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**Good-bye**  
Arrivederci  
Ar-reevedairchee

**Thank you/No, thank you**  
Grazie/No, grazie  
Gratzee-e/No, gratzee-e

**Excuse me**  
**(to get past someone)**  
Permesso  
pairmesso

**Sorry/Excuse me**  
Scusi (formal)/Scusa (informal)  
Skoozee/skooza



Sgt. Desmond Herring, a U.S. paratrooper assigned to the Company D, 54th Brigade Engineer Battalion, 173rd Airborne Brigade, conducts pre-flight checks on an RQ7B Shadow Technical unmanned aircraft system at Aeroclub Postonja in Slovenia, Oct. 20. (Courtesy photo)

## Sky Soldiers' new engineer battalion integrates seamlessly

By **1st Lt. Peter Ingram**  
173rd Airborne Brigade

**POCEK, Slovenia** -- Paratroopers from 173rd Airborne Brigade were in Slovenia Oct. 16-21 in support of Exercise Rock Proof V, a combined-arms exercise between U.S. and Slovenian soldiers.

Joining infantrymen from 2nd Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment in the exercise were paratroopers from 54th Brigade Engineer Battalion, who integrated aviation, engineer and military intelligence expertise into the fight.

For the first time in the exercise's history, unmanned aircraft systems, and their operators played a part.

"Rock Proof allowed a platoon of UAS operators from the 54th Brigade Engineering Battalion to demonstrate their ability to serve as a combat multiplier, both for intelligence collection as well as kinetic strikes," said Chief Warrant Officer 2 Anthony Blacharski, the UAS platoon leader. "The UAV team, using the Shadow unmanned aerial vehicle, has the ability to provide continuous coverage of the battlefield for the commander."

During the exercise, a sapper platoon

from Company A, 54th worked on properly assimilating its personnel with an infantry battalion's ground tactical plan.

"The best part of working with the infantry is being able to synchronize direct and indirect fires to allow our sappers to be able to breach obstacles more safely and quickly," said 2nd Lt. Alexander Cansler III, a platoon leader with Co. A. "Getting realistic training with a lot of repetitions was ideal."

Joining the aviation and engineering assets were military intelligence paratroopers from the 54th.

The battalion's Company D provided two human intelligence collectors, who worked with 2nd Battalion paratroopers as trainers and simulated intelligence assets.

"It's very important for human intelligence collectors to integrate with the maneuver battalions," said Sgt. Matthew Martinez, a HUMINT squad leader. "Tactical questioning is a critical piece to the accomplishment of their mission."

Overall the exercise afforded an opportunity to incorporate enablers into a combined-arms, live-fire exercise, allowing those assets to seamlessly integrate and enhance the training value to all those who attended.

## US Army Africa welcomes Minnesota general to team

By **Sgt. Lance Pounds**  
USARAF Public Affairs Office

**VICENZA** -- Maj. Gen. Darryl A. Williams, U.S. Army Africa commanding general, welcomed Brig. Gen. Jon A. Jensen, USARAF deputy commanding general, with a patching ceremony Caserma Ederle, Oct. 23.

Jensen also serves as the director of the Joint Staff, Minnesota Army National Guard and Department of Military Affairs, Saint Paul, Minn.

Jensen earned his commission in 1989

and has served in a variety of command and staff positions in both Iowa and Minnesota Army National Guard.

As deputy commanding general, he said his presence shows the significance of partnership between active, Guard and Reserve components within USARAF towards the Total Army concept.

"We are fortunate to have a deep pool of talent within the Army," said Jensen. "Regardless of where you go, these talents show how we can serve and accomplish the mission together."

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## Prepare cars for winter weather

**VICENZA** -- The U.S. Army Garrison Italy Directorate of Emergency Services reminds community residents that all motor vehicles, including motorcycles and four-wheel-drive vehicles, must have clearly marked winter or all-season tires when there is black ice, snow, slush, ice or frost on European roads.

That means it is time to change summer tires to all-season or winter tires.

In most parts of the country, for driving purposes, winter lasts from Nov. 15 to April 15, though in the Aosta Valley it starts on Oct. 15, and in other mountainous regions on Nov. 1.

Many areas in Italy require M+S rated tires on cars from Nov. 15 to April 15, but if Soldiers, civilians or their families are traveling into the Alps (Germany, Austria and Switzerland), those dates are generally from Oct. 15 through Easter.

Winter tires reduce braking on slick road conditions by 42 percent compared to all-season tires. If drivers are involved in a traffic accident, or stopped by law enforcement and inspected in one of the aforementioned countries, drivers could face hefty fines for not having proper tires.

The rules in Italy revolve around the requirement to carry snow chains on particular roads over the winter period -- as denoted by signs -- though tires marked M&S, MS or M+S are a legally acceptable alternative.

The rules are set by each region so fines range from €80-318. Refer to the national traffic website CCIS <http://www.cciss.it/portale/cciss.portal> to see exactly where and when the winter tire/chains requirements apply, as indicated by the tire logo above.

According to the UN-ECE-Regulation (ECE-R 30 and 54), EC Directives (Directive 92/23 EEC), and Road Traffic Ordinance (§36), winter tires must be marked with M+S (M&S, M.S.). This applies also to all-season tires, which are marked accordingly. Some useful information is also the "snowflake" or "mountain" marking (in addition to the M + S marking), which certifies the tire passed a test on its winter qualities.

However, this marking is not compulsory. The marking M+S is sufficient for a winter or an all-season tire. The marking is on the sidewall and specifies that the tire is still safe in mud and snow (better traction).

In lieu of snow or all-season tires, snow chains can be used and must be on board (if vehicle is not equipped with winter or all-season tires).

The following link can provide more information about winter tire rules around Europe: <http://driveeuropenews.com/2013/11/06/winter-tyre-rules-in-europe/>.

One special note: Some insurance companies may deny coverage to motorists driving with summer tires on wintery roads. (DES)

## In a complex world, winning matters

By **Gen. Mark A. Milley**  
Chief of Staff of the Army

**WASHINGTON** -- Today, the Soldiers of America's Army are deployed and engaged around the globe-- in places like Iraq, Afghanistan, Korea, Eastern Europe, Africa, throughout the Pacific, the Baltics and Latin America. Acting as part of one joint team, they are simultaneously deterring adversaries and assuring allies, building increased partner capacity and responding to regional challenges, providing humanitarian support and disrupting terrorist networks.

Wherever they are, America's Soldiers are displaying true courage, commitment and character. They are demonstrating unparalleled competence and agility. And no matter the challenge, no matter how complex the environment, or how dangerous the situation, our Soldiers win wherever they are. We are, and must remain, the world's premier ground combat force, ready to fight today and prepared to fight tomorrow.

A timeless priority for our nation is to ensure that our Army is ready and maintains its edge over our adversaries. Readiness to win in ground combat must remain the Army's No. 1 priority. We were unprepared for the

Civil War, Spanish-American War, World War I, WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the post-invasion Iraq insurgency, and many other military operations throughout our history. In each of these cases, we paid the price. The price for our unpreparedness was the blood of our Soldiers and we placed at risk achieving our national objectives. We must recommit ourselves to avoiding our long national history of failing to anticipate and prepare our ground forces for the next war. We collectively owe it to the Soldiers we lead and the nation we defend to ensure we organize, equip, man, train, and lead our Army to prevail in the unforgiving crucible of ground combat.

My No. 1 priority is readiness across the Total Force. There is no other No. 1. Readiness to fight and win, in ground combat is --and will remain-- an inviolate benchmark; no American Soldier must ever deploy to combat unready. The Army must also set the conditions to increase our effectiveness to meet challenges of the future. Our transformation to the future force begins now. We will set the conditions to maintain overmatch against future adversaries while enhancing our ability to adapt to unforeseen challenges. All of this is achievable because



of our most valuable asset - our people -- the Soldiers, families, and civilians who dedicate their lives to the selfless service to their nation. We will keep their faith.

### Ready to fight today

Winning the nation's wars as part of The Joint Force is what the United States Army is all about. Which is why readiness is my priority. Our Soldiers remain currently engaged in active contingency operations in both Iraq and Afghanistan. And there exists a very real possibility we will be called upon in many other areas as well. The U.S. is a global power with worldwide responsibilities and interests, and consequently it is the solemn obligation of all leaders to prepare our Soldiers

for combat against multiple adversaries in varied locations. Our Soldiers, our nation's sons and daughters, will have the necessary training, leadership and resources to win. To do so, we will refine our training programs to execute tough, realistic training based on warfighting fundamentals that build capability in our Soldiers and leaders. We will discriminately apply our resources to sustain current equipment, technological, and training overmatch. We will enhance leadership development and education at all levels to produce adaptive, agile, innovative, and flexible leaders of character and competency. And we will do so as a Total Force in order to win anywhere, anytime, against any enemy.

Building sustainable readiness is a long-term task. A unit that is ready today did not get there instantaneously. It took time and predictable resources. It involves individual and collective training, multiple exercises, and constant repetition. Units must be manned at combat levels, and equipment must be upgraded, modernized, and maintained. Our goal is to ensure 60-70 percent of the Army is at combat levels of readiness as a routine steady state. Once achieved, we must do all we can to sustain the highest levels

of readiness across the entire Army. That is a tall order, but to do less is to place our Soldiers and nation at risk.

### Future force

The coming years will bring to the forefront the challenge of maintaining tactical and operational advantage over our adversaries.

A decade and a half of war has taught us that the Army must constantly adapt to the missions assigned and the operating environment. Our adversaries recognize the limits of our capabilities and capacity and have employed novel countermeasures, created by combining increasingly available military and commercial technologies. Accordingly, our enemies are increasingly using "hybrid warfare" methods that blend aspects of conventional and irregular warfare to threaten neighbors and destabilize regions across the globe. As our Army continues to demonstrate the ability to innovate in Iraq and Afghanistan, our future force must also leverage this knowledge to adapt and expand our training to include conventional core skills, truly preparing us for the full spectrum of conflict.

We have been fighting for

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## Speak Out

### What does Veterans Day mean to you?

By Laura Kreider & Chiara Mattiolo



**Xavier De La Garza**  
Family member

*"Veterans Day is a day to represent the fallen, retired and active military. A time to thank those who serve in the military and honor their bravery."*



**Toni McGhee**  
Family member

*"Veterans Day means that we celebrate all men and women who serve our country. It is their day."*



**Derrick Marcantal**  
Family member

*"It is a day to remember those who sacrifice their lives to fight for their country."*



**Lincoln Connors**  
Postal Services

*"Honoring the great sacrifices of the armed forces."*



**David Griffiths**  
405th AFSBn, Africa

*"Honoring those who served/serve, past and present."*



**Tiffany Nicole Tirado**  
Graduate student

*"It is a day to honor and remember those who gave their lives. A day to give special thanks to those who are in service risking their lives."*

# Chief of Chaplains visits, tours future spiritual education center

Story and photo by **Karin J. Martinez**  
USAG Italy Public Affairs Office

**VICENZA** -- A long-awaited spiritual education facility is finally coming to fruition, and the U.S. Army Chief of Chaplains visited Oct. 30 to tour the facility here and concur with final paperwork.

Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Paul K. Hurley, chief of chaplains, came to Vicenza to meet with Chaplain (Maj.) James Foster, garrison chaplain, U.S. Army Garrison Italy, and Grace Yeuell, religious education program director, Installation Management Command-Europe.

Hurley was pleased to hear about the progress and visit Building 395, which will be used for religious education for children of all ages as well as adult programs such as Bible study, seminars and workshops. The building is located just behind the Italian Mensa and the Arena.

"This is an enhancement to our mission," Hurley said. "It's not just a venue; it's a multiplier to the Chaplain Corps' lines of effort. And it could not have happened without the partnership and support of the members of the garrison command group, who are committed to taking care of Soldiers and families."

Yeuell, who works out of Sembach, Germany, said she began the process to find such a building six years ago when there was no ideal place to facilitate religious education on the installation. Vicenza elementary and middle schools



Chaplain (Maj.) James Foster (left), garrison chaplain, U.S. Army Garrison Italy, talks about the space of Building 395 on Caserma Ederle that will be used as a spiritual education center during a walk-through with Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Paul K. Hurley, Army chief of chaplains. Hurley visited Vicenza on Oct. 30.

were sharing their space, but when they moved to Villaggio, it was time to look elsewhere.

"I spent a lot of time walking around and looking at spaces," said Yeuell. "When the Child Development Center vacated Building 395, I asked if we could use some space. We created a memorandum of understanding with Child and Youth Services, helped clear it out and clean it, and then we salvaged some of

the school's old furnishings."

Thus began the effort to designate an official location dedicated to religious education on Caserma Ederle.

"Hundreds of the faithful come through the doors each week," Yeuell said. "We wanted a permanent location to say 'we welcome you, we are expecting you.' We have the commander's commitment to dedicate this building, and it's now being coded as an official Religious Education Facility."

Thus the general's visit, added Foster, who said Hurley was here in his capacity as chief of chaplains to concur the coding redesignation. Foster went on to discuss what will happen now.

"Ultimately, by 2017, the building will be totally renovated," Foster said.

"Right now we begin the process of creating a facility that will meet our specific needs. Now that concurrence is finished, all of the pieces have come together, and the initial design phase begins."

Designing a flexible space is important, said Yeuell and Foster, as the building will bring together children and adults of all faiths and all ages for weekend and mid-week programs.

Being able to transition the space to accommodate everyone's needs is vital to success.

"I am grateful that the command team has committed to the need for faith formation in this community," Foster said. Yeuell agreed.

"Having the commander's and community's commitment says to me that, yes, finally it's happening," she said. "It's finally happening, and it's exciting."

Design on the building will be solidified mid-2016, and renovation begins next fall.

## Commissaries now offer in-store Wi-Fi

**VICENZA/LIVORNO** -- Comparison shopping just got easier.

Since Oct. 27, the Vicenza and Livorno commissaries now offer in-store Wi-Fi access for patrons.

Through its Commissary Patron Internet Mobile System, or CPIMS, the Defense Commissary Agency seeks to open customer Wi-Fi access to all stateside and overseas commissaries.

"Many of our patrons come to the commissary with their smart phones and tablets, and store Wi-Fi will help them maximize their commissary benefit," said Tony Piccolo, Vicenza store director. "There's a lot of valuable shopping information on [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com) such as digital coupons for the Commissary Rewards Card, our sales flier, the savings aisle for access to promotional prices and much, much more."

The following information is important to note re-

garding access to commissary Internet:

- Anyone in the store can access the store's free Wi-Fi from the sales floor area
- Prior to accessing the store's free Wi-Fi, one must accept Defense Commissary Agency's "terms of Service" agreement
- Patrons with questions about accessing Wi-Fi should contact the store's customer service representative

This phase of DeCA's Patron Wi-Fi roll out involves 102 stateside commissaries with existing network infrastructure to support patron wireless traffic. The next phase will parallel the agency's technical refresh of store systems that don't have the requirements to support patron Wi-Fi.



Cpt. Brandon Ebel, 405th Army Field Support Battalion, Africa, checks the Internet while shopping at the Livorno Commissary. DeCA Vicenza and Livorno commissaries now offer free Wi-Fi for patrons.

(Photo by Chiara Mattiolo, DMC Public Affairs Office)

## Law enforcement puts emphasis on driving campaigns

*'Booze It and Lose It' and 'Click it or Ticket' are two ongoing driver awareness campaigns at Ederle*

By **Karin J. Martinez**  
USAG Italy Public Affairs Office

**CASERMA EDERLE**-- Wearing a seat belt increases the chances of surviving a serious car crash by 45 percent, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Impaired driving and impaired-related crashes result in more deaths each year than do total homicides, and alcohol is a factor in 35 percent of all crashes in the United States, says the Tennessee Governor's Highway Safety Office.

So it is no wonder military police and carabinieri are working together to cut down on illegal and unsafe driving habits such as not wearing a seatbelt and driving under the influence.

Two campaigns bringing awareness to that effort are under way in Vicenza: "Booze It and Lose It" and "Click it or Ticket," said Kevin M. Goodwin, law enforcement operations officer at the Provost Marshal Office here. Federally regulated, the campaigns must be enforced at all U.S. government installations.

Click It or Ticket allows law enforcement officers to

issue a safety belt citation without observing any other offense. Booze It and Lose It is designed to reduce impaired driving injuries and fatalities, and targets all drivers who are impaired due to consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Many states in the U.S. have enforced these campaigns for years, and statistics show there has been a noticeable difference in driving habits since implementation. For example, after amplifying advertisement and enforcement of the Click It campaign, national seat belt use has increased in the overall population by at least four percent, and in some states, as high as 10 percent over a three-year period, says the U.S. Department of Transportation. In Texas, when Click It or Ticket began in 2002, only 75 percent of motorists buckled up. Today, according to a fact sheet from the Texas DOT, nine out of 10 Texas motorists are buckling up.

Drivers here will see these proactive, preventive programs in action especially on long weekends, Goodwin said. Checks will be at least once a month at any or all three installations in Vicenza-- Caserma Ederle, Villaggio and Del Din. Although there is no local trend over the past year, trends in the States show that drunk driving increases over holidays, especially at night, according to the North Carolina Governor's Highway Safety Program, so long weekends seem to be an ideal time to heighten awareness. Still, emphasized Staff Sgt. James L. Winn, PMO operations sergeant, drivers should be

aware that law enforcement may stop drivers to check for impaired driving or seatbelt use at any time.

Both campaigns were in full force during the Columbus Day weekend, Goodwin added. Out of 143 people stopped, there were no drunk driving incidents among them and only one seatbelt infraction. That is good news, said Goodwin and Winn, because community safety is a priority.

Many drivers are unaware of the consequences of breaking the law, Winn said. For example, if a driver is cited with failure to wear a seatbelt or failure to require passengers to wear a seatbelt, it is an automatic seven-day suspension of the SETAF license, per U.S. Army and U.S. Army Europe regulations. A second offense brings a 30-day license suspension and points on the license. In addition, if a person drives and gets caught during suspension or revocation of his/her license, the license is suspended for five years. But that is if a military police officer stops the driver; if carabinieri pull a driver over and the driver is cited for wrongdoing, a monetary penalty is added on top of the other penalties.

In short, advise Winn and Goodwin, just obey the rules.

"Follow the law," they said. "That's the best way to stay out of trouble."

For specific questions regarding the campaigns or any law enforcement issue, contact the military police desk at DSN 634-7626 or commercial 0444-71-7626.

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In the process of supporting USARAF missions in Africa, National Guard Soldiers gain leadership development.

“We take our leaders into a complex austere environment, we challenge them to not only operate in the environment but to work alongside our partnered armies,” said Jensen.

The ARNG supports USARAF’s strategic concept African Horizons through the State Partnership Program.

“Since 2003, the SPP has been committed to long-term relationships and partnerships in Africa,” said Jensen, who added that currently 10 states and 12 nations are involved in the program. “It has allowed us to enhance relationships into partnerships.”

Jensen addressed attendees, thanking them for “such an amazing turnout.”

“I am very excited to join the USARAF team,” he said. “It is an honor and a privilege and I look forward to serving here in Italy.”



Maj. Gen. Darryl A. Williams, U.S. Army Africa commanding general, places a U.S. Army Africa/Southern European Task Force patch on the shoulder of Brig. Gen. Jon A. Jensen, USARAF deputy commanding general, during a patching ceremony at Caserma Ederle, Oct. 23. Jensen also serves as director of the Joint Staff, Minnesota Army National Guard and Department of Military Affairs, Saint Paul, Minn. (Photo by Sgt. Lance Pounds)

over a decade in a singular typology of war-- counterterrorism and counterinsurgency primarily in the defined specific geographic areas of Iraq and Afghanistan. We must not repeat the reflexive mistake of making the linear assumption that our next conflict will look like the fights we all have been engaged in for so long. Future warfare may well take on similar characteristics, but it is more likely that it will not.

**Caring for our people**

I have huge confidence in our Army and it reflects the strength of our nation as it has since June 14, 1775. Right now, we have an incredible generation of combat-proven leaders and Soldiers that have shouldered the challenges of 14 consecutive years of war. Soldiers and leaders that know first-hand the challenges, complexity and sacrifice of real war. We have the most combat experienced leaders and the most skilled Army in our nation’s history. We recognize this and will harness this decisive advantage for the future. We will keep trust with our veterans, Soldiers, and their families.

The Soldiers of our all-volunteer Army have not been through this alone. Our accomplishments are strengthened by our families and supported by a cadre of civilian professionals. It is this shared, unshakable commitment that enables our Army to be where we need to be, when we need to be there.

**Winning in a complex world**

We are the best-equipped, best-trained, and best-led Army in the world. But we cannot rest on our laurels. We must get better. The world is rapidly changing and the future is unpredictable and uncertain. When called upon, we will be ready to win with tough, ethical, competent, and well-led Soldiers who will fight anywhere, anytime, against any foe as the world’s premier ground combat force - an Army that remains the most versatile and lethal land force on earth, valued by our friends and feared by our enemies. Winning matters; there is no second place in combat.

**Prepare for tax season now**

Under the Affordable Care Act, the federal government, state governments, insurers, employers and individuals are given shared responsibility to reform and improve availability, quality and affordability of health insurance coverage in the United States.

For the 2015 tax year, Defense Finance and Accounting Service is required to furnish a Form 1095-C to each employee.

The myPay website has been updated to allow Soldiers/employees to elect to receive this tax form electronically. Civilian employees are encouraged to log into myPay to turn on electronic delivery. Go to myPay, and from the main menu, select “Turn On/Off Hard Copy of IRS Form 1095-C.”

Opt in to receive an electronic copy no later than Dec. 31, 2015.

For more information on the ACA and tax reporting, visit <http://www.irs.gov/Affordable-Care-Act>. For additional details on tax information you will be receive from DFAS, visit <http://go.usa.gov/3pQUR>.

Anyone with questions about logging into myPay and/or making changes to your electronic elections on the site, contact the DFAS Centralized Customer Support Unit at 1-888-DFAS411 or 1-888-332-7411 and select option #5.

**Quitters win when it comes to smoking**

*The Great American Smokeout takes place Nov. 19. The American Cancer Society has promoted the smoking cessation event for 39 years.*

By **Karin J. Martinez**  
USAG Italy Public Affairs Office



For the 42 million Americans who smoke cigarettes, choosing a “quit date” is a decision that helps commit to breaking a smoking habit. Each November, the American Cancer Society provides the perfect day for that: the Great American Smokeout.

Since 1976, the Great American Smokeout has taken place on the third Thursday of November, falling this year on Nov. 19. It offers that quit date for those ready to take the step of conquering addiction and beginning a smoke-free life, according to literature from the American Cancer Society.

Smoking cessation represents the single most important step smokers can take to enhance the length and quality of their lives, says the U.S. Surgeon General. On average, compared to people who have never smoked, smokers suffer for years with more health problems due to their smoking and ultimately die earlier-- by a decade or more-- than nonsmokers. Smoking causes 480,000 American deaths each year.

Tobacco use remains the single largest preventable cause of disease and premature death in the United States. As of 2013, there were also 12.4 million cigar smokers and 2.3 million who smoke tobacco in pipes, also dangerous and addictive forms of tobacco. Among the military, smoking varies significantly by service with the U.S. Marine Corps holding the highest rate of smoking at 30.9 percent, the Army coming in second with 26.7 percent, Navy at 24.4 percent and the Air Force with 16.7 percent, according to the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

Making the decision to quit smoking is one that only the smoker can make, and the decision should begin with thinking about why you want to quit. Do you know someone who has had health problems because of smoking? Are you worried you could get a smoking-related disease? Are you spending too much money on the habit? All literature about

nicotine addiction concur: it is difficult to stop smoking. However, since 2002, there have been more former smokers in the United States than there are current smokers.

There are many stop-smoking programs designed to help smokers along the smoke-free journey, to include websites with tips and advice, telephone hotlines, and even a tobacco cessation class Tuesday afternoons at the Wellness Center located at the health clinic on Caserma Ederle. For more information on smoking cessation, contact your primary health care provider at the health clinic or any of the following:

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Office on Smoking and Health**  
[www.cdc.gov/tobacco](http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco)

**QuitNet**  
[www.smokefree.gov](http://www.smokefree.gov)

**American Heart Association**  
[www.americanheart.org](http://www.americanheart.org)  
[www.everydaychoices.org](http://www.everydaychoices.org)

**American Lung Association**  
[www.lungusa.org](http://www.lungusa.org)

**American Cancer Society**  
[www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

There are also apps that smokers who want to quit can download for both iPhone and Android devices. According to Men’s Fitness magazine, the top five best quit-smoking apps are Livestrong MyQuit Coach; Stop Smoking – Mindfulness Meditation; Quit Smoking – Quit Now!; and KickSmoking. Quit for Life is another app for quitting support.

*\*Mention of these organizations and apps does not imply government endorsement, and the lists are not all-inclusive.*

- Benefits over time for smokers who quit**
- 20 minutes after quitting:**  
Heart rate and blood pressure drop.
- 12 hours after quitting:**  
The carbon monoxide level in blood drops to normal.
- 2 weeks to 3 months after quitting:**  
Circulation improves and lung function increases.

**1 to 9 months after quitting:**  
Coughing and shortness of breath decrease; cilia (tiny hair-like structures that move mucus out of the lungs) start to regain normal function in the lungs, increasing the ability to handle mucus, clean the lungs, and reduce the risk of infection.

**1 year after quitting:**  
The excess risk of coronary heart disease is half that of a continuing smoker.

**5 years after quitting:**  
Risk of cancer of the mouth, throat, esophagus, and bladder are cut in half. Cervical cancer risk falls to that of a nonsmoker. Stroke risk can fall to that of a nonsmoker after 2-5 years.

**10 years after quitting:**  
The risk of dying from lung cancer is about half that of a person who is still smoking. The risk of cancer of the larynx (voice box) and pancreas decreases.

**15 years after quitting:**  
The risk of coronary heart disease is that of a nonsmoker.

These are just a few of the benefits; quitting smoking lowers the risk of diabetes, lets blood vessels work better, and helps the heart and lungs. Quitting while younger will reduce health risks more, but quitting at any age can give back years of life that would be lost by continuing to smoke. (Information compiled by the American Cancer Society from U.S. Surgeon General reports)

**Interested in becoming a ski patroller?**  
**Contact Vicenza Ski Patrol at [www.nsp.org](http://www.nsp.org) or email [VicenzaSkiPatrol@gmail.com](mailto:VicenzaSkiPatrol@gmail.com).**

# High school students glimpse possible futures at college fair

By **Shannon Shimer**  
USAG Italy Vicenza Youth Program

**VICENZA** -- A few hundred students, parents and community members turned out to visit the 2015 Vicenza College Fair at the Vicenza High School gymnasium Oct. 20 for a night of higher education.

The college fair, the third one here in the past two years, was a collaborative effort between the high school and the CYSS Teen Center on Caserma Ederle. Representatives from more than 40 colleges and universities from all over the United States and beyond were present to share information to prospective students and families who can find the college search difficult when living overseas. To ease the struggle, the college fair was supported by volunteers who donated their time to set up booths representing the school from which they graduated.

"I look forward to the college fair every year. It's a great way for the students to find out information about colleges and other resources available to them on post to help plan for their lives after high school," said Michelle Ortiz, post librarian who represented both the post library with information on scholarships as well as her alma mater, the University of Oregon.

Students found the college fair equally rewarding.

"The college fair gave me a lot more options than the colleges I had previously been considering," said Samantha Rivera, an 11th-grader at VHS.

Community members interested in participating in next year's fair should look for signs posted on community bulletin boards next summer.



Vicenza High School students peruse information tables as they wander through October's college fair in the high school gymnasium. Representatives of more than 40 colleges and universities were on hand to share school information and stories about their alma mater. (Photo by Michelle Ortiz)

# Pet Howl-o-ween event is tremendous success



Michelle Askins feeds Bentley, her three-month-old male Cocker Spaniel, while her sons Michael, 9 and Douglas, 4, pose for a picture during the Howl-o-ween on Caserma Ederle Hoekstra Field Oct. 23. The children and Bentley wore the 'Minions' costume and won the Best Human/Dog Pair contest.

Story and photo by  
**Laura Kreider**  
USAG Italy Public Affairs Office

**VICENZA** -- About 90 Vicenza Military Community members with 40 dogs participated in a Howl-o-Ween event Oct. 23 on Hoekstra Field here.

Coordinated by the American Red Cross in partnership with the Vicenza Vet Clinic, PCS Project of Italy, VFW Post 8862, the Vicenza Fitness Center and USO, the first-time event was deemed a success.

"We were so pleased with the turnout," said Amanda Spanoudis, ARC special events coordinator.

"This was a wonderful opportunity to get our community together to get the conversation started about what it means to be a responsible pet owner," she said.

Spanoudis explained some of the activities that took place at Howl-o-Ween. The vet clinic offered registration services for their clinic along with other information on how to keep pets healthy, while the PCS Project of Italy shared information on how their organization can help ease the transition with pets during the stressful time of moving from Italy back to the states or otherwise.

"The dog costume contest was a hit with the attendees as

well as the 'Hot Dogs for Humans' cookout sponsored by the VFW and USO.

We have received so much positive feedback from the community that we are looking forward to getting together next year for Howl-o-ween 2016," said Spanoudis.

An awards ceremony ended the event, and prizes were given to most creative and best couples (human and dog) costumes.

Best Human/Dog Pair contest winner (pictured) went to the Askins family.

Rabbit, a two-year-old Miniature Pinscher female (owner Sarah Coey) won the 'Best All Around' award for her 'Sherlock Bones' costume.

# Environmental Management System: Less risk, less cost

Story and photos by  
**Rodger Allison**  
DPW Environmental Division

**VICENZA** -- The Army operates within a complex system of international environmental laws and regulation. If not properly planned for, these environmental requirements may negatively affect the Army mission at United States Army Garrison Italy. These adverse effects come our way through a negative public image, exposure to hazardous pollution, and increased costs in money, time and personnel.

To manage these risks better, the Army decided to establish an Environmental Management System. The EMS is like a safety or security program. Everyone has a role in its success at work and at home.

The EMS at USAG Italy conforms to an international standard. The process starts with the Garrison Environmental Policy Statement found at <http://www.usag.livorno.army.mil/docs/2014envpolicy.pdf>. This kicks off a series of actions that are measured throughout the year to see if the organization meets goals established by



VMC LED lights



Del Din

the garrison and by the Army. The three areas that the garrison commander has established as a priority under the EMS are:

- Reduce energy consumption by three percent per year
- Improve waste management so recycle rate reaches 60 percent and hazardous waste generation maintains a downward trend
- Contractors become more involved in helping meet these goals

These reductions and improvements minimize our costs and critical environmental burdens. The garrison pays a lot for energy used. The cost for USAG Italy is \$20 million or more per year. The cost for our trash is about \$2.5 million or more per year. Reducing these costs leaves more money for other important things like recreation support and mission needs.

What can you do at home to help us reach our goal and meet our host nation laws?

- Recycle everything that you can
- Purchase recyclable products made with recyclable materials
- Shut off lights and equipment when not in use

What can you do at work to help us reach our goal and meet host nation laws?

- Know how to contact your unit or organization Environmental Officer
- Know how your operations affect the environment and figure out how to reduce its impact
- Sort waste properly
- Follow procedures

The garrison is taking action, too. The Directorate of Public Works is replacing the older metal halide street lamps with LED lamps reducing these en-

ergy costs by about 85 percent. Solar panel installation throughout the garrison has reduced energy needs. Of course, there are more improvements planned in the near future.

The Army selected the EMS as its means to reduce environmental risks to its mission because it is proactive. It allows us to integrate protective environmental activities into our daily mission operations and prevent the generation of wastes that cost a lot to dispose. With full implementation of the EMS and everyone's involvement, the Army will no longer have to react to as many violations of law and standards. This allows

focus on the mission at hand because we do not have to pause to deal with public complaints, regulators or auditors.

The intent of the USAG Italy EMS is to ensure the natural resources in Italy remain available for future needs. However, to reach that goal, we all must do our part and every little bit helps. Knowing that the EMS exists is a first step in helping us maintain a positive public image, reduce exposure to pollution and reduce costs.

If you need to know more the garrison's EMS, contact your Garrison's Environmental Officer or contact the DPW Environmental Division at 634-7166.



EMS Cycle



**BOO!**

Above: Trick-or-treaters go through the post library to fill their treat bags.

Left: A little lion enjoys a stroll through Darby Military Community during Halloween Fest 2015.

Right: Trick-or-treater Tyson King scares up some fun as he gathers treats in a creepy doctor costume.

## Darby community enjoys safe, spooky Halloween

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

**LIVORNO** -- When the Roman emperor (David Leinberger, deputy garrison manager) and his wife visited most offices in the Darby Military Community to wish a happy Halloween early in the morning on Oct. 30, everyone knew this would be a very special Halloween day for the Darby Military Community.

The whole day of festivities developed throughout various different locations in the community beginning at the post library, where employees in costume welcomed community children to their spooky story hour and offered tons of candy for trick-or-treating.

From there, the children moved to other locations where they knew they could collect candy-- from the military police station to the trunk-or-treat area, all the way to the commissary where the Air Force and commissary joined in the spirit to offer hot chocolate and baked goodies.

The warm sunny day contributed to the great turnout that encouraged families to walk around post enjoying the holiday.

"I look forward every year to Halloween at Camp Darby," said eight-year-old Lorenzo Wick.

At Global Credit Union, the atmosphere went retro, all the way back to the '50s.

"We had lots of fun dressing and decorating the area as we were back in the 50s," said Sharon Carter, credit

union manager. "It was a really good turnout, and everyone had fun."

One of the main attractions of the day was the haunted house sponsored by 731st Munitions Squadron, a well-organized, but terrifying, path leading to candy.

"The haunted house was my favorite attraction," said 13-year-old Filippo Carpina. "It was really frightening to hear those monsters screaming loud in the dark, but it was so much fun to see the reactions of my friends and other people walking through it."

Festivities continued to the community center, where children could enjoy games such as a beanbag toss, ring toss, spooky bowling, face painting, tattoos and gross factor.

"I would like to thank everyone who participated and just all-around helped CYSS make the Halloween Fest a success," said Jennifer Kandell, youth center facility director. "It is great to see the community pulling together to ensure a great event for Camp Darby kids despite the challenges that a small community faces."

Every unit put in extraordinary effort in making this event a success.

"Without the support of volunteers and the community, these events would not be possible," said Kandell.

The fest continued with a barbecue and dance for adults at the Camp Darby Community Center.

"We consider this event a great success," said Ernest Beezely, community center manager. "There were many children, and both American and host nation guests all had a blast."



Arturo Bazzocchi, dressed like a bat, distributes fliers for Halloween Fest at Darby Military Community.

## Library plans teen area makeover, upgrade

By **Karin J. Martinez**  
USAG Italy Public Affairs Office

**CASERMA EDERLE** -- Teenagers can look forward to exciting changes in the space reserved for them in the local library here.

Thanks to a \$1 million makeover program and library staff efforts to put together a proposal that was accepted and approved, the library will receive \$43,550 to upgrade the teen area's technology and furnishings.

Army librarians heard about the available money in August during training in Sembach, Germany, said Michelle Ortiz, supervisory librarian here. They had about

one month to put together proposals for upgrading teen areas or collaborative workspaces, and 16 awardees were notified last week—five of them in Europe.

Ortiz said proposals had to include the background of the current area with photos, a plan of the upgrades, a breakdown of how funds would be used, and projected results.

"We are going to completely modernize the teen area," Ortiz explained. "We will have a new loft area, updated furniture in bright colors, new shelving, updated technology that includes a Smart TV and DVD player, and charging stations.

"We're even going to go 'old school' and create a lis-

tening station for LPs (vinyl records) with headphones."

There is a lot of use in the space now, she added, but it will be redesigned in a way that works better with today's more collaborative style of work.

"If you look at the area now, it looks boring. It looks old. There is a lot of wasted space and it's not inviting," Ortiz said. "The area is definitely utilized, but it will be a much more inviting and pleasant place to be once the project is finished."

Creating a timeline is the next phase for the project, she added. The librarian is currently working to figure out how to get the funds to U.S. Army Garrison Italy, and then planning will begin in earnest.



**Above:** Youngsters dance at the first Halloween Dance Costume event at the Villaggio Youth center Oct. 30. Some 130 participants enjoyed fun activities, a costume contest and plenty of finger food and sweets.



**Right:** Vicenza community members participate in the USO-sponsored 'Spooktacular' held on Hoekstra Field Oct. 31. Mild temperatures and sunshine allowed children and participants to enjoy many fun activities followed by trunk-or-treating for the entire community.

## VMC Halloween in pictures:

# A haunting good time



**Above:** USO volunteers hand out some cupcakes at the Spooktacular.  
**Right:** Five-year-old Gia Gilleland (left) and Isabella Reeder, dressed as pink and purple witches, decorate a small plastic pumpkin as part of activities at the Villaggio School Age Center Fall Carnival Oct. 30. About 120 children from five to 12 took part in the event, which also included a cupcake challenge and costume parade.



**Above:** Members of Vicenza South of the Alps Chapter (SOTA) offer candy during trick-or-treating held at the Villaggio housing area Oct. 31.

**Right:** More than 1,000 people participated in trick-or-treating, one of several events scheduled for Halloween that included the USO Spooktacular on Caserma Ederle and the Halloween Bash at Del Din Warrior Zone.



*Photos by Laura Kreider, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office*

## Tech Expo 2015

Italian Army Lt. Col. Antonio Palazzo who works for U.S. Army Africa – G-4 (right), asks some details on data transmission services while visiting the Caserma Ederle Tech Expo at the Golden Lion Conference Center Oct. 22.

More than 150 Vicenza Military community members including Soldiers, civilians and Italian employees visited the annual event where 20 companies from Germany, Italy, Kenya, Netherlands and United States displayed their latest in communications technology, engineering and information technology products, storage solutions, data management and mobile services.

(Photo by Laura Kreider, USAG Italy Public Affairs Office)



## News briefs

### November is 'Movember'

The health clinic would like to remind men that November is now 'Movember,' a time for men to focus on their health. Regardless of age, the most important things men can do to stay healthy are have a physical exam; know family history; be physically active; don't smoke; eat a healthy diet; stay at a healthy weight; manage stress; drink alcohol in moderation; sleep well; and keep smiling. Celebrate Movember by getting a checkup to ensure good health.

### Fall festival

The Vicenza Community Chapel Gospel Service is hosting a Community Fall Fest Nov. 7, 5–8 p.m. It will be at the Caserma Ederle Chapel Annex (Spiritual Fitness Center). This is a free event open to the community. There will be food, games, a cake walk, trunks of treats, and arts and crafts. For more information, contact Mary Ann Maryland at [gospelservice130@gmail.com](mailto:gospelservice130@gmail.com).

### Marine Corps birthday event

Come celebrate the Marine Corps 240th birthday at 11:30, Nov. 10, at Building 300A on Caserma Ederle. There will be cake and a toast to the U.S. Marine Corps with the oldest and youngest Marine present.

### F2F/SHARP presents lunch, learn

Join the Female 2 Female/SHARP event We: Mentor, a lunch and learn series, Nov. 10, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the ACS conference room, Building 108 on Caserma Ederle. The topic is Story of an Italian Patriot, presented by Paola Del Din. Questions/RSVP should be directed to [rsvpf2f@gmail.com](mailto:rsvpf2f@gmail.com).

### Florence American Cemetery

Military and community members are invited to the annual Veterans Day celebration at the Florence American Cemetery, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. There will be a wreath-laying ceremony, and the U.S. Air Force 731st MUNNS Squadron from Camp Darby will serve as the honor guard unit. For more information call +39 055-2020020.

### Anti-bird nets on Del Din

DPW contractors are installing new anti-bird nets on the ceiling of the 1st,

2nd, and 3rd floors and external walls (ground floor) of the Del Din parking garages, Bldg. 14 from Nov. 16 to Dec. 18

Each respective parking deck will be closed once work starts, except for the ground floor. As work is completed, the decks will be reopened. While installation of the netting is critical to addressing the bird issues occurring at the parking garages, DPW apologizes for any inconvenience to those using the garages at Del Din.

During the construction period, Del Din will have one-way traffic on North and South Perimeter Loop roads, with parallel parking on the outermost side (closest to the perimeter fence line) in the direction of traffic. Once drivers enter Del Din, turn right on Via Dal Molin; from there, access South Perimeter Loop.

Please ensure that parked vehicles do not impede the flow of traffic. Overnight parking on the road is not authorized. One parking garage will be open at all times during construction for overnight parking.

Anyone with questions should contact DES at DSN 634-7197 or DPW at DSN 634-8940.

### CIF closes for inventory

The 405th LRC Italy Central Issue Facility will close for inventory from Nov. 16 to Nov. 25 and will reopen with normal operating hours on Nov. 27.

### Holiday greetings at AFN

It's that time of year again for Holiday Greetings at Armed Forces Network! A camera will be set up at Camp Darby Nov. 10, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., AT????-for customers to give your greetings and shoutouts for the upcoming holidays. AFN looks forward to help serve the community and their families this holiday season.

### Be aware of hazardous roads

As flood season and winter approach, the potential for hazardous road conditions increase greatly for all of Europe. The garrison Directorate of Emergency Services would like to remind community members to check road conditions before heading out in the morning. Find updated information at <http://www.im->

[com-europe.army.mil/webs/sites/staf\\_org/safety/road\\_conditions/index.asp](http://com-europe.army.mil/webs/sites/staf_org/safety/road_conditions/index.asp), or Google "IMCOM-E road conditions." Following are the categories for road safety:

GREEN: dry road surface; no ice or snow; visibility is more than 50 meters (160 feet)

AMBER: any of the following are on the road—patches of black ice/slush, up to 10 cm (4 inches) of snow and/or visibility between 20 to 50 meters (60-160 feet)

AMBER: any of the following on the road—flooding, drifting snow, ice sheets, 10 to 20 cm of snow and/or visibility less than 20 meters (60 feet). Drive only if you must.

BLACK: any of the following on the road—heavy flooding, heavy snow drifts, extreme sheets of ice, more than 20 cm (8 inches) of snow and/or visibility less than 15 meters (50 feet). Do not drive.

### Fuel pumps closed

Due to capitalization of the Del Din POL point, fuel pumps are closed until further notice. The 405th Army Field Support Brigade regrets the inconvenience and asks customers to plan accordingly. For more information, contact Mark Knapp, DSN 634-6893.

### Influenza vaccine update

Influenza clinics are based on the following priority: (1) active-duty Soldiers, (2) health care workers, and (3) beneficiaries with chronic illnesses. Beneficiaries will need to present valid ID cards to receive the vaccine. The space-available population will be advised of vaccine dates based on availability after beneficiaries are supported.

Most vaccines for Pediatrics and adolescents have arrived at the health center. For children two years old who qualify for the Flu Mist, it is available now.

Vaccines will be administered to students of the elementary, middle, and high schools. If your child is in school, they can receive their vaccine at school. Civilian beneficiaries may receive the vaccine Nov. 6 and 10, 8-11:30 a.m., at the Vicenza Health Clinic, preventive medicine hallway, 2nd floor of the health center. For more information, call

Maj. Arlene Le Doux at 0444-61-9190.

For more information about the 2015-2016 Seasonal Influenza & Vaccines, please visit [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov).

### Home for the Holidays

Female 2 Female presents a "Home for the Holidays" dinner event Dec. 11 at 6:30 p.m., Golden Lion Conference Center. Enjoy a complementary intercultural holiday dinner with members of the Italian and American military. Attire is business casual, and newcomers experiencing their first holiday in Italy have priority. For more information, call DSN 634-7500. Reservations are required by Dec. 4 at [rsvpf2f@gmail.com](mailto:rsvpf2f@gmail.com).

### 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](http://www.facebook.com/vicenzauso).

### Passport office moves

The passport office is relocating to Bldg. 28. The office is open Monday through Friday, 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m. The office is closed Thursday mornings.

### Open season for employees

The 2015 federal benefits open season is coming. It's time to think about health, dental, vision, and tax-saving needs and to make changes to or enroll in one of the programs. Open season runs from Nov. 9 through Dec. 14. Plan information for 2016 programs is now on the Office of Personnel Management website, [www.opm.gov/openseason](http://www.opm.gov/openseason). For more information, contact your civilian personnel representative.

### Your announcement here

If you have an event you'd like to announce to the community, send an email to [usarmy.vmc.pao@mail](mailto:usarmy.vmc.pao@mail) with a paragraph about what is going on, when it is and who to contact. For more information, call DSN 637-8020.

# Chapel activities

## VICENZA

### Sunday

9 a.m. Mass  
\*Sacrament of Reconciliation follows, or schedule 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 (PWOC)  
6 p.m. PMOC & 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

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

### Catholic Mass:

Call chapel at 633-7267 to confirm time.

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

5:30 p.m. PWOC

For information about VMC activities, call DSN 634-7519 or 044-71-7519. For information about DMC activities, call DSN 633-7267.

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 Italy.

## CHAPEL MUSIC ACTIVITIES (VICENZA)

### Tuesday

5 p.m. Contemporary Praise band practice

### Wednesday

6:45 p.m. Catholic choir practice

### Thursday

5:30 p.m. Gospel choir rehearsal

## 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.

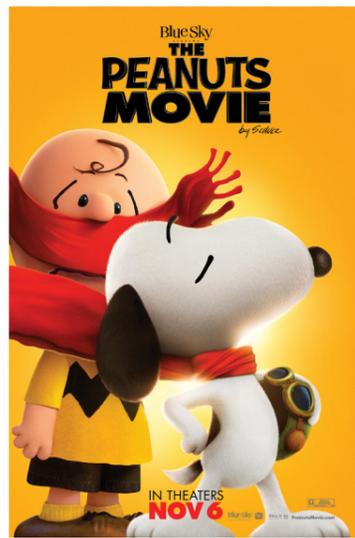
**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints:** Young Men/Women meeting is each Tuesday at 6 p.m., Spiritual Fitness Center. Sunday services, 9:30 a.m. in Vicenza. Call 637-7573, 380-431-7633 or email: lescall@gmail.com.

**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 to enjoy food, fun and fellowship. Each Friday is a potluck dinner at 6:30 p.m., followed by Walk in the Word. Call 0444-581-427 for more information or transportation.

# At the movies



## THE PEANUTS MOVIE

Charlie Brown, Snoopy, Lucy, Linus and the rest of the beloved "Peanuts" gang make their big-screen debut, like they've never been seen before, in state of the art 3D animation. Charlie Brown, the world's most beloved underdog, embarks upon an epic and heroic quest, while his best pal, the lovable beagle Snoopy, takes to the skies to pursue his arch-nemesis, the Red Baron. From the imagination of Charles M. Schulz and the creators of the ICE AGE films, THE PEANUTS MOVIE will prove that every underdog has his day.

Nov. 6	7 p.m. 10 p.m.	The Peanuts Movie (PG) The Martian (PG-13)
Nov. 7	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	The Peanuts Movie (PG) Spectre (PG-13)
Nov. 8	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	The Peanuts Movie in 3D (PG) Spectre (PG-13)
Nov. 12	7 p.m.	The Peanuts Movie in 3D (PG-13)
Nov. 13	7 p.m. 10 p.m.	The 33 (PG-13) Scouts Guide to the Zombie Apocalypse (R)
Nov. 14	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	The 33 (PG-13) Pan (PG)
Nov. 15	3 p.m. 6 p.m.	The Peanuts Movie (PG) Bridge of Spies (PG-13)
Nov. 18	7 p.m.	The 33 (PG-13)
Nov. 19	7 p.m.	The Intern (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](http://www.imdb.com).

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# Spread Holiday Cheer

# Mail Early

## 2015 HOLIDAY-MAILING DEADLINES, EUROPE TO CONUS

To ensure packages addressed to locations in the United States are delivered before Christmas, be sure to mail them by the following dates:

25 NOVEMBER . . . SAM PARCELS

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10 DECEMBER . . . PRIORITY PARCELS

10 DECEMBER . . . FIRST-CLASS LETTERS

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## VENETO

### **Fiera di San Martino Saint Martin Festival**

Nov. 5-8, Ponte di Barbarano, about 13 miles south of Vicenza. Food booths feature fried and marinated snails; mushroom; gnocchi and bigoli with radicchio, polenta and a great variety of local specialties. Carnival rides and raffle.

Nov. 7, 8:30 p.m. Palio delle Contrade – District championship games

Nov. 8, 9:30 a.m. Traditional San Martino market opens.

<http://www.vicenzae.org/ita/eventi/icalrepeat.detail/2015/11/05/13428/-/fiera-di-san-martino-27d-palio-delle-contrade>

### **Passioni e collezionismo Art and Vintage Fair**

Nov. 7, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Vicenza, Corso Fogazzaro. Art, crafts and vintage items exhibit and sale. Free entrance.

<http://www.vicenzae.org/ita/eventi/icalrepeat.detail/2015/11/07/13482/-/passioni-e-collezionismo-arte-e-vintage>

### **Free Novello Wine Tasting**

Nov. 7, 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m., in Lerino (Torri di Quartesolo), about eight miles southeast of Vicenza. Taste the Novello D.O.C. wine and enjoy a free buffet at the Faltracco winery, Via Tergola 3.

<http://www.livinginvicenza.com/sponsored/tasting-day-of-the-novello-new-wine-2015-2668>

### **Antica Fiera di San Martino Traditional Saint Martin Festival**

Nov. 8, in Breganze, Piazza Mazzini, about 12 miles north of Vicenza. Food booths open at noon; local products and crafts exhibit and sale; trade shows; folk music and dances. At 2:30 p.m., in Piazza del Donatore, threshing (separation of seeds from the husks) demonstration; 4:40 p.m. bell concert; free fall concert at 8:30 p.m. at Verdi Theatre, Via Maglietta 1.

<http://www.comune.breganze.vi.it/web/breganze>

### **Fiera Cavalli International Horse Festival**

Nov. 5-8, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., in Verona, Viale del Lavoro 8, about 38 miles west of Vicenza. Western lifestyle clothing and accessories. Admission fee: €23; €12 for children 6-12; free for children under six.

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

### **Animals**

Nov. 7-8, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., in Cassola, Bassano Expo, Via Valsugana 22. Reptile and exotic animals expo, and a wide variety of supplies, feeders and accessories. Admission fee: €5.

<http://www.bassanoexpo.it/fiere/animals>

### **Antica Fiera di San Martino Traditional Saint Martin Festival**

Nov. 8, in Velo d'Astico, Piazza IV Novembre, about 26 miles northwest of Vicenza. Begins at 10 a.m., local products and crafts exhibit and sale; from 2 p.m. roasted chestnut and new wine; 3 p.m. folk music; cheese-making and wool weaving demonstrations; honey tasting; 6:30 p.m. chestnut roasting competition. Food booths featuring traditional specialties open at 7 p.m.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/829608077153084/>



Fiera Cavalli, Veneto



Chestnut and new wine, Veneto

### **L'Ape e il Miele Bees and Honey**

Nov. 14-15, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Noventa Padovana, Piazza delle Erbe, Piazza delle Poste and Piazza Castello, about 22 miles southeast of Vicenza. A great variety of honey, typical products from other Italian regions, and local crafts exhibit and sale. Free product sampling at 3:30 p.m.; workshops for children to learn about the magic bees' world at 4 p.m. on Nov. 14, and at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Nov. 15.

<http://www.venetoinfesta.it/evento/11109/l-ape-e-il-miele.html>

### **Cosmo Food, Beverage and Technology Expo**

Nov. 14-17, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., in Vicenza, Via dell'Oreficeria 16. Entrance fee: €5; free entrance for children under 10.

<http://cosmofood.it/en/>

### **I Giardini di Natale Christmas market**

In Asiago, Piazza Carli and surrounding streets; food booths featuring local specialties and typical Christmas sweets and craft.

Nov. 14, Nov. 21, Nov. 28, Dec. 5, and Dec. 12, Dec. 19, open 10-30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 3-7 p.m.

Nov. 15, Nov. 22, Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 13, Dec. 20, and Dec. 23-Jan. 6, 2016, open 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m.; closed on Dec. 25 morning.

[http://www.asiago.it/it/eventi/art\\_giardini\\_di\\_natale\\_i\\_mercatini\\_di\\_natale\\_di\\_asiago/](http://www.asiago.it/it/eventi/art_giardini_di_natale_i_mercatini_di_natale_di_asiago/)

### **Tempo di Natale Christmas Time**

Nov. 14, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., and Nov. 15, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Thiene Castle, Corso Garibaldi 2, about 13 miles north of Vicenza. Christmas gift ideas; Italian crafts, food, furniture, and clothing exhibit and sale. Health and well-being information; Christmas ornaments workshops for children. Entrance fee: €5; € 0.50 for people younger than 18.

<http://www.mercatini-natale.com/thiene-mercantini-di-natale/>

### **Open day at Bonamini Oil Mill**

Nov. 22, in Illasi (Verona), Loc. S. Giustina 9A, about 30 miles west of Vicenza. To celebrate the oil mill 50th anniversary, free mill tour and sampling of extra virgin olive oil combined with local specialties.

<http://www.oliobonamini.com/index.php>

### **Tamara de Lempicka**

Through Jan. 31, 2016, in Verona, Palazzo Forti, Via Massalongo 7. Monday 2:30-7:30 p.m.; Tuesday-Sunday, 6:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. More than 200 works by the Polish painter from the early 1920s to the 1950s: among them drawings, photos, oils, water colors, videos and clothes. Entrance fee: €13; reduced €11, for children aged 11-18 and senior citizens older than 65.

<http://www.mostratamara.it/info-verona/>

### **Seurat – Van Gogh – Mondrian Il post-impressionismo in Europa Post-impressionism in Europe**

Through March 13, 2016, daily 9:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m., in Verona, Palazzo della Gran Guardia, Piazza Brà 1, about 36 miles west of Vicenza. Entrance fee: €13; reduced €11 for senior citizens older than 65 and youth age 11-18.

<http://www.ilpostimpressionismoineuropa.it/>

### **Jefferson e Palladio**

#### **Come costruire un nuovo mondo**

**Jefferson and Palladio - Constructing a New World** Through March 28, 2016, in Vicenza, Palladio Museum, Palazzo Barbarano, Contrà Porti 10-12; Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. This is the first-ever exhibit dedicated to the American Palladian in Europe; it enables visitors to explore Jefferson's world, his art collections and architectural drawings. Entrance fee: €10; reduced: €7.

<http://www.livinginvicenza.com/agenda/jefferson-and-palladio-how-to-build-a-new-world-2636>

## ANTIQUÉ MARKETS

### VENETO

**Vicenza:** Nov. 8, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza dei Signori, Piazza Duomo, Piazza Garibaldi, Piazza Palladio, Piazza Biade and Piazza Castello (220 vendors)

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

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

**Portobuffolè (Treviso):** Nov. 8, 7 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Beccaro, about 88 miles northeast of Vicenza (250 vendors)

**Verona:** Nov. 14, 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m., in Piazza S. Zeno, about 38 miles west of Vicenza (50 vendors)

**Asiago:** Nov. 15, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Via Trento and Via J. Scaiaro, about 34 north of Vicenza.

**Este (Padova):** Nov. 15, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., in Piazza Maggiore and Via Matteotti, about 28 miles south of Vicenza (60 vendors)

**Godega di Sant'Urbano:** Nov. 15, 8:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Via Roma, about 78 miles northeast of Vicenza (234 booths)

**Montagnana:** Nov. 15, 8 a.m. to sunset, in Piazza Maggiore 150, about 27 miles south of Vicenza (60 vendors)

**Padova:** Nov. 15, 8 a.m.-8 p.m., in Prato della Valle, about 24 miles southeast of Vicenza (180 vendors)

**Soave:** Nov. 15, Piazza Antonio Marogna and Corso Vittorio Emanuele, about 23 miles west of Vicenza, 8 a.m.-7 p.m. (110 vendors)

## TUSCANY

### Sul Filo dell'Olio Oil Festival

Nov. 7, 2-10 p.m., Nov. 8, 9 a.m.-10 p.m., in Cetona (Siena), Piazza Garibaldi. Local oils, gastronomical products, wines, and crafts exhibit and sale; vintage motorcycles exhibit.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=&city=&date=13&page=2&post=1484>

### Festa D'Autunno Fall Festival

Nov. 7-8, in Campiglia Marittima (Livorno). Local products and crafts exhibit and sale; food booths feature mushrooms, chestnuts and many local specialties and wines. Oct. 31, in Piazza della Repubblica, Halloween Fest starts at 3 p.m.; Nov. 1, traditional games in Piazza Mazzini; Nov. 7-8, live music and dancing start at 9 p.m.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=&city=&date=13&page=1&post=911>

### Castagne e Vino Novo Chestnut and New Wine

Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, and Dec. 6-8, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., in San Gimignano (Siena), in Piazza Duomo. Free roasted chestnuts and new wine tasting for everyone. Local products exhibit and sale.

<http://www.cavalieridisantafina.it/eventi/castagne-e-vino-novo-in-piazza/>

### Festa della Castagna Chestnut Fair

Nov. 8, in Rocca di Montemurlo (Prato), Piazza Castello. From 3 p.m., food booths featuring specialties and local new wine and antique market.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=&city=&date=13&page=1&post=360>

### Food Art Italy

Nov. 13-15, 10 a.m.-10 p.m., in Pisa, Palazzo dei Congressi, Via Giacomo Matteotti 1. Italian gastronomic specialties exhibit, wines, street food, visual food, cooking workshops, guided sampling. Free entrance.

[http://www.eventisagre.it/Fiere\\_Alimentari/21148286\\_Food+Art+Italy.html](http://www.eventisagre.it/Fiere_Alimentari/21148286_Food+Art+Italy.html)

### DolceMente Pisa Sweetly Pisa

Nov. 14-15, 10:30 a.m. - 8 p.m., in Pisa, Stazione Leopolda, Piazza Guerrazzi. Taste the best Italian pastries, cakes, tarts, ice creams, coffee, chocolate, wines, and liquors. Entrance fee: €4; free for children younger than 12.

<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=7&city=&date=13&page=1&post=931>

### Fiera di San Martino e Festa della Castagna Saint Martin Fair and Chestnut Festival

Nov. 15, in Fivizzano (Massa Carrara), Viale Principe Amedeo. Local products, wines, and crafts exhibit and sale. Food booths feature a great variety of local autumn specialties.

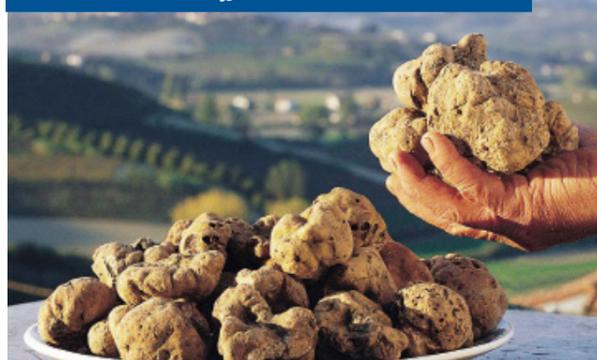
<http://www.sagretoscane.com/cerca?q=&category=&area=&city=&date=13&page=2&post=1442>

### Mostra Mercato Nazionale del Tartufo Bianco National White Truffle Exhibit and sale

Nov. 14-15, Nov. 21-22, and Nov. 28-29, in San Miniato (Pisa). White truffle and many other local specialties exhibit and sale; old trades exhibits. Slow food workshops; antique market in Piazza Dante. Prize for the largest truffle and the oldest truffle hunter.

[http://www.truffleintuscany.it/news\\_truffle\\_in\\_tuscany\\_mostra\\_mercato\\_tartufo\\_san\\_miniato.html](http://www.truffleintuscany.it/news_truffle_in_tuscany_mostra_mercato_tartufo_san_miniato.html)

### White Truffle Exhibit, San Miniato



Dolcemente Pisa

### Mercatino di Natale Christmas market

Nov. 6-Dec. 19, open on Friday afternoon, and Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Dec. 8, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Dec. 20-27, open daily, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; in Chianciano (Florence). Also bounce houses and entertainment for children.

<http://www.natale-mercatini.it/mercatini-di-natale-della-toscana/>

### La Casa di Babbo Natale Santa Claus Village

Nov. 6-8, Nov. 13-15, Nov. 20-22, Nov. 27-29, Dec. 4-8, Dec. 12-13, Dec. 18-Jan 6, 2016, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; in Montecatini Terme (Pistoia). Santa Claus and elves Village at the Terme Tamerici Castle; Christmas ornaments workshops for children, pony rides, food booths. Entrance fee: €8; reduced €7 for children younger than 12.

<http://www.natale-mercatini.it/mercatini-di-natale-della-toscana/>

## CONCERTS SPORTING EVENTS

**W.A.S.P.** - Nov. 5 in Pordenone; Nov. 6 in Trezzo sull'Adda (Milan)

**Wednesday 13** - Nov. 6 in Romagnano Sesia

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

**Marilyn Manson** - Nov. 9 in Florence  
**Noa** - Nov. 9 in Rome

**Supertramp** - Nov. 9 in Assago (Milan)  
**Esperanza Spalding** - Nov. 10 in Padova; Nov. 11 in Como

**Kid Ink** - Nov. 11 in Milan  
**Purity Ring** - Nov. 12 in Milan

**Foo Fighters** - Nov. 13 in Casalecchio di Reno, Nov. 14 in Torino

**Bob Dylan** - Nov. 18-19 in Bologna; Nov. 21-22 in Milan  
**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)

**John Grant** - Nov. 22 in Milan  
**Five Finger Death Punch** - Nov. 22 in Milan

**Madonna** - Nov. 19, Nov. 21-22 in Torino  
**Europe** - Nov. 28 in Milan; Dec. 7 in Bologna

**Stomp** - Nov. 27-28 in Padova  
**Whitesnake** - Nov. 29 in Milan

**Jethro Tull Rock Opera feat Ian Anderson** - Nov. 29 in Bologna; Nov. 30 in Turin; Dec. 1 in Bergamo  
**Rae Sremmurd** - Nov. 30 in Milan

**Harlem Spirit of Gospel Choir** - Dec. 18 in Varese; Dec. 22 in Torino

**Yes** - May 26, 2016, in Milan; May 27 in Padova, May 31 in Florence; June 1 in Rome.

**WWE Live** - Nov. 11 in Rome  
Nov. 12 in Casalecchio di Reno

Tickets are available in Vicenza at Media World, Palladio Shopping Center, or online at [http://www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta\\_lingua=ing](http://www.greenticket.it/index.html?imposta_lingua=ing); <http://www.ticketone.it/EN/> or <http://www.zedlive.com>.

Scorpions

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## ANTIQUe MARKETS

TUSCANY

**Bolgheri (Livorno):** Nov. 7-8, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., downtown squares and streets

**Firenze (Tuscany):** Nov. 8, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Santo Spirito

**Forte dei Marmi (Lucca):** Nov. 7-8, 8 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Dante

**Livorno:** 2nd Sunday, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Cavour

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

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

**Pisa:** Nov. 7-8, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Piazza dei Cavalieri

**Pistoia:** Nov. 7-8, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Via Pertini

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

**Certaldo (Florence):** Nov. 15, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Boccaccio e Via 2 Giugno

**Florence:** Nov. 14-15, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Fortezza da Basso Park, Viale Filippo Strozzi 1

**Lucca:** Nov. 14-15, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Piazza Antelminelli, Piazza S. Giovanni, Piazza San Giusto, Via San Giovanni, Corte Bertolini

**Marina di Grosseto (Grosseto):** Nov. 14-15, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Via XXIV Maggio

**Pontedera (Pisa):** Nov. 15, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., main squares and streets downtown

**Quarrata (Pistoia):** Nov. 15, 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Piazza Risorgimento

For a complete listing of events in local communities, antique markets, and concerts, visit the U.S. Army Garrison Italy Pinterest page, [www.pinterest.com/usagvicenza](http://www.pinterest.com/usagvicenza).

# Sports, FMWR activities

## Company from engineer battalion takes flag football tourney

By **Aaron Talley**  
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**VICENZA** -- It took eight days and nine matches, but U.S. Army Garrison Italy has crowned Company E, 54th Brigade Engineer Battalion, as the 2015 Flag Football Champions.

Company E, 54th BEB, defeated U.S. Army Africa in the final game 20-12 on Oct. 20 here on the Caserma Ederle artificial turf field.

"I was proud of them, but I expected them to win," said the company first sergeant, Sidney Small. "I knew that we had the talent to win it all."

E Co.'s Matthew Zarek was named Most Valuable Player for exemplary play throughout the weeklong tournament. Zarek led his team to victories over the 509th Signal Battalion (27-6) and Company B, 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment (13-7), before his team topped USARAF to take home the title.

USARAF made it to the final match by taking out 2nd Platoon, 529th Military Police Company (28-12), and Company D, 54th Brigade Engineer Battalion (29-6).

The consolation game between Co. D, 54th BEB, and Co. B, 1/503rd, ended up being a close one, with Co. D edging out a one-point victory (16-15) to take

home third-place honors.

The USAG Italy Sports and Fitness Office said the tournament had to overcome many challenges to even take place, including muddy field conditions that required the tournament to be moved to the artificial turf field.

But Sports Programmer Ricky Jackson said the teams were up to the task. "This did not stop the show," he said.

Both Co. E, 54th BEB, and USARAF advanced to the Army Europe Unit Level Flag Football Championship that took place in Kaiserslautern, Germany, Oct. 30 and Nov. 1.

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**No Race Day Registration**  
Register at the Ederle or Del Din Fitness Centers or on Webtrac.

Cost: \$15 | Race Packet Pick Up, 7:30 a.m.

**EFMP Family Fun Lap, 8:15 a.m.**

**Race Start, 9 a.m.**



Pre-registration for EFMP lap is not required but encouraged.  
Call the EFMP managers for more details at 634-7500.

For more race info, call 634-7006. | [www.italy.armyMWR.com](http://www.italy.armyMWR.com)

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Comedians: Slade Ham, Sam Demaris, Laura Hayden, and Brendan McKeigan

**Date: November 12**    **Time: Beginning at 8 p.m.**  
**Location: Del Din Warrior Zone**

Date, Time and Location subject to change. See ArmedForcesEntertainment.com

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