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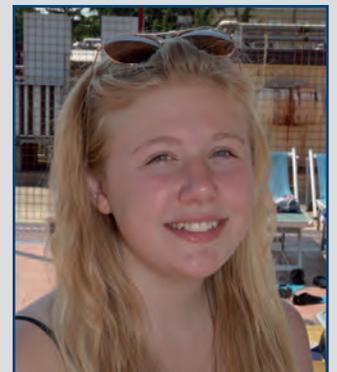
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Paratroopers from the 173rd Airborne Brigade and an Italian Carabinieri present the national flags of Italy and the United States, as well as the colors of 173rd Airborne Brigade and its battalions, companies, batteries and troops July 9 during the brigade change of command ceremony at Caserma Del Din. See page 7 for more.

Photo by Visual Information Specialist **Paolo Bovo**

Army makes changes: Brigade realignments, military and civilian cuts on the horizon



The "Stone Gate" on Benning Road, Fort Benning, Ga. The Army announced July 9 that, by the end of fiscal year 2018, active Army expects to have drawn down in size from 490,000 to 450,000. Army officials also said the service will shrink the size of several brigade combat teams and will cut 17,000 civilian employees. At Fort Benning, the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division will convert to a maneuver battalion task force by fiscal year 2017. (Courtesy photo)

By **C. Todd Lopez**
Army News Service

WASHINGTON - By the end of fiscal year 2018, the active Army expects to have drawn down in size from 490,000 to 450,000, said Army officials during a July 9 press conference at the Pentagon. The service will also shrink the size of several brigade combat teams and will cut 17,000 civilian employees. "These are incredibly difficult choices," said Brig. Gen. Randy George, director of force management for the Army. "The Army followed a long and deliberate process that included utilization of a [Government Accountability Office] endorsed military value analysis process, and an inclusive total Army analysis, in order to determine the best construct for the Army, based on the threats we face and the current fiscal environment we must operate in."

The most recently announced cuts will heavily affect six installations, where more than 1,000 Soldiers will be cut. These locations include 3,402 Soldiers at Fort Benning, Ga.; 3,350 Soldiers at Fort Hood, Texas; 2,631 Soldiers at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska; 1,251 Soldiers at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash.; 1,214 Soldiers at Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and 1,219 Soldiers at Fort Bliss, Texas. During the press conference, the Army provided a list of 30 installations -- including those six -- where changes would be made. Communities outside those installations will regrettably be affected by the changes, George said, but "the Army has to operate within the budget provided. Part of doing that is restructuring and reorganizing to be able to accomplish the Army's mission in the best manner possible."

Cuts to the force will come from reductions of headquarters -- focusing on two-star and above headquarters;

reduction of brigade combat teams; Aviation Restructure Initiative; operational force design changes; and reduction to enabler and generating forces.

George said the Army will try to draw down the active force end strength gradually in order to "minimize the turbulence we have with Soldiers and their Families."

By the end of fiscal year 2015, the force will be at 490,000 Soldiers; at the end of FY16, 475,000; at the end of FY17, 460,000; and at the end of FY17, 450,000.

In 2012, the regular Army had an end strength of about 570,000 Soldiers, during the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. In 2013, the Army announced a drawdown of 80,000, to be completed by the end of FY17, that would bring the size of the Army to 490,000 Soldiers. The newest reductions of 40,000, in support of the president's budget, will further reduce the force to 450,000 by the end of 2018.

Much of the initial 80,000-Soldier reduction was achieved by elimination of temporary end-strength increases, wartime allowance and reductions in Europe.

With the latest reductions, the Army will try to use attrition as well, George said, and the slope of the drawdown will help with that. But with this drawdown, not all Soldier cuts will be able to come through attrition. Instead, the Army will need to continue officer and enlisted involuntary separations to meet the end-strength target of 450,000 Soldiers. There will also be early retirement boards. "We do expect that will happen."

Among civilians, there will be a 17,000-person reduction in fiscal years 2016 and 2017. The Army has said these reductions can be achieved through attrition and by not filling currently unfilled positions. The Army has already cut the civilian workforce by 8,000. The additional 17,000 cuts will mean a total loss of 25,000 Army civilians by FY17.

Three of the affected Army installations will see changes to some of their largest operational units, called brigade combat teams, which typically involve about 4,000 Soldiers.

At Fort Benning, the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, or BCT, 3rd Infantry Division, will convert to a maneuver battalion task force by FY17. A maneuver battalion task force includes about 1,050 Soldiers rather than the 4,000 in a full BCT. The change at Fort Benning means it no longer needs to expand its training area. The change will also reduce the competition there for ranges and training areas that exist now between 3rd BCT and the Armor and Infantry schools. About 3,402 Soldiers will be cut at

Fort Benning.

The Army has said Fort Benning scored in the bottom third of a Military Value Assessment, which is largely related to quality and availability of its training spaces.

The Army also said that despite the temporary nature commonly associated with "task forces," a maneuver battalion task force is actually a permanent part of Army force structure. Such task forces offer commanders the option to grow rapidly to create a BCT, if needed. The task force allows the Army to maintain some combat power capability and also allows "reversibility" within a force size of 450,000 Soldiers -- versus completely eliminating a BCT.

In January, Chief of Staff of the Army Gen. Ray Odierno said the Army would achieve the 450,000 end strength through elimination of four BCTs. This is no longer the plan. Instead, the Army will convert some BCTs to maneuver battalion task forces, as it will in Georgia.

Two-star-and-above headquarters will also be reduced in size by some 25 percent. For divisions, this means a reduction of about 225 Soldiers. For a corps-sized headquarters, this means about 222 Soldiers.

When determining which cuts to make, and where, the Army conducted environmental and socioeconomic analysis of reductions at its 30 largest installations. Additionally, the Army received more than 111,000 public comments on force structure changes. The Army also conducted "community listening" sessions at those installations to receive input from residents and civic leaders. More than 22,000 attended the listening sessions to provide input.

SEQUESTRATION

If sequestration continues, the Army is expected to shrink further to about 420,000 Soldiers -- a loss of an additional 30,000 Soldiers. George said that would happen after recently announced cuts were completed, so they would begin sometime in 2019. Citing earlier comments by the Army's chief of staff, George said cuts below 450,000 Soldiers "would be significant risk" for the Army in terms of meeting current combatant commander requirements and also "being ready for the unknowns."

"Certainly it's about choices, about where you apply forces and what you want those forces to do," George said.

The Army is able to now, and has been able in the past, respond to a variety of scenarios--and multiple scenarios at the same time. An end strength of 420,000 will mean this is no longer possible.

"The resulting force would be incapable of simultaneously meeting current deployment requirements and responding to the overseas contingency requirements of the combatant commanders," George said.

Under current reduction plans, the "Total Army," which includes the active force, Army National Guard and Army Reserve, will drop to 980,000 Soldiers. That includes 450,000 active Soldiers, 335,000 Army National Guard Soldiers and 195,000 Army Reserve Soldiers.

Were sequestration to continue unabated, the total Army end strength will drop by an additional 60,000 Soldiers. The Total Army would then stand at 420,000 active-duty Soldiers, 315,000 Army National Guard Soldiers, and 185,000 Army Reserve Soldiers.

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173rd Airborne Brigade, allies welcome incoming commander



(From left) Commander Col. Gregory Anderson, outgoing brigade commander Col. Michael Foster, Brigade Deputy Commander Lt. Col. Eric Baus and U.S. Army Europe Commanding General Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges review paratroopers July 9 during the brigade change of command ceremony at Caserma Del Din. The 173rd Airborne Brigade is the Army Contingency Response Force, capable of providing ready forces across the U.S. European, Africa and Central commands' areas of responsibility. (U.S. Army photo by Visual Information Specialist Paolo Bovo)

By Maj. **Michael J. Weisman**
173rd Airborne Brigade PAO

VICENZA - The 173rd Airborne Brigade conducted a change of command ceremony at Caserma Del Din here July 9 to transfer leadership from Col. Michael L. Foster to Col. Gregory K. Anderson.

Hosted by U.S. Army Europe Commanding General Lt. Gen. Ben Hodges, the ceremony included leaders from the following NATO allies:

- Czech Republic's 4th Rapid Deployment Brigade and 43rd Airborne Battalion
- Estonian Defense League
- French 11th Brigade Parachutiste
- German Luftlande Brigade 1
- Italian Folgore Brigade, the 4th and 7th Alpini Regiments and the Carabinieri
- Hungarian 26/88th Mixed Light Battalion

"As an enabler for our great alliance,

the 173rd is permanently scattered across Europe and beyond," said Hodges during his remarks. "It plays roles in nearly every major exercise and operations with allies, partners and other U.S. forces."

When Foster assumed command in summer of 2013, the brigade had just returned from its fifth deployment in 10 years to Afghanistan and Iraq. The Army was facing sequestration and reductions in troops and units, Foster said during his remarks, as Iraq and Afghanistan appeared to be winding down.

"The first thing that makes you a hollow force isn't an absence of money, people or equipment," said Foster. "It's a lack of mission. For the past two years, this brigade has had a good one. Ten of our companies and two of our battalions are currently deployed. But quite frankly, that's just another typical day for [the 173rd]."

While participating in exercises, the brigade re-invigorated previous partnerships with NATO units such as the

Polish 6th Airborne Brigade and Italian Folgore Brigade.

Foster also led the brigade through its transformation into the Army Contingency Response Force, a rapid-deployment unit capable of providing forces anywhere in the U.S. Army Europe, Africa or Central commands of responsibility in under 18 hours.

The 173rd is a recognized Armywide leader in readiness through Emergency Deployment Readiness Exercises and the culture of readiness that Foster brought to the team, said Hodges.

That response was tested first in February 2014, when Slovenia experienced its worst ice storm in a century, cutting electricity to thousands of homes. Having already established an active partnership with the Slovenian 1st Brigade, paratroopers from the brigade responded on no-notice to deliver generators and other

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Maj. Gen. Salim Mustafa Kijuu (left), land force commander of the Tanzanian People's Defence Force, and Maj. Gen. Darryl A. Williams, commander, U.S. Army Africa, render salutes during a welcome ceremony at Caserma Ederle, July 7. Kijuu and Brig. Gen. Zoma Mathik Kongo, director of operations for the TPDF, took part in a command-sponsored visit coordinated by U.S. Army Africa on behalf of the U.S. Army. (Photo by Sgt. Lance Pounds, U.S. Army Africa PAO)

Tanzanian military leaders visit U.S. Army Africa

By **Mike Whetston**
U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs

VICENZA – The air was filled with excitement and anticipation as senior officers from U.S. Army Africa prepared to receive and welcome senior land force leaders from Tanzania here July 7.

Maj. Gen. Salim Mustafa Kijuu, land force commander of the Tanzanian People's Defence Force, and Brig. Gen. Zoma Mathik Kongo, director of operations for the TPDF visited USARAF on the first leg of a command-sponsored visit coordinated by USARAF on behalf of the U.S. Army.

After a morning welcome ceremony in front of headquarters followed by an office call with Maj. Gen. Darryl A. Williams, USARAF commander, the two senior Tanzania land force leaders received a command briefing about USARAF followed by another session focusing on African Land Forces Summit 16 to be held in

Tanzania next year.

United States forces have an active relationship with Tanzania as USARAF co-hosted this year's Gender Mainstreaming Seminar in Tanzania. Next year, not only will Tanzania host ALFS, but also will be the location for the Eastern Accord 16 exercise and the Navy's Cutlass Express exercise.

After lunch, Kijuu and Kongo learned more about Eastern Accord 16 from USARAF exercise planners, including key decisions remaining on locations and timelines.

Participants then took a brief walk outside to visit the mobile forensics lab and to learn about its capabilities. The lab provides cutting-edge crime scene investigation capabilities that contribute to African partner nations' abilities to fight crime, violent extremist organizations and improve force protection. The labs have already been used extensively by U.S. forces in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Tanzanian leaders concluded the

afternoon with information briefings by USARAF on intelligence network analysis, environmental and humanitarian assistance programs, and civil affairs programs.

Follow-on stops for the Tanzanian land force leaders include U.S. Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany; the Joint Multinational Training Center in Grafenwoehr, Germany; and the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany, to observe facilities, programs and multinational training.

CSVs bring together senior land force commanders from nations around the world to discuss mutual security concerns and to increase interoperability. These visits help build partnerships over time and across echelons, the key concept behind USARAF's African Horizons strategy.

Kijuu is a graduate of the Army's Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

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life-saving equipment via a ground convoy through snowy conditions. The 173rd Airborne's readiness was tested again when Russia illegally annexed Crimea in 2014. On short notice, the Sky Soldiers deployed to Poland, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania in what is now a large-scale series of continuous exercises known as Operation Atlantic Resolve. The brigade also has a battalion deployed to Ukraine to train the newly formed Ukrainian national guard under the Congress-approved Fearless Guardian mission.

Additionally, paratroopers from 173rd

are deployed to Turkey to assure NATO collective defense, as part of Operation Active Fence, to mitigate potential spillover from the crisis in Syria.

"There are lots of reasons we could highlight as contributing to the successes of our companies and battalions, the first and foremost are clearly the great men and women who make up their ranks," said Foster. "But the most critical component setting them up for success over the past two years has been the support and understanding of our families."

Anderson arrives from his most recent assignment at the United States Army War College and previously com-

manded battalions at 10th Mountain Division, Fort Drum, N.Y., and 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga. Previous experiences in Europe include command of a company in 1st Armored Div., Friedberg, Germany, where he deployed multiple times to Bosnia in support of NATO missions.

"When America and NATO needed immediate leadership, courage and Soldiers to stand up lead against aggression," said Anderson, "they called upon the 173rd, something they have done consistently since the Vietnam War. I am incredibly honored to join this community."

Troops earn foreign jump wings in multinational event

By Sgt. James Avery
U.S. Army Africa Public Affairs

RUKLA, Lithuania - As the morning sun rose above the trees July 7 here at the range control station for the Great Lithuanian Hetman Jonas Radvila Training Regiment, U.S. Army and Lithuanian Land Forces Soldiers started suiting up for a foreign jump wings event.

The event would culminate in an awards ceremony presided over by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Ray Odierno. As U.S. Army jumpmasters assigned to Dog Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne) checked over the T-11 parachute packs alongside U.S. Army riggers, Lithuanian soldiers assigned to Algirdo Battalion donned the previously unfamiliar parachute system. Thanks to bilateral training, however, the now-combined U.S./Lithuanian force proved that through interoperability with NATO partnerships, barriers such as language and gear specifications could be overcome.

As final checks were made, the sound of helicopters slowly filled the air.



U.S. Army Sgt. 1st Class Angel Nicanor, left, Company D, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Infantry Brigade Combat Team (Airborne), assists Lithuanian Land Forces Pvt. Vidas Balezentis, a paratrooper assigned to Algirdo Battalion, with the fitting of his T-11 parachute during a multinational exercise. The exercise culminated in a foreign jump wings ceremony at the Great Lithuanian Hetman Jonas Radvila Training Regiment in Rukla, Lithuania, July 7.



U.S. Army UH-60M Black Hawk helicopters, operated by Company B, 43rd Assault Helicopter Battalion, 3rd Cavalry Regiment, 3rd Infantry Division, prepare to land and pick up their cargo -- a multinational force comprised of Co. D, 1st Bn. (Abn.), 503rd Inf. Regt., 173rd Infantry BCT (Abn.), and Lithuanian Land Forces Algirdo Battalion, at the Great Lithuanian Hetman Jonusas Radvila Training Regiment in Rukla, Lithuania, July 7.

Two UH-60M Black Hawk helicopters swooped in from the west and landed gently in an open area upwind from the staged paratroopers and 12 jumpers made for the helicopters in single file - two Lithuanian soldiers to every four Americans.

Lithuanian Sgt. 1st Class Rolanidas-Mencevicius smiled as he climbed into the helicopter.

"Because I have jumped with the Americans before, I know what to expect," Mencevicius said. "But some of us [Lithuanian soldiers] have not jumped with anyone else. This is a new experience for them and what they learn they can immediately put into practice."

Back in the setup area, Soldiers continued to don gear, check, re-check and then have a battle buddy check it again. Only then would a jumpmaster do a final check to ensure the safety of that trooper.

Spc. Sean Toohey checked to make sure his battle buddy Pfc. Willard Beaver's harness was snug and hooked on Beaver's reserve chute.

"We get to train a lot," said Toohey, a native of Leominster, Mass. "But when

you throw in jumping with someone who barely speaks your language, it makes things very interesting. Fortunately, everyone speaks 'Army,' and when you train together the same way, it just works."

The jumpmasters made final checks and secured their jumpers into the helicopters. The Black Hawks lifted off, ascending to around 1,200 feet and the paratroopers fell free into open air above a disused airstrip now used for training in Rukla.

One at a time, they fell from the helicopter-- rip cords pulled and chutes opened-- delivering the troopers back to terra firma. At once, they began to repack their chutes into large bags designed to carry the entire load of harness, T-11 chute and reserve chute.

The jumpers walked a short distance to waiting trucks, where they stowed their gear and made themselves for a rare ceremony on Lithuanian soil, made even more potent with the arrival of Odierno who, with the help of Lithuanian Land Forces Commander Maj. Gen. Almantas Leika as well as U.S. Army Europe Commander Lt.

Gen. Ben Hodges and 4th Infantry Division Mission Command Element Commander Brig. Gen. Mike Tarsa, presented troopers with foreign jump wings, respective to each nation.

"This is another example of the importance of us [NATO allies] training together," Odierno said. "Small unit is where our training starts. That's the most difficult part of being interoperable with other countries, being able to train at the lowest level."

U.S. Army Europe is leading Operation Atlantic Resolve enhanced land force multinational training and security cooperation activities taking place across Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania and Bulgaria to ensure multinational interoperability, strengthen relationships among allied militaries, contribute to regional stability and demonstrate U.S. commitment to NATO.

The United States and its NATO allies throughout the world train together with the hope that, if security becomes an issue, those allies will be able to work seamlessly with one another.

Army paratroopers take beach during exercise

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

USTKA, Poland - Paratroopers from 173rd Airborne Brigade's 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, participated in a joint, combined amphibious and air assault from ships in the Baltic Sea here as part of Exercise Baltic Operations 2015.

In its 43rd iteration on June 17, BALTOPS is a large-scale multinational maritime exercise spread over Germany, Poland, Sweden and throughout the Baltic Sea with some 5,600 troops from ground, maritime and air forces from 17 participating nations. The exercise enhances flexibility and interoperability, as well as demonstrates resolve of allied and partner forces to defend the Baltic region.

Paratroopers arrived in Ravlunda, Sweden, June 7, for several days of combined live-fire exercises with Swedish, Finnish and U.S. Marine forces. Through the course of the exercise, paratroopers lived aboard Royal British Navy's HMS Ocean to conduct various multinational amphibious and air-assault operations and expand the capabilities of airborne infantry.

"This is the first time many of us as paratroopers have had the opportunity to conduct airborne and amphibious operations from a naval vessel," said Capt. Matthew McCarthy, commander, Company D, 2nd Battalion. "This opportunity gives us added flexibility and more ways to project combat power into a wartime environment."

During the two-week event, paratroopers practiced boarding amphibious landing craft, movement in landing craft and ship-to-shore assaults to establish beachheads. To increase partner capacity and effectiveness, the Americans joined with Finnish marines from Nyland Brigade and the Finnish navy to enhance training opportunities for both sides.



Paratroopers from 173rd Airborne Brigade rehearse amphibious landings aboard a British navy landing craft in Ravlunda, Sweden, June 13, as part of Exercise Baltic Operations 2015.

"In the event of a real-world crisis, we need to know that our systems work and our methods are effective," said Lt. Junior Grade Daniel Forsell of the Finnish marines.

The integration with American forces provided a new and unique experience for all those involved.

"Our guys were very motivated to learn from our American friends, and we were happy to show them how we operate our procedures," Forsell said. "There is much to learn from each other, and together we enhance the defense of our countries."

After more than a week of shared learning and rehearsals, Sky Soldiers prepared for the main assault, June 17. Some paratroopers loaded into British CH-47 helicopters on the deck of the HMS Ocean to conduct air-assault raids to clear objectives in support of the beach landing, a task familiar to the paratroopers. Many of the paratroopers boarded British landing craft vehicles and joined the combined Marine force for the assault on the beach itself.

"We're sending a message to not only our allies, but the entire world," Mc-

Carthy said. "This exercise has once again demonstrated our ability to combine our assets and enhance our ability to secure peace and stability to the Baltic region."

While paratroopers here were assaulting a beach, other brigade paratroopers were conducting airfield seizures elsewhere in Poland and Lithuania as part of the related U.S. Army Europe-led multinational Exercise Saber Strike.

"Participating in exercises this large and diverse shows our flexibility and how we can contribute to the joint team and to the alliance," said Capt. Pat Leen, a plans officer for the event, from the 173rd.

The combined exercises also demonstrated interior lines through which NATO forces can quickly move within the alliance.

"Our paratroopers went from Italy to Sweden to conduct joint and combined planning, and then onto a British ship to conduct ship-to-shore and air assault operations into Poland," Leen said. "That highlights the freedom of maneuver within NATO."



A Soldier with Company D, 173rd Airborne Brigade, fires his weapon during a live-fire exercise in Tapa, Estonia, June 30. The live-fire exercise, joint training as part of Operation Atlantic Resolve, combined knowledge and skills of both American and Estonian military members. Joint training increases interoperability among NATO allies and allows them to defend themselves against all threats. (U.S. Army photo by Spc. Jacqueline Dowland, 13th Public Affairs Detachment)

Americans and Estonians create bond, grow together through joint training

By Spc. **Jacqueline Dowland**
13th Public Affairs Detachment

TAPA, Estonia - Though two forces from across the globe from one another may have dividing factors such as language barriers and differences in training or military tactics, the common bond of joint training builds a strong, united front against any adversaries they may face.

Soldiers with 173rd Airborne Brigade participated in a live-fire exercise at Tapa, Estonia, June 30. The live-fire exercise combined the knowledge and skills of both American and Estonian military as part of Operation Atlantic Resolve. Joint training increasing interoperability amongst the NATO allies allows them to defend themselves against all threats, and shows that the alliance remains ready to defend itself anywhere at any time. As the Estonian and American soldiers rushed forward and took cover behind protective barriers including wooden partitions and stacks of rubber tires, they depended on safety procedures and movement instructions given by both Estonian and American leaders--provided

beforehand to ensure the safety and competency of all involved.

"The American Army is an attacking force while we're a defending force," said Sgt. Juhan Nurk, 1st Brigade staff plans and operations noncommissioned officer, Estonian Defense Forces, and a native of Tallinn, Estonia. "Joint training like this is a good way to see how our fellow NATO brothers and sisters fight, and how their tactics differ from our tactics," said Nurk.

As the counterparts took turns conducting training in buddy teams, the hours of planning devoted toward making the mission a success proved fruitful as the allies were able to communicate and work together quickly and efficiently, working toward a shared goal.

"We talked about different ways we could integrate Estonian and American doctrines, and we came up with communication solutions such as color-coding lanes so we could move toward and obtain victory on the lane much quicker," said Capt. Matthew M. McCarthy, Destined Company commander with 173rd Airborne Brigade, and a native of Deerfield, Ill.

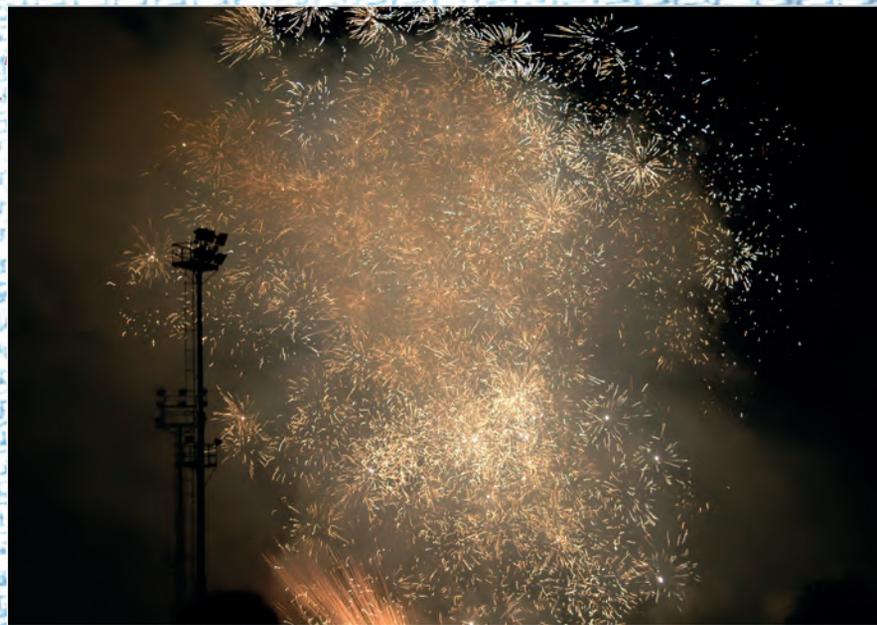
While the American soldiers have worked with allies from other nations, including the United Kingdom and Sweden, they reflect fondly on the interoperability gained from working side-by-side with the Estonian Land Forces.

"The diversity is the best part, learning from one another, and discovering that we're all here for the same reasons," said Pvt. Mike V. R. Bonham, an infantryman with 173rd Airborne Brigade, and a native of Fortuna, Calif. "The Estonians are consummate professionals, and I'm happy to be working with them," said McCarthy. "This joint training is great way to learn new things about your partners, as we each take things we learn to incorporate it into how we do things to make what we each bring to the fight even better and more effective."

Independence Day Celebration

Caserma Ederle opened up its gates to Italian neighbors to help celebrate United States independence. Thousands of Italians and Americans joined together July 2 for an evening of good food, great music and exciting fireworks. (Photos by Mike Wheston, USARAF PAO, and Paul J. Stevenson, USAG Vicenza PAO)





Sky Soldiers remember history with building dedication

By Maj. **Michael J. Weisman**
173rd Airborne Brigade PAO

VICENZA - The fitness center and pool on Caserma Del Din here were renamed after three notable paratroopers from 173rd Airborne Brigade's history in a ceremony July 8.

The fitness center was dedicated as Judd-Metcalf Fitness Center, in honor of 1st Lt. Donald Judd and Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Metcalfe. Both men posthumously received the Silver Star for acts of heroism while serving with the brigade in combat in Vietnam and Afghanistan, respectively. The pool was named for 1st Lt. David Bernstein, who also received the Silver Star posthumously for his actions in Iraq.

"Three different paratroopers, three very different life stories, three different conflicts over very different times and circumstances," said Col. Michael Foster, commander, 173rd Abn. Bde. during his remarks. "Three legendary men, who so rightfully deserve this honor."

Despite serving in different conflicts in the brigade's history, Foster pointed to a common thread found in each of their stories.

"Whether it was Vietnam, Afghanistan or Iraq," said Foster, "each of these brave leaders, with platoons of paratroopers counting on them to set the example, gave the enemy everything they had, ignoring their own wounds and continuing to fight until they gave their last full measure."

While deployed to Vietnam with the brigade's 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment in 1967, Judd's company was engaged by two battalions of North Vietnamese troops. While rallying his troops, Judd continuously exposed himself to intense enemy fire while leaving his position to evacuate wounded paratroopers and bring them within the platoon's perimeter, according to the Silver Star citation. Even while mortally wounded, Judd continued to lead his paratroopers.



Families of 1st Lt. Donald Judd and Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Metcalfe unveil a plaque named in honor of their loved ones July 8 during a building dedication ceremony by 173rd Airborne Brigade at Caserma Del Din, Vicenza. The building is named after the two paratroopers from the brigade posthumously awarded the Silver Star for Valor: Judd, killed in Vietnam in 1967, and Metcalfe, killed in Afghanistan in 2012. (U.S. Army photo by Visual Information Specialist Paolo Bovo)

"Don was very proud to be a Sky Soldier," said Mary York, his widow, while speaking at the ceremony. "You are also honoring all those who died in Dak To, Vietnam, 48 years ago."

Metcalfe served multiple tours in the brigade during his career, deploying three times with 2nd Bn. to Afghanistan. While on a mission with Afghan troops in 2012, the enemy ambushed his platoon at close range. Despite multiple wounds, Metcalfe continued to fight and killed one of the enemy attempting to maneuver onto his platoon.

Metcalfe loved serving with the brigade and being with paratroopers, said Vesna Metcalfe, his widow. "This shows the brigade remembers its fallen," she said during her remarks.

After each family spoke, they unveiled the plaque in the building's atrium together.

In addition to naming the building itself, the brigade also dedicated the Judd-Metcalf Fitness Center's pool as the Bernstein Pool, after 1st Lt. David Bernstein. Bernstein, a member of the swim team at the United States Military Academy, received the Silver Star for his actions in Iraq.

Bernstein was a platoon leader in Iraq in 2003 with the brigade's 1st Bn., 508th Inf. Regt. (now the 1st Bn., 503rd Inf. Regt.), when the enemy ambushed his convoy with rocket-propelled grenades

and intense automatic weapons fire. Bernstein's humvee rolled over during the attack and, despite being mortally wounded by enemy fire, he managed to free his trapped driver and continue fighting.

"David would have just loved this pool," said Rich Bernstein, his father, to the crowd of paratroopers, families and friends of the brigade. "His platoon might not have, as he would have led them during [physical training sessions] here."

The Bernstein family then led the crowd to the pool area, where they unveiled the plaque in honor of their son.

The 173rd moved its headquarters and three of its battalions here when the base opened in 2013. Formerly a commercial airfield, the base is named in honor of Renato Del Din, an Italian infantry officer and partisan during World War II killed during a raid and posthumously awarded the Italian Gold Medal for Valor.

"The Army has a long and proud history of naming buildings, forts and structures after our fallen heroes," said Foster. "When we do this our intent is to provide a lasting honor and tribute to that person's action, service and often their bravery. But it is also done to present our heroes in a way that may inspire others."



Lt. Col. Jason Alvis receives 839th colors from Col. Layton Dunbar, commander, 598th Transportation Brigade, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, Sembach Kaserne, Germany, during the change of command ceremony held at Camp Darby's post gym July 2. (Photo by Vincenzo Vititello, Training Support Specialist, TSC LivornoJMTC, TSAE, RTSD South)

839th Transportation Battalion bids farewell, welcomes new leader

By **Chiara Mattiolo**
DMC Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Sidney Harris relinquished command of 839th Transportation Battalion to Lt. Col. Jason Alvis in a ceremony July 2 at Camp Darby's post gymnasium.

The ceremony was officiated by Col. Layton Dunbar, commander, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command's 598th Transportation Brigade, Sembach Kaserne, Germany. Dunbar emphasized the importance of the battalion's mission.

"This unit is unique in its mission, unique in its location, unique in its size, unique in its diversity," he said.

Outgoing commander Harris said the role of the 839th so often goes unnoticed.

"This unit has routinely accomplished all those tasks that everyone just assumes get done by somebody but (people) never really thinks about unless they aren't accomplished.

These include the oversight of contracted movement of household goods and privately owned vehicles, tracking cargo through almost 200 active ports and movement of the stuff you see every day on the shelves at the PX and commissaries," he said. Other duties performed, Harris added, were more evident and noticeable.

"This unit enabled victory over the worst Ebola epidemic, we were called to support the defense of NATO allies in Turkey, we oversaw the retrograde of MRAP [mine-resistant ambush protected] vehicles from Afghanistan, moved millions of pounds of explosives in support of (European Command), we have imported/exported thousands of pieces of Army pre-positioned stock in support of (Army Materiel Command), just to mention some of the incredible duties of this unit."

Harris moves on to the 1st Theater Sustainment Command at Fort Bragg, N.C. Alvis comes to Camp Darby from Australia where he was the U.S. Exchange Officer at the Army Logistics Training

Center at Gaza Ridge Barracks, Victoria. A native of Cheney, Wash., Alvis graduated from Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa, Idaho, with a Bachelor of Arts in speech communication and an Associate of Arts in Christian service. Upon graduation Alvis attended the Transportation Officer Basic Course and was commissioned and assigned to Fort Carson, Colo.

Alvis, who is accompanied by his wife Jewel and three children, said he is excited to be in Italy.

"I know I have plenty to learn but am confident that the professionalism and teamwork of the 839th will help flatten that learning curve and continue delivering the battalion's trusted legacy into the future," he said. "I --we-- are already proud to be part of this unit and its great mission across an expansive area of operations. Key to the Mediterranean! *Chiave per il Mediterraneo!*"

VMC says good-bye to Health Center commander as new leader takes reigns



U.S. Army Health Center – Vicenza Commander Lt. Col. Brian Bender, left, accepts the guidon from Landstuhl Regional Medical Center Commander Col. James Laterza during a change of command ceremony July 1 in Vicenza. Col. Andrew Barr, outgoing commander, and Sgt. First Class Marquisha Battle look on.

Story and photo by

Aaron P. Talley

USAG Vicenza PAO

VICENZA – The sun shone brightly on the formation of troops lined up on the parade grounds here as the U.S. Army Health Clinic – Vicenza welcomed its newest commander during a change of command ceremony July 1 on Hoekstra Field.

Lt. Col. Brian Bender assumed command from Col. Andrew Barr, who commanded the Health Center for the past 24 months. The ceremony was officiated by Landstuhl Regional Medical Center Commander Col. James Laterza, who passed the guidon from one commander to the next. Sgt. First Class Marquisha Battle served as the commander of troops. During his remarks, Laterza give high praise to Barr on a job well done. “Colonel Barr is one of those commanders that has taken on every challenge we have put before him, and excelled,” he said. “He can take

pride in the fact that he is leaving a legacy and a positive mark on this great community during a time of unprecedented change.”

Barr made sure to thank the many people who helped him during his time in command in Vicenza. He also emphasized how grateful he was to be able to serve the members of this community.

“We serve the greatest country on earth and live in the most beautiful,” Barr said. “The past two years have been a time of intense challenge for the health center and this community. Serving as the commander of this great organization has been the highest honor of my career and I am honored and humbled to stand before you. I am richer for the experience and hope that you are as well.”

Barr will attend the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., before taking command of the Womack Army Medical Center at Fort Bragg, N.C. Bender most recently served as executive officer for the Western Regional Medical Command at

Fort Lewis, Wash. He also served previously as the Deputy Commander for Administration at the SHAPE and NATO Health Clinics in Belgium.

“In your new role as Vicenza commander,” Laterza said to the new commander, “you have a great mantle of responsibility, but one you are well prepared for. Command will challenge and satisfy you in many ways, and we know that you will flourish.”

Bender said he is looking forward to an exciting tour as commander of the U.S. Army Health Center – Vicenza. He added he and his family are thankful to be in Vicenza.

“We understand the unique strategic missions of U.S. Army Africa and the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team,” he said, “and look forward to supporting the Vicenza and Livorno Military Communities.”

He concluded his remarks by stating the medical command motto as his predecessor and commander had just done.

“Serving to heal, honored to serve.”

Antiterrorism Month brings 1980s kidnapping survivor to speak in Vicenza

By **Jesse D. Markham**
Antiterrorism Officer USAG Vicenza

Being kidnapped and held in captivity for 42 days in the 1980s by the Italian Red Brigades has made retired Maj. Gen. James Dozier one of the most well-known names in the anti-terrorism world, and the Vicenza Military Community is going to have the opportunity to hear him speak Aug. 6.

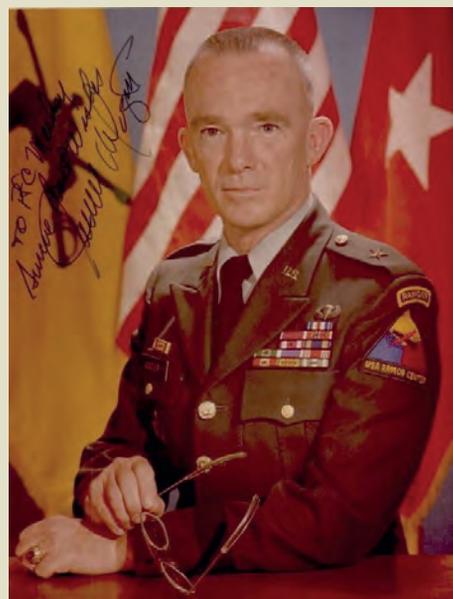
As part of Antiterrorism Awareness Month, the former deputy chief of staff of NATO's Southern European Land Forces Headquarters in Verona will be featured as guest speaker in the post theater from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Dozier's legendary story began in December 1981, when he was kidnapped from his apartment -- and his wife left bound and chained -- by the Red Brigades, one of the most feared terrorist organizations of the time. During the ordeal, a statement to the press by the militant left-wing organi-

zation stated that they were justified in their abduction of an American general because of the relationship between the United States and Italian governments.

The audience at the theater will learn more as the general recounts his story via Power Point presentation. The presentation will show events leading up to the abduction, the actual kidnapping, his treatment and strategy for survival, and eventual rescue by Italian authorities.

Mistreatment of Dozier included such things as his right wrist and left ankle being chained to a steel cot placed under a small tent; being forced to live under a "never-extinguished" glare of an electric bulb; and being required to wear earphones and listen to extremely loud music.

Italian authorities conducted what has been dubbed as "the largest man hunt in Italian history," according to Time Magazine, and eventually found Dozier on January 28, 1982. A special operations unit of the Italian police



successfully carried out his rescue from an apartment in Padua, without firing a shot and capturing the entire terrorist cell. The guard assigned to kill the captive in the event of a rescue attempt did not do so, and was overwhelmed by the rescuing force. To date, Dozier is the only American flag officer to have been captured by a terrorist group.

A dynamic speaker known throughout Italy, Dozier has many lessons learned that will benefit all who attend.

50 years: Army Community Service continues to enhance military lives

By **Jessica Ryan**
U.S. Army Installation Management Command



SAN ANTONIO – In 1967, Hester Ruth Francis was living with her parents in a dilapidated, three-room cabin in rural Kentucky while her husband, Pvt. Sterling R. Francis, was stationed in South Korea. The cabin did not even have indoor plumbing or central heat.

Money was clearly an issue for the Francis couple -- especially with a newborn on the way. Hester already accrued out-of-pocket medical expenses and needed a military identification card to receive necessary health benefits. Unable to travel to obtain her card, she contacted the Army, specifically the commander in chief, to see what could be done.

Army Community Service at Fort Knox, Ky., stepped in. An emergency mission, dubbed "Operation Tomahawk" (named after Hester's town of Tomahawk, Ky.), assigned Maj. Raymond M. Marsh, the Army Community Service center chief, and a photographer to travel to her home -- via 17th Air Cavalry

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1965

"IF THE ARMY WANTED YOU TO HAVE A FAMILY IT WOULD HAVE ISSUED YOU ONE"

Changing attitudes, changing needs: By the Vietnam era, a significant number of Soldiers had Families. They faced typical problems—financial, medical and personal—and the stresses of wartime service. In 1965, the Army created a structured program to help commanders maintain readiness by delivering services promoting Family self-reliance, resiliency and stability during war and peace: Army Community Service.



LIEUTENANT COLONEL EMMA MARIE BAIRD

Lt. Col. Emma Marie Baird is considered the mother of ACS. During her 24-year military career, she served in the Women's Army Corps, worked in Army Emergency Relief during WWII, and became the first woman assigned to the U.S. Military Academy staff. Because of her experience in AER, she was selected to create the Army's official Family assistance program in the early 1960s. After her retirement in 1968, Baird remained active with ACS programs throughout the country – especially at Fort Bliss, Texas, where she regularly volunteered her time. She passed away in 1987.

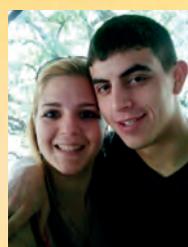


Since 1979 ■ Exceptional Family Member Program Established as the Handicapped Dependents Program. Provides comprehensive and coordinated services to special needs Families

Danisha Mateo Santos is the mother of two boys with autism, ages 4 and 1. When her husband, Spc. Juan Mateo Santos moved to the Presidio of Monterey, California, EFMP and its System Navigators helped the Family find the services they needed from state and local programs and school systems. The EFMP also teaches parents and holds events like adaptive trick-or-treating for the Families. "Mrs. Moseley and her staff take pride in helping us with all our needs. Whether it's being an advocate or counselor, they are always there to help."



Since 1984 ■ Financial Readiness Program Offers training and counseling on saving, debt elimination, investing and goal setting



"She assisted us with several financial issues to include travel debts, student loans going into default, and a lot of other mistakes we made when we were young. We've reduced our debt by over \$16,000. My husband's credit scores have improved 126 points in one year going from 513 to 639 and are still rising. We now have over \$2,000 in an emergency savings fund and working on purchasing our first home."

Spc. Justin and Barbara Boyd, Fort Jackson, South Carolina

Since 1993 ■ Army Family Team Building Trains Family members in self-reliance and helps them understand Army culture



Marie Balocki began as a volunteer in the Army Family Team Building program in 1993. As her family changed duty stations, she continued to volunteer. Today she holds the highest civilian general schedule rank, GS-15, as executive director for the Department of Defense Office for Reintegration Programs. "I can't get across the impact that volunteering in ACS has had on my life. The foundation that I have gotten is what has given me the confidence to apply for each step I have taken. I would not be sitting here but for the skills I acquired and the folks that mentored me along the way."

1965: AR 608-1, "Army Community Service," published on November 19.

1972: First class of ACS trainees graduate from the Academy of Health Sciences

1984: Secretary of the Army John White and Gen. John A. Wickham, Jr., Chief of Staff, declare the Year of the Army Family.

1965: First ACS Centers established

Since 1978 ■ Relocation Assistance

Since 1985 ■ Installation Volunteer Coordinators

Since 1965 ■ Community Information Services

Since 1983 ■ Army Family Action Plan

Since 1989 ■ Relocation Readiness Program

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GARRISON
ACS CENTERS
TODAY

Since 1978 ■ Budget counseling and debt liquidation
Now part of the Financial Readiness Program

695 AFAP ISSUES
WERE THE DRIVING FORCE BEHIND ENACTMENT OF
128 PIECES OF LEGISLATION
186 ARMY & DOD POLICY CHANGES
210 IMPROVED PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Since 1994 ■ Transitional Compensation Program for Abused Dependents
Temporary relief for Families of Soldiers convicted of dependent abuse

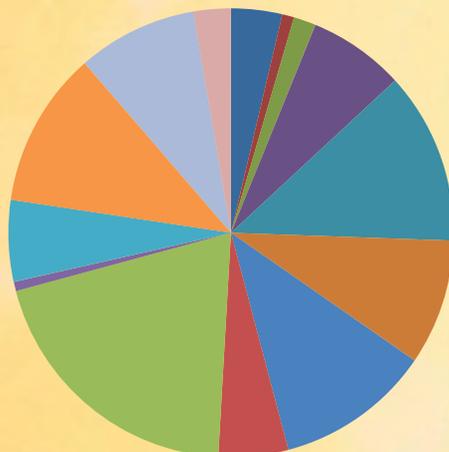
Since 1978 ■ Family Advocacy Program
Launched as Army Child Advocacy Program.
Domestic violence and child abuse prevention

Since 1995 ■ New Parent Support Program

Since 1992 ■ Mobilization and Deployment Readiness

Since 2001 ■ Emergency Family Assistance Centers
Respond to deployments, natural disasters or catastrophic events

- Army Emergency Relief
- Army Family Action Plan
- Army Family Team Building
- Army Volunteer Corps
- Employment Readiness
- Exceptional Family Member Program
- Family Advocacy
- Financial Readiness
- Information and Referral
- Master Resilience Training
- Mobilization and Deployment
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- Soldier & Family Assistance Centers
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Unit briefings,
Military Family Life
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SEACs

"THE STRENGTH OF THE NATION IS THE ARMY. THE STRENGTH OF THE ARMY IS THE SOLDIER.
THE STRENGTH OF THE SOLDIER IS THE FAMILY."
- Gen. Ray Odierno, 38th Chief of Staff of the Army

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IN ITS 50TH YEAR,

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE THROUGH PROGRAMS AND VOLUNTEERS WILL TOUCH 16 MILLION TIMES

SOLDIERS, FAMILY MEMBERS, SURVIVORS, CIVILIANS AND VETERANS MORE THAN

Since 2002 ■ **Employment Readiness program**
Serves Family members, active and reserve component Soldiers, wounded warriors, retirees and Army civilians



"Stacey, the Employment Readiness Program Manager, gave me the confidence to shoot a little higher and apply for jobs that, at first, I thought were out of my experience range. She told me to volunteer because that will help me broaden my job experience and she was right! My volunteer experience is why I was offered the job!"

Valerie Collins,
Fort Polk, Louisiana

Since 2004 ■ **Victim Advocacy Program**
Provides non-clinical advocacy services and support to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault

"When the day came that my husband crossed a line we could never come back from, the victim advocates at Fort Stewart, Georgia, became the only lifeline I could hold onto. Going to court with me, calling to make sure I was OK, and valiantly fighting for my rights made all the difference in me getting through it. When we got our letter approving us for Transitional Compensation, it saved our lives. My children and I now have an actual chance at regaining our lives. I had been certain everyone had completely forgotten we existed. Thank you so much for proving me wrong. Thank you so much for giving me my life back and my children a chance at happiness again."

Since 2008 ■ **Soldier and Family Assistance Center**
Supports Warriors in Transition and their Families in a consolidated facility



"We first heard about the SFAC when we went to the Warrior Transition Battalion on Fort Bragg. The SFAC set us up with childcare during my husband's medical appointments, and they also planned activities to make our Family feel special. We would still be lost in the dark if it wasn't for their help and assistance."

Sgt. Christopher and Amy Robbins,
Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Since 2002 ■ **Military Spouse Employment Partnership**
Launched as Army Spouse Employment, became a DoD-wide program in 2011 in support of the White House's Joining Forces initiative

Since 2004 ■ **Virtual Family Readiness Group**

Since 2008 ■ **Survivor Outreach Services**
Fulfills the promise to honor Survivors and let them remain part of the Army Family as long as they desire.

Since 2005 ■ **Sexual Assault Response Program**



Since 2005 ■ **Military and Family Life Counselor Program**
Non-clinical, short-term counseling

Since 2010 ■ **Master Resilience Training**
335 ACS MASTER RESILIENCE TRAINERS

Since 2005 ■ **Volunteer Management Information System**

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STAND-ALONE SURVIVOR OUTREACH SERVICES CENTERS

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SMARTPHONE APPS
■ Money Matters
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■ Army Family Team Building

Since 2007 ■ **EFMP Respite Care**
Support and relief for special needs families

2014: **Total Army Strong**
Reaffirms Army's commitment to the total Army family and sets the foundation for a balanced system of programs and services

Since 2002 ■ **Army Volunteer Corps** Unites volunteers and organizations using volunteers

2008: **Army Community Covenant**

Since 2004 ■ **Army OneSource**
Online service launched as MyArmyLifeToo, later Multi-Component Family Support Network

Since 2009 ■ **EFMP Systems Navigators**

2009: **Congress declares the Year of the Military Family**

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Since 2006 ■ **Army OneSource Community Support Coordinators**
Builds partnerships for state and local resources for Army Families.

“The stronger the family the stronger the Army, because strong families improve our combat readiness.”
- Gen. John Wickham, 30th Chief of Staff of the Army

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ACS: 50 years

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helicopter. Bringing along a typewriter, laminating machine and a camera with instant film processing capabilities, Marsh produced and issued her an ID card in her kitchen. Days later, she gave birth to a healthy baby boy.

This is one of the first publicized stories of ACS's remarkable commitment and service to Soldiers and their family members. This month, the program celebrates its 50th birthday. While military communities have evolved over the years, ACS is still dedicated to its motto: "Real-Life Solutions for Successful Army Living."

"ACS is a group of professionals dedicated to relieving some of the burden our Soldiers and their families carry every day," said Stephanie L. Hoehne, the G9 Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation director for the U.S. Army Installation Management Command. The program's formal conception started in the early 1960s. By then, services like Army Emergency Relief already existed. However, as the military entered into the Vietnam War, Soldier and their family member needs changed. Lt. Gen. J.L. Richardson, Army Deputy Chief of Staff Personnel, took action to establish an official "family assistance" program in 1963. The program's philosophy, it

was decided, would be of evaluation, not revolution.

Under the guidance of Army Regulation 608-1, the Army developed programming based on the diverse needs of military families, and the program continued to evolve.

Marie Balocki, executive director for Department of Defense Office for Reintegration Programs, recalled the early years of Army Family Team Building, which came into effect in the 1980s. A military spouse and mother of three young children, she answered a newspaper ad for an AFTB office manager position at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

Her duties included logging instructors' hours, scheduling classes and filling in when instructors were absent. To fully understand her volunteers' needs, she signed up for instructor training. It sounded like a great opportunity except for one caveat: She was "scared to death" to give presentations in front of people. Looking back, Balocki remarked on how AFTB changed her life.

"The foundation that I got from AFTB is what gave me the confidence and skills needed for each step I have taken [in my professional career]," she said.

As the new millennium started, ACS programming evolved to meet the needs of a more technologically advanced and geographically dispersed society. Army OneSource, a web por-

tal with program resources, launched in 2008. Other online resources such as Virtual Army Family Readiness Groups also became available.

The 2000s were also a time of major conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan. This impacted military families as more wounded Soldiers came home. Development of Soldier and Family Assistance Centers, facilities providing direct support for the Medical Command's Warrior Care and Transition Program and Warrior Transition Unit Soldiers and their families, began in 2007.

Today, there are 75 ACS centers worldwide in addition to 25 SFACs and eight standalone SOS centers.

"Just as we supported Ms. Hester Francis in 1967, ACS will be there with the Army Family and adapt to meet their needs," said Lynn McCollum, the G9 Family Programs director at IMCOM.

"As we celebrate the 50th birthday, we will continue that original mission to help our Army Families remain Army Strong."

Upcoming ACS Birthday Events:

July 22, Ederle ACS, 2-3:30 p.m.

Travel back in time to the 1965 Grand Opening!

July 23, Del Din ACS, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
All Soldiers are welcome for a birthday BBQ!

July 24, Ederle ACS, 1-3 p.m.

Join us for a birthday Ice Cream Social!

Running of the Herd



Photos by **Paolo Bovo**
Visual Information Specialist

Paratroopers, families and friends of the 173rd Airborne Brigade participate in the Running of the Herd July 8 at Caserma Del Din, Vicenza. The overnight race is an annual tradition in the brigade and is run in honor of Sky Soldiers who gave their lives while fighting in World War II, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan.



(Right) First Lt. Joseph Pastrovich, 731st Munitions Squadron, has his blood pressure measured by Nurse Norman Kirshbaum during the Healthy Lifestyle Festival at the Livorno Commissary July 9.

Livorno Commissary features Healthy Lifestyle Festival

Story and photo by
Chiara Mattiolo
 DMC Public Affairs

Through Healthy Lifestyle Festivals, commissaries worldwide are joining forces this summer with their military communities to spotlight health and wellness choices for military service members and their families.

Livorno Commissary celebrated their festival July 9 and 10, and other events are promoted throughout the rest of the month in 234 commissary locations around the world.

This year's theme is "It's Your Choice, Make it Healthy." Highlights of events include farmers' markets at commissaries, sidewalk sales of fitness apparel and equipment at exchanges, and fitness and active-lifestyle demonstrations by morale, welfare and recreation services.

"The farmer's market offered a healthy free lunch option for all of our customers," said Giuseppe Ricci, Camp Darby commissary manager. "In addition to that, there was a fun watermelon contest, and a Zumba lesson to promote a healthy lifestyle."

With the support of Camp Darby's health clinic personnel, the event also offered a blood pressure measurement.

"This popular, fun-filled annual festival helps us showcase the healthy lifestyle products we carry within the commissaries," said Tracie Russ, Defense Commissary Agency's director of sales.

The winning team of paratroopers from 173rd Airborne Brigade's 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment crosses the finish line.



Speak Out

What is your best tip for a fun, yet safe, summer?



Senior Master Sgt. **Derryl Bryant**
 731st Munitions Squadron
"My tip will be to plan ahead."



Spc. **Micah Robinson**
 Livorno Health Clinic
"Always stay hydrated."



Michelle Miller-Jackson
 SAIC contractor
"Get friends and go out to experience Europe. It's so amazing!"

700 students earn scholarship awards

By **Mike Perron**
DeCA Public Affairs Specialist

FORT LEE, Va. –Seven hundred students of military families will each receive a \$2,000 scholarship this year thanks to the 2015 Scholarships for Military Children program.

The scholarship, created in 2001, recognizes the contributions of military families to the readiness of the fighting force and celebrates the commissary's role in enhancing military quality of life.

"The scholarship program helps improve educational opportunities for military children," said Marye Carr, Defense Commissary Agency liaison for the program. "At DeCA we are proud to be a small part of honoring the best and the brightest young students in our military communities." No government funds are used to support the program. DeCA's industry partners — vendors, manufacturers, brokers, suppliers — and the general public donate money to fund the program, and every dollar donated goes directly to funding the scholarships.

"I've always been amazed and impressed with the intelligence, the creativity and the dedication, the pursuit of scholastic excellence shown by these students," said Michael J. Dowling, DeCA deputy director and chief operating Officer.



"Our stores host awards ceremonies for scholarship recipients," Dowling added, "and we all recognize the support of the many folks — our industry partners and the Fisher House Foundation — for making the scholarship possible."

The scholarship program is administered by Fisher House Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides assistance to service members and their families.

"The competition among applicants was keen," said Fisher House Foundation Vice President Jim Weiskopf. "Those who were selected had excellent grades, had leadership positions in school extracurricular activities and were active volunteers in their communities. Some had full-time or part-time work experience. All wrote thoughtful, well-researched essays."

Four thousand applications were submitted for this year's scholarships. The number of scholarship awards each year is based on funds available, but the program awards at least \$2,000 at each military commissary. If there are no eligible applicants from a given commissary, the funds designated for that commissary are awarded as an additional scholarship at a different store.

Planning for next year's program is under way, and an announcement of open dates to apply is usually made in the fall.

"For the coming year's scholarship program, we will remind students the program is open with banners at commissary entrances," said Carr.

Applications will be available in commissaries worldwide and online at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>. To apply for a scholarship, a student must be a dependent, unmarried child, younger than 21 — or 23, if already enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university — of a service member on active duty, reservist, guardsman, retiree or survivor of a military member who died while on active duty or survivor of a retiree.

Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current military ID card.



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HSBC scholarships for military spouses, veterans

Starting in the fall 2015 semester, HSBC North America will be awarding scholarships to military spouses and veterans through the HSBC Military Scholarship. To qualify, students must be enrolled in an undergraduate degree-seeking program at University of Maryland University College with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher. Scholarship recipients will receive \$3,000—\$1,500 for each semester—to cover a portion of their UMUC educational expenses.

Eligibility criteria

UMUC and HSBC welcome applications from all qualified candidates. To qualify, students must:

- Be the legal spouse of an active-duty servicemember or activated Guard or Reserve member; or an honorably discharged veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces.
- Be currently enrolled in six credits in an undergraduate degree-seeking program at UMUC, with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Scholarship award

UMUC reserves the right to withhold funding if any of the required scholarship eligibility criteria is not met. Students may use the HSBC scholarship in addition to the Post-9/11 GI Bill and other VA education benefits. However, UMUC reserves the right to make reductions to a scholarship award if it is determined the recipient is receiving additional financial aid that, when coupled with this scholarship, exceeds financial eligibility limits.

How to apply

- **Complete the FAFSA:** The Free Application for Federal Student Aid, known as the FAFSA, is required for most UMUC scholarships. When you apply for financial aid, you will automatically be pre-screened for scholarship eligibility. (See instructions on how to apply for financial aid at UMUC.)
- **Wait for Notification:** If you're eligible for a UMUC scholarship, you will be contacted. Students who have met the minimum GPA and credit requirements will receive an e-mail notifying them of scholarship eligibility via the "To Do" list in MyUMUC.
- **Complete the UMUC Scholarship Application:** You will be sent a link via the "To Do" list.

Please note that scholarship awards are based on funding availability. If someone is notified of their eligibility, he/she must complete the scholarship application in MyUMUC as soon as possible.

Community news briefs

Vicenza Dental Clinic CoC

The Vicenza Dental Clinic is holding a change of command ceremony on July 29 at 10 a.m. on Hoekstra Field. The entire community is invited to attend. Please RSVP by July 20 at DSN 636-9835.

Del Din mosquito spraying

DPW will be spraying for mosquitoes on Del Din July 23, 4-8 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.

Pass and Badge Office

The Pass and Badge Office at Bldg. 4B will be closed July 22-28. For assistance with base access for all U.S. personnel, go to the IACS office at the Central Processing Facility. For other assistance, see the Military Police desk sergeant at Bldg. 4B. The office will re-open with normal business hours July 29 at 8:30 a.m.

New NCOER community training

USARAF G1 is conducting training on the new NCOER to ensure all personnel within the community are trained prior to the Jan. 1 start date. This training will take place at the Caserma Ederle Post Theater and is available for all NCOs, raters and senior raters (military and civilian). Sessions will take place July 20 and 31 and Aug. 14. All of the sessions will cover the same material and are from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call DSN 634-8154 or e-mail: bryan.l.novak.mil@mail.mil.

USAG Vicenza CoC

Mark your calendars for Aug. 28, when the U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza will be holding a change of command ceremony at 9 a.m. on Hoekstra Field. A reception will follow at 10 a.m. Bid farewell to Col. Robert L. Menist Jr. and welcome new Garrison Commander Col. Steven M. Marks.

Auditions for 'Perpetual Laughter'

It's not too soon to make plans for the first show of the Soldiers' Theatre 2015-2016 season. "Perpetual Laughter" is a production of short comedies where laughter is the prime ingredient. A delicious mix of the absurd and the mundane with a twist of joy, this play is just pure fun. Each short comedy explores a slice of life and includes stories that are as much fun for the actors as they are for the audience! No experience is necessary. Auditions are Aug. 24. Performances will be Sept. 25-Oct. 4.

New Logistics Readiness Center office

The LRC Italy Production Control Office services for maintenance will now be provided at Building 204 on Ederle. Bldg. 204 is located near the AAFES garage and the Staff Judge Advocate offices. New phone numbers will follow.

Relay for Life

Are you a survivor? Your friends from Aviano Air Force Base want to celebrate life and your fight against cancer. We would like to invite you to our "Relay for Life" event to honor you and your caretakers. Relay for Life is a fun-filled overnight event designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for cancer research and programs through the American Cancer Society. The event will take place Aug. 7-8. For more information, call 338-548-8572 or send an e-mail to AvianoRelayforLife@yahoo.com.

Passport delays

The Department of State has put out an advisory that, due to a systems-related problem, there is a substantial backlog in passport and Consular Report of Birth Abroad production at passport agencies in the United States. Priority is being given to resolving this problem but a delay of 6-10 weeks processing time is expected. They regret the inconvenience and will post any developments.

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 July 22, 8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m. Call DSN 634-5998 or comm. 0444-71-5998 for more information.

Summer fun, summer swim

The Vicenza Mako Sharks are sponsoring swim classes at the Caserma Ederle Post Pool, Tues.-Fri., July 21-Aug. 21. Advanced class 8-9:15 a.m. and Beginner/Intermediate class 9:30-10:30 a.m. For more info, e-mail makosharkscoach@gmail.com or makosharkspresident@gmail.com.

Dining facility information

The South of the Alps Dining facility at Caserma Ederle will be closed until Sept. 30. Meals will be provided at the Caserma Del Din DFAC for Soldiers who 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.

College fall registration

Fall registration is here at UMUC and CTC College. In-classroom classes begin Aug. 17. Both academic and financial aid counseling are available in Bldg. 126, or by calling UMUC at DSN 634-8927, comm. 0444 71 8927, and CTC College at DSN 634-8037, comm. 0444 71 6514.

Emergency Operations number

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

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

Your announcement here

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

Maternal health education

The Vicenza Health Center is offering classes for expectant parents every Wednesday morning and afternoon. Wednesday mornings from 8 to 9 a.m. is "Pregnancy thru Postpartum." From 12:30 to 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 is a three-week series on childbirth. No formal signup is required, and all expectant parents are welcome at any time. 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 operating hours

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 United States. Hours are: Mondays closed, Tuesday-Thursday 1-8 p.m.; Friday-Saturday 1-9 p.m.; Sundays 3-8 p.m. For more information, call 0444-71-7156. Anyone can "like" the Vicenza USO on Facebook at www.facebook.com/vicenzauso.

Medical Benvenuti for beneficiaries

The Vicenza Health Clinic is holding an information brief for beneficiaries in the Health Center second floor training classroom Oct. 15, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Registration is required, call DSN 637-9761 or comm. 0444-61-9761.

Product recalls

The following are product safety recalls issued by the Consumer Product Safety Commission:

- Colnago: bicycles and frame kits due to crash hazard
- Coulter Ventures: MobilityWOD door anchors due to injury hazard; sold exclusively at Rogue Fitness
- Bunnies by the Bay: pull toys due to choking hazard
- Ramart: swing chairs due to fall hazard; sold exclusively at HomeGoods Stores
- Walgreens: vitamins by International Vitamin due to failure to meet child-resistant closure requirement
- Monogram beverage mugs recalled by Tri-Vista Designs due to fire hazard; sold exclusively at Kirklands
- Pali Design: children's furniture due to tip-over, impact, suffocation hazards
- Bariatric Fusion: bags of Soft Chews Iron with Vitamin C due to failure to meet child-resistant closure requirement
- Big Lots: hanging chairs due to fall hazard
- Cree: LED T8 lamps due to burn hazard
- Apple: Beats Pill XL portable wireless speakers due to fire hazard
- A.O. Smith: John Wood brand oil-fired water heaters due to fire and burn hazards
- ORTOVOX: Avalanche Transceiver due to loss of emergency communications capability

For more information, visit the safety commission website at <http://www.cpsc.gov>.

Volunteer opportunities

EFMP – Volunteer coordinator, athletic volunteer coordinator, administration and activities support, teen volunteer. For more information email leigh.a.strain2.civ@mail.mil.

Cub Scouts – Activities chair, STEM coordinator. For more information, email pack295chair@gmail.com.

USO – Volunteer coordinator, photographer, administrative assistant. For more information, email fjackson@uso.org.

CYSS Coaches – Baseball, track and field, tennis, softball. For more information call 0444-71-7206 or stop by building 108.

Passport office hours

The passport office, located in the Central Processing Facility, Building 393, will be open Monday through Friday, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. They are closed Thursday mornings.

Sergeant Morales Club

The Sergeant Morales Club is a robust network of non-commissioned officers 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.

Medical Benvenuti

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

Vicenza Sergeants Major Association

The Vicenza Sergeants Major Association meets 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

Vicenza Cub Scouts

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

Darby Cub Scouts

Are you a former Eagle Scout looking to give back to scouting? Or perhaps a new parent who wishes to enroll their child in scouting? Department of Defense sponsors Boy Scout and Cub Scout programs in Europe, and efforts are being made at Camp Darby to get a program started. For more information, contact David Kemp at david.kemp@eu.navy.mil DSN 626-3192.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings take place Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Building 395, Room 5, behind the Mensa. Meetings are also held on Del Din on noon on Thursdays at the ASAP building, No. 2. This meeting is open to anyone interested in the 12-step process. Call 634-7554 for more information.

At the movies



ANT MAN

Armed with a super-suit that has the astonishing ability to shrink in scale but increase in strength, con-man Scott Lang (played by actor Paul Rudd) must embrace his inner hero and help his mentor, Dr. Hank Pym (Michael Douglas), plan and pull off a heist that will save the world. 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

July 16	7 p.m.	Minions (PG)
July 17	7 p.m.	Trainwreck (R)
	10 p.m.	Ant-Man (PG-13)
July 18	3 p.m.	Monkey Kingdom (PG)
	6 p.m.	Ant-Man (PG-13)
July 19	3 p.m.	Trainwreck (R)
	6 p.m.	Ant-Man in 3D (PG-13)
July 22	11 a.m.	Max (PG)
	7 p.m.	Ted (R)
July 23	7 p.m.	Ant-Man (PG-13)
July 24	7 p.m.	Pixels (PG-13)
	10 p.m.	Ant-Man (PG-13)
July 25	3 p.m.	Minions in 3D (PG)
	6 p.m.	Pixels (PG-13)
July 26	3 p.m.	Max (PG)
	7 p.m.	Pixels in 3D (PG-13)
July 29	11 a.m.	Pixels (PG-13)
	7 p.m.	Magic Mike XXL (R)



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Vicenza Military Community



Vicenza SKIESUnlimited Summer Programs

There's something for everyone! Pick up a copy of the latest edition of SKIESUnlimited catalog or visit vicenza.armyMWR.com and start browsing today.

Arts & Crafts Classes

Looking for a place to keep cool this summer? Why not practice some of those creative skills. The Arts and Crafts Studios are open 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday thru Saturday. For just \$2.50 per hour you can use the equipment, space, tools and some supplies to practice. Staff are on hand to get you started.

ODR Culture & Adventure Trips

When you decide to visit Europe's most remarkable places, do it right! Outdoor Recreation offers escorted and guided cultural trips, challenging high adventure activities, water sports, hiking and biking. Pick up a copy of their latest six-month calendar or visit vicenza.armyMWR.com.

CYSS Summer Programs

Youth in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in the YC Summer Camp, June 15- August 28 for children in grades K-5. Camp is held Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-1 p.m. on days when there is no field trip and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on trip days. Each week there is a different theme with corresponding activities and trips planned.

School Age Center offers an exciting way to experience summer camp with a variety of unique activities! Campers can participate in a fun-filled camp offering character building activities each week. Plus, once a week, campers will enjoy swimming, a movie and a field trip day! Drop by the center to pick up the summer camp catalog today.

Teenvenuti Workshop and Tour

Join the "Teenvenuti Workshop & Tour". This student-led and adult-supervised event will help you get used to your new home. Enjoy a tour of downtown Vicenza, learn how to shop in Italy and to ride the bus and train. Plus there are tours of the Youth & Teen Centers, Caserma Ederle and the Vicenza Middle School & Vicenza High School. There are several tours scheduled throughout the summer, so call 634-5998 to sign up for one that suits your schedule.

Romp-N-Stomp Playgroup

Romp-N-Stomp playgroup is a time for learning through play for children ages 0-3 years every Wednesday, 10-11:30 a.m. in Bldg 395. Working parents are encouraged to drop-in and spend time with their Families during their lunch hour.

5:01 Bar

Miss the laid-back atmosphere of your hometown pub or bar? You can find a cozy place at the 5:01 Bar located in the Golden Lion Conference Center. Enjoy a beverage and munch on some popcorn while listening to your favorite music Mon-Fri, 5-7 p.m., and it's the perfect place to book your small party or gathering.

Youth Summer Bowling Special

Come to the Arena and beat the heat all summer every day from 11 a.m.- 6 p.m. and bowl a few games with your friends. All youth 18 and below can enjoy the fun, music and friendly atmosphere! Just \$1.00 per game and \$1.00 shoe rental. Special offer good June 1-August 31.



Register using MWR Online Services for:

Vicenza Trip & Classes

Vicenza CYSS Activities



Darby Military Community



*Reserve for
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Special Events and Parties

Looking for a special to hold a party or special event? The Bowling Center is the perfect place! Ask about the four-hour party package including use of bowling lanes and party area. Contact 633-7855 to reserve.

Tax Relief Office (TRO) Saves You Money

The TRO offers savings programs to authorized command sponsored personnel living in private rentals. These programs help you save money on utilities such as city gas and liquid petroleum gas (GPL).

In addition, get info about removing the Value Added Tax (VAT) on certain large purchases and vehicle repairs (typically 21% of the total cost).

For more information, visit darby.armyMWR.com

BOSS Monthly Meetings

Join the Darby Better Opportunities for Single Servicemembers (BOSS) program for our bimonthly meetings, taking place on the first and third Wednesday of each month. Meetings take place in the Library conference room at 5:15 p.m.

Group Fitness Classes

Looking to get in shape? Strengthen your muscles and increase your heart rate! Find the monthly class calendar in the Fitness Center or visit darby.armyMWR.com

Airport Shuttle Service

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

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 NoveList databases.

Outdoor Recreation Trips

Make the most of your days off with ODR trips to the most famous and renowned spots in Italy! Find information on upcoming trips by visiting darby.armyMWR.com

Summer Travel

Last minute travel plans? Check out the travel guides available at the Army digital Media Library! We have thousands of ebooks for all your travel needs as well as audio books and streaming movies. Download to your phone, tablet, and computer or read in your browser. Access the site with your library MyAccount login. For assistance, contact the Darby Library.



Register using MWR Online Services for:

Darby Trip & Classes **Darby CYSS Activities**



Darby Facebook Page

Chapel activities

Vicenza

Sunday Services

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

11 a.m.: Protestant worship

1:30 p.m.: Gospel service

5 p.m.: Contemporary Christian service

Tuesday

9 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel

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

Thursday

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

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

Camp Darby

Sunday Services

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

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

For DMC activities call 633-7267

Chaplain Crisis Line

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

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

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

VMC faith group contacts

Bahá'í Faith: Call 348-603-2283.

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

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

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

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

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

Vicenza Hospitality House: A good place for anyone — single Soldiers, men, women and couples — to enjoy food, fun and fellowship.

Friday: Potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m. with Walk in the Word following.

Call 0444-581-427 for more information or if you need transportation.

MUSIC ACTIVITIES AT THE CHAPEL

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

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

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

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



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Army Family Action Plan

We're recruiting delegates and staff for the 2015 Vicenza AFAP Conference

- Hourly childcare is paid for participants
- Snacks and lunch are provided



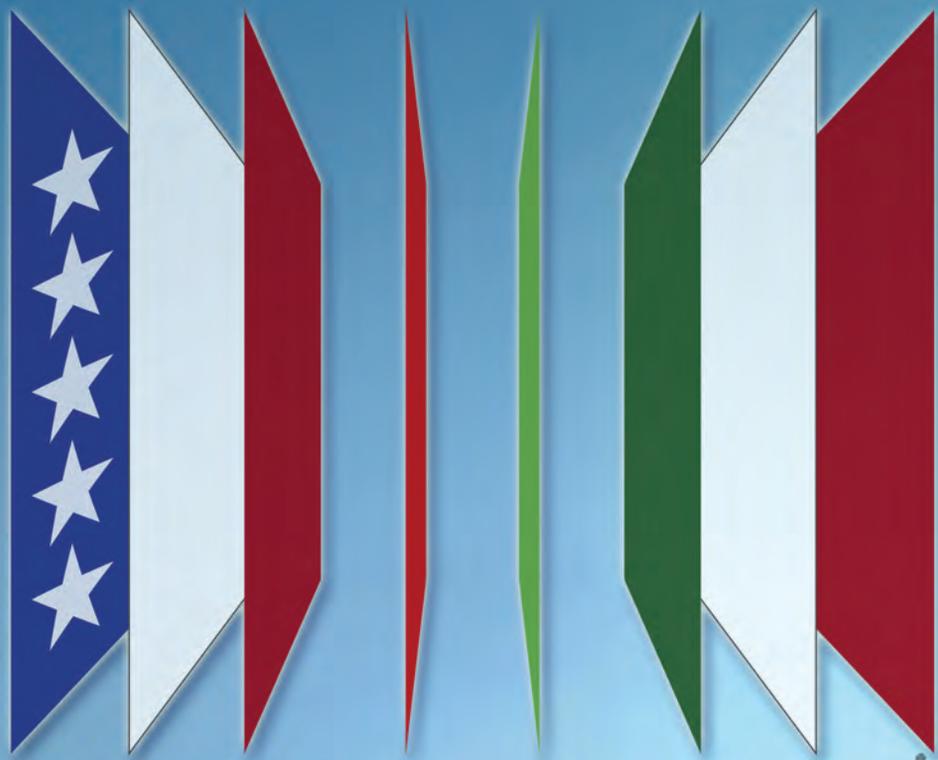
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Festival of Sand Sculptures - Jesolo

VENETO

Sculture di sabbia Festival of Sand Sculptures

Through **Aug. 2**, 5-11 p.m., in Jesolo, Piazza Brescia, about 64 miles east of Vicenza; this year's theme is World War I 100th Anniversary. International artists take part in this special event; they compete in shaping every kind of artistic figure with fine golden sand; free entrance.

<http://www.meteoweb.eu/2015/06/estate-a-jesolo-torna-la-mostra-sculture-di-sabbia/464287/>

Festa del Redentore Our Savior Festival

July 18-19, in Venice, San Marco Piazza (St. Mark's Square); one of the best events in Venice, as it combines a religious theme with a spectacular celebration that attracts thousands of visitors every year. The festival celebrates the city's redemption from a terrible plague in 1576 when, in a desperate attempt to ward off the worst, the Senate decreed that if the city were to be saved, a temple would be built in honor of Christ the Savior. The city survived and the Redentore Church was built. Since then, a pilgrimage has been held every year. On July 18, hundreds of decorated boats will gather in the Giudecca Canal and in front of St. Mark's Square; 11:30 p.m. fireworks in St. Mark's Bay. <http://www.veneziaunica.it/it/content/festa-del-redentore>

Sagra del Redentore e Parata Storica Our Savior Festival and Historical Parade

July 17-21, in Ponte di Barbarano, Viale Crispi 2, about 13 miles south of Vicenza. The festival dates back to the end of the XVII century, when it was first celebrated in the park of Villa Pedrina-Rigon. It was organized by the villa's owners, the Sangiantofetti family, as an addition to the Venetian Redentore Parade. Carnival rides; painting exhibit; charity raffle; food booths featuring bigoli, gnocchi, grilled meat, sausage and bacon, fried fish and the local dessert "Doge's bread." Open daily at 7 p.m.; live music and dancing starts at 9 p.m.; July 21, at midnight, musical fireworks.

https://it-it.facebook.com/events/706720416123054/?ref=3&ref_newsfeed_story_type=regular&feed_story_type=17&action_history=null

Festa della Trebbiatura Wheat Threshing Festival

July 18-19, in Sandrigo, Contrà Tugurio, about 9 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths open at 7 p.m.; entertainment for children with dances and water games; vintage farm vehicles exhibit; live music every night starts at 9 p.m. <http://www.vicenzae.org/ita/eventi/icalrepeat.detail/2015/07/18/13084/-/festa-della-trebbiatura>

Hoga Zait Cimbrian Festival

Through **July 19**, in Roana, *Campoverve* and *Cesuna*, about 40 miles north of Vicenza. Hoga Zait in the Cimbrian language means "time to celebrate." The inhabitants

of many mountain towns of the province claim to be descendents of the ancient Cimbrian people of Scandinavian origin. The Cimbrian language is no longer in use, but it is still reflected in the nicknames of many families and in local ancient legends of gnomes, fairies and other woodland creatures. Many local participants will wear their traditional Cimbrian costumes.

July 18: in Cesuna, 2 p.m. stone engraving workshops for children; 9 p.m. magic show

July 20: in Roana, antique trades' exhibit and demonstration; 9 p.m. folk music and dances.

http://www.asiago.it/it/eventi/art_hoga_zait_2015-frontiera_cimbra_sul_mondo_altopiano_di_asiago_roana_8-19_lug/

Sagra del Pesce Fish Festival

Through **July 19**, in Chioggia (Venice), Corso del Popolo and downtown streets and squares; about 51 miles east of Vicenza; food booths feature a great variety of sea food specialties; live music and shows from 9:30 p.m. in Campo Duomo and Piazza Vigo.

<http://www.chioggialive.it/eventi/sagra-del-pesce-di-chioggia-2013>

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

July 18, 5-8 p.m., in Verona; the three-hour tour starts from Palazzo Gran Guardia 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 appetizer. 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>

Killing Cangrande – Mystery guided tour

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 three-hour mystery tour departs from Castelvecchio Courtyard, Via Corso Castelvecchio 2; the €30 ticket includes Italian appetizer in Piazza Erbe; free for children under 12 accompanied by two adults.

<http://www.livinginvicenza.com/agenda/killing-cangrande-mystery-guided-tour-downtown-verona-2067>

FerRock Rock Festival

Through **July 19**, in Vicenza, Parco Retrone, Via Malvezzi. Every night live rock music starts at 9:45 p.m.; on July 18, sport demonstrations and bounce houses for children; free entrance.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/408236522669001/?ref=1&source=1>

OpeNights – Music & Drinks

Live music in Vicenza, **July 10-Aug. 8**, 9 p.m., ticket €5 (it includes one drink); free for children under 14.

July 10 - Facing west, courtyard of Leoni Montanari Palace

July 17 - Rock under the stars, courtyard of Leoni Montanari Palace

July 18 - Singing in Italian, Olympic Theatre garden

July 24 - Walking man, courtyard of Leoni Montanari Palace

July 25 - Carioca – Samba music, Olympic Theatre garden

July 31 - Sunrise song, courtyard of Leoni Montanari Palace

Aug. 1 - Jazz at its best, Olympic Theatre garden

Aug. 7 - Piano Marathon, courtyard of Leoni Montanari Palace

Aug. 8 - Palladian Gipsy, Olympic Theatre garden

<http://www.comune.vicenza.it/vicenza/eventi/evento.php/130143>

8th Venezia Jazz Festival

Through **July 26**, jazz music at various locations in Venice:

July 11, 8 p.m., Istanbul Session, Punta della Dogana, ticket: €10 (includes aperitif)

July 15, 7 p.m., Dimitri Grechi Espinoza, sax solo, Chiesa della Pietà; ticket: €5 (includes aperitif); 8 p.m., from Tango to Jazz, Palazzo Pisani, ticket: €10

July 16, 8:45 – 10:30 p.m., Bacaro Jazz on Board, Enrico Pagnin Duo, cruise, music and food; it departs from Tronchetto at 8:45 p.m., Zattere at 9:10 p.m. and San Marco – Todaro at 9:30 p.m., ticket: €50

July 17, 8 p.m. Duke Ellington's Sound of Love, Palazzo Pisani, ticket: €10; 9:30 p.m. Oren Lavie, Palazzo Grassi, ticket: €10

July 18, 5:30 p.m., Tiger Dixie Marching Band, Santa Lucia Train station; free



July 19, 6 p.m., Tango performance, Campo San Fantin, free entrance; 8 p.m., Ute Lemper, from Brecht in Berlin to the Bars of Buenos Aires, La Fenice Theater, ticket: €25/€70
July 20, 8 p.m., Giovanni Guidi, piano solo; Palazzo Pisani; ticket: €10

July 21, 9:30 p.m., SheikYer Zappa, Rocca di Tempesta, Noale (Venice); tickets: €20/€35

July 22, 9 p.m., Peirani & Parisien, Collezione Peggy Guggenheim; ticket: €15 (includes entrance to the museum)

July 23, 9:30 p.m. Hasa/Mazzotta, Palazzo Grassi; ticket: €10 (includes aperitif) 9:30 p.m. Rotem Sivan Trio, Skyline Hilton Molino Stucky; reserve your free seat by calling 041-2424

July 24, 8 p.m. Uli Beckerhoff Quartet, Palazzo Pisani; ticket: €10

July 25, 8-10 p.m., Heloisa Lourenço Quartet, Starhotel Venice Hotel; €50 (includes cocktail)

July 26, Bacaro Jazza on Board, Ilenia De Vito Duo, cruise, music and food; it departs from Tronchetto at 8:45 p.m., Zattere at 9:10 p.m. and San Marco – Todaro at 9:30 p.m., ticket: €50 - <http://www.venetojazz.com/en/biglietti/>

World Music Live Festival

Through **Aug. 22**, 9 p.m.; free concerts with international bands in Vicenza, Giardino Salvi; free entrance.

July 21: Kobo Town (Canada/Caraibi)

Aug. 1: The Henry Girls (Ireland)

Aug. 16: Buda Fold Band (Hungary)

Aug. 22: Bisserov Sister (Bulgaria)

<http://www.comune.vicenza.it/vicenza/eventi/evento.php/130105>

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Outdoor free fitness classes

Through **Sept. 6**, in Vicenza, Parco Querini, Viale Rodolfi

- Mondays: 6:30-7:30 p.m., boot camp (Marines-style fitness classes); 7-8:30 p.m., Tai Chi; 7-8:30 p.m.; 7-8 p.m., Do-in (exercises for physical and mental well-being); 7:30-8:30 p.m., FITeMOTION, music fitness workouts that include cardiovascular activity, toning and stretching
- Tuesdays: 6:30-7:30 p.m., jazzercise; 7:30-8:30 p.m., belly dancing
- Wednesdays: 9-10:30 a.m., Tai Chi; and 9:30-10:30 a.m., fitness and body balance (yoga, Pilates, and Tai Chi); 6:30-7:30 p.m., zumba fitness; 7-8:15 p.m., yoga; 7:30-8:30 p.m., global fit Pilates (July only); 6:30-8 p.m., Tai Chi
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- Saturdays: 6-7 p.m., Kung Fu classes (July only)
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<http://www.comune.vicenza.it/cittadino/scheda.php/42729,61194>

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Through **Oct. 31**, Monday and Tuesday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Wednesday-Sunday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; in Venice Marghera, Via Galileo Ferraris 5; entrance at the corner of Via Pacinotti and Via Galileo Ferraris. Collateral event of 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.

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

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Verona: July 18, 8 a.m. -5:30 p.m., in Piazza S. Zeno, about 38 miles west of Vicenza.

Asiago: July 19, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Via Trento e Via J. Scaiaro, about 34 miles north of Vicenza

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

Montagnana: July 19, 8 a.m. to sunset, in Piazza Maggiore 150, about 27 miles south of Vicenza

Padova: July 19, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Prato della Valle, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza

Soave: July 19, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Antonio Marogna and Corso Vittorio Emanuele, about 23 miles west of Vicenza

Valli del Pasubio: July 19, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Via Tezze, 22 miles northeast of Vicenza

Belluno: July 26, 8 a.m. -7 p.m., Piazza Duomo, about 103 miles north of Vicenza

Dolo (Venice): July 26, 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., about 37 miles east of Vicenza

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

Recoaro Terme: July 26, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza Dolomiti. (40 vendors)

Spresiano (Treviso): July 26, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., in Piazza Luciano Rigo, about 43 miles northeast of Vicenza

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<http://www.mercantiacertaldo.it/php/info.php?lang=it>

Sagra dei Sapori Pisani **Pisa Flavors Festival**

Through **July 19**, in Pisa, Via Italo Barbagna; food booths featuring local specialties open at 7:30 p.m.; entertainment for children and live music and dancing.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=7&city=&date=&page=1&post=669>

Sagra degli Strozzapreti **Strozzapreti Festival**

July 16-19, in Sticciano Scalo (Grosseto), Via Vecchia; Strozzapreti (literally "priest chokers") is a local hand-rolled pasta. There are several legends to explain this name: one is that priests were so enthralled by the delicious pasta that they ate it too quickly and choked to death; another one goes that wives would customarily cook pasta for churchmen as partial payment for land rentals and their

husbands would be so angered by venal priests eating their wives' food to wish the priests would choke as they stuffed their mouth with it. Food booths feature strozzapreti dishes and other local specialties; live music and dancing nightly at 9 p.m.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=&city=&date=&page=3&post=95>

Sagra della Ranacchiocciola **Frog and Snail Festival**

Through **July 26**, in Massarosa (Lucca), Campo Sterpeti. Food booths feature frog and snail dishes and other local specialties. Every night live music and dancing starts at 9 p.m.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=&city=&date=&page=4&post=706>

Sagra delle Pappardelle alla Lepre **Pappardelle with Hare Sauce Festival**

July 16-19 and **July 23-26**, in Staffoli, Santa Croce sull'Arno (Pisa). Pappardelle are homemade, large, flat noodles, similar to wide fettuccine; the name derives from pappare that is to "gobble up." Food booths featuring local specialties open at 6:30 p.m.; fashion shows, live music and dancing; carnival rides and entertainment for children; charity fair.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=7&city=&date=&page=1&post=638>

Sagra dell'Oliva Dolce **Sweet Olive Festival**

July 17-19, in Capannori (Lucca). Food booths feature many specialties prepared with local sweet olives; olives and oil of olive exhibit and sale.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=&city=&date=&page=3&post=172>



Mercantia - Certaldo (FI)

Sagra del Maccherone Maccherone Festival

July 17-19, July 24-26, July 31-Aug. 2, in Buti (Pisa), Castel Tonini. Food booths, local products, crafts exhibit and sale; entertainment and live music. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=7&city=&date=&page=1&post=703>

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July 17-19, in Cerredo Guidi (Florence). Local products and wines exhibit and sale; vintage agricultural machinery exhibit; free entrance. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=&city=&date=&page=3&post=1817>

Sagra del Totano Fritto Fried Squid Festival

July 18-19, and **July 25-26**, in Bientina (Pisa), Sports Field, Via Leonardo da Vinci; food booths feature a wide variety of fried fish and local specialties; bounce houses and entertainment for children. <http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=7&city=&date=&page=1&post=943>

Festival Medievale Medieval Festival

July 24-26, 6:30 p.m.- midnight, in Laterina (Arezzo). Actors and musicians recreate a medieval atmosphere; fire and falconers shows; jesters and fire-eaters; historical parades and medieval battles re-enactments; medieval market and food booths; free entrance. <http://www.laterinamedievale.it/91/ITA/II-Programma-2015>

Lucca Summer Festival

Through **July 26** in Lucca, Piazza Napoleone; 9:30-11:30 p.m. Enjoy music of all kinds and for all tastes. Highlights: **July 22**, Mark Knopfler; **July 26**, Lenny Kravitz; **July 28**, Snoop Dogg. <http://www.summer-festival.com/site/tickets?&lang=en>

Antique markets

Certaldo (Florence): July 19, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Boccaccio and Via 2 Giugno
Lucca: July 18-19, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Piazza Antelminelli, Piazza S. Giovanni, Piazza San Giusto, Via San Giovanni, Corte Bertolini

Marina di Grosseto (Grosseto): July 19, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Via XXIV Maggio

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

Castiglion Fiorentino (Arezzo): July 26, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Piazza del Municipio

Montevarchi (Arezzo): July 26, 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Via Isidoro del Lungo, and Via Poggio

Prato: July 25-26, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza San Francesco

Cecina: July 26, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Piazza Guerrazzi and Via Cavour

CONCERTS



Patti Smith

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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)

Lauryn Hill - July 20 in Lucca

Santana - July 20 in Verona; July 21 in Pistoia

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

Mika - July 23 in Taormina, July 25 in Cattolica, Sept. 27 in Assago, Sept. 29 in Rome; Sept. 30 in Florence

Robbie Williams - July 23 in Lucca

Sting - July 24 in Pistoia

Carl Cox - July 25 in Rome; Aug. 14 in Jesolo

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

Pink Floyd Legend - July 29 in Rome

Patti Smith - Aug. 8 in Codroipo

Alpha Blondy - Aug. 28 in Reggio Emilia; Sept. 5 in Ravenna

U2 - Sept. 4-5 in Torino

Linkin Park - Sept. 6 in Rome

Tony Allen - Sept. 11 in Bologna

R5 - Sept. 17 in Ciampino; Sept. 20 in Milan

Steve Hackett - Sept. 29 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)

BeatleStory - Oct. 17 in Bologna

John Mayall - Oct. 17 in Bologna; Oct. 10 in La Spezia; Oct. 19 in Milan

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

Epic Rap Battles of History - Oct. 21 in Bologna

Nickelback - Oct. 25 in Rome; Oct. 27 in Turin

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

Kid Ink - Nov. 1 in Milan

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

Supertramp - Nov. 9 in Assago (Milan)

Marilyn Manson - Nov. 9 in Florence

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

Zelda - The Symphony of Goddesses - Nov. 15 in Rome

Simple Minds - Nov. 21 in Assago (Milan)

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

Europe - Nov. 28 in Milan

Jethro Tull Rock Opera feat Ian Anderson - Nov. 29 in Bologna

Rae Sremmurd - Nov. 30 in Milan

SPORTING EVENTS

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BlancpainGT Series - Oct. 2-4, in Misano Adriatico

Misano Classic Weekend - Vintage motorcycles on stage - Oct. 9-11, in Misano Adriatico

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.ticketone.it/EN/> or <http://www.zedlive.com>.



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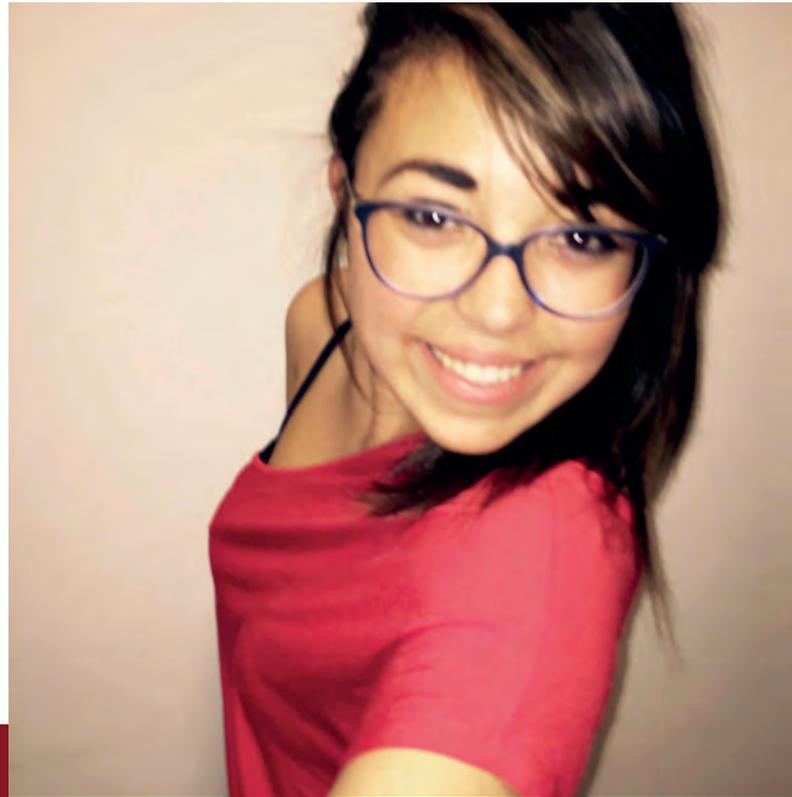
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A promotional graphic for a dinner cruise. It features a decorative crown icon at the top. The text reads 'GALEONE VENEZIANO' and 'Galleon Dinner Cruise In Venice'. Below the text is a photograph of a large, multi-masted galleon ship sailing on the water at sunset, with the Venetian skyline in the background.

A promotional graphic for a dinner cruise. It features a decorative crown icon at the top. The text reads 'GALEONE VENEZIANO' and 'Galleon Dinner Cruise In Venice'. Below the text is a photograph of the interior of a dining room on a ship, with tables set with white cloths and chairs. At the bottom, there is a Facebook icon and contact information: 'Info', 'Tel. +39 0421 380006', 'info@jollyroger.it', 'www.jollyroger.it', and 'Jolly Roger - Il Galeone Veneziano'.



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