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Exercise Western Accord 2015 starts
Two-phase partnership event begins in the Netherlands

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AMSTERDAM - No uniform was the same as the one next to it as soldiers from more than a dozen nations stood side by side to mark the opening of Western Accord 2015 at Harskamp, in the Netherlands, July 20.


“The exercise will be a rigorous event that will involve nearly 200 military members and civilian participants,” Moore said. “The exercise is patterned after the existing U.N. mission in Mali and designed to increase the ability of participants to execute similar missions in the future.”

Based off of the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali, Western Accord will be divided into two phases. First, an academic portion focused on military planning, peacekeeping and current U.N. operations. Then an operational portion, where partner nations apply academics into a computer-simulated mission.

Moore said Western Accord plays an important role in maintaining decades of U.S.-African military partnerships.

“This exercise is a key element to a broader series of military-to-military exercises that demonstrate the strong partnership between the U.S., the Netherlands, Africa and all other participating African and European partners,” Moore said.

Originally planned to take place in Liberia, Western Accord was moved to the Netherlands after the Ebola outbreak in the African nation in 2014.

Voet said hosting the exercise in the Netherlands was “an easy yes.”

“The Netherlands is very committed to the African continent,” Voet said. “Not only do we have good relationships with our African partners, we are committed to many operations including those in Mali, Sudan and Somalia.”

As staff elements will work together to build capabilities between the nations of Western Accord, Moore stressed there’s a just as strong, if not stronger, reason for the exercise -- the human element.

“Above all, I want participants to develop long-term professional relationships,” Moore said. “These relationships will last long after the exercise is concluded. It is through developing teamwork, trust and confidence in participant nations that we will overcome any obstacle.”

Voet stressed that commitment has overcome past obstacles and will overcome future hurdles.

“We’ve been allies ... and have shared many fields of battle,” Voet said. “We are all a band of brothers.”
U.S. Army Africa supports school in Congo

By Maj. Noreen Mallory
U.S. Army Africa G-4 Logistics

VICENZA - The Democratic Republic of Congo National Logistics School recently graduated its fourth class since 1983.

More than 600 graduates from all corners of the DRC and branches of the military including Ministry of Defense and Ministry of Interior security forces participated in the six-month program. United States Army Africa and several international organizations were involved in curriculum and instruction at the school in Kinshasa.

The DRC Logistics School Initiative started with a shared vision between leadership of the DRC, U.S. Department of State and the European Union. The combined effort for this program began in November 2014.

According to Don Brown, a senior U.S. Army contractor, the collective organizations worked to design an institution that would form the enduring logistics institution. Brown serves as the lead integrator, providing overall concept, planning, coordination, oversight and subject-matter expertise focusing on designing a sustainable institution. Support for the school came from several organizations including the Army Logistics University, AFRICOM's Regionally Aligned Force, 3rd Brigade 1st armored Division, Fort Bliss, Texas. The RAF provided a six-person Institutional Logistics Assistance Team known as an ILAT.

The initiative started with a shared vision. Maj. Carlos Morales, officer in charge of the ILAT, worked directly with the commandant of the logistics school to refine curriculum and develop the DRC’s version of a Senior Sustainment Leaders’ course.

Sgt. 1st Class Antonio Flores provided noncommissioned officer guidance at the tactical level with the school's cadre and students. ILAT members also assisted DRC cadre by providing subject matter experts in food service, transportation, ammunition, maintenance, armament repair, fuel supply operations and supply management. Flores stressed the “train as you fight” approach to training, constantly reminding Congolese soldiers: “What you learn here are the foundations of your skills. Learn it, remember it and master it.”

Congolese cadre provided instruction through classroom lectures, hands-on and practical exercises dedicated to expanding students’ abilities to conduct various sustainment operations in austere environments. The ILAT also assisted with the refinement of course instruction, teaching techniques and developing enduring academic institutional policies.

After six months of classroom and hands-on training, students held a graduation ceremony attended by representatives of the DRC’s National Congress and director of Military Operations, USARAF, the U.S. Department of State, EU and numerous senior military leaders. The event culminated with 612 graduates conducting a pass in review.

DRC intends to conduct two iterations of the logistics school per year for the next several years in order to build continuity within its forces. The next iteration will start this month, with DRC cadre, U.S. Department of State, international partners and USARAF ILAT continuing collective efforts to develop a sustainable and enduring logistics institution.

The initiative continues. The U.S. Army Africa continues to provide instruction and support to enhance the DRC’s national logistics capability.

Medical care

Physician assistant provides care in clinic, on drop zone

By Sgt. Brandon Anderson
173rd Airborne Brigade

NOWA DEBA, Poland – There are inherent physical risks involved with being a paratrooper in the U.S. Army, and few people are as aware of these risks as the Army physician assistant that provides medical care for America’s Sky Soldiers.

Capt. Hugh McLeod, a physician assistant for 173rd Brigade Support Battalion, part of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, not only takes care of them, he also jumps with them.

After enlisting in the Army as an infantryman, McLeod’s path from being a Soldier who receives medical treatment to being one who provides it, started when he attended an emergency medical technician course for his unit.

“The unit I was in tried to get as many non-medical-specialty Soldiers qualified (for emergency medical training) as possible,” said McLeod, a native of Clinton Township, Mich. “After EMT basic course, I did well enough to get selected to go with a smaller group of Soldiers to get EMT Paramedic certified.”

He said his experience in the course was what drove him into the medical field. “It was during the course that I fell in love with medicine,” McLeod said. “I ended up ETSing (expiration of term of service) and went to college. While in college, I worked in hospitals and got my degree in biology.”

He said he initially learned about the Army physician assistant position from a friend, and decided to pursue it.

“After college, I came back in the Army and was commissioned as an infantry officer with the mindset of applying to the PA program,” he said. Before deploying as a mechanized infantry platoon leader with his unit out of Fort Stewart, Ga., McLeod said he put in his application for the Inter-service Physician Assistant Program located at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. “As soon as I got to Kuwait, I put my packet in for the program and found out during my deployment that I was accepted,” he said.

McLeod explained he was in an airborne unit in the mid-1990s, and because of his experience as a paratrooper during his enlisted time, he finds working with Soldiers of the 173rd to be especially enjoyable.

“I enjoy working with paratroopers and, in my opinion, you have to have a tough mindset to want to be one,” said McLeod. “I like working with people who like being in the Army, like doing their job and like doing this type of thing.”

When he’s not jumping with the Soldiers of 173rd Airborne Brigade, McLeod notes his day-to-day activities are centered around providing medical care for Soldiers assigned to his unit.

“I mainly work at the clinic during garrison time seeing Soldiers,” said McLeod. “I try to do training with our medics when there’s time, but the clinic is my main focus.”

Capt. Hugh McLeod (right), physician assistant, 173rd Brigade Support Battalion, 173rd Airborne Brigade, not only medically treats Soldiers in his unit, he also participates in airborne operations.

Teen Speak Out

What are you going to do with the money you earn from the Summer Hire Program?

By Anaya Centers

Anisha Deida, 17
Senior; Post Office
“I’m saving it for college.”

Sam Barnes, 16
Junior; Library
“I’m going to buy a clarinet so I can apply to Interlochen.”
Rapid Trident speaks four countries for training

YAVORIV, Ukraine - Under the hot Ukrainian sun, Soldiers from the United States, Ukraine, Romania and Bulgaria rehearsed reacting to contact as part of their situational training during the multinational Exercise Rapid Trident 2015 at the International Peacekeeping and Security Center, here.

Rapid Trident, which took place July 20-31, is a long-standing U.S. Army Europe-led cooperative training exercise focused on peacekeeping and stability operations. It is part of a U.S. European Command Joint Exercise Program, designed to enhance joint-combined interoperability with allied and partner nations.

Soldiers are training under a multinational structure, consisting of a Romanian command element and two platoons joined with a Bulgarian and U.S. platoon.

Training consisted of react to contact: countering improvised explosive devices, react to ambush, react to sniper fire and dismount operations, and a tactical driving scenario.

“We (were) not only concerned with getting repetitions though training, which is always good to rehearse battle drills before getting into the exercise, but also continued to build capacity with our partner nations by integrating Romanian, Bulgarian and U.S. forces together,” said Sgt. 1st Class Jacob Hill, from the Raptor Team at the Joint Multinational Readiness Center in Hohenfels, Germany.

As the temperature continued to rise so did the participants’ levels of expertise.

“We (got) a lot better with communications, especially with our international partners,” said 1st Lt. Hanna Martins, platoon leader with 3rd Platoon, 615th Military Police Company, 709th Military Police Battalion.

Instructors also noted growth in cohesion and communication.

“All the units (improved) a lot and showed they were willing to learn and try to better themselves,” said Spc. Kiley Williams, a paratrooper with Company C, 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 173rd Airborne Brigade. “They put forth the effort required for us to show them what to do and how to improve themselves.” (Story contributed by U.S. Army Europe)

Sky Soldiers show common effort in Moldova

Paratroopers from 173rd Airborne Brigade just finished Exercise Common Effort with armed forces of the Republic of Moldova, Georgia, Poland, Romania and the North Carolina Army National Guard here that took place July 13-24.

During the exercise, Soldiers from all participating countries trained on technical and tactical skills, including basic and advanced rifle marksmanship ranges, mortar system training, tactical radio operations and basic first aid training.

“Training with our Eastern European allies is important for improving relations and developing shared tactics,” said U.S. Army Spc. Stephanie Velez, a senior satellite communications systems operator with Company C, 54th Engineer Battalion, 173rd Abn. Bde.

During the first week of the exercise, U.S. forces hosted familiarization classes on ranges on the M4 carbine, M9 pistol and 120-mm mortar, while the Moldovan Army led training on the 12.7mm machine gun, the RPK 74 machine gun and their own mortar system.

Common Effort 15 continues with a culminating exercise to test the newly developed partnerships and their shared tactics, techniques and procedures.

The 173rd Airborne Brigade is the U.S. Army Contingency Force in Europe, providing ready forces anywhere in the U.S. European, Africa and Central Commands areas of responsibility within 18 hours.

Medical care

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Some training he’s done has been with the Polish 16th Airborne Battalion during the unit’s time here. He and his medics share procedures and equipment with the Polish soldiers, building bridges of cooperation and unity as medical professionals.

But when he’s on an airborne mission, his role changes from providing routine medical care to being part of the planning process, and participating in the jumps himself.

In fact, McLeod jumped with 173rd and Polish soldiers of 6th Airborne Brigade July 18. The 60 paratroopers jumped together from UH-60L Black Hawk helicopters as part of Operation Atlantic Resolve, an ongoing multinational partnership.

After planning for medical contingencies, McLeod is often one of the last jumpers during an operation.

For this airborne physician, whether he’s in a clinic treating injuries and illnesses, or soaring through the sky and helping a paratrooper, it’s all about combining his love of the army and his love of medicine.

Team member of quarter

Larry Douglas, who works at Caserma Ederle Auto Skills, was recognized July 15 for his outstanding customer service and can-do attitude as the Community Recreation Division MWR Team Member of the Quarter at the Auto Skills Center. Douglas was nominated by his colleagues and received a certificate of recognition and a cash award. (Photo by Laura Kreider, USAG Vicenza PAO)
A place for waste

Find out where your local Eco Center is. It’s where to go for your household recycling and waste management needs.

By Rodger Allison
DPW Environmental Division

VICENZA - Household waste management in Italy can be confusing for newcomers, but it’s nothing to stress about. It is really easy if you just follow the old maxim, “There is a place for everything and everything in its place.”

You may wonder what and where those places are. The short answer is: “It depends.” The long answer takes a little more time.

First, it depends upon where you live.

ON POST
Soldiers, civilians and their families may use the nearest eco island and the eco center located on Caserma Ederle, Villaggio and Del Din. If you use eco islands, ensure the waste fits into the containers. Do not place a sofa or moving boxes beside the containers in an eco island.

OFF POST
People are encouraged to use their community’s waste pick up service and Eco Center. However, during moves or other critical-needs times, off-post residents may use the garrison Eco Center for non-hazardous household waste. Regardless of the reason, it is important patrons use the Eco Center if bringing non-hazardous household waste from an off-post residence.

The U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza Department of Public Works stresses the eco islands are not for household wastes generated by off-post residents. They are for residents; service organizations (Mensa, PX, Arena, etc.), and offices located nearby on the three installations. Many times, local offices and family housing and barracks’ residents have no room in the eco islands for their waste; this occurs when off-post residents fill the bins.

DPW Director Bob Clarke, reminds everyone: “Please be considerate and use your local (community) waste collection.”

SIZE AND MATERIALS
Next, where to place waste depends on size and type of materials.

Caserma Ederle and Villaggio have four types of receptacles for your trash: battery cylinders, refuse bin stations, eco islands and eco centers. Del Din does not use refuse bin stations; however, they offer the battery cylinders, eco islands and the Eco Center.

Battery cylinders can be found in many public locations such as the post office and athletic centers. Many are also placed throughout work areas for your convenience. Place common batteries such as alkaline (A, AA, AAA C, D, 9V) and phone batteries in the cylinders for disposal. While batteries are not considered hazardous waste, they do contain low levels of heavy metals, which may be separated and be reused.

REFUSE BIN STATIONS
The refuse bin stations are the small silver bins located throughout these areas for personal non-hazardous recyclables and dry waste. These include bins for plastic and metal, glass, paper and non-recyclable dry waste. Be sure to place the proper material in the proper container, or the recycling effort will be for naught. For example, if a large amount of paper is mixed in the glass bin, the entire glass bin must be gathered as dry waste and disposed of in the landfill.

ECO ISLANDS
Eco islands have larger containers for household and office non-hazardous waste. Regardless of the installation, the eco islands are not for household recyclables and dry waste. Only non-hazardous materials are allowed. The islands are not intended for household waste of off-post residents.

The Eco Centers at Caserma Ederle and Del Din have large dumpsters for all types of non-hazardous waste. This includes household recyclable items and items such as furniture, electronics, wood, metal and cardboard boxes.

HOURS
The Caserma Ederle Eco Center is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday. The center on Del Din is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Signs currently at the Eco Centers clearly identify types of waste allowed in the centers and types of waste prohibited. Signs and an attendant assist with where to place your waste. Patrons will also be directed to other locations on the installations that accept prohibited regular-waste items such as government property, med icines, auto parts, tires and hazardous waste such as bleach, window cleaner, etc.

Col. Robert L. Menist Jr., garrison commander, offers a quote by philosopher Marshall Mcluhan: “There are no passengers on spaceship earth. We are all crew.” So do your part to take care of our “ride” so we don’t end up broken down on the side of the universe someday.

MORE INFORMATION
To find out more about non-hazardous household waste options in your area, contact the Housing Office at 637-7591.

For information about on-post waste disposal to include medical, automotive and hazardous household waste, call DPW Environmental Division at 634-7166.

The Garrison Waste Management Handbook is available online at www.usag vicenza.army.mil. Click on Directorates and then Public Works.
Defense Department selects top-notch ACS director for development program

By Karin J. Martinez
USAG Vicenza PAO

VICENZA - An opportunity to become a better leader led Army Community Service Director Julia Sibilla to apply for an elite Department of Defense leadership program.

Sibilla, who has worked for the Army for 10 years, was notified in June of her selection into the Executive Leadership Development Program as one of two Installation Management Command employees Armywide to be accepted this year. About 60 people are selected annually across DOD.

“It was very exciting to read that email. I was so happy, I actually did a little jig,” said Sibilla, laughing.

According to Kimberly D. Kessler, ELDP director, the program brings together Department of Defense and interagency civilians, and military personnel, from all over the world who will work, travel and share experiences throughout a 10-month period.

For a leader in the government workplace, the voluntary program is an excellent opportunity, Sibilla said—one that she hopes to make the most of.

“I wanted to participate in ELDP for professional development and because it’s a unique opportunity to learn more about the Department of Defense, the “big picture,” she said. “This program will give me a significantly broader perspective of DoD and help me manage and understand people better.”

According to ELDP literature online, the program’s intent is to “stretch participants’ experiences and comfort zones and to help them develop the knowledge, skills and behaviors expected of future leaders.” Experiences will blend experiential and academic learning, Sibilla added—a juncture for which she is ready.

“There is an academic component with a reading list and (staff study) papers to do,” she said. “But there is also a physical component, which I will enjoy because I have always been active and ‘sporty’ by nature.”

Physical requirements vary from year to year but range from running obstacle courses to land navigation to basic underwater demolition SEAL training. These activities are designed to foster a deeper understanding of the warfighter mission and the national security environment, according to Department of Defense.

Although this year’s schedule has not yet been announced, last year’s program took students to such organizations and places as Forward Deployed Forces – Korea and National Guard/Customs and Border Patrol in Texas. Between training deployments, Sibilla must keep up with her job requirements at U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza, as do all participants worldwide.

Deputy to the Garrison Commander Wesley A. Leisinger has no concerns, however, about things that will go astray at ACS during Sibilla’s time in the program.

“Julia’s selection for ELDP is a huge hit for our organization,” he said. “She has been instrumental in so many events, initiatives and activities that losing her for large chunks of time will hurt.

“However, when I dig deeper, I realize that Army Community Service is full of several future Julia Sibilas who will step up and improve on what she has already started. Ultimately, in the long-term, Julia’s selection will do nothing but make our organization better. She will bring back lessons that she will pass on to subordinates, peers and superiors alike.”

Leisinger added that Sibilla’s strong leadership has already prepared the ACS staff, and the command has the utmost confidence in members of that organization.

Sibilla said she is looking forward to getting started and encourages anyone interested in this type of opportunity to look into this program or others like it.

“When your supervisor sends you that email, take a look at it,” she said. “When the window of opportunity opens, take it.”

Caserma Ederle, Camp Darby celebrate Army Community Service

50 years

Find more photos from all birthday events on www.flickr.com/photos/usagvicenza.

Vicenza 1965 retro grand opening

Vicenza Military Community members gathered to celebrate the Army Community Service 50th Birthday at Davis Hall July 22. The event included a ribbon-cutting ceremony, ACS historical narration from 1965 to present, and remarks by U.S. Army Africa Commander Maj. Gen. Darrell A. Williams and USAG Vicenza Commander Col. Robert L. Memist Jr. Refreshments of 1965-era coffee cakes and drinks concluded the event.

Other events planned to honor 50 years of service and support to Army Families included a barbecue at Caserma Del Din for about 500 Soldiers and VMC members July 23, and an ice cream social at Davis Hall July 24.

Darby cake-cutting

Camp Darby Military Community gathered to support Army Community Services’ 50th birthday, July 24 with a barbecue and cake. Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers members volunteered to grill hamburgers and hot dogs and earned a well-deserved spot in the cake-cutting event.

Photo by Chiara Mattinola, DMC Public Affairs
Vicenza garrison excels in troop support, earns award for extraordinary effort

By Aaron Talley
USAG Vicenza PAO

VICENZA – Vicenza is once again the best of the best.

U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza was awarded the 2014 Deployment Excellence Award for the All-Army Installation outside the continental United States (OCONUS) category during a June 10 ceremony at the Pentagon.

The Deployment Excellence Award recognizes outstanding deployment and deployment support accomplishments, as well as units that create new and better ways to improve the Army’s deployment process.

From 2010-2012, U.S. Army Garrison Vicenza received this prestigious award as the best OCONUS Army Installation. They came in second in 2013 to Fort Hood, Texas. However, that was the year the Army combined OCONUS and continental U.S. installations into one category so, technically, Vicenza was still the top OCONUS entry.

This past year the Army divided the installations back into two categories and Vicenza was back on top, which kind of makes it five years in a row.

Gabriel Campbell, USAG Vicenza plans specialist, put together Vicenza’s winning entry.

“My part was to accurately capture their extraordinary efforts and present them in the best possible light through the drafting and submission of our DEA competition packet,” he said.

“The award recognizes units and installations for outstanding deployment accomplishments that meet or exceed established deployment standards.

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Mixed media artist shares expertise with community

LIVORNO – Camp Darby military spouse Vennita Weir is a mixed media artist who generously wants to share her knowledge and expertise with the Darby Military Community through classes she holds for anyone in the community.

The workshops take place 7:30 p.m. each Thursday evening at the Darby Community Club in the Blue Room and last for (about) a couple of hours. Weir shares various approaches each time.

“We learn a new technique each week, exploring all of the different types of art mediums,” said Weir. “Everyone is welcome to come check us out.”

Weir brings everything needed to the workshop, and attendees can learn and play with the materials.

“I feel that it is important that everyone have a creative outlet,” she said. “My experience has allowed me to be able to share and offer the community the opportunity to learn things they may be too intimidated by on their own, or often is too costly to try without knowing if they will truly enjoy the medium or not.”

Weir said introducing materials grants attendees the freedom to explore something new and interesting without breaking their budgets.

Of course the workshops are free,” she added. “I only ask to be reimbursed for the costs of materials used. I then use that money to purchase new supplies for the next session.”

Anyone interested in participating must sign in on attendance.

Del Din – The 2015 Vicenza Military Community softball season is in the books. Eight teams competed in a single elimination tournament July 20-22 at the Del Din softball fields.

At the end of the three-day tournament, one team stood out from all the rest: U.S. Army Africa. After last year’s second-place finish, this time the team took home the trophy and bragging rights for the season.

Here is a recap of tournament action:

Round One
Soldiers from Company C, 106th Financial Management Support Unit; 509th Signal Battalion; and the Vicenza Military Intelligence Detachment combined members of their units to create a “combo team.”

This hodgepodge of players actually put up the best record during the regular season. They took on Co. A, 4th Platoon, Brigade Support Battalion in the first game of the tourney and put a whooping on the Sky Soldiers, 18-1.

Game Two saw USARAF facing the Health Center team, which ended up also being a blowout. USARAF stormed into the semifinals, 15-1.

In Game Three, two 173rd teams fought off the G-Recs, 11-8. USARAF once again spotted their opponent an early lead, letting the Sky Soldiers in, 3-0, but just like in their semifinal game, USARAF battled back and ended up on top, taking the championship match, 10-7.

Round Two (Semifinals)
The first semifinal matchup should probably have taken place in the finals since it pitted the top two teams in the league. Even though it was a semifinal, the action did not disappoint. The hodgepodge combo team took on the USARAF juggernaut and put up a big lead, 13-1, only to watch that lead slip away. The USARAF team kept battling and ended up with the win, 18-14. Pretty impressive, seeing as though USARAF was close to losing via the “mercy rule” at one point in the game.

The other side of the semis was also a close game, with the two A companies facing off. Both Sky Soldier squads were evenly matched, but the BSTB team ended up squeaking out the victory, 13-10.

Round Three (Finals)
USARAF once again spotted their opponent an early lead, letting the A Co. team take an 5-0 advantage. But, just like in their semifinal game, USARAF battled back and ended up on top, taking the championship match, 10-7.

USARAF and Co. A are both now eligible to compete in the Army Europe Unit Level Softball Championship Aug. 14-17 in Hohenfels, Germany.

By Aaron Talley
and Ricky Jackson
USAG Vicenza Sports and Fitness Center

Softball teams compete for tournament glory

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Bicycle Fun & Safety Day

Where: Aug. 19
0900-1,200
Where: Villaggio Bus
Parking Lot
Why: To teach children how to be safe while riding their bikes before the school year begins.

Speak Out

Tell us your thoughts and ideas. What would you like to see happen in your community?

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A group of 32 Italian children escorted by their caregivers from the Polisportiva Rampazzo of Camisano Vicentino, a town near Vicenza, visited the School Age Center in Villaggio as part of a cultural exchange tour. The tour was coordinated by Chiara Rizzato from the Italian facility, along with Margherita Frasson from CYSS Administration and Cristina Tagliapietra, Pass and Badge Office.

After introductions, the Italian children, aged five to nine years old, were paired up with groups of children to participate in a number of activities that were being offered during the Specialty Camps. All of the children were actively involved in camp activities including basketball, gardening, book club and animal lovers’ camps.

“The children hit it off right away and quickly engaged in these activities,” said Tanya Rowles, SAC director. “After camps were finished all of the children headed into the gym to play games and sing songs. The day was a big success and something that will hopefully be repeated.”

Italian children visit SAC summer camps

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By Anaya Centers

Chris Cleveland, 14
Sophomore; Post Office
“I’m spending some and saving the rest.”

Kaylee Sink, 15
Sophomore; Library
“I’m going shopping.”
Story and photo by Chiara Mattirolo
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Livorno’s event of the summer

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What tourist destination would you like to visit (or have you visited) this summer?

CMCS Marcello Caggianella
Italian Base Command
“I would love to visit New York to learn more about America and to improve my language skills.”

Cpt. Mary Awoniyi
Staff Judge Advocate
“Anywhere! I am new here and want to experience it all.”

Federica Auteri
Post Exchange
“The Marble Caves in Carrara. It’s fresh up there and a very interesting site.”

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Effetto Venezia (Venice Effect) takes its name from the district where it takes place, La Venezia. The festival takes place from July 29 to Aug. 2, 9 p.m. until midnight each night. This year’s theme is “Livorno Land of Rights,” in reference to laws from the 1500s that made the city of Livorno a multietnic and multicultural community.

The festival is a summer event that has something for everyone—a combination of music, art, theatre, poetry, cabaret and crafts. Events include performances of various types, exhibitions and cultural initiatives as well as special events in the streets and squares of the district neighborhood and in the Old Fortress nearby.

According to the official event website, this year will be rich in children’s activities. In particular there will be the “Architects of Air,” a giant inflatable with light games, music and performances.

Classical music will play an important role with the concert of Federico Maria Sardelli interpreting Vivaldi music and a piano concert dedicated to children’s fairy tales played by pianist Gabriele Baldocci. That concert will be narrated by actress Amanda Sandrelli.

Not to be overshadowed by the festival, bars and restaurants in the area will set up outdoor stalls and tables for visitors to better enjoy all the beautiful scenery of a “lit up” La Venezia.

Restaurants will feature traditional food of Livorno. The most popular is cacciucco, a mix of seafood (historically, this was made of leftovers from fishermen sales) cooked in tomato sauce and put on a slice of roasted bread rubbed with garlic.

The festival also features boat tours of local Medicean waterways, which will provide a night view of the district as boats travel under several bridges from the 17th century. Actors dressed in traditional costumes will accompany tourists, singing songs on boats as they traverse the canals.

For more information, go online at www.effettovenezia.com.
Discover Cannes, France

Cannes and Antibes are scenic cities located on French Riviera. Both offer great weather, interesting tourist attractions and beautiful Mediterranean beaches. Outdoor Recreation has a bus trip scheduled for August 21. Register online or in person at ODR.

“Bustin Britches” Summer Explosion

The Del Din Warrior Zone is hosting a sun filled summer day with water sports, a soccer game rematch from “Bustin Britches I,” and a “Grill Off” competition on Aug 2. 11 a.m. – Midnight. Grill Off Competition: $40.00 entry fee

Limited to the first ten teams to enter. No entries prior to event day and deadline to enter is 1 p.m. or when 10 teams have entered. Bring your own spares, the Warrior Zone is supplying only the meat. Other event activities include; a rematch of the American and Italian Soccer Game, water balloon toss, dunk tank, and water games throughout the day. Call 637-2715 for more information.

Surf and Turf Night

Got a craving for a juicy steak? Treat yourself to steak & shrimp with the delicious Surf & Turf “Back to School” dinner on August 26 at the Golden Lion Conference Center. Great food at a great price! Call 634-7685 for reservations before August 24.

AFAP Conference 2015

Members of the community are invited to participate in the Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) conference. AFAP is a Department of the Army initiative which translates locally at USAG Vicenza to a grassroots campaign that gives the community an opportunity to voice concerns and issues that affect quality of life in Vicenza and the Army as a whole. Conference date is November 2. Submit your issues online at Vicenza.AmyMWR.com or in the ACS drop box. The deadline for submitting issues is September 2. Register to be a delegate by calling 634-7500 before October 1.

Cyss Opens Tennis and Soccer Registration

Tennis registration for youth age 6 and above is open August 3- September 8. The cost is $30 and includes 8 sessions; each session is 1 hour. One afternoon practice/week, flexibly scheduled around your child’s extracurricular activities. First official practice begins the week of September 8 (rain or shine). Season ends early November.

Soccer registration is open August 3-September 4 at one of our Cyss facilities or on WebTrac. Advanced sign-ups required with the Sports Registration Form and a sports physical valid through November 15, 2015 is required. Sign-up deadline for traveling team is COB Friday, September 4 (min age is 10 i.e. youth must be 10 years old on or before Nov 15; max age is 15). If we do not have enough players by this date to create a traveling team, then games against Vicenza CYSS will not be scheduled. Child must be minimum age 2 in order to join the Start Smart team, cost is $20. Youth ages 5 and older pay $40. Age waivers may be granted, depending upon total registrants.

Call 633-77521 for more information.

Tuscan Tots Playgroup

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

Host Nation Orientation

New to the Darby? Host Nation Orientation is an exciting opportunity to learn about the Darby Military Community and Italian culture. This 4-day class begins August 3:

• Day 1 | Learn about Darby Resources
• Day 2 | Full day of language and culture
• Day 3 | Downtown tour of Pisa and public transportation
• Day 4 | Downtown tour of Livorno

To register, contact ACS at 633-7084.

Edge! August Activities

EDGE! offers some great activities for grades 6-12 during August. To enroll visit Cyss Parent Central Services or register online with WebTrac. Call 634-7219 for information.

- Volleyball | Monday-Friday August 3-7, 1-5 p.m.
- Box training & Conditioning | Tues & Thurs begins Aug 4
- Art-Hand Building Clay | Wednesdays begins Aug 5
- Outdoor Adventure | Mon-Fri, Aug 17-21 2:30-5:30 p.m.

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**Community news briefs**

**Del Din mosquito spraying**

DPW will be spraying for mosquitoes at Del Din on July 23, 4-8 a.m., weather permitting. If not, they will complete the next day. Please do not walk on the streets if all possible for at least one hour afterward. For more information, call DSN 634-8218 or comm 0444-71-8272.

**New NCOER community training**

USARAF GT is conducting training on the new NCOER to ensure that all NCOs and their families are aware of what this program is all about. The first testing 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 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, call DSN 634-8154 or e-mail Bryan.Inoue.mil@mail.mil.

**USAG Change of Command**

Mark your calendars for Aug. 28, when 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. The command will be forwarded to Col. Robert L. Menist Jr. and welcomed new Garrison Commander Col. Steven M. Marks.

**Education Center offers skills class**

The Vicenza Education Center is offering a functional Academic Skills Training (FAST) program-GT. Scores Aug. 17, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-5 p.m. For more information, call 0444-71-5998.

**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 processing at passport agencies in the United States. Priority is being given to resolving this problem but a delay of six to 10 weeks processing time is expected. They regret the inconvenience and will post any developments.

**Teenvenu workshop & tour**

If you are new to the Vicenza Military Community and in grades 9-12, you can sign up for the Teenvenu Workshop and Tour. This student-led, adult-supervised event will help you get used to your new home. The next Teenvenu is Aug. 5, 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., now through Aug. 21. Advanced class 8-9:15 a.m. and Beginner/Intermediate class 9:30-10:30 a.m. For more information, email mako.sharkscoach@gmail.com or mako.sharks président@gmail.com.

**Facility hours**

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.

**Full registration**

Full registration is here at University of Maryland University College and Central Texas College. In-classroom classes begin Aug. 14. Both academic and career counseling are available in Bldg. 126, or by calling UMUC at DSN 634-8927, comm 0444-71-8927, or CTTC at DSN 634-8037, comm 0444-71-6514.

**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 neighborhood initiatives aimed atstrengthening relationships with host and tenant communities. Most service projects are done in partnership with the Vicenza Alumni Association, the Vicenza art and light cleaning, weedding, school painting, fund-raising fun events or assisting with set up of local festivals. Those interested in future activities should contact the garrison COMREL office at 637-8099 or umrce.vmc.pao@mail.mil.

**Emergency Operations number**

The emergency number for work orders, alarm systems and other after-hours questions is now 0444-61-8033.

**Carpooling**

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 8-1 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/vicenzaus.

**Volunteer opportunities**

Exceptional Family Member Program-Volunteer coordinator, administration and volunteers support, call for information email leigh.a.strain2@gmail.com.

**Cub Scouts**

Activities — chairs, STEM coordinator. For more information, email pack-295chairs@gmail.com.

**Sergeants Major Association**

The Sergeants Major Corps is a robust network of noncommissioned officers who champion the corps by taking care of Soldiers and families, and giving back to the community. All sergeants major will meet monthly on the first Tuesday of every month in Bldg. 80C. SMC membership is exclusive and gained through a rigorous and competitive selection process.

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**CYS coaches**

CYS coaches — Baseball, track and field, tennis, softball. For more information call 0444-71-7206 or stop by Bldg. 108.

**Medical Benenfiti for beneficiaries**

The Vicenza Health Clinic is holding an information briefing for beneficiaries in the Health Center second floor training classroom Oct. 15, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Registration is required, call DSN 636-9508 or comm 0444-61-8033.

**USO operating hours**

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**Relay for Life**

invite you to our “Relay for Life” event to honor and remember those who have battled cancer or are currently fighting the disease. To participate, please sign up, see the education counselors in Ederle Bldg. 2 or call 0444-71-5998.

**Motorcycle purchase card cardholders**

Military must go to the Central Processing Center to register their CAC card before training for new personnel and to recertify training, and local nationals must sign up for the class on the portal at least two weeks prior to ensure computer access.

**USAACs**

Anyone can attend any of the 12-step process. Call 634-7554 for more information.

**Bicycle fun and safety day**

A Bicycle Fun & Safety Day will take place at Villaggio bus parking lot, Aug. 19, from 9 a.m. to noon. Children will learn how to be safe while riding their bikes, a great skill to practice before school starts.
Chapel activities

Vicenza

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9 a.m.: Protestant Women of the Chapel
6 p.m.: PMOC and PWOC Bible study. Dinner provided; no watch care

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

Sagra di Sant’Anna Saint Ann Festival
July 31-Aug. 2 and Aug. 5, in Villaga, Via San Michele Arcangelo, about 14 miles south of Vicenza. Food booths featuring local specialties open at 8 p.m. Live music and dancing start at 9 p.m.

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BefRock Rock Festival
July 31-Aug. 4, 7 p.m.-midnight, in Vicenza, Bertesinella Sports Center, Via Cultura Camisana 13. Food booths feature local specialties and a wide variety of beers; live music starts nightly at 9:30 p.m. Free entrance.

http://www.comune.vicenza.it/vicenza/events/evento.php/128393

OpeNights – Music & Drinks
Through Aug. 8, 9 p.m., live music in Vicenza; ticket €5 (includes one drink). Free for children under 14.

July 31: Sunrise song, courtyard of Leoni Montanari Palace

Aug. 8: Palladian Gipsy, Olympic Theatre garden
http://www.comune.vicenza.it/vicenza/events/evento.php/130143

World Music Live Festival
Through Aug. 22, 9 p.m.; free concerts with international bands in Vicenza, Giardino Salvi. Free entrance.

Aug. 1: The Henry Girls (Ireland)
Aug. 16: Buda Fold Band (Hungary)
Aug. 22: Bisserov Sister (Bulgaria)

http://www.comune.vicenza.it/vicenza/events/evento.php/130105

Bel Canto e Buon Vino Opera and Wine Tasting


Sagra dell’Assunta Assumption Festival
Aug. 8-9, and Aug. 11-15, in Sarego, about 16 miles southwest of Vicenza. Food booths featuring many local specialties and wines open at 6:30 p.m. Live music and dancing start at 9 p.m.

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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 “The Great War: 100th Anniversary.” International artists take part in this special event as 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/

Calici sotto le Stele Wine Tasting under the Stars
Aug. 10, 7 p.m. – 12:30 a.m., in Barbarano Vicentino, Piazza Roma 35, about 13 miles south of Vicenza. Exhibit and sale of 20 local wineries; food stands. From 5 p.m., free visits to local monuments; fireworks at 11:30 p.m.


Sagra dell’Assunta Assumption Festival
Aug. 11-16, 7 p.m.-12:30 a.m.; in Vo’ di Brendola, Piazza Roma, about 13 miles south of Vicenza. Food booths open at 7 p.m. Live music and dancing start at 9 p.m.

https://www.facebook.com/290558997756124/photos

Festival of Sand Sculptures - Jesolo
Aug. 29: 9:30 p.m. Live folk rock with the Clan band; 11:30 p.m. live punk folk music with the Mosche di velluto grigio (Grey Velvet Flies) band

Aug. 30: 9 p.m. Live Irish punk folk music with The Manhones band (from Ontario); 11:30 p.m. live Irish folk music with The Ladies Craic and Pints.

http://www.brintaalcelticfolk.it/

Ginnastica nei Parchi Free outdoor 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 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

Aug. 27: 9:30 p.m. Live Irish folk music with The Dirty Bards band

Aug. 28: 9:30 p.m. Live folk music with the Spanish Folk on Crest band; 11:30 p.m. live Irish folk music with the Micro Irish band

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Antique markets

**Marostica:** Aug. 2, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Castello, about 18 miles north of Vicenza. (130 vendors)

**Noventa Vicentina:** Aug. 2, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., in Piazza IV Novembre, about 20 miles south of Vicenza. (120 vendors)

**Lonigo:** Aug. 9, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., Via Garibaldi, about 20 miles southwest of Vicenza

**Montegrotto (Padova):** Aug. 9, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza 1º Maggio, about 34 miles southeast of Vicenza

**Portobuffolè:** Aug. 9, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; Piazza Beccaro, about 88 miles northeast of Vicenza

Effetto Venezia

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**Kekocomerla Sagra del Cocomero**

**Watermelon Festival**

July 31-Aug. 2, in Cerreto Guidi (Florence). Food booths featuring local specialties open at 8 p.m.; Aug. 1-2, live music and dancing from 9:30 p.m.

http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=1&city=&date=13&page=1&post=694

**Medievale**

**Medieval Festival**

July 31-Aug. 2, in Momigno (Mariliana, Pistoia). Street artists, jesters, fire-eaters, and medieval music. Food booths open at 6 p.m.


Birragustando

**Beer Festival**

July 31-Aug. 2, 7-11 p.m., in Montenero D’Orcia, Castel del Piano (Grosseto). Food booths featuring a wide variety of local beers and specialties open at 7 p.m.; entertainment for children and live music.

**Festa Medievale Medieval Festival**

Aug. 1; 4:30 p.m. – midnight, in Montieri (Grosseto), Piazza 25 Aprile. Medieval market and old trades exhibit; musical shows with minstrels, stilt-walkers, jesters, witches and elves. Free entrance.


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**Sagra della Bistecca alla Fiorentina Florentine Steak Festival**

Aug. 1-2, in Pietramala (Firenzuola, Florence). Food booths featuring Florentine steak and other local specialties open at 7 p.m.; live music and dancing start at 9 p.m.


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**BeerRenaui Music Summer Fest**

Through Aug. 9, 5 p.m.– midnight, in Parco dei Renai, Signa (Florence), Via dei Renai. Food booths feature local specialties and 12 local beers; shows and entertainments for children; nightly music. Free entrance.

[https://www.facebook.com/events/1598223887130316/](https://www.facebook.com/events/1598223887130316/)

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**Camminamento di Ronda Walk along fortress walls of Cittadella**

Through October 31, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-6 p.m.; in Cittadella, (Padova), about 16 miles northwest of Vicenza; entrance from the tourist office, Via Piazza Dei Basanesi; Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; last entrance: one hour before closure. On Saturday and Sunday, 6-8 p.m., the tour is accompanied by medieval music. The walls and fortifications were built in 1220 to protect the town from territorial attacks; from the walls you can experience views of downtown and even the Dolomite Mountains on a clear, sunny day. Ticket: €5.

[http://turismo.comune.cittadella.pd.it/](http://turismo.comune.cittadella.pd.it/)

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**Balestro del Girifalco Historical Reenactment**

Aug. 14-15, in Massa Marittima (Grosseto), Piazza del Duomo. This festival was first held in the early years of the 14th century. Twenty-four competitors, armed with authentic replicas of 15th century Italian crossbows, used by their ancestors, compete trying to center a target placed 30 meters away, on the other side of Piazza del Duomo. On the back of the target is a painting of the festival’s namesake, the girifalco (gyrfalcon), its wings spread wide in flight. The competitor whose arrow hits the center of the target wins.

[http://www.zedlive.com](http://www.zedlive.com)

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**Antique markets**

**Carmignano (Prato):** Aug. 2; 9:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II and Piazza Matteotti

**Orbetello (Grosseto):** Aug. 1-2; 10 a.m.-10 p.m.; Corso Italia

**Pietrasanta (Luca):** Aug. 2; 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Duomo, about 50 vendors.

**San Giuliano Terme (Pisa):** Aug. 2; 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Shelley and Piazza Italia

**Firenze (Tuscany):** Aug. 9; 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Santo Spirito

**Livorno (Tuscany):** Aug. 9; 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cavour

**Montepulciano (Siena):** Aug. 8-9; 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Grande

**Piombino (Livorno):** Aug. 8-9; 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cappelletti, Corso Italia, via Fucini, Piazza Gramsci

**Pisa:** Aug. 8-9; 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza dei Cavaliere

**Vicopisano (Pisa):** Aug. 9; 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Domenico Cavaletta

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

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**CONCERTS**

**Damien Rice** - July 30 in Villafranca di Verona

**Patti Smith** - Aug. 8 in Codroipo

**Carl Cox** - Aug. 14 in Jesolo

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

**U2** - Sept. 4-5 in Torino

**David Garret** - Sept. 2 in Milan; Sept. 3 in Florence, Sept. 5 in Verona; Sept. 6 in Rome

**Glenn Hughes** - Sept. 15 in Milan

**Linkin Park** - Sept. 6 in Rome

**Tony Allen** - Sept. 11 in Bologna

**Ennio Morricone** - Sept. 12 in Verona

**David Gilmour** - Sept. 13 in Assago (Milan)

**Ravenna** - Aug. 28 in Reggio Emilia; Sept. 5 in Padova; Sept. 9 in Assago

**Alpha Blondy** - Sept. 9 in Assago (Milan)

**Marilyn Manson** - Oct. 9 in Assago (Milan)

**Joe Satriani** - Oct. 15 in Assago (Milan); Oct. 18 in Florence; Oct. 20 in Rome; Oct. 21 in Padova

**Dave Matthews Band** - Oct. 17 in Assago (Milan)

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**SPORTING EVENTS**

**Formula 1 Gran Prix** - Sept. 4-6, in Monza

**MotoGP** – Italian Grand Prix - Sept. 11-13, at Misano Circuit, San Marino

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

**Misono 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.greenieticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing](http://www.greenieticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing); or [http://www.ticketone.it/EN/](http://www.ticketone.it/EN/) or [http://www.zedlive.com](http://www.zedlive.com).