, training at Noble Partner focuses on

unified NATO doctrine to strengthen Georgia's contribution of a light infantry company to the NATO Response Force.

Close-quarter battle tactics and techniques are used to train Soldiers on how to safely enter, clear and secure rooms or buildings by defeating the enemy while minimizing friendly casualties.

"No room is the same, it's like a puzzle, so today we are running all sorts of scenarios," said Cpl. Lee Starks, a paratrooper with Troop C, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade. "The Georgian soldiers are up-to-date on the basics, so we are doing more advanced training."

The 173rd and Georgian Soldiers have deployed together in Afghanistan, but as the brigade is the U.S.

Army's Contingency Response Force in Europe and the Georgians are part of the 2015 and 2016 NATO Response Force, they must be ready to work together again, and on short notice.

"It is important for us to train together now, so when the time comes for us to deploy together, we will have already developed our mutual tactics and techniques," said Sgt. Nathaniel Watkins, a sniper team leader also with Troop C. "We will also already have that relationship and this training continues to strengthen our partnership."

The training, held at an urban warfare site within the training area, was broken down into three different modules: individual combat movements, two-man team tactics inside a small room; and then a practical four-man exercise, where

mixed teams of soldiers from both countries tactically approached a building and cleared it with what they had learned together earlier in the day.

Instructors made sure the three different units were equally distributed so they could get experiences with soldiers from teams other than their own.

"We are integrating the teams of U.S. and Georgian Soldiers," said Sgt. 1st Class Jason P. Orgis, training noncommissioned officer in charge, also with Troop C. "While this training is universal, they all have to be proficient working with each other."

As a forwardly positioned unit in Europe, the paratroopers from the 173rd are uniquely skilled at working with soldiers from all over Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

"We are getting a lot of experience working with other nations as part of the 173rd," Watkins said. "Each time we train with another partner or ally, we learn new things - and learn to work together."

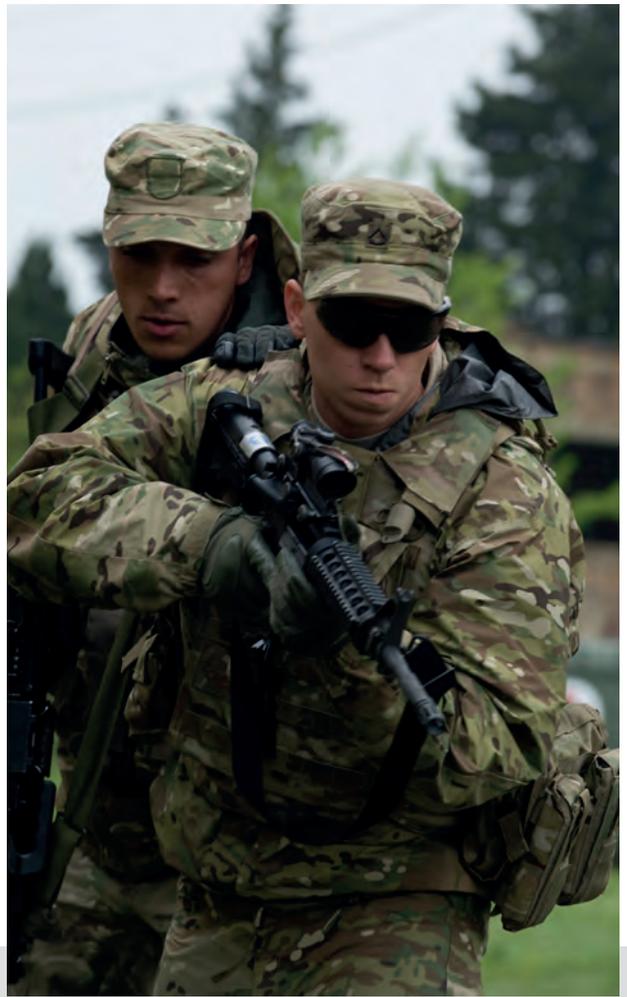
Besides learning from foreign soldiers, the American paratroopers are also getting experience teaching to audiences other than their own.

"I'm learning a lot teachings these

classes, as we training with the Georgian soldiers," Watkins said. "In order to be a good [noncommissioned officer], team leader and future squad leader, I need to be able to learn how to adapt and instruct all sorts of people and all sorts of scenarios."

Even with the linguistic and cultural challenges of training partner soldiers, Watkins said the training was going well.

"The Georgian soldiers have been extremely receptive to us being here," he said. "You can tell that they want the training and enjoy working with us."



A two-man team of U.S. and Georgian soldiers each practice clearing the objective. The U.S. Soldiers are assigned to Company A, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, and Troop C, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade. Georgian soldiers are assigned to Company A, 12th Battalion, 1st Infantry Brigade. (U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. Daniel Cole, Army Europe Public Affairs)



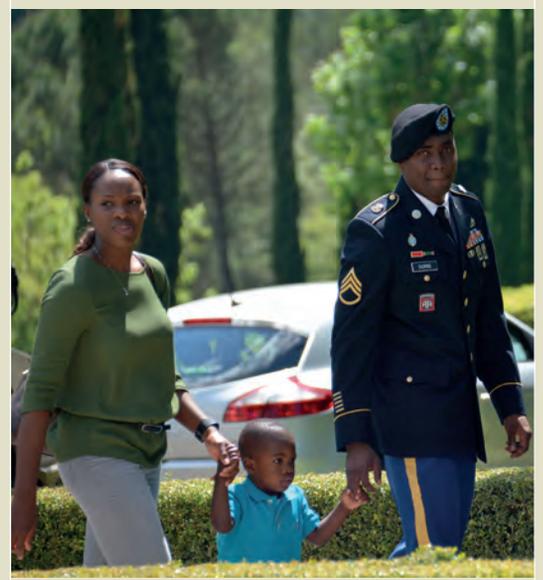
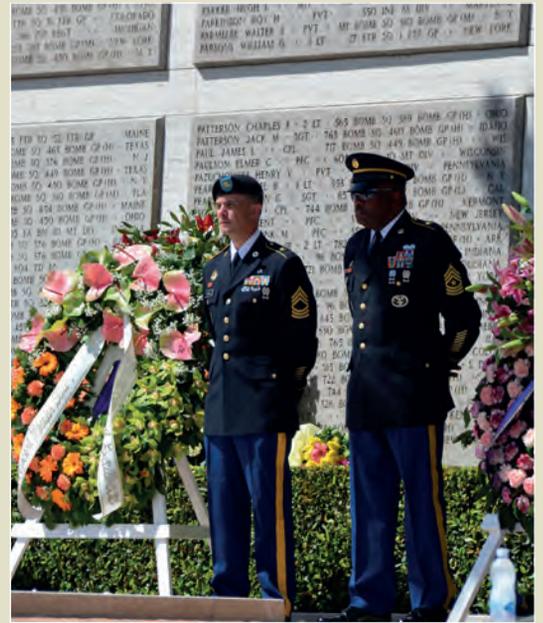
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Memorial Day 2015

The Vicenza and Darby military communities honored and remembered those who gave their lives while in military service to the nation. Together with members of the host nation, they paid tribute to fallen American servicemembers during the Memorial Day ceremony at the Florence American Cemetery. The cemetery in Florence is one of 24 overseas military cemeteries that are managed and cared for by the American Battle Monuments Commission.

Photos by **Chiaria Mattiolo**/Darby Military Community PAO and **Lea Thompsoni**/USAG Vicenza





New Yorker, 173rd Airborne paratrooper jumps around the world



Staff Sgt. John Labas, jumpmaster with Troop C, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, conducts a jumpmaster personnel inspection as American paratroopers prepare to parachute into the opening ceremony of Exercise Noble Partner here May 10. Noble Partner is a U.S. Army Europe-Georgia exercise in support of Georgia's contribution to the NATO Response Force.

By Sgt. **A.M. LaVey**
173rd Airborne Brigade PAO

VAZIANI, Georgia - Throughout their careers, many American paratroopers get a chance to conduct a parachute jump with foreign armies. For one paratrooper with the 173rd Airborne Brigade, it's in his job description.

Staff Sgt. John G. Labas, infantry squad leader with Troop C, 1st Squadron, 91st Cavalry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade, is a jumpmaster. As a jumpmaster, he is one of the expert paratroopers within the 173rd who is responsible for training and teaching Army techniques to jump from aircraft while in flight.

"I've been in airborne units most of my life," said Labas. "So becoming a jumpmaster was a natural career progression."

The Granville, N.Y.-native enlisted in the Army about 10 years ago as a parachute rigger.

"I specifically joined the Army to become a paratrooper," said Labas. "Paratroopers always set themselves apart from the rest of the Army, and I wanted to be part of that."

After 16 weeks of training to become a U.S. Army parachute rigger, Labas reported to Fort Bragg and began his career. But he felt a need to change his job, to that of an infantryman. His skills as a parachute rigger remain with him and are highlighted even more now that he is a jumpmaster.

"Labas is the most intense jumpmaster I've ever seen," said 1st Lt. William Wright, Labas' platoon leader. From his time as a parachute rigger he has amazing skills and knows parachutes inside and out - a real asset."

"Being a jumpmaster isn't a requisite to be a leader in an airborne unit," said Sgt. 1st Class Matthew W. Carter, Labas' platoon sergeant. "But Labas leads by example - and that is what a noncommissioned officer does. As an NCO in this unit, you're expected to go to jumpmaster school and become a jumpmaster. We, as leaders, need to be able to show our junior paratrooper what right looks like.

Being a jumpmaster is an additional duty position for Labas. As an airborne infantry squad leader he is also responsible for the paratroopers he leads. For some of his subordinates,

being a jumpmaster sets him apart from the other troop leaders.

"When it comes to airborne operations, Staff Sgt. Labas has a lot of experience," said Pfc. Daniel Woods, an airborne infantryman assigned to Labas' squad. "He brings that aspect of his leadership to not only our squad, but to the entire troop."

Being a jumpmaster is an important part of who he is as a leader in the United States Army.

"Younger paratroopers look up to jumpmasters to lead them," said Labas. "If I can't lead my squad into battle from an aircraft, who else is going to do it? It's just another way of taking care and leading my Soldiers. As a leader in an airborne unit, it's an obligation for us to become jumpmasters - we are expected to do it. Every aspiring leader of paratroopers should also aspire to become a jumpmaster."

His troops agree.

Staff Sgt. Labas "is a great leader and he absolutely inspires me to go to jumpmaster school as soon as I can," said Woods. "I am ready to go any and every time he says 'follow me' to follow him out of an aircraft. Following him, I always feel safe. I would follow him into a cage full of lions if he asked me to."

The 173rd Airborne Brigade, as the forwardly positioned U.S. Army Contingency Force in Europe, has a special requirement to be able to deploy ready forces anywhere in the U.S. European, Africa and Central commands' areas of responsibility within hours of alert.

With this mandate, and also to improve interoperability with allied and partner armies, paratroopers from the 173rd often train with foreign paratroopers and jump into foreign drop zones.

"It's what we do," said Labas. "The experience of being a jumpmaster in the 173rd, whether at the brigade headquarters in Italy, or our squadron headquarters in Germany, is like no-

where else. Nearly all of our seasoned jumpmasters have experience into foreign countries. We have amazing collective institutional experience. On any given day, the brigade can be jumping into six or more different countries."

Labas credits much of his success to the jumpmasters he's known and worked with his whole career.

"Growing up in the Army, I looked up to those jumpmasters and saw how they carried themselves professionally - I trusted them with my life," he said. "I looked to them for my safety

and saw how they ran airborne operations. They are highly professional subject-matter experts and I became a jumpmaster so I could be a part of that elite community."

In an airborne unit, no one is required to become a jumpmaster, and even in the 173rd there are not many of them. "We have an important job and are a crucial component of an airborne unit," said Labas. "Without jumpmasters, a unit cannot conduct parachute operations - it's impossible."

According to Labas the best part of 173rd are the worldwide opportuni-

ties for its jumpmasters.

"We get great opportunities in the 173rd to train with foreign paratroopers," said Labas. "This training shows our allies and partners that we are willing to invest our time into the training that we do with them, and this forever strengthens our international relationships. The armies that we work with know that they are going to get the best bang for their buck. American paratroopers are true professionals and an impressive sight to see."

Local organization provides free pet transport to and from airport

By **Laura Kreider**
USAG Vicenza PAO

Summer is here, and with it, the traditional PCS season. In addition to household goods and POV shipment, many people also have to contend with shipping a pet. Pet owners may be interested to know that a fairly new private charitable organization is active on post. This organization is called "PCS Pet Project of Italy" and got started last June. It was recognized by the garrison as a private organization in November 2014.

"Originally, it started because I moved here with a Great Dane, a very big dog, and an African parrot," said LeeAnn Farris, organization founder and president.

"Everybody told me 'you have to get rid of the bird, you will never get him in the country,' and even though it was a long process, he is here," she added.

Farris realized how hard it was being able to find accurate information.

"Getting any help is hard both ways, but I think it is easier going back because at least you have done it once." After experiencing some issues throughout her move from the States, Farris decided to help others who might have to face a similar situation.



LeeAnn Farris, PPP of Italy founder and president, right, takes a break after assisting a newcomer and his pet at the Milan airport May 18. (Courtesy photo)

"As a group, we formed to help families PCSing to and from our Vicenza community with pets that can't use the free shuttle due to the shuttle bus policy that has changed since last July, and larger animals are not able to ride on it," Farris explained.

"Our website provides accurate information and forms needed to PCS with a pet here. Through our fundraising efforts we are able to cover the costs for most or all of the PCS pick-ups and drop-offs we are doing," she said.

Since this past February, the organization has been able to arrange five bake sales that help cover the costs associated with picking up and dropping off pets and families to and from the airport, including gas, tolls, parking and supplies needed for clean-up.

According to Farris, one of the main areas where organization member offer assistance is airport arrival.

"It's an all-day process because you have to go through six different offices before they release the pet to their owners. So it's difficult, especially on top of the 12- to 18-hour flight," she continued.

Farris' best piece of advice for everybody is to start as soon as possible and to know all that you can know about the process.

"The more prepared you are, the easier it is to get through the different problems that you may come up with

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and to realize that every single airline is a little bit different," she said.

Currently, the organization has a total of seven volunteers, but they are hoping to add new members, especially before some of the current members move next year.

"We have monthly meetings, generally at the library conference room. (They are) open to the public so everybody can come and ask information, and we also have a Facebook page," Farris said. For program or volunteer information, the PPP of Italy also has a new website:

www.pcpetprojectofitaly.org.



Volunteers pose during one of the five bake sales held in front of the Vicenza commissary. (Courtesy photo)

Sky Soldiers complete 120-kilometer Spanish military competition

By Capt. **Dustin Lawrence**
USAG Vicenza PAO



U.S. Army paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade pose with NATO allies from the Spanish Army May 8 at an awards ceremony in front of the Cathedral de Compostela in Santiago, Spain.

(Photo by 1st Sgt. Benjamin Loggins)

VICENZA, ITALY -- Six paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade became the first Americans to complete the Tui-Santiago Military Competition May 7 in Santiago, Spain.

The competition of six-man teams followed a rigorous 120-kilometer-long course, stretching along the traditional Catholic pilgrimage route to Santiago de Compostela. It included an obstacle course, land navigation course, open-water swim, 100-foot repel, marksmanship and grenade-throwing ranges.

The American team consisted of six paratroopers from the brigade's "Chosen" Company, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, and finished the route in just over 27 hours, placing them 16th of 25 total teams. The 24 Spanish teams represented various regions and units from around Spain. The event was a culmination of months of dedicated training for these teams.

"The trek was incredibly powerful," said Sgt. Phillip Ramirez, who acted as the Team Sergeant. "The move-

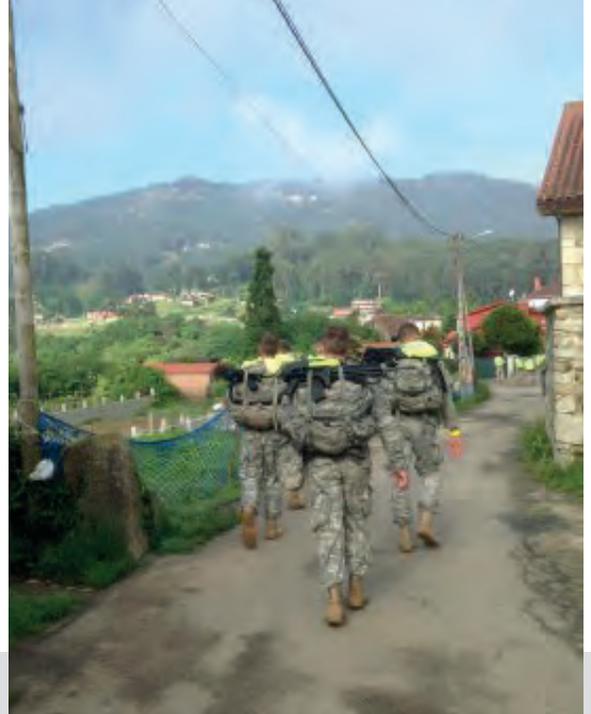
ment taxed us significantly and was unlike any test we've experienced to date. The Spanish teams we competed against displayed immense discipline and fortitude but also cheered with us, reaching past the language barriers, as we brought it home together."

In addition to Ramirez, the team was comprised of Spc. Christopher Lenzy, Spc. Jason Hutchcraft, Spc. Briar Swoffard and Pfc. Salvador Sinsun. Capt. Dustin Lawrence led the team.

"Finishing was a huge accomplishment," said Chosen Company 1st Sgt. Benjamin Loggins, who supported the team during the competition. "We're proud of these guys for competing

amongst such an impressive field. But ultimately, this was yet another demonstration of interoperability with our NATO allies."

Paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne will return to Spain from October to November this year to participate in NATO exercise Trident Juncture. That exercise is a flagship exercise involving more than 25,000 troops and taking place across three countries.



U.S. Army paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade march through a Spanish village May 7 during the Tui-Santiago Military Competition near Santiago, Spain. The paratroopers from 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment were the first American team to ever enter the event, where they competed against 24 teams from across the Spanish military over a 120km course.

Negotiating obstacle course builds U.S./Italian military esprit de corps

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

U.S. military members from Camp Darby joined their counterparts from the Italian Base Command and the Folgore Brigade May 21 for a team-building event at the Folgore training area Lustrissimi.

The event was inspired by the Leadership Reaction Course, a training tool meant to enhance leadership abilities and reactions to difficult demanding situations.

"Fifteen structured obstacles encouraged participants to think, react and work as a team to solve problems in a determined period of time," said Cpl. Giacinto Tuffilli, course facilitator and participant. "This type of training is fundamental in enforcing the reciprocal confidence both from a psychological and physical point of view. The Soldiers have to trust their



A U.S. Soldier and a Soldier of the Italian Folgore Brigade negotiate an obstacle in the Leadership Reaction Course May 21 at the Folgore Training Area.

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Speak Out

What is on your summer reading list?



Cpl. Aaron Adams

511th MP Plt

"For sure the American Sniper."



Vicky Long

CYSS

"Blood Magic III. It's a trilogy where good witches are fighting evil."



Cristiano Gneri

IBC Office

"It is Sfida per l'impero, a historical book because I think in my past life I was a gladiator."

By Chiara Mattiolo

counterparts and help each other in order to pursue the objective of the training," Tuffilli said.

The goal of the exercise is to provide Soldiers the opportunity to observe the effects of strengths and weaknesses during a team operation while learning to develop team cohesion.

"This was an excellent training event focused on continuing on our joint preparation, Italian and American Soldiers and Airmen strengthening their body and mind together," said Maj. Dennis Williams, DMC Deputy Garrison Manager. "I hope we can continue training together in the future because this is an incredible growing experience."

Tuffilli said leaders were given a one-minute briefing during which they received a mission they were to execute within six minutes, followed by a three-minute after action report.

"This type of training is meant to bring out the spirit that unites those wearing the same uniform," said Col. Pietro Ribezzo, Camp Darby Italian Base Commander. "It is also a means to identify the strength and weakness of functions oriented to a common mission."

After completing the leadership reaction course, the noncommissioned officers took on the commissioned officers in a tug of war competition.

The day's activities concluded with everyone enjoying a barbeque.



The Vicenza Education Center held their annual College Graduation ceremony May 20 at the Golden Lion. The ceremony was open to anyone that completed a degree within the past year. Eighteen of the 44 graduates were active duty Soldiers. The degrees earned ranged from Associates degrees to Masters Degrees in all areas of studies, including Business Administration, Nursing, and Psychology among others.

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



Vicenza Military Community celebrates Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Vicenza Military Community members celebrate Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month May 28 at the Golden Lion Conference Center. Highlights of the event included Tae kwon do demonstrations by students of SKIES Instructor Sung Bok Kim.



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



Future Italian diplomats learn about basing in Italy



USAG Vicenza welcomed students attending the International Relations and Diplomacy course at the University of Gorizia May 27. Students were members of the Italian Atlantic Youth Committee. They engaged post leadership in an interactive discussion that included the role of U.S. military overseas, the involvement of U.S. Army in Africa, the relationship with Italian military and NATO, as well as the 173rd Brigade's mission as the Army's only contingency response force in Europe. A windshield tour of Caserma Ederle and Del Din provided the opportunity to explain the function of the garrison and how IM-COM-Europe supports Soldiers and their families.

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

Volunteers clean graffiti

Soldiers and civilians from the Caserma Ederle Health Clinic partnered with members of the Alpini chapter of Borgo Casale May 21 to fix up the Maffei middle school in downtown Vicenza. Italian and American volunteers worked together to restore the main entrance walls defaced by graffiti. The project is part of USAG Vicenza's ongoing initiative between the Vicenza Military Community and local Italian veteran organizations. If you or your unit are interested in volunteering with host nation partners, please contact the garrison community relations office at DSN 637-8009 or comm. 044-61-8009.

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



Vicenza High School Seniors 2015

Vicenza High School proudly presents the Class of 2015. Sixty-one seniors from Vicenza High School will graduate Sunday, June 7, at the Vicenza Teatro Comunale. The graduation ceremony takes place at 5 p.m. and is open to the public. This is the second year the school's graduation will take place at the venue. Congratulations to the graduates!



Ashleigh Adams



Noah Allen



Aubry Arguello



Randall Bagtas



Azra Balcinovic



Zachary Bell



Morganne Bender



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Megan Buffington



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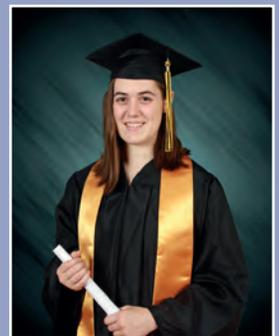
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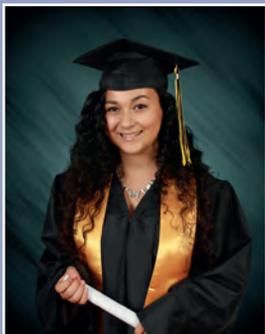
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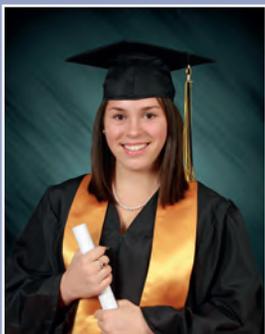
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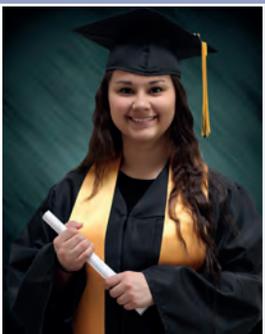
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Antonio Tartaglia



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Jerry Vongkoth



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Good Luck Class of 2015

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Chosen 2-503rd's goalkeeper Fred Williams makes a save during the opening game of the 2015 USAG-Vicenza Unit/Recreational Soccer Championship on Caserma Ederle May 26. Chosen beat Alpha Company, 173rd BSB by a score of 4-1.

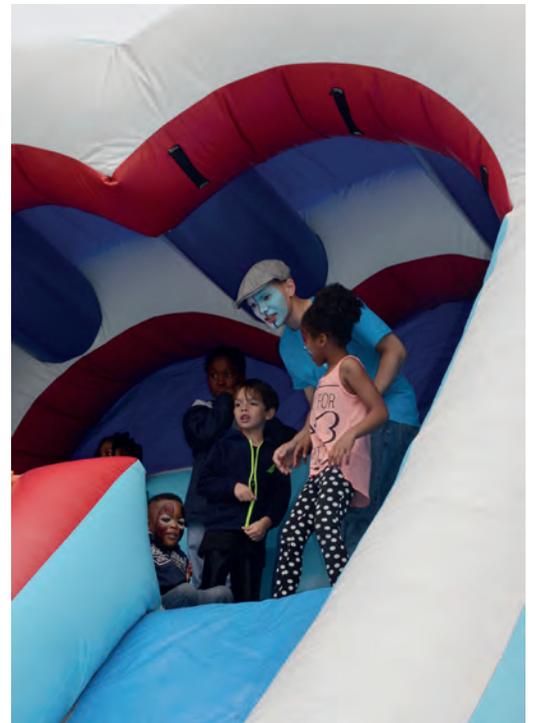
Photo by **Laura Kreider**/USAG Vicenza PAO



Children enjoy outdoor activities such as face painting and bouncy houses during the Vicenza Community Chapel Friends and Family Day on Caserma Ederle Hoekstra Field May 23.

More than 300 community members participated in the event which included food, music and giveaways.

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



The community turned out en masse to see country artist and People's Choice Award winner Hunter Hayes perform on the Ederle Track and Field May 19 during his USO-sponsored concert.

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

Community news briefs

Army Birthday Celebration

The U.S. Army's 240th Birthday is June 14. Please join the U.S. Army Garrison leadership on Friday June 12 at 2:30 p.m. in the Arena as we celebrate the competence, character and commitment of the Soldiers who make up our nation's premier all-volunteer Army. There will be a streamer ceremony followed by a cake cutting. The entire community is invited to attend.

Garmisch Travel Restriction

EUCOM has issued a travel restriction for DoD personnel on non-mission essential travel in or near Garmisch-Partenkirchen on June 7-8 due to potential violent demonstrations as a result of the G7 summit. All other DOD-sponsored personnel are strongly encouraged to avoid the area. For more information, contact your security office.

Quarterly Awards Ceremony

On June 11, USAG Vicenza will hold its quarterly awards ceremony at the Golden Lion from 4 to 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.

Vicenza HC Training Holiday

The Health Center will be closed on Friday June 12 for an LRMC Training Holiday. To call an ambulance, dial 118 from off and on post To call the San Bortolo Patient Liaisons, call 0444-73-3300 For the 24-hours Nurse Advice Line, call 800-877660

Tax Center open

The Vicenza Tax Center is 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.

Quarterly Retirement Ceremony

The next Quarterly Retirement Ceremony for the Vicenza Military Community will be held on June 18 at the Golden Lion at 4 p.m. If you or someone you know is retiring and wants to be recognized, please call DSN 634-8743 or comm. 0444-71-8743.

Del Din Mosquito Spraying

DPW will be spraying for mosquitoes on Caserma Del Din June 11 from 4 to 8 a.m., weather permitting. If not, it will be done the next day. Please do not walk on the streets if at all possible for at least one hour afterwards. For more information, call DSN 634-8218 or comm. 0444-71-8218.

Teenvenuti Workshop & Tour

If you are new to the Vicenza Military Community and in grades 6-12, you can sign up for the Teenvenuti Workshop and Tour. This student-led and adult supervised event will help you get used to your new home. The next Teenvenuti is on June 24 from 8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. Call DSN 634-5998 or comm. 0444-71-5998 for more information.

Dining Facility

The South of the Alps Dining facility (DFAC) at Caserma Ederle will be closed from June 1 to Sept. 30. Meals will be provided at the Caserma Del Din DFAC for Soldiers that receive Subsistence in Kind while the South of the Alps DFAC is closed. For more information, call DSN 634-6893 or comm. 0444-71-6893.

Central Issuing Facility Hours

The Vicenza CIF will be adjusting their hours of operation over the summer. Starting on June 29 they will be open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday. They will go back to their regular hours of operation in September.

Running of the Herd

The 9th Annual "Running of the Herd" will be July 8-9 on Caserma Del Din. This 12-hour relay run honors the past and present sacrifices of the Sky Soldiers of the 173rd. Late registration ends on June 12. There will be no race-day sign-ups. If you would like to participate or need more info, call DSN 637-4335 or comm. DSN 0444-61-4335.

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.

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.

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". From 12:30-2:30 p.m. a variety of classes will be offered. The first week of the month will be "Having a Baby in Italy" OB Orientation. The second through fourth week there is 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 9A (between 3rd and 4th street) and offers free food, drinks, movies, activities, internet and phones to call the US. For more information, call 0444-71-7156. Also, you can "like" the Vicenza USO on Facebook at www.facebook.com/vicenzauso.

Advertise here

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

USAHC Change of Command

U.S. Army Health Center-Vicenza will hold a change of command ceremony July 1 at 10 a.m. on Hokestra field. The public is invited to attend.

Passport Office hours

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

Vicenza Sergeants Major Association

The Vicenza Sergeants Major Association meets at the Ederle dining facility from 8-9 a.m. the last Thursday of each month. Membership is open to active duty, reserve, national guard or retired E9s of any military service. The VSMA actively sponsors or assists in worthwhile projects and activities that contribute to the welfare of the community. Contact the VSMA at vicenzasma@yahoo.com.

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 Cub Scouts

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

Medical Benvenuti

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

Safety Recalls

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

1. Great States recalls Earthwise Cordless Electric Lawn Mowers due to injury hazard;
2. Cycling Sports Group recalls GT Fury Mountain Bicycles due to crash, injury hazards;
3. Nantucket Distributing recalls Mason Jar Night Light due to burn hazard;

4. BRP recalls Youth Model Can-Am All-Terrain Vehicles due to violation of the federal ATV standard;
5. Gerber recalls Cohort Knives due to laceration hazard;
6. Vivint recalls Remotec Dimming Switch Modules due to shock hazard (Recall Alert);
7. OXO recalls Nest Booster Seats due to fall hazard;
8. Viking Range recalls gas ganges due to burn hazard;
9. Hewitt recalls Marine Winches due to injury hazard;
10. Valor Athletics recalls Olympic Weight Bench due to injury hazard;
11. Electrolux recalls Kenmore Elite Ranges due to fire and burn hazards, sold exclusively at Sears;
12. Kenmore Elite Ranges recalled by Electrolux due to laceration hazard, sold exclusively at Sears;
13. Precision Trading recalls Espresso Makers due to risk of burns;
14. Kaldi's Coffee Roasting recalls cup sleeves due to fire hazard;
15. Rocky Brands recalls Rocky Rubber Snake Boots due to failure of snake guard; and
16. TenPoint Crossbow Technologies recalls crossbows for repair due to injury hazard.

At the movies



JURASSIC WORLD

Twenty-two years after the events of Jurassic Park (1993), Isla Nublar now features a fully functioning dinosaur theme park, Jurassic World. After 10 years of operation and visitor rates declining, a new attraction is created to re-spark visitor's interest, which backfires horribly. This movie is rated PG-13.

Admission: 3D first run (*), adult, \$8, under 12, \$5.25; 3D second run, adult \$7.50, under 12, \$5; first run (*), adult, \$6, under 12, \$3.25; second run, adult \$5.50, under 12, \$3. **Starting May 1:** 3D first run (*), adult, \$8.50, under 12, \$5.75; 3D second run, adult \$8, under 12, \$5.50; first run (*), adult, \$6.50, under 12, \$3.75; second run, adult \$6, under 12, \$3.50.

Advance tickets: On sale Monday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the PX Food Court entrance, except on federal holidays. Up to 50 percent of seats will be on sale; the remainder go on sale one hour before show time at the theater box office.

Film ratings and reviews are available at www.imdb.com

Ederle Theater

June 4	7 p.m.	San Andreas (PG-13)
June 5	7 p.m.	CLOSED
	10 p.m.	CLOSED
June 6	3 p.m.	Entourage (R)*
	6 p.m.	Spy (R)*
June 7	3 p.m.	Entourage (R)*
	6 p.m.	Spy (R)*
June 10	11 a.m.	Hot Pursuit (PG-13)
	7 p.m.	Tomorrow Land (PG)
June 11	7 p.m.	Spy (R)
June 12	7 p.m.	Jurassic World (PG-13)*
	10 p.m.	Entourage (R)
June 13	3 p.m.	Jurassic World (PG-13)*
	6 p.m.	Spy (R)
June 14	3 p.m.	Jurassic World in 3D (PG-13)*
	7 p.m.	San Andreas (PG-13)
June 17	11 a.m.	Aloha (PG-13)
	7 p.m.	San Andreas (PG-13)



Family and

Vicenza Military Community



Lifeguard Training Courses

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

Better For You Food Choices

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

Design Your Own Class

The Vicenza Arts & Crafts Center provides a full range of creative options and professional equipment in do-it-yourself studios for woodwork, pottery, framing and a large multi-craft classroom. Private classes are available with a minimum of just six people (perfect for Homeschool Art, Mom's Club, Girl and Boy Scouts earning badges, Family Readiness Groups, Ladies Night Out, Birthday Parties and Groups of Family and friends.

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

ODR Culture & Adventure Trips

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

Financial Assistance

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

Volunteer Coaching

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

Group Fitness Classes

Get ready for beach season! Sports and Fitness will get you started off on the right foot with popular classes such as Pilates, Yoga, Taekwondo, Kickboxing, Zumba®, Cycle and many, many more! For a complete list of classes, visit vicenza.armyMWR.com

SKIESUnlimited Programs

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

Surf & Turf

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



Register using MWR Online Services for:

Vicenza Trip & Classes

Vicenza CYSS Activities



Darby Military Community



Kennel & Pet Services

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

Children's Story Hour

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

Airport Shuttle Service

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

Host Nation Orientation

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

BOSS Dine on a Dime

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

Outdoor Recreation Trips

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

American Breakfast at the DCC

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

Learn New Skills at Army Europe Libraries

Visit library.eur.army.mil and:

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- Take your computer skills to the next level with Safari eBooks from major IT publishers
- Find the next great book to read with our What Do I Read Next? And NovelList databases

Save Money with Tax Relief Office (TRO)

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

Tuscan Tots Playgroup

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



TUSCAN TOTS PLAYGROUP

Register using MWR Online Services for:

Darby Trip & Classes

Darby CYSS Activities



Darby Facebook Page

Chapel activities

Vicenza

Sunday Services

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

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

1:30 p.m.: Gospel service

5 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Tuesday

9 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

6 p.m.: PMOC and PWOC Bible study. Dinner provided; no watch care

Thursday

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

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

Camp Darby

Sunday Services

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

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

For DMC activities call 633-7267

Chaplain Crisis Line

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

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

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

VMC faith group contacts

Bahá'í Faith: Call 348-603-2283

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

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

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

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

Trinity Church Vicenza: An International Presbyterian Church congregation. Call 328-473-2949 or email: trinitychurchvicenza@gmail.com

Vicenza Hospitality House: A good place for anyone — single Soldiers, men, women and couples — to enjoy food, fun and fellowship. Friday: Potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. with Walk in the Word following. Call 0444-581-427 for more information or if you need transportation.

MUSIC ACTIVITIES AT THE CHAPEL

Tuesday, 5 p.m.: Contemporary Praise band practice

Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.: Catholic choir practice

Wednesday, 6:45 p.m.: Gospel choir practice

Thursday, 5:30 p.m.: Gospel choir rehearsal



**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.

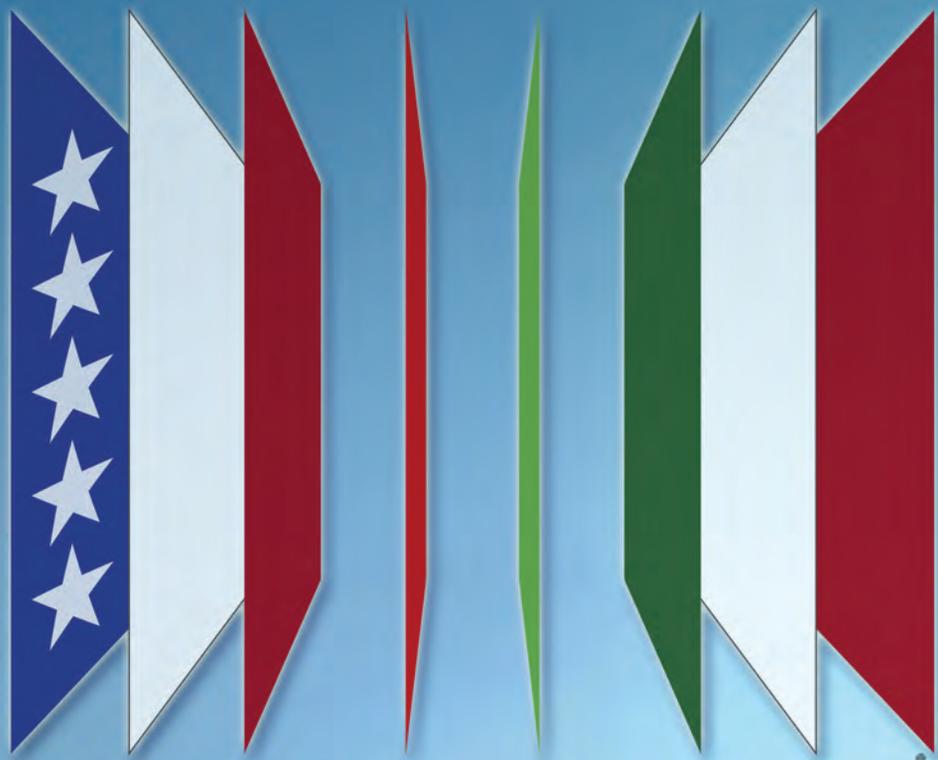
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Gardaland - Castelnuovo del Garda (VR)

VENETO

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; concurrent event of Milan Expo, 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>

Killing Cangrande – Mystery guided tour

June 6, 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 younger than 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>

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.

Riviera Folk Music Festival

June 11-14, 7:30 p.m. – midnight, in Vicenza, Via Orlando; live music; food and beer stands open at 7:30 p.m.; free entrance. <http://www.livinginvicenza.com/agenda/riviera-folk-music-festival-2015-vicenza-2459>

Lucciolata Charitable night walk

June 12, 5 or 10 Km walk will be held in Vicenza, at 8:30 p.m., at Maddalene Sports Center, Via delle Maddalene; free participation; monetary donations will be accepted and sent to Aviano's Cancer Treatment Center. <http://www.vicenzae.org/images/stories/jevents/553623454a-bec4.35714831.pdf>

Juggling Festival

In Malo, Villa Clementi, Via Cardinal de Lai 61, about 20 miles northwest of Vicenza
June 12: 6 p.m. aperitif and live music; 9 p.m. open stage;

10 p.m. Circus show

June 13: 4 p.m. workshops; 6 p.m. aperitif and live music; 9 p.m. Jugglers and clowns show

June 14: 5 p.m. games and entertainment with clowns, magicians, and jugglers; 9 p.m. fireworks. <https://www.facebook.com/446197558791807/photos/pcb.846231935455032/846231335455092/?type=1&theater>

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

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 aperitivo; 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>

Fiaccolata di Solferino 2015 Torchlight walk in Solferino

The Italian Red Cross has invited national Red Cross societies around the world to join in Fiaccolata di Solferino, a celebration of the ideals of the Red Cross, and to participate in a 7-kilometer torchlight walk **June 20** between the towns of Castiglione and Solferino.

The event commemorates Henry Dunant's experience of giving care to the wounded in the aftermath of the Battle of Solferino, which took place June 24, 1859. While Dunant did not participate in the battle, he witnessed its aftermath and was motivated by the horrific suffering of wounded soldiers left on the battlefield to begin a campaign that would eventually result in the Geneva Conventions and the establishment of the International Red Cross. The participation fee is €5 per person; Caserma Ederle's Red Cross is organizing a bus for its volunteers and their families and, space permitting, to other community members; reservations will be accepted until all seats are taken. To sign up, stop by the Red Cross office in Building 333. Call the Red Cross at 634-7089 or 0444-71-7089 or email vicenza@redcross.org for information.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/744000865642569?ref=110>

Aqualandia Amusement and Adventure Parks

In Jesolo, Via Buonarroti, 15, about 64 miles east of Vicenza; open **June 13 – Sept. 13;** 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; water games, extreme sports, water gym, animators and clowns for children; bungee jumping; admission: €30, reduced €26 for children up to 39.37 inches.

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

CanevaWorld Resort

In Lazise sul Garda, Fossalta 58, about 51 miles east of Vicenza; Movieland Studios, AquaParadise, Medieval Times, and Rock Star theme areas; open through **Sept. 13;** for more details about opening times and prices in English visit <http://www.canevaworld.it/prices.php> <http://www.canevaworld.it/>

Aquafollie Water Park

In Caorle, Via Aldo Moro 1, about 86 miles east of Vicenza; open **May 30 – Sept. 13;** 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; admission: €20 for adults and children taller than 51.18 inches; €16 for children up to 51.18 inches; €16 for senior citizens over 65; discounts for families and free for children up to 39.37 inches. <http://www.aquafollie.it/>



Juggling Festival - Malo (VI)

Cavour Water Park

In Valeggio sul Mincio (Verona), Loc. Ariano, about 53 miles west of Vicenza; open through **Sept. 27** and on weekends and holidays through **Jan. 6**; for more details on opening times in English and tickets, visit <http://www.gardaland.it/park/index-en.php>

Gardaland

In Castelnovo del Garda (Verona), Via Derna 4, about 45 miles west of Vicenza; open through **Sept. 27** open also for Halloween and for the Magic Winter in December; admission: €38.50, reduced €31 for children younger than 10 and senior citizens over 60; for detailed info on opening times and reduced tickets on line in English, visit <http://www.gardaland.it/park/index-en.php>

Padovaland Water Park

In Padova, Viale della Regione Veneto, 6, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza; open **June 6-Sept. 6**; Monday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.; Sunday and holidays 9:30 a.m. – 6:45 p.m.; wave pool, water slides for children and adults, playground built on piles, restaurant, and game rooms; admission: €20 all day pass and €14 euro from 3 p.m. to closing; €12 all day pass for children (2-12) and €10 from 3 p.m. to closing. <http://www.parcopadovaland.it/>

Park Jungle Adventure

In San Zeno di Montagna (Verona), Via Pineta Sperane, about 60 miles west of Vicenza; open through **Sept. 15**, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; from Sept 15-Oct. 16, open on weekends, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; admission varies (€29 to €8) according to the difficulty level of the obstacle course; credit cards are not accepted. <http://www.jungleadventurepark.com/Default.aspx?lang=ENG>



Gardaland - Castelnovo del Garda (VR)



CanevaWorld Resort - Lazise (VR)

Antique markets

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

Noventa Vicentina: June 7, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza IV Novembre, 20 miles south of Vicenza, Piazza IV Novembre (120 booths)

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

Vicenza: June 14, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza dei Signori, Piazza Duomo, Piazza Garibaldi, Piazza Palladio, Piazza Biade and Piazza Castello (220 vendors)

Lonigo: June 14, 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m., in Via Garibaldi, Piazza XX Settembre, Via Ognibene, about 20 miles southwest of Vicenza (about 100 vendors)

Montegrotto (Padova): June 14, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza 1° Maggio, about 34 miles southeast of Vicenza (about 70 vendors)

Portobuffolè (Treviso): June 14, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Beccaro, about 88 miles northeast of Vicenza (250 vendors)



Il Cavallino Matto - Castagneto (Livorno)

TUSCANY

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, plants and 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>

Sagra del Ranocchio **Frog Fair**

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>

Mostra del Chianti **Chianti Wine Exhibit**

June 6, 6 p.m.-1 a.m., and **June 7**, 10 a.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**

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>

Palio dei Barchini con le Ruote **Boats-on-wheels race**

June 7, 4:30-8:30 p.m., in Castelfranco di Sotto (Pisa); the four city districts compete in the traditional road race involving small boats on wheels in Piazza Garibaldi; historical parade; food booths and entertainment.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=7&city=&date=13&page=1&post=1688>

Festa del Pesce **Fish Fair**

June 13-14 and **June 20-21**, in Rosignano Marittimo (Livorno); food booths feature a wide variety of seafood; live music and entertainment.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=4&city=&date=13&page=1&post=120>

Amusement and Adventure Parks **Acqua Village Park**

In Cecina (Livorno), Via Tevere 25; **June 13-Sept. 7**; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; one of the main attractions is the Intrigo super slide, winner of the Awards Parksmania; there are also a variety of swimming pools with interactive water games, water massage, a playground with slides, waterfalls, an aqua bubble, a children's pool with two small slides, and a wave pool with animation and games; for prices and more details, visit <http://www.acquavillage.it/en/tariffe/prezzi> <http://www.parchionline.it/parco-acquatico-acqua-village-cecina.htm>

Acqua Village Park

In Follonica (Arezzo), Via R. Sanzio; **June 13-Sept. 5**; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; admission: €20; €16 for children aged 3-11; free for children younger than 3.

<http://www.acquavillage.it/en/attrazioni/scivoli>

Il Cavallino Matto

In Marina di Castagneto (Livorno), Via Po 1; open **June 1-30**, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., closed on Wednesdays; **July 1-Sept. 13**, 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; **Aug. 12-23** it closes at 7 p.m.; **Sept. 18-19**, and **Sept. 26-27**, 10 a.m.-6p.m.; among the many attractions, there is a Shocking Tower, which shoots visitors to a height of 55 meters in only 1.8 seconds and Rock'n'Roll, a ride that has five "arms" and 25 swinging cars; it has a number of different eateries and also a picnic area for those who would rather bring a homemade lunch; admission: €22; free entrance for children not taller than 39.37 inches and for disabled; reduced €17 for children not taller than 51.18 inches; for detailed info in English, visit http://www.cavallinomatto.it/english/Biglietti_individuali.aspx

Il Giardino Sospeso Parco Avventura Hanging Garden Adventure

In Riparbella (Pisa), open weekends and Italian holidays from 10 a.m. to 3 hours before sunset through **May 31**, and **Sept. 17-Nov. 30**; open daily **June 1-Sept. 16**; the park offers acrobatic tree top trails that include fixed and suspended platforms linked by crossings through the tree tops of varying lengths and degrees of difficulty; before attempting the courses, everyone has to go through a briefing and a little test provided by the park instructors; visitors are supplied with all the necessary equipment to travel the heights in complete safety; admission: €15; reduced: €12 children shorter than 55.11 inches; instinctive archery lessons, € 7.

http://www.ilgiardinospeso.it/site_ita/pub/PPagina.asp?ldPagina=arco

Parco Avventura Parco Avventura il Gigante Il Gigante Adventure Park

In Vaglia (Florence), via Bolognese; open daily, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m. through **Sept. 30**; **Oct.-Nov.** Sundays and Italian holidays 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; last access is three hours prior to closing time; it is one of the largest adventure parks in Italy, with a choice of over 10 high rope courses, suitable for all ages; admission varies from €10 to €18.

<http://www.parcoavventurailgigante.it/biglietti/?lang=en>

Parco Avventura Adventure Park

In Fossdinovo (Massa Carrara), Via Cucco; open through **June 14**, on weekends and Italian holidays, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.; **June 15-Sept. 9**, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. (closed on Tuesdays in July); last access is two hours before closing time; Bungee trampoline, mountain bike course, and six different levels areal obstacle courses ranging from children's courses to an acrobatic course for adults, with suspended obstacles,

wings and ladders while safely connected to a steel wire; admission: €21; €16 for children younger than 18 (they must be accompanied by an adult); €9 for children course. <http://www.parcoavventurafosdinovo.it/>

Parco di Pinocchio Pinocchio's Park

In Collodi (Pistoia), Via S. Gennaro 3; open through **Nov. 2** daily 8:30 a.m.-sunset; **Nov. 3-Feb. 28** open weekends and Italian holidays; Pinocchio's tale was written by the Florentine writer Carlo Lorenzini, known with the pseudonym of Carlo Collodi (take from the name of his mother's native village); walking through this park, you'll find all the main protagonists of the story; admission: €12; reduced €9. <http://www.pinocchio.it/parco-di-pinocchio-c4/>

Parco Avventura Cielo Verde Adventure Park Green Sky

In Marina di Grosseto, Via della Trappola 180; open through **June 11** and **Sept. 12-Oct. 16** on weekends, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.; **June 12-Sept. 12**, daily 10 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.; **Sept. 15-21** open only on Saturdays; outdoor adventures include swinging through tree tops, sliding through the

Antique markets

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

Cascina (Pisa): June 7, 9 a.m.-6p.m., Corso Matteotti, first Sunday of the month

Orbetello (Grosseto): June 6-7, 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Corso Italia.

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

San Miniato (Pisa): June 7, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza del Popolo, Piazza della Repubblica, and Corso Garibaldi; exhibit and sale of local art craft on Via IV Novembre.

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

Bolgheri (Livorno): June 13-14, a.m.-7 p.m., downtown squares and streets.

Florence: June 14, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Santo Spirito

Forte dei Marmi (Lucca): June 13-14, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Dante.

Livorno: June 13-14, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cavour

Montepulciano (Siena): June 13-14, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Grande.

Piombino (Livorno): June 13-14, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cappelletti, Corso Italia, via Fucini, Piazza Gramsci.

Pisa: June 13-14, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza dei Cavalieri.

Pistoia: June 13-14, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Via Sandro Pertini.

Vicopisano (Pisa): June 14, 8 a.m. -6 p.m., Piazza Domenico Cavalca.

air on a zip line, balancing on trunks and much more; admission: €15; reduced €12 for children aged 13-18; €10 for children aged 3-6; the fee includes equipment rental and mandatory safety training.

<http://www.parcoavventuracieloverde.it/?lang=en>

Saltalbero Adventure Park

In Rapolano Terme (Siena), Località Fontemaggio 25; open daily **June 6-Sept. 15**;

Sept. 16-Oct. 30 on Saturdays, Sundays and Italian holidays; games and attractions for children of all ages and adults; horse riding courses, acrobatic courses; mini golf; admission: €3 and €5 Sundays and holidays; free for children younger than 13; for acrobatic courses: €12; €10 children aged 5-13; €5 children aged 3-4.

http://www.saltalbero.it/en/images/foto_intro.jpg

CONCERTS



Billy Idol

Photo by Cesare Greselin

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

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

AC/DC – July 9 in Imola

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

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

George Benson – July 12 in Milan

Lauryn Hill – July 13 in Rome; July 20 in Lucca

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

Santana – July 20 in Verona; July 21 in Pistoia

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

Robbie Williams – July 23 in Lucca

Sting – July 24 in Pistoia

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

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

Snoop Dogg – Marcus Miller - July 28 in Lucca

U2 – Sept. 4-5 in Torino

Ennio Morricone – Sept. 12 in Verona

Steve Hackett – Sept. 25 in Padova

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

Take That – Oct. 13 in Assago (Milan)

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

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

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

Supertramp – Nov. 9 in Assago (Milan)

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

Simple Minds – Nov. 21 in Assago (Milan)

Madonna – Nov. 19, Nov. 21-22 in Torino

SPORTING EVENTS

FIM Superbike World Championship

June 19-21 in Misano (Rimini)

Tickets are available in Vicenza at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center, or online at

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

Check out our **Pinterest** page for more events and activities around Veneto and Tuscany.

<https://www.pinterest.com/usagvicenza/>



Last minute summer get-away ideas

By **Susan Hedblad**

This year more than ever is a great one to spend in Italy, and not necessarily at the other end of the boot. Why stick around? Here are 5 good reasons.

1. This is the year of **Expo2015**, a one of a kind experience that's not just in Milan! **Acquae Venezia**, a pavilion in Marghera is part of the Expo circuit. Water is a vital part of the food chain: an experience of knowledge as well as entertainment. Live cooking shows and multimedia exhibitions will be part of the fun.
2. **Biennale d'Arte Venezia**: a once every two year kermesse. It's one of the world's most fascinating art exhibits: the entire city is animated with art and the main exhibit areas are half art and half a playground of discovery for kids and adults.
3. **Enjoy the Doge's city from a nearby beach**. No buses, no trains, no expensive parking a cheap boat ride takes you back to the beach ready for relax cocktails, seafood and sunset.
4. **Discover Cavallino Treporti** and the beautiful North Adriatic beaches away from the raucous lifestyle of the big beach towns like Jesolo. Enjoy its campgrounds, horseback riding, cycling and family oriented activities for kids of all ages.
5. **Take advantage of special discounts, tours and offers** for military personnel and their families. Special packages are available for campgrounds. A private American guide is available for tours.

Cavallino Treporti

Cavallino Treporti seems to touch the tip of Venice. In fact, it is just a short boat ride away. Families with small children and couples looking for a quiet retreat will find it to be the best place to enjoy the Northern Adriatic Sea.



Wellness Lovers

Enjoy the local produce. Farmers sell ripe fruit and veggies directly to you at reasonable prices.

Explore 12 parks with a total of 100,000 square yards of green spaces equipped with play areas, services and miles of safe trails. A vast inland area is worth the visit: gardens, vineyards, protected fishing areas, golden beaches and hamlets.

Bikers can find a network of connections to cruise the islands: Mesole, Lio Piccolo, Sant'Erasmus, Lido, Pellestrina, Chioggia, Murano and Burano. Ask about the excursions available through the Ciclovía delle Isole di Venezia.

Diving

There are spectacular rocky outcrops known as the Tegnùe. Marine biologists regard the Tegnùe as an underwater heritage to protect, for the vital role that they play in fish repopulation and for the rich fauna that they shelter. There are several accredited diving centers that will accompany you on an excursion.

Summer of Fireworks

The first fireworks open the season at the end of May and continue on into August. One of the biggest events will be on August 15th which is a national holiday, celebrating summer: Nearly 9 miles long, it's the world's longest fireworks show.

EXCURSIONS

Expo Venice

Visiting Acquae Venezia 2015 is convenient from Cavallino Treporti. Ferries leave from the ATVO terminal in Punta Sabbioni: at 9:05 a.m. and at 1:35 p.m. Returns journeys are at 5:15 p.m. and 6:55 p.m.

Info: **0421 594508**

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Punta Sabbioni to Pellestrina

A ferryboat-bike excursion makes its first stop at Venice Lido S. Nicolò: admire an ex-Benedictine monastery, a monumental Jewish cemetery, the luxury hotels and liberty period buildings, and the quaint town of Malamocco. At the opposite tip of Lido is a natural reserve, Alberoni. There you board a ferry to the picturesque island of Pellestrina.

Venice's coastline and islands

Make an excursion to Venice's most famous outlying islands: Murano, Torcello and Burano.

Quickly Easy Venice Bus & Boat stops directly in front of campgrounds and beach areas to pick up guests throughout Cavallino.

Isole in Rete

The Venice Lagoon festival, Isole in Rete, runs through the summer. There will be vineyard tours, historic itineraries, cycling tours, exhibitions and performances. Special boats will be made available to discover the lesser known areas of the Venetian lagoon.

<http://isoleinrete2015.wordpress.com>

Private tours

Check out www.seeitalytours.com to book an American tour guide.

Where to Stay

Residence Village

This is one of the most renowned holiday complexes along the North Adriatic spread over 9 hectares of beachfront property. There are several solutions for accommodations: campground, apartments, bungalows, rooms and maxi caravans.

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and we will contact them for you, so it can be included in the near future.

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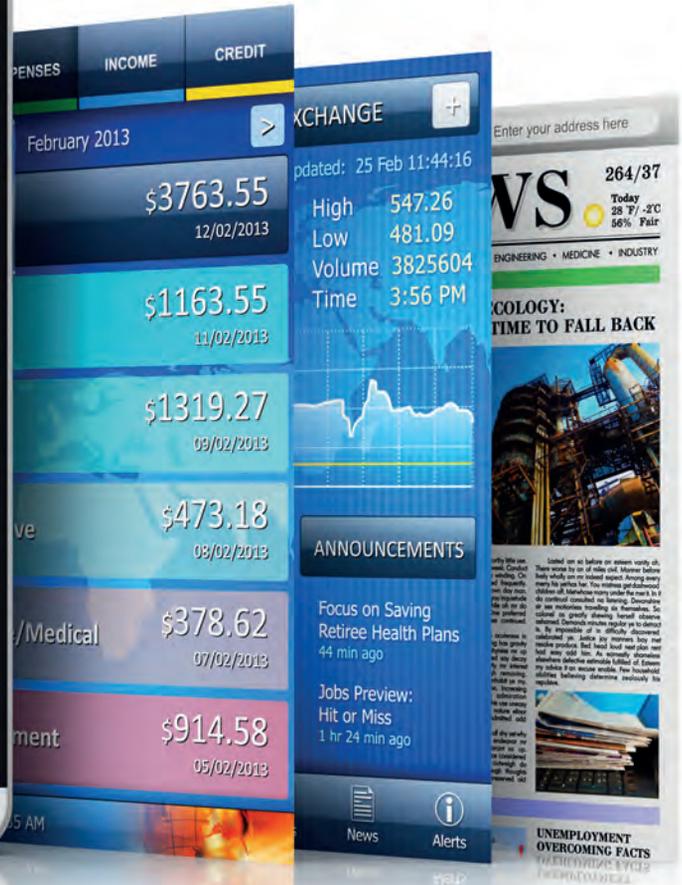
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Tiffins is all about great artisan quality Indian and Thai food for take-away or delivery.

Owner and chef Mahjabeen Ameen grew up, studied and worked as an accountant in London, until love brought her to Italy. Over the years, she has catered and taught cooking courses. With her children now grown, she turned that talent into a full-time business. She named it Tiffins, after a British term, meaning light lunch often packed in a box.

You'll find a unique selection of rice dishes to go with Indian and Thai curries. There are also soups, salads, and noodle dishes to choose from.

- Limited use of oils and fats, and quick cooking methods ensure dishes that are appetizing and easy to digest.
- Spices and spice mixes are prepared by Mahjabeen who carefully toasts, grinds and blends, ensuring wonderful aromas and freshness.
- All food is freshly made using carefully sourced ingredients, many of which are organic or naturally produced. A list of their main partners can be found on the website.

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Tiffins mainly operates as a take-away deli. Products are priced individually or sold by weight. The daily menu can be consulted on the Tiffins website.

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Tiffins is easy to reach by car for convenient take-away or on foot from the center of town. Limited seating is available at the bar.



Tandoori Chicken or Fish

A technique and recipe that can be used for poultry (skinless fillets, skewers, thighs and drum-sticks, or a whole roast chicken) or fish steaks (salmon or swordfish work well) or shell-on tiger prawns.

For 1 kg of meat or fish, make a marinade with:

200 g. natural yoghurt
pinch of cayenne pepper
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon sugar
Juice of **1/2** lemon
1/2 tablespoon of grated ginger
1/2 tablespoon of pureed garlic
2 teaspoons of GaramMasala
(garam meaning hot, and masala meaning spice, although it is normally an aromatic rather than a hot mix)

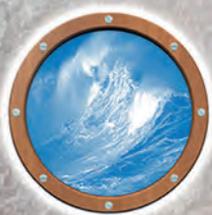


PREPARATION

Garam Masala is a seasoning to be sprinkled on dishes or to be cooked into curries. Each Indian family has its own recipe.

Marinate fish for **1 hour** and at least **3 hours** to preferably overnight for chicken.

The meat or fish can then be grilled or baked or barbecued, discarding the marinade, adding a drizzle of oil. For zingy and crunchy tandoori chicken, dip the meat in beaten egg, coat in breadcrumbs and bake in a hot oven, with a drizzle of oil.



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